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# Activist President Amit Shah

**T**aking political activism to a new height BJP National President Amit Shah is on a nationwide pravas, meeting BJP office bearers, karyakartas, allies, intellectuals, sympathisers and general public. It has created an ambience wherein every karyakarta is feeling inspired to rededicate oneself to the larger goals of national rebuilding process through organisational commitment and hard work. While delivering his presidential address in the last national executive meeting held in Bhubaneswar Amit Shah had cautioned karyakartas against any form of complacency due to continuous electoral victories and called for incessant hard work for the expansion and consolidation of BJP across India. Not only he exhorted the karyakartas for further strengthening the organisational works, he backed his call by announcing his 95-day Vistarak and 15-day Vistrut pravas. Leading from the front he has set high standard of political activism and presented an example of ceaseless hard work to be emulated by all the karyakartas.

BJP is getting overwhelming support from the masses and its electoral victories are imputing new dimensions to Indian politics. The massive support to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and BJP speaks volumes about the expectations of the people from the party. It's not only an opportunity to build a new India but time for the party to strengthen itself in every nook and corner of the country to meet the aspirations of the people. BJP President has

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been emphasizing it again and again that when the party has the most popular leader in the world Shri Narendra Modi at its helms, it is time for expansion and consolidation of the organisational works from panchayat to parliament. In his words it is an historic opportunity and it is the most important responsibility on every karyakarta to avail it. While a large number of organisational programmes have been taking place in the centenary year of Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay a Vistarak Yojana has been launched in his name. The BJP National President is himself leading the Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya Vistarak Yojana wherein he has embarked on a mass contact programme upto booth level going from home to home. In addition to this he is having meeting with booth committee members, having lunch in the homes of booth level activists and engaging those giving full time under this programme in dialogue and discussion. Under his Vistrut Pravas Amit Shah is meeting party office bearers from mandal to state levels discussing activities, programmes of various departments, prakalps and party. He is also engaging the local intelligentsia and presenting the views and ideological positions of the party to the intellectuals on various issues. It is massive outreach programme led by the national president himself connecting people at various levels and reinvigorating organisation upto booth level.

The BJP could become a political alternative due to the hard work and innumerable sacrifices of its leaders and karyakartas. It was possible only because of intense devotion of countless karyakartas who dedicated themselves to this national cause. Today it is required

to further strengthen, expand and consolidate the organisation which is vehicle for national rebuilding process. BJP National President Amit Shah having recognised the importance of organisation has dedicated himself through his relentless efforts with single minded devotion. The manner in which membership campaign was carried out under his leadership and the way BJP became the largest political party in the world are examples of his political will and determination. The training programme has further equipped the karyakartas with required skills while enhancing their ideological understanding and political vision. His ongoing pravas is packed with tight schedule from early morning to late night in which every single minute is utilized for the furtherance of the stated goals of his programme. His untiring and relentless efforts have made him an activist president who is determined to strengthen BJP from panchayat to parliament for long time to come. ■

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# We will take BJP's ideology and strengthen its organisation at village level: Amit Shah



**B**JP National President Shri Amit Shah visited Gujarat on 31 May, 2017 to participate in party's 'Vistarak' initiative, an exercise aimed at establishing direct contact with the people of the state. Under this initiative, around 48,000 BJP Vistaraks visited each of the 48,000 polling booths across the state of Gujarat to canvass for the party between 28 May and 5 June. These Karyakartas also educated the people about the pro-people schemes launched by the BJP-ruled state as well as the Centre.

Those who joined as Vistaraks during this programme include party National President Shri Amit Shah, Gujarat Chief Minister Shri Vijay Rupani, Deputy Chief Minister Shri Nitin Patel, State Party In-Charge Shri Bhupender Yadav and several other state leaders, MPs, MLAs and Ministers in state government. While some of the prominent leaders,

like Shri Amit Shah, Shri Vijay Rupani and Shri Nitin Patel worked as Vistarak for one day i.e. on May 31, 2017 and visited a booth in tribal dominated Chhota Udepur district, other leaders reached out to people on all the days between 28 May and 5 June.

## VISTARAK PROGRAMME AT DEVALIYA VILLAGE

As part of the Vistarak (expansion) programme the BJP President visited Devaliya village in Chhota Udepur district and held door-to-door meetings. Villagers welcomed Shri Amit Shah by offering him an arrow and a bow. Later, the BJP President also had lunch at the house of a tribal party Karyakarta Popat Rathva.

Addressing party Karyakartas on the occasion, Shri Shah said, "When Narendra Modi was Chief Minister of Gujarat we won 127 seats. Now, he is



our PM, our gift for him will be to win more than 150 Assembly seats and for that we have to win all tribal area seats of Gujarat."

He said, "The Modi government has launched more than 106 schemes for the people, and it is our job to take those schemes to the needy, irrespective of caste and creed".

During Shri Shah's visit, Sarpanch Soniyabhai Rathva (49), who was with the Congress for 30 years, joined the BJP. "I joined BJP to do development work for my village," Rathva said after his joining.

Seeking to break the Congress' hold on the tribal belt of eastern Gujarat ahead of the state Assembly polls, Shri Shah said Congress shows only unfulfilled dreams to the tribals.

## INTERACTION IN BODELI

During his interaction with a group of tribal leaders on the campus of the Swami Narayan temple in Bodeli, the BJP President hailed the ruling BJP in Gujarat, for bringing development to tribals in the last 22 years.

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In the last 22 years, the state BJP government has done everything for the tribal population which the Congress never did, Shri Shah said while appealing to the tribal community to help BJP register a bigger

victory in upcoming polls.

Shri Shah said people have not defeated BJP since 1995, and we are here to request you to help BJP, so that the party could get maximum seats.

Attacking the Congress, he said the party is only interested in paying lip service to Dalits and Adivasis. "Congress only talks about Dalits, tribals and of social inclusion, but what happened during the Congress rule is all for you to see. No power, no water, no road, no health centres. There used to be curfews for months and unemployment was at its peak," he said launching a broadside against the Congress.

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Shri Shah said the Modi government in 2001 ensured a 24-hour power supply to the smallest and remotest villages, and also got schools constructed in villages while appointing teachers. He said health services improved under the BJP government through dial 108 ambulances and public health centres. "The government's 'Adivasi Vikas Yojana' has taken development to all tribal villages. Water has been made available to the tribal populace. 1.70 crore acres of land has been given to 80,000 tribals in the state and Gram Sabhas have got right over the





forest produce," Shri Shah added.

He said the government is committed to preserve the tribal culture and has constructed a tribal museum and a tribal university. "I will get tired if I have to name all the schemes that the Modi government has launched for the poor after coming to power at the Centre. Tribals will get benefit of all such programmes," he added.

He said, "We have decided to take BJP's ideology and strengthen its organisation at village level as part of 'Vistarak' (outreach) programme. In Gujarat alone, a total 48,000 party workers will go door to door to explain party's programmes, our government's work at central and state level...No party would have undertaken such an exercise. And right here, you can see party workers from booth level right up to the national level," he said.

He praised PM Narendra Modi's leadership as a matter of pride for the party and exhorted 225 members from the village to take the message of the party to every person.

### **INTERACTION WITH KARYAKARTAS AT SABARMATI RIVERFRONT**

Addressing BJP workers at Sabarmati Riverfront in Ahmedabad, Shri Shah said, "After 325 seats in UP, go out with confidence that we will get more than 150

seats in Gujarat."

Shri Amit Shah said, "Narendrabhai no vijayrath November ma Gujarat aavse (Narendra Modi's victory run will reach Gujarat in November)."

Listing several development programmes and development work by Shri Modi as Gujarat Chief Minister and then the Prime Minister, Shri Shah said, "Before the BJP's win in 1995 in Gujarat, there used to be curfew for 200 days in a year and in Ahmedabad Begum-Baadshah used to rule. But the BJP drove away those who used to stab."

He added that it was under Congress rule that seeds of communalism, casteism and politics of vote bank were sown.

In his hour-long speech, Shri Shah focused on motivating BJP supporters to work for a huge win in Gujarat. He took a dig at the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), which has announced it will contest all assembly seats in Gujarat. "Do you know AAP? They surface whenever the elections are announced and disappear with results."

