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राजनीति के साथ प्रवाह में बहते जाना हमारा काम नहीं है,
राजनीति की दिशा को बदलना, ये भारतीय जनता पार्टी का
काम है, उसके कार्यकर्ताओं का काम है।

- अमित शाह

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जन्मदिवस की हार्दिक शुभकामनाएं!**

कमल संदेश



श्रेयान् स्वधर्मो विगुणः परधर्मात् स्वनुष्ठितात्।
स्वधर्मे निधनं श्रेयः परधर्मो भयावहः॥ 35॥

Performing one's natural prescribed duty tinged with faults is far better than performing another's prescribed duty perfectly; even death in performing one's natural prescribed duty is better; for performing prescribed duties of others is fraught with danger.

– (Bhagavadgita : Ch.-III, 35)

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"BRICS-BIMSTEC Outreach Summit is a unique opportunity to discuss ways to form a closer partnership & cooperate in several areas."

-Narendra Modi

"SP Government is unable to control pitiable condition of law & order in Uttar Pradesh; Who are not able to handle even their family, how can they manage a state like UP."

-Amit Shah

Chhath Pooja : 6th November, 2016

Chhath Pooja is an ancient Hindu festival and a Vedic Festival dedicated to the Sun God, Surya the god of energy and of the life-force. Chhath Pooja is performed on Kartika Shukla Shashthi, which is the sixth day of the month of Kartika as per the Hindu calendar. As per the Gregorian calendar this festival falls typically in the month of October or November.



The Chhath Pooja is performed in order to thank Bhagwan Surya for sustaining life on earth and to request the granting of certain wishes. The Sun, considered the god of energy and of the life-force, is worshipped during the Chhath festival to promote well-being, prosperity and progress. In Hinduism, Sun worship is believed to help cure a variety of diseases, including leprosy, and helps ensure the longevity and prosperity of family members, friends, and elders.

The rituals of the festival are rigorous and are observed over a period of four days. They include holy bathing, fasting and abstaining from drinking water (Vrat), standing in water for long periods of time, and offering *prashad* (prayer offerings) and *arghya* to the setting and rising sun.

Although it is observed most elaborately in Bihar, Jharkhand, Eastern UP and the Terai regions of Nepal in modern times, and is more prevalent in areas where migrants from those areas have a presence.

Chhath Pooja is also known as Surya Shashti, Chhathi and Dala Chhath. Chhath is a festival of bathing and worshipping that follows a period of abstinence and segregation of the worshipper from the main household for four days. During this period, the worshipper observes purity, and sleeps on the floor on a single blanket. This is the only holy festival which has no involvement of any pandit (priest). The devotees offer their prayers to the setting sun, and then the rising sun in celebrating its glory as the cycle of birth starts with death. It is seen as the most glorious form of Sun worship. ■



Defeat the politics of communist violence

As BJP is gaining people's support in new areas its activists and leaders are getting targeted by the adversaries. The situation in Kerala is really alarming. BJP activists are being violently attacked, terrorized and brutally killed by the communist goons. In a gruesome incident recently on 12th October 2016, BJP activist Remith was martyred in Kannur. The brutal assault on BJP started on the day communists won the Kerala polls and in their celebratory procession attacked killed BJP activist Pramod who had come from UAE to help BJP in its election campaign. Not only this, in the very hometown of Kerala chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan, BJP activist Remith was hacked to death. A number of promising BJP activists have been martyred since communists have come to the power in Kerala. It is a matter of grave concern that communists are trying to impose their Stalinist system based on violence and political vendetta.

In the National Council meeting held in Kozhikode, Kerala on 24-25 September 2016 Prime Minister Narendra Modi released a book named 'Aahuti' which enumerates the kind of violence perpetrated by the communists on BJP activists. While releasing the book the Prime Minister lamented the fact that the communists took recourse to violence to vanquish their political adversaries in Kerala which was very unfortunate. It is extremely condemnable that communists have tried to perpetuate their rule through violence and terror wherever they came into power. A large number of BJP-RSS activists have been martyred while challenging the politics of violence and terror in Kerala. The activists were selectively targeted, brutally attacked and violently killed. There is a long list of martyrs who have been brutally murdered and many more were maimed for challenging the violence and terror of the communists. In Kerala communist violence may be traced back to 1960s when Muslim League goons supported by communists attacked Jansangh Karyakartas in Thanoor when a 16 year youth Subramanian was brutally killed. The case of Jayakrishnana Master who was hacked to death in front of his students and the killing of Yashoda and her husband in cold blood remind one of the communist faith in violence. Not only the killings alone but the manner in which these murders are executed makes it more horrible and blood chilling. Subramaniam and Rajan were burnt alive by dousing petrol on them, Satyan's head was ruthlessly chopped off and many more such incidents clearly point to the fact that communists want to establish then reign of terror wherever they are present.

It is rarely that communist violence finds space in the national media. The communists have been getting emboldened as their cadres in media keep their misdeeds closely guarded secrets. It was due to this that these incidents have not been presented before the nation in their totality. But as BJP is gaining grounds in Kerala, such incidents are being opposed by more and more people in the state. The massive support of people to the call of strike by BJP has sent a warning signal to the communists in the state. Wherever BJP is rising, its activists are facing political assaults and attacks. In Kerala and West Bengal such trends suggests BJP becoming stronger at the cost of the ruling dispensation. Communists are habitually inclined to resort to violence when their power is challenged. It's their ideological and moral defeat. BJP has never pursued the path of violence in politics. That's why BJP is gaining acceptability and support across the nation. While saluting all the martyrs of communist violence the need of the hour is to democratically defeat their politics of violence and terror by exposing their design. ■

BJP calls Kerala Bandh in protest against party activist's murder

Massive support to BJP Bandh in Kerala

The day-long statewide hartal called by Kerala BJP in protest against the murder of a party activist in Pinarayi, Kannur on 13 October, 2016 was total in the State. BJP activists have taken out a march to the State Secretariat in the morning.

major untoward incident was reported from any part of the state.

Banks and other business houses, including shops, downed their shutters of their own in support of the bandh. Offices registered thin attendance. BJP leaders

Remith's father was similarly killed in 2002, his mother suffered serious injuries when his house was attacked recently", Shri Shah tweeted.

Noting that it was the seventh politically motivated murder in the district this year, BJP National Secretary



Overall the hartal was by and large peaceful in the state.

During the hartal BJP activists blocked roads in various parts of the state. Barring ambulances and person in emergency, all modes of public transport, including the State Road Transport Corporation buses from Kerala and Karnataka, kept off the road. Inter-State trucks plying on National Highway 66 suspended their services spontaneously at the northern Manjeshwaram border check-post till 6 p.m., the police said adding that no

termed the hartal a befitting reply to the CPI(M)'s "politics of violence."

Noteworthy, BJP activist Shri Remith was hacked to death in the home town of Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan in Kannur district by a gang of CPI(M) workers.

Reacting to the killing, BJP National President Shri Amit Shah had tweeted, "Attacks on BJP karyakartas in CM Pinarayi Vijayan's home constituency is a matter of grave concern and smacks of political vendetta". "Chavassery Uttaman,

Shri Siddharth Nath Singh told media persons, "The CPM or the Left ideology has been violent and if you don't stand with their ideology, they would like to differ with you by silencing you through murder, and that's what is exactly happening in Kerala," Shri Singh said.

The BJP also accused the state's Left Democratic Front government and Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan of unleashing "political terrorism" in Kerala.

The murder of Remith, a BJP activist and RSS loyalist

Submit report on BJP activist's murder, Centre tells Kerala

The Union Home Ministry on 13 October, 2016 sought a report from the Kerala government on the killing of BJP activist Remith in Kannur district. The State government has been asked to provide details of the incident and the steps taken to nab those responsible for the crime, the Ministry said.

The Ministry has also asked the State to inform it about the steps taken for the security of political workers, Ministry sources said.

Noteworthy, ever since the Left government assumed office in Kerala in May, four BJP workers have been killed in Kannur district alone.

hailing from Pinarayi in Kannur, should be seen as a ploy to "divert" the attention of CPI(M) cadres over the controversial appointment of close relatives of party leaders in top posts in select public sector units, BJP leader Shri Sreekanth said addressing a public meeting as part of the BJP protest march.

Stating that the RSS loyalist's murder was hatched by the top leadership of the Left party, he said Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan's attitude was an insult to the people of Kerala.

