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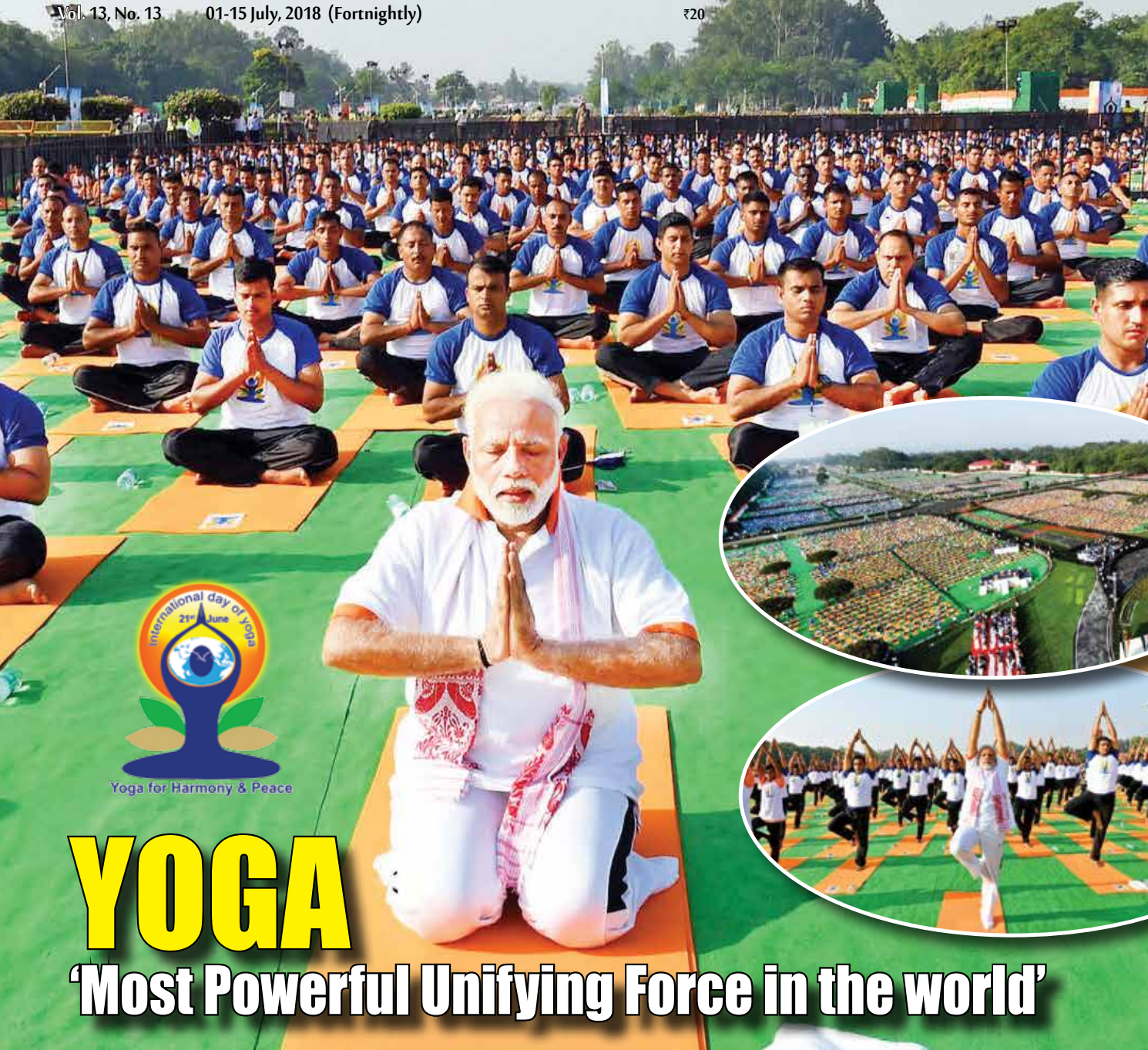
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BJP National President Shri Amit Shah addressing a huge Vikas Yatra Rally in Ambikapur of Surguja in Chhattisgarh



Shri Amit Shah flanked by Chhattisgarh CM Dr. Raman Singh and others reviewing the organizational activities of Party in Ambikapur, Chhattisgarh



Shri Amit Shah meets with veteran journalist and former member of Rajya Sabha, Shri Kuldip Nayar as part of 'Sampark For Samarthan'



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— **Amit Shah**

The Government will continue with its endeavour to create an environment free of terror and violence in Jammu and Kashmir.



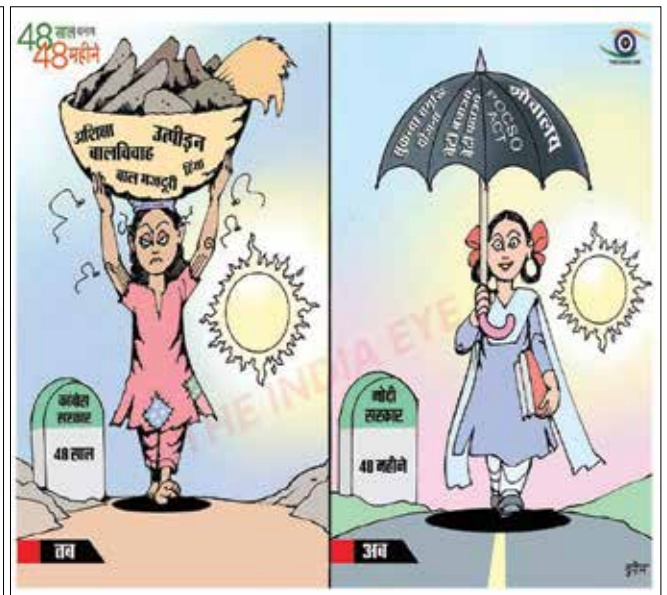
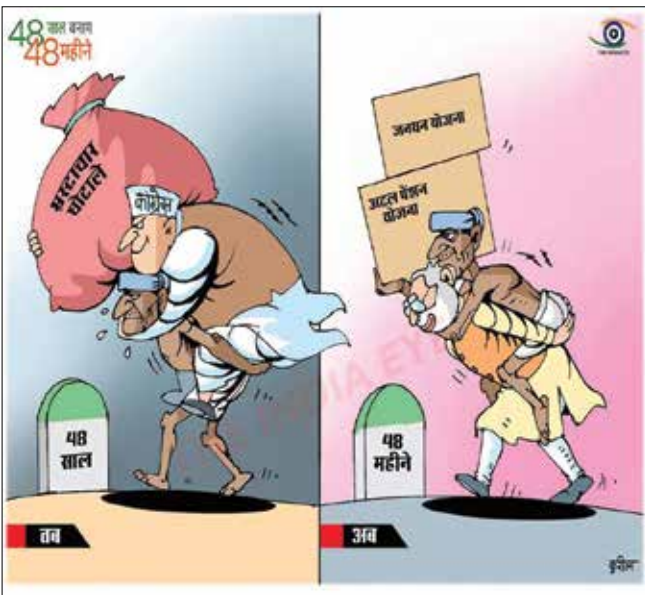
— **Rajnath Singh**

We follow Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay's ideologies which say that the nation's resources belong to the last man at the bottom of the pyramid. This Govt. has scrupulously worked for the poor, women, socially and economically marginalised sections of India



— **Piyush Goyal**

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J&K needs lasting solution of peace and development

As nation pays tribute to its great son Syama Prasad Mookerjee on his Balidaan Diwas on 23rd June and his birth anniversary on 6th July, the country once again renews its pledge to strengthen unity and integrity of the ancient land of Bharatvarsha. While the legacy of freedom struggle continues to inspire the people of this great nation, the events that unfolded into partition of India continue to pose challenges to the unity and integrity of the country. The separatist and communal politics on the basis of two-nation theory by Muslim League resulted in creation of Pakistan which has an inbuilt belief in fighting war with India by encouraging subversive elements and terrorism from across the borders. The weak policies of Nehru and successive Congress regimes have further given ammunition to the designs of Pakistan in Kashmir and the country is made to face enemies within its own territories. While all the other princely states acceded to India, the accession of Kashmir is sought to be disputed on baseless grounds by Pakistan and its cohorts. India has responded well to these terror groups in the last four years and the brave Indian soldiers have

been able to eliminate many key terror operatives in the valley in hard fought gun battles.

The interest of the people of Jammu & Kashmir has always been paramount for the BJP and the party has struggled to keep the people united against threats of terror-separatist groups. It was in this context that respecting the mandate given by the people of the state BJP decided to form a coalition government with PDP. While attempts were made to normalize the situation in the state and make it tread on the path of peace and development, PDP leadership could not match the aspirations of the people. The law and order situation in the state also started deteriorating forcing BJP to withdraw support from the coalition government. Although the security forces have shown exemplary courage in neutralising a sizeable number of hardened terrorists including commanders of different terror outfits, the policies of the PDP resulted in worsening of security situation in the valley. In addition to this, the PDP also failed to instil faith in the people of Jammu and Ladakh leading to their alienation from the government. The valley centric politics of PDP has made it incapable of rising above its political interests and take the people of Jammu and Ladakh along in building trust in the society. In such a situation BJP was left with no option but to withdraw support from the government and take up the cause of the people in the state.

