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BJP National President Shri JP Nadda offers prayer at Naina Devi Temple in Himachal Pradesh



Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah receiving rousing reception in Chennai (Tamil Nadu).



Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah interacting with state office bearers and district presidents of Tamil Nadu BJP Unit

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@JPNadda

As the National President of the BJP, it becomes my responsibility to form a government of the BJP everywhere. Because, it is necessary for the country. Because, it is necessary for society. Because, the country remained safe under the leadership of respected PM @narendramodi Ji.



@amitshah

I want to ask the DMK and Congress party what good has the UPA govt done for Tamil Nadu during their 10-year long rule at the centre. PM @ NarendraModi led central government has given the state of Tamil Nadu its due rights.



@rajnathsingh

Rashtrapatiiji considers public service the ultimate religion which is evident in his many speeches. He also underlines the importance of Indian values in his addresses which have a greater impact because these values are part of his personal life.



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Every single step of MVA Govt in #PalgharMobLynching or #RepublicTV case or with @thakkar_sameet is one more nail on coffin of that Govt . Total abuse of Power from an alliance of most dictatorial mindsets. @INIndia will have to answer to whole country.



@nitin_gadkari

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- Loans disbursed worth over Rs 1.51 lakh crore
- Number of loans sanctioned 55.69 lakh

Rs 7,227 crore disbursed under special liquidity scheme for NBFC/HFC

Partial Credit Guarantee Scheme 2.0
PSBs have approved purchase of portfolio of **Rs 26,889 crore**

Date: 19 2nd November 2020
Source: Ministry of Finance

NATION REALIZING THE DREAMS OF AATMNI RBHAR BHARAT

As Shri Nitish Kumar took oath as Chief Minister of Bihar for the seventh time, the NDA emerged even stronger showing its commitment to serve the people of the state. The BJP National President Shri JP Nadda had maintained right from the beginning that whatever be the numbers of seats won by BJP and JDU, Shri Nitish Kumar would be the Chief Minister of Bihar. While honouring the commitment, Shri Tarkishore Prasad and Smt. Renu Devi have also taken oath as Deputy Chief Ministers in the state showing that NDA is united, has emerged stronger and the alliance is further cemented by commitment to serve the people while paving the path for an 'Aatmnirbhar Bihar'. It was the sense of responsibility, unflinching commitment towards the people and dedicated work to take the state forwards which resulted in continuous blessings by the people making NDA win elections again and again. The victory of NDA in Bihar is victory of the aspirations of the people.

While the people of Bihar have blessed NDA with victory, the RJD-Congress-Communist alliance was completely rejected. It is an irony that the opposition instead of accepting the defeat has resorted to dirty tricks by offering berths to NDA constituents in a bid to form government through back door. Not only this, the infightings in 'Mahagathbandhan' exacerbated with RJD blaming Congress for the defeat. In place of introspecting over the

past misdeeds and framing policies and programmes which can represent the aspirations of the people, the opposition still prefers to cling to dynastic politics, casteism, appeasement, corruption and criminalization while relying on muscle power in politics. They not only lack vision but often take stands which are undemocratically anti-people and anti-development. The people have been punishing these parties for their failure to introspect, reform and reformulate their programmes and policies.

While 'Mahagathbandhan' faces a crisis in Bihar, the Congress is battered so badly that it now faces an existential crisis at national level. But it is highly unfortunate to note that in place of respecting the national mood, Congress is repeatedly indulging itself in self goals like intending to join Gupkar Alliance which supports restoration of Article 370 in Jammu & Kashmir. The Congress stand on almost all national issues has not only gone against the national sentiments but also shows how low it can stoop to serve its vested political interests. The recent revelations of names of important Congress leaders in Augusta Westland scam has reduced Congress to a bunch of middlemen and scamsters who see politics as business enterprise. In public perception, Congress has become a political party

of undemocratic and power hungry dynasts and self-seeking politicians.

The people of India today have unflinching faith in the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the BJP. In the time of Covid-19 pandemic when even the most developed countries are adversely affected, India has not only created a robust health infrastructure amid the crisis but also ensured that millions of poor went to their bed with their stomachs full. The massive relief to poorest of the poor, women, senior citizens, divyangs, farmers, migrant labourers, small entrepreneurs, street vendors, MSMEs, farming sector and major reforms in every sector will be recorded in history as an example of how challenges can be converted into opportunities. The leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inspired a large number of people to serve the society and under the guidance of BJP National President Shri JP Nadda, millions of BJP karyakartas served the society chanting the mantra of 'Seva Hi Sangathan'. While Bihar has blessed the efforts of BJP karyakartas and expressed its deep faith in the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, entire country has also blessed BJP with victory in the by-elections held in various states. The nation is marching forward to realize the dreams of an 'Aatmnirbhar Bharat'. ■

WHILE BIHAR HAS BLESSED THE EFFORTS OF BJP KARYAKARTAS AND EXPRESSED ITS DEEP FAITH IN THE LEADERSHIP OF PRIME MINISTER SHRI NARENDRA MODI, ENTIRE COUNTRY HAS ALSO BLESSED BJP WITH VICTORY IN THE BY-ELECTIONS HELD IN VARIOUS STATES. THE NATION IS MARCHING FORWARD TO REALIZE THE DREAMS OF AN 'AATMNI RBHAR BHARAT'.

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UNDER LEADERSHIP OF PM MODI AND CM SHRI JAIRAM THAKUR, STATE IS WITNESSING UNPRECEDENTED DEVELOPMENT: JP NADDA

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) National President, Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda received a grand welcome on November 21 on reaching Himachal Pradesh. The event to welcome Shri Nadda was held at the Luhanu ground in Bilaspur. Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Jairam Thakur, State BJP President Shri Suresh Kashyap, state ministers, Members of Parliament (MPs) and Himachal BJYM President welcomed Shri Nadda with flowers and garlands. Hundreds of people from Bilaspur and thousands of BJP party Karyakartas also welcomed the BJP National President. Standard operating procedures for prevention of COVID were followed during the programme. The streets of Bilaspur reverberated with the slogan of 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai.'

Shri Nadda was on a two days visit to the state. It was his first visit after the brilliant performance by BJP in the recently concluded assembly elections in Bihar and by-elections to 59 assembly seats across India.

Addressing the party Karyakartas, Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda said, "This is the result of the hard work of all our

party cadres that I am at such a big position in the party. I thank all of you for your love and affection."

"Himachal Pradesh has a double engine government which is committed to furthering development in the state. Today under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modiji and State Chief Minister Shri Jairam Thakur, the state is witnessing unprecedented development," he said.

He added, "Bharatiya Janta Party comes to power not to rule the state but to serve the villages, farmers and the poor as well as to serve Maa Bharti."

Shri Nadda warned not to forget to maintain distancing norms. Appreciating the disciplined people of Himachal Pradesh, he said "The citizens of Himachal Pradesh have displayed such discipline in following social distancing norms. We need to keep it on our fight against COVID-19."

Further, Shri Nadda said, "After our victory in the Bihar assembly elections, while addressing party cadres at the BJP headquarters, Prime Minister Shri Narendra

Modiji said Naddaji you keep on moving forward we are all with you. I want to thank the honourable Prime Minister for this love and support. Besides assembly elections in Bihar, there were by-elections in Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Manipur and Telengana. In all these elections, the people blessed us and we emerged victorious.”

He added, “This victory is the people’s love for our Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modiji for his stellar management of the COVID pandemic and his policies. From United Nations to the World Health Organisation, global institutions have praised our Prime Minister for his efforts for developing the economy and at the same time taking care of the people. During the nationwide lockdown due to COVID, Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi came out with not just a Rs 20 lakh crore Aatmanirbhar Bharat mission, but also a Rs 1.70 lakh crore Gareeb Kalyan Yojna. To ensure that no poor in this country sleeps empty stomach or suffer due to the problems created by the pandemic, our Prime



Minister distributed free food grains to poor from March to November this year.

Wherever I get the honour of serving the country, I always fondly remember each and every party Karyakartas of Himachal Pradesh. You are my strength. We all will work together to strengthen the BJP government led by Shri Jairam Thakur in the state. ■

PM MODI PARTICIPATES IN 15TH G20 LEADERS’ SUMMIT

P rime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, participated in the 15th G20 Summit convened by Saudi Arabia in virtual format, on 21-22 November, 2020. The agenda of the G 20 summit focused on building an inclusive, sustainable and resilient future and a side event on safeguarding the planet.

Prime Minister in his speech underscored that for inclusive, resilient and sustainable recovery in a Post COVID world, effective global governance is required and reformed multilateralism through improvement in character, governance and processes of multilateral institutions is the need of the hour. The

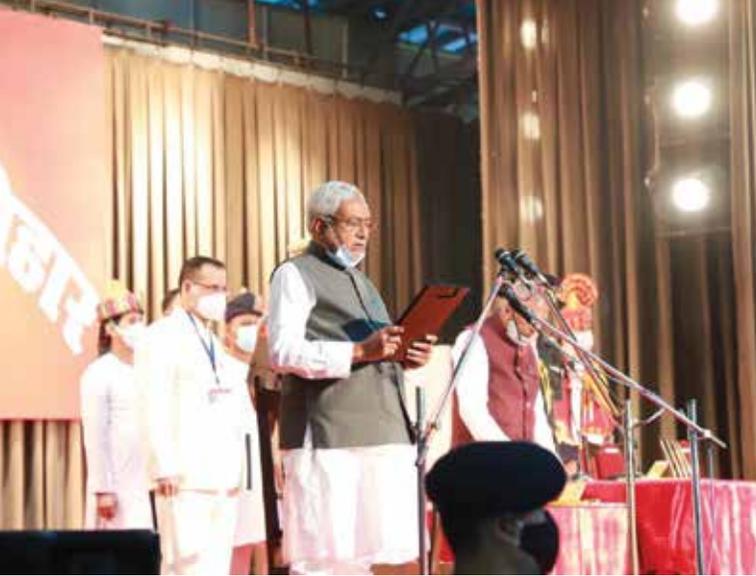
Prime Minister further underscored the importance of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals aimed at ‘leaving no one behind’. He said that India is following the same principle in the ‘Reform-Perform-Transform’ strategy to move forward with inclusive development efforts that are participative. With the changing situation

At the end of the Summit, a G20 Leaders’ Declaration was issued which called for coordinated global action, solidarity, and multilateral cooperation to overcome the current challenges and realize opportunities of the 21st century for all by empowering people, safeguarding the planet, and shaping new frontiers.

in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, he said that India has adopted a ‘Self Reliant India’ initiative. At a global level, India also took the initiative of establishing institutions like International Solar Alliance, the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure etc.

