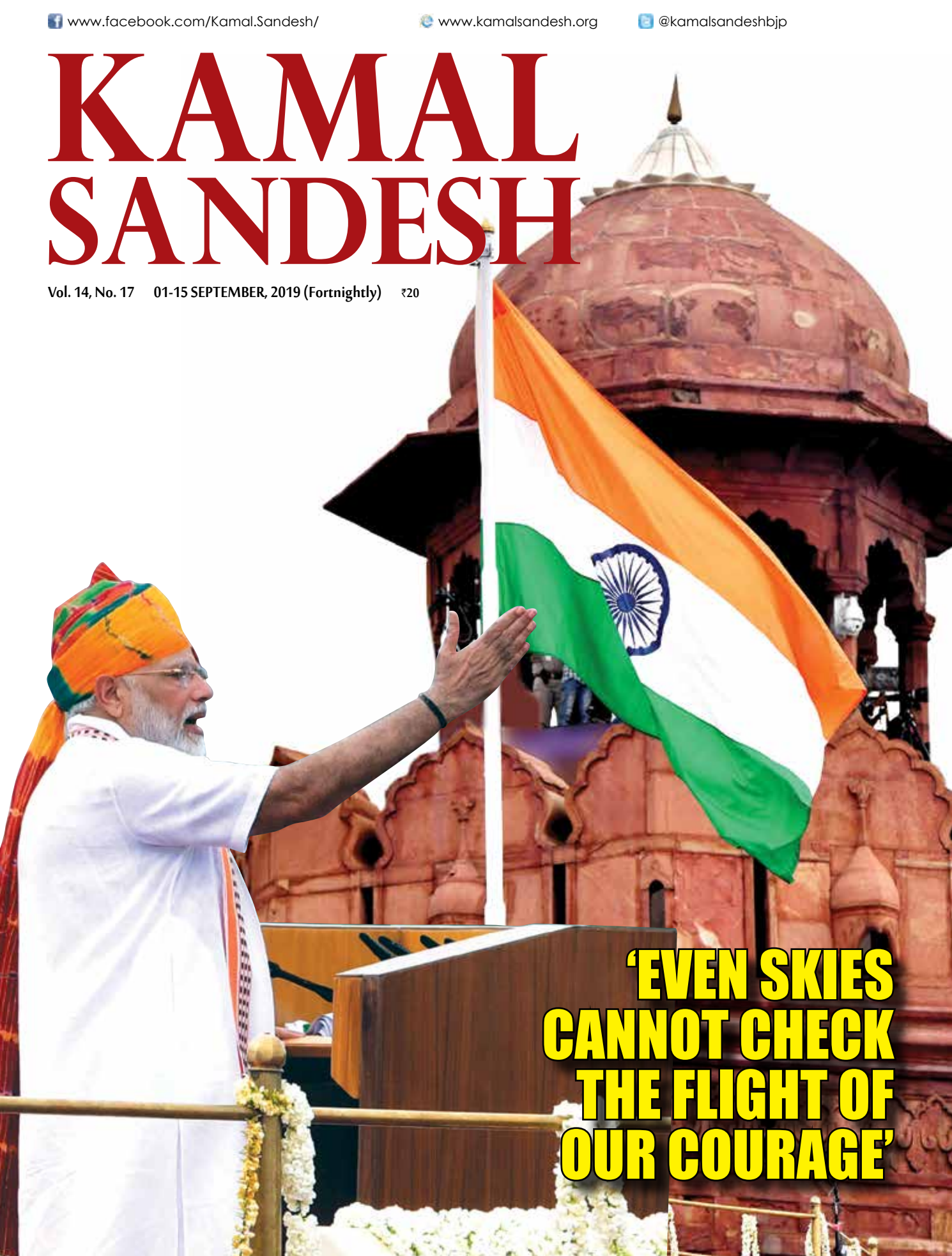


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BJP National Working President Shri JP Nadda participating in BJP Membership Drive at a polling station in EWS colony in Hyderabad, Telangana



Union Defence Minister Shri Rajanath Singh paying homage to Atal Bihari Vajpayee ji on his first death anniversary at Pokhran, Rajasthan

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## OUR DREAMS ARE EVEN MORE THAN THE INNUMERABLE STARS: PM

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Five years ago, who would have thought that: India can implement GST; India can provide electricity connections to all households; India can provide health insurance cover of 5 lakh to more than 10 crore families. — **Amit Shah**



Did door to door membership drive under 'Sangathan Parv - Sadasyata Abhiyan' at a EWS Colony booth in Hyderabad & shared party's ideology and pro-poor initiatives of Modi government. Planted sapling at a Ambedkar College, Bagh Lingampally in Hyderabad under plantation drive. — **Jagat Prakash Nadda**



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wishes a very happy  
**GANESH CHATURTHI** (2 SEPTEMBER)  
to all of its readers

# NATION WRITING ITS OWN DESTINY !

**T**he Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi while addressing the nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort once again exhorted the country to scale newer heights with stronger confidence, deeper resolve and higher aspirations. It was the sixth time in a row that the Prime Minister has motivated the nation on independence day towards higher goals and instilled a new hope and commitment in every citizen to make contribution for a 'New India'. The efforts of the Prime Minister to engage every individual with the nation building process may be seen in various government programmes getting support of the people and appeal of the Prime Minister to voluntarily relinquish subsidies and concessions getting responded by millions in the country. He has been able to garner support of the people for many government programmes and schemes by motivating them into participating in these programmes and raising the level to mass movements. It has resulted in India gaining momentum on every front and registering unprecedented achievements having global recognitions. The address has announced the arrival of a 'New India'.

India has travelled a long way in the last five years under the charismatic leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. Gone are the days of Congress led UPA's era of massive corruption, loot, misrule and policy paralysis, now the era of good governance, development and corruption free government has dawned in India. Now India has a government having a work culture which delivers, which is accountable and which is transparent. India has a government which takes decisions, and when a decision is taken it is implemented. The government is committed to the welfare of the poorest of the poor, deprived and oppressed, youth and women. A government which has prioritised rural sector, farming community and labourers and brought huge reliefs to them by taking innovative and result oriented initiatives. A government which can score high on the scales from Ease of Living to 'Ease of Doing Business', a government which is committed to bring positive, sustainable and long-term change in the country. As a result, the world is acknowledging today that India is passing through a massive transformation and emerging as a great country which is aware of its goals and responsibilities.

The Modi government has seen achievements piling up from taking immense efforts to improve the standard of living to planning and implementing Mission to Moon and Mars. It shows the broadening span of achievements wherein a government is aware of its responsibilities in every sector of governance in the nation's glorious journey. While the poorest of the poor are getting pucca houses, free gas cylinders, electricity connections, health coverage upto 5 lac and many other crucial support, the nation is also pursuing the goal of becoming 5 trillion USD in the next five years. The speed, scale and skill of government's work can be seen in largescale transformational projects being launched in almost every sector making huge infrastructural development with the planned investment of 100 lac crore in the coming five years. India is aspiring higher and higher with every passing day in the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

The world is witnessing what kind of transformation a determined and confident government can bring to a country. The strong political will of the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi can be seen in every decision of the government. It is also because of the huge faith reposed by the people of India in his leadership that the BJP under his leadership was able to secure full majority in the last elections. The result of the massive mandate can be seen in historic decisions and a strong leadership which is changing the fate of the nation. After coming back to the government with even higher numbers in parliament, the Modi government has delivered in 70 days what was unimaginable in the last 70 years. Apart from a highly productive parliament session in decades, the laws enacted on terrorism, Triple Talaq, abrogation of Article 370 & 35 A and reorganization of Jammu- Kashmir have been registered in golden letters in the pages of history. As the nation rests assured of an extremely capable, dynamic and charismatic leadership in Shri Narendra Modi, India looks forward to a new era wherein the people are ready to write their own destiny through massive participation in nation building process with every single individual dedicated in the service of Maa Bharati. ■

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## OUR DREAMS ARE EVEN MORE THAN THE INNUMERABLE STARS: PM

**Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed to the Nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort on the 73rd Independence Day. Addressing the nation he said that the campaign on Water conservation should not just remain a government initiative. he added, It should become a people's movement like our Swacchh Bharat Abhiyan. Here, we are publishing highlights of the speech for our esteemed readers:**

- Today, when we are celebrating this auspicious day of Independence, I pay my respects to all those who gave up their lives, who spent their youth in prisons, who embraced the gallows, who instilled the spirit of non-violence through Satyagraha for the freedom of the country. The country gained independence under the leadership of Bapu. Similarly, in the years since independence numerous people have contributed for the peace, prosperity and security of the country. Today, I also salute the people who have contributed to fulfil the hopes and aspirations of the people, for the development, peace and prosperity of Independent India.
- After the formation of the new government, I am



humbled once again with the opportunity to interact with you. It has not even been 10 weeks since the formation of this new Government. But even in a short ten-week period, efforts have been made in all fields and in every direction, new dimensions have been added. People have entrusted us to serve them so that they can achieve their hopes, expectations and aspirations. We are dedicated to your service with complete devotion, without wasting even a single moment. To revoke Article 370 and 35A within 10 weeks is a significant step towards fulfilling the dream of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel.