The Gujarat BJP had painted the city in saffron to welcome Shri Amit Shah, who started a two-day visit to his home state for the first time after the party's spectacular win in UP. After a grand felicitation at the airport, he held a brief meeting with party functionaries. ■



# Growth of BJP cannot be stopped by violent means in Kerala: Amit Shah



**B**JP National President Shri Amit Shah arrived in Kochi for his three-day Kerala Pravas on 02 June, 2017. After his arrival at the Nedumbassery International Airport, Shri Shah got a rousing reception from BJP workers. He proceeded to a government guest house in Kochi accompanied by a bike rally organised by party workers.

Shri Shah began his Kerala Pravas with garlanding the statue of social reformer and

Dalit leader Ayyankali. On the same day he met the Christian Bishops in Kochi. The focus of this meeting was to understand the problems of the community. Besides interacting with party leaders over organizational work and future plans for BJP in the state, Shri Shah also held meetings with BJP allies, leaders of various communities and influential people.

## MEETING WITH HEADS OF CHURCHES

On the first day of his three-day tour to Kerala, BJP President met heads of Churches in Kochi. Syro-Malabar Catholic Church's Cardinal Mar George Alencherry, Latin Catholic Church Archbishop Joseph Kalathiparambil and representatives of three non-Catholic Christian Churches had a 40-minute meeting with Shri Shah on a church premises in Kochi. Later interacting with media persons, Fr Jimmy Poochakkat, Syro- Malabar





Church spokesperson, said the meeting did not discuss any political issue; it was only a courtesy call. He said the heads of the churches wanted the Union Government to intervene in securing the release of Fr Tom Uzhunnalil who was kidnapped in Yemen last year. Besides, they took up the crisis being faced by rubber farmers and the demand for formation of a fisheries ministry to address the issue of fishermen, he said. He said Shri Shah promised

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action on the issues raised by the bishops and told them the NDA government takes care of every section of society.

#### **MEETING WITH OFFICE BEARERS OF BJP**

Later addressing the Office Bearers of the party Shri Amit Shah said, "I reached Cochin for my three-day 'Vistrut Pravas'. I thank the people of Kerala, the land of Adi Shankaracharya, for such a rousing welcome. The energy and enthusiasm for BJP among people of Kerala is a sign of trust in BJP and yearning for change from the LDF, UDF governments."

Shri Shah underlined the need to work at the grassroots level. BJP is determined to win from Kerala in the next elections. The focal point of discussion was to expand and strengthen the NDA at the grassroots level in Kerala.

BJP allies BDJS of Hindu Ezhava leader Vellappally Natesan and Janandhipathiya Rashtriya Sabha of tribal leader C K Janu also raised their demands with Shri Shah. Shri Shah told them to



sort out the problems in the near future.

BJP President Shri Amit Shah on 03 June held a series of meetings with office bearers of the party and as part of efforts to strengthen the party

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base in Kerala ahead of the 2019 Lok Sabha polls. Addressing the Karyakartas he raised the issue of frequent attacks on BJP cadres by CPI(M) in Kerala. Shri Shah said the growth of BJP cannot be stopped by violent means.

Shri Shah said the southern state was important in the BJP's strategy for the 2019 Lok Sabha election. He said the BJP, which had won several Assembly polls in the country after the 2014 Lok Sabha election, would not be fully satisfied till it



tasted victory in the Kerala Assembly polls.

Shri Amit Shah ended his three-day visit to the state by unleashing a scathing attack on the Left parties and galvanizing support from all sections for the party's bid to win in the next assembly election.

Laying the foundation stone for party's state headquarters at Thiruvananthapuram, Shri Shah said he was also laying the foundation stone for BJP's rule in the state. He said the existing political realities in the state made it tough to work for a party like BJP.

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Shri Amit Shah said that BJP will come to power in the state after four years. He asked the party's elected representatives to work tirelessly to achieve this goal. Given the speed of the party's growth in the state, BJP will come to power, he said.

On the last day of his visit in Kerala, he chose to have breakfast from a booth level worker's house at Thiruvananthapuram, raised organizational issues with party leaders and talked about the Modi government's contribution to Kerala's growth during a meeting with a large gathering of invited guests. ■



# 813 crore person days of job generated in last 3 years in Rural Schemes

28,000 ARSENIC & FLUORIDE AFFECTED HABITATIONS TO GET SAFE DRINKING WATER BY 2021.

**T**he Ministry of Rural Development has created employment opportunities of more than 813 crore person days during the last three years (2014-17) in the schemes of MGNREGA, Pradhan Mantri AwasYojna, Grameen (PMAY-G) and in Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojna (PMGSY). Briefing the media here, Union Minister for Rural Development, Drinking Water & Sanitation and Panchayati Raj, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar said that during the last three years while 636.78 crore person days were generated under MGNREGA, about 78 crore person days under PMGSY and 99 crore person days under PMAY. Apart from this, under Deen Dayal Upadhyay-Grameen Kaushal Yojana (DDY-GKY), 86,120 candidates were trained in the year 2014-15 and 54,196 got jobs. Similarly, in 2015-16, about one lakh thirty-five thousand candidates were placed after the skill training, while in 2016-17, the number of candidates getting placement is 84,900.

Shri Tomar said that in the current year, the Ministry of Rural Development proposes to train 5 lakh candidates with an assured placement of over 70 percent of these youth in Wage and Self Help employment programmes. He said that Rural Self Employment Training Institute (RSETIs) trained 4 lakh rural youth in 2016-17 for Self Employment.

Shri Tomar said that under MGNREGA during FY 2016-17, more than 1.23 crore assets have been geo tagged and placed in public domain and about 96% of wage payments were electronically credited into the accounts of the workers through DBT system. So far, 8.73 crore Aadhar number of workers have been seeded in NREGASoft (MIS) and 4.73 have been enabled for Aadhar Based Payment with their consent. He added that Job



Card verification/updation was taken on priority basis during FY 2016-17 and more than 1 crore Job Cards have been deleted after verification.

On the subject of PMAY-G, Shri Tomar said that in line with the government's stated objective of "Housing for All" by 2022, the Government intends to provide houses to 1 crore poor people by 2019 in rural areas. A total of 34.82 lakh houses have been constructed during 2014-15 to 2015-16, against a target of 45.98 lakh houses under the erstwhile scheme of Indira Awas Yojana (IAY). During 2016-17, a total of 32.14 lakh houses have been completed with an expenditure of Rs. 16,074 crore under the revamped scheme PMAY-G.

On PMGSY, the Minister said that the pace of construction of road has reached a record of 130 kms. per day, which is the highest average annual construction rate, in the last 7 years, with a record 47,447 kms of PMGSY roads constructed during

2016-17 thereby connecting 11,641 habitations, which implies providing connectivity of an average of 32 habitations every day, the highest ever in the last 7 years. He said, during 2016-17, "Road Connectivity project in LWE Affected Areas" has been launched for construction of all-weather roads in 9 LWE states in 44 worst affected LWE districts and adjoining districts with estimated cost of Rs 11,725 crore. This would be completed by March, 2020.

Dwelling on the issues of drinking water and sanitation, Shri Tomar said that providing safe drinking water is one of the top most priority of the government and the Government is committed to providing tap water on a sustained basis in every household by 2030 as per the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals for which Rs 23,000 crore of central fund will be required annually till the target is achieved. The Minister said that the dream of 'Har Ghar Jal' cannot be realized without the involvement of the citizens. Referring to the launch of National Water Quality Sub Mission on Arsenic and Fluoride to provide safe drinking water to about 28,000 affected habitations in the country by March 2021 with an outlay of Rs 25,000 crore, he said that there will be no discrimination of funds against any state to address the twin challenges of drinking water and sanitation. He said that sanitation coverage has increased from 42 percent 2014 to 64 percent in the current year and more than 4 crore toilets were constructed.

Shri Tomar said that under the 14th Finance Commission, Centre will be releasing more than 2 lakh crore rupees to Gram Panchayats for 5 years to undertake physical and social infrastructure projects in the villages. The Minister said that earlier about Rs 30,000 crore was allocated to the Panchayats in the 13th Finance commission, wherein Panchayats found it difficult to execute developmental projects in a holistic fashion. So far, Rs 51,234 crore were allocated to the states and 44 lakh panchayat functionaries were provided training. ■

## Central Government launches a fresh national campaign titled 'Darwaza Band' to promote toilet use

**T**he Centre on May 30 launched an aggressive new campaign titled 'Darwaza Band' to promote toilet use and freedom from open defecation across the country's villages. The campaign produced by the MDWS under Swachh Bharat Mission was launched in the presence of iconic actor, Shri Amitabh Bachchan, Union Minister for Drinking Water and Sanitation, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, Chief Minister of Maharashtra Shri Devendra Fadnavis, Secretary, Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Shri Parameswaran Iyer, and other Centre and State dignitaries in Mumbai. The event was widely attended by officials from all the State Districts and selected Gram Panchayat Members.

