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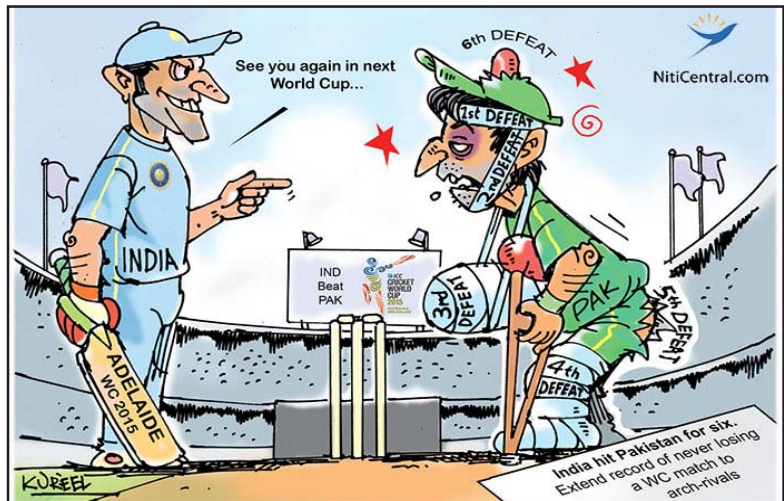
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*Therefore one whom has his senses subdued fully from the objects of the senses,  
 O mighty armed Arjuna is established in perfect knowledge.*

– (Bhagavadgita : Ch.-II, 68)

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"Electricity, education  
 are best weapons in the  
 fight against poverty."  
 -Narendra Modi

} "Development of the country depends on the all  
 } round development of all the states. We need to  
 } follow the principle of cooperative-federalism."  
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 } -Rajnath Singh

## Holi : March 06, 2015

Holi is an ancient major Hindu festival with its cultural rituals which has become popular with non-Hindus in many parts of the world, as well as people of other communities outside the Hindus. It is celebrated at the end of the winter season on the last full moon day of the lunar month Phalguna which usually falls in March. It is mentioned in the Puranas, Dasakumara Charita by the poet Kālidāsa during the reign of Chandragupta II. The celebration of Holi is also mentioned in the 7th-century Sanskrit drama, Ratnavali. Holi celebrations start with a Holika bonfire. Days before the festival people start gathering wood and combustible materials for the bonfire in parks, community centers, near temples and other open spaces. On top of the pyre is an effigy to signify Holika (Holika dahan) who tricked Prahalad into the fire. Inside homes, people stock up on colour pigments, food, party and festive seasonal foods such as gujiya, mathri, malpuas and other regional delicacies. Children and youth spray colored powder solutions (Gulal) at each other, laugh and celebrate, while elders tend to smear dry coloured powder (Abir) on each other's face.



The festival has many purposes. First and foremost, it celebrates the beginning of the new season, spring. In 17th century literature, it was identified as a festival that celebrated agriculture, commemorated good spring harvests and the fertile land. Hindus believe that it is a time of enjoying spring's abundant colours and saying farewell to winter.

Holi festivities mark the beginning of new year to many Hindus, as well as a justification to reset and renew ruptured relationships, end conflicts and accumulated emotional impurities from past. Like Holika Dahan, Kama Dahanam is celebrated in some parts of India. The festival of colours in these parts is called Rangapanchami, and occurs on fifth day after Panchami (full moon). Holi frolic and celebrations begin the morning after Holika bonfire. There is no tradition of holding puja (prayer), and the day is for partying and pure enjoyment.

Holi is also known as Phakuwa or Phagwah in Assam, Dolajâtra or Dol Jatra in Odisha and Basantotsav in West Bengal and Assam. The customs and celebrations vary between regions of India. Holi is of particular significance in the Braj region, which includes locations traditionally connected to the Lord Krishna: Mathura, Vrindavan, Nandgaon, Uttar Pradesh, and Barsana, which become tourist destinations during the season of Holi. ■



## Nitish ji, people are not fools!

The political journey of Bihar has been unstable for last two and half decades. In these two and half decades BJP-JDU government tirelessly tried to bring the politics of Bihar on the tracks of development after getting mandate from the people and by winning their faith. The reality of this effort was that the karyakartas of BJP who are present in every nook and corner of Bihar truly accepted Nitish Kumar as the leader of the alliance. This was the reason that in Bihar BJP-JDU alliance got not once but twice the mandate of the people and even more than three-fourth majority in the state.

But when a man is on the top he fails to understand the reasons due to which he reached the top. And gradually after forgetting the reason his ego takes birth. This ego led to the downfall of Nitish Kumar. Riding on the shoulders of lakhs of karyakartas Nitish Kumar felt that BJP existed in Bihar due to him. He forgot that BJP karyakartas carried him to victory like a kanwariya going to Baba Baidyanath dham.

The ego of Nitish Kumar touched its nadir when under the pretext of secularism and communalism he criticized BJP and Narendra Modi and became restless in moving towards the post of Prime Minister. And he became so ambitious that he trampled the BJP-JDU alliance under his feet. Perhaps he was not aware that BJP was an idea and a family and Nitish Kumar was a single man! He was completely exposed during the Lok Sabha elections. The punishment of breaking the alliance was given by the people in such a manner that he was thoroughly defeated. He was so helpless that he could not see eye to eye to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi as Chief Minister. A shameful eye has no respect in the society. While understanding this he played a card and tried to prove himself Sherpa Ten Singh of morality. Under the pretext of morality he himself resigned and made a mahadalit Jitan Ram Manjhi the chief minister of Bihar thinking that he will remain a puppet in his hands. Nitish Kumar who swore by morality was exposed when he as former chief minister started roaming in the state posing himself to be above the chief minister. People in Bihar started saying that Nitish was super chief minister.

Gradually mahadalit Jitan Ram Manjhi started freeing himself from his grip. Not only this he started making statements without his permission and taking cabinet decisions. Super chief minister Nitish Kumar could not digest such things and he started presenting Jitan Ram Manjhi through his supporters as a verbose and madman giving meaningless statements. The things did not stop there, he even started raising the demand of his removal through his supporters. In the meantime Jitan Ram Manjhi also started praising Narendra Modi as Prime Minister every now and then. This was too much for Nitish Kumar. He felt that Manjhi whom he thought to be a democratic fool was in reality emerging as a political leader. Thereafter Nitish Kumar openly started a battle against

Manjhi in JDU.

The situation turned bad to worse in JDU when its national president Sharad Yadav called a meeting of the legislative party and Manjhi termed it as constitutionally wrong. Manjhi had an inkling that the morality eight months back had turned into hell and Nitish Kumar was trying to become chief minister again. That's why he asked Nitish Kumar where the love for Mahadalit had gone? He openly challenged Nitish Kumar asking 'tell me what was my fault'. From Sharad Yadav to Nitish Kumar everyone made it a question of life and death so that Manjhi is removed and Nitish becomes the chief minister again.

When BJP used to criticize the statements of Jitan Ram Manjhi then JDU used to say that BJP was against mahadalit. The reality was that it was the internal struggle for power in JDU. When Nitish Kumar had resigned he had never asked BJP while choosing Jitan Ram Manjhi and neither BJP had anything to do with this. But the manner in which JDU and Nitish Kumar started the process of removing Jitan Ram Manjhi by insulting him - BJP opposed it. BJP was clear in saying that Nitish Kumar was committing political murder and humiliating mahadalit Manjhi for his political ambitions. Jitan Ram Manjhi himself said that he never did anything without asking Nitish Kumar. Nitish Kumar was not concerned about the political future of JDU but was mainly concerned about his own political future and ambitions. And this was the reason that first he decided to break alliance with BJP and then remove Jitan Ram Manjhi from the post of chief minister for the sake of his own ambition. The people of Bihar will never forgive Nitish Kumar.

In the political history of the socialists in India who can forget Acharya Narendra Dev, Ram Manohar Lohia and Karpooori Thakur. But these three leaders might have never imagined that Nitish Kumar in the name of socialist politics would become so individualistic. All those socialist thinkers who are concerned about the ideology should ponder over the falling standards of socialist politics. What an irony that Laloo Yadav against whom Nitish Kumar moved from village to village raising voice against his Jungle Raj and involvement in fodder scam has now surrendered himself in his feet for his political ambition. What kind of morality is this? Desire for the post became so extreme that to save his chair Nitish Kumar not only surrendered before Laloo but also before Sonia Gandhi. The Laloo-Sonia duo against whom the people of Bihar had given support to BJP-JDU, Nitish Kumar thinks that he will be able to get support of the people with the same Laloo-Sonia. Nitish ji, people are not fools!

