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— **Amit Shah**



Entire Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh are happy with the removal of Article 370. The children of the Balmiki society there will now be able to work in administrative services, judicial services as well, who till now could only work as a sweeper.
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WORLD LOOKS AT INDIA WITH AMAZEMENT AND APPRECIATION

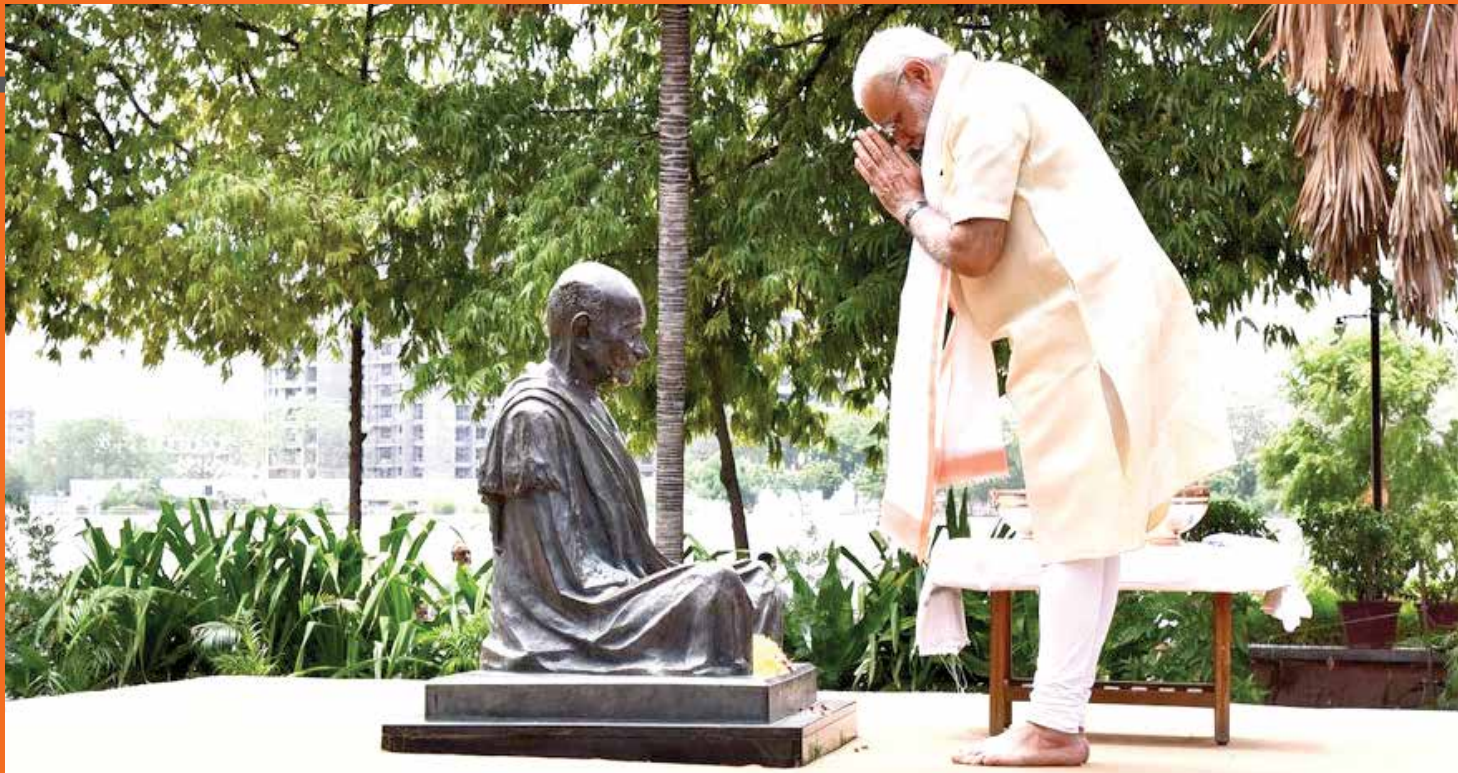
India has become an 'Open Defecation Free' country. What can be a better way to pay tribute to Mahatma Gandhi on his 150th anniversary than announcing this mega achievement to the world? The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi made the nation proud by announcing this achievement on 2nd October 2019 amid nation celebrating the 150th anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. It is an achievement for which every Indian is today feeling proud, an achievement which can be cherished and an achievement which fills the entire nation with confidence that if pursued with commitment, no goal is beyond the reach of the people. It is an achievement which appeared so distant when the 'Swachh Bharat Mission' was launched with the aim of building 100 million toilets in five years. But keeping with the high level of accomplishment of Modi government which has a penchant for exceeding its targets, 110 million toilets have been constructed by 2nd October 2019, the 150th anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. A proud nation has paid a befitting tribute to Bapu on his 150th anniversary.

India is moving forward taking responsibilities for resolving the issues which are of immense significance. It was this sense of responsibility that made the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi assure the world in his address to the United Nations, that India though not a cause of global warming in per capita emission perspective, it has taken upon itself to address the issue through various path breaking initiatives. It is in line with this commitment to the world that India has launched a campaign across the country to make India free of single use plastic. At the same time commitment for renewable energy is tremendous which can be seen in the declared target of 450 Giga Watts of renewable energy and creation of International Solar Alliance at global level. While a large number of welfare schemes are empowering poor, youth, women, SCs, STs, OBCs and other weaker sections of the society in a big way, India is taking lead globally on various issues of international concerns under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. The range of issues with which India is engaging itself today can be seen in its civilizational perspective and in the all-embracing spirit which has a legacy of thousands of years of values and traditions preaching peace, harmony and co-existence. While the Modi government is committed to wipe the tears of the poorest of the poor in the society, it is engaged in building the edifice of a great country which may be able to fulfil its responsibilities towards the global community as well.

India has many achievements to its credit in last five years under the charismatic leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. These achievements appeared unachievable a few years back and the sceptics doubted the targets criticising them as impossible to meet. But as the sceptics are repeatedly proven wrong as the Modi government has been exceeding the targets not only in terms of the magnitude but in terms of time by completing the projects in advance. The targets set in Swachh Bharat Mission, Jan Dhan Yojana, Ujjwala, Ayushman, Indradhanush, Ujala and many more schemes which have brought a huge difference in the life of the common people and continue to transform India. It is due to such remarkable achievements that the world today looks at India with amazement and a sense of appreciation. It is the strength of 130 billion people that the Indian Prime Minister represents globally and heard in rapt attention by the communities across world who see India with hope and trust. The grand success of 'Howdy Modi' programme is a testimony to this fact. In his address to the UN, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has rightly presented the idea of India and its commitment to the global community while addressing its own issues at the same time. The message of India in the spirit of Mahatma Gandhi and Swami Vivekanand continues to inspire the humanity as Shri Narendra Modi renews the pledge of India at UNGA about its commitments. ■

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'RURAL INDIA DECLARED OPEN DEFECATION FREE'

NOW WE HAVE TO ACHIEVE THE GOAL OF ERADICATING SINGLE USE PLASTIC BY 2022: PM MODI

P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the Swachh Bharat Diwas 2019 in Ahmedabad, Gujarat on 02 October, 2019. He released postage stamp and silver coin to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. He also distributed the Swachh Bharat Puraskar to the winners. Earlier in the day, he paid homage to Mahatma Gandhi at Sabarmati Ashram. PM Shri Modi also visited the Magan Niwas (Charkha Gallery) and interacted with the children there.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi while addressing a gathering of Sarpanches at the 'Swachh Bharat Diwas' programme said that the entire world is commemorating 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and the event has been made more memorable after UN released a postal stamp on Gandhiji a few days back. He said that he had the

opportunity to visit Sabarmati Ashram many times in his lifetime and today like every other time got new energy there as well.

'EVERYONE CONTRIBUTED FOR CLEANLINESS DRIVE'

Shri Modi said that today, the villages have declared themselves free from open defecation and he congratulated every countryman, especially those living in villages, Sarpanches and all those who have worked for 'Swachata'.

He added that irrespective of age, social and economic status, everyone has contributed in this pledge of cleanliness, dignity and respect.

He said that today the world is amazed by this success of ours and they are rewarding us. Entire world is amazed that India has provided toilet facilities to more than 60 crore population in 60 months by

constructing more than 11 crore toilets, he added.

Public participation and voluntarism has been the hallmark of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and the reason for its success, the PM said. He thanked the entire country for the wholehearted support provided for the mission.

Stressing on the importance of public participation, the Prime Minister said that collective efforts are essential for the success of important government initiatives like Jal Jeevan Mission and eliminating single use plastic by 2022.

The Prime Minister said that his Government is committed towards realizing the dreams of Mahatma Gandhi. In this context, he mentioned about the initiatives of the government to ensure self-reliance, provide Ease of Living, and taking development to the last mile. He urged the public to take a resolution for the betterment of the nation and strive hard to make it successful. He added that such 130 crore resolutions can bring about a massive transformation.

