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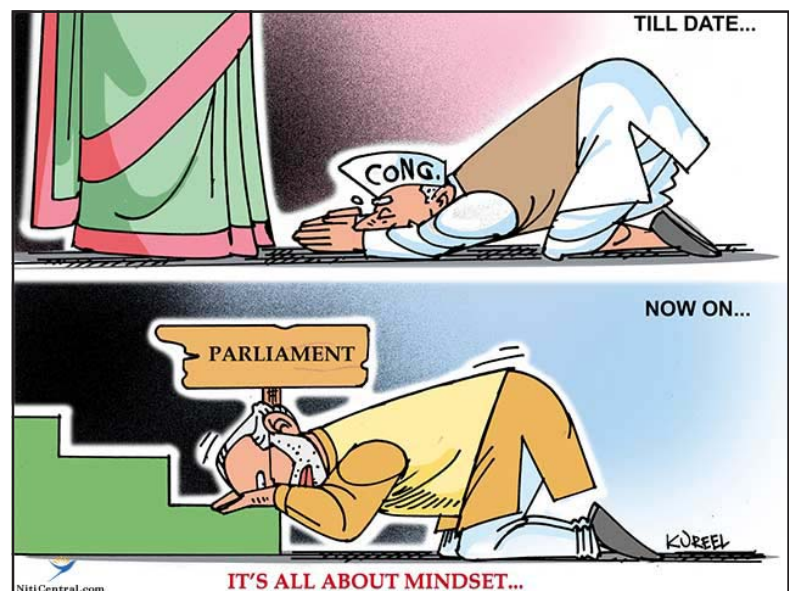
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Endowed with spiritual intelligence wise men giving up the results arising from actions certainly liberate themselves from the bondage of birth and death attaining the state of complete tranquility –(Bhagavadgita : Ch.-II, 51)

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"I remember Bharatiya Jan Sangh founder Shyama Prasad Mookerjee and Deen Dayal Upadhyay... I feel proud to say that their dream has been turned into reality by Shri Narendra Modi."

-Rajnath Singh

"Like Mother India is my mother, the same way the BJP is also my mother."

-Narendra Modi

Shani Jayanti : 28th May, 2014

Shani Jayanti is marked as birth anniversary of Lord Shani and is also known as Shani Amavasya. The word Shani (शनि) comes from *Shanaye Kramati Sah* (शनये क्रमति सः), the one who moves slowly, because Saturn takes about 30 years to revolve around the Sun. Lord Shani is son of Lord Suryadev and is one of the Navagraha of Jyotica (the nine primary celestial beings in Hindu astrology). Shani is embodied in the planet Saturn and is the Lord of Saturday. Shani is also known as *Shanischra* and Shani Jayanti is observed on Amavasya Tithi during Jyaishta month of the Hindu calendar.

Shani is a Deva and son of Surya and his wife Chhaya, hence also known as Chayyaputra. He is the elder brother of Yama, the Hindu god of death, who in some scriptures corresponds to the deliverance of justice. Shani gives us the results of one's deeds through one's life through appropriate punishments and rewards; Yama grants the results of one's deeds after death.

Shani is known as the greatest teacher and well wisher for the righteous as well the greatest punisher for those who follow the path of evil, betrayal, backstabbing and unjust revenge. He is depicted dark in colour, clothed in black; holding a sword, arrows and two daggers and mounted on a crow, which is Shani's vâhana. As protector of property, Shani is able to repress the thieving tendencies.

Shani Jayanti coincides with Vat Savitri Vrat which is observed during Jyaishta Amavasya in most part of India. On Shani Jayanti devotees keep fast or Upvaas to propitiate Lord Shani and visit Shani temples to seek blessing of Lord Shani. It is believed that Lord Shani believes in fair justice and if appeased blesses His devotee with good luck and fortune. People, who don't have blessing of Lord Shani, toil for years without getting any reward for their hard work in life.

Shani Jayanti is very appropriate day to perform Hawan to appease Lord Shani. Shani *Tailabhishekam* and Shani *Shanti Puja* are the most important ceremonies performed during Shani Jayanti to lessen the effect of Shani Dosha.





Salute to the mandate!

Historic victory! The flag of the ideology of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee and Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya is flying high in India. Best performance in the journey of the 'lamp' of Jansangh and 'lotus' of BJP. From Kashmir to Kanyakumari the Congress could win only 44 seats out of 543 seats against lotus. People have rejected it in 499 seats. Congress is passing through the worst phase of its history from the day of its formation till today. This time coalition is not needed to form the government but to get a leader of opposition. The election results of the 16th Lok Sabha have taught a lesson to all the leaders and parties who made Indian Parliament a centre of opportunism and reduced it to a political market. The nation has shown all such leaders their face in the mirror.

The 16th Lok Sabha elections have given not one but many messages. The chain of caste has been broken. For many years the poison of casteism has been spreading to every village in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. This time the flag of nationalism was hoisted over casteism and regionalism. Till now Jansangh and BJP were said to be a north India party. But now this can't be said any longer. In every state BJP has heralded its own expansion. Barring one Kerala, BJP and its allies have raised their flag in almost every state. By winning all the seats of eight states and the record made in Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand including Maharashtra BJP has created history. In this election the idea of development that was put before the people by Shri Narendra Modi was accepted by the nation.

Shri Narendra Modi never looked back. Can anyone forget the unprecedented public meetings packed with overflowing people while he marched from Gujarat of six crore people to India of 125 crore? He labored tirelessly. He carried out the decision of the organization like a karyakarta. He was neither distracted by bomb nor got tired by hot summer. He continuously followed the mantra of '*charaiveti, charaiveti*' of Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya. While being chief minister of a state he tried to understand the essence of other states as well. Narendra Modi set the agenda of the elections. Every leader whether in opposition or in support had to talk about the 'Gujarat model'. It was the first election in India which Narendra Modi galvanized around himself and BJP.

The would be Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi spoke clearly about the prevailing political situation in the country. During the entire course of electioneering Congress, BSP, SP, RJD and other political parties attacked Shri Narendra Modi in every possible ways, but he never paid heed on these attacks. He continuously kept marching towards his goal. If he called Congress a party of mother-son duo, the same thing happened in UP. Only mother-son could win the elections from Congress. SP also met the similar fate in UP. There four persons of the same family won. BSP was reduced to a cipher.

BJP made alliance with 27 parties before elections. While in the time of former Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, NDA had 24 allies. At one time BJP was called untouchable but under the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi BJP alliance became stronger.

The reality is that the country was against UPA and there was intense attraction for Shri Narendra Modi. Country was tired of the paralysis of last ten years. Shri Narendra Modi ignited the ray of hope in the country. The ray of hope dawned in such a way that it lightened the spirit across the nation. Shri Narendra Modi tried to arrest the decline in the credibility of politics. He built confidence in the people that nation is not sterile. The nation needs to be taken to the highest position in the 20th century. The picture of India is before Shri Narendra Modi. He said that he has come forward to serve the mother. Ganga Maa has called in Varanasi. The acceptability of Shri Narendra Modi in the country may be assessed from the fact that he went to Gujarat only for 18 hours and people handed him over all the seats in Gujarat.

Nation is happy. Nation cannot forget the role played by the carrier of national ideology

and cultural nationalism, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh. For last four months the manner in which the nation was awakened by swayamsevaks who moved from door to door is remarkable. While offering their prayers in the feet of Maa Bharati the swayamsevaks told only one thing to the people, save India. It is true that people attempted to save India in unison. The manner in which BJP National President Shri Rajnath Singh blended organization and leadership gives proof of his unique organizational skills. He stood by Shri Narendra Modi on every occasion. Entire organisation never allowed a moment to arise wherein Shri Narendra Modi can feel disheartened. Organisation always increased his confidence. India is the largest democratic nation of the world, entire world was watching this election. Anti-national and anarchist elements who want to keep Indian politics unstable left no stone unturned but the soldiers of Indian democracy assured Shri Narendra Modi through their votes that BJP alone would get clear majority and also the NDA. After 1984, i.e. after 30 years India has created history in the 16th Lok Sabha elections by giving clear majority to a single party.

People, karyakartas and the system running the country today are all in smiles. Country has got a leadership after long time which is being watched by the world. The doors of development will open and there will be smile on the faces of Indians. The people of India have shown their immense maturity to the political leaders. This election results have shown the ground reality to everyone. Those who used to mislead the people could not do so this time. The mandate given by nation and its people has been accepted by the proponents of the national ideology.

