

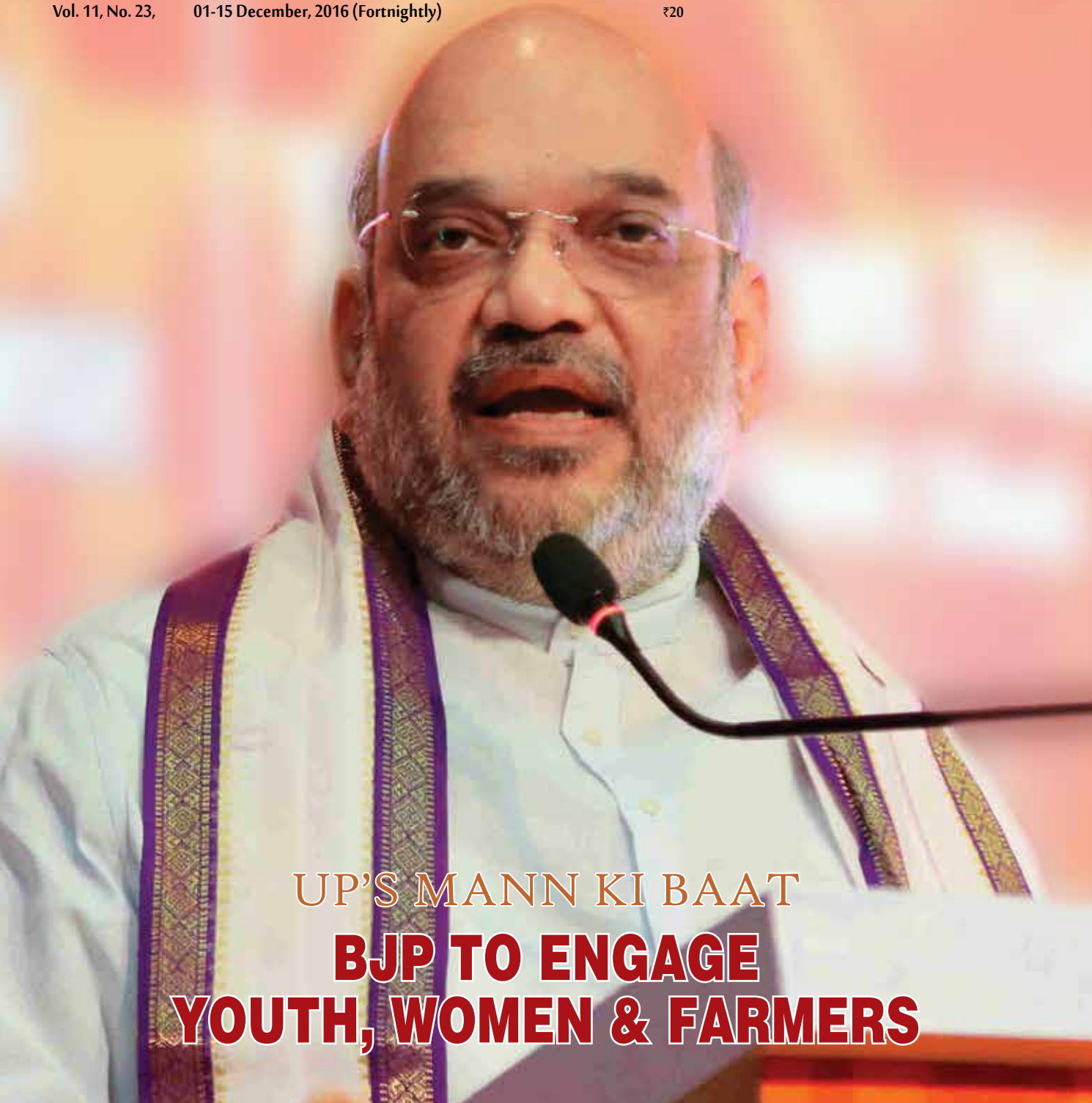
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Our fight against corruption & black money will continue. We can't tolerate these evils any more.

@AmitShah

The support to BJP's ideology from different parts of India is amazing and a matter of Joy & pride.



@arunjaitley

Every honest Indian is happy with Govt's decision to cancel legal tender of `500/1000. This shows honesty is honoured.



@PiyushGoyal

India's coal production rises from 565 MT in 2013-14 to 639 MT in 2015-16; coal imports down to 199.88 MT in 2016.



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Govt promised to eliminate graft from the Country. Govt formed on 26 May'14 and on 27th May it made a committee on black money. People's response is a signal message to the opposition parties, trying to use the inconvenience caused to them, to derive political mileage.



— **M Venkaiah Naidu**

My hard work to promote education amongst the poor has finally borne fruit. : When i adopted the village Paldev, a small village in the Satna district of MP ,I found that people were not interested in sending their children to school. Teachers were not taking classes .We started door to door campaign to create awareness amongst parents on the importance of education. Today the pass percentage of Class 10 and 12 has shown a remarkable jump and I am extremely happy about it. I recently visited this village.



— **Prakash Javadekar**



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“Whatever work you undertake, do it seriously, thoroughly and well; never leave it half-done or undone, never feel yourself satisfied unless and until you have given it your very best”.

– **Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee**

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“It is essential that we think about 'Our National Identity' without which there is no meaning of 'Independence'”.

– **Pt. Deendayal Upadhya**

Nation salutes Narendra Modi for his courageous war against black money!

As Congress and some other opposition parties clamour for roll back of demonetization of 1000 and 500 notes, the national resolve to fight against black money is getting stronger with every passing day. It defies all logic as to why those opposing the move should try to stall parliament on one pretext or the other. In place of discussing the issue in parliament the Congress and some other opposition parties are trying to obstruct any discussion on the issue. The reason is simple – once the parliament debates the issue, the stand taken by these opposition parties will get thoroughly exposed. This is the reason that they are somehow trying to scuttle the debate and banking on empty rhetoric to oppose the move.

One wonders as to why Congress is opposing the move which is aimed at fighting black money and corruption in the system. But the answer is not far to seek. This is the system nurtured by Congress wherein black money and corruption is considered a norm and the rules are made to be broken. It is the system in which Congress and its cohorts have been seeking refuge by inculcating a political system which serves their vested interests. Black money circulating through parallel economy built on robbing the nation and thereby hurting the interests of the poorest of the poor was a sin not only allowed to be committed by Congress but flourished under its patronage and

protection. One is shocked to hear when some politicians sing praise of the contribution of black money in the economy. They go to the extent to paint it as a saviour of the economy in the times of crisis. That's why even in the face of repeated orders of Supreme Court to form SIT on black money, the Congress led UPA defied the highest court by refusing to act on its orders. The Congress led UPA never bothered to act against black money nor even showed any intention to fight against it. It openly and shamelessly defended the system generating black economy and corruption.

The BJP led NDA government showed its resolve to fight against black money right from day one. In the very first cabinet meeting the SIT on black money was constituted. The government entered into negotiations with countries like Switzerland which were turning into haven for black money. The negotiations have resulted in agreements which have further created a mechanism to track and bring back black money stashed in foreign banks. In addition the government enacted strong laws against black money showing the political will of the government to wage a war against corruption and black economy. Not only this, the government also announced a onetime scheme asking the defaulters to declare their black money and legalized them by paying

a penalty. Anyone doubting the political will of the Modi government to fight against black money were living in fool's paradise as ample opportunities were provided to those who had developed vested interests in the ongoing corrupt system. For them demonetization is proving a bolt from the blue.

Entire world is witnessing with amazement the kind of support common people are extending to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. In the face of transition pangs of demonetization and misleading propaganda of Congress and its cohorts, the people have shown immense restraint and massive support to this courageous decision of the Prime Minister. While elements having vested interests in the black economy and corrupt system are doing everything to shake the confidence of the people, the nation is determined to defeat them by resolutely backing the efforts of the BJP led NDA government at the centre. It is an attempt that will cleanse the system and bring long term benefits to the magnitude that Indian economy will experience huge transformation. At the same time it is also set to herald an era of cleaner politics and better society. While nation salutes Narendra Modi for his courageous decision, let's strengthen his resolve by backing him wholeheartedly. ■

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A total of 75 video vans to enable people of the state to video record their feedbacks, a telephone number where people could give missed call and subsequently get their feedbacks recorded on revert calls and many more such measures were launched at a programme in Lucknow.

Elaborating on the UP BJP's "mega campaign" Shri Shah said that the programme would also include special emphasis on youth engagements in the state. For this, he said 1500 corner meetings in colleges and other youth specific areas would be held. Similarly, to tackle the women-related issues, engaging them would also be part of the campaign, the BJP National

President said and added that for this also, public meetings with women would be held at around 1500 places throughout the state.

The LED-fitted video vans would also carry a cut-out of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for those who want to take selfie with the PM, the BJP president said and added that the idea is to know the feeling and suggestions of the people of the state and attempt to incorporate their feedbacks in the vision document.

Once the party has a vision document prepared from the direct feedback of the people of state, the government would not have to do much but show intention and determination in acting on the vision document, Shri Shah said.

The party would also keep 1500 boxes which have been named as "Akansha Peti", in which the people can give suggestions and tell their desires on a printed post-card size leaflet meant for the purpose, Shri Shah said and added that similarly a door-to-door bike campaign would also be launched throughout the state.

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would have separate charter for farmers, youths, women, Dalits, OBCs and so on, he said.

Later, the BJP President flagged off the video vans that would fan out across the state and begin the process of collecting feedbacks. ■

BJP wins big in Assam, Arunachal & MP; up in Tripura & Maharashtra

The results of the recently held bypolls suggest increasing support for BJP. The pro-people and pro-poor policies of the governments at centre and states got reflection in electoral prospects in the just-concluded by-elections declared on 23 November, 2016.

SIGNIFICANT RISE IN ASSAM

While BJP won both bypolls in Assam i.e.— the Lakhimpur Lok Sabha seat and the Boithalangso Assembly seat — its vote-share has gone up significantly in both constituencies within a gap of just six months. In Lakhimpur, the BJP polled 56,768 votes more than in the April assembly elections, while in the Boithalangso LAC it went up by over 19,000 votes.

