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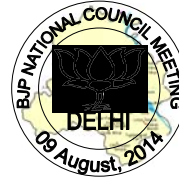
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One who without attachment is every respect, neither rejoices nor curses obtaining correspondingly good or evil; he is established in perfect knowledge.

– (Bhagavadgita : Ch.-II, 57)

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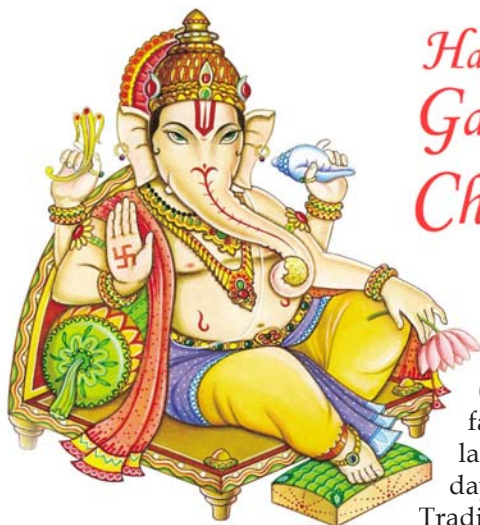
"This country has been built not by the rulers but by farmers, workers, mothers and sisters, youth, sages and saints, teachers, scientists and social workers."

-Narendra Modi

"There are more than 1200 political parties in India. But there is hardly any party where a worker could be elevated to the highest position of National President."

-Amit Shah

Ganesh Chaturthi : August 29, 2014



*Happy
Ganesh
Chaturthi*

Ganesha Chaturthi is a major Hindu festival celebrated on the birthday (rebirth) of the Lord Ganesha, the son of Lord Shiva and Goddesses Parvati. Ganesha is widely worshiped as the god of wisdom, prosperity and good fortune and traditionally invoked at the beginning of any new venture or at the start of travel. The festival, also known as

Vinayaka Chaturthi is observed in the Hindu calendar month of Bhaadrapada, starting on the shukla chaturthi (fourth day of the waxing moon period). The date usually falls between 19 August and 20 September. The festival lasts for 10 days, ending on Anant Chaturdashi (fourteenth day of the waxing moon period).

Traditional Hindu *Shastras* tell that Lord Ganesha, son of Goddess Parvati and consort of Lord Shiva. Parvati created Ganesha out of sandalwood paste that she used for her bath and breathed life into the figure. She then set him to stand guard at her door while she bathed. Lord Shiva, who had gone out, returned and as Ganesha didn't know him, didn't allow him to enter. Lord Shiva became enraged by this and asked his follower Ganas to teach the child some manners. Ganesha who was very powerful, being born of Parvati, the embodiment of Shakti, defeated Shiva's followers and declared that nobody was allowed to enter while his mother was bathing. Angry Shiva severed the head of the child. Parvati seeing this became enraged. Seeing Parvati in anger Shiva promised that her son will be alive again. The Devas searched for the head of dead person facing North, but they found only the head of a dead elephant. They brought the head of the elephant and Shiva fixed it on the child's body and brought him back to life. Lord Shiva also declared that from this day the boy would be called Ganesha (Gana Isha : Lord of Ganas).

While celebrated all over India, it is most elaborate in Maharashtra, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Goa, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Odisha, Kerala and Chhattisgarh. Outside India, it is celebrated widely in Nepal and by Hindus in the United States, Canada, Mauritius, Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Cambodia, Burma, Fiji, Trinidad & Tobago, and Guyana.



India rises from the ramparts of the Red Fort!

15th August 2014 – 68th Independence Day

Prime Minister Narendra Modi hoists the tricolour at red fort for the first time.

The day has left an indelible mark on the memory of the nation. It was a special day as entire nation joined hands to celebrate the independence from the foreign rule, people eagerly waited for newly elected Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's Independence Day speech. The nation has very high expectations and hopes from the Prime Minister. While the aspirations of India is rising as youth are taking charge in almost every sphere of life, people are looking for leadership which may convert this youth power into opportunity and make the country ready to reap this strength. Amidst the rising aspirations of the youth, expectations of the poor and hopes of the people in general, Narendra Modi delivered an inspiring speech setting the roadmap of a rising India. The nation was reassured of its future and the faith of the people was reinforced the destiny of the nation.

The Independence Day celebration at the Red Fort which was closed for decades was opened for the common people. The people also responded in large numbers by gathering at the Red Fort to join the celebrations. It was a message given to the nation that the Independence Day celebrations which has for last few years become a government function was in fact an occasion for national celebrations and everyone was part of the this national festival. Prime Minister Narendra Modi won the hearts of the people when he asked the security personnels to remove the bullet proof glass as he did not want anything to come between him and the people of India. He was able to strike an emotional chord when he described himself as *Pradhan Sevak* and not as *Pradhan Mantri* thereby making clear the approach of his government and his idea of governance. He spoke from his heart and in his extempore address he was able to communicate with the people and his message has been well received by almost every section of the society. The occasion marked the beginning of a new era where people were inspired to contribute to the nation building process.

The significance of the prime minister address lay in the fact that he inspired almost every section - from bureaucracy to political class, from corporate to common man. He had appealed to everyone and tried to instill them with a sense of responsibility towards the nation. In his address while he re-emphasized his commitment towards consensus rather than rule by majority he said that recently concluded parliamentary session was an example where he applauded the support of the Opposition in making the parliament function effectively. He also stressed that the functioning of the government should be guided by the concept of organic unity of the system. He sought to make efforts towards nation building and development take the shape of a movement as he announced schemes related to cleanliness drive, Pradhan Mantri Jandhan Yojana, Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana and call for 'Make in India-Made in India'. Narendra Modi should be congratulated for his rare ability to connect with the masses and to involve them in his agenda of making a vibrant India.

The decision to replace Planning Commission with a new institution should be viewed in the context of making India ready to face new realities of the world which required fresh approach and innovative thinking. Seen as one of the last vestiges of Nehruvian economy Planning Commission has outlived its utility as it was considered

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to be a roadblock in the idea of federalism due to over centralization of authority in the matter of planning and distribution of resources. The new institution will strengthen federalism and lead towards decentralization and devolution of powers. The decision is expected to give new lease of life to our economic planning with new approach and innovative ideas.

The nation is marching ahead under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. His address to the nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort has signaled a rising India which is confident of its destiny. His address gains significance in the fact that he has talked in terms of nation's destiny and said that India has a larger responsibility as it has to work towards the welfare of the entire world. It has sent a message that India is emerging as a strong and vibrant nation which is ready to take responsibilities in the international arena. The people are confident that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi the nation will fulfill the dreams of sages and saints like Maharishi Aurobind and Swami Vivekanand. We all have to work tirelessly with single minded devotion so that the dream of seeing Maa Bharati seated on high pedestal as Vishwa Guru is realized! ■

Rally in Lucknow (UP)

My task will be complete when the BJP will form government in UP : Amit Shah

Addressing party workers rally in Lucknow BJP National President Shri Amit Shah on 19 August said he had begun work as in-charge before the Lok Sabha elections but his task will be completed when the BJP will form government here.

Shri Shah said bringing BJP to power in UP will be his primary responsibility as national president.

Attacking the SP government over the law and order situation in the state, Shah blamed votebank politics and appeasement, and partisan action of the administration under state government's pressure for it.

Shah warned the Akhilesh Yadav government and

SP president Mulayam Singh Yadav that if they continued to rule in the state same way, BJP will come to power in UP with a two-third majority.

Commenting on the inquiry report of SP the panel on Saharanpur riots, Shah said the inquiry committee was of a political party and not any other kind of findings could be expected from that.

Shri Shah asked the workers to assure the public that the issues related to price rise, growth rate, industrial investment, value of Rupee against Dollar would soon be resolved by the Modi government.

Shri Shah said there were discussions that power shortage has started in UP after BJP came to power in the Centre.

"The power crisis in UP is prevailing because of less power generation in the state. UP government is not concerned over increasing power generation," he said.

Pointing towards the party MPs present in the meeting, Shri Shah said Modi is so dedicated to his duties that he neither sleeps nor allows others to do so, and all MPs and Union Ministers will learn that soon.

He also asked workers to aggressively raise public issues and not hesitate in taking on the state government on these issues. ■



Prime Minister's Address on Independence Day

I am here amidst you not as a *Pradhan Mantri* but as the *Pradhan Sevak* : Narendra Modi



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's speech from the ramparts of the Red Fort has won hearts of the people of India who applauded his frank and direct address to the people while raising the issues of concerns and paving the path for future. We are publishing the salient points of his speech for our esteemed readers:

- ▶ Dear countrymen, on this auspicious occasion of Independence Day, many good wishes from the Prime Servant of India. I am here amidst you not as a Prime Minister but as the Prime Servant.
- ▶ I bow to all freedom fighters who sacrificed and dedicated their lives for country's independence.
- ▶ Independence Day is an occasion to take a pledge for the welfare of all those who are down trodden, poor, exploited and oppressed and to do something for them.
- ▶ Every action should be tested on the yardstick of national interest. If we resolve to live a life like that, the festival of Independence may become an inspiration to take India to new heights.
- ▶ This country has been built not by the rulers but by farmers, workers, mothers and sisters, youth, sages and saints, teachers, scientists and social workers.
- ▶ A child hailing from a small town and belonging to a poor family is today having the good fortune of bowing before India's tricolour from the ramparts of the Red Fort. It is the power of India's democracy and priceless blessing given by the authors of the Indian constitution. I bow to them.
- ▶ All Prime Ministers of the country have contributed to the progress of the country after independence. Likewise, all Governments of the country as well as state Governments have also contributed.
- ▶ Let us move together, think together, resolve together and unitedly take the

country forward. 125 crore countrymen have taken the country forward with this credo.

