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BJP National President Shri JP Nadda paying floral tributes to Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay & Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee on the occasion of 41st BJP foundation day, New Delhi



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda addressing a huge public meeting in Karaikudi, Tamil Nadu



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda addressing West Bengal State BJP Organisational Meeting in Shibpur



Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah at a road show in Singur, West Bengal



Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah pays last respects to the martyrs of naxal attack in Jagdalpur, Chhattisgarh



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SHRI RAMA NAVAMI (21 APRIL)

to all of its readers

BJP REPRESENTS THE ASPIRATIONS OF AN 'AATMNIKBHAR BHARAT'

As Bharatiya Janata Party completes 41 years of its glorious journey, its resolve to serve Maa Bharati gets further strengthened with the overwhelming blessings of people across the nation. The increasing faith of people in the BJP can be seen in its continuous organisational expansion making it the largest political party of the world. A political party committed to the philosophy of 'Integral Humanism' and 'panchnishthayen', BJP has become a phenomenon in itself. While drawing inspiration from the idea of 'Nation First', the mantra of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas' has become its guiding principle. BJP has not only become a symbol of good governance and development in the country but also emerged as a political party committed to democracy. While BJP fought for the restoration of democratic rights during emergency, it is the only political party in the country which has a thriving internal democracy while the other political parties have become victims of dynastic and caste based politics. In fact, BJP represents the aspirations of an 'Aatmnirbhar Bharat'.

In the assembly elections taking place in five states, BJP has emerged as the hope for the people. While elections in Assam, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Kerala have been completed, the polling in West Bengal will be completed by the end of April, 2021. It is heartening to see that people have been coming

out in large numbers and exercising their voting rights to elect government in their states. The polling has been reported ranging from 65% to even more than 80% in these elections which points towards the immense success of Indian democracy. Moreover, the successful conduct of polling even in West Bengal is an achievement which our democratic polity can be feel proud of. The Election Commission will have to be extremely vigilant in conducting polls to the remaining phases in West Bengal.

The mood of the people in these elections has remained upbeat throughout the electoral process with massive gatherings in the BJP rallies and public meetings. As hard work, innovative schemes and futuristic policies of the NDA government in Assam has resulted in peace, development and progress of the state, people are set to bless the BJP-NDA government again. In West Bengal, a huge wave against Mamata Bannerjee and TMC misrule, corruption, cut-money, tolabaji, dynastic

politics and regressive policies is evident on the ground. The people are blessing BJP with their votes and as the trend shows, the state will have a BJP government when the votes are counted. In Tamil Nadu, people are appreciating special efforts by the centre for the development of the state and the way state government has delivered on its promises. The result is that an NDA government seems certain in the state. In Puducherry, there is a huge resentment against the misrule and corruption of the earlier Congress government and people have reported to have voted for an NDA government. In Kerala, BJP is set to emerge as a formidable force in the state.

Addressing the BJP office bearers and party karyakartas through video conference on BJP Foundation Day, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has rightly said that BJP represents transparency and good governance, keeps the idea of 'Nation First' and national security foremost and never compromises with national interests while implementing right policies with right intention and takes right decisions for the people. BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, while addressing the karyakartas on the occasion, praised the services rendered by BJP karyakartas during the Covid-19 pandemic. BJP has emerged as a unique political party on the basis of the continuous hard work of its committed karyakartas making the nation proud through its dedication to the goals of national reconstruction. As BJP karyakartas remain committed in the services of Maa Bharati, a proud nation is destined to serve the humanity across the world. ■

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BJP HAS NOT ONLY BECOME A SYMBOL OF GOOD GOVERNANCE AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE COUNTRY BUT ALSO EMERGED AS A POLITICAL PARTY COMMITTED TO DEMOCRACY.

PM ADDRESSES RALLIES IN COOCH BEHAR AND HOWRAH, WEST BENGAL

PM Shri Narendra Modi on 06 April, 2021 addressed two massive rallies in Cooch Behar and Howrah in West Bengal. He said, "Today I have come to Cooch Behar on such an occasion when BJP is celebrating its 'Sthapna Diwas'. This land of Bengal has given thoughts, values, inspiration and continuous energy to the BJP. In the last two phases of voting, TMC and Mamata Didi's exit has already been confirmed. People in huge numbers have come out and voted in our favour. The wave of BJP in Bengal has cornered Didi's goons and her nephew."

'A CHILD CAN ALSO TELL THAT TMC HAS LOST THE ELECTION'

PM Shri Modi slammed TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee, who has been asking "Is BJP God that it already knows it is winning polls?" the PM replied, "I want to say to her that we're normal people engaged in the service of public. I want to tell the people that I will return your love with interest in the form of development."

"Didi, seeing your anger, your resentment, your behavior, your speech, a child can also tell that you have lost the election. Didi, the day you did 'khela' at the polling booth in Nandigram, the same day the country knew that you have lost the elections. The Election Commission which made you the Chief Minister twice by conducting elections, today you are having problems with that Election Commission itself. It shows that you have lost the election," he added further.

Lashing out at Mamata Banerjee on her vote bank



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politics, the Prime Minister said, "Recently, Didi said that every Muslim must get together and not allow their votes to be divided. Didi, it means you know that the Muslim vote bank, that you considered your strength, is also slipping away from you. It shows that you have lost the poll."

In Cooch Behar rally, the PM said, "Recently, the tapes that have been revealed gives Didi's report card of 10 years. Didi has started a new tax in Bengal - 'Bhaipo Service Tax'. Poor mother-sister, who keep adding rupees from their hard work use to go in Bhaipo Service Tax."

Slamming Mamata Didi on her misgovernance, PM Shri Modi asserted, "For 10 years, women, Dalits, backward classes and tea workers were subjected to injustices, Didi kept watching. For 10 years, farmers were deprived of irrigation and storage facilities but Didi, you were just an onlooker. Didi, people say you play a lot of football. You've already scored an own goal in football of politics."





PROVIDE 'ASHOL PORIBORTON' NG & EASE OF DOING BUSINESS'

'DIDI'S PARTY IS NOT GETTING POLLING AGENTS AT POLLING BOOTH'

Speaking at Howrah rally, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said, "Not only Bengal and Nandigram, but Nandi is also openly expressing her displeasure with Didi. The situation has come that Didi's party is not getting polling agents at the polling booth today. Few days back, she was accusing EC and security forces of stopping her polling agent. Now she has accepted that her polling agents are revolting against her."

"The truth of whatever Didi did to West Bengal has come out. This is why Didi is threatening people of West Bengal. Didi says 'AMRA DEKHE NEBO', BJP says 'AMRA SEVA KORBO'. We are humbly asking for a chance to serve people," said Shri Narendra Modi in Howrah.

'MIS-GOVERNANCE GAVE EASE OF CRIME & EASE OF LOOT'

Continuing his tirade against CM Mamata Banerjee, Shri Modi said, "People of Bengal believed in you and you broke their trust. Didi you broke the heart of the people of Bengal."

He further contended that TMC government is unable

to give Bengal peace and growth, he remarked, "Didi's government's mis-governance gave Ease of Crime, Ease of Loot to West Bengal, the BJP government is going to provide the 'Ashol Poriborton' of Ease of Living and Ease of Doing Business. The PM asked the people of Bengal to vote in large numbers in favour of the BJP in upcoming elections.

HIGHLIGHTS

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- Didi, the day you did 'khela' at the polling booth in Nandigram, the same day the country knew that you have lost the elections.
- I want to tell the people that I'll return your love with interest in the form of development.
- Sonar Bangla will be built by good behavior and a clean conscience, and with the right policy.
- Didi's government's mis-governance gave Ease of Crime, Ease of Loot to West Bengal.
- BJP government is going to provide the 'Ashol Poriborton' of Ease of Living and Ease of Doing Business. ■



PM ADDRESSES RALLY AT TAMULPUR, ASSAM

‘PHIR EK BAAR, NDA SARKAR’

Addressing a huge election rally at Tamulpur in Assam on April 03, 2021 Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said, “People of Assam have decided ‘Phir ek baar, NDA sarkar’. The people of Assam will not tolerate them who have insulted Assam’s identity repeatedly, who have established violence and instability in Assam for decades. The people of Assam are with development and peace.”

“The double-engine government of NDA has given double benefits to the people of Assam in the last five years. The development taking place is improving connectivity, making lives easier for women and increasing opportunities for the youth,” he said.

Attacking the grand alliance of Congress and AIUDF, the Prime Minister asserted, “The games of secularism-communalism have done a lot of damage to the country. We are working hard, day in and out to serve the society with honesty for development.” PM Shri Modi further added, “The ‘Mahajhooth’ of ‘Mahajot’ has been disclosed. On the basis of my political experience, and audience love, I can say that people have decided to form NDA government

in Assam. They can't bear those who insult Assam's identity and propagate violence.”

Talking about the aspirational districts, he stated, “For the first time, a government is working on 100 districts that had been left behind in the race of development under the ‘Aspirational Districts’ programme. These districts are now aspiring for development and 7 of Assam's districts are under this programme.”

Shri Modi said, “The way we have solved long-standing problems, we will continue to find solutions for the current problems. There's a lot of scope for tourism and employment in Assam”.

The PM said that NDA Government had always worked without discrimination. He remarked, “It is country's misfortune that working for a particular section is called secularism while working for everyone gets you called communal.”

The Prime Minister urged everyone especially the youth to vote in large numbers in favor of the NDA. He also thanked women from the state who turned out in record numbers in the rallies. ■

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'BLESS NDA TO CREATE THE KERALA YOU DREAMT OF'

Ahead of Kerala assembly polls, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed a huge rally in Thiruvananthapuram on April 02, 2021. He said, "There are times in the history of societies when the people speak in one voice against tyranny, mis-governance and oppression. These are special epoch-making moments in which the people convey a very clear message to those in power."

