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People's blessings are always humbling and are also a source of great energy.

— Narendra Modi



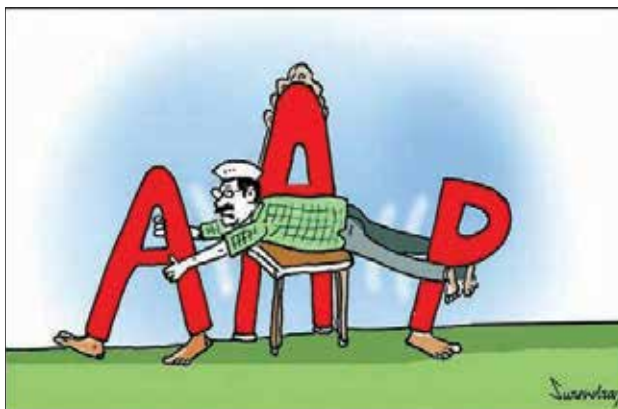
Under the leadership of PM Shri Narendra Modi Ji, the BJP has started a new journey of development across the country; the people of Tripura also want to join the BJP in this journey.

— Amit Shah

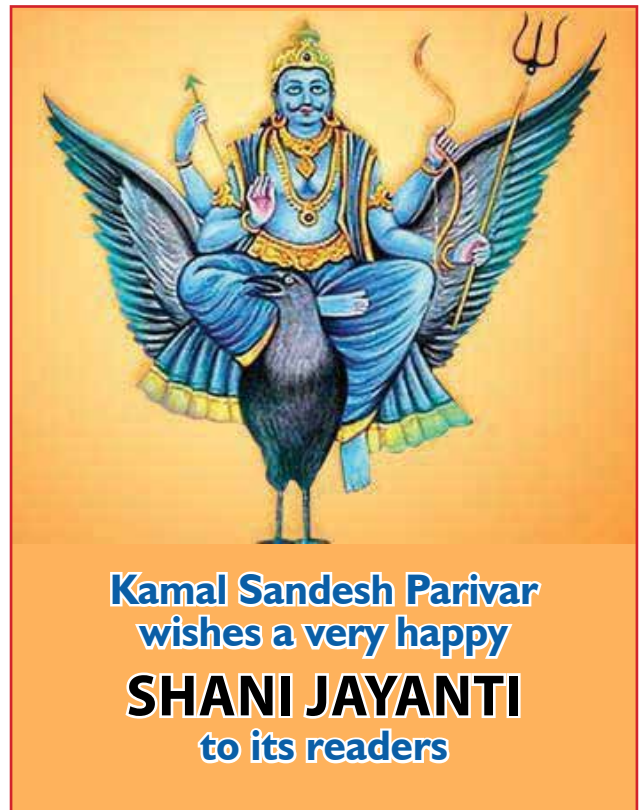


The South Asia Satellite is a gift from Modi government to neighbouring six nations. When Co-operation through land is not possible connect through space! This is the message of the GSLV-F09.

— M Venkaiah Naidu



Courtesy: The Hindu



# AAP writing its own obituary!

**A**rvind Kejriwal and his politics now stand completely exposed. Accused of accepting a bribe of Rs. 2 crore from his own minister Satyendra Jain, Kejriwal has responded by suspending his another minister Kapil Mishra for having charged him for corruption. An unprecedented situation has arisen in the country when a chief minister receives bribe from one of his own ministers in the presence of another minister. The betrayal is total when the chief minister refuses to come out in the open to defend his case. While Kejriwal continues to maintain studied silence, more questions are being raised on his refusal to make himself accountable in the public eye. Alas! A person who rode to power on the promise of probity, transparency and accountability today has fallen so low that he has no guts to face the public. One who skilled himself in the art of attacking adversaries with baseless allegations asking them to quit their offices is now hiding his face from the people.

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) was a bundle of contradiction right from the beginning. The widening gap between what it professed and what it practised was getting visible from its inception. It aimed at gaining all India presence without proving its mettle in Delhi. As soon as Kejriwal's ambitions were checked by people in Goa and Punjab, his party lost its deposits in Rajouri Garden bypolls held in Delhi. As if it was

not enough, the people of Delhi came out with a vengeance to punish him in MCD polls in which BJP won landslide victory and AAP became a distant second. In place of introspection Kejriwal sought to blame EVMs for such a humiliating defeat but was shown mirror by some of his own partymen. In place of accepting the defeat with humility Kejriwal sought to further alienate the people by raising malicious questions. He now appears to be a power hungry politician bereft of any conscience and ready to do anything for power. While the question that why people punished AAP so hard in just around two years still rings in the air, the charges of bribery and corruption have revealed the real AAP culture ready to touch new lows in politics. The rot within the party now appears to be much deeper than one can imagine. Just within two years six of the seven ministers in AAP had to resign on serious charges of corruption and misuse of office and now chief minister Kejriwal is himself in the dock.

Why a party which promised to cleanse politics in India by claiming the mantle of anti-corruption movement has itself got afflicted with all the ills within such a short time? The answer is not far to seek, it worked tirelessly against its own stated agenda creating new records of political dishonesty and betrayal. The party cultivated a personality-centric culture right from the beginning and it led to single man authoritarianism in the party. In attempting to craft a towering image for himself Kejriwal not only misused public money but ousted any possible challenge from within its rank. The first victim of such self-centric politics was the internal democracy of the party. So now if Kejriwal is questioned, it leads to existential crisis in AAP. The quick success in politics made the

AAP leadership take people's mandate for granted while reneging on its promises of probity, transparency and accountability in public life. Its attempt to hoodwink the people on its very poor record in governance by blaming Prime Minister Narendra Modi for its failures has eroded its credibility in the public. But the manner in which AAP leadership has been responding to repeated defeats also raises a question mark over their faith in democracy. It also shows that AAP leadership feels that it can fool the people many time and believes that people can again be trapped by its public posturings. Kejriwal has failed to understand that people will not forgive him again and again as this time he has crossed all his limits. At present only this much can be said that AAP is busy writing its own obituary! ■

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# BJP wants to build a “Sonar Bangla”: Amit Shah



**B**JP National President Shri Amit Shah made a three day's Pravas in Bengal from April 25 and reached out to common people in Naxalbari, the birthplace of Left-wing extremism in India and Bhananipur, which is CM Mamata Banerjee's constituency. He kicked-up his three-day tour of West Bengal from Naxalbari, the place Naxal motion had begun in 1960's, and mentioned that the BJP would win lots of the Lok Sabha seats from West Bengal in 2019. His three-day visit is aimed at strengthening the organisation in West Bengal and emerge as the principle opposition to the ruling Trinamool Congress.

Addressing BJP workers in Kolkata Shri Amit Shah described Bengal as the “most poverty-stricken state” in the country and said once BJP came to power in the state, it would flourish like Maharashtra and Gujarat.

Asserting that Bengal was next on the radar, Shri Shah said he had coined a slogan, ‘Ebar Bangla’ (this time, Bengal) for the purpose. “I witnessed massive enthusiasm among the people during my visit and I am sure that the BJP will win in Bengal,” he added.

The BJP president slammed the Left front and TMC for turning West Bengal into a poorer state.



“The Communist and Trinamool Congress made the Sonar Bangla a poorer state. These days, unemployment, violence and appeasement politics have brought an atmosphere of misrule in Bengal.

Shri Shah criticized the Mamata Banerjee government and stated that Central government initiatives were not applied in the state. “Mamata Banerjee government isn’t letting relevant Union Govt Schemes to reach to the grassroots.

Shri Shah said the BJP wanted a government in the state which would provide employment, check cross-border infiltration and build a “sonar Bangla”.

Only the BJP under Narendra Modi’s leadership can provide such a government. No one else can,” he said, adding, “Bengal will flourish like Maharashtra and Gujarat.”

He also accused the Mamata Banerjee-led West Bengal government of unleashing atrocities on the people in a way never seen since Independence.