PM Shri Modi visited Sabarmati Ashram in Gujarat to address 10,000 Sarpanchs. He also declared India 'Open Defecation Free' and success of the Swachh Bharat Mission and launched a war against plastic.



'BEING ODF JUST ONE STEP TOWARDS SWACHH BHARAT'

Today rural India and its villages have declared themselves 'Open Defecation Free'. The whole world is appreciating and awarding us. Providing toilets to more than 60 crore people in 60 months, building more than 11 crore toilets, the whole world is stunned by this: Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said at 'Swachh Bharat Diwas' programme in Ahmedabad.

He said 'Open Defecation Free India' is just one step towards the Swachh Bharat. The people who have been deprived of a toilet facility would soon get it, the PM said.



UN RELEASED A POSTAL STAMP TO MAKE THIS OCCASION MEMORABLE

The whole world is celebrating Babu's birth anniversary. A few days ago United Nations (UN) released a postal stamp to make this occasion memorable, now commemorative stamps and Rs. 150 coins have also been released in Ahmedabad, PM Shri Modi said.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said that the United Nations had this time celebrated Mahatma Gandhi and paid tribute to the father of the nation.

Earlier, PM Shri Narendra Modi also pays tribute to Mahatma Gandhi on his 150th Birth Anniversary at Rajghat in New Delhi. PM said that Gandhi Ji's commitment to peace, harmony and brotherhood remained unwavering. He envisioned a world where the poorest of the poor are empowered. His ideals are our guiding light.

 @narendramodi

At Rajghat, paid tributes to Babu. Gandhi Ji's commitment to peace, harmony and brotherhood remained unwavering. He envisioned a world where the poorest of the poor are empowered. His ideals are our guiding light. #Gandhi150.



'PLASTIC MAJOR THREAT TO SANITATION, ENVIRONMENT AND ANIMALS'

Sanitation, conservation of environment and animals, all these things were dear to Gandhi ji. Plastic is a major threat to all of them. So, we have to achieve the goal to eradicate 'single-use plastic' from the country by the year 2022, PM Shri Modi said in his address.





150TH ANNIVERSARY OF MAHATMA GANDHI



BJP PRESIDENT FLAGS OFF PARTY'S NATIONWIDE GANDHI SANKALP YATRA

TAKE A PLEDGE NOT TO USE SINGLE-USE PLASTIC: AMIT SHAH

Union Home Minister and BJP National President Amit Shah flagged off party's nationwide Gandhi Sankalp Yatra on 02 October, 2019 from Shalimar Bagh in New Delhi to mark 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Shah said, Gandhi ji showed the path of truth and non-violence to the world and his satyagraha movement brought the British to their knees.

Remembering Mahatma Gandhi on his birth anniversary, Shri Amit Shah said, "Gandhiji's satyagraha movement brought the Britishers to their knees. He showed the path of truth and non-violence to the world."

Speaking on cleanliness drive, Shri Shah while taking a jibe at the Congress-led rule said, "Those still living in Congress' era, if they throw waste here or there then their grandchildren pin-point them and

asks them to put garbage in dustbins."

He urged people to take a pledge not to use single-use plastic from today as it is very harmful to the environment and health.

The BJP President said, "Party Karyakartas across the country will travel 150 kilometer from 02 October, 2019 to 31st October to spread the values of Gandhiji to the masses. The Karyakartas will work to spread the values of Swadesh, Swadharma and Swadeshi to every village and every household".

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PADYATRA AS PART OF 'GANDHI SANKALP YATRA' LAUNCHED ON OCTOBER 02

BJP WORKING PRESIDENT LAUNCHED 'GANDHI SANKALP YATRA' FROM NAJAFGARH

The Bharatiya Janata Party launched a padyatra drive to mark the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The padyatra is part of the BJP's Gandhi Sankalp Yatra, which began on Gandhi Jayanti - October 02, 2019 and will end on Mahatma Gandhi's death anniversary - January 30, 2020. The padyatra requires the BJP leaders to walk around 10 km per day for 15 days between this period.

BJP National Working President Shri JP Nadda has written to all MPs, MLAs and other leaders of the party about how 'Gandhi Sankalp Yatra' will be celebrated beginning from October 02.

In the letter, Shri Nadda stated the BJP will begin the Gandhi Sankalp Yatra from October 2 which is the 150th birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation.

He stated, "This drive will begin from October 02 and ends on January 30, 2020."

"In this drive, every BJP MP, MLA, MLC, office bearer will complete 150-km journey in 15 days in their respective parliamentary constituencies," he said. With Gandhi Sankalp Yatra, the BJP aims to cover around 3 lakh villages across India.

Each MP is expected to cover around 150 kms within a fortnight. The total target for all leaders

is to cover close to 5 lakh kms, while meeting and interacting with people in at least 2,90,610 villages. The maximum could go upto 3,87,480 villages.

According to the instructions issued by BJP National Working President, the BJP leaders are expected to:

1. Walk: Minimum 75 kms and maximum 225 kms in 15 days
2. Wear: Only Khadi clothes and carry only khadi bags
3. Speak: About Gandhi ideals and how they connect with the BJP government's key schemes like Ujjawala Yojna, Grameen Awaas Yojna, Make In India and Swachh Bharat Abhiyan
4. Raise: slogans which reference to Mahatma Gandhi, including Bharat Mata Ki Jai
5. Eat: At villages they will visit. The instructions ask BJP leaders to eat all meals and snacks at specific villages through the day, while interacting with locals. The leaders are also expected to sleep at the last village of the day's trip.
6. The instructions say that if any party leader is unable to complete his or her everyday target of 15 kms, they should assign responsibility to someone who'll complete it.
7. During the padyatra, the leader should be accompanied by 50 to 100 party Karyakartas.

Shri JP Nadda has also instructed the leaders to promote their activities during padyatra through social media via live feeds, regulars picture and video posts. ■





CENTRAL GOVERNMENT WILL IMPLEMENT NRC AND EACH INFILTRATOR WILL BE SHOWN THE DOOR: AMIT SHAH

Union Home Minister and BJP National President Shri Amit Shah said the central government will implement the National Register of Citizens (NRC) in West Bengal, but added that the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill would be passed first to provide citizenship to all Hindu, Sikh, Jain and Buddhist refugees. Shri Shah made the remarks at an event called NRC-Jagran Abhiyan at Netaji Indoor Stadium in Kolkata on 01 October, 2019.

Shri Shah also appeared to assert that the NRC would be implemented in the state. “Didi is saying she will not let NRC happen in West Bengal. But, I am assuring you that each and every infiltrator in India will be shown the door.”

You must know that it was Mamata didi who had demanded action against illegal infiltration at Parliament during Left rule on August 4, 2005. As an opposition leader she used to allege the CPI(M) was using immigrants as a votebank. What has happened now,” Shri Shah said at an event at Kolkata.

“Mamata Di is saying that millions of Hindus will have to leave West Bengal. There cannot be a bigger lie than this. Today, I want to assure Hindu, Sikh, Jain, Buddhist and Christian refugees — you will not be forced to leave India by the Centre. Don’t believe in rumours. Before the NRC, we will bring in the Citizenship Amendment Bill, which will ensure these people get Indian citizenship. There is a panic in Bengal because of misinformation being spread by the Trinamool Congress,” he said.

“The Narendra Modi government has taken a pledge to help Hindu Bengali refugees in West Bengal who came from Bangladesh and Pakistan. Also, we are

committed to stop illegal immigration. Therefore, this Citizenship bill is necessary. This bill is meant to restore the lost dignity of Bengali Hindus... and the Matua community. We will first implement the citizenship bill here and then we will throw all illegal infiltrators from this state through NRC. No one can stop us from creating a ‘Sonar Bangla’ (golden Bengal).”

“No country in the world can run smoothly while carrying the burden of so many intruders. This has to stop. We are working towards changing Bengal. NRC is a must. We will have to implement NRC to ensure the country’s safety and security,” he said.

The home minister highlighted that the Bharatiya Janata Party-led coalition at the Centre had introduced the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill in the Rajya Sabha in 2016, but the Trinamool Congress did not allow it to pass. Shri Shah said the bill would provide citizenship to those belonging to minority communities from neighbouring nations.

The BJP President also lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s decision to revoke Jammu and Kashmir’s special Constitutional status. He said that the Centre’s August 05 order will ensure that the state is completely integrated into India.

