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BJP National President Shri JP Nadda addressing the "Sewa hi Sangathan" programme on the occasion of two years of Modi Govt. 2.0 via video conferencing in New Delhi.



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda releasing special covers for Indian Postal Department in memory of Shri Gopinath Munde ji on the occasion of his 7th Punyathithi in New Delhi.



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda along with CM Jai Ram Thakur and MoS Finance Shri Anurag Singh Thakur laying foundation for two Oxygen plants and flagging off Covid relief material for Himachal Pradesh.



Union Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh launching the 'Services e-Health Assistance & Tele-consultation (SeHAT) OPD portal in New Delhi. This portal provides Tele-Medicine services to the serving Armed personnel, veterans and their families.



With the efforts of Union Minister Shri Nitin Gadkari Genetech Life Sciences in Wardha has prepared Amphotericin B Emulsion Injection for the treatment of the rapidly spreading black fungus post Covid. Until now, only one company in India used to produce it.

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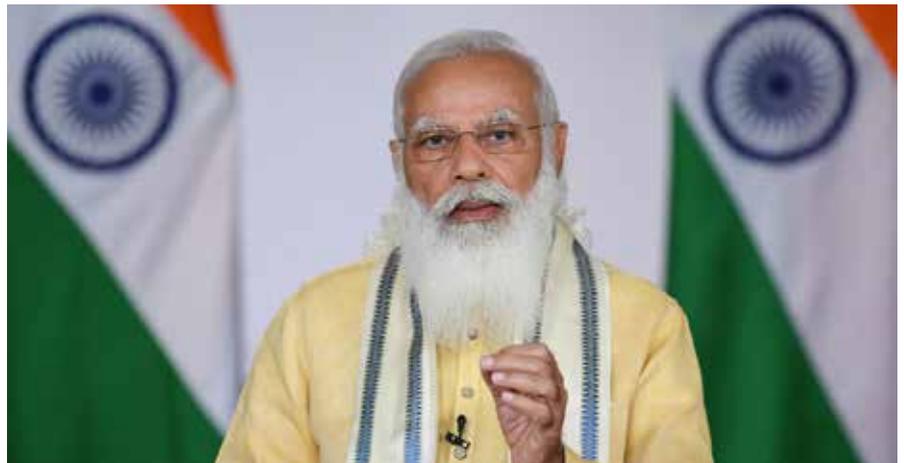
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PM Shri @narendramodi ji has extended the PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana till November to ensure no poor sleeps hungry. Under this scheme, 80 crore people will get free ration till Diwali. Our motto is that every person should get food, every person should be vaccinated.



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India is amongst the Top 10 performers in the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business report (2020 edition) – three times in a row. It clearly underlines PM Modi's commitment and dedication towards procedural and structural reforms.



@AmitShah

PM @NarendraModi has always made it clear that his aim as well as the government's purpose is to serve 135 crore Indians. The spirit of 'Seva' has been a guiding light for the government in each step it has taken.



@Nitin Gadkari

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi ji, the Government has taken up several Welfare Programs. These programs have ensured prosperity and better opportunity for poor. #EmpoweringThePoor #7YearsOfSeva



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The state sponsored violence in WB is going to be a shameful blot on the constitutional ethos of India for the times to come. More than 100 Dalit & Tribal Professors submit memorandum to @rashtrapatibhvn on the mindless atrocities in WB.



KAMAL SANDESH PARIVAR

wishes a very happy
GANGA DUSSEHRA (20 JUNE)
to all of its readers

FREE VACCINATION FOR ALL

The announcement made by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi that the union government will provide free vaccines also for 18+ people has further reassured the nation about the smooth conduct of vaccination drive across the nation. It is to be noted that the Modi government is successfully conducting free vaccination drive for 45+ people and the vaccination for 18+ population was earlier decentralized as per the demands made by some states. While some states could not effectively launch vaccination drive in their states and showed inability in procuring vaccines for their states, their commitment to fight against Covid-19 pandemic became doubtful. As BJP governments in various states had already announced free vaccination for the people, many other states continued to depend on centre for their vaccination programmes. The resulting confusions and doubts have been effectively addressed by the Prime Minister with his announcement of taking responsibility of providing free vaccines for 18+ people also, in addition to 45+ people in the country.

In his address to the nation, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has also announced the extension of Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) for 80 crore people upto November. This scheme has not only provided food security to a large part of the population, it has also enable the poorest of the

poor to join fight against Covid-19 pandemic without panicking during various lockdowns. The PMGKAY of the Modi government in providing 5 kg food grains, 1 kg pulses and other necessities to 80 crore people across the nation has been rated as highly successful in containing the pandemic and empowering the poorest of the poor in the time of this global crisis. Its further extension in the wake of second wave of the pandemic by the Prime minister has reassured the people that under the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi, India is prepared to face any adversity and is confident of emerging victorious against all odds.

In another major decision, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has announced many reliefs under 'PM-CARES for children' scheme for the children who lost their parents or legal guardians/adoptive parents to Covid-19. The scheme covers the educational expenses and provides a corpus of Rs. 10 lac for each child when s/he reaches 10 years of age. It also supports higher education and health of every such child. In addition to this, the government has also announced various supports to the families who have lost their earning members. The Covid-19 pandemic has brought untold miseries to many families across the

world and in India many lives were lost leaving behind many dependents with uncertain future. While nation is standing in solidarity with these families, the Modi government is taking many initiatives to provide reliefs to the affected families through its caring and sensitive approach.

While the world's largest and fastest vaccination drive is gaining momentum with every passing day in India, the nation is proud of its scientists and researchers who have strengthened the fight against Covid-19 pandemic by preparing not one, but two Covid-19 vaccines. While many more vaccines are under trail stage, the vaccines for children are also being prepared creating another milestone for the nation. India is proud of its doctors, nurses, medical staffs, lab technicians, administrative staffs and Corona warriors for successfully waging a spirited war against the pandemic. The 'Seva Hi Sangathan – 2.0' campaign launched by the BJP karykarts on the call of BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda has provided relief to millions of people across the nation. While free vaccination drive is gaining pace, India is moving towards a decisive victory against the Covid-19 pandemic. ■

**MANY RELIEFS UNDER
'PM-CARES FOR CHILDREN'
SCHEME FOR THE
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GUARDIANS/ADOPTIVE
PARENTS TO COVID-19.
THE SCHEME COVERS THE
EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES
AND PROVIDES A CORPUS OF
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WHEN S/HE REACHES 10
YEARS OF AGE.**

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PM'S ADDRESS TO THE NATION

'GOVERNMENT OF INDIA TO PROVIDE FREE VACCINE TO ALL CITIZENS ABOVE 18 YEARS OF AGE'

P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the nation on June 07, 2021. He expressed condolences for the people who lost their lives in the pandemic. Terming the pandemic the biggest calamity of last hundred years, a pandemic not seen nor experienced in the modern world, the Prime Minister said that the country fought the pandemic at many fronts. Shri Modi made many important announcements.

As many states came forward with a demand for reconsideration of the vaccination strategy and for bringing back the system that was there before 1st May, the Prime Minister announced that it has been decided that the 25 per cent vaccination that was with states will now be undertaken by the Government of India. This will be rolled out in two weeks. In two weeks, centre and states will make necessary preparations as per new guidelines.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA WILL PROVIDE FREE VACCINE TO ALL

Shri Modi further announced, that 21st June

onwards, Government of India will provide free vaccine to all Indian citizens above 18 years of age. Government of India will buy 75 per cent of the total production of the vaccine producers and provide to the states free of cost. No state government would be spending anything for vaccines. Till now, crores of people got free vaccine, now 18 years segment will be added to this. Government of India will provide free vaccines to all the citizens, reiterated the Prime Minister.

Shri Modi informed that the system of 25 per cent vaccines being procured directly by the private hospitals will continue. State governments will monitor that only 150 rupees service charge is levied by the private hospitals over the decided price of the vaccines.

EXTENSION 'PRADHAN MANTRI GARIB KALYAN ANNA YOJNA'

In another major announcement, the Prime Minister conveyed the decision of extension Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojna till Deepawali.

This means that till November, 80 crore people will continue to get decided amount of free food grain every month. During the pandemic, the government is standing with the poor for all his needs as his friend, said the Prime Minister.

Recalling the unprecedented rise in the demand for the medical oxygen during the second wave during the months of April and May, the Prime Minister said that the challenge was met at the war footing deploying all the systems of the government. In the history of India, this level of demand for medical oxygen was never experienced, said Shri Modi.

OUR SCIENTISTS PROVED THEIR CALIBER

The Prime Minister said that globally, vaccine producing companies and countries are far less than what is the global demand for the vaccines. In such a scenario, made in India vaccine was critical for India.

Shri Modi pointed out that in the past, India used to get vaccines decades after they were developed abroad. This always resulted in a situation in the past where India could not even start vaccination while other countries used to finish the vaccine work. Shri Modi said that by working in mission mode, we raised the vaccination coverage from 60 per cent to 90 per cent in 5-6 years. We not only enhanced the speed but also widened the ambit of vaccination, said the Prime Minister,

This time, said the Prime Minister, India warded off all the apprehensions and, through clean intentions, clear policy and constant hard work, not just one but two made-in-India vaccines for Covid were launched in India. Our scientists proved their caliber. Till today, more than 23 crore vaccine doses have been administered in the country.

The Prime Minister recalled that Vaccine Task force was constituted when there were just few thousand Covid-19 cases and vaccine companies were supported by the government in all possible ways in trials and funding for research and development. The Prime Minister informed that due to great effort and hard work, supply of vaccine is about to increase in coming days. He conveyed that, today, seven companies are producing different type of vaccines. Trials of three more vaccines are

in the advanced stage, informed the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister also talked of trials for two vaccines for children and a 'nasal vaccine'.

