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Whichever and however a great personality conducts himself common men do also; whatever he accepts as authority that and that alone certainly all the world will follow.
 – (Bhagavadgita : Ch.-III, 21)

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“Dr. Ambedkar is a 'Vishwa Manav' who dreamt of social equality, harmony & attached importance to industrialization.”
 -Narendra Modi

“A booth level Karyakarta becomes national president of a party, it only happens in BJP.”
 -Amit Shah

Rama Navami : April 15, 2016

Maryada Purushottam Rama, the seventh avatar of Vishnu, is one of the oldest avatars of Lord Vishnu having a human form. The holy day falls in the Shukla Paksha on the Navami, the ninth day of the month of Chaitra in the Hindu calendar. Thus it is also known as Chaitra Masa Suklapaksha Navami, and marks the end of the nine-day Chaitra-Navaratri (Vasanta Navaratri) celebrations. Rama Navami is one of the most important Hindu festivals. Lord Rama was born during Madhyahna period which is middle of a day. Madhyahna which prevails for six Ghatis (approximately 2 hours and 24 minutes) is the most auspicious time to perform Rama Navami Puja rituals. The mid-point of Madhyahna marks the moment when Shri Rama was born and temples symbolize this moment as birth moment of Lord Rama.



At some places the festival lasts the whole nine days of the Navaratri, thus the period is called 'Sri Rama Navaratra'.

It is marked by continuous recitals, Akhand Paath, mostly of the Ramacharitamans, organized several days in advance to culminate on this day, with elaborate bhajan, kirtan and distribution of prasada after the puja and aarti. Images of the infant Rama are placed on cradles and rocked by devotees. Community meals are also organized. Since Rama is believed to have been born at noon, temples and family shrines are elaborately decorated and traditional prayers are chanted together by the family in the morning. Also, at temples, special havans are organized, along with Vedic chanting of mantras and offerings of fruits and flowers. Many followers mark this day by vrata (fasting) through the day followed by feasting in the evening, or at the culmination of celebrations.

In South India, in Bhadrachalam the day is also celebrated as the wedding anniversary of Rama and his consort Sita. Sitarama Kalyanam, the ceremonial wedding ceremony of the divine couple is held at temples throughout the south region, with great fanfare and accompanied by group chanting of name of Rama. The important celebrations on this day take place at Ayodhya (Uttar Pradesh) Sita Samahit Sthal (Sitamarhi) (Bihar), Bhadrachalam (Telangana) and Rameswaram (Tamil Nadu), thronged by thousands of devotees. Rathayatras, the chariot processions, also known as Shobha yatras of Rama, Sita, his brother Lakshmana and Hanuman, are taken out at several places including Ayodhya where thousands of people take a dip in the sacred river Sarayu. ■



Development is the only mantra

BJP National Executive was held in New Delhi at the time when India in the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is emerging at the global level through visionary policies and bold initiatives. While world is facing economic slowdown India has successfully placed itself as the fastest growing economy and looks set for a much higher growth trajectory in the days to come. The world is recognizing the strength of India and while Narendra Modi has been able to strike personal rapport with most of the world leaders he has earned the title of 'Man of Action' from US President Obama himself. In raising the issue of terrorism and black money Narendra Modi has not only brought these issues on the global agenda but by engaging with different countries created immense opportunity through his 'Make in India' campaign for the country and its partners as well. In fact these engagements have given India a global stature from where the country may tread confidently on the path of future glory.

The BJP National Executive meeting has rightly taken note of the attempts of Congress which in alliance with communist parties has tried to create hurdles in the path of country's development. They have not only tried to block important legislations which are urgently needed for the fast pace of development but also tried to create an atmosphere of distrust in the country by launching malicious campaigns. It is very unfortunate to see that in their eagerness to stop BJP from gaining ground the Congress has tried to shield the people involved in raising anti-India slogans while trying to create a debate on the issue of nationalism itself. Congress must understand that there are certain things which are above partisan politics and no responsible citizen will allow the core belief in nationalism being compromised at the altar of political expediency. Congress will have to pay for such misadventure. People are watching them and the negative politics played by them has generated negative opinion for the Congress and its allies.

The people of India have given a historic mandate to BJP and the party has to work hard to fulfill the dreams of a strong, prosperous and developed India. The government and party needs to work in close coordination and good work of the government should reach the people. As the largest political party of the world BJP has also given dynasty free party and corruption free government to the people. Not only this, the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is transforming India through innovative schemes and hard work. India is registering progress on almost every fronts and focus on rural development and agriculture sector will further strengthen the foundation of Indian economy in the days to come. BJP President Shri Amit Shah has rightly pointed out in his address to the national executive meeting that in the time of Congress the agriculture growth rate hovered around 2% while most of the BJP state governments have registered double digit growth rate in agriculture sector. The development story of Gujarat was written on the foundation of agriculture growth and today Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh are scripting the same success stories. The focus on village, poor and farmer will help in realizing the dreams of Antyodaya as enunciated by Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya.

It is time to follow the words of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. He said, "We have to march with only one basic mantra - development, development and development. It is the solution to every problem. We are working in this direction. It is bringing many positive changes in the country and society. Country is moving with fast pace on the path of development. We have to see that our organization become as strong as steel and as huge as banyan tree which always protects others from scorching rays of sun and give comforting shadow while its roots are deeper." Every BJP karyakarta will have to work hard so that organization becomes as strong as steel and as huge as banyan tree. ■

BJP welcomes any criticism of party, person or government, but it will not tolerate criticism of the country : Amit Shah

Addressing the Bharatiya Janata Party National Executive meeting held at NDMC Convention Centre in New Delhi on 20 March, 2016 BJP National President Shri Amit Shah launched an all out attack on Rahul Gandhi, Congress, and others over 'anti-national' activities saying that BJP will not tolerate criticism against the country.

Shri Amit Shah praised the PM Shri

mentality. That is why they have nothing to do except levying false and senseless charges against the Modi government," he said.

He said, "Sedition is being camouflaged as freedom of expression. In the name of expression of freedom, the debate on anti-national slogans is being turned in another direction. Anti-national slogans were raised openly in the Jawaharlal Nehru University. It

was not wrong on (Congress vice president) Rahul Gandhi's part to go to JNU, but speaking in support of anti-national elements there can never be called right." Citing the Emergency, when the Congress "crushed the voices of the common people during the period", he said that it had no right to lecture others.

Shri Shah also took a dig at the Left parties for accusing the government of suppressing freedom of expression. "Those who worship Maoism and follow Stalin are talking about freedom of speech and

expression," he said.

Asserting that the BJP will "never tolerate such anti-national slogans", Shri Amit Shah said, "We support freedom of expression, but conspiracy to break the unity and integrity of the nation will not be supported". Shri Shah also said that India's unity was due to the unification of states by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and the constitution brought together by Bhimrao Ambedkar.

Here are the highlights of his speech:-

- ▶ Shri Shah said, "In JNU, slogans were raised to destroy India. Congress Vice-President Rahul Gandhi went there and said nothing about these slogans but instead tried to justify them on the ground of freedom of expression". On anti-



Narendra Modi led NDA government's Union Budget 2016 for its incisive development agenda and also congratulated FM Shri Arun Jaitley. He also said that sedition is being camouflaged as freedom of speech and the party will not tolerate it. He urged party workers to create "awareness" across the country against "anti-national activities". "BJP workers should work on creating awareness across the country against the anti-national activities," he said.

Shri Shah accused the Congress of creating hurdles for the Modi government and its development agenda asked BJP cadres to tell people about its "anti-development approach". "Congress and its vice president Rahul Gandhi are suffering from every kind of negative

national slogans he said, "BJP welcomes any criticism of the party, person or government, but it will not tolerate criticism of the country."

- ▶ "While BJP fully respects freedom of expression, patently anti-national activity cannot be justified on the plea of freedom of expression. It is plainly not acceptable." He said "Bharat Mata ki Jai has been our inspiration for years."
- ▶ "A large number of people sacrificed their lives shouting 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai', which is older than BJP and RSS. It was unfortunate that a controversy over it had occurred so many years after independence."
- ▶ "99 per cent of people are in support of raising the slogan - 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai' - and BJP will convince the remaining ones."
- ▶ On the recent controversy of chanting "Bharat Mata Ki Jai" after MIM leader Asaduddin Owaisi refused to say it, Shri

Amit Shah said, "Chanting 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai' is in the country since the days of independence. So, after 68 years of freedom, the country will debate whether it should be chanted or not?"

