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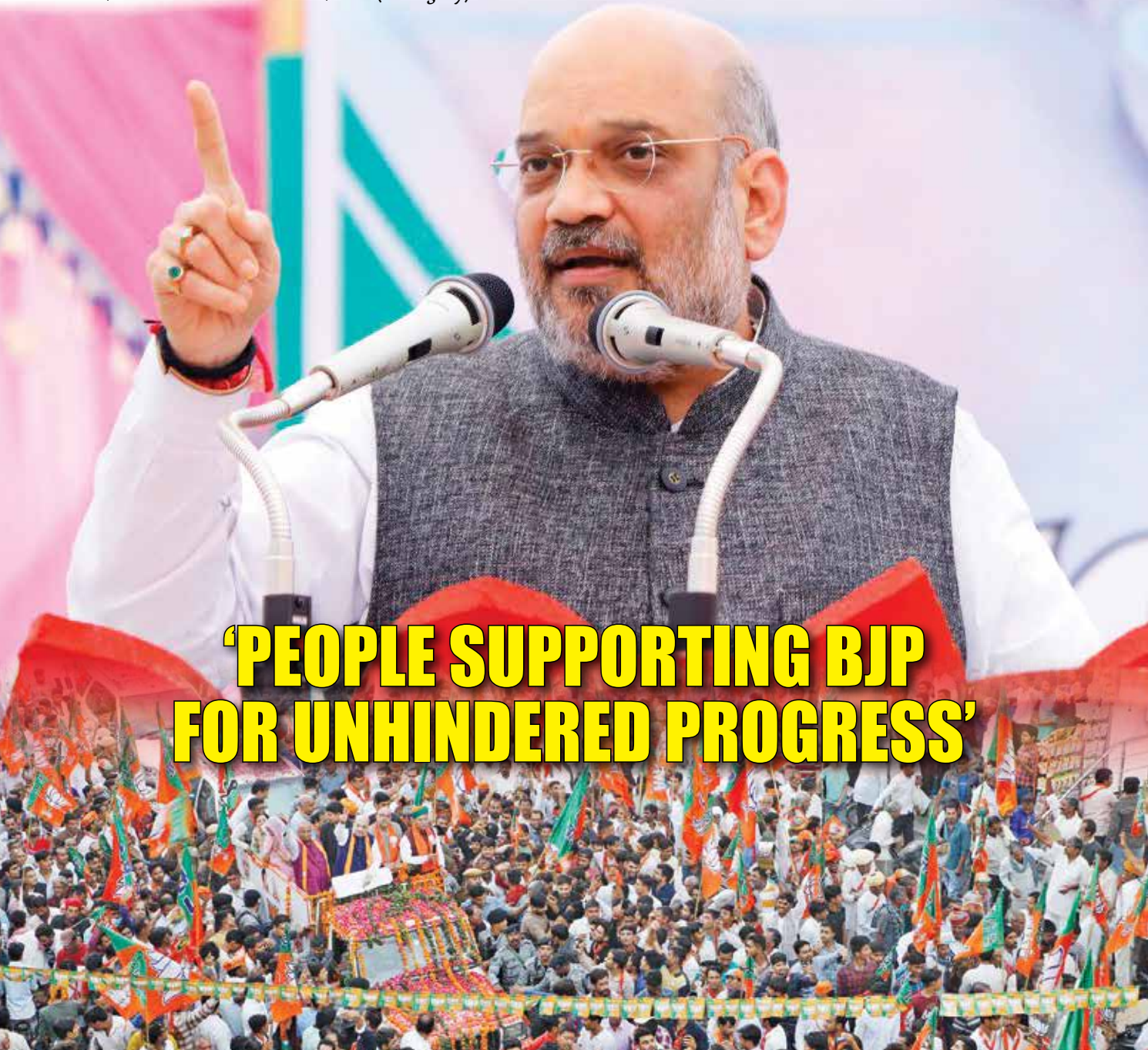
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BJP National President Shri Amit Shah flanked by CM Dr. Raman Singh and BJP National General Secretary Dr. Anil Jain at a road show in Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh



BJP National President Shri Amit Shah along with CM Dr. Raman Singh and others releasing Atal Sankalp Patra-2018 for Chhattisgarh assembly elections in Raipur



BJP National President Shri Amit Shah waving at the gathering at a public meeting in Vairengte, Mizoram



BJP National President Shri Amit Shah addressing a massive public meeting in Betul, Madhya Pradesh



BJP National President Shri Amit Shah and others at a massive road show in Satna, Madhya Pradesh



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Look how the Karnataka Government is treating farmers. They are calling farmers 'goons' and harassing them. This is unacceptable! Congress, which is an integral part of the Government should stop talking about farmer welfare. Their actions show they do not care for farmers.

**@arunjaitley**



Grenade attack & killing of innocent people at Nirankari Satsang Bhawan in Rajasansi, Amritsar is highly condemnable. My thoughts are with the bereaved families, prayers for speedy recovery of those injured. Perpetrators of this heinous act will not be spared.

**@nitin\_gadkari**



The Multimodal terminal on inland waterways NW1 river Ganga at Varanasi which Honorable Prime minister Shri Narendra Modiji inaugurated is completed in record time and will be hub of new India's new mode of transport - waterways. This is smart mode of transport which is cost effective and help reducing pollution. It will also give a huge fillip to river cruises and heritage tourism along river Ganga.

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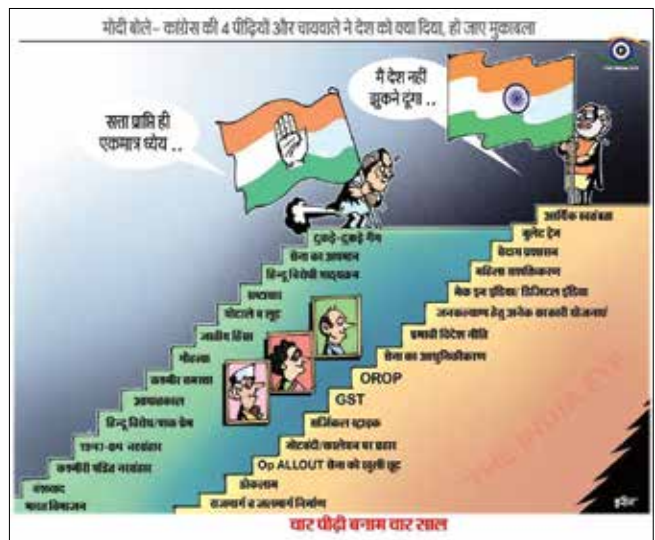
The way Pinarayi Vijayan's govt is handling the sensitive issue of Sabarimala is disappointing. Kerala police is treating young girls, mothers and aged inhumanly, forcing them to take the arduous pilgrimage, without even basic facilities like food, water, shelter & clean toilets. If Pinarayi Vijayan thinks he can rise against people's movement to preserve Sabarimala by arresting K Surendran, our Thrissur District President and 6 others, then he is mistaken. We stand firmly with every Ayyappa devotee, who holds the Sabarimala tradition close to his heart. — **Amit Shah**



To improve the road connectivity in the North East India PM Shri @narendramodi signed on a 'North East Road Network Connectivity Improvement Project' with Japan during his recent visit. I am confident this project will definitely improve the road infrastructure in the North East. — **Rajnath Singh**



Prime Minister @NarendraModi inaugurated the 135-km long Western Peripheral Expressway in Gurugram today. The project was proposed in 2003 & repeatedly delayed for 10 years under the UPA Govt, until it was finally revived in 2014 when the NDA came to power. — **Piyush Goyal**



Courtesy: Social Media

# India made its significance felt globally

**I**ndia is making its significance felt globally. On almost all parameters of good governance and development India is able to improve its performance considerably. In the charismatic leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the world is looking at India with immense hope and expectation. Gone are the days when India was seen as a country steeped in policy paralysis, misgovernance and corruption and ruled by self seeking and power centric politicians. The image of India under Congress led UPA had dipped creating uninspiring future for the country lacking zeal for reform and development. This image has been completely transformed under the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's leadership. India is now not only the fastest growing economy in the world but considered 'a bright star' amid gloomy global scenario. India's power is getting recognized across the world with most of the global agencies acknowledging the emergence of a strong India.