In a recorded message at a side event on ‘Safeguarding the planet’, the Prime Minister spoke about the need to fight Climate Change in an integrated, comprehensive and holistic manner. It was decided that the G20 Presidency will be held by Indonesia in 2022, India in 2023 and Brazil in 2024.

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NEW NDA GOVERNMENT SWORN-IN IN BIHAR

Swearing in ceremony for new NDA Government in Bihar was held on November 16 at the Raj Bhawan. Shri Nitish Kumar took oath as Chief Minister for the seventh time and 4th consecutive term, with two Deputy Chief Ministers – Shri Tarkishore Prasad and Smt. Renu Devi from the BJP.

A total of 14 ministers including deputy chief ministers took oath for new cabinet, five of them from the JD(U), seven from the BJP and one from HAM(S) and VIP.

Shri Nitish Kumar, two Deputy Chief Ministers Shri Tarkishore Prasad and Smt. Renu Devi along with 12 ministers were administered the oath of office by Governor Shri Phagu Chauhan. The oath taking ceremony was attended by BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah, BJP National General Secretary (Org) Shri BL Santosh, the party's National General Secretary and In-charge of Bihar BJP Shri Bhupender Yadav, former Chief Minister of Maharashtra Shri Devendra Fadnavis and other BJP leaders from Center and the State.

The other inducted as ministers from BJP were Shri Mangal Pandey, Shri Amarendra Pratap Singh, former deputy Speaker Shri Rampreet Paswan, Shri Jivesh Kumar and Shri Ramsurat Rai. Those inducted as ministers from Janta Dal(U) were former Speaker in the previous NDA government, Shri Vijay Kumar Choudhary, Shri Bijendra Prasad Yadav, Shri Ashok Choudhary, Shri



SHRI TARKISHORE PRASAD

The 64-year-old Shri Tarkishore Prasad is a fourth-time MLA from Katihar. Coming from a humble background, Shri Prasad embarked on his political journey as an activist in Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP). In 2005, he contested his first assembly election and won on a BJP ticket. Since then, he has been continuously elected in 2010, 2015 and 2020.

Mewalal Choudhary and Smt. Sheela Kumari. Shri Santosh Kumar Suman of Hindustani Awam Morcha (Secular) and Mukesh Sahani, President of Vikasheel Insaan Party were also inducted as ministers in the new cabinet.



Tarkishore Prasad as its legislature party leader. Bettiah MLA Smt. Renu Devi was elected as the party's deputy leader of the legislature party soon after Shri Nitish Kumar was announced as the leader of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) in Bihar. The announcement was made by Union Defence Minister and BJP senior leader Shri Rajnath Singh. ■

After NDA's comfortable win in Bihar's General Assembly Elections 2020 on 10th November, for which pollings were held in three phases, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on November 15 unanimously elected Shri

@narendramodi

Congratulations to Nitish Kumar on taking oath as Bihar's CM. I also congratulate all those who took oath as Ministers in Bihar Government. NDA family will work together for progress of Bihar. I assure all possible support from Centre for the welfare of Bihar.



@JPNadda

Congrats to Nitish Kumar Ji and all newly sworn-in ministers. I am sure that under the guidance of PM Shri Narendra Modi Ji, NDA will give pro-farmer, women, youth and development-oriented govt in the State. I assure people of Bihar that NDA is committed to fulfil their aspirations. Congratulations to Shri Tarkishore Prasad and Smt. Renu Devi on the swearing in as Deputy Chief Minister and congratulations to all those who took the oath as ministers.



@AmitShah

Congratulations to Shri Nitish Kumar Ji on being sworn in as the Chief Minister of Bihar again. Congratulations to Deputy Chief Ministers Shri Tarkishore Prasad and Smt. Renu Devi and all those who took the oath as ministers. I am confident that Modi ji and Nitish ji will realize the dream of self-reliant Bihar.



@blsanthosh

Congratulations to Sri @NitishKumar on being elected as the leader of NDA legislative Party. Also, congratulations to Sri Tarkishore Prasad & Smt Renu Devi on being elected as the leader & deputy leader of BJP. Under their leadership a new era of development will dawn in Bihar.



SMT. RENU DEVI

Former BJP National Vice President Smt. Renu Devi became Bihar's first female Deputy Chief Minister. Born and brought up in a middle-class family, she, influenced by her mother's association with RSS, became active in Durga Vahini. Later, she joined the BJP Mahila Morcha in 1988. Next year, she was given the responsibility to head the wing in the Champaran region. She was further appointed as the Morcha's Bihar State head for two terms, in 1993 and 1996. Four-time MLA Smt. Renu Devi served also as the Minister of Sports, Arts and Culture in the Bihar State Government between 2005 and 2009. She was also a National Vice-President of the BJP between 2014 and 2020.

BJP NATIONAL PRESIDENT INAUGURATES SIX NEW PARTY OFFICES IN ODISHA

BJP GOVERNMENT AT THE CENTER OPENED SIX NEW MEDICAL COLLEGES IN ODISHA WHICH TELLS A NEW STORY OF DEVELOPMENT OF STATE,SAYS JP NADDA

BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda on November 17 inaugurated six new party offices in Bargarh, Sundargarh, Angul, Keonjhar, Baripada, and Dhenkanal through a virtual platform from BJP's central office in New Delhi. He expressed confidence that these offices would act as a bridge between the party and the public by playing a better role in enriching the workers. Union Ministers Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Shri Pratap Sarangi, National Vice President of the Party Shri Baijayant Panda and National Spokesperson of the Party Dr. Sambit Patra were present on the dais at the Central Office, while Odisha State President Shri Sameer Mohanty, State Leader of the Opposition Shri Pradeep Nayak, Office Construction Convenor and State Treasurer Shri Sudarshan Goyal, state General Secretaries were present from Odisha. The party's National General Secretary Shri Arun Singh, National Joint General secretary(Organization)Shri Saudan Singh, senior leaders Shri Jua Oraon, Shri Suresh Pujari and Shri Bishweshwar Tudu were also present in this inaugural programme through video conferencing.

Shri Nadda said that under the guidance of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji, the then National President of the party Shri Amit Bhai Shah ji had taken up the task of building a party office in every district of the country and today we are proud to say that more than 400 district offices have been completed, construction of 200 district offices is in progress and in other districts work has started. All these offices are equipped with latest technology and all necessary arrangements. I heartily congratulate the Office Building Committee of Odisha for this. These offices are not just structures or buildings, but are also centers for training of workers. He asserted that when the party runs from the house instead of the office, then the family becomes the party but the party which operates from the office becomes family there. Today, if the Bharatiya Janata Party



has become the largest political party in the world, then it has the biggest contribution to the party's ideological background and culture. Workers in the office find inspiration to work devotedly to the party. Referring to the recently concluded Bihar Legislative Assembly elections and by-elections held in several states of the country, the BJP National President said that in the Bihar Legislative Assembly elections and by-elections held in 59 seats, the people of the entire nation, including Bihar, gave immense blessings to the BJP and showed unwavering faith in the leadership of the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. From Manipur to Gujarat and from Karnataka to Ladakh, the people of the country expressed confidence in the BJP. We have the highest strike rate in Bihar. BJP contested 110 seats and won 74.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has developed a new culture of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas and Sabka Vishwas' by ending the politics of casteism, dynasty and appeasement. By blessing the BJP, the people of the country have also stamped the work of the Modi government on the problem of migrant laborers during the management of Covid and lockdown. Shri Nadda said that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had fought against Covid by taking the country together. Covid management was also a big issue in the US Presidential election.

While the developed countries of the world were finding themselves helpless in spite of good health arrangements, the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, not only secured the country by taking bold decisions on time, but also united the country to fight it.

The Hon'ble Prime Minister not only addressed the issue of health but also took the economic issue seriously and took initiatives like the Poor Welfare Package, the Self-Reliant India Campaign and the Poor Kalyan Rojgar Yojana. Under the Garib Kalyan package, three gas cylinders were made available free of cost to about 8 crore families and three installments of 500 rupees were deposited in the accounts of 20 crore women Jan Dhan account holders.

Financial assistance of Rs 1000 was provided to the Divyang, widows and the old persons during the lockdown, while the farmers were given two installments of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana. Even the United Nations has appreciated the efforts of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji for Covid Management.

Shri Nadda said that when all the parties were inactive during the lockdown, there was only and only the Bharatiya Janata Party whose every worker devoted himself to the service of the needy, regardless of the risks to their lives. In Odisha, party workers distributed lakhs of ration packets and ration kits, more than 60 thousand sanitizers and more than 7 lakh face covers. Party workers successfully organized contact campaigns and virtual rallies.

BJP President said that the development of Odisha has always been our priority. As a Health Minister, I made a lot of efforts to implement Ayushman Bharat in Odisha but the BJD government of Odisha did not allow it to be implemented in the state. I still urge the Government of Odisha to implement Ayushman Bharat in the state. The Government of Odisha should consider it. Highlighting the infrastructure projects being implemented by Centre in Odisha, Shri Nadda said the Digha-Gopalpur coastal highway project will act as an economic corridor for transportation



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of agriculture and pisciculture produce. It will also play a crucial role in the supply chain during natural calamities like cyclone and flood, he added.

"A 451 km long Digha-Gopalpur Coastal Highway is being constructed in Odisha at a cost of around Rs 9,000 crore, Khorda-Bolangir New Line is being constructed at a cost of Rs 3791 crore and Cuttack-Angul- at a cost of Rs 4500 crore. The Sambalpur highway is under construction and a 68 km long ring road is being constructed in Bhubaneshwar under the Bharatmala Project. A

gasification plant is under construction at Paradip at a cost of Rs 11,300 crore, which is a major initiative for Odisha's economic world," he said.

He added, "It is the responsibility of all the workers of the Bharatiya Janata Party to take Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's efforts for the development of Odisha from door to door in the state."