- ▶ We are not among those who function on the strength of majority. We want to move forward on a strong base of consensus.
- ▶ I also greet all Members of Parliament and all political parties from the ramparts of the Red Fort with pride. We ended the Parliament session yesterday with an important experiment of taking the nation forward with strong consensus.
- ▶ When I had an insider's view after coming to Delhi, it looked as if dozens of parallel Governments were running within the Government, each with its own fiefdom. I witnessed conflict and scattering. I have begun an attempt to make the Government an organic unit.
- ▶ The machine called Government or establishment is to be made sharper and swifter for fulfilling aspirations of the people.
- ▶ Right from a peon to the Cabinet Secretary everybody is capable. Everybody has power and experience. I want to harness their power and use it to speed up national welfare. I will certainly do it.
- ▶ Our great leaders won freedom, do we not have a duty towards the India of their dreams, and don't we have a national character. A time has come to think seriously over these issues.
- ▶ Should 125 crore countrymen not have a mantra to ensure that their every step is in national interest.
- ▶ Everything is not for self. Some things are also for the nation. One should rise above the self-interest and think about the national interest.
- ▶ Parents ask a number of questions when a daughter goes out, but do they ever have the courage to ask their son about his friends or where is he going or why. After all a rapist is also someone's son.
- ▶ Nepal provides an example of youth laying down arms and taking to education. It can inspire the youth who have taken to violence, all over the world.
- ▶ Even after independence we sometime face poison of casteism or communalism. How long will it continue and who is going to

benefit from it?

- ▶ I appeal to youth of the country that the poison of casteism, communalism or sectarianism is a hindrance to country's progress. Think and try a ten years moratorium to get a society free of all these tensions.
- ▶ In Commonwealth games our 64 sports persons won medals. These include 29 women. Let us be proud of these daughters.
- ▶ There are two tracks in the country to move forward, good governance and development. We can progress only on these tracks.
- ▶ Crores of families have mobile phones but not a bank account. We have to change this situation.
- ▶ Those in Government service are not doing a job but a service, this feeling is to be renewed.
- ▶ Just imagine, if 125 crore countrymen take a step forward the country will move 125 crore steps forward.
- ▶ Who so ever will open an account under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana will be provided with a debit card and insurance worth Rs. One lakh.
- ▶ We want to link poor people of the country with a bank account facility through Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana.
- ▶ Our country is the youngest nation of the world. Skill development is our mission for development of the country.
- ▶ I want to develop such youth who are job creators.
- ▶ If we wish to provide maximum employment to youth we will have to promote manufacturing sector.
- ▶ We have skill, talent and discipline and a will to perform. We want to give a collective opportunity to the world.Come, make in India, we have the strength, come to our country, I invite you.
- ▶ A farmer serves the country by filling the granaries in the same way as a soldier defends the motherland. It is also a national service.
- ▶ Youth should resolve that may be at a small level, they will make at least one article that the country imports, so that it may never need be imported in future.
- ▶ Youth belonging to the IT profession have paved the way for establishing India's new

identity in the world.

- ▶ Digital India is our dream for the nation. When I say 'digital India' it is not meant for the rich but for those who are poor.
- ▶ If we move with the dream of electronic digital India and manufacturing of electronic goods and become self-reliant, it will be a major gain for the country.
- ▶ There was a time when it was said that Railway unites the country. I say, today IT has the power to unite the country and its people.
- ▶ We want to promote tourism. Tourism provides employment to the poorest of the poor. Even the small vendor, auto driver, chaat seller and tea stall owner earns from it. While talking of tea seller, I feel a degree of affinity.
- ▶ Biggest obstruction to development of national character is the filth seen all around us. The first job in the government I did after coming here, was that of cleaning. People were surprised. Is it the job of a Prime Minister. But for me, it is a very big job.
- ▶ If 125 crore countrymen decide not to ever spread filth, then no power in the world can make our village or town dirty.
- ▶ Let us decide that in 2019 when we observe Mahatma Gandhi's 150th anniversary, we will not let our village, city, country, school, colony, temple, hospital and all other areas remain dirty. It is not Government's job, it is to be done by public participation.
- ▶ Presently, our mothers and sisters are forced to defecate in open. Do we like this and is not our responsibility to arrange for toilets at least?
- ▶ I have to launch a Swachh Bharat campaign from 2nd October and we want to carry this forward within four years.
- ▶ One task which I would like to begin today, is toilet in all schools of India and a separate toilet for girls. Only then the girls will not drop out of schools. I urge all Members of Parliament to use their MPLAD fund for construction of toilets in the schools for one year.
- ▶ When we stand here on next 15th August, we should be confident that there is no school

left in the country without separate toilets for boys and girls.

- ▶ I today announce a scheme named after the Parliamentarians- 'Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana'. Every MP has to develop one village in his or her constituency into a model village under this scheme.
- ▶ A Parliamentarian should develop two more villages before going for election after 2016 in the year 2019. After that every MP has to develop at least five villages during a five year tenure.
- ▶ A complete blue print of Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana will be presented to all MPs and all State Governments by 11th October, Jayprakash Narayan's Jayanti.
- ▶ We will have to think about giving a new shape to the Planning Commission in order to utilise our federal structure as a heritage of development and better team work between the Centre and states.
- ▶ Strengthen State Governments, federal structure, with new outlook, new body and soul and with new direction, we will create a new institution. Very soon this new institute will start working in place of Planning Commission.
- ▶ India's divine strength and spiritual heritage will play a major role in world's welfare. These thoughts were expressed by Shri Aurobindo.
- ▶ As Swami Vivekananda said that once again Mother India has awoken, my mother India will take her place as teacher of the world and every Indian will be a tool of global welfare.
- ▶ Why shouldn't all SAARC countries fight against poverty and defeat it.
- ▶ I went to Bhutan and Nepal. Dignitaries from SAARC countries came to swearing in ceremony. This is a very good beginning. Definitely there will be good results.
- ▶ I assure you, if you will work for twelve hour I will work for thirteen because I am not a Prime Minister but a Prime Servant. I have come with this government as a servant not as a ruler.
- ▶ I felicitate country's security forces, para military forces for protecting Mother India and for their determination and sacrifice. ■

India set to march towards its destiny

By Dr. Shiv Shakti Bakshi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's address to the nation from the ramparts of Red Fort on Independence Day has while reinforcing the faith of the people in destiny of India has generated a new confidence and hope. While the Prime minister addressed the nation, people listened in rapt attention trying to comprehend his vision for a vibrant India. It was an address to the people in true sense as the Prime Minister spoke directly to the people striking an emotional chord while articulating their concerns and sharing his plans for the future. The nation was thrilled to see their Prime Minister talking to them directly without having bullet proof glasses before him and intermingling with the children after the speech. The confidence exuded by the prime minister represented the rise of a confident India which was ready to engage with its present with an eye on future in style. While delivering his extempore speech he deviated from the tradition of reading a prepared speech and this helped him establish an immediate connect with the people of India who applauded him for his vision, confidence and commitment to deliver his promises.

It was an occasion which was not allowed to remain limited within the periphery of a government function. The people were allowed in the venue to celebrate the Independence Day in true spirit of democratic fervor. In fact it was for the first time after 1984 that safety and security was not used as an excuse to stop people's

participation in the event. The gesture along with removal of bullet proof glass overwhelmed the people from every walk of life who participated in the event freely in a festive mood.

The nation was eager to listen to the Prime Minister and to know about his roadmap for future. True to his style Prime Minister spoke from his heart establishing a bond of partnership with the people inviting them to join the nation building process in the spirit of national movement. He endeared the masses by calling himself Pradhan Sevak and not as Pradhan Mantri which has been well by the people across the country and have been applauded for his humility and keeping the spirit of the democracy alive.

Message for the Society
– emphasis on female

The Prime Minister's speech was a message to the society. His message was unique as the Prime Ministers have rarely shared their concerns on social issues on the occasion of Independence Day. He tried to shake the conscience of the nation particularly on the issue related to females. While denouncing rape in strongest possible terms he raised the question of equal treatment between boys and girls. In pointing out that "Parents ask their daughters hundreds of questions, but have any parent ever dared to ask their son as to where he is going, why he is going out and who his friends

are. After all a rapist is also somebody's son", he raised a relevant question as to without having an equitable social system we cannot rein in heinous crimes like rape. In the same vein he pointed out the responsibilities the parents should feel towards their children which may save the society from even the disasters like Maoism. While pointing towards the skewed sex ration in the country he appealed to the doctors and mothers to discourage female foeticides. Highlighting the fact that out of 64 medals won by India in Commonwealth Games 29 were won by girls. He further said that girls are serving their parents in even better ways. He also raised the issues of absence of toilets which results in unexplainable hardships for womenfolk leading to physical ailments and assault on dignity. Even girl students are compelled to leave schools in the absence of girl toilets. Prime Minister by raising such sensitive social questions in his independence day speech has not only increased the importance of the issue manifold it has even sensitized a crucial section in the society which may play a vital role in the days to come and help females achieve a rightful place in our social system.

Moratorium on Violence

In his speech Prime Minister made a categorical assertion against violence. Appealing to the parents to see that their children are not misguided to tread the path of violence in the name of Maoism or terrorism and spill the blood of innocents he said that guns on the

shoulders should be replaced by ploughs. He also cited the case of Nepal where youngsters who have shunned the path of violence are now writing a new constitution for their country. It is an inspiration for the whole world, he said. He further said that communal tension had led to the division of the country and the poison of communalism and casteism was ruining the nation. He asked as to how long these evils will continue. Emphasising the need for peace, unity, goodwill and brotherhood the Prime Minister appealed for a moratorium of ten years on the poison of casteism, communalism, regionalism and discrimination on social and economic basis as these are obstacles in the way forward. The appeal is supposed to have a very positive impact on the people as the nation has shown its resolve in moving forward on the path of development leaving behind divisive issues.