The Prime Minister said, "The capital of Kerala has a special link with BJP. Our first ever seat in the Kerala Assembly came from this part of the state.

In a fresh attack on opposition parties in Kerala, Shri Modi said, "In Kerala the people of the state are convinced on two things. First- UDF and LDF are twins. They are twins of mis-governance, corruption, political violence, communalism, casteism, cronyism, nepotism and more. The political picture in West Bengal is clear to everyone. Election after election, Congress and Left are getting closer. The logical step after such closeness is a full merger of Congress and Left. They can call the new party – CCP – 'Congress-Comrade Party'.

"Second - Because they are twins, UDF lacks the ability and willingness to defeat LDF. No wonder there is a surge of support in favour of NDA," he added.



PEOPLE OF KERALA ARE CONVINCED ON TWO THINGS. FIRST- UDF AND LDF ARE TWINS. THEY ARE TWINS OF MIS-GOVERNANCE, CORRUPTION...

Shri Modi said that Congress is such a shameless party that they will sacrifice any hardworking person at the altar of factional politics. "Many years ago- in the battle between the 'I' faction and 'A' faction, the career of a patriotic scientist Nambi Narayanan was destroyed. That is why, even though they do try, not many professionals relate with UDF. In the NDA, see the place of pride Metro Man Sridharan has got. Today, he is emerging as an inspiration for so

many professionals," he shared.

Launching an all-out attack on the current Kerala Government, the Prime Minister asserted, "Under LDF, there is a total Hartal on governance in Kerala.

The people of Kerala are talented and hard working. But, the LDF Government has failed to show any forward looking vision to solve their problems."

"When our government was formed in 2014, only 5 cities had metro services. Today 18 cities have metro rail service. Also, I am aware that cyclones and floods have caused much damage and destruction across Kerala. Our Government is creating a strong disaster management system," he said. ■



RALLY IN MADURAI AND KANYAKUMARI, TAMIL NADU

'NATION IS CLEARLY AGAINST POLITICS OF NEPOTISM AND ENTITLEMENT'

PM Shri Narendra Modi on April 02, 2021 addressed massive public meetings at Madurai and Kanyakumari in Tamil Nadu. Talking about his visit to the famous Meenakshi Temple, Shri Modi said, "I had the blessed opportunity to pray at the Sri Meenakshi Temple. I will cherish those divine moments for the rest of my life."

Lauding Madurai's association with Tamil culture, the PM asserted, "Madurai is closely associated with the world's oldest language, Tamil. Here, one thinks about the Tamil Sangams. I want to appreciate all those working to make Tamil culture and literature more popular. This land had a great influence on Mahatma Gandhi."

Invoking MGR's contributions, the Prime Minister stated, "South Tamil Nadu and specially Madurai has a special association with MGR. Madurai Veeran... who can forget this film. We all know who was among those who lent his voice to MGR- it was T.M. Soundararajan. In 1980 Congress dismissed MGR's democratically elected Government. Elections were called and MGR won from the Madurai West seat. The people of Madurai stood behind him like a rock. In 1977, 1980 and 1984, MGR won from Southern Tamil Nadu."

He highlighted the developmental schemes started by the centre, he said, "We started Jal Jeevan Mission. Our aim is to ensure tap water connections to every home in India by 2024. In Tamil

Nadu, more than 16 lakh tap water connections have been provided since the launch. In this year's union budget, a series of economic corridors have been announced, and one of them is the Madurai-Kollam corridor. Funds allocated for railway infra projects in TN have increased by a record 238% compared to 2009."

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"Guided by the mantra of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, the NDA government is working to bring a positive change in the lives of 130 crore Indians. For Tamil Nadu and especially Southern Tamil Nadu, we want to focus on Infrastructure, Irrigation, Investment," he added.

Hitting out at Congress-DMK alliance, PM Shri Modi said, "DMK and Congress have no real agenda to talk about but they should control their lies because people are not foolish."

In Kanyakumari, PM Shri Modi talked about the Rameshwaram-Dhanushkodi railway line which was damaged in 1964. He said, "50 long years but no one thought about repairing the railway line of Rameshwaram-Dhanushkodi. It was our Government that started work on creating a new railway line. Same for the Pamban Rail Bridge. Previous Govts. ignored it. We focussed on reconstructing it."

PM Shri Modi thanked people of Tamil Nadu for attending the public meeting and urged voters to turn out in record numbers to vote for the NDA in upcoming elections. ■



PM'S CAMPAIGNS AT JAYNAGAR AND ULUBERIA IN WEST BENGAL

'BJP WAVE BLOWING ACROSS WEST BENGAL'

PM Shri Narendra Modi addressed mammoth public meetings at Jaynagar and Uluberia on April 01, 2021 in West Bengal. Speaking at Jaynagar, Shri Narendra Modi said, "I can witness the wave of 'Ashol Poribortan' being sped up by this region. In the record-breaking turnout in the first phase, people have given massive support to the BJP. PM Shri Modi also paid tribute to late Shova Majumdar.

"Some weeks ago, people of Bengal were saying that BJP will get more than 200 seats. BJP's strong start in the first phase makes it clear that the voices of people have received God's blessing. Everywhere, there is only BJP. There is a BJP wave in Bengal," said the PM while addressing a public rally in Jaynagar.

The mood of polling says what the whole West Bengal wanted to do, Nandigram is doing it alone.

Didi's frustration has increased after first phase of voting. Yesterday, Didi asked for help with many politicians, from those she never gave time or met, she is asking for support from them now," he said.

Lashing out at Mamata Banerjee on insulting the rich culture and tradition of Bengal, PM stated, "Mamata didi has problem with slogans of 'Jai Shri Ram', she also had a problem with immersion of Durga idols, Bengal knows about these. Now didi has problem with 'tilak' and saffron clothes. Didi's people are now calling people with 'chotis' as 'rakshas'."

"We are always proud of our religious sentiments. Didi has forgotten the people of Bengal only to support and appease infiltrators. But I will not let you abuse people's devotion and the identity of Ram Krishna Paramhans, Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, and Swami Vivekananda," he added. ■

HIGH VOTER TURNOUT RECORDED IN ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS TILL NOW

The voting percentage for Assembly elections in West Bengal, Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and the Union Territory of Puducherry has seen a high turnout since March 28, 2021. As per the announcements of Election Commission of India, the polling percentage in first three phases of West Bengal election has seen a sharp upward trend. In Assam, the elections have held in three phases starting from March 28, 2021; while the polling has already concluded in the remaining Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry in a single phase on April 06. Till the conclusion of third phase on April 06 voting for more than 750 constituencies spread across four states and one union territory concluded. The fourth phase of elections will take place in West Bengal on April 10. Counting of votes in all these States and

UT will happen on May 2. The polling percentage recorded in the following States and UT are as follows;

PHASE	STATE/UT	% TURNOUT
Phase 1 Polls	West Bengal	82.00
	Assam	76.90
Phase 2 Polls	West Bengal	80.43
	Assam	76.96
Phase 3 Polls	West Bengal	78.00
	Assam	82.00
	Kerala	70.29
	Tamil Nadu	65.19
	Puducherry	78.90

BJP PRESIDENT'S PRESS MEET IN TAMIL NADU

- The environment I see, I can say that the National Democratic Alliance (NDA), comprising the Bharatiya Janata Party, AIADMK and PMK, is making a clear way towards the victory and forming its government in Tamil Nadu. We will certainly form our government in Tamil Nadu with full majority.
- The kind of massive support we got from people in West Bengal in the first two phases of elections and based on the feedback from the ground I can confidently say that we are going to form Government in West Bengal. In Assam also, the Bharatiya Janata Party led National Democratic Alliance will again form a strong government in the state. The Bharatiya Janata Party and its alliance partners will also form government in Puducherry.
- The Bharatiya Janata Party will emerge as a very strong and influential force in Kerala. The results in Kerala will be surprising. Soon the Bharatiya Janata Party will become the main political party in Kerala.
- In West Bengal the people of the state have outrightly rejected the politics of corruption, nepotism, appeasement, anarchy, criminalization by Mamata Banerjee and the Trinamool Congress in the state. People are fed up by misgovernance under Mamata Didi and have overwhelmingly voted for the Bharatiya Janata Party.
- In Assam the Bharatiya Janata Party government has done exceptionally good and has taken Assam towards growth and development, has done Bodo pact, preserved Assam's rich culture and traditions. With people's support we are again going to form our government in the state.
- In Puducherry the people are fed up with the Narayanasami government and people are now supporting us. The Bharatiya Janata Party along with NR Congress is going to form government in Puducherry.
- In Kerala, the Bharatiya Janata Party is emerging as a major political force. The Bharatiya Janata Party is emerging as a strong alternative to LDF and UDF because people are unhappy due to their misgovernance and corruption. Though there is tactical understanding between the LDF and the UDF, the people are aware about it and they are now supporting the Bharatiya Janata Party.
- In Tamil Nadu, the people are very clear here about the support and policies given by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for progress and development of Tamil Nadu. Now the people are eager to move forward with the Vikas Yatra of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.
- The AIADMK government successfully implemented the programmes and policies of the Narendra Modi government in Tamil Nadu. We are confident; the NDA is going to form the government in Tamil Nadu. People are very much enthused to support the NDA government in Tamil Nadu.
- Our great leader MGR started



Ahead of winding up campaign in Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Puducherry and Puducherry on 04 April, 2021 and a certain we will certainly form our government in West Bengal. Addressing the media persons after forming government in West Bengal, he said, "We are going to form government in Tamil Nadu. We are confident that we will form government everywhere in all the five states. We will form government for the people". Highlights of the

a new era of development by empowering poor and farmers by implementing pro-poor policies which were replicated by Selvi Jayalalitha ji. Many of their welfare programmes were replicated at all India levels also by various governments.