"The BJP government at the Center has opened six new medical colleges in Odisha which tells a new story of the development of the state. The party has further strengthened its roots in the state. BJP has won 11 out of 33 tribal seats in the state and the vote percentage has also increased from 21% to 38%." He said, "With this, BJP's vote percentage has also increased from 18% to 32% in the Vidhan Sabha elections, indicating that the BJP is very close to the destination in Odisha." Very soon, the Bharatiya Janata Party government will be formed in Odisha, Shri Nadda added. ■

BJP NATIONAL PRESIDENT TO VISIT ALL STATES IN HIS 120-DAY NATIONWIDE PRAVAS

DURING HIS TOUR JP NADDA WILL STAY IN ALL THE STATES AND WORK ON BUILDING UP OF ORGANIZATION

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) National General Secretary, Shri Arun Singh on November 22 addressed a press conference at the party's national headquarters and informed in detail about the programme and itinerary of BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda's nation-wide pravas. Shri Nadda will begin his 120-day country wide tour from Uttarakhand in the first week of next month, on December 5 (tentative).

Under this programme, the BJP National President will visit almost all the states in the country to start various programmes for expanding organisational activities and processes as well as for further strengthening the party base. All the standard operating procedures mandated for prevention of Covid-19 will be followed strictly. Ample arrangements have been made at all the meeting places for hand sanitisers, face masks, thermal (temperature) screening devices, etc.

The key objective of the detailed Nationwide Pravas of BJP National President is to further strengthen the organisational structure, development of team spirit, strengthen booth-level operations, work on building a positive image for BJP state governments, streamlining party activities, public awareness through public programs, strategy for 2024 election, work on creating a more cohesive and inclusive structure, dialogue and ideological approach of the party and also to review party activities.

The programmes and activities include conducting press conferences, virtual meetings with cadres from state-level right up to the booth-level and also organizing virtual community events. The BJP National President will hold at least one meeting at the booth-level as well as at Mandal level in every state.

Communication is one of the core building blocks for strengthening cohesion within the party and further reinforcing the party structure from the grassroots up to the top. During his stay, Shri Nadda will devote time



for meeting with senior party cadres in all the touring states. Besides, he will also meet with allies in the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) as well as with community leaders. The National President's tour will also focus on holding meetings with regard to 2024 elections as well.

The main focus of the nation-wide pravas by the BJP National President is to strengthen organisational cohesiveness, expanding party base, communication with all party cadres and strengthening the party's booth-level workers. Special focus will be on states like Kerala, West Bengal, Assam, Puducherry and Tamil Nadu, which are headed for polls.

One of the primary objective of this programme is to strengthen the party at the booth-level, take the party's ideology to the masses and at the same time become a part of Prime Minister Narendra Modiji's core belief of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas' and to take the various poverty alleviation programmes of the government to each and everyone right up to the grassroots.

For the programme, the states have been divided into many groups. The national President will stay for at least three days in big states in terms of organization and will stay at least two days in smaller states. The BJP National President will meet various party level

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'CENTRAL GOVT. WILL STAND BY STATE GOVT. IN ALL ITS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS'

Shri Amit Shah on 21st November during his visit to Tamil Nadu received rousing welcome in Chennai. Arches decorated with flowers and fruits were erected at the Chennai airport premises to welcome Shri Amit Shah. Besides, many karyakartas from the BJP and AIADMK thronged the roadsides, waving party flags and beating drums. Teams of dancers of traditional and folk also performed exhibiting the cultural glory of the state. Simply moved by the grand reception accorded by the enthusiastic party cadres, Shri Amit Shah stopped his car and got down from the vehicle, setting aside the security protocol. Walking for over 400 meters, he conducted a brief road show, waving his hand to the waiting cadres much to their delight and winning their hearts. BJP State President Shri Murugan also accompanied him with bare foot, as he came amidst his ongoing Vel Yatra..

Participating in a Government function along with the CM of Tamil Nadu, Shri Edappadi Palanisamy and Deputy CM Shri Panneerselvam, he inaugurated and laid foundation stones to projects worth around Rs. 67,500 crores.

A reservoir linking two tanks at Kannakottai and Thervoy Kandigai in Thiruvallur district to meet the drinking water requirements of the people of Chennai was inaugurated. Besides, he also inaugurated Phase II of the Metro Rail covering 2 corridors of about 120 kms, connecting Madhavaram and Light House, Sholinganallur and Siruseri.

Shri Amit Shah also laid the foundation for the Elevated Highway project along the Avinashi road in Coimbatore, Nanjai Pugalur Barrage across Kaveri river in Karur, IOC's Petroleum, Oil and Lubricant terminal at Vallur in Thiruvallur Lube

plant at Amullaivoyal in North Chennai, expansion of the Chennai Trade Centre at Nandambakkam and establishment of a new boat yard at Kamarajar Port, Ennore.

Speaking at the function, Shri Amit Shah lauded the TN Government for pioneering in many fields including Covid-control. He was elated that TN secured the first place in India for its water management schemes. Assuring that the Central Government will stand by the State Government in all its development projects, Shri Amit Shah, signalled not only better alliance between the Governments, but also cemented an alliance between the AIADMK and BJP. Despite the function being an official one, both the CM and the Deputy CM announced that the alliance of AIADMK with BJP will continue for the Assembly elections.

Later, listing the Welfare Schemes and the benefits provided by the Modi Government to the people of Tamil Nadu, including the establishment of the Defence Corridor, Shri Shah, sharply asked the Opposition Parties as to what they had done during their 10 years of Coalition Government at the Centre. He also challenged the Congress-DMK combine for a direct debate on the issue.

Shri Amit Shah also addressed the office-bearers and held discussions with the Core Committee on the strategies for the forthcoming Assembly Elections in Tamil Nadu.

It was a packed programme for Shri Amit Shah from 2.30 pm of the first day to 1.30 am of the next day, yet he was tireless and no doubt, one of the speakers at the function praised him for his dynamism.

The visit of Shri Amit Shah and the alliance announcement remained the talk of the State among the media for the next two days. ■

JP NADDA APPOINTS MORCHA IN-CHARGE

B JP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda appointed In-charge of different Morchas of the party. The appointments are as follows:

SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV
KISAN MORCHA



SHRI DUSHYANT KUMAR GAUTAM
MAHILA MORCHA



SMT. DAGGUBATI PURANDESWARI
MINORITY MORCHA



SHRI ARUN SINGH
OBC MORCHA



SHRI C T RAVI
SC MORCHA



SHRI TARUN CHUGH
YUVA MORCHA



SHRI DILIP SAIKIA
ST MORCHA



BJP APPOINTS ELECTION IN-CHARGE FOR GHMC POLLS

The BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda on November 15 appointed BJP National General Secretary Shri Bhupender Yadav as the party's election in-charge for the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation polls. Health Minister of Karnataka Shri K Sudhakar, BJP's chief whip in Maharashtra assembly Shri Ashish Shelar, Gujarat BJP leader Shri Pradip Singh Vaghela and Karnataka BJP MLA and Karnataka BJP Secretary Shri Sathish Reddy are appointed co-incharges with Shri Bhupender Yadav for the GHMC elections. ■

JP NADDA APPOINTS ELECTION IN-CHARGE FOR UPCOMING LOCAL POLLS IN UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda on November 15 has also appointed Union Minister Shri Anurag Thakur the election in-charge for the upcoming local polls in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. Party spokesperson Shri Shahnawaz Hussain and BJP MP from Haryana Shri Sanjay Bhatia will be co-incharges for the J-K polls. ■



BJP NATIONAL PRESIDENT APPOINTS STATE ORGANIZATION IN-CHARGE AND CO-INCHARGE

BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda on November 13 appointed organization In-charge and Co-incharge for various States. Newly appointed In-charge and Co-incharge are as follow:

STATE INCHARGE & CO-INCHARGE			
Sr. No.	State	Incharge	Co-Incharge
1.	Andman & Nicobar	Shri Satya Kumar	
2.	Andhra Pradesh	Shri V. Muraleedharan	Shri Sunil Deodhar
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	Shri Dilip Saikia	
4.	Assam	Shri Baijayant Jay Panda	Shri Pawan Sharma, Delhi
5.	Bihar	Shri Bhupender Yadav	Shri Harish Dwivedi Dr. Anupam Hazra
6.	Chandigarh	Shri Dushyant Kumar Gautam	
7.	Chattishgarh	Smt. D. Purandeswari	Shri Nitin Navin
8.	Daman Diu & Dadra and Nagar Haveli	Smt. Vijaya Rahatkar	
9.	Delhi	Shri Baijayant Jay Panda	Smt. Alka Gurjar
10.	Goa	Shri C.T. Ravi	
11.	Gujarat	Shri Bhupender Yadav	Shri Sudhir Gupta
12.	Haryana	Shri Vinod Tawde	Smt. Annpurna Devi
13.	Himachal Pradesh	Shri Avinash Rai Khanna	Shri Sanjay Tandon
14.	Jammu-Kashmir	Shri Tarun Chugh	Shri Ashish Sood
15.	Jharkhand	Shri Dilip Saikia	Dr. Subhash Sarkar
16.	Karnataka	Shri Arun Singh	Smt. D.K. Aruna
17.	Kerala	Dr. C.P. Radhakrishnan	Shri. Sunil Kumar
18.	Ladakh	Shri Tarun Chug	
19.	Lakshadweep	Shri Abdulla Kutty	
20.	Madhya Pradesh	Shri P. Muralidhar Rao	Smt. Pankaja Munde Shri Bishweswar Tudu
21.	Maharashtra	Shri C.T. Ravi	Shri Omprakash Dhurve Shri Jaibhan Singh Pawaiya
22.	Manipur	Dr. Sambit Patra	
23.	Meghalaya	Shri M. Chuba Ao	
24.	Mizoram	Shri Mmhonlumo Kikon	
25.	Nagaland	Shri Nalin S. Kohli	
26.	Odisha	Smt. D. Purandeswari	Shri Vijaypal Singh Tomar
27.	Puducherry	Shri. Nirmal Kumar Surana	
28.	Panjab	Shri Dushyant Kumar Gautam	Dr. Narendra Singh
29.	Rajasthan	Shri Arun Singh	Dr. Bharatiben Shyal
30.	Sikkim	Shri Sukanta Majumdar	
31.	Tamil Nadu	Shri C.T. Ravi	Shri Sudhakar Reddy
32.	Telangana	Shri Tarun Chug	
33.	Tripura	Shri Vinod Sonkar	
34.	Uttar Pradesh	Shri Radha Mohan Singh	Shri Sunil Oza Shri Satya Kumar Shri Sanjeev Chaurasiya
35.	Uttarakhand	Shri Dushyant Kumar Gautam	Smt. Rekha Verma
36.	West Bangal	Shri Kailash Vijayvargiya	Shri Arvind Menon Shri Amit Malviya

27,33,497 APPLICATIONS RECEIVED UNDER PM-SVANIDHI SCHEME

Under the PM SVANidhi-Pradhan Mantri Street Vendor's Atma-Nirbhar Nidhi- A Special Micro-Credit Facility Scheme, 27,33, 497 applications have been received out of which 14,34,436 have been sanctioned and about 7,88,438 loans disbursed.