- In just ten weeks, we made big ticket decisions like bringing about a law against Triple Talaq to protect the rights of our Muslim women, making major amendments in laws to counter terrorism and to make it more stringent and powerful; transfer of approximately 90,000 crores of rupees to the bank accounts of farmers who are beneficiaries of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana.
- Water crisis is a big concern these days. It is being predicted that an impending water crisis is staring us in the face. Anticipating such a situation, we have

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announced the formation of a new dedicated Ministry of Jal Shakti where the Centre and States will together develop schemes and policies to address issues of water crisis.

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victims of Triple Talaq, they were constantly haunted by the fear that they could be subjected to it anytime. Many Islamic countries abolished this evil practice long time back. But for some reason we were hesitant to give our Muslim mothers and sisters their due rights. If, we can abolish Sati Pratha, if we can enact laws to end female foeticide, if we can raise our voice against child marriage, if we can take strong steps

against dowry system in this country, then why can't we raise our voice against Triple Talaq? We have taken this important decision in the spirit of India's democracy and constitution, to respect the thinking of Baba Saheb Ambedkar so that our Muslim sisters get equal rights; so that new confidence is generated in them; so that they also become active participants in the India's development journey. Such decisions



are not for political gains. They guarantee a lasting protection to our mothers and sisters.

- Similarly, I will give another example. What was the reason behind revocation of Article 370 and 35A? This is the hallmark of this government. We do not avoid problems, nor do we let them fester. There is no time to delay or neglect problems. The work that was not done in the last 70 years has been accomplished within 70 days after this new government came to power. The abrogation of Article 370 and 35A has been carried out in both Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha by two-thirds majority. This means that everyone wanted this decision, but perhaps they were waiting for somebody to initiate the same and carry it forward. I have come to accomplish the task assigned to me by my countrymen. I work selflessly. We are moving forward with re-organization of Jammu and Kashmir. For 70 years every government made efforts to do something.
- The system that prevailed over the past seventy years had aggravated separatism and given birth to terrorism. It had encouraged dynastic rule and in a way strengthened the foundations of corruption and discrimination. We have to make efforts so that the women of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh get their rights. We have to make efforts so that my dalit brothers and sisters living there, get the rights which they have been deprived of so far. The rights enjoyed by the tribal people of India must also be available to my tribal brothers and sisters of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. There are several such communities, like Gujjars, Bakarwals, Gaddis, Sippies or Balties- all such communities must be empowered with political rights. It is surprising that in Jammu & Kashmir there were legal restrictions on Safai Karamchari brothers and sisters. Their dreams were trampled upon. Now, we have freed them from such shackles.
- My dear countrymen, peace and prosperity of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh can be an inspiration for India.

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They can greatly contribute to India's development. We need to make efforts to bring back their glorious past. The new system that has come into being after the recent step will create facilities that will directly benefit the people of the State. Now, anybody in Jammu and Kashmir, like the rest of Indians, can reach out to the Government in Delhi. There will be no hurdles in between. We have put in place such a system. Our recent action to strike down Article 370 and 35 A has been welcomed by the entire country and also by people from all political parties of the country, without exception. Some have openly supported us while others give their tacit support. But some in the corridors of power, in a bid to take mileage from vote-bank politics, have been talking in favour of Article 370. The country demands an answer from those

speaking in favour of Article 370, that if Article 370 and 35-A were so important.

- If Article 370 was so crucial then why did ruling parties not make it permanent in the last 70 years despite having a majority? Why was it kept temporary? If there was so much of conviction, you should have moved ahead and made it permanent. This means that you knew all along that the decision taken was not right. But you did not have the courage and the will to amend it. Concerns about political future kept coming up. For me, the country's future is everything, political future has no meaning.
- Our constitution makers and great personalities like Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel took these bold and important decisions even during those difficult times, keeping the goals of national integration and political unification in mind. The exercise towards national integration was a successful one, but some difficulties have been faced because of Article 370 and 35A.
- Through GST we have fulfilled the dream of 'One Nation, One Tax.' Similarly, we successfully achieved the dream of 'One Nation, One Grid' in the energy sector recently.
- Why should poor people not have toilets, no electricity

in the house, no house to live in, no water supply and no bank account. Why should they be compelled to go to the moneylender to take loans through mortgage? Come, let us make efforts to boost the self-respect, self-confidence and self-esteem of the poor.

- I declare from the Red Fort today that in the days to come, we will take forward the 'Jal-Jeevan' Mission. The central and the state governments will jointly work on this 'Jal-Jeevan' Mission. We have promised to spend more than Rs. 3.5 lakh crores on this mission in the coming years. Work should be done on water conservation, irrigation, rain-water harvesting, seawater or waste water treatment, and 'Per Drop, More Crop' Micro Irrigation for the farmers. Water conservation campaigns should be launched, creating awareness in the common citizens about water, arousing their sensitivity so that they understand the importance of water; even the children should be taught about water conservation as part of their curriculum in their childhood.
- This campaign on Water conservation should not just remain a government initiative. It should become a people's movement like our Swacchh Bharat Abhiyan. We have to carry forward this movement with the help the common man's ideals, aspirations and efforts.
- We have done away with several unnecessary laws and rules which had been rendered redundant. In the last five years I have abolished, practically, one redundant law every day. Perhaps the common man is not aware of it, - abolishing one obsolete law each day means almost 1,450 laws have been done away with an aim to reduce the burden from the common man's life. The (new) government has only completed ten weeks into office, and already (another) 60 laws have been repealed with an aim to bring about 'Ease of Living'. 'Ease of Living' is imperative for an Independent India and we are committed to focus on 'Ease of Living' and want to take it ahead.
- We have decided to invest 100 lakh crore rupees for

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modern infrastructure in this time period. This will generate employment; will develop new systems and various aspirations will be met. Be it Sagarmala Project or Bharat Mala Project, modern railway stations, bus stations or airports, be it modern hospitals or world class educational institutions, we want to develop the entire infrastructure. Now the country also requires seaports. The ordinary people have changed and we have to understand that.

- Earlier, if a decision was taken on paper that a railway station was going to be constructed in a particular area, there used to be a positive feeling for years

together that a new railway station would be available somewhere nearby. Times have changed now. The ordinary citizens are no longer satisfied with just a railway station. They will immediately ask, "When



will Vande Bharat Express come to our area?" Their thinking has changed. If we construct a very good bus station or five star Railway station, the people will not say "well done". They will forthwith ask, "When will the airport be ready"? That means their thinking has changed. The people who were happy with just getting a railway stoppage are now asking, "It is ok, but when is the airport going to open here?"

- Earlier people used to ask, "When will a metaled road be constructed in our area?" Now people ask, "Will the road be of 4-lane or 6-lane one?" They are not satisfied to metaled roads any longer. I think this is a very significant change for aspiring India.
- Earlier, even on seeing the electricity poles lying on the ground people used to be happy, thinking that the

electricity had reached them even if the pole had not been erected. But now even after the installation of transmission wires and electric meters, people ask "When will we get 24-hour electric supply?"

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- Time demands that we live fight and move ahead in unison to fulfil these dreams. Keeping this in mind we have set a dream target of building a five trillion dollar economy. 130 crore countrymen can move together even with small contributions. The target of 5 trillion dollar economy may appear difficult to some people. They may not be wrong but if we don't accomplish difficult tasks, how will the country

moved ahead? If we don't take up difficult challenges how will we develop a mind set to move forward? Psychologically also we must always aim high and that is what we have done. This is not just in the air. We had reached a 2 trillion dollar economy after 70 years of independence, after 70 years' journey on the path of development we could achieve just a 2 trillion dollar economy. But within five years from 2014 to 2019 we reached a 3 trillion dollar economy i.e we added one trillion dollars. If we succeeded in taking such a big jump in just 5 years, then we can become a 5 trillion dollar economy in the next five years. This must be a dream of every Indian.

- Each district of our country has a potential equal to that of one country, each of our districts has the capacity equal to a small country in the world. We need to understand this power and channelize this potential. And why should each district not think of becoming an export hub? Each district has its own handicraft and each district has its unique specialities. If some district is known for its perfumes then some other district may have saris as its distinct identity whereas some other district is known for utensils and the other district is famous for its sweets. Each of our districts has a diverse identity and potential for global market.
- The fundamentals of our economy are very strong. And this strength gives us confidence to move ahead. In the same way, by developing a system like GST,



and bringing reforms like Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, we want to develop an environment of confidence. There should be increased production in our country, increased processing of our natural wealth, value addition, export of the value added products to the world.