Shri Modi dwelled on the differing views from various quarters on the vaccination drive. As the corona cases started declining, questions arose about the lack of choice for states and some people questioned why the central government is deciding everything. Flexibility in lockdown and one-size-does-not-fit-all type of argument was forwarded. Shri Modi said that starting from 16 January to April end; India's vaccination programme was run mostly under the central government. Free vaccination for all was moving forward and people were showing discipline in getting vaccinated when their turn came. In the midst of all this demands for decentralization of vaccination were raised, decision about priority to certain age groups were raised. Many types of pressures were exerted and certain sections of media took it as campaign.

STAY VIGILANT AGAINST THEM, WHO ARE SPREADING RUMORS

The Prime Minister warned against the people who are spreading rumors against vaccination. Such people are playing with the lives of people and there is a need to stay vigilant against them said the Prime Minister.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SPEECH

- 25 per cent vaccination that was with states will now be undertaken by Government of India.
- Government of India will buy 75 per cent of the total production of the vaccine producers and provide to the states free of cost.
- Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojna extended till Deepawali.
- Till November, 80 crore people will continue to get free food grain every month.
- Corona Worst Calamity of last hundred years.
- Supply of vaccine is to increase in coming days.
- PM informs about development progress of new vaccines.
- Vaccines for children and Nasal Vaccine under trial.
- Those creating apprehensions about vaccination are playing with the lives of people. ■

GOVERNMENT STANDS WITH CHILDREN WHO LOST THEIR PARENTS DUE TO COVID: PM MODI

P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi chaired an important meeting on May 29, 2021 to discuss and deliberate on steps which can be taken to support children who have lost their parents due to Covid-19. PM Shri Modi announced a number of reliefs to children impacted by the current COVID Pandemic.

While announcing these measures the Prime Minister Shri Modi emphasized that children represent the future of the country and the country will do everything possible to support and protect the children so that they develop as strong citizens and have a bright future.

The PM Shri Modi said that in such trying times it is our duty, as a society, to care for our children and instil hope for a bright future.

All children who have lost both parents or surviving parent or legal guardian/adoptive parents due to Covid 19 will be supported under 'PM-CARES for Children' scheme. He also added that the measures being announced have only been possible due

to the generous contributions to the PM CARES Fund which will support India's fight against COVID-19.

FIXED DEPOSIT IN THE NAME OF THE CHILD:

- PM CARES will contribute through a specially designed scheme to create a corpus of Rs 10 lakh for each child when he or she reaches 18 years of age. This corpus:
- Will be used to give a monthly financial support/ stipend from 18 years of age, for the next five years to take care of his or her personal requirements during the period of higher education and
- On reaching the age of 23 years, he or she will get the corpus amount as one lump-sum for personal and professional use.

SCHOOL EDUCATION: FOR CHILDREN UNDER 10 YEARS

- The child will be given admission in the nearest Kendriya Vidyalaya or in a private school as a day scholar.

- If the child is admitted in a private school, the fees as per the RTE norms will be given from the PM CARES.
- PM-CARES will also pay for expenditure on uniform, text books and notebooks.

SCHOOL EDUCATION: FOR CHILDREN BETWEEN 11-18 YEARS:

- The child will be given admission in any Central Government residential school such as Sainik School, Navodaya Vidyalaya etc.
- In case the child is to be continued under the care of Guardian/ grandparents/ extended family, then he or she will be given admission in the nearest Kendriya Vidyalaya or in a private school as a day scholar.

- If the child is admitted in a private school, the fees as per the RTE norms will be given from the PM CARES.
- PM CARES will also pay for expenditure on uniform, text books and notebooks.

THE MEASURES BEING ANNOUNCED HAVE ONLY BEEN POSSIBLE DUE TO THE GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PM CARES FUND WHICH WILL SUPPORT INDIA'S FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19

SUPPORT FOR HIGHER EDUCATION:

- The child will be assisted in obtaining education loan for Professional courses / Higher Education in India as per the existing Education Loan norms. The interest on this loan will be paid by the PM CARES.
- As an alternative, scholarship equivalent to the tuition fees / course fees for undergraduate/ vocational courses as per Government norms will be provided to such children under Central or State Government Schemes. For children who are not eligible under the existing scholarship schemes, PM CARES will provide an equivalent scholarship.

HEALTH INSURANCE

- All children will be enrolled as a beneficiary under Ayushman Bharat Scheme (PM-JAY) with a health insurance cover of Rs. 5 lakhs.
- The premium amount for these children till the age of 18 years will be paid by PM CARES.

GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES

further measures to help
families who lost the earning
member due to Covid



GOVT ANNOUNCES FURTHER MEASURES TO HELP FAMILIES WHO LOST EARNING MEMBER DUE TO COVID

In addition to the measures announced under PM CARES for Children- Empowerment of Covid affected children, Government of India has announced further measures on May 29, 2021 to help families who have lost the earning member due to Covid. They will provide pension to families of those who died due to Covid and an enhanced & liberalised insurance compensation.

PM said that the Central Government stands in solidarity with their families. He also said that through these schemes, efforts are being made to mitigate financial difficulties that may be faced by them.

FAMILY PENSION UNDER EMPLOYEES STATE INSURANCE CORPORATION

- To help family live a life of dignity and maintain a good standard of living, benefit of ESIC pension scheme for employment related death cases is being extended to even those who have died due to Covid. Dependent family members of such persons will be entitled to the benefit of pension equivalent to 90% of average daily wage drawn by the worker as per the existing norms. This benefit will be available retrospectively with effect from 24.03.2020 and for all such cases till 24.03.2022.

EMPLOYEES PROVIDENT FUND - EMPLOYEES' DEPOSIT LINKED INSURANCE

- The insurance benefits under the EDLI scheme have been enhanced and liberalized. Apart from all other beneficiaries, this will in particular help the families of employees who have lost their lives due to COVID.
- Amount of maximum insurance benefit has been increased from 6 lakh to 7 lakh
- The provision of minimum insurance benefit of 2.5 lakh has been restored and will apply retrospectively from 15th February 2020 for the next three years
- To benefit families of contractual/ casual workers, the condition of continuous employment in only one establishment has been liberalized, with benefit being made available to families of even those employees who may have changed jobs in the last 12 months preceding his death.
- Detailed guidelines of these schemes are being issued by the Ministry of Labour and Employment. ■



PRIME MINISTER REVIEWS PROGRESS OF INDIA'S VACCINATION DRIVE

PM Shri Narendra Modi chaired a high level meeting to review the progress of India's vaccination drive on June 04, 2021. Officials gave a detailed presentation on various aspects of the vaccination drive.

PM was briefed about the current availability of vaccines and the roadmap for ramping it up. He was also apprised about the efforts undertaken to help various vaccine manufacturers ramp up production of vaccines. Government of India is actively working with vaccine manufacturers & helping them in terms of facilitating more production units, financing and supply of raw materials.

PM reviewed the status of vaccination coverage in health-care workers as well as front-line workers. He also took stock the vaccination coverage in the above 45 as well as 18-44 age group. PM also reviewed the status of vaccine wastage in various states.

PM instructed that vaccine wastage numbers are still on the higher side and steps need to be taken to bring them down.

KEY POINTS OF THE MEETING

- Government of India is helping Vaccine Manufacturers in terms of facilitating more production units, financing and supply of raw materials.
- PM instructed that steps need to be taken to bring vaccine wastage down.
- PM reviews status of vaccination coverage in health-care workers, front-line workers, 45+ and 18-44 age groups.

Officials also briefed the PM on various measures being taken on the tech front to make the process of vaccination more people friendly.

Officials briefed PM on advance visibility being provided to states on vaccine availability. They also apprised the PM that states have been asked to pass on this information to district level so that there is no inconvenience to people.

Union Defence Minister, Home Minister, Finance Minister, Commerce & Industries Minister, I&B Minister, Principal Secretary to PM, Cabinet Secretary, Health Secretary and other important officials participated in the meeting. ■



PM MODI REVIEWS PROGRESS OF NATIONAL DIGITAL HEALTH MISSION

P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi chaired a high-level meeting to review the National Digital Health Mission (NDHM) on May 27, 2021. On 15th August 2020, during his Independence Day address, Hon'ble Prime Minister had announced the launch of NDHM. Since then, the digital modules and registries have been developed and the mission has been rolled out in six Union Territories. So far, nearly 11.9 lakh Health IDs have been generated and 3106 doctors and 1490 facilities have registered on the platform.

It has been envisaged that Unified Health Interface (UHI) - an open and interoperable IT network for digital health should soon be rolled out. This interface shall enable public and private solutions and apps to plug in and be a part of National Digital Health Ecosystem. It will allow users to search, book and avail necessary healthcare services such as tele-consultations or laboratory tests. The system will ensure that only verified healthcare providers join the ecosystem. This is likely to unleash a digital health tech revolution with innovations and various services for citizens. In such a manner, healthcare infrastructure and human resources can also be

utilized in a more efficient manner across the nation.

The concept of UPI e-Voucher developed by National Payment Corporation of India (NPCI) was also discussed. This digital payment option will enable financial transactions linked to specific purpose which can be used only by the intended user. It can be useful for targeted and efficient delivery of various government schemes and immediate use cases of UPI e-Voucher could be healthcare services.