The unity and integrity of India is a matter of supreme commitment for BJP and its territories are non-negotiable. The founder of Janasangh, Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee laid his life at the altar of India's unity and integrity. It was the weak policy of Congress and the then Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru that the demand of separate constitution, flag and permit system for entry in Kashmir was accepted and Article 370 was inserted in the constitution. It has sown the seeds

of separatism in the valley and the nation has been made to face the challenges of separatism endlessly. Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee who led a massive movement against these provisions was arrested and detained in Kashmir and under mysterious circumstances he attained martyrdom for the unity and integrity of the country. BJP has emerged from Jansangh and it has been raising the issue of Kashmir across the nation and struggling against the separatist elements in the valley. The vote bank politics and appeasement policy of Congress and its allies have resulted in emboldening the subversive elements in the valley in the past. But now under the strong and determined leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi the security forces are showing good results in neutralizing the terror and subversive elements in the state. The courage shown by our armed forces in carrying out surgical strike across the LoC has sent a message to Pakistan that now India will retaliate with full force for its misadventure across LoC. It is time to bring lasting solution of peace and development in the state of Jammu & Kashmir and it seems now possible under Prime Minister's strong political will and determined approach. It will be a fitting tribute to the memory of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee. ■

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From Dehradun to Dublin, Shanghai to Chicago, yoga's everywhere: PM

P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said that Yoga has become one of the most powerful 'Unifying Forces' in the world. He was addressing a huge gathering on the 4th International Yoga Day held at the Forest Research Institute campus in Dehradun, Uttarakhand on June 21, 2018. Prime Minister Shri Modi performed Yogasan, Pranayama and Dhyana with about 50,000 yoga enthusiasts and volunteers at the Forest Research Institute campus.

The Prime Minister said, "It's a proud moment for everyone that today, all over the world; people are welcoming the brightness and warmth of the sun with Yoga. From Dehradun to Dublin, from Shanghai to Chicago, and from Jakarta to Johannesburg, yoga is now spread everywhere".

Giving a clear-cut message to the Yoga enthusiasts all over the world, Shri Modi said that the entire



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The world has embraced Yoga and glimpses of this can be seen in the manner in which International Day of Yoga has been marked every year.

Infact, Yoga Day has become one of the biggest mass movements in the quest for good health and well-being.

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celebrated every year. He further added that Yoga Day has become one of the biggest mass movements in the quest for good health and well-being.

Prime Minister said that we should not hesitate to honour our own legacy and heritage if we want the rest of the world to respect us. He said that Yoga is beautiful because it is ancient and yet modern, it is constant and yet evolving; it has the best of our past and present and provides a ray of hope for our future.

Talking about the potential of Yoga, the Prime Minister said that Yoga has a solution to most of the problems faced by people, as individuals as well as a society. He said that Yoga could lead to a calm, creative and content life, removing tensions and needless anxiety. "Instead of dividing, Yoga unites. Instead of further animosity, Yoga assimilates. Instead of increasing suffering, Yoga heals", he added.

Vice-President Shri M Venkaiah Naidu was present in Mumbai. Maharashtra Chief Minister Shri Devendra Fadnavis was also present on the occasion.



Yoga's full potential should be harnessed to reduce NCD-related deaths: WHO

On the eve of International Day for Yoga, WHO on June 20, 2018 said yoga's full potential should be harnessed as it reduces the risk of life-threatening non-communicable diseases.

Adequate physical activity improves muscular and cardio respiratory fitness enhances bone and functional health, helps prevent depression and promote mental health, WHO Regional Director for South-East Asia Dr. Poonam Khetrpal Singh said.

WHO said that practising yoga reduces the risk of life-threatening non-communicable diseases (NCDs) such as hypertension, stroke, heart attack and diabetes that causes around 8.5 million deaths across the world health body's South-East Asia region annually.

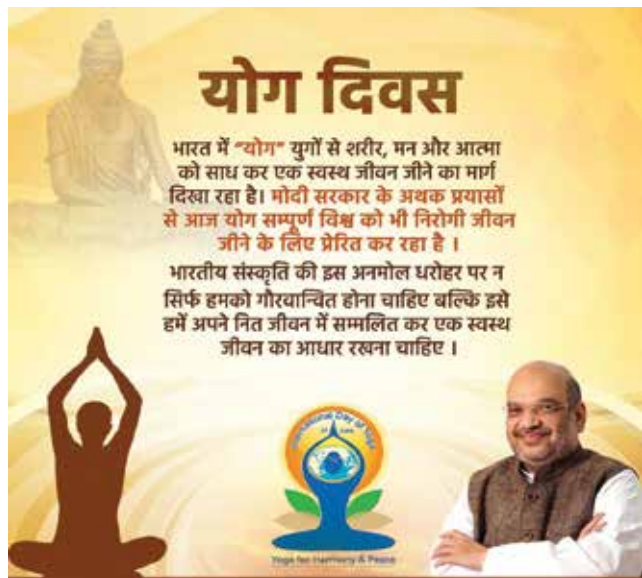
Achieving the target of a 15 per cent increase in physical activity by 2030 requires all member states to stay on track or correct course where necessary, the WHO said.

Union ministers Shri Rajnath Singh, Shri Nitin Gadkari, Shri Suresh Prabhu, Uma Bharti, Shri Ram Vilas Paswan, and Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad also took part in yoga events in Lucknow, Nagpur, Chennai, Rudraprayag, Hajipur and Patna respectively.

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Dr. Raman Singh took part in #InternationalYogaDay2018 celebrations, in Raipur.

Haryana Chief Minister Shri Manohar Lal Khattar and Union Minister Smt. Smriti Irani participated in International Yoga Day programmes in Chandigarh and Jhajjar. Ms Irani performed asanas along with around 4,000 enthusiasts at the event. Chandigarh MP Smt. Kirron Kher and Chandigarh BJP President Shri Sanjay Tandon were also present.

Noteworthy, the idea of International Yoga Day was first proposed by the PM Shri Narendra Modi during his speech at the United Nations General Assembly on September 27, 2014. He also suggested June 21 be observed as International Yoga Day all over the world, as it is the longest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere and has special significance in many parts of the world. The proposal for yoga at the UN was supported in one voice by a majority of countries.



Earlier, PM Shri Modi was welcomed at the Dehradun airport by Uttarakhand Governor Krishna Kant Paul, Chief Minister Shri TS Rawat and other leaders and officials.

Indian Army personnel take part in a yoga session in Secunderabad while eastern naval command staff perform yoga on board INS Jyothi in Bay of Bengal in Visakhapatnam. Eastern Naval Command's submarine staff also participated in #InternationalYogaDay2018. Indo-Tibetan Border Police personnel also perform Surya Namaskar in cold desert of Ladakh at an altitude of 18,000 feet. ■

Yoga “Very Apt for the UN”, Says Amina Mohammed

Yoga is “very apt” for the UN and in today’s complex world where stress and delusion are prevalent, the ancient Indian physical and mental practice plays a central role for wellness and peace of the mind and body, UN Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohammed has said.



Glipmses of 4th International Yoga Day celebration across the world



Dhaka, Bangladesh



Seoul, South Korea



Janaki Mandir, Janakpur Nepal



Zojoji, Japan



St Petersburg, Russia



Pornichet, France

We will give an account of every minute and every paisa to people: Amit Shah



Bharatiya Janata party National President Shri Amit Shah lashed out at Congress President Rahul Gandhi over asking what Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has done in four years since his government came to power. Addressing a huge rally in Ambikapur of Surguja in Chhattisgarh, on 10 June, 2018 he lambasted the Congress chief and said that the BJP is not answerable to him.

Shri Shah said BJP will give a detailed account of work done by the government to the people of the country and not Rahul Gandhi. Congress President Rahul Gandhi was asking what has the Modi government done in four year's. Rahul baba, why are you asking for our account of four years? We do not need to give you any account. We will give an account of every minute and every paisa to people when we go to them seeking votes," he said. "You are asking 'hisab' from us but this country wants 'hisab' of four generations of your family. Your family ruled the country for 55 years. People of this country want to know why

development did not take place during the 55-year rule of four generations of your family," Shri Shah asked.

Shri Amit Shah was in Chhattisgarh's Ambikapur district to attend the ongoing 'Vikas Yatra' of the BJP led state government. He later attended the State Core Group meeting where he reviewed the BJP's preparation for the Assembly polls due later this year. The first phase of Yatra has culminated on 14 June at Bhilai in Durg.

The BJP President hailed the NDA government at the Centre. He said that this government has placed India in a more respectful position before the world. "Narendra Modi government secured our borders. Pakistan used to attack us day and night. But under this government our forces went there, executed surgical strike and returned chanting 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai'. This government has placed India in a more respectful position before the world," he asserted.