- I am confident that the Bharatiya Janata Party is forming government in West Bengal and Puducherry, retaining in Assam, forming alliance government

NATIONAL PRESIDENT

ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS - 2021

ASSAM, WEST BENGAL, PUDUCHERRY

TAMIL NADU

2021

**BJP WILL SWEEP TN, BENGAL, ASSAM AND
KERALA; WILL BE A FORMIDABLE FORCE IN KERALA'**

BJP National President Shri JP Nadda visited Tamil Nadu and Assam. He addressed a press meet in Chennai. Shri Nadda said, "We will win in Tamil Nadu with full majority".

As he said, "I am confident that the Bharatiya Janata Party is strong in West Bengal and Puducherry, retaining in Assam, forming alliance with DMK in Kerala. And in Kerala, we will do very good. The atmosphere I see everywhere in all the five states, the issues raised by NDA have been well appreciated by the people at the press conference;

in Tamil Nadu. And in Kerala, we will do very good. The atmosphere I see everywhere in all the five states, the issues raised by NDA have been well appreciated by the people.

- I pay my deep condolences to the brave jawans who died in the Naxal attack in Chhattisgarh. I pray to God to give courage to the family members of the brave soldiers. The Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah ji has

taken this matter very seriously. He has cancelled all his trips and programmes and is taking stock of the situation. The sacrifices of our jawans will not be forgotten or wasted.

- Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has always given respect to Mamata Didi, but the manner in which Mamata Didi has used derogatory language against our Prime Minister does not

reflect the great culture and ethos of West Bengal. This does not reflect the greatness of West Bengal. People of West Bengal are fed up with the mis-governance and misrule of Mamata Banerjee and have made up their minds to form the Bharatiya Janata Party government in West Bengal.

- The Congress and the DMK are communal parties. The Bharatiya Janata Party is not a communal party as its ideology is very clear. The Congress party and the DMK are contesting elections in Tamil Nadu in alliance with the Muslim League, while in Assam the Congress party is fighting elections along with Badruddin Ajmal and in West Bengal with Furfura Sharif's Abbas. And these three parties are very strong communal parties. ■



BJP PRESIDENT'S ROADSHOWS IN WEST BENGAL

ROADSHOW IN TOLLYGUNGE

BENGAL READY TO WELCOME BJP: JP NADDA

Amid the ongoing assembly elections, BJP National President Shri JP Nadda held a massive roadshow in Tollygunge, West Bengal on 05 April, 2021. The roadshow, which commenced from the tram depot, was culminated at Garia More, spanning a distance of around 5 km.

It covered Tollygunge assembly constituency and parts of Behala Purba seat, where Union Minister Shri Babul Supriyo and actress Ms. Payal Sarkar are respective candidates.

Standing atop a lorry, decorated with flowers and BJP flags, Shri JP Nadda, along with Shri Supriyo and Ms. Sarkar was seen waving at the crowd, amid chants of 'Jai Shri Ram', 'Narendra Modi Zindabad' and 'JP Nadda Zindabad' by party supporters.

Thousands of people queued up on both sides of the road as the rally inched forward through the crowded streets.

The BJP National President said, "The people in West Bengal are fed up with Mamata Didi's vote bank politics and therefore, BJP is getting massive support of the public in the state. I can assure the state that the BJP is committed to giving fear-free life and rapid development to the people of West Bengal.

Addressing the supporters participating in the roadshow, Shri JP Nadda said BJP will form the government with more than 200 seats in West Bengal. The BJP President said, "The way people have gathered today shows how much they love us."

Speaking on rampant scams and coal scam in the state during the TMC rule Shri Nadda said those who are involved in these scams will not be spared and they will be punished.

He accused TMC of corruption and said that all the money meant for Covid and Amphan victims were taken by TMC. "This is the time to save Bengal's culture, people of Bengal have to answer those extortionists," Shri Nadda said.

ROAD SHOW IN BALLY

'KHELA AAR HOBE NA; KHELA SESH'

BJP National President Shri JP Nadda held a huge roadshow in Bally, West Bengal on 31 March, 2021. He said Chief Minister Ms. Mamata Banerjee will lose the election in Nandigram when the results are out on 02 May.

Shri Nadda said, “Khela aar hobe na. Khela sesh (the Trinamool game has come to an end). The Bengal CM knows it better whether her campaign on a wheelchair helped her, but the people have decided. Mamataji is going to lose Nandigram,” the BJP President said.

Shri JP Nadda began the day by offering prayers at Belur Math. He was accompanied by the BJP candidate from Bally —Baishali Dalmiya. Later, he attended a roadshow.

The BJP National President said, “Did Didi come over to Nandigram to contest the polls or did Suwendu Adhikari go to Bhaowanipore? It is quite clear that she had left her home constituency and come over to Nandigram to take on her former Cabinet colleague,” he said.

While referring to the high polling in the 30 seats that went to polls in the first phase, the BJP President said, “The average polling in the first phase was 79%. It saw people coming out in huge numbers in West



Bengal polls 2021. It shows the TMC game has come to an end. If 80% people have come out to vote, it means they have decided to vote against Trinamool”.

Shri Nadda was optimistic about a further swing in favor of the BJP from the third phase onwards and also thanked the Election Commission for ensuring a violence-free poll in all the state. ■

ROADSHOWS IN ALIPURDUAR, MEKLIANJ AND DINHATA

‘PEOPLE OF WEST BENGAL WANT TO SAY GOODBYE TO CM MAMATA BANERJEE’

BJP National President Shri JP Nadda holds mega road shows in Alipurduar, Mekliganj and Dinhata in West Bengal on 08 April, 2021. Speaking to the supporters and media persons the BJP National President said that people of West Bengal want to say goodbye to Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and her party because of her ‘Tanashahi, Tolabazi and all sorts of corruption”.

Shri Nadda said people are dejected with Mamata Banerjee and now they are on the streets to support the BJP. He expressed confidence that the BJP will bag over 200 seats and win the elections in West Bengal.

Shri Nadda further said that Ms. Mamata Banerjee’s comments and behavior shows that she has accepted defeat from the very first round of the election.

During a roadshow at Alipurduar in West Bengal Shri Nadda said, “Ms. Banerjee, who is alleging that the CRPF was harassing people in West Bengal, has definitely accepted her defeat. Such statements coming from a person who holds a responsible office



such as the Chief Minister’s Office shows that she has accepted the defeat “.

He said in West Bengal Trinamool Congress is fighting only to keep the Bharatiya Janata Party’s surge at bay. And out of frustration they have attacked party state President Shri Dilip Ghosh today. This is what Mamata ji’s goons do. It is unfortunate.

Shri JP Nadda further said, “This gathering here wants to give rest to Mamataji and ready to bring BJP to power in the state. ■



BJP WILL WIN BENGAL ELECTIONS WITH MORE THAN 200 SEATS: AMIT SHAH

Ahead of the fourth phase of polling scheduled for 7 April, 2021 Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah conducted a huge road show in Singur and Domjur of West Bengal. Singur was once a hot spot of the anti-land acquisition movement. The roadshow meandered through the roads of Singur town from Dulepara more to Singur police station, as colorful posters, BJP flags and green and saffron balloons dotted the route.

Cheered by crowds and supporters, Shri Shah stood atop a decorated vehicle with BJP candidate for the Singur seat Rabinranath Bhattacharya, waved at people standing by the roadside and on terraces and balconies.

The Home Minister said the obstructionist mindset of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee deprived West Bengal of industries and jobs. He promised rapid industrialization of the area if BJP is voted to

power.

Speaking to reporters during the show, Shri Shah said Singur will be developed by the next BJP government in the state. "We will develop the area by setting up industries and Rs 500 crore intervention fund has been announced for potatoes, for which the area is known, in our 'Sankalp Patra', he added."

The BJP government will ensure that small, medium and large industries are set up in Singur, situated beside the national highway connecting Kolkata and New Delhi, after winning the elections, he said, adding "We will pursue politics of development, dialogue and cooperation, instead of confrontation."

Shri Amit Shah also welcomed Mamata Banerjee for invoking Hindu Gods and Goddesses, and for reciting 'Chandi Path' at public meetings, but quipped it was too late for her. He said, "The BJP will win Bengal elections with more than 200 seats in the kitty."

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah also had lunch at the house of Shri Shishir Sana's home in Domjur on April 6, 2021. He had a simple fare of Rice, Dal, Vegetables and salad made by the womenfolk of the house, during his campaign.

The BJP candidate for the constituency Rajib Banerjee was also present also along with Shri Amit Shah. After having his meal, Shri Shah said, "I visited only one gram Panchayat but with the enthusiasm I saw, I am confident that BJP will win with a majority." ■





BOTH LDF AND UDF GOVERNMENTS HAVE RUINED KERALA: SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN

MP Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan on April 03 addressed an election rally in Bepore, Kerala. During the address Shri Chouhan said “Both LDF and UDF governments have ruined Kerala. They have continuously looted the people. Both of them handed over Kerala to the jihadists. The IUML has spread violence,” he said. Shri Chouhan further said that the Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan had snatched the fishing rights of the fishermen and gave it to a private company. “Why did he put the main accused of the gold scam in his office?” he asked.

While targeting Rahul Gandhi he said, the condition of the Congress is even worse. He said that, for Rahul Gandhi, people of north India are bad in south India and people of south India are bad in north India. He said Pinarayi had changed the name of the central scheme Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, put his seal on the Centre’s plan and implemented it in his name. Senior BJP leader and the Madhya Pradesh CM also assured the people of state that BJP would enact legislation against ‘love jihad’ in Kerala on the lines of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh if it comes to power.

“We are not against love. But ‘love jihad’ will not be tolerated. In MP, a stringent law has been enacted against ‘love jihad’. In Kerala too such a strict law will be enacted after BJP comes to power,” he said.