▶ Shri Amit Shah strongly attacked Congress, saying its main focus was to ensure that the Modi dispensation does not perform, as he hailed the Modi government for providing "corruption-free governance" and "dynasty-free leadership and giving stability and

hope to people".

- ▶ Hitting out at the Left and Congress for their criticism of the government over freedom of expression, he said ironically t h a t "supporters" of Maoism and Stalin were talking about it and recalled the E m e r g e n c y excesses to target the main o p p o s i t i o n party.

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expression. In the name of expression of freedom, the debate on anti-national slogans is being turned in another direction," Shri Amit Shah said. Citing the Emergency, when the Congress "crushed the voices of the common people during the period", Shri Shah said that it had no right to lecture others.

- ▶ Shri Amit Shah announced that BJP will hold two programmes. From April 14 to April 24, which marks Dr. BR Ambedkar's birth anniversary to Panchyati raj day, to launch mass contact programmes across the country. The first three days will be social inclusion, where cadre will reach out to all villages with BJP's view on Ambedkar; followed by meets for farmers in next three days, and finally talking to all village bodies on measures announced in Budget for them.

In another programme, BJP in next 21 days hold similar executive meets at state, district and Mandal level to transmit a singular message adopted at the national meeting. ■

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'Let us resolve to double farmers' income by 2022'

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on March 19 called upon all stakeholders, including farmers, States and the Union Government to resolve to double farmers' income by 2022.

mentioned the recent Union Budget, and said it would have a far-reaching impact on these sectors.

Shri Narendra Modi emphasized that the next revolution in Indian agriculture had to be built on

for raising farm incomes through diversification in farming activities. He said that along with crop growing, farmers could opt for timber plantation along the edges of their fields; and also begin animal husbandry.

He said diversification in farming activity will reduce the risk associated with agriculture.

The Prime Minister explained the benefits of the *Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana*, and said it had been evolved after wide-ranging consultations.

He said that the scheme is characterized by minimum premium, and maximum security.

Earlier, the Prime Minister visited the exhibition pavilions, and was given an overview of best practices and techniques followed by various institutions and agriculture entrepreneurs; latest agriculture equipment, and milch cattle.

The Prime Minister gave away the *Krishi Karman Awards* for 2014-15 to States and farmers. He also launched a mobile application for farmers - "*Kisan Suvidha*." This will provide information to farmers on subjects such as weather, market prices, seeds, fertilizers, pesticides and agriculture machinery. ■



Sharing his vision for Indian agriculture, with farmers at the *Krishi Unnati Mela* in New Delhi the Prime Minister said that while this task may be challenging, there can be no doubt that this is an objective worth aiming for.

The Prime Minister described the *Krishi Unnati Mela* as a platform that could rewrite India's destiny. He said India's future had to be built on the growth of agriculture, and the prosperity of its farmers and its villages. In this context, he

technology and modernization; and the eastern part of India had maximum potential to achieve it. The Government is working towards this goal, he added.

The Prime Minister explained how the reduction of input costs was the first element towards raising farm incomes. He said that the *Soil Health Card* scheme, and the *Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana* are important steps towards reducing input costs.

The Prime Minister called

Baba Saheb united India socially

PM lays foundation stone for Dr. Ambedkar National Memorial;
delivers Dr. Ambedkar Memorial Lecture

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on March 21 laid the foundation stone for the Dr. Ambedkar National Memorial, to be built at 26, Alipur Road in Delhi, the place of Mahaparinirvan of Dr. Ambedkar.

The plaque for the foundation stone was unveiled by the Prime Minister at Vigyan Bhawan. Later, delivering the sixth Dr. Ambedkar Memorial Lecture, the Prime Minister categorically asserted that no changes will be made to the Union Government's reservation policy, so as to deprive the weaker sections of society, of their existing entitlements. He strongly condemned those who he said were spreading lies and misinformation in this regard. He recalled that such misinformation had been spread even when Shri Vajpayee was the Prime Minister.

Recalling the contributions of Dr. Ambedkar, the Prime Minister said that the Dr. Ambedkar National Memorial would soon become one of the iconic buildings of Delhi, and declared that he would himself inaugurate it on Babasaheb's birthday - April 14th - in 2018.

The Prime Minister

explained that five places were being developed as "Panchteerth" in honour of Dr. Ambedkar. These included his birthplace in Mhow, the place in London where he stayed while studying in the UK, Deeksha Bhoomi in Nagpur, Mahaparinirvan Sthal in Delhi,



and Chaitya Bhoomi in Mumbai. In addition, the Prime Minister also referred to the building for the Dr. Ambedkar Foundation being built at Janpath in New Delhi.

Describing Dr. Ambedkar's contributions for the nation, he said that while Sardar Patel had united the country politically, Dr. Ambedkar had united it socially through the Constitution. He recalled how Dr. Ambedkar had advocated equal rights for women, even in an era where this idea faced stiff political opposition. He said that it is an injustice to Dr. Ambedkar to limit his contributions to just the Dalits, or even just to India. He said Dr. Ambedkar raised his voice

for all those who suffered injustice, and had a global stature, much like Martin Luther King in the US. Dr. Ambedkar was a Messiah for all labourers - not just Dalit labourers - the Prime Minister said, explaining how he had contributed to limiting working hours to eight.

Talking of recent policy initiatives and legislative measures, the Prime Minister said the vision for developing India's maritime potential, and indeed for Inland Waterways, was first conceived by Dr. Ambedkar. Similarly,

the vision for providing electricity to all unconnected villages, which the Union Government has promised by 2018, is also a step towards fulfilling Dr. Ambedkar's vision, the Prime Minister said. The Prime Minister recalled his recent meetings and interactions with Dalit Entrepreneurs, and the suggestions made by them. He said all these suggestions had been implemented by the Union Government in the recent Union Budget.

The Prime Minister said that the National Agriculture Market, an e-platform for farmers to get the best possible price for their produce, would be launched on 14th April this year. ■

Is this Nationalism?

-Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya

Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya in his Political Diary published on 30 April 1962 discussed the issue of 'nationalism' and approach of different political parties on it. In the article he wrote, 'Unity manifests itself in equality. No section of society can demand a price for unity and if it degenerates into such an attitude, no price can inculcate a feeling of oneness in that section. The moment you think of winning communities on the basis of paying them price in form of political power, you sow the seed of separation'. He further said, 'Congress never recognized the patriot in the Muslim but only a businessman bargaining for political power. On the other hand Jinnah formulated a new theory of nationhood.' We had published first part of the article in the last issue, now the final part of the article is before our esteemed readers:

Vested Interests Befoul The Atmosphere

It may be that because of Jana Sangh's clear cut enunciation of this pure and simple nationalism and insistence on it, some people who have developed a vested interest in Muslim separatism feel enraged and so raise a hue and cry. These are the people who paint Jana Sangh as anti Muslim not because it is really so but because it suits these politicians to keep up such a scare. Let us, however, not be afraid of the false alarm. The Jana Sangh is not widening the gulf but taking measures to see that not gulf remains.

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In politics, decisions at

times are taken on pragmatic grounds, but there is tendency to theorize and generalise the decisions either to lend them a hallow or to denounce them. However, there is a necessity of observing certain rules of



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the game in this respect. If we want to end communalism let us avoid communal generalization unless unimpeachable facts force such a conclusion.

I will take an example pertaining to the Socialist party. Sri Tatari had been a member of the UP legislative council a socialist ticket. This time he was not given a ticket. Should we conclude that he was not given a ticket because he was Muslim and that the policy of the Socialist party which six years ago preferred a Muslim for this seat has undergone a change? I do not think any such conclusion will be right.

If, therefore, we want to end communalism let politicians cease to talk of Muslims, Christians, Parsis, Jains, Sikhs, Arya Samajis or Lingyats. Let this task be reserved for the head of different religious sects. If we do not like the clergy, the Granthi and the Maulvi to dabble into politics let us also forgo the temptation of intruding into these sacred precincts. ■

Sunder Singh Bhandari *Shat-Shat Naman!*

Shri Sunder Singh Bhandari was born on April 12, 1921 in a Jain family of Udaipur (Rajsthan). Originally his family belonged to Mandalgarh in Bhilwara but his grand father had shifted to Udaipur from there. Sh. Bhandari's father Dr. Sujan Singh Bhandari had used to work in medical field. That had always kept him moving. Sh. Bhandari got his education at several places. He had passed his High School from 'Sirohi', Intermediate from Udaipur and BA and MA from DAV College Kanpur. He passed his MA in Economics and later studied Law.