PM Shri Modi directed that steps be expedited to expand operations under the NDHM. PM said that NDHM will bring ease of living for citizens to avail a large number of health services. He observed that though the technical platform and building up of registries are inevitable essential elements, the utility of the platform to the citizens will be visible only by way of enabling citizens across the country to avail of services like tele consultation with a Doctor, availing services of a lab, transferring test reports or health records digitally to the Doctor and paying digitally for any of the above services. He directed the NHA along with the Ministry of Health & the Ministry of Electronics & IT to coordinate efforts in this direction. ■



BJP PRESIDENT ADDRESSES 'SEVA HI SANGATHAN 2.0' CAMPAIGN

PM MODI STRENGTHENS INDIA IN LAST SEVEN YEARS AND ESTABLISHES IT AS A WORLD LEADER

On the completion of two years of Modi government 2.0 and Seven years of BJP led NDA government at the centre, BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda addressed the 'Sewa Hi Sangathan' 2.0 campaign held in Safeda village (Geeta Colony, Shahdara, Delhi) and flagged off Covid relief materials for Delhi on 30 May, 2021. Speaking to the Karyakartas virtually, the BJP President said, "Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has strengthened the country in the past 7 years and has established India as a leader at the world stage, which is highly remarkable. I commend and congratulate our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for giving India a decisive and strong leadership by working tirelessly as a true Pradhan Sewak."

He said, "The Bharatiya Janata Party is the only political party in the world which shunned politics during the Corona pandemic and made public service its motto in the times of this health crisis. The BJP's social works and its efforts in the times of Corona pandemic is being recognized globally. Today, the entire world is praising the work done by the BJP workers." Excerpts;

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has strengthened the country in the past seven years and has established India as a leader at the world stage, which is highly remarkable. I pray to God for his long life and good health so that he can continue to serve our country and mankind with the same dedication and vigour. I commend and congratulate our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for giving India a decisive and strong leadership and by working tirelessly as a

true Pradhan Sewak.

Due to the Corona pandemic, the Bharatiya Janata Party has decided to observe this day as 'Sewa Diwas' with a pledge to serve humankind in these difficult times of pandemic and crisis. Today, under our 'Sewa Hi Sangathan 2.0' mission crores of our BJP workers are working in over 1 lakh villages across the country trying to help those affected by the Corona pandemic and trying to provide them



relief and help in whatever manner they can.

I would like to thank our crores of BJP workers who have been working dedicatedly and tirelessly serving the poor and needy people across the country. Under the 'Sewa Hi Sangathan 2.0' mission the

BJP workers are distributing relief materials including ration kits, face masks, hand sanitizers, medicines etc to the Covid affected and other needy people. The BJP workers are also helping in getting Corona tests conducted and ensuring supplies of medical oxygen to sick people across the country.

In the past three days, the BJP workers have organised blood donation camps across the country and have fixed the target of donating 50,000 units of blood, and I am sure BJP workers will reach this target which will help in treatment of Covid patients. The BJP Ministers, MPs and MLAs have decided that they will visit at least two villages and conduct relief operations across the country.

On one hand, we see crores of Bharatiya Janata Party workers organizing relief campaigns and doing social work at a large scale, on the other hand we have the Opposition parties which have gone into

INDIA HAS SUCCESSFULLY ADMINISTERED 20 CRORE CORONA VACCINE DOSES IN JUST 130 DAYS. TODAY 13 COMPANIES ARE MANUFACTURING CORONA VACCINES IN INDIA.

quarantine and have got themselves locked in. The Opposition parties have completely disappeared and are nowhere to be seen in the public domain. Leaders of Opposition parties are only seen either in rallies, press conferences or on Twitter.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has announced a scheme on 29 May, 2021 to help the children who have lost both their parents and been orphaned due to the Corona pandemic which says that they will get a monthly stipend on attaining the age of 18 and will also get Rs. 10 lakh from the PM Cares Fund when they turn 23. These children will also be given a free health insurance scheme worth Rs. 5 lakhs.

Under the 'Sewa Hi Sangathan 2.0' campaign the Bharatiya Janata Party workers have so far organised around 1,951 Blood Donation Camps across the country, establishing around 4,000 Dedicated Covid Helpline Centres at the district level in all states. The BJP workers have also distributed around 1 crore face masks, 29 lakh food packets and around 17 lakh ration kits across the country.

The Delhi unit of the Bharatiya Janata Party has been ahead in carrying out relief work under the 'Sewa

Hi Sangathan 2.0' Mission. So far the BJP workers in Delhi have distributed 3.85 lakh face masks, 1.70 lakh food packets and around 3.68 lakh ration kits in the Capital.

Politics is a major source of public and social work, but in this some work as selfless workers and enablers but there are others who work as road blockers and negative forces. While the person who is an enabler sees that good work carries on unhindered so that needy people can get help, there are others who always create hurdles in good work, spread negativity and are always conspiring. The BJP and its workers work as enablers and are always engaged in social work, but our Opposition parties are always creating hurdles and spreading negativity.

Last year during the lockdown, our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ensured free distribution of food grain and relief material to around 80 crore people across the country between April and November 2020. This year too in view of the surge of Corona cases across the country the Narendra Modi government has extended its Gareeb Kalyan Anna Yojna for two months to provide free rations to needy and poor people.

Under the Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme the Narendra Modi government has so far deposited over Rs. 1.36 lakh crores directly into the bank accounts of our farmers. Moreover, the Narendra Modi government has also made a provision of a monthly pension of Rs. 3,000 for our poor and needy farmers.

It is highly ironical that those Opposition leaders, who today are crying for Corona vaccines, are the same people who used to make mockery of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for facilitating 'Made in India' Corona vaccine and used to create doubts

over the efficacy of the 'Made in India' vaccines.

India has successfully administered 20 crore Corona vaccine doses in just 130 days. Today 13 companies are manufacturing Corona vaccines in India. Manufacturing of Sputnik vaccine has also started in India. By the end of this year there will be vaccine doses available for every citizen. The Narendra Modi government is also committed to fight against Black Fungus disease and will do everything to help those affected by this deadly disease.

To overcome the shortage of medical oxygen the Narendra Modi Government worked under mission mode and today we have been able to increase our production of medical oxygen many times and the Central government also ensured uninterrupted supply of medical oxygen within a week of the crisis. Today over 1500 new medical oxygen plants are coming up across the country.

In Delhi there are certain people who continuously defamed and campaigned against India over the indigenously developed Corona vaccine. These people used to make big claims about their 'Mohalla Clinics', everyday they used to hold press conferences. But when the Corona pandemic crisis came, they left everything to the Central Government. These people only know one thing and that is how to fool and mislead people.

The Bharatiya Janata Party is the only political party in the world which during the Corona pandemic shunned politics and made public service its motto in the times of health crisis. The BJP's social works and its efforts in the times of Corona pandemic is being recognised globally. Entire world today is praising the work done by the BJP workers in these difficult times and how the BJP unitedly stood with those affected by the Corona pandemic. ■

BJP MINORITY MORCHA NATIONAL OFFICE BEARERS ANNOUNCED

With the consent of BJP National President Shri JP Nadda the Office Bearers of BJP National Minority Morcha were announced on 31 May, 2021. In a press release the new names of National Vice-President, National General Secretary, National Secretary, Treasurer, Office Incharge, Media Incharge, Social Media Incharge of BJP National Minority Morcha were announced. As per the release Dr. Abdul Salam, Shri Mufti Abdul Wahaab Kasmi, Shri S.M. Akram, Shri Zakir Husain, Shri Mohd. Husain Khan and Shri Ajmal Husain Zaidi are new National Vice-Presidents and Shri Sabir Ali, Sufi M.K. Chishti and Shri Joshua Peter De Souza are new National General Secretaries of the Minority Morcha. ■

'SEWA HI SANGATHAN 2.0' CAMPAIGN DURING 2ND WAVE OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Under the 'Sewa Hi Sangathan 2.0' mission the BJP Karyakartas are distributing relief materials including ration kits, face masks, hand sanitizers, medicines etc to the Covid affected and other needy people. The party Karyakartas are also helping in getting Corona tests conducted and ensuring supplies of medical oxygen to sick people across the country.

Under this campaign the Bharatiya Janata Party Karyakartas have so far organised around 1,951 Blood Donation Camps across the country, establishing around 4,000 Dedicated Covid Helpline Centers at the district level in all states. The BJP workers have also distributed around 1 crore face masks, 29 lakh food packets and around 17 lakh ration kits across the country.

Like other states, the BJP Karyakartas of Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, Jammu & Kashmir and Andhra Pradesh are also distributing food, ration, face guards, steamers and other essential items to the needy and donating blood. Under the 'Seva Hi Sangathan' program the BJP Karyakartas of Odisha also distributed food and essentials during the Yass Cyclone & post cyclone affected districts.

Expressing his appreciation BJP National President Shri JP Nadda in his message said, "I would like to thank our crores of BJP workers who have been working dedicatedly and tirelessly serving the poor and needy people across the country and throughout the pandemic period.

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PRADHAN MANTRI GARIB KALYAN ANNA YOJANA EXTENDS TILL DEEPAWALI

P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 08 June, 2021 conveyed the decision of extension of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana (PMGKAY-III) till Deepawali. This means that till November 2021, more than 80 crore people will continue to get decided amount of free food grain every month.

FCI SUPPLIES 69 LMT FREE FOOD GRAINS

Till 07 June, 2021 Food Corporation of India has supplied 69 LMT free food grains to all 36 States/ UTs. 13 States/ UTs i.e. Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Chandigarh, Goa, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Puducherry, Punjab, Telangana and Tripura have lifted full allocation for May-June 2021. 23 States/ UTs i.e. Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Daman Diu D&NH, Delhi, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Ladakh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Odisha,



Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and West Bengal have lifted 100% May 2021 allocation.

Out of 7 North Eastern States, 5 States i.e. Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura have lifted the full allocation of May-June 2021. In Manipur and Assam, lifting of free food grains is in full swing and likely to be completed shortly.

