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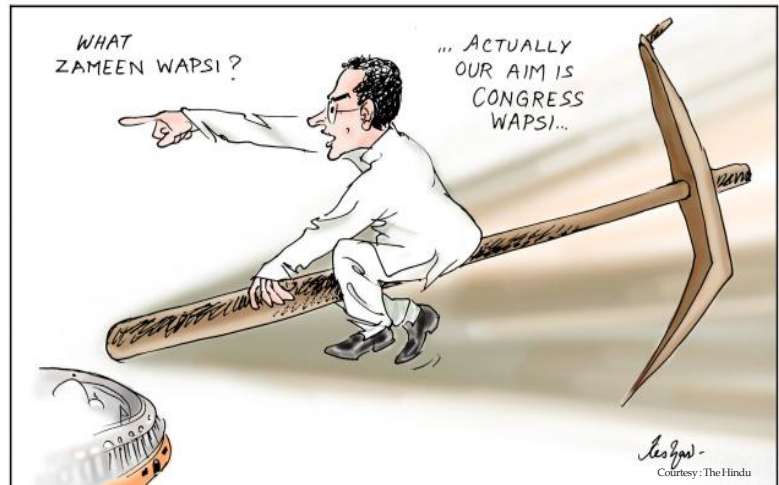
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*O Arjuna, having gained the realization of the Ultimate Truth, one is never again deluded and even at the moment of death, being situated in this state, liberation from the material existence and attainment of the Ultimate Consciousness is assured.*  
— (Bhagavadgita : Ch.-II, 71)

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"Wherever the BJP government came to power, development has taken place. The GDP rose above 10 percent whereas agriculture GDP rose above 15%".

-Amit Shah

"Narendra Modi is the leader of the world's largest democracy, and his life story—from poverty to Prime Minister—reflects the dynamism."

-Barack Obama

## Buddha Purnima : 04 May, 2015

Buddha Purnima during Vaishakha month is celebrated as birth anniversary of Gautama Buddha. Gautama Buddha whose birth name was Siddhartha Gautama was a spiritual teacher on whose teachings Buddhism was founded. The time of Gautama Buddha's birth and death is uncertain. However, most historians date his lifetime between 563-483 B.C. Most people consider Lumbini, Nepal as birth place of Buddha. Buddha died at the age of 80 at Kushinagar in Uttar Pradesh.

For Buddhists, Bodh Gaya is the most important pilgrimage site related to the life of Gautama Buddha. The other three important pilgrimage sites are Kushinagar, Lumbini, and Sarnath. It is believed that Gautama Buddha obtained Enlightenment at Bodhagaya and he first taught the Dharma at Sarnath.

It is believed that Gautama Buddha got birth, obtained Enlightenment and passed away on the same day. Buddha Purnima is also known as Buddha Jayanti and Buddha's Birthday.

Among Hindus in North India Buddha is considered as the 9th incarnation of Lord Vishnu. Now people celebrate Buddha Purnima with pomp and show by paying homage to the Buddha. However, tradition ascribes to the Buddha himself instruction on how to pay him homage. He advised everyone not to cry over the disintegration of the physical body but to regard his teachings, because only the Dhamma truth is eternal and not subject to the law of change. He also stressed that the way to pay homage to him was not merely by offering flowers, incense, and lights, but by truly and sincerely striving to follow his teachings.





## While government is creating history, BJP is touching new heights!

**A**s BJP becomes world's largest political party, the BJP led NDA government at the centre is also inching closer to completion of its one year in office. This one year has not only seen India emerging at global level but also a sea change in the politics of the country. India has elected a government with full majority after thirty years and faith was reposed on BJP under the charismatic leadership of Narendra Modi. It has sent message across the world. It has restored the faith in democracy and in our polity. India is now a young country having aspiration to attain heights on every front. The national aspiration is now reinforced with hope and confidence. India is ready for a big leap forward.

When Narendra Modi took oath of office, the nation was faced with a gloomy scenario. The UPA government tainted by scams and corruption had left a legacy of economic slowdown and policy paralysis. A decisive mandate by the people was the need of the hour. People came out in large numbers to elect a government under Narendra Modi with clear majority. Narendra Modi had emerged as a hope for the nation. People saw their future in BJP. The state governments under BJP rule had performed excellently. Gujarat had become a role model, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh were registering remarkable progress shedding the tag of Bimaru state. People wanted development and good governance. They wanted to elect a government which could make development happen and which can take decisions. Narendra Modi emerged as a person who had a track record of remarkable governance and vision for all inclusive development. He had led Gujarat on the trajectory of growth and development with his decisive and visionary leadership. It is the uniqueness of Indian democracy that in time of crisis people vote unitedly and decisively. It happened again during the 2014 Lok Sabha elections. BJP led NDA government was formed under the leadership of Narendra Modi on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

The Lok Sabha elections were followed by elections in states. People again reposed their faith in BJP in Maharashtra, Haryana, Jharkhand and Jammu-Kashmir. BJP has formed government with full majority in Haryana and Jharkhand and in alliance in Maharashtra and Jammu-Kashmir. Not only this, BJP came out with flying colours in local body elections in almost all the states. It was made possible by the decisive role played by Modi government in rescuing the country out of policy paralysis and for pursuing the politics of development and good governance. A new work culture is visible in the government offices with emphasis on reducing delaying factors in decision making while simplifying rules and procedures. Indian economy which presented a gloomy picture has once again taken a centre stage with international rating agencies upgrading it as it becomes the fastest growing economy in the world. Indian economy which was seen negatively has now been said to by "a bright spot amid gloomy global scenario". Inflation is under control, growth rate is surging ahead and a new image of confident India is emerging at global level. From US, Canada, France, Germany to China and Japan; and from Nepal,

Bhutan to Sri Lanka, Fiji and Mauritius - all are acknowledging it and looking forward for strong relations with India.

It was made possible due to the vision and able leadership of our Prime Minister Narendra Modi. His emphasis that 'rashtra-niti', not 'rajniti' should be the guiding principle of governance has played a role in this remarkable transition. The commitment of the BJP to make 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat' through 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Viakas' has made the achievements of these one year so much amazing and glaring. It is the result of continuous hard work and dedication to the national cause. Not only the nation was rescued from gloomy scenario, a bright future is awaiting it in the days to come where it is set to play pivotal role in the world economy as its newfound status of world's fastest growing economy. It has been welcomed by the people of India who have also made BJP world's largest political party. By becoming members of BJP they have again reposed their faith in BJP. BJP has now crossed 10 crore - and it was unimaginable a few months back. While the central government is creating history under the charismatic leadership of Narendra Modi, Bharatiya Janata Party is touching new heights under the capable leadership of its national president Amit Shah. ■

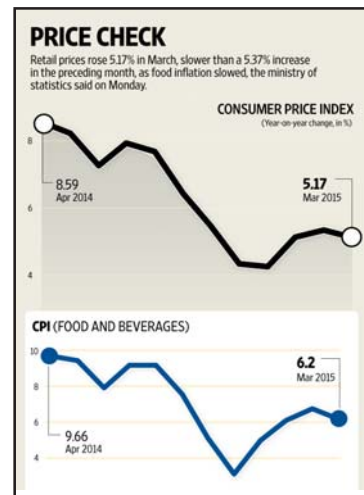
## Factory growth hits 9 month high on rising consumption demand

Industrial output grew 5 per cent during February, its strongest rise in three quarters, on back of strong growth in capital goods and consumer goods sectors, the index of industrial production (IIP) data released by the Central Statistics Office showed on Friday. The most encouraging indicator in the data was the continuing robustness of the capital goods sector, which is widely considered as a proxy for investments and indicative of a turnaround in sentiment in the manufacturing sector. ■

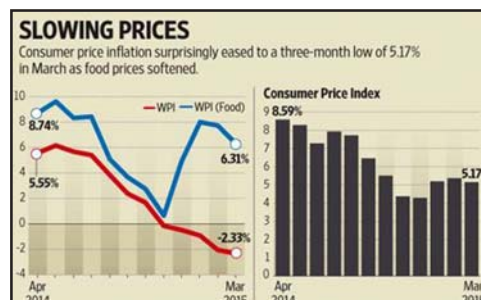
## Retail inflation shows surprise dip

India's retail inflation surprisingly eased in March to a three-month low as food prices softened, despite the damage to spring harvest in more than 14 states following unseasonal rainfall and hailstorms in the month, raising hopes of further monetary easing by the central bank in its next policy review in June.