The Union Minister and the State Chief Minister also reviewed the working of the Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) programme in Maharashtra ahead of the event. Champion functionaries from the State of Maharashtra were awarded during the event. An exhibition displaying various toilet technologies was also put up.

The 'Darwaza Band' campaign has been supported by the World Bank and is being rolled out countrywide immediately after the launch. It is designed to encourage behaviour change in men who have toilets but are not using them. A part of the campaign also features actor, Ms Anushka Sharma, who will be seen encouraging women to stand up for this issue in their villages and assume a leadership role. ■

# Prakash Javadekar launches UGC App to fight Ragging

*APP STREAMLINES THE PROCESS OF REGISTERING COMPLAINTS AND CONCERNS*



**U**nion Human Resource Development Minister Shri Prakash Javadekar on May 29 launched an Anti-Ragging Mobile App introduced by the University Grants Commission (UGC) here in New Delhi. Speaking on this occasion Shri Javadekar said this mobile app will help students register complaints to counter the menace of ragging.

Shri Javadekar said earlier one had to visit the website for registering a complaint of ragging and our record shows that timely action was taken which in turn had resulted in the decrease of such instances. But still this ill has to be eliminated completely, he said.

Shri Javadekar said as per his knowledge in campuses majority of senior students actually help guide their juniors and properly mentor them, but in few cases ragging happens which needs to be completely eliminated from campuses. He said

“physical or mental torture of a new student is ragging which we won’t allow, this is unacceptable and therefore this app will become a handy tool to any student who goes through such experience.”

The Minister said this app will work on android system on which students can log in and register their complaints immediately. Accordingly all concerned will be informed immediately and action will start immediately.

He said it is a good step for protection and will give a feeling of security to students. The Minister categorically cautioned that those who are involved in ragging will not be tolerated and they will not be allowed to continue their education in that institution. At the same time they will meet severe penalty and punishment as per the law. However the Minister expressed hope that good senior students will act as mentors for their juniors. ■

# 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 last part of his speech for our esteemed readers :**

## I DR. SYAMA PRASAD MOOKERJEE

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### KASHMIR

Regarding Kashmir our party feels that the case should be withdrawn from U.N.O. and there should be no further question of plebiscite. Kashmir is an integral part of India and should be treated as any other State. It is indeed tragic that one-third of Kashmir should be in the hands of the enemy and our Government should be unable to free the area from foreign occupation in spite of occasional outbursts of determination to fight any future penetration. From what I have stated above it will appear that our party claims to deal with national and international problems in a spirit of realism consistent with the honour and dignity of India. We have been attacked vigorously by some spokesmen of other parties specially Mr. Nehru, the President of the Congress.

Since he also happens to be the Prime Minister of India his utterances naturally carry great weight. The vigour of his repeated attacks has given us added strength and determination. We will not succumb to threats and abuses. Indeed they have provided us with widespread publicity and for this our thanks are due to him. It is open to anyone to criticize another party's programme freely and unequivocally but such criticisms should not amount to misrepresentation of facts. The main charge against us is that we are a communal party with retrograde ideas.

A bare examination of our programme will convince any right-thinking man that this is a perversion of truth. The charge of pandering to communalism really lies at the door of the Congress and specially against Mr. Nehru himself. Let him coolly examine his own performances during the last thirty years. At every step when he and his colleagues had to deal with the intransigence of Muslim League, they ran away from the fight and ultimately succumbed to it by dividing their motherland. Dr. Ambedkar's recent proposal to partition Kashmir on the basis of Hindu and Muslim population has shocked many. We also do not approve of this. Such concession do not settle disputes but only create fresh jumping grounds for Pakistan for making fresh demands. That was indeed the old Muslim League technique. But surely this was exactly what Mr. Nehru and his friends had done with regard to India in 1947. It is true that some of us supported the partition of Bengal and Punjab in 1947 but be it recorded that we were forced to do so when Bharat's division was imminent. We always wanted to keep these and other provinces within United Bharat. When we found that this was not possible due to the betrayal of the Congress and the pact between itself and Muslim League supported by an astute British policy, we were anxious to save as much of these provinces as possible and keep them within free India. Otherwise they would have been lost to India in their entirety. If Bharat had not been partitioned, there would have been no occasion to partition these great provinces whose people have suffered enormously for the sake of Bharat's liberation. Having repeatedly sacrificed Bharatiya nationalism at the altar of Muslim communalism and even after partition having surrendered to the whims and howls of Pakistan Government it does not lie in the mouth of Mr. Nehru to accuse others of communalism. There is no communalism in Bharat today except the new policy

of Muslim appeasement which has been started by Mr. Nehru and his friends for the purpose of winning their votes at the forthcoming election. We have provincialism and other types of class or caste differences in the country today. Let us jointly try to remove these evils so as to lay the foundation for a truly democratic India. The cry of communalism raised by Mr. Nehru is to sidetrack the real issues now before the country. The problem before the country today are clearly related to hunger, to poverty, to exploitation, to maladministration, to corruption, to abject surrender to Pakistan, all being evils for which the main responsibility rests on the Congress and the Government under it. Mr. Nehru, the Arch-Fascist of India, accuses others of fascism. Such efforts to hoodwink the public will meet with miserable failure.

### **NEW ERA OF HOPE**

We firmly believe that the inauguration of this party will usher in a new era of hope, peace and strength. Our goal and objective are sound but our success will depend on the organisation that we can set up and the confidence that we can create in the minds of the people themselves. That will take time and much patient labour. Let its not be completely overshadowed by the forthcoming elections. No doubt we will face them boldly and appeal to the electorate wherever we can to trust us with their votes explaining the viewpoints that we are claiming to advocate. There is however greater chance of defeating the Congress at the elections if there is at least electoral understanding among the principal parties in opposition. The main basis for such understanding should be popularity and confidence of the voters. The Congress has collected enormous funds and all sorts of pressures are being put upon various classes of people for getting their support for the Congress. It enjoys the powers of Government today and there is every likelihood that it will not hesitate to manipulate the official machinery for winning the elections. From our recent experience in Delhi elections it is feared that elections may not be free and fair. The manner in which the official machinery was utilised for the Delhi session of the Congress also indicates how Congress and Government have become synonymous expressions. Such abuse of power creates

most unhealthy precedents. All opposition parties should, therefore, unite in demanding that the conditions for free and fair election should be scrupulously observed. Even Delhi elections, where the Congress has won, reveal interesting conclusions. Of the total voters barely 30 per cent have voted for the Congress.

Thus the majority of the voters are anti-Congress. This has been the case in the capital city of Bharat in spite of feverish and hectic efforts of the Prime Minister and others to win success for the Congress. But for the fact that the contestants were too many in number and in some places Congress gave tickets to non-Congress independents, the majority of the votes would have been cast against the Congress and the Congress would have been ultimately defeated. In any case our party, although barely two months old, has secured about 24 per cent of the total votes and in many cases the difference between the Congress candidates and ours was very small. This is no small achievement. Our workers must march ahead in full confidence of the justice of our cause and the support which we have already received in different parts of the country.

### **SERVICE AND SACRIFICE**

We enter upon our task with full faith, hope and courage. Let our workers constantly remember that only through service and sacrifice will they be able to win the confidence of masses of the people. The great task of revitalising and reconstructing free Bharat awaits us. The mother calls her children, irrespective of class, caste or religion to come to her and serve her. However dark the present clouds may be, Bharat has a great destiny to fulfil in the years to come. May our party whose symbol in the forthcoming elections is a humble earthen Tradip' try to carry this light of hope and unity, faith and courage to dispel the darkness that surrounds the country. The journey has just begun.