FCI is transporting food grains all across the country to ensure smooth supply to all States/ UT Governments. During May 2021, 1433 food grain rakes have been loaded by FCI at an average 46 rakes per day.

The Government of India will bear the entire cost on account of such distribution including food

subsidy, intra-state transportation and dealer's margin/ additional dealers margin, without any sharing by States/ UTs.

The Government of India has sensitized all the States/ UT Governments to complete the distribution of free food grains under PMGKAY in time bound manner. Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana is facilitating supply of free food grains to the beneficiaries amidst ongoing COVID pandemic and thus providing food security to the beneficiaries. The Government of India announced Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) to ameliorate the hardship faced by the poor due to economic disruption caused by Corona virus. Under the scheme, free food grains @ 5 kg per person per month is being distributed to beneficiaries covered under NFSA. ■



CABINET APPROVES MSP FOR KHARIF CROPS FOR MARKETING SEASON 2021-22

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on June 09, 2021 has approved the increase in the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for all mandated Kharif crops for marketing season 2021-22.

Government has increased the MSP of Kharif crops for marketing season 2021-22, to ensure remunerative prices to the growers for their produce.

The highest absolute increase in MSP over the previous year has been recommended for Sesamum (Rs. 452 per quintal) followed by Tur and Urad (Rs. 300 per quintal each). In case of groundnut and Nigerseed, there has been an increase of Rs 275 per quintal and Rs 235 per quintal respectively in comparison to last year. The differential remuneration is aimed at encouraging crop diversification.

The increase in MSP for Kharif Crops for marketing

MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICES FOR ALL KHARIF CROPS FOR MARKETING SEASON 2021-22 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Crop	MSP 2020-21	MSP 2021-22	Cost* of production 2021-22 (Rs/quintal)	Increase in MSP (Absolute)	Return over cost (in per cent)
Paddy (Common)	1868	1940	1293	72	50
Paddy (GradeA) ^ A)A	1888	1960	-	72	-
Jowar (Hybrid) (Hybrid)	2620	2738	1825	118	50
Jowar (Maldandi) ^	2640	2758	-	118	-
Bajra	2150	2250	1213	100	85
Ragi	3295	3377	2251	82	50
Maize	1850	1870	1246	20	50
Tur (Arhar)	6000	6300	3886	300	62
Moong	7196	7275	4850	79	50
Urad	6000	6300	3816	300	65
Groundnut	5275	5550	3699	275	50
Sunflower Seed	5885	6015	4010	130	50
Soyabean (yellow)	3880	3950	2633	70	50
Sesamum	6855	7307	4871	452	50
Nigerseed	6695	6930	4620	235	50
Cotton (Medium Staple)	5515	5726	3817	211	50
Cotton (Long Staple) ^	5825	6025	-	20	

season 2021-22 is in line with the Union Budget 2018-19 announcement of fixing the MSPs at a level of at least 1.5 times of the All-India weighted average Cost of Production (CoP), aiming at reasonably fair remuneration for the farmers. The expected returns to farmers over their cost of production are estimated to be highest in case of Bajra (85%) followed by urad (65%) and tur (62%). For rest of the crops, return to farmers over their cost of production is estimated to be at least 50%.

Concerted efforts were made over the last few years to realign the MSPs in favour of oilseeds, pulses and coarse cereals to encourage farmers shift to larger area under these crops and adopt best

technologies and farm practices, to correct demand - supply imbalance. The added focus on nutri-rich nutri-cereals is to incentivize its production in the areas where rice-wheat cannot be grown without long term adverse implications for groundwater table.

Besides, the Umbrella Scheme 'Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay SanraksHan Abhiyan' (PM-AASHA) announced by the government in 2018 will aid in providing remunerative return to farmers for their produce. The Umbrella Scheme consists of three sub-schemes i.e. Price Support Scheme (PSS), Price Deficiency Payment Scheme (PDPS) and Private Procurement & Stockiest Scheme (PPSS) on a pilot basis. ■

ALLOTMENT OF 5 MHZ SPECTRUM IN 700 MHZ BAND TO INDIAN RAILWAYS

Giving a boost to 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' mission, Government on June 09, 2021 has approved allotment of 5 MHz Spectrum in 700 MHz frequency band to Indian Railways for public safety and security services at stations and in trains.

With this spectrum, Indian Railways has envisaged to provide LTE (Long Term Evolution) based Mobile Train Radio Communication on its route. The estimated investment in the project is more than Rs. 25,000 Crore. The project will be completed in the next 5 years.

In addition to this, Indian Railways has approved TCAS (Train Collision Avoidance System), an indigenously developed ATP (Automatic Train Protection) System, which will help in avoiding train collisions thereby reducing accidents and ensuring passenger safety.

It brings a strategic shift in Railways' operations and maintenance regime. It will help in improving the safety and increasing the line capacity to accommodate more trains using the existing infrastructure. The modern rail network will result in reduced transportation cost and higher efficiency. Also, it will attract multinational industries to set up manufacturing units to fulfill the 'Make in India' mission and generate employment.

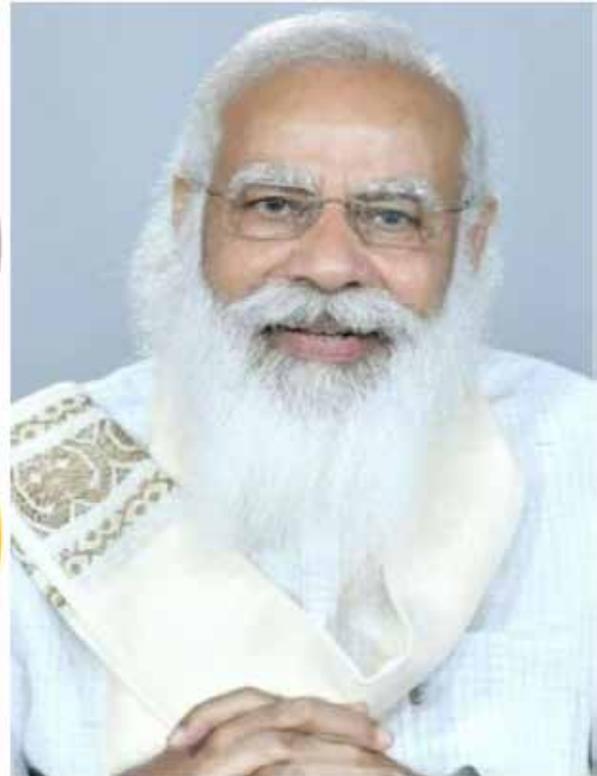


The purpose of the LTE for Indian Railways is to provide secure and reliable voice, video and data communication services for operational, safety and security applications. It will be used for modern signalling and train protection systems and ensure seamless communication between loco pilots and guards. It will also enable Internet of Things (IoT) based remote asset monitoring especially of coaches, wagons & locos, and live video feed of CCTV cameras in the train coaches to ensure efficient, safer and faster train operations.

The Spectrum charges may be levied based on formula basis as prescribed by Department of Telecommunications for Royalty Charges and License Fee for Captive use as recommended by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India. ■

'UNDP' REPORT LAUDS 'ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS PROGRAMME'

RECOMMENDS REPLICATION IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD



In an independent appraisal report released on June 11, 2021, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has lauded the Aspirational Districts Programme (ADP) of India as 'a very successful model of local area development' that 'should serve as a best practice for several other countries where regional disparities in development status persist for many reasons'.

The Aspirational Districts Programme was launched by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in January 2018 as a part of the government's effort to raise the living standards of its citizens and ensure inclusive growth for all, 'Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas'.

The report was handed over on June 11, 2021 by UNDP India Resident Representative Shoko Noda to NITI Aayog Vice-Chairman Dr Rajiv Kumar and CEO Amitabh Kant. It captures the progress

of the Aspirational Districts Programme and makes recommendations for further improvements. The report is based on quantitative analysis of publicly available data as well as interviews with various stakeholders, including district magistrates, central Prabhari officers, district fellows and other development partners.

UNDP's analysis across the 5 key sectors of the ADP—health and nutrition; education; agriculture and water resources; basic infrastructure; and skill development and financial inclusion—found that the programme has acted as a catalyst for expediting development in these districts.

ACCORDING TO THE REPORT;

- Due to concerted efforts made under the ADP, previously neglected districts, including those in

remote locations and those affected by Left Wing Extremism, 'have experienced more growth and development in the last three years than ever before'. Notwithstanding some speed bumps in its journey, the APD 'has been immensely successful in propelling development among the backward districts'.

- The health and nutrition, education and to a certain extent, agriculture and water resources have registered massive improvements.
- A comparison between the Aspirational Districts and their counterparts found that ADs have outperformed non-ADs.
- Across the sectors of health and nutrition and financial inclusion, the report found that 9.6% more home deliveries are attended by a skilled birth attendant; 5.8% more pregnant women with severe anemia are treated; 4.8% more children diagnosed with diarrhoea are treated; 4.5% more pregnant women register for antenatal care within their first trimester; 406 and 847 more enrolments, and 1580 more accounts opened per 1 lakh population under the Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, Pradhan Mantra Suraksha Bima Yojana and Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana, respectively.
- UNDP pointed out that the 'Malaria Mukh Bastar Abhiyaan' in Bijapur and Dantewada, which has reduced malaria incidences in these districts by 71% and 54%, respectively, as one of the 'best practices' found in Aspirational Districts.