Retail prices rose 5.17% in March, slower than a 5.37% increase in the preceding month, the ministry of statistics said on Monday. Food inflation slowed to 6.14% in March from 6.88% a month ago. ■



## WPI inflation falls in March to lowest in 9 years



Wholesale price inflation fell to its lowest level in nine years, contracting for the fifth straight month in March, as manufactured products inflation entered negative territory for the first time.

In March, the Wholesale Price Index (WPI)-based inflation stood at -2.33%, against -2.06% in February, as prices of fuel and manufactured products continued to fall from year-ago levels.

While fuel inflation was -12.56% in March, compared to -14.72% a month ago, manufactured products inflation was -0.19%, compared to 0.33% a month ago. Food inflation decelerated to 6.31% in March, as against 7.74% in February. ■

## BJP membership crosses 10-crore-mark; becomes largest political party in the world

**B**JP has crossed the 10-crore membership mark to become the largest party in the world on April 19, 2015. The occasion was celebrated at the BJP Headquarters in New Delhi and BJP States Headquarters with slogans and bursting of crackers.

On that day BJP National President Shri Amit Shah was given a standing ovation at the concluding session of a day-long workshop organized by BJP Parliamentary Party. On the occasion Shri Amit Shah said BJP got a historic success today by crossing 10-crore membership mark. Now we have become the largest political party in the world. He said, I believe the credit of this success definitely goes to the hard working Karyakartas of the party.

Earlier in the day, a number of party Karyakartas gathered at BJP headquarters at Asoka Road and celebrated soon after the digital board displayed there saw the membership crossing the 10-crore mark.

Giving credit to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and BJP National President Shri Amit Shah for the party's achievement, BJP National Vice- President & Convener of Membership Drive Dr.

Dinesh Sharma in Mumbai said that by the end of this month, the membership figure could mount to 11 crore.

Shri Sharma said Maharashtra has contributed one crore enrolments in the campaign. When we started our membership drive in November 2014, we had a

the new recruits he added.

After crossing the 10 crore marks, the BJP has reportedly become the largest political party in the world, overtaking the Communist Party of China (CPC). The membership drive will continue till the last day of this month.

Noteworthy, BJP national



target to enroll 10 crore members and it was no surprise, we achieved our target 11 days prior to it, he told media persons.

Shri Sharma said, "Maharashtra is the 19th state, where we have found that our campaign has been driven most successfully. After enrolment, BJP intends to start the *Mahasampark Abhiyan* for training 15 lakh chosen members from among

membership drive was launched by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 01 November, 2014. The primary aim of the drive is to enroll at least 3-4 times of primary members and 50% more active members into the party fold by the end of this programme. The present enrolment drive will continue till April 30.

BJP National Secretary & *...Continued on page 9*

# Once the 10 member party is now party with strength of 10 cr workers : Amit Shah

*BJP 'Mahasampark Abhiyaan' to begin from 1st of May 2015*

Addressing the party workers on 13 April 2015 BJP National President Shri Amit Shah said that the work of membership has not stopped and we are starting our 'Mahasampark Abhiyaan' to contact the party members. He said that he has formed a new team for this work so that those who work

3rd May 2015, thereafter the training session will begin and then the organizational elections will start. We have to complete these four steps because it is very much part of the organizational election process.

Shri Shah said, "I would like to congratulate the BJP workers from across the

country where 1600 parties are in fray, BJP is the only party which has encouraged internal democracy within party during its course of journey. It has organized membership drive in every two year and its renewal after 6 years. It has also conducted the organizational election after every two years. This is

very much part of the election process for the organization.

The President said providing a creditable platform to the ordinary worker and turning it to be a big leader is the process of holding the organizational election within the party. You can see the background of any BJP leader somewhere down the lane they have



for the membership drive should not be overburdened. But somewhere there has to be responsibility in the party.

He said, there are three Abhiyaans one after the other. The membership drive is about to be complete and we will begin with the Mahasampark Abhiyaan on

country for the membership drive from the bottom of my heart. The hard work of the workers made the 10 member Jan Sangh into a family of 10 cr party.

He said, Friends, this is an important year for the BJP's constitution festival (Sangthan Parva). In a

started from the grassroots at district, tehsil or booth level. Even I have started from the booth level and if there is such arrangement where an ordinary booth manager can be a party chief it's only BJP and no other party. And it is our responsibility to further strengthen the system which

## Organisational Activity

has been kept and nurtured since last 50 years. The workers should come forward for the national duty and serve the country and this is precisely a reason why the organizational festival is at place.

He said the party which has fetched 17 cr. votes is now a proud party of 10 cr. workers, the new system has helped to a great deal to reach that fleet. BJP membership drive is all inclusive and has touched all. It is because of these efforts BJP stretches from Kamrup to Gujarat to Kashmir to Kanyakumari and is a party of 10 cr. proud members.

He said when we started this drive of contacting people the seniors of the party questions our move because the element of touch and deliberations were missing, and then I told them that there is further one more step where there is touch and deliberations too. The fact is from the days of Jan Sangh till date the strong foundation is because of the element to touch and deliberations practiced by BJP. The organization could have died if we do not contact the people. To ward of the deficiency of using the Mechanical Electronic System where the contact was missing we have started the Samprak Abhiyaan.

Shri Shah said those members who have acquired this through miss calls will go through the training programme so as to infuse an element of ideology and commitment to them and also let them understand the party working in true sense. He further added today BJP is the world's biggest party with maximum MLA's and MP's.

He said a worker undergoing the BJP contact programme will have three things in their hand: the revision of the journey undertaken by BJP so far, from Dr. Shama Prasad Mukherjee till Narendra Modi. The sacrifices made by party workers, those who laid their life from across the country all these will be elaborated in detail.

He said there will be digitization of 10 cr workers from across country. Workers will do door to door visit and this digitization will strengthen India and provide a new direction. 15 lack workers combining old and new will attend the Sampark Abhiyaan which will begin from 1st of August 2015. (FOC)■

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Co-Convener of the Membership Campaign Shri Arun Singh said, 'Following April 30 the organization has decided to celebrate the whole Year 2015 as 'Sadasyata Parb Varsh'. The aim of this 'Sadasyata Parb Varsh' is to reach out to every household of this country and a member from each and every household of the country in BJP, as the final objective of the party'.

As per the plan the BJP will start the *Mahasampark Abhiyan* (contact drive) from 01 May. During this programme, contact will be established with people and membership cards will be distributed. This will help in strengthening the party's bond with its members".

He further said the party has identified about 15 lakh chosen members who will be trained in the coming months. "They will be taught three major things - party's ideology, achievements of the BJP led NDA government and leadership quality. These members will further inform the remaining members in their area about these things".

BJP celebrated its successful membership drive after the campaign crossed the 10 crore mark. Celebrating the success at BJP Headquarters in New Delhi BJP National Secretary Shri Shrikant Sharma said, "The people of India had elected the BJP to the Centre with trust and confidence, and that trust has only strengthened over the past 10 months.