Shri Amit Shah also referred to Jan Sangh Founder Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee and said Shri Modi had paid a tribute to him by revoking Kashmir’s special status. “They are trying to say the BJP is an outsider party in Bengal, that it doesn’t have anything to do with Bengal. When entire Bengal was about to go to Pakistan, Syama Prasad Mookerjee had partition done and kept West Bengal for us.” ■

'NARENDRA MODI HAS ENHANCED INDIA'S PRESTIGE ABROAD'

Union Home Minister and BJP National President Shri Amit Shah on 09 October, 2019 targeted Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for being on "holiday" during assembly elections and asked him to make his stand clear on the centre's decision to end special status to Jammu and Kashmir.

Addressing an election rally in Loharu, Haryana, Shri Shah slammed the Congress for dynastic rule.

"Congress party had opposed Triple Talaq bill, surgical strikes, airstrike and the removal of Article 370. When elections are being held in Haryana and Maharashtra, Rahul Gandhi is on a holiday. I want to tell Rahul Gandhi, you should come to Haryana and tell people whether you support the removal of Article



370 in Jammu and Kashmir or not," Shri Shah said.

The BJP President said dynastic parties such as the Congress were "termites" that weaken democracy.

He also said Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has enhanced India's prestige abroad. "The honour which PM Modi receives is not his honour or that of BJP but of the 125

crore people of India," he said.

He further said the Prime Minister has taken the initiative to make the country a 5 trillion dollar economy and Haryana has an important role to play in it.

Shri Shah said the Manohar Lal Khattar government in Haryana has taken many steps for the welfare of every section including farmers. ■

BJP PRESIDENT ADDRESSES ELECTION RALLY IN MAHARASHTRA

'BY ABROGATING ARTICLE 370 NARENDRA MODI HAS GIVEN THIS COUNTRY A REASON TO CELEBRATE NATIONALISM'

BJP President Shri Amit Shah addressing a huge rally in Beed, Maharashtra on 08 October, 2019 said, "By abrogating Article 370 Narendra Modi has given this country a reason to celebrate nationalism".

"The Modi-led government, which came to power with a thumping majority, revoked Article 370 in just three months of winning the elections. Now, people should ask the opposition why they were

unable to revoke Article 370," Shri Shah reiterated.

Shri Shah said Jammu and Kashmir would not remain a UT forever and the statehood would be returned once situation is normalised, according to an official release.

The Home Minister said the notion that only the Article 370 protected the Kashmiri culture and identity was a wrong one, saying all regional identities are inherently

protected by the Indian constitution.

Misuse of the Article 370 is the root cause of cross-border terrorism, he said.

Earlier, Shri Amit Shah was welcomed in area with waving of 370 flags and common people and karyakartas participated in a huge way in this event. It can bring everyone together. That's why today we have given Shri Shah a salute of 370 canons and 370 Tri-Colour," said the participants. ■

'JUNGLE RAJ' WILL END SOON IN WEST BENGAL: JP NADDA

SEMINAR ON ABROGATION OF ARTICLE 370

BJP National Working President Shri J P Nadda who was addressing a seminar in Kolkata on the abrogation of Article 370 on 28 September 2019 said, 'The time is over for Mamata Banerjee's government. Hitting out at West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee for her opposition to abrogation of provisions under Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir he asked, if power is more important to her than the nation.

Addressing a huge gathering, Shri JP Nadda said, "We have come to West Bengal today after fulfilling the dreams of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee. The great men from Bengal have inspired us. The fight for Article 370, too, began from here with Mookerjee."

Attacking former J&K Chief Ministers Farooq Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti Shri Nadda said these people have "misled the people on Article 370" by spreading lies that the special status of Kashmir has been withdrawn by the abrogation of the article. "They are deliberately misleading the country. Article 370 never gave a special status but was a temporary provision. Article 370 was meant to introduce the Constitution of India into J&K. In the instrument of accession, J&K was termed as a state in the union of India," he said.

"The writing on the wall is that her government's time is over. It's only a matter of time that BJP will come to power in West Bengal," he said, adding, "I want to ask Mamata ji, is country bigger or vote bank

politics? Is power more important than the nation? She should answer why her party opposed the move to integrate the country. When the country is strong and united, then only people in the normal course of things come to power or go out of power."

He added, "Let me remind the CM, she has missed the opportunity to support the abrogation of Article 370. With this move, the whole length and breadth of the country are under the Indian Constitution."

Shri Nadda further said there is "jungle raj" and a "reign of terror" in West Bengal.

PERFORMED 'TARPAN' FOR 80 PARTY WORKERS

Shri JP Nadda also performed a ritual known as "mass Tarpan" on Mahalaya for 80 party workers



who lost their lives in political violence in the state in the last few years. Tarpan is a ritual in which water is offered to ancestors with prayers for peace to the departed souls.

Shri Nadda said family members of "slain BJP workers" in West Bengal are not getting justice. "There is 'jungle raj' and a reign of terror in West Bengal under the TMC. It is witnessing 'goonda raj' as there is no rule of law here. But, this 'jungle raj' will end soon as the time of the TMC government is over," he added.

West Bengal Chief Minister is "fast losing her political ground in West Bengal. She has no vision as the chief minister," he said. ■



Ease of Doing Business: India among 20 most improved Countries

Based on the number of reforms which aid ease of doing business, India has been ranked as one of the top 20 improves in Doing Business 2020 by the World Bank. The list includes 20 economies which have improved the most on ease of doing business score. As per the World Bank, economies are selected based on the number of reforms and on how much their ease of doing business score improved.

It may be noted that Ease of Doing Business 2020 detailed report will be published on October 24. India has been named in top 20 economies which have improved their ease of doing business score due to reforms. The ranking indicates at the business-friendly atmosphere in the countries.

The World Bank in regard to India said, "India made it easier to do business in four areas measured by Doing Business. Authorities in Mumbai and New Delhi made it easier to obtain construction permits by allowing the submission of labor inspector commencement and completion notifications through a single-window clearance system. Starting a business is less costly thanks to abolished filing fees for the SPICe company incorporation form, electronic memorandum of association and articles of association."

"Exporting and importing is also easier following the integration of several government agencies into an online system and the upgrading of port equipment and infrastructure. India's achievements this year build on a sustained multi-year reform effort. Since 2014, India has implemented 48 reforms captured by Doing Business. The most improved business regulatory areas have been starting a business, dealing with construction permits and resolving insolvency," it further added.

Economies are listed based on two criteria. First, Doing Business selects the economies that implemented reforms making it easier to do business in three or more of the 10 areas included in this year's aggregate ease of doing business score. Regulatory changes making it more difficult to do business are subtracted from the number of those making it easier.

Second, Doing Business sorts these economies on the increase in their ease of doing business score due to reforms from the previous year (the impact due to changes in income per capita and the lending rate is excluded). The improvement in their score is calculated not by using the data published in 2018 but by using comparable data that capture data revisions and methodology changes when applicable. ■

India's forex reserves scale record high of \$434.6 billion

The foreign exchange reserves touched a record high of USD 434.6 billion as on 01 October, 2019. While announcing fourth bi-monthly monetary policy, the RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said as of 01 October the forex kitty peaked to the record high. Between April and 01 October, the country's forex reserves had increased by USD 21.7 billion. According to the latest weekly data, the reserves surged by massive USD 5.022 billion to USD 433.594 billion for the week to September 27.

The increase in reserves in the reporting week on account of foreign currency assets (FCA), a major component of the overall reserves. FCA increased by USD 4.944 billion to USD 401.615 billion in the week ended September 27, the RBI said. Expressed in US dollar terms, the foreign currency assets include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like the Euro, Pound and the Yen held in the foreign exchange reserves. During the week, gold reserves increased by USD 102 million to USD 26.945 billion. ■

INDIA RECEIVES ITS 1ST RAFALE FIGHTER JET FROM FRANCE

RAJNATH SINGH PERFORMS A SHASTRA PUJA ON THE PLANE AT MERIGNAC AIRPORT

Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh on October 8 received the first of the 36 long-awaited Rafale fighter jets on behalf of the Indian Air Force (IAF) in France. India had signed an agreement with France for the procurement of 36 Rafale fighter jets at a cost of Rs. 59,000 crore in September 2016. The first batch of four jets will come next May.

On the occasion Shri Rajnath Singh said it will enhance the capabilities of the Indian Air Force and lay a global blueprint for successful defence cooperation between two responsible states. He also thanked the French state for providing support and training to Indian Air force pilots.

All 36 jets are expected to arrive in India by September 2022, for which the IAF has been reportedly undertaking preparations.

Shri Rajnath Singh took a sortie in Rafale combat jet at Merignac in France. After taking his nearly 25-minute sortie in the Rafale Shri Singh described it as very comfortable and smooth.

Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh, who changed into combat flight gear for the ride after he had performed a Shastra Puja on the plane at Merignac airport, said the aircraft will enhance the Indian Air Force combat capability massively -- intended only for self-defence.