Earlier, the BJP President visited three houses at Gouranganagar, on the outskirts of Kolkata city, as part of a mass contact programme aimed at expanding the party’s base in the state. The residents greeted him by blowing conch shells and offered him sweets.

At a core committee meeting with state BJP leaders, he reportedly asked them to reach out to

the masses and expand the party’s organisation.

He said the BJP leadership to reach out to people educating them about the development that the BJP under the leadership of Narendra Modi has ushered in the states that are being ruled by us.

Shri Amit Shah has also called for discipline among the party workers.

### **BOOTH-LEVEL PARTY WORKERS MEETING AT RAJARHAT**

Holding a meeting with booth-level party workers at Rajarhat he said, “The atmosphere I have seen in last three days has made me confident that next time, BJP will form a government in West Bengal. It will be a government for the people, which will make sure that you do not have to move court to hold immersion of Durga idols. Once a BJP government is formed, Bangladeshi infiltrators will



be stopped at the border and youth will get employment,” Shri Shah told party workers at Rajarhat.

“In the last three days, I have interacted with the people of West Bengal. The kind of atrocities the state government has inflicted on the people of West Bengal has never been seen anywhere in the country after Independence. You can never see the kind of poverty, which is visible here, in any other state of the country,” Shri Shah said. He added, “I



assure you that once a BJP government is formed in West Bengal, the state will turn into a happy state like other BJP ruled states.

The kind of response the BJP has received, I am confident that people would bring another change (poribortan) here.”

At the booth-level meeting at Sukantanagar in Rajarhat, he launched a ‘booth chalo abhijan’. He also met locals who offered him sweets and showered flower petals on him.

### **AMIT SHAH EATS AT A DALIT HOME AT NAXALBARI; KICKS OFF ‘BOOTH CHALO’ DRIVE**

On the first day of his visit, BJP President Shri Amit Shah had a meal at a Dalit home at Naxalbari in north Bengal. BJP President Shri Amit Shah sat cross-legged on the floor in a small hut in a north Bengal village in Naxalbari and ate a traditional Bengali meal served on banana leaf. He was hosted for lunch by Geeta Mahali and her husband Raju, a house painter.

### **BENGAL TRIBAL COUPLE WHO HOSTED ME FORCED TO JOIN TRINAMOL: AMIT SHAH**

BJP National President Amit Shah on 06 May, 2017 said that the tribal couple with whom he had lunch in West Bengal last month was forcibly made to join the ruling Trinamool Congress.

“The tribal couple did not join the Trinamool on their own, they were forced to join the ruling party,” Shri Shah told reporters in Agartala.

Noteworthy, Raju Mahali and his wife Geeta had hogged media limelight when Shri Amit Shah ate food at the tribal couple's village home at Naxalbari in West Bengal on 25 April. As per media reports the TMC leaders forced the couple to join their party after BJP President's visit.





'No maachher jhol or Bengal's famous fish curry for Shri Shah. I served a simple vegetarian meal of rice, daal, potol or pointed gourd and a squash curry, with salad and papad', said Smt. Geeta Mahali after hosting Shri Shah.

At the modest home in Dakkhin Katiajote village, Shri Shah received jamai ador, special treatment reserved for a son-in-law.

Smt. Mahali, in a red and green sari, sat to Shri Amit Shah's left as he ate. To his right sat the BJP Bengal President Shri Dilip Ghosh. As he launched the BJP's Mission Bengal, Shri Shah has set an internal target for Shri Ghosh and his team. He said uproot Mamata Banerjee's Trinamool Congress by 2019, when Prime Minister Narendra Modi will seek

To establish the BJP at the grassroots in West Bengal, the BJP President Shri Amit Shah launched a booth-level campaign 'booth- Chalo' in Naxalbari, where the violent Naxal movement of the 1960s had begun.

Shri Shah said Bengal symbolizes unemployment, violence and appeasement politics and only a BJP government can change it.

### BJP PRESIDENT VISITS THE HOUSE OF JAN SANGH FOUNDER SYAMA PRASAD MOOKERJEE

Before concluding his three-day Bengal Pravas, Shri Amit Shah visits the ancestral house of Jan Sangh founder Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee's ancestral house in Kolkata's Bhawanipore and paid



Will spread the message of PM Modi's pro-poor governance and Sabka Saath-Sabka Vikas from Naxalbadi, once known for violent Red Revolution.

**Poverty that I have witnessed in Bengal exists in no other place in the country. Another 'paribartan' in Bengal is inevitable.**



a second term in the national election.

"The Trinamool Congress may think they can stop Modiji's chariot, but they cannot stop it. The more they try to stop us, the more the lotus will bloom here," Shri Shah said at a meeting of BJP workers after the lunch, adding, "In 2019 Lok Sabha polls, the BJP will get the maximum number of seats in West Bengal. The people of the country will witness it."

floral tribute to the bust of Dr. Mookerjee.

Interacting with media persons BJP president once again reiterated that next time the BJP will form government in Bengal. "I have been here for three days. On Tuesday, I had been to North Bengal. On Wednesday, I spent time at Bhawanipore and today I am here at Rajarhat. Poverty that I have witnessed in Bengal exists in no other place in the country. Another 'paribartan' in Bengal is inevitable". ■

# BJP sweeps MCD polls

## Wins all 3 Municipal Corporations of Delhi



As per the data released by EC, the BJP increased its vote share by around 5%, while AAP's vote share came down to half of its previous tally. In the Delhi municipal elections, over 70% of the 2,516 candidates, including 40 of the AAP and 92 of the Congress lost their security deposit.

**T**he BJP on April 26, 2017 got a thumping victory in Municipal elections and emerged as the clear winner in the Municipal Corporations of Delhi with 181 seats in its pool, bettering its existing strength of 138. It decimated the AAP and the Congress in MCD.

The Aam Aadmi Party, which is in the power in Delhi came a distant second with just 48 seats in all the three Delhi municipal corporations, while the Congress could just manage to win 30 seats and others got 10 seats.

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Congratulations to the people of Delhi, to give this huge public support to the Bharatiya Janata Party. Hearty congratulations to State President @ManojTiwariMP and all the workers on the grand victory of Bharatiya Janata Party in Delhi Municipal Corporation elections.

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This time BJP's lead in north, south and east civic bodies are uniform.

The BJP's resounding win in the East Civic Body

is particularly noteworthy as the region had fell in one single swoop into the clutches of the Aam Aadmi Party in 2015 assembly elections. This time, the BJP candidates have won even in wards represented by deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia of AAP.

In the South Civic Body, the BJP has vastly improved its tally from the 44 seats it had won

## People rejected negative politics: Amit Shah

Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri Amit Shah, while speaking to media in Kolkata, West Bengal congratulated BJP on the thumping win in MCD elections in Delhi. He said that the result in Delhi is another push in BJP's victory march. He also took a dig at Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal and the AAP government. Shri Shah said that the results show that it is an end of politics of negativity. He added that BJP's welfare politics of 'sabka saath' has won over the politics of blame game and excuses.

Shri Shah also thanked the people of Delhi for showing faith in BJP and said that the results are like a stamp of approval on the three years of work done by PM Shri Narendra Modi in the country. Shri Shah also congratulated Shri Manoj Tiwari and other party workers in Delhi.

The BJP National President said the people of Delhi have rejected the negative politics and put their seal of approval on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas' programme.

"This is an unprecedented win for the BJP. I express my gratitude to the people of Delhi. This is the victory of Modiji's leadership," he said. "The people of Delhi have rejected the negative politics and the politics of

excuses and helped Modiji's 'vijay rath' to move forward. It is recognition of Modiji's leadership," he said.

Shri Shah said, "Our opponents were expecting the winning run of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to come to a halt in Delhi, but due to the hard work and passion of the party workers, a massive victory was secured. Our main target was not the MCD polls. This victory has laid the foundation for the BJP to form the next government in Delhi".

Expressing gratitude to the people of Delhi, Shri Shah said "In MCD's three municipal bodies, they have given us the victory with unexpected majority."