The remarks by a senior police officer in Kannur that the force was helpless in safeguarding the life and property of the people was a confession of breakdown in law and order situation, he said.

BJP spokesperson Shri GVL Narsimha Rao accused the Kerala Chief Minister of patronizing criminals. "One can clearly make out that this is political terrorism unleashed by goons of the LDF with the blessings and support of chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan. When the Chief Minister's patronage is available to criminals, you can see the mayhem they can unleash," he said here.

Shri Rao said the ruling UDF led by the Communist Party of India-Marxist was unleashing terror on its political rivals as it was unnerved by the rise of the Bharatiya Janata Party in the state.

"Unnerved by the BJP's rise as well as to divert attention from the corruption in Kerala, these attacks are being orchestrated," he said.

"The state government has not only failed to preserve law and order but actively participated to wreck it. We demand the LDF government and the chief minister to immediately hand over the murder probe to the CBI," the BJP spokesperson said.

Meanwhile, after the hartal police have registered cases against 10 CPI(M) workers in connection with the attack on Remith. A special squad has been formed to investigate the case. However, the BJP has demanded a CBI probe into the murder by CPM members. ■

Arunachal become 14th state in the country to have NDA Government

BJP became part of the government, with its MLA Tamyo Taga being sworn in as minister on October 15. Taga (65), a former BJP national executive committee member, was administered oath by Governor V Shanmuganathan at the Itanagar Raj Bhawan on October 15 with senior BJP and PPA leaders attended the function.

With Taga's induction, Arunachal became the 14th state in the country to have a coalition government comprising the BJP, and the sixth state where the BJP has tied up with regional parties to share power.

"It is part and parcel of the system. One has to be dropped to accommodate another," Khandu was quoted as having told reporters after Taga was sworn in.

It was less than a month after Congress losing power in Arunachal Pradesh when all party MLAs, barring Nabam Tuki, joined People's Party of Arunachal (PPA). ■

BJP National President's Address on the occasion of Valmiki Jayanti

Everybody in society can seek inspiration from Maharshi Valmiki : Amit Shah



BJP National President Shri Amit Shah addressed party workers on the occasion of Maharshi Valmiki's Jayanti at the party's central Headquarters on 15 October 2016 in New Delhi. Speaking on the occasion he appealed to the people to inculcate the values propounded by Maharshi Valmiki through his life.

Shri Amit Shah said, "Today on the occasion of Sharad Purnima (autumn full moon) the whole of India pays homage to the Maharshi Valmiki". Because of the epic of Ramayana, Shri Shah said, Maharshi Valmiki is known in all households. "The epic of Ramayana is not a eulogy of Lord Rama; rather it is the first message of greatness of the Indian culture to the world," he said.

"If the desire is sincere, there is will to work hard, want to acquire knowledge, capacity to reach a decision, the person can scale all heights-Maharshi Valmiki exemplified it."

How an ideal life should be, how an ideal devotee ought to be, how an ideal king must be, how an ideal son ought to be, how an ideal father should be, how an ideal brother must be, how an ideal husband should be and how an ideal mother should be and how an ideal wife should be - Maharshi Valmiki created all

these examples through the characters of one epic. Through the epic of Ramayana, the greatest message that Maharshi Valmiki gave to the world was that truth wins finally, no matter how mighty, powerful and clever falsehood is, Shri Shah said.

The BJP president said, "If the desire is sincere, there is will to work hard, want to acquire knowledge, capacity to reach a decision, the person can scale all heights-Maharshi Valmiki exemplified it." Such a profound change in one's life and thoughts due to an incident of a moment in the life of a great soul is a story that has not been told adequately, highlighting its implications, to the youth, he said. How much of sensibility and wisdom must have been inherent in the man that a

sentence, an incident transformed him into a great sage, Shri Shah said. Everybody in society, he said, regardless of which community he belongs to, "and that includes me", can seek inspiration from Maharshi Valmiki to rise higher.

Shri Shah said that the example of Maharshi Valmiki, who worked for social harmony and uplift of Dalits without seeking publicity, was unparalleled. He said that when saints and thinkers begin reciting the Ramayana with a tribute paid first to Maharshi Valmiki, they do not think what caste he belonged to; it is his virtues and knowledge that has always been revered.

Shri Shah said that this showed that harmony was at the heart of Indian society and its pristine ethos. That all are equal needs no mention; it is an integral part of India's culture, he said.

Today, nobody needs to lead a life ridden with guilt, accepting ill-treatment, the BJP president said, adding, "The Constitution made by Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar gave equal rights to all citizens of the country and equal opportunities to all to rise in life." The Modi government that the people are witnessing today, he said, has worked the most for Dalits, backward classes, tribal people and the poor, and added, "Look at the website of any ministry; the

"Look at the website of any ministry; the first five schemes would be dedicated to the poor, Dalits, the exploited and the backward." He gave the example of the Ministry of Petroleum that had nothing to do with Dalits, backward classes, tribal people and the poor before this government assumed office, Shri Shah said. "Through the Ujjwala scheme when Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi made LPG connections reach 5 crore poor households, he linked this ministry to the poor as well,"

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every scheme of the BJP government.

Shri Shah said, "When the Prime Minister in his Independence Day speech from Red Fort appeals to the banks to seek out the Dalit youth to help make themselves self-sufficient, it is a clear sign of change in the style of governance India has witnessed so far." Journeying continually on this path, he said, the dreams of Mahatma Gandhi and Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar of creating a glorious and prosperous society can be realized.

Greeting the people of the country on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Maharshi Valmiki and autumnal full moon, the BJP president said, "May the epic Ramayana composed by Maharshi Valmiki always remain a source of inspiration for us, on the basis of which we can create a great and glorious society. This is our wish."

He felicitated several eminent personalities from the Valmiki society on this occasion. Those present at the venue were the BJP's National General Secretary (Organization) Shri Ram Lal, the Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Shri Thavar Chand Gahlot, Shri Satyanarayan Jatiya, Shri Bizay Sonkar Shastri, president of the Scheduled Castes Morcha Shri Dushyant Gautam and several eminent personalities from the Valmiki community. ■

Centre launches UDAN, Fares Capped At Rs. 2,500 For 1-Hour Flights

The Ministry of Civil Aviation took a major step towards making flying a reality for the small town common man. The Civil Aviation Minister Shri P Ashok Gajapathi Raju launched the Ministry's much awaited Regional Connectivity Scheme "UDAN" in New Delhi on October 21. UDAN is an innovative scheme to develop the regional aviation market. It is a market-based mechanism in which airlines bid for seat subsidies. This first-of-its-kind scheme globally will create affordable yet economically viable and profitable flights on regional routes so that flying becomes affordable to the common man even in small towns.

Speaking on the occasion Shri Raju expressed hope that the first flight under the scheme would be able to take off by January next year. He said the scheme had been prepared after a lot of stakeholder consultation and called for support from all players to make it a success.

Also speaking on the occasion the Minister of State for Civil Aviation Shri Jayant Sinha said that the objective of the scheme was "*Ude Desh Ka Aam Naagrik*." He said this scheme ensure affordability, connectivity, growth and development. It would

provide a win-win situation for all stakeholders - citizens would get the benefit of affordability, connectivity and more jobs. The Centre would be able to expand the regional air connectivity and market. The state governments would reap the benefit of development of remote areas, enhance trade and commerce and more tourism expansion. For incumbent airlines there was the promise of new routes and more passengers while for and start-up airlines there is the opportunity of new, scalable business. Airport operators will also see their business expanding as would original equipment manufacturers.

The scheme UDAN envisages providing connectivity to un-served and under-served airports of the country through revival of existing air-strips and airports. The scheme would be in operation for a period of 10 years.

UDAN has a unique market-based model to develop regional connectivity. Interested airline and helicopter operators can start operations on hitherto un-connected routes by submitting proposals to the Implementing Agency. The operators could seek a

Viability Gap Funding (VGF) apart from getting various concessions. All such route proposals would then be offered for competitive bidding through a reverse bidding mechanism and the route would be awarded to the participant quoting the lowest VGF per Seat. The operator submitting the original proposal would have the Right of First Refusal on matching the lowest bid in case his original bid is within 10% of the lowest bid. The successful bidder would then have exclusive rights to operate the route for a period of three years. Such support would be withdrawn after a three year period, as by that time, the route is expected to become self-sustainable.