May Providence endow us with strength and fortitude to remain ever on the right path, not cowed by fears or tempted by favours, and to help to make Bharat great and strong, spiritually and materially, so that she may become a fit and noble instrument in the preservation of world peace and prosperity. Jai Bharat! ■



# Dr. Syama Prasad : The Ideal Leader

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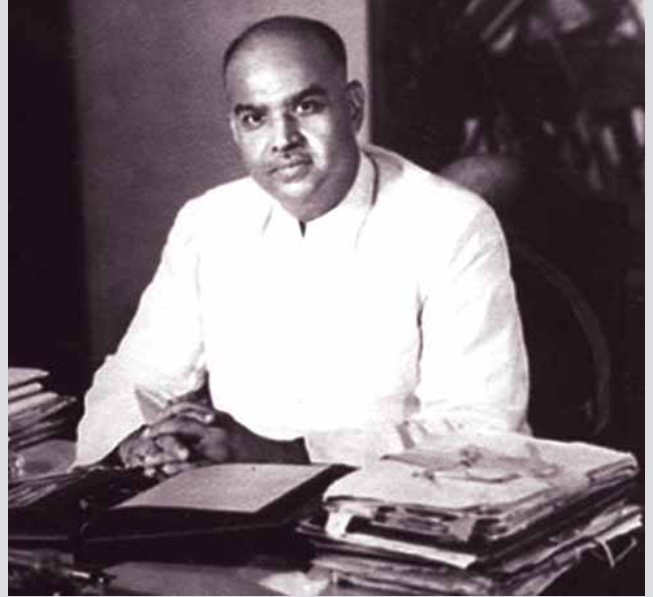
**D**r. Syama Prasad Mookerjee's public speeches outside Bengal were mostly in Hindi. When he first attended the Session of the Hindu Mahasabha, he could not speak in Hindi. But he promised to learn the language and the following year he spoke in Hindi. Of course it could not be expected of him to use grammatically correct Hindi. But he could always express himself correctly, and on most occasions was quite forceful.

## WHEN HE INSISTED ON HINDI

He had written his presidential address to the inaugural session of Bharatiya Jana Sangh in English. But he wanted it to be distributed to the delegates in Hindi. But time was short. It was 20 October. The address was to be read the next day at ten in the morning. Besides, the Subjects Committee too was meeting on the 20th. But he was very keen about the matter. Consequently not only the Presidential address but the manifesto also was translated into Hindi, and through the untiring zeal of the workers of the Arjun Press, both of them could be printed to be presented in time to the delegates. However, Dr. Mookerjee did not read the address. As was his practice he spoke extempore. His speech was more expressive than the translation.

## HE PREFERRED 'KHATARNASH' TO 'SARVANASH'

In his Hindi speeches Dr. Mookerjee would freely use Sanskrit words. Therefore, he never found any difficulty in finding the correct word. And because of Sanskrit his style was chaste too. However, he would not use the word "sarvanash", but say "Khatarnash" instead. It was a word that he had coined. He always thought that he was using a wrong word. But we hesitated to point out the mistake. One day, of course, when in a casual



chat language happened to be the topic under discussion, I pointed to him that "Khatarnash" was not the proper word.

It would be correct if he used, 'sarvanash' or 'satyanash'. He thanked me for the suggestion, but said, "Don't you see that there is a shade of difference between 'Khatarnash' and 'sarvanash'?" Yes, the difference is there.

It was this difference that distinguished Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee from the host of opposition leaders in the country. Dr. Mookerjee was vigilant and always drew the attention of the Government and people to the dangerous potentialities of the Government and people to the dangerous potentialities of any wrong policy or step. But he was neither a prophet of doom nor a cynic. And therefore he coined perhaps consciously a new word 'Khatarnash', 'Sarvanash' means total destruction while 'Khatarnash' (though a hybrid word with Persian Khatra and Sanskrit nash) indicated the danger and the possible harm if steps to avert it were not taken. If this difference is understood and appreciated the purpose of

opposition will not be a senseless criticism of the Government but a constructive contribution to the formulation of the nation's policies. It is only on this score that the opposition can seek justification for its existence.

The task of the opposition is not to mislead but to lead. Its functioning should not be negative but positive. It must not allow the Government to be complacent or negligent.

But it should not create a scare or demoralise the people.

“Jana Sangh At Least Has Not Lost Its Head”

In the first General Elections the Congress swept the polls. Most of the opposition leaders had been defeated. Parties that had promised a change of Government to the people were routed.

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In that atmosphere one gentleman approached Dr. Mookerjee and said that the future of democracy in India was dark. Dr. Mookerjee asked him two questions. 1. Have you faith in democracy? 2. Do you resolve to work actively in politics?

The gentleman replied in the affirmative to both these questions. Then how could the future of democracy in India be dark? Said Dr. Mookerjee, and added, “It will be dark only if we do

not work or if you have no faith. Where there is faith, there is no darkness.

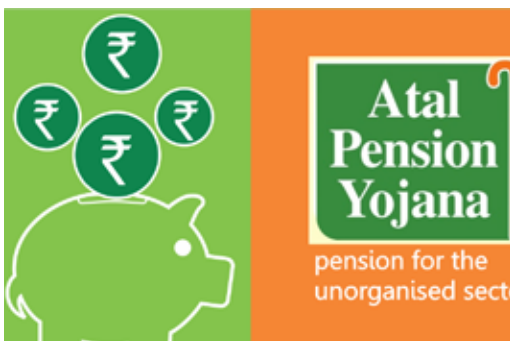
It must be bright.” I found that was really the man who could lead. We occasionally meet people who are called “leaders” but who hardly inspire confidence in the people. On the contrary if you go to them with the confidence of youth you come back with the diffidence of age. Dr. Mookerjee was not one of them. When we met him, he did not bemoan the defeat. He reminded us of the hard work that must be put in if we wanted to succeed, and then said, “Jana Sangh at least has fared better. All other parties have lost their heads, but your president has succeeded.” Yes that was the bright side of the otherwise gloomy picture, and it inspired us to make the future brighter.

#### **A BEACON LIGHT**

Today, after twelve years of Dr. Mookerjee's death the country is passing through harder times. We have no Mookerjee amongst us. But his spirit is alive. If there are people who talk to you in terms that predict a dark future for the country, dismiss them as faithless and purposeless fellows. After all we are the builders of our future. We are not simply passive on lookers but active participants in the building of the country's history. If those in power commit mistakes it is our duty to correct them and not merely to derive a demonic satisfaction in their failure or rest content with pointing out that they have committed mistakes. And along with that it is our task to organise the people so that they assert democratically to replace the Government as it becomes incapable of shouldering the burden entrusted. Dr. Mookerjee has given us this constructive outlook. He was the leader of the Opposition aimed to be in power. If we keep that objective constantly before us and have faith in our mission, the opposition will always be responsible. It will not be a clog in the wheel but an added motive power to the governance of the country. The attitude alone will make democracy a success and safeguard national interests. ■

## Now, subscriber of Atal Pension Yojana enroll through internet banking without submission of physical application form

**P**ension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA), the administrative Authority for Atal Pension Yojana (APY) has taken several steps for extension of the benefits of the Scheme to the Citizens of India. The subscriber can enroll through internet banking without submission of physical application form. Many banks are offering this facility for their customers. Efforts are taken to completely digitize the APY enrolment. PFRDA has developed the process to offer APY enrolment through eNPS platform for wider reach. eNPS



platform has been already enabled for NPS subscriptions and this user friendly platform will be expanded to make subscription under APY in a complete end to end digital environment without submission of physical form at the convenience of the customer without visiting bank or post office. ■

## BJP National Kisan Morcha new office bearers Name announced

**B**JP National Kisan Morcha announced its new team of office-bearers on 08 June, 2017. The Morcha's new team has eight Vice-Presidents, two General Secretaries, eight Secretaries and 50 Executive Members. BJP Kisan Morcha National President Shri Virendra Singh Mast made the announcement and said the Morcha will continue to work for the interests of farmers from across the country. The office-bearers have been drawn from different regions of the country. Lok Sabha MPs Shri Om Prakash Yadav, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and Savitri Thakur are among its office bearers.