The nation is looking towards Shri Narendra Modi with hope. We all have full faith that Shri Narendra Bhai Modi will raise the victory flag of Maa Bharati in the world by his remarkable deeds. ■

Newspapers editorial write

The Tribune : A mandate for change

It is a historic victory for Narendra Modi that surpasses all projections by opinion polls and political pundits. The Congress stands decimated. The large states of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Maharashtra apart from the current BJP-ruled Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Gujarat have given Modi a massive mandate...

The Statesman : Joy, hope, fear

The tidal bore that propelled the Narendra Modi-led BJP to a position of such strength that it can form a government on its own also had an undertow powerful enough to drag the Congress into virtual oblivion. Yet while the focus will be on the decimation of the "family-run" enterprise, and some regional outfits..

The Times of India : India Turns Right

In an extraordinary moment of democratic renewal, the tectonic plates of Indian politics have shifted. The Indian people have spoken - and spoken decisively. They have shifted the ground underneath a tired Congress which, with only 44 seats, crashed to its worst defeat ever....

The Economic Times

Narendra Modi's grand victory, giving any single party a majority in the Lok Sabha on its own for the first time since 1984-89, marks the beginning of a new era in Indian politics. The Congress has been decimated, as have been caste-based parties of the Hindi heartland.....

The Hindu : Preserve the Idea of India

The sensational sweep and scale of the Bharatiya Janata Party's electoral victory was unquestionably the direct result of the strong upsurge in the popularity of its prime ministerial candidate, Narendra Modi. The Gujarat Chief Minister was clearly the star campaigner and the massive "Modi wave" that has clearly caught the imagination of large sections of India's voters has given the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance an unprecedented and historic mandate.

Hindustan times : A tectonic shift in Indian politics

If the BJP's triumph were to be described in song, it would have to be the slightly altered lyrics from a popular song by the Swedish mega pop group Abba - 'The winner takes it all/the loser's standing small/besides the victory/ that's its destiny.' Truly, the BJP, led by the Narendra Modi juggernaut, has swept aside all in its path to realise its destiny and come up with what is the party's most impressive victory so far...

The Pioneer: What a victory! And what a drubbing!

It will be an understatement to say that the Bharatiya Janata Party has won and the Congress has lost the 2014 Lok Sabha election. But it will not be an exaggeration to say that the BJP has swept the poll and the Congress has been decimated.... ■

NaMo tsunami sweeps the nation

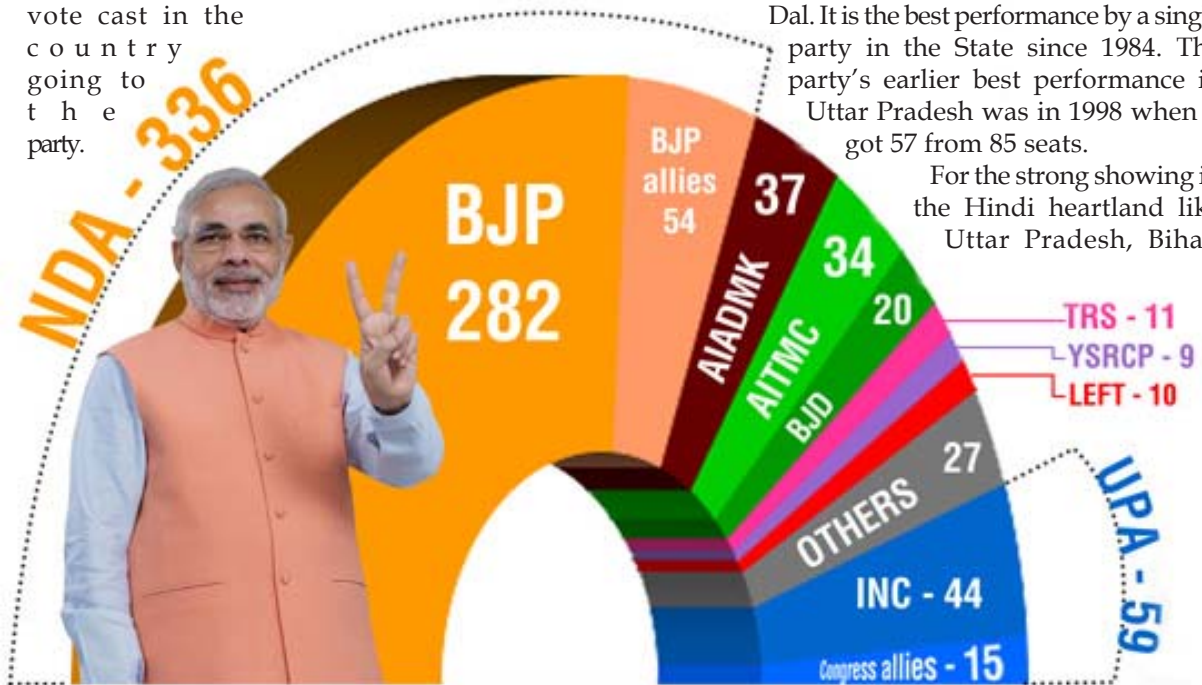
BJP creates history with a landslide victory, Congress decimated

In the recently concluded General Elections of 2014 in the biggest democracy of the world, the Bharatiya Janata Party snatched a historic landslide victory and secured more seats than it did in the last two General Elections combined, taking its tally to 282 seats, the highest by a single party since the 1984 election. The NDA also won in 336 seats in the Lok Sabha. The party's 2014 vote-share too was over 1.5 times that of its 2009 vote-share, with nearly every third vote cast in the country going to the party.

in a position to be the official Opposition, a status for which it needs at least 10 per cent of the 543 seats in the Lok Sabha. The hype around the Aam Aadmi Party also burst like a bubble, with the outfit winning only four of the over 400 seats it contested and left unable stake claim to a national party status.

The BJP's biggest win came from Uttar Pradesh, where it won 71 seats alone with 42.3% vote share and 73 seats with its coalition partner Apna Dal. It is the best performance by a single party in the State since 1984. The party's earlier best performance in Uttar Pradesh was in 1998 when it got 57 from 85 seats.

For the strong showing in the Hindi heartland like Uttar Pradesh, Bihar,



After the victory an elated BJP National President Shri Rajnath Singh said, "The time has come to re- write the Indian story... it has happened for the first time since 1984. BJP has succeeded in transcending regions, religions and caste boundaries."

The Congress was obliterated, slipping to its lowest ever tally of less than 44 seats as the BJP tsunami swept the nation. The Congress led into battle by vice-president Rahul Gandhi, is not even

Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Delhi, Jharkhand, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand – the BJP won as many as 190 out of 225 seats led to the rout of not only the Congress but regional players such as SP, BSP, JD(U), RLD and RJD. The BJP also swept Shri Narendra Modi's home state of Gujarat and did exceedingly well in the crucial states of Maharashtra, Karnataka and Assam. Moreover, the BJP's wins were comprehensive right down to

the seat level. The party won 195 seats by over 1 lakh votes.

The BJP also improved its vote-share in States where it did not have a substantial presence, with 21% in Odisha, 17% in West Bengal and over 10% in Kerala the BJP emerged as a big force in these States. The BJP's pan- India presence was established for the first time, and without doubt, as it became the first party in three decades to secure a majority on its own. All barriers of caste,



community, religion and geography seemed to have melted to give the party an unbelievable tally of 282 seats— 10 more than the magic figure of 272 needed to form the government.

The BJP Prime Ministerial Candidate Shri Narendra Modi gracefully accepted the historic victory and appeared in public, to take his aged mother's blessings first, then addressed public meetings at Vadodara and at Ahmedabad. At Vadodara, Shri Modi stretched his arms out in acceptance of victory and said, "For a government, no one is a favourite, nor is anyone an alien," he declared to a crowd that cheered his every word. "In a democracy, there are no enemies, only competitors". That competition ends with elections," he said. An echo of Modi's hard- hitting campaign speeches was heard later in Ahmedabad, when he reminded a massive crowd of his "magic". "Unko pata nahin tha ke Modi kaisa jadugar hai (They didn't realise



what kind of a magician I am). They tried to escape the issue of development, but I forced them to fight precisely on that agenda, he said.

Shri Modi also proved that polls can be won in the country on the issue of development alone. So he said, this verdict is a verdict of hope and verdict for development to take India forward and to work hard to fulfill people's dreams.