The selected airline operator would have to provide a minimum of 9 and a maximum of 40 UDAN Seats (subsidized rates) on the UDAN Flights for operations through fixed wing aircraft and a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 13 Seats on the Flights for operations through helicopters. On each such route, the minimum frequency would be three and maximum of seven departures per week. Route networks would also be encouraged under the scheme to achieve economies of scale and optimal usage of aircraft.

The fare for a one hour journey of appx. 500 km on a fixed wing aircraft or for a 30 minute journey on a helicopter would now be capped at Rs. 2,500, with proportionate pricing for routes of different stage lengths / flight duration.

This would be achieved through (1) a financial stimulus in the form of concessions from Central and State governments and airport operators and (2) a Viability Gap Funding to the interested airlines to kick-off operations from such airports so that the passenger fares are kept affordable.

- **Central Government would provide concessions in the form of reduced excise duty, service tax, permission to trade ASKMs for Non-RCS (UDAN) Seats and flexibility of code sharing at the RCS (UDAN) airports.**
- **State governments will have to lower the VAT on ATF to 1% or less, besides providing security and fire services free of cost and electricity, water and other utilities at substantially concessional rates.**
- **Airport operators shall not impose Landing and Parking charge and Terminal Navigation Landing Charges in addition to discounts on Route Navigation Facility Charges.**

A Regional Connectivity Fund would be created to meet the viability gap funding requirements under the scheme. The RCF levy per departure will be applied to certain domestic flights. The partner State Governments (other than North Eastern States and Union Territories where contribution will be 10 %) would contribute a 20% share to this fund. For balanced regional growth, the allocations under the scheme would be equitably spread across the five geographical regions of the country viz. North, West, South, East and North-east.

The States have a key role under the scheme. The selection of airports where UDAN operations would start would be done in consultation with State Government and after confirmation of their concessions. It may be recalled that revival of dysfunctional airports and starting operations on un-served airports has been a long standing demand of most States and this will be addressed through UDAN to a large extent.

The UDAN is likely to give a major fillip to tourism and employment generation in the hinterland. Through introduction of helicopters and small aircraft, it is also likely to significantly reduce travel timings in remote and hilly regions, as well as islands and other areas of the country. ■

Modi government plans to smarten up railway stations in smart cities

The Union Urban Development Ministry has joined hands with the Indian Railways on 20 October, 2016 for the development of railway stations in smart cities as planned by the Centre.

The ministry and Railways will work together with agencies like the National Building Construction Corporation (NBCC), state governments and municipal bodies to create transportation hubs around railway stations that will accommodate all modes of local transport.

These transit-oriented hubs will be spread over nearly 500 acres. An estimated Rs 1,500 crore will be spent on the redevelopment of stations in the 60 cities that have been listed as smart cities.

The proposed redevelopment involving railway stations envisages improving passenger amenities, easy access to stations, integrated public transport hub, waiting halls and other amenities for passengers, development of residential and commercial spaces and landscaping. With funding of the project being a key concern, the Railways is seeking monetary assistance from foreign bankers.

Railway Minister Shri Suresh Prabhu said that a round-table meeting with domestic and overseas bankers will be held next week to explore financing options for these projects. Countries like

Germany, Japan, UK, France, South Korea and Belgium are likely to participate in the conference.

“Railway stations and adjoining areas will be redeveloped on smart city lines for enhancing passenger amenities and easy access to stations. Optimal utilisation of land at railway stations, as a part of smart city development will also be ensured,” said Union Urban Development Minister Shri M Venkaiah Naidu, after signing a MoU with the Railway Ministry.

To begin with, 10 cities would be taken up for the proposed redevelopment with the involvement of NBCC, which has successfully executed redevelopment projects on self-financing basis in the past. These include Sarai Rohilla in Delhi, Bhubaneswar, Lucknow, Varanasi, Jaipur, Kota, Thane, Madgaon (Goa), Tirupati and Puducherry.

As per the MoU, Railways will be responsible for forming joint ventures. The Urban Development Ministry will work with state governments and urban local bodies for integrating railway station redevelopment as part of smart city development plans. Shri Prabhu said redevelopment of railway stations would primarily aim at decongestion of stations that would revamp the city landscape. ■

PM dedicates three power projects to the nation

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on October 18 launched the National SC/ST hub, and the Zero Defect, Zero Effect (ZED) scheme for MSMEs at Ludhiana in Punjab. He also presented National Awards to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). He distributed 500 traditional wooden charkhas (spinning wheels) among women. Speaking on the occasion, he said Ludhiana is an important economic centre, and therefore, it is natural to launch a scheme related to MSME from the city. The Prime Minister said that the MSME sector is crucial for the economic progress of India. He said MSMEs must match global quality control standards.

Talking about the distribution of charkhas, the Prime Minister said Khadi is a priority for us, and a charkha at home brings more income. He said Khadi is marketed well now, adding that once upon a time, the apt slogan was 'Khadi for Nation,' but now it should be 'Khadi for Fashion.'

The Prime Minister said that a spirit of entrepreneurship among Dalits will benefit us. He added that there are youngsters whose dreams are to create enterprises and jobs.

Earlier, the Prime Minister visited Mandi in Himachal Pradesh, where he dedicated to the nation three hydropower projects - namely, Koldam, Parbati and Rampur. ■

Government to sell subsidised pulses through post offices

The Centre government on October 15 decided to utilise the vast network of post offices across the country to sell subsidised pulses to ensure that there is no shortage of the item during the ongoing



festival season. The decision was taken during the meeting of the inter-ministerial committee on prices of essential commodities. Notably, the Central government has been asking the States to lift tur and urad pulses from buffer stock and sell it at subsidised prices to protect consumers from high prices. The committee reviewed the prices of pulses, sugar and other essential commodities and observed that there are declining trends in the prices of pulses in recent weeks. ■

Antyodaya : A Pre-condition for Holistic Social-Life

Dr. Mahesh Chandra Sharma

Indianisation of Economy and Economic Democracy

Materialistic development is a natural aim of any nation's economy. Deendayalji considered the development models of the West as useless for human oneness and hence he called for Indianisation of economic policy.

"There are no two views that the nation's poverty should be abolished; but the question is how? Should we follow the American method, the Russian method or the European method? We should understand that inspite the differences in these economies, there is one fundamental similarity: they have accepted machines as the basis of their economic progress. The main feature of machines is increased productivity with least human intervention. Consequentially, these countries had to find markets abroad to sell their increased output. Imperialism-colonialism became the natural upshot. Whatever be the nature of this spread, Russia, America, England, all had to take recourse to this path. We have to accept that India's path to economic progress is not the path of the machines. The nation's economic progress is possible only by accepting cottage industries as the basis of Indian economy and developing a

decentralised economy".

(Pilani, Inauguration speech at Shekhawati Janasangh

Convention, Panchajanya 12th December 1955)

Deendayalji considered democracy as essential for

national income for his efforts then his efforts will be counted as unpaid labour. From this perspective, minimum wages, just distribution, and some kind of social security arrangement become imperative".

Deendayalji says further:

"In our view, just as unpaid labour is not employment, inability to achieve the person's optimal productivity too is not employment. **Underemployment** too is a kind of unemployment".

Upadhyaya considers unproductive the economy that injures the freedom of the individual to produce or create. The labourer or employee who is not the owner of what he produces essentially sells his freedom. Economic and political freedoms are mutually dependent.

Political democracy cannot work sans economic democracy. The economically liberated alone can express his opinion unflinchingly. *Arthasya purusho daasaha* (man becomes the slave of wealth).

The biggest assault on man's freedom to produce has been from the capitalistic industrialisation. Hence Upadhyaya wants to control industrialisation so that it does not eliminate small and cottage industries:



antyodaya as democratic politics alone assures the participation of the last man. Deendayalji also considers **economic democracy** to be a prerequisite to a meaningful political democracy. He opines:

Just as 'each man one vote' is the touchstone of political democracy, '**each man one job**' is the yardstick of economic democracy.

Explaining the concept of each man one job, he said:

"A job should be firstly life-supporting, and secondly the individual should have the freedom to choose it. If he does not get a fair share of the

Today when we think of all-round development, we accept the necessity of protection. This protection should be accorded to the domestic industry from the foreign competition and to the small industry from the larger industries.

Upadhyaya realises that by replicating western industrialisation India has relegated the traditional producer to the background and brought middle-men to the fore.