### LIST OF KISAN MORCHA OFFICE BEARERS:

**PRESIDENT:** Birendra Singh Mast

**RASHTRIYA PRABHARI:** Satyapal mallik

**RASHTRIYA SANGATHAK:** Hridaya Nath Singh

**VICE PRESIDENT:** A. Pasa Patel, Maharashtra

Om Prakash Yadav, MP, Bihar

Savitri Thakur, MP, Madhya Pradesh

Narendra Sirohi, Uttar Pradesh

Shailendra Sanger, Bihar

Shankar Gour Patil, Karnataka

Maheshwar Sahu, Odisha

Ajit Chaube, Uttar Pradesh

**GENERAL SECRETARY:**

P. Sugrakar Rao, Telangana

Gajendra Singh Sekhavat, MP, Rajasthan

**MEDIA COMMUNICATOR:**

Rakesh Singh, Uttar Pradesh

**SECRETARY:** Pravin Patel, MLA, Uttar Pradesh

Dr. Shambhu Kumar, Bihar

Om Prakash Yadav, Madhya Pradesh

P. C. Mohanan Master, Kerala

Dinesh Tyagi, Haryana

Sukhvinder Pal Singh Groval, Punjab

Dushyant Lakra, Delhi

Rajesh Sanger, Madhya Pradesh

**TRESURER:** Sudhir Tyagi, Uttar Pradesh ■

# Don't Politicise Farmers' Issues

FISHING IN TROUBLED WATERS WILL ONLY BE A DISSERVICE TO MP FARMERS' CAUSE



**M VENKAIHAH NAIDU**

**C**ongress is at it again. Back to its old game of fishing in troubled waters and adding fuel to fire. As is its wont, Congress is trying to make political capital out of the unfortunate incident in Madhya Pradesh's Mandasaur the death of five people in firing following violent agitation by farmers.

It is a matter of deep anguish that the violence led to loss of human lives. While the NDA government at the Centre and BJP are seized of the matter and addressing the concerns of the farmers, the opposition, particularly Congress, is seeking to derive political mileage from the incident. Has Congress any moral right to talk about the plight of farmers after having ruled the country for more than five decades and neglected their welfare for so many years?

In fact, the conditions of farmers worsened during the decade-long UPA rule when suicides by farmers increased significantly and agriculture growth rate dipped to less than 2%. All parties must look beyond narrow political gains and support the MP government and Centre in restoring peace and normalcy to the troubled state. Unfortunately, instead of dousing ignited passions, political parties are doing just the opposite.

Although there is a clamour for farm loan waiver from various states, it certainly is not a long-term solution as it offers only temporary relief to the farmers. The only solution is to ensure remunerative prices while controlling the prices of inputs. The RBI governor has cautioned the risk of fiscal slippages could increase with the announcements of large farm loan waivers.

In contrast to the inadequate attention paid to agriculture and farmers' well-being by the UPA



regimes, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had from day one made it clear that Gaon, Gareeb, Kisan, Mazdoor, Mahila aur Yuva are his government's top priorities. In tune with this vision, several pro-farmer initiatives were launched with the aim to double the farmers' income by 2022.

The government's biggest ever contribution to crop insurance is being made under the flagship programme of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, which covers all crops for all seasons. Similarly, another major initiative is the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana, which seeks to provide water to every field with an outlay of Rs 50,000 crore. About 7.1 crore soil health cards of the targeted 14 lakh crore have already been distributed to farmers, while e-NAM seeks to connect all agri-markets to enable farmers to know the remunerative price and sell produce at that rate.

Also the MSP for various crops has been increased radically. Steps taken by the government helped in higher production of pulses. MSP for pulses for kharif 2016-17 was hiked. It was increased from Rs 4,625 to Rs 5,050 per quintal of arhar, from Rs 4,625 to Rs 5,000 per quintal of urad and from Rs 4,850 to Rs 5,250 per quintal of moong. MSP for rabi pulses increased substantially.

Providing electricity to all un-electrified villages has been taken up as a major mission, apart from accelerating rural road connectivity for faster transportation of agri-produce by farmers. A huge thrust has been given to farm credit in this year's budget by allocating Rs 10 lakh crore. Doordarshan also started an exclusive kisan channel to educate farmers on new technologies and keep them abreast of the latest issues.

The Congress demand for the resignation of MP CM Shivraj Chouhan reflects the political bankruptcy of Congress. It would be pertinent here to mention that 24 farmers were killed in police firing at Multai in Betul district in MP in 1998 when Digvijay Singh was CM. Why did he not step down then?

In fact, MP now has an extremely farmer-friendly CM in Shivraj Chouhan. Thanks to his focus on agriculture MP witnessed more than 20% growth rate in agriculture in the past few years. Various pro-farmer measures taken by MP government include providing full interest subsidy on farm credit, Rs 4,500 crore subsidy on energy to farmers and about 10-hour uninterrupted power supply to farm sector. Also, there was a phenomenal increase in irrigation potential in that state from 7.5 lakh hectares to 40 lakh hectares. The MP government is also planning to set up a price stabilisation fund to ensure remunerative prices for all crops.

It has also undertaken the pioneering project of bringing Narmada water to river basins of Malwa and already linked Narmada with Kshipra river. A network of more than one lakh kilometre of rural roads has been built to enable farmers to quickly reach their produce to agriculture markets. The state is also providing the largest insurance coverage for farmers. Claims worth Rs 4,060 crore for rabi and Rs 4,416 crore for kharif were received.

MP's current problem arose due to a glut, a problem of plenty increased production of crops like cereals, pulses, onions and soyabean and lack of remunerative prices. Currently, the CM has agreed to 11 of the 13 demands put forth by the farmers' organisations. He has already announced a compensation of Rs 1 crore each to the kin of those killed in firing and a job to an eligible member from each family.

I appeal to farmers not to be misled by self-serving politicians. Addressing various concerns of farmers on a longterm basis needs sustained and coordinated efforts of the Centre and all states. The NDA government is addressing the issue in a completely holistic manner be it creation of more godowns, cold storage chains, refrigerator vans, value addition through food processing units, universal crop insurance, uninterrupted power supply, affordable and timely credit or access to market information. ■

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# In three years Shri Narendra Modi has come to personify India's and BJP's Aspirations

DR R BALASHANKAR

**O**n the completion of three years in office Narendra Modi is being hailed as one of the greatest Prime Ministers India has seen in seven decades. In political terms and sustaining charisma Modi has no parallel. But he has assured his place in history because of the profound transformation he has brought about in the social sector and the manner in which he managed economy and diplomacy.

Opponents have been vanquished, critics have gone mute and opinion polls are predicting a cakewalk for Shri Modi in 2019. This is a fascinating journey from reproach and opprobrium in 2014 to skepticism a year later to the highest ever approval ratings three years later that today Modi critics are a motley crowd groping in worst confounded confusion not able to find their way.

Shri Modi has emerged the political phenomenon India has never seen before. Popular leaders like Indira Gandhi, Rajiv Gandhi and V P Singh who came with massive mandates earlier lost their Teflon sheen half way through their tenure. Mind it, Shri Modi was Chief Minister of Gujarat for twelve years before he became Prime Minister. He won thrice in succession that state for BJP and when he contested for Prime Ministership that state gave him 26 out of 26 seats in the Lok Sabha. Since then Modi has won every single election be it assembly, bypolls or local bodies all over the country. Bihar and Delhi assembly are the only exception and last month's corporation victories have almost nullified



the earlier defeat. This is a feat no other politician in the country has achieved in the past.

Shri Modi has proved the mascot of victory with party chief Shri Amit Shah being the Arjuna in the battlefield. Shri Modi's immense popularity has taken the BJP to power in new areas where the party never imagined to rule on its own. These include Haryana, Maharashtra, Jharkhand, Jammu and Kashmir, Assam, Manipur, UP and Arunachal. It is this political invincibility that has created the unprecedented stump for the Opposition sparring at Shri Modi on all frivolous counts.

How did Shri Modi achieve this political capital which today has become the biggest puzzle for



his adversaries and critics. Good economics as good politics and commitment to transforming the lives of the poor are the two planks Modi built his credibility on. He is seen as a politician different from the rest. In three years Modi has emerged the messiah of the poor and his promise to play the role of “pradhan sevak” and guarding every single penny of the national exchequer still rings a bell in the mass psyche.

Which other politician has been able to reach free cooking gas connections to 2 crore families in such a short span? No other government in the past was able to make 350 million Indian Indians bank account holders and majority of them get free insurance and health cover. The Pradhanmantri Awas Yojana loan scheme has become a big hit everywhere. In such a short span four and a half crore toilets have been built and swachata has become a popular national campaign. No other government has in the past allocated four lakh crore for infrastructure building. Be it port, village roads, highways, waterways or wifi. This has ignited dreams in billions of hearts.