“Kerala is the land of Shankaracharya, Mahabali, Marthanda Varma and Narayana Guru. But it has been made a land of violence, corruption and scams by LDF and handed over to jihadists,” Shri Chouhan said. ■



THIS IS TIME FOR TMC’S FAREWELL: YOGI ADITYANATH

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath addressed various rallies in Khanakul, Jangipada and Chandannagar of Hooghly assembly constituency in West Bengal on 4 April, 2021.

Speaking to the people UP CM said that on May 2, the BJP government is coming into the power in West Bengal. He said that BJP workers are being prevented from casting their vote. The people in administration should not do those work which they regret later.

He further said that this is time for TMC’s farewell, see off them in a grand way. He urged the administration that they should do its job honestly in conducting the elections.

CM Yogi said that Durga Puja and Saraswati Puja cannot be performed in Bengal. People are barred from playing Holi, they interrupted every festival. Two years ago, Durga Puja and Ramadan were held together, then Mamata didi prohibited Durga Puja. Instead of Durga Puja, Mamta Didi’s entire attention is focused on giving a Roza Iftar party. There has been no industry in Bengal for 10 years.

He further said that within a month of BJP government formation here, Trinamool Congress-sponsored goons will be traced and sent behind the bars. He said that the BJP workers who have been murdered, including Hooghly’s Sudarshan Pramanik, will get justice after the BJP comes to power in the state. ■

BJP MEANS- 'SABKA SAATH, SABKA VIKAAS, SABKA VISHWAS'

Addressing BJP Karyakartas on party's 41st Sthapna Diwas via video conference on 6 April, 2021 PM Shri Narendra Modi said, "On behalf of every BJP Karyakarta, I pay homage to countless great personalities like Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee ji, Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya ji, Atal Bihari Vajpayee ji, Kushabhau Thakre ji, Rajmata Scindia ji."

"We have also been receiving the blessings of our seniors like LK Advani ji, Murali Manohar Joshi ji, who shaped the party and extended the party. I salute every such senior person who has dedicated his life to the party," he added.

"Our mantra has been 'Vyakti Se Bada Dal Aur Dal Se Bada Desh'. This tradition continues to this day. We fulfilled Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee's vision,

scrapped Article 370 and gave Kashmir the constitutional rights," said PM Shri Modi on BJP's 41st foundation day. Talking about the untiring contribution of Karyakartas during the Corona pandemic, the Prime Minister remarked, "Last year, Corona posed an unprecedented crisis

THE POWER OF DR. SHYAMA PRASAD MUKHERJEE'S SACRIFICE IS THAT WE CAN FULFILL THAT DREAM, REMOVE ARTICLE 370 AND GIVE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS TO KASHMIR.

to the entire country. Then all of you, forgetting your happiness and sorrow, continued to serve the countrymen. You pledged for the 'Seva Hi Sangathan', worked for it."

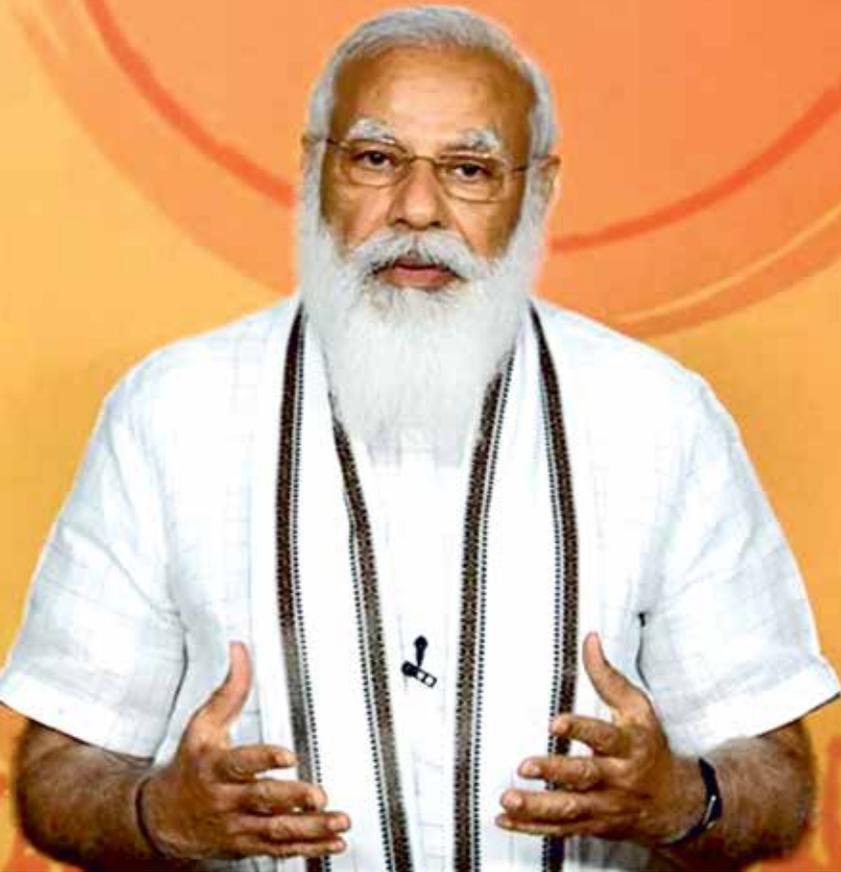
Highlighting the core values

of the party, Shri Modi asserted, "Today, the association of poor with BJP is increasing because they are realizing 'Antyodaya' for the first time. Today, the youth of the 21st century is with the BJP, with the policies of the BJP, with the efforts of the BJP."

"Gandhiji used to say that decisions and schemes should be those which benefit the person standing in the last line of society. We have worked tirelessly to bring that original spirit of Gandhiji," he said.

Reiterating the meaning of the BJP, the PM stated, "BJP means defeating dynasty-based politics. It means an opportunity to able leadership. It means transparency and good governance. It means 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikaas,

भारतीय जनता पार्टी स्थापना दिवस



Sabka Vishwas'."

He said that the values that we have, we do not believe in political untouchability. Therefore, we take pride in making the Statue of Unity dedicated to Sardar Patel. That is why we take pride in constructing Panchtirtha for Babasaheb.

Also, he said if the BJP wins it is considered an election-winning machine but if others win then that is credited to their hard work. "The BJP is not the election-winning machine, those who say this could never understand the democracy of this country and hopes, dreams, expectations of the people of this country," the Prime Minister said.

Attacking the opposition, PM Shri Modi said, "Parties that began with help from local aspirations,

became a family-based party later. These parties, who were wearing a mask of secularism, are finally being unmasked. The person, who makes plans for everyone, talks about the rights of all and works for everyone, is called communal."

"Today they are spreading false narratives - sometimes with regard to CAA, sometimes with regard to agricultural laws, sometimes on labor law, every BJP Karyakarta must understand that there is a well-intentioned politics behind it, this is a big conspiracy," he cautioned

everyone against opposition's propaganda.

Addressing the party Karyakarta, he said, "We also have to take Amrit Mahotsav to every citizen of the country. The Amrit Mahotsav of independence is also an opportunity to set the country's goals for the next 25 years. BJP and its Karyartas also have a big role to play in meeting these goals of the country." ■

@Narendra Modi

The BJP is an ongoing campaign to win the hearts of the country and countrymen, not a machine to win elections.

We serve the people honestly for 5 years, be it in the government or not in the government, remain connected with the people in every situation, live for the people.



BJP PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS ON 41ST FOUNDATION DAY

BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda addressed the Karyakartas on the occasion of 41st Foundation Day of the party on 06 April, 2021. Earlier, to mark the 41st Foundation Day, party National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda garlanded the statues of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee and Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya, the two founding fathers of the party.

While addressing Shri Nadda extended his greetings to party Karyakartas and said, "I give my hearty greetings to all the committed and dedicated workers of the Bharatiya Janata Party on the occasion of the 41st Foundation Day".

Shri Nadda said the Bharatiya Janata Party today is the world's largest political party and is committed towards its ideology, nation's service and people's welfare and wellbeing. He said due to the hard work, dedication, perseverance and sacrifices, the Bharatiya Janata Party has covered a momentous journey from two Members of Parliament to 303 MPs in Lok Sabha today. Excerpts of the speech;

- Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee and Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya are the founding fathers of our party. Strong nationalist Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee sacrificed his life while working for national integration and Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya worked for 'Ekam Manavaad' and 'Antyodaya' to ensure upliftment and progress of the poorest of the poor and most backward class people of our society.
- Under the leadership and guidance of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, India is continuously moving ahead on the path of growth, development and prosperity. India has established its name in the global arena. Today, India is known for its leadership and its contributions to the world. And we all Indians feel extremely proud for this.
- From 'Ekam Manavaad' to 'Antyodaya' and now to 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas & Sabka Vishwas' the Bharatiya Janata Party is consistently moving forward by following these principles. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has implemented various pro-poor programmes and exceptional policies for greater public good which has led to changing of our nation's image, its fate and



BJP CONSISTENTLY MOVING 'EKAM MANAVVAAD 'SABKA SAATH, SABKA VIKAS



On the occasion of 41st foundation day, BJP along with other leader of the party visiting Janata Party since its foundation at BJP



GOING FORWARD BY FOLLOWING 'SABKA SAATH', 'ANTYODAYA' AND 'VIKAS, SABKA VISHWAS'



National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda inaugurating an exhibition on the journey of Bharatiya Janata Party at National Headquarters in New Delhi

destiny.