“We have blindly aped the Western technology. Our industries are not developing naturally. They are not an integral and interdependent constituent of our economy but are imposed from outside. (Their development) has been possible by a few local businessmen partners or agencies with a predisposition to imitate the foreigners. This is why all the industrialists in India have arisen from brokers and speculators. The workers involved in industry and crafts have not developed”.

Industrialisation that ignores the common skilled craftsmen and workers is undemocratic. Upadhyaya considers the debate between capitalists and socialists on private and public sector as incorrect. Both have smothered the self-employment sector. Economic democracy demands the development of the self-employment sector. This calls for a decentralised economy.

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Industrialisation that ignores the common skilled craftsmen and workers is undemocratic. Upadhyaya considers the debate between capitalists and socialists on private and public sector as incorrect.

formed by giving political power to the masses, the economy too should be formed and operated by giving economic power to the masses. The individual is provided an opportunity to express his creative capability in political democracy. Similarly, economic democracy is not about trampling upon the individual's capability; opportunity should be provided to express it absolutely. Just as in politics, totalitarianism destroys the creative ability, the individual's creative ability in economic terms is destroyed by large-scale industrialisation. That is why such industrialisation is as repugnant as totalitarianism”.

(All quotations under the heading Economic Democracy have been taken from Deendayalji's book *Bharatiya Arth Neeti: Vikas Ki Ek Disha.*)

A Mathematical Formula: $MxPxT=D$

Clarifying the limitations of mechanised industrialisation, Upadhyaya presents an equation:

“If the concept of each man one job is accepted, then the direction of equitable distribu-

tion is ensured and we move towards decentralisation. It is wrong to proceed considering industrialisation as an end. This principle can be put in the form of a mathematical equation:

$$MxPxT=D$$

Here M denotes Manpower, P corresponds to Productivity, T stands for Technology, and D represents Desired Output. D and M are fixed. P and T have to be fixed in proportion to D and M. But if industrialisation becomes the aim, T controls everything else. Manpower is retrenched in proportion to T. D too will have to go by the excessive productivity due to mechanisation in proportion to T, and this is absolutely undesirable. Any economy that cuts back on M is undemocratic. The economy that controls D is totalitarian. Hence, P and T should be on the basis of M and D. That alone can be said to be a democratic and humane economy”.

(*Rashtra Jeevan Ki Samasyaein*, by Deendayal Upad)

He had desired Indianisation of perspective, establishment of economic democracy, decentralisation of political and economic power, and production with manpower and not machinepower for the antyodaya phase of the philosophy of oneness of man. We should keep this desire in view while organising and implementing social research and experimentation. ■

BJP activist Remith hacked to death in Kerala's Kannur district **Amit Shah condemns the gruesome murder of Party's worker**

BJP activist Remith was stabbed to death on October 12, allegedly by a group of Marxists in an attack in Pinarayi, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan's native village in Kannur district.

Twenty-year-old Remith was stabbed by a CPI(M) worker. BJP called for a state-wide bandh to protest the killing.

According to police Remith, who suffered serious injuries in the attack, succumbed to his injuries on way to the hospital. His father Uthaman was also a victim of political violence. He was killed by CPI(M) workers in 2002.

Kannur has witnessed a series of attacks on BJP-RSS workers in the recent past. In early sixties the RSS started to expand their presence in the Communist bastion. Intolerant communists could tolerate alternate ideology and started violence against BJP & RSS workers. Since then BJP-RSS leaders are being targeted. BJP National President strongly condemned the gruesome murder of the party worker in Kannur district of Kerala. He said "In the continuing culture of political violence unleashed by the CPI (M) cadres, our activist Ramith was hacked to death this morning in Pinarayi village of Kannur district of Kerala. This village happens to be the native village of the chief minister of Kerala, Pinarayi Vijayan."

The BJP chief also stated that as political parties with varying ideologies, there may be differences in opinion but resorting to violence is an instrument for those who cannot engage in a political debate with rivals. "Kannur has been the epicentre of Marxist violence in Kerala. That such a spiral of violence has been unleashed on people in the native village of the state's chief minister reflects the true motive of the ruling LDF alliance," added Shah.

He also stressed that the gravity of the situation can be understood from the fact the victim's father, Chavassery Uttaman, was also killed in a ghastly political encounter in 2002. Subsequently, his house had been attacked repeatedly and even the mother of Ramith was subjected to a political assault a few months ago, said the BJP chief.

He also claimed that the repeated occurrence of political violence in Kannur district clearly shows that "these are sponsored killings by the marxist cadres with the active patronage of the state chief minister". ■

BJP local Unit office- bearer Rudresh killed in Bengaluru

General secretary of the Shivaji Nagar unit of the BJP in Bengaluru Rudresh, who was also a swayamsevak of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), was stabbed to death in broad daylight in Bengaluru on 16 October, 2016. The police have registered a case in this regard and are investigating the incident.

Rudresh was taking to his friend Jayaram when two people riding a motorcycle came to a halt behind him. The one in front had worn a helmet while the person riding pillion wore a monkey cap. They stabbed Rudresh in the back. Following the murder of its activists, the BJP had called a strike in the state that had received massive response.

Rudresh's murder in Bengaluru also gave rise to speculations whether political violence from Kerala had spilled over into Karnataka. ■

Modi Government took steps to secure borders, strengthen economy : Amit Shah

BJP National President Shri Amit Shah said the Narendra Modi government had taken steps to secure the country's borders and pursued policies which have made India the fastest growing economy in the world. "Under the NDA government, no one will dare insult our martyrs like Hemraj. No one can dare commit any misadventure and our brave forces, due to the government's strong political will, are ready to meet all challenges," he said on the occasion of 35th annual fair of trader community at Agroha in Hisar on October 16, 2016.

For the last many years, there were talks about bringing in GST, but by combining all including VAT, Octroi, Service Tax and Excise Duty, Shri Narendra Modi has fulfilled the dream of traders. An extremely courageous and decisive step has been taken by Shri Narendra Modi by fulfilling GST dream, he said.

"Once it (GST) is implemented from April 1, 2017, it will further increase the economic might of India in the world. It is a bold step taken by the government," he said.

He said earlier there were many obstacles in the path of

the country on the economic front. "There were many obstacles and the Modi government removed all of these. After two-and-a-half years (of rule), today we are the fastest growing economy in the world," he said.

Without naming Congress, Shri Amit Shah alleged that the successive

loans worth Rs. 2 lakh crore have have been given to 4.5 crore youths by our government and this is a big achievement," he said.

Shri Shah also touched upon schemes like Stand-up India and Start-up India and Make in India. "In five to ten years, this country will be the top economy of the world," he said.



governments at the Centre allegedly failed to create enough employment opportunities and said those who framed the policies earlier were unaware that the country also belonged to businessmen and small traders.

He said the BJP government had taken several steps to generate jobs through self-employment which has empowered the youth.

"Through Mudra Bank, loans ranging from Rs. 10,000 to Rs. 10 lakh have been extended to small traders without guarantee. During past two-and-a-half years

efforts that foreign companies are keen to set up projects in the country, he added.

He said, "Earlier economists did not understand that this country is of businessmen, small traders, this country was of people who are capable of working on their own. Nobody can give employment to 125 crore people. BJP has enabled the youth of this country of giving employment through self-employment schemes."

Prior to the programme Shri Amit Shah offered prayers at the main temple at Agroha Dham. ■

'Defeat the Ravana existing in the form of corruption, illiteracy and poverty'

Prime Minister Narendra Modi proved to the world that 'India is no longer weak' says, HM Rajnath Singh

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on October 11 addressed the gathering at the Dussehra Mahotsav, Aishbagh Ramleela Ground, Lucknow.

Greeting the people on Vijaya Dashami, the Prime Minister said he is fortunate

to end these evils, and make this nation great.

Describing terrorism as the enemy of humanity, the Prime Minister said that Shri Ram represents the best of humanity, and is an epitome of sacrifice and dedication.

The Prime Minister said

to terrorists must now not be spared. The Prime Minister said that today is also the International Day of the Girl Child. Speaking out strongly against female foeticide, he said this evil should also be exterminated.

The Prime Minister said that the path of our country is the path of Buddha. We balance between the Mohan of the Sudarshan Chakra, and the Mohan of the Charkha, the Prime Minister added.