Nitish Kumar is being held responsible for creating obstructions in the path of development of Bihar and the way politics of Bihar has been eclipsed for last few years. The people of Bihar are not only known for their political understanding but are also democratically mature. People are waiting for the right time and they will give their verdict when time comes.

In Bihar Bharatiya Janata Party should work for the people on the strength of its karyakartas. Whether it was the time of emergency of any other revolution, Bihar has been a big centre of all democratic opposition. Bihar wants political stability, it wants an acceptable leadership, Bihar is looking for a political party which can take the state forward on the path of development. Bihar wants to join the saga of development being written by Narendra Modi. Therefore the national and the state leadership by understanding the feelings of the people should engage themselves fully to win the hearts of the people.




## President's Address

### 'Government attaches paramount importance for safeguarding the interest of farmers and the poorer classes'

*Hon'ble President Shri Pranab Mukherjee addressed the joint sitting of both Houses of Parliament on 23 February 2015. He laid down the goals of the Narendra Modi led central government for the faster development of the country and said the Government attaches paramount importance for safeguarding the interest of farmers and the poorer classes of the society. Following are the highlights of his speech.*

#### Highlights of the Speech

- ▶ Measures have been initiated to stir action in a range of fields from sanitation to smart cities, poverty elimination to creation of wealth, skill development to conquering space, tapping demographic dividend to diplomatic initiatives, enhancing ease of doing business to putting in place a stable policy framework, empowering individuals to ensuring quality infrastructure, ending financial untouchability to making the country a manufacturing hub, containing inflation to stimulating economy, igniting minds to ensuring inclusive growth, promoting cooperative federalism to encouraging a competitive spirit among the states.
  - ▶ Government is working for the welfare of the poor, the marginalized and the vulnerable sections of the society.
  - ▶ Government launched an ambitious Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana to provide universal access to banking facilities – a bank account, having in-built accidental insurance with a Rupay debit card.
  - ▶ The coverage under the scheme is close to 100% with a record 13.2 crore new bank accounts being opened, 11.5 crore Rupay debit cards being issued and over '11,000 crore being deposited.
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- ▶ The biggest Direct Cash Transfer programme in the world, PAHAL, for transfer of LPG subsidy, has been extended across the country from 1st January, 2015, so far covering 75% of the user-households. In all, 35 schemes have been brought under Direct Benefit Transfer architecture.
  - ▶ Members of Parliament will spend at least fifty percent of their MPLADS funds on Swachh Bharat Mission.
  - ▶ "Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushal Yojana" and "Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Antyodaya Yojana" have been announced. Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana launched in October 2014, focuses on integrated and holistic development of our villages with active involvement of Members of Parliament.
  - ▶ Government is steadfast in fulfilling the aspirations of all households, particularly the poorest of the poor, to have a dwelling unit under the Mission "Housing for All"

by 2022, marking 75 years of our independence.

- ▶ Government attaches paramount importance to safeguard the interest of farmers and families affected by land acquisition. While taking utmost care to protect the interest of farmers, including their compensation entitlements, the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in 'Land Acquisition', Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act has been suitably refined to minimize certain procedural difficulties in acquisition of land inevitably required for critical public projects of infrastructure
- ▶ To address the irrigation requirements of every village in an effective and sustainable manner, Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana, is being launched.
- ▶ To upgrade skill and training in traditional arts/crafts of minorities, a new scheme "Upgrading the Skill and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development (USTTAD)" is being launched. Outcome based integrated approach has been adopted for tribal development under the Van Bandhu Kalyan Yojana. Nanaji Deshmukh Scheme is being launched for construction of Hostels for Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes.
- ▶ To ensure access to education in the remotest areas, Ishan Vikas and Ishan Uday schemes have been started with focus on students of North-Eastern regions. Government has formulated National Sports Talent Search Scheme for encouraging sporting talent amongst children.
- ▶ A new "National Policy for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship" is on the anvil to align skilling initiatives with global standards. Focus will be on the youth from deprived households in rural areas.
- ▶ To create an inclusive, enabling and empowering environment for Persons with Disabilities, Government has launched new scholarship schemes for students with disabilities. A national help

line with toll free number has been launched for those who need help against drug de-addiction and for rehabilitation.

- ▶ National AYUSH Mission has been launched to promote cost effective AYUSH services, strengthen the education system and facilitate availability of quality AYUSH drugs.
- ▶ Another initiative has been the launch of Himmat, a mobile based application, to ensure women's safety in Delhi.
- ▶ To ensure survival, protection and education of the girl child, Government has launched Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao Abhiyaan, which seeks to change mindsets to celebrate the girl child. A new small saving scheme 'Sukanya Samriddhi Account' has been notified for enabling the education of the girl child.
- ▶ Government is pledged to decentralization of power and as an important step in this direction, the Planning Commission has been replaced with a new body- The National Institution for Transforming India - NITI Aayog.
- ▶ As a result of my Government's sustained efforts and series of policy initiatives, our economy is again on the high growth trajectory. According to the latest estimates, our GDP is growing at 7.4%, which makes India the fastest growing large economy in the world. Inflation and Food inflation, in particular, are at a record low due to a number of decisive measures taken by the Government.
- ▶ Government is committed to taking all possible measures to stop generation of black money, both domestically and internationally.
- ▶ Government has launched the "Make in India" programme which aims to create a wholesome eco-system to transform India into a manufacturing hub. FDI in Railways has been opened up selectively to bring in much needed capital, state-of-the-art technology and global best practices. FDI in Defence has been increased to 49% subject to certain conditions. FDI norms



## PM Narendra Modi vows 'Make in India' boost for defence manufacturing sector

**M**aking a strong pitch to end India's dependence on defence imports, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on February 18 promised a conducive environment for manufacturers, including a discrimination-free tax system, and asked foreign firms not to be just "sellers" but "strategic partners".

Inaugurating the 10th 'Aero India' show here, the Prime Minister said while the country needs to increase its defence preparedness and modernise

its forces due to security challenges that were well known, it should aim to manufacture 70 per cent of military hardware domestically in next five years and remove the tag of being number one importer of defence equipment.

Stressing that developing domestic defence industry "is at the heart of the 'Make in India' programme", he said, "We will build an industry that will have room for everyone - public sector, private sector and foreign firms".

"From sellers, foreign firms must turn into strategic partners. We need their technology, skills, systems integration and manufacturing strength," he said.

He said "This is the largest ever Aero India. This reflects a new level of confidence within our country and global interest in India." Union Defence Minister Shri Manohar Parrikar also addressed on the occasion.

The show was attended by foreign defence ministers and global dignitaries. (FOC) ■



in Construction & Development sector have been relaxed.

- ▶ Government is committed to reform and infuse new vitality into the railway sector through better services, improved passenger-safety, and increased movement of freight. Two Dedicated Freight Corridors (DFCs), namely, Eastern DFC and Western DFC are likely to be commissioned by 2019. Action for conducting feasibility studies for the Diamond Quadrilateral project of High Speed Trains connecting Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata has been taken up.
- ▶ "Namami Gange", an Integrated Ganga Conservation Mission has been set-up with budgetary allocation of more than ` 2000

crore. The Government is fully committed to the implementation of Interlinking of Rivers Project with due consultation process.

- ▶ Government has also decided to launch a satellite for the use of SAARC countries to foster greater partnership and development of South Asian Region.

Government's efforts have enhanced global recognition for India's rich cultural heritage and traditions. On 11th December 2014, the United Nations, with a record co-sponsorship of 177 out of 193 member countries, took the historic decision to declare 21 June as 'International Yoga Day', exactly within 75 days of Prime Minister's call at the United Nations General Assembly. ■

# After March 31 BJP will be the largest political party in the world : Dinesh Sharma



*BJP National Vice-President Shri Dinesh Sharma who hails from Uttar Pradesh is also the mayor of Lucknow, the capital city of UP. He is the National Convenor of the massive BJP Membership Drive. In an Exclusive Interview for Kamal Sandesh with Editorial Board Member Ram Prasad Tripathy, Shri Dinesh Sharma revealed the grand plan of Membership Drive and the achievements of the organization in this regard. He outlined some of the ambitious plans of the organization for the near future and expressed his confidence on the success of the membership drive that will make BJP the largest political party in the world, come March 31.. Excerpts:*

**Following the historic victory in the Lok Sabha and a series of State Assembly elections the BJP launched a massive nationwide membership drive to enroll at least 10 crore new members. How the Party will achieve the target and what is its mechanism?**

To strengthen the party organization Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and BJP National Present Shri Amit Shah launched a nationwide membership drive on November 01, 2014 to enroll at least three to four times of primary members into the party fold. They themselves became primary members of the party by using their mobile phones on the same day. Notably, BJP is currently the only democratic political party in this country which has been doing this type of membership drive in a gap of every six years starting from its inception. The present drive will continue till March 31, 2015. The massive participation of the common people will make this programme successful and we will surpass our target.

