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Arjun said : O Krishna if spiritual intelligence is considered better by you than fruitive activities; then why O Krishna are you engaging me in such horrendous activities?

—(Bhagavadgita : Ch.-III, 1)

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"The world speaks in one voice that India is the new bright spot of hope for our region and the world."

-Narendra Modi

"The opposition has not dared to accuse us of one instance of corruption in the nearly one-year of the NDA government."

-Amit Shah

Vat Purnima Vrat : 2nd June, 2015

Vat Purnima Vrat is similar to Vat Savitri Vrat. Married women observe Vat Purnima Vrat for well-being and long life of their husband.

Most of the festivals in Amanta and Purnimanta lunar calendar fall on the same day. Purnimanta calendar is followed in North Indian states, mainly in Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Punjab and Haryana. In rest of the states usually Amanta lunar calendar is followed.

However Vat Savitri Vrat could be considered as an exception. In Purnimanta calendar Vat Savitri Vrat is observed during Jyeshtha Amavasya which coincides

with Shani Jayanti. In Amanta calendar Vat Savitri Vrat, which is also called as Vat Purnima Vrat, is observed during Jyeshtha Purnima.

Hence married women in Maharashtra, Gujarat and southern Indian states observe Vat Savitri Vrat 15 days later than that of North and East Indian women. However the legend behind observing the fast is same in both calendars.

According to legend great Savitri tricked Lord Yama, the lord of death, and compelled Him to return the life of her husband Satyawana. Hence Married women observe Vat Savitri Vrat for well-being and long life of their husband. ■





Saal Ek, Shuruuat Anek !

Editorial...

BJP led NDA government is completing its one year in office on 26th May 2015. This one year has paved the way for emergence of a new India - an India which is confident of its future, which can take bold initiatives and can engage with the world on equal footing. India is announcing its arrival on the global scene. While the faith of the people now stands restored in the system, the last one year has also seen world reposing its faith on India. The biggest achievement is that while India has regained its confidence, the perception about India has changed across the globe. As the IMF Managing Director has said, "India a bright spot amid gloomy global scenario", India now presents a new aspiration and hope. The nation feels inspired; it is eager and even impatient to touch new heights. A new journey towards a developed, prosperous and self-reliant India has begun as India gears up to secure its rightful place in the comity of the nations.

It was 16 May 2014 when the historic verdict of people of India was announced. Congress led UPA was forced to bite the dust and Congress was reduced to mere 44 seats. The massive mandate went in favour of BJP led NDA with BJP crossing full majority mark on its own. The predictions of almost all the pollsters were belied, a mandate of unimaginable magnitude was delivered in favour of Narendra Modi and BJP led NDA. After three decades a party was able to get full majority. By securing 282 seats in the elections BJP created a history. BJP along with NDA won 336 seats! The entire nation announced its verdict in unison. It was BJP, it was Narendra Modi! On 26th May 2014, as the entire world watched, Narendra Modi took oath as prime minister of India. Leaders from SAARC countries graced the invitation in response to the invitation sent by India. The occasion was celebrated across India and greeted by the people both from inside and outside the country. People filled with hope and enthusiasm looked towards a new future chanting - *Acche din aa gaye!*

One year has passed - a year of hard work and relentless effort on all fronts. Pradhan Mantri Narendra Modi true to his self acquired epithet Pradhan Sevak worked tirelessly, trying to herald an era of new work culture. A large number of stale law and appendages of colonial system like attestation of documents from gazetted officers were scrapped unshackling the system and unburdening the people. PMJDY, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Make in India, Skill India, Beti-Bachao-Beti Padhao, Sukanya Samridhi Yojana, Digital India, Smart Cities, Adarsh Gram Yojana, Mudra Bank - and many more such schemes are set to change the landscape of India. A major achievement of the government is that it has brought almost the entire population under its social security scheme by its innovative insurance and pension schemes. The economy which was witnessing a gloomy scenario has been rejuvenated and India has become the world's fastest growing economy surging ahead of China. While the world is witnessing economic slowdown, India is moving up with its ratings being revised and updated by most of the international rating agencies. Inflation is under control and stringent law has been passed against black money. Prime Minister's foreign visits has further boosted India's image worldwide. From US

to Australia, China to South Korea and Japan, Bhutan, Nepal to Fiji, Mauritius and Sri Lanka, Canada to France and Germany – everywhere Prime Minister has been able to connect with the people and build personal rapport with the leaders. India is now acknowledged and recognized as a country having immense potential. These visits have not only seen a large number of MoUs and agreements, these have also ended India's nuclear isolation and brought in billions of Dollars in investment which will give high impetus to Indian economy. India is moving ahead with the desired 'Speed, Skill and Scale.'

India as an ancient nation represents a living civilization having unbroken traditions and culture. Bharatiya Janata Party believes that the foundation of future glory may be laid on the civilizational and cultural wisdom of any nation. Prime Minister while speaking from the rampart of the Red Fort on 15th August 2014, had quoted Swami Vivekanand reiterating the destiny of our nation in his maiden speech. India is destined to play its role as Vishwa Guru and contribute immensely in building a peaceful, prosperous and glorious world. It can only happen when India is able to stand on its own, when it can wipe the tears from the eyes of its deprived and oppressed people, when it can end the scourge of poverty and build a strong and prosperous country.

In the first year BJP led NDA government has taken major strides under the able leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The numerous initiatives taken in the very first year shows the things to come, the vision and blue print of the future India. *Saal Ek - Shuruaat Anek* – undoubtedly describes urge and eagerness to build an India which can walk towards its destiny with its head held high! ■

A state of the art integrated data collection system for national highways launched



Union Minister of Road Transport, Highways and Shipping, Shri Nitin Gadkari on May 15 launched a state of the art integrated data collection system (RAMS) for compiling information of

road assets, condition of the pavements and traffic through use of laser technology.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Gadkari said RAMS was a part of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's Digital India Initiative, and the National Highways Authority of India.

The NHAI also organized a workshop on Road Asset Management System for National Highways on this occasion.

Shri Gadkari said the development of Road Asset Management System (RAMS) for the entire National Highways along with collection of requisite data over 3,000 km of the pilot road network is now underway.

He said the outcome of this project will assist in developing an accurate and scientific maintenance planning mechanism, finalizing road safety measures and development of the National Highways network in India. The data collected will be stored and managed through a web based application, which will be hosted in the public domain. The application, when fully developed can also be accessed by smart phones. Information collected from this project will be useful for Transport Ministry, Finance Ministry, NHAI, State PWDs, Police Departments, Funding agencies, Developers and Citizens. The software will be equipped to interface with the indigenous Bhuvan satellite images. ■

India and China should work together to eliminate poverty : Narendra Modi

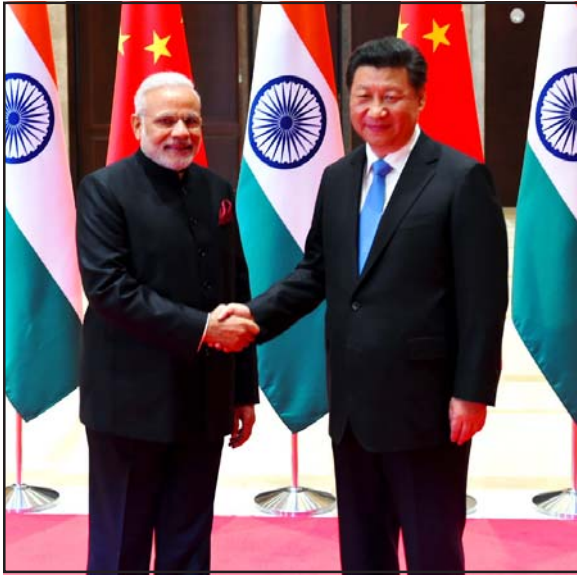


Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi left India for his three nations- China, Mongolia and South Korea visit on May 14, 2015. He spent six days in foreign land to make India's relations with them stronger and fruitful. During the tour India signed several pacts from trade to strategic relations.

During his six-day visit between 14 May and 19 May 2015 as part of Act East Policy, he met leaders of the three nations. The visit was aimed at achieving major objectives like refreshing centuries old cultural relations through Buddhism, enhancing cooperation at the governmental level, Emphasizing the Asian identity for collective efforts, engaging with the private sector for support to Make in India, Interact with the Indian community residing in these countries. He also interacted with top business leaders in China and South Korea and took a commitment of investment of several billion dollars in India to support Make in India initiative.