Good Governance and Development

While talking about his pet theme of good governance and development he tried to impute a sense of responsibility in the government functionaries by citing the fact that unlike the private employees who are on 'job', they are said to be in 'service'. He also began his speech with his desire to set an atmosphere of a new work culture where people come to the office in time and discharge their duties honestly. He said that every citizen has the responsibility to take the country forward and if every citizen is ready to take one step forward then the country will move 125 steps ahead. He appealed to the people in the name of building a national character which is the only way to herald an era of good

governance and development. He said that the meaning of the democracy is not limited to electing a government but to make that government work through a bond of partnership in the interest of the national good.

'Make in India - Made in India' and Digital India

While announcing the innovative scheme of Pradhan Mantri Jandhan Yojana to connect to the poorest section of the society and ensuring them an insurance of rupees one lac in the time of hardship along with a bank account and debit card he presented before the nation his vision of a skilled India where young people have the opportunity to contribute to the nation building process optimally. Citing the need to keep pace with the changing world he emphasized the need to promote manufacturing sector which may guarantee the generation of employment opportunities in the country.

He appealed to the people from world over to "Come, make in India" and asked the young people to reciprocate with the aspirations that the world over the brand of "Made in India" is established through the goods manufactured in India with "Zero-Defect, Zero-Effect" mindset. While talking about his vision of 'Digital India' he said that it was not for elite but for the poorer section of the society who may be able to avail telemedicine and distance education facilities through this kind of revolution.

He said that 'Digital India' can only facilitate E-governance which may pave way for easy governance, effective governance and economic governance. The vision presented by the Prime Minister has not only

mesmerized the young people but also reinforced their faith in the future of India. They can now say with confidence that here India has a leader who can ensure that in the days to come India will not lag behind and march with the world on equal footing.

Swachchhta Abhiyan

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has resolved not only to make India a developed country but also a country spick and span, neat and tidy, shining and clean. The manner in which he has launched Swachchhta Abhiyan (cleanliness drive) has been appreciated all over India. Reminding the people that the nation would be celebrating 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi in the year 2019 he said, "Mahatma Gandhi had cleanliness and sanitation closest to his heart. Can we resolve not to leave a speck of dirt in our village, city, street, area, school, temple, hospital, and what you by 2019 when we celebrate 150th anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi?" He said the issue may appear a very ordinary one for a Prime Minister to address but he had his first work after the formation of the government was that of cleanliness. Enumerating the hardship womenfolk face in the absence of toilets in homes and schools he asked all the MPs to earmark their MPLAD funds for one year and corporate houses to provide funds under CSR for building toilets for girls in the schools. He gave this call so that the work may take the shape of a movement and what could have taken years to achieve may be done in one year. The response has also been overwhelming with many big corporate houses providing funds for building girl toilets in the schools. It proves that if a

leadership is determined, it can deliver in no time.

Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana

The Prime Minister announced the launching of a new scheme the blueprint of which he will be providing on 11 October, the birth anniversary of Loknayak Jay Prakash Narayan. Saying that most of the schemes are in name of either Prime Minister or in the names of the great leaders of the country there is no scheme in the name of the MPs. So he said the MPs can adopt a village each year and develop it on the line of model village. He even appealed to state governments to encourage their legislatures to adopt similar schemes which will create a very positive environment in the country for development. One model village may inspire the other villages in the vicinity to take the same kind of developmental activities thereby creating an atmosphere of healthy competition for development. It may also encourage different NGOs and corporate bodies to adopt villages which may end in intensifying efforts and fastening the pace of development.

Concept of Organic Unity

The Prime Minister has rightly emphasized the need to initiate an era of consensus while discarding divisions and disunity. While quoting the ancient concept of “S a n g c h a h d h v a m , Samvadadhvam” he said that democracy can become effective when participation of everyone is ensured. He further elucidated the concept by saying that he never desired to rule by majority but through consensus and the recently concluded parliamentary session was a glowing example of his commitment towards consensus.

For this he also gave credit to the Opposition and their support in facilitating the smooth functioning of the parliament. He lamented that his experience in Delhi was not good as there were internal dissensions and disunity within different arms of the government itself.

He said that the situation was such that “One department was taking on the other department and taking on to the extent that two departments of the same government are fighting against each other by approaching Supreme Court. This disunity, this conflict among the people of the same country! How come we can take the country forward?” He said that to resolve the situation he started making effort so that the government appears “not as an assembled lot but an organic unit, organic entity, a harmonious whole with one aim, one mind, one direction, one energy.”

Destiny of the Nation

The Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s address to the nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort was unique in many ways and one such instance was when he put his faith on the ‘Destiny of India’. While stressing that he had great faith in the sayings of sages and saints he quoted Maharishi Aurobindo and Swami Vivekanand who had asserted that India was destined to play greater role for the welfare of world. He said that the responsibility of the people was not limited to India and its problems alone but they have to look beyond themselves and prepare themselves to shoulder the responsibilities of the world also. In fact it was a mega vision presented by the Prime Minister who had the confidence

to stand up and look beyond to the larger goals of India. India should not remain embroiled in its immediate problems but should try to work out solution for the other parts of world. By citing Maharishi Aurobindo who had said, “I have great faith that the divine power and spiritual heritage of India will play an important role towards the welfare of the world” and by quoting Swami Vivekanand who said, “I can see before my eyes Mother India awakening once again. My mother India would be seated as world Guru. Every Indian would render service towards welfare of the humanity. This legacy of India would be useful for the welfare of the world”, he assured that India has a destiny and it is destined to work for the welfare of the country.

The Prime Minister’s speech from the ramparts of the Red Fort has created a positive atmosphere in the country. His emphasis on small things which look ordinary to the people are going to bring big results in the days to come. In fact these things which are considered ordinary are going to change the work culture in the country building a new kind of national resolve. He has also reinforced the faith in democracy by reviving true democratic spirit in parliament and other related institutions. By appealing to the people to shun ‘Mera Kya Mujhe Kya’ attitude he has invoked a culture against corruption and made a call for national character. In the same spirit he has the ability to connect people with government schemes thereby creating an atmosphere for partnership of every citizen in the nation building process. In fact the nation is set to march ahead under the leadership of Narendra Modi to embrace its destiny! ■

Jharkhand has the potential to beat Gujarat : Narendra Modi

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on August 21, 2014 in Ranchi asserted that if India has to emerge as a developed nation, then no part of the country can remain weak and underdeveloped. The Prime Minister said eastern India has remained underdeveloped, and growth should be balanced across north, south, east and west – so that common people across the country can enjoy the fruits of development in equal measure.

The Prime Minister also dedicated to the Nation the IOC Oil Terminal at Jasidihi and 765 kV Ranchi-Dharamjaygarh-Sipat transmission line. The Prime Minister announced that work would commence shortly on the Jagdishpur-Phoolpur-Haldia gas pipeline – which would become a major source of energy for eastern India.

The Prime Minister also initiated the commencement of work at the North Karanpura Super Thermal Power Plant. He said this power plant would dispel darkness from Jharkhand.

The Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone for two IT-related projects. He said the state of Jharkhand has huge potential for development, and he would repay the love and affection of the people of Jharkhand through development.

The Prime Minister emphasized that if India has to be developed, its states have to be developed. He referred to yesterday's Cabinet decision to

increase royalty rates on minerals. He said that this decision would benefit Jharkhand enormously.

Ten salient points from his speech:

1. Jharkhand has the potential to beat Gujarat. Why should Jharkhand stay backward?
2. The new power transmission lines will connect the east with the west. The power



PM launches various development projects in Jharkhand, talks about balanced growth across all parts of India.

- transmission lines will help change the face of Jharkhand.
3. The government you have elected in the Lok Sabha polls wants a balanced India, and not east or west, north or south India.
4. State ministers, MPs, delegations have to do the rounds of New Delhi to get something done in the state. 10 years go by in a blink without any development. But that has changed. Centre's conviction: If India has to go forward, the states have to go forward. The Centre wants to be the facilitator, helper in a state's progress.
5. This region has great potential for industrial development.

Look at Jamshedpur. Someone must have seen the potential to set up industry here.

6. Jharkhand will be benefitted with Rs.400 crore every year. For this Hemant Soren did not have to come to Delhi with a memorandum. The Centre has come to you because we have to unite the country and progress together.

7. A new gas grid will help in transmission of cooking gas - Jagdishpur-Haldia gas line. With this in the east, cities such as Gorakhpur, Patna, Varanasi, Jamshedpur, Durgapur or Asansol, will get gas, just like water from the tap.

8. We want a Digital India. Mobile phone has made its place in the adivasi life of

Jharkhand. The objective of digital India: the government is not in Ranchi, not in Delhi, but in your palms. With digital power, Jharkhand's progress is imminent.

9. Jharkhand is now 13-14 years old. Parents take proper care of their kids at this age, because at this critical age the kid decides what to do in life. Similarly, Jharkhand has to decide what it should look like when it becomes 18. It's dreams, planning and infrastructure has to be decided now by Jharkhand's people.
10. This is the land of Birsa Munda, and we must stand together and brave the odds like him for a better Jharkhand. ■

“Mera kya, Mujhe Kya” attitude has taken country on this path of destruction : Narendra Modi

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on August 19 described corruption as a disease worse than cancer, and said he was determined to remove corruption from the nation, with the support of the people.

The Prime Minister was addressing a large gathering at Kaithal, Haryana, after laying the Foundation Stone for the four-laning of “Kaithal-Narwana-Hisar-Rajasthan Border” Highway. “Should corruption be removed from society,” Shri Narendra Modi asked the assembled people. “Will you support me, if I take harsh steps to remove it,” he asked? Amid applause, he declared that he would rid the country of corruption, with the support of the people. He said the “Mera Kya, Mujhe Kya” attitude had taken the country on the path of destruction, and it had to be ended immediately. The nation is not willing to bear these ills much longer, he added.

Highlighting the importance of infrastructure in the development of nations, the Prime Minister said Haryana provided a good example of this. The stretch of land on both sides of National Highway-1 (which runs through Haryana) has developed well, but beyond that, one can see lack of development in the state. He said a network of roads was essential for development, in the same way as a network of veins in the body provides blood to every part of it. The Prime Minister outlined his Government’s vision of modern infrastructure development, which

included world class roads, optical fibre networks, power, gas and water grids.