Like earlier occasions, BJP is organizing this massive membership drive but so far as the mechanism is concerned, apart from the traditional methods for the first time we are using technology and enrolling members over mobile phone.

**How a person can become a primary member of BJP and what is the procedure to become an active member?**

Anybody interested will have to make a call to 18002662020 for joining BJP. However, from April 1 we are launching 'Sadasyata Maha Abhiyan' and our Karyakartas will visit every primary member's house and will register them. As per the plan, during the month of April and May we will distribute 'Identity Cards' to every primary member. Those who found with criminal records or found not fit as a member of BJP will be disqualified.

To become an active member one has to make at least 100 primary members. Party has issued a 'Membership Form' for them for this purpose and the Karyakartas in their



7 days *Pravash* have to collect the Membership Number, Name of the person and Telephone Number of that primary member and deposit it with the Mandal/District President of the party. Then he/she can become an active member.

**What is the logic behind the introduction of mobile technology for enrollment of members?**

As per survey reports there are more than 93 crore mobile users in India. These figures encouraged us to use mobile technology for the enrollment of our members. Last time in one and half years effort we enrolled 3.7 crore members through Receipt Books. Therefore, this time the organization has decided to introduce new technology for the conscription of membership through mobile. The response was encouraging. Till date (22 February, 2015) BJP has 5 crore 70 lakh registered members and received around 10 corer calls. We have not added these calls in the registered members list. Even this time 66 lakh people took membership of BJP through Receipt Books. Now the mobile online membership drive is on and we are hopeful that by using this technology we will multiply our members at least 3-4 times.

**What's the plan for those who have no mobile phones? How they can become members of BJP?**

We have allowed 'One mobile One member' system. If we allow multiple members from one mobile number then the figure will swell several times. However, persons without having mobile phones have to send an SMS to the no. 9242492424 and he/she can become a member of BJP. Secondly, the traditional membership through 'Receipt Books' system is there. But we will consider their membership later.

**What's the response to the membership drive till date?**

In the first 30 days after launching the programme we enrolled 1 crore members, then in the next 22 days we enrolled 1 crore, in the subsequent period of next 13 days, 15 days, 16 days and 18 days duration respectively we enrolled 1 crore members each. Therefore, the memberships are rising consistently. In states like Rajasthan, West Bengal, Bihar, UP, Assam, Odisha and Southern States the membership of BJP has crossed all records and has registered a phenomenal rise. Earlier, West Bengal had 1.5 lakh members. After November 01 and till now we have registered 20 lakh new members. Similarly, in Karnataka we have 45 lakh new members, Delhi 26 lakh, Rajasthan 40 lakh, Gujarat 60 lakh and people are enthusiastically taking membership in every other state. It reveals the success and popularity of the programme.

**Is there any target BJP has fixed to achieve so far as the numbers are concerned?**

We have not fixed any target but the aim is to increase the primary membership of the party at least 3-4 times and active membership by at least 50% more than the present figures. Now the Communist Party of China has an actual membership of around 6.5 crore. However, they have forcefully included the army, police and government employees as members taking the number to 8 crore. One thing is certain that after March 31 BJP will cross that figure and will become the largest political party in the world.

**Is there any training programme planned by the party to inculcate the ideology of BJP in the new members?**

After the 'Sadasyata Maha Abhiyan' the party will organize training camps in June

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# People are showing enormous interest in membership drive : Arun Singh

*BJP National Secretary and Co-Convener of the Membership drive, Shri Arun Singh extensively talked to Ram Prasad Tripathy, Editorial Board Member of Kamal Sandesh about the massive membership drive. Excerpts:*



## 1. What's the logic behind the use of mobile phone in the membership drive and how the Karyakartas stand to benefit from this?

Majority of people in India have now access to mobile phones. For that reason, the motive behind the enrollment of members over mobile phone is to provide the platform to people from all strata of society to join the party as per their will and by simply giving a miscall from their own mobile.

Secondly, by this move BJP will get the largest online data base of karyakartas, which will strengthen the party and party information can be disseminated throughout the country at a time.

Thirdly, at any point of time the leadership can contact the booth level karyakartas directly and communicate the message of the party and achievements of the government to them and take their feedback from the grassroot. As a result two-way communication will be possible.

Fourthly, without any discrimination anybody can become the member of the party and Last but not the least, this move is also intended to nurture a sense of belonging amongst the karyakartas.

## Is there any plan to educate the new members on the ideology of BJP? Can you please shed more light on it?

Following the membership drive, from April 01 we are starting a MahaSamparkAbhiyan throughout the country. BJP karyakartas will provide Membership Identity card and collect age group and all information about our primary members till May. In June and July we will organize training camps for around 15 lakh new Active Members in the country. We have divided the training programme into three parts.

First part will be on Parties' Ideology.

The sacrifice and hard work of many like Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee, Pt. DeendayalUpadhyay, Shri Sunder Singh Bhandari, RajmataVijayaRajeScindia, Shri Jagannath Rao Joshi and Shri NanajiDeshmukh have made this party strong. As a result of the constant efforts made by many senior leaders like our respected leaders Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Shri Lal Krishna Advani we have come to this stage. We will take forward the works of our senior leaders and through this training programme we will educate our members on the ideology and the works done by our senior leaders.

Second part will be on the achievements of the Government.

And the last part will focus on 'Karyakarta ka Vikas' & 'Karyakartao Ka Nirman'

### **How people are responding to this drive?**

Membership over mobile phone is an innovative idea. Now anybody can become a member without any discrimination. To spread the number for miscalls apart from the traditional roots we are also using the Social media platforms like Twitter, Facebook and using phone message. For this, thousands of party workers are also being trained in different states. These workers are visiting the villages, railway platforms, bus stands and other crowded places, informing about BJP's membership drive. The activism of our karyakartas is

praiseworthy and this programme will succeed on their activism.

So far as peoples' response is concerned due to the simple technology common people are showing enormous interest in it. In states like West Bengal, Bihar, UP, Assam, Odisha and Southern States the membership of BJP has crossed all previous records and has registered a rise of around 10 to 20 times more than the previous occasions. We are hopeful the drive will cross all records and make BJP world's largest political organization. ■

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and July in a big way for the new members and active members of the party and we will inculcate the ideology of BJP in them.

### **Do you have any plan to expand the membership of the party further after the completion of this drive on March 31?**

The 'SadasyataAbhiyan' will culminate on March 31. Following that the organization has decided to celebrate the whole Year 2015 as 'SadasyataParbVarsh'. The aim of this 'SadasyataParbVarsh' is to reach out to every household of this country and 'GharGharBhajapa' or a member from each and every household of the country in BJP, as the final objective of the party.

### **9. How BJP is organizing such a big membership drive and what's the scope for a karyakarta to contribute?**

It is the biggest programme for membership drive by any political party in the world. Thus, BJP National President Shri Amit Shah is himself monitoring the programme and visiting every State for this purpose. I am the convener of this programme and have already visited 18 states. National Co-Conveners of the BJP Membership Drive, namely, Dr. Vinay Sahasrabuddhe, Shri Arun Singh, Shri CT Ravi and Smt. Sudha Yadav are also visiting and conducting meetings in divisional and district level cities and towns of different States. Likewise, in every State we have Convener and Co-Conveners and the States have channelized this organization up to the *Mandal* level.