Shri Modi has successfully made development a political agenda. On the completion of one year the advertisement released today by the Kerala CPM government almost read like the Modi government’s action plan. Rather Shri Modi has triggered a political competition on development. This way Shri Modi has changed the national political narrative. In place of emotive issues like caste, religion, language and parochialism, under Shri Modi investment and development have come to dominate political debate. Shri Modi has brought economics to the central stage of politics. And other parties have been forced to adopt the new normal.

Surgical strike and demonetization proved two defining initiatives of the Modi government. The first one made the recalcitrant Pakistan totally out of sync with its own long nurtured strategy. That country stands condemned today as the incubator of terror forcing the US to enforce a 60 per cent cut in aid. The US President Trump has characterized

India as a victim of terror. Shri Modi has in the last three years been able to insulate India from all terror attacks and confine the cross border terror to skirmishes in Kashmir, which is no small achievement.

In note ban Shri Modi played the self disruptionist par excellence and proved both economists and political critics wrong. Not only that the transition in the last six months was almost painless but as he said “hard work won over Harvard.” India today is growing at 7.9 while the world is growing at 3.1 per cent. In 28 years for the first time Moody’s

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have downgraded China. India is being seen as the brightest star on economic front. Sensex is reaching newer heights, inflation is down and lending is picking up. The Start Up and Make in India missions of Shri Modi are bringing new technology and investments, opening the prospect of India turning a manufacturing hub.

The BJP never had it so good as under Shri Modi. His simple life style, selfless devotion to nation building have generated so much political gravitas for the party that it is attracting youth and talent as never before. Most party workers see Shri Modi as a personification of party ideology and goal. Like party, the nation is on the move marching to a welfare mode under Shri Modi. ■

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# PM raises issues of Terrorism and Climate Change during Four-Nation visit

## GERMANY

**S**ix day four nation tour of Prime Minister Shri Narendra started on May 29. He arrived Germany on May 29. Here, in Berlin he held wide-ranging fruitful talks with Chancellor Angela Merkel and attended the 4th India-Germany



Intergovernmental Consultations. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Chancellor Merkel jointly addressed a Business Event where top CEOs from both the sides were present. In an interview with the German newspaper, 'Handelsblatt', he had urged Europe to play a lead role in tackling the menace of terrorism.

In Germany talking to a German Newspaper Shri Modi said, "Europe has been hit hard by terrorism. To our mind, terrorism is the gravest challenge facing humanity. Europe must play a lead role in developing an effective global response under the aegis of the United Nations to deal with this menace". On Indo-German ties, he said India sees Germany as an important partner in the national flagship programmes of Make in India, Skill India, Start-up India, Clean India and Smart Cities.

"We are keen to attract German Mittelstand [small and medium enterprises] to partner with us in our Make in India programme. We are committed

to provide a supportive business ecosystem to those who join us in our growth story," he said.

"We have established dedicated platforms to support German companies and investments in India. There is strong commitment from the leadership on both sides to strengthen economic relations. I am very optimistic about this partnership," he added.

In reference to Germany as the host of the G20 summit in Hamburg in July, PM Modi offered India's full support for a successful outcome. "The G20 has emerged as a premier forum for coordination on international and financial matters. Our expectation is that G20 would be able to enhance global growth," he said.

## SPAIN

Next day on May 30 Prime Minister reached Spain. Here, he held a meeting with President Mariano



Rajoy and discussed bilateral and other issues of mutual interest. As part of the programme, Prime Minister also met King Felipe VI of Spain. He joined Round-Table interaction with leading Spanish business leaders and invited them to explore opportunities in Indian market. During tour India and Spain signed seven agreements, including on cooperation in cyber security and renewable energy.





Three other MoUs were signed on cooperation in organ transplantation, technical cooperation in civil aviation, and between the Foreign Service Institute of India and the Diplomatic Academy of Spain.

Two agreements were also signed on transfer of sentenced persons and waiving of visas for diplomatic passport holders.

## RUSSIA

Third leg of his four-nation visit Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Russia from June 1-2,



2017. Prime Minister Shri Modi and President Vladimir Putin held bilateral talks to further deepen cooperation in host of sectors. Key pact on Kudankulam nuclear pact was inked during the PM's visit. The leaders held the 18th India-Russia Annual Summit in St. Petersburg. The Prime Minister also participated in the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum on June 2, 2017 as Guest of Honour. In International Economic Forum Sharing dais with Russian President Vladimir Putin and the leaders of Austria and Moldova Shri Modi described terrorism as a global menace. He urged the world community to block funding, weapons and communication modes of terrorists, in an apparent reference to Pakistan's support for Kashmiri militants. He added "World must rise above debate of 'good terrorism, bad terrorism' and come together to tackle the problem which is enemy of humankind." Some countries are giving arms to terrorists and funding them, he said.

## FRANCE

In the last leg of his four nations tour PM Shri Narendra Modi visited France on 2-3 June. In Paris he held



fruitful talks with President of France, Emmanuel Macron on 3rd June and discussed issues of mutual interest with a view to further strengthen India-France strategic ties. Shri Modi and Macron discussed issues of international and mutual interests, including counter terrorism and climate change.

Speaking after holding wide-ranging talks with French President Emmanuel Macron at the Elysee Palace, Modi said the Paris Agreement reflects "our duty towards protecting the Earth and our natural resources. For us, this is an article of faith". "Paris climate Agreement reflects "our duty towards protecting the Earth and our natural resources. For us, this is an article of faith". "Paris climate agreement is a shared legacy of the world. It will benefit the future generations as well," said Shri Modi.

His remarks came after US President Donald Trump announced plans to withdraw from the Paris climate change deal on curbing carbon emissions, which had been agreed by more than 190 nations. Trump said the agreement unfairly benefited countries like India and China.

India would "continue working on this...above and beyond the Paris accord," the PM said. "We have natural resources because our previous generations protected these resources. We must do the same for our future generations," Shri Modi said. ■

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# India's Major Drive Towards Clean Energy

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**R**amping up its renewable and nuclear energy programmes tremendously over the past three years reflects the government's commitment to prioritise the use of clean power in India's energy mix.

India has already made significant strides on the Renewable Energy sector especially on the solar power front, a move that has put it on the world's energy map. As the government marks three years of its governance, the recent decision to add 7 GW (or 7,000 mw) power capacity as nuclear power, the largest ever approval granted towards India's domestic nuclear power programme in one go, depicts the government's seriousness and commitment towards a sustainable low carbon growth strategy.

India's current nuclear power capacity stands at 6.7 GW (or 6,780 mw) and the recent approval to build 10 new atomic reactors of 700 mw each will boost India's nuclear power addition program in a big way. Another 6.7 GW (or 6,700 mw) of nuclear power projects are under construction and are expected to go on stream by 2021-22.

With likely manufacturing orders of close to Rs 70,000 crore to the domestic companies, the project is expected to help transform Indian nuclear industry and likely generate more than 33,400 jobs in direct and indirect employment.

On the renewable energy front, the numbers say it all.

When Union Minister of State for Power, RE, Coal and Mines, Piyush Goyal took over the reins of these crucial energy sectors in 2014, the solar power capacity in India stood at a mere 2.65 GW (or 2,650 MW). Within three years and as the



NDA government completes three years in power, India's solar power capacity has increased by a phenomenal 4.5 times to more than 12.2 GW (or 12,200 MW).

What is further significant to note here is that India's solar power tariff that stood at over Rs 13 per unit in 2014 has fallen drastically and set a new record by hitting an historic low of Rs 2.44 per unit at a recent auction of 500 megawatt (MW) of capacity at the Bhadla solar park in Rajasthan.

This by any standards is a laudable achievement for India that has recently climbed up to the 26th position in World Bank's electricity accessibility ranking in the current year from 99th spot in 2014.

Interestingly, solar power in India is now cheaper than the thermal or coal based power that has been the mainstay of India's power sector. Even India's largest power generation company--NTPC's average cost of power is higher than what has been achieved on the solar front.

Setting aside the doubts that have been raised, from within the industry and experts, on the sustainability of such low tariffs, Union minister of state for power, RE, coal and mines, Piyush Goyal said in a recent interview, "About the unsustainable



level of the price, I have heard that story for the last three years every time we determined a lower price. I heard it when 12 cents became 10 when 10 became 8 when 8 became 5 and today we are at 4.”

Enthused by this drop in renewable energy tariffs, Goyal is confident that soon India's 60-65% of installed power generation capacity will be green energy. "Going by prices we have discovered, I am inspired to say that 60-65 per cent of India's installed capacity base will be green energy," Minister Goyal said recently.

