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There was time when heard we 'Kaala Dhan.' Now we hear 'Jan Dhan' & in the years to come we will talk of 'Digi Dhan'....this is what has changed.

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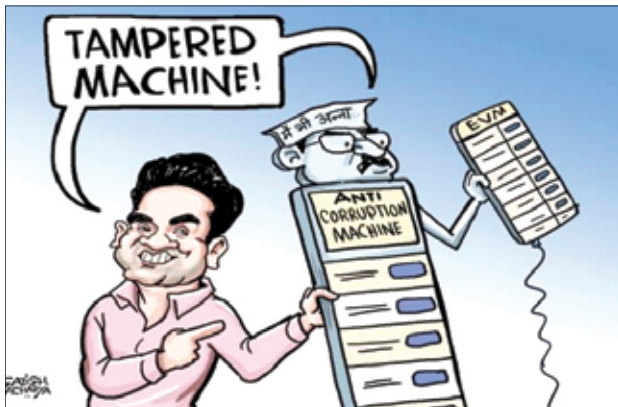


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The aggressive domination & readiness of troops for befitting response to any misadventure by enemy is very satisfying. Top of Form



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**Kamal Sandesh Parivar**  
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**SANT KABIR JAYANTI**  
to its readers

## A miraculous turnaround in three years

**A**s Modi government completes its three years in office, India now stands taller and confident as never before. Led by a bold and decisive leadership, the people are now experiencing a government sensitive to their needs. A government committed to the welfare of poor, farmers and rural sector will go down in history for prioritising village economy through innovative schemes and initiatives. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's bold decision to demonetize Rs. 500 and Rs. 1000 notes has given a huge blow to black economy. The nation is registering remarkable recovery and its achievements are getting acknowledged across the globe. Only three years back when the experts were hinting that success story of Indian economy was over, India has now become fastest growing economy in the world earning the sobriquet of 'brightest star' amidst gloomy global scenario. It may sound amazing for many analyst who take into account the prevailing condition at the time Narendra Modi was sworn-in three years back that the country has recovered so fast and poised to take such giant leaps in almost every sector. Although unbelievable but it is a reality now!

How India can swim against the tide of policy paralysis, massive corruption and mis-governance? How India overcame the odds staked against its economy? How India rose from being pushed to oblivion to a global player? How India could become a most favoured investment destination? How it was possible that in three years not a single charge of corruption is levelled against any of the ministers? How India can conduct a surgical strike and bombard Pak positions sheltering terrorists? How India can demonetize at such a massive scale with people supporting it so overwhelmingly? A large number of such questions are still occupying the minds of many throughout the world. A turnaround has happened which is nothing less than a miracle – how was it made possible? While the entire world is watching with amazement, India is marching ahead under the charismatic leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi covering new grounds every day. The kind of vision which now steers India aided with commitment and political will was unimaginable till a few years back. The number of schemes and the manner in which they are being implemented makes the people more confident and full of hope. India is on the right track and the leadership is promising a bright future along with the idea of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas' inspiring everyone to contribute more and more in the nation building process. The massive trust in the leadership of Narendra Modi is getting reflected in election after election with the people supporting him more resolutely than before.

As Prime Minister's vision of New India takes shape, his idea of 'Politics of Performance' has changed the dynamics of Indian politics. The repeated defeat of the politics of caste, appeasement and dynasty has ushered in an era of transformation wherein people prefer to vote on the lines of performance more than ever before. The commitment of government to the welfare of poor, farmers, labourers, women, youth, Divyangs, STs, SCs and OBCs has created new hope and trust in the government. The pro-poor programs along with focus on rural sector and agriculture have initiated the revival of village economy seeking to correct the imbalances in the overall economy. Large numbers of innovative projects linked to each other under the comprehensive vision of development are paving the path of development and progress. India has improved its positions on numerous global indicators and the world is looking towards India with respect and expectation. In the last three years India has taken giant steps in every sector as development is taking place with fast pace and on a massive scale. It is a miraculous turnaround indeed! ■

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WHILE THE ENTIRE WORLD IS WATCHING WITH AMAZEMENT, INDIA IS MARCHING AHEAD UNDER THE CHARISMATIC LEADERSHIP OF PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI COVERING NEW GROUNDS EVERY DAY. THE KIND OF VISION WHICH NOW STEERS INDIA AIDED WITH COMMITMENT AND POLITICAL WILL WAS UNIMAGINABLE TILL A FEW YEARS BACK.

साथ है, विश्वास है  
विकास है

मोदी सरकार के 3 वर्ष पूर्ण होने पर  
राष्ट्रीय अध्यक्ष श्री अमित शाह की

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## Narendra Modi Govt has created a milestone by accomplishing many impossible tasks: Amit Shah

**O**n the occasion of the NDA government completing its three successful years at the Centre under the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi, BJP National President Shri Amit Shah addressed a press conference convened at the BJP National Headquarter on May 26. He discussed at length the achievements of the Modi government and the policies of the government for the welfare of the poor.

### SATH HAI, VISHWAS HAI, HO RAHA VIKAS HAI

While talking to media the BJP National President said that the BJP government under the leadership of our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji has created a milestone by accomplishing many impossible tasks in many different fields. It has laid

foundation for a great new India of the future. He said, in the last three years the Prime Minister has been successful in increasing the self-confidence of India; increasing India's respect in the world; and most of all, he has been successful in changing the thinking of the entire country. He said that in the last three years the politics of the country has experienced fundamental changes. In the last three years, not even the opposition has been able to accuse the government of corruption. He said that in the last three years, the country has seen the end of the dynastic politics, caste politics, appeasement politics which is a good sign for the country. He said that what could not be achieved in 70 years after independence, the Modi government has achieved in the last three years and this is why we have



created the slogan at the completion of the three years of the Modi government. Sath hai, vishwas hai, ho raha vikas hai!

## **SENSITIVE, TRANSPARENT AND DECISIVE GOVERNMENT**

Shri Shah said that the BJP government at the Centre under the leadership of Shri Modi gave constitutional status to the National OBC Commission which was pending since 1955 and gave crores of the people of the country an opportunity to live with their heads held high. The 'One Rank, One Pension' (OROP) scheme which had been pending since forty years was completed by the sensitive BJP government and deposited around 8000 crore rupees directly in the bank accounts of the retired soldiers. He said that by launching 104 satellites in one go it created history. It has emerged as a global leader in the field.

The BJP President said that the bravery that the soldiers displayed in the surgical strike and the political willpower that our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi displayed has helped India to emerge as a strong nation in the world. He said that the BJP government passed the Enemy Property Ordinance proving that it is a nationalist government. He said that by demonetization, taking action against shell companies and by creating the Benami Transactions law, the Modi government has taken decisive steps for putting an end to the black money in India. He said that the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji presented to the country with a new thinking of making reforms in the electoral process in India so that all elections can take place simultaneously, from the Lok Sabha to the Panchayat elections. This will decrease the burden of democracy on the people of the country.

Shri Shah said that the BJP government at the centre, under the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi, took every party on board for passing the GST Bill and made the dream of 'One nation, one tax' a reality. It is a big achievement. He said that the Modi government has done the unprecedented task of abolishing 1100 obsolete and irrelevant laws. He

said that 48000 crore rupees have been distributed under the MNREGA scheme and the lives of the poor have been made easy. He said that by starting the BHIM mobile application in the name of Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar the poor have been provided with the most popular means of digital transaction. He said that by giving the name 'Divyaang' to the handicapped, by introducing schemes for their welfare the Modi government has proved that it is sensitive to the poor and the marginalized. He said that by increasing the maternity leave up to 26 weeks, Modi Ji has given crores of women of this country the opportunity to take good care of themselves and their children. He said that the

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central BJP government under the leadership of Narendra Modi is a decisive government which takes quick decisions and takes the schemes to each and every person concerned. He said that under the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi, we have tried to give a decisive government instead of a government suffering from policy paralysis.

The BJP President said that the Modi Government has taken many steps for the development of the north-east India too. He said that it is because of the Modi government that Indian culture has got respect from the entire world through the medium of Yoga. By including the Light Fighter Jet 'Tejas' in Indian Air Force, a great boost has been given

to the 'Make in India' initiative. The modernization of Indian Army is proceeding apace. He said that in the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, entire world has praised the role of India and India has also emerged as a global leader in this arena. He said that the BJP government under the leadership of our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji has also changed the VIP culture by putting an end to the red beacon. He said that with campaigns such as 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao', 'Namami Gange', and the 'Swachhata Abhiyaan', the Modi government

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has taken the initiative of solving public problems through public participation.

### YEAR OF ACHIEVEMENTS

Shri Shah said that he can proudly say that the previous fiscal year was an excellent year in many respects. He said that during 2016-17 production of Urea touched a record limit. In this fiscal year, there was a record production of ethanol; record number of cooking gas connections were provided; record coal was mined; record electricity was produced; record number of investment was made for the development of the Indian railways; record number of national highways were constructed; rural roads

were constructed at a record rate; record number of software were imported; and record number of motor vehicles and two wheelers were produced. He said that the foreign exchange reserve of India is at a record high level. All of this is illustrative of the way in which the Modi government is working. He said that in the last three years, our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji has laid the foundation of New India. He is taking the country on the path of greatness.