BJP makes inroads into new areas

Announcing the BJP's historic victory, party national president Shri Rajanath Singh quoted former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's famous lines, "**Andhera Chatega, Suraj Nikalega, Kamal Khilega [the darkness will dissipate, the sun will shine and the lotus will bloom]**" and with unmistakable pride added: "**Aaj kamal khil chuka hai aur asha ki nayi subah ho gayi hai [the lotus has bloomed and there is a new dawn of hope].**"

He said this improved performance in areas that were not BJP strongholds is being attributed to the acceptance of Shri Narendra

Modi as a national leader and Prime Minister. "This is the love of the people from across the country that reflects in the increased vote share even in areas like the North East, East and South. Shri Modi's leadership converted the mood in these areas to a pro-BJP wave".

Senior BJP leader Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad said the "political witch-hunt" and "motivated campaigns" against Shri Modi were not enough to block his ascend. "His promise of good governance attracted people to him. He was seen as the embodiment of hope and change."

The BJP's revised election strategy in the Lok Sabha polls had been to cover the last mile. Extensive campaigns were undertaken in distant parts of the country and people were promised employment, development, security and growth. Separate manifestoes were drafted for each of the North-Eastern States and at rallies in the region

Shri Modi focused on development, protection of border areas, illegal immigration and even the ecology.

For instance, in Manipur, where the party has a vote share of 11 per cent, construction of arterial roads has been promised, the contentious issue of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 has been touched upon and decentralization of administration has been spoken of.

Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad said in West Bengal, between the Left and the Trinamool, it has managed to carve out a space for itself. Here again, the promise is of growth and a better economy. The BJP may not have bagged seats, but by securing 17 per cent of the votes it has made a beginning.

Similarly, with a vote share of 10 per cent in Kerala, 32 per cent in Jammu and Kashmir, 36 per cent in Assam, 21 per cent in Odisha, 8 per cent in Meghalaya and 11 per cent in Manipur, the BJP is no longer confined to the North, West and Central India and is staking its claim as a true national party.

Modi wave wipes out UPA cabinet

It was a complete washout for ministers of the Congress led UPA government, with most members of the Union Cabinet being routed as the Congress recorded its worst defeat in Lok Sabha polls. More than a dozen ministers, including seniors like Union Home Minister Sushilkumar Shinde, Law Minister Kapil Sibal and External Affairs Minister Salman Khurshid lost by significant margins.

While Sibal stood third in his constituency, Khurshid was a distant fifth. Another significant loss for the Congress was that of Lok Sabha Speaker Ms Meira Kumar.

Coal Minister Sriprakash Jaiswal, Health Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad, Steel Minister Beni Prasad Verma and Corporate Affairs Minister Sachin Pilot were other Congress bigwigs who lost. Fertiliser Minister Srikant Jena and HRD Minister M. M. Pallam Raju too failed to retain their seats. Pilot stood second and lost by a margin of over 1.7 lakh votes, while Jena, Raju and Verma could not even manage to hold on to the second position. Even ministers from the Congress' allies, like Heavy Industries Minister Praful Patel of NCP, Renewable Energy Minister Farooq Abdullah of National Conference and Civil Aviation Minister Ajit Singh of Rashtriya Lok Dal, faced defeat.

It wasn't just the Cabinet ministers as even the younger lot of ministers fared poorly. Minister of State for Home RPN Singh, MoS for Telecom Milind Deora, MoS for Defence Jitendra Singh and MoS for HRD Jitin Prasada also lost. With the young brigade considered close to Congress vice president Rahul Gandhi losing their seats, this will be a major setback for Congress's future plans.

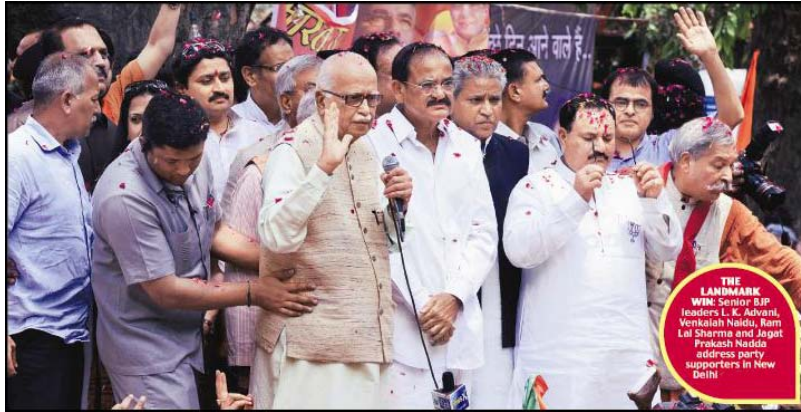
There were other senior ministers in the UPA government, like Finance Minister P. Chidambaram, Defence Minister A. K. Antony, Rural Affairs Minister Jairam Ramesh and Agriculture Minister Sharad Pawar, who did not

A MASSIVE FAILURE			ONLY 16 OF THE 28 UPA MINISTERS HAD CONTESTED		
 <p>SALMAN KHURSHID Portfolio: External affairs minister Contested from: Farrukhabad Votes won: 76,543 Lost to: MUKESH RAJPUT by a margin of 3,10,652</p>	 <p>SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE Portfolio: Home Minister Contested from: Solapur, Maharashtra Votes won: 3,68,205 Lost to: SHARAD BAN-SODE (BJP) by a margin of 1,49,674</p>	 <p>KAPIL SIBAL Portfolio: Law Minister Contested from: Chandni Chowk, Delhi Votes won: 1,76,206 Lost to: BJP'S HARSH VARDHAN by a margin of 2,61,732</p>	 <p>FAROOQ ABDULLAH Portfolio: New and Renewable Energy Minister Contested from: Srinagar, J&K Votes won: 1,15,643 Lost to: TARIQ HAMEED KARRA (PDP) by a margin of 42,280</p>	 <p>AJIT SINGH Portfolio: Civil Aviation Minister Contested from: Baghat, Uttar Pradesh Votes won: 1,99,516 Lost to: SATYA PAL SINGH (BJP) by a margin of 2,23,959</p>	 <p>GHULAM NABI AZAD Portfolio: Health Minister Contested from: Udhampur, J&K Votes won: 4,26,393 Lost to: JITENDRA SINGH (BJP) by a margin of 60,976</p>

even contest the election.

Joy erupts at Delhi BJP Headquarters

Dancing to drumbeats, chanting slogans, bursting firecrackers and distributing laddoos, thousands of BJP workers gathered at the party headquarters in New Delhi to celebrate the



landslide victory in the Lok Sabha polls. Many workers were seen smearing each other with colour and dancing to the beats of drums.

The party workers were so excited that even the party president Shri Rajnath Singh had to step in while they were cheering the victory. The road near the party headquarters was cordoned off with heavy barricading. A couple of elephants were also seen beyond the barricades. The cheers grew louder as several LED screens showed the BJP getting a majority. Party workers smeared gulaal (colored powder) as they greeted one another.

There was one big tea stall – NaMo tea stall – that served free tea to all. Shouting slogans like desh ka PM kaisa ho, Narendra Modi jaisa ho ... Ghar Ghar Modi, the party activists also distributed laddoos to each other.

Performance in States DELHI

Toeing the national trend, the Bharatiya Janata Party swept the parliamentary elections in Delhi with the party candidates registering victory with huge margins in all the seven Lok

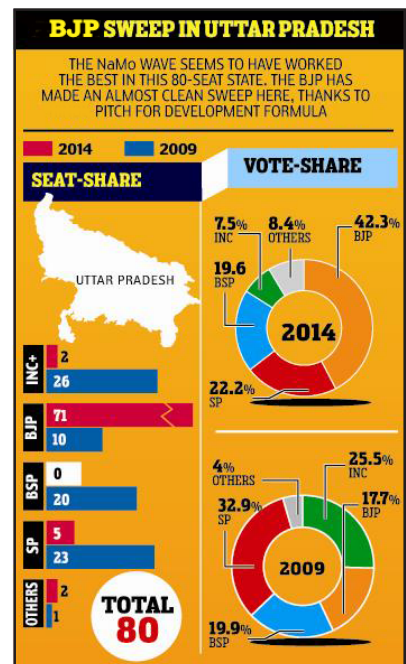
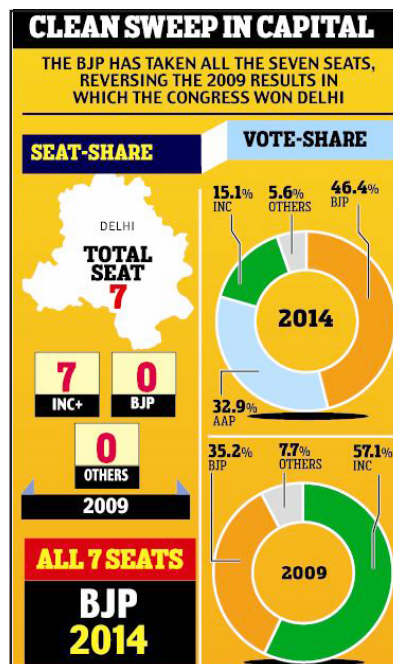
Sabha constituencies on 16th May. The last time the BJP won all the seven seats in Delhi was in 1999 when the National Democratic Alliance led by the BJP came to power at the Centre.