Vendors who had left for their native places due to Covid-19 lock down are eligible for the loan on their return. The provision of loans has become hassle-free as one can upload the application online on their own at any common service centre or Municipal office or by going to a bank. Banks are reaching the doorsteps of people to provide loans for helping them start their ventures. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has appreciated the hard-work done by the bank staff, saying that "There was a time when street vendors did not go inside the bank but today the bank is going to their home."

In order to ensure fast implementation of the scheme with transparency, accountability and consistency, a digital platform with web portal/ mobile app has been developed to administer the scheme with end-to-end solution. The IT platform integrates the web portal/ mobile app with UdyamiMitra portal of SIDBI for credit management and PAiSA portal of MoHUA to administer interest subsidy automatically. The scheme incentivises digital transactions i.e. receipts/ payments using digital means like UPI, QR-codes of payment aggregators, RuPay debit cards etc. by the street vendors through monthly cash back. Covid-19 pandemic lockdown has shown the resilience of local traders and with help from the government they can definitely bounce back to business and strengthen their livelihoods. Most of the street vendors who were given loan through the SVANidhi scheme are repaying their loan on time proving that

small-time borrowers do not compromise on their honesty & sincerity. Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, MoS, I/C, Housing and Urban Affairs while reviewing the implementation status and progress of PM SVANidhi Scheme had tweeted that this is a positive step towards the making of an AtmaNirbhar Bharat, where every Indian is a stakeholder in the nation's progress and way forward.

Urban Local Bodies are playing pivotal role in the implementation of the scheme. They are leveraging the network of all stakeholders namely Street Vendor's Associations, Business Correspondents (BCs)/ Agents of Banks/ Micro-Finance Institutions (MFIs), Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and their federations, Digital Payment Aggregators like BHIM, PayTM, GooglePay, BharatPay, AmazonPay, PhonePe etc. in administering the scheme successfully. ■

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PM INAUGURATES MULTI STOREYED FLATS FOR MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on November 23 inaugurated Multi Storeyed flats for Members of Parliament through video conference. These flats are located at Dr B D Marg in New Delhi. Eight old bungalows, which were more than 80 years old, have been redeveloped to construct 76 flats. Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister said Green Building norms have been incorporated in this Multi Storeyed flats for the Members of Parliament. He hoped that these new flats will keep all the residents and the MPs safe and sound. He said accommodation for the Members of Parliament has been a long standing problem but it is now solved. ■

INDIA RECORDS A LANDMARK MILESTONE WITH OPERATIONALISATION OF AYUSHMAN BHARAT HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTRES

India has crossed a landmark milestone on the journey of universal healthcare. More than 50,000 (50,025) Ayushman Bharat - Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs) are now operational across the country. Aiming at providing Comprehensive Primary Health Care (CPHC) services to the communities closer to their homes, 1.5 lakh AB-HWCs are to be established by December 2022. With more than 50,000 having been established, 1/3 of the target has been met. This has led to improved access to affordable primary healthcare services for more than 25 crore people.

Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare congratulated the States/UTs for their efforts in operationalising the HWCs despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. "This has been possible due to the joint efforts of the Center and the States/UTs in planning, monitoring at all levels, standardization of processes, the flexibility for adaptation provided to the States/UTs, and building on the health systems created thus far", he stated. The HFM specially thanked the frontline

health workers, the Medical Officers, the Community Health Officers and ASHAs for their dedication to the cause of providing Comprehensive Primary Health Care services and for supporting millions of people with necessary services in these difficult times. "They are the backbone of the healthcare delivery system. Their contribution during the COVID period has been exemplary", he said. HWCs have helped in interventions such as risk communication, contact tracing, community surveillance and early identification of cases, and seamless provisioning of non-COVID essential health services for ensuring protection of vulnerable groups, such as the newborn, elderly and those with co-morbidities.

Ayushman Bharat was launched in 2018 with its twin pillars of Health & Wellness Centers (HWCs) and Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) with bidirectional linkages between the two for providing the full range of services across the continuum of care. The first AB-HWC was launched by Hon. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on the 14th of April 2018 at Jhangle in Bijapur District of Chhattisgarh. ■

INDIAN UNIVERSITIES NO. 15 IN EMPLOYABILITY OF GRADUATES

India, according to report published in Times of India, features among top 15 countries with universities producing the most employable graduates. In the Employability Rankings 2020, India has improved its ranking from 23 in 2010 to 15 in 2020, even as UK and US varsities showed decline.

TOI reported that the study by Times Higher Education (THE) and French consultancy, Emerging, for most employable locations for higher education, shows how top institutions in the US and the UK have masked the general decline of American and British universities in terms of employability. Countries which have been taking employability more seriously over the past 10 years are becoming more attractive than the US and the UK for students.

India has been one of the high performers for employability over the last decade along with Germany (ranked 3rd), China (5th) and South Korea (9th).

India also increased its representation in the top 250 universities worldwide – from four in 2019 to six in 2020. A notable performer is IIT-Delhi, which ranked 149th in 2014 and moved up to 27th in 2020.

As the Covid-19 situation has made the challenge of finding work difficult for graduates, the study says students and parents are even more driven by the ability to get job rather than the reputation of a university.

Although California Institute of Technology (1st), Massachusetts Institute of Technology (2nd) and Harvard University (3rd) continue to dominate the podium, there has been a general decline in higher education in the US. Its country score fell by 51% in the last 10 years — from 4,227 in 2010 to 2,067 in 2020. The UK, too, where a small group of elite institutions are covering the general decline of its higher education system, fell from 2nd position in 2010 to 4th in 2020 in terms of best performing countries for employability. ■

LAND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (LMS) LAUNCHED

As part of efforts to improve overall management of defence land, for the first time a Land Management System (LMS) has been developed by Department of Defence in conjunction with DGDE and Armed forces. The portal was formally launched by Shri Rajnath Singh, Hon'ble Raksha Mantri on November 19 in presence of officials from Indian Army, DGDE and Department of Defence. The Intra-net portal shall digitize all requests of defence land management received by the Department in future. It is also in process of progressively capturing archival data into the system. All data for cases since 2016 have already been captured and are available in the portal. Progressively, data of prior period will also be entered in the portal which is meant only for departmental use and it is not open for the public.

The portal is expected to bring in greater speed, transparency and efficiency into the Land Management System (LMS) of the Department.

With integration of GIS based tool, it will improve decision making process by removing duplication/unnecessary communication between various stakeholder groups involved in the decision-making process.

The technical support for this GIS-based system has been provided by BISAG, India's premier organization in GIS based informatics. The software, apart from capturing the textual details of all proposals relating to defence management, integrates these textual details with Raksha Bhoomi software as well as other relevant GIS-layers which include satellite imagery of the area, other amenities etc. ■

FOREX RESERVES INCREASE BY OVER \$100 BILLION SINCE MARCH LOCKDOWN

Even in the face of, Covid crisis for the past eight months, the country's foreign exchange reserves increased by more than \$100 billion since the Covid-induced lockdown was enforced in March-end. From \$469.9 billion in the week ended March 20, 2020, the forex reserves jumped by \$102.8 billion to a lifetime high of \$572.7 billion in the week ended November 13, 2020, according to the data released by the Reserve Bank of India. Importantly, the reserves grew by \$4.277 billion from the week ended November 6, 2020. The jump was on account of Foreign Currency Assets (FCA), a major component of the country's reserves, that increased by \$5.526 billion to \$530.2 billion from \$524.7 billion in the preceding week. ■



\$120 MILLION LOAN SIGNING BETWEEN GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AND THE WORLD BANK FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MEGHALAYA INTEGRATED TRANSPORT PROJECT

The Government of India, the Government of Meghalaya and the World Bank on November 19 signed a \$120 million project to improve and modernise the transport sector of state of Meghalaya. This will help Meghalaya to harness its vast growth potential for high-value agriculture and tourism. The project will improve about 300 km of strategic road segments and stand-alone bridges by using innovative, climate resilient, and nature-based solutions. It will also support innovative solutions such as precast bridges to reduce both time and cost of construction. Difficult hilly terrain and extreme climatic conditions make Meghalaya's transport challenges particularly complex. On account, today, about half of the 5,362 habitations in the state lack transport connectivity. This operation will also support state government's "Restart Meghalaya Mission" to revive and boost development activities affected due to COVID-19 pandemic. It will help restore transport services and generate direct employment of about 8 million person days. The \$120 million loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) has a maturity of 14 years including a grace period of 6 years. ■

PM LAYS FOUNDATION STONE OF RURAL DRINKING WATER SUPPLY PROJECTS IN VINDHYACHAL REGION OF UTTAR PRADESH

OVER 2.6 CRORE FAMILIES PROVIDED WITH PIPED DRINKING WATER CONNECTION UNDER JAL JEEVAN MISSION

The Prime Minister on November 22 Shri Narendra Modi, laid the foundation stone of rural drinking water supply projects in Mirzapur and Sonbhadra districts of Vindhyachal region of Uttar Pradesh via video conference. The Prime Minister also interacted with Village Water and Sanitation Committee/ Paani Samiti Members during the event. Union Jal Shakti Minister, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Governor Uttar Pradesh, Smt Anandiben Patel and Chief Minister Uttar Pradesh, Shri Yogi Adityanath were present on the occasion.

The projects, for which the foundation stones were laid by the Prime Minister will provide household tap water connections in all rural households of 2,995 villages and will benefit about 42 lakh population of these districts. Village Water and Sanitation Committees/ Paani Samiti have been constituted in all these villages, who will shoulder the responsibility of operation and maintenance. The total estimated cost of the projects is Rs 5,555.38 Crore. The projects are planned to be completed in 24 months.

Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister said during the last one and half years from the start of Jal Jeevan Mission more than 2 crore 60 lakh families have been provided piped drinking water connection to their homes including lakhs of families in Uttar Pradesh as well. He added under the Jal Jeevan Mission, the life of our mothers and sisters is getting easier due to easy water access at the comfort of their homes. He said a major benefit of this has also been reduction of many diseases like cholera, typhoid, encephalitis caused by dirty water of the poor families. The Prime Minister lamented that despite having a lot of resources, Vindhyachal or Bundelkhand regions became regions of deficiencies. He added, in spite of having several rivers, these regions were known as the most thirsty & drought-affected regions and forced many people to migrate from here. He said now water scarcity and irrigation issues will be resolved by these projects and it signifies rapid development.

The Prime Minister remarked when piped water



reaches thousands of villages in Vindhyanchal the health of children of this region would be improved and their physical and mental development will be better.

The Prime Minister complimented the Uttar Pradesh Government for providing a responsive governance during the time of pandemic and keeping the pace of reforms going. Shri Modi outlined the development works in the region. He pointed to provision of LPG cylinder, electricity supply, Solar plant at Mirzapur, completion of irrigation projects and solar projects on uncultivable land to provide steady extra income to the farmers.

The aim is to provide this facility to every tribal majority block. Projects based on forest-based products are also being implemented. The District Mineral Fund has been established so that there is no dearth of funds for tribal regions and thinking behind such a scheme is that a part of resources generated from such areas are invested locally. In Uttar Pradesh, 800 crore rupees have been collected under the fund and more than 6000 projects have been sanctioned. ■

OUR NATIONHOOD

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WHERE INDIAN PARTIES STAND

As you march forward on the road to socialism, more power gets concentrated in the hands of the ruling cliques, bureaucracy expands to unimaginable proportions and in practice it gradually becomes impossible for the citizen to exercise his freedoms. Thus as socialism expands, democracy shrinks. The former becoming the real aim, the latter is ignored. Thus all those who swear by democratic socialism will have to give up the one or the other in the end. As things are, democracy alone will be the casualty. The PSP and the Socialist Party do not differ in this respect from the Congress except that the former place greater emphasis on democracy and the latter on socialism.

These parties till very recently did not care about nationalism. They took it for granted. However, the Socialist Party did pay some attention to it. But still it remains to be seen whether all this is tactical or ideological.

JANA SANGH & SWATANTRA

Parties that have faith in democracy naturally belong to the

non-socialist group. Bharatiya Jana Sangh and the Swatantra party can be placed in this group. But there is a difference in emphasis in the two parties. The Swatantra Party is non-socialist to the extent of opposing all acts of the Government that seek to change that status quo in an effort to better the lot of the under-privileged. The Jana Sangh is non-socialist so far as it does not subscribe to the totalitarian concept of socialism but it definitely stands for social justice, reduction of inequalities, changing of the status-quo in most matters.

All except Jana Sangh believe in territorial nationalism. Jana Sangh believes in cultural nationalism. Others feel that in India a nation has to be made, Jana Sangh believes that Bharat is a nation from times immemorial.

By non-socialism it does not mean capitalism of laissez faire variety.

The Swatantra Party does not visualise any other growth process except that of the industrial West. It also does not care about nationalism. It is therefore a democratic party but it cannot be called national democratic. Bharatiya Jana Sangh places equal reliance on nationalism and democracy and recognises that socialism too has some part to play in the present stage of development of the country.

Thus we have the Communist Party which is wholly socialist and

therefore neither democratic nor nationalist; the Congress, the PSP and the Socialist Party and some other minor parties which are democratic socialist and therefore do not think about nationalism; the Swatantra Party which is wholly democratic and wholly non-socialist and to a great extent indifferent to nationalism; the Swatantra Party which is wholly democratic and wholly non-socialist and to a great extent indifferent to nationalism; and Bharatiya Jana Sangh which is primarily nationalist and democratic and non-socialist in its wider scientific concept but socialist in its emotional and ideational appeal.

There is also a difference in the concept of nationalism avowed by Jana Sangh, and as conceived by others. All except Jana Sangh believe in territorial nationalism. Jana Sangh believes in cultural nationalism. Others feel that in India a nation has to be made, Jana Sangh believes that Bharat is a nation from times immemorial. It can therefore seek inspiration and guidance from the current of national life while others, except for occasional impulses, fail to tap the nation's vast sources of strength and inspiration. Thus, they look to the West not only for guidance in modern science and technology but also for all ideas of economy, polity and society. Jana Sangh is, of all parties, the most Bharat-based. ■

(Organiser, Diwali, 1963)

FORMER GOVERNOR OF GOA AND BJP LEADER SMT. MRIDULA SINHA PASSES AWAY

Former Governor of Goa and senior BJP leader, Smt. Mridula Sinha passed away on November 18. She was the first woman Governor of Goa. She was also a proficient writer, making extensive contributions to the world of literature as well as culture. She had served as the head of the BJP's Mahila Morcha and Chairperson of Central Social Welfare Board in the Ministry of Human Resource Development. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi condoled her demise, and hailed the BJP leader for her efforts towards public service.

"Smt. Mridula Sinha Ji will be remembered for her efforts towards public service. She was also a proficient writer, making extensive contributions to the world of literature as well as culture. Anguished by her demise. Condolences to her family and admirers. Om Shanti," the Prime Minister said.

Expressing condolence BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda said, "The demise of former governor of Goa, noted writer and senior BJP leader Mridula Sinha ji is distressing. Her demise is an irreparable loss to the BJP family. I pray to God for the peace to her soul and express my condolences to the bereaved family."

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah also expressed deep grief over the demise of the leader. "The demise of former Goa Governor and senior BJP leader Mridula Sinha ji is very sad. She worked for the nation, society and organisation throughout her



life. She was also an accomplished writer, who will also be remembered for her writings. My deepest condolences to her family. Om Shanti," the Home Minister said.

Union Minister Shri Nitin Gadkari took to twitter and expressed his condolence. He said "My heartfelt tribute to former Goa Governor Mridula Sinhaji. Mridula ji played an important role in strengthening the organization since the time of Jana Sangh. Her demise is a big loss for the BJP family. May God give peace to the departed soul and strength to the bereaved family to bear the irreparable loss. Om Shanti!"

Born on 27 November 1942 in Muzaffarpur district of Bihar, Smt. Sinha completed her post-graduate studies after her marriage to Dr Ram Kripal Sinha, a former Union minister.

She was a prolific writer who started writing short stories on matters pertaining to culture and village traditions. Some of her works were also published in Hindi magazines and later compiled into an anthology called Bihar ki lok kathayen (Folk tales of Bihar). Some of her noted works include Dampaty Ki Dhoop-Chhanh (on marriage), Sita Puni Boli, Ahalya Uvach, Jyon Mehandi Ke Rang, Atishaya, among others. One of her notable works was a biography of Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia called 'Ek Thi Rani Aisi Bhi'. ■



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda along with BJP National Gen. Secy. (Organisation) Shri BL Santhosh pay homage to Smt. Mridula Sinha

PM UNVEILS 'STATUE OF PEACE' TO MARK 151ST BIRTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS OF JAINACHARYA SHREE VIJAY VALLABH SURISHWER JI MAHARAJ

PM APPEALS SPIRITUAL LEADERS TO HELP POPULARISE 'VOCAL FOR LOCAL' FOR AATMNIRBHAR BHARAT

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, has said, as the base of the freedom struggle was provided by the Bhakti movement, similarly, today, basis of the AatmNirbhar Bharat will be provided by the saints, mahatma, mahants and acharyas of our country. He was speaking after unveiling the 'Statue of Peace' to mark the 151st Birth Anniversary celebrations of Jainacharya Shree Vijay Vallabh Surishwer Ji Maharaj, via video conferencing, on November 16. One of the key highlights of his speech on the occasion was his emphasis on religious and spiritual foundation of the socio-political and economic events like the freedom struggle and the current tryst with the AatmNirbharta.

Reiterating his stress on 'vocal for local' Shri Modi said that 'Bhakti Andolan' nourished foundations of the freedom struggle. We need to remember that the people from every nook and corner of the country were inspired and stirred by saints, mahants, sages and acharyas and that raised their consciousness. This consciousness later provided great strength to the freedom struggle, Shri Modi added.

The Prime Minister Modi made a fervent appeal to the spiritual leaders to promote AatmNirbahrta. He pointed out, just as the foundation of the freedom struggle was created and strengthened by the 'Bhakti movement', today in 21st century, base of the AatmNirbhar Bharat will also be prepared by our



saints, mahants and acharyas. He requested them to relentlessly preach the message of 'vocal for local' wherever they address their disciples or spiritual gatherings. The message of 'vocal for local' will gain in strength with the endorsement of the spiritual leaders. This will inspire the nation for Aatmnirbharta as it electrified the country during the freedom struggle, Shri Modi said. ■

SECOND SUCCESSFUL FLIGHT TEST OF 'QRSAM' SYSTEM

In yet another flight test, the Quick Reaction Surface to Air Missile (QRSAM) System tracked the target accurately and successfully neutralised the airborne target. The flight test, second in the series was conducted on November 17 at around 1542 hrs from the Integrated Test Range, Chandipur, off the coast of Odisha. The test was carried out once again, against the high performance Jet Unmanned Aerial Target called Banshee, which simulates an aircraft.

The Radars acquired the target from a long range

and tracked it till the mission computer automatically launched the missile. Continuous guidance was provided through Radar data link. Missile entered the terminal active homing guidance and reached the target close enough for proximity operation of warhead activation.

The QRSAM weapon system, which can operate on the move, consists of all indigenously developed subsystems. All objectives of the test were fully met. The launch was carried out in the presence of the users from Indian Army. ■

'CONGRESS AND THE GUPKAR GANG WANT TO BRING JAMMU AND KASHMIR BACK TO THE ERA OF TERROR AND UNREST'

UNION HOME MINISTER AMIT SHAH SLAMS CONGRESS AND GUPKAR GANG

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah on November 17 lambasted Gupkar gang fiercely and accused them for involving foreign forces in Jammu and Kashmir. He also alleged that the gang is indulging in seditious activities and insulting the tricolor.

Shri Shah said that the gang is going global! They want foreign forces to intervene in Jammu and Kashmir. The Gupkar gang also insults the tricolor of India. Even as one of the member of this unholy Gupkar alliance says that he will bring Article 370 back with the help of China, the other leader says that she will not raise the tricolor nor allow it to be hoisted in the state.