After seeing the result in the Lok Sabha elections, party National President Shri Amit Shah decided that the BJP will become the largest political party in the world". "Today, when the number of members of the party has crossed 10 crores, we have been successful in our mission," he added. (FOC)■

# PRESIDENT'S PRAVAS

JHARKHAND

## **'Jharkhand government will remain untouched by corruption'**

**B**haratiya Janata Party National President Shri Amit Shah on 11 April, 2015 said the taint of corruption would not touch the BJP-led NDA government in Jharkhand.

Addressing the 'Karyakarta Samagam' organised by the party's State Unit at Mohrabadi ground in Ranchi Shri Shah said that the Raghubar Das government has got an absolute majority in the elections and not a single issue of corruption would touch it during its five-year rule.

Shri Shah said he was confident that not a single charge of corruption could be leveled against the governments in the Centre and in the State in the next five years. He said I make this promise in a state which has often been rocked by corruption scandals. In its 15 year history, Jharkhand's seven cabinet ministers, including former Chief Minister Madhu Koda, have jailed for corruption though none of them have been convicted yet.

He praised the efforts of the Raghubar Das government in streamlining governance within 100 days of assuming charge.

Praising the state government on its governance, he said Jharkhand had initiated several developmental projects, started set up of three hospitals, and rolled out 108 ambulances.

Stating that the BJP has been voted majority governments both at the Centre and in the state, Shri Shah reminded the gathering of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's election speeches in which he had stressed upon bringing development to the eastern states at par with the western states and said that the commitment would be met.

The money got through coal auction would benefit Jharkhand and other eastern states, which would put them on the track of development, he added.

PATNA (BIHAR)

## **BJP will form the next government in Bihar with a massive majority : Amit Shah**

**A**ddressing a massive rally in Patna, Bihar on 14 April, 2015 Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri Amit Shah said whoever has a modicum of sense will know that BJP is going to form the next government in



Bihar. Speaking to the booth-level Karyakartas on the Birth Anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar at Gandhi Maidan Shri Amit Shah said that BJP will form the state government in Bihar with a massive majority regardless of the unity plans of its rivals.

"It does not matter whether any grand merger of other parties takes place or a united front is formed against it," he



added. Shri Shah said he would like to tell RJD president Lalu Prasad, who had joined hands with Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, that the “total sum of two zeroes remains a zero”.

The BJP President said disrespecting the people’s mandate for the JD(U)-BJP government in the 2010 Assembly elections, chief minister Nitish Kumar was now trying to bring back the ‘jungle raj’ of the 15-year-long RJD rule by aligning with Lalu.

“It is not clear whether Nitish or Rabri Devi will become the leader of their new party...but whoever it is, won’t be able to

**Opposition parties across the country are creating confusion and mispropagating Modi government’s land bill. I can assure people that not an inch of land would be handed over to corporate houses. Land will be utilised for the development of rural people and national development.**

prevent the BJP from forming the government here,” he added.

“Opposition parties across the country are creating confusion and mispropagating Modi government’s land bill. I can assure people that not an inch of land would be handed over to corporate houses. Land will be utilised for the development of rural people and national development,” Shri Shah said.

Shri Shah said, “Let me tell you, ours is the government of the poor and the farmers,” he said. “We are not taking away even an inch of the farmers land for the corporates. The land will be used only for the nation’s development. It will be used to provide water to farmers.”

Asking Nitish to introspect, the BJP president charged him of having given away land for setting up shopping malls rather than developing the state. “I would like to ask you, Nitish ji, who has kept the land of 12 sugar mills in the state?” he asked.

He also said Nitish Kumar has backstabbed the BJP by ending their 17-year-old

alliance in 2013. He said only a BJP-led government can develop Bihar and urged the people of the state to throw out the Nitish Kumar government, which had lost the voters’ mandate.

Shri Shah said that at present there are 90 lakh BJP members in the state. He urged the BJP members to reach out to each and every household in both rural and urban areas to counter the anti propaganda by party rivals.

Addressing the rally on the occasion Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh said the people of Bihar should punish those who had undermined the mandate of the 2010 elections.

Shri Rajnath Singh said the RJD & JD-U are duping the people of Bihar by merging their parties only for the sake of power. He said, “Punish the BJP if it was responsible for the

break-up (with the JD-U); otherwise penalize those who were responsible for it,” he said.

Shri Singh said the JD(U)-RJD merger was targeted at the singular objective of preventing the BJP from forming the next state government.

He said, “Politics should be pursued for the society and not merely for power”. “But they (RJD and JD-U) are duping the people of Bihar by merging their parties only for the sake of power.”

Dwelling on the glorious history of Bihar, he said the state had failed on the development front because of the parties that ruled in the state and at the Centre for 60 years.

“The recent case of mass copying was a cruel joke and those who have governed the state and the country for long are responsible for it,” he said. “When I was the education minister in UP, I had introduced tough laws to check copying in examinations. It produced the desired results. Why cannot the Bihar government do the same?”

Asking the party workers to ensure the BJP's victory with a thumping majority to rebuild Bihar, he said Nitish had been demanding a special package for Bihar but the Modi government had given the state more by increasing its share in central taxes from 32 per cent to 42 per cent. "Besides, the Modi government will give an assistance of Rs. 20,000 crore to Bihar and West Bengal," he added.

Shri Singh said that regardless of Nitish's agenda of hatred, the Modi government was committed to making Bihar a front ranked state. Because ours is a government with a positive approach, he added.

Among others Bihar BJP President, Union Ministers, MPs, legislators and senior leaders of the party were present.

BJP President in North-East

## Take welfare schemes to grassroots level of North-Eastern India



On a tour of all eight Northeastern states BJP National President Shri Amit Shah arrived in Mizoram on April 16, 2015 and addressed a public meeting in Aizawl. He discussed several issues with the Karyakartas in Aizawl including prohibition on cow slaughter and making Mizoram a model state. Addressing the Mizoram unit of

the Party Shri Shah said that the BJP was gaining ground in the state and Prime Minister Narendra Modi wanted to take initiatives in making the state prosperous.

As part of efforts to strengthen the party in North-Eastern states, BJP National President Shri Amit Shah exhorted party leaders to take developmental schemes enumerated by the Narendra Modi government to grassroots level of Northeastern India and monitor them to keep a check on corruption. Shri Shah arrived in Dimapur on 16 April, 2015 and was accorded a colorful traditional tribal reception.

On the second day of his four-day tour of northeastern states, Shri Shah held meetings with Nagaland BJP leaders and asked them to strengthen the party's base.

The BJP President also called on Nagaland Governor Shri P B Acharya and discussed schemes for welfare of Tribals as well as the law and order situation in the state.

He met representatives of some social organizations, including the supreme Naga Hoho, the apex social body of the Nagas, besides members of the business community.

He also met leaders of all religions, including Hindus, Muslims and Christians.

Shri Shah later met all 11 district presidents of BJP in the state and assessed various party activities and asked them to step up the work to strengthen it.

He asked them to undertake major connectivity with Tribals across the state for the party's membership drive and help pass the message of Prime Minister to people for development of northeastern states on a par with other states.

Advising party Karyakartas to take the centrally-sponsored schemes for welfare of Tribals to people, he asked them to monitor

the development activities in the state.

He told BJP office-bearers in the state that corruption will not be tolerated at any cost and spelt out government's plan for initiating developmental activities in the northeast and sought active support of BJP leaders for ensuring this.

Shri Shah said the central BJP will provide funds to all the 11 district units in Nagaland for constructing BJP offices all over the state.

Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri Amit Shah urged the people of the north-eastern states to become Congress-free by giving Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government at the Centre a chance to develop the region.