- We want that India should play a crucial role in the war against terrorism. India should unite all forces to expose those who give shelter to terrorists, those who encourage terrorism and those who export terrorism. Some terrorist organisations have not only targeted India, but are also damaging our neighbouring countries. Bangladesh and Afghanistan are also grappling with terrorist activities. In Sri Lanka, sadly, innocent people have been killed en-masse inside a church. This is such a heart wrenching event. Hence, we all have to unite and act proactively to bring security, peace and harmony in this sub-continent.
- There indeed is coordination between our Navy, Army and Air Force. We can be proud of the arrangement of our armed forces. Any Hindustani can be proud of Indian Military. They also strive for modernity in their own way.
- The subject experts on the issue have been demanding this for a long time. Today we have decided that we will now have a Chief of Defence Staff- CDS and after formation of this post all the three forces will get effective leadership at the top level. The CDS System is a very important and compelling task in our dream to reform the strategic pace of Hindustan in the world..
- I had spoken about Swachhata in 2014 from this Red Fort. I am confident that within next few weeks of 2019 itself India will declare itself Open Defecation Free. States, Villages, Municipalities, Media, everyone has started Mass-Movement regarding ODF. The government was nowhere to be seen, people participated in the mass movement and the results are quite evident.
- **My dear countrymen**, I would like to put forward a small request to you. On this 2 October can we make India free from single- use plastic? Let us move around, form teams and move out from home, school, college.
- **My dear countrymen**, whether it is a five trillion economy dream or the dream of a self-reliant India, we are following the principles of Mahatma Gandhi. Mahatma Gandhi's ideals are relevant even today. So we have to take forward our 'Make in India' mission.

Shouldn't made in India products be our priority? Let us decide whatever is produced and available in our country should be our priority. We have to give stress on local products for lucky tomorrow; we have to go for local for bright future. Whatever is produced in the village should be given priority.

- It is time you decide that before 2022, when India will be celebrating the 75th Year of its Independence, we take our families to at least 15 tourist destinations in the country.
- Should we not cut down the use of chemical fertilizer in our fields by 10% or 20% or 25% and if possible should we not launch a Mukhtikar Abhiyan (campaign)?. This would be a great service to the nation. This would be a great step in saving our Mother Earth. Your endeavour in saving our mother earth will also get blessings of those who dedicated their lives chanting Vande Mataram in order to fulfil the dream of achieving freedom for our motherland. Therefore I appeal to you as I am fully confident that my countrymen will definitely be able to achieve this. My farmers will fulfil this request of mine because I have full trust in them.
- In the coming days about 1.5 lakh wellness centres and health centres will have to be set up in rural areas. Setting up one medical college for every three Lok Sabha constituencies will make us realize the dream of our youth becoming doctors. Houses for more than 2 crore poor people have to be built. We have to supply potable drinking water to 15 crore houses in rural areas, construct 1.25 lakh kms roads in rural areas. Each village has to be provided with Broad Band connectivity and connected with optical fibre network, also a network of more than 50000 new start-ups has to be raised. We need to move forward with so many dreams.
- 75 years of Independence, 150 years of Gandhi and 70 years of India's Constitution has been completed for realising the dream of Baba Saheb Ambedkar. We are also celebrating 550th Parv of Guru Nanak Dev ji this year. Let us move ahead following the teachings of Baba Saheb Ambedkar and Guru Nanak Dev ji as we have to build a better society and a better country as per the expectations of the whole world.
- My dear brothers and sisters, we know that our targets are as high as the Himalayas, our dreams are even more than the innumerable stars. But we also know that even skies cannot check the flight of our courage. ■



## 'ASTHA RALLY' IN JIND (HARYANA)

# BJP will form government in Haryana with two-third majority: Amit Shah

**A**ddressing a massive rally in Jind, Haryana Union Home Minister and BJP National President Shri Amit Shah on 16 August, 2019 said the Bharatiya Janata Party would repeat its term in the state, but this time with an absolute majority. "We are going to form the government in Haryana again with a two-third majority," Shri Shah said.

He said the Narendra Modi-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government has united India within 75 days in its second term. Reiterating that Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of India, Shri Shah said, "Article 370 was a hurdle in the way of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's dream of 'One India'.

PM Shri Narendra Modi has done in 75 days what the Congress governments could not do in 70 years in the greed of vote bank."

He said, "Last time, the BJP formed the

government in Haryana with 47 seats. This time I call upon the people of the state to form a strong, majority government of the BJP with more than 75 seats".

Shri Shah said during the previous Congress regime in Haryana led by Bhupinder Singh Hooda, the 13th Finance Commission gave Rs. 22,000 crore. "The 14th Finance Commission under the leadership of Shri Modi gave Rs. 58,000 crore to Haryana," he said.

The BJP President further said that Haryana, which was infamous for land deals and where providing jobs became a business, Chief Minister Shri Manohar Lal Khattar in his first term has turned corruption into a thing of past.

Among others Chief Minister Shri Manohar Lal Khattar, his entire cabinet, Union Minister Shri

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# BJP to have significant presence in Telangana by 2024: JP Nadda



**B**haratiya Janata Party National Working President Shri JP Nadda on 18 August, 2019 expressed confidence that Telangana would join the BJP's kitty like all the other states in the country by 2024.

Shri Nadda addressed a huge rally in Hyderabad, Telangana where a large number of leaders, including ex-MLAs from Telugu Desam Party (TDP) and the Congress, joined the BJP.

The BJP Working President said, "When the entire nation is rallying behind Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and getting benefits from his government's policies and programmes, Telangana cannot lag behind. The people of Telangana also should enjoy the fruits of development initiated by the Modi government".

Stating that it was the dream of the people of Telangana to see BJP rule in the state, Shri Nadda called upon the party workers to strive for the realization of their dreams in the next elections.

"Though the Telangana Rashtra Samithi was not

part of the NDA, PM Shri Narendra Modi has not shown any discrimination against the state and fulfilled all the promises made in the state bifurcation act. Though it was not mentioned in the act, the Modi government sanctioned an All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) to Telangana," he reminded.

Coming down heavily on the TRS government led by Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao, the BJP Working President said the state government was not able to utilize the central funds for various schemes, like PM Awas Yojana and Ayushman Bhava.

"The chief minister is ruling the state like a monarch, instead of being democratic. He does not go to Secretariat at all, but wants to demolish the existing secretariat on the pretext of bad Vastu. He has scant respect towards women, as there is not a single woman in his cabinet," he said.

Shri JP Nadda also alleged that KCR was wasting huge public money by escalating the cost of the Kaleshwaram irrigation project by two times, though it could have been completed with Rs 30,000 crore.



“It is nothing but cheating the people,” he said.

He also accused the TRS chief of indulging in mere publicity, while nothing was happening in action. “He wasted money in the name of Haritha Haram, a tree plantation programme. He cheated Dalits by going back on his promise of distributing three acres of land to each of them. If at all there is anybody who got benefitted during the TDP regime, it is family members of KCR,” he said.

The BJP Working President welcomed leaders from other parties who had come forward to strengthen the BJP in Telangana. “They are joining us with a strong faith in the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi. The party will give them due recognition and respect,” he said.

Lashing out at the Congress for opposing the abrogation of Article 370, Shri Nadda wondered how the Congress could call itself a nationalist party. “Thanks to the leadership of Shri Modi and Shri Amit Shah, today every Jammu and Kashmir citizen will enjoy the same benefits that every other Indian has,” he said.

The BJP Working President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda also held a door-to-door campaign for the party’s membership drive. He also planted trees at BR Ambedkar Junior College in Hyderabad.

Union Minister Shri Kishan Reddy and Telangana BJP President Dr. Laxman, former Union Minister Shri Bandaru Dattatraya and all other State leaders of BJP were accompanied him during this visit. ■

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Chaudhary Birender Singh, BJP General Secretaries Shri Bhupender Yadav, Dr. Anil Jain and others were present at the ‘Astha Rally’.

Noteworthy, during the last 2019 Lok Sabha elections, the BJP performed exceptionally well and won all the 10 seats in Haryana. The party almost doubled its vote percentage in Haryana from the last time. In 2014, the BJP had scored 34.84 per cent votes winning seven seats, and this time the vote share has jumped to 58.02 per cent. At the same time the INLD lost its base, with its vote share dipping drastically to 1.89 per cent from 24.43 per cent, five

years ago when it had won two seats. The INLD’s missing vote share – mainly Jats - are said to have migrated to the BJP.

This time BJP is in a strong position in the state. The party secured a lead in 83 of the 90 assembly segments in the state as per the results of last Lok Sabha. More importantly, with its welfare and developmental works, the BJP turned all sections of the society in the state into its favour. While BJP further cemented its earlier base, other sections also switched sides, a trend which was a major cause of concern for the opposition parties in the state. ■

# NATIONAL MEDICAL COMMISSION BILL TO CURB CORRUPTION, BOOST TRANSPARENCY: PM

**P** rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said the National Medical Commission (NMC) Bill, 2019, is a far-reaching reform in the medical field and seeks to correct the prevalent problems.