One of the members want to be on the side of China and the other does not want to raise the tricolor. Amidst all this, Congress leaders say that removal of Article 370 is unfair and they will bring it back. The country wants to know if Congress President Smt. Sonia Gandhi and former Congress President Shri Rahul Gandhi secretly support such nefarious moves of the gang. They should make their stand clear to the people of India.

The Union Home Minister said that the Congress and the Gupkar gang want to bring Jammu and Kashmir back to the era of terror and unrest. They want to take away the rights of Dalits, women and tribals by bringing back Article 370. This is why they are being rejected by people everywhere.

He further said that Jammu and Kashmir has always been, and will remain an integral part of India. The Indian people will no longer tolerate such an unholy global alliance 'that runs against the national interest'. Shri Shah said that the Congress always stands against the country. There has been a secret



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declaration of people's alliance in Kashmir called Gupkar alliance. It has 10 parties, mainly National Conference and PDP and now Congress is also becoming a part of it. They are heading for District Development Council (DDC) elections. They have a fixed agenda that Article 370 should be implemented again. They do not want certain laws including the Prevention of Corruption Act in Jammu and

Kashmir so that they can continue with their culture of corruption. Now that the Congress has secretly joined the coalition, it should also clarify whether it supports the leaders of this nefarious coalition seeking help from China and not raising the tricolor.

The Union Home Minister said that on the one hand, the Prime Minister of the country Shri Narendra Modi, is engaged in the development of Jammu and Kashmir by realizing the dream of 'SabkaSaath, SabkaVikas and SabkaVishwas', and on the other hand some of the opposition political parties are continuously working against the country which include Congress too. ■

PM DEDICATES TWO FUTURE-READY AYURVEDA INSTITUTIONS TO THE NATION ON AYURVEDA DAY

DG WHO APPRECIATES PM MODI'S COMMITMENT TO THE UNIVERSAL COVERAGE UNDER AYUSHMAN BHARAT

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi dedicated two future-ready Ayurveda institutions to the nation on the 5th Ayurveda Day on November 13 via video conferencing. These are the Institute of Teaching & Research in Ayurveda (ITRA), Jamnagar and the National Institute of Ayurveda (NIA), Jaipur. Both the Institutes are premier institutions of Ayurveda in the country. The former has been conferred the status of an Institution of National Importance (INI) by an Act of the Parliament, and the latter is an Institution Deemed to be University by the University Grants Commission. The Ministry of AYUSH, since 2016, has been observing 'Ayurveda Day' every year on the occasion of Dhanwantari Jayanti (Dhanteras).

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Shri Shripad Naik, Chief Minister of Gujarat Shri Vijay Rupani, Chief Minister of Rajasthan Shri Ashok Gehlot, Governor of Rajasthan Shri Kalraj Mishra, Governor of Gujarat Acharya Devvrat, were present on the occasion.

Director General of World Health Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus gave a video message on the occasion and praised the Prime Minister's commitment to the universal coverage under Ayushman Bharat and evidence-based promotion of traditional medicines to achieve health related objectives. The Prime Minister thanked WHO and the DG for choosing India for the Global Centre of Traditional medicine. He said that Ayurveda is an Indian heritage and it is a matter of happiness that India's traditional knowledge is enriching other countries also.

Shri Modi stressed the need to bring the ayurveda knowledge out of books, scriptures and home remedies and develop this ancient knowledge as per modern needs. he remarked that new research is being done in the country by combining the information received from the modern science of the 21st century with our ancient medical knowledge. Three years ago, the All India Ayurvedic Institute was established here. Ayurveda is not just an alternative today but is one of the key basis of the country's health policy, The Prime Minister said.



Shri Modi informed that work is on to develop the National Sowa-Rigpa Institute for research and other studies related to Sowa-Rigpa in Leh. Today, the two institutions in Gujarat and Rajasthan which have been upgraded are also an extension of this development.

Congratulating the two institutes for their upgradation, the Prime Minister pointed out that they have more responsibility now and hoped that they will prepare Ayurveda syllabus which meets the international standard. He also called upon the Education Ministry and UGC to find new avenues in disciplines like Ayurveda Physics and Ayurveda Chemistry. He also called upon the startups and private sector to study the global trends and demands and ensure their participation in the sector. The National Commission of Indian System of Medicines and The National Commission of Homeopathy were established by the Parliament this session and National Education Policy also promotes an integrated approach. The basic notion of this policy is that the knowledge of allopathic practices should be compulsory in the ayurvedic education.

The Prime Minister pointed out that during the Corona period the demand for Ayurvedic products has increased rapidly all over the world. He said Exports of Ayurvedic products increased by about 45 percent in September this year compared to the previous year. He added the significant increase in export of spices like turmeric, ginger, considered as immunity boosters, shows the sudden boost in confidence in Ayurvedic solutions and Indian spices in the world. He said now, in many countries, specialty drinks related to turmeric are also increasing and the world's prestigious medical journals are also seeing new hope in Ayurveda. He said during this Corona period, the focus was not only limited to the use of Ayurveda alone but used to advance research related to AYUSH in the country and the world.

The Prime Minister said, on one hand, India is testing vaccines, on the other, it is also increasing international cooperation on Ayurvedic research to fight COVID. He pointed out that research is going on in more than a hundred places at this time including the All India Institute of Ayurveda in Delhi which has conducted research related to immunity on 80 thousand Delhi Police personnel. It may be the world's largest group study and there are encouraging results. A few more international trials are to be started in the coming days, he added.

The Prime Minister said today special emphasis is given on Ayurvedic medicines, herbs as well as nutritious foods that enhance immunity. He said today, farmers are being encouraged to increase production of coarse grains as well as organic products on the banks of Ganges and in the Himalayan regions. He added the Ministry of AYUSH is working on a comprehensive plan for India to contribute more and more in the wellness of the world, our exports should also increase and the income of our farmers should also increase. He pointed out that after the start of the COVID pandemic, the prices of Ayurvedic herbs like Ashwagandha, Giloy, Tulsi etc. have increased a lot. The price of Ashwagandha has more than doubled compared to last year and its direct benefit is reaching our farmers cultivating these herbs.

The Prime Minister urged the Ministry of Agriculture,

the Ministry of AYUSH or other departments, to work together to increase awareness of the usefulness of many herbs available in India. He stressed that the development of the entire ecosystem related to Ayurveda will also promote tourism related to health and wellness in the country. He wished that the two institutions inaugurated today in Jamnagar and Jaipur will prove beneficial in this direction as well.

ITRA, Jamnagar: Recently created through an Act of Parliament, the Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda (ITRA), is poised to emerge as a world class healthcare institution. ITRA has 12 Departments, three clinical laboratories and three research laboratories. It is also a leader in research work in traditional medicine, and presently, it is conducting 33 research projects. ITRA has been formed by conglomerating the cluster of four Ayurveda Institutes at Gujarat Ayurveda University

campus, Jamnagar. It is the first Institute in Ayush Sector having the Institution of National Importance (INI) status. With the upgraded status, ITRA will have autonomy to upgrade the standard of Ayurveda education as it would offer courses as per modern, international standards.

Further, it will forge interdisciplinary collaborations to give a contemporary thrust to Ayurveda.

NIA, Jaipur: An Ayurveda institution with country wide repute, NIA got a shot in the arm with Deemed to be University (De novo Category) status. Inheritor of a 175-year legacy, NIA's contribution to preserving, promoting and advancing authentic Ayurveda in the last few decades has been significant. Presently NIA possesses 14 different departments. The institute has a very good student teacher ratio with a total intake of 955 students and 75 faculties during 2019-20. It runs numerous courses in Ayurveda ranging from certificate to doctoral level. With state-of-the-art lab facilities, NIA has also been a pioneer in research activities. At present, it conducts 54 different research projects. With the conferring of Deemed to be University (De novo category), the National Institute is set to reach new heights by achieving highest standards in tertiary health care, education and research. ■

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'THE WAY FORWARD IS LOCAL'

CAPACITY BUILDING COMPONENT OF THE PM-FME SCHEME INAUGURATED

Union Minister for Food Processing Industries Shri Narendra Singh Tomar in the presence of Shri Rameswar Teli, MoS, FPI virtually on November 18 inaugurated the capacity building component of the Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises scheme (PM-FME Scheme) and launched the GIS One District One Product (ODOP) digital map of India.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Tomar said, "Our Honorable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji's resolve is to make India self-reliant. The way forward is in local - local manufacturing, local market, and local supply chain. Under the PM-FME scheme, capacity building is an important component. The scheme envisages imparting training to food processing entrepreneurs, various groups, viz., SHGs / FPOs / Co-operatives, workers, and other stakeholders associated with the implementation of the scheme".

He congratulated the officials of the Ministry and all those involved in the planning and monitoring of the successful implementation of the scheme and observed the day as the

beginning of a new initiative to encourage the micro-entrepreneurs.

Under the capacity building component of the PM-FME scheme, training of the Master Trainers would be delivered through online mode, classroom lecture and demonstration, and self-paced online learning material. NIFTEM and IIFPT are playing a key role by providing training and research support to selected enterprises/groups/

ABOUT THE PM-FME SCHEME

Launched under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, the Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises (PM-FME) Scheme is a centrally sponsored scheme aims to enhance the competitiveness of existing individual micro-enterprises in the unorganized segment of the food processing industry and promote formalization of the sector and provide support to Farmer Producer Organizations, Self Help Groups, and Producers Cooperatives along their entire value chain. With an outlay of Rs. 10,000 crore over a period of five years from 2020-21 to 2024-25, the scheme envisions to directly assist the 2,00,000 micro food processing units for providing financial, technical, and business support for upgradation of existing micro food processing enterprises.

clusters in partnership with State Level Technical Institutions. The Master Trainers will train the District Level Trainers, who will train the beneficiaries. The current training is based on Fruits and Vegetable processing & EDP.



For this purpose, subject experts from various national level reputed institutions are holding various sessions. The assessment and certification of the training program under the capacity building will be provided by FICSI. The capacity building component was launched yesterday.

Under the PM-FME scheme, states have identified the food products of districts, keeping in view the availability of existing clusters and raw materials. The GIS ODOP digital map of India provides details of ODOP products of all the states and facilitate the stakeholders. The digital map also has indicators for tribal, SC, ST, and aspirational districts. It will enable stakeholders to make concerted efforts for its value chain development. ■

PM HOLDS INDIA – LUXEMBOURG VIRTUAL SUMMIT WITH H.E. XAVIER BETTEL, PRIME MINISTER OF GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG

P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on November 19 held a Bilateral Summit with Xavier Bettel, Prime Minister of Grand Duchy of Luxembourg in virtual format.