Sh. Bhandari was the embodiment of "Simple living and high thinking". A calm and cool, Sh. Bhandari had remained bachelor throughout his life and dedicated his life to the service of the nation. He after completing his education in 1942 had started legal practice in Mewar High Court. In 1937 he took admission in Intermediate in S.D. College Kanpur where Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay was his companion. In December 1937 one Balu Mahashabde of Indore took him to a RSS Shakha in Nawabganj near Kanpur. Since then he had remained Committed to R.S.S. ideology till his last breath.



In 1951 when Bhartiya Jansangh was founded, the prominent names which were sponsored by the RSS for Jansangh had also included the name of Sh. Bhandari. From 1951 to 1965 Sh. Bhandari had looked after the duties of Mahamantri in Rajasthan Jansangh. Moreover he was made All India Mantri of Jansangh in 1963 itself. After the death of Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay, Sh. Bhandari ji was made All India Mahamantri (Sanghthan) in 1968.

He had worked as Jansangh Mahamantri till 1977. He has also been the member of the Rajya Sabha from Rajasthan during 1966-1972 and he was once elected to Rajya Sabha from Uttar Pradesh in 1976 while he was in custody under MISA. In 1998 when his Rajya Sabha

term came to an end he was appointed governor of Bihar. In 1999 he was appointed Governor of Gujrat. Bhandari Ji Presented before the Karyakartas an example of simplicity, forebearance and austerity. The people might have found his way of working as hard but by nature he was very soft.

So as to maintain the image of a disciplined party. He used to ask the workers maintain decorum in the life style, he was a sculptor and efficient craftsman who had made the statue of man, society and the organization. He never desired to become KALASH. That is why he was frank by nature. Due to his hard nature and hard attitude towards work, Karyakartas used to call him as Head Master.

On June 22, 2005 he left for his heavenly abode. At 5 in the morning Shri Sunder Singh Bhandari, who had dedicated his whole life in the service of motherland and who had remained a RSS Pracharak through out his life, breathed his last in his Kalka Ji residence in New Delhi. In his death the country has lost an outstanding Nationalist and the motherland has lost her distinguished son. The BJP has also lost its friend, philosopher and guide. ■



Resurgent Villages to Rising India

BJP National Executive meeting was held in New Delhi on 19-20 March 2016. A resolution on Resurgent Villages to Rising India was presented and passed unanimously in the meeting. The resolution welcomed the measures taken by BJP led NDA government at the centre under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for taking innovating and bold stand in the interest of villages, poor and farmers through revolutionary social security and poverty alleviation schemes. It is for the first time that rural and agriculture sectors have been prioritized and steps are taken for sustainable and inclusive development of rural India. The resolution was presented by Union Minister Shri Nitin Gadkari and seconded by BJP Kisan Morcha National President Shri Vijaypal Singh Tomar. We are publishing the full text of the resolution for our esteemed readers:

Resurgent Villages for Rising India

The National Executive of the Bhartiya Janta Party welcomes the innovative and effective ways for the resurgence of the Village India through budgetary provisions for rural development, poverty eradication, employment generation and better health facilities. We congratulate our government led by Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi for this positive and farmer's savvy budget. We congratulate our Finance Minister Sh. Arun Jaitley to present such a revolutionary budget for the inclusive development of the economy even in these times of worldwide recessions, poor monsoons and political obstacles.

The last budget of 2016-17 was historical in its commitment for the development of each and all of our countrymen with an eye for 'Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas'. This budget would become the agent of change in the lives of the Village India as it is aimed towards 'Integral Humanism' of our founding thinker, Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya. To achieve the goals of 'Antyodaya' providing respectful life chances for inclusive development of our society is the priority of this budget.

The provisions made for employment creation and poverty eradication in the rural and urban areas by our Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi needs to be praised. The fine balance between rural, industrial and infrastructure development achieved by our

government would pave the way for a positive change in our country.

Our government has adopted a process of inclusive development through development of agriculture by integrating rural development, social security, sustainable development and creation of employment. Our government has moved towards strengthening of food security, employment security, health security and 'Gram Swaraj' through budget schemes this year.

In last 67 years, Congress's corrupt economic policies pushed the country from 'pseudosocialism' to 'pseudo-capitalism'. The common people of this country have suffered badly in the lack of even basic amenities. Even after such a long time being in power, Congress hasn't been successful in taking basic education, roads, water, and health facilities to the Village India. For them, 'Garibi Hatao' was a just a slogan to be used with their convenience. Now, when our government is bringing new life and vigor to the efforts of the development of Village India, the Congress is trying its best to stop and stall the processes.

With reference to rural and agriculture development, the Economic Survey 2015-16 mentions that the Indian agriculture is in a way, a victim of its own past success—especially the green revolution. By making the agriculture 'production-centric', The Congress governments have pushed our

farmers towards the 'Debt-net'. It has continuously neglected the development of basic infrastructure in the villages, which has compelled the people living there to migrate, unemployment, suicides and depressions. Our government has taken effective and brave steps to overcome these challenges in this budget.

Dignified Lives through Development of Villages

Our country can lead to the progress-path only on the foundations of strong development of the Village India. Our Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi has paved this way further. With the development of agriculture sector through increase in production, our government has integrated many new schemes like irrigation, animal husbandry, soil health, better prices for crops, water resources, balanced used of fertilizers, development of traditional practices, agriculture science centers, etc.

To counter the uncertainties of nature and weather in the lives of the farmers of our country and provide financial security, our government has started 'Prime Minister Crops Insurance Scheme'. This will provide social security through easy and simple insurances to farmers. The government has provided a sum of five thousand crore rupees under this scheme and the target for agriculture loan has been set up at nine thousand crores rupees. This is the highest till date. The government wants to free the farmers from the debt by promoting and utilising Kisan Credit Cards. To ease the burden of interest of debt on farmers, the government has made available another fifteen

thousand crore rupees. This is a welcome step. To benefit the farmers through MSP, the government has taken effective steps for decentralized and transparent sourcing and effective subsidies. This will help in increase in production of pulses. The government has also taken effective steps for development and value addition of the cattle.

Even after six decades of independence, only 46 percent of the land is fit for agriculture. To increase irrigation and better availability of water resources, the government has started 'Prime Minister Krishi Sinchai Yojna' with provisions of twenty thousand crores for long-term irrigation schemes. To speed up irrigation projects started in previous schemes, the government has 'Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Scheme' with coverage of 89 schemes.

To increase agriculture productivity and bring a new change the government has started the 'Soil Health Card Scheme'. This is for the first time that farmers did not face any problem in the fertilizer distribution. Farmers have benefitted

from the Neem-coated fertilizer. Fertilizers companies are going to start 2000 model fertilizer distribution centres in next three years. These companies will also do compost production and distribution in urban areas. The government has started a policy for converting urban waste into compost under the 'Swachha Bharat Abhiyan'. This executive welcomes new allocations of twenty seven thousand crores for 'Pradhanmantri Sadak Yojna' to connect the Village India through rest of the country.

It also welcomes the target and commitment of electrifying all the villages in

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the country by 1st May 2018. Our government has also set provisions for review of all the set targets in given time frame. On the 1st April 2015, total 18,542 villages in the country do not have electricity. On 15th August 2015, our Prime Minister announced that these remaining villages would be electrified within next 1000 days.

By 23rd February 2016, 5542 of these villages have been electrified – which is more

The target of connecting six crore families to Jan Dhan, Mudra, Digital Literacy will create new employment opportunities in the rural economy. Under the Mudra Yojna, total of 2 crore and 98 lakh loans have been accepted till now. Mudra Yojna has become the hope of the youth engaged in self employment in the rural areas. The plan of time bound availability and creation of roads, water, and electivity in the rural areas has set new paradigms in the area of planning and development.

than what was done in the previous year. The government has allocated 8500 crore rupees for the Deen Dayal Gram Jyoti Yojna and Integrated Electricity Development Schemes. This National Executive welcomes the government's decision of constructing roads in the rural areas of the North-East through North East Road Development Corporation. Developing Village India through Employment

Our government has increased the efforts for growth of new employment in the country. Infrastructure development in the rural areas will help employment creation. The target of connecting six crore families to Jan Dhan, Mudra, Digital Literacy will create new employment opportunities in the rural economy. Under the Mudra Yojna, total of 2 crore and 98 lakh loans have been accepted till now. Mudra Yojna has become the hope of the youth engaged in self employment in the rural areas. The plan of time bound availability and creation of roads, water, and electivity in the rural areas has set new paradigms in the area of planning and development. Creation of Skill Development Centers in the rural areas

will create new employment opportunities.