In an interview with news agency IANS, Prime Minister said that the NMC bill contains multiple reforms that curb avenues of corruption and boost transparency.

On August 1, the Rajya Sabha passed the NMC Bill, 2019, replacing the controversial Indian Medical Council (IMC), which aims to regulate medical education and practices in India.

## *The bill introduces some path-breaking provisions.*

The National Medical Commission Bill of 2019 proposes to have four autonomous boards to take care of its different functions:

- (i) Under-Graduate Medical Education Board to set standards and regulate medical education at undergraduate level
- (ii) Post-Graduate Medical Education Board to set standards and regulate medical education at postgraduate level
- (iii) Medical Assessment and Rating Board for inspections and rating of medical institutions, and,
- (iv) Ethics and Medical Registration Board to regulate and promote professional conduct and medical ethics and also maintain national registers of (a) licensed medical practitioners and (b) Community Health Providers (CHPs).
- (v) As for admissions and licensing, the Bill provides for a National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET)



for admission to all undergraduate and post-graduate “super-speciality” medical education, while providing for another one, National Exit Test (NEXT) for granting “license” to practice and admission to postgraduate “broad-speciality courses”.

- (vi) The Bill also proposes for the NMC to “frame guidelines for determination of fee and other charges” for 50% of seats in private medical institutions and deemed to be universities. Currently, state governments determine fees for 85% of seats in such institutions and the rest are left for the management.
- (vii) Other powers of the NMC include permission to establish new medical colleges, start post-graduate courses, increase the number of seats, recognition of medical qualifications in and outside India etc. ■

## INFLATION DECLINES

**T** he annual rate of inflation, based on monthly WPI, stood at 1.08% (provisional) for the month of July, 2019 (over July, 2018) as compared to 2.02% (provisional) for the previous month and 5.27% during the corresponding month of the previous year. Build up inflation rate in the financial year so far was 1.08% compared to a build up rate of 3.1% in the corresponding period of the previous year. ■





# INDIA LEADS WORLD IN GROWTH OF ENERGY SECTOR INVESTMENTS BETWEEN 2015-18: IEA

**G**rowth in energy sector investments was the most pronounced in India compared to any other region in the world between 2015 and 2018. Data compiled by the International Energy Agency (IEA) showed that India's energy sector investments expanded by 12 per cent in calendar 2018 alone. During 2015-2018, investments flowing into the country's energy sector are estimated to have grown by seven per cent CAGR (compounded annual growth rate). Investments, including private foreign capital, poured into areas like coal supply, oil & gas, energy efficiency, renewable power, electricity networks, thermal power and renewable for transport or heat.

In terms of volumes of energy-centric investments, India ranked fourth - behind China, United States (US) and Europe but raced ahead of South East Asia and sub-Saharan Africa regions. India is the outlier since energy sector investments in rest of the geographies have either stagnated or decelerated.

A report by the US-based Institute for Energy Economics & Financial Analysis (IEEFA), notes that



the tender outcomes at India's solar and wind power auctions have offered constant evidence of global private capital chasing the country's planned projects. Major international investors such as SoftBank, Brookfield (one of Canada's leading alternative asset manager), leading Japanese conglomerate ORIX and Singapore based integrated energy player Sembcorp have loosened their purse strings to fuel India's appetite for renewable growth. ■

## CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF(CDS) AS HEAD OF THE TRI-SERVICES IN INDIA SOON

**I**n a landmark military reform, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 15 August announced that the country will now have a chief of defence staff (CDS) as head of the TRI-services, a proposal pending since the Kargil conflict in 1999.

During the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Government a high-level committee set up to examine the gaps in the country's security system in the wake of the Kargil war in 1999 had called for appointment of a Chief of Defence Staff as a single-point military adviser to the Defence Minister.

Under the present structure, the Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee coordinates tri-services issues. The CoSC comprises the Army, Navy and IAF chiefs and the senior-most among them acts as its chairman. Air Chief Marshal BS Dhanoa is currently serving as chairman of CoSC.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- This is going to make the forces even more effective.
- As head of the three services, the CDS will ensure synergy and provide effective leadership to the armed forces.
- The CDS will be senior to the service chiefs and his primary role will be to work towards increasing operational coordination among the Army, Navy or Air Force and deal with India's national security with a comprehensive approach.
- The CDS will also act as a single-point military adviser to the Prime Minister and defence minister on key defence and strategic issues.
- It will make India's national security more effective as it will ensure multi-disciplinary coordination.

# 41% REDUCTION IN STUBBLE BURNING INCIDENTS IN 2018 OVER 2016

**H**ighlighting the considerable reduction in crop residue burning incidents in 2018, Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Secretary, Department of Agricultural Research & Education (DARE) & Director General, ICAR said that India has demonstrated through coordinated public and private efforts such challenges can be addressed effectively. While addressing media in New Delhi on August 13, Dr. Mohapatra added that through the various efforts under the Central Sector Scheme on 'Promotion of Agricultural Mechanization for In-Situ Management of Crop Residue in the State of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh & NCT of Delhi' the paddy residue burning events have reduced by 15% and 41% in 2018 as compared to that in 2017 and 2016, respectively in all these States as per the satellite data. The Secretary also added that more than 4500 villages in Punjab and Haryana were declared as Zero Stubble Burning Villages during 2018 as not a single crop burning incident was reported from these villages during the year.

Dr. Mohapatra stated that the Central Sector Scheme was launched with a total outgo of Rs.1151.80 Crores for the period from 2018-19 to 2019-20 by the Government of India to tackle air pollution and to subsidize machinery required for

in-situ management of crop residue in the States of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and NCT of Delhi. Within one year of its implementation utilizing an amount of Rs. 500 crore, the happy seeder/zero tillage technology was adopted in 8 lakh hectares of land in the North- Western States of India. Under the scheme, financial assistance @50% of the cost



is provided to the farmers for purchase of in-situ crop residue management machines on individual ownership basis. The financial assistance for establishment of Custom Hiring Centres of in-situ crop residue management machinery is @ 80% of the project cost. ■

## India's overall exports exhibits a positive growth

**I**ndia's overall exports (Merchandise and Services combined) in April-July 2019-20\* are estimated to be USD 181.47 billion, exhibiting a positive growth of 3.13 per cent over the same period last year. Overall imports in April-July 2019-20\* are estimated to be USD 214.37 billion, exhibiting a negative growth of 0.45 per cent over the same period last year. ■



# A LEADER FOR THE AGES, HE WAS AHEAD OF THE TIMES



NARENDRA MODI

**I**n times of turbulence and disruption, a nation is blessed to have a leader who rises to become its moral compass and guiding spirit, providing vision, cohesion and direction to his people. And, in such a moment at the turn of the century, India found one in Atal Bihari Vajpayee, who was gifted in spirit, heart and mind.

For those of us who knew him, he was, first, the rarest of human beings, who touched and inspired everyone he met. He was compassionate to the core, generous in spirit, warm beyond measure and kind to a fault. He was deeply respectful of others and gifted with a rare sense of humour that he often turned upon himself.

Orator without parallel, he could switch from disarming humour to a lofty vision with ease, with a rare ability to connect with people naturally, to stir them to self-belief and to a higher cause. Sharply perceptive, he could summarize the most complex issues and discussions in a single sentence or question.

Born into a family of modest

means and high ideals, he hailed from a small town in MP. His youth was defined by academic excellence and quest for public service during the gathering momentum of freedom struggle. Starting as an ordinary Karyakarta in the Jana Sangh, he organized the only truly national-level party to be formed in independent India – the BJP – and helmed its organization work after the passing away of Shri Syama Prasad Mookerjee and Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya.

Through the four decades of leadership in Parliament, the struggle against Emergency (who can forget that memorable rally in Delhi's Ramlila Maidan when his speech became the roar of the nation), the clarity to represent his party with passion but always speak for the nation, he defined the spirit of democracy in India. Firm in his political beliefs, but always accommodating and respectful of other points of view, he set the standards of debate in Parliament. In his simplicity and integrity, in his dignity and empathy, and a sense of personal non-attachment to the office, he became an inspiration for a nation of youth.

He rescued the economy from the morass of the mid-1990s, when political instability at home and an uncertain global environment had threatened to derail a still incipient economic reforms process. He

sowed the seeds of much of the economic success that we have experienced over the past two decades. For him, growth was a means to empower the weakest and mainstream the marginalized. It's that vision that continues to drive our government's policy.

It was Atalji who prepared the foundations of an India that is ready to take on the mantle of global leadership in the 21st century. The futuristic economic policies and reforms of his government ensured prosperity for several Indians. His thrust on next-generation infrastructure particularly roads and telecom contributed to our country's economic as well as social empowerment.