Referring to the four laning project of the Kaithal-Rajasthan border stretch, the foundation for which was laid today, the Prime Minister said this road would connect Haryana and Rajasthan, and spur trade and transportation links between the two states, benefiting the nation as well.

The Prime Minister said youth needed employment opportunities, and development was essential for generating employment. He said the large gathering at the function venue is proof that the people are interested and keen for development. They want to join the whole world on the path of development, he added.

The Prime Minister described himself as the *Pradhan Sewak* of the nation and said Haryana has a special right on him. He said his Government was committed to early completion of all central sector projects pending in the state.

Saluting the farmers of Haryana for filling the granaries of India, the Prime Minister called

for adoption of modern agricultural practices and technologies, which not only help in filling granaries, but also ensure that the farmer gets well-remunerated. (*Ann ka bhandar bhi*



PM lays foundation stone for four-laning of “Kaithal-Narwana-Hisar-Rajasthan Border” Highway at Kaithal

bhare, aur Kisan ki jeb bhi bhare). Referring to the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, launched by former Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, the Prime Minister said his Government would ensure irrigation for the farmers through the *Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana*.

The Governor of Haryana Prof. Kaptan Singh Solanki, the Chief Minister of Haryana Shri Bhupinder Singh Hooda, the Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Shri Nitin Gadkari, the Union MoS for Road Transport and Highways Shri Krishan Pal, and the Union MoS for Defence Rao Inderjit Singh were also present on the occasion.

Measures taken by Modi Government to tame inflation reflect government's commitment towards common man's concern

By Vikash Anand

Two months ago Bhartiya Janta Party (BJP) led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government came into power. Persistently rising prices of commodities was major challenge before the new government. Outgoing UPA's rampant corruption & policy paralysis had spoiled every sector be it economy, foreign policy or other sectors. Two months are not sufficient time to bring derailed state of economy on the track. These sixty days for any government are just a drop in the ocean, though Prime Minister Narendra Modi's hard work reinstilled common man's faith in the government. In May 2014 India's Wholesale Price Index (WPI) was recorded 6.1%. Within two months, despite poor monsoon and upheaval in Iraq, present government's policies decisions and hard work brought down WPI to a five-month low 5.19% in July. At present, except tomato, prices of all essential commodities are under control.

Tackling rising food inflation Modi government has taken welcome initiatives to delist fruits & vegetables including onion from Agriculture produce Marketing Committee (APMC) Act. By delisting them, these items become free from APMC yard taxes and local fees. The government hiked the minimum export price of onions by 67 percent and brought it under the Essential Commodities Act to curb hoarding as prices soared in the domestic markets. With a view to discourage onion exports,

government had on June 17 set up a minimum price of onion exports at \$300 per tonne. The government has also decided to include onions and potatoes under the purview of stock holding limits under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. This step empowers the state governments to undertake de-hoarding operations and to control the prices of onions and potatoes.

Immediate measures taken by Modi led NDA government are following:

- ▶ Imposed export restrictions on some farm commodities

law, that is, a law made by the Parliament of India; but the discretion on the execution of it mostly lies with the State governments. So its success depends mostly on implementing of the Act by state governments.

- ▶ Released 5 million tonnes of grain in the open market.
- ▶ Extended a line of credit to State Governments to import pulses and edible oil to bridge the shortage in the domestic market.

Other causes of inflation are high cost of transportation, and

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- ▶ Ordered a crackdown on hoarders
- ▶ Raised minimum export price on onions to \$300 per tonne from \$150 per tonne to discourage exports
- ▶ Allowed direct sale of vegetables and fruit in the market by farmers instead of having to go through Agricultural Produce Market Committees
- ▶ Closely monitoring prices of 22 commodities which affect food inflation
- ▶ Brought potatoes and onions under purview of ESMA and imposed stock holding limits in a bid to improve availability. The ESMA (Essential Services Maintenance Act) is a central

poor storage infrastructure. India lacks a good physical connectivity in the urban and rural areas, which is essential for economic growth.

Each region in India has a specific soil and climate, suitable for certain types of farming. Many regions on the western side of India experiences less than 50 cm of rain annually, so the farming systems are restricted to cultivate crops that can withstand drought conditions and farmers are usually restricted to single cropping. Gujarat, Rajasthan, South Punjab, and northern Maharashtra all experience this sort of climate and each region grows such suitable crops like jowar, bajra, and peas. On the contrary, the eastern side of India records an average of 100–200 cm of rainfall

annually without irrigation, so these regions have the ability to double crop. West Coast, West Bengal, parts of Bihar, U.P. and Assam are all associated with this sort of climate and they grow crops such as rice, sugarcane, jute, and many more. If we have good transportation facilities then the surplus production of the crops can be transported to the other parts of the country.

Fresh produce is sensitive and needs to be refrigerated to remain fresh and quality intact during such long transportation times. Present government is planning to improve transportation facilities (by increasing connectivity through rail, road, coastal shipping, air transport, inland water transport etc.) especially, refrigerated transportation so that mobility of sensitive produce like vegetable, fruits could be increased from surplus area to shortage area. The government is working on a national food grid, connecting deficient areas with producing regions, as part of a plan to reduce wastage of fruits and vegetables while ensuring stable prices that can help tame immovable food inflation. Food grid across the country will work like power grid which connects electricity. Online real time data of availability of essential food stocks, perishable fruits and vegetables, poultry, fisheries, dairy livestock would be available on the food grid for faster decision making in times of any price spike.

A study had estimated that food products worth nearly Rs 44,000 core are wasted annually due to lack of adequate processing. Barring milk, just around 4% of overall produce is processed. The government has identified development of food processing as

a key focus area to keep inflation under check.

As part of the plan, the government is developing a food map and a national cold chain grid. The food map will help to have a better picture of what is surplus in which state where it is grown. It will help in creating the infrastructure at the time of harvest in these areas to stop wastage and ensure processing.

To give a boost to rail movement of fruits and vegetables, the Government is working with Warehousing Corporation (CRWC) to provide requisite facilities of temperature controlled storages at

10 locations viz Vatva, Vishakhapatna, Badagara, Cheriyanad, Bhivandi Road, Azara, Navlur, Kalamboli and Sanand on Indian Railways in the first phase.

Improving these types of facilities will take time. No one can do this within 60 days. It is known fact NDA government has far better track record of tackling inflation than UPA government. During Vajpayee led NDA regime at Centre, inflation was 4.8% while first 9 years of UPA rule has witnessed 6.7%. In drought year of 2002(NDA rule), food inflation was just 1.8% but drought year 2010 which was ruled by UPA saw 15.3% . ■

INS Kolkata dedicated to the nation



The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, on August 16 dedicated to the nation the indigenously designed warship INS Kolkata. Addressing naval officers and sailors at the Naval Dockyard, Mumbai after commissioning the ship, the Prime Minister described INS Kolkata as proof of India's "Buddhi Bal" (intellectual capabilities). He said India's aim is to achieve such prowess in its defence capabilities, that no one dares to cast an evil glance at India. The Prime Minister remarked that being in Maharashtra, and talking about the Navy, one could not but remember Chhatrapati Shivaji, the great Maratha King, who conceived the navy as a means for securing India's maritime trade interests. The Defence Minister Shri Arun Jaitley congratulated the Navy on the commissioning of INS Kolkata. The Governor of Maharashtra Shri K. Sankaranarayanan, the Chief Minister of Maharashtra Shri Prithviraj Chavan, the Chief of Army Staff Admiral R.K. Dhowan, the National Security Advisor Shri Ajit Doval, the Defence Secretary Shri R.K. Mathur, and senior officers of the Army, Navy and Air Force were present on the occasion. The Prime Minister also visited various facilities onboard INS Kolkata and also wrote in the Visitor's Book. ■

PM lays Foundation Stones of JNPT Port Trust and Port Connectivity Road

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on August 16 laid the Foundation Stone of Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust Special Economic Zone, at Sheva in Navi Mumbai.

He also laid the Foundation Stone for widening of Port Connectivity Road from JNPT to the National Highway. He symbolically handed over land allotment letters to Project Affected Persons.

Addressing a large public gathering at the function site, the Prime Minister said his Government had conceived Sagarmala, an ambitious project for maritime states. This would envisage not merely port development, but port-led development which would include ports, SEZs; and rail, road, air and waterway connectivity with the hinterland, including linkages of cold storage and warehousing facilities. Noting that two-third of all global trade, and 50 percent of container trade happens through the Indian Ocean, the Prime Minister highlighted the importance of the ports sector. Ports can become gateways to India's prosperity, he added. The

Prime Minister said the Government is concerned at the large number of stalled SEZ projects across the country, and a high-level team has been constituted to review the problems and resolve them at the earliest.

The Government had recently done away with the requirement of renewal of shipping licenses every year, and now the license would be granted for a lifetime, Shri Narendra Modi said, praising Union Minister for Shipping Shri Nitin Gadkari for this move. He added that his Government wishes to create an environment for ease of business, and encouragement for youth.

The Prime Minister said that shipbuilding is now a big opportunity. Noting the strides that South Korea has taken in shipbuilding, the Prime Minister said India should also try to do so. Elaborating his theme of Come, make in India, which he mentioned during his Independence Day



address, the Prime Minister said his Government will encourage foreign investment in shipbuilding. Made in India should occupy a place in the global market, the Prime Minister said.