The electoral outcome also bucked predictions of almost all the exit polls that gave the Aam Aadmi Party three to four seats in Delhi. The Congress had won all the seven seats in the 2009 general election. However, four of the seven sitting Congress MPs including Union Minister Krishna Tirath, J.P. Agarwal, Ramesh Kumar and Mahabal Mishra lost their security deposit this time round. Other big Congress names who bit the dust included Union Minister Kapil Sibal, AICC general secretary Ajay Maken and the former Chief Minister Sheila Dikshit's son, Sandeep Dikshit.

UTTAR PRADESH

The unexpected has happened in Uttar Pradesh. The Bharatiya Janata Party has swept this state reducing Congress and Samajwadi Party to single digits and decimating Bahujan Samaj Party and Rashtriya Lok Dal as they failed to open their accounts.

On its own the BJP won 71 Lok Sabha seats



with a vote share of 42 per cent. This is 25 per cent more than that of 2009 election, when the BJP had won just 10 seats. BJP's partner Apna Dal won two seats, taking the NDA tally in UP to 73. This is the best ever performance of the BJP - better than that of 1998 when the BJP won 57 seats of the 85 Lok Sabha seats in the undivided Uttar Pradesh.

The BJP's tally in UP is much more than the combined figure of Congress at the national level. The Samajwadi Party and Congress have won five and two seats respectively, and incidentally, these seven seats have been won by the Mulayam Singh Yadav and Sonia Gandhi families. If the Gandhis have won Rae Bareilly and Amethi seats, the winners among Yadavs are Mulayam Singh Yadav from Mainpuri and Azamgarh, his daughter-in-law Dimple Yadav, nephew Dharmendra Yadav and Prof Ram Gopal Yadav's son Akshay Yadav. But this Lok Sabha election has led to annihilation of Bahujan Samaj Party. In the last Lok Sabha election, Mayawati's BSP had won 20 seats but this time it has failed to open its account.

BJP wins three seats in U.P. Assembly by-elections
 The Bharatiya Janata Party bagged three out of four Assembly seats in Uttar Pradesh, where by-elections took place with the Lok Sabha polls. On Vishwanathganj seat in Pratapgarh, BJP - Apna Dal candidate Rakesh Kumar Verma defeated his nearest rival SP's Sanjay Pandey by margin of 14,071 votes. Similarly on Unnao seat, BJP's Pankaj Gupta won from his nearest rival Manisha Deepak of the SP by margin of 54,662 votes. On Fatehpur seat, BJP candidate Vikram Singh won by defeating his nearest rival BSP's Jitendra Lodhi by margin of 12,509 votes.

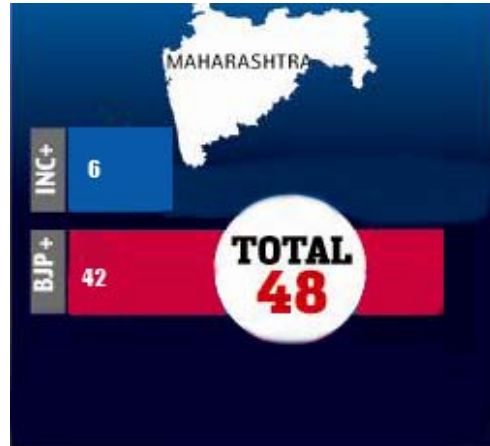
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Like the entire country, the Narendra Modi wave swept away the ruling Janata Dal (United) and the Rashtriya Janata Dal in Bihar, dealing massive blows to Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and RJD chief Lalu Prasad. The BJP and its allies Lok Janshakti Party and Rashtriya Lok Samata Party won 31 out of the total 40 seats in the state, leaving the RJD- Congress- NCP alliance and the JD(U) with only seven and two seats, respectively.

In the 2009 general elections, the JD(U) and the BJP had together won 32 seats in Bihar. But the JD(U), which had 20 MPs in the 15th Lok Sabha, could retain only two seats. All other JD(U) candidates including the party's national president Sharad Yadav lost the polls.

MAHARASHTRA

"It will be an understatement to call it a Modi



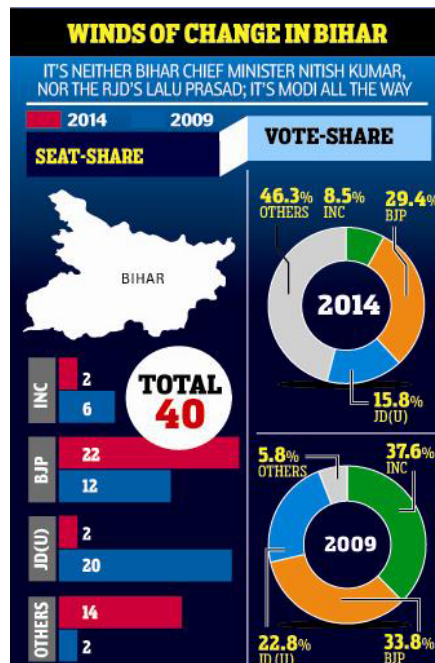
wave; it was a tsunami that levelled everything in its path," said a Congress leader in Mumbai, summing up the party's

worst performance ever in Maharashtra.

The drubbing of the Congress- NCP combine was so severe that their joint tally of Lok Sabha seats could not reach even in double digits. The Congress has been reduced to only two seats, while the NCP to four. The two parties had won 17 and

eight seats respectively in 2009.

The BJP, on the other hand, has put up an impressive show in Maharashtra, winning 23 seats, while its ally, Shiv Sena, has emerged victorious in 18, taking their combined tally 41 out of a total 48 seats.



Bulls greet BJP show, Sensex soars over 25k



Stock indices scaled record highs as the BJP-led NDA looked certain to form the next government. The Sensex opened 366 points higher and surged 1470 points [intra-day] from its previous close to 25375, its highest mark. The NSE Nifty, too, surged 400 points to scale 7563.50 amidst hectic buying in stocks. "The results were better than expected. No one thought that the NDA would go to 330 plus levels. On the higher side, they were expected to get 270. And, when they surpassed this number, it was a landslide. Markets gave thumbs up. Huge positions were built on hopes in the past few days, and when the news was out, market players booked profit and made good money," said market experts.

MADHYA PRADESH

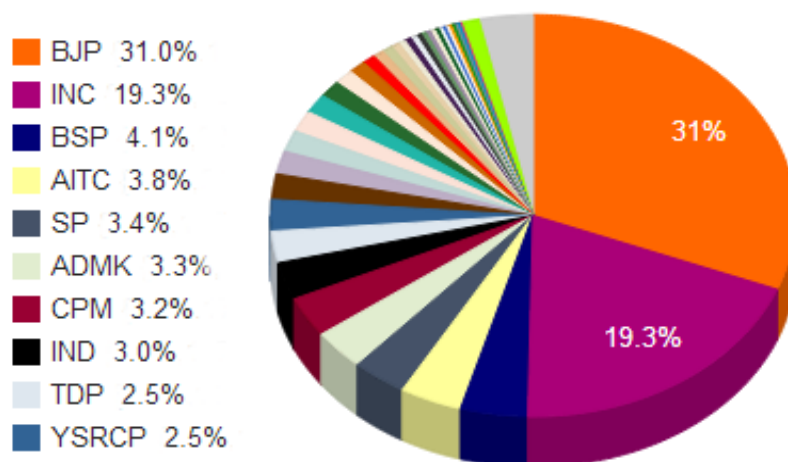
It is once again a massive Bharatiya Janata Party sweep in Madhya Pradesh. The party has won 27 seats out of the total 29 Lok Sabha seats the



state has. The Congress has won two seats where its stalwarts Jyotiraditya Scindia and Kamal Nath were in the fray. As per the data available, the vote share of BJP stood at 54 percent and that of Congress at 34.9 percent. Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan attributed the BJP's spectacular victory in Lok Sabha polls to the charismatic leadership of Shri Narendra Modi and a large number of follies committed by the Congress-led UPA government at Centre. "Along with Modi's leadership qualities, the number of mistakes committed by the UPA helped the BJP to come to power on its own after 30 years in the nation's history," Shri Chouhan told reporters in Bhopal.