The Lakhimpur Lok Sabha seat had fallen vacant after its sitting MP and then Union Minister Shri Sarbananda Sonowal won the assembly election from Majuli in April and resigned after taking over as Chief Minister. In Baithalangso, the seat fell vacant after sitting Congress MLA Shri Mansingh Rongpi resigned and joined the BJP.

But what is significant is that though BJP's Pradan Baruah polled 56,768 more votes in the nine assembly segments under Lakhimpur Lok Sabha constituency in the just-concluded by-election in comparison to what the party had polled in April. "The most significant thing is that we have polled more votes within six months. This clearly indicates that there has been no negative impact of demonetization on the voters.

 @AmitShah

Congratulations to karyakartas, CM @ ChouhanShivraj & @NandKumarSinghC on winning bypolls, I also thank people of MP for their faith in BJP.

Many congratulations to @BJP4Assam karyakartas, CM @SarbanandSonwal , @ HimantaBiswa and all state leaders for victory in Assam bypolls.

Moreover, though some people have been very critical of our government in the past few months, the figures prove that the faith of the common people have increased," Shri Rupam Goswami, spokesman of the state BJP said.

TRIPURA: BJP RISE WORRIES LEFT

In Tripura on the other hand, results of the by-election to two assembly constituencies have definitely proved that the BJP has made significant inroads into the Left bastion. Though the party has failed to win any

Highlights of result

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- In Tripura BJP has made significant inroads into the Left bastion
- BJP's Shri Dasanglu Pul has won the assembly seat in Arunachal Pradesh
- BJP got a phenomenal victory on the Shahdol Lok Sabha seat in Madhya Pradesh
- BJP-Sena coalition won three of the six seats in the recently concluded council elections in Maharashtra



@narendramodi

I thank people for the continued faith in BJP & in the BJP's unwavering focus on development and good governance.

I congratulate all BJP Karyakartas & leaders for the impressive victories in Madhya Pradesh, Assam and Arunachal Pradesh.

of the two seats, its vote-share has increased sharply, ringing alarm bells at the state CPI(M) headquarters at Melarmath in Agartala.

In Barjala LAC, where by-election was necessitated after sitting Congress MLA Jitendra Sarkar had resigned, the BJP's vote-share went up from a meager 511 in 2013 to 12,395 in a little over three years. In Khowai LAC on the other hand it increased from 232 in 2013 to 2528 last week. While the CPI(M) wrested Barjala with BJP coming a close second, it comfortably retained Khowai.

"We have worked very hard, and with more people understanding the dangers of voting again and again for the CPI(M), we hope to make a turn-around for politics in Tripura in the 2018 assembly elections," said Shri Biplob Deb, Tripura BJP President in Agartala.

ARUNACHAL PRADESH

The recent announcement made by the election commission crowns BJP as the winner for the Anjaw Assembly seat in Arunachal Pradesh. BJP's Shri Dasanglu Pul has won the assembly seat by a margin of more than thousand votes. The Anjaw bypoll election was necessitated following the death of former Arunachal Pradesh CM and Dansanglu's husband Kalikho Pul.

Currently, Dasanglu Pul has support of the People's Party of Arunachal (PPA), which is in power and is also a BJP ally. Kalikho Pul, resigned from Congress to become the Chief Minister with the BJP's support. Sometime later he was found dead under mysterious circumstances.

BJP CONTINUES ITS WINNING STREAK IN MP

In a recent announcement made by the election commission it has been announced that the BJP has marked a phenomenal victory on the Shahdol Lok

Sabha seat in Madhya Pradesh by a margin of 60,383 votes. Competing with Gyan Singh in Shahdol (reserved ST seat), Congress has nominated Himadri Singh, daughter of former Union Minister Dalbir Singh. The Shahdol bypoll election was necessitated following the death of BJP MP Shri Dalpat Singh, who then wrested the seat from Rajesh Nandini (Congress) in 2014.

BJP also retained the Napanagar Assembly seat in Madhya Pradesh with party candidate Smt. Manju Dadu defeating her nearest Congress rival Antar Singh Barde by a margin of 42,198 votes. Ms. Dadu bagged 99,626 votes while Mr Barde got 57,428 votes, an election official said. Ms. Manju Dadu is the daughter of late lawmaker Shri Rajendra Shyam Lal Dadu whose death in an accident necessitated the by-poll.

UP IN MAHARASHTRA

The ruling BJP-Sena coalition won three of the six seats in the council elections in the recently concluded by polls. The BJP won the Gondia-Bhandara and Jalgaon seats. Shri Parinay Fuke, bagged the Gondia seat, defeating sitting MLC Rajendra Jain, who is close to NCP heavyweight Praful Patel. The BJP's Chandu Patel won Jalgaon, defeating independent candidate Vijay Patil. The Shiv Sena's Tanaji Yadav, also won Yavatmal, secured 348 votes to trounce Congress candidate Shankar Badhe, who garnered 78 votes.

The recently held bypoll elections were conducted for three assembly constituencies in Tamil Nadu, two in Tripura and one each in Assam, Madhya Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh and West Bengal and the union territory of Puducherry. The bypoll election shows that people are supporting the demonetization move and other developmental initiatives of the Union government. ■

Increase in MSP is a boost to farmers income



D In a bid to boost farmer's income, the Centre on November 15 increased its minimum support price (MSP) by up to Rs. 550 per quintal, including the bonus, while increasing the MSP for wheat by Rs. 100 to Rs. 1,625 per quintal for the rabi 2016-17 season.

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi took the decision to increase the MSP for rabi crops.

The CCEA approved the MSP increase for pulses, such as masoor (lentil), to Rs. 3,950 per quintal from Rs. 3,400/q last season while the MSP for gram has been fixed at Rs. 4,000 per quintal against Rs. 3,500/q last year.

The MSP for wheat has been raised by Rs.100 to Rs.1,625 a quintal for the rabi season against Rs. 1,525 a quintal for the previous season. Similarly, the MSP for barley has also been increased to Rs. 1,325 per quintal against Rs.1,225/q last season.

The support price for rapeseed-mustard seed, including bonus, has been fixed at Rs. 3,700 per quintal against Rs. 3,350/q last year, while that of sunflower has been increased to Rs. 3,700 per quintal from Rs. 3,300/q last season. "To incentivise cultivation of pulses and oilseeds, the government has announced a bonus on these crops, payable over and above the approved MSP," said a statement.

Besides increase in Minimum Support Prices (MSP) of Rabi crops, Government has taken several farmer friendly initiatives. These, inter-alia, include the following:

▶ The Government had declared a bonus, over and above the MSP, of Rs 75 per quintal for Rabi pulses of 2016-17 marketing season, a bonus of Rs. 425 per quintal for Kharif pulses viz. Arhar, Moong and Urad,

a bonus of Rs 200 per quintal for Sesamum and a bonus of Rs. 100 per quintal for Groundnut, Sunflower, Soyabean and Nigerseed.

▶ A new crop insurance scheme 'Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana' has been launched by the Government. Under this scheme, the premium rates to be paid by farmers; are very low- 2% of sum insured for all Kharif crops, 1.5% for all Rabi crops' and 5% for commercial and horticulture crops. The new insurance scheme involves use of simple and smart technology through phones & remote sensing for quick estimation and early settlement of claims. The Government has also launched a Mobile App "Crop Insurance" which will help farmers to find out complete details about insurance cover available in their area and to calculate the insurance premium for notified crops.

▶ The Government has also launched a scheme to develop a pan India electronic trading platform under 'National Agriculture Market' (NAM) aiming to integrate 585 regulated markets with the common e-market platform. Each State is being encouraged to undertake three major reforms - allow electronic trading, have a single license valid throughout the State and a single entry point market fee. It will also enable farmers to discover better prices for their produce. 221 markets in 11 States| have already been brought on the e-NAM platform.

▶ Soil Health Cards are being issued to farmers across the country. These will be renewed every two years. The card provides information on fertility status of soil and a soil test based advisory on use of fertilizers. As on 30th September, 2016, 295.56 lakh Soil Health Cards have been distributed.

▶ Under Pramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojna (PKVY), the Government is promoting organic farming and



Hike in MSP to double farmers' income: BJP President

BJP National President Shri Amit Shah described the MSP hike announced by the government of India in wheat and pulses as historic. It will help realise Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's ambition to double farmers' income, he added.

"The Modi government has announced a historic rise in the MSP of half a dozen crops including wheat, gram and masur. It is a major decision towards realising Shri Modi's goal to double farmers' income and will prove to be a milestone"

"It will not only bring happiness to the lives of farmers but also make India self-reliant in pulses, he said, claiming that for the first time the Centre has made arrangements to buy crops on MSP so that farmers do not have to run around to get proper price for their produce."

Comparing the hike in MSP in lentils since the BJP-led NDA government came to power in 2014, he said it has done in two and a half years what previous governments had not done for decades.

He said "BJP praised Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for this pro-farmers decision that will bring happiness to the lives of crores of farmers."



development of potential market for organic products.

- ▶ The Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana is being implemented with the vision of extending the coverage of irrigation 'Har Khet ko Pani' and improving water use efficiency 'Per Drop More Crop' in a focused manner with end to end solution on source creation, distribution, management, field application and extension activities.

- ▶ Government is focusing on improving production and productivity of crops such as rice, wheat, coarse grains and pulses under the National Food Security Mission.

- ▶ A dedicated Kisan Channel has been started by the Doordarshan to provide 24 x 7 information in the hands of farmers regarding weather updates, agri-mandi data etc.

- ▶ Government is encouraging formation of Farmer Producer Organisations.

- ▶ To stabilize prices of pulses and onions, Government has decided to create buffer stocks of pulses and has imported pulses and onions under the Price Stabilization Fund.

- ▶ A handbook for women farmers 'Farm Women Friendly Hand Book' containing special provisions and package of assistance which women farmers can claim under various on-going Missions/ Submissions/ Schemes of Department of Agriculture] Cooperation & Farmers Welfare has been brought out. Women farmers/beneficiaries could approach the nearest Project Director (ATMA)/Deputy Director (Agriculture) office at District or Block Technology Manager/Assistant Technology Managers at Block level for instant help and facilitation for availing the benefits.

- ▶ With the above measures taken, the Government has set a target to double the farmers' income by 2022.