Shri Narendra Modi also said that this was his first public function in Maharashtra after taking over as Prime Minister and he was indeed fortunate that it is in Raigarh district, a place closely associated with the great Maratha King, Shivaji. Welcoming the Prime Minister, the Minister for Road Transport, Highways and Shipping, Shri Nitin Gadkari, told the large gathering that the JNPT SEZ would provide employment to 1.5 lakh people. The Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Shri Prithviraj Chavan, also addressed the gathering, on the occasion. ■

BJP will work in tandem with Modi government : Shah

New Delhi, Aug 15: BJP president Amit Shah Friday said that the party will work in tandem with the Narendra Modi government to take the country forward. After hoisting the tricolour on Independence Day at the BJP headquarter here, Shah said that he was delighted that Prime Minister Narendra Modi hoisted the flag from the Red Fort. "It's an auspicious day for BJP as a BJP worker (Narendra Modi) hoisted tricolour from the ramparts of the Red Fort," Shah said. "Atal Bihari Vajpayee also hoisted the flag as a BJP worker. But the difference between him and Narendra bhai is that now BJP's government has majority." ■

BJP National Council Meeting : Presidential Address

Congress free India can become a reality only if we ensure
BJP's victory in every part of the country : Amit Shah



One-day National Council meeting of Bharatiya Janata Party was held in Delhi on 9th August 2014 in the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi. The meeting discussed the achievements of BJP led NDA government under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and deliberated upon the ways to strengthen the party organization. The meeting was inaugurated by the BJP National President Shri Amit Shah who addressed the delegates inspiring them to continuously pursue their work of nation building. The meeting was attended by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, senior BJP leader Shri LK Advani, former BJP Presidents Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi, Shri M Venkaiah Naidu, Shri Rajnath Singh, Shri Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister Shri Arun Jaitely, chief ministers of BJP ruled states viz. Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan (Madhya Pradesh), Smt. Vasundhara Raje Scindia (Rajasthan), Smt. Anandiben (Gujarat), Dr. Raman Singh (Chhattisgarh), Shri Manohar Parrikar (Goa) along with BJP MPs, MLAs, MLCs, office

bearers and other delegates. In the first National Council meeting after the victory in the Lok Sabha elections, BJP National President Shri Amit Shah gave a call that the goal of Congress muka India can become a reality only if BJP's victory is ensured in every part of the country. We are publishing the full text of the Presidential Address for our esteemed readers :

Respected Prime Minister Narendra Bhai Modi ji, respected Advani ji, respected Rajnath Singh ji, galaxy of party leaders on the dais and distinguished delegates, sisters and brothers.

Friends, today is August 9. Exactly 72 years ago, on this day, Mahatma Gandhi had launched the Quit India Movement in Mumbai. Many freedom fighters sacrificed their lives and hundreds others were injured in Lathi-charge in this movement for independence. We salute all the freedom fighters on August Kranti Divas. We firmly believe that preserving India's freedom in every sense of the term, would be true homage to the martyrs of the freedom movement.

At the very outset, I would like to express my sincere gratitude, from the bottom of my heart, to this august house and the top BJP leadership for posing faith in me and displaying confidence in my abilities. I am indeed grateful to all of you for this great honour.

I commenced my political journey as a booth level



worker. It is my proud privilege that all of you have considered me capable for the coveted post of the party's National President at a relatively younger age with limited experience. There are more than 1200 political parties in India.

But there is hardly any party where a worker could be elevated to the highest position of National President. It is undoubtedly a unique distinction of my great party. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is a mass movement, ideology is its soul and workers its strength. I accept the responsibility bestowed upon me by the party with all humility and commitment.

I honestly believe that my election as the BJP's National President is a recognition and felicitation of the institution of the party worker in our system. It will now be my solemn duty to not only maintain the dignity of this prestigious office but also to enhance its prestige. I am absolutely confident that I will continue to get guidance from my seniors, every cooperation from my colleagues and support from the party rank and file in

discharging this onerous responsibility to be best of abilities. I pray to the Almighty to give me strength and capacity to live up to the expectations of all of you.

Rajnath Singh ji, during his tenure as National President, played a pivotal role in returning the BJP to power. We appreciate his contribution. I am confident that I will continue to get his, as well as that of all my predecessors', guidance on regular basis.

VICTORY IN LOK SABHA ELECTIONS

An objective analysis of our unprecedented victory in the recent Lok Sabha elections is that people have established Prime Minister Narendra Modi as the most

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credible national leader who alone is capable of translating into reality the nation's mounting aspirations for development. Under his leadership, the party has also successfully lent voice to people's anger against the misrule of the Congress-led UPA regime. Shri Modi's dynamic leadership inspired millions of apolitical sections of the society to join the BJP's dedicated rank and file in his campaign. Thousands of our cadres have been engaged in the last so many party election campaigns with selfless devotion and untiring commitment. Our rank and file has been sincerely managing polling booths from morning till evening in the elections. And there are millions of others who fought for us extending their support to our ideology on Twitter and Facebook. Many unknown cyber-savvy technocrats also lent their support to us. None of them even expected a letter of acknowledgment or a word of thanks from the party. Today if some of us have become ministers, many others MPs and MLAs, it is all because of the unstinted sweat and hard work of these foot soldiers. They are the one's who contributed in translating into reality our dream of *Ab Ki Baar Modi Sarkar*. As President of the party, I am grateful to the people of this country

for endorsing the leadership of Shri Modi resulting in the NDA's resounding victory.

Our star campaigner Shri Narendra Modi also emerged as a symbol of good governance. I don't think there could be a better example of an ideology-inspired party worker reaching the pinnacle of glory treading the long and tedious path of duty and discipline. Not only that, Shri Modi has also succeeded in restoring people's fast eroding faith in the parliamentary system of government. As the BJP prime ministerial candidate, Shri Modi added unique and innovative dimensions to the electioneering by establishing direct dialogue with the multitude of electorate through relentless whirlwind campaigning and visiting the entire length and breadth of the country. I would like to make a special mention of the fact that Shri Modi, after he was anointed the BJP's prime ministerial candidate, addressed 437 election rallies, participated in 5827 campaigns to establish direct contact with the masses and covered three lakh kilometers in 25 states and union territories. I am sure, our high-voltage campaign in the 2014 Lok Sabha polls with Shri Narendra Modi in the vanguard will be remembered as historic in the annals of the Indian electoral system. Credit for this extra-ordinary victory must go to the hard work put in by the dedicated band of our party workers across the country under the leadership of Shri Modi ji and Shri Rajnath Singh ji. The good governance of our highly successful governments in all the BJP-ruled states, also significantly contributed to this campaign.

ELECTORAL VERDICT ANALYSED

Sisters and brothers, we need to undertake an in-depth analysis of the Lok Sabha election results and review the outcome from the point of view of their impact on the national political scene. The BJP polled 31% votes in these elections which is the highest poll percentage by any non-Congress party in India's electoral history. We have established new electoral benchmarks creating history by winning all the Lok Sabha seats in Gujarat, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Delhi, Goa and the union territories of Dadra Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu, Chandigarh and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Our party has made impressive gains in most states. Our performance is highly commendable by any reckoning in Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Maharashtra. As the vote percentage is concerned, we have crossed the 50% mark in Gujarat, Uttarakhand, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh. Our poll average is more than 40% in Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Karnataka, UP and Jharkhand whereas our vote

accretion is more than 20% in UP, Assam and Rajasthan. Today we have presence in the Lok Sabha practically from all over the country.

The mandate was so decisive in our favour that it reduced the Congress tally below the required mark to become a recognized opposition party in the Lok Sabha. It is noteworthy that the 130 year old Congress Party failed to open its account in 14 states and 7 union territories.

Friends, the BJP has expanded its base among the youth, women, SCs, STs and backward communities as well. Our historic victory marks the beginning of the end of the Congress era. Our taking over the reins of power at the centre is of great historic significance. We must realize that it is a stupendous achievement by any standard. A leader of the post-independence generation, has established himself as the harbinger of the golden era of good governance in the political history of independent India. We entered the election fray with the Mantra of *Sabka Saath – Sabka Ka Vikas* and emerged victorious. There were neither hollow promises nor populist and emotive appeals. Our slogan was a simple commitment to the people, that convinced them and they registered their complete faith in the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi ji.

The verdict of this election is a clear rejection of the politics of dynasty, appeasement and vote bank. It also is an undisputed triumph of the hope and aspirations of the people of India. Let us not forget that the BJP is the only non-Congress party to have come to power at the centre with an absolute majority of its own.

OUR TRADITIONS

Friends, it is in this backdrop that I am taking the reins of leadership of the party. Let all of us be reminded that to achieve power is just one part of our larger objective. A prosperous India and a cohesive society is our ultimate goal. It is our firm belief that political power is just a path to achieve our ultimate goal. Translating the concept of *Antyodaya* as propounded by Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay and others into reality is our final destination.

Our party has a rich tradition of grass root work. Many of us have seen the pictures where a leader no

less than Atal ji serving food to the delegates at party conventions. For decades, it was Advani ji who used to undertake the thankless job of documentation of party papers. From Kushbhau Thakare to Nitin Gadkari, all have risen to the top from the grass roots. The rise of Shri Narendra Modi to the highest position in our democracy, beginning as a grass root organiser and belonging to an economically backward family, is also in keeping with this tradition. We must be proud of the fact that in our party, family background has never been a consideration for leadership. It is because of this, I believe that for Good Governance, a healthy and well knit party organisation with a team of able and self motivated cadre is a must. With attainment of power, the responsibility of the party organisation has increased many folds and we have to shoulder this with all our abilities.

IDEOLOGY OUR FOUNDATION

Sisters and brothers, this is an occasion to look into the glorious past of our party. Any organisation that forgets its past can never build its future. How can we forget that it was ideology that shaped the events in 1951 when the Jana Sangh was founded, or in 1980 when the emergence of the BJP marked our rebirth? Our very existence is for our ideology. We must remember that Nationalism is our inspiration and *Antyodaya* our ultimate goal.