The Prime Minister expressed his condolences on the loss of lives in Luxembourg on account of COVID-19 global pandemic and complimented H.E. Xavier Bettel on his leadership in handling the crisis.

The two Prime Ministers exchanged views on strengthening India-Luxembourg relationship in the post-COVID world, especially in the areas of financial technology, green financing, space applications, digital innovations and start-ups. They welcomed the conclusion of various agreements between the two countries, including those between their financial market regulators, stock exchanges and innovation agencies.



List of Agreements:

AGREEMENT	DESCRIPTION
MoU between India International Exchange (India INX) and Luxembourg Stock Exchange	Provides for cooperation in financial services industry, maintenance of orderly markets in securities respective country, ESG (environmental, social and governance) and green finance in the local market.
MoU between State Bank of India and Luxembourg Stock Exchange	Provides for cooperation in financial services, industry maintenance of orderly markets in securities respective country, ESG (environmental, social and governance) and green finance in the local market.
MoU between Invest India and Luxinnovation	Supporting and developing mutual business cooperation between Indian and Luxembourg companies, including promotion and facilitation of inbound FDI, coming from or proposed by Indian and Luxembourgish investors.

The two Prime Ministers agreed to strengthen cooperation on realizing effective multilateralism and combating global challenges like the Covid-19 pandemic, terrorism and climate change. Prime Minister welcomed Luxembourg's announcement to join the International Solar Alliance (ISA), and invited it to join the Coalition for Disaster Resilient

Infrastructure (CDRI).

Prime Minister expressed the hope to receive the Grand Duke of Luxembourg, as well as Prime Minister Bettel, in India after improvement in the COVID-19 situation. Prime Minister Bettel also invited Prime Minister Modi to visit Luxembourg at his convenience. ■

NO DEFENCE DEAL COMPLETE WITHOUT KICKBACKS DURING CONGRESS TENURE: RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD

Senior BJP leader and Union Minister Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad on 17 November said in press conference that no defence deal was complete without kickbacks during Congress tenure. While addressing a press conference in party headquarters Shri Prasad launched a scathing attack on Congress for recent revelations in the Agustawestland case.

In the Rs 3000 crore Agustawestland VVIP helicopter purchase scam the main accused Rajiv Saxena has made several key revelations. In this testimony Rajiv Saxena has named son of former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath's son Bakul Nath, his nephew Ratul Puri, besides senior Congress leader and ex Union Minister Salman Khurshid and close confidant of Congress President Sonia Gandhi, Ahmed Patel.

In the press conference Shri Prasad said "In the Agustawestland scam names of senior Congress leaders have come out and an important witness has made serious revelations. This has been mentioned in the Enforcement Directorate charge sheet also." He asked if the Congress and its top leadership would now speak up on these charges.

Shri Prasad said "Whenever there is mention of any defence deal the names of Congress leaders crop up, Congress leaders never disappoint the nation in this. Congress leaders have always compromised with the nation's security." He said, "Why does Congress always play with national security?"

He added "In the Agustawestland scam the main accused Rajiv Saxena in his statement before investigating agencies has taken names of Kamal Nath and Salman Khurshid. He has also confirmed that AP that has come up in the case



means Ahmed Patel."

"If AP is Ahmed Patel then Kamal uncle means Kamal Nath. Similarly what FAM in the case means should be clarified. Does FAM means Family? Everybody knows what family in Congress means. Nation is now awakened. Now when credible evidence in ED chargesheet has mentioned senior Congress leaders, Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi should now break their silence. Their

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Though investigating agencies are after all accused in the Agustawestland scam, Congress should tell the nation what are the relations of the Family and senior Congress leaders with Sanjay Bhandari?"

Taking a dig at the Congress Party Shri Prasad said, "Whenever you hear about kickbacks in defence deals the name of Congress party will also be associated. Whenever you think of kickbacks in a military deal of defence, you have no option but to think of Congress leaders."

He alleged, "In all defence deals post

Independence involvement of Congress leaders in bribery and kickbacks have come up be it the Jeep scam, Bofors scam, Submarine scam, Howitzer scam and Agustawestland scam. The Congress culture is - No deal without a deal & No contract without a cut."

He added, "It has been six years since BJP led NDA came to power but still the scams of UPA era are still surfacing. In the UPA era in 2010 a deal worth Rs 3,600 crore was signed to buy 12 VVIP helicopters. The scam of 70 million Euros was committed in this deal. The Manmohan Singh government was forced to order a CBI inquiry in the deal in February 2013 under the pressure of BJP."

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government when Gautam Khaitan was arrested. Under the BJP led NDA Government several other arrests of key accused which include former Air Force chief SP Tyagi, Sanjeev Tyagi, Sunesh Mohan Gupta, Ratul Puri and Gautam Khaitan were arrested. Moreover, in December 2018 Kristian Michael and in July 2019 Rajeev Saxena were

extradited from Dubai and brought to India."

He said, "Kamal Nath's nephew Ratul Puri runs a trust named 'Savnaah' and its beneficiaries are Bakul Nath and Nakul Nath who are sons of Congress leader Kamal Nath."

The added that the Bharatiya Janata Party strongly criticized the corrupt actions of senior Congress leaders who had taken kickbacks in defence deals and compromised the nation's security.

He said, "Congress will have to answer the people for its corrupt dealings." ■

KAILASH SARANG IS NO MORE

Senior Madhya Pradesh BJP leader Shri Kailash Sarang passed away on November 14 at a hospital in Mumbai. He was 85.

Shri Kailash Sarang, who was suffering from age-related ailments, was admitted to a hospital in Mumbai 12 days ago. He is survived by two sons and three daughters.

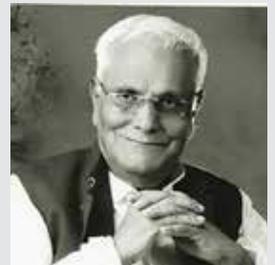
Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi condoled his death and said he will be remembered as a compassionate and hardworking leader. "Kailash Sarang Ji made stupendous efforts to strengthen the BJP across Madhya Pradesh. He will be remembered as a compassionate and hardworking leader, committed to MP's progress," PM Modi tweeted. Anguished by his demise. Condolences to his family and well-wishers. Om Shanti," he said.

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan also condoled the leader's death.

Sarangji was Associated with this party since the Jan Sangh days. He had worked alongside Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee and other prominent

leaders. He was the last leader of that era and now he too had passed," the chief minister said.

"He was a thinker, writer, journalist, and poet. He has provided love and guidance to all of us and the void which has been created with his passing away cannot be filled, Not only in BJP but in Madhya Pradesh politics as well", he added. ■



PM CHAIRS HIGH LEVEL MEETING WITH CMs TO REVIEW STATUS AND PREPAREDNESS OF COVID-19 RESPONSE & MANAGEMENT



P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi chaired a high-level meeting with Chief Ministers of all States and UTs on 24 November 2020 via video conferencing, to review the status and preparedness of COVID-19 response and management, with special emphasis on eight high focus States. These States were Haryana, Delhi, Chhattisgarh, Kerala, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Gujarat and West Bengal. The modalities of Covid-19 vaccine delivery, distribution and administration were also discussed during the meeting.

RAMPING UP HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE

Prime Minister remarked that the country has faced the pandemic through concerted efforts and in terms of both recovery rate and fatality rate, the situation in India is better than most other countries. He talked about the expansion of the testing and treatment network, and noted that special emphasis of the PM CARES fund has been to make available oxygen. He said that efforts are on to make medical colleges and district hospitals self-sufficient in terms of oxygen generation, and informed that the process for establishing more than 160 new oxygen plants is underway.

FOUR STAGES OF PEOPLE'S RESPONSE

Stating that it is important to understand how the people have reacted to the pandemic, the Prime Minister noted that it can be broken down to four stages. The first was of fear, when people reacted in panic. The second stage saw cropping up of doubts about the virus, when several people tried to hide that they had been afflicted by it. The third stage was of acceptance, when people became more serious about the virus and displayed greater alertness. In the fourth stage, with increasing recovery rate, people have developed a false notion of security from the virus, thus leading to rise in instances of negligence. Prime Minister emphasized that it is of utmost importance to increase awareness about the seriousness of the virus in this fourth stage. He noted that the trend of increase in spread of the pandemic in countries where its impact was earlier lessening, is being seen in some States as well, which necessitates greater alacrity and caution by the administration.

Prime Minister noted that it is important to increase RT-PCR tests, ensure better monitoring of patients esp those in home isolation, better equip health centres at village and community level and keep running awareness campaigns for safety from

the virus. He said that our target should be to bring down Fatality Rate below 1%.

ENSURING SMOOTH, SYSTEMATIC AND SUSTAINED VACCINATION

Prime Minister reassured that the government is keeping a close watch on the development of vaccines and is in contact with Indian developers and manufacturers, along with global regulators, governments of other countries, multilateral institutions and international companies. He added that it will be ensured that the vaccine for citizens will meet all necessary scientific criteria.

He underlined that just like the focus in the fight against COVID has been on saving each and every life, the priority will be to ensure that the vaccine reaches everyone. Governments at all levels will have to work together to ensure that the vaccination

drive is smooth, systematic and sustained.

Prime Minister noted that the priority of vaccination is being decided in consultation with the States. The requirements of additional cold chain storages has also been discussed with the States. He asked the Chief Ministers to ensure regular monitoring of State Level Steering Committee and State & District Level Task Force to ensure better results.

Prime Minister forewarned that past experience tells us several myths and rumours are spread around vaccines. Rumours about side effects of the vaccine may be spread. He emphasized that such attempts

need to be tackled through spreading greater awareness, by taking all possible help including civil society, students of NCC & NSS and the media.

CHIEF MINISTERS SPEAK

The Chief Ministers praised the leadership of the Prime Minister and thanked the Central Government for providing necessary assistance in improving health infrastructure in the States. They provided detailed feedback of the ground situation in their States. They gave an overview of the rise in number of cases, discussed issues like post-COVID complications,

measures taken to increase testing, steps initiated like testing being done at State borders, going from home to home to conduct tests, curbs being put to reduce size of public gatherings, imposition of curfews and other crowd restrictive measures, awareness campaigns being

run and steps taken to increase usage of masks. They also discussed and gave suggestions about the vaccination drive.