Shri Shah said that the Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act and the reservation

system in government jobs are to stay till the BJP-led government is in power at the Centre. "Congress will try to spread numerous lies to mislead people in the near future. They might tell you that the SC/ST Act and the reservation system are being scrapped. I want to clarify that it will never be the case and the SC/ST act and reservation are here to stay till BJP government is in power," Shri Shah said.

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Dr. Raman Singh also addressed the public rally and questioned the Congress over their 60 years of rule. "Congress is opposing Vikas Yatra. I would like to ask people of Surguja, did Congress ever provide you rice at Rs 1/kg? Did they ever provide you medical insurance? Did they ever do that in their 60 years of rule," he said.

"We are providing proper road and rail connectivity to Sarguja. The region already has internet connectivity. Soon Sarguja will also have air connectivity. Hawaii chappal pehne walon ka hawaii jahaz se safar karne ka sapna pooro hoga (People wearing rubber slippers will soon travel by air)," Shri Singh added.

AMIT SHAH HOLDS ROADSHOW IN CHHATTISGARH AMIDST ROUSING WELCOME

Beating of drums and folk dance performances by various people marked BJP President Shri Amit Shah's roadshow at Ambikapur town in Chhattisgarh. This is part of the 'Vikas Yatra' campaign being undertaken by Chief Minister Dr. Raman Singh ahead of the assembly polls in the state by the end of this year.

Shri Amit Shah was accorded a rousing reception by a large number of party leaders and workers when

he commenced the roadshow in the afternoon from Kharsiya Naka area.

People gathered in large numbers along the lanes in the heart of Ambikapur city, the headquarters of



Surguja district. The roadshow, which lasted about 45 minutes, covered a distance of around 5 kms, passing through Agrasen Chowk, Jaistambh Chowk, Mahamaya Chowk, Gandhi Chowk and Ambedkar Chowk. It culminated at P G College grounds, where Shri Amit Shah addressed a public meeting.

Apart from the Chief Minister Dr. Raman Singh, state Home Minister Shri Ramsewak Paikra and other cabinet ministers also took part in the event. As many as 52 welcome gates were erected on the route.

The road show was led by a bike-rally and followed by a convoy of vehicles. Raising of slogans by the BJP workers, participation of various folk troupes and beating of drums added special colour to the event. Banners and flags were also displayed. ■

Temjen Imna Along is new BJP Nagaland President

The BJP National President Shri Amit Shah has appointed Nagaland Cabinet Minister for Higher & Technical Education Shri Temjen Imna Along (Sumo) as the new BJP President of Nagaland on 19 June, 2018. He replaced Shri Visasolie Lhoungu who has been State President since January 2016.

Shri Imna Along's appointment comes into immediate effect, as per the Press release of the party from New Delhi. ■



Training programme will set new standards in Indian politics: Amit Shah

BJP National President Shri Amit Shah on June 13 released literature and guidebooks for second phase of nation-wide training exercise of its cadre, volunteers, workers and spokesperson associated with various departments/ morcha's at the Bharatiya Janata Party Headquarters in Delhi .

Under the first phase of "Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Prashikshan Mahabhiyan," which was launched in the year 2015. BJP has already trained nearly 10 lakh workers in nearly a series of training workshops conducted from the National level to State, Mandal and booth level.

Speaking at the release function, BJP President Shri Amit Shah said, "This is the world largest training program of political workers ever in history which will set a new standard in Indian politics. In the first phase the party took up training from mandal to district and state level karyakartas and it has already trained over a million workers at these levels. The second phase envisages to impart area-specific- training for the Morchas of the party".

BJP National General Secretary and incharge of training programme Shri Muralidhar Rao said "Besides refreshing and reorienting the workers about the party ideology, ethics, objectives, party policies and brief history of the BJP, these trainings would also impart a basic understanding and latest developments relating to technical aspects of specialized subjects relevant to that particular party cadre. The trainings would be



held at different levels, i.e. National, State, District and Mandal levels. While trainers training at the National level is of 3 days duration, the training at the State, District and Mandal level is of 2 days." He further added, "BJP has emerged as the world's largest political party with over 11 crore members and is known as party with difference. It's the duty of the party to prepare trained political workers who can contribute to national development and ensure that the government schemes and work reaches the last person in the queue.

Shri Mahesh Sharma, convener of the program said, "After BJP came to power with the massive mandate in 2014, the Party president Shri Amit Shah lodged three important programs for Expansion, Consolidation and Training in the party. The first was 'Maha Sadasyata Abhiyan' in which the BJP enrolled over 11 crore party members. This set a world record with the BJP emerging as the largest political party in the world. The second was 'MahaSampark Abhiyan' in which all the newly enrolled members were contacted by the party cadre. In the third program - the 'Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya Prashikshan Mahabhiyan' was launched. The idea was to train the party workers at all levels from mandal to national. For the last two years under the Prashikshan Mahabhiyan, the party has trained over 10 lakh workers all over the country. This again is a unique world record." Other members of the BJP National training program, R. Balashankar, Hemant Goswami and Sunil Pandey were also present on the occasion. ■



NAFED makes an impressive turnaround in last 4 years

Nafed makes record procurement of 31.91 lakh metric tonnes of pulses and oilseeds in 2017-18 benefiting over 20 lakh farmers

The National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED), which procures pulses, oilseeds and onion from farmers, procured 31.91 lakh metric tonnes of pulses and oilseeds in 2017-18 thereby benefitting over 20 lakh farmers. Money was directly transferred to farmers' accounts. NAFED registered record numbers on other financial parameters and in 2018-19, it is expected to earn record profit.

It is worth mentioning that Nafed was financially drained during the previous government. Irregularities had pushed it into a financial crisis and the institution was on the verge of closure with lawsuits piling up. The federation had procured only 8 lakh metric tonnes of pulses and oilseeds from farmers in the last four years (2011-14) of the UPA government. Owing to the efficient leadership of the NDA government, 64 lakh metric tonnes of pulses and oilseeds were procured at Minimum Support Price (MSP) from farmers in 2014-18, thereby showing a remarkable increase.

It was imperative for the government to save Nafed and ensure procurement at MSP in order to help farmers. On the advice of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the bank guarantee of Nafed was increased to Rs 42,000 crore with immediate effect. The bank guarantee during the UPA government was only Rs 200-250 crore.



The result of the reforms has been very positive. In the three crop seasons in the middle of 2011-13, Nafed could not procure anything but is now making record purchases. For this, the government did away with 15 per cent compensation in the MSP norm, which existed in previous government on account of complete loss. With the availability of bank guarantee to Nafed, it was possible to make record purchase from farmers. Reflecting the results of financial discipline and improvement, NAFED paid Rs 220 crore to the banks from its earnings.

Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Shri Radha Mohan Singh expressed hope that Nafed will continue to make record purchase from farmers and said that the government is committed to improving the condition and working of Nafed. ■



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BECOME PART OF A VIBRANT IDEOLOGICAL MOVEMENT

33 new initiatives taken by the Government to strengthen education sector in last 4 years

The Union Human Resources Development Minister, Shri Prakash Javadekar has informed that 33 new initiatives have been taken by the Government in the last four years to strengthen the education system. Addressing a Press Conference at New Delhi on June 18 on the achievements of four years of HRD Ministry, Shri Javadekar said that revolutionary changes have been made to provide affordable and quality education for all. The Minister said that under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi transformational changes have taken place in the education sector bringing in accessibility, quality, accountability, equity & affordability and have also given a tremendous push to research and innovation. Dr. Satya Pal Singh, Minister of State for HRD, Department of Higher Education and Shri Upendra Kushwaha, Minister of State for HRD, Department of School Education and Literacy were also present at the press conference.

Highlighting the new initiative on learning outcomes, Shri Javadekar said that Learning Outcomes benchmark student's capabilities to be achieved in each subject and class every year. This will bring in accountability of schools, teachers and students, as well as parents will improve the quality of school education. The Minister disclosed that 103 new Kendriya Vidyalayas and 62 new Navodaya Vidyalayas have been opened during the last four years.

Terming the National Assessment Survey as the World's largest National Assessment Survey, Shri Javadekar said 22 lakh students of class 3, 5 and 8 & 15 lakh students of class 10 were assessed in this survey. He further said that education profile of every district and state has been shared with Chief Ministers, MPs & officials.

Referring about change in no-detention policy, HRD Minister said The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (Amendment) Bill, 2017 is already tabled in Parliament, and as per proposed Amendment, states will hold examination of students in class 5 and 8. If a student fails in second attempt, he/she can be detained. This will ensure a continued study by the students and improve their performance. Focusing on teachers' education, he said that 14 lakh unqualified



D.El.Ed teachers are doing course on "Swayam" platform and 1st year exam was successfully conducted.

Shri Prakash Javadekar said that the Government has taken up the rationalisation of syllabus and 37 thousand people have given their suggestions to reduce the curriculum. He said that more time is needed to focus on value education, experiential learning, life skills education, creative skills and physical education. He said that Budget will increase by increased by 20-percent in each year under the Samagra Shiksha. Shri Javadekar said every day 95 million students are served fresh cooked food at 11.4 lakh schools at the cost of Rs 17,000 crores per year. Union government is further strengthening the program by granting more funds for cooking, transport cost and also for fortification of food.