"We do not purchase arms

and other defence equipments to threaten any country but to increase our capabilities & strengthen our defences. The credit for the acquisition of the Rafale jets must go to PM Shri Narendra Modi. His decisiveness has greatly benefited our national security," Shri Singh tweeted.

Describing his sortie in Rafale as a memorable and once in a lifetime experience, he said, "I had never imagined that I would be flown at supersonic speed; a very comfortable and smooth flight during which I was able to observe the many capabilities of the jet, its air-to-air and air-to-ground combat capabilities". ■

-With inputs from PTI

FOUR TIMES INCREMENT OF MONETARY ASSISTANCE FOR BATTLE CASUALTIES

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh on October 5 has given in principle approval to enhancement of monetary assistance to Next of Kin (NoK) of all categories of Battle Casualty (BC) from Rs two lakh to Rs eight lakh. The amount will be granted under Army Battle Casualties Welfare Fund (ABCWF).

Earlier, there was a provision of financial assistance of Rs 2 lakh to the Battle casualties which are fatal, 60 per cent & above disability, battle casualties invalidated out due to disability and Rs 1 lakh to disability less than 60 per cent.



It was in addition to liberalised family pension, financial assistance from Army Group Insurance, Army Welfare Fund and ex-gratia amount.

The fund was created under the Charitable Endowments Act,

1890. A Bank Account bearing No. 90552010165915 was opened in the South Block Branch of Syndicate Bank, New Delhi for public to deposit money.

This fund is in addition to the various existing schemes for the welfare of NoK and children of battle casualties in form of additional ex gratia.

In addition to the above assistance, the already existing monetary grant includes ex-gratia (central) for various ranks ranging from Rs 25 lakh to Rs 45 lakh and Army Group Insurance ranging from Rs 40 lakh to Rs 75 lakh. ■

‘CHC FARM MACHINERY AND KRISHI KISAN APP FOR GEO TAGGING’ LAUNCHED

Farmers will now have easy access to high value and technical agricultural equipments at their doorstep. Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare said this while launching two mobile Apps – ‘CHC Farm Machinery and Krishi Kisan App for Geo Tagging’ in New Delhi on September 24.

The Minister said that through CHC Farm Machinery App, farmers can select and order the required machinery at the rates feasible for them from the Custom Hiring Centers located in the radius of 50 Kms. The Minister added that



till date more than 40,000 custom hiring service centers have registered on this mobile app for renting over 1,20,000 agricultural machineries & equipments.

Shri Tomar said that the Krishi

Kisan App will provide farmers the information of best demonstration of high-yielding crops and seeds in their nearby area. Any farmer with high quality of crops can utilise this platform to demonstrate best practices of cultivation to other farmers so that this will help other farmers also to adopt these methods. The App will also help in geo-tagging and geo-fencing of crop and give weather forecast message to farmers. The Minister requested every farmer to utilize these services for betterment of their cultivation methods and thereby ensuring higher agricultural productivity. ■

‘JAMMU AND KASHMIR SHOULD COME TO INDIA JUST AS OTHER STATES HAVE COME’

The removal of Article 370 and 35A is a true tribute to Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee who sacrificed his life for the integration of the country. After his great sacrifice, under the leadership of Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya ji, Bharatiya Jana Sangh continued its struggle and movement for the integration of Jammu and Kashmir. The party always put this issue first in its agenda, even if the situation was adverse. Excerpts from the Lok Sabha Debates (26 June 1952) of **Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee** on Jammu & Kashmir.

We are anxious to find a satisfactory solution so that Kashmir may remain within India so that the great sacrifice which India has made along with the people of Kashmir during the last five years may blossom into fruits which will benefit the people of the entire nation.

- There is the question of the flag. Sheikh Abdullah spoke two days ago, and he said “Oh, of course, we will recognize the Union Flag.” There is no question of his recognizing the Union Flag. The Union Flag is there in spite



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of anybody, and that is the flag of free India. Sheikh Abdullah has said: “We will treat both flags equally.” You cannot do it. It is not a question of fifty, fifty. It is not a question of parity. It is a question of using one flag for the whole of India, India that includes Kashmir. There is no question of having a separate Republic of Kashmir having a separate flag. It is not a small matter.

- Let them keep the flag for the

National Conference in Kashmir. No one objects to it, but when you work as Government, no matter where you function, only one flag can fly and will fly and that is the flag of the free country, of free India.

- The major issue is how is Kashmir going to be integrated with India? Is Kashmir going to be a republic within a republic? Are we thinking of another sovereign Parliament within the four corners of India barring this sovereign Parliament? That is the claim of Sheikh Abdullah and we contest it. Are we thinking of the rights of the Kashmir people to get whatever they can from India

would beg of the Prime Minister this much. Let him exercise that statesmanship that strength of will, and the determination as Sardar Patel exercised.

- In a democratic federal state, the fundamental rights of the citizens of one constituent unit cannot vary vis-a-vis the citizens of another unit. Are not the people of Jammu and Kashmir entitled to the fundamental rights that we have given to the people of India minus Jammu and Kashmir? There is no scope for varied constitutional patterns, disparities as between one federating unit and another, the legislative or executive

control over the audit systems in the States as also the Provinces. The jurisdiction of the Supreme Court must now extend to the States to the same extent as in the case of the Provinces. The High courts in the States are to be constituted so that they will function in the same manner as the provincial High courts. All citizens of India, whether residing in States or Provinces, must enjoy the same fundamental rights and the same legal remedies to enforce them. In the matter of constitutional relationship with the Centre and in internal set-up these States must be on a par with the provinces. That is the question that we have to settle.

- Take again the refugee question. You know we discussed it the other day. Thousands of Hindu refugees from Jammu and Kashmir are being settled in India. Why cannot they be given land in Jammu or Kashmir? That also indicates a discriminatory, policy.
- Let us discuss the whole question. We are anxious that Jammu and Kashmir should come to India just as any other State has come. Let us know what special precautions he wants. But let him [Sheikh Abdullah] say that the people of Jammu and Kashmir are Indians first and Kashmiris next. Prime Minister must firmly assert that we do not want this kind of Kashmiri nationalism; we do not want this 'sovereign Kashmir' idea. If you start doing it in Kashmir, others also will demand it. ■

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and not to give anything? Money, resources, roads, bridges all to be taken? Is it a question of 'Give and take', or is it a question of 'Take and not give?' That is the question which has to be decided now. What is going to be the attitude of the people of Kashmir? We have proceeded up to now on this basis that we may carry the people with us. I

authority of the units in respect of the States will be co-extensive with a similar authority in and over the provinces; subject to certain adjustments during the transitional period, the fiscal relationship between the provinces and the States and the Centre must also come under one authority. The Auditor-General of India must have fuller

'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. ■



AMIT SHAH FLAGS OFF THE 'MADE IN INDIA', NEW DELHI-KATRA 'VANDE BHARAT' EXPRESS

Union Minister for Home Affairs, Shri Amit Shah flagged off the New Delhi-Katra 'Vande Bharat' Express, in New Delhi on October 3. This is the second 'Vande Bharat' express after the New Delhi - Varanasi semi-high speed train flagged off by Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi in February this year. The coaches of this train are indigenously manufactured at the Chennai Rail coach factory.

Shri Shah congratulated the Ministry of Railways for giving a big gift to the people of the country, in this Navratras. He said that religious tourism has a very important role in the development and progress of Jammu-Kashmir. Every citizen of India has a desire to visit Vaishnodevi Temple at least once in the lifetime. From the day he took charge, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi put forward a vision to connect places of religious interest across the country with a safe, efficient and comfortable high-speed railway

network. A number of steps have already been taken by the government to facilitate pilgrims to visit the places of their religious interest. The 'Vande Bharat' express is one big step in that direction while keeping in mind speed, scale and service as the prime priority, he said.

Shri Shah said that PM visualises Railways as the lifeline to achieve his vision of a \$5 trillion economy. 'Vande Bharat' is a hallmark of the success of 'Make in India' and the potential that it holds in giving a boost to the economy. This is evident with the speed at which the development and modernisation of railways is taking place under Shri Modi's leadership, he added. Home Minister said, "Railways must keep this fast paced development profile going on in full steam and achieve Prime Minister's vision of a \$5 trillion economy, in the same way as Railways played a major role in the success of Bapu's freedom struggle". ■

DASNA-HAPUR SECTION OF DELHI-MEERUT EXPRESSWAY OPENED

DELHI-MEERUT HIGHWAY WILL BRING PROSPERITY TO THIS REGION: GADKARI

Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways Shri Nitin Gadkari inaugurated the Dasna-Hapur section of Delhi-Meerut Expressway (package-3) in UP's Pilakhuwa on September 30. Minister of State for Road Transport & Highways Gen (Retd) V K Singh, Deputy Chief Minister of UP Shri Keshav Chandra Maurya, Lok Sabha member Shri Rajendra Agrawal, Rajya Sabha member Shri Anil Agrawal and several MLAs were



present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Gadkari said the Delhi-Meerut Highway will bring prosperity to the region, and will help in decongesting

the National Capital Region. It will also lead to reduction in travel time by more than 1 hour, and bring significant reduction in pollution level. He said, highways and infrastructure projects are directly related to the development of an area.