China

On the morning of the 14 May Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi arrived in Xi'an, the capital of China's Shaanxi Province. He was received by the Governor of Shaanxi Province Mr. Lou Qinjian, and Vice Foreign Minister of China Mr. Liu Zhenmin. The Prime Minister visited the Terracotta Warriors Museum, and observed the exhibits there in detail. The Prime Minister also visited the Daxingshan Temple in Xi'an. In the afternoon, the Prime Minister was received by the President of China, Mr. Xi Jinping, at the Shaanxi Guest House. Mr Modi was the first world leader to be hosted outside Beijing. Last year he had hosted Mr Xi in his home state Gujarat. The Prime Minister visited the Big Wild Goose Pagoda in Xi'an. He was received at the courtyard inside the main compound by President Xi. The Prime Minister presented a Bodhi Tree Sapling to the Chief Abbot of the Pagoda. The Prime Minister was



given a Traditional Tang Dynasty welcome, at a ceremony at the South City Wall in Xi'an. This was followed by a Dinner Banquet hosted by President Xi Jinping, and a cultural

performance at Pot City, South City Wall. The Prime Minister arrived in Beijing late in the evening. In Beijing on May 15 PM Modi held talks with Chinese premier Li Keqiang, after which India and China signed 24 agreements.

On May 16th, Prime Minister Narendra Modi touched down Shanghai, the commercial capital of China. He landed to a warm welcome. It was the last leg of his three day visit to China.

The Prime Minister addressed the India-China Business Forum. Shri Modi said India is a knowledge society and China to be the land known for innovations. Prime Minister Modi pitched for 'Make in India', saying that the scope and potential, the breadth and length of infrastructure and related developments was very huge in India.

He also noted that harmonious partnership between India and China was essential for economic development and political stability of the Asian continent.

Narendra Modi's selfie with Li Keqiang registers 31.85 million hits on Weibo

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's selfie with Chinese Premier Li Keqiang, hailed by western media as one of the most "power-packed selfie", has got over 31 million hits on his account on Chinese microblogging site Weibo. Shri Modi, who is one of the world's most followed leaders on Twitter with 12.3 million followers, debuted on the Chinese social media platform just ahead of his visit to China that began on May 14.

Launching the Centre for Gandhian and Indian Studies at Fudan University, Mr. Modi said India and China should work together to eliminate poverty.

"It is said that 21st century belongs to Asia. One-third of the world population belongs to these two countries. So if India and China work together to eliminate poverty, one-third of the global population will be rid of this problem, which will be beneficial for the entire world," Shri Modi said addressing the students and faculty of the university in Hindi. "Therefore, India and China should together touch new heights of progress involving sensitivity towards humanity and philosophy of Lord Buddha and experiments of Mahatma Gandhi so that we can give to the world a system, which is dedicated to welfare of humanity," he said.

Invoking Mahatma Gandhi, Shri Modi said, "The world today is going through two major crises – global warming and terrorism. Solutions to both lie in Gandhi's teachings. Gandhi is still relevant."

"Mahatma Gandhi may have been born in a corner of India but he was a global citizen," Modi said, adding that the apostle of peace could have shown the way out of the crises that the world is going through today. ■



Before leaving for Mongolia Shri Narendra Modi addressed Indian community reception in Shanghai.

Highlights of the visit to China

- Prime Minister raised the boundary question with China and asked for an early settlement of the issue and decided to maintain peace and tranquility at the border point for maturity of relations.
- In a seeming reference to India's concerns over China's plans for infrastructure projects in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir and on the stapled visas issue, PM Modi said, "I stressed the need for China to reconsider its approach to some issues that hold us back from realising the full potential of ties and I found the Chinese leadership responsive."
- India-China signed 24 inter-governmental agreements.
- 21 business agreements worth 22 billion US dollars signed between Indian and Chinese companies.
- PM Modi inaugurated ICICI's first branch in China at Shanghai.

Mongolia:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in Ulan Bator on May 17 on his historic visit to Mongolia. He held talks with the country's leadership to bolster economic and trade cooperation, including in transport, highways and energy sectors. The Prime Minister's two-day visit took place in the backdrop of celebrations of the 25th year of democracy and 60 years of diplomatic relations between India and Mongolia.

On the second leg of his three-nation tour, PM Modi met Mongolian President Tsakhiagiin Elbegdorj to strengthen bilateral cooperation in diverse areas like shipping and logistics, transport, highways and electric power development in new energy industries.

It was first time Indian Prime Minister set foot in Mongolia.



Addressing the country's parliament Shri Modi said that he brought the "greetings of your 1.25 billion spiritual neighbours" He said the two countries are at an important milestone and are celebrating sixty years of diplomatic relations.

A rare honour was bestowed on PM Modi as the Mongolian Parliament for the first time allowed a foreign leader to address the members on Sunday, a holiday. After his address, PM Modi met President Elbegdorj, who also hosted a banquet in his honour.

PM Shri Modi also interacted with Mongolia's PM Saikhanbileg during the Mini-Naadam Festival. He also played a traditional Mongolian music instrument there.

On the same day Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of IT Centre at Mongolian University of Science and Technology in Ulan Bator PM Modi along with his Mongolian counterpart Chimed Saikhanbileg laid the foundation of the institute. Modi unveiled the founding stone and also interacted with the monks who performed special prayers during the ceremony. He earlier handed over the Bhabhatron equipment to the National Cancer Centre of Mongolia for better cancer treatment.

Highlights of the visit to Mongolia

- Modi is the first ever Prime Minister of India to visit the country
- India announced to provide one billion US dollar Line of Credit to Mongolia.
- India-Mongolia signed 13 agreements including enhancement in cooperation in border defence, air services, cyber security, renewable energy and others.
- Modi addressed the Mongolian Parliament.
- Modi gifted a rare history manuscript to Mongolian President.

PM's gift to the President of Mongolia



The Prime Minister presented President Tsakhiagiin Elbegdorj a specially commissioned reproduction of a rare 13th century manuscript on the history of Mongols from the Rampur Raza Library, Rampur. Called Jamiut Tawarikh, this work was one of the grandest projects undertaken by the Ilkhanate king Ghazan Khan (1295-1304) and was done by the king's wazir Rasheeduddin Fazlullah Hamedani who wrote it in Persian and chronicled the history up to the reign of Oljeitju (1304-1316). The breadth of coverage of the work often caused it to be dubbed as the first world history. The manuscript has over 80 fine miniature illustrations. The manuscript is a part of Volume 1 of the work and no other copy of it is known to exist.

In South Korea, PM Narendra Modi says now it's time to 'Act East'

After Mongolia tour Prime Minister Narendra Modi reached Seoul on his two days South Korea trip on 18 May to bolster economic and diplomatic ties with South Korea. Addressing India community reception at the Kyung Hee University in the South Korean capital he said India has had enough of the 'Look East' policy and that it is time for his government to 'Act East' now.

"Earlier, it was 'Look East Policy'. We have had enough of looking east. We now have 'Act East Policy' - a key component of my government's foreign policy," Modi told the Indian diaspora during a community reception at the Kyung Hee University in the South Korean capital.

Modi also said that the 'I' of BRICS - Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa - had begun teetering and almost collapsed, but under his government, India has regained its stature and importance.

"In the beginning of 21st century, the world economists said that the economic activities of BRICS nation will be a part of the world. But in the last 10-15 years, they said that 'I' in BRICS was losing its importance because the 'I' has begun teetering," said the



PM.

"But in the past year things have changed

and the world feels that without 'I' BRICS will not be possible," he said to the cheering crowd.

Modi said all the international rating agencies like Moody's and the World Bank have in the past two months "in one voice" said that India is the world's fastest moving economy.

Talking on the 21st century being termed the Asian century, he said: "Earlier, we would wonder if India would figure in Asian century story. But now the way India has risen they feel that the 21st century will definitely be the Asian century."

He said that the morose economic outlook earlier had disheartened investors and businesspersons and that many were on the verge of leaving India.

"I don't want to criticise, but it is a fact," he said, adding that "there is a change in mood among the people now".

At a similar community reception in China's economic hub Shanghai last week, Modi had taken on opposition's criticism over his frequent foreign visits and attacked his critics back home.