India's emergence in the last four and half years is the result of untiring and sustained efforts made under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. The initiatives taken under his dynamic leadership have ushered in a remarkable transformation sweeping the entire country. One can look at any field – economy, foreign policy, external and internal security, infrastructure, rural development, urban development – and almost in every sphere one can see the wave of transformation making unimaginable impact. The acceptance of 14th Finance Commission recommendation to mega reformative interventions like Demonetization and GST have completely transformed the face of Indian economy. These bold measures have not only led to greater formalization of Indian economy but also increased the collection of Direct and Indirect taxes making large revenues available for immensely transforming rural and social sectors of the country. It has also made available massive revenues to state governments on the line of decentralisation of Indian economy with financially empowered states of the Indian union.

While giving the country a much sought after gift of a corruption free government, Prime Minister Modi has embarked upon a war on black money, scams and leakage of public money in various developmental schemes. The first cabinet decision of constituting an SIT into black money was a clear and strong message to the scamsters, money launderers and corrupt elements in the country. By enacting a series of legislative measures not only many sectors which had become a safe haven of black money now made to follow the government rules and regulations but they have brought huge relief to the people who were continuously cheated by corrupt elements. The Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) has empowered the poor of the country who are now getting the benefits of the government schemes directly. These steps along with major reform initiatives like Demonetization and GST have led to greater formalization of

Indian economy, more revenues for welfare of the poor, launching of innovative programmes for people and transformation of almost every section of the economy.

The result of these continuous works can be seen in the global recognition. Almost every international agency and UN bodies like IMF and World Bank are acknowledging the great achievements of India within a short span of four and half years. As India has become sixth largest economy of the world edging out France, it is an achievement which has seen India catapulting itself from ninth position in 2014. India is registered remarkable feat of jumping unimaginable heights in 'Ease of Doing Business' as WHO recognizes its 'Swachh Bharat Mission' for its boundless possibilities. On almost every front India has registered stunning growth while a large number of innovative programmes are bringing smile on the faces of poor, deprived, farmers, SCs, STs, OBCs, women and youth. India is on the road of gaining heights which were unthinkable till few years back. The visionary and dynamic leadership of Shri Narendra Modi is set to take India to newer heights in the days to come. ■

**THE RESULT OF THESE CONTINUOUS WORKS CAN BE SEEN IN THE GLOBAL RECOGNITION. ALMOST EVERY INTERNATIONAL AGENCY AND UN BODIES LIKE IMF AND WORLD BANK ARE ACKNOWLEDGING THE GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS OF INDIA WITHIN A SHORT SPAN OF FOUR AND HALF YEARS. AS INDIA HAS BECOME SIXTH LARGEST ECONOMY OF THE WORLD EDGING OUT FRANCE, IT IS AN ACHIEVEMENT WHICH HAS SEEN INDIA CATAPULTING ITSELF FROM NINTH POSITION IN 2014.**

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# "BJP COMMITTED TO BUILDING RAM TEMPLE IN AYODHYA"

## YUVA TOWN HALL EVENT, JAIPUR

**B**JP National President Shri Amit Shah on 21 November, 2018 reiterated that BJP was committed to building a Ram temple in Ayodhya and it would not change its stand. He also exuded confidence of forming next government at the Centre in 2019 with a majority higher than that of the present one despite the Congress' bid to forge a grand alliance.

Shri Amit Shah made the remarks while interacting with youths at a function in Jaipur. He targeted the Congress and asked youths and party

workers to ensure BJP's victory in the state for its unhindered progress.