- According to the report, the districts have also admitted that the continued focus of the programme on health and nutrition has helped them in tackling the Covid crisis with greater resilience.
- The report also acknowledged the remarkable commitment shown by the topmost political leadership of the country, including Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, towards the programme. Ever since the launch of the programme in 2018, the PM has constantly 'motivated and enthused district collectors to deliver their best at the field level'.
- The report also appreciated the delta rankings provided on the programme's Champions of Change dashboard.
- The report recommends several initiatives undertaken under the programme as best practices. Noteworthy among them is GoalMart, an e-commerce portal launched by Assam's Goalpara district administration 'to promote rural, ethnic and agrarian products of the district in the national and global markets'.
- The report said ADP is 'aligned to the principle of "leave no one behind"—the vital core of the SDGs. Political commitment at the highest level has resulted in rapid success of the programme'.
- Overall, the report has appreciated the positive impact of the programme and stressed on the need to ensure 'the focus on development is encouraged further. ■

FOODGRAIN OUTPUT TO RISE 2.66% TO RECORD 305.43 MT IN 2020-21

India's foodgrain production is estimated to rise 2.66% to a new record of 305.43 million tonnes in the current crop year 2020-21, on better output of rice, wheat and pulses amid good monsoon rains last year, the agriculture ministry in a statement said on 25 May 2021.

In the 2019-20 crop year (July-June), the country's foodgrain

output (comprising wheat, rice, pulses and coarse cereals) stood at a record 297.5 million tonnes.

Releasing the third advance estimates for the 2020-21 crop year, the agriculture ministry said foodgrain production is projected at a record 305.43 million tonnes.

Union Agriculture Minister Shri Narendra Singh Tomar attributed



the rise in production to efforts of the farmers and scientists as well as policies of the central government. ■

“INTEGRAL HUMANISM”

-PT. DEENDAYAL UPADHYAYA

...Continuing from previous issue

BHARATIYA CULTURE IS INTEGRATED

The first characteristic of Bharatiya culture is that it looks upon life as an integrated whole. It has an integrated view point. To think of parts may be proper for a specialist but it is not useful from the practical standpoint. The confusion in the West arises primarily from its tendency to think of life in sections and then to attempt to put them together by patch work. We do admit that there is diversity and plurality in life but we have always attempted to discover the unity behind them. This attempt is thoroughly scientific. The scientists always attempt to discover order in the apparent disorder in the universe, to find out the principles governing the universe and frame practical rules on the basis of these principles. Chemists discovered that a few elements comprise the entire physical world. Physicists went one step further and showed that even these elements consist only of energy. Today we know that the entire universe is only a form of energy.

Philosophers are also basically scientists. The western philosophers reached tip to the principle of duality; Hegel put forward the principle of thesis, anti-thesis and synthesis; Karl Marx used this principle as a basis and presented his analysis

of history and economics. Darwin considered the principle of survival of the fittest as the sole basis of life. But we in this country saw the basic unity of all life. Even the dualists have believed the nature and spirit to be complementary to each other than conflicting. The diversity in life is



merely an expression of the internal unity. There is complementary underlying the diversity. The unit of seed finds expression in various form - - the roots, the trunk, the branches the leaves, the flowers and the fruits of the tree. All these have different forms and colors and even to some extent different properties. Still we recognize their relation of unity with each other through seed.

MUTUAL CONFLICT - SIGN OF CULTURAL REGRESSION

Unity in diversity and the expression of unity in various

forms has remained the central thought of Bharatiya culture. If this truth is wholeheartedly accepted then there will not exist any cause for conflict among various powers. Conflict is not a sign of culture of nature: rather it is a symptom of their degradation. The law of the jungle, “Survival of the Fittest” which the West discovered in recent years was known to our philosophers.

We have recognized desire, anger etc. among the six lower tendencies of human nature, but we did not use them as the foundation or the basis of civilized life or culture. There are thieves and robbers in the society. It is essential to save ourselves and the society from these elements. We cannot consider them as our ideals or standards for human behaviour. Survival of the fittest is the law of the jungle. The civilizations have developed not on the basis of this law but by consideration of how the operation of this law will be the least in human life. If we wish to progress, we have to keep this history of civilization before our minds.

MUTUAL CO-OPERATION

Co-operation also obtains in abundance just as conflict and competition in this world. Vegetation and animal life keep each other alive. We get our oxygen supply with the help of vegetation whereas we provide

carbon dioxide so essential for the growth of vegetable life. This mutual co-operation sustains life on this earth.

The recognition of this element of mutual sustenance among different forms of life and taking that as the basis of an effort to make human life mutually sustaining is the prime characteristic of civilization. To mold the nature to achieve the social goals is culture but when this nature leads to social conflict it is perversion. Culture does not disregard or deny nature. Rather it enhances those elements in nature which are helpful in sustaining life in this universe and making it fuller richer, and curbs others which obstruct or destroy life. Let us take a simple illustration. The relationship such as brother, sister, mother and son, father and son are natural. These are same both in man as well as among animals. Just as two brothers are sons of one mother so also two calves have a single mother cow. Where lies the difference?? In animals by lack of memory the relation is short-lived. They cannot build up an edifice of civilization on these relations. But men use this natural relation as a basis to construct a more harmonious order in life, to establish other relationships flowing from these basic relationships so as to knit the whole society in single unit of co-operation. Thus various values and traditions are built. Standards of good and bad are constructed accordingly. In society we find instances of both affection as well as enmity between brothers. But

we consider affection good and aim at enchanting affectionate brotherly relations. The opposite tendency is disapproved. If conflict and enmity is made the basis of human relationships and if on this basis history is analyzed, then it would be futile to dream of world peace to result out of such a course of action.

A mother brings up her children. Mother's love is held up as the highest love. On such a basis alone we can devise the rules regulating the life of mankind. Sometimes there are examples

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of selfishness and cruelty of a mother toward her child. Among some species of animal's mother devise her progeny to satisfy the hunger. On the other hand among monkeys mother carries her child long after its death. Both types of behaviour are found among living things. Which of these two principles of nature can be made the basis of civilized life? We cannot but conclude that alone which helps to sustain life can be chosen, the contrary cannot lead to civilized life. Human nature has both tendencies, anger, and greed on the one hand and love, sacrifice on the other. All these are present in our nature. Anger etc. are natural to man and beasts.

For the reason if we make anger a standard in our life and arrange our efforts accordingly then the result will be a lack of harmony in our life. Therefore the exhortation, “do not yield to anger”. Even when the anger arises in one's mind one can exercise control over it and one should do so. Thus control becomes a standard of our life and not anger.

Such laws are known as the principles of ethics. These principles are not framed by anyone. They are discovered. A suitable analogy is that of the law of gravitation, that if we throw a stone it falls on the ground. This law of gravitation is not framed by Newton. He discovered it. When he saw an apple falling to the ground from the branch, he realized there must exist such a law. Thus he discovered this law, he did not frame it. Similarly there are certain principles of human relations such as, if one feels anger it is on the whole beneficial to mankind that one must control anger. These principles of ethics are then discovered.

“Do not tell lies to one another; say what you know to be true”. This is a principle. Its usefulness becomes apparent at every step in life. We appreciate truthful person. If we speak lie, we ourselves feels unhappy; life cannot go on; there will be great confusion. ■

To be continued...

(Excerpts of the Speech delivered on “Integral Humanism” in Bombay on April 22nd - 25th, 1965 by Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya in the form of four lectures.)

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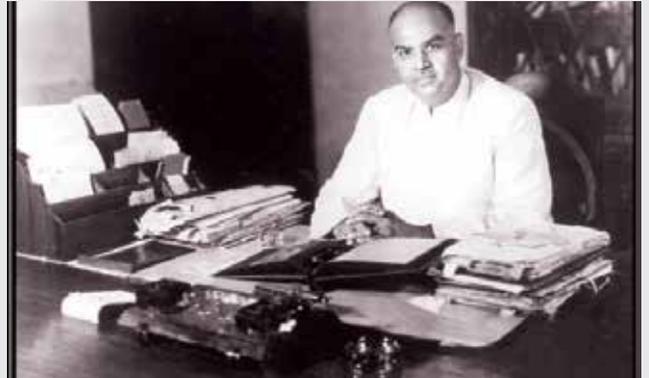
DR. SYAMA PRASAD MOOKERJEE: THE IDEAL LEADER

Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee was born on 06 July, 1901 in Calcutta. He came from quite an illustrious background. His father was Shri Ashutosh Mookerjee, a well respected advocate in Bengal and also the Vice-Chancellor of the Calcutta University and his mother was Smt. Jogmaya Devi Mookerjee. Shri Shyama Prasad passed B.A in First Class First in English Honors from Presidency College, Calcutta in 1921 and became a fellow of the Senate in 1923. After his father's death, he enrolled as an advocate in Calcutta High Court in 1924. Subsequently he left for England in 1926 to study in Lincoln's Inn and became a barrister in 1927. At the age of 33, Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee became the world's youngest Vice-Chancellor of the Calcutta University and held the office till 1938. During his tenure, he introduced a number of constructive reforms and was active in Asiatic Society of Calcutta as well as was a member of the Court and the Council of the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore and Chairman of the Inter-University of Board.

He was elected as member of the Legislative Council of Bengal as a Congress candidate representing Calcutta University but resigned next year when Congress decided to boycott the legislature. Subsequently, he contested the election as an independent and got elected.

He became the opposition leader when Krishak Praja Party - Muslim League coalition was in power during 1937-41 and joined the Progressive Coalition Ministry headed by Fazlul Haq as a Finance Minister and within less than a year resigned. He emerged as a spokesman for Hindus and shortly joined Hindu Mahasabha and in 1944, he became the President.