PM launches Pradhan Mantri Aawas Yojana (Gramin)

P rime Minister Modi launched the affordable housing scheme 'Pradhan Mantri Gramin Awas Yojana (PMAY-G)' in Agra. On the occasion Prime Minister distributed allotment letters to 50 beneficiaries of the scheme, which aims to provide about 3 crore new housing units countrywide to those living below the poverty line by the year 2022. The new houses will be equipped with PM Ujjwala Yojana. Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana provides LPG connections without security deposit to 50 million women from BPL households over the next three years. The scheme is partly funded by the money saved from 1.13 crore voluntary surrender of cooking gas subsidies under PM's 'Give It Up' initiative.



India's merchandise exports grow by 9.59%

I ndia's merchandise exports grew by 9.59 percent to \$ 23.513 billion in October 2016 from \$ 21.456 billion in October 2015. The country's exports had risen by 4.62% in September 2016 after declining by 0.30% in August. They had risen by 1.27% in June this year, reversing 18 consecutive months of fall, but slipped back into negative territory in July when they went down by 6.84%. In rupee terms, the exports grew by 12.43% to Rs. 156941.86 crore in October this year from Rs. 139589.17 crore during the same month of 2015.

Regional Connectivity Fund created for 'Udan' Scheme

T he Ministry of Civil Aviation's Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) scheme which was launched on 21st October, 2016 for providing connectivity to un-served and under-served airports of the country. The primary objective of RCS is to facilitate and stimulate regional air connectivity by making it affordable. Promoting affordability of Regional air connectivity is envisioned under RCS by supporting airline operators through (i) concessions by Central Government, State Governments and airport operators to reduce the cost of airline operations on regional routes and (ii) financial support (viability gap funding or VGF) to meet the gap, if any, between the cost of airline operations and expected revenues on such routes. RCS-UDAN is a demand-driven scheme, where airline operators undertake assessment of demand on particular routes.



DEENDAYALJI

An Ascetic Politician

It will be no exaggeration if we consider Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya as an “avatar”. He understood the Indian way of life very correctly and presented an ideology best suited to Indian’s reconstruction. He came out with his philosophy of “integral humanism”. He presented a treatise on “Puru-sharthchatushtya”. Along with other elements of established life, he laid stress on Antyodaya.

| KAILASHPATI MISHRA

DNDIA has witnessed the advent of many eras in her very long and ancient history. One such era lay between October 1951 and 1967 and that was the era of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya. In earlier ages India had to undergo the ravages of foreign invasions and for centuries together had to remain chained to dominance by foreign intruders. Throughout that period the struggle for independence continued to be waged in one form or the other. From the 19th century till the first half of the 20th century many revolutions seeking independence continued to take shape and the situation of win-and-lose continued to persist. In all the revolutions, the desire for independence continued to be the central objective. In the month of August 1947, proclamation of Independence was made which, however was accompanied by several complications. The moments of happiness and celebrations were also tinged with curses as well. The absence of an eternal solid ideology continued to loom large. First, a unified India was divided into two political entities and later fragmented into three. An orgy of violence and bloodshed commenced in the newly - separated country called Pakistan. Persons displaced from that region made a beeline for India as refugees. The newly - created borders became unsafe and the number of refugees swelled into crores. Conspiracy of intrusion also continued. About 550 princely States recognised and left behind by the British also started raising their heads. Among the rulers who had taken over from the British only the great Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the then Home Minister of India, could visualize the extent of threat to the country. Because of his untiring efforts and farsightedness, merger of these States into the sovereign Indian union commenced at a fast pace. The entire world knows what the great Sardar had to do to make Hyderabad and Junagarh princely entities merge into the Indian mainstream. Sardar Patel was about to succeed in Kashmir too when brakes were applied to his advancing steps by the then Prime Minister. The



country had to witness another black day of misfortune when Sardar Patel died. Since then Kashmir problem has been complicated so much that the country has not been able to come out of it.

The British exploited the country economically to such an extent that it left India a financial wreck. A great chunk of India’s population went below the poverty line. The English had contrived to sap the economic sources of the country. In these circumstances and the course of events that unfolded, the Bhartiya Jana Sangh came into being on October 21, 1951. Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee became its first President and Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya its General Secretary. The era of Pandit Upadhyayaji commenced mainly from this date. It will be no exaggeration if we consider this great man as an “avatar”. He understood the Indian way of life very correctly and presented an ideology best suited to Indian’s reconstruction. He came out with his philosophy of “integral humanism”. He presented a treatise on “Puru-sharthchatushtya”. Along with other elements of established life, he laid stress on Antyodaya. Enunciating his principles for national administrative system he laid stress on attending to the

needs of the persons standing on the lowest rung of the ladder of development and to apply the healing touch by putting balm on the cracks of his feet. That is the cardinal principle of Antyodaya which the country has obtained from him.

The nature of India is based on this philosophy and as long as it will continue to be the guiding principle of our thinking, behaviour and conduct, welfare and upliftment for our people is assured. When this basic principles gets ignored, degradation is bound to set in. Upadhyayaji had laid stress on this thought and he dedicated all his life for the achievement of this objective. When we try to analyse the definition of integral humanism in conjunction with "Purusharthchatushtya", we will be able to appreciate the efficacy of the Antyodaya era in right perspective. Several incidents of his life inspire us to work in this direction.

He had no special interest for foreign travel, yet at times he did succumb to the persistent pressure of his friends. Those who kept company with him were not only acquainted with his nature and conduct, but were also impressed by it. Simple living and high thinking were integral part of his life. Once on the prodding of his friends he consented to visit the USA. He went there but did not foresake Indian dress. He met the President of USA who got highly impressed. He visited many places there.

Once the US President continued to ask Upadhyayaji again and again, how could he serve India. For some time he continued to avoid a direct reply. But the President continued to persist with his question. Ultimately, in very sweet words he smilingly said: "If you really want to help India then I request you stop financially helping our country even by a penny". The President must have been taken aback because at that time Indian rulers had been visiting every corner of the world with a begging bowl and if they succeeded in getting even a loan, they boasted of a victory. On the other hand, India had a great man who for the welfare of the country was urging the US not to be give even a penny to India. I cannot say how the thinkers of today will take it, but it is this same principle that the revered Mahatma Gandhi and Pandit Deendayalji had shared.

I had some unforgettable personal experiences travelling with Pandit Deendayalji. It was in 1963. We arrived at Farbesganj in Bihar in the afternoon. Panditji addressed a meeting in the evening. He had stayed there for one night. Next day, while returning

by the train, about half a dozen people were sitting opposite Panditji in the compartment. Perhaps one of them had heard Panditji the previous evening. He enquired, "Are you Pt. Deendayal"? When smilingly he said yes, the man shot back saying Jan Sangh had no economic policy. In a very clam, sweet tone Panditji replied, "A party which has no economic policy cannot sustain itself." The gentleman then asked, "Are you rightist or leftist"? Panditji smiled again and in his own style replied, "Brother, God has gifted me two eyes. Why do you wish to make me a one-eyed person"? The gentleman then realized he had met a very serious person. Then Panditji explained, "Rightists are those who have have lost their left eye and leftists, their right one. If you want enunciation of Jan Sangh's economic policy, then I would sum it up in two words: "pragmatic and realistic." This small discussion became his treatise on economic policy, in brief. His words still echo in my mind. The gentlemen sitting opposite became speechless. They got their convincing answers.

Another incident. By that time Panditji's acquaintance with the intelligentsia has started spreading fast. There was a public meeting at Gandhi Maidan in Patna. After sitting at the rostrum for some time I got down to mix with the crowd which included established well-known professors, well-known public figures. Those

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were the days of shortages and the word "hoarding" was very much common in speeches. In his address Panditji asked people what was the price of tomatoes these days. Someone from the audience said Rs. 15 per ser. Hearing this Panditji said, this means hoarding is also being extended to tomatoes. Somebody from the crowd shouted, "How could there be hoarding of tomatoes? It is a raw, perishable commodity". Panditji asked, "If there is no hoarding, why is it so dear?" Somebody said, "Because of corruption". Then Panditji explained corruption through a mathematic equation, "Corruption is equal to shortage of commodity multiplied by Government Regulations". Hearing this, some scholars could'nt help saying, "Panditji is great".

I am satisfied that the spirit of Antyodaya which was unleashed by Panditji is still alive. In spite of difficult economic conditions, India continues to march fast forward steadfastly. The speed with which the country will adopt the philosophy of Antyodaya and will take steps to translate it into practice, I am certain, India will come out more confident, more self-reliant. ■

Dr. B R Ambedkar

A nation builder of highest order

Dr Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar represents a multifaceted personality contributing immensely to enrich various facets of Indian national life. The people remember him as the chief architect of the Indian constitution, a social revolutionary and a Dalit thinker. So far, Babasaheb's writings in India have been selectively read within a particular framework showing him as a champion of deprived and oppressed sections of Indian society. He is seen as a chief architect of Indian constitution who laid the foundation of liberal democracy in the country expecting the state to take welfare measures in the interest of weaker sections of the society. But other side of his personality remains unexplored. He was a nationalist and a nation builder of highest order.

Speaking on the third reading of the draft constitution, Babasheb said in voice choked with emotion, "On 26th January 1950 India will be an independent country (cheers). What would happen to her independence? Will she maintain her independence or will she lose it again? This is the first thought that comes to my mind. It is not that India was never an independent country. The point is that she once lost the independence she had. Will she lose it a second time?"

He further answers his own question emphasizing that these apprehensions were rooted in the history of India wherein the country had to face the ignominy of defeat and suffer at the hands of conquerors due to treachery of its own people. He said on the occasion, "What perturbs me greatly is the fact that not only India has once before lost her Independence, but she lost it by the infidelity and treachery of some of her own people. In the Invasion of Sind by Mahommed-Bin-Kasim, the military commanders of King Dahar accepted bribes from the agents of Mahommed-Bin-Kasim and refused to fight on the side of their King. It was Jaichand, who invited Mahommed Ghori to invade India and fight against Prithvi Raj and promised him the help of himself and the Solanki kings.

When Shivaji was fighting for the liberation of Hindus, the other Maratha noblemen and the Rajput kings were fighting the battle on the side of Mughal emperors. When the British were trying to destroy the Sikh Rulers, Gulab Singh, their principal commander sat silent and did not help to save the Sikh kingdom.