### REFORMS IN SOCIAL SECTOR

The BJP President said that under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Scheme more than twenty-eight and a half crore accounts were opened in the country and they were connected with the mainstream of Indian economy. He said that under the Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Beema and Jeevan Suraksha Beema schemes, around 13 crore citizens have been provided with the social security cover. Under the Ujjwala Scheme, around two crore women of the country were provided with the gas connection. Under the 'Give it up' scheme, around one crore people have chosen not to take subsidy on gas. Through the medium of generic medicines, health benefits have reached to the poor of the country. The cost of stent has been reduced to around 80%. He said that from those 18 thousand villages which did not have electricity even after 70 years of independence, this government has taken the electricity to 13 thousand of those villages. The rest of the villages will have electricity by 2018. He said that through the medium of currency banks loan have been sanctioned to seven and a half crore youth for creating self-employment. He said that the government aims to make the country free of leprosy and black fever by 2018. By 2020 it aims to make the country free of smallpox. The country is moving fast in this healthy direction.

The honourable President said that the Modi government has constructed more than four and a half crore of toilets in the country. It has vaccinated around seven and a half crore children under





the Mission Indradhanush scheme. The task of upgrading the youth is going apace under the Skill India scheme. Around 8 crore people in the country have been provided with employment under Start-up India, Stand-up India, Skill India and Currency Scheme. He said that the Basic Minimum Wage has improved by around 42%. Many problems of the labourers have been solved by the Universal PF Account. He said that the pension of poor and old labourers has been increased to a minimum of rupees one thousand. He said that the Modi government has also removed the necessity of the interview for the recruitment of Class III and Class IV employees. All the state governments of the BJP have adopted this transparent model.

### **INDIA: THE FASTEST GROWING BIG-ECONOMY IN THE WORLD**

Shri Shah said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji, India has become the fastest growing big economy in the world. The inflation is under control. The Foreign Exchange Reserve is at a record high. In one year, the foreign currency sensex has crossed 31000 and NIFTY is also at a record high level. He said that in electricity availability India was at 99th place in 2014, but now it has taken a leap of 76 places and now is at the 26th position. This is a big achievement. He said that the industrial development rate has been above 5%. He said that according to the IMF, the growth rate of India is predicted to be around 7.2%, while the UPA government had left the economy at a measly 4.8% growth rate. He said that in a record third straight year, there has been an improvement in the agricultural development rate. Under the UPA government led by the Congress Party, the growth rate was negative. Under the Modi government it has been constantly above 4%. He said that India's place in the Global Competitive Index, has been improved from 71st to 39th position. He said that after an initial decline in export, it has taken a turn and has been constantly increasing. In the month of March, it has increased by the rate of 27.6% at an

annual rate. An increase of 45% has been achieved in the FDI. Export has increased. We have been successful in cutting down the interest rates. We have been able to maintain the public exchequer at 3.9% and increase has been registered in Direct Tax Revenue and Indirect Tax Revenue of around 20% which has been highest since independence. He said that in the last fiscal year, while the Per Capita Income was 93,293 in the last fiscal year, it is now predicted to be 103,007 in this fiscal year.

### **THE FIGHT AGAINST BLACK MONEY**

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to putting an end to black money in the country. By taking action against shell companies and by bringing law against Benami property, the Modi government has taken a decisive step in the direction of abolishing black money from India. He said that in the transparent auctioning of Coal

Block Allocation and Spectrum corruption has been rooted out from it.

He said that around 15 thousand crore of Benami property was seized, which was acquired through money laundering. It shows our commitment in our fight against corruption. He said that corruption of around 9.36 lakh crore has been brought to light. The routes of Cyprus, Singapore and Mauritius through which the black money re-enters the country have been shut down. He said that the Modi government has taken a brave step of limiting the cash donation to 2,000 rupees. This will kill the impact of black money from the electoral politics of the country and will usher in a clean public life.

### **A GOVERNMENT COMMITTED TO THE WELFARE OF THE FARMERS**

Honourable National President said that the Modi government has taken many initiatives for the welfare of the farmers. He said that for uplifting the living standards of the farmers many schemes such as Soil Health Card, Neem-coated Urea, Pradhan Mantri Irrigation Scheme, e-mandi etc. have been undertaken. He said that under the Pradhan Mantri Crop Insurance Scheme, measures have been taken to ensure the safety of the crops from the fields to go-downs. He said that the Minimum Support Price of Rabi and Kharif crops, has been increased for the third straight time by the government. The government has provided great benefit to the farmers growing pulses by buying their crops at MSP. Facilities provided to the farmers have been bettered through Kisan Credit Card. He said that all parameters of providing help to farmers during emergencies have been upgraded. The allocation sum which is given to the farmers has been doubled. The sugarcane farmers have been almost completely paid for their crops. He said that through Neem-coated Urea, a decrease has been registered in the use of pesticides and fertilizers. Along with that, the price of fertilizers and manure has fallen for the first time since independence.

### **PROGRESS IN INFRA-STRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT**

Shri Shah said that under Modi government roads are being constructed at a record pace, which is unprecedented since independence. Work is being done to make the national highways Levy Free and Crossing Free. The largest tunnel has been inaugurated in Jammu and Kashmir by our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji. Just today, the Prime Minister has inaugurated the Bhupen Hazarika Bridge connecting Assam to Arunachal Pradesh. He said that our Electricity Generation Capacity has been increased by one-third and Electricity Transmission has been increased by one-fourth. He said that crores have been invested in the modernization of the railways. He said that the Modi government has distributed around 30 crore LED bulbs. He said that in the last year, we have been successful in bringing around 28 lakh foreign tourists to the country. This sector has seen an increase of 13%. He said that under the Gram Sadak Yojana around 130 km of road is being constructed daily. Cheap flights have been started. Work is under progress in Sagarmala Project and in Naval Navigation too, a lot of countries are coming together with India. Home Loan Rate has been cut down to the relief of the people and the dream of having a house is now becoming a reality.

The BJP government said that the biggest parameter to judge a government in a democracy is the decision of the electorate. He said that since forming government at the Centre in 2014, under Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji, the BJP has managed to increase its voter base in every election. It has also achieved victories in most of these elections. This is the certificate of the Modi government. He said that the people of the country believe that the Modi government is a government of the poor. It is a government which brings respect for the country. It is transparent and decisive. He said that the people of the country believe that our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji has emerged as the most popular leader of the country ever since independence. ■

# Why Jansangh?

Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee in his presidential address at the first Convention of All India Bharatiya Jana Sangh held in Delhi on 21st October, 1951 elaborated on main reasons behind the formation of Bharatiya Janasangh. We are publishing the full text of his speech for our esteemed readers :

## DR. SYAMA PRASAD MOOKERJEE

**O**rise to welcome you all to this historic Convention which meets at a momentous period in the history of India. I am well aware of the fact that the task ahead of us is a difficult one. We have many obstacles to struggle against and have to face powerful opposition. What, however, must hold us together is an unflinching faith in the great cause that our Party claims to serve and a clear appreciation of the objectives we have set before us. I am confident that if we all proceed unitedly with undaunted courage and vigour, not deviating from the right path, keeping to service of the people and the advancement of the honour and dignity of our beloved motherland as the principal aim before us, we are bound ultimately to attain success. Let me make it clear at the outset that Bharatiya Jana Sangh is not coming into existence merely to fight the forthcoming general elections. The elections have no doubt an importance of their own and wherever circumstances allow, we will put up our candidates. The elections will mainly help us in carrying to the masses our ideology and in laying a firmer foundation for developing our Party on an All India basis. Whatever may be the result of the elections, our Party must however continue to function thereafter carrying a message of hope and goodwill to all classes of people and trying to draw out from them their best efforts in re-building a happier and more prosperous Free India. Four years have passed since the attainment of political independence and it is admitted on all hands that the country today is in a much worse condition, the distress and sufferings of the people are much deeper, than in the pre-independence days. If we

take a detached view of the present situation, we will realize that while certain world events may be partially responsible for economic depression in India, the main reason for the present state of affairs is the failure of Government in dealing with the essential problems facing the country in a manner which would have advanced the welfare of the masses. Today the country is in the grip of deep-rooted discontent and frustration and the faith of the people in the capacity of Government to run the administration smoothly, impartially and efficiently has been rudely shaken. Blackmarketing, profiteering and corruption have demoralized our society.

Instead of attempting genuinely to appreciate the basic causes of this nationwide discontent and to remove them with the cooperation of the people. Government have been singularly intolerant of criticisms and have often tried to suppress the legitimate expression of free public opinion.

## NEED OF OPPOSITION PARTIES

It is indeed strange that the Congress which started with an enormous fund of goodwill four years ago has today lost the willing support of large sections of the public and has to keep itself in power by dubious means. One of the chief reasons for the manifestation of dictatorship in Congress rule is the absence of well-organised opposition parties which alone can act as a healthy check on the majority party and can hold out before the country the prospect of an alternative Government.

The Bharatiya Jana Sangh, therefore, emerges today as an All India Political Party which will function as the principal party in opposition. It does not mean that it will hesitate to take upon itself the reins of administration should it succeed in winning

the confidence of the majority of the electorate, but where this is not possible, it will remain in opposition. whether inside or outside the legislature. Opposition does not mean senseless or destructive approach to all problems that confront a responsible Govt. While, therefore, we may have to attack or criticize official measures or acts, our aim will be to approach all problems in a constructive spirit so that we may keep the public vigilant and make our humble contribution in developing a real democratic structure for the sound administration of our country. The programme of the Party will be settled in detail after consultation with the representatives who have assembled at this Convention. Our Party, however, has been functioning in the provincial sphere in different parts of India for the last few months and the main trends of its programme are already known.