Before PM Modi's address Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh said Prime Minister Narendra Modi proved to the world that 'India is no longer weak.' Welcoming Shri Modi during the Dussehra event at Lucknow's Aishbagh, Shri Rajnath Singh hailed the PM for proving India's strength to the world.

Home Minister Shri Singh said that Lucknow, which is his Lok Sabha constituency, represents the composite culture of the country. He said the city is the 'karmabhoomi' of former prime minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

On the occasion Uttar Pradesh BJP President Keshav Prasad Maurya and UP Governor Ram Naik were also present among other senior leader. ■



to be a part of this ancient Ramleela.

He described Ramleela as the festival of victory of truth over falsehood; and of defeating the oppressor. He said that as we burn Ravana every year, we should all resolve to remove the ills from ourselves, our social structures and our nation. He asked the people to resolve to end ten shortcomings within themselves, each Dussehra. He emphasized that all of us have the strength to try and

that it was Jatayu - a character in the Ramayana - who fought terrorism first. Jatayu gives us the message of fearlessness, the Prime Minister said, exhorting 125 crore Indians to be Jatayu in the face of terrorism. He said if everyone is alert, terrorists will find it very difficult to succeed. The Prime Minister said that the forces of humanity across the world must now unite against terrorism. He added that even those who provide sanctuary

Deendayal's mantra of moving on with times is still relevant : Narendra Modi



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi released 'The Complete Works of Pt Deendayal Upadhyaya' at a ceremony organized at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi on 09 October 2016, and urged the people to walk on the path shown by the great thinker while discussing Pandit ji's principles, ideals and different aspects of his life at length. He said that the thought has strength of its own and Pandit ji's thoughts have been delivered to us in a capsule, for which he thanked everybody heartily. Greeting the people in advance for Vijayadashami

and wishing them well, he said that this was a special occasion for the country.

The Prime Minister said that it was not difficult to pen the life, thoughts and achievements of a public figure because information about the personality are available in the public domain, but to do so for a personality who was publicity-shy even as he worked tirelessly for society is rendering yeoman service to the people, for which Shri Modi ji congratulated the team of Shri Mahesh ji and Shri Prabhat ji that put in place The Complete Works. Shri Modi said that these 15 volumes were a

confluence of the trinity of his journeys of life, ideology and resolve and this moment of this day was to relish the offering of the trinity.

Shri Modi said that Pt Upadhyaya was an epitome of simplicity who, in a short span and brief political life, traversed the journey of establishing a political party, an ideology and a political system, which helped the BJP transform from being a party in the opposition to one that gave the people an alternative government. This is no mean feat, Shri Modi said, adding that this journey was made possible by the strong organizational foundation

laid by Pandit ji.

Shri Modi said that Pt Deendayal Upadhyay had set an example by establishing a party that was organization-based. The journey from the Jana Sangh to the Bharatiya Janata Party is a unique chapter in Indian history, the credit for which goes to Pandit ji, Shri Modi said. The Prime Minister recalled that Shri Shyama Prasad Mukherjee would say that if he had two Deendayals, he could change the face of Indian politics.

The Prime Minister said that the 1960s saw the nation mull over who – rather than

that did not come from a particular political breed, Shri Modi said. He said that Pandit ji created a cadre base where the worker had independent thoughts, was inspired by nationalism and dedicated to society. Pt Upadhyaya envisaged an army of political workers, Shri Modi said, to pave one's way to entry into politics. Therefore, Pandit ji strived to build and expand an organization based on ideology and character building of its workers, Shri Modi said.

Shri Modi said that Pandit ji built a cadre where the worker was committed to the

We are neither averse to modernity, nor are we beholden to orthodoxy and archaic traditions.' He said this was at the root of our thoughts, adding that the BJP comprised people who mould themselves according to the needs of the nation and society; this is why it could traverse the journey between being in opposition to being an alternative for governance enjoying the confidence of 125 crore Indians. He said that Pandit ji presented the views of a gamut from the Vedas to Vivekananda, from Lord Krishna to Mahatma Gandhi, in a modern perspective. Only that economics, politics and sociology can change the fortune of India that is tied to the roots of the nation, Shri Modi said, adding that no country had been able to progress while being detached from its roots.

Shri Modi said that Pandit ji emphasized capacity-building; he used to say that our defence forces must be competent and only then the nation can be powerful. Pt Deendayal Upadhyaya believed, he said, that every entity from the individual citizen to the country must build its competence. He said that the whole world was interdependent today, and it was imperative at this juncture that we built the nation strong on the basis of its essential philosophies; the people of the country must, he said, strive together to achieve this.

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what – would succeed Nehru. It was a time, Shri Modi reminisced, when one party dominated the scene from the panchayats to Parliament, and there was no alternative. He said that studying the period between 1962 and '67 was crucial to understanding Pt Deendayal Upadhyaya. Even Dr Ram Manohar Lohia had recognized, Shri Modi said, that it was only because of the wide scope of Deendayal ji's vision that parties of various ideologies could come together to offer to the nation an alternative. Pandit ji had another virtue; he insisted on building a cadre base; he built a new type of political worker

organization and the nation was at the centre of his thoughts. Anybody may comparatively analyse the space where we are working together; indeed, analysts must assess the period corresponding to any ruling party, Shri Modi said. The party that Pt Deendayal ji toiled hard to build and the ideology he gave to the nation are the result of a penance that is ready to face any test even today; I say this with all my conviction, the Prime Minister said.

The Prime Minister said that Pandit ji would say, 'We would accept anything that enhances ourselves in prestige, science and culture.

The Prime Minister said that the poor were at the centre of Pt Deendayal Upadhyaya's thought process. Pandit ji believed that the economic model of the nation must be bottom-up, not top-down.

He said that the BJP had decided to observe 2016 as the Year of Welfare for the Poor to realise Pt Deendayal Upadhyaya's dream.

Therefore, he said, no department of the government can forget that all its decisions, thoughts and programmes must be aimed at improving the lot of the poor. To ensure this, the Prime Minister said, the BJP is observing the centennial year of Pandit ji's birth anniversary as the Year of Welfare for the Poor.

Shri Modi said that society must develop all kinds of competencies. So that India attains the pinnacle of glory, he said, Pandit ji advocated seven ideals – harmony, diligence, equality, prosperity, knowledge, happiness and peace.

Paying tributes to the great thinker, the Prime Minister said that one should leave no stone unturned to see through the implementation of Pt Deendayal Upadhyaya's vision and resolved to dedicate one's life to Mother India.

Deendayalji presented an example of establishing a strong political party based on ideals, organizational strength and nationalism : Amit Shah

Addressing on the occasion BJP National President Shri Amit Shah expressed his gratitude towards Shri Mahesh Chandra Sharma ji, Shri Achyutanand Mishra ji, Shri Jawaharlal ji and their team for making The Complete Works.

The BJP president said that the year-long celebrations to commemorate the 100th birth anniversary of Pt Deendayal Upadhyaya were recently inaugurated in Kozhikode (earlier known as Calicut). He said that the BJP decided to observe the whole year as Pt Upadhyaya's centennial birth anniversary year, adding that the year will also be observed as the Year of Welfare for the Poor. He said that Shri Prabhat ji and his team have done an important job of presenting to the nation the 15-volume Complete Works... He said that it took 15 volumes to compile Pt Deendayal Upadhyaya's essays, speeches, statements, proposals and opinions on contemporary issues. The Complete Works...will benefit not only BJP workers, but also every public figure working for the nation, in enhancing their personalities, Shri Shah said.

Shri Shah said that the issues that Pt Upadhyaya had highlighted in his era have assumed diabolical proportions in the present times. Stressing the interdependence of human beings and nature, Pandit Ji had seen no conflict between developmental works and conservation of nature; rather, he insisted, a balance could be maintained between the two, Shri Shah reminded the people. He said that global warming, for example, is a problem that confronts us today because Pandit ji's ideas were not implemented in his time. If the philosophy of Integral Humanism had been pursued in developmental approach of the previous governments, a whole lot of problems that we are confronting today would not have arisen in the first place, Shri Shah said.