"The BJP is committed to building the Ram temple in Ayodhya," Shri Shah said, adding there was no question of diluting or changing the party's stand. However, he said the matter was in the Supreme Court and the party wanted a 'Nyayik Samadhan' of the dispute.

He accused the Congress of talking of forging 'mahagathbandhan' to confuse the voters and urged the BJP workers and supporters not to be swayed by the Congress' propaganda.





MANTRI AWAS YOJANA, 50 lakh women received MOBILE PHONES, college youths received laptops, girls received scooties, 11 lakh daughters received benefits of the RAJSHREE YOJANA, toilets were built in 80 lakh homes and many more schemes changing the face of Rajasthan."

He said, "the biggest achievement of Smt. Vasundhara Raje is that she increased the groundwater level by 11 feet", Shri Amit Shah said, "Friends, so much work has been done; 900 per cent increase in E-MITRA, 95 per cent increase in ITI, 100 per cent increase in medical colleges. Can you imagine a 900 per cent increase in five years? This can never happen. And Congress left the budget at Rs 94,000 crore five years ago, which has been increased to Rs 2.12 lakh crore by the BJP. Revenue was Rs 52,000 crore, which increased to Rs 1.03 lakh crore. Per capita income was Rs 61,000 which has been increased to Rs 76,000 in five years."

Chief Minister Smt. Vasundhara Raje, the party's State President Shri Madan Lal Saini and other leaders were also present in the programme.

### AMIT SHAH HOLDS ROADSHOW IN BIKANER

Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri Amit Shah on 21 November held a massive roadshow in Bikaner, Rajasthan.

Addressing on the occasion the BJP President said, the BJP Karyakartas must ask Congress workers about their performance in the state and seek accountability. "Friends, I appeal to all of you, whenever you see a Congress member seeking votes, hold him by his collar and ask him, what gives you the right to come to us?"

Shri Shah said the Congress "afflicted the democracy with three ills: casteism, nepotism and appeasement. These ills ate the merits. People who had merit and looked promising did not get a platform."

Noteworthy, the voting for Assembly elections in Rajasthan will be held on 07 December, while the counting of votes will take place on 11 December. The BJP released its second list of candidates for Rajasthan assembly elections, declaring nominees from 31 constituencies, on 15 November and the party has put faith in 21 new faces. ■

During his interaction with youths at Jaipur's Tagore School auditorium, Jaipur the BJP National President fielded questions from participants present there as well at six other locations in Bharatpur, Ajmer, Kota, Jodhpur and Udaipur.

Shri Shah also highlighted the work of the state and the Union governments and the BJP's vision for the youths and development.

Speaking to the youth, Shri Shah praised the development efforts of the Raje government in the State. Stating that there are many central and state government schemes which are "transforming the state", he said, "There is not a single family in Rajasthan which didn't get any benefit. In five years of governance, the Vasundhara Raje government reached every person. Twenty-four lakh families benefited from BHAMASHAH SWASTHYA BIMA YOJANA, 32 lakh people received GAS CONNECTIONS UNDER UJJWALA YOJANA, 40 lakh people received LOANS UNDER MUDRA SCHEME, 13 lakh benefited from PRADHAN



## 'BJP VISION DOCUMENT GIVES THE ROADMAP TO CONVERT MADHYA PRADESH INTO A DEVELOPED STATE'

**T**he ruling BJP released its Drishti Patra titled "Samridh Madhya Pradesh Drishti Patra" promising a proportionate bonus to small farmers, creation of 10 lakh jobs per year and two-wheelers to meritorious girls, among other things.

In the main Drishti Patra titled "Samridh Madhya Pradesh Drishti Patra", the BJP promised to distribute loans of Rs 40,000 crore among farmers, expand the area under irrigation to 80 lakh hectares in the next five years and a university to promote food processing.

In its women's Drishti Patra, the "Nari Shakti Sankalp Patra", the party promised to install sanitary napkin vending machines in schools, a Scooty to every girl who gets more than 75 percent marks in the Class 12 board examination, and to double the intake capacity of the educational institutions for women in five years.