Addressing a public meeting in Imphal, Manipur on 18 April, 2015 Shri Shah said that the northeastern states should also give the BJP a majority just like the people of Jharkhand, Jammu and Kashmir, Haryana and Maharashtra.

"Wherever the Bharatiya Janata Party government came to power, development has taken place. The GDP rose above 10 percent



whereas agriculture GDP rose above 15 percent.

The Modi government will provide

ambulance service, open a trauma centre, provide 24x7 electricity, open schools and set up opportunities for every business in every village of India. North-east cannot be devoid



of it," he said.

Shri Shah further said that even though the BJP gives Rs. 19 billion for the development of the region, it does not develop due to corruption.

"No matter how much money the Central Government sends here, the development of north-east cannot take place unless a

corruption-free government comes to power. From Manipur, I want to urge the people of north-east to remove all corrupt governments and give the BJP a chance to set a corruption-free government," he said.

The party recorded an electoral victory for the first time in Mizoram earlier this year when it won seven village councils (equivalents

of panchayats) in the Chakma Autonomous District Council on the state's southern tip, bordering Bangladesh. (FOC) ■

# Harmonious and Prosperous future, a collective goal of all nations : Modi

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi began his nine-days visit on April 9 to France, Germany and Canada. He visited France on the first leg of the trio-nation visit. The visit was termed by experts of foreign affairs as huge successful. India made deal with France of purchasing of 36 Rafale fighter jets which will strengthen India Air force. India also clinched five year uranium supply deal with Canada.

Shri Modi was in France for two days from April 10th to April 11th. Prior to embarking his visit Shri Narendra Modi had taken to twitter and expressed his delight about the visit.

France had been India's long standing partner in the areas of defence and nuclear energy cooperation. Also it was France that consistently supported India's membership of the Nuclear Suppliers Group. On the very first day, the Indian Prime Minister was given a warm ceremonial reception. In his two day trail, Prime Minister Modi met a number of French leaders and

business delegates and CEOs. He met President Francois Hollande and termed the meeting to be very fruitful.

The PM also met UNESCO Director General, Ms. Irina Bokova, and former French President Mr. Nicholas Sarkozy. President Hollande and PM Shri Modi also took a boat ride on the River Seine. The President of France himself briefed PM Narendra Modi about the rich history and traditions of France.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi also

gave an address to the members of UNESCO. Shri Modi was delighted to have got an opportunity to speak to the members of UNESCO on its 70th anniversary. He highlighted UNESCO's efforts and initiatives to preserve the world's cultural heritage and strengthening it further. PM Modi also recalled Mahatma Gandhi's message to UNESCO calling for urgent action to address the needs of education to secure lasting peace. Shri Modi remarked that the collective goal of all the nations was to



seek a harmonious and prosperous future for the entire world. He expressed his gratefulness for UNESCO's constant support in the field of education and science in India.

At the Indo-French economic forum, 17 crucial agreements were signed between both the nations. Shri Narendra Modi considered France to be India's one of the most valued friend also thanked the French President to have supported the 'Make in India' initiative. A thrust was given to the India-France ties with the Indo-French forum. PM Modi and President Hollande also released stamps making the 50 years of India-France cooperation.

On the second day of his France tour, Shri Narendra Modi paid a visit to the Airbus facility in Toulouse, the Centre national d'études spatiales (CNES) and Neuve Chapelle. At the Airbus facility, Shri Modi was taken around the entire building and briefed about the latest inventions in air industry. At the CNES, the PM met a few young researchers. He was informed about the latest developments in space science and technology.

Later PM Modi visited Neuve Chapelle where he offered tributes to the Indian soldiers who lost their lives during the First World War.

In the evening, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi reached out to the Indian

The trio-nation visit concluded with some major agreements which would boost PM Modi's vision of Clean India, Make in India and others :

- Some major agreements include purchase of 36 Rafale fighter jets with France, agreement for supply of uranium with Canada for nuclear power plants in India and Airbus plan to come to India and be a part of Make in India initiative.
- MoUs and agreements signed with France and Germany covered areas like Defence and Nuclear Energy, Space, Economic relations, Railways, Energy, Tourism, Science and Technology, Skill Development, Ayurveda, manufacturing, urban development, environment, railways, cleaning of rivers, language and science & technology.
- Agreements with Canada covered the areas of uranium, visas, terrorism, foreign investment promotion and protection, Canada-India comprehensive economic partnership agreement (CEPA) free-trade deal, culture and people-to-people ties, regional and global issues and others.

The other major highlights of the visit were the gifts presented by PM Shri Modi to the leaders of the respective countries. The gifts included :

- A miniature painting titled Guru Nanak Dev to Canadian Prime Minister, Stephen Harper. The painting on handmade paper with mineral colours had Guru Nanak Dev with his two disciples Bhai Mardana and Bhai Bala, sitting beside him is painted in the traditional Indian miniature style.
- A painting titled Tree of Life was gifted to French President Francois Hollande. Tree of Life: A painting that reflects traditional societal respect for nature in India.
- Some reproductions of Sir CV Raman's manuscripts and papers were gifted to the German Chancellor Angela Merkel. CV Raman had strong connection with Germany.
- The Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper presented ancient Indian sculpture Parrot Lady to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Parrot Lady is a life-sized, sandstone sculpture and is said to be around 900 year old and was carved for placement in one of the Khajuraho temples that form a UNESCO World Heritage Site in the Madhya Pradesh. It was returned to India in line with the 1970 UNESCO Convention.
- Shri Modi raised the pitch for India seeking a UN Security Council permanent seat, terming it as India's "right

diaspora in Paris' Carrousel du Louvre. He was joyful to see people come in such large numbers. Speaking to the Indian crowd the PM highlighted the shared values between India and France. Noting the contribution of the Indian soldiers during the First World War, the PM said that India had always spread the message of peace. The Prime Minister touched upon crucial areas of security and strongly pitched for India's membership in the U.N. Security Council.

Prior to concluding his visit, Shri Narendra Modi gifted President Francois Hollande a painting, 'Tree of life'.

Shri Narendra Modi thanked France for having hosted him warmly over the two days.

He was optimistic that the strategic partnership between both the nations would be fortified with enhanced cooperation in defence and technology sectors.

The PM even tweeted in French and expressed his contentment and hoped that India and France would walk shoulder to shoulder in the times to come.

## Come, and Make in India : PM Modi to business houses in Germany

April 13th, it was the second day of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Germany visit. The day was significant from India's as well as Germany's point of view. PM Narendra Modi and Chancellor Angela Merkel visited the India Pavilion at the Hannover Messe.



At the India Pavilion of Hannover Messe, Prime Minister Modi and Chancellor Merkel were taken around the entire facility and industry leaders were informed about the diverse scope and potential that India has for the entire world. Shri Modi invited the world, "Come, and Make in India."



He further said that demography, democracy and demand were drawing the world's attention towards India. There was a huge gathering at the India Pavilion. People were excited and keen about the 'Make in India' initiative.

In his short address, at the Indo-German Business Summit, the Prime Minister outlaid the vision of a developed India. He touched upon the key areas of promoting the manufacturing sector and job creation for youth. He assured the German companies about the changing environment in India. Shri Modi said that the Government of India was committed to create an environment that's business friendly and where approvals for industry are dealt at a much faster pace.

The Prime Minister also highlighted the Government's effort to encourage innovation, research and development and entrepreneurship in the country.

Shri Narendra Modi was delighted to see the effort that was put

to emphasize 'Make in India' at the Hannover Messe. Taking to twitter, he shared a few photos from the event. He was happy to note the growing enthusiasm of people about India at the global platform.