Shri Gadkari announced that the Ghazipur-Dasna section of this road (package 2) will be completed in next three months, and the entire Delhi-Meerut Expressway will be ready for commuters within six months. ■

‘AYUSHMAN BHARAT A REVOLUTIONARY STEP TOWARDS A NEW INDIA’

P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on October 1 while presiding over the valedictory function of two-day event of Arogya Manthan, said Ayushman Bharat is one of the revolutionary steps towards a new India. The two-day event was organized in New Delhi by the National Health Authority (NHA) marking the completion of one year of Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri - Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY).

“Ayushman Bharat is one of the revolutionary steps of New India and not just because it is playing an important role in saving the life of an ordinary person, but it is also a symbol of the dedication and strength of 130 crore people of the country,” said Shri Modi.

“The first year of Ayushman Bharat has been about resolution, dedication and mutual learning. We are running the world’s largest health care scheme successfully in India due to our determination. The access to medical facilities should be easily available to every poor and every citizen in the country,” he said.

Calling Ayushman Bharat a great achievement that has awakened hope among the lakhs of poor people of the country to recover from the disease, Shri Modi said, “In the last one year, if any one person’s land, house, jewelry or any other items are saved from mortgage or sale for medical treatment, then this is a huge success of Ayushman India,” he said.

Ayushman Bharat ensures better

treatment to patients in any part of the country. Modi stated that the previous governments tried to launch many health schemes, but none of them became successful and offered help to the poor people.

“India’s poor couldn’t avail the best health infrastructure and remained devoid of quality healthcare services. But with Ayushman Bharat, people are now able to avail best treatment even in their non residing states. In last one year about 50,000

PM Shri Modi also highlighted that his government has taken steps towards improving health infrastructure and medical education with National Medical Commission and increased medical seats. The Prime Minister launched a new mobile application for the Ayushman Bharat and interacted with select beneficiaries of the scheme. Modi also launched the ‘Ayushman Bharat Start-Up Grand Challenge’ and released a commemorative stamp



poor could avail the benefit under PMJAY outside their district and state where they could get better facilities,” Modi said.

“Earlier, the poor couldn’t avail treatment on time and treatment in the private hospitals was a distant dream. The NHA, implementing agency of the scheme is continuously being improved with better information technology. As we are improving the scheme, it will also generate over 11 lakhs jobs in near future,” he said.

on the occasion.

PM-JAY is the government’s flagship scheme which aims to bring quality healthcare to around 50 crore poor and vulnerable Indians across India. The scheme gives annual healthcare benefit of up to Rs. 5 lakh for every entitled family. PM-JAY also called as “Modicare” is described as the world’s largest government-funded health insurance scheme. Modi had launched PM-JAY on 23 September, 2018 from Ranchi, Jharkhand. ■

WHY INDIA AND THE WORLD NEED GANDHI



NARENDRA MODI

Upon reaching India in 1959, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. remarked, “To other countries I may go as a tourist, but to India I come as a pilgrim”. He added, “Perhaps, above all, India is the land where the techniques of nonviolent social change were developed that my people have used in Montgomery, Alabama, and elsewhere throughout the American South. We have found them to be effective and sustaining — they work!”

The guiding light whose inspiration got Dr. King to India was Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, the Mahatma, the Great Soul. On Wednesday, we observe his 150th birth anniversary. Gandhi Ji, or Bapu, continues to give courage to millions globally.

Gandhian methods of resistance ignited a spirit of hope among several African nations. Dr. King remarked: “When I was visiting in Ghana, West Africa, Prime Minister Nkrumah told me that he had read the works of Gandhi and felt that nonviolent resistance could be extended there. We recall that South Africa has had bus boycotts also.”

Nelson Mandela referred to Gandhi as “the Sacred Warrior”

and wrote, “His strategy of noncooperation, his assertion that we can be dominated only if we cooperate with our dominators, and his nonviolent resistance inspired anticolonial and antiracist movements internationally in our century.”

For Mr. Mandela, Gandhi was Indian and South African. Gandhi would have approved. He had the unique ability to become a bridge between some of the greatest contradictions in human society.

In 1925, Gandhi wrote in “Young India”: “It is impossible for one to be internationalist without being a nationalist. Internationalism is possible only when nationalism becomes a fact, i.e., when peoples belonging to different countries have organized themselves and are able to act as one man.” He envisioned Indian nationalism as one that was never narrow or exclusive but one that worked for the service of humanity.

Mahatma Gandhi also epitomized trust among all sections of society. In 1917, Ahmedabad in Gujarat witnessed a huge textile strike. When the conflict between the mill workers and owners escalated to a point of no return, it was Gandhi who mediated an equitable settlement.

Gandhi formed the Majoor Mahajan Sangh, an association for workers’ rights. At first sight, it may seem just another name of an organization but it reveals how

small steps created a large impact. During those days, “Mahajan” was used as a title of respect for elites. Gandhi inverted the social structure by attaching the name “Mahajan” to “Majoor,” or laborers. With that linguistic choice, Gandhi enhanced the pride of workers.

And Gandhi combined ordinary objects with mass politics. Who else could have used a charkha, a spinning wheel, and khadi, Indian homespun cloth, as symbols of economic self-reliance and empowerment for a nation?

Who else could have created a mass agitation through a pinch of salt! During colonial rule, Salt Laws, which placed a new tax on Indian salt, had become a burden. Through the Dandi March in 1930, Gandhi challenged the Salt Laws. His picking up a small lump of natural salt from the Arabian Sea shore led to the historic civil disobedience movement.

There have been many mass movements in the world, many strands of the freedom struggle even in India, but what sets apart the Gandhian struggle and those inspired by him is the wide-scale public participation. He never held administrative or elected office. He was never tempted by power.

For him, independence was not absence of external rule. He saw a deep link between political independence and personal empowerment. He envisioned a world where every citizen has



dignity and prosperity. When the world spoke about rights, Gandhi emphasized duties. He wrote in “Young India”: “The true source of rights is duty. If we all discharge our duties, rights will not be far to seek.” He wrote in the journal Harijan, “Rights accrue automatically to him who duly performs his duties.”

Gandhi gave us the doctrine of trusteeship, which emphasized the socio-economic welfare of the poor. Inspired by that, we should think about a spirit of ownership. We, as inheritors of the earth, are responsible for its well-being, including that of the flora and fauna with whom we share our planet.

In Gandhi, we have the best teacher to guide us. From uniting those who believe in

humanity to furthering sustainable development and ensuring economic self-reliance, Gandhi offers solutions to every problem.

We in India are doing our bit. India is among the fastest when it comes to eliminating poverty. Our sanitation efforts have drawn global attention. India is also taking the lead in harnessing renewable resources through efforts like the International Solar Alliance, which has brought together several nations to leverage solar energy for a sustainable future. We want to do even more, with the world and for the world.

As a tribute to Gandhi, I propose what I call the Einstein Challenge. We know Albert Einstein’s famous words on Gandhi: “Generations to come will scarce believe that such

a one as this ever in flesh and blood walked upon this earth.”

How do we ensure the ideals of Gandhi are remembered by future generations? I invite thinkers, entrepreneurs and tech leaders to be at the forefront of spreading Gandhi’s ideas through innovation.

Let us work shoulder to shoulder to make our world prosperous and free from hate, violence and suffering. That is when we will fulfill Mahatma Gandhi’s dream, summed up in his favorite hymn, “Vaishnava Jana To,” which says that a true human is one who feels the pain of others, removes misery and is never arrogant.

The world bows to you, beloved Bapu! ■

(The writer is Prime Minister of India)

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WE BELONG TO A COUNTRY, THAT HAS GIVEN THE WORLD, NOT WAR, BUT BUDDHA'S MESSAGE OF PEACE: MODI



Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the 74th session of the United Nations General (UNGA) in New York on September 28. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi spoke about various initiatives of government of India such as Swachh Bharat Mission, Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas, Financial Inclusion, India's contribution to UN Peacekeeping Missions etc. He said that India has given the world, not war, but Buddha's message of peace. Here's the full text of the speech:

Your Excellency, Mr/Madame President,

It is a great honour for me to address the 74th Session of the United Nations on behalf of 1.3 billion Indians.

It is a very special occasion, also, because this year, the entire world is celebrating the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

His message of truth and non-violence is very relevant for us even today, for peace, development and progress in the world.

Mr President,

When a developing country is able to successfully implement the world's biggest sanitation campaign within the Clean India Mission, building over 110 million toilets in just 5 years for its countrymen, all its achievements

and outcomes are an inspirational message for the entire world.