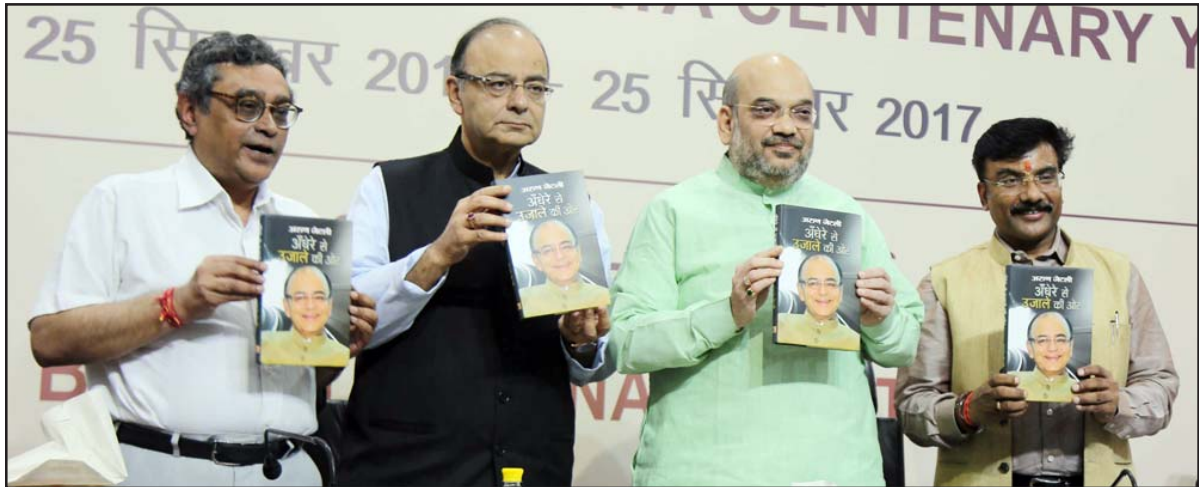
He said that Pt Upadhyaya has always been seen as a thinker, philosopher and organization builder, but the world should know that he was a successful politician, too. Shri Shah said that in the 1960s and 1970s, when the Congress was at the peak of its popularity, the Bharatiya Jana Sangh grew continuously, and when Pandit ji became its president in 1967, it was already bigger than several other political parties; not only that, it was also part of coalition governments in several states. Shri Shah said that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji and Shri Bhaiyyaji Joshi had dedicated The Complete Works of Pt Deendayal Upadhyaya to the nation today, for which the entire team that made the compilation must be congratulated. ■

The very title of the book 'Andhere se Ujale ki Or', tells you the whole story, says Amit Shah

BJP National President Shri Amit Shah Ji on October 20 launched the Hindi version of the compilation of blogs and

would help in the progress of society. "Shri Arun Jaitley Ji's writing always reflects his long experience in public life and political career," Shri

duties as a Minister of State and then the Law Minister in the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government. However, he said, the most important



thoughts of senior BJP leader and Union Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitley, 'Andhere se Ujale ki Or', at the central headquarters of the party. He dealt with the matters contained in the book in details. Senior journalist Shri Swapan Dasgupta was present along with the Honourable Finance Minister on this occasion.

The BJP president said that Prabhat Prakashan must be congratulated for bringing out this compilation of Shri Jaitley Ji's blogs and thoughts. "The very title of the book, Andhere se Ujale ki Or, tells you the whole story," he said, adding that all subjects the book deals with

Shah said. He said that the world recognises Arun Ji as a successful lawyer, politician, Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha and also a successful Finance Minister in the BJP government at the Centre under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji. Shri Shah said that Shri Jaitley's life has been special, where he has led his entire public life upholding one ideology, beginning his formative years in struggles as he was incarcerated for 19 months, maintaining high spirits during the Emergency, then joining the BJP, discharging several responsibilities in due course and also fulfilling his

contribution of Shri Jaitley Ji was under the leadership of Shri LK Advani Ji as the national general secretary of the BJP and its spokesman. Shri Shah said, "Making election strategies in the BJP, identifying issues, designing the party's programmes in accordance with these issues, and organizing programmes up to the post-poll period – if anybody in the BJP has begun this tradition, Shri Arun Jaitley Ji's name figures foremost among them."

"On the pitch of politics, as a spokesman of the BJP when the party was in opposition and also when he was the Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha,

Shri Arun Jaitley Ji has hit all bouncers from rivals for sixes," Shri Shah said, adding, "When in Indian politics, parliamentary debates had turned dreary, Shri Jaitley Ji's arguments not echoed the voice of the people but they also played a role in the creation of several movements." He said that the foundational bricks for today's majority government of the BJP in Parliament were laid by Shri Arun Ji and Smt Sushma Swaraj Ji through their endeavours for the party.

The BJP president said, "When post-Independence history is written, Shri Jaitley Ji's name will figure among the leaders who practiced transparent, value-based politics, rising above party lines," adding, "Shri Jaitley Ji has scaled new heights in public life and has always fought against corruption and black money." This book, he said, was the voice of the people of India against corruption and scandals. On the issue of Article 370 and the problem in Jammu & Kashmir, the book, Shri Shah said, reflected the mood of the country. "It also raises public awareness against the previous government's act of reducing the CBI to a caged parrot," he said, adding that "the book also outlines the expectations of the people from the judiciary, the honour of the justice delivery system and the direction that pillar of democracy ought to take".

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The book, Shri Shah said, also highlights the importance of the social media on the one hand and shows the electronic media a mirror on the other. "The book is also a source of inspiration to fight against pseudo-secularism and terrorism," he said.

Shri Shah said that the central government under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji has tried to make the country scale new heights in every field of work and bring it on the front row of advanced nations. "Within two-and-a-half years, Shri Arun Jaitley Ji has worked such wonders that the whole world says today that India is among the fastest growing economies," he said, adding, "GST and the declaration of black money are among the bigger achievements of the Modi government, and both these actions are related to the ministry that Shri Arun Ji heads."

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The new generation of leaders and cadre of the BJP could learn a lot from the speeches and articles of Shri Jaitley Ji, Shri Shah said, adding that these pieces would give their thinking a new direction and they would also get a lot of information from these. Shri Shah congratulated Prabhat Prakashan and its team for facilitating the process of making the blogs and thoughts of Shri Jaitley Ji reach the people and wished the publisher well. Shri Arun Jaitley Ji expressed his thoughts on the occasion, too. ■

BRICS to strengthen cooperation in combating terrorism



The 8th BRICS Summit was held from 15 to 16 October at Goa under Chairmanship of India. The theme of this summit was Building Responsive, Inclusive and Collective solution. Chinese President Xi Jinping, Russian President Vladimir Putin, Brazilian President Michel Temer, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and South African President Jacob Zuma attended the Summit. The outcome of the summit came as joint declaration by BRICS countries. The declaration said the Brics members expressed satisfaction with the approval of the first batch of loans by the New Development Bank (NDB), particularly in the renewable energy projects in BRICS countries, Xinhua news

agency reported.

It is noteworthy that BRICS nations represent an influential voice on the global stage, the leaders extended gratitude to UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and congratulated Antonio Guterres on his appointment as the next UN chief.

On the UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the declaration urged developed countries to commit 0.7 percent of gross national income for assistance to developing countries.

The five BRICS leaders, who met last month in Hangzhou when China hosted the 11th summit of the Group of 20 (G20) major economies, welcomed the G20 Action Plan and committed to its implementation.

On the International Monetary Fund (IMF) reform, the bloc reaffirmed its commitment to a strong, quota based and adequately resourced IMF.

The declaration welcomed the inclusion of the Chinese renminbi (RMB) into the Special Drawing Rights currency basket on 10 October, and urged advanced European economies to meet their commitments to cede two chairs on the Executive Board of the IMF.

On the security front, the bloc strongly condemned the recent attacks against some BRICS countries and agreed to strengthen cooperation in combating international terrorism both at the bilateral level and at international fora.

On environment

protection, the BRICS countries welcomed the Paris Agreement and its imminent entry into force on 4 November.

India, South Africa, Brazil and Russia conveyed their appreciation to China for its offer to host the Ninth BRICS Summit in 2017 and extended their full support, said the declaration. On the sideline of the summit India also held bilateral discussion with BRICS nations.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi held bilateral talks with Chinese President Xi Jinping. After the meeting with the President, Shri Modi said, "My meeting with President Xi Jinping was fruitful. We discussed various aspects of India-China ties." Earlier in the day, PM Modi and Vladimir Putin held delegation-level talks on the sidelines of the summit in Goa. Both leaders later made statements detailing the partnership between the two countries.