**MCD ELECTION 2017-PARTYWISE SEATS & VOTES %**

PARTY	SEATS	VOTE %
Bharatiya Janata Party	181	36.08
Aam Aadmi Party	48	26.23
Indian National Congress	30	21.09
Independent	6	8.44
Bahujan Samaj Party	3	4.44
Indian National Lok Dal	1	0.64
Samajwadi Party	1	0.39
Total	270	



@narendramodi

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elections, the BJP was not able to win a single seat in south Delhi so its MCD tally will be a shot in the arm for the party.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi expressed gratitude to the people of Delhi for reposing faith in the BJP and ensuring its resounding victory in MCD polls.

In a twitter message he said, "Grateful to the people of Delhi for the faith in BJP. I laud the hardwork of team @BJP4Delhi which made the resounding MCD win possible".

After the results BJP dedicated to dedicate its impending win to the slain CRPF personnel in Chhattisgarh's Sukma district and decided to refrain from any celebrations.

Delhi BJP President Shri Manoj Tiwari said that every heart is filled with grief over Monday's killing of 25 CRPF men by Naxals in Sukma and the party will not celebrate the victory. We dedicate to dedicate this win in the feet of Sukma martyrs," he said.

Taking a dig at AAP over the defeat in the municipal elections Delhi BJP President Shri Manoj Tiwari said, "The party which won 67 Assembly seats has not even managed to get 67 wards. Shri Manoj Tiwari gave credit to PM Shri Narendra Modi's vision and hard work of party national preside Shri Amit Shah and party workers. ■

in 2012. This time, the party ended up with wins in more than 60 wards. In the 2015 Assembly

# PM launches UDAN – Ude Desh Ka Aam Naagrik- from Shimla



**T**he Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on April 27 launched UDAN – the Regional Connectivity Scheme for civil aviation, from Shimla Airport. Under this scheme, flights have begun on 27 April, the date of inauguration, from Shimla, Nanded and Kadapa Airports. The Prime Minister also unveiled an e-plaque to mark the laying of Foundation Stone of a Hydro Engineering College at Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh. The Prime Minister addressed the gathering at Shimla Airport, and also at Nanded and Kadapa via video link. He said the lives of the middle class are being transformed, and their aspirations are rising. He said that given the right chance, they can do wonders. He added that the aviation sector in India is filled with opportunity. Mentioning the scheme name – UDAN – Ude Desh Ka Aam Naagrik – he said that aviation was once considered the domain of a select few, but that has changed now. He said

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the new civil aviation policy marks an opportunity to cater to the aspirations of the people of India. He said Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities are becoming growth engines, and enhanced aviation connectivity between them will be beneficial. He said the UDAN scheme will help the tourism sector in Himachal Pradesh. ■

# Employees can withdraw their PF savings to pay hospital bills by submitting a self-declared form to EPFO

**N**ow, employees can withdraw their provident fund savings to pay hospital bills in case of serious illness by submitting a self-declared form to the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation. The Labour Ministry has notified on April 25 doing away with the requirement of EPF subscribers to get their employer's approval or submit doctor certificates to withdraw provident fund savings for medical purposes.

Employees with EPF accounts are allowed to withdraw provident fund savings up to six months' salary in cases of hospitalisation for at least a month, major surgical operation or in case they are suffering from tuberculosis, leprosy, paralysis, cancer and heart ailments.

Earlier, employees were required to produce a certificate from the employer stating that the Employees' State Insurance Scheme facility is not



provided to them along with a doctor's certificate of serious illness. Physically challenged employees will also not be required to produce a certificate from a medical practitioner to withdraw their EPF savings for purchasing equipment or aids. ■

## M. Venkaiah Naidu launches MSEFC Portal and MyMSME Mobile App

### Delayed Payment Cases & MSME Schemes Brought Online

**S**hri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Union Minister for Urban Development, Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation and Union Minister for Information & Broadcasting launched two important initiatives of the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (Ministry of MSME), viz. Micro and Small Enterprises



Facilitation Council (MSEFC) portal and MyMSME Mobile App on the occasion of the 15th Meeting of the National Board for MSME in New Delhi on April 27. Union Minister for MSME Shri Kalraj Mishra and Minister of State for MSME

Shri Haribhai Parthibhai Chaudhary were present on this august occasion. ■

## Over 21 lakh LED Street Lights installed across India under Street Light National Programme

**U**nder the Government of India's Street Lighting National Programme (SLNP) over 21 lakh conventional street lights have been replaced with LED street lights across the country. The newly installed lights have led to brighter streets, feeling of enhanced safety and security among the residents and motorists. Energy Efficiency Services Limited, a Public Energy Services Company under the administration of Ministry of Power, Government of India (GoI) is the implementing agency for SLNP.

The installation of LED street lights has resulted in Annual energy savings of 295 million unit kWh, avoided capacity of over 73 MW and reduction of 2.3 lakh tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> annually. The project has been implemented across 23 states and union territories. The lighting level on roads have increased significantly after the replacement.

EESL is also implementing a special heritage lighting project, wherein 1000 LED street lights have been installed in Kashi region of Uttar Pradesh, and another 4000 lights are being installed.

Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi launched 100 cities National Programme on 5th January 2015 to convert conventional street and domestic lights with energy efficient LED lights. Under Street Light National Programme (SLNP), Government aims to replace 1.34 crore conventional street lights with energy efficient LED lights. ■



## RERA will save home buyers from, overcharging, delaying in delivery & fraudulent practices of builders

**T**he Real Estate Act 2016 has come into effect from May 1, 2017. The Act was passed by parliament in March 2016. The union government of India notified the rules under the Real Estate Regulation Act 2016 (RERA), which will be applicable to the five union territories. And states will notify its own rule under the Real Estate Regulation Act 2016 (RERA). Yet only 14 states have notified their rules. RERA will be applicable all residential and commercial project which are being built over area of 500 sq meter or having 8 flats.



### Some main features of the act

- Developers have to open an escrow account for all sales proceeds and use this account for all payments for the particular project. 70% of the money collected, has to remain in the escrow account, to facilitate all project-related expenses and the rest of the money can be taken out by the developer to use as they deem fit.
- There is an interest penalty for delayed possession that is imposed on the developer.
- Projects can only be launched, upon receiving the relevant approvals from the concerned authorities. These approvals have to be put up on the RERA website, along with all the pertinent project details and the project has to be approved by the regulatory authority. Customers can log onto the RERA website, to see the project's details.
- Sale of properties will strictly be on the basis of carpet area.
- Any grievance has to be resolved by the state's real estate regulatory authority, within 60 days. ■

# DHARMA IS NOT RELIGION

— PT. DEENDAYAL UPADHYAYA

**T**HE distortions of Dharma that we now-a-days see all around us are largely the result of foreign education. The English word 'religion' has substantially contributed in distorting the pure meaning of Dharma. The British first heard the word when they came to India. They had no word of an equally comprehensive meaning. So they translated it as religion. Such translation has distorted the meaning of Indian words. Dharma is a very wide term which includes many religions. A religion a system of worship, and there are many such systems prevailing in this land. But in spite of these systems and sects Dharma is one. Dharma is that which is good for everyone irrespective of the system of worship and can open up for him the way to salvation.

## DHARMA SUSTAINS WORLD

RELIGION means a creed, or a sect, it does not mean Dharma. Dharma is a very broad concept. It is concerned with all aspects of life. It sustains society. It sustains the whole world. That which sustains is "Dharma"

The fundamental principles of Dharma are eternal and universal. Yet their implementation may differ according to time, place and circumstance.

The complete treatise on the rules in general and their philosophical basis is the meaning of Dharma.

These rules cannot be arbitrary. They should be such as to sustain and further the existence and progress of the entity which they serve.

## FUNDAMENTAL OF CIVILISED LIFE

WE believe in Dharma not just because it is instrumental in acquiring Artha but because it is a fundamental principle of civilized life.

Kama too can be attained only through Dharma. Having produced the material things, such as nice food, when, where, how and in what measure it



will be used can be determined only by Dharma. If a sick person eats food meant for a healthy one and vice versa, both of them will be at a disadvantage. Dharma helps in restraining the natural tendencies of man whereby he is able to determine what is beneficial to him apart from what is pleasurable. Hence Dharma is given the fore- most place in our culture.