He had very convincing answers on the question of whether the democratic Constitution will survive the



test of time. He said, "It is not that India did not know what democracy is? There was a time when India was studded with republics and even where there were monarchies, they were either elected or limited. They were never absolute. It is not that India did not know Parliaments or Parliamentary procedure. A study of the Buddhist Bhikshu Sanghas discloses that not only there were Parliaments – for the Sanghas were nothing but Parliaments – but the Sanghas knew and observed all the rules of modern Parliamentary procedures, be it about seating arrangements, rules regarding Motions, Resolutions, Quorum, Whip, Counting of votes, voting by Ballot, Censure Motion, Regularization, Res Judicata, etc. Although these rules of Parliamentary Procedure were applied by the Buddha to the meetings of the Sanghas, he must have borrowed them from the rules of the political Assemblies functioning in the country in his time."

Exhorting the people of India to guard the hard earned independence, he said, "Will history repeat itself? It is this thought which fills me with anxiety. This anxiety is deepened by the realization of the fact that in addition to our old enemies in the form of castes and creeds, we are going to have many political parties with diverse and opposing political creeds. Will Indians place the country above their creed or will they place creed above country? I do not know. But this much is certain that if the parties place creed above country, our independence will be put in jeopardy a second time and probably be lost forever. This eventually we must all resolutely guard against."

While the nation feels indebted for his immense contributions in the nation building process, we pay our homage to Babasaheb on his Mahaparinirvan Divas. ■

Modi government committed for the honour and rights of women: Amit Shah



BJP National President Shri Amit Shah asked the party Karyakartas to make 'Respect of Women' and 'Development', an issue in the 2017 Assembly polls in Uttar Pradesh.

Flagging off the third 'Parivartan Yatra' from Sonebhadra in UP on 08 November, 2016 Shri Shah said "There is another question to which people of Uttar Pradesh will have to give their verdict in the coming Assembly polls. "Should women in the country not get equal rights? SP, BSP and Congress will not speak on (triple talaq) but we do not have any fear. I want to say from this platform that in the coming polls, besides development and eradication of Goondas, respect of women should be made a poll issue," Shri Shah said

He also asked the three parties to submit their affidavit on whether they back 'triple talaq' or not. Asking whether the Centre's stand before the Supreme Court upholding the dignity and honour of the women and doing away with the triple talaq should have been taken or not, Shri Shah said every single party worker will make women aware that Modi government is committed for their development, honour and rights.

Emancipation of women is a sure route to emancipation of Muslims. Muslim men, due to their own insecurity, will keep their women under tight control.

Slamming Congress vice president Rahul Gandhi, Shri Shah alleged that with his stand on the surgical strike, he has made a mockery of the bravery and

sacrifice of army jawans. "People of the country are proud of the army and the will power of Narendra Modi for carrying out surgical strikes in Pakistani soil and saving the borders," he added.

The BJP President said the law and order situation in the state was very poor and development had come to a grinding halt. Despite the land being very fertile in Poorvanchal, farmers here are in bad shape, he said while listing a host of measures rolled out by the Narendra Modi government for farmers.

Taking a dig at the ongoing fight in the ruling Samajwadi Party between Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav and his uncle and state party chief Shivpal Yadav, Shri Amit Shah said that the Modi government had doubled the crop damage compensation for farmers but the "chacha-bhatija duo" had eaten up all the funds. Because of a fight over commission, so far no agency has been selected for the Farmers Insurance Scheme in Uttar Pradesh, he alleged. "While the BSP government got statues constructed and unleashed a string of scams, the SP has brought in the rule of goons and has patronized illegal mining in the state," he said.

He said that while the Congress-led UPA government was in power at the Centre for ten years, nothing was done on OROP and every time Pakistanis fired at Indian troops, they were not adequately responded to. It is not the case any longer, he said while adding that every attempt by the Pakistani army is now given a befitting reply. ■



'SP, BSP and Congress must make their stand clear on Triple Talaq'

Addressing a huge gathering in Robertsganj, UP, before flagging off the 'Parivartan Yatra', BJP president Shri Amit Shah urged the people to ask the "three parties" — SP, BSP and the Congress — to file an affidavit (in apex court) and make their stand clear: "triple talaq ke saath aap hain ya nahin hain (are you with or against triple talaq)?"

He pointed out that when the Supreme Court recently asked the Narendra Modi government whether the practice of triple talaq should continue, the government had replied that it was committed to ensure rights of women, and that they will get their rights.

Claiming that other opposition parties — SP, BSP and Congress — are silent on the issue of triple talaq, Shri Shah said, "Magar humey darr nahin hai (We are not scared). I want to use this occasion to urge Uttar Pradesh's women to help make women's safety

an issue in these elections.... Alongside development of the state and uprooting gunda-gardi (hooliganism), respect for women should also be made an issue."

Shri Shah earlier slammed Congress vice-president Rahul Gandhi for his remarks on the Army's surgical strike along the LoC in Kashmir and on the issue of One Rank-One Pension and said, "Rahul-ji, sena ke jawano ke maslon par rajneeti karna band karo (stop politicizing Army issues)."

He said the issue of gender rights goes far beyond just respect and personal laws. The one thing that the states should do is to make it easier for women to report crimes at the police stations. This is what women find most difficult thanks to the indifference on the part of the police or downright hostility.

Shri Shah said these are issues which should be taken up by political parties during elections and hopefully we will see a difference in political discourse on gender rights, he added. ■

Politicians complaining against demonetization are only exposing themselves: Arjun Ram Meghwal



Union Minister of State for Finance and Corporate Affairs **Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal**, who hails from Rajasthan, currently represents the Bikaner constituency in the Lok Sabha. He was elected to the 15th and the 16th Lok Sabha from this constituency. Shri Meghwal served as Chief Whip of the Party in 16th Lok Sabha before assuming charge as Union Minister. He was awarded the best Parliamentarian Award in 2013. In an exclusive interview for Kamal Sandesh with Associate Editor **Ram Prasad Tripathy**, Shri Meghwal revealed the core objectives behind the demonetization or cancellation of legal tender scheme and its implications for the national economy. He also outlined some of the future plans of the government to unearth black money to root out corruption and the menace of counterfeit currency. **Excerpts:**

To curb black money the Union government has come up with the demonetization move. What are the main objectives behind this policy and what are its implications for our national economy?

To answer your question, primarily there are four reasons behind this policy, namely, to expunge fake currency from the system, to root out corruption, to impound the 23.2 % black money in our economy and to cease the terror funding, which compelled the Union government to take the demonetization decision resulting in cancellation of legal tender of Rs. 500 and Rs. 1000 notes.

This major step will stop the circulation of the Black money and majority of the illegal activities happening in our country. Smuggling of narcotics, duplicate medicines, smuggling of weapons, illegal trading and business through black money will stop. Middle class lower middle class and people from weaker sections

of the society will get the maximum benefit out of this policy. Now the middle class and poor don't even dare to think about a house in cities and urban centres, they can't afford to send their children to a good school for education or good hospital for treatment. However, this decision of the government is likely to improve the scenario and ensure a better life quality for them. Evidently, post 08 November decision, the common public is fully behind the decision of Modi ji. People have largely welcomed the decision, notwithstanding the short term ordeal which they have had to undergo.

People know very well that while the difficulties will last few days, but this country will be cleansed of black money and greatly benefit from higher tax revenue resulting in enhanced public spending. People have stood in queues with great patience in-front of ATM counters and Banks as if they were rendering some national service. It is only some narrow minded and thoroughly corrupt political leaders who tried their

best to manufacture public anger, but common people thoroughly rejected their insinuations. It clearly shows the public mood and their support for this bold decision of the government against black money. I strongly believe this historic decision will add vigour to our economy and the country will reap the benefits in-terms of higher economic growth and faster pace of development in the near future.

Do you consider the decision as well-intended but an ill-prepared move? What steps the government has taken so far to reduce public inconvenience?

I believe, replacing 86 per cent of the currency in circulation with new notes could not have been executed in a better way than being currently done. When currency replacement of this scale happens, some initial inconvenience for the public was expected and the Prime Minister said this in his announcement. But it's moving smoothly with each passing day and the queues are getting shorter. We are reviewing the situation on a daily basis. To reduce the difficulty, government has allowed the old notes for circulation at tollgates, hospitals, railway stations, airports, petrol pumps, to purchase seeds and to buy medicines. For marriages one can withdraw and exchange upto Rs. 2.5 lakhs. Similarly, for farmers and the agrarian class the government has relaxed the norms on withdrawal limits. However, recalibration of around 2 lakhs ATMs throughout the country was an issue in the first few days, which is being done on a war footing and it is only a matter of time before complete normalcy is restored in terms of banking transactions. I think, replacing such a large percentage of currency without any social unrest and any significant economic disruption was an achievement.

Opposition parties have demanded immediate rollback of demonetization policy. Is there any possibility of the Government accepting their demand?

The answer is a clear No. Under no circumstances the government will rollback this decision. We appeal the opposition parties to give their constructive suggestions for the functional part of the scheme; government will definitely look into it. Largely, the public is happy with the government's move which will help crack down on black money used for terror activities, bribery and nasty politics. People are willing

to suffer a little inconvenience for a better future. So there is no question of rollback.

What is the actual intention of the opposition parties who oppose this initiative?

I think people sitting on constitutional posts like Chief Minister should not unnecessarily oppose this decision taken by the government of India. It is not the decision of a Political Party. Someone says it is an immature decision, and yet another asks who has given power to this government to implement this scheme. When we came to power in 2014, we have been trying our best to counter black money. PM Shri Narendra Modi formed SIT in the very first cabinet meeting to bring back black money stashed abroad in tax havens, enacted legislations to bring this money back, launched Income Declaration Scheme(IDS) for those who want to honestly declare their undeclared money, discussed it several times in his Man Ki Baat programme and in TV Interviews. Therefore, this decision was well thought out and part of a series of measures to curb

black money and stop terror funding, fake currency circulation, smuggling and everything unlawful that adversely affects our national economy. Politicians complaining against demonetization are only exposing themselves.

In Rajya Sabha, Congress leader Gulam Nabi Azad

compared demonetization with terrorist attack in Uri. What's your opinion?