India and Russia signed a total of 16 agreements mostly in the fields of defence, energy, power, shipbuilding and space. Both PM Modi and President Putin also lay the foundation of units 3 and 4 of the Kudankulam nuclear plant via video conferencing.

"We agreed to work on an annual military industrial conference that will allow stakeholders on both sides to institute and push collaboration," said Prime Minister Shri Modi. He called Russia an 'old friend of India.' Representatives from the BIMSTEC countries was also present at the summit in Goa. ■

India has seen 'dramatic' improvements in opportunities available to girl child : UN report

India has seen "dramatic" improvements in the opportunities available to the girl child, a United Nations report said while showcasing the country as an example to be replicated worldwide for bettering the condition of their youthful populations.

"Both India and China, which together are home to roughly one in three 10-year-olds alive today, are among the world's fastest growing economies and have seen dramatic improvements in the opportunities available to youth," the report said on 20 October, 2016.

It quoted the International Centre for Research on Women to estimate that India loses nearly \$56 billion a year in potential earnings because of adolescent pregnancy, high secondary school dropout rates and joblessness among young women.

It, however, also showcased India among the countries whose initiatives can be replicated for worldwide improvements.

"But through a concerted effort by governments, civil society, communities and international institutions to learn from and replicate successful initiatives in places as diverse as India, the United States and Ethiopia, the world can transform every 10-year-old girl's future and ignite her full potential.

"In India, there are more than 12 million 10-year-old girls, far more than in any other country. Based on secondary school-progression data, nearly 900,000, about 9 per cent, of these 12 million girls, while already having access to basic education, are at risk of not continuing on to secondary school," the report said.

According to estimates, as much as \$21 billion a year dividend for developing countries can be unlocked if all 10-year-old girls complete secondary education.

UNFPA warns that forced marriage, child labour, female genital mutilation and other practices undermining girls' health and rights threaten the world's ambitious development agenda.

It noted that of the 125 million 10-year-olds today, 60 million are girls who are systematically disadvantaged at the global level as they move through adolescence into adulthood.

Girls are less likely than boys to complete formal schooling at the secondary and university levels, are more likely to be in poorer physical and mental health, and will find it harder to get paid jobs.

"The past two decades have also seen extremely rapid changes in the proportions of children attending school; dramatic declines in maternal, neonatal, and infant deaths; and a slow transition to greater gender equality.

"If these improvements continue and we collectively invest in developing this cohort in ways that allow them to maximize their potential, 10-year-olds may well prove pivotal to transforming the world for the better," the report concluded. ■

A practice against modernity

By M Venkaiah Naidu

"The times they are a-changin'" sang Bob Dylan many years ago. But, unfortunately, hundreds of Indian Muslim women, who have been victims of the instant triple talaq practice, seem to be caught in a time warp controlled and dominated by an anti-progressive patriarchal society. It is truly shocking that an abhorrent practice like triple talaq, which has been banned in many countries, still finds support in India. Islamic scholars and women's organisations have held that the practice has no religious or Quranic sanction and yet the All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) is opposing any attempt at reform as an interference in religious matters. Irrespective of whether the AIMPLB has a huge following among the Muslim community or not, such bodies should be at the forefront of championing the cause of vulnerable sections like women, instead of allowing them to be exploited using retrograde and arbitrary practices like triple talaq.

Apparently, the advocates of triple talaq are using specious arguments to

perpetuate the anachronistic practice unconcerned by the havoc it is causing in the lives of its victims, even as some of them knocked at the doors of the judiciary for relief. In the name of plurality or diversity, how could Indian Muslim women be denied equal status and dignity available to them

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under the Constitution?

Why should Indian Muslim women be denied their fundamental rights in a secular country like India when several Islamic countries have abolished triple talaq and polygamy? How could such draconian practices be allowed in India when matrimonial laws in Islamic countries were regulated and

not considered contrary to Sharia? Here, I would like to recall that my colleague, Arun Jaitley, had earlier asserted that personal laws could not propagate discrimination and allow compromise with human dignity and that religion cannot dictate upon the rights of individuals. It should also be noted that successive governments have amended personal laws of Hindus and Christians in tune with the demands of the changing times and false propaganda is being propounded that a particular religion is being targeted.

The Bharatiya Muslim Mahila Andolan (BMMA) also termed triple talaq as an un-Quranic practice and has stressed that it needed to be abolished by law. In a letter written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi in November last year, the co-founders of BMMA, Noorjehan Safia Niaz and Zakia Soman, have mentioned that they had just published national research with a primary sample of 4,710 Muslim women across 10 states in which 92.1 per cent of women wanted a total ban on oral/unilateral divorce and 91.7 per cent were opposed to polygamy.

In an article written for a news portal, the duo has argued: "Triple talaq, happens not because of religion but, patriarchy and power play masquerading as religion. It is important that ordinary Muslim women and men are educated about the Quranic principles of justice and fairness concerning divorce. It is important that everybody learns about triple talaq being un-Quranic. Only then can these false notions manufactured by the conservative patriarchal bodies be exposed for what they are - un-Quranic and unjustified."

Noted expert on Muslim Law, Tahir Mahmood, has also come out in favour of banning triple talaq. In a foreword written by him to the report published on talaq by the BMMA, while referring to the Islamic law of divorce, he said: "In its original unadulterated form it indeed was rational, realistic and modern but has by efflux of time been awfully distorted beyond recognition. There is nothing in the law of Islam suggesting that the husband is free to exercise the power of talaq in an arbitrary and irrational manner. But this is exactly what Muslim men in our times are doing".

It has also been reported that more than 50,000 Indian women and men have signed a petition spearheaded by the BMMA seeking a total ban on triple talaq.

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are crucial and important features of the Indian Constitution. They embody the core values of India's democracy. Article 14 provides equality before law. It states: "The State shall not deny to any person equality before the law or the equal protection of the laws within the territory of India", while Article 15 states : "The State shall not discriminate against any citizen on grounds only

Muslim women, but women at large and humanity.

These defenders of inequality and exploitation of women have publicly declared that neither the Supreme Court nor the Indian Constitution has any jurisdiction in coming to the rescue of such hapless women on the ground that triple talaq is derived from the Sharia. If the Sharia is so immutable, why did several Muslim

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of religion, race, caste, sex, place of birth or any of them". It should be noted that any practice that leaves women socially, financially or emotionally vulnerable is incompatible with the letter and spirit of Articles 14 and 15.

As mentioned earlier, when several countries have reformed the personal laws, it is fallacious to argue that the courts have no jurisdiction to decide on them. The incredible justification advanced by the so-called guardians of the rights of Muslims in the name of religious freedom is a clear denigration of not only

countries come out with modern laws seeking to protect women from such exploitation?

To say that the Supreme Court has no jurisdiction to decide on such matters is simply unacceptable. Any verdict or direction by the highest court of the land is binding on everybody irrespective of religion, region, sex and caste and nobody should talk in any manner that undermines the dignity of the judiciary. It is unfortunate that some political parties, in their quest to safeguard their vote banks, did not even think once before brazenly supporting such

regressive, retrograde and anti-women practices.

No doubt, reform should come from within the religious community. That was why Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Dayanand Saraswati and others reformed Hindu religious practices. Over the years, Hindu religious practices have undergone substantial change and reform.

So, what is the way forward? The only way forward is to discuss and prevent continued exploitation of women by taking necessary measures wherever required. That is what the Law Commission of India is seized of and has sought opinions from stakeholders and the public. The Commission in its questionnaire not only referred to the practice of triple talaq but also to the right of inheritance of Hindu women and Maitri Karar, being practised in Gujarat. So how could anybody allege that the exercise targets only one religion? An attempt is also being made to create confusion among people by linking up the issue of triple talaq with that of the Uniform Civil Code. The main issue as regards triple talaq is to end gender discrimination and ensure gender justice and equal rights.

Let there be a wider debate on this critical issue. Distorting scriptures and defending exploitation of women in the guise of celebrating diversity should be stopped forthwith. The need of the hour is to collectively address this issue. It goes without saying that all social, cultural and religious practices that do not stand the scrutiny of the law of equality should change. That is the only way India could transform into a modern, prosperous nation. ■

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Persisting demand for OROP has been fulfilled by Union Government : PM Modi

While dedicating Shaurya Smarak to the nation in Bhopal on October 14 Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said India's soldiers are a symbol of humanity. He recalled how the jawans of the Indian Armed Forces put their lives on the line whenever there is a natural disaster. |

He said the Indian Armed Forces rank among the best in the world on parameters such as discipline and conduct. India is one of the foremost contributors to peace keeping forces worldwide, he added. He recalled that during the recent crisis in Yemen, the Indian Armed Forces had evacuated not just thousands of Indian citizens, but citizens of other nations as well.