Pandit Nehru inducted him in the Interim Central Government as a Minister for Industry and Supply. On issue of Delhi pact with Liaquat Ali Khan, Dr. Mookerjee resigned from the Cabinet on 6th April 1950. After consultation with RSS Sarsanghchalak Pujya Shri Madhav Sadashiv Golwalkar Ji (Guruji) Shri Mookerjee founded Bharatiya Jana Sangh on 21st October, 1951 at Delhi and became its first President. In 1952 elections, Bharatiya Jana Sangh won three seats in Parliament one of them being that of Shri Mookerjee. He had formed National Democratic



Members' Committee within the Parliament which consisted of 32 members of MPs from Lok Sabha and 10 of Members of Rajya Sabha.

He fought hard with the Government and supported to the movement of the Praja Parishad in Jammu for full integration of the State of Jammu and Kashmir with the Indian Union. He was arrested in Delhi in March, 1953 for violation of a ban on procession against 'Permit Raj in Kashmir' and detained, but released by the orders of the Supreme Court on a Habeas Corpus petition.

Dr. Mookerjee gave a clarion call to the nation to observe "Kashmir Day" on the 5th May in support of the movement of the Praja Parishad. He left Delhi on the 8th May to Kashmir against Permit Raj. Bharatiya Jana Sangh launched a massive Satyagraha to remove the pernicious provisions of Permit Raj from Kashmir. Dr. Mookerjee entered Kashmir on the 11th May without permit and was arrested on the same day while crossing border and put under detention at Srinagar.

Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee fell seriously ill on 22nd June and found dead under mysterious circumstances as a detenu in jail at 2.30 a.m on 23rd June, 1953.

A veteran politician, he was respected by his friends and foes alike for his knowledge, forthrightness and vision. He was among the prominent leaders and a great son of India, whom we lost at a very early age and very early stage of our independence.

Kamal Sandesh pays tribute to this great son of the soil and the founder of Bharatiya Jana Sangh on his Punyatithi. ■

PM MODI SPEAKS TO US VICE-PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS

P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi spoke to the Vice President of the United States of America HE Kamala Harris on June 03, 2021.

Vice President Harris informed Prime Minister Shri Modi about US plans to make vaccines against COVID-19 available to other countries, including India, under its "Strategy for Global Vaccine Sharing".

Prime Minister expressed his appreciation to Vice President Harris for the US decision, as well as for all other forms of support and solidarity that India has received in recent days from the US Government, businesses and the Indian expatriate community



in the US.

The leaders discussed ongoing efforts to strengthen the health supply chain between US and India, including in the area of vaccine manufacturing. They highlighted the potential of the India-US partnership as well

as the Quad vaccine initiative in addressing the long-term health impact of the pandemic.

Prime Minister Shri Modi expressed the hope to welcome Vice President Harris in India soon after the normalisation of the global health situation. ■

FORMER MINISTER, BJP LEADER NARENDRA BRAGTA PASSES AWAY

F ormer Himachal Pradesh minister and state BJP chief whip Shri Narendra Bragta, 69, died of post-Covid complications at Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh, on June 05, 2021. He is survived by his wife Pushpa and two sons.

Shri Bragta was elected to the state assembly in 1998 from Shimla constituency and re-elected in 2007 from Jubbal-Kotkhai. He was minister of state for horticulture (independent charge) from 1998-02 and horticulture, technical education and health minister from 2007-12.

BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Jai Ram Thakur, former Chief

Minister Shri Prem Kumar Dhumal, state Party President Shri Suresh Kashyap and Union MoS Finance Shri Anurag Thakur condoled the demise of Shri Narendra Bragta.

In his message BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda said, "Extremely saddened to hear the news of the passing away of Jubbal Kotkhai MLA, former Himachal Pradesh minister, party's chief whip and my colleague Narendra Bragtaji. We worked together both in the government and in the party. Bragta ji's entire time was devoted to the development of the state and strengthening the organization".

"His contribution to public welfare works and organization



building is credible. His passing is an irreparable loss for Himachal and BJP. May God place the departed soul at his feet. In this hour of grief, I express my deepest condolences to the bereaved family members, well wishers and supporters. Om Shanti."

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Jai Ram Thakur described his death as a colossal loss to the party and the state. ■

'COLLECTIVE ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE REQUIRED TO PROTECT PLANET'S ATMOSPHERE'

P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi participated in the first Outreach Session of the G7 Summit on June 12, 2021. The session, titled 'Building Back Stronger - Health', focused on global recovery from the coronavirus pandemic and on strengthening resilience against future pandemics.

During the session, Prime Minister expressed appreciation for the support extended by the G7 and other guest countries during the recent wave of COVID infections in India.

He highlighted India's 'whole of society' approach to fight the pandemic, synergising the efforts of all levels of the government, industry and civil society.

He also explained India's successful use of open source digital tools for contact tracing and vaccine management, and conveyed India's willingness to share its experience and expertise with other developing countries. Prime Minister committed India's support for collective endeavours to improve global health governance. He sought the G7's support for the proposal moved at the WTO by India and South Africa, for a TRIPS waiver on COVID related technologies.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said that today's meeting should send out a message of "One Earth One Health" for the whole world. Calling for global unity, leadership, and solidarity to prevent future pandemics, Prime Minister emphasized the special responsibility of democratic and transparent societies in this regard.

ON THE SECOND DAY OF G7 SUMMIT PM TAKES PART IN TWO SESSIONS

On the second day of the Outreach Sessions of the G7 Summit, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi took part in two sessions titled 'Building Back Together—Open Societies and Economies' and 'Building Back Greener: Climate and Nature'.

Invited to speak as a Lead Speaker in the session on Open Societies, PM Shri Modi recalled that democracy and freedom were a part of India's civilizations ethos. He shared the concern expressed by several Leaders that open societies are particularly vulnerable to disinformation and cyber-attacks, and stressed the need to ensure that cyberspace remains an avenue for



advancing democratic values and not of subverting it.

Highlighting the non-democratic and unequal nature of global governance institutions, PM Shri Modi called for the reform of the multilateral system as the best signal of commitment to the cause of Open Societies. The leaders adopted the 'Open Societies Statement' at the end of the meeting.

In the session on climate change, PM Shri Modi highlighted that the planet's atmosphere, biodiversity and oceans can't be protected by countries acting in silos, and called for collective action on climate change. Speaking about India's unwavering commitment to climate action, he mentioned the commitment by Indian Railways to achieve Net Zero Emissions by 2030. He stressed that India is the only G-20 country on track to meet its Paris commitments. He also took note of the increasing effectiveness of the two major global initiatives nurtured by India i.e. the CDRI and the International Solar Alliance. Prime Minister stressed that developing countries need better access to climate finance, and called for a holistic approach towards climate change that covers all dimensions of the problem- mitigation, adaptation, technology transfer, climate financing, equity, climate justice and lifestyle change.

Prime Minister's message of global solidarity and unity, especially between open and democratic societies and economies, in tackling the global challenges of health, climate change and economic recovery was well received by the Leaders at the Summit. ■

DECISION ON CLASS 12 CBSE EXAMS HAS BEEN TAKEN IN THE INTEREST OF STUDENTS: PM MODI

P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi chaired a review meeting regarding the Class XII Board exams of CBSE on June 01, 2021. Officials gave a detailed presentation on the wide and extensive consultation held so far and views received from all stakeholders, including State governments.

In view of the uncertain conditions due to COVID and the feedback obtained from various stakeholders, it was decided that Class XII Board Exams would not be held this year. It was also decided that CBSE will take steps to compile the results of class XII students as per a well-defined objective criteria in a time-bound manner.

Shri Modi said that the decision on Class 12 CBSE Exams has been taken in the interest of students. He stated that COVID-19 has affected the academic calendar and the issue of Board Exams has been causing immense anxiety among students, parents and teachers, which must be put to an end.

PM Shri Modi said that the Covid situation is a dynamic situation across the country. While the numbers are coming down in the country and some states are managing the situation through effective micro-containment, some states have still opted for a lockdown. Students, parents and teachers are naturally worried about the health of the students



in such a situation. PM said that students should not be forced to appear for exams in such a stressful situation.

The Prime Minister stressed that the health and safety of our students is of utmost importance and there would be no compromise on this aspect. He said that in today's time, such exams cannot be the reason to put our youth at risk.

PM Shri Modi said that all stakeholders need to show sensitivity for students. PM directed officials to ensure that the results are prepared in accordance with well-defined criteria, in a fair and time-bound manner.

Referring to the wide consultative process, PM expressed appreciation that a student friendly decision has been reached after consulting all stakeholders from across the length and breadth of India. He also thanked the States for providing feedback on this issue.

It was also decided that like

last year, in case some students desire to take the exams, such an option would be provided to them by CBSE, as and when the situation becomes conducive.

The Hon'ble Prime Minister had earlier held a high-level meeting on 21/05/21 which was attended by Ministers & officials. Thereafter a meeting under the Chairmanship of Union Defence Minister was held on 23.05.2021 which was attended by the Education Minsters of States. Various options for conduct of CBSE examinations were discussed in the meeting and feedback a from the States and UTs.

The meeting was attended by Union Ministers of Home, Defence, Finance, Commerce, Information & Broadcasting, Petroleum and Women & Child Development Ministries and Principal Secretary to PM, Cabinet Secretary & Secretaries of School Education & Higher Education Departments & other officials. ■

PM ANNOUNCES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OF 1000 CRORE FOR IMMEDIATE RELIEF ACTIVITIES

P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi visited Odisha & West Bengal on 28th May, 2021 to review the situation arising out of Cyclone Yaas. He undertook an aerial survey of the cyclone affected areas in Bhadrak and Baleswar districts of Odisha and Purba Medinipur in West Bengal.

In Bhubaneswar, the Prime Minister chaired a meeting to review the relief and rehabilitation measures being undertaken. He was briefed that maximum damage due to Cyclone Yaas happened in Odisha, and some parts of West Bengal and Jharkhand have also been affected.