"People are asking why is Modi travelling to so many countries... If you work less, criticism is normal. If you keep sleeping, criticism is normal. But it is my bad luck that I am being criticised for working more," he had said in Shanghai.

During his speech at the South Korean university, Modi pitched his 'Make in India' initiative and said that he wants to make India a manufacturing hub using the world's best technology.

He invited Indians settled abroad to come and invest in the country, saying the mood and the perception about India has changed in the last one year.

"World's best technology should come to India," he said, adding that India has to attain new heights of achievements.

"Today, people are excited to come to India. This is the mood that has changed. And after all, the people make the nation," he said.

As Modi arrived in South Korea, the last

leg of a three-nation trip that also included visits to China and Mongolia, Indian community members, waving small tri-colour flags, were present in large numbers at the ROK Airbase to welcome Modi.

After his arrival in Seoul, Modi went to lay a wreath at the Seoul National Cemetery.

The trip - part of a six-day East Asia tour was packed with a whirlwind of meetings with business tycoons from South Korea's largest conglomerates, including Hyundai, Samsung and LG.

All three manufacturing giants operate plants in India where they enjoy sizeable shares of the vast consumer market for cars, smartphones and home appliances.

India also needs help upgrading its outdated transport infrastructure – a constant source of frustration among foreign firms operating there.

On the second day in Korea Modi visited the main shipyard of the world's largest shipbuilder, Hyundai Heavy Industries, in the southern city of Ulsan and to meet with its chairperson Choi Kil-Seon.

The second day of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to South Korea was quite eventful. It was the final day of PM Modi's three nation visit. The day began at the Asian Leadership Conference in Seoul.

Highlights of the visit to South Korea

- Narendra Modi announced to set up a special panel to clear and fast-track South Korean investments into India. South Korea became the second country after Japan for which a special panel will be constituted.
- South Korea announced to invest 10 billion dollar for Indian infrastructure development.
- India-South Korea signed seven agreements including revised avoidance of double taxation, cooperation in audio-visual co-production, Youth Matters as well as co-operation between the National Security Council of India and South Korea.

At the conference, the PM remarked that Asia must rise as one without any regional fragments. He assumed India's responsibility to build an inter-connected Asia.

Speaking at a special programme of Friends of India in the Republic of Korea, Shri Narendra Modi requested everyone at the event to join in for the International Day of Yoga on 21st June and make it largest Yoga celebration in Korea.

Summing up his South Korea visit, while heading back home, Prime Minister Modi taking to twitter, thanked the Korean people and Government for their warm hospitality. He even tweeted in Korean and expressed his gratitude. Considering his meetings with President Park Geun-hye and other business leaders to be fruitful, he hoped that India-Korea cooperation would be further strengthened in times to come and serve for the benefit of the people of both Nations.

PM Narendra Modi wrapped up his tour on May 19 and reached India. One important element of Prime Minister's visit was the way he met with people of Indian origin in the three countries in which he tried to connect them from India, like in China he asked Indian residents to encourage Chinese nationals to visit India or their village during their vacation. ■

Shoulders of youth should bear ploughs, not gun : PM

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on May 9 made an emotional appeal to left-wing extremists to shun the path of violence and join the mainstream of development. Addressing a large public gathering at Dantewada, the Prime Minister urged all misguided youth to



leave their weapons, and spend a few days with children who have lost their parents due to incidents of left-wing extremism. He said those children would certainly inspire misguided youth to lay down arms forever. He said shoulders of youth should now bear ploughs, rather than guns.

The Prime Minister spoke of his extensive interaction with children of Dantewada, earlier in the day, and said that these children had both the dreams and the confidence to achieve them. He said these children, and the state of Chhattisgarh needed an atmosphere of peace, for these dreams to be realized.

The Prime Minister recalled that Punjab had successfully overcome violence, and expressed confidence that Chhattisgarh too would be able to overcome left-wing extremism. He said Chhattisgarh had the potential to emerge as one of the most developed states in India. He added that the investment of Rs. 24,000 crore that would flow into the region, as a result of the MoUs signed today in the Railways and steel sectors, will bring about a big change in the lives of people.

The Prime Minister said that employment for youth was the first and foremost requirement of all parts of India, and his Government was working to achieve that goal. He said India had successfully left behind its past of corruption and slow pace of development.

He said the whole world had now recognized India to be one of the fastest growing economies.

The Prime Minister, who had visited the Livelihood College before arriving for the public meeting, appreciated the initiatives for skill development being taken by the Government of Chhattisgarh. Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh Shri Raman Singh, and Union Ministers Shri Narendra Singh Tomar and Shri Vishnudeo Sai were present on the occasion. ■

Work towards a ‘Congress & left-free Kerala’ : Amit Shah

Urging party workers to uproot the ‘corrupt UDF Government’ in Kerala which has been in power for the last four years, BJP National President Shri Amit Shah said that they should strive for bringing a change in the state. He said the party activists must work towards achieving a “Congress-free Kerala” during the Assembly elections to be held next year.

Shri Shah was addressing the Akrosh rally, the secretariat siege by BJP workers against the UDF Government, in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala on 18 May, 2015.

Giving scant regard to the torrential downpour, BJP National President addressed the Akrosh rally; Secretariat siege held against the UDF Govt. on the occasion of its fourth anniversary and said that the development of the state was possible only through BJP as both the ruling UDF and Opposition LDF had been cheating the people for the last several decades.

He said given the number of nurses working in various parts of the country and

abroad one would think about the lack of opportunities for youths in Kerala. He said if the BJP came to power in the state it would provide employment to the youths in large numbers.

Since the Modi Government was heralding an all-round development and

year could achieve perceptible change in all sectors.

Under the UPA Government, in 10 years, 12 lakh crore worth resources and money were plundered. In Kerala, the UDF’s 4-year-rule is not different from the Manmohan Singh Government, he added.

The BJP National President said scams like palm oil, titanium, solar, nursing recruitment and bar bribery involving Finance Minister K M Mani are some instances of rampant scams in Kerala under this government.

On the other hand ever since the BJP-led government came to power, the Opposition could not raise a single allegation against the Central Government. Instead, the government has been able to mobilize Rs 2 lakh crore by auctioning just 20 of the 230 coal mines. Rs.1 lakh crore was mobilized from spectrum auction.

Stating that India was able to improve its relations with various countries during the last one year, he said earlier when some prime



transformation, Kerala too should be ready for such a change, he said.

“Narendra Modi’s development dreams should come true here too. I exhort the over 20-lakh strong party workers in Kerala to uproot the corrupt UDF Government and ensure a BJP Government in this beautiful state to bring in a change,” he said.

He said compared to the UPA Government that ruled the country for 10 years, the Modi Government in just one

ministers went abroad, not many used to know.

“But now, if Narendra Modi goes to US, Germany, Fiji, or Bhutan, wherever he goes, thousands throng to welcome him,” he said.

Shri Shah also rejected the Congress criticism that the Bharatiya Janata Party was ‘anti poor’ and ‘anti farmer’ saying ‘it is a government which works for the benefit of the poor and downtrodden’. Rejecting the

government was ‘anti farmer’, Shah said the National Democratic Alliance had brought in various laws to help the farming community. It had also brought about a transformation (Parivarthan) by revoking archaic laws of the British raj, he added.

The NDA government also ensured 50 per cent increase in compensation for crop loss, he said.

Pointing out that the BJP led government had laid lot

from Congress rule.

The four years of UDF is synonymous with “misgovernance, corruption” he said, referring to the solar and bar bribery scams.

The transformation brought by the Modi government should come to Kerala also, he said.

Cautioning against the attack on party workers, he said, “I am warning you. You cannot silence BJP with violence.”

<p>Shri Amit Shah said</p> <p>SINCE MODI GOVT IS HERALDING ALL-ROUND DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSFORMATION, KERALA TOO SHOULD BE READY FOR CHANGE</p>	<p>He said while the farmers were surrendering to fate for the last 68 years, Modi Govt crop insurance and 100 pc compensation for one third of crop loss has rekindled a hope in the farmers</p>	<p>He said the Prime Minister was receiving great honour and regard from thousands of people who throng to receive him in foreign countries</p>
<p>“Swearing by the rain gods who are showering their blessings on us, I appeal to God to help the BJP make a Congress-free, Left-free government in Kerala in the future</p> <p>— AMIT SHAH, BJP national president</p>		<p>Amit Shah said attacks from across the borders were on the decline ever since the Modi Govt's befitting response</p>

It is noteworthy that protesting the alleged corruption in governance by the UDF in Kerala and demanding the resignation of Finance Minister K.M. Mani over his alleged involvement in the bar

allegations, he said the Modi Government stood for the benefit of the poor and downtrodden.