## DHARMA GUIDES GOD

GOD cannot act contrary to Dharma. If he does, then he is not omnipotent. Adharma is a characteristic of weakness, not of strength. If fire; instead of radiating heat, dies out, it is no longer strong. Strength lies not in unrestrained behaviour, but in well-regulated action. Therefore God who is omnipotent is also self-regulated and consequently fully in tune with Dharma. God descends in the human body to destroy adharma and re-establish Dharma, not to act on passing whims and fancies. Hence even God can do everything but act contrary to Dharma. But for the risk of being misunderstood, one can say that Dharma is even greater than God. The universe is sustained because He act: according to Dharma.

## DHARMA IS HIGHER

NEITHER the Legislature is higher nor the Judiciary. Dharma is higher than both. The Legislature will have to act according to Dharma. Dharma will specify the limits of both. The Legislature, the Judiciary or the people, none of these is supreme. Some will say, "Why, people are sovereign. They elect". But even the people are not sovereign because people too have no right to act against Dharma. If an elected government allows people to go against Dharma and does not punish, then that government is in reality a government of thieves. Even the general will cannot go against Dharma. Imagine the situation, if by some manoeuvring,





thieves gain a majority in the government and send one of their ranks as an executive. What will be the duty of the minority if the majority is of thieves and elects a thief to rule ?

### **DHARMA RAJYA**

IN our country we cannot think of any sentiment with which Dharma is not bound up. Hence we feel that our State cannot forsake Dharma. A secular State, in our opinion, does not mean a State without Dharma. The word Religion means a tenet in this country and those who believe it are called sects like the Jains, Shaivas and Christians. Naturally the State cannot belong to any of these sects. It must look on all with an equal eye. So we can say that a State is non-sectarian. This would be the ideal, but such a State, even without being partial to a particular sect or against some other sect, can encourage ways and means of achieving both material and spiritual progress and thus be called Dharma Rajya.

### **JANA RAJYA AND DHARMA RAJYA**

IF the four million people of Kashmir say that they want to secede, if the people of Goa say they want to secede and if some say they want the Portuguese to return, all this will be against Dharma. Of the 45 crore people of India, even if 449,999,999 opt for something which is against Dharma, even then this does not become truth. On the other hand, even if one person stands for something which is in accord with Dharma, that constitutes truth, because truth resides with Dharma. It is the duty of this one person that he tread the path of truth and change people. It is from this basis that a person derives the right to proceed according to Dharma.

Let us understand very clearly that Dharma is not necessarily with the majority or with the people. Dharma is eternal. Therefore, in the definition of democracy, to say that it is a government of the people is not enough ; it has to be for the good of the people. Dharma alone can decide.. Therefore, a democratic government "Jana Rajya", must also be rooted in Dharma i.e. a "Dharma Rajya". In the definition of 'Democracy' viz. "government

of the people, by the people and for the people", 'of ' stands for independence, 'by' stands for democracy, and 'for' indicates Dharma. Therefore the true democracy is one where there is freedom as well as Dharma.

### **WRONG MEANING OF SPIRITUALISM**

ONE of the main reasons for looking to the West for a solution to economic problems is the mistaken belief that Indian culture and religion, being spiritual, are indifferent towards problems of a material life. This erroneous belief is the result of deliberate propaganda and of a wrong meaning of spiritualism. As a matter of fact our definition of religion ('Dharma') has taken materialism fully into account. Dharma is defined as that which leads to both physical and metaphysical development. Materialism and spiritualism are neither contradictory nor separate from each other. Spiritualism is a point of view of life from which we look at all problems. If spiritualism can give a true definition of the universe there is no reason why it should not give us a solution to all problems of the world. India has not thought only of the metaphysical world, it has thought of material wealth also. Chanakya has said that happiness depends upon Dharma and Dharma depends upon material wealth.

### **DYNAMIC RELIGION**

THE Vedic Religion has always undergone transformation. This religion is dynamic and living. It is not like a stagnant pool. New thoughts have always entered this religion and old thoughts have developed through change, but every new change has kept up its link with the old. Every new agitator maintained a feeling of reverence for his ancestors. Every new reformer gave respect to our ancient tradition, our ancestors and achievements and at the same time propounded new thoughts to suit the times. As these new thoughts had not broken off with the basic thought, they did not in any way harm the life of the nation. On the contrary, they contributed to its development. ■

*(Excerpts from the book - "Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya A Profile" edited by Sudhakar Rajee)*

# Vinod Khanna no more

**B**JP leader and veteran Bollywood actor Shri Vinod Khanna died at the Age of 70 on April 27 after prolonged illness. He was elected from Gurdaspur for 1998–2009 and 2014–2017. Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee in his government appointed him as the Minister for Culture and Tourism in July 2002. Six months later, he was made the Minister of State for External Affairs.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi condoled the demise of Shri Khanna. “Will always remember Vinod Khanna as a popular actor, dedicated leader and a wonderful human being. Pained by his demise. My condolences,” Shri Modi tweeted.

A number of political leaders expressed their condolence on Khanna’s death.

“Saddened to know about the demise of one of the greatest legends of Indian cinema,” Maharashtra Chief Minister Shri Devendra Fadnavis said. “We have lost an eminent personality who played a variety of roles in his film career and later in his social-political life.” Fadnavis added.

Information and Broadcasting Minister M. Venkaiah Naidu condoling the demise of Vinod Khanna, Shri Naidu said, “His contribution to Indian cinema is tremendous and it will be very difficult to fill the void caused by his untimely death,” he added.

Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan said in her condolence message he would be remembered as a perfect gentleman with a perennial smile on his face. “I am deeply saddened to learn about Vinod Khanna’s sad and untimely demise, She added.

Khanna was born in a Punjabi family to Kamla and Kishanchand Khanna on 6 October 1946, in Peshawar, British India (now in Pakistan). He had three sisters and one brother. Shortly after his birth, India was partitioned and the family left Peshawar and moved to Mumbai. Khanna became a follower of the spiritual teacher Osho (Rajneesh) and left the film industry in 1982 for five years.

Vinod Khanna was not only successful actor but also a successful businessman and politician too. In 1997, Khanna joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and was



I got extremely grieved by sudden demise of senior leader of BJP, Lok Sabha MP and famous actor Shri Vinod Khannaji. Shri Khanna was an outstanding leader, a committed party worker and marvelous actor.

Multifaceted personality Shri Vinod Khanna was elected four times to Lok Sabha and became Minister of State for cultural and subsequently became minister of state for foreign affairs in Atalji`s led NDA government. He remained pillar of value based politics and remained always attached to the people and raised their issues in Parliament.

His demise is not only loss to film-world but also irreparable loss to the Bharatiya Janata Party. In the hour of grief I, myself ,and from our party workers express deep condolence for grief –stricken family and his lakhs of fans.

— Shri Amit Shah

elected from Gurdaspur constituency in Punjab in the next year’s Lok Sabha poll. In 1999, he was re-elected to the Lok Sabha from the same constituency. Later, he became union minister for culture and tourism in July 2002. Six months later, he was moved to the ministry of external affairs (MEA) as Minister of State. In 2004 he won re-election from Gurdaspur. However, Khanna lost out in the 2009 general elections. In 2014 general election he was again elected for 16th Loksabha from same constituency. ■

# Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas: Appeasement of none

I GOPAL KRISHNA AGRAWAL

**C**ommunal politics, which ironically passes for Secularism in India, has been the bane of Indian politics. The genesis of it can be traced to the British policy of 'divide and rule'. The ultimate result of this policy was the tragic partition of India. The Indian Constitution, therefore, was a complete repudiation of these kinds of ideas and the politics that perpetuated it. It considered and rejected the suggestions of separate electorate for the minorities and the proportional representation system, which it felt would lead to a perpetually enervated nation. But in most of the policies followed till now we have seen furtherance of vote banks politics. The narrative has to change.