Noting that Indians had never coveted territories of other nations, the Prime Minister emphasized that when the time came to protect human values, the Indian Armed Forces never failed to rise to the occasion. He recalled that the World Wars were not India's wars, but so many Indian soldiers sacrificed their lives defending foreign lands. He said we must not forget, and we should also make sure that the world does not forget, these sacrifices made by the jawans. He said the strength of the Indian Armed Forces is the morale of its jawans, which comes from the support of 125 crore Indians.

Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty, the Prime Minister said, appreciating the valour of the jawans guarding the nation's borders.

The Prime Minister quoted Hindi poets Makhanlal Chaturvedi and Ramdhari Singh Dinkar, praising the glorious traditions of sacrifice of the Indian Armed Forces.

The Prime Minister said the Union Government had fulfilled its promise of One Rank, One Pension, and outlined other measures being taken for the welfare of ex-servicemen. ■

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Triple talaq and the Government's Affidavit

By Arun Jaitley

The issue with regard to the constitutional validity of 'Triple Talaq' is distinct from the Uniform Civil Code. The constitutional framers had expressed a hope in the Directive Principles of State Policy that the State would endeavour to have a Uniform Civil Law.

On more than one occasion, the Supreme Court has enquired from the Government its' stand on the issue. Governments have repeatedly told both the Court and the Parliament that personal laws are ordinarily amended after detailed consultations with affected stakeholders.

On the issue of the Uniform Civil Code, the Law Commission has initiated an academic exercise once again. This academic exercise by the Law Commission is only a continuation of the debate in this country ever since Constituent Assembly had expressed the hope that the State would endeavour to have a Uniform Civil Code.

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to bring about the gender equality. Reforming the personal laws, even if there is no uniformity, is an ongoing process. With passage of time, several provisions became obsolete, archaic and even got rusted. Governments, legislatures and communities have to respond to the need for a change.

As communities have progressed, there is a greater realisation with regard to gender equality. Additionally, all citizens, more particularly women, have a right to live with dignity. Should personal laws which impact the life of every citizen be in conformity with these constitutional values of equality and the Right to Live with Dignity? A conservative view found judicial support over six decades ago that personal laws could be inconsistent with personal guarantees. Today it may be difficult to sustain that proposition. The Government's affidavit in the triple talaq case recognises this evolution.

There is a fundamental distinction between religious practices, rituals and civil rights. Religious functions associated with birth, adoption, succession, marriage, death, can all be conducted through rituals and customs as per existing religious practices. Should

rights emanating from birth, adoption, succession, marriage, divorce etc. be guided by religion or by constitutional guarantees? Can there be inequality or compromise with human dignity in any of these matters? Some people may hold a conservative, if not obsolete, view that personal laws need not be constitutionally compliant. The Government's view is clear. Personal laws have to be constitutionally compliant and the institution of Triple Talaq, therefore, will have to be judged on the yardstick of equality and the Right to Live with Dignity. Needless to say that the same yardstick would be applicable to all other personal laws.

As of today, the issue before the Supreme Court is only with regard to the constitutional validity of triple talaq. Governments in the past have shied from taking a categorical stand that personal laws must comply with Fundamental Rights. The present Government has taken a clear position. The academic debate with regard to the Uniform Civil Code can go on before the Law Commission.

The question to be answered is that assuming that each community has its separate personal law, should not those personal laws be constitutionally compliant? ■

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## Congress leader Rita Bahuguna Joshi joins BJP

Senior Congress leader Rita Bahuguna Joshi on 20 October joined BJP at presence of BJP National President Shri Amit Shah and Party General Secretary & headquarter incharge Shri Arun Singh. While joining the BJP she slammed Congress vice-president Rahul Gandhi's leadership. She was upset on the stand taken by the congress party on Indian army's surgical strike. She lambasted the congress for criticizing Indian Army's surgical strike on Militants camp in Pak occupied Kashmir. She also criticized the Rahul Gandhi leadership. "The people of Uttar Pradesh are not ready to accept his leadership just as the whole country. Even senior Congress leaders are not happy with him," she said. She also expressed her displeasure over Rahul's 'khoon ki dalali' barb and said that she was hurt with his comment questioning the Army's surgical strikes. "Rahul Gandhi has been unable to provide the kind of leadership that a national party like the Congress needs. The people have rejected his leadership," she claimed while praising BJP chief Amit Shah and Prime Minister Narendra Modi. ■

## *Kigali agreement on Climate Change*

### PM Modi Hails Historic Kigali agreement on hydro-fluorocarbon

Describing the Kigali agreement on phasing down climate-damaging hydro-fluorocarbon as historic, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi 16 October, 2016 said the deal would provide a mechanism for countries like India to access and develop technologies that leave a low carbon footprint. In a landmark step, 197 nations, including India, struck a legally-binding deal after intense negotiations in the Rwandan capital Kigali to phase down hydro-fluorocarbons. "I congratulate all countries for having come together on this critical issue, which will contribute to a greener Earth," PM Shri Modi said. "The Kigali Agreement to the Montreal Protocol reached this morning is a historic occasion, which will have a lasting impact on our planet." The agreement reached on the amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that deplete the ozone layer is expected to prevent a global temperature rise of up to 0.5 degrees Celsius by the end of the century, while continuing to protect the ozone layer. According to the amendment, developed nations will reduce HFC use first, followed by China. India and nine other nations of South and West Asia will follow suit. Overall, the deal is expected to reduce HFC use by 85 per cent by the year 2045. "This will also provide a mechanism for countries like India to access and develop technologies that leave a low carbon footprint," the Prime Minister said. "The flexibility and cooperation shown by India as well as other countries has created this fair, equitable and ambitious HFC agreement," he said in a series of tweets. "Agreement will lead to a reduction of 0.5 degree in global temp by the end of the century & enable us to achieve the goals set in Paris," he said. ■

# Krishi Vigyan Kendra to provide advanced agricultural technical assistance to farmers

The Central Government on 20 October, 2016 has announced opening of at least one Krishi Vigyan Kendra in all districts of the country. This will provide advanced Agriculture technical assistance to the farmers near their farms itself. Besides this, Central Agriculture and Farmers Welfare minister Shri Radha Mohan Singh has also announced opening of Apiary Development Centers in ten states.

Shri Singh called upon the farmers to use the residual husk after paddy farming to make organic fertilizer, in paper making and Card-board Industry and as animal feed. This will prevent the adverse effect of husk burning on the environment.

Shri Singh directed that all the KVK and district Agriculture officers should apprise farmers to make appropriate use of husk. Shri Radha Mohan Singh said that Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's Mission to increase the number of trees in the country by planting saplings on farm boundaries under National Forestry Plan should be implemented.

Shri Radha Mohan Singh said all these things in New Delhi while interacting via video conference with all the Krishi Vigyan Kendra experts,

District level officers associated with agriculture Development and progressive farmers of 12 states. It was the first occasion when the Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare minister addressed the officers of Krishi Vigyan Kendra and District Agriculture officers, through video conference.



Shri Singh suggested the farmers to farm fish in paddy field, as this will provide them economic benefit. The Central Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare minister stressed improvement of indigenous breeds in animal husbandry and vaccination of domestic animals especially against foot and mouth disease.

During the video conference, Shri Radha Mohan Singh reiterated the resolve to modernize agriculture. Shri Singh said that farming will be modernized through use of

drone and smart phones. The Minister declared that Skill development work is being initiated at 100 KVKs and pulses and oilseeds hubs are being established at same number of KVKs.

Shri Radha Mohan Singh appealed the youth to associate themselves with Agriculture schemes based

Start-ups and instructed the KVK and Agriculture officers to help the youth in connecting with the Start-ups, so that more job opportunities may be created.

Shri Singh also urged all to provide constructive assistance to the Swatch Bharat Mission. The Union Minister directed all the Krishi Vigyan Kendra Experts and district level officers associated with Agriculture development to participate in the cleanliness campaign in at least 5 villages so that more awareness on cleanliness may be created in the society. ■