- The Bharatiya Janata Party is not just a political party but it has its varied social dimensions. The manner in which lakhs of party workers served the humanity during the Corona pandemic across India and provided them food, medicines and other relief material and showed the world what selfless service of needy people mean. It is an exemplary and magnificent example of social service shown by our party workers.
- Under the leadership and guidance of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi 130 crore Indians unitedly and strongly fought against the Corona pandemic and the entire world wholeheartedly praised this fight against the pandemic and also took inspiration from it.
- During the Corona pandemic India provided medicines and other medical aids to around 159 countries across the globe, while we are providing Corona vaccine to 72 nations and helping them in their fight against the pandemic.
- Assembly elections are currently being held in five States -- West Bengal, Assam, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Kerala and I am very sure that people of these states will shower their blessings on the Bharatiya Janata Party and we will do exceptionally well in all these states.
- From the day of the foundation of the Bharatiya Janata Party our great leaders -- from Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee to Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya, Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Sundar Singh Bhandari, Kushabhau Thakre-- all these great leaders and thinkers have nurtured the Party since the very beginning. Due to the hard work, dedication, perseverance and sacrifices, the Bharatiya Janata Party has covered a momentous journey from two Members of Parliament to 303 MPs in Lok Sabha today. ■

@Jagat Prakash Nadda

On BJP's 41st #Sthapna Diwas the valuable guidance of respected Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji was received which will motivate all of us to serve the people and crores of BJP karyakartas will follow it literally.



GST REVENUE COLLECTION FOR MARCH 2021 SETS NEW RECORD

₹ 1,23,902 CRORE GROSS GST REVENUE COLLECTED IN THE MONTH OF MARCH 2021

The gross GST revenue collected in the month of March 2021 is at a record of 1,23,902 crore of which CGST is 22,973 crore, SGST is 29,329 crore, IGST is 62,842 crore (including 31,097 crore collected on import of goods) and Cess is 8,757 crore (including 935 crore collected on import of goods).

The government has settled 21,879 crore to CGST and 17,230 crore to SGST from IGST as regular settlement. In addition, Centre has also settled 28,000 crore as IGST ad-hoc settlement in the ratio of 50:50 between Centre and States/UTs. The total revenue of Centre and the States after regular and ad-hoc settlements in the month of March' 2021 is 58,852 crore for CGST and 60,559 crore for the SGST. Centre has also released a compensation of 30,000 crore during the month of March 2021.

The GST revenues during March 2021 are the highest since introduction of GST. In line with the trend of recovery in the GST revenues over past five months, the revenues for the month of March 2021 are 27%

higher than the GST revenues in the same month last year. During the month, revenues from import of goods was 70% higher and the revenues from domestic transaction (including import of services) are 17% higher than the revenues from these sources during the same month last year. The GST revenue witnessed growth rate of (-) 41%, (-) 8%, 8% and 14% in the first, second, third and fourth quarters of this financial year, respectively, as compared to the same period last year, clearly indicating the trend in recovery of GST revenues as well as the economy as a whole.

GST revenues crossed above 1 lakh crore mark at a stretch for the last six months and a steep increasing trend over this period are clear indicators of rapid economic recovery post pandemic. Closer monitoring against fake-billing, deep data analytics using data from multiple sources including GST, Income-tax and Customs IT systems and effective tax administration have also contributed to the steady increase in tax revenue over last few months. ■

MoRTH ACHIEVES RECORD-BREAKING MILESTONE OF CONSTRUCTING 37 KMS OF HIGHWAYS PER DAY

Tremendous progress has been achieved in building of National Highways across the country in the last few years by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways. The Ministry has achieved the record-breaking milestone of constructing 37 kilometres highways per day in year 2020-21, which is unprecedented. Minister for Road Transport & Highways and MSME, Shri Nitin Gadkari felicitated the officials of M/o RTH and presented the letters of appreciation. The Minister said that this would not have been possible without dedication and team work of the officials and other stakeholders. He said that these achievements are unprecedented and have no parallel in any other country in the world.

THE MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Over the last 7 years, length of National Highways has gone up by 50% from 91,287 km (as of April 2014) to 1,37,625 km (as on 20 March 2021);

- Total budgetary outlay increased by 5.5 times, from INR 33,414 Cr in Financial Year 2015 to INR 1,83,101 Cr in Financial Year 2022;
- Sanctioned amount has increased by 126% in Financial Year 2021 over Financial Year 2020 despite Covid-19 related impact. Sanctioned length in kilometers has also increased by 9% in Financial Year 2021 over Financial Year 2020;
- Average annual project award (annual average award length) during Financial Year 2015 to Financial Year 2021 has increased by 85% compared to FY10 to FY14
- Average annual construction (average annual construction length) during FY2015 to FY2021 has increased by 83% compared to FY2010 to FY2014
- Cumulative cost of ongoing project works has increased by 54% at the end of FY 2021 compared to Financial Year 2020 (as on March 31st) ■

22 ROUTES INAUGURATED UNDER 'UDAN' IN NORTH EAST

In a constant endeavour to connect the unconnected regions, 22 new routes have been operationalised from 28 March to 30 March under the UDAN scheme out of which 6 new routes have been operationalised in North-East India. First direct flight from Shillong (Meghalaya) to Agartala (Tripura) under the UDAN scheme was flagged off today after the successful commencement of the flight operations on Shillong (Meghalaya)- Silchar (Assam) route. Senior officials and other important stakeholders of Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) and Airport Authority of India (AAI) were present. The operationalisation of these routes aligns with the objectives of UDAN scheme to strengthen the aerial network of the country, create affordable, yet economically viable and profitable air travel on regional routes. Till date, 57 unserved and underserved airports (including 5

heliports + 2 water aerodrome) with 347 routes have been operationalised under UDAN across the length and breadth of India.

On 28th March 2021, 18 new routes were flagged off under the UDAN scheme. The routes that commenced operations were Gorakhpur (Uttar Pradesh) to Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh) which is a state supported UDAN route, Kurnool (Andhra Pradesh) to Bangalore (Karnataka), Vishakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh), and Chennai (Tamil Nadu), from Agra (Uttar Pradesh) to Bangalore (Karnataka) & Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh), from Prayagraj (Uttar Pradesh) to Bhubaneswar (Odisha) & Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh). In addition to these routes, new flight connectivity was established from Dibrugarh (Assam) to Dimapur (Nagaland).

The Indigo airlines was awarded the Shillong-Agartala, Shillong



– Silchar, Kurnool - Bangalore, Vishakhapatnam, and Chennai routes under the UDAN 4 bidding process last year. In addition to these, Agra to Bangalore and Agra to Bhopal route under UDAN 3, Prayagraj to Bhubaneswar and Prayagraj to Bhopal route under UDAN 2, and Dibrugarh to Dimapur were awarded under UDAN 3 bidding process. Alliance Air was awarded the Lucknow – Gorakhpur route under the UDAN 3 bidding process. ■

E-INVOICES CROSS 39.81 CRORES IN SIX MONTHS

GST e-invoice system, the game changer in the GST system, has successfully completed journey of six months. During this period more than 39.81 Crores e-invoices have been generated by 88,000+ suppliers. There are more than 47 lakh recipients involved in these transactions, who will be receiving Input Tax Credits easily. On 31st March 2021, 37.42 Lakh e-Invoices are generated which is the highest for a day in last 6 months.

E-invoice system was launched

on 1st Oct 2020 for the tax payers whose annual aggregate turnover is more than Rs 500 Crores and subsequently on 1st Jan 2021, the tax payers whose annual aggregate turnover is between Rs. 100 Crores and Rs. 500 Crores have been enabled. From 1st April 2021, as per the government order, tax payers whose annual aggregate turnover is between Rs. 50 Crores and Rs. 100 Crores are mandated to generate e-invoice from the portal. National Informatics Centre (NIC) has already enabled these tax payers on the

portal and is geared up to handle the generation of e-invoices by the tax payers.

NIC has taken pro-active measures in educating the tax payers about the common errors while reporting the e-invoice to the IRP (Invoice Registration Portal). Daily emails are sent with the details of the errors and telephonic calls are made to the taxpayers with large number of errors. The tax payers can note the errors sent by mail and take appropriate corrective measures with the help of their IT teams. ■

7.12 CRORES E-WAY BILLS IN MARCH-2021 HIGHEST IN A MONTH DURING LAST THREE YEARS

E-WAY BILL SYSTEM HELPED GOVT. TO FACILITATE MONITORING OF THE MOVEMENT OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES DURING LOCKDOWN

E-Way Bill System under GST regime has achieved a new milestone of generation of 7.12 Crores E-way Bills in the month of March 2021. This is the highest number of e-way bills generated in any month during last three years' journey of E-Way Bill system. Similarly, on 24th March 2021, 27.86 Lakh E-Way Bills have been generated which is the highest in a day in last three years. A total of 180.34 Crores of e-Way Bills have been generated in last 3 years.

E-Way Bill system was launched by National Informatics Centre (NIC) as per the directions of the GST Council on 1st April 2018. The roll out of e-way bill system took place in phased manner from 1st April 2018 to 16th June 2018. E-Way Bill system has maintained high availability in last three years.

E-Way Bill needs to be generated for the movement of goods from one place to another, having value more than Rs 50,000/-. This has replaced the need of e-way bill of multiple states with one e-way bill. E-way Bill has helped in reducing the transport time in movement of the goods. It has facilitated removal of the static check posts at the state borders and

improved the tax compliance and collection of tax.

E-way Bill system provided number of reports to the government departments to facilitate monitoring of the movement of essential commodities and medical supplies in different parts of the country, during lockdown necessitated by COVID-19 pandemic.

The system has also been enhanced regularly to improve the user experience and friendliness. Validations of the vehicle number with VAHAN system and auto calculation of the distance between source and destination pin-codes for movement of goods, are the major enhancements carried out.

A number of analytical reports like trend analysis, supply chain, risk analysis, data analysis etc. based on e-way bill system are developed for the GST officers and facilitated detection of number of tax evasions. These reports of the e-way bill system are thus helping the officers to enhance the tax collection.