The recent events, particularly The Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed by a Ankur Sharma

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in the hon'ble Supreme Court of India and the subsequent affidavits by the Central and State Government of J & K gives us a fresh chance to look into the whole issue of secularism v/s communalism



debate in light of Minorities Commission and the Constitution.

The Constitution of India recognizes religious and linguistic minorities and has given them the fundamental right to protect their culture, script and language under Articles 29 and 30. It has, however, not defined or identified religious and linguistic minorities. The question of level of administration for the identification of religious and linguistic minorities was also left unanswered. This was finally settled by the Supreme Court in the T.M.A. Pai Foundation & Ors v/s State of Karnataka & Ors wherein the Court held that for the purpose of determining minority, the unit would be the State and not the whole of India.

To look into many of the issues, Minorities Commission was set up by a Ministry of Home Affairs resolution dated 12.01.1978 to ensure that the minorities are able to enjoy the safeguards provided for them in the Constitution and various Central and State laws. National Commission for Minorities Act was passed in 1992 to give a statutory backing to the Commission, to henceforth be known as the National Commission for Minorities. According to section 1(ii) of the Act, it extends to the whole of India except the State of Jammu and Kashmir and as per section 2(iii) 'minority'

for the purpose of the Act means a community notified as such by the Central Government. Using this power, the Central government through a Gazette notification dated 22nd October, 1993 notified Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists and Zoroastrians (Parsis) as 'minorities' for the purpose of this Act. Jains were declared as minority later.

According to the 2011 census, out of 28 states and 7 union territories, Hindus are religious minority in 7 states and 1 UT. They are Arunachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Punjab and the UT of Lakshadweep. When we specifically look into the affairs in J&K we notice that Hindus have been at the receiving end of majoritarian

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wrath and the Constitutional guarantee of liberty of thought, expression, belief, faith and worship are being violated here. It is also relevant to talk about the status of West Pakistan refugees living here. They had migrated from then West Pakistan at the time of India's partition. The reports suggest that they are about 2.5 lakhs Hindus. They are not recognized as state subjects and denied the most basic human rights.

Though the Act nowhere makes it mandatory for the States to have a Minorities Commission of their own. 18 out of 29 states have their own Minorities

Commission. However, what is most important to note, whether all get the benefits of being a minority community in all the states, where they are in minority! For example, in the State of Punjab, Hindus consist only 38.4% of the total population but they have not been notified as minority in the Punjab State Commission for Minorities Act, 2012. Similar is the case in many states. To insist on special dispensation for minorities and deny Hindus minority status where they are entitled to, as is being done by various political parties, isn't is amoral?

Further, The Supreme Court judgment in 2011 in *Bal Patil and Anr. v/s Union of India and Ors* (the case had come to the apex court in appeal as the Mumbai High Court had rejected the demand of a section of Jain community to issue a direction to the Central Government to declare Jains as minority under section 2(iii) of the Minorities Commission Act) had said that the National and State Minorities Commissions should direct their activities to maintain the unity and integrity of India by gradually eliminating the minority and majority classes. It also said that Minority Commission should act in a manner so as to prevent generating feelings of multiculturalism in various sections of India. But rejecting all this, the then UPA government, went ahead and declared Jains as a minority community in 2014, before the elections, just keeping in mind the vote bank politics.

In all earnestness, we need to move beyond this binary narrative of minority-majority. Our government is committed to the philosophy of 'Antyodaya', i.e, working for the benefit of the last person in the queue. It does not want to look at citizens through the prism of caste, religion, language or sect. Our focus of pro poor economic policies and empowerment of farmers, backward classes and women will bring positive results, where there is equal opportunities for all and appeasement of none. 'Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas' ■

*(Writer is National Spokesperson BJP)*

# Conceptualising Development, Contextualising Policies

SHIV SHAKTI BAKSHI

Commenting on five year plans way back in 1958 in his book “The Two Plans: Promises, Performances and Prospects”, Jansangh ideologue Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya doubted whether centralised economic planning can be concordant with democracy and the need of essentializing socialist economy with planning. While scrutinizing the relation between annual budget and plans covering a definite period he was of the opinion that real solution to Indian problem may hardly be sought in political and economy ethos developed in West. He advocated a new process of thought in consonance with Indian environment. NITI Aayog aims to process the methods of planning within the framework of Indian realities while seeking solutions in the

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context of larger goals. NITI Aayog's mandate to prepare 'Three Year Action AGENDA (TYAA), Seven Year Strategy (SYS) and Fifteen Year Vision (FYV)' documents may be seen in such an alternative economic vision for the country which differed from hitherto followed Nehruvian economics drawing heavily from the Western economic models.

As the 12th Five Year Plan formally ended in 2017 NITI Aayog has come out with TYAA document outlining the approaches towards

new policy initiatives to be taken between 2017-18 and 2019-20. The document is supposed to be in alignment with the Seven Year Strategy and Fifteen Year Vision documents which is under process now. While covering a wide range of issues, the TYAA is infused with a new vision and goals. A document divided into seven parts and 24 chapters promises to conceptualise development strategies in contemporary idioms. While it spells tentative medium term fiscal management it never loses focus on agriculture, industry and services. The aim of doubling farmers' income and creation of high productivity jobs in industry and services if achieved can take the economy on a high growth trajectory. It also promises to turn focus to rural sector talking about rural transformation while simultaneously giving impetus to urban development by coining new regional strategies. The document has an interesting feature when it talks about growth enablers in terms of Transport, Digital Connectivity, Public-Private Partnership (PPP), Energy, Science and Technology and Innovation and Entrepreneurship. In building an inclusive society it acknowledges the role of health, education and skill development. It also deals with governance, taxation, competition and rule of law discussing a plethora of much needed reforms in judiciary, police, legal framework, law and order and justice delivery system. It appears to be comprehensive while addressing the issue of sustainability taking into account environment, forests and management of water resources.

The goal of doubling farmers' income by 2022-23 is a crucial component of the TYAA which has detailed the challenges and the strategies required to meet them. Even while acknowledging the dependence of majority of people on agriculture

in India, rarely governments are seen prioritizing it with well set targets which are ambitious as well as achievable. Although agriculture is a state subject yet the dependence of vast majority of people currently estimated to be around 45.7% on it requires central government to intervene through central sector and centrally sponsored schemes. Also, there are issues which cut across borders of the states and calls for effective coordination in terms of marketing and movements of agricultural produce. To ensure that farmers get optimal returns of their produce the current system needs massive overhauling in implementation of MSP and existing agricultural marketing system. While MSP procurements cater to selected commodities within a limited geographical reach, the agriculture marketing suffers from policy distortions, fragmentation resulting from large number of intermediaries, poor infrastructure, lack of vertical integration and stranglehold of official mandis. The TYAA has rightly emphasised the need to reform Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee (APMC) Act and Essential commodities Act while acknowledging the role electronic-National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) which can play important role in correcting the system. These initiatives may go a long way in creating a new agro ecosystem in the country.

While the need of second green revolution is being felt in the face of stagnating growth in agriculture sector, boosting productivity is also a major challenge. Although India appears self sufficient in food grain production, it has yet to reach optimal productivity level matching the global standards. The situation can be understood from the fact that second crop is grown in less than 40% of the land and it's even as low as 25% in some states. The TYAA focuses on irrigation, seeds, technology and a shift to high value farm products such as fruits, vegetables, milk, eggs, chicken and fisheries for boosting productivity in a sustainable manner. Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme(AIBP), Har Khet Ko Paani, Per Drop More Crop and Watershed Development under

Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) is set to provide a sound framework for effective use of water in irrigation. The document also talks about a vibrant, responsive, market oriented and globally competitive agricultural research ecosystem. The attempt to enhance horticulture, dairying, poultry, piggery and small ruminant husbandry activities may help in substantially increasing the farmers' income. The focus on addressing the problem arising from traditional way of landholding patterns, record keeping and innovative methods of leasing land for farming may pave the way for use of advance methods and technology in agriculture sector.