However, we are encouraging the Karyakartas to make more members. We have decided that those karyakartas who will make 1000 or more members, will be felicitated in the State level and those who make more than 5 thousand members like Shri Sagar Joshi of Rajasthan (enrolled 15,000 members single handedly) and Shri CR Patil, MP, Surat, Gujarat (who enrolled more than 6000 members) the organization will felicitate them in the Central level. Actually, it is the active involvement of the party karyakartas' which is making this drive a gigantic success and it will surely enable the BJP to become the largest political party in the world. ■

# Politics in India

By Deendayal Upadhyaya

INDIAN politics cannot be thought apart from the culture and philosophy of life of this country. Indian culture is integrationist. In spite of accepting the superficial differences in the various parts of the world and in various aspects of life it seeks their internal unity and synthesizes them. Both socialism and democracy are the results of class struggle. Although the objective of both is to end this struggle and establish unity the way they have adopted for this purpose has only changed the form of these classes, not ended them, and hence this struggle has become more acute. Democracy held that the struggle between the King and the Subjects is eternal and therefore it put an end to the King. But a struggle between the different classes of the people has been permanently accepted by democracy. Socialism made the struggle between the haves and the have-nots its basis. The classes changed but the struggle did not end, because all systems of thought of the West spring from Darwin's theory of

survival of the fittest. The world goes on not because of strife but because of synthesis and cooperation. The world is created and continues not because of the conflict between 'Purush' and 'Prakriti' but because of their



inter-dependence. Hence all actions should be discussed and analysed not on the basis of class struggle and class antagonism but on the basis of interdependence, complementariness and mutual cooperation.

## PEOPLE MAKE PARTIES

If you are a democrat do not be dictated by anybody but your conscience. Political parties that stand for the people also stand on the strength of the people. If the

people want that nobody should bend them the people should lend them their strength. It is the people who are the architects of political parties, and through them of their political destiny.

## A GOOD PARTY

Which is a good party? Evidently the one that is not simply a collection of individuals but is a body corporate with a distinctive purposeful existence different from its desire to capture power. Political power should be a means rather than an end to the members of such a party. There should be devotion to a cause in the rank

and file of the party. Devotion leads to dedication and discipline. Discipline does not mean simply outward conformity to certain do's and don't's. The more you impose discipline from above the less is the internal strength of the party. Discipline is to a party what Dharma is to a society. PHILOSOPHY FOR POLITICAL PARTIES

Let the different political parties try to evolve a philosophy for themselves.

Let them not be mere conglomerations of persons joined together for some selfish ends. It should be something different from a commercial undertaking or a joint stock company. It is also necessary that the philosophy of the party is not kept confined to the pages of the party manifesto. Members should understand It and devote themselves to translating it into action.

#### THE QUESTION OF DISCIPLINE

The question of discipline in the rank of a party is important not only to keep the party in perfect health but also because of its bearing on the conduct of the people in general. A government is primarily an instrument of conservation and protection and not of destruction, or change. To inculcate a reverence for law in the people demands that the parties who aspire to be guardians of law should themselves set an example in this direction. The essence of democracy is a spirit of, and capacity for, self-governance. If the parties cannot govern themselves how can they hope to create in the community a desire for self-governance? While on the one hand it is essential for the community to guarantee and protect individual freedom it is desirable on the other hand, for the individual to willingly submit to the general will. The greater this submission the less will be the coercive

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power of the State. In a party whose affairs are regulated not by any state law but by the decisions voluntarily accepted by the party units, one can set an example of how best individual freedom and social responsibility can be balanced.

It is, therefore, necessary for the parties to prescribe a code of conduct for their members and to strictly follow it.

#### DUTY OF ELECTORATE

A bad candidate cannot claim a premium just because the party he belongs to is good. An evil is an evil and, like the proverbial ill-wind,

cannot blow good to anyone anywhere. The party High Command in giving a ticket to such a man might have acted on a partisan basis or, with the best of intentions, it might have committed an error of judgment. It is the duty of a responsible electorate to rectify such a mistake.

#### VOTE IS A MANDATE

PEOPLE should also realise that a vote is not an instrument of expressing gratefulness to any candidate but a mandate to carry out their wishes.

#### MINORITY PHOBIA

FRANK Anthony maintains that English should find a place in the Constitution because it is the language of a minority i.e. the Anglo-Indians. If Shri Anthony feels as a national he should cease to think in terms of minorities and majorities. After all, this dichotomy has a restricted purpose in parliamentary democracy. We cannot extend It to plague our entire national life. If we do so there will be a number of minorities as we go on changing our basis of classification, with the result that everybody will belong to some minority or other. here can be religious minorities, linguistic minorities, political minorities, racial minorities, occupational minorities and so on. ■

*(Excerpts from the book - "Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya A Profile" edited by Sudhakar Raje.)*

## Senior BJP leader Harish Chandra Srivastava passes away

Senior BJP leader and former cabinet minister in the Uttar Pradesh government Shri Harish Chandra Srivastava passed away on January 18, 2015. The 90-year-old leader was keeping unwell for a long time. The last rites took place at Harishchandra ghat on the day. Shri Srivastava was elected to Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly from Varanasi thrice. He served as a cabinet minister in 1977 Janata Party ministry. Born in the year 1925 in Manikpur village in Goraphpur, the leader was elected as an MLA from there for the first time. He came in contact with Nanaji Deshmukh and joined Jansangh. He is survived by wife Smt. Jyotsana Srivastava, a son and a daughter. Smt. Jyotsana Srivastava is an elected BJP MLA from Cantonment seat in Varanasi. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, to Saurabh Srivastava, son of the deceased over phone and condoled the death of the veteran leader. (FOC) ■



## Amit Shah meets Chinese delegation led By H. E. Mr Wang Jiarui



The BJP National President Shri Amit Shah met H. E. Mr Wang Jiarui, Minister of the International Department of the CPC Central Committee, Communist Party of China, on February 15 at BJP Headquarters, New Delhi. Shri Amit Shah welcomed Mr Wang Jiarui to India for being the first official visitor during "Visit India" year being celebrated in China. During this meeting, both the leaders exchanged views on various ways to enhance dialogue between Communist Party of China and Bharatiya Janata party and people to people interactions between two countries. Mr Wang Jiarui also extended invitation to Shri Amit Shah to visit China. Shri Ramlal (Gen Secretary, Org), Shri Ram Madhav (Gen Secretary), Shri Bhupendra Yadav (Gen Secretary) and Dr Vijay Chauthaiwale (In-Charge, Foreign Affairs Cell) were also present during the meeting. (FOC) ■

# 'My government will ensure complete freedom of religion' : Narendra Modi

**G**overnment will not allow any religious group belonging to majority or minority to incite hatred against others overtly or covertly", Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said. He was addressing the function at Vigyan Bhawan to celebrate the elevation of Kuriakose Elias Chavara and Mother Euphrasia to Sainthood on 17 February, 2015 in New Delhi.

He said the Union government gives equal respect to all religions and will not allow any religious group to incite hatred and will strongly act against any religious violence.

"My government will ensure that there is complete freedom of faith and that everyone has the undeniable right to retain or adopt the religion of his or her choice without coercion or undue influence.

In a stern warning to fringe elements, he said, "We cannot accept violence against any religion on any pretext and I strongly condemn such violence. My government will

act strongly in this regard."

Noting that the world is increasingly witnessing division and hostility on religious lines and the issue has become a matter of global concern, the Prime Minister said the ancient Indian plea of mutual respect for all faiths

Invoking the Buddha and Mahatma Gandhi, Shri Modi said that equal respect for all religions must be in the DNA of every Indian.

Seeking harmony, the Prime Minister appealed to all religious groups to act with restraint, mutual respect and



is now beginning to manifest in global discourse.

Observing that the world is at crossroads, he said if not crossed properly it "can throw us back to the dark days of bigotry, fanaticism and bloodshed". He further said that this harmonious convergence among religions could not be achieved even when the world entered the third millennium.

tolerance in the true spirit of the ancient nation which is manifest in the Constitution and in line with the Hague Declaration.

The Prime Minister said the world is increasingly witnessing division and hostility on religious lines. "This has become a matter of global concern. In this context the ancient Indian plea of mutual respect for all faiths is

now beginning to manifest in global discourse," he said.

Shri Modi said the long-felt need and urge for mutually respectful relations led to the interfaith conference on 'Faith in Human Rights' at the Hague in December, 2008.

"In their historic declaration, they defined what constitutes freedom of faith and how it is to be safeguarded... speaking for India, and for my government, I declare that my government stands by every word of the above declaration. My government will ensure that there is complete freedom of faith and that everyone has the undeniable right to retain or adopt the religion of his or her choice without coercion or undue influence," he told the gathering.

Referring to his development mantra of 'sabka saath, sabka vikas', the PM said in simple terms it means food on every table, every child in school, a job for everybody and a house with toilet and electricity for every family.

"This will make India proud. We can achieve this through unity. Unity strengthens us. Division weakens us. I sincerely request all Indians, and all of you present here to support me in this huge task," Shri Modi said.

Speaking on the occasion, Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitley referred to the recent incidents of attacks on churches in Delhi. He said these are "unacceptable aberrations". He said the guilty will be brought to book and there is "no space" in India for such people.

He said while the state detached itself from religion, it allowed religion to be professed, followed and to be propagated.