Recently, the Fastag data has been integrated with the e-way bill system. On a daily average, 24 Lakh Fastag transactions from 826 toll plazas, related to commercial vehicles are exchanged between NPCI/ NHA and NIC systems. ■

DRDO DEVELOPS LIGHT WEIGHT BULLET PROOF JACKET

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) lab Defence Materials and Stores Research and Development Establishment (DMSRDE), Kanpur has developed light weight Bullet Proof Jacket (BPJ) weighing 9.0 kilogrammes, meeting the qualitative requirements of Indian Army.

The Front Hard Armour Panel (FHAP) jacket was tested at Terminal Ballistics Research Laboratory (TBRL), Chandigarh and met relevant BIS standards. The importance of this vital development lies in the fact that each gram of BPJ weight reduction is crucial in enhancing soldier comfort while ensuring the survivability. This technology reduces the weight of the medium sized BPJ from 10.4 to 9.0 kilogrammes. Very specific materials and processing technologies have been developed in the laboratories for the purpose.

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh on April 1 congratulated the DRDO scientists and Industry for developing the light weight BPJ to make the soldiers more comfortable. ■



PM CALLS FOR VACCINATION FESTIVAL BETWEEN BIRTH ANNIVERSARIES OF JYOTIBA PHULE AND BABA SAHEB AMBEDKAR

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi interacted with the Chief Ministers of various states on April 8 regarding the COVID-19 situation via video conference.

Union Home Minister outlined the efforts undertaken by the government in the battle against Covid. He also gave an overview of the progress in the vaccination drive in the country. Union Health Secretary gave a presentation on the Covid situation in the country, focussing on states that are experiencing high caseload at present, and emphasized the need to increase testing in these states. He also shared details of vaccine production and supply in the country.

The Chief Ministers thanked the Prime Minister for leading the collective fight against the virus. They gave feedback about the Covid situation in their states. They said that the timely initiation of vaccination drive is resulting in saving lakhs of lives. Issues of vaccine hesitancy and vaccine wastage were also discussed.

The Prime Minister stressed few clear facts before the Chief Ministers. First, the country has crossed the peak of the first wave and the growth rate is much faster than the earlier. Second, many states, including Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat have crossed the peak of the first wave. Many other states are moving in that direction. This is a serious concern, he said. Third, This time people have grown much more casual, in some states

even administration too. In such a situation, sharp rise of the cases has created difficulties. However, the Prime Minister emphasized, that despite the challenges, we have better experience, resources and, also the vaccine. People's involvement along with hard working doctors and health care staff has contributed a lot in managing the situation and they are still doing so. The Prime Minister said "we have to keep focussing on 'Test, Track, Treat', Covid appropriate behaviour and Covid Management". The Prime Minister pointed out that we have to contain human host to contain the virus and testing and tracking has a very important role to play in this.

The Prime Minister requested the States for 100 per cent vaccination of 45 plus population in the high focus districts. The Prime Minister called for 'Teeka Utsav' – Vaccination Festival between 11th April, Jayanti of Jyotiba Phule and 14th April Jayanti of Baba Saheb Ambedkar. Effort should be to vaccinate maximum number of people during the vaccination festival. He also called upon the youth to help in getting everyone above 45 years of age vaccinated. The Prime Minister cautioned against carelessness, He said that we have to keep in mind that despite vaccination, there should not be lowering of guard and proper precautions should be continued to be taken. Insisting on his mantra of 'dawai bhi-kadai bhi', the Prime Minister insisted on awareness about the Covid appropriate behaviour. ■

13.54 % MORE PADDY PROCURED ON MSP IN COMPARISON TO CORRESPONDING PERIOD

In the ongoing Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2020-21, Government continues to procure Kharif 2020-21 crops at MSP from farmers as per existing MSP Schemes, as was done in previous seasons.

Paddy procurement for Kharif 2020-21 is continuing smoothly in the procuring States & UTs of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh,

Telangana, Uttarakhand, Tamil Nadu, Chandigarh, Jammu & Kashmir, Kerala, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Bihar, Jharkhand, Assam, Karnataka, West Bengal and Tripura with purchase of over 688.02 LMTs of paddy up to 24.03.2021. This is an increase of 13.54 % against the last year corresponding purchase of



605.94 LMT. Out of the total purchase of 688.02 LMT, Punjab alone has contributed 202.82 LMT which is 29.47% of total procurement. ■

“INTEGRAL HUMANISM”

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OPPORTUNISM HAS SHAKEN THE CONFIDENCE OF PEOPLE IN POLITICS

A majority of those who lead the nation today as well as those who take active interest in the affairs of the country are not sufficiently aware of this root cause. Consequently opportunists with no principles reign in politics of our country. Parties and politicians have neither principles nor aims nor a standard code of conduct. A person feels nothing wrong in leaving one party and joining another. Even alliances and mergers of parties or their bifurcations are dictated not by agreement or by differences in principles but purely by gains in elections or in positions of power. In 1939 Shri Hafiz Mohammed Ibrahim was elected Muslim League ticket. Later when he joined Congress, in accordance with healthy principles of public conduct he resigned and sought re-election on Congress ticket and was once again elected. In 1948 when socialists left Congress and founded Socialist Party, all those who were members of legislature resigned and fought elections on socialist tickets. But thereafter this healthy tradition was forgotten. Now there is complete license in politics. As result, in public mind there is distrust for every one. There is hardly any reason

whose Integrity is beyond doubt in the public mind. This situation must be changed.

WHAT SHOULD BE OUR DIRECTION?

The nation is at crossroads. Some people suggest that we must start from where we have left off one thousand years ago, when foreign invaders disrupted our life. But nation is not an inanimate object like a cloth so



weaving can be taken up after a gap in time. Besides it would not be rational to say that the thousand year old alien rule has interrupted the current of our national life so completely that from that time to this day we remained stationary and inactive. The nation has certainly put her genius to work, in the changing circumstances to meet the challenges thrown at her. We have struggled to continue our life forward and

to wrest independence from the aliens. The current of our national life was not interrupted but has gone on ceaselessly. The task of turning the waters of Ganga back to some previous point would not be wise. Ganga at Banaras may not be crystal clear as at Haridwar. But still it is the same holy Ganga. It has absorbed numerous rivulets with all their refuse. However, these have no separate existence but have become Ganga. The current Ganga must inevitably flow onwards. If this was all that happened it would still not be a big problem. But there are other nations in the world. They have made phenomenal progress in the past one thousand years. Our entire attention was engaged in fighting for independence or staving off new hordes of invaders. We have not been able to contribute to the world progress. Now when we are free, is it not paramount that we fill this deficiency at the earliest and stand shoulder to shoulder with other advanced nations of the world?

Up to this point there is no room for difference of opinion. The difficulty arises when we fail to discern the reasons of the spectacular advance of the West, its effects, real and, apparent. This is further complicated by the fact that Britishers a representative of the West, ruled this country for a century and, during this period adopted such

measures whereby in the minds of our people a contempt for things Bharatiya and respect for everything Western were subtly created. Along with the scientific advance, their way of life, manners and food habits etc. came to this country. Not only material sciences but also their social, economic and political doctrines became our standards. Today the educated in this country clearly display this effect. We shall have to decide whether this effect is good or bad for us. We had taken pride in resisting things British while they ruled us, but strangely enough, now that the Britishers have left, westernisation has become synonymous with progress. It is true that a narrow sense of nationalism should not be allowed to obstruct the progress of the nation. However western science and the western way of life are two different things. Whereas western science is universal and must be absorbed by us if we wish to go forward, the same is not true about the western way of life and values. In fact thoughtless imitation of the West must be scrupulously discarded. There are those who consider economic and political doctrines of the West as epitome of progress and desire to transplant the same in our country. Therefore when we are trying to decide where wish to take our country and how, we must also take into consideration the basis of various economic and political doctrines of the

west and their present position.

THE RISE OF EUROPEAN NATIONS

Among various "Isms" that affected the West, the principal ones are Nationalism, Democracy and Socialism. At the same time there have been some who cherish world unity and world peace and have made some efforts in that direction.

Among these, nationalism is the oldest and the strongest. After the fall of the Roman Empire and decline in the

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influence of the Catholic Church Europe witnessed rise of several nations. History of Europe in the past one thousand years is the history of the rise of and conflict among various nations. These nations extended their empires beyond the European continent and subjugated other independent countries. Nationalism brought nation and state together resulting in nation states. At the same time the decline in the influence of the Roman Catholic Church gave rise either to national churches or to complete disappearance of religious influence on politics.

Anyway the concept of secular state arose out of this situation

BIRTH OF DEMOCRACY IN EUROPE

A revolutionary concept which made a deep impact on the political life of Europe is Democracy. In the beginning, every nation had a king as its head but there was gradual awakening in the minds of people against the autocracy of the royalty. The industrial revolution and the international trade resulted in the rise of a business community in all nations. Naturally there ensued a conflict between these new centres of power and the established kings and feudal lords. This conflict, adopted 'democracy' as its philosophical basis. The origin of democracy was sought in the Greek city republics. The common man was attracted by the lofty ideals of equality, fraternity and liberty of every citizen.

France witnessed a bloody revolution. In England too, there were periodic movements. The idea of democracy gained foothold in the mind of common man. The royalty was either liquidated or their powers were drastically curbed and constitutional governments were established. Today democracy has been already accepted in Europe. Even those who have suppressed democracy do not denounce it. The dictators like Hitler, Mussolini and Stalin too paid lip service to democracy.

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FLAG BEARER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE



RATTAN LAL
KATARIA

Much revered Bodhisattva, Bharat Ratna, Baba Saheb Dr. Ambedkar, the harbinger of social transformation and revolution imbued in the ideas of great personalities like Buddha, Kabir, Mahatma Phule was born to divert the currents of the era and tides of time. The multifaceted personality of Baba Saheb is so deep, vast and diversified that, it would not be wrong to assert that, it would take years even for an erudite scholar to understand and fathom its depth. On the Occasion of the 130th birth anniversary of Babasaheb on April 14th, 2021, the entire world in its heartfelt offering will seek inspiration from his indomitable spirit.