In the fast changing global economic scenario the TYAA has attempted to engage with policy initiatives connecting diverse fields within a strategy framework. In dealing comprehensively with the Indian objective to eliminate poverty in all its dimensions the document has a transformative agenda not only for agriculture sector but for the entire economy. It has to be accepted that without revolutionising agriculture the growth trajectory of 8% plus in the coming two to three years may not appear achievable and as the TYAA seems to have recognized this fact its claim of having an alternative economic vision and much needed policy framework may not be disputed. While critiquing the manner in which planning was done without taking into account the Indian realities, requirements and problems, Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya was of the opinion that only decentralized, agro-industrial rural society can be the backbone of our economy. It remains to be seen as to how effectively TYAA, SYS and FYV are linked together to present a holistic vision for the country while prioritizing the agriculture sector at the same time. If NITI Aayog does it, no one will deny that Indian economy ambitious targets can be met with effective implementation. It will also be credited for conceptualizing developmental initiatives and contextualizing the policy frameworks within the Indian realities. ■

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# Under Congress rule corruption is rampant in Himachal Pradesh: Amit Shah

**B**haratiya Janata Party National President Shri Amit Shah on reaching Himachal Pradesh for a two-day visit to the state was given a rousing welcome at the Dharamsala airport, Himachal Pradesh on May 04, 2017.

The two-day meeting with state party leadership was held at Palampur town. It was attended by state leaders, office bearers of the district and block units and various frontal organizations. The BJP president gathered feedback from the state party leaders to draw effective strategy for assembly polls.

BJP president Shri Amit Shah launched an attack on the Congress government in Himachal Pradesh, accusing it of not utilising the funds sanctioned liberally by the Centre.

He also predicted a landslide victory in the upcoming assembly elections with a two-third majority and said the Central funds will be spent once the party forms the government in the hill state.

Talking to mediapersons, Shri Shah said that corruption was rampant in Himachal Pradesh. While mafias are ruling the roost, it is surprising the chief minister is treating the corruption charges as "medals", Shri Shah said, taking a dig at Virbhadra Singh, the state's CM. "The funds given by the Centre are not being fully utilised and it appears that these funds would be spent by the BJP government after the assembly polls," he said, adding that the NDA government had been too liberal in sanctioning projects and funds to the state.

He said that the centre had sanctioned Rs 2850 crore for Una-Hamirpur railway line and the survey of Bhanupalli- Bilaspur-Mandi-Manali-Leh strategic railway line had been completed, while several other projects are in the pipeline.

The state got Rs 28,450 crore as deficit grants from 14th finance commission against Rs 11,131 crore by 13th finance commission while share in central taxes jumped from Rs 7,829 crore to Rs



46,250 crore, he said, adding the Modi government was adopting "all embracing" policies with focus on poor and not discriminating against any government.

He said that tickets for assembly elections would be given to new faces with clean image and the party was fully geared up for the polls.

Amit Shah was flanked by Union Health and Family Welfare minister Shri JP Nadda and former Chief Ministers Shri Shanta Kumar and Shri Prem Kumar Dhumal, besides state BJP President Shri Satpal Singh Satti.

## Amit Shah meets Intellectuals of Himachal

### CONGRESS WAS NOT A PARTY BUT A SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLE

National BJP president Shri Amit Shah addressing a meeting of intellectuals from across the state, who came to meet him at the conclave on 05 May said the Congress was a patriarchal party. There were just two parties in the country, the BJP and the Communist party that have internal democracy. "Can anybody tell who would be the next president of BJP, but everybody can tell who would succeed Sonia Gandhi as Congress

president,” said Shri Shah.

He further said that it was only BJP which can make a tea vendor Prime Minister of the country. The party had thousands of workers who have no families and have dedicated their lives for the organization and the country. The political parties that are not themselves democratic cannot strengthen the democracy in the country. “In BJP we think about the next generation of the country while the other parties think about their own next generation”, the BJP National President said.

Shri Shah said the Congress was not a party but a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) before independence. People from different ideologies joined the Congress for the freedom of country. However, after independence the SPV had lost its relevance and became a political party. Leaders like Shyama Prasad Mukherjee left Congress due to ideological differences. The leaders in Congress at that time were not corrupt. However, the Congress was moving towards the policies of western countries. The Congress wanted reconstruction of India after totally dismantling the old whereas leaders like Shyama Prasad Mukherjee, who founded Jan Sangh, wanted Indian culture and civilization as base of development of the country, he said.

Shri Amit Shah said that people of the country should compare the performance of the BJP governments in various states and governments of other parties. West Bengal, Bihar and UP had sick state stigma under governments of other parties. Bihar also came out of

sick state stigma when the BJP came in power in the state in coalition, he said.

He said the BJP had started with just five permanent workers but now had 11 crore workers across the country, 1,387 MLAs and 325 MPs in Parliament. The BJP had its government in 14 states and consecutive

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victories of the party in different parts of the country illustrate that the policies of the party were being accepted by the people.

He also praised the working of the Narendra Modi government and said that just by transferring the subsidy of LPG cylinders online union government had saved Rs 14,000 crores. Accepting the appeal of the Prime Minister 1.25 crore people in the country had given up LPG subsidy. The benefits of money saved were passed by the government to the poor of the country. Two crore new LPG connections have been given to the poor women across the country. Besides, 7 crore new toilets have been built for the poor, he said.

During the conclave of intellectuals Shri Shah also honoured N K Kalia, father of Kargil martyr from Palampur, Saurabh Kalia.

He said that Himachal was the land of martyrs since independence and the Prime Minister had special love for the state. He had given several benefits to the state but the government here was not passing them on to the people. ■



**BJP National President Shri Amit Shah honours NK Kalia, father of Kargil martyr Saurabh Kalia, in Palampur**



# Only Modi model can develop Tripura and eliminate corruption: Amit Shah

**C**alling Tripura backward on all fronts, BJP National President Shri Amit Shah on May, 07 2017 asked the people to bring BJP to power in the 2018 assembly polls as only the Modi model can develop the state and eliminate corruption. In the 24-year rule of the Left government, Tripura has remained backward on all fronts. Only Prime Minister Narendra Modi model can develop the state and remove corruption if the party comes to power in next year's assembly elections.

"Rate of development in Tripura is a big zero as the Left government did nothing and central funds were siphoned off. CPM (Communist Party of India-Marxist) cadres ate the funds meant for development," he said at a public meeting in Kumarghat.

The BJP President said a large number of tribals live in Bharatiya Janata Party-ruled Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra where "every basic facility

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like water, electricity, and health services have been provided in each tribal and remote village".

Highlighting the Modi government's efforts for development of Tripura and elaborating various projects that it had sanctioned, he said the first measure of a BJP government would be to implement recommendations of the 7th Pay Commission for



state government employees.

Shri Amit Shah noted that during the regime of Congress-led United Progressive Alliance, the 13th Finance Commission gave Rs 7,283 crore to Tripura for five years while the 14th Finance Commission under the National Democratic Alliance government gave Rs 25,396 crore. "This money would not reach the people, it would go to the CPM cadres' pocket," he alleged.

He said around 25 per cent of Tripura's educated population was jobless; crime against women was the highest while corruption was mounting as Chief Minister Manik Sarkar remained inactive. "Due to the misdeeds of the Left Front government 10,323 government teachers recently lost their jobs following the Supreme Court verdict," he said.

He also alleged that during the Left regime, activities of the illegal chit funds mushroomed in Tripura and CPM members benefited from these unlawful deposits. He dared Sarkar to hand over the cases to the Central Bureau of Investigation.

BJP National General Secretary Bhupendra Yadav, BJP National Secretary Shri Rahul Sinha, Union Minister Faggan Singh Kulaste, Assam Finance Minister Shri Himanta Biswa Sarma, Tripura BJP President Shri Biplab Kumar Deb also addressed the meeting. ■

# Amit Shah reaches Jammu and Kashmir for two-day visit as part of 'Vistaar Yatra'

**T**he Bharatiya Janata Party President Shri Amit Shah, in a two-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir as a part of his Vistaar Yatra, reached Jammu on 29 April, 2017.