Senior BJP leader Smt. Sushma Swaraj also retained her Vidisha Lok Sabha seat in Madhya Pradesh by a margin of 4,10,698 votes. Madhya Pradesh BJP president Shri Narendra Singh Tomar too won from Gwalior seat by a margin of 29,699 votes. Senior Congress leader and former state chief minister (late) Arjun Singh's son Ajay Singh lost to sitting MP Ganesh Singh from Satna seat by a margin of 8,688 votes. BJP's Rao Uday Pratap

Partywise Vote Share



Singh won from Hoshangabad seat in Madhya Pradesh by a handsome margin of 3,89,960 votes by defeating his Congress rival Devendra Patel. GUJARAT

The Narendra Modi wave bulldozed Congress in Gujarat as for the first time in its electoral history the party could not win a single seat in the state. BJP won all the 26 Lok Sabha constituencies in the home state of BJP's Prime Ministerial candidate Shri Modi. Twenty-four of its candidates won by one lakh-plus margins. Shri Modi himself won by a margin of 5.70 lakh votes from Vadodara seat. Thanking the people of Vadodara, he claimed it was a record margin for the general elections so far. BJP Parliamentary Party Chairman Shri L K Advani also won by more than 4.63 lakh votes from Gandhinagar.

For the first time, Congress could not win a single Lok Sabha seat in Gujarat. In 2009, the party had won 11 seats. Three Congress union ministers, Dinsha Patel, Tushar Chaudhary and Bharat Solanki, were among those who bit the dust, apart from the party's general secretary Madhusudan Mistry and leader of opposition in the state assembly Shankarsinh Vaghela.

KARNATAKA

The Bharatiya Janata Party has, by winning 17 of the 28 Lok Sabha seats, registered a spectacular victory in the State. The BJP has now shown that it is a major force to reckon with in the only southern State where it has continuously improved on its performance since 1991. BJP heavyweights like the former Union Minister and general secretary Shri Ananth Kumar, the former Chief Ministers Shri B.S. Yeddyurappa and Shri D.V. Sadananda Gowda and State BJP president Shri Pralhad Joshi won by huge margin. ■

Anandiben Patel sworn as CM of Gujarat

Smt. Anandiben Patel was on May 22 sworn in as the first woman Chief Minister of Gujarat.

73-year-old smt. Patel, who was Revenue, Urban Development and Disaster Management Minister, in the Shri Modi Cabinet, was administered oath of office and secrecy by Governor Kamla Beniwal.

Along with Smt. Patel, six ministers of Cabinet rank and 14



Ministers of State were also sworn in at a ceremony attended by a galaxy of top BJP leaders, including Prime Minister-elect Modi, BJP National President Shri Rajnath Singh, Shri L K Advani, Shri Murli Manohar Joshi, Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Shri Venkaiah Naidu and Shri Nitin Gadkari.

Punjab Chief Minister Shri Prakash Singh Badal of Shiromani Akali Dal, an NDA ally, and BJP Chief Ministers Shivraj Singh Chouhan (Madhya Pradesh), Vasundhara Raje Scindia (Rajasthan) and Raman Singh (Chhattisgarh) were also present.

Smt. Patel was elected leader of the Gujarat BJP Legislature Party on 21 May after Shri Modi's resignation as Chief Minister following a 12-year stint. The six Cabinet Ministers who were sworn in are Shri Nitin Patel, Shri Raman Vora, Shri Bhupendrasinh Chudasama, Shri Saurabh Patel, Shri Ganpat Vasava and Shri Babu Bokharia.

Shri Dilip Thakor, Vasuben Trivedi, Shri Pradipsinh Jadeja, Shri Chatrasinh Mori, Shri Jaydrathsinh Parmar, Shri Rajnikant Patel, Shri Govind Patel, Nanu Vanani, Jayanti Kavadia, and Shri Jayesh Radadia were sworn in as Ministers of State. Four new faces inducted as MoS are Shri Shankar Chaudhary, Shri Tarachand Cheda, Shri Bachubhai Khabad and Kanti Gamit. ■

Wishes pour in from India and abroad

From world leaders to eminent citizens from various walks of life to political rivals, a large number of people congratulated Shri Narendra Modi on leading the NDA to a historic win in the 2014 Lok Sabha elections.

BJP leaders celebrate historic win, call Shri Modi

As soon as the results of the Lok Sabha elections started coming a large number of BJP leaders telephoned Shri Narendra Modi to wish him. This includes Shri LK Advani, Shri Rajnath Singh, Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Shri Nitin Gadkari, Shri V Satish, Shri Prem Kumar Dhumal and Shri Ram Lal ji. Former Gujarat CM Shri Keshubhai Patel congratulated Narendra Modi on the BJP's historic victory.

Wishes from Sarsanghchalak ji



The respected Sarsanghchalak of the RSS Shri Mohan Bhagwatji spoke to Shri Narendra Modi over the telephone and congratulated

him on the phenomenal victory. Wishes cutting across party lines

Leaders from other political parties wished Shri Narendra Modi. This includes one of India's senior most and most respected politicians, Punjab Chief Minister Shri Parkash Singh Badal.

Dr. Manmohan Singh (Prime Minister of India 2004-2014) called Shri Modi and wished him. Other leaders from the Congress Party who spoke to Shri Modi include Shri Kamal Nath and Shri Anand Sharma. Shri Sharad Pawar telephoned Shri Modi to extend his good wishes on the result. Dr. Shashi Tharoor shared his good wishes on Twitter and described the victory as astonishing. Puducherry Chief Minister Shri N Rangasamy was among the leaders who wished Shri Modi.



Eminent Individuals from various walks of life

Among the eminent public figures who congratulated Shri Modi over the telephone include the revered **Morari Bapu ji** and **Swami Ramdev**. **Governor of Chhattisgarh Shri Shekhar Dutt** and



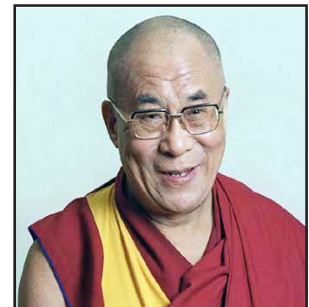
wife of Reliance founder Dhirubhai Ambani **Mrs.**

Kokilaben Ambani were among those who called up Shri Modi to wish him.

His Holiness **the Dalai Lama** wrote a letter to Shri Modi and wished him.

He expressed confidence that India would progress under Shri Modi in the same way as Gujarat had progressed under his leadership.

Legal luminary Justice VR Krishna Iyer, who is an old well wisher of Shri Modi wrote a letter to him in which he said that when the history of India is written the Modi chapter will be illustrious and luminously radiant to inspire coming generations.



Leaders of foreign countries congratulate Narendra Modi

A large number of world leaders extended their wishes to Shri Narendra Modi. The **Prime Minister of Pakistan Shri Nawaz Sharif** telephoned Shri Modi and wished him. So did President **Rajapaksa of Sri Lanka**. Bangladesh Prime Minister **Sheikh Hasina**, President of Afghanistan and former President of Maldives **Mr. Nasheed** also wished Sh. Modi.

The King of Bhutan His Excellency Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck and the **PM of Bhutan**, a nation with which India enjoys strong relations called Shri Modi to convey their good wishes.

The President of USA Mr. Barack Obama and Japan Prime Minister **Mr. Shinzo Abe** called up Shri Modi to congratulate him.

Prime Minister of Austria Mr. Tony Abbott, PM of Norway **Ms. Erna Solberg**, PM of Qatar **Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa Al Thani** and **Prime Minister Netanyahu of Israel** are among the world leaders who talked to Shri Modi wishing him on the emphatic win.

The **Prime Minister of Mauritius Mr. Navinchandra Ramgoolam** called Shri Modi and wished the two nations continue to strengthen their relations in the years to come.

The **President of Nepal Shri Ram Baran Yadav**, **Prime Minister Shri Sushil Koirala** and former PM **Shri Baburam Bhattarai** wished Shri Modi. Shri Modi talked about the strong ties between India and Nepal and expressed his commitment to continue the relations in the years to come.

Prime Minister of UK Mr. David Cameron congratulated Shri Modi on his emphatic electoral victory. He extended the invitation to visit UK on his way to the BRICS summit to be held in August 2014 in Brazil. He said that he is looking forward to meet Shri Modi at an early date. Shri Modi replied to the Prime Minister, talking about the historic ties between UK and India and an affirmation to make this relation stronger in the years to come.