It is also significant to point here that presently, India boasts of housing the world's largest ground based solar plant and also the world's largest rooftop solar plant that are both in India.

On the wind power capacity front, India has overtaken countries like UK, Canada and France and reached 4th position in wind installed capacity after China, USA and Germany. India saw the highest ever wind capacity addition of 5.5 GW in 2016-17 with a record wind tariff of Rs. 3.46 per unit achieved to ensure affordable green power for all.

Talking of India's renewable capacity as a whole including solar, wind, small hydel and bio-power, the same has witnessed a two third increase in just 3 years – from 35 GW to 57 GW. The government is targeting 100 GW of solar and 60 GW of wind energy capacity by 2022. India's total renewable energy generation capacity is envisaged at 175 GW by 2022.

A Comparison of present solar power capacity with what existed in 2014 shows a 370% increase. From 2621 mw in 2014, India's current solar power capacity as on March 2017 stood at 12,277 mw. Similarly, wind power capacity addition has seen a jump of 52% from 21,042 mw to 32,304 mw as on March 2017. A 14% increase each in small hydro and bio-power has also been witnessed during the same period.

The three major reforms in RE sector can be summed up as follows;

Wind sector - This sector has been moved from fixed tariff regime to competitive bidding leading

to reduction in power cost by around 20%; Solar power has become affordable and tariff has been reduced by more than 75% by using plug and play model through solar parks. The third is on India reclaiming the title of Jagatguru by leading the solar revolution in the world through formation of International Solar Alliance.

In rural India, while the government's programme of electrifying all villages by the end of this calendar year (defying its own target of December 2018) is going full-stream, solar power's contribution cannot be overlooked considering that as many

**A Comparison of present solar power capacity with what existed in 2014 shows a 370% increase. From 2621 mw in 2014, India's current solar power capacity as on March 2017 stood at 12,277 mw. Similarly, wind power capacity addition has seen a jump of 52% from 21,042 mw to 32,304 mw as on March 2017.**

as 10 lakh solar lamps have been distributed to students to enable them to study in the absence of electricity.

That apart, providing affordable power to farmers by installing solar pumps is another major achievement of this government in the past three years. While in March 2014, around 11,000 solar pumps had been installed, this number has reached around 1.1 lakh solar pumps. The NDA government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi has achieved almost 9 times the number achieved since independence. ■

(Courtesy: PIB)

# PM congratulates ISRO for the successful launch of GSLV – MKIII D1 /GSAT-19 mission

*WITH THE LAUNCH OF GSLV – MKIII INDIA BECOMES SELF-RELIANT IN LAUNCHING FOUR-TONNE COMMUNICATION SATELLITES*

**S**atellite Launch Vehicle-Mark 3 D1 (GSLV-Mark III) nicknamed the “fat boy” by Indian space scientists and “Bahubali” by the Telugu media was launched from Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh marking India’s most significant milestone in space technology on May 5, 2017. Weighing 640 tonnes, GSLV-Mark III is the heaviest ever rocket made by India. It can launch commercial rockets as heavy as 4 tonnes. Heavy lift launch vehicle is capable of launching payloads up to 4,000 kg into Geosynchronous transfer orbit and 10,000 kg into Low earth Orbit. With this successful mission, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) increased its capacity to launch satellites from 2.3 to 4 tonnes. With this launch India becomes self-reliant— almost — in launching four-tonne communication satellites. It had earlier been depending on foreign rockets. India joins a small club of heavy-lift satellite launchers. So far, only the space agencies of the US, Russia, France, China, Japan and Europe are capable of satellites weighing 4,000 kilograms and more. The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has congratulated



ISRO for the successful launch of GSLV – MKIII D1/GSAT-19 mission. “Congratulations to the dedicated scientists of ISRO for the successful launch of GSLV – MKIII D1/GSAT-19 mission. The GSLV – MKIII D1/GSAT-19 mission takes India closer to the next generation launch vehicle and satellite capability. The nation is proud,” the Prime Minister said. ■

## India has overtaken China to take the top spot in the 2017 Global Retail Development Index

**I**ndia has overtaken China to take the top spot in the 2017 Global Retail Development Index (GRDI) released on Monday by management consulting firm AT Kearney. India’s rapidly-expanding economy, easing of foreign direct investment (FDI) rules and a consumption boom are the key drivers for India’s top ranking. The GRDI, now in its 16th edition, ranks the top 30 developing countries for retail investment worldwide. The Index analyses 25 macroeconomic and retail-specific variables. The study is unique in that it not only identifies the markets that are most attractive today, but also those that offer future potential. ■

# FDI has seen a record jump: PM

**T**he Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) has seen a huge jump from \$34,487 billion to \$61,724 billion since 2013, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said on June 7, 2017.



Giving an overview of his three-year-old government+, he said India is today seen as a bright spot in the global economy, doing business here has been made easier and the tax regime is more predictable and stable. The GST is also going to have long standing benefits for the nation; the PM gave an overview of his three-year-old government in a write-up on LinkedIn.

“When we assumed office in May 2014, the country was going through a challenging phase. To begin with, the element of trust - in government, in institutions- had disappeared. “There was little potential and no incentive to invest in India. Corruption, nepotism and high handedness of authorities had demoralized industry,” Shri Modi said.

One of our immediate priorities was to change this atmosphere, which we have done over the last three years, he added. He said positive results of

his government are visible.

Today, I am proud to share that India is getting record foreign investment,” the prime minister said, giving the figures of 2016 in comparison to 2013. Noting that the guiding tenet of his government is ‘reform to transform’, Shri Modi said the reform agenda

is “comprehensive and inclusive, covering all sections of society, all regions of India and all aspects needing attention.”

He said it was a matter of immense happiness that a friendly spirit of competition has developed among the states for accelerating reforms and getting more investment. I want to appreciate the various states for these proactive measures. The nation stands to gain from these initiatives, the prime minister added.

He said union government was giving the added push to infrastructure projects with a special emphasis on timely completion. Our goal is a new India, powered by the skills and talent of our youth. Substantial ground has been covered in the last three years and we are poised to scale newer heights of progress, Shri Modi said. ■

## Online APAR for Indian Trade Service SPARROW-ITS launched

**I**n accordance with the Government of India’s policy to introduce online Annual Performance Appraisal Report (APAR) for Group ‘A’ services, Smt. Rita Teotia, Commerce Secretary launched the SPARROW-ITS (Smart Performance Appraisal Report Recording Online Window) on May 31, to enable the Indian Trade Service (ITS) officers to fill their APAR online for the year 2016-17 onwards. The APARs would be generated and transmitted online to the concerned officers for filling up of the self appraisal. The officer can then submit the self appraisal online through Digitally Signed Signature (DSC) or through E-sign. The subsequent processes of reporting and reviewing would also be done online by the Reporting and Reviewing Officer by using DSC or E-sign. The timelines have been drawn up for each stage of the process. The entire process of filling up of APAR would have to be completed by 31st December and no remarks can be added after that date.

The very idea of switch over from manual to online system is to ensure ready access of APAR dossier by the authorized users, preventing loss of APARs in transition, address the issues of ante-dating, remarks recorded by the Reporting Authorities without dates, etc. ■

# GST will be a turning point for the economy: Modi

**T**he Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi reviewed the status of GST, which is to be implemented from 01 July, 2017. The meeting, which lasted for over two and a half hours, was attended by Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitley and top-most officials from the Ministry of Finance, PMO and the Cabinet Secretary.

In the course of the meeting, the Prime Minister specifically reviewed aspects of implementation such as IT readiness, HR readiness, training and sensitization of officers, query handling mechanism, and monitoring. The Prime Minister was informed that GST systems such as IT infrastructure, training of officials, integration with banks, and enrolment of existing taxpayers will be in readiness well in time for the July 1 implementation date. Information security systems were discussed in detail.

A Twitter handle - @askGst\_GOI has been started for real time answering of queries. An All India toll-free phone 1800-1200-232 has also been



activated for this purpose.

The Prime Minister asserted that the implementation of GST from 1st July, is the culmination of the concerted efforts of all stakeholders, including political parties, trade and industry bodies. He described GST as a turning point for the economy, unprecedented in history. He directed officials that the creation of One Nation; One Market; One Tax would greatly benefit the common man. The Prime Minister also directed that maximum attention be paid to cyber-security in IT systems concerned with GST. ■

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## Demonetization led to great movement towards digitization: Arun Jaitley

**U**nion Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitley on June 10, 2017 said the government was aware that demonetization would cause a cash crunch in India but had envisaged long-term advantages like “great and substantial” movement towards digitization of the economy. We were conscious of the fact that the demonetization, to the extent that it causes a cash crunch made temporarily for a quarter or two impact on us adversely. But there were some long-term advantages which were envisaged, Shri Jaitley told Bloomberg TV in an interview.