Atalji irreversibly changed India's place in the world. He overcame the hesitation of our nation, the resistance of the world and threat of isolation to make India a nuclear weapons power. It was not a decision he took lightly, but one he knew was of paramount importance in the face of mounting challenges to India's security. No longer would India's security be vulnerable. At that moment of surge in national pride, his was a voice of restraint and responsibility. And, the world listened to the wisdom of the man of peace. Equally important, he then brought to bear his extraordinary understanding of world affairs and formidable diplomatic skills to gain

global acceptance of new realities. Indeed, it is the combination of his legacies of creating strategic capabilities, promoting stronger economic growth, undertaking multi-directional diplomacy and harnessing of diaspora energies that is today the basis for the respect we command across the world.

He transformed five decades of estrangement with USA into an enduring strategic partnership in the course of five years. He also steered India to deep friendship with a new post-Soviet Russia through a strategic partnership in 2000. I had the privilege of accompanying him on a visit to Russia in November 2001 when we concluded a sister province agreement between Gujarat and Astrakhan.

With China, he made the boldest move for peace in an effort to overcome the burdens of a difficult past by establishing the mechanism of Special Representatives for boundary talks. Atal Ji's conviction that these two ancient civilisations – which are rising powers – can work together to shape the global future continues to guide my thinking.

A person of grassroots, our neighbours were his priority. In many ways, he was the inspiration for, and even pioneer of, our Neighbourhood First policy. He was unwavering in his support as an opposition leader towards Bangladesh's liberation. He went

to Lahore in search of peace. With persistence and optimism that was his nature, he continued to search for peace and heal the wounds in J&K. But, he was resolute in winning the Kargil War. And, when our Parliament was struck, he made the world recognize the true nature and source of cross-border terrorism against India.

Personally, Atalji was an ideal, a guru, and role model who inspired me deeply. It was he who entrusted me with responsibilities

our people, eager for change and confident of achieving it, striving for clean and responsive governance, building future of inclusion and opportunity for all Indians. We engage the world as equals and in peace, and we speak for principles and support the aspirations of others. We are on the path that Atalji wanted us to take. He was ahead of the times, because he had a deep sense of history, and he could peer into the soul of India from his grasp of our



both in Gujarat as well as at the national level. It was he who called me one evening in October 2001, and told me to go to Gujarat as the chief minister. When I told him that I had always worked in the organization, he said he was confident I would fulfill the people's expectations. The faith he had in me was humbling.

Today, we are a self-assured nation, brimming with the energy of our youth and resolve of

civilizational ethos.

A life is to be judged not just by the extent of grief that follows when its light goes out. It is also to be measured by the lasting impact on the lives of people and the course of time. For that reason, Atalji was a true Ratna of Bharat. His spirit will continue to guide us as we build the New India of his dreams. ■

**(The writer is Prime Minister of India)**

The article was published on the demise of Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee in Aug, 2018.

# FORMER MADHYA PRADESH CM BABULAL GAUR NO MORE

**F**ormer Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister and senior BJP leader Shri Babulal Gaur is no more. He passed away in the morning of August at a private hospital in Bhopal after prolonged illness.

Shri Gaur was 89 years old. He was suffering from various old-age related ailments and was hospitalised for quite some time.

He served as Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister from 2004-2005 and represented his traditional Govindpura Vidhan Sabha seat 10 times.

Born on June 2, 1930 at Pratapgarh in Uttar Pradesh, Gaur emerged as a powerful and popular leader in Madhya Pradesh initially as a trade union leader and later as MLA.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra condoled the demise of the leader. He said in a tweet "Shri Babulal Gaur Ji served people for decades. From Jana Sangh days, he worked constantly to strengthen our Party. As Minister and CM of Madhya Pradesh he undertook many efforts to transform the state. Saddened by his demise. Condolences to his family and supporters. Om Shanti."

BJP National President and Union Home Minister Amit Shah also condoled the demise of Shri Babulal Gaur, saying sad news of the death of former Chief

Minister of Madhya Pradesh Shri Babulal Gaur was received. His entire life was devoted to the service of the people of the state. Shri Babulal Gaur was a founding member of the Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh. He strongly opposed the Emergency, for which he was also jailed for 19 months.

BJP Working President Shri J P Nadda said on his demise "Shri Gaur was a dedicated public servant who

continuously worked for the upliftment of the poor, dalits, the exploited and the underprivileged. Shri Gaur will always be remembered as a combative mass leader. He devoted his entire life to the development of Madhya Pradesh. His death is an irreparable loss to the Bharatiya Janata Party."

Shri Gaur was an MLA from South Bhopal and Govindpura seat for 10 consecutive terms from 1974 to 2013. He was also the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh. He was the prominent voice of the workers. He participated in many movements in the interest of workers.

He was a founding member of the Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh. He played an active role in the 'Goa Mukti Andolan'. Shri Gaur fought against the oppressive rule of Indira Gandhi during the Emergency and also went to the jail. His dedication to serve the people and his commitment to the development of the nation will always inspire all of us. ■



# A STRONG WILLED PM: IT'S THE QUALITY THAT SEPARATES MODI FROM OTHER INDIAN PRIME MINISTERS



AMIT SHAH

**S**ince independence India has seen 17 Lok Sabha elections, 22 governments and 15 PMs. No doubt, each of these regimes have contributed to nation building, but had a very limited impact on long term destiny of our country. Congress, which has ruled for 55 years in all, has had eight opportunities to serve India with full majority governments, but not even ten measures stand out that would be remembered for ushering in transformational change. The Vajpayee government took serious initiatives to jolt the status quo only to see its policy interventions thwarted because of lack of numbers in Parliament.

In many ways, 2014 marks a point of inflection in India's governance and policy paradigm. For the first time a non-Congress government won a full majority in the Lok Sabha. The Narendra Modi-led government has since rewritten the grammar of change. In the last 63 months, dozens of signature policy initiatives have not only brought about significant

qualitative improvement in people's lives, but also pitchforked India as a global growth engine, cementing its status of eminence among the world's leading nations.

The hallmark of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been his strong willed approach. The nullification of Article 370 and abolition of Article 35A, despite the opposition's inexplicable resistance, as also the lack of majority in the Rajya Sabha, exemplify this determination. Article 370 in its original form and Article 35A were not compatible with India's development aspirations, as these severely restricted the state's progress and, also, promoted separatism. Terrorism has killed more than 41,000 people in the state, while a few families merrily pocketed the bulk of central government aid, pushing an entire generation into poverty.

The peculiar brand of appeasement politics, coupled with lack of political will, ensured that no leader dared to change the "special status" of J&K perpetuated through Articles 370 and 35A. The Modi government's decision on Article 370 and Article 35A, and the passage of the relevant Bills in both houses of Parliament illustrate Modi's resolve

and political statesmanship to actualise the "one nation-one Constitution" principle, and lead Jammu and Kashmir into a new era of development.

Likewise, moves such as demonetisation, GST, abolition of the evil practice of triple talaq, air strike and surgical strike on terror launch pads across the border, one rank one pension, direct benefit transfer (DBT), institutionalisation of chief of defence staff (CDS), UAPA amendment bill and constitutional status to OBC Commission, which were hitherto seen as difficult asks, were executed by the Modi government. These moves certainly make him the most strong willed prime minister India has ever seen.

Successive governments since independence have implemented a policy matrix through a binary prism: rich-poor, industry-agriculture, and cities-villages. This approach presented a set of self-imposed contradictions. For instance, there evolved a perplexing strand of thought that the poor can develop only if the interest of rich is compromised and vice versa. Modi has demolished this baffling attitude by making a clarion call: "There are only two classes: the poor and those who want to eradicate poverty."

Ensuring ease of living has been the primary pillar of the Modi government's governance doctrine. Jan Dhan, Mudra, DBT, house for all, electricity for all, LPG for all, crop insurance scheme, increased MSP for farmers, pension schemes for small entrepreneurs and working class, and Kisan Samman Nidhi: all epitomise this approach. In addition specific policy initiatives have been taken for the development of historically marginalised social segments

the importance this government attaches to the business community. From overhauling a creaky banking system, clamping down on corruption, enhancing investments in infrastructure, to GST and procedural simplification – all have turned India into a much easier place to do business. India remains the world's fastest growing major economy and is cantering towards the \$5 trillion GDP mark.

Under Modi's stewardship

continues to remain, isolated. Recognition of Yoga International Day, UN's Champion of Earth Award to Modi, leading role in International Solar Alliance initiative, successful launch of Chandrayaan and highest number of simultaneous satellite launches from India are some examples of India's growing international stature.

National security remains non-negotiable for this government. The decision to appoint a CDS, modernisation of the armed forces as well as successful launch of anti-satellite missile demonstrates the government's steadfast focus to protect India on all fronts: land, sky, sea and space. The decision to implement the long-standing demand for OROP also mirrors the government's firmness to keep the morale of India's soldiers high.