It is a highly unfortunate and insensitive statement on the part of a senior Congress leader. He has compared demonetization decision with the Uri attack by Pakistani terrorists. Indirectly he is trying to find an equivalent with something like terrorism to the benefit if its perpetrators operating from across the border. Difficulty for the public for standing in a queue can't be compared with terrorist attacks on our soldiers. It is a great offence of our martyrs who laid down their lives to safeguard the borders of our motherland. I will say, the Congress leader has given his statement in Rajya Sabha, so he must come to the house and offer his apologies to the nation for his statement.

Demonetization will unearth black money in the form of cash. What will be the next step in this direction to expose black money in other forms especially stashed abroad?

Since Modiji came to power in 2014, he has taken

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a series of steps to unearth black money. Now government will focus on the anonymous property and unidentified transactions to expose black money. With government's initiatives information exchange is going on with various countries treated as tax heavens. We are constantly in touch with these countries and trying our best to bring back black money. However, our aim is to stop the generation of black money in the country.

Do you think this bold step on demonetization will force us to become a cashless economy?

Government is opening zero balance bank accounts for the poor, rural households and BPL families under Jan Dhan scheme. We are integrating every account with AADHAR and discouraging transactions through cash and encouraging digital transaction. Even the MGNREGA worker is getting his payments through bank accounts. Now even the subsidies for gas are directly going to the bank accounts of BPL families and others. For smooth transactions, government has started Postal banking, instructed banks to open more branches and establish more ATMS where the Banking network is not well developed. With these steps we are actually heading towards a cashless economy. It will definitely take Time. But the present demonetization step will prove to be a big decision in this direction.

As per experts' view government will get huge extra money due to demonetization. Which sector will get its benefits? What will be its implications?

From the very beginning the Prime Minister has

clearly said that this government will do everything for the benefit of the poor. Therefore, our focus will be on the Social sector, for weaker section of the society and for overall development of the country.

Certainly, its implications are far reaching. The demonetization move will help banks lend at a cheaper rate to businesses, agriculture and infrastructure while at the same time getting rid of the shadow economy. Inflation will be under control, and black marketing will be severely hit as a result of this policy. In the long term, it is going to change the way traders trade and how we manage the household budget. It would bring more transactions into the banking system, we have a cleaner and bigger economy, a bigger tax base, a transparent taxation system and this one decision will reenergize the Indian economy and prepare it for a Big Leap.

Can we expect more such surprise announcements from the Modi Government in the future in the interest of the economy?

The fight against Black Money was never going to be easy and business as usual approach is not the answer to deal with this. But Modi Sarkar has accepted this challenge and our commitment is total. The government is exploring all options that will dismantle India's notorious parallel economy that thrives at the cost of poor and marginalized sections of the society. We will definitely take this battle against black money to its logical end and expose its silent supporters and active promoters. ■

Union Health Minister takes pledge for organ donation amidst thousands of organ donors

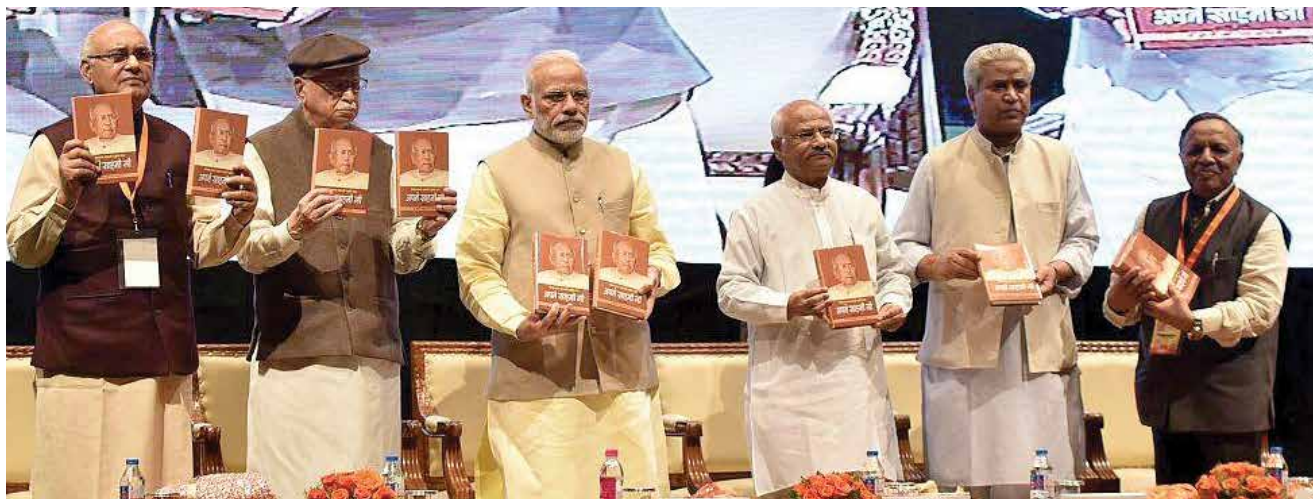
Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare Shri J P Nadda took a pledge to donate his organs amidst thousands of enthusiasts comprising officers, staffers, doctors, nurses and other paramedical staff members of all Central Government Hospitals of New Delhi who also pledged along with him, on 27-November, 2016 in New Delhi. Also present were thousands of participants from the walkathon that took place at the India Gate in the morning to create and enhance awareness surrounding organ donation.

Speaking at the event, Shri Nadda stated that donating organs is a gift and is an altruistic, egalitarian and a moral act. He added that we can turn the 'end of a life' into a new beginning with donating our organs. Shri Nadda said "Let organ donation become a national movement and show to the world that even in death we care for our fellow citizens and humanity at large". Organ is a national resource and not even one should be wasted, he stated.

The Health Minister said that the Ministry is presently framing

rules, regulations and protocols for facilitating organ donation. There are about 1.5 lakh brain deaths happening in the country every year, and organs from them can be used for saving lives of several lakhs of patients, he stated. He added that it is a matter of concern that the current organ donation and transplantation rate is not close to the requirement within the country for organs. He said that we have started taking decisive steps for harvesting cadaver organs and tissues and saving many lives a result of this.

Corruption and black money cannot be accepted as a part of the system: Narendra Modi



The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, released a book on the life of Late Shri Kedarnath Sahni, published by Dr. Mookerjee Smruti Nyas, on 22 November, 2016 in New Delhi. Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister recalled several anecdotes about Shri Sahni. He said we remember the work of Sahni ji, VK Malhotra ji and Madan Lal Khurana ji. They showed the way on how to work in a party organisation.

He said Shri Sahni Ji wanted to join the air force but destiny had other plans. He served society but through a different method. In the wake of the events in Delhi after Mrs. Gandhi's assassination, Sahni ji was at the forefront, helping members of Sikh community, he said.

'I was seeing that Ms. Sheila Dikshit ji has written about Kedarnath Sahni and how she found his views on a policy matter valuable'. For Kedarnath Sahni ji,

interest of Delhi was always bigger than the interest of his party, he added.

Expressing concern at the decline in moral values in society and in public life, the Prime Minister asserted that corruption and black money cannot be accepted as a part of the system. He asked, why should we accept corruption & black money as things that are a part of the system? He said that we must think about the future of the nation, and not accept any compromise on corruption.

Among others, former Deputy PM of India Shri LK Advani, RSS Sah Sarkaryawah Shri Suresh Soni, BJP National General Secretary (Organisation) Shri Ramlal, Chairman of Research and Development Foundation for Integral Humanism Dr. Mahesh Chandra Sharma, Secretary of Dr. Mookerjee Smruti Nyas Dr. Nandkishore Garg, Union Ministers, MPs and many eminent people were present on the occasion.

Project started to enhance livelihood of coastal communities

As part of its Coastal Community Development under Sagarmala, the Ministry of Shipping on November 11 has provided Central financial assistance of INR Rs. 6.52 crore as part of the first installment to the Government of Maharashtra for modernization of the existing fishing harbor at Sassoon Dock, in Mumbai. The project has been

identified as one of early bird projects under Sagarmala Programme to enhance the livelihood of the coastal communities.

Sassoon Dock Fishing Harbour is one of the seven major fishing harbours in the country. The dock operates around 1,000 fishing vessels and lands an average of 48,000 tonnes of fish annually under the management of Mumbai Port Trust.

The initiative will modernise the fish handling facilities to improve the hygiene and sanitation standards in the harbour and develop a fully integrated fishing harbour with all modern amenities like ice plant, cold storage, modern auction hall, etc. This would help in maintaining sea food export quality as per the international quality requirements and food safety standards.

DEMONETIZATION

Modi's Proud Pro-Poor Moment

The road map the government has aims at creation of an egalitarian social structure, eliminating power brokers, black money and corruption with a focus on equitable distribution of wealth.

| DR R. BALASHANKAR

November 8, 2016 will perhaps go down in history as the day India ushered in the most comprehensive finance sector reform that transformed the country as never before. Now, ten days later, it can be said, that it has almost been pulled off with aplomb with the least possible hardship to people. There is no doubt that there are queues in front of the banks, the rural economy has to get used to the fast changing monetary reform and that there is going to be a temporary fall in the demand in the retail sector.

Making 86 per cent of the currency in circulation illegal in one stroke, the secrecy and shock in a country where still half of the population is outside the banking system and habitually hoard hard earned income and loathe the idea of going to the bank is itself revolutionary. And of the 14.90 lakh crore high denomination notes almost 70 percent was kept as black money, hidden away from the banking system by those who have stashed away the national wealth.

Those opposing the demonetization in the name of the suffering of the poor have not produced a single coherent argument to support their dissent. All agree that corruption has to be fought. They also agree that black money is the biggest source of corruption. It leads to inequality and price rise and devaluing the currency. Equally worrying is the presence of huge chunks of counterfeit currency funding terror, crime and subversion in the country. All agree that the share of counterfeit money in circulation

is almost equal to the black money in circulation. The fact that Kashmir has been peaceful for over ten days with 100 per cent attendance in schools for exams and the stealth wealth of Maoists has been reduced to mere paper bolster the purpose of the surgical strike.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's clean-up operation has been hailed as a bold and long overdue step by most well meaning economists including former RBI governors K. Subba Rao, Rangarajan, Dr Meghnad Desai and Dr Surjit Bhalla. The opposition says that people in remote areas who have no access to the banking system are the worst sufferers. Here it is worth mentioning the unique manner in which Assam government tackled the problem of over a million tea garden workers in the remotest area.