Shri Modi announced a financial assistance of Rs 1000 crore for immediate relief activities. Rs 500 crore would be immediately given to Odisha. Another Rs 500 crore has been announced for West Bengal and Jharkhand, which will be released on the basis of the damage. The Union Government will deploy an Inter-Ministerial Team to visit the states to assess the extent of damage, based on which further assistance will be given.

Prime Minister assured the people of Odisha, West Bengal and Jharkhand that the Union Government would closely work with the State Governments at this difficult time, extend all possible assistance for restoration and rebuilding of the infrastructure in the affected areas.

Prime Minister Shri Modi expressed his complete solidarity with all those who suffered due to the cyclone and expressed deep sorrow to the families who have lost their kin during the calamity.

He announced an ex-gratia of Rs. 2 lakh to the next of kin of the deceased and Rs. 50,000 to the seriously injured in the cyclone.

PM said that we have to continue the focus towards more scientific management of disasters. As the frequency and impact of cyclonic systems are increasing in the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal, communication systems, mitigation efforts and preparedness have to undergo a major change. He also spoke about the importance of building trust among people for better cooperation in relief efforts.

PM Shri Modi appreciated the preparedness and



disaster management activities by the Government of Odisha which has resulted in minimal loss of lives. He also noted that the state has embarked on long term mitigation efforts for dealing with such natural disasters.

He also mentioned that Disaster Mitigation has been given emphasis by the Finance Commission too by provisioning for mitigation funds to the tune of Rs. 30,000 crore.

PM REVIEWS IMPACT OF CYCLONE 'YAAS'

A day after the cyclone hit at the coastal regions of Odisha, PM Narendra Modi chaired a meeting on May 27, 2021 to review the impact of cyclone Yaas. Officials made a detailed presentation on various aspects of preparedness, assessment of damages and related matters.

It was discussed that about 106 teams of NDRF were deployed with 46 teams each in West Bengal/ Odisha that rescued more than 1000 persons and removed more than 2500 trees/poles that had fallen & obstructed the roads. The Defence Forces namely Army and Coast Guard also rescued marooned persons.

Prime Minister Shri Modi noted the effective and proactive role played by the Central and States agencies in responding to the challenges thrown by the cyclone and advised the agencies to ensure that normal life is restored in the affected areas at the earliest and relief is appropriately disbursed to persons affected by the cyclone. ■

PM CHAIRS A MEETING TO REVIEW PREPARATIONS FOR THE OLYMPICS



PM Shri Narendra Modi reviewed India's Olympics preparations on the occasion of 50 Days to Tokyo Olympics on June 03, 2021. A presentation was made by officials on various aspects of operational readiness for the upcoming Tokyo Olympics. During the course of the review, Hon'ble PM was apprised about the various steps taken towards ensuring uninterrupted training for athletes amidst the pandemic, participation in international competitions to win Olympic quota, vaccination of athletes, and customised support being provided to them.

Officials reported that about the vaccination status of and support staff. Prime Minister Shri Modi directed that every qualified / probable athlete, support staff and officials travelling to the Tokyo Olympics must be vaccinated as soon as possible.

PM said that he would be connecting with our Olympics contingent through a video conference in July, to encourage

them and wish them on behalf of all Indians. PM said that sports is at the heart of our national character and our youth are creating a strong and vibrant culture of sports. He said that the wishes of 135 crore Indians will be with our youngsters who are participating in the Olympics. PM added that for every young sportsperson shining on the global stage, a thousand more will be inspired to take up sports.

Officials said that special attention will also be given towards motivating athletes and boosting their morale of athletes while they participate in the Olympics. Therefore, regular video conferences will be organised with their parents and family members back in India, through the course of the competition.

PM Shri Modi was briefed that a total of 100 athletes have qualified for Tokyo Olympics across 11 sports disciplines and about 25 more athletes are likely to qualify for Tokyo Olympics details of which will emerge by end of June 2021. While a total of 19

Indian athletes had participated at the last Paralympics in 2016 at Rio de Janeiro. 26 para athletes have qualified & 16 more athletes are likely to qualify for the Tokyo Olympics.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Sports is at the heart of our national character and our youth are creating a strong and vibrant culture of sports.
- The wishes of 135 crore Indians will be with our youngsters who are participating in the Olympics.
- From vaccination to training facilities, every need of our sportspersons must be fulfilled on top priority.
- For every young sportsperson shining on the global stage, a thousand more will be inspired to take up sports.
- PM said, "I will be connecting with our Olympics contingent through a video conference in July, to encourage them and assure them that a proud nation stands with them". ■

INDIA, ISRAEL SIGN AGREEMENT ON AGRICULTURE COOPERATION

India and Israel have signed “a three-year work program agreement” for development in agriculture cooperation, Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Shri Narendra Singh Tomar said on May 25, 2021. “Taking forward the ever-growing partnership in agriculture between Israel and India, the two governments have agreed to enhance their cooperation in agriculture and signed a three-year work program agreement for development in Agriculture cooperation, while affirming the ever-growing bilateral partnership and recognizing the centrality of agriculture and water sectors in the bilateral relationship,” the Ministry said in a statement.

Both countries are implementing the “INDO-ISRAEL Agricultural Project Centres of Excellence” and “INDO-ISRAEL Villages of Excellence”. On this occasion, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar said that the agriculture sector ‘always remains a priority for India’. “Due to the agrarian policies of the Government of India, there is a definite change in the lives of the farmers and the agriculture sector”.

In a statement, the Israel embassy said, “The work program will aim to grow existing Centres of Excellence, establish new centers, increase CoE’s



value chain, bring the Centres of Excellence into the self-sufficient mode, and encourage private sector companies and collaboration.” Israel ambassador to India Dr. Ron Malka said.

“The three-year work program (2021-2023) reflects the strength of our growing partnership and will benefit local farmers both through the Centers of Excellence and the Villages of Excellence,” ambassador Malka said in the statement. ■

OVER 23 CRORE COVID VACCINE DOSES ADMINISTERED IN INDIA TILL 05 JUNE

Over 23 crore COVID-19 vaccine doses have been administered in the country so far, the Union Health Ministry said on 05 June, 2021. The ministry said, in total, 2,76,35,937 persons across 37 States and UTs have received their first dose and a total 1,60,406 have received their second since the start of Phase-3 of the vaccination drive on May 1.

Bihar, Delhi, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal have administered more than 10 lakh beneficiaries in the age group 18-44 years for the first dose of COVID vaccine.

The health ministry also said, the total of 23,10,89,241 doses include 99,62,728 Healthcare Workers who have taken the first dose and 68,53,413 Healthcare Workers got their second dose. About 1,61,57,437 Frontline Workers received the first dose and 86,58,805 Frontline Workers were jabbed with the second dose.

In the 18-44 years age group, 2,76,35,937 and 1,60,406 have received first and second dose respectively till now. Besides, 7,06,41,613 and 1,12,93,868 beneficiaries aged over 45 to 60 years old have been administered the first and second dose respectively. As many as 6,05,25,195 and 1,91,99,839 beneficiaries above 60 years have taken the first and second dose. ■

'THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN HUMANITY SHOULD COME TOGETHER TO DEFEAT TERROR & RADICALISATION'

On the occasion of Buddha Purnima Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi expressed hope that those who believe in humanity will come together to defeat terror and radicalization.

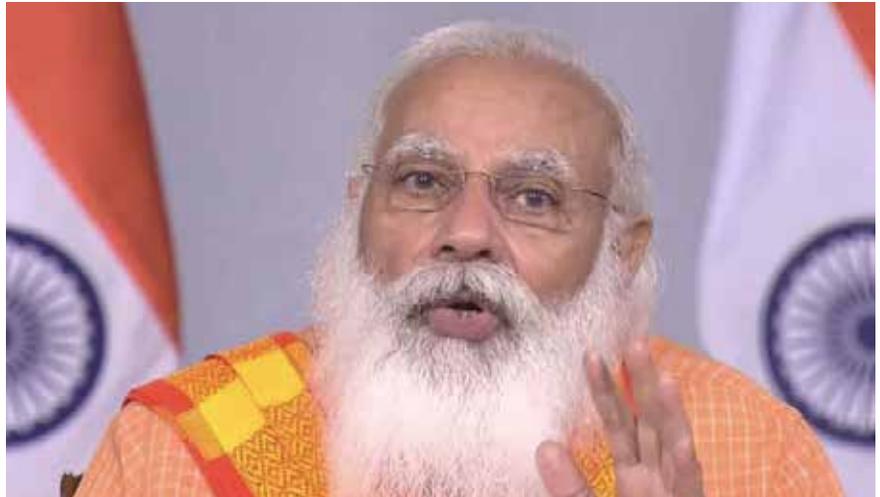
"The life of Gautam Buddha was about peace, harmony, and co-existence, today there are still forces remaining whose existence remains on spreading hate, terror and mindless violence. Such forces do not believe in liberal democratic forces. The need of the hour is for those who believe in humanity to come together and defeat terror and radicalisation," the Prime Minister said while delivering the keynote address on the occasion of Vesak Global Celebrations on May 26, 2021.

He further said that Lord Buddha's teachings and the importance given to social justice can become a global unifying force, and added that Lord Buddha was the reservoir of brilliance for the entire universe.

"From him (Buddha), we all could draw light from time to time and take the path of compassion, universal responsibility, and welfare," he said.

Quoting Mahatma Gandhi, Shri Modi added, "Buddha taught us to defy appearances and trust in the final triumph of Truth and Love".