The Minister said that on the Higher Education front, 141 Universities, 14 IITs, 7 IIMs, 7 IITs and 1 NIT have been opened during the last four years. He said Higher Education Financing Agency- HEFA will provide Rs 1,00,000 crore in next 4 years. This is implemented under the initiative of "Revitalising Infrastructure & Systems in Education (RISE) by 2022. On the autonomy of Higher Education Institutions, he said IIM Bill has been passed, while Graded Autonomy has been granted to more than 60 universities.

He said that under the digital initiative, SWAYAM portal has been launched with 1,032 Courses by the best faculty. 2 million users are benefiting with this Interactive learning program. Online Library with 17 million digital books & journals are available under the National Digital Library. Wi-Fi facility has been provided to all central universities. Nearly 400 university campuses and 10,000 colleges are now Wi-Fi enabled. ■

Rural sanitation coverage under Swachh Bharat crosses the 85% mark

Under the Swachh Bharat Mission, the largest behavior change programme in the world, the rural sanitation coverage of India has now risen to 85%. Through mobilization of rural communities, 7.4 crore toilets have been built across rural India, and as an outcome, over 3.8 lakh villages and 391 districts have been declared Open Defecation Free (ODF).

This is significant because, under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen), sanitation coverage has increased to more than double the coverage at the time of the launch of the Mission.

A recent survey conducted by an Independent Verification Agency across 90,000 households in over 6000 villages has found the usage of toilets in rural India to be 93.4%. Two independent surveys conducted in the past by the Quality Council of India in 2017, and National Sample

Survey Organization in 2016, have pegged the usage of these toilets at 91% and 95% respectively. This success has been achieved due to the difference in approach to sanitation adopted by the Swachh Bharat Mission in comparison to previous sanitation programmes in the country.

The Swachh Bharat Mission is the first sanitation programme in the country to measure outcomes (ODF) instead of output (toilets) alone. The SBM's emphasis on behavior change in rural sanitation at the grassroots also leads to rigorous verification and sustainability of the benefits accrued

to rural communities under the progress made. The SBM is a people's movement, a true jan andolan, and it is this people's participation that has led to the success being witnessed under the Mission. The Mission is on track to achieve an ODF India by October 2019. ■



Exports show positive growth

Exports during May 2018 were valued at US \$ 28.86 Billion as compared to US \$ 24.01 Billion during May 2017 exhibiting a positive growth of 20.18 per cent. In Rupee terms, exports were valued at Rs. 194928.45 crore in May 2018 as compared to Rs. 154713.69 crore during May 2017, registering a positive growth of 25.99 per cent. ■



FDI in India rises to \$61.96 billion in 2017-18

Foreign direct investment (FDI) in India increased by about 3 per cent to \$61.96 billion in 2017-18 on account of steps taken by the government to improve business climate and liberalised policy norms. FDI inflows stood at \$60 billion in the previous fiscal. The figure includes equity inflows, reinvested earnings and other capital. Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) Secretary said that during the four years of the Modi government, foreign inflows jumped to \$222.75 billion from \$152 billion in the previous four-year period. ■



Dr. Syama Prasad: The Ideal Leader



PT. DEENDAYAL UPADHYAYA

Dr. 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 concenation 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 ex tempore. 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 any wrong policy or step. But he was neither a prophet of doom nor a cynic. And therefore he coined perhaps consciously a new work '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

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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. 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

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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. ■

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Former BJP MP Ramchandra Binda no more

Former BJP MP from Faridabad Shri Ramchandra Binda, breathed his last at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in New Delhi on Jun 13, 2018. Born on February 7, 1946 in village Khabra Kalan, district Hisar, Shri Binda was elected from the Faridabad parliamentary constituency for the 11th, 12th as well as the 13th Lok Sabha between 1996 and 2004.

Haryana Chief Minister Shri Manohar Lal Khattar has expressed grief over Shri Binda's demise. In his message, Shri Khattar described Shri Binda as a seasoned politician who worked for the upliftment of people belonging to the weaker sections of the society. Shri Binda was associated with a number of social, cultural and literary organizations engaged in the upliftment of the downtrodden, he said.

The Chief Minister conveyed heartfelt condolences



to the members of the bereaved family and prayed that the departed soul rests in peace. ■

BJP leader hacked to death by assailants in Chikmagalur, karnataka

Bharatiya Janata Party general secretary of Karnataka's Chikmagalur Mohammed Anwar was allegedly killed by unidentified men in Gowri Kaluve area. The incident took place on June 22, 2018 at around 9.30 pm. Anwar was stabbed to death by bike-borne assailants, reported news agency ANI. He was reportedly attacked thrice while he was returning from an event.

Following the attack, Anwar



collapsed on the spot. He was immediately rushed to a local hospital, however, the BJP leader succumbed to his injuries.

An FIR has been registered in connection with the murder. A manhunt has also been initiated to nab the accused, the police said.

Reports suggest that even though the reason of murder is not clear yet, prima-facie it appears to be a matter of political enmity. ■

GST leads to Formalization of Economy and Widening of Tax Base

The Historic tax reform, Goods and Service Tax (GST), has resulted in formalization of economy and consequently information flow would eventually augment not only the Indirect Tax collections but also Direct Tax collections. In the past, the Centre had little data on small manufacturers and consumption because the excise was imposed only at the manufacturing stage while the States had little data on the activities of local firms outside their borders. Under the GST, there will be now seamless flow of availability of common set of data to both the Centre and the States making Direct and Indirect Tax collections more effective.

There are early signs of tax base expansion.

Between June and July 2017, 6.6 lakh new agents, previously outside the tax net, sought GST registration. This is expected to rise consistently as the incentives for formalization increase. Entire Textile chain is now brought under tax net. Further, a segment of land and real estate transactions has also been brought into tax net “works

contracts”, referring to housing that is being built. This in turn would allow for greater transparency and formalization of cement, steel and other sales which earlier tended to be outside the tax net. The formalization will occur because builder will need documentation of these input purchases to claim tax credit.

The introduction of GST, a common Indirect Tax

for both the States as well as the Central Government with its end to end digitization of all processes, is the biggest reform measure which is already creating more jobs in formal sector and eliminating transactions which are not recorded earlier in the books of accounts and thus, were outside the tax net so far. GST is designed to bring about better tax compliance and transparency in tax system. It is putting a premium on honesty. It would make increasingly difficult for those (who are liable to pay tax) to remain outside the tax net.

In order to simplify the processes a number of procedural changes have also been introduced by the Central government since the roll-out of GST on



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1st July, 2017. An extensive exercise was undertaken for tax payers education and facilitation by way of knowledge sharing, dissemination of information and replies to FAQs among others. Further, steps are also being undertaken for further simplification in order to facilitate the tax payers and to extend benefit to the customers. ■

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Is Congress Becoming Ideologyless? Is Anti-Modism its only ideology?



ARUN JAITLEY

A few weeks ago P. Chidambaram, Finance Minister in the UPA Government, claimed that fryingpakodas is not job creation. Being cleverer than rest of his colleagues, he perhaps was trying to neutralise the success story of the Mudra Yojana where 12.90 crore loans have been given for self-employment to various weaker sections. The total of these loans has touched Rs. 6 lakh crores. This obviously has led to millions of hands generating new work for themselves and those that they employ.

Two days ago, while addressing a gathering of what they claimed were their OBC supporters, Rahul Gandhi spoke on the entrepreneurial skills of Shikanjiwalas, dhabawalas and mechanics. Though factually what he stated was incorrect, the larger point is that he saw virtues in these professions which can act as a launch pad for many start-ups. The great grandson of the man who authored "The Discovery of India" could with his customary inaccuracies one day give to this country his monumental work on "The Rediscovery of Coca Cola".

It is the NDA Government under Prime Minister Modi which realised the importance of millions of such self-employment opportunities for which in the year 2015 Mudra Yojana was launched. Most of the beneficiaries took small loans, were prompt in their repayment, set up small enterprises and gave themselves, and perhaps one or two people more, an employment. The UPA never did so. I repeat that it was the UPA which during 2008-2014 indiscriminately lent money through banks to these fifteen big defaulters. The Congress Party President prefers the Gobbelian traditions to say the exact opposite. What he claimed before the audience is precisely what we have successfully implemented.

Why does he believe that 2.5 lakh crores of bank loans have been waived? Is it because of his inability to understand that where Performing Asset is not serviced by the debtor, after ninety days it becomes Non Performing Asset. Its chances of

recovery as per RBI guidelines, decline. There is a shift in the column that takes place and the bank has to make provisioning on the basis that the possibility of recovery declines. But the debtor liability remains. There is no waiver. When either through the IBC or through legal processes the debt is recovered back, the entry is reversed. For a President of a national party not to understand this basic procedure of bank functioning should be a matter of concern to the entire party as also the country. In dynastic parties political positions are heritable. Unfortunately wisdom is not heritable. It has to be acquired through learning.

Why this sudden love for the Other Backward Classes?