### **BHARATIYA NATIONHOOD**

We have thrown open our Party to all citizens of Bharat irrespective of caste, creed or community. While we recognise that in matters of custom, habits, religion and language, Bharat presents a unique diversity, the people must be united by a bond of fellowship and understanding inspired by deep devotion and loyalty to the spirit of a common motherland. Bharat today is divided by many conflicting slogans based on caste, or class or provincial idealogy. Our party will strive to work for that unity in diversity which has been the key-note of Bharat's culture and civilization. This task of making the foundation of Bharatiya nationhood deeper and stronger is not an easy one. While it will be dangerous to encourage the growth of political minorities based on caste and religion, it is obviously the duty of the vast majority of Bharat's population to assure all classes of people who are truly loyal to their motherland that they will be entitled to full protection under the law and to complete equality of treatment in all matters—social, economic and political. Our party gives this assurance unreservedly. We do recognize that there are large sections of Bharatiya people who are today backward and down-trodden. Full opportunity must

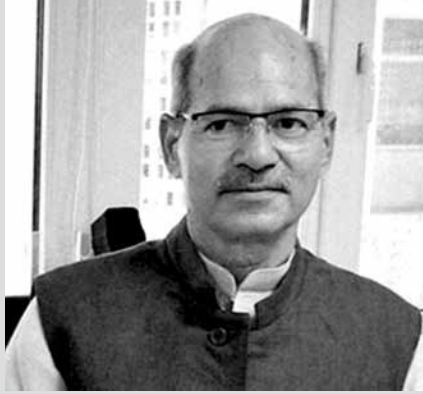
be given to them so that their social and economic status may become higher and they may function as worthy participants with their more fortunate brethren in building up a new Bharat. The Congress in its anxiety to maintain the secular character of Bharat has continued a suicidal policy of appeasement of Muslims and some of its leaders, specially the Prime Minister takes special delight in outraging Parity to all citizens of Bharat irrespective of caste, creed or community. While we recognise that in matters of custom, habits, religion and language, Bharat presents a unique diversity, the people must be united by a bond of fellowship and understanding inspired by deep devotion and loyalty to the spirit of a common motherland.

One may remain a good Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Christian or even a Muslim and yet be a staunch Indian devoted to the highest national cause. Our Party firmly believes that the future of Bharat lies in the proper appreciation and application of Bharatiya Sanskriti and Maryada. Naturally, the growth of Bharatiya Culture and Civilization has been due to many factors arising out of clashes and conflicts, harmony and synthesis between different ideologies, both native and foreign. In this great drama extending over thousands of years, empires and dynasties rode and fell and many a personality worthily played their part. Let all true sons and daughters of India—Hindu, Sikh, Christian, Muslim and Buddhist—pride themselves in the thought that the heritage that has come to us from ancient days is something noble and enduring, that it must not be allowed to stagnate and degenerate and that free India's future must be closely linked up with Bharatiya ideals, which must if necessary undergo changes from time to time so as to make them respond to the needs of modern and scientific age. This must be suitably reflected in our system of national education. While we, therefore, aim at establishing a Dharma Rajya, or a Rule of Law, we only abide by the highest tradition of Bharatiya Sanskriti that bind all people together in ties of real amity and fraternity. ■

**To continue...**

# Anil ji's organisational skills and connect with grassroots karyakartas was unparalleled: Amit Shah

**B**JP senior leader and Minister of State (IC) for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Shri Anil Madhav Dave's died on 18 May was an Indian environmentalist and politician. He served as the Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change in the Narendra Modi ministry from July 2016 till the time of his death in May 2017.



devoted public servant. He was tremendously passionate towards conserving the environment. Home Minister Shri rajnath Singh offered his heartfelt condolences to the members of Shri Anil Dave's family and said "May God give them strength to bear this huge loss."

The BJP National President condoled his sudden demise said "Shocked and deeply

Shri Dave was a Member of Parliament, representing Madhya Pradesh in the Rajya Sabha since 2009.

He was a member of various committees including the Committee on Water Resources and the Consultative Committee for the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. He was also a member of the Parliamentary Forum on Global Warming and Climate Change from March 2010 to June 2010.

He was appointed as the Minister of State (MoS) independent charge of Environment, Forest and Climate Change in the Modi Government's cabinet expansion on 5 July 2016.

Shri Dave was born on 6 July 1956 in the city of Badnagar, in the Ujjain district of Madhya Pradesh, to Pushpa Devi and Madhav Dave. He earned his master's degree in commerce from Gujarati College, Indore, specializing in Rural Development and Management. He also began his political career during this time, taking part in the JP Movement, and was elected the college president. He was also a cadet of the National Cadet Corps' Air Wing.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi tweeted on sudden demise of Shri Anil Madhav Dave "Anil Madhav Dave ji will be remembered as a

pained by the sudden demise of our senior leader Shri Anil Madhav Dave ji." He expressed his deepest condolences to his family & friends. He added "Anil ji's organisational skills and connect with grassroots karyakartas was unparalleled. He always met me with a warm smile on his face. Anil Madhav ji's contribution to Indian politics & environment conservation was incredible. His passing away is a great loss to Indian polity. He said "Anil Madhav Dave ji has devoted his entire life for the betterment of society and played an important role in conservation of Narmada river." The mortal remains of Dave were brought early morning of May 18 to Bandrabhan from his home, 'Nadi Ka Ghar', in the state capital.

The mortal remains of Environment Minister Anil Madhav Dave were consigned to flames on the banks of the river Narmada at Bandrabhan in Madhya Pradesh's Hoshangabad district on May 18, with full state honours. Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Union ministers Harsh Vardhan, Uma Bharti, Anant Kumar, Narendra Singh Tomar and Thawar Chand Gehlot, senior RSS leaders Bhaiyyaji Joshi, Dattatraya Hosbole and Suresh Soni, BJP general secretary Kailash Vijaywargiya among others were present on the occasion. ■

# The Visit that shook Lakshadweep

**A**ccording to folklore the original name of Lakshadweep is Lakshyadweep. But the fact is that in the past only Sailors, Fishermen and tourists had aspired to reach these groups of Islands. However, these islands and its natives were never ever been an aspiration for rulers, politicians. But On May 16th , 2017 a new history has been created in Lakshadweep. When Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP National President Amit Shah are working in tandem and with enthusiasm towards a corruption free India and a Congress Mukt Bharat respectively, not a single corner in this country is evading their attention. For politicians from other political outfits, Lakshadweep with a single parliament seat was not an attraction at all. However BJP's objective is to impart development even to the last person standing in the last line. This was the ideology coined by Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya in "Ekatma Manav Darshan". By spreading this message to the nooks and corners of this country, is no doubt, would be an appropriate shraddanjali for the great philosopher on his birth Centenary. This thought has motivated National President Amit Shah to reach to the people of this scattered Island cut off from the mainstream of this country.

Amit Shah's tour program to the island, in all aspects, was a special and significant one. The event became a huge success . Amit Shah's visit stood out from the leaders of other political parties who kept a calculated distance from the ordinary people staying back in the comfort zone of his security personnel. Amit Shah stole heart of the people of the island the moment he landed in Agathy. There was not a single interlude or repose from the time he landed in the island from the time he left the place at 3.30 pm on 18th May. The national president took part in various committee meetings, state committee meeting, booth committee meetings, public meetings, house visits, meeting with eminent personalities of the island, having food from karyakartas house, the commencement of Deendayal birth centenary celebrations in the island, state –district office bearers meeting, office visit etc.



The national president who reached Agathy by air was received by Lakshadweep state BJP President C. Abdul Khader Haji and other local leaders. From there he reached Kavarathy by helicopter. He was received by State BJP President C. Abdul Khader Haji, Former President Dr. PP. Muthukoya and National Joint Secretary (Org) B.L. Santhosh. National President was received by people who flocked with Bharat Mata ki jai slogans and performance of various art forms. " Opana" by Lakshadweep Art Academy, "Kolkali". "Dandiya" were also performed in the reception. Shri Amit Shah reached Kavarthy guest house accompanied by hundreds of vehicles . on the way to the 4 km stretch to the guest house people lined up on the either side of the road waving tri colour and BJP flags. Lakshadweep Panchayat chairperson PPRasiya, Protocol officer Prema were there to receive the leader. The office bearers of the party in the island E.PFarooq, M.A.Muhammed, PKoya, Abdul Hameed, PV.Khalid, Yuva Morcha leader Abdul Hakeem, Minority Morcha president Siraj Koya, women activists Fousia, Shebina, Vimal Ravindran et all led the reception program.

The first official program was the state core committee meeting held after lunch. Amit Shah assessed the organizational strength of the 10 districts and gave directions how to strengthen the organization further. The meeting also decided to build offices in places where there are no office buildings and to begin the membership campaign robustly. The meeting laid out plans to garner 5000 party members before November 2017. The president assured that BJP will not repeat the mistakes of former regimes that ignored and sidelined Lakshadweep. He assured that the aspirations



of the people of Lakshadweep namely, drinking water, more Cargo-Passenger Ships, latest telecommunication infrastructure, fish storage facilities, etc would be made possible in a ware fare basis. Apart from the national president, National Joint Gen. Secretary (org) B.L.Santhosh, Prabhari Mahesh Giri MP, Arvind Menon participated in the core committee meeting.