Honorable Prime Minister of the country, Shri Narendra Modi ji inaugurated Dr. Ambedkar National Memorial at Dr. Ambedkar International Center, 15 - Janpath, New Delhi and Babasaheb's Mahaparinirvana Bhoomi 26, Alipur Road, New Delhi, in the year 2017-18. Following the instructions of Hon'ble Prime Minister, today these centers are acting as vehicles of socio-economic transformation through research in the field of social and economic studies. It will also serve as an expert think tank with a focus on inclusive development and socio-

economic matters. In fact, the aim of our government is to bring to light the vision of Babasaheb's thoughts and philosophy to the new generation through these centers. The present generation is largely unaware of Babasaheb being the most educated person among his contemporaries which



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was the result and product of his long-term struggle, determination and hard work. The great man had himself experienced all the ills and inhuman evils which penetrated into the social fabric with time, such as untouchability, discrimination, contempt, etc. However, Babasaheb never resorted to violence, but burnt the candle of

his life trying to unify society, by giving the disadvantaged class its due reputation in society. He was committed throughout his life to give a strong, self-reliant and dignified life to the downtrodden, exploited and deprived in the society. Babasaheb believed that social equality can be achieved only by creating social harmony. He said in Delhi on 24 November 1947, "We all Indians are mutual brothers - such a feeling is expected." This is called BandhuBhava, which is lacking resulting in increasing cases of envy and jealousy. Therefore, for the nation to exist, this barrier will have to be removed, only then the nation will exist and brotherhood will flourish, if brotherhood fails to exist, equality, freedom too will become non-existent.

I believe that, just as our government today is working to reestablish India, as the VishwaGuru, Babasaheb too made similar efforts of contribution in the process of nation building. He revered Bharat Mata not only in greatest esteem, but was always concerned about the reestablishment of her honour.

He opposed the prominence of competitive allegiance to religion, culture, caste and language, as he believed it to be a great hinderance in the cultivation of the feeling of Indianness and loyalty towards the nation. Opposing the formation of states on the basis of language, establishment of Hindi as the national language,

education and quality of Sanskrit language, opposition to section 370, his views on conversion, idea of utility of religion, importance of labor policy, reform, urbanization, equal citizens, The Code and the Hindu Code Bill, importance given to the Srimad Bhagavad Gita, sensitivity towards women, national commitment, economic plans, role in water and power policy, etc. are many topics that reflect Babasaheb's national vision. Regarding the creator of the constitution, Dr. Rajendra Babu said on 26 November 1949 in the Savindhan Sabha that Dr. Ambedkar, the architect of constitution of the independent India gave the country a new

constitution with his intelligence, talent and merit. Profoundly rich men of such mental caliber, stature and eternal talent seldom appear in the world. On one hand bearing years of unending suffering and humiliation, while filled with compassion love, equality and non-violence on the other hand, Babasaheb gave the perfect example of his dedication for the country adopting Buddhism as an inseparable part of Indian culture. It is my belief that the present generation must learn from Babasaheb's life lessons that for larger national interest, personal trauma needs to be and should be forgotten. On April 14, entire world will venerate and salute,

the true son of Bharat Mata, Babasaheb. Entire India will evoke and remember his immense contribution for India. The world too will recall Babasaheb's contribution, as the cause of inspiration to the millions of people. But I have a special message for the younger generation, that the patriot, humanist, pious and great saint of virtue, Babasaheb's ideals should not be merely followed on his birth anniversary, but should be borne every moment to be assimilated into life.

With this, I convey my greetings of Babasaheb's birth anniversary to my countrymen. ■

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COUNTRY WILL NEVER FORGET YOUR VALOUR AND SACRIFICE: AMIT SHAH

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah on April 5 paid tributes at Jagdalpur to the brave security personnels who were martyred in Chhattisgarh while fighting the Naxalites. Saluting the martyred security personnels, Shri Amit Shah said that the country will never forget your valour and sacrifice. The whole country stands with the bereaved families. The Union Home Minister also said that we are committed to take this fight to its conclusion.

The Union Home Minister chaired a high-level meeting with Chhattisgarh Chief Minister and senior officers in Jagdalpur to review the Left Wing Extremism (LWE) situation in the wake of the Naxal attack on security personnel on 3rd April.



Addressing the media after the meeting, Shri Amit Shah said that on behalf of the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Government of India and the entire nation, I pay tributes to the soldiers, Chhattisgarh Police, CRPF and Cobra Battalion who have been martyred. Shri Shah said that this supreme sacrifice of the brave security personnel will not

go in vain and the country will always remember their supreme sacrifice.

Shri Shah said that it is the priority of the Modi Government to take this fight against Naxalites to its logical end. In the last few years, the fight against the Naxalites has reached a decisive turn and this unfortunate incident has further enhanced our resolve.

The Union Home Minister said the pace of the fight against the Naxalites should not be slowed down in any way.

The Union Home Minister said that he wants to assure the country that this fight will not stop but will move ahead with more pace. We will take it to the end and at the end of this fight our victory against the Naxalites is certain. ■



INDIA-BANGLADESH SIGNS FIVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDINGS

At the invitation of Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Smt. Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi paid a State Visit to Bangladesh from 26 to 27 March 2021 to join the celebrations of the Golden Jubilee of the Independence of Bangladesh, the Birth Centenary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and 50 years of establishment of diplomatic relations between India and Bangladesh. The visit symbolized the partnership of half-a-century between India and Bangladesh that has strengthened, matured and evolved as a model for bilateral relations for the entire region.

During the visit, Prime Minister of India called on Md. Abdul Hamid, President of Bangladesh on 27 March 2021. The Indian Prime Minister joined the National Day programme, Golden Jubilee celebrations and Mujib Borsho celebration at the National Parade Ground as the Guest of Honour on 26 March 2021. Bangladesh Foreign Minister Dr. A.K. Abdul Momen called on the Prime Minister

of India on 26 March 2021.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid a wreath at the National Martyrs' Memorial at Savar as a mark of respect to the memory and contribution of the great freedom fighters of Bangladesh. He also paid rich tribute and respect to the memory of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at the Bangabandhu Mausoleum in Tungipara, Gopalganj.

Both Prime Ministers held a tête-à-tête on 27 March 2021 which was followed by delegation level talks. Both the talks were marked by great warmth and cordiality. The two leaders expressed satisfaction at the excellent state of bilateral relations, based on deep historical and fraternal ties, which reflect an all-encompassing bilateral partnership based on equality, trust and understanding that transcends even a strategic partnership.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina expressed her deep appreciation and gratitude for the wholehearted

support extended by the Government and people of India, during the critical days of Bangladesh's Liberation War. Both Prime Ministers underscored the need for preserving the memory and legacy of the Great Liberation War. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi thanked the Government of Bangladesh for the decision to establish a memorial at Ashuganj in remembrance of the supreme sacrifices made by the valiant members of the Indian Armed Forces during Bangladesh's War of Independence in 1971.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi expressed his heartfelt congratulations to the people of Bangladesh on the occasion of Mujib Borsho, 50th anniversary of Bangladesh's Independence and establishment of diplomatic relations and appreciated Bangladesh's outstanding achievements in human development, poverty alleviation, counter terrorism, and remarkable economic progress made under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Smt. Sheikh Hasina. Prime Minister Smt. Sheikh Hasina expressed her appreciation for India's continuing bilateral cooperation in various sectors.

The two leaders expressed satisfaction on the progress of various decisions taken during the visit of Prime Minister Smt. Sheikh Hasina to Delhi in October 2019 and the Virtual Summit on 17 December 2020. Both sides also recalled the successful holding of the Sixth Meeting of the Joint Consultative Commission held in September 2020

and the visit of the External Affairs Minister, Dr. S Jaishankar to Dhaka on 4 March 2021.

The two Prime Ministers noted with satisfaction the continued exchange of high-level visits which have helped frame a better understanding on both sides on the various areas of cooperation. They also appreciated the regular holding of meetings of sectoral institutional mechanisms for sustaining the momentum of bilateral relations, particularly during the COVID period.

During the visit Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi highlighted that Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, one of the greatest leaders of modern times, will be remembered for his courage and indelible contribution to Bangladesh's emergence as a sovereign country. He also recalled the contribution of Bangabandhu in nurturing peace, security and development in the region. Prime Minister Smt. Sheikh Hasina thanked India for conferring Gandhi Peace Prize for the year 2020 on Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in recognition of his outstanding contributions towards social, economic and political transformation of Bangladesh through non-violent and other Gandhian methods.

Both Prime Ministers jointly inaugurated the Bangabandhu - Bapu Digital Exhibition in Dhaka, which celebrates the life and legacy of these iconic leaders. The two Prime Ministers affirmed that the legacy and ideals of the two great leaders

PRIME MINISTER PERFORMS POOJA AT JESHORESHWARI KALI SHAKTI PEETH

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Started the second day of his two-day visit to Bangladesh by taking the blessings of Goddess Kali. The Prime Minister performed pooja at the Jeshoreshwari Kali Shaktipeeth in Satkhira, which is one of the 51 Shaktipeeths in the Puranic tradition. The Prime Minister also placed handmade mukut, made of silver with gold plating on Goddess kali. This mukut was handmade over three weeks by a local artisan. Extending a hand of friendship, the Prime Minister announced grant for construction of a community hall-cum cyclone shelter attached to the temple. This structure would be used by the devotees during the Annual Kali Pooja and Mela of the temple and would also be used by broader community of all faiths as a storm shelter and community facility. ■



PRIME MINISTER VISITS HARI MANDIR AND ATTENDS COMMUNITY RECEPTION AT ORAKANDI

PM INTERACTS WITH THE DESCENDANTS OF REVERED THAKUR FAMILY

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 27 March sought blessings at the Hari Mandir in Orakandi and interacted with the descendants of revered Thakur family.