Our journey from the foundation of the Jana Sangh till date had three distinct segments. From 1951 to 1980, we braved political opposition. Thereafter, we had a decade of growing acceptance. Post 1990, we were recognised as a political force, and now after 2014, the era of political impact has dawned. This journey was far from easy. The sacrifice of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee, Pt Deen Dayal Upadhyay, Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia, Kushabhau Thakare, Sundar Singh Bhandari, Nanaji Deshmukh, Jaganath Rao Joshi, Mahavir Tyagi as also Atal ji and Advani ji among others, has greatly contributed in this journey. It is because of the untiring efforts of these towering persons that we have reached where we are today. Now that we are in power, we have to dexterously run the government and also conduct our party. Even the slightest failure of ours on either of these fronts will automatically impact the other. We must understand the importance of the mutuality of

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political power and organisational prowess. We have to strive to give the best performance on both the fronts.

Friends, for any ideological movement, simply attaining power is not enough. In our country, for almost six decades, society was influenced essentially on the basis of the Congress ideology. Infact, politics was over-shadowed by a Congress culture. Now, it is our duty, that our ideology should positively influence the thinking and work culture of our society.

Let me also point out that it is not for the first time that a new Party President has taken over when the party has assumed power. In December 1967, Pt Deen Dayal Upadhyay had taken over as President of the Jana Sangh. It is worth recalling what he had said at that occasion. And now I quote Deen Dayal ji, "During the half century gone by, the country's mind has been dominated completely by the Congress and its ideology. Its leaders have been not only the framers of national policy but the arbiters of contemporary life-values as well. After independence, the reins of government also came into their hands. The country's transition into the new era, therefore, is not being smooth. It is accompanied by severe strains and struggles. It is against this background that we must analyze present problems and draw up our policy."

Similarly, in 1998, immediately after the installation of the Vajpayee Government, Shri Kushabhau Thakare had addressed the National Council Meeting in Gandhinagar. What Thakare ji had said is relevant even today. He had said, "Our main effort should be two pronged: first, provide the Government with direction and perspective; and second, serve as a bridge connecting the Government with the masses." He had further said, "More importantly in the new circumstances, members of the party organisation must be dedicated and scrupulously honest; their integrity must be above reproach. Lastly, the organisation should not become a part of the establishment."

ACHIEVEMENTS OF MODI GOVERNMENT

My fellow delegates, let us understand the distinctive message in the massive popular mandate that we have achieved in these Lok Sabha elections. This mandate is not merely to replace one ruling party with another. It is a mandate for an all round transformation. People were desperate to bring about a genuine change and a new approach in every aspect of governance.

It is a matter of pride for all of us that our government under Prime Minister Modi from day one

itself has embarked upon a new model of governance keeping in mind the aspirations of the people. A series of result-oriented measures have already been initiated by all the ministries with a view of ushering in an era of a work culture based on dedication, commitment and hard work.

We strongly believe that development cannot be perceived as a programme of the government; instead it has to be a mass movement of peoples' aspirations. The Modi government's respect for the federal structure of our polity is creating goodwill among the states and they have faith that all state governments will get a fair treatment from the centre. It is just 75 days in power and our government has already established a balanced approach in economic and foreign policies in tune with the emerging scenario. We do favour co-ordination with global institutions in international financial management. But not at the cost of India's national interests. And that is a key element of our foreign policy as well. Terrorism is no longer confined to geographical boundaries of any particular region. Events in Iraq can have reverberations in India as well. Our overall approach in matters of economic and foreign policies will be based on an objective assessment of the emerging global and regional scenarios and without compromising our national interests.

Sisters and brothers, we have completed just 75 days and in this brief span of time our government has recorded impressive achievements under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Modi. I would like to mention only some of them:

- ▶ We have launched many fresh policy initiatives on several fronts including those in matters of external

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affairs, economic management, agriculture sector and infrastructural development.

- ▶ Good governance has commenced with the cabinet meetings itself.
- ▶ The “My Gov” portal has ensured wide-spread and meaningful participation of the people in governance.
- ▶ Special efforts for a proper coordination among different ministries to expedite decisions making process.
- ▶ The Modi government Budget has laid the foundation of fresh initiatives to promote entrepreneurship and employment generation.
- ▶ Effective measures to restore investors’ confidence in the Indian economy.
- ▶ Initiated a series of short term and long term measures to check price-rise.
- ▶ Provided new impetus to government policies on several matters including internal security and disaster management.
- ▶ Adequate measures have been taken to check red-tape in several ministries including the ministries of Highways, Shipping, Environment, Communication and Commerce.
- ▶ Special emphasis on transparency in governance with effective use of information technology.
- ▶ Fresh initiatives to improve bilateral relations with all our neighbours including the SAARC members.
- ▶ Ensured protection of the interests of farmers and the poor sections of society through our pro-active role in the World Trade Organisation (WTO). We remain committed to our policy of no compromise with our national interests.
- ▶ We have played a significant role in the setting up of the BRICS Bank.

GLOBAL SCENARIO

Sisters and brothers, the current global scenario is full of serious challenges. The UPA, during its ten-year regime failed to establish India as an emerging global power at international forums. India, for quite some time, was experiencing some irritants in our relations with our neighbours. We are now trying to improve our bilateral relations with all our neighbours without compromising our security concerns. Our policy of promoting regional cooperation and

developing goodwill with our neighbours has helped in convincing the international community about our potential to play a meaningful role in global affairs.

There seems to be no end to the conflict in the middle-east. Tension between Ukraine and Russia is a cause of concern for the international community. Human sufferings - the Malaysian airlines tragedy, casualties in the Middle-East, or any other kind of loss of lives anywhere in the world - are acts against humanity. We do hope that those engaged in avoidable bloodshed will realize the gravity of these unfortunate developments and try to find an amicable resolution of the crisis through dialogue.

FOCUS ON ELECTION MANIFESTO

Friends, we have to understand that the entire emphasis of the Congress-UPA government was on entitlement based policies. They believed in Entitlement first and Empowerment later. In our thinking, Empowerment has to come first and Entitlement would naturally follow. We do believe that people have right to good governance. But more importantly, first and foremost it is the duty of the government to give good governance. Using Rights as a vote catching gimmick is just unacceptable to us. We believe that neither framing of an act nor an agitation by the people is required for them to get their rights. It is our considered opinion that we have to create conditions in such a manner that people automatically get their rights.

Our governance, our policies and our decisions are inspired by our ideology. The Prime Minister’s invitation to the SAARC leaders on the oath taking ceremony, steps taken towards greater job creation, the proclamation of creating one hundred smart cities in view of the growing urbanization, all reflect our thinking about integrated development. I earnestly appeal to all our brothers and sisters in the government to bear in mind the commitments made by us in our manifesto. I would suggest that they come out with a time bound plan for the implementation of the promises made and they should communicate the same regularly to the party cadre. This is possible if various morchas and cells of the party regularly coordinate with the respective ministries.

Friends, we have to remind the nation about the irresponsible manner in which the UPA government

The Modi government Budget has laid the foundation of fresh initiatives to promote entrepreneurship and employment generation. Effective measures to restore investors’ confidence in the Indian economy. Initiated a series of short term and long term measures to check price-rise.

was functioning. Their regime has inflicted great loss to our national life. For reasons, one can easily imagine, they had put obstacles in the progress of several infrastructural projects, and now we have removed them.

In this backdrop it is important to note that in just about 75 days, the PM has restored confidence in governance. The realization that somebody who cares for us is now sitting in Delhi has not only reassured the people but also inspired them. During the Vajpayee government, the nation had experienced a climate of aspiration, only to be destroyed by UPA later. We have to recreate that climate. We are confident that 21st century is the Century of India.

All our challenges are yet to be overcome despite the numerous activities that we are undertaking on continuous basis. This year, on account of the late onset of the monsoon, in some parts of the country our farmers are worried. Appropriate agricultural prices for our farm produce, enabling farmers to become economically viable and self-reliant against natural disasters and also creating alternative avenues of employment in addition to agriculture in our rural areas, continue to be challenges for our rural economy.

We are aware that our government is preparing an extensive roadmap and campaign for cleaning the Ganga. All of us, as party workers, should actively join this national campaign and simultaneously motivate every citizen of the country to become a part of this national mission.

CHALLENGES OF ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS

My fellow Karyakartas, brothers and sisters, we now have to establish fresh mile-stones of victory in the forthcoming assembly elections on the strength of our remarkable success in the recent Lok Sabha polls. Assembly elections are due in Jammu & Kashmir, Haryana, Jharkhand and Maharashtra and we have to accept the challenge of forming our government in all these states, yes I repeat, in all these states. While our top leadership will ensure good governance at the centre, all of us will have to commit ourselves to the most challenging task of winning the assembly

elections.

We will win these elections by reaching out to the people on the strength of our well-knit organisational structure and on the commitment of providing good governance in these states.

The BJP will enter the electoral arena with a harmonious balance of a vibrant organisational set-up and our track-record in good governance at the centre and in the BJP-ruled states.

Friends, winning the ensuing assembly elections may be our immediate priority. But our long term objective is to provide good governance to the entire country.

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Therefore, our foremost commitment should be to return BJP to power in the election-bound states of Maharashtra, Haryana, Jammu and Kashmir and Jharkhand.

Besides, there are eight more states where we need to re-capture power. We must form our governments whenever elections are held in Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Odisha, Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya. Also, we will have to make special efforts to win elections and form our governments in states like Assam, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Kerala and Tamilnadu where we have polled significant percentage of votes. To realize this objective, we should make BJP's effective presence felt in each and every village Panchayat, Zilla Parishad, municipal Corporations and other elected bodies.

This may not be possible only by slogans mongering and putting up hoardings. This may require our total commitment and dedication to the party organisation and to its objectives and by maintaining mutual trust among fellow party workers.

This is exactly what we did in Uttar Pradesh. Our exceptional success in UP was due to our right approach in social engineering, introducing accountability and transparency in organisational management, widening the scope of direct contact with the cross-section of society and winning the confidence of the electorate by consolidating organisational unity. These were the key elements behind our sensational victory in the Lok Sabha polls in UP and we must focus on them in our march ahead to reach out every nook and corner of the country. Let there be no state or union territory where the BJP is not a force to reckon with.