The central government led by Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi has made fundamental changes and new allocations to the MNREGA to make works undertaken in it, more effective and sustainable through inclusion of provisions for water resources development in it.

Our central government in the leadership of Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi has provisioned for 5 lakh farm ponds and wells and also for production of organic composte with 10 lakh composte pits under MNREGA.

Water conservation and natural resources management in the disaster-affected blocks of the country are also covered under the Pandit Deendayal Antyodaya Yojna.

Schemes like Skill Development, Mudra, 'Start Up-Stand Up' will also create new opportunities for employment. Social Security and Poverty Alleviation in Rural Areas

The National Executive of the Bharatiya Janta Party welcomes the efforts made by our government in the area of social security and poverty alleviation. Large number of people in the rural areas have been linked to banks through Jan Dhan accounts. Our government has opened 21.31 crore Jan Dhan accounts and 34,841 crore rupees has been deposited in these accounts. It has formed 1.26 lakh 'Bank-Mitras' and 9.39 crore 'Suraksha Bima Policies' and 2.95 crore 'Jeevan Jyoti Beema Policies' have been started till now. Our government has provided social security to the poor through Jeevan Jyoti, Suraksha Beema and Atal Pension Schemes. The government has started revolutionary health care policy for the people living under BPL, which will cover one lakh rupees health insurance for every family. 'Pradhanmantri Jan Aushadhi Yojna' to provide basic medicines at a fare price in the far away areas is an effective step to ensure basic health facilities for all. This

National Executive appeals all the party workers to bring change in the social life of the country through starting a mission to take the government's social security schemes to all the poor of this country.

Gram Swaraj through Strong Panchayati Raj

The commitment of Progressive Federalism of our Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi and for increased participation and decentralized governance, our government has increased allocation by 225%, which is also in the direction of the recommendations made by the Fourteenth Finance Commission. The government has

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made a provision of 287 lakh crore rupees for 2.5 lakh panchayats and nagarpalikas in the next five years. All the panchayats will get 80 lakh rupees and 21 crore for nagarpalikas in next year for development work. The government has allocated 5142 crore rupees under the Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Rurban Mission for the community based development.

Change in Rural Living Standards

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This confirms to Swami Vivekanand's ideas of Reconstruction of India. This budget would pave the way for the social change along with the economic change for the poor of the country.

Inclusive and Sustainable Rural Development

To implement all these steps effectively and transparently; and to take these to the last mile of the border and far away areas, our government has brought the ADHAR Bill. This is unfortunate and shameful that the Congress and the Left parties have opposed this Bill for short-term political goals. Our government has risen above narrow political

boundaries and interest to make the resources available to the poor of this country but the Opposition is not being able to look away from their narrow political gains. For inclusive development, it is important that the resources should reach the Last Person in a transparent way. ADHAR Bill will help the government in reaching this goal with the

help of technology.

This National Executive of the Bhartiya Janta Party welcomes positive and inclusive steps for the sustainable development of Village India taken by our government under the leadership of Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi. This budget would pave the way for the social change along with the economic change for the poor of the country. This budget will pave the way for the development of the country.

Balanced development of all sectors of economy and sections of society brings everyone together in the process of development of the country. This National Executive appeal to the villages, poor and farmers to take this resolve our society to come together with our responsible and transparent government to further the process of development of the country with the aim of giving everyone a chance of glorious lives. ■



Decisive Leadership, Nationalist Policies, Progressive Governance

In the BJP National Executive meeting held on 19-20 March 2016 in New Delhi the second resolution was unanimously passed upholding the core idea of nationalism as an article of faith. While welcoming the initiatives taken by the government on security and foreign policy fronts the commitment towards poverty alleviation programmes was hailed for its approach toward inclusion and integration. The resolution was presented by Union Minister Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu and seconded by BJP National Gen. Secretary Sushri Saroj Pandey. We are publishing the full text of the resolution for our esteemed readers:

Decisive Leadership; Nationalist Policies; Progressive Governance

Twenty two months into the government Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has put an end to the ennui, uncertainty and lack of purpose that was the hallmark of the decade-long UPA rule. After a long hiatus we see a decisive government working towards fulfilling its promised objectives of economic and social inclusion, social justice, infrastructure development and good governance under the guiding philosophy of *Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas*. In the last two years Bharat has seen a Government that is transparent, non corrupt and incorruptible paving the way for it to become a centre of opportunity and stability.

Nationalism: Article of faith

Nationalism, national unity and integrity are an article of faith with the BJP. A very microscopic minority in this country is today indulging in a kind of demagogy that goes against the very essence of our Constitution. Our Constitution guarantees Freedom of Expression to every citizen; but that freedom is enjoyable only within its framework. Talking of destruction of Bharat can't be supported in the name of freedom of expression. Similarly refusal to hail Bharat – say Bharat Mata ki Jai – in the name of freedom is also unacceptable. Our Constitution describes India as Bharat also; refusal to chant

victory to Bharat tantamounts to disrespect to our Constitution itself. Bharat Mata ki Jai is not merely a slogan. It was a mantra of inspiration to countless freedom fighters during the Independence struggle. It is the heartbeat of a billion people today. It is the reiteration of our Constitutional obligation as citizens to uphold it's primacy. The BJP wishes to make it clear that it will firmly oppose any attempt to disrespect Bharat and weaken its unity and integrity.

National Security

The BJP greatly appreciates the determined steps taken by the government to strengthen national security in the country. The rapid, co-ordinated and the intensive response during the Pathankot terror attack saw a swift liquidation of terrorists. It conveyed a strong message of our Government's zero tolerance to terrorism. The counter attack against NSCN (K) insurgents at Bharat-Myanmar border is a testimony to our Government's strong counter terror measures. The successful signing of the Framework Agreement by the leaders of the Naga insurgent movement has helped strengthen the peace process, and after years of unrest, raised hopes for a sustained peace across much of the Northeast. The Northeast looks towards our government as the purveyor of peace, development and change. The government has also taken strong steps to

quell ultra-Leftist/Maoist violence across the country. The Prime Minister has personally visited Maoist affected areas in Chhattisgarh and initiated a number of developmental projects.

The BJP commends the Government's holistic approach to national security which covers strengthening border security and infrastructure, upgrading maritime preparedness, enhancing intelligence gathering capabilities, and remaining committed to the welfare of our armed forces. One Rank One Pension, an issue that remained unsolved for decades, has been resolved by our Government and implemented. Our Government has already approved induction of women officers as fighter pilots in IAF and taken steps to increase the role of women in army and navy.

The party also lauds the Government's determined approach to provide our armed forces with all amenities to maintain Bharat's sovereignty against our aggressors, especially in sensitive areas such as Jammu & Kashmir, Northeast and Siachen. The role that patriotic people living along our borders play in securing our interests cannot be understated. Our Government is working towards strengthening the border infrastructure that would help people living in those areas besides serving security interests. The BJP also pays its respect to our martyrs who have sacrificed their lives safeguarding our borders.

Our Government is also in the process of coming out with a progressive Defence Procurement Procedure, which will promote indigenisation of our defence industry as well as provide the best equipments to our armed forces.

The BJP strongly condemns the principal Opposition, the Congress party for its cynical and self-serving actions on the national security front. The new facts that have tumbled out in the Ishrat Jahan episode exposed Congress Party's dubious role in compromising with national security interests for petty political ends. Yet the Congress party doesn't betray any remorse or self-

introspection. Their leaders are seen brazenly rubbing shoulders with secessionist and ultra-Leftist elements who were demanding the vivisection and destruction of Bharat.

Committed to Poverty elimination

The National Executive of the BJP congratulates the Central Government for bringing in transformative and structural changes in the society and in the economy by pursuing a process of community and society based development. The policies of the government for improving the basic infrastructure of the country like - Adarsh Gram Yojana, Smart Cities, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Electrification of villages, Digital Connectivity, Crop Insurance - Fasal Bima Yojana, MUDRA Yojana, Skill India, Make in India, PAHAL, JAM trinity (Jan Dhan Yojana, Aadhaar number, mobile number), introduction of the Bankruptcy Code Bill, the passing of the Real Estate and Waterways Bills, Pradhan Mantri Ujjwal Yojana, construction of toilets under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, restructuring and enhancement of MGNREGA- have all led towards a people-centric developmental model in tune with the ideals of 'Integral Humanism', the ideological corner stone of the Bharatiya Janata Party's political philosophy. The connectivity trio - road connectivity, power connectivity, and digital connectivity occupy a place of major priority in our Government's scheme of things. Our Government is committed to poverty elimination as a principle article of faith unlike the poverty alleviation industry as witnessed during the UPA regime.