In the state committee meeting that was held in the state committee office, national president enquired about the various issues pertaining to the island and assured that all the points discussed will be conveyed to the Prime Minister. When state committee meeting concluded it was about time for the public meeting in the Panchayat Stadium. The stadium was jampacked as people flowed in copiously to have a glimpse of the leader. This was a new experience for the island. The islanders who never had the habit of attending a public program with family broke the stint and flowed into the venue in hordes. The people congregated in the stadium received each and every word by applauding.

He spoke like a local touching upon the most local issues . By 2019, he assured that, 75% of the island's issues will be solved and out of the 120 schemes announced by the Central Government 80 of those will be implemented in the island very soon. He ended his speech by reassuring to implement projects in connection with infrastructure development, start-ups in marine products field, employment for youth, state of the art healthcare facilities, educational facilities etc. He also promised that the Prime Minister will visit Lakshadweep next year. The presence of the NCP MP from the island Muhammed Fazil and his party members in the meeting was significant. This particular event underlined the fact that development process can only happen through BJP.

Last phase of the National President's tour program began with a visit to the house of Piriyathimadu Abdul Khader. It was dream like situation for Khader. Shri Amit Shah spent time in Khader's house with him and his family, having food and taking snaps with everyone. Later he took part in a booth committee meeting in booth number 39 and 40. He made few more house visits. First was to the fisherman Abdu Rehman and then to the local singer Kadapurathu Poovu. Decades ago Poovu

had rendered her singing abilities in front of former PM Indira Gandhi is now nearing 80 and is laid up due to health issues. Amit Shah directed the Administrator of the Island Farooq Khan to take care of her treatment requirements. While he departed for Anthroth Island the people in Kavarathy congregated to see him off.

The next program was in Androth from where many leaders have in the past represented Lakshadweep in parliament. In Androth too the National President was received with zeal and enthusiasm. The people who have realized that BJP is the only solution for the development of the Island came in hordes, keeping apart their political affinities, to receive the people's leader. This kind of a reception to a BJP leader from an island which is of 100% Muslim population has perplexed many political observers and opponents. The public meeting was organised in the Jubilee hall in Androth Island. When the hall filled up, the crowd pouring in was managed by putting up a screen for people to view.

National President bid adieu to the Island only after promising that within 2 years every Island inhabited with people will be provided with drinking water, more cargo-passenger ships, latest telecommunication technology, infrastructure development, cold storage to preserve marine products, tourism project connecting 10 islands, modern treatment facilities and doctor's availability including Cardiology centres, training centres that will impart the skill of making ships and sailing of the people of Minicoy, Smart City project, all before 2019.

Amit Shah reached to the people with a clear cut planning and related projects to implement it. He was able to convince the people that his words weren't make believe like politicians from other political outfits. He could easily experience that the people of the Island trusted Narendra Modi government and BJP, the driving force. Lakshadweep gives out an image of an annihilated Congress, a tiring NCP and a strengthened BJP. The National President bid adieu to the island by ensuring that a BJP MP from Lakshadweep in 2019 isn't a distant dream. And the people of the Island have begun to say that this isn't a baloney... this time something is going to happen. ■

## “It is only BJP, which is a people’s party’ : Amit Shah



**B**haratiya Janata Party National President Shri Amit Shah has arrived on a two-day visit to Chandigarh on 20 May, 2017 as part of his country-wide 95-day ‘Vistaar Yatra’, which began from Jammu and Kashmir last month. Shri Shah attended series of meetings with councilors, office bearers, workers etc and also reviewed party’s organizational activities. This is Shri Shah’s first visit after the BJP swept the Municipal Corporation election which was held in December.

Shri Amit Shah inaugurated the newly-renovated party office, unveiled a statue of Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay in Chandigarh, whose birth centenary

is being celebrated this year and also inaugurated a library named after Nanaji Deshmukh and an e-library. The Nanaji Deshmukh library will have around 2,000 books on various subjects.

Addressing a meeting Shri Shah said, “I had got a list of issues from Chandigarh residents but those could be sorted out at the local level itself. MP Smt. Kirron Kher and City Mayor will sort-out every inconvenience facing by the public but I come with another objective, the responsibility of which he had been entrusted with by his party”.

Shri Shah said that even though the BJP government was doing a lot, some issues still





needed to be addressed and he would make sure that they were done soon.

In his address at Law Bhawan, Shri Shah said it is only BJP, which is a people's party. But, for some, only the interests of the family that would rule were important. "One of the reasons for BJP's success is its strong internal democratic set-up where one finds fair elections from the booth level to that of national president," he said.

Shri Shah even lashed out at the Congress. He put out a question to the audience asking, "Can you tell who would be the next BJP President after me?"

As there was no answer, he said nobody could assess it. Immediately then, he asked, "Could you tell who would be the next chief of the Congress party after Sonia Gandhi?" Everybody immediately took Congress vice-president Rahul Gandhi's name.

The party President also said that although BJP had lost in the past, the party never witnessed a split while Congress and other parties did. "We

had been losing in the past. But, there were never any differences. We would have a party thanking if our security deposit in the election would not be forfeited," said Shri Shah in a lighter vein.

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He stressed upon three basic fundamentals of any political party that includes principles, internal democracy and determination. "Jan Sangh, since its inception, had lived up to all three and at present,



has emerged as the single-largest party in the world with a strength of over 11 crore members,” asserted Shri Shah.

### COUNTRY-WIDE 95-DAY ‘VISTAAR YATRA’

Earlier, on May 7, as a part of his ‘Vistaar Yatra’ to states, BJP National President Shri Amit Shah reached Tripura on a two-day tour and in April, he visited Jammu and Kashmir on a two-day visit as part of his Yatra.

Shri Shah is on a 95-day Yatra during which he will strategize on ways to win the 2019 Lok Sabha election, with focus on clinching 120 seats where

Deendayal Upadhyay. Apart from his 95-day Yatra, Shri Shah has also chosen five states where he will spend three days each. His recent visit to West Bengal was part of the programme.

### GRAND WELCOME BY BJP KARYAKARTAS IN CHANDIGARH

A large number of Bharatiya Janata Party workers and supporters accorded a grand welcome to party National President Shri Amit Shah at the airport in Chandigarh and organised a road show escorting him to the party office in the city.

Shri Shah was received by BJP National Vice-President and Chandigarh In-Charge Shri Prabhat Jha, Chandigarh BJP President Shri Sanjay Tandon, the party's local MP Smt. Kirron Kher, Chandigarh Mayor Smt. Asha Jaswal and others. Thousands of party workers and common people welcomed him while children performed Bhangra. The local unit of BJP welcomed the National President at all the five roundabouts, where he halted briefly for 2 minutes each. He was escorted to BJP office by a cavalcade of hundreds of vehicles.

From there, he went to join the road show from Sector 48, that went through Sectors 45, 46, and 47 and

the Sector-33/45 crossing en route to Kamlam, the party office in Sector 33.

Enroute the BJP office, the car carrying the BJP National President stopped at many places and he was greeted by supporters who presented him with bouquets. Dhol beats, saffron flower petals, huge garlands, siropa and sword were what greeted the BJP National President at five reception centres — Motor Market Sector 48, Sector 47, Sector 46, Sector 45 and the crossing of Sector 33/45 en route Kamlam, the party's office in Sector 33, Chandigarh. ■



the party had lost in 2014. He will spend one to three days in each states. The Yatra will focus on taking stock of the party's organizational strength and further expansion of electoral appeal across the country.

BJP National President is particularly focusing on states like West Bengal, Odisha, Telangana and Kerala. The BJP had managed to win just 4 Lok Sabha seats out of the 102 in these states in the 2014 election. The BJP National President's Pravas will end by 25th September, the 101th birth anniversary of Jana Sangh ideologue Pt.



## BJP is confident of emerging as strong alternative to the TRS in the coming elections: Amit Shah

**B**JP National President Shri Amit Shah was on three-day tour of Telangana. He wound up his three-day tour on May 25. During the Pravas he has set a single point agenda—victory in 2019.

During the pravas he attended public meetings and asserted that that the party would emerge as a strong alternative to the Telangana Rashtra Samiti by 2019 elections. He added that the party was confident of forming the government on its own in the new State. He said “The BJP has exposed the govt. inaction in reaching the grass root level in crucial issues like weaker section housing. The BJP is confident of emerging as strong alternative to the TRS in the coming elections.”

He said the party is working with full vigour to make Telangana the gateway for its foray into south India and that the party is “prepared to do whatever needed for making Telangana an important constituent of the development process initiated

by Prime Minister Narendra Modi Government.”

The BJP Government at center has done so much for the State which no other government had done for the past 70 years. Quoting figures of the allocations made to Telangana in the XIV Finance Commission, he said the BJP had made 1 lakh crore allocations to Telangana. This includes share in Central taxes which is expected to be to the tune of 96,706 crore in five years from the existing less than 50,000 crore, sanction of infrastructure projects worth 40,800 crore, grant-in-aid enhanced from 2,100 crore to over 9,000 crore -- and local bodies grants increased to 8,764 crore. The Centre has also sanctioned premier institutions like the AIIMS and universities in various disciplines.