The contrast between previous administrations and the Modi government is clear. While earlier governments' decisions were primarily guided by the sole objective of retaining power, the Modi government is focused on pushing changes of long-term significance, no matter if they don't seem popular in the near run. This has resulted in courageous policy and legislative moves even in the face of widely perceived political risks. PM's popularity shows that when tough measures are taken with popular welfare as the sole consideration, people reward you with wholesome support. The overwhelming mandate in 2019 that bettered even the 2014 record is a testimony to this. ■

**(The writer is Home Minister of India & BJP National President)**

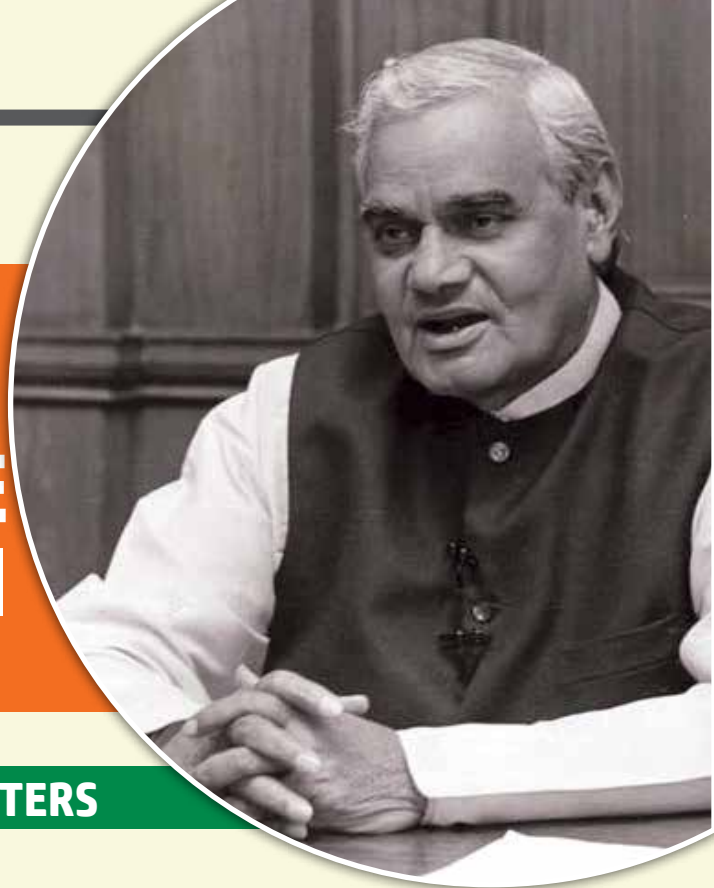


such as SC, ST, OBC and women.

Modi has always believed that a country cannot advance if the business community does not lead this progress. His emphasis on the role of wealth creators in a nation's growth underlines

India's status on the world stage has grown by leaps and bounds. When India carried out surgical strikes and air strikes on terror launch pads in Pakistan, the world's leading nations stood by us, while our neighbour was, and

# NATION PAYS TRIBUTE ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE HIS FIRST PUNYATITHI



## TRIBUTES POUR IN FROM ALL QUARTERS

**O**n the first Punyatithi of former Prime Minister Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, on 16 August, 2019 a prayer meeting was held at his memorial 'Sadaiv Atal' in New Delhi to mark the day. Remembering the tallest leader and founding President of Bharatiya Janata Party, the party paid rich tributes to Shri Atal ji at his memorial.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Home Minister and BJP National President Shri Amit Shah, BJP National Working President Shri JP Nadda, all senior leaders and office bearers of BJP and thousands of Karyakartas paid tributes to the beloved leader and founding President of BJP amid the playing of hymns and devotional music.

Hon'ble President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind and Vice- President Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu also paid tributes to Shri Vajpayee.

Rajasthan Chief Minister Shri Ashok Gehlot was also among the Congress leaders who paid tributes to Vajpayee ji. Many Congress and opposition leaders also paid tribute to Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee on his first death anniversary.

Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee's daughter Namita Kaul Bhattacharya and granddaughter Niharika were also present at his first Punyatithi function.

Paying his tribute the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said Atal Bihari Vajpayee's "thoughts and words



**Remembering Atal Ji on his Punya Tithi. His thoughts and words live on. We will always cherish his contribution to India's development. Paid tributes to Atal Ji at Sadaiv Atal this morning.**

— NARENDRA MODI



**On the first Punyatithi of former Prime Minister and a popular leader, respected Atal Bihari Vajpayee ji, went to 'Sadaiv Atal' memorial and paid my tribute to him.**

— AMIT SHAH



live on. We will always cherish his contribution to India's development".

Union Minister of Home Affairs Shri Amit Shah said, "Atal Ji was not a person ...an idea. Atal Ji was not a life



...a Sanskar. My tributes to the beloved Bharat Ratna of the people respected Atal Bihari Vajpayee ji on his Punyatithi, who started the era of development and good governance in India with his politics based on values and ideals”.

BJP National Working President Shri JP Nadda after paying tributes at Sadaiv Atal said Atal Ji is source of inspiration for all of us and close to the heart of every Karyakarta in BJP. He will remain our inspiration.

Vice President of India Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu paid tribute to Vajpayeeji and called him the “tallest leader of our times”.

Union Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh paid tributes to Shri Vajpayee ji in Rajasthan. “In Pokhran, India emerged as a nuclear power. Despite all restraints, Atal ji gave permission for the nuclear test. India was listed among those countries which have nuclear power. I paid homage to Atal ji on his first death anniversary here”.

Shri Rajnath Singh said the nuclear test was conducted in May, 1998 in Pokhran during the Vajpayee government. After India acquired the nuclear power, it adopted a nuclear a doctrine which declared a ‘no first use’ (NFU) policy which means the country will not to use its nuclear

“I join the nation in remembering former Prime Minister of India, ‘Bharat Ratna’, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ji on his Punyatithi today. I offer my tributes to the tallest leader of our times. Atal Ji was a role model, an astute parliamentarian, an administrator par excellence, a visionary statesman, an erudite scholar, a gifted orator, a most beloved leader, above all, a great human being who believed in the core Indian values of harmony and synthesis.”

— M VENKAIAH NAIDU



“Visited Pokhran today and paid homage to the former Prime Minister of India and one of the stalwarts of Independent India, Atal Bihari Vajpayee ji on his first death anniversary.

— RAJNATH SINGH



“On first Punyatithi of the source of inspiration for all of us and close to the heart of every Karyakarta in Bharatiya Janata Party, the proponent of good governance and Bharat Ratna former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ji, paid floral tributes at ‘Sadaiv Atal’ memorial and paid homage to Atal ji.

— JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA



weapon as a means of warfare unless attacked by an adversary using nuclear weapons.

Union Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan paid tribute to former Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee on his first death anniversary at the inauguration of the newly-renamed Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Medical Sciences at the RML Hospital in New Delhi. The Centre-run Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital’s medical institute, which was known as Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), has been renamed as Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Medical Sciences on 16 August and will now offer undergraduate courses.

Tributes also poured in for on Atalji’s first Punyatithi from all quarters of the society.

Worth mentioning, Atalji left for heavenly abodes last year on August 16 at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences at the age of 93. His Samadhi, the ‘Sadaiv Atal’ memorial was dedicated to the nation in December 2018. The Central Samadhi Platform comprises nine square black polished granite stone blocks, capped with a ‘diya’ in the centre.

Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, who led the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government from 1998-2004, was the first-ever non Congress leader to have become the nation’s Prime Minister. Shri Vajpayee served as Prime Minister thrice, briefly in 1996, and then for two terms between 1998 and 2004. His birthday, which falls on December 25, is celebrated as ‘Good Governance Day’.

Atal Ji brought systematic changes in the governance of the country through technology, innovation, and research to improve the lives of people. He brought the connectivity revolution and paved the way for development and growth. ■



# SUSHMA JI WAS A MULTIFACETED PERSONALITY; SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOREVER: MODI

**T**he Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi joined a Shradhanjali Sabha in remembrance of former Minister of External Affairs and one of India's most respected leaders, Smt. Sushma Swaraj Ji on August 13, 2019 in New Delhi.

The list of eminent people who joined the prayer meeting included the likes of Home Minister and BJP National President Shri Amit Shah, National Working President Shri Shri JP Nadda, Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Union Minister Shri Ram Vilas Paswan, Avdheshanand Giri Maharaj, former Minister Dinesh Trivedi, MP Pinaki Misra, , MP Satish Chandra Mishra, MP Rajiv Ranjan, MP Tiruchi Siva, MP A. Navaneethakrishnan, MP Namma Nageswara Rao, former MP Sharad Yadav, Union Minister Arvind Sawant, MP Prem Chand Gupta,

MP Sukhbir Singh Badal, MP Anupriya Patel, MP Anand Sharma and many others.

Speaking at the prayer meeting PM Shri Narendra Modi termed Sushma Ji as a leader who diligently served India and highlighted various aspects of her public life.

Recalling her contributions, the Prime Minister said that every BJP Karyakarta was blessed to have closely interacted with Sushma Ji. He added, "Sushma Ji was a multifaceted personality and we, Karyakartas of the BJP have seen very closely what a great personality she was."