Asked whether demonetization has been a success, he said the first significant advantages that has taken place is that there is a great and a substantial movement towards digitization of the

economy. “The use of cash relatively comes down, the use of other mode of payments increases. The second is, there is a substantial number of assesses who have been added,” Shri Jaitley said. He also said that he anticipates a substantial increase in the tax base. “I think the new normal has been established in India and a message is loud and clear that it’s no longer safe to deal substantially in cash,” said the finance minister.

He said, “I do believe that India has carried on a large number of structural reforms in the last few years”. “With the kind of structural reforms which are setting in, the kind of public expenditure and the foreign direct investment we are getting in, I do expect the growth to turn around and improve this year,” he said. ■

# India's Forex reserves at all time high of \$381.167 billion

**I**ndia's forex reserves surged by \$2.404 billion to reach life-time high of \$381.167 billion in the week to June 2 on account of rise in foreign currency assets, the Reserve Bank said on 10 June, 2017.

Foreign currency assets (FCAs), a major component of overall reserves, increased by \$2.748 billion to \$357.290 billion in the reporting week, RBI said.

Expressed in US dollar terms, FCAs include the effects of appreciation/depreciation of non-US currencies, such as the euro, pound and the yen, held in the reserves. Gold reserves however declined by \$343.2 million to \$20.095 billion, the



central bank said. The special drawing rights (SDR) with the International Monetary Fund dipped by \$0.2 million to \$1.472 billion. The country's reserve position with the IMF too declined by \$0.4 million to \$2.309 billion. ■

# Indian Railways acts upon 3,000 tweet complaints daily

**T**he Railway Ministry's Twitter handle @RailMinIndia, which boasts of 2.7 million followers, has become an effective tool to redress passenger grievances, and acts upon 3,000 complaints daily, according to officials. The social media platform has become a contact point between the Railways commuters which has proved to be a big boon. Soon after Shri Prabhu took over as the Railway Minister in the Narendra Modi government, he initiated to set up a department to work exclusively on social media interaction in July 2015.

The Ministry's Twitter handle has logged 3.78 lakh tweets so far. The team gets around 6,500 mentions per day in which around 3,000 mentions are in the form of complaints. The team immediately notified about the new tweet and our team chips in to address the complaints after the initial



verification of the passengers. Then they forward the messages to divisions concerned for further action. The Indian Railways have a dedicated team of 150 staffers across 68 divisions of the Indian Railways who not only keep a close watch on passenger messages on the social media round the clock, but also ensure that passenger's woes are solved within the stipulated time or say within 30 minutes. ■

# Union Agriculture and farmers Welfare Minister inaugurates Nagpur Dairy Plant

*PER CAPITA AVAILABILITY OF MILK IN INDIA IS 337GMS/DAY WHILE WORLD AVERAGE IS ONLY 299 GMS/DAY*

**U**nion Agriculture and farmers Welfare Minister Shri Radha Mohan Singh on June 4 inaugurated Nagpur Dairy Plant and Mother Dairy Milk Booth at Nagpur. While inaugurating the Dairy Plant Shri Radha Mohan Singh said that there is a tremendous potential for working on the development of dairy in Maharashtra. In Nagpur Vidarbha and Marathwada Center, the dairy profession can be a major source of livelihood for rural households. The Agriculture Minister said this on the occasion of inauguration of Nagpur Dairy and Mother Dairy booth here today. On this occasion, Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways and Shipping, Shri Nitin Gadkari and Chief Minister of Maharashtra Shri Devendra Fadnavis were also present.

Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister, Shri Radha Mohan Singh said that according to the data of May 28, 2017, the total production of milk in 2015-16 reached 156 million tonnes which is 6.28 percent annual growth rate. It may be worth to mention here that milk production during 2014-17 has increased by 16.9% when compared to the year 2011-14. Per capita availability of milk in India is 337gms/day while World average is only 299 gms/day. As far as Maharashtra is concerned, milk production increased from 9.54 million tonnes in 2014-15 to 10.1 million tonnes in the year 15-16 with a growth rate of 6.4%, which is more than country's growth rate of 6.28%, but per capita availability of milk has been 239 gms/day in 2015-16 which is substantially lower than national average, he added.

*The Agriculture Minister said about Marathwada and Vidarbha region*

Out of the total milk animals in the state, 41 per cent are in these areas, whereas it contributes only



28 per cent (261 lakh kg per day) in the State's total milk production. This is due to the presence of large number of low-productive indigenous cows and buffaloes.

The average milk productivity of animals in this area is 3.21 kg per day which is less than the state and the country average of 4.42 kg per day and 4.32 kg per day respectively.

Only 13 percent of reproductive animals are reproduced with artificial insemination. Thus there is a great possibility of improving the genetic potential of milk animals by artificial insemination.

58 percent of those who keep milk cattle have only one cattle per family.

Per capita availability of milk in these areas is only 170 gm per day, which is less than the state and country average of 239 and 337 grams per day respectively. The consumption of milk in this area is quite less and malnutrition is increasing.

Institutional structure is weak for milk procurement from milk producers. In this area, the marketable surplus milk available is 37% of the milk production, but, the milk procurement by Milk Unions in the region is only about 8% (4.3 lakh kg per day). Most Milk Unions either receive lesser amount of milk or are not currently functional - about 30 percent of



these Unions gets more than 10,000 kilograms of milk per day.

States of Rajasthan and Gujarat with similar climatic conditions are in second and third place in terms of milk production, while Maharashtra is at sixth place. Dairy industry is the main source of livelihood for the rural families of these states. As far as milk production and procurement through milk cooperative societies are concerned, this state is above national level. According to the "19th Census of Livestock-2012", the population of livestock in Maharashtra has dropped by 9.5 percent from 3.59 million in 2007 to 3.25 crore, in 2012.

Frequent famine, dry wells, dry hand pumps, low-productive animals are common in Marathwada and Vidarbha areas, due to which the dairy industry is more progressive in the western part of the state, where more than one-third of the state's milk cattle inhabits.

Therefore, dairy industry in Marathwada and Vidarbha is important for rural development and is working with NDDB and its subsidiaries for the development of an integrated (integrated) 3-year plan.

In these areas, Mother Dairy has been targeting 3000 villages of 11 districts- Amravati, Akola, Nagpur, Jalna, Wardha, Buldhana, Latur, Osmanabad, Chandrapur, Yavatmal and Nanded for procurement of milk in the first 3 years.

Mother Dairy started procurement of milk in Amravati districts on October 5, 2016 and after this it was started in districts of Wardha, Nagarpur and Chandapur in Vidarbha and in Nanded, Osmaknabad districts of Marathwada.

Presently, 377 milk Producer Institutions cover 725 villages where 7969 Milk Producers are pouring 38131 liters of milk in 46 Bulk Milk coolers and 2 Milk Chilling Centers. As per the available report, this milk is mainly going to Mumbai and Hyderabad for sale.

100 percent of the farmers are receiving the direct payment in their bank account. By the end of this year, Latur and Buldhana districts and 1300

villages will be covered.

Agriculture Minister said that Mother Dairy has completely renovated this dairy plant in the record period of four months after the lease agreement between Maharashtra Government and Mother Dairy was signed for Nagpur Dairy in the presence of Chief Minister of Maharashtra on September 14, 2016, and its present capacity is 50,000 liters per day, which can be expanded to 2,00,000 liters per day. Apart from this, work on capacity expansion is going on for the construction of dairy products like curd, buttermilk and lassi and it is expected to be operational by September 2017. Mother Dairy is also setting up milk outlets in the city of Nagpur, which will provide a broad range of products and

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also offer digital payment options for consumers.

At the end, the Agriculture Minister informed that Mother Dairy is also going to set up a new state-of-the-art plant for processing of milk and milk products in Bhiwandi. The National Dairy Development Board (NDDDB), is working actively to increase productivity through pilot ration balancing programme, establishment of semen stations, providing artificial insemination services to farmers door, feed & fodder development activities, supply of quality feed supplement and animal health services at the village level. ■

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