During their Pravas he also addressed meeting of booth level workers at Pedadevulapalli village. In the meeting he appealed to the people to extend their support to the BJP in making Telangana a strong forte for the party. ■

# Amit Shah appeals to karyakartas to make Andhra Pradesh the "BJP's gateway to the south"

**B**JP President Amit Shah on May 25 called upon the party's rank and file to strive to make Andhra Pradesh the "BJP's gateway to the south" by strengthening it at all levels in the state.

Shri Amit Shah is on a 95-day nation wide tour to expand the party.

"In the south, the BJP will emerge the strongest in AP. This will happen after the BJP is strengthened at all levels in the state", Shri Shah told over 25,000 polling booth-level workers of the party at a 'Maha Sammelan' in Vijayawada this evening.

Calling the Maha Sammelan (mega gathering) a "milestone" and the beginning of a new chapter for the party, Shri Shah said efforts were on to strengthen the BJP in AP for the last three years.

"The Narendra Modi government sanctioned projects worth Rs 1.75 lakh crore for AP in the last three years, which never happened since Independence.

"So, when Narendrabhai comes to Visakhapatnam in July (for the BJP's national executive meeting), light up your houses, decorate them with rangoli, burst crackers and make it a festival. I will also tour AP for three days in August," Shri Shah said.

Shri Shah added the issue of special category status (SCS) to AP is no longer relevant as the Centre last year announced a development package for the state.

"Many people still keep questioning about special category status to AP. Let them open their ears wide and listen. We have opened many national educational institutions, sanctioned Rs 1 lakh crore for roads.

"The Centre is bearing the full cost of Polavaram project. Under the special economic package announced by the Centre, AP will not get even a single rupee less than what it would have got under SCS," he asserted.

Talking about the three-year rule of the Modi



government, Shri Shah said it has launched as many as 106 new schemes for people's welfare since 2014.

"There is a scheme for everyone, the youth, farmers, women, the poor. Seven crore youths availed of loans under Mudra Yojana for self-employment and job provision. The Modi government works for the welfare of people."

He noted that the BJP was the largest political party in the world with a membership of 11 crore.

"We have over 330 members in Parliament and 1,387 in state legislatures. We have our own governments in 13 states and are coalition partners in four other states. We can proudly say that the world famous leader Narendra Modi belongs to the BJP," Shri Shah observed.

Union Information and Broadcasting Minister M Venkaiah Naidu said a "Modi Fest" would be organised across the country till 15 June where the BJP members would go door-to-door and propagate the Modi government's programmes.

"This programme is not against anyone but only to expand our base in all parts of the country," he added.

Railway Minister Shri Suresh Prabhu, BJP state president Kambhampati Hari Babu, state ministers Kamineni Srinivas, Shri P Manikyala Rao and other senior leaders attended the meet. ■

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# THREE YEARS OF MODI GOVERNMENT ACHIEVEMENTS AND APPRAISAL

PRABHAT JHA

India is now seventy years old since independence. It has seen many governments. The common man has had bitter-sweet experience with the central governments. There was a time when the opposition could not even think that it could be the ruling party. But the common man has supported the party to enable it to form government at both the centre and in the states. It is necessary to have patience and courage in adverse circumstances and discipline and politeness in favorable circumstances.

16 May and 26 May 2014 – these dates have been imprinted in the political memory of India. This is when Indian politics and the Government of India entered a golden period of stability. Time is no one's friend. Good times vanish and bad times come. When we see the work of our Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the National President of the BJP Amit Shah in the last three years a thought comes to mind. It seems that Prime Minister Modi and the Modi Government is working for the welfare of the people inspired by the righteous path of Shri Rama. While the National President Amit Shah seems to be following Shri Krishna in expanding the base of the party, trying to achieve the goals of the party.

For years the BJP has been blamed as a party of the rich classes and forward castes. In the last three years, Modi government and the BJP has broken this myth and has taken the truth to every home that the Modi Government and the BJP is a party of the poor and it reaches out to everyone.

The Congress government gave the slogan of 'Gareebi Hatao', (remove poverty), but it could not be done. The BJP did neither give any slogan, nor did it make any promise. The first sentence of Prime



Minister Modi after he bowed down at the entrance of the Parliament building was: this government is a government of the poor. And since then every step that the Prime Minister has taken is in this direction.

Indian society is experiencing for the first time that the government it elected is their own. You can say that the government is successful when the society says that the government is doing what they think it should do.

The country was suffering from corruption. The Parliament echoed with scandals. The life of the common man had been destroyed because of corruption. In the last three years, the Modi government has successfully tried to curb black money, corruption and unnamed property dealings. And everyone admires that! The historic decision of demonetization was taken to curb corruption. While Narendra Modi became absolutely successful in his demonetization, the poor lent their support to the government electorally and showed unequivocally that they are with the Modi government on demonetization. Such hard decision! Every poor person had some difficulty due to this decision and yet they were happy that at least someone did something to root out corruption.

The opposition asks: what did the government do? I want to say that the government has given

direct benefit to more than 49 crore people. Not only has it opened bank accounts for them, it has also opened the gates of fortune for them. Here are a few facts:

27.97 crore Jan Dhan accounts were opened. The poor deposited 63.835 crore of their own in these accounts. Now the government is also depositing money in these accounts under different government schemes. 13 crore poor were included in various social welfare schemes. 6.6 crore people took loans and started business under start-up and stand-up schemes through 'Mudra Yojana'. According to 'Ujjwala Yojana', 2 crore people, to the last man, were provided cooking gas connection. The 'Ujjwala Yojana' will not stop here. In the coming years, it will give gas connections to 5 crore more people.

The opposition asks: what did you do in the last three years? After father of the nation, Mahatma Gandhi, if someone has made 'Swachh Bharat' their mission, then it is the Narendra Modi government. Cleanliness takes the society to health and well-being. A clean India means a healthy India. It may not seem a big deal, but the Ujala LED Yojana, which works under the principle of save electricity, has distributed 11 crore 8 lakh LED bulbs so far.

The government has taken historic steps in decreasing the bank loan interests under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, making the dream of 5 crore homeless people come true. The Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana, worth rupees 12 thousand crore, is trying to provide skills to crores of people.

The Modi government is doing a lot for the farmers. India is primarily an agricultural country. Our economy is agriculture based. If the farmer is not safe, then India is not safe. For the security of farmers, the Prime Minister doubled the crop insurance amount and the premium amount for farmers has been taken to just double of its earlier amount. So far around 3 crore 86 lakh farmers have secured themselves according to this scheme. Not only this, under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai

Yojana, more than 12.7 lakh hectares of land, has been irrigated. The slogan is 'Har Khet ko Paani' (Water to every field!). A brilliant scheme has been formulated for doubling the income of the farmers. 'Achhe din Aayenge' (Good times will come!) is not just a slogan. Good times are coming. On 31st March 2014, the rate of consumer inflation was 9.46 %. Within three years, on 31st March, it has come down to 3.81%. These figures are provided by the Indian State, not the BJP. On 31st March 2014, industrial production growth rate was in negative at -0.10 % which had increased to 5.2 % within three years by 31st March 2017.

Talking about roads, construction of 20 thousand kilometers of road is not a small achievement. Under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, in 2016-17, around 48,000 kilometers of road was constructed and daily 133 kilometers of road is being constructed. In 2013-14 only 69 kilometers of road was being constructed daily.

Not only this, under DBT (Direct Bank Transfer), the poor and middle class, has been saved from exploitation. By the implementation of DBT in 19 ministries and 92 schemes of the departments of the Modi government, 49,560 crore rupees have been saved.

The structure of the State has been strengthened. By implementing the GST and by creating a forum for taking decisions by constituting the National Council for the GST, the structure of the State has been strengthened.

The Modi government dreams that every Indian should have his own home. More people have got their own homes under the three years of the Modi government than the 10 years of the UPA government. Permissions have been granted for creating 17,73,533 subsidized homes.

The government has taken many decisions for the empowerment of women. Among those who have benefitted under the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana, round 79% are women. Under Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana, 1 crore accounts were opened and 11,000 crore rupees were deposited in them.



'Beti Bachao – Beti Padhao' scheme has been extremely successful. The Modi government has made the kitchen of the poor smokeless. Till now around 2 crore women of poor families are taking benefit of this scheme.

Development of youth is the primary concern of the Modi government. The youth are being given financial help under the start-ups scheme. Now the youth is not just demanding jobs, he is now creating jobs by doing business of his own. The process of recruitment in government jobs has become easy and transparent. For more than 34 lakh non-gazetted posts, interview has been non-compulsory. The novel scheme of Modi government, called 'Make in India' has been very successful. In the quality of products, India has pushed China back by seven spaces.

The Modi government is committed to the strengthening of the security forces. For the benefit of retired soldiers, the Modi government took historic steps and completed the demand of 'One Rank, One Pension' which was pending since four decades. The Modi government solved the long pending border dispute with Bangladesh. Under 'Make in India' scheme, India is becoming self-dependent in the field of defense. Indian Army destroyed the terrorists in their base inside the PoK. The surgical strike improved the image of India in the world. Before this they also ran operations against the terrorists in Myanmar.