“Modi government’s focus was on the poorest of the poor among the 125 crore people who had been neglected by the Congress for the last 68 years,” Shri Shah said, adding they were given financial inclusion by ensuring bank accounts and also new insurance policy.

The Modi government has waged a big war against unemployment through its ‘Make In India’ and ‘Skills Development’ campaigns aimed to give employment to jobless youth, he said.

Dismissing Congress allegations that the BJP

of importance to the country’s security, the BJP National President said when the UPA government was in power, there were daily incidents of Pakistan firing along LOC in Jammu&Kashmir.

“But now, the BJP government had started reciprocating in the same way to the Pak firing – ‘Goli ka jawab goli se,’” he said.

Attacking the Congress led UDF in Kerala, Shri Shah said it was time to ‘uproot’ the ‘corrupt’ front and usher in change.

“It is not the UDF or LDF which will help the state, but BJP that can bring in development,” he said, adding the party workers should strive to ‘free’ the state

bribery case BJP activists began their agitation in the capital by laying siege to the state Secretariat in Thiruvananthapuram on 18 May 2015.

Among others party senior leaders like Kerala BJP President V. Muraleedharan, Shri O. Rajagopal, Smt. Sobha Surendran, Shri Karamana Jayan, Shri K.P. Sreesan, Shri C.K. Padmanabhan, Shri P. K. Krishna Das, Shri K. Surendran, Shri C. Shivankutty, Shri P.M. Velayudhan and Shri V.V. Rajesh and others participated in the siege. About 50,000 BJP activists from Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam and Pathanamtitha and other districts took part in the agitation. ■

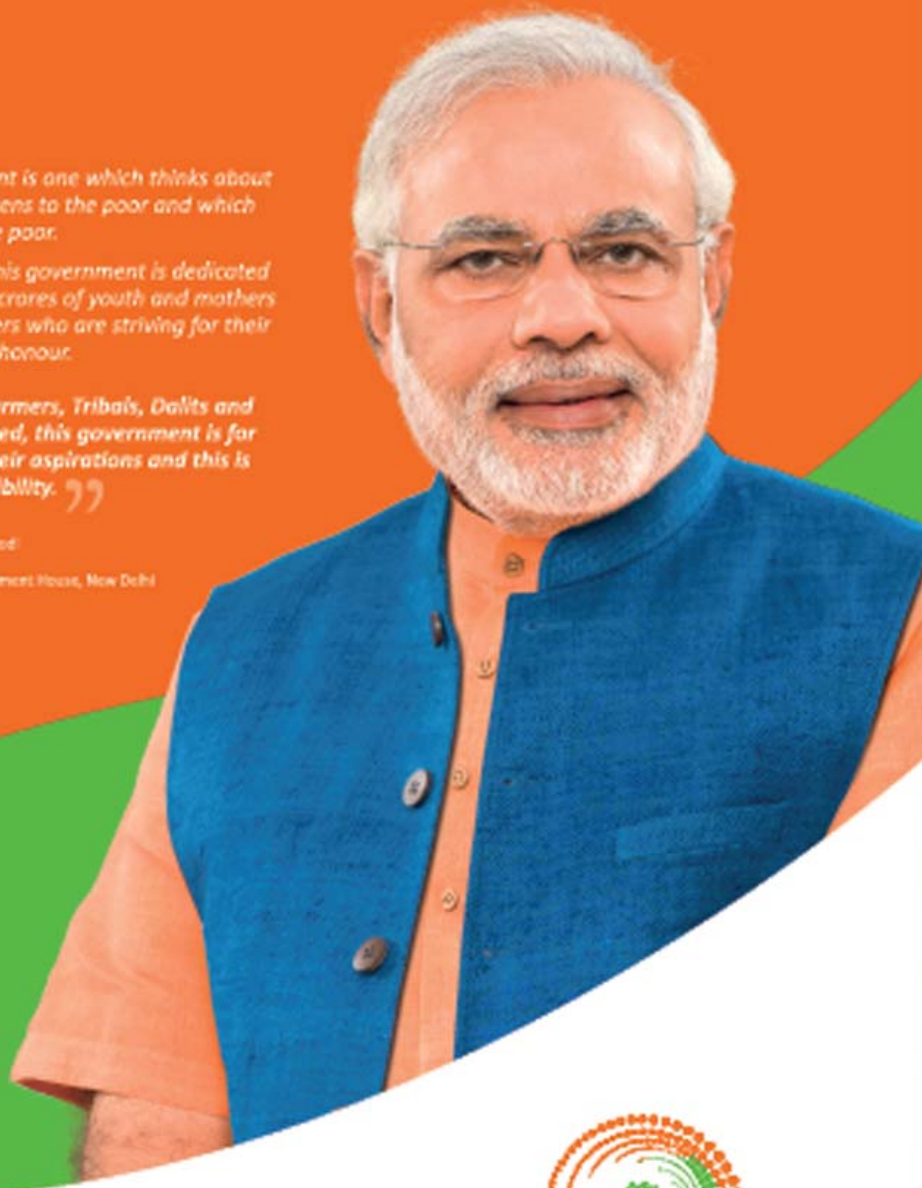


A government is one which thinks about the poor, listens to the poor and which exists for the poor.

Therefore, this government is dedicated to the poor, crores of youth and mothers and daughters who are striving for their respect and honour.

Villagers, Farmers, Tribals, Dalits and the Oppressed, this government is for them, for their aspirations and this is our responsibility. ”

Shree Narendra Modi
20 May 2014
Central Hall, Parliament House, New Delhi



Saal Ek 
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Bharosa – Trust in Government

The BJP fought the 2014 election on the agenda of **Good Governance and Development**. Our promise to the people of India was to bring back **Trust** in the government. Our first year has seen the Government of India restoring faith that the **system can deliver**. This transformation is built on the three pillars of **Kalyan, Suraksha and Samman**

- **Kalyan (Welfare)** – government of the poor, backward and left behind, dedicated to protecting and furthering their welfare with a firm belief in **Antyodaya**
- **Suraksha (Security)** – uncompromising approach to **Security**, whether it is the safety of women or giving a befitting response to any threat to the nation
- **Samman (Dignity)** – sense of dignity in each individual as well as the nation, with India regaining its rightful place globally as a **beacon of hope and promise**



Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikaas

- **Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana** for holistic development of **Tribal communities**
- Easier access to finance for **Dalit entrepreneurs** through 2 new dedicated schemes
- Land allotted in Mumbai for building **Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Smarak**
- Education and skill development of **Minorities** – **USSTAD** scheme launched; scholarships given to 86 lakh children (46% girls)
- Benefits for **Labourers** – guaranteed **Minimum Pension of Rs. 1,000** in EPS and Universal Account Number
- **Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan** championing an accessible India for the **Specially-abled**
- **Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao** programme to empower the girl child
- Special deposit account for our daughters under **Sukanya Samridhi Yojana**, offering 9.2% tax free interest – 43 lakh accounts opened
- Safety of women through measures like **Himmat safety app** and **33% reservation** for women in police forces of Delhi and other Union Territories
- Special focus on **North East** - budget provision of Rs. 53,000 crore, along with intensive central government interactions and visits



Swachh - Swasth - Shikshit Bharat

- **Mission Indradhanush** providing vaccination cover against 7 diseases - 35 lakh children already immunized
- Number of **life-saving drugs** under price control nearly doubled (adding 330 more)
- Successful mobilization of support from over 177 countries resulting in the declaration of 21st June as **International Day of Yoga** by the **United Nations**
- Dedicated Skills Ministry driving **flagship schemes for Skill India**
- National portal for **scholarships** and PM Vidyalakshmi Karyakram for **student loans** Special programmes for enhancing **quality of teaching**, massive open **online courses** and national e-Library
- 5 new IITs and 5 new IIMs, and a number of other specialized institutions
- Nationwide, people-driven **Swachh Bharat Mission** – including over 56 lakh toilets built
- Rs. 20,000 crore **Namami Gange Mission** for Ganga cleaning, including online monitoring of industrial pollution