*In Germany, Prime Minister Narendra Modi presented to the Lord Mayor of Hannover a Madhubani painting depicting various stages of life, nature and the interconnection between nature and life on Earth. The painting is a creation on canvas by 70-year old national award winning artist, Baua Devi. The Madhubani style of painting refers to the rural art form developed by women from Mithila, an area in Bihar. The painting is done with fingers, nibpens, twigs and matchsticks, generally using natural dyes and pigments, and is characterized by eye-catching geometrical patterns.*

With this he wrapped up his stopover at



Hannover and took his flight to Berlin. As soon as he landed in Berlin, Shri Modi was received warmly. People were enthusiastic to see the Indian Prime Minister among them. Slogans of 'Vande Mataram' and chants of 'Modi-Modi' were heard. People waited in long queues on the streets to catch up a glimpse of Shri Modi, shake hands with him and take

photographs!

The PM also visited the Siemens Technical Academy. Shri Narendra Modi also addressed at a community reception where he spoke about India becoming a manufacturing hub which was a matter of pride. He also emphasized on how IT revolution showcased the strength of today's youth. For India, he said three things were essential to be balanced-agriculture, manufacturing and services sector.

## PM Modi pays visit to Gurudwara Khalsa Diwan and Lakshmi Narain Temple

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Canada visit was historic, significant, decisive and memorable. It was a visit aimed at strengthening the cooperation between India and Canada. The Prime Minister's visit attached great importance for improving the India-Canada ties. From inking crucial pacts

with Canada to reaching out to the Indian Community in Toronto to visiting Vancouver with PM Stephen Harper, the visit was lined up with frequent events. Delighted to have got a chance to visit Canada, PM even expressed his joy over twitter before embarking on his visit.

It was a standalone bilateral visit by an

Indian Prime Minister in 42 long years! Prime focus was on to advance partnership and cooperation between both the nations. PM Modi and PM Harper held extensive talks and discussions to take India-Canada relationship to the next level and obtain substantial outcomes.

Holding meetings with Canadian business



houses, leaders and heads of state, Prime Minister Modi presented an image of a developed India –an India that was transforming at the fastest pace among all the emerging economies throughout the globe. Canada, he considered to be a key partner in every area of India’s national development priority.

Strongly condemning terrorism that had gripped both the nations in the past Prime Minister Modi called for promoting a comprehensive global strategy, consistent policy and strong action against all sources of violence. PM Narendra Modi sought to enhance India’s defence and security cooperation with Canada. PM Modi and PM Harper also paid a visit to the Kanishka Air India Memorial and remembered the people who lost their lives in the tragic air bombing in 1985.

Resuming the Civil nuclear energy cooperation, expanding trade and technology

were the high priority areas in which both the nations signed agreements. Discussions were held about agriculture, education sector and skill development too. About the agreement on procurement of uranium from Canada, PM Modi expressed his part of content and assured the Canadian counterpart about alterations that were taking place in India rapidly.

An electrifying crowd waited eagerly for PM Modi at Ricoh Coliseum in Toronto. There was tremendous enthusiasm gripped the Indian Diaspora soon as Shri Narendra Modi reached the venue. Speaking to the audience in Toronto, the Prime Minister highlighted strength possessed in “India + Canada” partnership. He took some time to praise Canada for the hearty welcome and Prime Minister Stephen Harper for his vision and leadership.

Shri Narendra Modi assumed India-Canada partnership to be based on shared values. He noted the contribution that Indians made to Canada. India, PM Modi said was a youthful nation that needed the opportunity to showcase the great potential India’s youth possessed. He talked about improving the perceptions about India among the people, adding he wanted India to go from “Scam India” to “Skilled India.”

Visiting the Gurudwara Khalsa Diwan and Lakshmi Narain Temple on the last day of his Canada tour, PM Modi and PM Harper fortified the cultural ties between both the nations.

Leaving Canada with immense satisfaction Prime Minister Narendra Modi developed a sense of optimism that India and Canada would move shoulder to shoulder with each other in the times to come. He hoped that Canada would continue to be India’s one of the most vital partners and re-emerge as one of the key economic partners. ■



# Alignment Vs Non-Alignment

-Pandit 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 first part is given below for our esteemed readers:*

With Amity towards All Nations, and a non-aligned attitude towards the two power blocs of the world, India's foreign policy aims at global peace side by side with the preservation of India's independence. Barring the Communist Party, Which favours more intimate associations with the Soviet bloc, all other parties and sections generally endorse this policy. It is true, 'nevertheless' that there have been quite a few in the country who have, against the background of this very broad policy, been severely critical of the External affairs Ministry and of particular policies and attitudes of its towards countries and events. These critics have held that in our implementation of this avowed policy we have often lacked in realism and statesmanship, and consequently our policy has



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failed to safeguard the interests of the nation. Blind Supporters and Blind Critics

Prime Minister Pandit Nehru is External Affairs Minister as well. He has as many and as passionate blind admirers, as he has unreasoning critics. Assessments of India's Foreign policy, on this account, tend to be in the superlative, and devoid of balanced appreciation or criticism. People, therefore, do not seem to have as correct an understanding of foreign issues as they ought to have. As a result of this, on the one hand, even stray incidents or events precipitate clamour that our foreign policy should be changed, while on the other, we have people who are inclined to view this policy as a sort of prestige issue and who insist on it with fanatic dogmatism. Both these attitudes are wrong, and

indicative of our immaturity.

It must be borne in mind that foreign policy is always a matter of policy and not one of principle. Protection and promotion of national interests is the principle which determines its formulation. So when anyone insists on it with vehemence that implies a secondary place of consideration for national interests, he errs seriously. At the same time, a nation's attitude towards other nations of the world, and its assessments about their friendliness or hostility towards itself cannot be changed with levity. Just as in everyday life a person who changes colours frequently is not deemed reliance worthy, so also a nation which allows momentary emotional impulse to decide its foreign policy will not be taken seriously. In the international arena, friends or enemies are not just accidentally picked up. There is always a substantial background to the development of such relationships and no two individuals, however powerful they may be in their countries, can, by themselves, bring about a change in their relationships. These individuals themselves are generally subservient to circumstances and forces, which they can alter but slightly and that too after prolonged endeavours. Of course circumstances, such as was doing sometimes seem to abrogate earlier attitudes and

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inspire abrupt friendships as happened in case of the US and the USSR during the Second World War. But such a friendship does not last. Policies aimed at severing such short range dividends too must conform to, and foster, directly or indirectly, the broad foreign policy of a nation.

Wanted a National Foreign Policy

Nations which would like to ensure that foreign powers do not meddle in their internal affairs, must see to it that generally, their foreign policy does not become a matter for party controversy. If our relations with other countries are determined on a party basis, and our various parties take up variegated attitudes in that regard, foreign powers will surely begin taking interest in our internal politics. India is a free democratic country where foreign nationals and legation enjoy unfettered liberty. According to the terms of some foreign loan

and aid agreements with India, some embassies also have the right to disburse considerable moneys in the country. In these circumstances, if political platforms are to be used for advocating or canvassing associations or alignments with particular blocs, it is tantamount to an invitation to them to gamble with our international affairs.

Many free nations have preferred to cut themselves off completely from the rest of the world in order to strive for their own development. The United States themselves pursued an isolationist policy for decades. During the period in which Japan was engrossed in building up its own self, it did not permit foreigners even to enter Japan. Russia continues to function behind an Iron Curtain even today.

If we are not able to follow a similar policy we must at least ensure that foreign policy does not remain a subject of controversy in Indian party politics. Both the Government as well as the opposition parties have a duty in the regard. The temptation to secure party advantage out of issues of foreign policy has to be resisted. In this, we would do well to do some introspection and necessary correction of our own attitudes, rather than indulge in mutual accusations and allegations.