The OBCs deserted Congress Party in the early 1990s. The Congress was always anti-OBC. Late Shri Rajiv Gandhi made strong speech in Parliament against the Mandal Commission. Recently, the Congress Party opposed the grant of constitutional status to the National

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Commission for Backward Classes. They voted against the constitutional amendment in Parliament. It opportunistically supported reservation for the non-backwards. It impliedly wants to reduce the quota for the OBCs knowing fully well that the judiciary will not allow 50 percent on reservations to be waived and the new claimants would eat into the OBC quota.

Rahul's Other Gems

- Interacting with his interviewer in Singapore a few weeks ago, Rahul Gandhi left his audience stunned by suggesting if MRI machines in India were connected, this would lead to a Medical Revolution. How? Except breaching a patient's privacy by sharing his details with other hospitals what

would this achieve?

- He told an audience in Karnataka that his party believes that there should be only one GST rate as in Singapore. Singapore charges 7% GST on all food items, cheap clothing and footwear, medical and education spends as on luxury items – BMW cars, alcohol and five star hotels. India has exempted most food items. Should we have same rate for food items, hawaichappals and BMW cars? Singapore, unlike India, has no BPL or lower income groups.

- On education he believes we must have 200 IITs. The UPA never did so. It is the NDA which is now creating a network of IIT's, IIM's and AIIMS all over the country.

In all the above statements, there

is no ideological pattern. Ignorance with anti-Modism is a common thread

Dynastic political parties are family and personality dominated. Ideology takes a back seat. You can oppose the OBC when it suits you. You can shed crocodile tears for them when the opportunism so requires. You can run down jobs created by frying pakodas. You can quantify on the virtues of running a dhaba. The leader's ill-informed instincts become the ideology. This can only happen to a party which becomes ideologyless; pushes itself to the fringe; is willing to act as a tailender to regional parties. All this because its only obsession is a person called Narendra Modi. ■

(The writer is a Union Minister, GoI)

Sri Lanka thanks PM Modi for grants to run free ambulance service

Sri Lanka on 21 June, 2018 thanked Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for giving a grant of USD 22.8 million for running free emergency ambulance service in the island nation. India had given a grant of USD 22.8 million – USD 7.6 million in first phase in 2016 and in second installment USD 15.2 million this year – to Sri Lankan government to run free ambulance services.

Sri Lanka's state minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs, Harsha De Silva told the parliament that PM Modi had come to Sri Lanka in March 2015 and said that "he wished to provide a grant to Sri Lanka". The minister said that he told the Indian Prime Minister on Sri Lanka's need for an emergency ambulance care service. "He (Modi) agreed, and an aid of USD 7.6 million came as the first instalment. It was totally free and nothing to pay back," De Silva said, adding that in the second phase, Sri Lanka got a grant of USD 15.2 million.

The minister said that the free ambulance service,



was made possible by the people of India, was one of the largest grants India ever made outside the country's assistance to build 50,000 houses in the north and east of Sri Lanka, and the Indian help in rebuilding the country after the 2004 Tsunami. "I wish to thank Prime Minister Modi and the people of India for this wonderful gift. People of Sri Lanka will be ever grateful to you," de Silva said. ■

Government ensuring affordable healthcare for all: PM Modi

Noting that access to medicines is a “big concern” for the poor, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on June 07, 2018 said the union government is committed to decreasing the financial burden and ensuring affordable healthcare for every Indian. He stressed on the need to make health a mass movement through public participation.

Interacting with beneficiaries of the ‘Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojna’ (PMBJP) and affordable cardiac stents and knee implants through video bridge, Shri Modi said his government is working to provide more beds, hospitals and doctors and has taken one step after another to bring down treatment cost for the poor.

“We have to make efforts to make public health a mass movement through public participation,” he said during his fifth such interaction in the series with various beneficiaries of government schemes.

The prime minister noted that illness not only creates a huge financial burden on families, especially the poor and middle class, but also affects the socio-economic sector. “It is the endeavour of the government to ensure affordable healthcare to every citizen,” he said.

Observing that the PMBJP was launched with the intention to make the poor, lower middle class and middle class get access to affordable medicines and reduce their financial burden, the PM said more than 3,600 Jan Aushadhi Kendras have been opened all over the country, where over 700 generic medicines are available at affordable price.

“The cost of medicines at Jan Aushadhi Kendras is 50-90 per cent less than the market price. The number of Jan Aushadhi Kendras will reach over 5,000 in the near future,” he said.

On the government's ambitious Ayushman Bharat programme, he said under it, around 10 crore families, that is around 50 crore people, will be given health insurance cover of Rs 5 lakh.

“The first phase of this yojna has been initiated



and soon people across the country will get benefited by it,” he said.

As people living in small villages or towns find it difficult to go to a hospital or health centre that is very far away, the government has decided to open around 1.5 lakh health centres across the country under Ayushman Bharat, Modi said.

Apart from medicines, diagnostics facilities will also be available there, he said. “In the last four years, our government has taken one step after the other so that the cost incurred by the poor for treatment can come down.

“I can say with satisfaction that we have chosen the right direction, taken the right path, made the right policies and they are now reaching the grass roots level...We have worked in mission mode,” he said.

PM Shri Modi said access to medicines is a big concern for the poor and the government's constant endeavour is to “ensure affordable healthcare to every Indian”.

Several people are benefiting from the PMBJP, he said. He also noted that the government has reduced stent prices substantially, benefiting the poor and the middle class the most.

Earlier, people had to sell or mortgage property to purchase stents, he said, adding that the cost of heart stents has reduced from around Rs 2 lakh to Rs 29,000.

Although knee-related issues are common, the

prime minister said their treatment was not common earlier as those who had the money could ensure treatment.

The government has reduced knee transplant prices by 60-70 per cent, thereby bringing down the cost from Rs 2.5 lakh to around Rs 70,000-80,000, he said.

"It is estimated that around 1 to 1.5 lakh knee operations happen in India every year. On that account, the reduction in knee transplant prices has saved close to Rs 1,500 crore for public," he said.

The prime minister noted that the cost of dialysis too was high and it was available in selected cities and keeping that in mind, the PM Rashtriya Dialysis Yojna was started through which the government has performed more than 22 lakh dialysis sessions for 2.25 lakh patients in more than 500 districts.

He said that more than 90 medical colleges have been opened which has led to an increase of 15,000 MBBS seats.

"India would become great and healthy only when its 125 crore citizens are healthy," the prime minister said while stressing his government aims to eradicate tuberculosis from India by 2025, five years ahead of a globally set deadline.

"The world has decided that by 2030, TB will be eradicated. We in India decided why wait for 2030. That is why we have made a programme to eradicate it five years ahead of the global deadline," he said.

Shri Modi said that the government has also started a huge campaign for immunization and more than 3.15 crore children and 80 lakh pregnant women have been vaccinated in 528 districts through Mission Indradhanush.

"Our target is that till 2020, all those children are immunized who have not been immunized or have been partially immunized, so that they can be saved from 12 different diseases," he said.

The Prime Minister also appealed to people to practice yoga and make it a part of their life. ■

PM interacts with beneficiaries of various Digital India initiatives

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on June 15 interacted with the beneficiaries of various Digital India Mission schemes from across the country, through video bridge. The video bridge connected over 50 lakh beneficiaries, including those from Common Service Centres, NIC centres, National Knowledge Network, BPOs, Mobile Manufacturing Units and MyGov volunteers. This is the sixth interaction in the series by the Prime Minister through video bridge with various beneficiaries of Government schemes.

Interacting with the beneficiaries, Prime Minister said that Digital India was launched to ensure that people from all walks of life, especially those from rural areas, are digitally empowered. He added that to make this possible, Government has worked on a holistic policy consisting of connecting villages through fibre optic, digitally educating citizens, providing service delivery through mobiles and promoting electronic manufacturing.

Talking about technology, Prime Minister said that technology has brought about ease of living and Government's efforts are to ensure that the advantages

of technology was available to all sections of the society. Various provisions like online payment of bills including BHIM APP, online booking of railway tickets, and electronic delivery of scholarships and pensions to bank accounts have greatly reduced the burden on common people, Shri Narendra Modi added.

Describing the importance of Common Service Centers (CSC), Prime Minister said that CSC's across India are providing digital services to rural India. CSCs have successfully developed Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLE) in rural areas and created job opportunities for more than 10 Lakh people. There are 2.92 Lakh CSCs in rural India providing opportunities to access various government and other services across 2.15 Lakh Gram Panchayats

During the interaction, Shri Narendra Modi said that the movement towards more digital payments is resulting in the elimination of intermediaries. Digital payments in India has grown significantly in last four years, making Indian economy digital and transparent.

Talking about Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta

PM'S INTERACTION WITH BENEFICIARIES OF VARIOUS DIGITAL INDIA INITIATIVES

Abhiyan (PMGDISHA), PM said that the scheme has already provided digital skill and training to 1.25 crore people, out of which 70% of candidates are from SC, ST and OBC communities. The scheme aims to provide digital skills and basic computer training to six crore people through 20 hours of basic computer training.