To weed out corruption and ensure transparency, our Government has done away with holding interviews for the recruitment of Group D, C and B non gazetted posts. Decision to do away with the mandatory practise of gazetted officers' signatures demonstrates our Government's trust in the youth of the country.

Despite the fact that the rainfall was low, the Government has succeeded in bringing down inflation, and has taken several

measures to curb price rise that include a crackdown on hoarders across the country. At a time when the world is passing through the worst phase of recession, Bharat under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi stood up like a beacon of hope and trust. That is the reason why the Foreign Direct Investment inflows into Bharat have gone up by 38% helping strengthen our economy. The Government has initiated measures for bringing black money back. Government's efforts are seen yielding results with certain countries coming forward to help us in the matter.

Inclusion & Integration: Key to Social Justice

The BJP lauds the Government's initiative to observe 'Constitution Day' on 26th November 2015 on the occasion of Dr. B.R.Ambedkar's 125th birth anniversary. The Congress has always neglected to highlight Dr. Ambedkar's epochal contribution in the drafting of our Constitution. It is only now that our Government is, for the first time, observing the Constitution Day and celebrating Babasaheb's seminal contribution. The BJP wishes to congratulate the Government for initiating the construction of the Ambedkar International Centre which has been languishing for the last two decades. The BJP commends the Maharashtra Government for acquiring Babasaheb's house in London. In a befitting manner the house has been converted into a memorial in honour of Babasaheb; the memorial was inaugurated by the Honourable Prime Minister during his visit to the United Kingdom in November 2015.

Security and empowerment of women has been a priority concern for Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. He has talked about women led empowerment in his first ever speech from the ramparts of the Red Fort. Initiatives such as Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, building toilets etc are aimed at addressing the issue. Prime Minister uses programmes like *Mann Ki Baat* to educate larger community about women empowerment issues.

The BJP also lauds the government's announcement of setting up of the National Scheduled Castes and Schedule Tribes Hub. This has been made possible due to the constructive engagement of the Government with the Dalit Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry (DICCI) to economically empower the SC/ST entrepreneurs in the country. The Congress and the Left parties, while mouthing platitudes of empowerment all the time, have, in reality, miserably failed to empower and uplift the weaker sections of society in the last 67 years. The leaders of the Congress, as evidenced by the recent events in Haryana, have shamelessly stooped to the level of fomenting inter-caste violence for their political ends.

Honouring Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's legacy

The BJP applauds the path-breaking initiative of the government to declassify files related to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. Through this historic act it has responded to the aspirations of millions of patriotic Bharatiyas who continue to see Netaji as an immortal symbol of Bharat's struggle against Imperialism. The Indian National Congress and the Left parties have only used Netaji's legacy to further their own petty political ends, however time and again, they have deliberately and with ulterior motives ignored and suppressed the genuine demand of the people of Bharat to know the contents of the Netaji files.

Panchamrit : Foreign Policy Orientations

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has brought in dynamism, courage, clear vision and direction to the government in sync with the Panchamrit framework of-'Samman' – dignity and honour; 'Samvad' – greater engagement and dialogue; 'Samriddhi' – shared prosperity; 'Suraksha' – regional and global security; and 'Sanskriti evam Sabhyata' – cultural and civilizational linkages, as adopted in the foreign policy resolution at the National Executive meeting held in April 2015.

The proactive outreach in Bharat's neighbourhood has yielded renewed energy and acceleration to regional cooperation resulting in the generation of great goodwill for Bharat in South Asia. The conclusion of the long pending Land Border Agreement (LBA) with Bangladesh and Prime Minister's path breaking visit to that country in May 2015 have forged a new partnership between Bharat and Bangladesh. The landmark BBIN accord has helped enhance connectivity between Bangladesh, Bhutan, Bharat and Nepal and has given the SAARC a new dimension.

Prime Minister's historic visit to Srilanka has helped in taking the bilateral relations with the island nations to a new higher level. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi became the first Indian Prime Minister to visit the war torn Jaffna and interact with the war torn population in the Northern Province. People of Srilanka including the Tamils in the North have greatly admired the visit of our Prime Minister.

The prompt assistance rendered to the people of Nepal in May 2015 during their hour of deepest crisis when a devastating earthquake struck that country brought to the fore Bharat's deep commitment to the stability, economic prosperity and development of its neighbourhood, in a spirit of humanism and cooperation. Bharat and Nepal share millennia old cultural and civilizational bonds. Our Government has shown its commitment to strengthening those bonds irrespective of occasional irritants.

After the near collapse of relations with Afghanistan under the UPA regime, Bharat has again emerged as a strong partner in Afghanistan's peace, progress and development.

Prime Minister's visit to Pakistan has reinforced Bharat's commitment to the process of peace and dialogue in the region. The BJP applauds the imaginative and out of the box outreach of the Honourable Prime Minister with all our neighbours and its people, as it would strengthen Bharat's position in the

world.

The global push for a constructive engagement with various countries in the last two years by our Government has resulted in the path-breaking success at the United Nations when Bharat's proposal for International Yoga Day was adopted with overwhelming support from the member countries. At the COP 21 Summit in Paris, Bharat took the lead in advocating the need for 'Climate Justice' and 'Sustainable Consumption'. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi also took the lead in launching the International Solar Alliance by bringing together 121 countries on a single platform. The headquarters of this alliance is situated in Gurgaon, Haryana.

The BJP also appreciates the great initiative of our Government in bringing together all the Heads of State of Africa for the India-Africa Summit, and the Asia-Pacific Heads of State for a summit, both held in Bharat, in 2015. In one sweep these initiatives have deepened and strengthened Bharat's standing in these regions of the world. The initiative of the government to Act East and greater engagement with the ASEAN helps in not only strengthening the economic ties but also in reinvigorating our millennia-old civilizational linkages.

The BJP thanks the Government for the care and concern that it has shown towards people of Bharatiya origin wherever they are in the world. Through Operation Rahat the government has successfully evacuated over 4000 Bharatiya nationals and about 1000 foreign nationals from Yemen under trying circumstances. Every Bharatiya outside Bharat today feels greatly reassured that there is a government back home which cares.

Expansion across the length & breadth of Bharat

Under the dynamic leadership of our National President the BJP has undertaken a massive membership enrolment drive and emerged as the largest political party in the world by registering over 11 crore primary members. In a way the BJP has emerged as

the only Pan-national party today, while all other parties including the Congress have remained limited to certain regions only. The party has also undertaken the *Prashikshan Abhiyan* (Training Campaign) to introduce all these new members to the ideology and organisation of the BJP.

The BJP has now spread to all parts of Bharat from Gujarat to Arunachal Pradesh and from Jammu & Kashmir to Kerala. The party's performance in the local body elections held across the country has also been commendable; the party registered significant victorious in states like Assam, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Kerala, Goa, Haryana, Andaman & Nicobar islands. In Assam the BJP has won more seats in the Municipal elections than the ruling Congress party. In Kerala too, the BJP has won a good number of local body seats for the first time thus challenging the long standing political equations in the state. After a gap of over two decades, the BJP has entered the Manipur state legislature by winning two Assembly seats in the by-elections and also pulled off a creditable performance in the Municipal elections. The BJP captured the Leh-Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council with a landslide victory.

The BJP is also a member of the International Democratic Union (IDU), an esteemed organisation of over 80 democratic political parties from across the world, who have their established commitment to the ideals of liberal democracy and the freedom of the individual.

In their desperation to stop the BJP's exponential growth opposition parties including the Congress and the Left have got into bewildering arrangements and unholy alliances of sometimes aligning with each other and at other times opposing each other. The Congress party aligns with the Left parties in West Bengal and opposes them in Kerala. The Left does the same and vice-versa. In states like Karnataka, Tripura, West Bengal

etc, the Congress and the Left parties have resorted to brutal political violence against the BJP and the Sangh Parivar, out of utter desperation. Left parties are resorting to Stalinist violence against political opponents in Kerala since long and many a dedicated leader & cadre have become victims of their brutal agenda.