Archbishops Andrew Thazah and Anil Couto, while addressing the gathering, expressed concern on attacks on churches and hoped the government will take appropriate steps. (FOC) ■

## PM to students : Compete with yourself, not with others

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on February 22 urged students to shed their stress and worry, and develop a positive attitude. He was addressing students on the radio programme Mann Ki Baat ahead of board and competitive examinations.

The Prime Minister said he is with them at an important juncture in their life. He said he will not advise them on how to get more



marks, but emphasized the importance of the right attitude towards exams. He urged students not to get nervous or tense. He said while all efforts should be made to perform well, exams should not become a burden.

Giving the example of the famous athlete Sergei Bubka, who broke his own record 35 times, the Prime Minister said competition should not be with others, but with oneself. He urged students to have faith in their own abilities, preparation and hard work.

Be steadfast in your goals, firm in your resolve; success will follow, the Prime Minister said.

He said exams should be a means to learn and recognize one's own capabilities, and not to show them off to others.

The Prime Minister wished all students well for the forthcoming examinations. ■



# 'Darkness will be dispelled, the Sun will rise and the Lotus shall bloom'



*Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee remains a towering figure in Indian politics. His contribution to Indian politics and public life is immense and he is an inspiration to large number of people. The nation has also celebrated his birth day as 'Sushashan Divas' on 25th December 2014. Atalji became the first president of Bharatiya Janata Party at the time of its formation on 6th April 1980. The circumstance that led to the formation of BJP and that necessitated the parting ways from then Janata Party were unique and offered a challenge to the members of erstwhile Jansangh who had decided to merge with Janata Party in the national interest. Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee led the party to face the challenges of the time and restarted the process of building the new party. The Presidential Speech delivered by Atalji in the National Council meeting held in Bombay (now Mumbai) on 28-30 December 1980 set tone for the new spirit of the party and announced the new found resolve of the karyakartas of erstwhile Jansangh to rededicate themselves in the service of Maa Bharati. It was a historic speech. We have been publishing the Presidential Address of Atalji for our esteemed readers in a series. The final part of the series is published below:*

## Politicians Encouraging Infiltration

The responsibility for the present situation in Assam rests on those political leaders who, out of selfish motive, not only turned a blind eye to foreign infiltration, but were also guilty of encouraging it. The soul of Assam is already beset with many wounds. The rest of India, by its indifference and the central leadership, by its short-sightedness, should not commit the sin of its complete destruction.

## Economic Situation-1977 and 1980

The responsibility for the present economic crisis in the country lies squarely on the policies, or absence of policies, of the present Government. In China, they have a habit of naming their years. One is called the Year of the Moon, another the Year of the Lion, and so on. If we were to emulate their practice, Smt. Gandhi's first year in office would be remembered as the Year of the Snail. Nothing moved during the year. It was as if time had stood still. In contrast, the Janata Government's two years were really years of the Galloping Horse!

## Slow pace of Development

The worst aspect of this economic

stagnancy is that the Government did not even know that things had stopped moving. Finance Minister Venkataraman kept on changing his figures. He began by saying while presenting his disastrous budget—that industrial production would go up by 8 to 10 per cent. He has now admitted that it may be no more than 4 per cent. As usual, he is wrong. In fact, industrial production may be just 2 per cent more than last year.

## Soaring Inflation

One of the major election planks of this Government was: Curbing inflation. But the only two things that have gone up during the Congress regime are prices, and the share market. Everything else has been going down and down. During the Janata regime, national income went up by 6.2 per cent. This year the increase may not be more than 3 per cent. Industrial production during the Janata regime was 5.5 per cent a year. This year, it will be less than two per cent. Again during the Janata regime, prices were stabilised; the increase was only nominal. This year, they have gone up by 20 per cent, and are still going up.

The Prime Minister says she had handed to the Janata Government a sound economy but that the Janata made a mess of it. She forgets that there was a drought in 1976-77, a year before Janata came to power. Then, there was a drought last year. Even then we did very well and the economy expanded. Now it is the other way round.

#### Falling Foreign Exchange Reserves

A good economy almost always results in good foreign exchange reserves. During the Janata years, the reserves went up by Rs. 2350 crore and when we left the Government, the reserves stood at Rs. 5200 crore. Since then they have been coming down by as much as Rs. 600 crore per year. The nation's wealth is being squandered.

We hear a great deal these days about the Sixth Plan. The Planning Commission boasts of having drawn up the Plan in a jiffy. Actually, all they have done is to chop and change the old Plan prepared by the Janata and present it as a new Plan. That is of course excusable. But what is going to happen now, and which can never be condoned, is that the Plan itself will be scrapped, because the way the prices are going up the Plan will be no more than a paper doll.

Let us not delude ourselves into thinking that India is among the top ten industrial countries of the world. Why should a big country like India be among the top ten, and not among the top five? The world is moving ahead much faster than we are. Even small countries like South Korea have left us far behind. A nation's economy is like a man on a bicycle: if you stop pedalling, you fall down. This Government stopped pedalling long ago, and is about to fall.

#### At the Crossroads

However, one need not be much concerned about the question whether this Government will fall or survive. In a democracy, Governments will come and Governments will go. The pertinent question really is: Will India be able to face the present challenges successfully on the basis of its value-system and be able to build a new future for itself?

Friends, the situation is grave. The country is once again standing at the cross-roads of destiny. On one side, we can see clearly the threat of authoritarianism; on the other, we can also

perceive the dangers of anarchy. We have to prepare the people to face these twin dangers. The BJP does not favour the politics of confrontation, but at the same time we would never shy away from confrontation, if the situation so demands.

#### Democracy Must be Defended

The soul of Indian democracy dwells in the intense desire of our 650 million people for equality and for freedom from exploitation. Those who keep thinking of devising ways to destroy or debilitate democracy can do so only at the risk of being swept away by the fury of the people.

#### Change the Status Quo

In our struggle for the restoration of moral values and in defence of democracy, let us involve the farmers, the workers, the rural poor, the artisans, the youth, the students and the women and create in them the realisation that their conditions would improve only if they exert in a corporate manner to change the status quo.

#### A Call for Relentless Struggle for Democracy and Social Justice

The BJP is resolved to devote itself to politics rooted in the

soil. Only by that course can we restore the confidence of the people

in politics, political parties and political leaders. The days of summit politics are over. Manipulative politics also has no future. There is no place in BJP for people madly in pursuit of post, position and pelf. Those who lack courage or self-respect may go and prostrate themselves at the Delhi Durbar. So far as we are concerned, we are determined to wage a relentless struggle against the dangers I have indicated. With the Constitution of India in one hand and the banner of equality in the other, let us get set for the struggle. Let us take inspiration from the life and struggle of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. Let Mahatma Phule be our guide in our crusade for social justice.

#### The Lotus shall Bloom

Standing on the shores of this ocean beneath the Western ghats, I can say this with confidence about the future: Darkness will be dispelled, the Sun will rise and the Lotus shall bloom!

**Vande Mataram!**

The End.

# BJP registers phenomenal victory in Assam local bodies polls

From Our Correspondent

After the Lok Sabha elections Assam has once again offered a reason to the BJP to cheer as the party registered a historic victory in the Local Bodies Polls in Northeast India's largest State.

Elections for 74 municipal boards and town committees were held of which the BJP has won majority in 38. Electors have given a massive jolt to ruling Congress which has won just 17 bodies. It is significant to note that the ruling party had won 71 of these bodies last time.

The BJP's victory is phenomenal as with these results, it has been proved that the party has emerged as the top choice of the people to govern at local level. The party won 340 of 746 municipal board and town committee wards in the state. Experts believe that the local body elections were a semi-final of 2016 State Assembly election.

The BJP got a clear majority in 28-ward Silchar municipality polls by wresting 16 seats, while the Congress ended up with eight seats. It had put an end to the Congress reign in Silchar. The BJP also narrowly won the Dhemaji municipality. In lower Assam, the BJP stormed to power in the

Dhubri municipal board, winning 10 of the 16 wards. In central and upper Assam, the BJP has emerged victorious in many municipal boards and town committees.

The party got majority in two municipality boards and three town committees in Sonitpur district. It swept the Dibrugarh municipal board election by winning 16 of the 22 wards. The Congress finished with five wards.

The BJP also managed to get a majority in the Nazira municipal board elections. Interestingly, both the Congress and the BJP were tied at the Sivasagar and Sonari municipal boards and also in Demow and Simaluguri town committees.

Congress is in power in the State for nearly 15 years and the BJP's victory is a clear indication of people's desire for change.