When a developing country, successfully runs the world's biggest health assurance scheme, giving 500 million people the facility of an annual health cover of 500,000 Rs for free treatment, the achievements and responsive systems that result from this scheme show the world a new path.

When a developing country, successfully runs the world's biggest financial inclusion scheme, opening over 370 million bank accounts for the poor in just 5 years, the systems that result, build confidence in the poor across the entire world.

Mr President,

As I came in here, on a wall

at the entrance to this building, I noticed the call to make the United Nations free of single-use plastic.

I am pleased to inform this august assembly that even as I am addressing you today, a very large campaign is being started across the entire country to make India free of single-use plastic.

In the next five years, apart from promoting water conservation, we are going to ensure water supply to 150 million homes.

In the next five years, we are going to build over 125,000 kilometers of new roads.

By the year 2022, when India celebrates its 75th Independence day, we plan to build 20 million houses for the poor.

Though the world may have set itself the target of eradicating TB

by 2030, in India we are working towards eradicating it by 2025.

The question that arises is just how have we been able to achieve all of this. How is it that such rapid changes are taking place in India?

India is a great culture that is thousands of years old, a culture that has its own vibrant traditions, and which has encompassed universal dreams. Our values and culture see divinity in every being and strive for the welfare of all

Therefore, the very core of our approach is public welfare through public participation and this public welfare is not just for India but for the entire world.

And that is the reason we draw inspiration from our motto: Collective efforts, for growth of all, with everyone's trust.

And this too, is not confined within the borders of India.

Our endeavours are neither an expression of pity, nor a pretense. They are inspired by a sense of duty, and duty alone.

All our endeavours, are centered on 1.3 billion Indians. But the dreams that these efforts are trying to fulfill, are the same dreams that the entire world has, that every country has, and that every society has.

The efforts are ours, but their fruits are for all, for the entire world.

And this conviction of mine, gets stronger every day, when I think of those countries, who, just like India, are striving for development, each in their own way.

When I hear about their joys and sorrows, when I get to know about their dreams, my resolve to develop my country at a faster

pace gets even stronger, so that India's experience can be beneficial to these countries.

Mr. President,

3000 years ago, a great poet of India, Kariyan Pungun-dra-naar, wrote in Tamil the most ancient language of the world:

“Ya-dum, Oo-ray, Yaav-rum Ke-rir”

which means We belong to all places, and to everyone.

This sense of belonging beyond borders is unique to India.

In the last 5 years, India has worked towards strengthening its centuries-old great tradition of fraternity among nations

to Global Warming is very low.

However, India is one of the leading nations when it comes to taking steps to address this issue.

On one hand, we are working towards achieving the target of 450 Giga Watts of renewable energy, and on the other hand, we have also taken the initiative to create the International Solar Alliance.

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and welfare of the world, which is indeed, in line with the key objectives of the United Nations.

The issues that India raises, the kind of new global platforms that India has come forward to build, seek collective efforts to address serious global challenges and issues

Mr. President

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The largest number of supreme sacrifices made by soldiers of any country for UN Peacekeeping missions is from India.

We belong to a country, that has given the world, not war, but

Buddha's message of peace.

And that is the reason why, our voice against terrorism, to alert the world about this evil, rings with seriousness and the outrage.

We believe, that this is one of the biggest challenges, not for any single country, but for the entire world and humanity.

The lack of unanimity amongst us on the issue of terrorism, dents those very principles, that are the basis for the creation of the U.N.

And that is why, for the sake of humanity, I firmly believe, that it is absolutely imperative, that the world unites against terrorism,

and that the world stands as one against terrorism.

Mr. President

The face of the world is changing today.

Modern technology in the 21st Century, is bringing about sweeping changes in social life, personal life, economy, security, connectivity and international relations. In such a situation, a fragmented world, is in the interest of no one.

Neither do we have the option to confine ourselves within our boundaries.

In this new era, we will

have to give new direction to Multilateralism, and to the United Nations.

Mr. President,

One Hundred and Twenty Five years ago, the Great Spiritual Guru, Swami Vivekananda, gave this message to the world during the World Parliament of Religions in Chicago.

The message was, "Harmony and Peace. And NOT Dissension".

Today, the message from the world's largest democracy, for the International community is still the same: "Harmony and Peace".

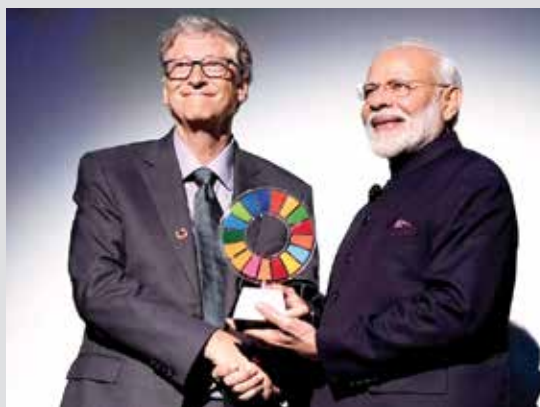
Thank you Very much. ■

PM MODI RECEIVES 'GLOBAL GOALKEEPER AWARD' FOR THE SWACHH BHARAT ABHIYAN

P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi received the 'Global Goalkeeper' Award by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, on 24 September 2019. The award ceremony took place on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) session in New York.

Prime Minister dedicated the award to those Indians who transformed the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan into a mass movement and made it a part of their daily lives.

"The success of the Swachh Bharat Mission is due to the people of India. They made this their own movement and ensured the desired results were attained.", Prime Minister said after receiving the award.



Terming it as a significant moment personally to receive the award on the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Prime Minister said Swachh Bharat Abhiyan is proof that when 130 crore Indians take a pledge, any challenge can be overcome. He added that India is making remarkable progress

in fulfilling Mahatma Gandhi's dream of a Swachh Bharat.

"In the last five years, a record of more than 11 crore toilets were constructed. This mission has benefitted the poor and women of the country the most", Prime Minister noted. In addition to improving sanitation and health, building of 11 crore

toilets has also boosted economic activity in villages, PM added.

Speaking about improving global sanitation coverage, Prime Minister said that India is ready to share its expertise and experiences with other nations, so that there can be collective effort towards increasing sanitation coverage. ■



PM MODI RETURNS FROM US TO A GRAND WELCOME

I BOW BEFORE EVERY INDIAN: MODI

PM Shri Narendra Modi returned from his nearly a week-long trip to the United States on 28 September, 2019 where he addressed the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) and several events, including the mega “Howdy, Modi!” Indian diaspora gathering in Houston, Texas.

The Bharatiya Janata Party organised a grand welcome for the PM outside the Palam Technical Area where thousands of people gathered. PM Shri Modi was felicitated outside the Palam Technical Airport, on his arrival in Delhi.

The Prime Minister thanked the people who had gathered outside to welcome him and said it was a memorable welcome. “I want to thank you all for coming in large numbers. This has been a memorable welcome. On this occasion, I bow before each and every Indian,” PM said.

Shri Modi said that today the world views India differently from 2014. “After assuming office in 2014, I went to the UN. I went to the UN even now. In these five years, I have seen a big change. The respect for India, the enthusiasm towards India has increased significantly. This is due to the 130 crore Indians,” he said.

The PM also said that India’s stature has grown

globally. “I had gone to the US in 2003 and again in 2019. But there is a big difference now as India’s stature has grown globally,” he said.

Addressing BJP Karyakartas and supporters, Shri Modi said that Indians settled abroad had earned love of the countries they live in and this has enhanced India’s prestige.

The prime minister was received by BJP National Working President Shri JP Nadda at the airport along with other leaders.

Shri Narendra Modi also talked about the ‘Howdy, Modi’ event which took place in Houston, Texas last week.

“The programme in Houston, ‘Howdy, Modi’ was grand. The coming of US President Donald Trump was special. There were Republicans and Democrats. In addition to all this, what stands out is the manner in which the Indian community in Texas and in Houston showcased their presence,” he said.

Before leaving for Delhi, the prime minister thanked the American people for the “exceptional welcome, warmth and hospitality” and expressed confidence that the diverse range of programmes he attended during the stay will greatly benefit India and its development trajectory. ■

Countering the Politics of Division and Falsehood in West Bengal



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On 1st October, while addressing a public meeting on Citizenship Amendment Bill (CAB) and NRC in Kolkata for the first time after the abrogation of Article 370, Union Home Minister and BJP national president Amit Shah paid rich tributes to Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee, who, he said had sacrificed his life for the unity of India. It was an inspiring moment when Shri Shah asked all those gathered to stand up and pay their tribute to Dr Mookerjee's memory who had set out from this city for Kashmir for his final struggle to preserve India's unity and integrity. It was an unmistakably emotional moment, to see the BJP national president thus pay tribute to Dr Mookerjee, in his own city, after the abrogation of Article 370. This was the moment for which thousands of workers and leaders had struggled for decades, this was the moment that they had wished to see, they had hoped to be associated with when it came. For Bengal and Bengalis this was a moment of truth, of rejoicing and of reflection.