The Prime Minister added that Sushma Ji never shied to take up a challenge. Referring about her decision to contest in Bellary Lok Sabha in 1999, the PM said, "I remember Venkaiah Naidu Ji and me going to Sushma



Ji, and asking her to go to Karnataka to fight elections. The outcome was certain but she was someone who was always ready to take up challenges.”

The PM said that Sushma Ji was a powerful orator and her speeches were both impactful as well as inspiring.

### **SUSHMA JI MADE MEA ANSWER PEOPLE’S CALL MORE THAN PROTOCOL**

The PM further added that in any ministerial duty she held, Sushma Ji brought about a marked change in the work culture there. “One would conventionally associate the MEA with protocol but Sushma Ji went a step ahead and answered the people’s call, making the Ministry people friendly”, the PM remarked.

The PM recalled how the number of passport offices rose significantly during the tenure of Sushma Ji as the External Affairs Minister in the last five years.

### **THE HARYANVI TOUCH**

Highlighting one of the lesser known aspects of Sushma Ji, the PM spoke about her Haryanvi accent. The PM said, “We are used to people saying politically correct things but Sushma Ji was different. She did not hesitate to speak her mind and she spoke with firmness. This was

special about her.”

### **SUSHMA JI COULD EVEN TELL THE PM WHAT TO DO**

Recalling an incident when he was about to deliver his first address to the United Nations General Assembly, the PM mentioned how Sushma Ji had guided him what to do. He recollected the incident how Sushma Ji had helped him prepare his speech for the United Nations overnight. “She said, ‘aisa nahi hota hai bhai’ (It does work like this brother). ‘You have to speak about India to the world. You cannot speak as you wish’. I was Prime Minister and she was my colleague..,” Shri Modi said.

The Prime Minister said he had undertaken a long travel and was also on fast due to ‘navratra’ but she insisted he share his thoughts. The ministry prepared a draft speech for him, he said.

“It was her request...One may be a fine orator but there are some forums which have their own traditions. This was the first lesson Sushma ji had taught me,” he said, adding that she had the courage to speak what she believed to be right.

Shri Narendra Modi expressed condolences to late Sushma Ji’s husband Shri Swaraj Kaushal Ji and daughter Bansuri. ■

# INDIAN-ISSUED RuPay CARD FORMALLY LAUNCHED IN BHUTAN

**T**he Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi paid a State Visit to Bhutan on 17-18 August 2019, at the invitation of Prime Minister of Bhutan Dr. Lotay Tshering. The visit underscored an abiding and enduring bilateral relationship. Both emphasized on need to further deepen trust and to connect the two countries even closer together.

On arrival at Paro Airport, Prime Minister Shri Modi was welcomed by Prime Minister Dr. Tshering, members of the Cabinet and senior government officials with a ceremonial guard of honour. Prime Minister Shri Modi had an audience with His Majesty JigmeKhesarNamgyelWangchuck, The King of Bhutan. Their Majesties The King and The Queen hosted a luncheon in honour of the visiting dignitary. Prime Minister Shri Modi invited Their Majesties The King and The Queen to visit India at an early date, as per their convenience.

Prime Minister Shri Modi and Prime Minister Dr. Tshering met in restricted format as well as held delegation level talks. Prime Minister Dr. Tshering also hosted a State Banquet in honour of Prime Minister Shri Modi.

Leader of the Opposition of the National Assembly of Bhutan, Dr. Pema Gyamtsho, called on Prime Minister Shri Modi.

Prime Minister Shri Modi thanked Prime Minister Dr. Tshering for having graced his swearing-in ceremony on 30 May 2019 and recalled their discussions on that occasion. Both leaders agreed that the tradition of regular high-level contacts between Bhutan and India is an important hallmark of the special and privileged relationship.

During the talks, both Prime Ministers comprehensively reviewed all aspects of the bilateral relationship, as well as other important regional and international developments. Both leaders expressed satisfaction at the excellent state of bilateral ties, which is based on mutual trust and respect, and underpinned by shared historical, cultural, economic,

developmental and people-to-people linkages. In this context, both sides appreciated the role played by the visionary Monarchs of Bhutan and the successive leadership of India and Bhutan in nurturing the relationship as an outstanding example of friendship and co-operation between close neighbours.

Both sides reaffirmed their shared security interests and reiterated their commitment to maintain close co-ordination on matters affecting each other's security and national interests.

Prime Minister Shri Modi reiterated Government of India's commitment to advancing the economic and infrastructural development of Bhutan, as per the priorities and wishes of the Government and the people of the Kingdom of Bhutan. Prime Minister Shri Modi congratulated the Government and the people of Bhutan for the Kingdom's imminent graduation to the category of a Middle-Income country. He complimented the people of Bhutan for this achievement while simultaneously preserving their rich cultural heritage and precious environment, in line with Bhutan's unique development philosophy of 'Gross National Happiness'.

Prime Minister Dr. Tshering warmly recalled his visit to India in December 2018, his first visit abroad after assuming office in November 2018. He thanked the Government of India for its ongoing support to the 12th Five Year Plan of Bhutan, and also conveyed appreciation for India's contribution to Bhutan's development in the past decades.

Both sides emphasized the importance of hydro-power development as one of the most important areas of mutually beneficial bilateral co-operation. The two Prime Ministers formally inaugurated the recently completed 720 MW Mangdechhu Hydroelectric Plant. They appreciated the timely completion of this project, and congratulated the Project Authority and Management for their dedication and competence. Both sides noted that with the coming on stream of this Project, the jointly created generation

capacity in Bhutan has crossed 2000 MW. The two leaders expressed their satisfaction on achieving this important milestone, and resolved to continue working together to expedite the completion of other ongoing projects such as Punatsangchhu-1, Punatsangchhu-2 and Kholongchhu. Both sides also reviewed the ongoing bilateral discussions on the Sankosh Reservoir hydroelectric project. Given the huge benefits that would accrue to both countries from this project, they agreed to finalize the implementation modalities for the Project at the earliest to enable commencement of construction. The two Prime Ministers jointly released Bhutanese stamps commemorating five decades of mutually beneficial Indo-Bhutan cooperation in hydro-power sector.

The two Prime Ministers formally launched the facility of use of Indian-issued RuPay cards in Bhutan, which would greatly facilitate Indian travellers to Bhutan by reducing the need to carry cash, while at the same time boosting the Bhutanese economy and further integrating the economies of both countries. Both sides resolved to expeditiously work on the next phase of the project, i.e. issuance of RuPay cards by Bhutanese banks, which would benefit Bhutanese travellers to India and thus allow full inter-operability of RuPay cards in both countries. Along with the launch of RuPay, a feasibility study for use of India's Bharat Interface for Money (BHIM) app in Bhutan was also agreed, to promote cashless payments between the two countries.

The two Prime Ministers inaugurated the Ground Earth Station of the South Asian Satellite in Thimphu, which was constructed with the support of the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO). Prime Minister Dr.Tshering appreciated the vision of Prime Minister Shri Modi in launching the South Asia Satellite (SAS) in 2017, as a gift to the countries in

the South Asia region, which has enabled Bhutan to improve the reach and cost-effectiveness of Bhutan Broadcasting Service, while also enhancing the disaster management capacities within the Kingdom.

Recognizing the positive impact that the SAS would have on the socio-economic development of Bhutan, Prime Minister Shri Modi offered increased bandwidth on an additional transponder as per Bhutan's requirements, as a gift to the people of Bhutan. Prime Minister Dr.Tshering welcomed the offer as a major milestone in taking forward His Majesty The King's vision in harnessing space resources for the benefit of the country and its people, and in opening a new chapter in bilateral relations between the two countries that extends to the realms of space.

Both leaders also agreed to collaborate on the joint development of a small satellite for Bhutan. They directed that a Joint Working Group (JWG) be formed to implement the project and other related activities, including developing a geoportal system for Bhutan for natural resources and disaster management, using remote sensing and geo-spatial data.

Recognizing that space technology, together with digital and emerging technologies, offer tremendous potential in accelerating the socio-economic development of a nation, both sides agreed on the need to strengthen collaboration in these areas.

The two Prime Ministers also inaugurated the inter-connection between India's National Knowledge Network and Bhutan's Research and Education Network. Both sides noted that this link-up would create an information highway, encouraging greater interaction among the universities and students of both sides.

During the visit both countries also signed MoU in the area of IT, Education, Aviation, Hydroelectric Project etc. ■



# SEVERAL OPPOSITION LEADERS

## PARTY MAKES BIG PUSH INTO TELANGANA, SIKKIM



**T**he ruling Bharatiya Janata Party is fast expanding its social and electoral base in states where it earlier had little or no political presence. In less than a week, BJP has managed to gain political ground in states like Sikkim and Telangana which have traditionally not been a stronghold of the party.