This is also corroborated by 2014 Lok Sabha election when the BJP won 7 of 14 seats in the State while the Congress's tally got decimated from 7 of 2009 to 3.

More than 73 per cent of an estimated 14 lakh voter exercised their franchise in the polls held on February nine last to decide the fate of 2,900 candidates. Repoll was held in a booth of Ward No-2 in

Hojai municipality following complaints regarding anomalies in ballot papers by the candidates. Election was adjourned in three wards under Demow town committee following a Gauhati High Court order.

The Congress had swept the urban body polls in 2009, winning 400-plus wards with the AGP and the BJP finishing a distant second and third respectively.

Issues like Bangladeshi migrants, unemployment and poor economic backwardness have been some of the issues which have largely made people disenchanted with the Congress this time while the BJP's agenda of growth and development has fascinated the votes of the State. BJP is gearing up to unseat Congress in the Assembly poll which is to be held next year.

BJP thanks voters for major victory in local body polls

BJP thanked the people of Assam for giving a major victory in urban body elections. BJP said, Assam witnessed 74 urban bodies election on February 9<sup>th</sup> and this Clean sweep in Assam for BJP in local body elections indicates that people of Assam have decided to elect BJP in upcoming assembly polls in 2016." ■

# India inks nuclear pact with Sri Lanka

Newly elected Sri Lankan President made his maiden foreign trip to India. He stayed in India from February 15 to 18. Before leaving Sri Lanka for India, he emphasized, while talking to media, on shared values of pluralism and democracy that bind the two South Asian neighbours. Shri Srisena dethroned Rajapaksha in presidential poll held on January 9 indicated to have closer relations with India. He termed the visit as new beginning with India.

**STRENGTHENING FRIENDSHIP**  
**NEIGHBOURS AGREE TO EXPAND DEFENCE TIES**

**PEACEFUL USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY**  
• To join hands in transfer of expertise, training of personnel in nuclear safety

**CULTURAL COOPERATION**  
• To enhance ties in performing arts, cultural documentation

**MoU ON NALANDA UNIVERSITY**  
• To enable Sri Lanka to participate in the Nalanda University Project

**WORK PLAN UNDER MoU ON COOPERATION IN AGRICULTURE**  
• To facilitate ties in agro-processing

*PM Modi with Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena in New Delhi*

In a sign of a closer strategic partnership between Sri Lanka's new government and India, President Maithripala Sirisena and Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi concluded a civil nuclear cooperation agreement on February 17, which is Sri Lanka's first nuclear partnership with any country.

Calling the bilateral agreement on civil nuclear cooperation "another demonstration of our mutual trust," Shri Modi said India and Sri Lanka had also agreed to expand defence and strategic cooperation, including a "trilateral format" with the Maldives.

Officials on both sides said the agreement on nuclear cooperation was an initial one and would not lead to the construction of nuclear energy reactors immediately. According to an official release, the agreement "would facilitate

cooperation in the transfer and exchange of knowledge and expertise, sharing of resources, capacity building and training of personnel in peaceful uses of nuclear energy, including use of radioisotopes, nuclear safety, radiation safety, nuclear security, radioactive waste management and nuclear and radiological disaster mitigation and environmental protection."

India, Sri Lanka sign three pacts

Calling his visit to New Delhi a "remarkable milestone" in taking India-Sri Lanka relations to a "greater height," President Shri Maithripala Sirisena expressed satisfaction that the visit had "borne very fruitful results."

Shri Sirisena and Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi witnessed the signing of three agreements on agricultural cooperation, a memorandum of understanding on Nalanda University and an agreement on cultural cooperation. On the conflict between Tamil fishermen from India accused of trespassing into Sri Lankan waters, Mr. Modi said a solution must be found by the fishermen's associations of both countries as it affected the livelihood of people in both countries.

"We agreed that there must be a constructive and humanitarian approach to the issue," he added. ■

# 'Swasth Dharaa, Khet Haraa' : PM

## PM launches 'Soil Health Card scheme'

### Krishi Karman Awards presented

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, on February 19 called for focusing attention on the health of soil in agricultural areas across the country, to boost productivity and bring about increased prosperity.

He was speaking after launching the Union Government's nationwide

Prime Minister said a new class of entrepreneurs could set up soil testing labs even in small towns.

The Prime Minister said schemes such as the soil health card scheme, and the recently launched Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao scheme were relevant across the country. Therefore he had

therefore, the key to good agriculture was drops of water - "boond-boond paani." Prime Minister said he had asked each state to come up with agriculture plans under the aegis of the NITI Aayog.

14 crore Soil Health Cards are envisaged to be issued over the next 3 years.

The Prime Minister presented the Krishi Karman Awards to State Government functionaries led by Chief Ministers of States and progressive farmers, to the states of Punjab, Odisha, Meghalaya, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Assam, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Gujarat. He presented Commendation Awards to State Government functionaries led by Agriculture Ministers of States to Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Maharashtra, Jharkhand and Karnataka.

Governor of Rajasthan Shri Kalyan Singh, Chief Minister of Rajasthan Smt Vasundhara Raje, Chief Minister of Punjab Shri Prakash Singh Badal, and Union Minister for Agriculture Shri Radha Mohan Singh were present on the occasion. ■



'Soil Health Card' Scheme from Suratgarh, Rajasthan. He described agriculture as the key to poverty eradication.

Referring to the song "Vande Mataram," he said that in order to achieve land that is truly "Sujalam, Suphalam," it is necessary to nurture the soil. He said the soil health card scheme is a step towards fulfilling this dream.

Calling for soil testing to be made a regular feature, the

recently launched the 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' scheme in Haryana, and was now launching this scheme in Rajasthan. He said it was essential to save both "Beti" and "Dharti Ma."

The Prime Minister also spoke of the importance of water. He said that it was essential to use water judiciously and not waste even a drop. He said excess and scarcity of water were both dangerous, and

## Village adopted in an innovative way under 'Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana'

The crowds gathered at the town hall in Hazaribagh (Jharkhand) went euphoric the moment Jarba panchayat was announced as the winner. The event was Adarsh Gram Pratiyogita, a unique inter-panchayat competition to choose panchayat for implementing the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana,

the panchayats to participate in the competition by announcing that the best performing panchayat from each block will be declared as block winner and each block winner will be getting the benefit of 5 Centrally Sponsored Schemes of its choice. The top three overall winners will be getting the benefit of 10 Centrally

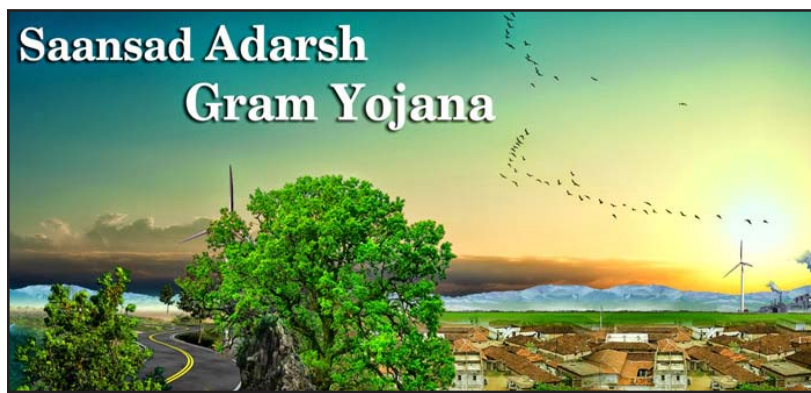
were evaluated independently by 3 people and the average of the three scores was considered as the panchayat score. The highest scoring panchayat from each block was then announced as block winners.

On the basis of the presentation, the top three winners were chosen. The top winner out of which was adopted as Adarsh Gram immediately and the second and the third were adopted subsequently.

Hazaribagh Lok Sabha constituency has 22 blocks out of which 2 blocks viz: Hazaribagh and Ramgarh are urban. A total of 117 panchayats from the other 20 blocks registered themselves for the event out of which 101 panchayats submitted their Adarsh Gram Forms. 20 out of these 101 were chosen as the block winners.

In the second leg of the competition, 3 out of these 20 were chosen as overall winners in the following order: Jarba Panchayat from Churchu block, Peto panchayat from Keredari block, Sagrigada Panchayat from Chittarpur block.

All the three panchayats were given benefit of 10 CSS schemes. Jarba was immediately adopted as the adarsh gram while Peto and Sagrigada will be adopted in 2016. ■



conducted by Hazaribagh Lok Sabha MP and MoS Finance Shri. Jayant Sinha.