*To continue...*

## BJP announces major programmes

- ❖ Sampark Abhiyan From 1<sup>st</sup> May to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2015
- ❖ Prashikshan Abhiyan From 1<sup>st</sup> August to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015
- ❖ Dr. Ambedkar Jayanti(125<sup>th</sup>) All programme related to *Samrasta* from April 14,2015
- ❖ On completion of one year of the Union government (26 May 2015) Programmes will be organized on every booth, public meetings at mandal level
- ❖ Yoga Day (21<sup>st</sup> May) Programmes will be organized following the government Initiatives along with likeminded organisations and Yoga institutions
- ❖ Pt. Deendayal Birth Centenary (25 Sept. 2015 to 25 Sept. 2016) Formation of committee with eminent personalities at Center, State and District level, programmes inside and outside country related to *ideological Adhistan*, Documentary, Exhibition and programmes concerning welfare of poor.

### Special Appeal:

- ❖ Programme to abolish manual scavenging
- ❖ 'Beti Bchao, Beti Padhao' Abhiyan
- ❖ Significant effort to clean Ganga under 'Namami Gange'
- ❖ Request to All MPs,MLAs and people's representatives, capable Karyakarta to give up LPG subsidy
- ❖ **Meeting with National President :**  
*First and third Monday of every month from 10 AM to 2PM for office bearers, MPs, MLAs, State office bearers and remaining time for all other Karyakartas.*
- ❖ Every day a Union Minister will be available at National Headquarters from 4 PM to 6 PM.

### SHRADHANJALI

## Delhi BJP Secretary Krishan Lal Dhilod is no more

Delhi BJP State Secretary Shri Krishan Lal Dhilod passed away on April 14 in Delhi. Shri Krishan Lal was active in Delhi University Students' Union. He became secretary of Delhi BJP in 2014. He also became Delhi President of *Bhartiya Balmiki Chetana Mahasangh*. Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh on his sudden demise said it is rare to find Karyakarta like Shri Dhilod. He further added, BJP always remains indebted to Dhilodji. Delhi BJP President Shri Satish Upadhyay said, Shri Krishan Lal ji was a suave person. It is very difficult to compensate his absence. On the occasion of his last rites Delhi Pradesh President Shri Satish Upadhyay, National Secretary Sardar R.P Singh, MPs Ramesh Bidhuri, Shri Pravesh Verma, Smt. Meenakshi Lekhi and other BJP leaders were present.



## Organization and Karyakarta are the foundation of our party : Ramlal



*BJP National Executive meeting was held on 03-04 April 2015 in Bengaluru (Karnataka). In this meeting while two resolutions on foreign policy and political situation were passed, discussions were held on many crucial issues and many decisions were taken. In an interview to Kamal Sandesh Executive Editor Dr. Shiv Shakti Bakshi, BJP National General Secretary (Organisation) Shri Ramlal elaborated on the main points of the outcome of the meeting. Excerpts:*

*BJP National Executive meeting was held in Bengaluru on 03-04 April 2015. How important was it for the party?*

National Executive is a programme of BJP which is held within a definite interval. All office bearers of the party, senior leaders, chief ministers, former chief ministers, members of the national executive of the party, special invitees participate in the meeting. We also invite state presidents and general secretaries (organization) from every state in the meeting. It is natural that when so many people who play important roles in the functioning of the party come together then discussions take place on all contemporary issues and resolutions are passed in which national executive members also participate through their suggestions. After discussing with the main office bearers we also decide about the future programmes and plans of the party. It gives a definite direction to the party and work to all the karyakartas. This time also a day before the meeting

of the national executive all the national office bearer, state presidents, general secretaries (organization), and in-charge of states were present.

*BJP membership drive has been extremely successful and it has become the largest party of the world. What were the special features of this drive?*

Membership campaign was extensively discussed. Hon'ble national president has expressed full satisfaction over the progress of the membership drive and appreciated the efforts of the entire national team and karyakartas of every level who worked hard with complete dedication for the success of the membership drive. It came to light while discussing the reports of different states that full timer karyakartas were tasked with membership drive in many states for ten days to three months from district level to mandal level. All morchas also participated in this with full force and engaged full timers from seven to 15 days. It is true that membership is online

and still going on. But it will not be proper to assume that only by giving missed-call one has become member. Karyakartas worked very hard, they went from village to village and membership stalls were put up at stations, markets, educational institutes and colleges. The campaign was organized in various manners and the goal was achieved due to hard work. Many times, people who have no information feel that online membership was done without any effort. When it came to the fore that BJP has become world's largest party then attention of many people was drawn towards it. In the absence of full information they tried to raise questions. But when they got the information then everyone agreed that such a huge membership was achieved by the hard work of karyakartas under a transparent system while using the modern technology. Hon'ble national president has expressed his confidence that by 30<sup>th</sup> April the membership will cross ten crore.

***To connect the new members closely with the party a 'Mahasampark Abhiyan' has been planned. What decisions were taken in the meeting in this regard?***

The details of 'Mahasampark Abhiyan' to meet the new members, to verify and to get the names, addresses and orientations of those who have not been able to feed their data through SMS were presented in the meeting. After taking suggestions from everyone it was announced in the meeting that 'Mahasampark Abhiyan' will be conducted from 1<sup>st</sup> May to 31<sup>st</sup> July. Karyakartas will visit the homes of every new member in small groups, contact them and hand them a pamphlet related to the history of the party starting from Jansangh, programmes and achievements of the party. From the days of Jansangh party has organized movements on many national issues and gave nationalist orientation to politics

in the national context - information in this regard will also be provided. The party today is largest in many ways - it has become the largest in terms of membership, in Lok Sabha also it has become largest party and it has itself or under coalition formed governments in highest number of states. BJP has the most popular leader of the country. We will discuss all these things. Along with this *panchnishthayes* (five commitments) of the party will also be discussed. And the karyakartas of BJP are leading governments in different states and these governments through many projects working for the development of the society especially for villages, poor, farmers and labourers. They are trying to empower women and give employment to the youth. As a result with the support of the people a stable government with full majority has been formed at the centre. Prime Minister Narendra Modi as the most popular leader of the country is leading this government. And in the last ten months whether it has been increase in the respect for India in the world, the question of security of the borders, the atmosphere of trust in the government in the country, speedy decision making process, corruption free transparent governance, efforts to give employment to the youth and prosperity to the country through 'Make in India' or giving benefit to the poor in various ways - government is working on all these fronts with many achievements. The central government has only one vision - 'sabka saath, sabka vikas'. All these will be discussed during contact programme.

***How the party is planning to organize training programmes for the new members?***

Wherever someone is oppressed or in problem the government is trying to help him. Whether there has been flood in any part of the country, other national

calamity, the crop of the farmer has been destroyed by excessive rain or hailstorm, incident of terror has taken place, attempts have been made to encroach the borders or cross-border firing has taken place – the government has been quick to find solutions by taking active measure. Hon'ble prime minister and Hon'ble national president mentioned many achievements of the government like *Janadhan Yojana*, insurance scheme, *Sukanaya Samridhi Yojana*, *Beti-Bachao, Beti Padhao Yojana*, *Namami Gange*, Clean India etc. A booklet giving information about all these schemes will also be given to members during 'sampark abhiyan'. After the completion of 'sampark abhiyan' a training programme has been planned under which one day training at mandal level, two-day at district level and three-day training at state level will take place. Under this all active members, and people related to party and playing important role in social life will be connected with the training programme. And the expansion and development of the party will be ensured in this manner. **Hon'ble prime minister had also mentioned this in his first day address. Organization and Karyakarta are the foundation of our party. Through organization expansion of the party and on that basis government and through government we should all work in the direction of social change.**

Hon'ble national president while addressing the meeting on all these issues also thanked everyone for making BJP world's largest party.