Union Health Secretary Shri Rajesh Bhushan gave a presentation on the current COVID situation and shared details about preparedness. He discussed targeted testing, tracing and testing all contacts within 72 hours, increasing RTPCR testing, efforts to improve the health infrastructure and fine tuning of data reported from the States. Dr. VK Paul, Member, NITI Ayog, gave a presentation on delivery, distribution and administration of the vaccine. ■

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functionaries and cadres during his stay and will hold detailed meetings on expanding the party base and strengthening it. He will also hold review meetings on various party programmes, modernisation on the party office, e-Library, various booth-level initiatives, etc. During his stay in the states, the party president will also provide guidance to party workers on how to take up issues concerning the general public and help solve them in those states where we are in opposition.

Shri Nadda will also hold meetings with BJP allies

and prospective allies in the National Democratic Alliance (NDA). He will hold meetings with the core committee on the present political scenario and the strategy for the future. He will also meet and hold meetings with eminent personalities from various walks of life.

The BJP National President will also hold press conferences in every state he visits under this programme. He will also meet the social media cell volunteers in every state. ■

UNION MINISTER INAUGURATES MEGA FOOD PARK IN PUNJAB

MFP TO BENEFIT 25000 FARMERS AND GENERATE EMPLOYMENT FOR 5000 PERSONS

Union Minister for Food Processing Industries, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Shri Narendra Singh Tomar on November 24 virtually inaugurated Mega Food Park (MFP) at Phagwara in Kapurthala district of Punjab. Shri Tomar said that Punjab and Haryana have significant role in development of agriculture sector of India. He added that due to untiring efforts of farmers of these two states, India is not only self reliant in food grains but is food surplus. He said that Punjab has been ahead in production of rice and wheat however, due to reduced ground water levels, diversification of crops is required for which Punjab farmers have taken several steps. He said that food processing sector needs to be focussed upon so that farmers get fair prices and related sectors can also benefit.

This Mega Food Park is built at project cost of Rs 107.83 crores and spread over 55 acres of land. It is expected to benefit about 25000 farmers and likely to generate employment of about 5000 persons. It is equipped with Raw Material/Finished goods Warehouses (3944Sqm), Silos (20000 MT), Cold Storage (3000 MT), IQF & Deep Freezer (IQF: 2 MT/hr + Deep Freezer: 2000 MT) & other related food processing facilities.

Shri Tomar said that the Government is continuously working for welfare of farmers under leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. He added that MSP of crops has been increased and Government has started a scheme to create 10,000 new FPOs. Farmers are being given subsidy and Government is focussing on welfare of small



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farmers. A 10,000 crore fund has been created under Aatmanirbhar Bharat, for development of food processing sector which will benefit farmers and create employment opportunities. Till date, 37 MFPs have been sanctioned and 20 have already started functioning.

Shri Tomar highlighted that research has huge role to play in agriculture sector and ICAR has been doing great research which is benefitting the country. He asked Punjab Government to send proposals related to research and assured that Union Government would consider those proposals with all seriousness. Shri Tomar said that Sukhjit Mega Food Park would prove to be a milestone in the progress of food processing sector.

Shri Rameswar Teli, MoS, FPI said that latest technology and processing facilities will reduce wastage of food products and ensure fair prices for farmers. ■

'YOUNG GRADUATES MUST MARCH AHEAD WITH COMMITMENT'

PM UNVEILS VARIOUS FACILITIES AT THE UNIVERSITY

P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on November 21 graced the 8th Convocation of Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat. He laid the foundation stone of '45 MW Production Plant of Monocrystalline Solar PhotoVoltaic Panel' and 'Centre of Excellence on Water Technology'. He also inaugurated 'Innovation and Incubation Centre – Technology Business Incubation', 'Translational Research Centre' and 'Sports Complex' at the University.

Addressing the students, the Prime Minister said it is not an easy thing to graduate at a time when the World is facing such a big crisis, but your abilities are much bigger than these challenges. He added that students are entering the industry at a time when due to pandemic, major changes are taking place in the energy sector across the world.

The Prime Minister remarked that in this way, today the energy sector in India, has immense potential for growth, Entrepreneurship and employment. He announced that today the country is moving forward with the goal of reducing its carbon footprint by 30-35% and efforts are taken to increase the share of Natural Gas in our energy needs by 4 times in this decade. Work is on to double the oil refining capacity in the next five years,



Energy security related startup ecosystem is being strengthened and a fund has been created for students and professionals, the Prime Minister informed. .

The Prime Minister asked the students to have purpose in life. He stressed that it's not that successful people don't have problems, but the one who accepts challenges, confronts them, defeats them, solves problems, only succeeds. He added those who take on challenges, later succeed in life. He said youth of the 1922-47 period sacrificed everything for freedom. He urged the students to live for the country and join the movement of Atmanirbhar Bharat and develop a sense of responsibility.

The Prime Minister remarked that the seed of success lies in a sense of responsibility and a sense of responsibility should be turned to the purpose of life.

He pointed out that the same people are successful in life, do something by which there is a sense of responsibility in their lives. Those who fail are the ones who live in the Sense of Burden. He added a sense of responsibility also gives rise to a sense of opportunity in a person's life. He said India is progressing ahead in many sectors and young graduates must march ahead with commitment. He also emphasized on protecting nature and the environment.

The Prime Minister urged the present generation, the youth of the 21st century, to move forward with a Clean Slate. Clean Slate and Clean Heart means clear intentions. He remarked that the hopes and expectations of the world are high from India in the 21st century and India's hopes and expectations are associated with the students and professionals. ■

CABINET APPROVES SCHEME OF AMALGAMATION OF LAKSHMI VILAS BANK WITH DBS BANK INDIA LIMITED

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval to the Scheme of Amalgamation of Lakshmi Vilas Bank Limited (LVB) with DBS Bank India Limited (DBIL). On 17 November 2020, to protect depositors' interest and in the interest of financial and banking stability, on RBI's application under section 45 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, LVB had been under moratorium for a period of 30 days. In parallel, RBI, in consultation with Government, superseded the Board of Directors of LVB and appointed an Administrator to protect the depositors' interest.

After inviting suggestions and objections from the public and stakeholders, RBI prepared and provided a scheme for the bank's amalgamation for the Government's sanction, well in advance of end of the period of moratorium so that restrictions on

withdrawal faced by the depositors are minimised. With the approval of the scheme, LVB will be amalgamated with DBIL from the appointed date, and with this there will no further restrictions on the depositors regarding withdrawal of their deposits.

DBIL is a banking company licenced by RBI and operating in India through wholly owned subsidiary model, DBIL has a strong balance-sheet, with strong capital support and it has the advantage of a strong parentage of DBS, a leading financial services group in Asia, with presence in 18 markets and headquartered and listed in Singapore. The combined balance-sheet of DBIL would remain healthy even after amalgamation and its branches would increase to 600.

The speedy amalgamation and resolution of the stress in LVB is in line with Government's commitment to a clean banking system while protecting the interests



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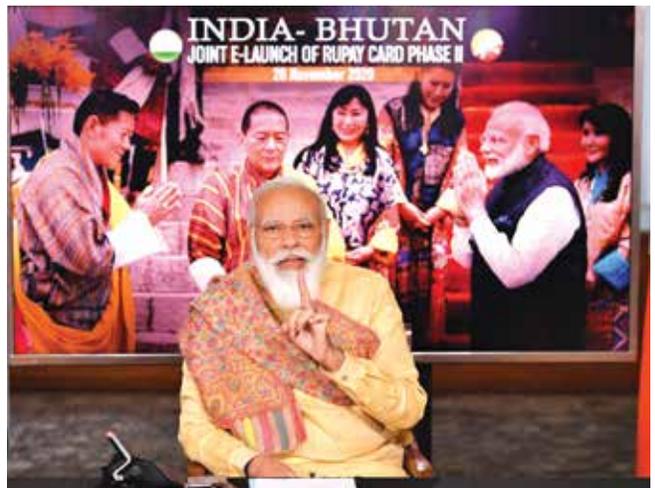
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Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the Prime Minister of Bhutan, Dr. Lotay Tshering jointly launch the RuPay card phase-II in Bhutan, in a virtual ceremony in New Delhi



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressing at the launch of the RuPay card phase-II in Bhutan in a virtual ceremony in New Delhi



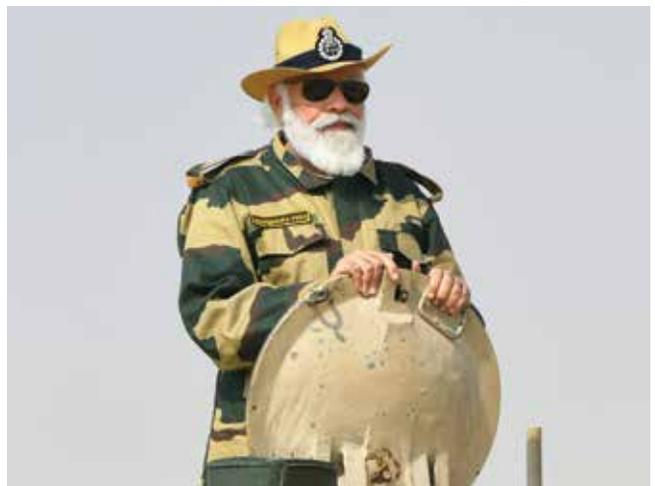
Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi virtually inaugurates Bengaluru Tech Summit in New Delhi.



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addresses during unveiling the 'Statue of Peace' to mark the 151st Birth Anniversary celebrations of Jainacharya Shree Vijay Vallabh Surishwer Ji Maharaj at Vijay Vallabh Sadhana Kendra in Pali, Rajasthan, via video conferencing in New Delhi



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi celebrates Diwali with the jawans of the Indian Army at Longewala in Jaisalmer Rajasthan



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi rides an Army tank at Longewala in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan



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IT department issues refunds worth over **Rs 1.36 lakh crore** to over **40 lakh taxpayers** so far this fiscal



Income tax refunds issued in over 38 lakh cases
Rs 35,750 crore

Corporate tax refunds issued in over 1.95 lakh cases
Rs 1,00,316 crore

Period

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India's ODF Journey

2014-2019



10,70,30,636

Household Toilets constructed in last 5 years

10,70,30,636 Household Toilets constructed

Open defecation free villages **6,03,177**

706 Open defecation free districts

35

Open defecation free states/UTs