Before setting off for his Yatra Shri Shah in an interaction with the media stated that he is on a 95-day all-India tour as part of Vistaar Yatra (Expansion Tour) ahead of the 2019 Lok Sabha election in order to strategize ways to win the 120 seats the BJP lost last time. He said the States have been divided into categories and he will be spending 1 to 3 days there accordingly. "We have also set a target of 120 seats where we had lost in 2014. My tour will focus on taking stock of our organizational strength and further expansion of ideology and electoral appeal across the country," he said.

Other states that will be in focus include West Bengal, Odisha, Telangana and Kerala, as he stated. The party has graded the states into A, B and C category in order of their electoral significance, and he will spend three, two and one day there respectively. Shri Amit Shah's 95-day all-India tour will end by September 25, which is also the 101st birth anniversary of Jana Sangh ideologue Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay.

In his first visit to J&K after BJP formed a coalition government with the PDP in 2015, BJP President Shri Amit Shah while addressing to party leaders and workers at the Convention Centre asked party's ministers in the state to visit the Kashmir Valley meet the common masses and expand the party's base.

In Jammu Shri Shah directed party ministers not to remain confined to their assembly constituencies, but visit the remote areas of Kashmir, meet the common masses there and address to the problems facing them". "He has assigned duties to party ministers in this regard.

Shri Shah stressed that Kashmir is an integral



part of India and the people of the Valley are Indian nationals. "BJP is with them as they are our own people. Except for a few spoiling the situation at gunpoint, a majority of the people there want peace and normalcy. They all are Indians and protecting their lives and dignity is the responsibility of our governments at the Centre and in the state. Restoring law and order is our joint responsibility and we will fulfill it".

Addressing concerns over suggestions of talks with separatists, Shri Shah told the gathering that "for BJP, the nation always comes first". The party president also said that the party's base needed to be broadened and people apprised of the central government's welfare schemes so that they can take advantage of it.

At the Convention Centre, Shri Shah was accompanied by the BJP's National Vice President and in-charge of J&K, Shri Avinash Rai Khanna; BJP National General Secretary (Organisation) Shri Ram Lal, BJP National General Secretaries Shri Ram Madhav and Dr Anil Jain; Minister of State in the PMO Shri Jitendra Singh; and, J&K Deputy Chief Minister Shri Nirmal Singh.

On 30 April, Shri Shah inaugurated a library dedicated to Nanaji Deshmukh at the party's headquarters in Jammu, apart from holding discussions with BJP ministers and prominent people of the state. ■



# Victory in MCD polls laid the foundation for BJP to form the next government: Amit Shah

**B**haratiya Janata Party National President Shri Amit Shah on May 02, 2017 dubbed the victory of the party in the Delhi civic polls as a stamp of approval for the Modi government, saying it would serve as the foundation for a BJP government in Delhi.

Addressing the BJP's newly-elected councilors at a 'Vijay Parv' function at the Civic Centre in Delhi Shri Amit Shah said, "Our opponents were expecting the winning run of Narendra Modi Ji to come to a halt in Delhi, but due to the hard work and passion of the party workers, a massive victory was secured".

"Our main target was not the MCD polls. This victory has laid the foundation for the BJP to form the next government in Delhi," he added.

He said the MCD poll victory of the saffron party had put an end to the atmosphere of negativity and non-performance. It has also finished the anarchy adopted as a strategy by some people to find fault in everything and the practice of offering excuses, despite their mandate to perform".

Praising the booth-level workers for bringing the voters to the polling booths, Shri Shah said, "Kejriwal alleged that the BJP won because of EVM tampering. If he wants to know the real reason

behind this victory, he should meet our booth workers." Kejriwal had raked up the issue of EVM manipulation in the aftermath of the MCD polls, despite the Election Commissions assertion that the electronic voting machines were robust and tamper-proof.

The BJP President reminded the new BJP councilors of the challenges before them. "The new BJP team in the MCD needs to keep in mind that it is their responsibility to lay the foundation of the next victory in Delhi Assembly polls through their work," he said.

Praising Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Shri Shah said the MCD poll verdict only reflected the public mood. "People from all the states live in Delhi and the elections here are a referendum on a political party's performance. Delhi's mandate is the country's mandate and the people are with Narendra Modi Ji," he added.

Highlighting the role of Modi Ji in fashioning the BJP's spectacular victory in the 2014 Lok Sabha election, he exhorted the new councilors to work with dedication to make Delhi a model capital in the world.

"In 2014, people blindly reposed their faith in the BJP and Narendra Modi. They did not impose their expectations on us. Over the last three years, our government has worked for farmers, poor and youth, besides making the Indian economy one of the fastest growing economies in the world, as Shri Narendra Modi had promised when he was

selected as the party's prime ministerial candidate," he said.

The BJP President also took a dig at former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. "People did not have any great expectations. They simply wanted a Prime Minister who could speak. They were frustrated with a silent prime minister and wondered why nobody heard him speak on the international foras," he said.

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Giving credit to the people of Delhi for the party's victory in the civic polls, he said the new councilors will have to work to bring about changes in the lives of slum-dwellers and transform Delhi into a model capital.

The programme, dedicated to the paramilitary and army personnel killed by Naxalites and militants recently in Chhattisgarh and Kashmir, was attended by BJP General Secretary (Organisation) Shri Ram Lal, senior BJP leaders including Union ministers Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Shri Jitendra Singh, Smt. Nirmla Sitharaman, Shri Vijay Goel, the party's Delhi In-charge and BJP National Vice-President Shri Shyam Jaju and Delhi BJP President Shri Manoj Tiwari, among others. ■



# GSLV Successfully Launches South Asia Satellite

India's Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV-F09) successfully launched the 2230 kg South Asia Satellite (GSAT-9) into its planned Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit (GTO) on May 05, 2017. The launch of GSLV was its eleventh and took place from the Second Launch Pad at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre SHAR (SDSC SHAR), Sriharikota, the spaceport of India. This is the fourth consecutive success achieved by GSLV carrying indigenously developed Cryogenic Upper Stage. In its oval shaped GTO, the South Asia Satellite is now orbiting the Earth with a perigee (nearest point to Earth) of 169 km and an apogee (farthest point to Earth) of 36,105 km with an orbital inclination of 20.65 deg with respect to the equator. The satellite will serve the needs of all south asian nations except Pakista. Pakistan which kept itself aloof from the South Asia Satellite project

Few seconds before the launch countdown reached zero, the four liquid propellant strap-on motors of GSLV-F09, each carrying 42 tons of liquid propellants, were ignited. At count zero and after confirming the normal performance of all the four strap-on motors, the 139 ton solid propellant first stage core motor was ignited and GSLV lifted off at 16:57 IST. The major phases of the flight occurred as scheduled. About seventeen minutes after lift-off, South Asia Satellite was successfully placed in GTO.

Soon after separation from GSLV, the two solar arrays of the satellite were automatically deployed in quick succession and the Master Control Facility (MCF) at Hassan in Karnataka assumed control of the satellite.

South Asia Satellite is a communication satellite built by ISRO to provide a variety of communication services over the South Asian region. For this, it is equipped with Ku-band transponders.

Following the successful launch, the Honorable Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi addressed along with the South Asian leaders.



He congratulated ISRO and remarked that today was a historic day for South Asia and a day without precedence. The Prime Minister recalled that two years ago India made a promise to extend the advanced space technology for the cause of growth and prosperity of the people of South Asia and felt that the successful launch of South Asia Satellite today marks a fulfillment of that.

In the coming days, the satellite orbit will be raised from its present GTO to the final circular Geostationary Orbit (GSO) by firing the satellite's Liquid Apogee Motor (LAM) in stages. The South Asia Satellite will be commissioned into service after the completion of orbit raising operations and the satellite's positioning in its designated slot in the GSO following in-orbit testing of its payloads.

Reacting on the successfully launch Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina said "Hope this will open a new horizon of cooperation". Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena said "The launch signifies intent to build cordial relations and vision for cooperation."