Digital India has also transformed the BPO sector immensely. Earlier BPOs were only restricted to big cities, now it is spread to small towns and villages, creating employment opportunities. The India BPO promotion scheme and the separate BPO promotion scheme for the Northeast, started under Digital India will create new employment opportunities to over two lakh people in North East and in rural areas. Now the youth of nation is getting jobs near their homes due to BPOs units opening all through out India, Prime Minister said.

Interacting with the employees of various Electronic Manufacturing Units, Prime Minister said that India has gone a long way in Electronics Hardware Manufacturing in the last 4 years. To promote electronic manufacturing in India, Government has started the Electronic Manufacturing Cluster (EMC) scheme, through which 23 EMCs are being opened in 15 states. The scheme is expected to provide employment to close to six lakh people. Prime Minister also noted that India has 120 mobile phone manufacturing factories now compared

to just two such units in 2014. These units have created directed and indirect employment to more than 4.5 lakh citizens.

Prime Minister also talked about the importance of National Knowledge Network (NKN) in building a strong Digital India. NKN inter connects about 1700 major Research and Educational Institutes in India, thereby providing a powerful platform to close to five crore students, researchers, academicians and government officers.

Prime Minister also interacted with the volunteers of MyGov platform, the citizen engagement platform created within two months of the formation of the government. There are more than 60 lakh volunteers associated with the platform, giving ideas, suggestions and doing various volunteer activities, playing a huge role in building of a New India, Shri Modi said. Prime Minister also added that through Digital India, '4E's- Education, Employment, Entrepreneurship and Empowerment are being achieved.

Interacting with the Prime Minister, beneficiaries of various Digital India schemes explained how the schemes have played an important role in transforming their lives. Various beneficiaries also described how Common Service Centre (CSC) has brought employment opportunities and the various services it provides has resulted in ease of living. ■

NINE PILLARS OF DIGITAL INDIA



Broadband Highways



E-Governance – Reforming government through Technology



Electronics Manufacturing – Target NET ZERO Imports



Universal Access to Mobile Connectivity



E-Kranti Electronic delivery of services



IT for Jobs



Public Internet Access Programme



Information for All



Early Harvest Programmes

Government is working towards doubling farmer's income by 2022: PM

P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, interacted with farmers across the country, through video bridge on 20 June, 2018. Over 2 lakh Common Service Centres (CSC) and 600 Krishim Vigyan Kendras (KVK) were connected through the video dialogue. This is the seventh interaction in the series by the Prime Minister through video conference with various beneficiaries of Government schemes.

Expressing happiness in interacting with farmers from over 600 districts, Prime Minister said that farmers are the 'Annadatas' (food providers) of our nation. He said that the entire credit for nation's food security should go to the farmers.

Prime Minister's interaction with the farmers covered wide range of agricultural and allied sectors like Organic Farming, Blue Revolution, Animal Husbandry, Horticulture, Floriculture etc.

Outlining his vision for farmers overall welfare in the country, Prime Minister said that government is working towards doubling the farmer's income by 2022 and to provide farmers maximum price of their produce. He added that the effort is to ensure that farmers receive help during all steps of farming, from preparation of crops to its sales. He emphasized that Government is keen on ensuring minimal cost of raw material, providing fair value for the produce, stopping wastage of the produce and ensuring alternate sources of income for the farmers.

He said that the Government is committed that farmers should feel that from 'Beej Se Bazaar' (Seed to Market), how various initiatives helped the farmers to improve traditional farming.

Talking about the transformation of the farming sector, Shri Narendra Modi said that the agriculture sector has developed rapidly in the last 48 months. He added that there has been record production of milk, fruits and vegetables in the country during the

period.

Government has also almost doubled the budget provision for agricultural sector (2014-2019) to Rs. 2,12,000 crore compared to Rs. 1,21,000 during the past five years of the previous government. Similarly, food grain production has increased to more than 279 million tonnes in 2017-2018 compared to average of 255 million tonnes during 2010-2014. The period also saw 26 % increase in fish farming due to Blue Revolution and 24% increase in Animal Husbandry and milk production.

Interacting with the farmers', Prime Minister said that

to ensure the overall welfare of the farmer, government has provided Soil Health Cards; credit through Kisan Credit Cards; quality fertilizers through the provision of Neem coated Urea, crop insurance through Fasal Bima Yojana and irrigation through Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana. Under the PM Krishi Sinchai Yojana, about 100 irrigation projects are being completed across the country today and around 29 lakh hectare land has been brought under irrigation.

Government also started the e-NAM, an online platform, enabling farmers to sell their produce at the right price. In the past four years, more than 585 regulated wholesale markets have been brought under e-NAM. Government has also brought nearly 22 lakh hectare land is under organic farming, compared to just 7 lakh hectares in 2013-2014. Government also plans to promote North-East as the hub of Organic Farming.

Interacting with the Prime Minister, beneficiaries of various agricultural schemes explained how various government schemes helped improve production. Beneficiaries also highlighted the importance of Soil Health Card and shared their experiences of cooperative movement. ■



‘J&K GOVERNMENT AS A WHOLE HAS BEEN LESS RESPONSIVE AND LACKLUSTER’

In a Press Statement BJP National General Secretary, Shri Ram Madhav put forth the stand of BJP after the withdrawal of support from the BJP-PDP coalition government in Jammu and Kashmir.



Respecting the mandate of the people of J&K, the BJP had joined hands with the PDP to form the coalition government in early 2015. In the last three years the BJP has tried its best to work towards the state's objective of the coalition government - peace, development and progress in all the three important regions of the state, Jammu, Ladakh and Kashmir.

The Union Government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has extended full support to our coalition government in all respects. A major developmental package of Rs 80,000 crores has been announced and a significant part of it has already been disbursed. Towards maintaining Law & Order situation in the state the Union Home Minister and the Ministry have proactively supported the state machinery as and when required.

With a view to finding amicable solution to the aggrieved sections of the State, the Union Government has appointed former DIB as the interlocutor with a mandate to engage with different sections of the society.

In spite of all these measures, we find that the state government has not been effective in addressing the core issues of the state. The security scenario has deteriorated causing serious concern about the protection of basic fundamental rights of life, free speech etc. Daylight murder of a respected editor

like Shujat Bukhari in the heart of Srinagar city is an indicator to the deterioration of the situation and the extent of radicalisation.

While the security forces have done a fabulous job in the last few years in containing the situation, the primary responsibility of maintaining Law & Order, which is managed by the state government, showed severe shortcomings. Ruling political dispensation in the Valley has shown least interest in improving the situation.

For the BJP, J&K is a matter of great national importance also. There is a grave concern in the country over the deteriorating security situation in the state. National integration is paramount for the BJP and it can't compromise on that question.

On the other hand, resentment in Jammu and Ladakh regions has been growing over lack of proper development and progress and also a perceptible sense of discrimination. The BJP members in the government have strived their best to serve the people in the state including those in the regions of Jammu and Ladakh. Yet they faced a situation where the government as a whole has been less responsive and lacklustre to the needs of the people of these regions.

In such a scenario, the BJP thought it untenable to continue in the government and hence withdrew support from the PDP-BJP coalition government in the state. ■

Lateral Recruitment: A Necessity



BHUPENDER YADAV

The recent decision of the Central government, to recruit 'Joint Secretary' level officers in civil services through lateral entry, is being widely discussed. The government recently issued a notification for direct recruitment in 10 positions of Joint Secretaries in various government ministries. Under this scheme, the aspiring candidates for these positions will be able to work for the nation in their capacities as joint secretaries despite having no background or training through the Civil Services Examinations.

This decision by the government has led to the emergence of several factual issues have emerged amidst all the hue and cry over its pros and cons, which is why it is expedient to comprehensively understand what the decision is all about. Furthermore, it is not the first time that such a decision has been taken or the first time that lateral entry is used as a mode of recruitment in government departments.

Looking back, we will find several examples in which people from different backgrounds have been rendering their services in the government through lateral

recruitment and continue to do so. For instance, experts from differing backgrounds such as Vimal Jalan, Montek Singh Ahluwalia and Shankar Acharya have served in different government departments through direct recruitment. Hence, questioning this decision as a first-time decision is not fair.

Analysing this decision through a political lens is also inaccurate because it is a decision implemented after much brainstorming and analysis by the Ministry of Personnel, the positive effects of which will be seen by everyone in the near future. However, this decision by no means implies that there is a lack of requisite skills in the bureaucracy of this country or the officers recruited by the Union Public Service Commission.

It is well-known that India has a strong democratic system and our bureaucracy is highly capable and efficient. This decision on lateral recruitment is merely a strong and decisive solution for the changing needs and capabilities needed in different areas for effective

governance of the country in the present times.

The decision becomes clearer when we analyse and understand this process of direct recruitment in the context of a report of the 'Committee on Estimates 2016-17' presented in the Lok Sabha.

The Committee has recommended minimum lateral recruitment in this report presented to the House. The Committee is of the view that it will not only change the functioning of the government, but also that the suggestions and views of experts from various sections of the society can also be made a part of the government system. The Committee has also acknowledged that the officers selected through the national-level competitive examination of the Union Public Service Commission also belong to different academic backgrounds.