CHALLENGES AHEAD

Friends, now that we have achieved a tremendous success in the Lok Sabha elections, our responsibilities have also increased manifold. Some of our opponents are yet to reconcile to their humiliating defeat in the polls and are currently engaged in forging an unholy alliance of non-BJP parties. They are bewildered and not able to come to terms with the realities of the electoral outcome. We must guard against this Machiavellian political tactics and frustrate their designs.

We must remember that the dawn of the Modi government is heralded the end of the climate of cynicism across the country. The decisive verdict in our favour is not only to usher in good governance but also to establish clean politics. People are fed up with the Congress culture. We will have to evolve a new culture of qualitative democratic polity based on active participation of the masses.

In this context, Prime Minister Shri Modi has been promoting the concept of Team India. We need to get this message across to the people. We will have to keep in mind that our crusade on the ideological front is far from over. Our organisational functioning must reflect our ideology. We are a cadre-based mass party. Today we are in government. We have emerged as the preferred choice of all well meaning citizens of the country and we must consolidate this relationship.

I appeal to all our party karyakartas that we should-

- ▶ Strive to strengthen and consolidate our booth management across the country.
- ▶ Focus on all every forthcoming election from Panchayat to Parliament and win them with full commitment and hard work.
- ▶ Expand our base in states along the eastern coast from West Bengal to Tamil Nadu and also Kerala and convert our votes into seats; and,
- ▶ Function as a bridge between the government and the people.

My fellow delegate brothers and sisters, this will be possible only if our elected representatives at all levels, along with party organisation, continue to maintain Cohesion (Sauhardaya), Communication (Samvad), and Coordination (Samanvaya). These three elements (Cs/Ss) are the corner stone of our thinking.

We need to pledge ourselves to carry forward these principles when we return back to our respective states from this National Council meeting. This is my humble appeal.

INTEGRAL HUMANISM

Friends, in the year ahead, we will be celebrating the silver jubilee of Integral Humanism. Year 2015 marks the centenary year of our ideologue Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya. This provides us with an opportunity to once again enlighten the masses about our principles and policies. The twin-celebrations will also be an occasion for all of us to further dedicate ourselves to Integral Humanism and reach out to the people propagating the basic tenets of Deendayal Ji's philosophy in all its manifestations.

I believe that the ideals of Integral Humanism are not restricted by time. This is an invaluable treasure of ideas. This philosophy can enable us to find solutions to each and every one of our contemporary problems. The government, of course, will function in the light of these principles. But that may not be enough. We all must re-dedicate ourselves to these ideals and strive to promote and expand the BJP on the basis of the principles of Deendayal ji's philosophy of Antyodaya.

Good governance can be delivered only by ideology-inspired leadership. As we all know, ideological commitment has gone a long way in making our Prime Minister and all our Chief Ministers enviable icons of good governance. Let us resolve to march ahead as torch -bearers of our ideology.

Friends, our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, during the Lok Sabha election campaign, had given a clarion call of Congress Mukh Bharat. What he meant was freeing India from corruption and bad governance. But a Congress-free India can become a reality only if we ensure the BJP's victory in every part of the country. I call upon party functionaries at every level to rededicate themselves to this ambitious task with full vigour and commitment.

As I conclude, I would like to leave you with the inspiring words of Param Pujyaniya Shri Guru ji that if we work together with all our strength, "vijay hi vijay hai". ■

BHARAT MATA KI JAI.



People's participation essential for government's success

In the BJP National Council meeting held in Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi on 9th August 2014 a political resolution was passed unanimously. The resolution was moved by senior BJP leader and Union Minister for Finance and Defence Shri Arun Jaitley which was seconded by the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Chief Minister of Goa Shri Manohar Parrikar. The resolution while highlighting the achievements of BJP led NDA government in its first two months has laid emphasis on taking India towards development, glory and prosperity while ensuring people's participation. We are publishing the full text of the resolution for our esteemed readers:



The people of the country giving a decisive mandate have brought a historic change in the elections of the world's largest democracy. This election was also the biggest elections ever held in the world with about 55 crores voters exercising their franchise. This kind of enthusiasm among the electorate was never witnessed before. People have given a positive mandate for development and good governance. This National Council of the Bharatiya Janata Party expresses its gratitude towards the people. It is the first occasion in the history of independent India that a non-Congress political party has succeeded in getting full majority on its own. Another feature of this election is that a leader born after independence is for the first time leading the country. It can be aptly described as the golden chapter in the political journey of Bharatiya Janata Party since the time of Jan Sangh.

People have reposed faith and confidence in the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi. He strategized this election in such a way that all sections of the society voted for the BJP. The first time voters in the age group of 18-28 years made clear that their first choice is Narendra Modi. People voted differently this time making departure from voting on caste lines. Modiji played a very

important role in this historic mandate. This election was about able leadership and therefore it revolved around the leadership of Shri Modi and the people also chose a strong leadership. The National Council of the party congratulates the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi.

The people of the country are proud of themselves to have given such a massive mandate to the BJP. The mandate reflected their pledge to get rid of the 10-year-old rule of the non-performing and corruption riddled Congress-led UPA government. The entire country was under a grip of helplessness and disappointment under the Congress Government. BJP's PM candidate Narendra Modi had raised a ray of hope in the country because of his hard work. An atmosphere of faith in politics was generated. Country wanted to get a leadership which can strengthen democracy, raise India's credibility in the world make available 'Roti-Kapda-Makan' to common citizen. They also expected that India must become corruption free and there must be a rule of law & order in the country. The people have given a decisive mandate against divisive policies of casteism, corruption, incapability, policy paralysis of the Congress.

This historic victory has some other

dimensions also. After a huge leap BJP has increased the numbers of its voters by whopping 10 crores as compared to that of 2009 general elections. Out of 282 parliamentary constituencies won by BJP, its candidates have won by more than 1 lakh vote in as many as 206 constituencies.

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In these elections Bharatiya Janata Party has achieved an unprecedented success in country's largest state, UP. Out of 80, 71 seats were won by BJP and two other seats were won by our allied

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parties. SP and Congress were confined to seats of their family candidates only. In this historic success of the party there is a huge contribution of party president Shri Amit Shah for which the party congratulates him whole heartedly. The big factor of BJP's victory was the charismatic and decisive leadership of Prime Ministers Shri Narendra Modi ji backed by the strong support of the Organisation and hard work of local leadership and Karyakartas.

The successes achieved in Chhattisgarh, Bihar, MP, Jharkhand, UP, Rajasthan, Rural Gujarat, Rural Karnataka and Rural Maharashtra by BJP shows that this is the mandate given by the poor. One more important aspect is that BJP got huge support on seats reserved for SC/STs in these elections as a result of which maximum number of SC/ST MPs got elected on BJP ticket. Three SC candidates of BJP, won on general seats. Moreover, BJP is honoured to have maximum representation of women MPs in parliament today.

There is a lesson for the Organisation in these

elections. The wave of popular leader and sentiment gets converted into votes where the organization is strong and the local leadership is established. That is why it is essential to strengthen the Organisation in all the states of the country and that is our responsibility.

The mandate of this election has been accepted very humbly by the BJP leadership, but Congress is not able to digest their worst defeat. The desperation is clearly visible. Their scramble for the post of LoP, their opposition to the bills which they presented during their tenure and disruption of parliament shows their inability to accept the people's verdict.

The New Beginning

On 26th May, 45-member cabinet has taken oath under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has displayed his vision by inviting heads of SAARC countries on the day of oath taking ceremony held in the courtyard of Rashtrapati Bhawan. This one gesture has earned our Prime Minister a massive goodwill from the leaders of the world.

The decision of the Union Cabinet at its first meeting itself to set up a SIT headed by Justice M B Shah to bring back black money stashed abroad amply displayed Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's decisive leadership. The issue of black money was very important for the country. The decision to constitute SIT was also in line with the party's promise during pre-election to bring back black money from abroad.

Budget: Attention on present, Eye on future

People of the country were eagerly awaiting the first budget of Modi Government. The Government had twin challenges before it while finalizing the General Budget for 2014-15. On the one hand, it had to fulfill the great expectations of the people of the country, on the other hand, there was a challenge to bring the economy back on track which had got completely derailed due to policy paralysis during the Congress-led UPA Government. The Government through its maiden budget, has converted these challenges into

opportunity.

While spelling out the road map for overall development of the country, the Budget gave certain immediate reliefs and support to all sections of the society. With the mantra of 'SABKA SATH SABKA VIKAS, this budget has taken a strong initiative in each sector. This budget is definitely the first step towards building a golden India. Effective steps and adequate budgetary support have also been extended for the development all crucial sectors, particularly, Education, Health, Infrastructure, and Employment Generation. Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitley deserves kudos for laying the strong edifice for the realization of the vision of "Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat" of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi through his budget. Members of the National Council would like to congratulate the BJP government wholeheartedly for this budget which has been presented for building a strong and development oriented India.

Well organised Rail system:

An effort has been made to present rail budget with a view to bring back Indian Railways on track, which was neck deep under loan of crores of rupees. Instead of new projects, an initiative has been taken in the direction of completing key projects. Special attention has been paid to passengers' amenities, safety and punctuality of trains. 58 new trains have been proposed and also provision has been made to run high speed trains. An initiative has also been taken in the budget to introduce bullet trains. Special emphasis has also been laid on sanitation as well as upkeep of stations. Instead of harping on propaganda, the Rail Budget has listed several steps with regard to enhancing passenger facilities.

Concrete initiative on price-rise

Congress-led UPA government had promised to contain price rise within 100 days but after coming to power they not only raised their hands but throughout its regime failed to take adequate and concrete steps to contain price rise. Even as prices of essential commodities went up, the Congress virtually remained a mute spectator. The failure of the Congress to rein in inflation resulted in the people showing them doors.

On the other hand, soon after coming to power, the BJP Government has shown its earnestness to check inflation by taking strong measures to stabilize prices of essential commodities. The National Council extends its whole hearted appreciation to the Government for having able to contain price rise during such a short period and expects that it would maintain a hawk's eye on the prices of essential commodities to make necessary intervention.