Revolutionary changes have been made in the field of law and judiciary. More than 1100 laws that had gone obsolete and irrelevant were scrapped. 400 more are on their way of getting scrapped. Historic decision was made by giving constitutional status to National Commission for Backward Classes. Under Modi government, the Constitution, borders and the army have regained their lost status and importance. The image of India has improved in the world. The foreign trips of the Prime Minister have made the people of Indian origin happy and hopeful. Time and space does not allow to quote the decisions taken and facts provided by the cabinet.

The BJP is the largest political party in the world.

The NDA has formed government in 17 states of India. More than 61% of population lives in these states. It means that the NDA government is serving more than 2/3rd of the people of the country. The states ruled by Congress constitute just 8.6% of Indian population. There are 283 Members of Parliament of the BJP. It has 56 MPs in the Rajya Sabha. The NDA has 339 Lok Sabha MPs and 74 Rajya Sabha MPs. The party which began with 10 people is now the largest political party in the world with more than 12 crore members. There are more than 1398 MLAs of the BJP in the country. The BJP has now the most number of MPs from SC and ST community; the most number of women MPs; the most number of mayors; the most number of Zila Panchayats and Councilors; the most number of Village Sarpanchs. In the coming days, the NDA is going to choose the President of the choice of the people of the country.

Our Prime Minister Narendra Modi is one of the most popular of global leaders. He has achieved great heights in becoming a global leader. A new history is being created where organization and power are coming together. In this favorable atmosphere the people are watching the BJP. The Congress era has come to an end. The era of the BJP has begun. Everyone's responsibility in this era has also increased. The people have woken up to their duties, instead of just demanding their rights. Indian politics has taken many steps in the direction of regaining its lost glory. Before May 2014, corruption was not just a hot debate in public, but also in the Parliament. But in the last three years, the Modi government has not been blamed of any corruption. It shows that India is proceeding towards becoming a corruption-free country. The country belongs to the 125 crore people of this country. The BJP and the BJP government have got a great opportunity of serving the people of the country. Steps should constantly be taken in this direction to accomplish the goals undertaken. ■

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# Class war descends to savage turf war under CPM patronage in Kerala

## Pinarayi's unenviable record of two dozen political murders and maimings in twelve months

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**U**nder the CPM rule, the God's own country, Kerala is turning into the crime capital of India. The irony is when the chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan celebrated his first anniversary in office on May 25 the CPM goons marked the day attacking and maiming the CPI workers in Kollam, just 70 km away from the capital city Tiruvananthapuram. A week earlier a BJP worker was killed in Kannur which created a huge political turmoil in the state. The BJP petitioned the central government and the state governor to deploy special central forces to protect the lives and properties of non-CPM families in Kannur district from where the Chief Minister hails. Ever since Pinarayi became the chief minister, there has

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been steady spurt in violence against political opponents of CPM. The CPM seems to be following the policy of EMS Namboodripad, who used to say that the party comes to power to break the Constitution from within and that he would



carry on administration and agitation hand in hand. Pinarayi seems to be a true follower of Stalinist criminalization of politics where political opposition has no right to exist. The BJP worker Ramanthali Muttakunnu Biju was killed by the CPM goons who followed him for miles before he was waylaid and killed. The killing created state-wide condemnation. Even the chief minister characterized the killing as unfortunate. The governor asked for a report from the state government. A BJP delegation led by Shri O Rajagopal, MLA, submitted a memorandum to the governor demanding action against the state-sponsored terror on BJP workers. The general feeling in the state is that as long as Pinarayi Vijayan is in power, the non-CPM political activists have no safety. The CPM is at war with every other party, including its allies.

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admitted to hospital in critical condition due to CPM attack on BJP workers. In the same period two persons including a 35 year old woman Vimala were burnt to death two others including her 11 year old child are fighting for life when CPM goondas set the BJP worker Janardan's house on fire at midnight in Palghat. The macabre nature of the political rivalry, their turf and clannish underbelly, brazen political indulgence by the ruling party have become so intriguing that they have given wings to many gripping film scripts, most of them by fellow-traveler film makers who try to romanticize the class war in the CPM killing fields of Kannur.

**It is with savage ferocity that these endemic political atrocities are schemed and executed by the Red brigade. The real culprits are never caught, the party plans and it decides how to commit the crime, who will execute it, and who will surrender to the police if it becomes inevitable.**

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In the mid-sixties as a school going child I have undergone the agony of my house being surrounded by CPM goons. Then the fight was not between the RSS and CPM. It was between the Karshaka Sangam of the Kerala Congress representing the farmers and the farm labourers under the CPM opposing modernization of farming in Kerala. My father, a senior Kerala Congress leader and Panchayat president was facing murder threat for trying to replace plough with tractors. That was the time when the entire farm land in the state was undergoing transition and the comrades resisted it,

spreading large scale agrarian unrest. As the ruling party the labour unions enjoyed official patronage. Father was in hiding along with other farmer leaders. One day at mid-night they surrounded my house with torch, axe and heavy weapons. They entered the veranda pulled the chairs sat on them and I could hear the sound of heavy metals being placed on the cement floor. They were waiting thinking the father was inside. After waiting for an hour they left on getting a message that only the children and mother were inside the house. Then, they were kind enough to leave us unhurt.

In five decades the CPM has only become more barbaric and brazen. The tectonic changes in political fortunes and technology have not refined their ideological war chest. They have only become more beastly.

It is with savage ferocity that these endemic political atrocities are schemed and executed by the Red brigade. The real culprits are never caught, the party plans and it decides how to commit the crime, who will execute it, and who will surrender to the police if it becomes inevitable. Because of this criminal-party nexus and their overarching sway on the prison inmates the Kannur central jail have become notorious, becoming the subject of many salacious stories on jail breaks, drug peddling and rule violations with political sanction.

Killing political opponents has been a long time tactics of the CPM. Every party in Kerala, even its own ally, the CPI has been on the receiving end. In May 2016, when the Left Front gained power it was expected that the CPM will turn a new leaf, and the declining graph of the party nationally will force it to modernize and democratize its cadre. That did not happen. Instead it identified the Sangh and BJP as its chief adversaries and as if in a well thought-out strategy went about annihilating and attacking the BJP cadre. Hundreds of workers of the Sangh were maimed in these attacks. The BJP and RSS held a number of protests throughout the state. On January 21 the women wing of the outfit held dharnas at all district head quarters to

protest CPM violence. A delegation led by state chief Kummanam Rajesekharan and veteran lone BJP MLA O. Rajagopal met the Chief Minister and pleaded with him to visit Kannur, hold all party peace meet and restore confidence. Twice the BJP state leaders met the central leaders and pleaded for intervention and placing Kannur under central forces. A number of state leaders have been provided central security as they fear threat to their lives. But these leaders are saying that they want to surrender this cover as their party workers are anyway unsafe.

On January 24 the RSS-BJP workers along with a number of civil liberty organizations and eminent personalities held a protest rally at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi. Sonal Mansingh, Mukesh Khanna, Meenakshi Lekhi, Dr Anil Jain and other prominent leaders addressed the gathering. The BJP general secretary Ramlal was also present Here, addressing the gathering Sangh Saha Sarkaryavah Dattatreya Hosebole demanded the dismissal of Pinaryi government for state sponsored murder

politics.

Drawing the national attention to the CPM atrocities has been the strategy of the pariwar. The Sangh is also retaliating with full force. But two things stand out. Firstly while the BJP is growing in the state, the CPM strategy is to project itself as the main Hindu party. For this, the CPM has made many tactical compromises like getting active in Hindu festivals, celebration of Sri Krishna Jayanti, Vivekananda Jayanti and adoption of the teachings Hindu icon Sree Narayana Guru. Secondly the fact that CPM is in power, it is using the administrative machinery to protect its own cadre and torment the RSS Pariwar. This is why the Pariwar is looking for national response. The BJP central leadership has sent two party teams to study the situation in the recent past. Lumpansation of Kerala polity is proving fatal for the CPM for its onward march as it is with an intellectual façade that it tried to establish a presence at the national scene. ■

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## Prime Minister Narendra Modi is one of the most effective communicators of the times: Pranab Mukherjee

**T**he President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee received the first copies of books 'Mann Ki Baat: A Social Revolution on Radio' and 'Marching with a Billion- Analysing Narendra Modi's Government at Midterm' from Smt. Sumitra Mahajan, Speaker Lok Sabha who formally released these books at a function at Rashtrapati Bhavan today in the presence of Mohd. Hamid Ansari, Vice President of India, Shri Arun Jaitley, Union Minister of Finance and Defence and other dignitaries. On the occasion the President has termed the PM Narendra Modi as the most effective communicators in the contemporary period.