The tea garden employees have traditionally been averse to become account holders. In the area spread over thousands of miles some four million people working in sprawling tea gardens have been getting weekly wages in cash for centuries. When Modi announced demonetization and restrictions on cash transaction, the biggest concern for the state government was the tea garden employees, said Mr V K Pipersenia, Chief Secretary of Assam. With the help of the centre, he said, the state government got special permission to withdraw sufficient money to pay for the tea garden workers in cooperation with the private tea companies. The companies were asked to deposit their cheque in the state



government account and equal amount was withdrawn by the state government and facilitated the uninterrupted disbursal of wages to the workers. In fact, within a couple of days things became normal in the entire Assam on the currency front. This unique example is a lesson for other chief ministers who sit on dharna opposing the war on black money on pure political agenda. Pipersenia says soon all these people will become bank account holders taking a big leap towards financial inclusion. Over a thousand outlets of banks in various forms will come alive in the area. In fact, under Jan Dhan Yojna more number of bank accounts were opened in the last two years than the number of accounts since independence.

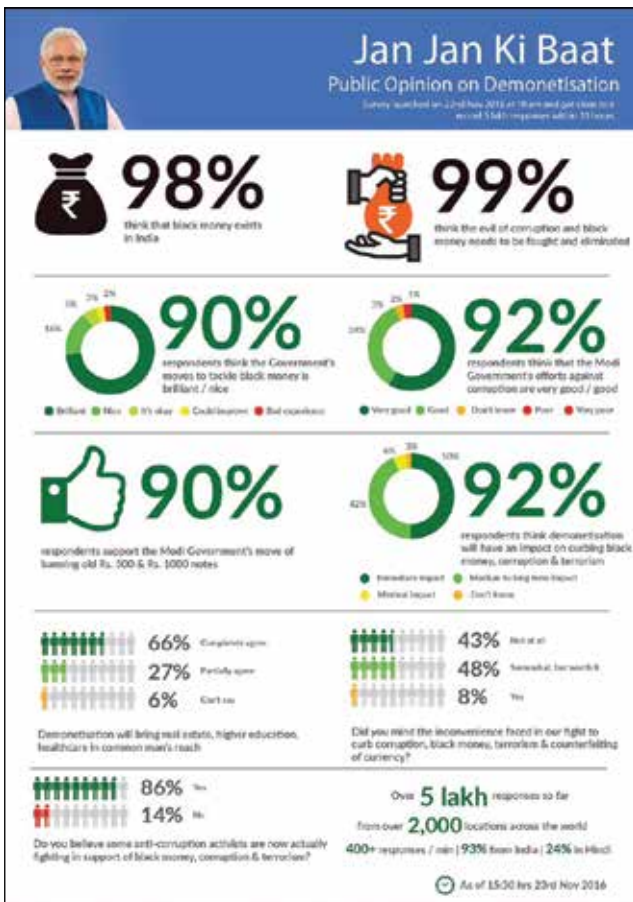
If the concern is the welfare of the people demonetization is the most people friendly step ever taken by any government ever in history. In a society where 59 per cent of the national wealth is in the hands of just one per cent rich people and the poorest 10 per cent of the population's share in the national wealth is only 0.2 per cent and the gap between the rich and the poor rose from 1480 times to 2450 times between 2004 and 2014, according to a recent study, Narendra Modi acted as a great leveler. The gap, the unacceptable level of inequality in the society has to be corrected, and this is a solid step in that direction.

With this the Prime Minister has proclaimed his commitment to what Dr. B R Ambedkar called "social and economic equality" along with political equality enshrined in the constitution. With this, the role of big money and black money in politics will come down. It will become a level playing field for all attracting better talent in politics.

This will bring prices and lending rates down. This is bound to encourage investment. This will stop the use of black and fake money in crime and terror activities and make life safer for the common man. The drive on black money will bring more revenue to the government's kitty making it possible to spend more on infrastructure, welfare schemes, health and education. The days of capitation fees are over. Education will no more be business as usual. Modi's dream of house for all and 50 million free gas connections to BPL families would not have been possible with the existing levels of inflated realty prices. Modi has positioned as the messiah of the poor.

The road map the government has aims at creation of an egalitarian social structure, eliminating power brokers, black money and corruption with a focus on equitable distribution of wealth. Demonetization marks the beginning of transparency in public spending and end to splurge and vulgar extravaganza of a few at the cost of the rest. ■

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With whom are you — the nation or its enemies?

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AMBA CHARAN VASHISHTH

On November 8 when an announcement came on TV channels and radio that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi was to address the nation shortly, everybody was taken by surprise. People started guessing. Is he, some surmised, going to declare a war against Pakistan to teach it a lesson for its perfidy and cross-border war against the country?

The guess proved true, to some extent. He did declare a all-out war but not against Pakistan but against the enemy within — corruption, black money and terror subsisting solely on black and hawala money — eating into the very vitals of the country. Those indulging in these nefarious activities were left high and dry with hardly any cover to shield themselves from the carpet

bombing Shri Modi triggered against them.

The decision posed a direct question to all: Is it a right decision in the interest of the nation or against it? Without directly addressing this question a section of media and politicians started, regrettably, inadvertently or otherwise, appearing to be standing on the side of the corrupt and black money hoarders. Political parties started spitting blood. They tried to create a façade of crying loud for the poor. Yet the likes of Bihar CM Nitish Kumar and Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik, besides NDA CMs and, above all, President Pranab Mukherjee welcome it?

Opposition seems to be opposing for opposition sake. Earlier, it exposed itself on the surgical strikes against Pakistan. Now it is opposing demonetization without offering an alternative strategy to weed out

black money. That only bares its real intentions and honesty of purpose.

Poor, according to Congress-led UPA norms, were those who spent on food less than Rs. 816 in rural areas and Rs. 1000 in urban areas per person per month. There is no unanimity on percentage of BPL population. It ranges between 37 to 65 percent.

According to the PMJDY website, a little more than 127 million new bank accounts have been opened taking the number of households in the country with at least one individual bank account to 210.5 million. Only 23,000 remain to be brought within its purview.

As of April 20, 2016 nearly 20 crore (220 million) accounts have been opened so far, with the total deposits amounting to a little over 36,700 crore rupees. Prime Minister Modi has said that Jan Dhan Yojna (JDY) was helping the “poor battle poverty” and that “our JDY experience” had “brought out the richness of the poor.”

The NDA government allowed each person to withdraw Rs. 2 to 4 thousand per person per week. If this amount is too meagre, as opposition is crying hoarse, are they poor who cannot make two ends meet with this money for a week?

To mitigate the hardship of the people, government allowed government hospitals, chemists, petrol pumps, airlines, government consumer stores, fair price shops, railways, government-

run transport to accept 500 and 1000 old notes. The toll tax on national highways too stands suspended since over a fortnight.

There is no bar on use of credit, debit cards and other payment gateways. Crores of people have availed themselves of this plastic currency to meet their day-to-day needs.

Where do we have no queues, a letter writer pointed out, waiting to purchase cinema tickets, railway and bus tickets, at dispensaries, hospitals, trade and book fairs, and even before chemist and wine shops. Let Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal first do away with queues in Delhi government dispensaries and hospitals before raising a finger on queues before banks. Dozens of people have died in Delhi hospitals because of lack of timely medical treatment, consuming spurious wine and drugs.

Kejriwal takes pride in making wild, unsubstantiated allegations. That is why he may make it to the Guinness World Records for being the only chief minister making rounds of courts facing defamation charges in so many cases. How responsible a person he

is can be gauged from just one recent example. During the golden jubilee celebrations of Delhi High Court he made the charge in the presence of the high court and Supreme Court judges that phones of judges were being tapped. When Delhi police went to gather details of his charge, he was bold enough without a sense of regret to say: Ask Intelligence Bureau.

Everybody knows many made their employees and hired labour on daily wages to stand in queue before banks to exchange their currency. These made a good picture for the media because that was a proof that common and poor people were the worst sufferers.

The stand of our politicians is irrational, to an extent funny. UP Chief Minister opined that black money helped the country come out of recession. West Bengal CM Mamta Bannerjee wants the decision to be scrapped. Delhi CM Kejriwal says prior notice should have been given to the people, read black money holders. With whom are the opponents of demonetization is getting clear with each passing day?

Every ill needs to be nipped in the bud. Every disease requires instant attention and medication. It can be diagnosed and cured with a little medication in the initial stages. Prevention is better than cure. But during the last 69 years our rulers allowed the disease to worsen into cancer. Cancer needs radio therapy and a major operation. That is a very cumbersome and painful

process. If life has to be saved there is no other option. That is what PM Modi had to do.

According to an opinion poll conducted by the Jagran group of newspapers and the Zee channel, 85 and 93 percent of the people, respectively, expressed happiness by the step taken by Modi government.

The results of Lok Sabha and Vidhan Sabha bye-elections which went for polls after demonetization also go to indicate that the common man has welcomed the step.

As individuals, social activists and political parties we have either to fight corruption, black money and terror promoted by black and counterfeit currency or stand by it. No one can stand in between. The time has come to take a stand. Former US President George W. Bush said once: You are either with us or against us. Our media has to tell the people unequivocally with whom they stand. The so-called charge of harassment to the common man is a ruse and cannot hide their real intentions. ■

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BJP President flags-off Parivartan Yatra in Uttarakhand

Overthrow the corrupt Congress regime : Amit Shah



BJP National President Shri Amit Shah on 13 November, 2016 flagged-off BJP's Parivartan Yatra in poll-bound Uttarakhand and appealed to people to overthrow the corrupt Congress regime in the state and install a development-oriented BJP government that could fulfill their aspirations.

"In the last five years of Congress-rule the state has only seen unprecedented patronage to mining, land and liquor mafia," he said, before flagging off two chariots from a school ground in Dehradun for the 'yatra' in Kumaon and Garhwal.

The Chief Minister Harish Rawat-led government has frittered away the mandate of the people by "indulging in corruption and doing nothing" for the state's development, he said.

"Only a development-oriented government can give unparalleled boost to tourism which is the mainstay of the state's economy," he said in the run-up to next year's Assembly polls there.

Terming Uttarakhand a unique state endowed with rare natural beauty and potential for tourism with centuries-old centres of faith like Badrinath and Kedarnath, he said, "This potential can be realized only when an action-oriented BJP government is installed."