All the panchayats in Hazaribagh constituency were invited to be a part of the competition on 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2014 through a press conference by Shri. Hazaribagh MP & Union Minister Shri Jayant Sinha. Adarsh Gram form, which was designed to focus on holistic development of village, was distributed to all the panchayat Mukhiyas along with the Adarsh Gram Pratiyogita pamphlet.

The pamphlet encouraged

Sponsored Schemes of their choice

Each registered panchayat would form a team with representation from all the parts of the village society by mobilizing and creating awareness about the Adarsh Gram and its benefits. The team thus formed was consulted various village level committees for their views on various aspects of holistic development of village. Once, the Adarsh Gram form is duly filled, the panchayat mukhiya handed it over at the Seva Kendra before 20<sup>th</sup> of January.

All the panchayat forms

## PM inaugurates new railway line from Hazaribag to Koderma

# Union Govt working towards modernization and improved service delivery in Indian Railways : Modi

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, on February 20 said the Government was working towards modernization and improved service delivery in the Indian Railways. He was speaking on the occasion of the dedication to the nation of Koderma-Hazaribag Railway Line, and the flagging off of DEMU train service between Hazaribag



and Koderma.

The Prime Minister thanked the farmers who had given land for this project, and said they had made a huge contribution for future generations. He said the railways were not just a means of transport, but could become the backbone of the Indian economy.

He said Jharkhand should focus on rail and road connectivity for its mineral wealth, in order to boost its prosperity. He urged the people of Jharkhand to provide full support to the construction of railways and roads in the state.

Shri Modi referred to the Supreme Court's decision in September 2014 cancelling allocation of 204 coal blocks. He also referred

to the CAG's observations in this regard. He said 40 of these blocks are in Jharkhand.

The Prime Minister said within four months of the Supreme Court's decision, auction of coal blocks had begun. He said the auction of 15 coal blocks so far had yielded Rs. 75,000 crore.

He reiterated his commitment that he would not tolerate corruption. He said the poor need to be provided with opportunities to defeat poverty.

The Governor of Jharkhand Shri Syed Ahmed, the Chief Minister of Jharkhand Shri Raghubar Das, the Union Minister for Railways Shri Suresh Prabhu, the Union MoS for Railways Shri Manoj Sinha, the Union MoS for Rural Development Shri Sudarshan Bhagat and the Union MoS for Finance Shri Jayant Sinha were present on the occasion.

## PM in Arunachal Pradesh

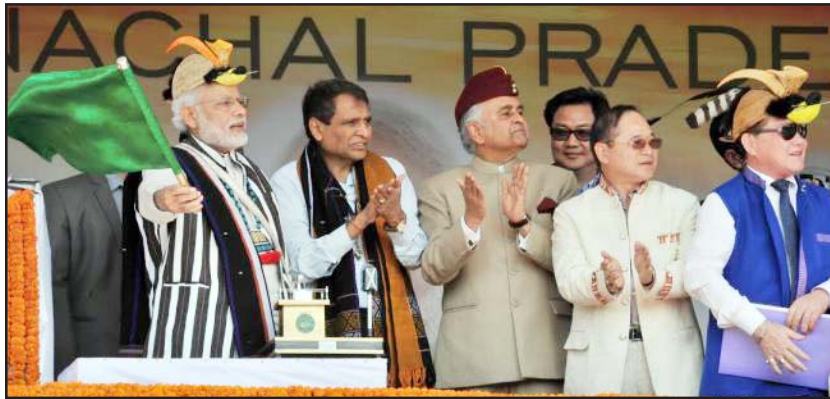
### Electricity, education are best weapons in the fight against poverty : Modi

- Dedicates to nation, the Harmuti-Naharlagun Rail Line
- Flags off AC Express between Naharlagun and New Delhi; Inter-City Express between Naharlagun and Guwahati
- Inaugurates Festival of Arunachal 2015
- Releases Souvenir to mark 29th Statehood Day
- Inaugurates Water Supply Scheme for Itanagar
- Lays Foundation Stone of 132 KV Transmission Line

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi said Arunachal Pradesh is getting both "gati" (momentum) and urja (energy) on Feb 20. Stating that poverty eradication cannot

happen on the basis of mere slogans, the Prime Minister said that the projects being launched today, would boost connectivity and provide electricity - which would in turn become strong weapons in the fight against poverty.

He was addressing a large gathering in Itanagar, after dedicating to the nation the Harmuti-Naharlagun Rail Line. The Prime Minister flagged off an AC Express between Naharlagun and New Delhi; and the Inter-



City Express between Naharlagun and Guwahati.

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He emphasized that poor connectivity was the biggest reason for under-development in the north-east, and these projects would contribute to improving connectivity.

Modi spoke about the immense hydropower potential of Arunachal Pradesh. He gave examples of how Nepal and Bhutan were harnessing hydropower to transform their economy, and how Himachal Pradesh had done the same for India. He said Arunachal Pradesh could provide electricity to the entire country. He called for development of the state's hydropower potential, simultaneously providing proper compensation to people who get displaced by hydropower projects.

He said the Union Government plans to establish new six agricultural universities in the Northeast, and could become a major centre for organic farming famous around the world. He said FM radio services would be expanded in the region. He said "Make in Northeast" was being envisaged as an integral part of "Make in India."

He said Ministers and senior officers of the Union Government are now working in close coordination with the Northeast states to remove bottlenecks in development.

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. Gen. Nirbhay Sharma (Retd.), the Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh Shri Nabam Tuki, the Union Minister for Railways Shri Suresh Prabhu, the Union MoS for Railways Shri

Manoj Sinha, and the Union MoS for Home Shri Kiren Rijiju were present on the occasion.

PM Addresses Farmers' Rally at Baramati (Maharashtra)

Agriculture sector key to eradication of poverty in India : Modi

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said that the agriculture sector is key to





eradication of poverty in India. Addressing a farmers' rally at Baramati in Maharashtra on February 14, the Prime Minister said that water storage capacities across the country will be enhanced through the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana. He added that NREGA will also be used to build water storage capacity. He said this will help improve productivity in the agriculture sector.

The Prime Minister also stressed on the need to modernize agriculture through the latest available technology, and promote value-addition. Referring to sugar production in Maharashtra, he said sugar content had been enhanced substantially through technological interventions.

Shri Modi noted that the period February to July was a lean period for school laboratories. He suggested that senior school students of Class 10 onwards could be trained for soil testing, and these labs could function as soil testing laboratories during this period.

The Prime Minister said democracy moves forward on the twin tracks of debate (vivaad) and dialogue (samvaad), and those in power have a greater responsibility to initiate dialogue.

The Governor of Maharashtra Shri Vidyasagar Rao, the Chief Minister of Maharashtra Shri Devendra Fadnavis, Union Minister Shri Radha Mohan Singh and former Union Agriculture Minister Shri Sharad Pawar were present on the occasion.

The Prime Minister also visited the Krishi Vigyan Kendra and Vidya Pratishthan, and inaugurated the Appasaheb Pawar Auditorium at Baramati. (FOC) ■

## Rajasthan awarded for outstanding performance in promotion of Renewable Energy

Rajasthan was awarded on February 15 for outstanding performance in promotion of Renewable Energy. Shri Pushendra Singh State Minister for Energy received the award from Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi at the RE-INVEST- 1st Renewable Energy Global Investors Meet & Expo in New Delhi which was inaugurated by the Prime Minister on the day.

After receiving the award Shri Pushendra Singh said that Rajasthan has been taking great efforts to promote energy security, energy equity, energy accessibility & sustainability in the country. Under the leadership of Smt. Vasundhara Raje, Government has been taking

proactive steps to increasing renewable energy generation and till next march we will be able to generate 1200 MW Solar



Energy than Rajasthan will reach first place in the country. The total Renewable Power capacity has been increased to 4000 MW by 2014 end, which contains 865 MW Solar Energy, 3100 MW Wind Energy and 114 MW Bio Energy, Shri Singh added.

Shri Pushendra Singh stated that promotion of renewable energy and increasing its share in the total energy basket of the country is necessary for the long term sustainability of the energy sector. Therefore, the target of Government of India for adding 100000 MW of solar and 60000 MW of wind generation capacity by the year 2022 is in the right direction.