He said "Various initiatives taken by Prime

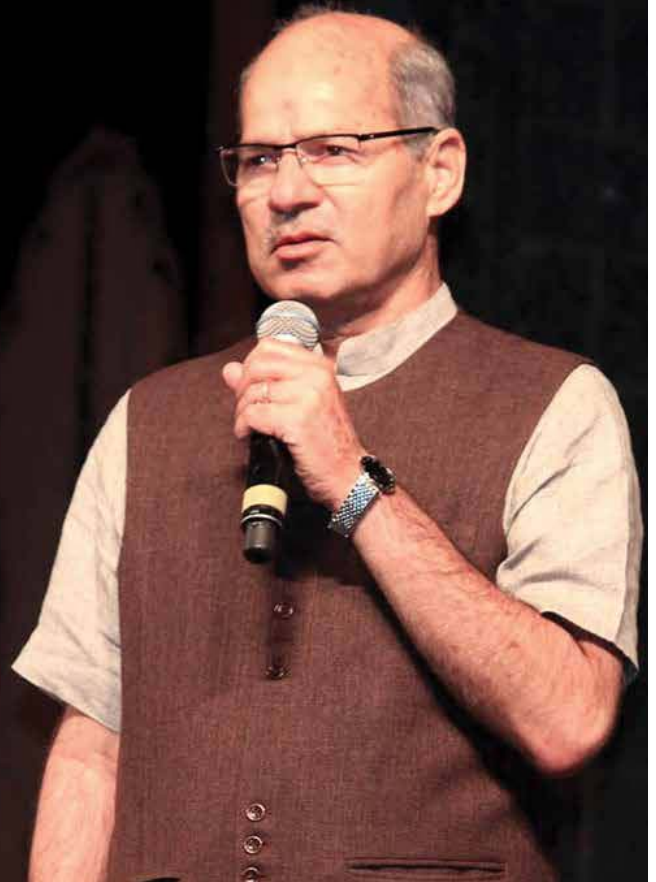
Minister Shri Narendra Modi have resulted in the Indian economy moving forward in a steadfast manner."

The President congratulated and expressed gratitude to the publishers for bringing out the two books. He said the books cover important issues of topical concern and should have a wide readership because of their inherent merit.

Vice President of India, Mohd. Hamid Ansari, Speaker Lok Sabha, Smt. Sumitra Mahajan and Union Minister for Finance and Defence, Shri Arun Jaitley also addressed the gathering and gave an account of how the books capture key aspects of the personality of Shri Narendra Modi and achievements of the Government. ■

# A Tribute to Anil Madhav Dave

| PRABHAT JHA



**A**nil Madhav Dave departed, leaving all of us. He shouldn't have. Not now. Everyone has to leave one day but for such a wise man to depart so early is just too sad for any spiritual consolation. He was the grandson of Shri Bade Sahab Dave, the first President of Madhya Pradesh Jan Sangh. Badnagar, Ujjain has been their ancestral home. He completed his studies in Indore. He was a known name in student politics. It was in those days that he became a Sangh Pracharak. Politeness, discipline and result-oriented action were some of his defining qualities.

I have known him for thirty-five long years. I saw him as Sangh Pracharak in Indore as Vibhag Pracharak in Bhopal. He was used to living a hard life. He was not a man of many words. Despite having many virtues, he worked selflessly. He was

a workaholic and believed in using his energy in the most efficient way. I observed him closely after he entered politics. His approach to politics was like that of a mathematician. Whatever task was assigned to him; he would accomplish it after studying its nature and adapting it accordingly. He loved self-study and always had a positive, victorious attitude. He never approached a task with a defeatist and negative attitude. He always embarked on it with a victorious approach.

Firm in his ideology and with a rare moral courage he would connect people to the cause he believed in. He loved working in team. He tried to make the society free from every kind of corruption. It had the desire to weed out social pollution that led him to environmental issues and problems. He believed in nature conservation in the way inscribed

in the Vedas and the Shastras. His basic belief was that there can only be Indian solutions to India's problems. An indication of his personality and his love for environment can be made from the name of his house: 'Nadi ka Ghar', (The House of the River). Conservation of rivers was one of his primary goals of life.

Very few people know that Anil Madhav Dave was a trained pilot and once flew planes. But the sorry condition of the society compelled him to come down and work with people on the ground. When he entered from Sangh into politics, he first encountered the then chief minister of Madhya Pradesh, Digvijay Singh, who was occupying the post for the past ten years. It was hard to defeat him. Supporting the name of Uma Ji as the Chief Ministerial candidate, he planned the election strategy for the political battle ahead in a small bungalow. In 2004, the BJP formed government in Madhya Pradesh. Since then till his death, he played the role in the subsequent elections that the bones play in human body. He often remarked that half the battle is won if you have a battle plan down to the last minute of the battle.

Dave Ji was multi-talented. He was also known as an author. He was influenced by Chhatrapati Shivaji. He wrote a book, 'Shivaji va Sooraj', based on Shivaji's life. His other books are: 'Solah Sanskaar', and 'Amarkantak se Amarkantak Tak'. Even when he was neither an MP nor an MLA it was his nature to engage in social work. He not only participated as an environmentalist in many international conferences, he always voiced his belief that it is only Indian culture which can provide solutions for Nature conservation. He built an ashram for himself the banks of the Narmada at Baandhrabhaan. He lived there like a sadhu would in an ashram. On two important occasions in his life he got national and international support. He played a central role in the organization of Vishwa Hindi Sammelan in Bhopal and Vichar Kumbha in the Maha Kumbha of Ujjain. Our Prime Minister gave him the independent responsibility as Minister

of Environment.

Dave Ji was a man of courage. It is necessary to present his courageous personality in front of the society so that we can take inspiration from him. A few years ago the doctors told him that he is a heart patient and he would have to go for open heart surgery. Without informing others, he asked the doctor about the place where he could have the surgery. Doctor told him of a hospital in Mumbai. He took a colleague with him to Mumbai and asked the doctor to fix a date for the operation. When the doctor asked him about his family members, he said that it was his operation and he was present there. The doctors took him into operation theatre and the surgery was performed on him. When he

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came to his own after the operation he told his colleague to now tell everyone about his open heart surgery. Such instances of courage are rare.

Dave Ji was unique. His specialty was to accomplish impossible tasks, though he came from humble background. As I lived and worked continuously with him, it feels it was not the time for him to go. But this is where neither man nor science can do anything. Every beginning has an end. Anil Madhav Dave is no more between us. The sun has set for him now, but he will come again in other form and will mesmerize the world. ■

# We have successfully connected the whole world through Yoga: Narendra Modi

**P** rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on May 28 addressed the people through his 32nd episode of the monthly 'Mann Ki Baat' programme. It was his first Mann Ki Baat after completion of 3 years of NDA government.

Here are the highlights of PM Modi's address:

- I convey my hearty greetings to all fellow Indians and everyone across the world, especially the Muslim brethren at the advent of this auspicious month of Ramazan.
- We, Indians, are very lucky that our ancestors have created such a tradition that today India and its 1.25 billion people can take pride in the fact that people from all communities and faith are available here.
- I am happy that our young generation is keen to know about our history and sacrifices made by our freedom fighters.
- Many years ago, I visited Andaman & Nicobar Islands. I went to see the Cellular Jail there. Today is the birth anniversary of Veer Savarkarji. Veer Savarkarji had written a book "Majhi Janmthep" while in incarceration. He used to write poems on the walls of his prison cell. He was confined to a very small cell. These seekers of freedom must have gone through immense torture. I was inspired to visit the Cellular Jail only after reading Savarkarji's book "Maazi Janmthep".
- 5th June is World Environment Day. This year the UN have chosen 'Connecting People to Nature' theme. These days, I keep receiving news from our states. Almost in every state, a big plantation campaign gets underway with the onset of monsoon. Millions of trees are planted. School children, social organizations and NGOs also get connected with the campaign. Even State Governments take an initiative. Let us also make our contribution in enhancing this campaign.
- If we shall protect the environment, our future generations will reap the benefits. Vedas, describe the Earth and the Environment as the basic sources of energy. And, Atharva Veda, written thousands of years ago, is the most authentic guiding scripture about nature and environment. In India, it has been said – "Earth is the mother and I am her son". According to Vedas, the purity within us is because of the Earth. The Earth is our mother and we all are her children. If we recall Lord Buddha, a fact comes to light that his birth, his enlightenment and his Mahaparinirvana, all three happened under a tree.
- In a very short time, 21st June has got worldwide recognition as World Yoga day and is connecting people. At a time when separatist forces are raising their ugly heads this has been India's great contribution to the world.. We have successfully connected the whole world through Yoga.
- The Central Government has along with State Governments and with the cooperation of municipal representatives of cities decided to launch a massive and important campaign of





The BJP National President Shri Amit Shah along with slum dwellers of RK Puram area in New Delhi on May 28 while listening to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Mann Ki Baat' radio programme.

waste management. On the occasion of World Environment Day on 5th June, there are going to be litter bins made available to collect solid waste and liquid waste in 4000 towns of the country.

- It is with great happiness that I wish to tell you, that I am given to understand that under the aegis of 'Swachh Bharat Campaign', the Riyasi Block in Jammu and Kashmir has become completely free of open defecation.
- Three years ago you vested the responsibility of

'Pradhan Sewak'- the Chief Servant of the People upon me. There have been many surveys and several opinion polls. I see this entire process as a very healthy sign. The works done during these years were tested on every touch stone . It was analyzed by every segment of society. And this is a great process in democracy.

- I now feel, that when I had first started 'Mann Ki Baat,' I had not given thought to the fact that 'Mann Ki Baat' would make me a member of every family in India. ■

# Boost to transform domestic nuclear industry

## Cabinet approves construction of 10 units of India's indigenous Pressurized Heavy Water Reactors (PHWR)

**I**n a significant decision to fast-track India's domestic nuclear power programme, and give a push to country's nuclear industry, the Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on May 17 gave its approval for construction of 10 units of India's indigenous Pressurized Heavy Water Reactors (PHWR). The total installed capacity of the Plants will be 7000 MW. The 10 PHWR project will result in a significant augmentation of nuclear power generation capacity.