PM Shri Modi urged everyone



to renew their commitment to the ideals of Lord Buddha, and thanked the first responders,

THE RECKLESS LIFESTYLE OF THE PRESENT GENERATION THREATENS THE COMING GENERATIONS AND NOTED THAT WEATHER PATTERNS ARE CHANGING, GLACIERS ARE MELTING AND RIVERS AND FORESTS ARE IN DANGER.

front-line health care workers, doctors, nurses, and volunteers for selflessly risking their lives to serve others in need every day amid the COVID-19 pandemic. He also expressed condolences to those who have suffered and lost their near and dear ones.

The Prime Minister noted that the pandemic has affected every nation across the world and left

a huge economic impact, and acknowledged the individuals and organisations who rose to the occasion and contributed their bit in the fight against the pandemic and said their actions were aligned with the teaching of Lord Buddha.

However, he reminded people that while continuing the fight against COVID-19, the world should not lose sight of other big challenges like climate change.

Shri Modi said that the reckless lifestyle of the present generation threatens the coming generations and noted that weather patterns are changing, glaciers are melting and rivers and forests are in danger.

"We can not let our plants remain wounded. Lord Buddha put emphasis on a way of life where respect for mother nature is paramount," PM Shri Modi added. ■

IN LAST 7 YEARS, WE ALL WORKED AS 'TEAM INDIA': PM MODI

ADDRESSING IN THE 'MANN KI BAAT' ON 30 MAY, 2021 PRIME MINISTER SHRI NARENDRA MODI SAID, "THIS HAS BEEN THE BIGGEST PANDEMIC IN LAST HUNDRED YEARS AND DURING THIS VERY PANDEMIC, INDIA HAS CONFRONTED MANY A NATURAL DISASTER WITH FORTITUDE". THE PRIME MINISTER FURTHER SAID, "HOWEVER BIG THE CHALLENGE BE, INDIA'S VICTORY-RESOLVE, HER VIJAY-SANKALP HAS ALWAYS BEEN EQUAL IN MAGNITUDE. HER COLLECTIVE STRENGTH AND OUR SPIRIT OF SERVICE HAS ALWAYS RESCUED THE COUNTRY FROM THE MIDST OF EVERY STORM". EXCERPTS;

My dear countrymen, Namaskar. We are seeing how the country is fighting against Covid-19 with all her might. This has been the biggest pandemic in last hundred years and during this very pandemic, India has confronted many a natural disaster with fortitude. Meanwhile, there were cyclone Amphan and cyclone Nisarg... many states had floods... there were many minor and major earthquakes; there were landslides. Just recently, in the past ten days, the country faced two major cyclones – cyclone Taukte on the west coast and cyclone Yaas on the east coast. Both these cyclones affected a number of States. The country and her people fought them with all their strength, ensuring minimum loss of life. We experience now that compared to earlier times, we are being able to save the lives of maximum people. Under these trying and extraordinary calamitous circumstances, people of all these cyclone affected States have displayed courage... they've faced this moment of crisis with immense patience and discipline. I wish to commend all citizens respectfully, wholeheartedly. People who led rescue and relief work deserve more appreciation than can be expressed. I salute all of them. The Centre, State governments and local administration have come together to face this calamity. My heart goes out to all the people who've lost their near and dear ones. Let us all firmly stand by those who have borne the brunt of this disaster.

My dear countrymen, however big the challenge be, India's victory-resolve, her Vijay-Sankalp has



always been equal in magnitude. Her collective strength and our spirit of service has always rescued the country from the midst of every storm. We've seen in the days gone by how our doctors, nurses and frontline warriors have toiled day and night without bothering about themselves, and continue to do so. Amidst all this, there indeed are people who've played a major role in the fight against the second wave of Corona. Many listeners of Mann Ki Baat, on NamoApp and through letters, have urged me to touch upon these warriors.

Friends, when the second wave came, the demand for oxygen surged all of a sudden...this was a very big challenge...delivering medical oxygen to remote parts of the country was indeed a huge task. If an oxygen tanker moves fast, the slightest error can lead to the risk of a big explosion. Many plants manufacturing industrial oxygen are located in the eastern parts of the country...transporting oxygen from there to other states of the country requires many days. In confronting this challenge, the country was helped by cryogenic tanker drivers, the Oxygen Express and Air Force pilots...many such people worked on a war footing, saving the lives of hundreds of thousands of people.

My dear countrymen, while at present we were discussing our 'Corona Warriors' we have been a witness of their dedication and hard work in the last one and a half years. But there also has been a very big role in this fight displayed by many such warriors across the country. Think for yourself, our country faced such a big crisis that it affected every system of the country. The agricultural sector protected itself from this attack to a great extent. Not only did it keep

itself safe, but the sector also progressed, moving forward. Do you know that even in this pandemic, our farmers have achieved record produce! The farmers produced record output and this time the country went on to procure record amount of crops. This time in many places farmers have got more than the minimum support price (MSP) for mustard. Due to the record food grain production, our country has been able to provide support to every countryman. Today, 800 million underprivileged denizens are being provided free ration in this hour of crisis. So, no such a day ever occurs in a needy home when the stove is not lit!

Friends, today the farmers of our country are doing wonders in many areas by taking advantage of the new arrangements. Take for example, the farmers of Agartala. These farmers produce very good jackfruit harvest. Anticipating their demand in the country and abroad, this time the jackfruit of farmers of Agartala was brought to Guwahati by rail. These jackfruit are now being sent to London from Guwahati. Similarly, you must have also heard the name of the Shahi Litchi of Bihar. In 2018, the Government also gave GI Tag to Shahi Litchi so that its identity would be reinforced and the farmers would get more benefits. This time the Shahi Litchi of Bihar has also been sent to London by air. From East to West, North to South our country is full of such unique flavors and products. You must definitely have heard about the mangoes of Vizianagaram in South India. Now who wouldn't like to eat this mango? Therefore, now the Kisan Rail is ferrying hundreds of tons of Vizianagaram mangoes to Delhi. The people of Delhi and North India will get to eat Vizianagaram mangoes, and the farmers of Vizianagaram will earn well. The Kisan Rail has so far transported nearly 2 lakh tonnes of produce. Now the farmers are able to send fruits, vegetables, grains to other remote parts of the country at a very low cost.

My dear countrymen, today on 30th May we are having 'Mann Ki Baat' and incidentally it also marks the completion of 7 years of the government. Over these years, the country has followed the mantra of 'Sabka-Saath, Sabka-Vikas, Sabka-Vishwas'. All of us have worked every moment with dedication in the service of the country. Many friends have sent me letters and said that in 'Mann Ki Baat', I should also discuss our mutual journey of 7 years. Friends,

whatever we have accomplished in these 7 years, it has been of the country, of the countrymen. Together, we have experienced many moments of national pride in these years. When we observe that now India moves ahead not with the thought and pressure of other countries but with her own conviction, then we all feel proud. When we witness that now India gives a befitting reply to those who conspire against us, then our confidence soars. When India does not compromise on the issues of national security, when the strength of our armed forces increases, we feel that yes, we are on the right path.

Friends, I get messages and letters from countless countrymen spanning every corner of the country. Many people are thankful to the country that electricity has reached their village for the first time in 70 years, that their sons and daughters are studying in the light, under the fan. Many people say that our village too is now connected to the city by a paved road. I remember some friends from a tribal area had sent me a message that after the road was built, for the first time they felt that they too had joined the rest of the world. Similarly, someone shares the joy of opening a bank account, someone starts a new employment with the help of different schemes, then they also invite me in sharing that happiness. I keep receiving many invitations from our countrymen for the occasion of 'GrihPravesh' - the house warming ceremony, after receiving their home under the 'Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana'. In these 7 years, I have been associated with a million moments of your happiness. Just a few days ago, a family from a village sent me a photo of the water tap installed in their house under the 'Jal Jeevan Mission'. They had captioned the photo '**जेरे गाँव की जीवन धारा**' - the lifeline of my village, there are many such families! In the 7 decades after independence, only three and a half crore rural homes of our country had water connections. However, just in the last 21 months, four and a half crore houses have been given clean water connections. Of these, 15 months were of the Corona period! A similar confidence has come to the country through the 'Ayushman Yojana'. When the poor come home healthy with free treatment, they feel that they have got a new life. They feel confident that the country stands by them. With the blessing of such families, the blessings of crores of mothers, our country is moving towards development with

strength.

Friends, in these 7 years, India has worked to show the world a new direction in digital transactions. Today, you can make digital payments with absolute ease at any place; it is proving very useful even in this time of Corona. Today, the seriousness and awareness of the countrymen towards cleanliness is increasing. We are also launching record satellites and constructing record roads too. In these 7 years, many old contestations of the country have also been resolved with complete peace and harmony. A new confidence of peace and development has arisen from the northeast to Kashmir. Friends, have you thought all such work which could not be achieved even in decades, how were they done in these 7 years? All this was possible because in these 7 years, more than as the Government or as the people, we worked together as one country. We worked as a team. We worked as Team India. Every citizen has tried to take a few steps forward in advancing the country. Yes! Where there are successes, there

are also trials. In these 7 years together, we have overcome many difficult tests as well, and each time we have all emerged stronger. In the form of the Corona pandemic, we are being continuously put to test. This is a crisis that has plagued the whole world, so many people have lost their loved ones. Even big countries were not spared from its devastation. In the midst of this pandemic, India is moving forward with the resolve of 'सेवा और सहयोग' - 'service and cooperation'. In the first wave, we fought courageously; this time too India will be victorious in the ongoing fight against the virus. Be it 'दो गज की दूरी' social distancing, rules related to masks or vaccines, there should be no letup in our efforts. This indeed is the path to our victory. Next time when we meet in Mann Ki Baat, we will talk about many more inspiring examples of countrymen and discuss new topics. Do continue to keep sending me your suggestions. May all of you stay healthy, keep the country moving forward in this manner. Many many thanks! ■



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