The President of Russia Mr. Vladimir Putin congratulated Shri Modi on the BJP's victory through a message that was also shared on Twitter. President Putin recalled the strong ties between India and Russia and the strides made in India-Russia relations during the NDA government under Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee. President Putin expressed confidence that the two countries will work together and improve their relations in the years to come.

The Prime Minister of Singapore Mr. Lee Hsien Loong congratulated Shri Narendra Modi, saying that he looked forward to working with the new Government. Shri Modi described Singapore as a valued friend and expressed confidence that ties between India and Singapore will emerge stronger in the days to come.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper of Canada congratulated Shri Modi and expressed confidence that the two leaders will work for strong ties between India and Canada in the coming years.



Glimpses

International Media



Won with tallest victory margin



Narendra Modi

5.70 Lakh



V K Singh

5.66 Lakh



CR Patil

5.58 Lakh



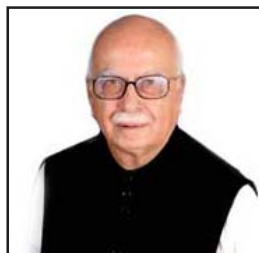
Ram Chandra Bohra

5.39 Lakh



Darskana Vikram Jardosh

5.33 Lakh



L K Advani

4.83 Lakh



Bholu Singh

4.21 Lakh

Sushma Swaraj

4.10 Lakh



“I am your Mazdoor Number 1” Will dedicate every moment of coming 60 months in service of the people of India : Modi



Addressing his first ever public meeting after the historic victory in 2014 Lok Sabha elections for the Bharatiya Janata Party and the National Democratic Alliance, Prime Ministerial Candidate Shri Narendra Modi thanked the people of Vadodara for electing him with a record margin of 5 lakhs 70 thousand votes. He said that despite having addressed only one rally in Vadodara the people reposed their faith in him and elected him with such a large margin. Shri Modi described the verdict of the people across India as a verdict to take the nation forward and work hard for the dreams of the people.

Shri Narendra Modi congratulated all those who have won today and said that together everyone will take the nation ahead. “We have to take everyone together to run the nation,” affirmed Shri Modi. He

opined that in a democracy it is natural for political rivalry but there is no question of enmity with anybody.

Talking about his determination to serve the people of India for the next 60 months Shri Modi said, “I am your Mazdoor Number 1. In the coming 60 months I will dedicate every moment of my time in service of the people of India.”

Commenting on the specialty of the 2014 Lok Sabha elections Shri Modi pointed, “In the history of India it is for the first time that a Party other than the Congress has secured a majority on its own. I am proud that we are a patriotic Party that has fought the Congress and is committed to India’s development.” On a different note, Shri Modi said that this is the first time the Parties were being led by leaders who are born after 1947. “We never had the

chance to die for the nation but we have the chance to live for the nation and live for Surajya,” Shri Modi stated.

Shri Modi thanked the people of Varanasi and pointed that Varanasi has voted for the silence of Narendra Modi, referring to his inability to address the people of Varanasi. He described what happened in Varanasi as a first in a democracy, where a candidate was not allowed to speak to people.

Referring to the unparalleled success in Gujarat, Shri Modi recalled that when BJP talked about 26 out of 26 seats some people mocked them but this has now become a reality. He saluted the efforts of all BJP Karyakartas across India who worked tirelessly for BJP’s victory. The senior leadership of the Gujarat BJP and local Vadodara Unit were present on the occasion. ■

People of India have voted for development, and this election has laid the foundation of Adhunik Bharat : Narendra Modi

Speaking to a massive crowd of supporters in his second victory rally on December 16, Shri Narendra Modi expressed gratitude and thanked the people for affirming their support for the BJP. Addressing the people of Ahmedabad on the evening of 16th May, within hours of the NDA's landslide victory in the 2014 Lok Sabha Elections, Shri Narendra Modi assured them of his dedication and determination to work for the peace and progress of the Nation.

Shri Modi thanked the people of Ahmedabad for reposing their faith, despite the fact that he had been unable to address even a single rally in the city. He also thanked the people of the Nation for showing their support and showering their blessings, and stated how this victory was a first-of-its-kind in history since it is for the first time that a Party, other than the Congress, had gained an outstanding majority on its own. Shri Modi spoke of how such massive support brought along added responsibilities on the Party, and assured the people of BJP's dedicated focus on ensuring development and people's progress. He stated that post the declaration of the results, the need-of-the-hour was to involve everyone in the Nation's development journey, and affirmed of his vision to engage every Party and Person in the growth story.

Shri Modi spoke of how the 'politics of divide' had ended today, and the stage had been set for the 'politics of unity and development'. Shri Modi said that despite the disruptive efforts of certain factions at defaming Shri Modi, the Nation had voted solely for the good governance and development modules of the BJP. "It is the youth of India who

He also recalled the 'jan andolan' attitude prevalent in the minds of the people during pre-Independence, and called upon the people to inculcate the same and work towards making development a mass movement. Shri Modi urged the people to keep development as the core of every pursuit and contribute unitedly in making India



led from the front in this election, rising above differences of caste and creed. People of India have voted for development. I am seeing the start of a Bhavya and Divya Bharat," said Shri Modi.

He spoke of how the Election results had disproved the propaganda by vested interest groups, and applauded the people for showing their support for the BJP's sole agenda of development. "Posts come and go, but this election has laid foundations of Adhunik Bharat. Development is the only agenda that can save the nation," said Shri Modi.

prosper.

Rejecting the claims of an anti-establishment victory, Shri Modi spoke of how this resounding win was centered around the ray of hope for the people of the Nation - their ray of hope to free themselves from the shackles of misgovernance. He also thanked the people of Gujarat for enabling him step ahead and work for the Nation. "Your right over me will remain. Just call for me and I will be there," said Shri Modi.

Senior leaders from Gujarat BJP were present on the occasion. ■

'Maa Ganga has made me yours, I thank you for your affection' : Narendra Modi

Shri Narendra Modi sought the blessings of Baba Vishwanath and Maa Ganga during his visit to Varanasi after the victory on 17th May 2014. He thanked the people of Varanasi for electing him and said that he does not only want the votes of the people but also more importantly their support in creating a better Kashi. BJP National President Shri Rajnath Singh, UP BJP President Shri Laxmikant Bajpai and BJP National General Secretary Shri Amit Shah were present on the occasion.

Shri Modi talked at length about the glorious history and culture of Varanasi and pointed that till Varanasi does not become the Rashtra Guru, India cannot become the Jagat Guru. He gave a clarion call to focus on cleanliness and added that when the nation celebrates Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary in 2019 we should ensure a clean India, which would be the best tribute to Mahatma Gandhi.

During his address on the banks of the River Ganga Shri Modi reiterated his commitment towards cleaning the Ganga. He said, "It is Maa Ganga who has made me yours. Not everybody gets such occasions as I have



got today and that is why I say that Maa Ganga has decided that I should do a few things." He stressed on the need to make the Ganga clean and restore the glory of the river. Thanking the people of Varanasi for electing him, Shri Modi said that even though he was not able to communicate with them, the people of Varanasi gave a stamp of approval to his silence and elected him with a thumping majority. He said, "Jo bina maange parose use Maa kehte hain, mujhe Banaras ki janta se maangne ka bhi saubhagye nahi mila."

"Commenting on the Lok Sabha elections Shri Modi said that people heard about coalitions to form Governments but this time coalitions are being formed to remain the active voice of the Opposition. ■

'I salute all those generations who made sacrifices for nationalist cause'



On May 16, after being elected as the leader of the BJP parliamentary party Shri Narendra Modi delivered nearly a 30-minute acceptance speech. In the speech he declared the Lok Sabha election results represents a new hope for the common man and dedicated his government for the uplift of the poor, oppressed and deprived. Here is the full text of the speech :

Respected Advaniji, our national president Rajnathji and all Chief Ministers of Bharatiya Janata Party and newly elected members, I am grateful to all of you for having unanimously given me a new responsibility. I am thankful and grateful, particularly to Advaniji and Rajnathji as they have given me blessings.

I was thinking of Atalji's health. Had his health been good, he would have been with us today and his presence would have completed this moment. His blessings are with us and will be with us in future.

We are here in the temple of democracy. We will work with all purity... not for the post but the people of the country. Work and responsibility are the biggest things. I accept the responsibility you have reposed in me.

For me post is not important, I

have not considered that post is important in life but in my view responsibility is the bigger thing.