Shri Shah also expressed his gratitude to the people of West Bengal, whose support in the

elections, he said, had enabled the party to cross the three hundred mark. Recalling the sacrifice of numerous karyakartas who had faced violence and vendetta and had continued with the struggle of bringing the party to a height by widening its support base among the people of the state. Indeed, the deep-rooted aspiration for change, the exasperation with the deteriorating situation in the state had driven people to vote for change, to opt for the narrative of New India.

The BJP national president also pointed out how, over the decades after independence, West Bengal was confronted with a multi-dimensional decline. Communist rule and now Trinamool Congress rule had devastated her economic and industrial profile, opportunities had shrunk and there was an overall decay. This could only be reversed when a BJP government led by the vision of development would come to power in the state. Shah's perspective with facts and figures drove home the actual crisis that faces West Bengal, a crisis which successive governments in the state had failed to address, in fact they only exacerbated the situation.

The ruling TMC, indulging in its divisive politics, has often referred to the BJP as a party of outsider. It has conveniently omitted the fact that that founder of the BJP's political predecessor

the Jana Sangh, was one of the tallest Bengali national leaders of his time, Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee, and yet in a ludicrous display of irrationality, Mamata Banerjee, has time and again dubbed the BJP as a party of outsiders. She does not know that Acharya Devaprasad Ghose, a legendary public figure, academic and intellectual of his time, was the longest serving president of the Jana Sangh. She must have also forgotten that about two decades back, West Bengal had already sent two leaders in the Union cabinet from BJP – such as Satyabrata Mukherjee and Tapan Sikdar, who had left their mark in the state's politics and had made immense contributions to the growth of the party in the West Bengal. Mamata Banerjee would, of course, like to forget that she was herself a minister – a rather restless minister – in Atal Ji's cabinet in the past and that it was the BJP which had, in those days, continuously stood by her when the communists were active in trying to ensure her political decimation.

Shri Amit Shah reminded the ruling party in West Bengal of these facts. The poignant question he asked: was it not Syama Prasad Mookerjee who saved Bengal and prevented it from going in its entirety to Jinnah's Pakistan? This is a question which needs to be implanted in the Bengali collective

mind and psyche, it is also a point that the opponents of the BJP in West Bengal have not been able to answer. Had Syama Prasad Mookerjee not resolved to salvage a portion of Bengal, none of those who criticise him now, or have, in the past, worked to marginalise his legacy, would have been able to survive with their brand of politics. Jinnah's Pakistan would have surely been harsh place for them. Therefore, the point repeatedly made by the Trinamool Congress leader Mamata Banerjee that the BJP is an outsiders' party is a bogus argument which does not hold ground when examined and exposed in the backdrop of history.

But the most crucial part of Shri Shah's public address was his clearing the air on the NRC issue. For the past one month or so both the TMC and the fading intellectuals and leaders of the Left parties in West Bengal have been carrying out a false propaganda campaign on the issue of NRC. They are doing it with the deliberate intent of spreading panic, confusion and fear among the ordinary voters especially among the Bengali Hindu refugees in the state who have migrated in face of persecution – both religious and political. In clear words, unequivocally, Shri Shah pointed out that the Modi government was clear that the Citizenship Amendment Bill will first be passed and then NRC implemented in West Bengal. He also clearly mentioned that no refugees – Hindu, Sikhs, Buddhists, Christians, Jains who have come over or come over

from India's neighbourhood will be asked to leave India. They will be conferred citizenship. It is only the illegal infiltrator, who will be identified and deported. Shri Shah also appealed to all workers to take this message to the people across the state.

As Union Home Minister his message was clear, he also reminded people that parties such as the TMC and the CPM had opposed the CAB when it was placed in Parliament, it meant that they opposed the granting of citizenship to refugees. Shri Shah also reminded people of the state

deliberately spreading panic on the NRC issue.

The message was clear, the TMC and the communists were exposed, and the refugees along the border areas rejoiced. The Union Home Minister clearly stated that illegal infiltrators had no place in India, they had no right to stay, while refugees – Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, Buddhists, Christians – who had come to India from her larger neighbourhood had the right to remain in India and be conferred citizenship.

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that when in opposition in 2005, Mamata Banerjee had repeatedly spoken out against illegal infiltrators, she had thrown papers at the Speakers' Chair in protest saying that illegal infiltrators were altering the demography of West Bengal and were creating havoc in the region. The same Mamata Banerjee was now singing another tune, she was now protecting her illegal infiltrator vote-bank and was thus opposing CAB and

the people, he went to Kolkata to remove and counter falsehood, he did it upfront, he did it frankly and people responded. The task, the mission now is to take this message right up to grassroots and to resolutely counter the politics of division and of fear resorted to by the TMC and the communist parties in West Bengal. ■

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INDIAN OCEAN IS A BRIDGE BETWEEN INDIA AND MAURITIUS: PM MODI

P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Mauritian Prime Minister Shri Pravind Jugnauth jointly inaugurated Phase-1 of the Metro Express and a new ENT Hospital in Mauritius on October 3.

Speaking on the occasion, Prime Minister Modi noted the significance of the Metro and health-care projects in further enhancing the quality of life of the people of Mauritius, as well as in deepening the close ties between the two countries. He also noted that today's event was the first such occasion bringing India's and Mauritian leaders together through a wide link across the Indian Ocean.



Prime Minister Modi said that the much anticipated Metro Express (Light Rail Transit) Project, will transform the mobility landscape in Mauritius as an efficient, faster and cleaner mode of public transport. The state-of-the-art energy efficient ENT Hospital will significantly expand access to quality health-care and benefit the people in addition to being the first paperless E-Hospital in Mauritius.

Prime Minister Jugnauth expressed his deep appreciation for the Indian support for these as well as other development cooperation projects in Mauritius. He also conveyed his appreciation to all stakeholders for timely execution of these two people-oriented projects.

Prime Minister Modi also conveyed Government of India's decision to support Mauritius in construction of a Renal unit as well as Medi-Clinics and Area Health Centres through grant assistance.

The two leaders also lauded the growth of India-Mauritius cooperation for the well-being of both the peoples and for peace and prosperity in the Indian Ocean region and in the world. ■

RAKSHA MANTRI LAUNCHES NAVY'S FIRST NEW STEALTH FRIGATE, INS 'NILGIRI'

R aksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh on September 30 said, the Government is making concerted efforts to modernise the Navy and equip it with the best platforms, weapons and sensors to deal with any conventional and unconventional threats to India's maritime interests. Shri Rajnath Singh was speaking at the launch of INS 'Nilgiri', the first of the Navy's seven new stealth frigates, at Mazagon Dock

Shipbuilders Limited in Mumbai. He said, 70% of India's trade by value and 95% by volume is taking place through the sea route and even a slight disruption of seaborne trade due to piracy, terrorism or conflict, could have serious repercussions on the economic growth and well-being of the nation.

Raksha Mantri said, India is growing and its commercial interests are spreading far and beyond, yet there are challenges,

including a hostile neighbourhood. "State-sponsored terrorism remains a challenge and the strong-willed Government will not hesitate to take tough decisions in the larger interest of the country. The repealing of the provisions under article 370 of the constitution is one such decision. We are confident that this will usher a new era of development and prosperity in Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh", Raksha Mantri added. ■

INDIA SHOWS REMARKABLE RESILIENCE AMID GLOBAL SLOWDOWN: WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM

India, a young economy with lot of potential, has demonstrated remarkable strength and resilience amid global slowdown. Besides, the country can play a crucial role in the development of South Asia and sustainability of global economic growth, WEF President Borge Brende told PTI in New Delhi on 02 October.

The WEF, which organises the India Economic Summit in partnership with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), engages the foremost political, business and other leaders of society to shape global, regional and industry agendas. "India is one of the fastest growing large economies in the world. The country is also a young economy with lot of potential and has shown lot of strength and resilience amid an economic slowdown globally," Brende said.

The rise of advanced technologies has the potential to create economic and social value and it can boost the country's goal of maintaining its growth momentum while attaining greater social inclusion and regional

cooperation, he added. He further said that India is very advanced from many developed economies when it comes to information technology sector, but there is a lot of scope for development in terms of infrastructure.

The Geneva-headquartered entity is organising its 33rd India Economic Summit in New Delhi on October 3-4 under the theme — 'Innovating for India: Strengthening South Asia, Impacting the World'. More than 800 leaders from 40 countries comprising senior public figures and leading representatives from civil society, arts and culture, science, business and academia will participate in the event.