Dream of Nirmal –Aviral Ganga

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Hundreds and thousands of people have been suffering due to the havoc caused by floods in Kosi River year after year. There has also been loss of several lives and colossal loss to property every year. This year also we were facing this problem but government of India made constant contacts with Nepal government and used modern techniques to release water in such a way that the swell of water in the river could be controlled thereby saving precious lives and properties. This pro-active measure has resulted in showering of praise on Modi Government by the people Bihar, particularly from the residents of Kosi belt.

Strong International Presence

In line with the "Neighbours First" policy, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi made his first foreign visit to Bhutan. The visit assumes great significance as India and Bhutan enjoyed a great

historic and cultural relations. The commitment given by the Prime Minister to Bhutan of India's continued support for the progress of the Hill Nation has been well received by the people of that country.

In the BRICS Conference, India has registered its strong position under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi. The most important factor of this conference was setting up of a Development Bank whose name was suggested by Sh Modi as New Development Bank. The headquarters of this Bank will be in Shanghai and its first Chairman will be from India. China which wanted a bigger share in this Bank had to settle with equal share along with other member countries because of initiative taken by India. This National Council wholeheartedly welcomes PM Sh Narendra Modi for his diplomatic successes.

PM Modi's Nepal visit also proved a milestone in Indo-Nepal relations. After about 17 years India's Prime Minister visited Nepal. The visit has enhanced further the close relationship enjoyed between Nepal and India. This national Council is grateful to PM Shri Narendra Modi for taking steps to further strengthen Indo-Nepal relation. India's importance has also increased much in the new power equilibrium emerging in the world. America, China and Russia are making efforts to further enhance their relations with India. The US Secretary of State has appreciated the mantra of 'SABKA SATH-SABKA VIKAS of PM Narendra Modi and said that the US has also the same policy and that is why our thinking do match with the thinking of Modiji.

Successful Iraq Operation

The crisis going on in Iraq has affected Indians also, who are working there. This crisis was the topic of Indian media for several days and the report of many Indians being held hostage created a serious concern for the entire country. But Ministers of Foreign Affairs Smt Sushma Swaraj has solved this crisis very efficiently. Due to her relentless efforts, the Government was successful in freeing almost all the Indians held hostage in Iraq. This National Council congratulates Smt Sushma Swaraj and BJP led NDA govt. for their

timely and effective action because of which the crisis being faced by Indians working in Iraq was averted and entire country heaved a sigh of relief. WTO

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Discipline in administration

A veritable shift has come in the work culture in the ministries after the NDA government took charge. A new sense of accountability has been instilled in the bureaucracy. Transparency in various departments has been ensured. Instilling of this new work culture has inspired the bureaucracy. Also the steps taken by the Government for the speedy disposal of files and steps to enhance cleanliness in government establishments are praiseworthy. This National Council hopes that it will bring encouraging results in government functioning in the future. Marching towards all-round development

The people of the country have cut out task for the BJP Government. People want follow up of our two slogans 'SABKA SATH SAKBA VIKAS- and "Ek Bharat- Shreshtha Bharat'. We have

many challenges on the national and international arena. The Government has started on a positive note. Government is focusing on education, health, agriculture, infrastructure, irrigation, water, urbanization and overall job creation. Skilling India is a major scheme of the government.

The Government has just completed 70 days. People have trust in the Government and are in support of it. The National Council of the Party wants to reassure the people of this country that the Government will keep up its good performance and its decisions would benefit 125 crore people of the country. It will redeem the pledges given to the people in a definite timeframe.

The Party appeals that people should become partners in progress. People's participation is essential for success of any Government. ■

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Government and party should have one goal : Narendra Modi



While addressing BJP National Council meeting Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said on 9th Aug 2014 that after completing 60 days of his Government he is confident that the Government has started moving in the right direction and good results are expected in time to come to fulfil hope and aspiration of the people of the country.

Addressing the first council meeting of BJP after the Lok Sabha General Election Prime Minister told thousands of workers that the government and party should have one goal which must be inclusive and reach to the last man in the queue. Shri Modi stressed that his Government will fulfill all the expectations and aspirations of the people.

While elaborating the details about the stand of India at WTO, Shri Modi emphasized that he had two options – either to get good publicity in the overseas newspapers or safeguarding the interest of poorest of the poor and welfare of farmers in India. PM stressed that his Government has taken care of the poor which UPA Government overlooked since long.

Shri Narendra Modi said that regardless of the nuclear test by Atal Bihari Vajpayee government, or the new government's stand on WTO, both were in our national interest.

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- The government has started moving in the right direction - good results expected
- Even after the massive defeat opposition still doing vote-bank politics.
- India's stand at WTO is in the interest of poor and farmers



party which could not do anything in 60 years is asking for the results from us in 60 days.

Prime Minister emphasised on public participation and said that we should move towards participatory democracy and representative democracy.

Prime Minister informed that after the convening of the new government the world's attitude towards India has considerably changed. The reason for this is that this government has the absolute majority and mandate of the people to rule. The absolute majority gives the government the opportunity to become the world's defining accomplishment.

Prime Minister welcomed the new party presidents shri

Amit Shah. Prime Minister said that in the recent Lok Sabha elections, Mr Rajnath Singh was the captain of the team and Shri Amit Shah was "man of the match". PM expressed confidence that the party led by Shri Shah will be transcending new heights. He said that if Mr.

Amit Shah, had not got the responsibility of the UP state in charge for the elections, then the country would have not known his strengths.

The Prime Minister said that peace, unity, and brotherhood, is a precondition for development. He condemned such political parties which even after the

massive defeat in the elections are still playing vote bank politics and rupturing the very fabrics of society which was woven together.

While deliberating on details on the issues of the party PM Shri Modi credited the inspired party workers for the massive win. He said that organization should choose a topic separately from politics every year.

This topic should be connected to society, such as energy savings. He said that with new identity the party can strengthen its roots.

America has appreciated "Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas" (with everyone, for everyone's growth) mantra now significance of this mantra is understood by all. ■

BJP National Team of Office-bearers announced

BJP National President Shri Amit Bhai Shah has nominated the following as the National Office-bearers on 17th August 2014:

VICE PRESIDENTS

1 Shri Bandaru Dattatreya	Telangana	6 Smt. Poonam Mahajan	Maharashtra
2 Shri B.S. Yeddyurappa	Karnataka	7 Shri Ramvihar Netam	Chhattisgarh
3 Sh Satyapal Malik	Uttar Pradesh	8 Shri Arun Singh	Uttar Pradesh
4 Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi	Uttar Pradesh	9 Shri Sidharth Nath Singh	Uttar Pradesh
5 Shri Purushottam Rupala	Gujarat	10 Shri Sardar R.P. Singh	Delhi
6 Shri Prabhat Jha	Madhya Pradesh	11 Shri Shrikant Sharma	Uttar Pradesh
7 Shri Raghuwar Das	Jharkhand	12 Smt. Jyoti Dhruve	Madhya Pradesh
8 Smt Kiran Maheswari	Rajasthan	13 Shri Tarun Chugh	Punjab
9 Dr. Vinay Sahasrabudhe	Maharashtra	14 Shri Rajnish Kumar	Bihar
10 Smt Renu Devi	Bihar		
11 Shri Dinesh Sharma	Uttar Pradesh		

GENERAL SECRETARIES

1 Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda	Himachal Pradesh
2 Shri Rajeev Pratap Ruddy	Bihar
3 Shri Murlidhar Rao	Telangana
4 Shri Rammadhav	Andhra Pradesh
5 Sushree Saroj Pandey	Chhattisgarh
6 Shri Bhupendra Yadav	Rajasthan
7 Prof. Ram Shanakar Katheriya	Uttar Pradesh
8 Shri Ramlal (General Sec.Org.)	Delhi

Jt. GENERAL SEC. ORG.

1 Shri V. Satish	Karnataka
2 Shri Saudan Singh	Chhattisgarh
3 Shri Shiv Prakash	Uttar Pradesh
4 Shri B.L. Santosh	Karnataka

SECRETARIES

1 Shri Shyam Jaju	Maharashtra
2 Dr. Anil Jain	Delhi
3 Shri H. Raja	Tamil Nadu
4 Shri Romen Deka	Assam
5 Smt. Sudha Yadav	Haryana

SPOKESPERSONS

1 Shri Shahnawaj Husain	Bihar
2 Dr. Sudhanshu Trivedi	Uttar Pradesh
3 Smt. Meenakshi Lekhi	Delhi
4 Shri M.J. Aakbar	Delhi
5 Shri Vijay Sonkar Shashtri	Uttar Pradesh
6 Smt. Lalitha Kumaramangalam	Tamil Nadu
7 Shri Nalin S. Kohli	Delhi
8 Dr. Sambit Patra	Odisha
9 Shri Anil Baluni	Uttarakhand
10 Shri GVL Narsimha Rao	Andhra Pradesh

MORCHA PRESIDENT

Mahila Morcha	Smt. Vijaya Rahatkar (Maharashtra)
Youva Morcha	Shri Anurag Thakur (Himachal Pradesh)
S.C. Morcha	Shri Dushyant Kr Gautam (Delhi)
S.T. Morcha	Shri Faggan Singh Kulaste (Madhya Pradesh)
Minority Morcha	Shri Abdul Rashid Ansari

OFFICE SECRETARY

1 Er. Arun Kumar Jain	Delhi
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BJP President Amit Shah appoints four new state presidents

BJP National President Shri Amit Shah has appointed new party presidents in four states namely Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Tamil Nadu and Assam. Shri Nand Kumar Singh Chauhan, Member of Parliament was appointed as new state president of Madhya Pradesh. Shri Dharmpal Kaushik was appointed state president of Chhattisgarh while Shri Tamilisai Soundararajan was appointed as new state president of Tamil Nadu. Shri Siddharth Bhattacharya has been appointed the new state president of Assam.