We will have to dedicate ourselves to fulfill this responsibility. In last September 13, 2013, the BJP parliamentary board gave a responsibility to me and from September 15, I started my work and with full sense of responsibility of a worker. The parishram yagya, which I began at that time and when the campaigning ended on May 10, 2014, I rang up my president and wanted to meet him before going to Ahmedabad. He asked if I was not tired and needed a break but I insisted on reporting to him as the responsibility given to me had been completed on May 10.

And like a disciplined soldier I reported to my president that from September 13 to May 10, I have tried to fulfill my responsibility to

the best of my ability. In this campaign, I had to cancel only one event and that too in Ghosi where our district president had died suddenly.

And I told him that as a loyal and committed worker, I am reporting to you on this sacred land. Whatever was given to me, I have tried to do and fulfill the role of a party worker.

After I became Chief Minister, I saw Chief Minister's chamber for the first time. Today also it is the same situation as I have come to this historic Central Hall for the first time.

I salute all freedom fighters and also salute makers of the Constitution of our country as because of them, the world is witnessing the power of democracy. When global leaders called me, I told them about millions of voters

of India. They were surprised. It is the power of our Constitution that a poor person belonging to a poor and deprived family is standing here today. This is the power of our Constitution and hallmark of our democratic elections that a common citizen can also reach this height. The BJP's victory and somebody else's loss is a point for debate later. Citizens have realised that this democratic setup can fulfill their aspirations. Their faith in democracy has strengthened further.

A government is a one which thinks about the poor, listens to the poor and which exists for the poor. Therefore, the new government is dedicated to the poor, millions of youth and mothers and daughters who are striving for their respect and honour. Villagers, farmers, Dalits and the oppressed, this government is for them, for their aspirations and this is our responsibility. And this is our responsibility. I have seen new facets of our country in my campaign. I have seen people who had only one piece of clothing on their body but had the BJP's flag. This section is looking at us with hope and aspirations. And therefore, our dream is to fulfill their dreams.

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(Breaks down and there is a pause for a few moments)

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Various governments in the past tried to do some good work in their own way for which they deserve appreciation. Whatever good has happened, we will carry it forward. We will give something to the country. People should not become pessimistic. I have not seen television and media, everyone has been analysing this verdict... people have voted for hope. This verdict is of hope. I had said earlier that this election is of hope.

A new hope has arisen in the common man. This is the biggest significance of this election results.

But by giving the BJP an absolute majority they have voted

for hope and trust. People have voted for hope and faith and I will do everything to fulfill their aspirations. There should be no room for pessimism and because with pessimism nothing can be achieved. The government's motto will be to be with everyone and for everyone's development. This is the time for new hope and strength.

An era of responsibility has begun. In 2019, I will meet the MPs again with a report card. My government is not for myself but for the country. The government is for the poor and we want to do something for them.

I will strive my best to fulfill the responsibility you have reposed in me. You will never have to look down on the work it will do.

We were not fortunate to have died for the country, but for every citizen born in independent India, he should dedicate himself to live for the country. Every moment of our lives and every speck of our body should be dedicated to 125 crore people of this country, we have to carry this dream. The country will then progress rapidly.

I am by nature an optimist. It is written in my DNA. Disappointment does not just gel with me. On this occasion, I wish to repeat what I had said in my speech in a college here. Just see this glass of water, some say that it is half filled with water and some say it is half empty. My thinking is of third type. I say this glass is half filled with water and half with air. You may be seeing it half empty but I don't see it that way. That's why I say that I am by nature an optimist. And for traversing a constructive path, it is important and essential to be an optimist. Only an optimistic person can bring and instill hope in the country. Pessimistic persons can

never give hope to the country. Adverse times and hardships do come in everybody's life. In 2001 when earthquake struck Gujarat, we were all stricken by death and there was destruction everywhere. Everyone the world over thought it was all over. But in no time, Gujarat once again stood up on its feet. We will have to leave pessimism behind. Who says that such an aware democratic country — the largest in the world cannot move forward? If 125 crore Indians resolve to take one step forward, the entire country will travel 125 crore steps forward.

Which is the other country in the world which has six seasons? This land of ours is blessed, our land is fertile, full of natural resources. People from our country go abroad and earn name and fame, we only have to give opportunity to them here.

In this election, we stressed on two things — sabka saath, sabka vikas. We want everyone's progress and development but it is as important that we take everybody along with us. This election symbolised new hope, I have such able colleagues with me and with guidance from my senior leaders, I have full faith that the responsibility which was given to me on September 13, 2013 and which was completed on May 16, 2014 and with the new responsibility given to me today, I assure you that when we meet in 2019, I will place before you my report card. I will try and achieve the pinnacle of perseverance and hard work.

The coming year 2015-16 is important to us all, it will be Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya's centenary year, chairaveti, chaireveti mantra was given by him and this led to establishing a system of sacrifice and hard work. We have to think

about how to fulfill his dreams and work and strive to fulfill them. Party and the government should also think about this as to how to celebrate this coming event. Antyodaya, the service of the

millions of workers who have toiled hard for this victory. Modi which is before you and which you can see is because Modi is hoisted by senior leaders of my party on their shoulders. Whatever we have



downtrodden, that is what Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya had stressed. That is why I say that this government is for the poor and deprived. In global perspective also, this election of India and its results are being viewed in a very constructive and positive manner. And the first message that goes out to the world is that it is not important that millions of people have made some party victorious or made someone a prime minister. But it is important that millions have given a good mandate and have held India's position high in the world that is the message of these elections. Who won and who lost is not important. These are the results which will attract the world to India and to its democratic traditions, and capabilities. Hope has been kindled in a common citizen of India and the same hope has arisen in humanitarian forces in the world. This is a very good sign.

Brothers and sisters, once again I express my gratitude to

achieved today, is because of sacrifices made by past five generations. Jan Sangh was not known to the people, some thought it is a social, cultural organisation. Today, I salute all those generations who made sacrifices for nationalist causes. We should not forget that we are here today because of sacrifices made by the past generations.

This victory is of millions of our workers. If we think like this, there will not be any opportunity for our society and party to have any complaints. BJP is the party which relies on its strong organisation, that is our strength and none of us is either away or above the organisation.

You have given me this new responsibility, Advaniji has given me blessings. You have reposed faith in me and have expectations from me and I assure you that you will not have any occasion of feeling let down. Once again, I thank you all. ■

Narendra Modi elected as leader of BJP Parliamentary Party

Narendra Modi was elected leader of the BJP parliamentary party in a meeting held on 20 May, 2014.

Shri Modi's name was proposed by party patriarch Shri LK Advani and seconded by other leaders, including Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi, Shri Venkaiah Naidu, Shri Nitin Gadkari, Smt. Sushma Swaraj and Shri Arun Jaitley. The Modi-led BJP won a staggering 282 seats in the 545-member Lok Sabha, becoming the first non-Congress party since



independence to get a majority on its own. The meeting, which was held in the central hall of Parliament, was followed by a meeting of NDA allies. After Modi's election as parliamentary party leader, the BJP-led NDA staked claim to form a new government at the Centre. Party president Shri Rajnath Singh said that Modi was visiting the central hall for the first time. Shri Singh added Modi had steered the country's politics into a new phase: "It is now BJP versus the rest".

An NDA delegation led by Shri Rajnath Singh at 2.15 pm called on President Shri Pranab Mukherjee in afternoon and conveyed to him its decision of making Shri Narendra Modi the leader of NDA Parliament Party. ■

President appoints Narendra Modi as PM



President Pranab Mukherjee officially on May 16 at 3:15 PM called Prime Minister-designate Shri Narendra Modi to form government. Shri Modi met Mukherjee at Rashtrapati Bhavan and was invited to be sworn-in on May 26 as India's 14th prime minister. Speaking to reporters after the meeting, Shri Modi said, "The President has given me a letter...the oath taking ceremony will take place here (Rashtrapati Bhavan) on May 26 at 6 pm." "I thank all of you," he told hundreds of media persons. He also showed them the letter that he received from the President. During their meeting, both Shri Modi and Shri Mukherjee shook hands and exchanged bouquets. The President congratulated Shri Modi on his victory. ■

Looking back at Dr. Manmohan Singh

By Arun Jaitley

The voting for the 2014 General Elections is over. The result is awaited. We have only the Exit Polls and our own analysis as a base to speculate upon. Dr. Manmohan Singh has announced that he would be stepping down as Prime Minister irrespective of the result and the mantle of the Congress Party leadership in Parliament would pass on to the next generation. I have had an opportunity of observing the Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh from close quarters for the last ten years. In the last five years as Leader of Opposition I virtually have heard his every intervention in Parliament and dissected each one of his performances. I look upon him at the conclusion of his ten years tenure.