Artificial intelligence and drones, start-up unicorns, infrastructure, environmental reforms, gender parity, education and South Asia's economic outlook will be on top of the agenda. The programme will also underline South Asia's relationship with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and highlight how the two regions, defined by their demographic and digital dividends, will shape the world's collective future. ■



UP CM FLAGS OFF INDIA'S FIRST PRIVATE TRAIN LUCKNOW-DELHI TEJAS EXPRESS

UP CM flags off India's First Corporatised Lucknow-Delhi Tejas Express, Pitches for More Routes. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on October 4 in Lucknow flagged off the Tejas Express, the country's first private train run by its subsidiary IRCTC, between Lucknow and New Delhi. The commercial run of the new Tejas Express started on October 4.

The train cuts the time travelled between the two cities to six hours

15 minutes from the six hours 40 minutes taken by the Swarna Shatabdi, currently the fastest train on the route.

"It is the first corporate train of the country. I congratulate the first batch of passengers travelling in it and hope such initiatives are taken to connect other cities as well," Shri Adityanath said.

"We are constructing an expressway between Agra, Lucknow and Varanasi. Half of the work is over and the project will be completed

next year, he said, suggesting that a semi-high speed train could also be run on this route. If the railway board takes any initiative on this, the state will bear the cost on the Agra-Varanasi route, he said.

He said such initiatives can also be taken on other routes, including Lucknow-Allahabad and Lucknow-Gorakhpur. "I thank Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Railway Minister Piyush Goel for giving the first corporate train from the biggest state to Delhi, he said. ■

‘ENCOURAGING THE ‘LAXMI’ OF BHARAT AMOUNTS TO STRENGTHENING THE PATHS OF PROSPERITY FOR THE COUNTRY’

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on September 29 addressed the nation in his 4th Episode of ‘Mann Ki Baat 2.0’. In the episode he asked to encourage the Laxmi of Bharat amounts to strengthening the paths of prosperity for the country and her citizens. Excerpts:

- All of us shall celebrate the Navaratri Mahotsava, Garba, Durga Puja, Dussehra, Diwali, Bhaiya Dooj, Chhath Puja.... in fact, innumerable festivals. Heartiest greetings to all of you for these festivals to come. During festivals, families come together.
- This Diwali, can we arrange programmes to honor the Laxmi of India? If you look around, you’ll find many daughters and daughters-in-law who are performing extraordinarily. Some must be engaged in teaching underprivileged children, others could be occupied in spreading awareness in the field of sanitation and health, while many could be doing society a service by working as Doctor and Engineers. Or striving for justice to someone by working as Lawyer! Our society must recognize such daughters, honor them and feel proud of them. Programmes to felicitate them should be held throughout the country. We could do something more; we could highlight the achievements of these daughters by sharing their achievements on social media, using the hashtag # BHARAT KI LAXMI.
- The way we jointly ran a mega campaign “Selfie with daughter”, which spread globally. Similarly, this time, let us do a campaign BHARAT KI LAXMI. Encouraging the Laxmi of Bharat amounts to strengthening the paths of prosperity for the country and her citizens.
- You must be knowing that, recently the e-cigarette got banned in India. An e-cigarette is a type of electronic device unlike a typical cigarette. In an e-cigarette, the heating of nicotine-containing fluids creates a type of chemical smoke and



this is the pathway through which nicotine is consumed.... The e-cigarette has been banned so that this new form of intoxication does not destroy our demographically young country. It does not trample the dreams of a family and waste the lives of our children. This scourge and this obnoxious habit should not become rooted in our society.

- It is a matter of pride for every Indian that, on the coming 13th October, His Holiness Pope Francis will declare Sister MariamThresia a saint. Sister MariamThresia, in her short lifespan of 50 years, worked for the good of humanity becoming a noble example for the entire world. Whatever task Sister Mariam Thresia undertook and accomplished, she did so with utmost dedication and devotion. She rendered service in the fields of education and social service. She had built many schools,

hostels and orphanages, and throughout her life, remained devoted to this cause. She founded the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Family which is still continuing on the path of her life's philosophy and mission. I once again pay heartfelt tributes to Sister MariamThresia and congratulate the citizens of India, and especially our Christian brothers and sisters, for this achievement.

- While we are celebrating 'Gandhi 150', our 130 crore countrymen have pledged to be rid from the menace of Single Use Plastic. In view of the kind of lead that India has taken towards environmental protection, today the countries of the entire world are looking towards India as a model example. I am confident that you will all be a part of the campaign for liberation from the menace of Single Use Plastic on 2ndOctober. In India, citizens are

contributing in this campaign in their own way.

- You will be happy to know that certain reputed tourism agencies of the world which rank standards of travel & tourism have shown that India has displayed a lot of improvement in the Travel & Tourism Competitive Index. And all this has been possible due to your cooperation and especially because understanding the importance of tourism has increased. The Swachhata Abhiyan also has a big role to play in all of this. And you will be delighted to know that today our rank is thirty four on this index whereas five years ago we were ranked 65th, which in a way is a big jump. If we tried all that harder, then by the 75th year of our independence, we would have carved a place for ourselves amidst the major tourist destinations of the world. ■

BJP NATIONAL WORKING PRESIDENT'S PRAVAS TO MANDI, HP

THE NATION NOW HAS ONE 'VIDHAN', ONE 'NISHAN' AND ONE 'SAMVIDHAN: JP NADDA

B JP National Working President Shri JP Nadda on 09 October, 2019 said that except the BJP, all regional and national parties were promoting dynastic politics in the country.

He was on a maiden visit to the state after assuming charge as the party's National Working President. In Mandi, he was accompanied by Chief Minister Shri Jai Ram Thakur, former Chief Minister Shri Shanta Kumar, BJP State President Shri Satpal Singh Satti and MP Shri Ram Swaroop Sharma.

"With 17 crore members, a rise from the earlier 11 crore, the BJP is the world's largest party. It is a party of workers, which gives an opportunity to everyone, including those at the grassroots, to reach the



top. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Home Minister Shri Amit Shah, Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh and Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman were common workers of the party from simple background but rose to the highest political level with their dedication," he said.

Shri Nadda said it was a golden period for the BJP in Himachal as well. "There was a

time when a few people supported the party, but with the efforts of the party workers the BJP has now emerged as a strong party. With dedicated efforts to make the country corruption-free, the PM has changed the way India is perceived at the global level. He has also isolated Pakistan in international politics," he said.

"The world has acknowledged the strong and able leadership of India and it is just due to the political will of the PM that today, with the scrapping of Article 370, the nation now has one 'Vidhan', one 'Nishan' and one 'Samvidhan'," he said, adding that banning Triple Talaq was a landmark decision that ensured empowerment of Muslim women. ■



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PM Shri Narendra Modi meeting US President Mr. Donald Trump on the sidelines of the UN session in New York, USA



PM Shri Narendra Modi in a group photograph with the CEOs at a Roundtable in New York, USA




PM Shri Narendra Modi addressing the Singapore India Hackathon 2019 at IIT Madras in Chennai



PM Shri Narendra Modi paying floral tributes at the Samadhi of former PM Lal Bahadur Shastri on his jayanti at Vijay Ghat in Delhi

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Khadi sale	
Rs 114.11 lakh	
Village industry products sale	
Rs 13.46 lakh	


Source: Media reports

INDIAN RAILWAYS DELIVER ON THE SWACHHTA PROMISE



- 97% of waiting areas have toilets & 96% vendor areas have dustbins
- 14 stations in the country have been 'Green Certified' & work is on for increasing green cover on 579 stations
- 472 stations are already using LED bulbs to conserve electricity
- Jaipur ranked **No.1** in Station Cleanliness Survey with a score of **931**
- Jodhpur stands second with **927** points, Durgapura third with **922**

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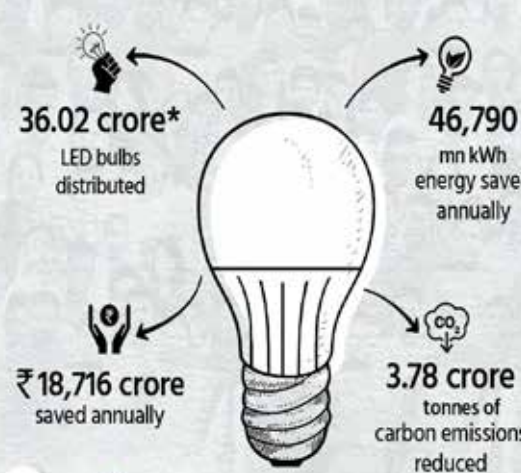
1 crore smart LED streetlights installed across India	6.7 billion kWh of energy saved annually	46.3 million tonnes of carbon emissions reduced	2.7 lakh km of roads lighted up
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- ₹ 18,716 crore saved annually
- 3.78 crore tonnes of carbon emissions reduced

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