Comparing the present government to a burnt out transformer that is unable to light up people's homes, Shri Shah said, it was time to replace it with a BJP government that could bring to them benefits through

central schemes.

Blaming the state government for failing to bring around a dozen central schemes, he urged people to dislodge the "corrupt" Congress dispensation in Uttarakhand.

"The state government has eaten-up all the funds sent to it by the Centre over the past two-and-a-half years. Between Rs 60,000 and Rs 65,000 crore additional funds were released for Uttarakhand," the BJP National President said. "Despite this there is no investment visible on the ground, because all those funds have been sacrificed at the altar of corruption," he alleged.

Giving credit to the BJP for the creation of Uttarakhand, Shri Shah said it was the only party which had consistently supported the cause of statehood for the region.

We supported the cause of statehood for Uttarakhand all along. The man who is presently Chief Minister of the state was in favour of just a union territory status, he alleged.

The Rampur Tiraha episode which saw atrocities committed against statehood agitators took place under the Samajwadi Party rule which had Congress support, he said.

This state was created by former Prime Minister Atalji and will be developed to its full potential by Prime Minister Modi, Shri Shah said.

Mocking Rahul Gandhi's aggressive stand on one-rank-one-pension (OROP), the BJP president said, "He (Rahul) has no moral right to say anything on the issue

because the Congress during its 60 years had done nothing to address the issue."

Modiji has achieved something which successive Congress governments have failed to achieve in 60 years, he claimed.

"OROP was there during your grandmother's tenure and then during your father's tenure. It was Modi who deposited Rs 5,500 crore in the accounts of soldiers. So, Rahulji you have no right to talk about OROP," he said. ■

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‘Demonetization creates ‘AANDHI’ in favour of BJP’

Asking people to bring the BJP back to power in the state, BJP National President Shri Amit Shah said that the regimes of Samajwadi Party and Bahujan Samaj Party were responsible for the exodus of youth from eastern UP as they did nothing for the development of the area.

“Time has come for these parties to clearly say what they have done for eastern UP. The party of ‘Chacha-Bhatija’ is busy in the family feud while Mayawati has looted the state exchequer in the name of Dalit upliftment. Left with no other viable alternative to earn their livelihood, young people have left their village homes,” Shri Shah said while addressing Parivartan Rally in Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh on 18 November 2016.

The BJP President said that if the people of Azamgarh make up their minds to oust the Samajwadi Party, then half of the problem of eastern UP will be solved. Incidentally, Azamgarh is the parliamentary constituency of Samajwadi Party chief Mulayam Singh Yadav.

Talking about demonetization of high value notes, the BJP President said that the decision has set a deluge in favour of the party forcing the Opposition leaders to unite.

“The demonetization drive has created an ‘aandhi’ in favour of the BJP. While the poor are applauding it, the corrupt are looking for cover,” he said adding: “The Opposition parties who used to criticize each other are now united against Modi ji just to save their skin.”

“People want to know from these Opposition leaders as to why they are so worried when they themselves claim that corruption, terrorism and black money should be weeded out of the society,” Shri

Shah asked.

Admitting that people are facing hardships while standing in queues to get their money from bank or post offices, the BJP chief said: “We are also concerned about them but for a bigger cause such things have to be withstood. Everything would be normal very soon.”

Besides, Shri Shah said that demonetization has hit terrorists and their supporters in the country and Pakistan, which has been pushing counterfeit currencies into India have been given a befitting reply.

Criticizing the Opposition for shedding crocodile tears over the miseries of farmers after November 8, Shah said that the Narendra Modi government has given all benefits to farmers and now they can withdraw Rs 25,000 for purchase of seeds and fertilizers.

Hitting out at Mayawati and Samajwadi Party leaders, the BJP National President said: “Their ash-laden faces speak the whole story. They are making hue and cry because their stashed money has been reduced to trash.”

Attacking the SP government, Shri Shah said that the Modi government had sent Rs one lakh crore for the past two years to Uttar Pradesh but no development took place. “The money was siphoned off by the SP leaders, mafias and the contractors for building their own houses and to stock the money,” he alleged.

Asking people to support BJP so that the picture of UP could be transformed as desired by Narendra Modi, who is a Lok Sabha member from nearby Varanasi, Shri Shah said that only a majority government can change the situation in the state.

The Rally was also addressed by UP BJP President Shri Keshav Prasad Maurya and BJP MP from Gorakhpur Shri Yogi Adityanath. ■



Demonetization

A true game changer!

| VIKASH ANAND

The Union Government's demonetization is a game changer in many ways. It will reduce quantum of black money improving governance deficit and winning the heart of common man as promised in NDA poll manifesto 2014.

As the day drew to an end, a remarkable decision was made by the Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 8th November, 2016 around 8:00pm. He candidly announced the demonetization of Rs 500 and 1000 currency notes with immediate effect from the midnight on the same day, to put a check on the menace of black money which has been accumulated in the economy for decades. This daring step taken by the PM was termed as "economic" surgical strike by media groups and many financial analysts. In the address to the nation, the Prime Minister requested people holding notes of Rs 500 and Rs 1000 to deposit the same in their bank account and post office accounts from 10th Nov, 2016 to 30th Dec, 2016. He also urged the people to help

the government in the fight against the menace of fake currency and black money. The surgical strike on Black money, as promised by NDA in its poll manifesto 2014, will have far reaching impact on Indian economy as well as on common people. An assessment by the World Bank reveals that black money in India is about 20% of total GDP. This major step is one among the policies for "SabkaSaath, SabkaVikas".

According to Reserve Bank of India, the proportion of Rs 500 and Rs 1000 notes were 86.4% of total value of notes in circulation on March 31, 2016, amounting to Rs 14 trillion. Thus the step towards demonetization will percolate through major channels of the economy to bring in more stability, confidence and transparency in the economy. The major sides which will witness

long term impact are real estate, terrorist activities, taxation, inflation, financial investment and elections in India.

REAL ESTATE

Real estate sector had become the parking zone for black money which resulted in skyrocketing prices of houses and higher interest on loans. In India, houses are costlier than America. One of the major reasons is the black money involvement in this sector.

The NDA government tried to crackdown on various channels of black money. As a result, prices of houses have started declining. After the announcement made by the Government of withdrawing the legal tender of 500 and 1000 currency, Real Estate Consultancy JLL India said, that Prices of realty sector are likely to dip by 25% to 30% more. The demonetization move will make the prices of houses under the reach of the common man.

TERRORISM & FAKE CURRENCY

In a recent study conducted by the Indian Statistical Institute revealed that as many as 250 out of every 10 lakh notes in circulation are fake. According to a report published in Indian Express, fake currency notes with a face value of Rs 70 crore are infused into the system every year, and law enforcement agencies are able to intercept only a third of them. The study added that fake 1,000-rupee notes constitute about 50% of the total value of fake notes. Fake currency printed in Pakistan is being circulated by terrorists to finance their terror activities in Indian economy. Indian express reported in June 2016 that according to a report prepared by the IB, R&AW, Directorate of Revenue Intelligence and CBI that Pakistan's military intelligence agency, the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) has been raking in an annual profit of around Rs 500 crore by circulating counterfeit notes in India. The Demonetization move



has broken the back bone of terrorists, too.

INFLATION

Black money since decades has formed parallel economy thus adding weight to higher inflation, vulnerable rupee and affecting social sector. Black money created virtual inflation rates. Economists appreciated the move that withdrawing of old notes of Rs 500 and Rs1000 will bring down inflation and make rupees stronger. This step will bring out inclusive inflation rates in India.

TAX COLLECTION

HDFC Chairman Deepak Parekh says “Tax to GDP” in India is one of the lowest; it is 10.6% or so. It is the lowest in world. 10.6% is equal to African countries and other Asian countries have much higher tax to GDP ratio. As per the data disclosed by the government for assessment year 2012-13 taxpayers are only 1% of India's population. Only 2.9 crore Indians filed personal income tax returns for the assessment year 2012-13 — that is less than 4 per cent of the 760 million adults enumerated in the 2011 Census. More

THE DEMONETIZATION IS HELPFUL TO FLUSH OUT BLACK MONEY FROM ELECTION EXPENDITURE.

than half of these 2.9 crore individuals paid no tax at all. The move will discourage the people who avoid paying taxes and tax net bracket will be widened.

According to Philips Capital (report quoted in ET) says that the extent of parallel economy which was 23.2% of GDP is now around 25-30 % of GDP. With the move to curb black money share of tax in GDP will go up. It is possible with increasing tax ratio government might cut tax rate in future. The tax buoyancy will increase without putting more pressure on working class.

INVESTMENT ENVIRONMENT

Most of international regimes appreciated the move. The European Union, one of India's leading trade partners, welcomed the crackdown on Black money and said that all measures which will reduce black economy are always good for people and the financial system. Hailing the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's decision of demonetizing high-value currency notes, Singapore-based news paper “The Independent” comparing him to the nation-state's founding father Lee Kuan Yew while the New York Times quoting an expert wrote “It was a wise move. The plan, top secret until Mr. Modi's

announcement, was hailed by financial analysts as bold and potentially transformational for India. It is also a high-stakes experiment.” The move enhances overall credibility of India among world’s investors.

Due to demonetization more money will come under banking system. As a result low lending rate will encourage self-employments. It will improve ease of doing business, international investment confidence and more transparency.

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BLACK MONEY IN ELECTIONS

Once Vajpayee said “Indian politicians start their legislative careers with a lie — the false spending returns they submit. How can we expect them to be honest?” In Indian elections huge black money is used. Various studies reveal that actual expenses in elections is much more high than official figure states. Black money is being used in a gigantic way. The demonetization is helpful to flush out black money from election expenditure.

Critics say that demonetization will have no so much impact as expected and only make common man suffer. They are opposing the move by giving logic that in 1978 Morarji Bhai government had experimented with this move. Morarji Government also took decision on the night of January 16, 1978 to demonitise Rs 1,000, Rs 5,000 and Rs 10,000 notes. That time, very few people had these high denominations currencies. They were microscopic minority. So, 1978 demonetization did not become a game changer.