Pakistan which kept itself aloof from the South Asia Satellite project criticized, as usual, india effort to regional cooperation knowing that India's intent to the satellite launch is 'Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas'. ■

## Indian Railways should work for unified single telephone number for all grievances: Modi

**T**he Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, chaired his eighteenth interaction through PRAGATI - the ICT-based, multi-modal platform for Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation.

The Prime Minister reviewed the progress towards handling and resolution of grievances related to Railways. Noting that a large number of complaints were related to corrupt practices of officials, he directed strictest possible action against Railway officials found guilty of corruption. He asked the Indian Railways to work towards a unified single telephone number for all grievances and queries, including helpline in the case of an accident.

The Prime Minister reviewed the progress of vital infrastructure projects in the railway, road and power sectors, spread over several states including Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Jammu and Kashmir, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Tripura and Nagaland.

Among the projects reviewed today are: the Mumbai Metro, the Tirupati-Chennai Highway,



long-pending road projects in Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, and Manipur, and important power transmission lines in Jammu and Kashmir and the North-East.

Reviewing the implementation of Swachhta Action Plans, the Prime Minister said that events such as Swachhta fortnights should be converted into movements towards permanent solutions. On the AMRUT Mission, the Prime Minister asked officials to quantify and document the gains achieved through the use of latest technology, such as LED bulbs, so that the benefits could be better appreciated by one and all. ■

## Over one lakh more houses for Urban poor sanctioned under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana

**M**inistry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation has sanctioned 1,00,537 more houses for urban poor under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) with an investment of Rs.4,200 cr taking the total investment so far approved to Rs.1,00,466 cr. This is 307% more than the investment approved of Rs.32,713 cr during 2004-14 for affordable housing in urban areas.

With the latest sanctions, the Ministry has

so far approved construction of 18,75,389 houses for Economically Weaker Sections under PMAY(Urban) in 2,151 cities and towns in 34 States/UTs as against 13.80 lakh houses sanctioned during 2004-15 with an approved investment of Rs.32,009 cr.

The total investment approved so far includes central assistance of Rs.29,409 cr, assistance from State Governments and beneficiary contribution. ■

# Basaveshwara had envisioned a democratic arrangement, several centuries ago:PM



**T**he Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on April 29 dedicated the holy Vachanas of Basavanna, translated into 23 languages, and addressed an event to mark the inauguration of Basava Jayanthi 2017, and Golden Jubilee Celebration of Basava Samithi, at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi.

Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister said India's history is not only about defeat, poverty or colonialism. India gave the message of good governance, non-violence and Satyagraha, he added.

Paying homage to Lord Basaveshwara, he said Basaveshwara had envisioned a democratic arrangement, several centuries ago. He said our land has been blessed with great individuals who have transformed our society. He said reform has always come to our society from within, whenever

required. He expressed confidence that reformers would emerge from within the Muslim community itself, to put an end to the pain suffered by some Muslim women, because of the practice of "triple talaq." He urged the Muslim community not to look at this issue through a political lens.

Describing Lord Basaveshwara's Vachanas as a basis for good governance, the Prime Minister said the fruits of development such as housing, electricity and roads should reach one and all, without distinction. He said this is the true essence of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas."

The Prime Minister recalled the occasion in November 2015 in London, when he had unveiled the bust of Lord Basaveshwara.

After the event, the Prime Minister walked to the audience to meet the family members of the great Kannada scholar Late Shri M.M. Kalburgi. ■

# ‘Our concept of New India is that in place of VIP, more priority should be accorded to EPI’

**P** rime Minister Shri Narendra on April 30 interacted with the people of the country through his popular programme ‘Mann Ki Baat’. Addressing through his radio programme Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said “Before each episode of ‘Mann Ki Baat’, suggestions pour in Aakashvani, on NarendraModiApp, come through on MyGov, by the phone and come by the means of recorded messages from every corner of the country and people of every age group, And sometimes when I take the time to view them, for me it becomes an extremely pleasant experience.” He added that in ‘New India’ more priority should be accorded to EPI.

*Here are some important highlights of the address:*

- What are the kinds of suggestions, what are the kinds of complaints and what are the experiences of the people? It is an inherent human nature to advise others. While travelling in the train or the bus if someone coughs, the next person immediately advises a cure. To offer advice or suggest a solution, are part of our nature. In the beginning, when suggestions came in response to a certain episode of ‘Mann Ki Baat’, one could discern words of advice, and you could read them too, so our team always felt that many people might have had this particular habit of proffering advice. But when we analyzed the suggestions minutely, I really became quite emotional.
- Most of those who give suggestions or try to reach to me are those who are really doing something in their lives. They are making efforts and are engrossed as per their intellect, capacity,



ability and circumstances so that something good must happen. And when these things came to my notice I felt that these suggestions are extraordinary. These are suggestions that have emerged out of a certain squeeze of life’s experiences. Some people also give suggestions thinking that if an idea has the potential to work then more people would listen to it if it is heard on a wider platform and hence many people can benefit. And therefore it is their natural desire that it gets a mention in ‘Mann Ki Baat’.

- In the previous ‘Mann Ki Baat’, some people had suggested to me that food was being wasted; not only had I expressed my concern but mentioned it too. And upon my mention, there were mentions of many innovative ideas to save food from being wasted that are being put into practice employed in many corners of the country on NarendraModiApp and also on MyGov.
- There used to be a time when climate change was a subject confined to the domain of the academic world, it used to be the topic for seminars, but today, we experience it in our everyday life and it also astounds us. Nature has





also changed the rules of the game. The heat that we used to experience in months of May-June in our country is being felt in March-April this year. So, when I was taking suggestions for 'Mann Ki Baat', most of the suggestions offered related to what should be done to beat the heat during summer time. Most of the suggestions or practices to beat summer are not new but are prevalent for a long time, however it is very useful to remember them from time to time.

- Shri Prashant Kumar Mishra, Shri T. S. Kartik and many such friends have expressed their concern about birds during the summer.....Some time back, Shri Mr. Jagat Bhai from Gujarat, had sent his book, 'Save the Sparrows' in which he not only expressed concern about the continuously declining number of sparrows, but also what steps he has taken in a mission mode for the conservation of the sparrow which is very nicely described in that book. In our country, we are traditionally imbued with a sense of symbiotic co-existence with animals, birds and nature yet it is necessary that collective efforts in this regard should be emphasized.
- When I was Chief Minister of Gujarat, Syedna Sahib the religious leader of Dawoodi Bohra Community had completed his hundred years. He lived till 103 years. As part of the celebration of his 100th year the Bohra community society had launched a huge campaign to save the sparrow under the aegis of Burhani Foundation. I had the opportunity to inaugurate it. Nearly 52 thousand bird feeders were distributed in every nook and corner of the world. This effort also found a mention in the Guinness book of World Records.
- Friends, this time around, the government of India has provided you with a great opportunity. The new generation is more or less freeing itself from the shackles of cash. It does not need cash. It has begun adopting digital currency. I know you do it, but have you ever wondered that you can earn using this very scheme? It is

a scheme of the Government of India. You must be downloading the BHIM App and using it. But do refer it to others; make others join you in that.

- The exit of the red beacon through a government decision is part of a system. But we have to make efforts to cleanse it out of our minds. If we collectively strive to do it with eternal vigilance, it surely can be flushed out. Our concept of New India precisely is that in place of VIP, more priority should be accorded to EPI. And when I'm saying EPI in place of VIP, the essence of my sentiment is clear – every person is important. Every person has his or her own importance, every person possesses a sagacious aura, Mahaatmya, in a unique manner. Let us warmly accept the importance of a hundred & twenty

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five crore countrymen, let us respectfully embrace the Mahaatmya, the divine greatness of a hundred & twenty five crore Indians and we'll garner strength of immense magnitude. We have to do this together.

- India has always advanced on the path of progress in the spirit of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas... inclusive development for all. And when we say Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, it is not limited to the confines of India. It applies to the global context too. And very specially to our neighbouring countries. May our neighbouring countries be with us in our journey, may they develop equally. ■

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