The cynical and irrational opposition of the Congress and some opposition parties to the transformative agenda of our government including the opposition to the GST bill and their efforts to stall the Parliament has resulted in enormous damage to the interest of our country. The BJP warns that such disruptive politics is against the spirit of our democracy and the people of the country won't tolerate them. The BJP calls upon the opposition, mainly the Congress party to act in a constructive manner and join hands with the Government in taking forward its pro-people reforms and agenda.

The BJP remains the only political party where a person without any 'illustrious' pedigree or connections can rise to the very top of the Party. The recently concluded successful election of the Party presidents of various state units and the national unit demonstrates the deep democratic values that permeate the Party. The BJP today stands for the aspirational Bharat. It also is the largest vehicle for the political empowerment of youth in the country. The youth of the country looks up to the leadership of the BJP for inspiration and direction. The BJP is also the natural choice of all the patriotic Bharatiyas who want an inclusive society. The BJP intends to live up to its responsibility as a forward thinking, nationalist party based on the values of Integral Humanism of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya.

The BJP looks ahead with great optimism at the upcoming challenges and is confident that it will be successful in providing good governance under the dynamic leadership of Shri Narendra Modi. ■

(Adopted at the National Executive Meeting of the BJP on March 20, 2016 at New Delhi)



Issues relating to rural areas, farmers, financially weak, Dalits and tribals should be taken up by BJP : Narendra Modi

Addressing the concluding session of BJP's National Executive meeting held at NDMC Convention Centre in New Delhi on 20 March, 2016 Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi exhorted party's rank-and-file to focus on development, which has been the key priority of the BJP led National Democratic Alliance government in the past 22 months in government.

He appealed to workers of the Bharatiya Janata Party to engage in active outreach programmes across the country while not getting provoked by those seeking to bait the party and divert attention from its agenda of sabka saath, sabka vikas (social harmony and development for all).

Shri Modi said issues relating to rural areas, farmers, financially weak, Dalits and tribals should be taken up by the BJP. People should be urged to join campaign on cleanliness (Swachh Bharat) and campaigns on educate daughter, save daughter (Beti padhao, Beti bachao). Our adversaries would try to distract us by bringing up irrelevant issues, but the basic task of this government is only development.

There is an attempt by some people not to let the message of development and



work of government reach people. We should not get distracted and should instead try to inform the people about the work being done by the government. "We go forward with one issue -vikas, vikas and vikas (development)," Shri Modi said. While speaking at the national executive meeting, Shri Modi said that there have been no allegations of corruption, financial or political, leveled against the government in the last 22 months.

In an attempt to reach out to those even opposed to the party, Modi said, we are in the government we should involve key people of the society. Keeping anyone away is not a good move. Attempts should be made even those opposed to party to associate with us. "To fight negativity, there is a need for intellectual capability and content. As we are in government we should change negative people into

those with a positive thinking," he added.

Referring to the future, Shri Modi said, "We have to decide if we want to make the organization strong as iron or big as a banyan tree which gives shelter to everyone from scorching sun."

During his speech, Shri Narendra Modi said we should learn from Gandhi in how to turn people issues into a movement. He also touched upon schemes started by his government and those announced for the poor, farmers, and middle class in this year's Budget.

He said out of the 18500 villages without electricity, 6,000 have been electrified, while target be achieved by March 31, 2017," but our workers should hold 'Urja Utsav' in the newly electrified villages.

Shri Narendra Modi also hailed the Budget 2016-17 and said even small works as enunciated in the budget proposals like keeping small shops and business outlets open for all seven days should be taken to the people by the BJP workers. "I feel it is necessary that the BJP workers should focus on capacity building and contribute in empowering India," he said, calling on them to get involved more with the government's developmental works. ■



Towards Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat...

In the National Executive meeting held in New Delhi on 19-20 March 2016, General Secretary's report was presented by BJP National General Secretary (Organization) Shri Ramlal detailing the journey of the party in last three years. The report covered the period between 23 January 2013 to 24 January 2016. It is to be noted that Shri Rajnath Singh was elected as BJP National President on 23 January 2016 and after he became the Union Home Minister, Shri Amit Shah became the National President on 09 July 2014. The period saw BJP getting massive victory in Lok Sabha elections under the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi. Apart from winning many state assembly elections BJP also become the largest political party in the world. It was a momentous journey for the party as it received huge support from the people and got the opportunity to play a historic role in shaping the future of India. We are publishing the full text of the report in a series for our esteemed readers:



Bharatiya Janata Party has emerged as a symbol of aspirations of people of India. Not only BJP has got a massive mandate in the elections but it has also become the largest political party in the world. In the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi with the mantra of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas' and 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat' a party has got full majority after three decades in India. Congress has received the biggest ever jolt and it is now in opposition with 44 seats.

BJP gave impetus to the ongoing campaign against the corruption and misrule of Congress with the election of Shri Rajnath Singh as BJP National President on 23rd January 2013. In the Goa National Executive meeting Shri Narendra Modi became the Chairman of the Central Election Campaign Committee and was declared the BJP Prime Ministerial candidate on 13 September 2013. Party started receiving massive support from every quarter.

Entire party dedicated itself fully for the victory in 2014 elections in the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi. Shri Narendra Modi was sworn-in as the Prime Minister of India with

huge mandate and today remains engaged day and night in the service of the nation.

As the BJP led NDA government has been formed the responsibilities of every karyakarta has increased. We are today the largest political party in the world due to the untiring efforts of BJP National President Shri Amit Shah and remain committed to serve the villages, poor, farmers, deprived, backwards and dalits through our organizational works, programmes and activities.

BJP has created a new history in the last three years and party has proved itself on the aspirations and trust of the people. Party has touched new heights in the last three years and has laid the foundation for a strong, prosperous and developed India.

Goa National Executive meeting

In the Goa National Executive meeting held on 08-09 June 2013 Shri Narendra Modi was declared the Chairman of Central Election Campaign Committee and 20 central elections sub-committees were constituted in his leadership. After discussing in detail the workplan of these committees were finalized. In Talegaon, Goa while addressing the

karyakarta sammelan Shri Narendra Modi gave a call for 'Congress- Mukta Bharat'.
Pathankot Rally

Soon after this on the Balidan Divas of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee on 23 June 2013 Shri Narendra Modi addressed a huge rally in Pathankot and emphasized on the need of bringing Kashmir in the national mainstream by applying balm in accordance with the policies of Atalji.

It is to be noted that while entering Kashmir without permit Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee addressed people on the same venue on 11 May 1953 and later he was arrested on entering Kashmir and was martyred on 23 June 1953 while in confinement.

Shri Narendra Modi declared BJP Prime Ministerial candidate

On 13 Septemebr 2013 Shri Narendra Modi was declared Prime Ministerial candidate by the party. It created an atmosphere of hope and enthusiasm in the entire country. This decision was welcomed in the entire country and party karyakrtas fully dedicated themselves in the elections preparations with commitment and zeal.

Ex-Servicemen Rally, Rewari (Haryana)

Shri Narendra Modi delivered his first speech after being announced as the BJP Prime Ministerial candidate for the 2014 Lok Sabha elections at the Ex-servicemen rally in Rewari, Haryana on September 15, 2013. "From the land of Mahatma Gandhi, let us give a message of peace to the world," declared Shri Modi. He shared that it was his honour to be present at this historic gathering of ex-servicemen and other well-wishers, where lakhs of people gathered to listen to Shri Modi.

Huge victory of BJP in State Assembly elections

BJP handed over a crushing defeat to Congress in Rajasthan, scored hat-trick in Madhya Pradesh & Chhattisgarh and emerged as single largest party in Delhi.

The four States for which results were declared on December 08, 2013 the BJP swept Rajasthan and retained Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh with a hat-trick victory and in

Delhi it emerged as the single largest party, marking the end of 15 years of uninterrupted Congress rule in the national capital. As a stunned Congress faced a 0-4 rout in this round of Assembly elections, party president Sonia Gandhi accepted the defeat. BJP National President Shri Rajnath Singh said the result was an emphatic rejection of the Congress.

So far as the resounding BJP victory was concerned after a nine-month long campaign, Smt. Vasundhara Raje led BJP to a landslide victory in Rajasthan, ousting the Ashok Gehlot led Congress government from power.

The BJP won 162 of the 199 seats in the Assembly. In Madhya Pradesh, BJP led by Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan outdid its performance of 2008, winning 165 of the 230 seats. In Chhattisgarh, the BJP won 49 seats in a 90 member house ensuring a third consecutive triumph for Chief Minister Dr. Raman Singh.