The NDA demonetization is a game changer in many ways. It will reduce quantum of black money, it will create more digital economy under the banner of “Digital India”, promote “Make-in-India” by using homemade paper for printing currencies, improving governance deficit and winning the heart of common man as promised in NDA poll manifesto 2014. ■

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Venkaiah Naidu asked all Urban Bodies to shift to cashless transactions at the earliest

As a part of the ongoing efforts to move towards cashless transactions of all kind, the Ministry of Urban Development Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu has asked all the statutory 4,041 Urban Local Bodies to shift to e-payments at the earliest. These cities and towns account for about 75% of the total 40 crore urban population in the country. Central Government’s message to the officials of these 4,041 urban local bodies was conveyed by Secretary (Urban Development) through interactive video-conferencing. Senior officials of concerned States also participated during the half day long interaction on various aspects of ensuring cashless transactions. State and city level officials were asked to promote internet banking (RTGS/NEFT), online banking using credit and debit cards for cashless transactions besides using Public Finance Management Systems (PFMS) developed by the Ministry of Financing for fund transfer, accounting and reconciliation up to the level of cities and towns. The Ministry emphasized that all transactions relating to both income and expenditure of urban local bodies needs to be shifted to e-payment mode. (FOI)

PM lays foundation stone for development projects in Goa

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on November 13 unveiled plaques to mark the foundation stone laying of Mopa Airport, and an Electronic City at Tuam, during a function at the Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Stadium in Goa.

The Prime Minister also unveiled plaques to mark the inauguration of Infrastructure for building Mine Counter Measure Vessels; and inauguration of commencement of Construction of five Coast Guard Offshore Patrol Vessels.

Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister began by congratulating the team which enabled India to successfully host the BRICS Summit in Goa a few weeks ago. The Prime Minister appreciated the State of Goa, for its progress. Talking about the Airport project, the Prime Minister said he is happy that the promise made by former Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee is being fulfilled. He said this will benefit Goa, and give an impetus to tourism.

Referring to the Electronic City project, he said a digitally trained, modern and youth driven Goa is being shaped today, which has the power to transform India.

Referring to the recent decision of the Union Government on demonetization of Rs. 500 and Rs. 2000 currency notes, the Prime Minister said that on 8th November many people of India slept peacefully, while a few are sleepless even now. He said the Union



Government has taken a key step to help the honest citizens of India, in defeating the menace of black money. The Prime Minister thanked all those who have been contributing to ensuring the success of the demonetization exercise. He said he also feels the pain, and these steps taken were not a display of arrogance. He said that he has seen poverty, and understands people's problems.

He recalled that in 2014, people had voted to free the nation from corruption. He also mentioned the various steps that have been taken by the Union Government to curb black money.

The Prime Minister said that if any money has been looted in India and has left Indian shores, it is our duty to find out about it. He said that he was not born to sit on a chair of high office, adding that whatever he had, including his family, and his home, he had left to serve the nation. (FOC)

No separate legislation required for 'Make in India': Nirmala Sitharaman

No separate policy or legislation is required for 'Make in India' initiative Commerce and Industry Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman said in a written reply in Rajya Sabha. She added 'Make in India' aims at projecting India as an investment destination and develop it as a global hub for manufacturing, design and innovation. Revealing the identified components under 'Make in India', She informed "Under the initiative various components have been identified which will lead to creation of a positive investment climate. These



components involve improvement in Ease of Doing Business, creation of modern infrastructure, opening of new Sectors for FDI and change in the mindset of government agencies from being regulators to facilitators."

The reply discloses that 25 focus sectors have been identified in which there is an Action Plan which has been approved to encourage and promote investments in those sectors. These Action Plans envisage increase in investments in these sectors which will eventually lead to manufacturing in those sectors.



India and Japan sign Civil Nuclear Cooperation

The three-day visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Japan witnessed a breakthrough in India-Japan nuclear deal. Six year long on-going negotiation came to conclusion as India-Japan Civil Nuclear Cooperation was signed successfully. The deal is a great achievement for India. For the first time Japan agreed to contribute to nuclear energy of any country that has not signed Non-proliferation Treaty (NPT). India always declines to sign the NPT alleging discriminatory nature of the treaty. Transforming India under Narendra Modi leadership needs massive clean energy to its growth engine and to meet energy requirement of growing population. India has set the target to produce about 63,000 mw nuclear power by 2032.

Addressing the media Prime Minister Shri Narendra

Modi said on the occasion “Today signing of the agreement for cooperation in peaceful uses of Nuclear energy marks a historic step in our engagement to build a clean energy partnership. Our cooperation in this field will help us combat the challenge of climate change. I also acknowledge the special significance that such an agreement has for Japan.” Shri Modi thanked the PM Abe and Japanese government and the Parliament for their support to the agreement. “India and its economy are pursuing many transformations. Our aim is to become a major centre for manufacturing, investments and for the twenty first century knowledge industries,” he added.

Both Prime Minister issuing joint statement emphasizing the role of India and Japan for stability and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region, the two

THE DEAL IS A GREAT ACHIEVEMENT FOR INDIA. FOR THE FIRST TIME JAPAN AGREED TO CONTRIBUTE TO NUCLEAR ENERGY OF ANY COUNTRY THAT HAS NOT SIGNED NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY (NPT).

Prime Ministers reiterated the need to further consolidate their security and defence cooperation. They welcomed the entry into force of the two Defence Framework Agreements concerning the Transfer of Defence Equipment and Technology and concerning Security Measures for the Protection of Classified Military Information. They underscored the need to further expand defence engagement through greater two-way collaboration and technology cooperation, co-development and co-production, by expediting discussions for determining specific items including through the Joint Working Group on Defence Equipment and Technology Cooperation.

Prime Minister Modi briefed Prime Minister Abe about his Government's efforts to accelerate economic development through innovative initiatives such as "Make in India," "Digital India," "Skill India," "Smart City," "Swachh Bharat" and "Start-Up India." Prime Minister Abe expressed Japan's firm support for these initiatives by sharing its advanced skills and technologies, through active mobilisation of Japanese public and private sector investments, including through ODA. The two Prime Ministers underscored that these initiatives provide significant opportunities for further collaboration between private sectors of India and Japan.

The two Prime Ministers welcomed the steady progress to realise 3.5 trillion yen of public and private financing to India in five years under the "Japan-India Investment Promotion Partnership." They also welcomed the progress in the projects at the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC), the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC) and the Chennai Bengaluru Industrial Corridor (CBIC). The two Prime Ministers also confirmed the importance of securing appropriate implementation of ODA projects.

Prime Minister Modi appreciated the significant contribution of Japan's ODA in the development and modernisation of infrastructure in India. In this regard, the two Prime Ministers welcomed progress in the ODA projects in urban transportation sector such as the Chennai and Ahmedabad Metro, the Mumbai Trans Harbor Link project, and the introduction of the Intelligence Transport System along the Eastern Peripheral Highway in Delhi. Prime Minister Abe expressed Japan's intention to support the upgrading of the ship-recycling yards of Alang, Bhavnagar District of Gujarat.

The two Prime Ministers expressed their strong commitment to work together to enhance connectivity, and welcomed the progress of the projects to enhance road connectivity in North Eastern India. They decided to build upon their cooperation in the field of smart cities to develop smart islands by initiating consultations to identify technologies, infrastructure, development strategies and management processes that would facilitate development of smart islands in an efficient and effective manner. The two Prime Ministers stressed the potential that the collaboration of India and Japan have in realising prosperous Indo-Pacific region in the 21st century. They decided to draw on the strength of shared values, convergent interests and complementary skills and resources, to promote economic and social development, capacity building, connectivity and infrastructure development in the region. In this regard, Prime Minister Abe proposed a new initiative combining the human, financial and technological resources of the two countries to advance these objectives including through Japanese ODA projects. Prime Minister Modi acknowledged the importance of bilateral cooperation in this regard.

The two Prime Ministers reaffirmed their shared commitment to the total elimination of nuclear weapons. Prime Minister Abe stressed the importance of early entry into force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT).

They called for an immediate commencement and early conclusion of negotiations on a non-discriminatory, multilateral and internationally and effectively verifiable Fissile Material Cut-off Treaty (FMCT) on the basis of Shannon Mandate. They also expressed their resolve towards strengthening international cooperation to address the challenges of nuclear proliferation and nuclear terrorism.

They recognised the importance of effective national export control systems. Japan welcomed India's recent accession to the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) and the Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation (HCOC) and its intensified engagement with the export control regimes. The two Prime Ministers reaffirmed their commitment to work together for India to become a full member in the remaining three international export control regimes: Nuclear Suppliers Group, Wassenaar Arrangement and Australia Group, with the aim of strengthening the international non-proliferation efforts. ■

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Revamped Aadhaar Toll-Free Helpline No. 1947 launched

With the growing use of Aadhaar in transactions related to services like Banking, Government Welfare Schemes, etc., the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), launched a revamped version of its Toll-free helpline number: 1947, to help residents get quick access to information about Aadhaar.

The free of cost helpline 1947 will be available 24x7 throughout the year on IVRS mode, while Call-Centre agents will be available from 7 am to 11 pm (Monday to Saturday). On Sundays, agents will answer calls from 8 am to 5 pm. On an average the helpline number handles about 1.5 lakh calls per day.

“Our toll-free helpline 1947, which has been revamped to handle more incoming calls, brings Aadhaar closer to everyone. It can be accessed through mobile or landline and will be especially beneficial in these times when the Aadhaar number is being increasingly used in the banking sector to identify individuals,” said Dr. Ajay Bhushan Pandey, Chief Executive Officer, UIDAI.



The Aadhaar toll-free helpline 1947 will among other things, enable residents to locate an Aadhaar Enrolment Centre, know generation status of an Aadhaar number (after enrolment) and help retrieve Aadhaar details of any person who has lost his/her Aadhaar or hasn't received it through post.

As Aadhaar is being used widely by people in the wake of the de-monetization exercise, UIDAI cautioned the public to clearly indicate purpose of providing photocopies of their Aadhaar letter to prevent misuse of the same.

“Photocopies of the Aadhaar letter are being submitted by the general public to banks. We urge them to clearly indicate the purpose for which they are submitting the same along with the date and time. This actually is a good practice whenever they submit photocopies of documents,” said Dr. Pandey.

“However, as Aadhaar is a digitally verifiable identity and can be authenticated anytime, anywhere, the chances of its misuse are limited,” added Dr. Pandey. (FOI)

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