Empowering the Poor in the War against Poverty

- **Banking the Un-banked: PM Jan Dhan Yojana** – 15 crore bank accounts opened, 13.4 crore RuPay debit cards issued and nearly Rs. 16,000 crore deposited
- **Securing the Un-secured:** First step towards comprehensive social security for the poor through pioneering **Life Insurance** and **Accident Insurance** schemes, 6.7 crore people enrolled within the first week
- **Pension without Tension: Atal Pension Yojana** assuring a minimum pension - Government to contribute 50% of the premium for 5 years, up to a maximum of Rs. 1,000 per annum
- **Funding the Un-funded:** MUDRA Bank for empowering small entrepreneurs with easy access to loans, freeing them from the clutches of money-lenders. Priority lending to SC / ST enterprises
- **Backing the Un-backed:** Self Employment Talent Utilization (SETU) and Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)
- **Runaway price rise brought under control**, giving relief to crores of families, and homemakers in particular
- **Job-creation** made central to the economy – **Make in India** for driving Mass Production as well as Production by the Masses
- **Stagnant economy rejuvenated** – India now the **fastest-growing large economy in the world**



Annadaata Sukhi Bhava – Farmers' Welfare

- **Relief in natural calamities:** 50% increase in compensation for crop damage and relaxation in eligibility norms, restructuring/ rescheduling of loan repayment
- Strong position at global WTO negotiations, securing farmers' long-term interests
- **Har Khet Ko Pani:** Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchal Yojana comprehensively covering canals, micro-irrigation and watershed development
- **Neem coated Urea** to increase soil productivity; **New Urea policy** announced
- **Soil Health Cards** programme to help farmers increase productivity
- **Kisan TV** channel dedicated to farmers
- **National Gokul Mission** to enhance productivity of cattle
- Enhancing access to **loans** by raising farm credit target to Rs. 8.5 lakh crore
- **Land bill** amendment to benefit farmers – enhanced compensation for land acquired under 13 acts; develop rural infrastructure such as irrigation, roads and affordable housing; as well as create jobs and improve quality of life

Relief in times of Need

- Immediate and decisive government response whenever lives of Indians are threatened, whether within or outside the country
- In times of natural disasters – be it **J&K floods**, **Kosi floods** or **Cyclone Hudhud**
- In response to international crisis – from **Operation Maitri** rescuing 15,500 Indians and 170 foreign nationals (33 countries) in the Nepal earthquake; to **Operation Rahat** rescuing 4,700 Indians and 1,900 foreign nationals (48 countries) in Yemen



Infrastructure – Building the Backbone of the Nation

- Dedicated schemes for 24x7 Power in rural and urban areas, lighting up a billion lives
- Record performance in coal production, power and transmission capacity addition as well as electricity generation
- Focus on enhancing railway passenger convenience – Wi-Fi, dedicated helpines, paperless unreserved ticketing, e-catering and CCTV cameras etc
- 6 new pilgrim trains launched and Katra line opened for travel to Vaishno Devi
- Enhanced convenience of commuters – discontinuation of toll fee collection at 62 toll plazas and electronic toll systems being rolled out at 300
- Impetus on road safety – Cashless treatment for accidents, CCTV surveillance, GPS tracking and video recording of public transport
- 2 Airports inaugurated and 6 new ones under construction, giving wings to dreams
- Sagarmala Project launched for furthering port-led development
- Highest ever major port capacity addition and doubling of cargo growth rate in Shipping, sailing towards growth
- Missions for Smart Cities and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) of Rs. 98,000 crore



Clean, Transparent and Corruption-free Government

- Crackdown on Black Money: Special Investigation Team (SIT) and stringent black money Law passed, including rigorous imprisonment, to fast-track action against tax evaders
- Corruption-free Allotment and Auction: Rs. 3.35 lakh crore mobilised from coal auction and allotment of 67 blocks (out of 204 cancelled blocks) over lifespan of mines; Rs. 1.09 lakh crore from the most successful telecom spectrum auctions ever; and reform in the mining law replacing discretionary mechanism with a competitive auction process
- Right quantum of subsidies, in the right hands, at the right time: World's largest Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) scheme rolled out nationally for LPG subsidies (PAHAL) to 12.5 crore households. Progressively being extended to scholarships and pensions

Reforming the System

- Government that Trusts the People – Self attestation empowering citizens to verify their own documents; Jeevan Praman Portal for hassle-free bio-metric pension authentication for pensioners (1 lakh+ registrations in less than 4 months); MyGov roping in citizens for participative governance; and Self certification across areas from Boiler inspection to Labour compliance report
- Team India – redefining Centre-State partnership for national development, through cooperative and competitive federalism. From constitution of NITI Aayog to unprecedented additional 10% devolution of funds to States
- Ease of Doing Business – Investor Facilitation Cell, e-biz portal for single online filing of returns, reduction in import-export formalities, de-licensing and de-regulation of industry

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BJP can be a better alternative in UP : Amit Shah

Addressing the concluding day session of the two day State BJP Executive Meeting of Uttar Pradesh, at ITS college, Mohan Nagar in Ghaziabad on 12 May, 2015 BJP National President Shri Amit Shah said that the people of UP will have to vote out Samajwadi Party in the next Assembly elections for the overall development of the State.

He said that the union Government had given crores of rupees as compensation for farmers who lost crop in recent rains but this *Baap-Bete Ki Sarkar* has diverted the money in their pet projects.

"The Samajwadi Party Government is anti-farmer and anti-people. Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav and his father Mulayam Singh Yadav might be talking about the welfare of farmers but the fact is this Government does not want welfare of farmers," Shri Shah said.

He said the union government had asked UP to review loss of crop but this government has refused to do so. "The Modi Government has increased by compensation by including those farmers into the list who have lost 30 per cent of their crop but the state government is yet to submit its report,"

he said.

"Despite that the Union Government has given thousands of crores of rupees as compensation for farmers but the state has not distributed that. This Government swears by the name of farmers but does nothing for them," BJP President said and asked the people to vote out this government in the next assembly elections.

Talking about the achievements of the Modi Government he said it is the government that works for the welfare of poor. This Government has opened bank accounts of 14 crore people and also provided insurance cover at very cheap rate.

He said, "BJP can be a better alternative for you in UP. It is the party that works for the welfare of poor and downtrodden".

Earlier, while inaugurating the first day session of BJP Executive Meeting, UP In-Charge Shri Om Prakash Mathur addressed the gathering. Stressing on the importance of people to people contact BJP Shri Om Prakash Mathur exhorted party workers to gear up for Mission 2017 by strengthening the party structure at the ground level.

"The party workers have enrolled over 1.56 crore new members. The onus is now on us to meet these members personally. We will have to go to every house in village and city to meet them the workers need to apprise the members about the policies of the BJP," he said. He said that the party workers should keep it in mind that we will have to achieve success in 2017 assembly election.

In a Political Resolution the party said law and order situation in the state is bad. The crimes are not registered. People are being killed everywhere - in courts, in hospitals and even on roads. This is because of politicization of police administration.

"Paper leak and cheating has become an industry in UP. Even civil services papers were leaked out. The youth feels disenchanted by this government. They neither have jobs nor social security. In some case they are forced to commit suicide".

The resolution also talked about corruption in state government and named few ministers like Gyatri Prajapati, Kailash Chaurasia and Maehboob Ali who are facing Lokayukta probe. It also questioned government

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Land bill is 'kisan mitra', not 'anti-farmer' : Amit Shah

Condemning the Congress of trying to spread falsehood over land acquisition bill, BJP National President Shri Amit Shah said the legislation is "kisan mitra" (farmer friendly) and not 'anti-farmer' as dubbed by the opposition. "Congress is trying to spread falsehood and create confusion around the land acquisition bill that it is anti-farmer ... (but) it is 'kisan mitra'," Shri Shah said at the party's 'Sushasan Sankalp Sammelan' in Bhopal on 10 May, 2015.

Addressing the Karyakartas in Madhya Pradesh he said, "I want to assure farmers of Madhya Pradesh and the country that no injustice will be done to them in the land acquisition bill". Shri Shah reiterated party's stand that not an inch of farmers' land will be given away to the industrialists as being alleged by Congress and even in case farmers have to relinquish their land, they would be duly compensated as per the provisions in the bill.