Largest Mass Outreach Election Campaign

From 15th September till 10th May Shri Narendra Modi addressed 5827 rallies/ programmes/ events/ 3D/ Chai Pe Charcha meetings while unleashing a massive election campaign for the Lok Sabha elections 2014. Special features of this huge mass outreach programme are following:

- ▶ Over 3 lakh kilometers covered
- ▶ Over 25 states visited
- ▶ Unique vision for each state
- ▶ Unprecedented innovation as seen during 3D rallies and Chai Pe Charcha
- ▶ Innovative use of social media platforms like twitter, facebook, whatapp etc.
- ▶ Several Interviews with print & electronic media

Starting from 15th September 2013 to 10th May 2014 when campaigning for the last phase of 2014 Lok Sabha Elections ended Shri Narendra Modi addressed historic rallies across India from Jammu to Kanyakumari, from Amreli to Arunachal Pradesh:

Initial Rallies	38
Bharat Vijay Rallies	196
Other Rallies & Programme	241
3-D Rallies	1350
Chai Pe Charcha	4000
Road Shows in Vadodara & Varanasi	2
Total	5827

Everywhere he went, Shri Narendra Modi presented a unique vision that the people of the area could relate with. This vision connected the people to Narendra Modi and convinced them that here is a leader who can initiate good governance and development for the larger good. Can you recall such a wide and diverse outreach programme in India's history? His day began at 5 AM and sometimes went past midnight but Narendra Modi's energy and his dedication only increases.

These words by Shri Narendra Modi perfectly sum up his routine and his determination, "मैं दौड़ रहा हूँ, जनता का प्यार दौड़ा रहा है। न थका हूँ, न रूका हूँ और देश विरोधी ताकतों के सामने झुकने का तो सवाल ही नहीं है।" (I am running, the affection of the people is making me run. There is no question of getting tired neither a question of stopping and bowing to anti-national forces simply does not arise.)

Election results

Election results were declared on May 16, 2014. This mandate was truly massive. The Year 2014 has been remarkable from the point of view of success in Elections under the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi. This happened for the first time in the past 30 years, that any party had attained clear majority with 272 or more seats in the Lok Sabha Elections. In the Parliamentary elections the BJP led National Democratic Alliance got 336 seats out of total 543 seats and the BJP won 282 seats.

This has happened for the first time that only BJP MPs were elected in 6 states and 4 UTs. Bharatiya Janata Party has secured victory in 100% seats in States like Gujarat, Delhi, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh,

Uttarakhand and Goa. 100% MPs from BJP have been elected in UTs like Chandigarh, Andaman Nicobar Islands, Dadra Nagar Haveli and Daman-Diu.

Congress, having strong hold in the country for a long time has been voted out of power this time and BJP has managed to expand its influence in major parts of the country. Congress has been able to secure only 44 seats and the UPA has in all won 58 seats only.

So far as vote percentage is concerned BJP got 31% votes, whereas Congress could manage only 19.3% of votes. The main opposition party Congress has suffered a major blow in the elections. This is a golden opportunity for the BJP for expansion and consolidation as well as providing good governance to the people.

In Uttar Pradesh the Bharatiya Janata Party won 71 seats and NDA ally 'Apna Dal' won 2 seats. In total the BJP led NDA got 73 seats out of 80 seats. This is a major achievement for BJP in Uttar Pradesh. Similarly, BJP won 27 out of 29 seats in Madhya Pradesh. BJP has also managed to secure maximum number of seats in the states of Jharkhand, Bihar and Chhattisgarh.

This thumping victory not only indicates the Charismatic leadership and personality of Shri Narendra Modi but also indicates growing faith of Indian public in the Bharatiya Janata Party and Shri Narendra Modi.

This success and confidence is growing continuously. Four large states went into elections after Lok Sabha elections and Bharatiya Janata Party again put up an excellent performance. For the first time, BJP managed to come up with full majority in any Eastern state of the country.

BJP also formed government on its own for the first time in Maharashtra and Haryana. In Jammu & Kashmir too, BJP joined the government as an important constituent of the alliance. For the first time, any BJP candidate has been elected for Vidhan Parishad from Kashmir valley and also got representation from the state in Rajya Sabha.

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'Spreading terror in the name of religion are anti-religious'

On the evening of 17th March 2016, Prime Minister addressed the World Sufi Forum at New Delhi's Vigyan Bhavan. The four-day event, which has been organized by the All India Ulama and Mashaikh Board, brings together several international dignitaries from 20 countries. The event witnessed the presence of spiritual leaders, scholars, academicians and theologians from Egypt, Jordan, Turkey, UK, USA, Canada, Pakistan and other nations.

PM Narendra Modi's extensive address focussed on the rich and glorious history of Sufism, the vitality of tolerance and compassion and on the need for all humanitarian forces to join ranks and challenge forces of terror and hatred. The Prime Minister categorically denied any link between religion and terror and added that those spreading terror in the name of religion are nothing but anti-religious. The Prime Minister's speech was widely appreciated by those at the programme and by eminent commentators.

The Prime Minister described the World Sufi Forum as an assembly of those, "whose life itself is a message of peace, tolerance and love." "At a time when

the dark shadow of violence is becoming longer, you are the noor, or the light of hope. When young laughter is silenced by guns on the streets, you are the voice that heals," the Prime Minister told the assembled gathering of Sufi scholars and spiritual leaders.

grant of relief to the humble and the oppressed," the Prime Minister said.

The Prime Minister explained that the message of Sufism, is in harmony with the soul of the Bhakti saint's saying in the Hindu tradition, "Into the bosom of the one great sea, Flow streams that



The Prime Minister said that Sufism has emphasized an enduring lesson of human history - that it is through openness and enquiry, engagement and accommodation, and respect for diversity that humanity advances, nations progress and the world prospers.

Elaborating further, Prime Minister opined that for the Sufis, service of God meant service to humanity. "In the words of Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti, of all the worships, the worship that pleases the Almighty God the most is the

come from hills on every side."

It reminds us that when we think of the 99 names of Allah, none stand for force and violence, and that the first two names denote compassionate and merciful. Allah is Rahman and Raheem," the Prime Minister said. Sufism is the voice of peace, co-existence, compassion and equality; a call to universal brotherhood, he added.

Shri Narendra Modi explained how Sufism has helped strengthen the

inclusive culture that is India's great contribution to the world's cultural tapestry.

The Prime Minister said that India is moving forward on the strength of the struggles, the sacrifices, the bravery, the knowledge, the skill, the art and the pride of every member of every faith in our diverse and yet united nation.

Referring to the global challenge of terrorism, the Prime Minister said that "when the spiritual love of Sufism, not the violent force of terrorism, flows across the border, this region will be the paradise on earth that Amir Khusrau spoke about."

When terrorism and extremism have become the most destructive force of our times, the message of Sufism has global relevance, he

added.

Referring to the horrors unleashed across the world by terrorists, he said the impact of terrorism cannot be captured by statistics alone. "There are forces and groups that are instruments of state policy and design. There are others recruited to the cause in misguided belief", the Prime Minister said.

Describing the battle that mankind must fight against terror, he said that this "is not a confrontation against any religion. It cannot be. It is a struggle between the values of humanism and the forces of inhumanity." He said that this is a battle "that must be won through the strength of our values and the real message of religions."

He said that the message of Sufism is not just confined

to combating terrorism, but also encompasses his creed of "Sab Ka Saath, Sab Ka Vikaas".

Quoting extensively from holy scriptures and great mystics, the Prime Minister called for challenging "the forces of violence with the kindness of our love and universal human values."

Earlier, delivering the open remarks to the gathering, Hazrat Syed Mohammad Ashraf, Founder President of the All India Ulama and Mashaikh Board, said that the Muslims of India, stand confident of their future in this country, and committed to upholding the unity, integrity and territorial sovereignty of the nation. Cabinet Minister Najma Heptulla was present at the occasion. ■

PM witnesses demonstration of IAF's operational capabilities at Pokhran

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on March 18 witnessed a demonstration of the operational capabilities of the Indian Air Force at Pokhran, in Rajasthan's Thar Desert.

The Exercise, named Iron Fist 2016, was conducted in the presence of President Pranab Mukherjee, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces. The Air Force displayed

the full range of its attack and defence capabilities. This included net enabled operations, air defence operations, combat support operations, aerobatic displays, multifaceted operations and all-weather operations. "Firepower of the Air Force and the skill of the Air Warriors fills our hearts with immense pride," the Prime Minister tweeted. ■



“Why the Lok Sabha did not adopt amendments to the Aadhaar Bill proposed in the Rajya Sabha”

By Shri Arun Jaitley

The Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial, Other Subsidies, Benefits & Services) Bill 2016 came up for consideration before the Rajya Sabha on 16th March 2016. Consistent with the spirit of democratic debate, the Congress in the Rajya Sabha suggested five amendments to the Bill, which were not accepted by the Lok Sabha. This blog explains why? (The Bill has now got Parliamentary approval).