Unquestionably Dr. Manmohan Singh was a very good Finance Minister. He got a lot of support from his Prime Minister, PV Narasimha Rao for initiating the economic reforms in 1991. For a Congress Party government which had always professed the virtues of regulation a reformist approach was creditable. Shri PV Narasimha Rao has never been given the level of credit which he truly deserved. I am sure history will reassess him. I had recently suggested to the Prime Minister that I personally would be interested in reading his memoirs particularly those relating to the period 1991-96. The footprints he left behind as a Finance Minister

during this period will be remembered for a long time.

Dr. Manmohan Singh became a Prime Minister on account of certain circumstances which compelled Smt. Sonia Gandhi to withdraw her name from the reckoning. He was literally a Prime Minister announced by Sonia ji. He had to function within that limitation.

There were two strong qualities of Prime Minister that I discovered. Firstly, whenever you discussed a serious subject with the Prime Minister he came out as a man of scholarship. He was what we call to as "a Syana aadmi". His words were measured and he would reflect before making a comment. Secondly, his personal integrity was always above board. With an element of scholarship he was always be well read and well prepared on any subject that he dealt with.

And yet, when he addressed the country, he never came out as a leader. The reason for not coming out as a leader was clear. He never wanted to rock the boat. He knew that he was vested with limited power and on all major decisions he had to keep the party and its first family in good humor. Thus when the reform process was blocked on account of decisions of the National Advisory Council or when Rahul Gandhi tore apart the papers of

objectionable ordinance, the Prime Minister was perceived as a non-leader who had to accept everything without his opinion mattering significantly. It was his inability to overrule people which affected his functioning. He did not have the last word. Had he overruled his Finance Minister on the retrospective tax law knowing fully well the consequences of a retrospective taxation, the Prime Minister would have stood out. If he had stood up and cancelled the Coal Blocks allocation once the fraud was revealed or cancelled the 2G licenses himself rather than wait for the Court to do it I have no doubt that history would have recorded him very differently. It was the inability to speak up within his own party that may compel the historians to take a different view of the man.

As curtains draw to a close and a ten year long period of providing leadership to the Government of India, the Prime Minister goes out with dignity and grace.

He will remain an elder statesman and a man of credibility to guide the nation. Only if he had stood up at the right time and disagreed he would have been regarded with still a greater honour.

I wish the Prime Minister a very good health and many more years of public service. If he were to write his memoirs and I will always want to read the chapter which deals with 1991-96 period. ■

Mission 272 plus - the achievement of Narendra Modi

By Muralidhar Rao

In the history of each nation comes a defining moment, which has the potential to alter the course of its future. The 16th general elections represent just such a moment. For the first time since Independence, a political party has sought – and won – a huge mandate purely on the issue of good governance.

The print and electronic media has expended reams of newsprint and millions of sound bites discussing the failures of UPA government, so there is no need to belabour the point. Channelizing the widespread anger against the UPA into a pro-Modi wave was the challenge. Political opponents of BJP termed the Modi-wave as a media and money-fuelled creation. But they have no idea of the hard work, strategising, planning and execution undertaken by the BJP's Modified team.

The historic and massive campaign led by Narendra Modi responded to the nationwide cry for change - dislodging the UPA and forming a stable and performance-oriented government in its place. The BJP campaign was two-pronged. The first aspect was to highlight the failure of the UPA government on all fronts and the second was to convince voters that the BJP was the viable alternative.

An inherent strength of BJP has been that - unlike the Congress - it has always been a

cadre-based party. And till date, it remains the only party which has never suffered a vertical split. The decision to nominate Narendra Modi first as campaign committee chief and later as Prime Ministerial candidate was not a decision taken by a family or a coterie but was the outcome of a groundswell of support that he enjoyed amongst the masses, on account of his track record of good governance in Gujarat. Voters saw for themselves the difference between the performance of BJP governments in the states and that of the UPA government at the centre. The track record of the NDA government at the centre also added a trust factor.

Narendra Modi was able to identify himself with the aspirations of young India. The 21st century was spoken of as India's decade, but in less than a decade the UPA government had managed to kill the India growth story. He correctly gauged public sentiment and established a connect with the youth. That he is seen as a youth icon vis-à-vis Rahul Gandhi, who is 20 years younger, says it all! The only other similar instance that comes to mind was Indira Gandhi's Garibi Hatao slogan of 1971. Since the mainstream media had largely been hostile to him, he successfully used the social media to establish a direct

connect with the youth.

Many had hoped for the demise of NDA (and thereby BJP) when Narendra Modi's name was announced as the campaign committee chief and later on as the Prime Ministerial candidate. When one of our oldest allies left us immediately on Modi's anointment, the NDA was ridiculed as a three party alliance. However, proving them all wrong, the BJP was able to create pre-poll political alliance comprising 25 parties. Because of this, BJP was able to expand its footprint across all social groups and political territories.

This election is different from previous ones in all respects. The BJP led NDA had come to power earlier in 1998 and 1999. But at that time the Ram-janmabhoomi movement had propelled BJP to the centre stage of Indian politics. The persona of Atal Behari Vajpayee helped capitalise on this and won a decisive mandate for NDA. The 1977 elections were won by the Janata Party on the back of the JP movement and even the 1989 elections were centred on the single issue of Bofors and the failure of Rajiv Gandhi to live up to people's expectations. It can therefore be said that for the first time since Independence, the Indian electorate is voting solely on the issue of good governance.

Knowing fully well that it could not face the electorate on the governance issue, the

Congress tried every trick in the book to derail the BJP campaign. But it failed here as well, despite a compliant media and full support from the pseudo-secularists. BJP must be credited with building the tempo and sustaining it for over a year despite these hurdles. Of course, full credit goes to the party's leader, Narendra Modi, who had successfully maintained the pitch and intensity of the campaign against the UPA government.

Narendra Modi is perhaps the first political leader to have endured all manner of challenges including CBI inquiries, investigations by various agencies, vilification campaigns, diplomatic barriers, media bias and relentless allegations. He must be the most scanned, scrutinized and vilified leader of India - his courage in putting up with all of this has been endorsed by the people of the nation. It may not be an exaggeration to say that providence, responding to the heartfelt need of the nation, guided his steps. He travelled more than 3 lakh kilometres and put a huge amount of physical and mental effort into the campaign - a carefully planned exercise based on ground realities. Campaign concepts like 'Congress mukt Bharat' and 'India 272+' were derived from that understanding of the public mood.

For aspirational India, Modi represents the hope factor. For the poor, for the dalits, for the youth, it is hope that their dreams of a better life will be realised. The nation stands at the cusp of a new surge of growth and prosperity. This is a victory not only for the party, but also for India and the world's largest democracy. ■

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Ayurveda— although ancient it can be ever new

By Sri Swami Sivananda

Domestic Medicine

It is not always that the aid of the physician is sought in our country immediately after the appearance of the first symptoms of disease. The people are able to classify the symptoms of the predominance of Vata, Pitta and Kapha

respectively and apply some domestic remedies such as ginger, pepper, garlic, Neem, asafoetida and musk, whose properties are well-known to them, to check the respective fault in the earliest stage

(Kriyaakaala) of the disease. This brings about the equilibrium which makes the invading agent powerless to grow in the unsuitable soil. Immunity is thus acquired in many instances. Modern Research should help to enlighten us on the rationale of these domestic remedies, some of which are not yet recorded in the text books on Ayurveda.

According to Ayurveda, there is nothing in this world which may not be used as a medicine - Na Jagati Anoushadham (Charaka). It all depends upon the capacity of the physician to discover and utilise the available material as a medicine or as an article of diet or otherwise. Modern

Medicine appears to be concerned with advertisement of more and more medicines of doubtful value to cure diseases, whereas the long term purpose of the medical science should be to empty the hospitals. For this reason, Ayurveda was traditionally taught to



every man and woman in India. Valuable aids to health such as massage, sweating, oil baths, regulated exercises and walks, Asanas, manual labour, games, recreation and prayer are in

Ayurveda, included in the daily routine (Dinacharya) of every citizen. Physiotherapy which promotes positive health is badly neglected in modern hospitals.

Colossal Ignorance and Pride

Even after the advance of Science, our ignorance of the secrets of nature is colossal. Many medical practitioners do not seem to realise the vastness of their ignorance. Instead of feeling humiliated by his utter powerlessness in many situations in his daily life, the proud young doctor is full of egoism (Ahamkara), due to his materialistic mentality. ■

To be continued

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