He said the villages of the country need road, electricity, education, rail line network and hospitals. The BJP

President called upon party cadres to reach out to the masses to counter false claims by Congress over the bill.

He also hailed the Union governance and said not a single allegation of corruption has been leveled against the government in last one year after it attained charge of the office at the Centre, while scams were a common thing during previous UPA regime. "NDA-led by Narendra Bhai registered massive win with



a promise to end corruption. One year of the government is nearing completion but not a single allegation of corruption has been leveled against it," he said.

Attacking the Congress leadership Shri Shah said Madhya Pradesh was long used to being ruled by "Raje-Rajwade" (feudal elements). "They cannot accept the fact that a common man has now become chief minister," he

said, in reference to the recent attacks by the Congress leader on BJP Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan.

He further said following the coal scam, the Supreme Court had cancelled 204 coal allocations made during the UPA regime between 2004 and 2011 and ordered that the government conduct fresh auctions for the coal blocks. He said the UPA government witnessed a series of scams whereas the 11-month-old Narendra Modi government had not been linked to any wrongdoing.

During the sammelan, he exhorted panchayats and urban bodies in the state to deliver on the expectations of the people. He told the office-bearers of urban bodies and panchayats that the BJP was in power in the state due to the hard work and sacrifices made by party workers.

He said the MP unit of the party had had a number of tall leaders who had worked hard for the party. "This is a fortunate phase when the party is winning everywhere. There was a time when even if candidates

managed to save their election deposit, they would celebrate, let alone win," he told the delegates. The party has been on a winning streak since last year's Lok Sabha elections.

After the resounding victory in the general elections, it went on to win the Haryana, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Goa and Jharkhand assembly elections in the country.

Shri Shah also praised the Shivraj Singh Chouhan government in the state for registering a consecutive growth in the agriculture sector. He said the union government had made crop compensation a reality for farmers in the country. The Centre had last month increased the compensation amount for farmers affected by the crop damage due to natural calamities and had relaxed the eligibility norms for claiming the compensation.

Addressing the sammelan, CM Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan said there would be no shortage of funds for initiating development projects in the state.

He said everyone in the state should take up a social task such as cleaning and planting saplings.

He asked, "You'll ask for votes in the run-up to the elections. But now that you are elected, will you be angry when people come to you with their grievances?" His question met with a resounding no.

All Ministers, MPs, MLAs and office bearers of the party were present on the occasion. ■

PM launches Social Security Schemes

Poor do not need support (sahaara), but strength (shakti), says PM

While launching the social security schemes Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on May 9 invoked the poetry of *Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore* to state that the poor do not need support (sahaara), but strength (shakti). On the occasion three social security schemes—*Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana*, *Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana*, and *Atal Pension Yojana* were launched in Kolkata. The schemes were launched in simultaneous functions at 115 venues across the country.

"It is not my prayer that you will save me from difficulties Give me the strength to overcome the difficulty Do not take away my burdens or console me Give me the capacity to bear my burden," the Prime Minister said, quoting from *Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore*.

The Prime Minister said Kolkata had been chosen for the launch of these schemes because, to quote Shri Gopal Krishna Gokhale, "what Bengal thinks today, India thinks tomorrow."

The Prime Minister said that it was indeed a matter of great pain that 80 to 90 percent of the people in India do not have access to insurance and pension. He said that the fruits of development must reach the poorest of the poor, and therefore, the Union Government had launched the *Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana* under which 15 crore accounts had been opened. Now, he added, *Jan Dhan* was being taken a step forward to *Jan Suraksha* with the launch of these social security schemes. He said *Jan Dhan Yojana* helped bank the unbanked, *Mudra Bank* would help fund the unfunded, and these schemes would help secure the unsecured. He said the schemes had been launched on trial basis since May 1st, 2015, and 5 crore, 5 lakh people had enrolled for them so far. The Governor of West Bengal Shri Keshrinath Tripathi, The Chief Minister of West Bengal Ms. Mamata Banerjee, and Union Ministers Shri Jayant Sinha and Shri Babul Supriyo were present on the occasion. ■

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decision to curtail powers of Mayors of Nagar Nigam and highlighted prevailing power crisis in the state.

"In contrast to this the Modi government has built a positive atmosphere where youth has a hope to achieve his goal while the poor has been brought under the insurance umbrella. India's has made its mark the way this government evacuated people from Yemen, and provided relief to Nepal," the resolution said. The workers have been asked to spread the message of good work done by Shri Narendra Modi across the state so that people could see the difference between SP and BJP Governments, the resolution said. ■

The fall of UPA's crony capitalism – A year of reform

By Arun Jaitley

Look back at the situation that existed a year ago before the NDA Government headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi assumed office. The Government wanted to centralize power in its own hands rather than promote non-discretionary and rule-based governance. “For Sale” signs hung over all Ministries. Spectrum was allocated at throw away prices to the favoured few. Investors lost their investment. Ministers, civil servants, investors were jailed and prosecuted. Coal blocks were allocated at virtually no price. Environmental clearances were up for sale. The Congress Party leaders had become rent seekers and name lenders. They were partners in a large number of companies which got coal blocks allocated. The discretionary and arbitrary allotment motivated by collateral considerations led to prosecutions of many and a virtual paralysis of the coal mines sector. It had an adverse impact on user industries such as the power sector. Even the former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh was not spared on account of the self-destruct policies of the UPA. The courts had to

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intervene and cancel the allocations. The mining sector provided for a statutory mechanism of allocation based on the obsolete principle of “first come first served”. The State Governments – some of the poorest in the country – were taken for a ride. They got very little out of valuable resources such as mines in their States. Even gold imports were controlled by a few. This was crony capitalism at its very worst. Businessmen and industrialists lined up to Ministers and party

functionaries to seek favours. Chits were regularly issued from party functionaries to Ministers indicating the name of the allottee to be favoured with State largesse. In this chaotic regime, nepotism reached its climax when investigative agencies such as the CBI and the Enforcement Directorate were directly controlled by political individuals. Dubious appointments were made to these agencies. Political opponents and inconvenient business persons were harassed. The agencies whose primary job was to unearth corruption had themselves been corrupted. Courts had to regularly intervene to seek action against the possible guilty. Investing in India inherently included the risk of prosecution. Was it any wonder that investors fled the country? This had disrupted the business environment in the country.

Where do we stand one year later? The whole parade of industrialists lining up outside South Block and North Block is now over. The corridors are empty, the silence cheery. FDI increased from \$20.8 billion in 2013-14 (Apr13-Feb14) to \$28.8 billion in 2014-15 (Apr14-Feb15). The others are in advance

stages of the approval process. The environment Ministry has set up institutional mechanisms whereby clearances based on objective criteria are being routinely granted. The regime of an unlegislated tax on environmental clearances is over. The spectrum auction has fetched over rupees one lakh crores. A few coal blocks being auctioned have fetched over rupees two lakh crores. There is no role of Ministers

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except in laying down policy. Prices are determined by a market mechanism and the successful bidder is determined by auction. The word "corruption" is being removed from India's political dictionary. The environment of "prosecute the investors" has been completely reversed. There is a thrust towards reforms and liberalization but no crony capitalism, no harassment. The "scam and scandal, corruption and retribution" Raj is behind us.