Prime Minister also addressed the representatives of the Matua community at Orakandi, from where Sri Sri Hari Chand Thakur ji disseminated his pious message of social reforms. The Prime Minister underlined that both India and Bangladesh want to see the progress of the whole world, through their development and their progress. Both countries want stability, love and peace in place of instability, terror and unrest in the world. The same values were given to us by Sri Sri Hari Chand Thakur Ji. The Prime Minister underlined

that today, India is moving forward with the mantra of 'SabkaSaath, Sabka Vikas and Sabka Vishwas', and Bangladesh is 'ShohoJatri' in it. At the same time, Bangladesh is presenting a strong example of development and change in front of the world and India is Bangladesh's 'ShohoJatri' in these efforts.

The Prime Minister made several announcements including upgrading the existing middle school for girls at Orakandi and to set up a primary school as well. The Prime Minister also mentioned that every year a large number of people travel from India to Orakandi to participate in 'BaruniSnan' on occasion of the birth anniversary of Shri Shri Hari Chand Thakur and more efforts would be made to ease their travel. ■



would continue to inspire the people worldwide, particularly the youth, against oppression.

To mark the 50th anniversary of India-Bangladesh friendship, both sides released respective commemorative postage stamps. It was decided to commemorate 06 December as Maitri Diwas, the day when India recognized Bangladesh in the year 1971. The Indian side announced the establishment of Bangabandhu Chair at the University of Delhi. In view of the 50th anniversary of the Independence of Bangladesh as well as the establishment of bilateral diplomatic ties, both sides have agreed to jointly commemorate these epochal events in 19 select countries.

Both sides noted with satisfaction that the filming of the biopic on Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, under the direction of Indian film director Shyam Benegal, has commenced and is expected to be completed according to schedule. Both sides stressed on the need to commence work on the Liberation War documentary at the earliest.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi extended an invitation to Prime Minister Smt. Sheikh Hasina to

visit India in 2022 in commemoration of the Golden Jubilee of the establishment of diplomatic relations.

The Bangladesh side welcomed the decision of the Government of India to announce 1000 Shuborno Jayanti Scholarships for Bangladeshi students for pursuing education/courses in India.

The two sides signed five Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) covering areas such as connectivity, commerce, information technology and sports. In a humanitarian gesture, Shri Narendra Modi handed over a representational key of 109 ambulances to his counterpart Smt. Hasina. He also handed over a representational box to her as a symbol of India's gift of 1.2 million COVID vaccine doses to Bangladesh.

Bangladesh Prime Minister thanked the Indian side for considering Bangladesh's proposal to name the historic road from Mujib Nagar to Nadia on the Bangladesh- India border as "Shadhinota Shorok" commemorating the historic significance of the road during Bangladesh's Liberation War. Both sides looked forward to inaugurating the road soon as part of the joint celebrations. ■

IN THE STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM, OUR FIGHTERS UNDERWENT INNUMERABLE HARDSHIPS: PM

PRIME MINISTER SHRI NARENDRA MODI ADDRESSING THE NATION IN HIS 75TH EPISODE OF 'MANN KI BAAT' ON 28 MARCH 2021, SAID THAT THIS MONTH MARKED THE COMMENCEMENT OF 'AMRIT MAHOTSAV' OF THE 75 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE. PM SHRI MODI ADDED THAT IN THE STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM, OUR FIGHTERS HAD UNDERWENT INNUMERABLE HARDSHIPS SINCE THEY CONSIDERED SACRIFICE FOR THE SAKE OF THE COUNTRY AS THEIR DUTY.



My dear countrymen, you see how big a pleasant coincidence it is that today I got an opportunity to express my 75th Mann ki Baat! This very month is the one that marks the commencement of 'Amrit Mahotsav' of the 75 years of Independence. 'Amrit Mahotsav' had begun from the day of Dandi Yatra and will continue till the 15th of August, 2023. Programmes in connection with Amrit Mahotsav are being held throughout the country consistently; people are sharing information and pictures of these programmes from a multitude of places.

- Friends, be it the struggle saga of a freedom fighter; be it the history of a place or any cultural story from the country, you can bring it to the fore during Amrit Mahotsav; you can become a means to connect the countrymen with it. You will see – by and by, Amrit Mahotsav will be filled up with similar inspiring drops of nectar...and then the elixir that will flow will inspire us till a hundred years of the Independence of India...it will elevate the country to newer heights, begetting a fervor to do something or the other for the country. In the struggle for freedom, our fighters underwent innumerable hardships since they considered sacrifice for the sake of the country as their duty. May the immortal saga of their sacrifice, 'Tyaag' and 'Balidan' continuously inspire us towards the path of duty.
- And as Bhagwan Krishna has said in the Gita, "Niyatam Kuru Karma Twam Karma Jyaayo Hyakarmanah| Along the same sentiment, may all of us fulfill our assigned duties faithfully. And the Amrit Mahotsav of our freedom implies that we make new resolves....and to realize those

resolves, we persevere wholeheartedly with due diligence... and resolves should be such that are meant for welfare of society, for the good of the country, for a bright future for India...resolves should be such in which the self assumes one responsibility or the other... intertwined with one's own duty. I do believe we possess this golden opportunity to embody, live the Gita.

- Friends, it is interesting... in the month of March itself, when we were celebrating women's day, many women players secured records and medals in their name. India bagged the top position during the ISSF World Cup shooting organised at Delhi. India also topped the Gold Medals tally. This was possible because of the fabulous display by Indian women and men shooters. Meanwhile P V Sindhu ji has won the Silver Medal in the BWF Swiss Open Super 300 Tournament. Today, from education to entrepreneurship, armed forces to science and technology, the country's daughters are making a distinct mark everywhere.
- I have talked of different aspects of tourism several times during 'Man kiBaat', but these light houses are unique in terms of tourism. Because of their grand structures light houses have always been centres of attraction for people. To promote tourism 71 light houses have been identified in India too. In all these light houses, depending on their capacities, museums, amphi-theatres, open air theatres, cafeterias, children's parks, eco

friendly cottages and landscaping will be built.

- Friends, Honey Bee Farming do not lead to income solely from honey, but bee wax is also a very big source of income. There is demand for bee wax in everything...pharmaceutical, food, textile and cosmetic industries Our country currently imports bee wax, but, our farmers are now rapidly transforming this situation...that is, in a way contributing in the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' campaign. Today the whole world is looking at Ayurveda and Natural Health Products. In such a situation, the demand for honey is increasing even more rapidly. I wish more and more farmers of our country to join bee farming along with their farming. This will lead to an increase in the income of the farmers too and will also sweeten their lives!
- World Sparrow Day was celebrated just a few days ago. Sparrow that is Goraiya, at places is also known as chakali, or it is also called chimni, orghanchirika. Today many homes in Benaras are

joining this campaign. This has led to creating a wonderful natural environment in the houses. I would like that for nature, environment, animals, birds or for whomsoever small or big efforts should be made by us.

- My dear countrymen, today in 'Mann Ki Baat' we talked about 'Amrit Mahotsav' and our duties towards the country. We also discussed other festivals and festivities. Meanwhile, another festival is arriving which reminds us of our constitutional rights and duties. That is 14 April - Birth anniversary of Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar ji. This time in the 'Amrit Mahotsav', this occasion has become even more special. I am sure that we will make this birth anniversary of Babasaheb a memorable one by taking a resolve of our duties and thus paying tribute to him. With this very belief, wish you all the best for the festivals once again. You all be happy, be healthy, and rejoice. With this wish, I remind you 'dawai bhi, kadaai bhi'! ■



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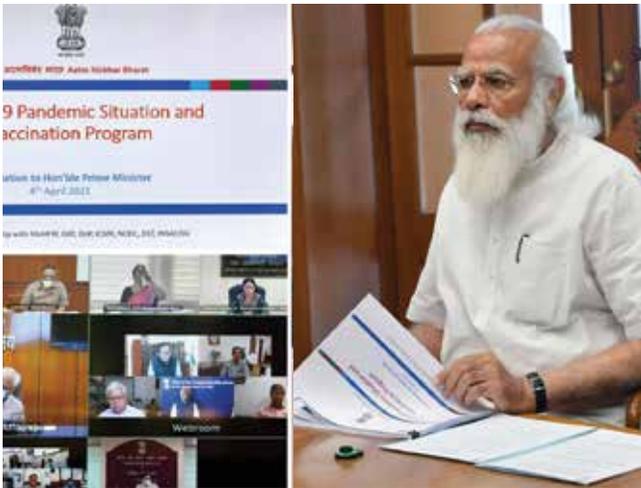
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PM Shri Narendra Modi addressing party Karyakartas on the occasion of 41st Foundation Day of BJP



PM Shri Narendra Modi addressing huge public meetings in Cooch Behar and Howrah in West Bengal



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi taking a high level meeting to review the COVID related issues and vaccination happening in the country, in New Delhi



PM Shri Narendra Modi along with other leaders waving at the gathering during an election rally at Tamulpur, Assam



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi taking the second dose of COVID-19 vaccine at AIIMS, New Delhi



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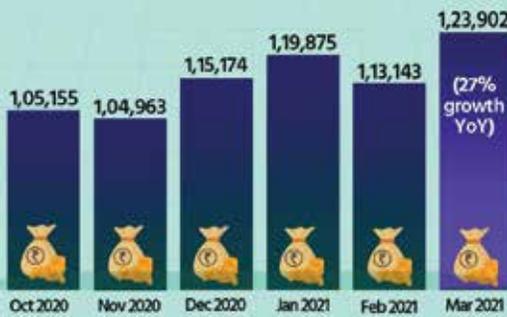
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