India has current installed nuclear power capacity of 6780 MW from 22 operational plants. Another 6700 MWs of nuclear power is expected to come onstream by 2021-22 through projects presently under construction. As the government marks three years of its nation and people centric governance, in a first of its kind project for India's nuclear power sector, the ten new units will come up in fleet mode as a fully homegrown initiative. It would be one of the flagship "Make in India" projects in this sector.

With likely manufacturing orders of close to 70,000 crores to the domestic industry, the project will help transform Indian nuclear industry by linking our goal of a strong nuclear power sector with our indigenous industrial capacities in high-end technologies.

This Project will bring about substantial economies of scale and maximise cost and time efficiencies by adopting fleet mode for execution. It is expected to generate more than 33,400 jobs in direct and indirect employment. With manufacturing orders to domestic industry, it will be a major step towards strengthening India's credentials as a major nuclear manufacturing powerhouse.

The ten reactors will be part of India's latest design of 700 MW PHWR fleet with state-of-art



technology meeting the highest standards of safety.

The approval also marks a statement of strong belief in the capability of India's scientific community to build our technological capacities. The design and development of this project is a testament to the rapid advances achieved by India's nuclear scientific community and industry. It underscores the mastery our nuclear scientists have attained over all aspects of indigenous PHWR technology. India's record of building and operating PHWR reactors over the last nearly forty years is globally acclaimed.

The Cabinet's decision reflects the Government's commitment to prioritise the use of clean power in India's energy mix, as part of low-carbon growth strategy and to ensure long-term base load requirement for the nation's industrialization.

It also supports India's commitment to sustainable development, energy self-sufficiency and bolsters global efforts to combat climate change. ■

# 'Operation Clean Money' website to bring illegal wealth on books launched



**T**he government on May 16 said that 91 lakh new taxpayers have emerged since demonetisation seeing a 22% growth in e-filing of tax returns.

The number of persons under the tax net has increased by 91 lakh as unaccounted cash lost anonymity post note ban, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley said.

Launching a new website on 'Operation Clean Money', a programme to bring illegal wealth on books, he said the fallout of the November 8 decision to demonetise higher denomination currency has increased movement towards digitisation, number of assesseees going up and tax revenue jumping as also fear of dealing in cash being installed.

Stating that as many as 91 lakh persons have come under the tax net, Jaitley said he expects further increase in tax returns going ahead.

Post demonetisation, there has been a hike

in collection of personal income tax, the finance minister said, adding that the new portal will help honest taxpayer. CBDT Chairman Sushil Chandra said there was 22% growth in e-filed returns post demonetisation.

As many as 17.92 lakh people were identified for unexplained deposits post demonetisation, he said, adding the tax department has identified one lakh suspected tax avoidance cases.

He also said that an undisclosed income of Rs 16,398 crore was identified post demonetisation.

"We identified around 17.92 lakh persons in whose case the cash transactions did not appear in line with the taxpayers' profiles. And online verifications of these transactions are underway," Shri Chandra said.

Of the 17.92 lakh, so far 9.72 lakh individuals responded to SMSes and e-mails sent by the income tax department. ■



# PM inaugurates India's longest bridge in Assam, addresses public meeting at Dhola



**T**he Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on May 26 inaugurated India's longest bridge - the 9.15 km long Dhola-Sadiya bridge, over the River Brahmaputra, in Assam.

This was his first engagement on the third anniversary of his swearing-in as Prime Minister.

The bridge will enhance connectivity and greatly reduce travel time between Assam and Arunachal Pradesh.

After unveiling a plaque to mark the inauguration, the Prime Minister travelled, and walked on the bridge for a few minutes.

Later, addressing a public meeting at Dhola, the Prime Minister said that the inauguration of the bridge marks the end of a long wait for the people of this area.

The Prime Minister said infrastructure is extremely important for development, and the effort of the Union Government is to fulfil the dreams and wishes of the people. He said this bridge enhances connectivity between Assam and Arunachal Pradesh, and opens the door for economic development, on a big scale.

He said the eastern and north-eastern parts of the country have the greatest potential for economic development, and this bridge is just one element of the Union Government's vision in this regard.

The Prime Minister said the bridge will bring about a positive change in the lives of the common people. He said the Union Government is placing great emphasis on the development of waterways as well.

The Prime Minister said enhanced connectivity between the North-East and other parts of the country is a priority for the Union Government, and work has been greatly speeded up in this regard. He said that good connectivity in the North-East will also link the region with the economy of South-East Asia.

The Prime Minister also spoke of the immense tourism potential of the North-East. He said the Union Government has decided to name the Dhola-Sadiya bridge after the great musician, lyricist and poet, Bhupen Hazarika.

At present, all the transport between the two banks of the river are being carried out through water only. The bridge, when opened for the public, will cut down the travel time between Assam and Arunachal Pradesh by as much as four hours. Besides providing easy access to the people of Arunachal Pradesh and Assam with air and rail connectivity, the bridge has strategic importance too. Defence experts see the bridge as an attempt by India to beef up its defence requirements along the Sino-Indian border particularly in the Northeast. ■

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**Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi paying his last respects to the Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Independent Charge), Shri Anil Madhav Dave, New Delhi**



**PM Shri Narendra Modi performing Dhvaj Stupana & Kalash Pujan, at the concluding ceremony of the Narmada Sewa yatra & launching of the Narmada Sewa Mission in Amarkantak, Madhya Pradesh**

# Teen Saal Bemisai!

## BOLD AND DECISIVE

- Demonetization was a historic decision taken to tackle black money and corruption
- Notification of Benami Property Act after decades of delay and inaction
- Surgical strikes served as strong warning to terrorists
- Fulfilled a decades-old demand for OROP, which will benefit 20 lakh ex-servicemen
- GST, which was languishing for years, for lack of consensus, is now a reality

## EMPOWERING THE POOR MAKING BENEFITS ACCESSIBLE

- Universal access to banking services for the first time ever – over 28 crore accounts opened
- Mudra Loans amounting to Rs 3.15 Lakh Crore sanctioned to 7.5 Crore poor
- Gas connections given to more than 2 crore poor women
- 80% reduction in cost of Stent
- Affordable medicines available at Jan Aushadhi Kendras across the nation
- Resolution to provide every poor with a pucca house

## HONEST & INCORRUPTIBLE

- Not a single allegation of corruption against anyone in government
- Decisive steps taken against black money and corruption
- Complete transparency in matters pertaining coal, spectrum, F.M. and environment
- Interview eliminated for Class 3 and 4 jobs

## A GOVERNMENT THAT CARES

- Thousands of Indians stranded abroad were brought back safely to India
- For the first time, water in millions of litres was delivered to drought-affected areas
- Giving new encouragement to the differently-abled people through opportunities
- The discriminated and exploited people of society are getting the right to their own land

## GAINING PEOPLE'S SUPPORT AND EARNING THEIR TRUST

- With people's wholehearted participation, "Swachha Bharat" has become a mass movement
- More than 1 crore people have given up their LPG subsidy
- Cashless transaction has got people's enthusiastic support and over 2 crore people have downloaded the "Bhim" app
- The "VIP" culture has been done away with

## INDIA'S RISE IN THE GLOBAL ORDER

- India is the fastest growing big economy in the world
- "Make in India" is getting global recognition
- The whole world enthusiastically celebrates the International Yoga Day
- India enjoying unprecedented success through its space programme

## SECURING INDIA'S FUTURE

- Rural roads being developed at a remarkably fast pace
- The "Bharat Mala" and "Saiu Bharatam" projects are helping to connect every corner of the nation
- A better future is being built through development of "Smart Cities"
- All Panchayats are being provided with broadband connectivity
- Inland waterways being developed for increased connectivity
- Many railway networks are being expanded at a faster pace than before and 6 new cities will be getting their own Metros

## EMPOWERED WOMEN, EMPOWERED NATION

- Gas connections given to more than 2 crore women
- Maternity leave increased from 12 weeks to 26 weeks
- Rs. 6,000 financial assistance for nourishment to pregnant women
- Women comprise 70% of the beneficiaries of the Mudra loans

## STRENGTH OF A NEW INDIA, POWER OF THE YOUTH

- Around 1 crore youth to get training under Skill India scheme
- 109 new Kendriya Vidyalayas, 62 Navodaya Vidyalaya, 7 new IITs and 6 new IITs are being developed
- Scholarships to 1 crore SC/ ST/ OBC students directly deposited in their bank accounts
- New opportunities created for the youth under "Start-up India"

## PROSPEROUS FARMER PROSPEROUS NATION

- Farmers are being directly connected with the markets
- Farmers to get the right price for their produce through e-NAM
- Neem-coated Urea available in large quantities for farmers
- Full insurance cover at low premium for farmers
- Bumper harvests for farmers this year

## BETTER POLICY INITIATIVES FASTER DEVELOPMENT

- Same tax structure across the nation
- Remarkable improvement in "Ease of doing business"
- Significant improvement through Insolvency and bankruptcy laws
- Significant liberalization in FDI laws