With the fiscal deficit contained and Government's revenues improving, the emphasis is now on strengthening social security and social sector schemes. Over 15 crore Jan Dhan accounts have been opened. An effort is now on to put money in those accounts. Besides, Government schemes for the weaker sections, the LPG subsidy is now being transferred directly to over 12.6 crore beneficiary households. The insurance scheme for accidental death launched on 9.5.2015, in the first nine days, has 5.57 crore policy holders. This scheme involves a premium of Rs.12/- per year. The life insurance scheme involves a premium of Rs.330/- per year and has 1.74 crore subscribers in the first 18 days. The Atal Pension Yojana has been well received. The un-pensioned section of the Indian society will become a pensioned

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(The writer is Union Minister of Finance & IB)

Alignment Vs Non-Alignment

-Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya

India's foreign policy has always been a crucial component of our national agenda. As India gained independence it was required to frame an independent foreign policy which could take the nation out of the colonial policy hangover. The foreign policy under Nehru has often been criticized for compromising national interest at crucial junctures leading the country to crisis after crisis which continue to haunt the nation even today. The nation had to pay for Nehru's romanticism with some of his impractical beliefs which has cost nation dear. We are publishing an article written by Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay in 1960 elaborating on fine details of the foreign policy and why India should have pursued an independent foreign policy. Not only this he has also elaborated what an independent foreign policy based on national interest means and how it should have been pursued. We are publishing the article in a series and the Final part is given below for our esteemed readers:

India & The Super Powers

Now, let us look at the two power blocs of the world. The manner in which they have been going about carving and slicing the world between themselves and throwing out challenges to each other makes war entirely unavoidable. Today all are talking about peace and disarmament, but their pronouncements emit a horning. As long as war can be stalled, so much the better. But it would be wrong to assume that there will be no war. In case of a war, then, would it be in our interest to join either of the two blocs? If we wish to keep away from war, we must remain non-aligned. This too can be contemplated, that we will not be allowed to keep out of the war. Why then should we not, of our own accord, choose, and prepare from right now? Someone may argue. But



evidently such decision would depend on a more possibility, a future one, and an ever doubtful one.

If at all we do have to take a decision unfavourable to our interests why should we not take it at a time when our assessment of the situation is grounded not on hypothetical conjectures and suppositions but on actual realities? By remaining away from world power-politics it is more likely that we may be able to keep away from the war as well, but by joining any one bloc, we may even become the cause of was

ourselves.

India's geography too demands that we maintain a non-aligned stand. If India plumps for any particular bloc, other countries of south and south East Asia also will drift towards the same side. It is true that attempts are being made today to pressrise India by compelling some of these of accept alignment. But if any of these countries has joined a bloc today, it is because India has failed to fulfil the obligations arising out of its decision to follow a non-aligned foreign policy. Every policy that we adopt has certain obligations and certain limitations incidental to it. Unless we fulfil these obligations and keep to these limitations the policy cannot succeed. Today to titans are engaged in a struggle for supremacy over the entire globe. If India too relinquishes its determination to follow an independent line,

no other country can dare do so.

USA Opposes Its Rivals,
Not Communism

Some people today desire that India should choose sides on the basis of the professed ideologies of the two power blocs. America affirms faith in Democracy and a determination to combat communism. These people believe that on this account our place cannot be anywhere but in the US bloc. There are two flaws in this reasoning. Firstly, it is not true that the two avowals, which US swears by, have any real place in the world organisation being built by America. The US no doubt upholds democracy and democratic practices in its own country. But almost without exception, in all the countries of the world with which US has allied it, democracy has been strangled. Its opposition to communism too, outside its own country, is as unreal. Tito's Yugoslavia is surely a Communist country. But the US has nothing against it. The US Government determines its relationship with other nations not on the basis of any ideological considerations but purely for the strategic requirements against Russia.

The same is Russia's case. USSR proclaims itself an opponent of imperialism and capitalism. But itself holds states of Eastern Europe in bondage. China has converted Tibet into a colony of its own and has subjected Tibetans to

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policies more tyrannical than South Africa's apartheid. But Russia has had no objection, for Russia's antagonism to imperialism is confined to imperialism of the Western nations only. Similarly, the fact that there is nothing Communist about Afghanistan has not debarred it from receiving USSR's favours. It is true, however, that no non-Communist country today belongs to the Soviet bloc. But this is so not on account of Russia's attachment to principles, but because non-communist countries which do not owe allegiance to the US bloc have generally taken to a policy of non-alignment.

Foreign Help Would Be Suicidal

Another plea advanced is that communism is an international menace and so needs to be fought out at the international level. But it must be realised that it is precisely the short comings of Western

life values which have given birth and sustenance to communism. So, a votary of patterns, these American cannot counter counteract communism, only nationalism and spiritualism can prove an effective antidote to communism. In their battle against Communism. Western nations have been recklessly destroying both these forces with the result that those very nations whom they go to assist, in course of time, turn against them and embrace international communism.

India has to fight communism within its own country. All the resources needed for this fight are available with us. In fact the moment we talk about inviting help from abroad in order to checkmate communism that very moment we are voluntarily throwing away the Brahmastra against which communism cannot survive. The extra-territorial allegiance of communism is its most vulnerable spot. If we too begin to think in similar terms, how can we survive? No wonder, those regimes which sought help from the United States in order to fight communism gradually lost confidence with the people, and ultimately, in these countries military dictatorship quelled the popular vice and hoisted itself in power.

View it from whatever angle we may, it is essential, in our own interest, that we maintain our present policy



of non-alignment. We decided upon this policy at a time when either China had gone Red nor Pakistan had entered into military alliance with America. Subsequent events have only strengthened the basis on which this policy had been grounded.

As we have already observed above, acceptance of this policy does impose certain

Let's keep our of other people's quarrels.

Yet another thing that we must do is to keep away from the wrangles of the world. It may be said that with the two power blocs in perpetual readiness for a military show down even a small incident may some day precipitate a conflagration. Non-aligned nations, it is argued, should, therefore, perform the

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obligations on us. First and foremost, even while upholding our principles of peace and non-violence, our consideration of all problems must be tempered by stern realism. We must show to the world that when we say that ours is an independent foreign policy, we mean what we say. If all that we do is to prattle loudly while the power blocs, or their satellites, indulge in non-chalant interference in our domains, our independence would become meaningless and it would only give further encouragement to these foreign powers. Until and unless we deal firmly with both Pakistan and China, our independent foreign policy cannot realise its purpose.

necessary task of mediating, and removing misunderstandings. Perhaps it is these views that prompt Pandit Nehru too to intervene in so many matters. But when mediation proves detrimental to our own interests, we should rather be wary of it. There is a wise and popular saying which warns lest we burn our hands while performing Havana. That nation is best suited for mediation which no one is particularly interested. In aligning to itself. Unfortunately, India enjoys no such advantage. Then again, he who is to mediate must scrupulously refrain from airing hastily his opinions about matters. In the world today where a majority

of arrangements, rather than conforming to any particular ideals or principles, are just compromises with existing reality, the propounded and preacher of high ideals is ill-fitted for the task of mediation.

It is because of these reasons that our active endeavours for world peace buffer from serious limitations. Our efforts in this direction have hitherto failed to take into account either national interests or these limitations. The success we have been able to achieve is before all to judge. But the restraint shown by the Prime Minister more recently in respect of voicing his reactions to the failure of the Paris Summit Conference, and again the manner in which India has been kept away from the four-power proposal in the UNO are indications that the Prime Minister realises the need to amend Government's policy in this regard.

If indeed the Prime Minister sought the co-operation of other major parties in the formulation of our foreign policy, and held consultations with them, specially on issues that had a direct bearing on India's interests, our foreign policy could easily become a real National policy. We would thus be able to avoid hyperbolism in our reckoning of foreign policy issues. ■

*[Organiser, Special Article,  
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# Celebrate 26 May as *Jan Kalyan Parv* : Ramlal

**D**elhi State BJP held its state executive committee meeting on 19th May 2015. at NDMC Convention Center. Union Finance Minister Sh. Arun Jaitley inaugurated the executive meeting in the presence of Delhi BJP Incharge Sh. Prabhat Jha, Union Minister Dr. Harsvardhan, MPs Sh. Vijay Goel, Sh. Ramesh

Bidhuri, Sh. Parvesh Verma, Dr. Udit Raj, Sh. Mahesh Giri, Leader of the Opposition in Delhi Sh. Vijendra Gupta & National Secretaries Sh. R.P. Singh & Dr. Anil Jain.

In his inaugural speech Sh. Arun Jaitley said that today when we are going in to celebrate the completion of the first year of the BJP Govt. under Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi it is important to note that the biggest achievement of our government is that now Corruption is No More A Part of Union Govt. Dictionary.

BJP's National Organisational General Secretary Sh. Ramlal called upon party workers to celebrate 26 May as Jan Kalyan Parv (public welfare day). He said do not care for opponents you have a government of



vision & achievements go between people with a high head. He called upon all 14 district units in Delhi to organise melas to take the message of achievements of Modi govt.

Delhi BJP Incharge Sh. Prabhat Jha said that I have worked with Delhi BJP for last one year and I feel Delhi BJP workers performance cannot be measured by a recent electoral set back as this loss happened as a new Party succeeded in misleading people of Delhi with dream promises.