Shri Singh Said , Rajasthan has Released "New Solar Energy Policy" and taking steps to establish Solar Parks, we have been signed several MoUs for development of 26 thousand MW's solar Park and other solar projects of 14 thousand MW in the Rajasthan. He added that various companies like Reliance Energy, Sun Addition, I.E.F.S.,and Adani coming forward to invest in this area at Rajasthan. Rajasthan will be the biggest solar hub of the country in the coming years, He said. (FOC) ■

# Good governance & development are becoming visible : BJP

The positive results of the steps taken by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi led NDA government for good governance and development are becoming visible” BJP national Secretary Shri Shrikant Sharma said while talking to media. He added “The latest example is the auctioning of the coal blocks. The NDA government in the interest of the nation has decided to auction the coal blocks. The government started the first phase of the auctioning of the coal blocks on 14th February.” Informing the media persons he said “Till now 15 coal blocks have been auctioned due to which there will be a benefit of Rs. 1,33,513 crores, from which revenue of Rs. 83,662 crore shall be generated, Rs12,801 will be royalty and reduction of electricity bill by Rs 37,050 crores shall also be there. Dozens of coal blocks are yet to be auctioned and as per projections the nation’s funds can benefit by up to Rs.15 Lakh crore.”

“Notably the main beneficiaries, due to the auctioning of the coal blocks are Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh that are rich in natural resources but



backward in economic growth. The coal blocks that have been auctioned till now shall benefit Orissa by Rs 607 crores, Madhya Pradesh by Rs 39,900 crores, West Bengal by Rs 13,210 crores, Maharashtra by Rs1,819 crores, Jharkhand by 14,498 crores and Chhattisgarh by 26,425 crores.”

In this way the auctioning of the coal blocks shall benefit the country and the society in many ways. While on one hand the poor state governments treasury will get massive amount and on the other hand they will get cheap electricity.

He gave the credit of this result to good governance and transparency brought by the BJP led NDA government at the center. Prime Minister, Narendra Modi during his election campaign and later on also has firmly said that

“This is the poor man’s money, the government will not allow it to be looted. The government shall not allow the country to be looted” The NDA government following this motto has taken steps in the interest of the poor, tribals and farmers.

“Till now the result of the coal block auctioning reaffirms the party’s stance that the former UPA government allocated coal blocks arbitrarily to Congress ministers and their associated industrialists which led to a loss of lakhs of crore rupees to Contry’s coffer. The Bharatiya Janata Party was the first to highlight the coal scam issue in the parliament and outside. The allegations by the BJP were affirmed by the Comptroller and Auditor General(CAG) also who in his report exposed the Rs. 1,86,000 crore coal scam. After this the supreme court in a historic judgment cancelled the allocation of all the 204 coal blocks and brought into light the corruption that had taken place in the former UPA government.”

“By arbitrarily allocating the coal blocks the Congress led UPA government from 2004 to 2011 not only did corruption of crores of Rupees but deprived the crores of

people of West Bengal, Orissa, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh with the benefits of these valuable resources and forced them to face problems. Not only that, the congress ministers for hiding their corrupt acts mislead the nation and made false allegations against constitutional institutions."

He added, "As soon as the coal scam was exposed in CAG report, the then Finance Minister, P. Chidambaram had said "If coal has not been taken out, then what was the loss?" In a similar way the UPA Law Minister, Kapil Sibal had mislead the country by talking of the "Zero loss Theory". The auctioning of the coal blocks has clearly established everything. The guilty of the coal scam shall be punished by the court but congress leadership should apologize to the nation. They should also apologize to the poor and the tribals of West Bengal, Orissa, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh because these states are bearing the curse of poverty due to the policies of the congress government." ■

## Jharkhand cabinet expansion : six ministers inducted in cabinet

The Cabinet of Jharkhand Government on February 19 was expanded. Chief Minister Raghubar Das inducted six ministers. Governor Syed Ahmed administered the oath of office to the ministers at the Raj Bhawan in Ranchi. The six BJP legislators who were administered the oath are Shri Saryu Rai, Shri Ramchandra Chandravansi, Shri Raj Paliwar, Smt. Neera Yadav, Shri Amar Bawari and Shri Randhir Singh.

After the induction of the six ministers, the total number of ministers in the state cabinet has increased to 11. One ministerial post is still vacant. The first cabinet expansion took place after the completion of 50 days of the BJP government in the state. Six MLAs join BJP in Jharkhand

Six MLAs of Babulal Marandi-led Jharkhand Vikas Morcha (Prajanatrik) on February 11 joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Delhi in the presence of Jharkhand Chief Minister Raghubar Das and other party leaders. The legislators who took the membership of the party are Naveen Jaiswal (Hatia), Amar Bauri (Chandankiyari), Ganesh Ganjhu (Simaria), Alok Chourasia (Daltonganj), Ranjit Singh (Sarath) and Janki Yadav (Barakatha).

Apart from the chief minister, Jharkhand BJP president Shri Ravindra Rai and party's state Prabhari Shri Trivendra Singh Rawat were also present at the Jharkhand Bhavan during the induction of JVM-P MLAs.

The ruling alliance's strength has now increased to 48 in the 81-member elected House, excluding a member from the Anglo-Indian community nominated by the Governor recently. ■

## India secures release of Father Alexis Prem Kumar, from captivity in Afghanistan

India has secured the release of Jesuit Priest Father Alexis Prem Kumar, after eight months in captivity in Afghanistan. Sharing the news, the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi said, "delighted at securing the release of Indian Jesuit priest Father Alexis Prem Kumar from captivity in Afghanistan. Have spoken to Father Alexis Prem Kumar. Informed happy family of Father Alexis Prem Kumar of his safe return after 8 months in captivity." ■

# Call unto Divine Life

By Sri Swami Chidananda

Sages and saints of yore have emphatically declared that it is very difficult to get a human birth. Our Gurudev also sang thus: "It is difficult to get a human birth; therefore try your best to realise in this birth." Human birth is put down as the very rare gift of God, and having got a human birth, if you do not have a hankering to attain that state which will bestow on you eternal bliss and immortality, it means that you do not utilise this human birth to any purpose at all. Therefore, live in such a way that it will bring you perennial bliss. The attainment of this bliss is your birthright.

To live is to fight for this birthright. Life is conquest. Life is a series of awakenings. Become free from the bonds of birth and death by realising your Self. Never forget your Immortal Nature. Thou art Divine!

O Man! Follow your own religion, but stick to its fundamental spiritual ideals. Draw up a programme for your life, and that shall constitute the preparation for the journey towards Divine Life. You do not live on earth for the sake of talking about the Why, What and How of God and religion, but to lead a virtuous spiritual life with a broad feeling, careful understanding, devotion to Truth and tolerance towards all beings.

Religion must educate and develop the whole man, his heart, head (intellect) and hand. Only then will he have perfection (Siddhi). There must be integral



development. One-sided development is not commendable. You must have the head of Sankara, the heart of Buddha and the hands of Janaka. Vedanta without devotion is quite dry. Bhakti without Jnana is feeble.

How can one who has realised his oneness with the Atman remain without serving the world, which is only the Atman. Devotion is not divorced from Jnana, but rather Jnana is exceedingly helpful to its perfect attainment.

There is no hope of Immortality by means of riches. Such indeed is the emphatic declaration of the Srutis, 'Na karmana na prajaya dhanena tyagenaike amritatvamanashuh' (Neither by rituals, nor by progeny, nor by riches, but by renunciation alone does one attain Immortality). Mere giving up of objects will not constitute real renunciation. Dear friends! Remember, remember this point well. True Tyaga consists in renouncing egoism, mine-ness, selfishness, Moha, Deha-

Abhimana, desires and cravings.

Even the greatest of persons will in course of time become the lowest of the low. Countless kings, earls, barons and emperors have come and gone. Where are those distinguished poets, intellectual geniuses, reputed scientists with boasted intellects; where are Shakespeare, Kalidasa, Byron, Newton, Kant, Faraday, Gandhi, Kennedy, Nehru?

In youth you are enveloped in complete ignorance, in adult age you are entangled in the meshes of sex, in old age you groan under the burden of Samsara and debility. You eventually die and pass off from the scene. Being thus always occupied, when will you, my dear friends, find time to devote yourselves to the performance of virtuous deeds, Nishkama Karma, Bhajan, Satsanga, Vichara, Kirtan and meditation?

Why should you try to realize the Atman? Because Self-Realisation gives you freedom from the Samsaric wheel of births and deaths, with its concomitant evils.

Hear the emphatic declaration of the Sruti: 'This Atman (Self) which is free from sorrow, hunger and thirst, with true desires and true resolves—that is what is to be sought after, what one must wish to understand; one who has sought after this Self and understood it, obtains all worlds and all desires', said Prajapati to Indra..

*To be continued....*

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