Let us try to understand the potential ramifications if those five amendments had been accepted by Lok Sabha. There has understandably been an extensive public debate on the need for the Unique Identity Number for each resident and the desirability of not compromising with the Right to Privacy. The 2010 Bill drafted by the UPA had provisions in chapter VI which led to this debate. The Bill provided for sharing of identity information with the consent of the Aadhaar number holder, or by an order of any court, or a Competent Authority, disclosing the information on the grounds of “National Security”. The draft Bill was criticized for making provisions which could

compromise an individual’s Right to Privacy.

I have always strongly believed that, notwithstanding the jurisprudential debate on the Right to Privacy, it would be essential to recognize that, Privacy, is an essential aspect of personal liberty guaranteed by Article 21 of the Constitution. The denial

The core bio-metric information cannot be shared with any person even with the consent of the Aadhaar card holder. The information cannot be unlawfully shared. Instead of permitting any Court to direct production of any such information, only a Court of the District Judge or above has been given the power to order disclosure of information excluding core biometrics. “National Security” is the only ground on which a Competent Authority can share this information.

of privacy must thus be based on procedure which should be fair, just and reasonable. The 2016 law, therefore, contained stringent provisions both substantially and procedurally with regard to the Right of Privacy. The core bio-metric information cannot be shared with any person even with the consent of the Aadhaar card holder. The information cannot be unlawfully shared. Instead of permitting any Court to direct production of any such information, only a Court of the District Judge or above has been given the power to order disclosure of information excluding core biometrics. “National Security” is the only ground on which a Competent Authority can share this information. Every decision of the Competent Authority has to be reviewed by a Committee comprising of the Cabinet Secretary, the Law Secretary and the Secretary, Information Technology before it is given effect. The period of the direction of this Competent Authority has been limited to a maximum of three months.

The ground of “National Security” as the only ground on which the Competent Authority can share

information is common to both the 2010 and 2016 laws. National Security is a well defined concept. The phrase exists in several legislations and also finds indirect reference in the Constitution in Article 19(2). National security has always been held to be an exception on account of larger public interest, wherein individual's rights give way to larger public interest. This principle is followed in most advanced liberal democracies. For example, in United Kingdom, Section 28 of Personal Data Protection Act, 1998 provides that personal data are exempt from the data protection principles on grounds of safeguarding National Security.

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dealing with situations of public emergency or public safety. Certainly, they would have provided a scope much wider for encroaching upon privacy than the words "National Security" which

existed in both the 2010 and 2016 law, and would have potentially become the grounds for constitutional challenge at a later date.

The proposed another amendment that the

Oversight Committee to review the Competent Authority's decision should also comprise of either the "Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC) or the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG)". One is an anti-corruption authority and the other audits the government's accounts. Both have no nexus whatsoever

with the issues of "National Security".

They, further, proposed to delete Section 57 of the 2016 law. Section 57 merely says that if under any other law the use of Aadhaar number

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for establishing the identity of an individual is permitted, the same law is not being over-ruled. The proposed amendment wanted all future laws to be over-ruled. Had a Money Bill started over-ruling future unknown legislations, it would have ceased to be a Money Bill.

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BJP- RSS workers have been victims of Marxist brutality in Kerala

In spite of there being numerous political parties in a nation as large as Bharat, general society should definitely evaluate reasons behind instances of political violence being a regular feature in the states of Kerala and West Bengal. The sole reason for these political conflicts is the presence of Communist/ Marxist party in these regions. If you look at the Kerala scenario, you come to understand how on one side, there inevitably happens to be the Communist/ Marxist party. And it is not just BJP-RSS workers who have been victims of Marxist brutality. Members of political parties like Congress, Muslim League, Janata Dal, Kerala Congress, along with members of other Left groups like CPI, RSP etc have also been victims of CPM blood bath spree. To date, in Kerala, the Marxist party has done away with as many as 267 RSS-BJP workers. Out of these it has been observed that 85 murders have been committed in party strongholds of Kannur. In fact Pinarayi Vijayan, who has been credited with leading the Marxist party in the state for the longest period, himself, stands accused in a murder case. Members of party politburo, central committee

Salient Points made by Kerala BJP President, Shri Kumnam Rajasekharan addressing press conference at BJP Head Quarters in New Delhi on 17 March 2016



members and other senior members are equally involved in plots of murder. No other party has ever suffered such evil fate.

A stage has come now where CPM, which has been the apostle of the politics of bloodshed, stands facing those boomerangs of cruelty they had sowed till date. Things started going out of hand for the Marxists with the murder of Kathirur Manoj, the RSS Shareerik Shikshan Pramukh of Kannur district. Their panic, when CBI took over investigation procedure, was too obvious. The High Court ruling states that CBI should investigate Ariyil Shukoor murder too. In fact the murder of Shukoor stands unparalleled in gruesomeness, with Marxist marauders having resorted to the Taliban model and taken Shukoor's pictures via mobile phone and circulated the same for easier identification of the victim, in order to execute the crime. Police have concluded

that CPM leaders P Jayarajan and TV Rajesh are prime accused in the case.

The Marxists tried to cast the blame of Fazal's (Thalassery) murder on to RSS quarters. And for this, they resorted to the spreading of blatant lies. However, police investigations showed that CPM criminals were behind the murder and that Karayi Rajan and Karayi Chandrasekharan were arrested for the same. Even with regard to the murder of TP Chandrasekharan, Marxists stand face to face with every single resistance tactic failing to be of use, with every weapon in the armory boomeranging back. A crime, which can never be forgiven in infinity is the murder of Pannyannur Chandran, the BJP district secretary of Kannur, when Marxist goons dragged him from his bike and hacked him to death in front of his wife. It is the same Communist savagery that hacked Jayakrishnan Master

to death in a classroom full of innocent young students. And finally now, it stands at the murder attempt on a group consisting of former BJP state president, in Kattayikonam. All these stand unparalleled. Amal Krishna, the Taluk Pracharak who stands grievously injured, is in a critical state.

And in times as these, the stand taken by BJP towards their apparent and evident marauders should be

murders involving Marxists, and the very same reason why P Jayarajan is being helped in leaps and bounds.

On one side, as CPM makes sterling performances on the arena of violent politics, the Congress ruling front ensures that they stand steeped in corruption. And with regard to this, Oommen Chandy has made sure that even UPA II is to shame. Solar Scam, Bar Scam etc have made storming headlines. But

On the other side, we see Congress encouraging these political brutalities. They have even proceeded to make political alliances with CPM, with the sole aim of stalling the progress being made by BJP. The aim is to secretly implement the same union here in Kerala, the alliance which has been formed publically in Bengal.

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behind the scenes are other stories of corruption by other state ministers of UDF, which are now being unfolded slowly.

The latest example being the state govt. decision to illegally gift MetranKayal (Metran Lake) and Karuna Estate to private companies. The current government has also ensured that the state Chief Minister, for the first time ever in Kerala history, has been interrogated by a Judicial Commission. A Chief Minister, who shoulders blame and shame of every single case of corruption and fraud being indulged in by his ministers, is a real shame to Kerala society. It is the first time in Kerala that a Chief Minister has been accused in

a vigilance case, along with 18 other ministers. And not only this, the reign of OommenChandy alone has witnessed the office of Chief Minister being used for corrupt practices. Kerala stood witness to the arrest of a Chief Minister's personal staff and gunman, all for the first time. Two ministers had to resign following Court intervention, exposing the shame of two ministers having taken graft from bar owners. Both High Court and Vigilance Court have made stern references to the Chief Minister regarding the same.

It is in this juncture that the Third Front being spearheaded by BJP becomes a beacon of hope for Kerala. To stake equal claims on food, water and land and ensure equal justice to all, stake claims for land sans corruption, usher in projects and policies that take Kerala to realms of growth and development, to stand by those who have been sidelined, kept at bay, ridiculed and secluded, to give companionship for those who have been labeled as outcasts and to give back self esteem to those who have been humiliated, a new leadership should come in. Political workers should ensure that always retain political credibility.

General public should realize that only BJP can ensure a political working style that is devoid of any false countenances. ■