### 60 PROMINENT TDP LEADERS JOIN BJP IN TELANGANA

The developments in Telangana happened on 18 August, 2019 when more than 60 leaders of the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) joined BJP. Similarly, leaders of TDP have also joined BJP in Rajya Sabha after the recent debacle of TDP in the assembly elections.

Around 60 prominent National, State and District level leaders of the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) along with thousands of party workers joined the Bharatiya Janata Party in Hyderabad, Telangana in the presence of BJP National Working President Shri JP Nadda.

“It is a very, very good sign as far as the Telangana unit is concerned,” said Shri Lanka Dinakar, who himself shifted from TDP to BJP in June earlier this year.

“Thousands of TDP workers have joined the BJP.

Besides them, around 60 prominent national, state and district level leaders have joined the BJP in the presence of Shri JP Nadda. Many are coming forward to join our party after passage of Triple Talaq Bill and abrogation of Article 370,” Shri Dinakar added.

### 10 MLAS OF SIKKIM DEMOCRATIC FRONT (SDF) JOIN BJP

New Delhi, Aug 13 (ANI): 10 MLAs of Sikkim Democratic Front joined Bharatiya Janata Party in Delhi on 13 August, 2019 making the BJP the main opposition party in the northeastern state. They joined the party in presence of BJP National Working President Shri JP Nadda, BJP National General Secretary Shri Ram Madhav and other senior leaders.

SDF MLAs who joined the BJP include Dorjee Tshering Lepcha, Ugyen Tshering Gyatso, Narendra Kumar Subba, Dilli Ram Thapa, Karma Sonam Lepcha, Krishna Bahadur Rai, Tashi Thendup Bhutia, Farwanti Tamang, Pintso Namgyal Lepcha and Raj Kumari Thapa.

Former Minister Dorjee Tshering Lepcha who joined BJP said, “We will work to expand the BJP’s base in Sikkim”. “We want lotus to bloom in Sikkim. The younger generation has accepted look east

# S JOIN BJP IN VARIOUS STATES



policy of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and we are inspired with the policies of Modi's government."

## SIX SENIOR OPPOSITION LEADERS OF ANDHRA PRADESH JOIN BJP

Several leaders from Andhra Pradesh on 01 August, 2019 joined the Bhartiya Janata Party in the presence of its Party National Working President Shri JP Nadda.

Those who joined the party are Gangula Pratap Reddy, a three-time MLA and one time MP who had vacated his seat for then Prime Minister PV Narsimha Rao in 1991 to contest Lok Sabha election. Gangula Pratap Reddy later left the Congress and joined the Telugu Desam Party (TDP).

Others who joined include, Pasupuleti Sudhakar, Kancharla Hari Prasad, a TDP member and retired income tax commissioner, Shaik Nizamuddin, H M A Mazhar Bhaig and Venkaih D.

## CONGRESS LEADER, 42 OTHERS JOIN BJP IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR

A local Congress leader and 42 others joined the BJP in Jammu on 13 August in the presence of senior office-bearers of the party. Shailender Vaid, Ex-Chairman and Convener of the Congress' Minority

Morcha, was welcomed in the BJP by National Vice President and Jammu and Kashmir election in-charge Shri Avinash Rai Khanna and J&K State BJP President Shri Ravinder Raina.

Retired IPS officer and social activist Bhopinder Singh, Arogaya Yoga Sansthan convener Vipan Nischal, and Abhiudit Koushal, grandson of former Reasi MLA Rishi Kumar Kushal, also joined the party. Among others who joined the BJP were social activists Gurmeet Singh and Lokesh Kapoor. Hundreds of their supporters also joined the party.

Shri Avinash Rai Khanna said BJP is a perfect blend of patriotism and professionalism which acts as a catalyst in its growth.

Apart from the recent examples of Telangana, Sikkim and Andhra Pradesh senior leaders of the Congress and Janata Dal (Secular) joined BJP in Karnataka which led to the coalition government losing its majority status in the legislative assembly and allowed BJP to return to power.

Similarly, more than 10 Congress leaders have joined BJP in Goa recently while a couple leaders of Congress have also joined BJP in Maharashtra just months away from the assembly elections which is expected to take place in October-November. ■

# Politics of appeasement was reason for continuance of Triple Talaq: Amit Shah



**U**nion Home Minister and BJP National President Shri Amit Shah said the politics of appeasement, which led to the Partition, was the reason for the continuance of the "evil practice" of Triple Talaq for so long.

He was speaking on 'Abolition of Triple Talaq: Correcting a Historic Wrong' at an event organised by the Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation on 18 August, 2019 in New Delhi. Shri Shah defended the law criminalizing Triple Talaq, asserting that it establishes gender equality.

"Some people level allegations against BJP government that such action is anti-Muslim. I want to make it clear that this is only and only to benefit Muslims, not the Hindus, Jains or Christians," he said.

It was a nightmare for crores of Muslim women who were denied of their rights, he said, .

Coming down heavily on the Congress, he said the party has no shame and continues to oppose the law on Triple Talaq.

Referring to the Rajiv Gandhi government's decision to bring a law to overturn the Supreme Court judgement in the Shah Bano case, he said it would be considered a "black day" in the history of Parliament.

There is no doubt in the minds of those favoring

triple talaq and those opposing it that it was an "evil practice". People should welcome moves for eradication of any evil practice, but there is opposition in case of triple talaq. "The politics of appeasement is responsible for it," he said.

Some parties are in the habit of coming to power on the basis of vote-bank politics, that's why such evil practice is continuing, he said.

The politics of appeasement has been a hurdle in the path to achieve development and social cohesion in the country. "When your intention is social uplift, you have to work hard for it, you have to plan it," he said.

"The election of Shri Narendra Modi as Prime Minister in 2014 was the beginning of the end of politics of appeasement and the 2019 mandate is to end it forever," said the BJP National President.

Note, the legislation to criminalize instant Triple Talaq was passed by Parliament in the last Budget session .

Among others, BJP National Vice President Shri Shyam Jaju, BJP National General Secretary Shri Arun Singh and Director of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation Shri Anirban Ganguli were present on the occasions. ■



# AMIT SHAH LAYS FOUNDATION STONE OF KARBI BHAWAN AND DIMASA BHAWAN

**T**he Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah said that overall development of North East region is the priority of the Government. He said that the country is proud of its culture and the aim is to take forward North East while preserving its rich cultural identity, along with its development. The development of the region has curbed terrorism and brought peace in the region. He was addressing at the foundation stone laying ceremony of Karbi Bhawan and Dimasa Bhawan of Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council, Diphu and North Cachar Hills Autonomous Council, Haflong, at Dwarka Sector 13, Plot 11 and 12 in New Delhi on August 19.

Shri Amit Shah said that the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given maximum time to the people of North East for their development. After 40 years of visit by Shri Morarji Desai, the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi chaired the North Eastern Council (NEC) meeting in Shillong, as Prime Minister. He added that North East region lagged

behind in development for many years, which gained momentum after the Government under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi took charge. The north east is now well connected via roads, rail and air, he said. Shri Amit Shah said that this change is due to the love and respect for North East in the

heart of our Prime Minister. He said that the practice of Central Ministers visiting North Eastern states every 15 days has been adopted by the Government, where they see the implementation of Central schemes on ground.

Speaking about the enhanced fund allocation for North east, Shri Shah said that there has been 258 % rise in

the funds allocated for North East between 13th and 14th Finance Commissions, with amount rising from Rs 87,000 crore to Rs 3,13,375 crore.

The Chief Minister of Assam, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, the Assam Finance Minister, Shri Himanta Biswa Sarma, MPs & MLAs and other dignitaries were also present on the occasion. ■

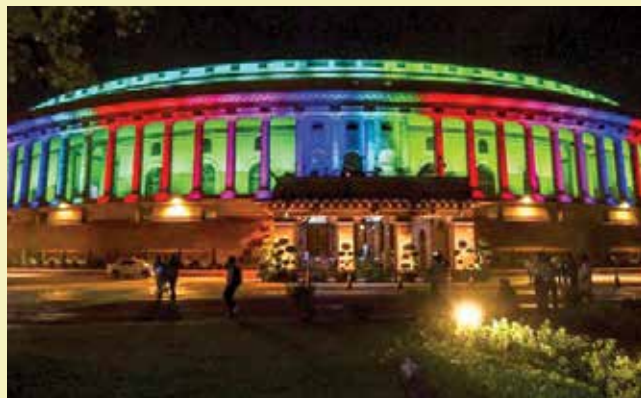


## PM inaugurates permanent lighting in Parliament

**P**hree Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 13 August, 2019 evening inaugurated permanent colourful lights on the exterior of the Parliament building.

Besides PM Shri Modi, Lok Sabha Speaker, Vice Chairman of Rajya Sabha, several cabinet ministers and MPs were also present at the inauguration event.

The LED lights - 875 in all - lend a new ambience and aesthetics to the Parliament, the nation's biggest temple of democracy. These lights save electricity and are environment-friendly, and would frequently change colours, making the Parliament House look more grandeur. ■





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