*Along with a resolution on foreign policy, land acquisition bill and government in Jammu-Kashmir were also discussed in the meeting. What was the approach of the national executive on these issues?*

The manner in which India is being seen with respect due to foreign visits of prime minister, foreign minister and other

senior ministers, the expectation from India has increased the world over. A detailed resolution in this regard was passed in the meeting. Along with this the political situation in the country, the work done by the government and the positive atmosphere which is created in India about the party, the second resolution in this regard was passed with the call to maintain this atmosphere. Some opposition parties have led a misleading campaign on land acquisition bill – it was placed with facts in the meeting and the members were apprised that it was in the interests of the farmers and for giving employment to the unemployed. After this bill is enacted the path for speedy development of the villages will be paved and it will lead to creation of basic facilities in the rural areas and the people who have lagged behind in development after the independence will get the opportunity of development and millions of hands particularly the youth will get work through small enterprises and businesses. Our national president made a call to highlight the pro-farmer features of this bill and dispel the confusion spread by the opposition. In Jammu-Kashmir coalition government has been formed. Some of the statements in the beginning and the fact that the opposition could not digest that BJP is part of the government they tried to create confusion. The situation in which the government was formed was clarified before the members with which everyone was satisfied.

*What was the other important issues on which national executive have made some plans?*

As per the direction of the Hon'ble national president some other programmes have also been planned in which 125<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Baba Saheb Ambedkar has been asked to be celebrated throughout the year by keeping the issue

of *samarasta* in the focus of these programmes. On 26<sup>th</sup> May 2015 when one year of the central government is going to complete, contact programme up to the lowest unit by taking the achievements of the central government will be taken up and there are plans to organize small meetings at different places. On the occasion of the declaration of International Yoga Divas on 21<sup>st</sup> June different social organization across the world and the administration will organize programmes in which the *karkartas* have been asked to participate wholeheartedly. **A decision has been taken to celebrate the centenary of the propounder of the ideology of the party who gave the philosophy of Integral Humanism and Antyodaya (welfare of the poorest of the poor) from 25 September 2015 to 25 September 2016.** In this centenary year plans have been made to form committees at centre, state and district level and to strengthen ideological foundation through different programmes and a call was made to formulate programmes by keeping the welfare of the poor in focus. Hon'ble prime minister in his address on 9<sup>th</sup> August in the national council meeting had mentioned one thing - while being in politics one should aim at making politics a medium for social work. One should take one programme in this regard every year. In this regard a call was made to all the *karyakartas* to work towards ending the practice of manual scavenging which is still continuing in India. We should move forward in the direction of cleanliness drive, construction of toilets and other necessary works which is required. All rivers are sacred but Ganga has a special significance in the world. For this in the first phase we all should join hands with *Namami Gange* project to make Ganga clean.

He also appealed that the work initiated

by government in the name of 'Beti Bachao- Beti Padhao' should be pursued in a mission mode. Hon'ble national president has also appealed that all should also join hands to make Mudra Bank Yojana successful so that small entrepreneurs, rural artisans and others get full benefit of the concessions given under the scheme.

*Finally, what were the main announcements and appeal made by Hon'ble prime minister and national president?*

Hon'ble National President has also made an appeal that all MPs, MLAs and other capable *karyakartas* take initiative through their self inspiration to give up gas subsidy. He also informed that Hon'ble national president and main office bearers will be available for meeting with *karyakartas* at the central office on first and third Monday of every month.

In the first half of the day office bearers and people's representatives and in the second half other *karyakartas* may meet the national president. It was also informed that every evening from 4 pm to 6 pm one union minister will be available in the central office and *karyakartas* may discuss government related issues with them. Hon'ble national president also declared various committees to give momentum to different programmes. We will surely get success through these committees and will be able to move forward towards success.

Finally, Hon'ble prime minister in his concluding address said that the expectations with which the people have elected the government will be fulfilled. You all go to the people with confidence as today we are in a position to stand with our head held high due to the achievements of the government. Everywhere an atmosphere of confidence and victory is visible. ■

# Babasaheb Ambedkar stood for entire humanity : Narendra Modi

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of Dr. Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi on 20 April, 2015 in the presence of Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment Shri Thaawar Chand Gehlot and Chairman, Dr. Ambedkar Foundation Shri Krishan Pal and Ministers of State for Social Justice and Empowerment Shri Vijay Sampla.

Paying homage to Bharat Ratna Babasaheb Ambedkar, the Prime Minister said that Babasaheb Ambedkar stood for all of humanity, and was, in particular, a ray of hope for the marginalized and downtrodden sections of society. He further added that Babasaheb had created great Constitutional institutions such as the Election Commission and Finance Commission, in which the entire nation had immense faith and confidence even today.

Noting that this project had been conceived in 1992 - more than 20 years ago - the Prime Minister said he was distressed at the delay in the initialization of this project,

and emphasized that his Government had resolved to complete the work within 20 months. He urged the concerned departments to ensure a world-class quality of construction.

Speaking on the occasion the Union Minister for Social

Modern India.

Shri Ghelot emphasized that this Center would spread awareness about the life and teachings of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and the Government has decided to develop all important places related to Dr. Ambedkar's life



Justice & Empowerment Shri Thaawar Chand Gehlot said that the life of Dr. Ambedkar is an inspiration to the millions. The contribution of Dr. Ambedkar in social, political and economic sectors is enormous as he is one of the key founders of the

- like his birth place at Indore, his residence in London, 26 Alipur Road Delhi where Dadasaheb spent his last days etc- into memorials.

This year marks the 125th Birth Anniversary year of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar (14.04.2015 to 14.04.2016). The Ministry of



Social Justice & Empowerment has planned a calendar of activities to pay respect to Dr. Ambedkar, the architect of our Constitution.

The four storeyed Centre would be built on an area of 3.25 acres and would have a Public Library, Research & Extension Centre, Media-cum-Interpretation Centre, Convention Centre, two auditoriums and Exhibition on the Life of Dr. Ambedkar.

The life and teachings of Dr. Ambedkar form the pivotal point around which the conceptual base for the 'Centre' is developed. The building form and design uses transparency, inclusiveness and symbolism to express the essences of democracy and equality through architecture.

Special emphasis has been laid down for incorporation of the persona of Dr. Ambedkar in the structure. The stone clad façade on this modern edifice reflects the strength, firm determination and exemplary resoluteness; the inspiring traits of Dr. Ambedkar's personality. It is also embedded with the subtle elements of Buddhist Architecture reminding us of the eternal values of compassion, universal brotherhood and equality among all, the corner stone of the philosophy of Dr. Ambedkar.

Dr. Ambedkar's vision of fraternity finds its eloquent expression in the environment friendliness features of the building by integrating energy efficient principles in the building design. ■

## American President Barack Obama writes in TIME' magazine on Narendra Modi

April 16, 2015

TIME 100 2015 Narendra Modi

**India's reformer-in-chief**

By Barack Obama

As a boy, Narendra Modi helped his father sell tea to support their family. Today, he's the leader of the world's largest democracy, and his life story—from poverty to Prime Minister—reflects the dynamism and potential of India's rise.

Determined to help more Indians follow in his path, he's laid out an ambitious vision to reduce extreme poverty, improve education, empower women and girls and unleash India's true economic potential while confronting climate change. Like India, he transcends the ancient and the modern—a devotee of yoga who connects with Indian citizens on Twitter and imagines a "digital India."

When he came to Washington, Narendra and I visited the memorial to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. We reflected on the teachings of King and Gandhi and how the diversity of backgrounds and faiths in our countries is strength we have to protect. Prime Minister Modi recognizes that more than 1 billion Indians living and succeeding together can be an inspiring model for the world.