In his welcome speech Delhi BJP President Sh. Satish Upadhyay felicitated the delegates and congratulated the union government, Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi & National President Sh. Amit Shah due to whose honest hard work India's prestige

hovers high world over.

Two political resolutions were presented before the executive committee. The first resolution presented by Sh. Ramesh Bidhuri felicitated the union government's achievements in detail while the second political resolution presented by Sh. Vijendra Gupta condemned the Delhi government for running away from its electoral promises and creating a political ruckus in Delhi.

A resolution condoling deaths of some senior party workers who have died during recent past including former MLA Sh. Sunil Vaid, Secretary Sh. Kishan Lal Dhilod, former Metropolitan Councillor Sh. Janardan Gupta, Sh. Vinod Saini etc. was passed and one minute silence was observed. **(FOC)■**

## Most productive budget session in last ten years : 24 bills passed

**R**ecently-concluded budget session is the most productive in recent years, according to PRS Legislative Research, an organization that tracks the affairs of the Indian Parliament. During the four-month-long sitting, productivity in India's lower house -the number of actual working hours as a percentage of the total scheduled hours for parliamentary business - was 123%. That's the most productive the lower house, known as the Lok Sabha, has been in 15 years. In fact, the lower house decided to extend the session by three days. The Budget session was held from February 23,2015 to May 13,2015.

The upper house was slightly behind, with a productivity measurement of 101%.

Talking to media, Minister of Parliamentary Affairs Shri M.Venkaiah Naidu has lauded the functioning of Parliament during the last one year stating that both the Houses of Parliament have turned in record performance in terms of number of sittings and transaction of legislative business.

Shri Venkaiah Naidu said "The Government is going to complete one year in office



soon. I am happy to report that during the last one year, there has been a perceptible improvement in the functioning of the Parliament marking a beginning towards restoration of people's respect for and confidence in democratic institutions. This is a significant achievement for all the concerned." He further said that this turn around was made possible by the sincere efforts of the Government to reach out to the opposition and other parties from time to time on various issues and accommodating their concerns even by going out of way on several occasions and by the force of the legislative proposals of the Government.

Giving statistics of record performance of the Parliament, Shri Naidu stated that since May, 2014, the Lok Sabha held 90 sittings while the Rajya Sabha had 87, the highest in the last ten years. Both the Houses have passed 47 Bills, the best in the last six years, he said. Shri Naidu informed that the Government is keen about a minimum of 100 sittings of

Parliament each year as recommended by the last Conference of Chief Whips and Floor Leaders of Legislatures held in October, 2014, with the cooperation of all concerned.

Referring to the performance of the Parliament during the just concluded Budget session, Shri Venkaiah Naidu said that both the Houses have passed 24 Bills, the best of the Budget sessions of the last six years. Lok Sabha worked for 117% of the scheduled time while the productivity of Rajya Sabha was 101%. Lok Sabha had 35 sittings during this Budget session, the highest in the last five years while Rajya Sabha held 32 sittings, the second best in the last five years, the Minister informed.

The Minister noted that both the Houses of Parliament could have made even better use of available time during the just concluded Budget session if the opposition had not insisted on disturbing the scheduled business of the Houses almost every day. Shri Naidu informed that the opposition had given notices seeking suspension of Question Hour on 20 days and for adjournment of business of the House on 32 days and in effect, disturbed the proceedings on 32 of the 35



working days of the Lok Sabha. In the case of Rajya Sabha, opposition sought adjournment of business on 15 of 32 working days. This showed lack of seriousness about the issues to be brought to the notice of the Houses and the Government and violation of sanctity of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business of the Houses.

Shri Venkaiah Naidu noted that the just concluded Budget session witnessed the Parliament rising to the occasion by passing some historic legislations. He referred to passing of GST related Constitution Amendment Bill by the Lok Sabha and passing by both the Houses of The Constitution Amendment relating to operationalization of Land Boundary Agreement with Bangladesh, The Insurance Laws (Amendment) Bill and The Black Money Bill, Enactments relating to transparent allocation of coal and other minerals in this regard. ■

## Some Important Bills Passed by both houses during the Budget Session

- The Companies (Amendment) Bill, 2014:** *Regulates issues related to Related Party transactions, accepting public deposits and jurisdiction of special courts, etc.*
- The Undisclosed Foreign Income and Assets (Imposition of Tax) Bill, 2015:** *Imposes 30% tax on undisclosed foreign income and assets and increases criminal liability for the same.*
- The Constitution (119th Amendment) Bill, 2013:** *Implements the India-Bangladesh Land Boundary Agreement, 1974 and Protocol to the Land Boundary Agreement, 1974.*
- The Repealing and Amending (Second) Bill, 2014:** *Repeals 88 enactments which have ceased to be in force and corrects typographical errors in two Acts.*
- The Repealing and Amending Bill, 2014:** *Repeals 36 laws that have ceased to be in force.*
- The Regional Rural Banks (Amendment) Bill, 2014:** *Raises the authorised capital of each Regional Rural Bank to Rs 2,000 crore and allows them to raise capital from sources other than the government.*
- The Payment and Settlement Systems (Amendment) Bill, 2014:** *Extends the application of the Act to a designated trade repository, or issuer, in relation to payment systems.*
- The Warehousing Corporations (Amendment) Bill, 2015:** *States that the central government will no longer be a financial guarantor to the Central Warehousing Corporation.*
- The Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, 2015:** *Increases the number of seats of the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council from 50 to 58.*
- The Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Bill, 2015:** *Lays out the procedure for auction of coal blocks that were cancelled by the Supreme Court in September 2014 and enables private companies to mine coal.*
- The Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2015:** *Allows auction as a method for granting mining leases for both bulk minerals and notified minerals. Also extends mining leases from 30 years to 50 years*
- The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Orders (Amendment) Bill, 2014:** *Adds new communities to the list of Scheduled Castes in Haryana, Karnataka, Odisha, and Dadra and Nagar Haveli.*
- The Insurance Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2015:** *Raises the limit of foreign holdings to 49% in an Indian insurance company and allows entry of foreign re insurers (companies that insure insurance companies).*
- The Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, 2015:** *Brings e-carts and e-rickshaws under the ambit of the Act and provides for their registration and issuing of driving licenses.*
- The Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2015:** *Relaxes the requirement of one year continuous stay in India to gain Indian citizenship. Also, provides certain additional grounds on which a person may register for an overseas citizenship card.*
- The Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Amendment Bill, 2014:** *Enables the DMRC to evict unauthorised occupants from its premises and specifies time limits for the process of eviction.*

## Responsibility of party has increased manifold with government formation : Amit shah

**S**tressing on proper media management at a National Media Workshop conducted for spokespersons of the party National President Shri Shah said that the responsibility of the party towards the nation has increased manifold ever since it formed government

workshops across the country to strengthen healthy media management besides media awareness programmes amongst the party workers and leaders.

The workshop attended by Spokesperson and Media Conveners of all the States held threadbare discussion on

Sitharaman.

Ministers highlighted the achievements of their respective Ministries and also spoke on different issues which needed to be understood properly and presented before the media in right perspective.

The Speakers said that the



at the Centre. This workshop was inaugurated by the BJP National President in presence of National Spokespersons in New Delhi on May 14, 2015.

There will be more challenges ahead before the party, he said and reminded the spokespersons of their roles and responsibilities in managing party affairs.

He said, "We should remain alert and up-to-date with the party programmes and activities and rightfully exhibit and ventilate the public concerns and measures taken up by the party making the party alive in all fronts".

The workshop decided to organize state level

media management, especially in view of the party's 'Sangathan Parva' year 2015.

The different sessions of this day long workshop were also addressed by BJP National General Secretary (Organization) Shri Ram Lal, Union Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitley, Foreign Minister Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Union Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment Shri Thavar Chand Gehlot, Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways Shri Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister of Information & Broadcasting and IT Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad and Union Commerce Minister Smt. Nirmala

role of Spokespersons is very difficult and different than the other activists of the party and hence they need to be well acquainted with latest information of every issue and for that they must remain in regular touch of the newspapers and news channels as well as with party's National Media team.

It was also directed to the Media In-charges that State level Media Workshops on the similar pattern must be organized in every State in coming days.

Spokespersons of all the States, State Conveners of Media Cell and other senior leaders also attended the Media workshop. ■