This is why many of them are unaware of some technical aspects of their jobs despite being well-qualified. Hence, they are faced with many difficulties while

It is well-known that India has a strong democratic system and our bureaucracy is highly capable and efficient. This decision on lateral recruitment is merely a strong and decisive solution for the changing needs and capabilities needed in different areas for effective governance of the country in the present times.

formulating policy regulations. Such requirements and necessities can be rationally fulfilled and the expertise of specialists can be effectively utilised through lateral recruitment.

To add to it, many people are even wondering if such a decision might discourage the candidates recruited through competitive examinations to join the public service.

Such a possibility and scepticism is inappropriate because this decision will not have any impact on potential recruits in the practical world. The main reason that it was decided to bring in skilled people from different backgrounds in high

experts through direct recruitment will not only inculcate healthy competition in bureaucracy but also enhance its qualitative outcomes. A multi-dimensional approach towards development calls for an optimum utilisation of our abilities and total participation.

The government services should be benefitted from the expertise and capabilities of private-sector experts while a provision must be prepared for the private sector to benefit from the able, talented and experienced individuals from the government services. The pace of our country's development will begin to grow when

government's policies are taken at the Joint Secretary level itself. Thus, clearly this decision will mark a significant change in governmental methodologies and open our doors for innovation. After all, we also need to open our closed windows to breathe in fresh air coming from outside.

As we are currently witnessing, any decision taken for the country by the government will always evoke political debates from the Opposition parties regardless of its pros and cons. Consequently, even the issue of lateral recruitment is not left untouched by the Opposition's manipulative political agenda. The Congress has raised the issue of reservation under lateral recruitment. Such a demand by the Congress is nothing more than a political exercise.

The central government is clear on the policy of reservation and it has expressed its commitment several times to implement the Constitutional rules in a proper manner. Therefore, the demand raised by the Opposition on such a policy-oriented decision is nothing but a demand raised for political games and manipulation.

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level positions is that a government officer usually has to spend a long time working at the district and block levels for more than ten years before they reach to the position of a Joint Secretary. They gain valuable and accurate knowledge and experience about the situation in their respective areas while working during these ten years.

The responsibility to undertake policy formulation and implementation is accorded to an officer only after he gains substantial and useful administrative experience in public service. Thus, bringing

this sense of mutual cooperation gets imbibed flawlessly in our practical world of decision-making. The Parliamentary Committee also felt the need for such provisions to be included.

The comments by some parties including the Congress on the issue of direct recruitment that this is not an effective or 'game-changing' decision is wrong and flawed because my own experience of working in parliamentary standing committees tells me that many important decisions related to the implementation of central

Our commitment to Chhattisgarh's growth is unwavering: PM Modi

P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi visited Chhattisgarh on 14 June, 2018 to dedicate the modernized and expanded Bhilai Steel Plant to the nation. On the occasion, the PM also addressed a huge public meeting.

Addressing the rally, Shri Narendra Modi said, 'Bhilai did not only make steel, but also lives and society and the country. This new modern steel plant will now help develop new India.' The modernization includes installation of cutting-edge technologies for improvement in productivity, yield, quality, cost competitiveness, energy efficiency and environmental protection.

During the same event, Shri Modi also distributed laptops, certificates and cheques to beneficiaries under various schemes. He laid the foundation stone for the permanent campus of IIT Bhilai. He unveiled a plaque to mark the commencement of phase-2 of BharatNet. The BharatNet project envisages connecting Gram Panchayats with the underground opticalfibre network.

Earlier, before arriving in Bhilai, the Prime Minister visited Naya Raipur Smart City, where he inaugurated the Integrated Command and Control Centre for the city.

Speaking to the gathering he said, 'Earlier where there were no roads, now airports are being constructed along with roads. Naya Raipur has become the country's first Greenfield smart city. Water, electricity, street lights, sewage, transport and security of the city all will be managed from this centre. This will be an example for smart cities across the country'.

The Prime Minister asserted that development is the best answer to all kinds of violence.

He said that in the last two months, the Gram Swaraj Abhiyan has had a very positive effect. He said that this Abhiyan is being pursued vigorously in the 115 Aspirational Districts, out of which 12 districts are in Chhattisgarh. He spoke of the benefit that schemes such as Jan Dhan Yojana, Mudra Yojana, Ujjwala Yojana, Fasal Bima Yojana and Saubhagya have brought about in the State.

Shri Narendra Modi said that keeping in mind the interests of the tribal population; the Forest Rights Act is being strictly implemented. He said the Government is working for the welfare of tribals, and Eklavya Vidyalyayas are being established across the country.

HIGHLIGHTS

- PM Modi dedicates multiple development projects worth Rs. 22,000 crores in Bhilai, Chhattisgarh
- The expansion of Bhilai Steel Plant will further strengthen the foundation of a New India.
- Continuous efforts are being made to enhance water, land and air connectivity.
- Under UDAN Yojana, we are opening new airports at places where the previous government even refrained to construct roads.
- Naya Raipur is now the country's first Greenfield Smart City; be it electricity, water or transport, everything will be controlled from a single command centre.
- Development is necessary to eliminate any kind of violence, said the PM. ■



To Die in Harness...



DR. ANIRBAN GANGULY

In a short life of fifty two years Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee achieved much. The last most historic initiative of his life, the founding of Bharatiya Jana Sangh (BJS), the precursor to the present day BJP, an initiative that would, in the course of decades, alter the course of Indian politics, was an effort with which he was preoccupied and which indicated his farsightedness. The seed that he had sown against much opprobrium and resistance, the political movement which he began with 10 people, has today after decades of relentless struggle grown, in the form of the BJP, into a mighty flow with 11 crore people – members – being part of it.

Syama Prasad Mookerjee was perhaps among the youngest political leader of his time – at the age of 46 he joined free India's first cabinet as minister for industry and supply – and also one of the most prescient, who always kept India's national interest, her unity and integrity at the forefront of his politics. His epochal and herculean effort in ensuring that a portion of Bengal,

including Kolkata, was retained in India in the form of West Bengal is a saga that ought to never be forgotten. Through his effort, in which he received extensive support from the intelligentsia of Bengal, of leaders from across the political spectrum in the state, Syama Prasad ensured that the Bengali Hindus could live in security and dignity in a portion of India that they could call their own. The stalwarts of that era – thinkers, historians, intellectuals and public personalities such as Jadunath Sarkar, R.C.Majumdar, Upendranath Banerjee, Suniti Kumar Chatterjee, Radhakumud Mookerji had all come forward to extend their unequivocal support to the Syama Prasad's effort at saving a portion of Bengal for India.

It reflected the wide acceptance that he commanded; it also showed his capacity for far thinking and demonstrated the pragmatism of his politics. While leaders like Sarat Chandra Bose, who, under the influence

of H.S.Suhrawardy, then chief Minister of Bengal, and the kingpin who implemented Jinnah's call for direct action in Kolkata in August 1946, fell for the pipe dream of a 'united sovereign Bengal', Syama Prasad was clear that the proposal was a mischievous ploy to trap the Bengali Hindus and to eventually hand over the whole of Bengal to Pakistan so that the 'moth-eaten' portions could be filled in. Through a sustained political and intellectual movement Syama Prasad turned the tide and, in a sense, divided Pakistan. He had once famously retorted to Nehru, 'that you had divided India, while I had divided Pakistan.' The people of West Bengal today and Bengalis in general across India ought to continuously reflect on what the future would have been for them had Syama Prasad Mookerjee, forcefully and courageously not pushed forward and succeeded in creating West Bengal. It is a sad commentary of the politics in the state that Syama Prasad's contribution

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and struggle had always faced an overbearing wall of silence. Except a few, mainly those who are his ideological descendents and followers, no other leader, in the last 6 decades or so has shown the magnanimity and grace to acknowledge his singular contribution in formation of the state.

Dr Mookerjee's other great intervention, and one from which he never emerged alive, was the integration of Jammu & Kashmir with India. He had clearly foreseen that the state, if allowed to drift, would become the centre of the nefarious doctrine of separatism and emerge as the playground of various forces that are inimical to India's national interest and integrity. Syama Prasad also foresaw, that loose integration of one major region of the country, would also give rise, in future, to demands for separation, with Pakistan and various other forces fanning the fires of division and extremism. He had a firm conviction in the destiny of India and therefore decided to take up personally the struggle for India's integration. That struggle and ultimate sacrifice of his – death in detention in free India – brought to the fore the challenge of separatism, extremism and eventually terrorism and made known to the people of India the threat that these posed and would continue to pose in the future.

It was because of his sacrifice,



it was because of his dauntless courage, it was because of his unequivocal stand and non-negotiable attitude when it came to protecting India's sovereignty that the precious, strategic and civilisational portion of Jammu & Kashmir continues to be with India.

It was by offering himself to the sacrificial fire that Syama Prasad Mookerjee ensured that India's unity was forever cemented and bridged. It was a warring end that he perhaps himself would have wanted, as he had once poignantly written, 'My fervent desire is to die in harness, struggling and striving for the truth when the end finally comes.'