-Obama is the 44th President of the United States

### PM thanks US President Barack Obama for writing an article on him in TIME magazine

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, has thanked the United States President, Mr Barack Obama, for writing an article on him in TIME magazine. In a tweet, he described President Obama's words as touching and inspiring. ■

### Moody's ratings revised India's sovereign rating outlook to "positive" from "stable"

Moody's ratings revised India's sovereign rating outlook to "positive" from "stable" on April 9, a step closer to an upgrade of the credit rating, as it expects actions by policymakers to lift the country's economic growth. While there must be signs of sustainable growth from moves such as getting stalled infrastructure projects under way, the chance of a rating upgrade in the next 12-18 months has increased, Moody's sovereign rating analyst Atsi Sheth told the news agency Reuters. "We're saying that over the next 12-18 months, if things continue to improve, the rating level might also go up," she said. "It is likely that there's a greater chance of rating going up than staying the same or going down." ■

## In spite of decades of development work, more than a billion people still live in extreme poverty : Arun Jaitley

*Intervening in a discussion on 'From Billions to Trillions - Transforming Development Finance post 2015. Financing for development' on 19 April 2015 Finance Minister of India Shri Arun Jaitley said India has no hesitation in saying that countries primarily bear the responsibility for the development of their people. He said in spite of decades of development work, more than a billion people still live in extreme poverty, one in every three person does not have access to a clean toilet, 1 billion people are without access to electricity, 2.9 billion people are without clean cooking fuel, and about 2000 children die of preventable diseases each year.*

*We are publishing the excerpts of the speech for our esteemed readers:*

Mr. Chairman,

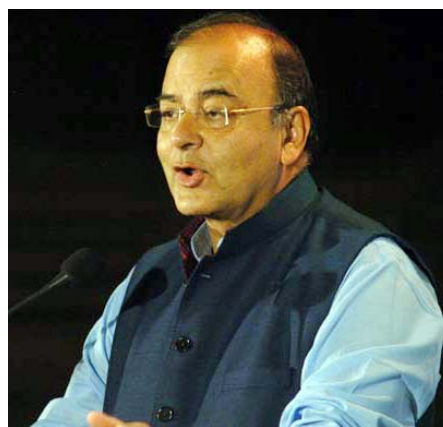
Financing reconstruction and development globally is the prime reason for the existence of Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs). The "Billions to Trillions" document rightly underlines the challenges of meeting the sustainable development goals (SDGs). While the world has made considerable progress in eliminating extreme poverty, the development challenges of providing affordable healthcare to people, improving quality of education and development of skills, ensuring equality of opportunity for growth and development to all, particularly for women and the marginalized sections, and creating remunerative jobs for all, remain.

India has no hesitation in saying that countries primarily bear the responsibility for the development of their people. The first and the most important vehicle for growth and development would be deployment of domestic resources by mobilizing finance from public and private sources. However, domestic resources are not sufficient to bridge the large gaps in infrastructure, to produce required goods and services for their people, to create social protection mechanisms, and to achieve inclusiveness. The deficit in resources required has to be met internationally. MDBs have a big responsibility and also, a huge opportunity, to provide these investment resources.

The paper outlines a strategy that focuses on the use of MDB resources to mobilize more public and private finance, including through technical assistance and policy advice. The Paper, however, promises very little in financial resources to developing countries and, if I may so, in this respect should exhibit higher levels of ambition. While the financial landscape moves from billions to trillions, the MDBs remain largely stuck in lesser level equilibrium.

The World Bank Group with its AAA rating in the market is in a position to raise finances at very competitive rates. The World today offers great opportunity MDBs to raise large scale long term finance at very low rates of interest. The IBRD can today think of multiplying its balance sheet many times to provide resources.

To do so, MDBs including IBRD and IFC, will also need to raise additional capital. We



## India evacuates 6,688 people from Yemen

India evacuated 1,947 people from 48 countries besides 4,741 of its own nationals from war-torn Yemen and the operation was a “resounding success”.

Making a suo motu statement, External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj said on April 20 in Lok Sabha that after the “successful” conclusion of the evacuation process, India has shifted its embassy from Yemen’s capital Sana’a to Djibouti in view of the worsening situation there. Under the operation ‘Raahat’, 6,688 people were evacuated from Yemen, including 4,741 Indians and 1,947 foreign nationals by air and sea routes, she said. “I am glad to inform this August House that operation ‘Raahat’ conducted for the evacuation of Indian nationals from war-torn Yemen has been a resounding success, well-acknowledged by the international community.

“We not only managed to safely evacuate 4,741 Indians



but also 1,947 foreign nationals from 48 countries till 18 April under most difficult circumstances,” she said.

Smt. Swaraj said India had received formal requests from 33 countries, including some neighbouring and western nations, for assistance in evacuation of their nationals as the Indian embassy was among the handful of foreign missions operational in Sana’a after the airstrikes began.

“We responded positively to these requests to the extent possible based on ground realities and helped nationals of 48 countries in evacuation,” the Minister said.

India’s approach in the evacuation process has been guided by the spirit of ‘vasudev kutumbakam’ (the whole world is one), Smt. Swaraj said.

While giving details about the evacuation process and related developments, she said, “in view of the worsening security situation in Sana’a and after the successful conclusion of the evacuation process, we have relocated our Embassy to Djibouti on April 15.”

She said the Indian Embassy would continue to operate from Djibouti till the situation returns to normal in Yemen. (FOC) ■



the Governors must encourage these institutions to create additional lending capacity by raising capital, and to innovatively borrow long term by capitalizing on the cheap long term resources, available in abundance.

To conclude, I must underline that, In spite of decades of development work, more than a billion people still live in extreme poverty, one in every three person does not have access to a clean toilet, 1 billion people are without access to electricity, 2.9 billion people are without clean cooking fuel, and about 2000 children die of preventable diseases each year. The development task on our hands remains still formidable and daunting. We must rise to the challenge and do everything that needs to be done. Increasing the capacity of the MDBs to raise and provide development finance resources many times more than what these institutions do today will be our contribution towards achieving this goal. ■

## Our decisions are guided by Rashtra-neeti, not Rajneeti : Narendra Modi

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, on 19 April 2015 said that Union Government is firmly focused on serving the poor and improving their life. Addressing a workshop for BJP MPs on the subject of

connect directly with the poor, to spread the word about the benefits of various Government schemes. He said his Government was committed to providing Housing for All, schools and hospitals for the poor.

cultivated land was affected, instead of 50%. He said procurement norms had been relaxed to allow procurement even of the crop which is adversely affected by the adverse weather conditions. He said such decisions taken by the Government for the benefit of the poor, were not being talked about enough.

Shri Modi gave a broad overview of various other schemes initiated by his Government for the benefit of the poor, including the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao, and Toilets for all.

The Prime Minister said MPs should see that schemes were being effectively implemented in their areas, and benefits should reach the poor.

Shri Narendra Modi appreciated the role played by External Affairs Minister Smt. Sushma Swaraj and MoS External Affairs Gen. VK. Singh in the successful evacuation of citizens from Yemen. He also highlighted some of the less talked about achievements of his recent visit to France, Germany and Canada, including the agreement between L&T and Areva for manufacture of nuclear reactors; and the uranium supply deal with Canada. (FOC)■



welfare schemes for the poor, the Prime Minister attacked those “with a perverted mindset” who were spreading lies about various initiatives of the Government, including the land acquisition act.

Stating that the decisions of the Government were guided by rashtra-neeti (national interest), and not rajneeti (politics), the Prime Minister urged the MPs to

The Prime Minister highlighted the initiatives and successes of the Government, including curbing corruption and inflation. He also mentioned the recent steps taken by the Government for relief to farmers affected by adverse weather conditions, including input subsidy being increased by 50%, and eligibility criteria for the same being expanded to include all those farms where 33% of the