Sri Guruji Golwalkar saw him 'as a true fighter for his motherland' who died 'in the

forefront of the battle for integration of Kashmir.' Veer Savarkar saw in him one of Bharat's 'foremost patriots, politician and a born parliamentarian' and called for carrying on the struggle for the 'total integration of the whole of Kashmir with the Hindustan Republic.'

But perhaps eminent educationist, public personality, thinker and sometime member of the Constituent Assembly and erstwhile Swaraj Party leader M.R.Jayakar's tribute was most moving and unsettling, 'To lie in a prison house', wrote Jayakar in his homage, 'locked there by his country's Swadeshi Government, by persons with whom he shared power as a colleague, is a fitting termination of a warring life...Let us hope that this incident will make the Government of India realise...the deep enormity of their behaviours, which ignored all the canons of fairness and justice accepted by civilised governments.'

Syama Prasad's struggle for the truth of India's unassailable unity continued, while it consumed him physically, immortalised him in the imagination of all those who continue to strive to protect and nurture the India of the ages...65 years after that end on June 23 1953, Syama Prasad's life continues to inspire us to selfless action. ■

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BJP PRESIDENT LAYS FOUNDATION STONE FOR 19 CANCER HOSPITALS IN ASSAM



Long Congress rule in Northeast has resulted in under development: Amit Shah

BJP National President Shri Amit Shah said that prolong Congress rule in Northeast India has resulted in under development of the region, and under Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi most of the North eastern states will regain its lost place and emerge as the highest contributor to the GDP of the country.

Shri Shah, who was speaking at the “Ground Breaking Ceremony of 19 New Cancer Centres” in Guwahati, on June 18, 2018 said, “Assam is developing fast and two years of BJP rule under Chief Minister Shri Sarbananda Sonowal has surpassed what congress did in last 15 years in Assam.”

Around 19 cancer hospitals will be built in various stages. The project is promoted by Assam Cancer Care Foundation, a joint initiative of the state government and Tata Trusts.

While Tata Trusts have provided Rs 900 crore, the state government will pump in Rs 1030 crore and Centre will provide Rs 180 crore for the project.

Shri Amit Shah said setting up such large number of cancer hospitals has never happened before and after Independence. “Northeast India for most of the time was under Congress rule, the region was one of the highest contributors to GDP prior to independence however development took back seat during successive Congress regimes and region slipped in the GDP. With the coming of BJP the trend is getting reversed and development is once again taking places across the region,” the BJP President added.

During the visit the BJP President also reviewed the organizational activities of the party in Assam and met with ministers, MPs, MLAs and BJP State President Shri Ranjeet Kumar Das discussing the strategy for Lok Sabha polls. He has set the target of winning 21 out of 25 parliamentary seats in eight Northeast states.

Addressing on the occasion Assam Chief Minister Shri Sarbananda Sonowal said, “We have inherited a corrupt system however series of reforms has started bearing positive results. Following Advantage Assam; Global Investors’ Summit, the state has come into limelight of the nation and a total of Rs 79,000 crore of investment has been committed.

Assam Minister for PWD, Health and Finance Shri Himanta Biswa Sarma said that the 19 hospitals will be completed in 24 months, and will cater to cancer patients free of costs under the Atal Amrit Abhiyan and other health schemes.

Chairman of Tata Trusts Shri Ratan Tata said that since the north-eastern part of the country has highest occurrence of cancer cases, Tata Trusts committed to the cause of setting up cancer hospital grid in the state. Researchers under the Trusts are working for finding cutting edge solutions to manage cancer efficiently so that mortality due to cancer can be reduced through awareness, prevention and early detection while taking care closer to the people, he said.

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister, Shri Pema Khandu said that these cancer centers would immensely benefit the patients from Arunachal and other parts of Northeast. During his meeting with the Tata, Khandu requested Tata Trust to put up similar projects in Arunachal which is recording very high rate of cancer cases.

“Our patients go all the way to Mumbai in Tata Memorial Hospitals and Cancer Research Institute to get treatment for their ailments incurring huge expenditures. If such centers come up in Arunachal, it will be of much respite to the people” Shri Khandu said while justifying his request. Ratan Naval Tata in principle agreed to set up two specialty cancer centres in Arunachal. He also agreed to visit Arunachal soon to finalize the project. ■

Mega-connectivity projects must respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of countries: Modi

P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi visited China's Qingdao city to participate in two days Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit. On June 10, PM Prime Minister Narendra Modi met Chinese President Xi Jinping at the welcome ceremony of the SCO Summit. Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the heads of state council meeting. He also held bilateral meetings on the sidelines of the summit. It was India's first participation as full member of SCO. The SCO leaders signed the Qingdao Declaration and agreements on security and economic cooperation during the signing ceremony. The Secretary General of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation or SCO, Rashid Alimov, met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and held discussions with him on ways through which India's participation

can strengthen the bloc. The SCO currently has eight member countries which represents around 42 per cent of the world's population and 20 per cent of the global GDP. Since 2005 India had been participated in SCO as Observer.

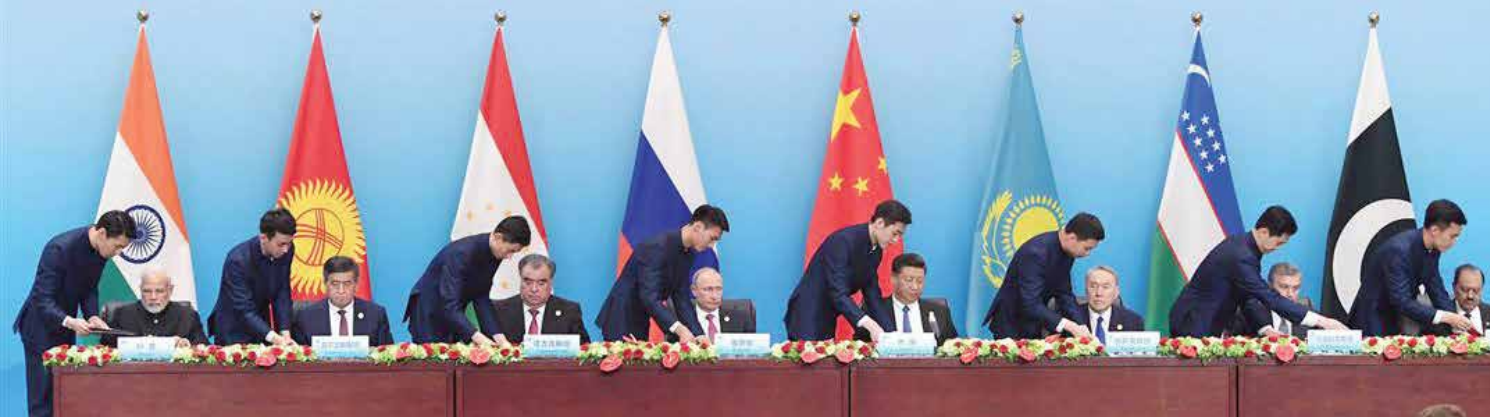
While addressing the SCO summit Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said that connectivity with the SCO nations is India's priority. He added that enhancing connectivity with SCO nations India wanted to organize food festivals, Buddhist festival. Shri Modi said that mega-connectivity projects must respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of countries and assured India's full support to initiatives which ensure inclusivity. He indicated clearly India is against the One belt One Road as it passes through Pak occupied Kashmir which is integral part of India. ■



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PM Shri Narendra Modi along with thousands of other participants is at the Fourth International Yoga Day celebration in Dehradun, Uttarakhand



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi attending the Restricted Session of SCO Summit in Qingdao, China




Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi along with Russian President Mr. Vladimir Putin and Chinese President Mr. Xi Jinping at the SCO Summit in Qingdao, China

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Accelerating Port-Led Development



Overall Turnaround Time (Hrs)

Year	Turnaround Time (Hrs)
2011-12	107
2012-13	102
2013-14	94
2014-15	96
2015-16	87
2016-17	82
2017-18	64

Reduction in turnaround time at major ports over the last 4 years

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Hours in 2013-14: 94


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Only 5 National Waterways in last 30 years, 106 added in last 4 years



CARGO TRAFFIC AT MAJOR PORTS

(In Million Tonnes)

Year	Cargo Traffic (Million Tonnes)
2010-11	570.32
2011-12	560.137
2012-13	545.79
2013-14	555.487
2014-15	581.344
2015-16	606.465
2016-17	648.398
2017-18	679.367

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New Might of a New India



WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM

In the last 4 years, India's relations with other nations have seen significant improvement

WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM

In a historic first, the world heard the India Story from PM Modi at World Economic Forum Davos

WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM

India secured representation in International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, International Maritime Organization & Economic and Social Council


WASSANAR ARRANGEMENT



Subsequent to inclusion in MTCR in 2017, India secures membership of Wassenaar Arrangement & Australia Group in 2018

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Protecting Motherland with Full Might



- In a historic first, India carried out Surgical Strikes showing a new mettle
- Long pending demand of One Rank One Pension Fulfilled
- Modernisation of defence forces going on at full pace