The documents were released by Union Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitley in the presence of Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan; Union Minister Shri Narendra Singh Tomar and other state-level BJP leaders at BJP State headquarters in Bhopal on 16 Nov 2018.

The party promised a "direct payment of a

### OTHER KEY PROMISES

- Free education to the children of poor families from primary to PhD level
- Introduction of 'female access to justice' scheme for security of women in the state
- Identification of hot spots related to crimes against women
- Employment to at least one person from every family
- Establishment of intellectual property cell in every government college
- Creation of an integrated job portal
- Annual budget of Rs 1,000 crore for creating self-employment opportunities for the young
- Global skills parks in Bhopal, Indore, Jabalpur and Gwalior
- A doorstep delivery of government services
- Piped water to 10 lakh households of the state



proportionate bonus” to small and marginal farmers -those owning up to five acres of land.

Some of the other promises made are the availability of all government facilities and information through e-governance, wildlife police stations in areas known for poaching, libraries and gyms in all new police stations, creation of a forensic science directorate, identification of illegal mining through satellite-based tracking systems, and expanding the base of the Deendayal Antyodaya Kitchen scheme to all the districts to offer meals at Rs 5 per head. On the religious front, the Drishti Patra underlined several facilities on the Narmada Parikrama Marg, the development of several places in the Buddhist circuit, an increase honorarium to priests and mahants, and the creation of a religious places management authority to address the problems related to temples.

CM Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan said it would benefit 80 lakh farmers, adding that the bonus would be paid on the basis of production and would not entail the purchase of agricultural produce.

The party also promised the “Har Hath, Ek Kaj Yojana” (the “work for every hand scheme”) to impart

job skills to one unemployed person in every household.

It promised to create 10 lakh jobs for the youth every year. The ease of doing business would be enhanced by setting up a “CM Hotline” and reducing the administration’s response time to investors to 72 hours, the Drishti Patra said.

The Drishti Patra also promised to set up a “global skill park” in Bhopal and a new industrial township in the state. Investments of Rs 5 lakh crore would be brought to the state in the next five years, the BJP Drishti Patra said.

Besides the construction of the Bhopal-Indore, Gwalior-Chambal and Narmada expressways, the party promised the “Atal Samridhhi Mala” and the development of a defence production cluster in the Gwalior-Datia-Bhind-Morena region. It said the BJP government would spend Rs 2 lakh crore on urban infrastructure in the next five years. The Drishti Patra provided a roadmap to convert Madhya Pradesh into a developed state.

The 230-member Madhya Pradesh Assembly will go to the polls on November 28 and the results will be announced on December 11. ■

## BJP BAGS MASSIVE VICTORY IN UTTARAKHAND CIVIC POLLS

**T**he BJP has won five of the seven mayoral seats and 34 chairman and president posts in the Uttarakhand civic polls, while Independents sprang a surprise by grabbing 23 posts.

The Congress won 25 of the chairman and president posts in the state’s civic bodies and the BSP won one post, according to information released by the state election commission in Dehradun on 21 November, 2018. Results for one post is yet to be declared, it said.

The BJP won five of the seven mayoral seats, including Dehradun, Rishikesh, Kashipur, Rudrapur and Haldwani, while the Congress won Haridwar and Kotdwar, the commission said.

Voting was held for 84 urban local bodies, including seven municipal corporations, 39 municipal councils and 38 Nagar panchayats in Uttarakhand on 18 November. Counting for the polls began on 20 November morning and went on till late in the afternoon on 21 November.

Chief Minister Shri Trivendra Singh Rawat termed the result “historic” and said the people had reposed their faith in Bharatiya Janata party.

Shri Rawat expressed his satisfaction at the results and

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Uttarakhand once again supports BJP. I thank the people of the state for their continuous blessings, which have led to impressive wins for our Party in local body polls. I congratulate the local unit for their hardwork and efforts, which made the wins possible. @BJP4UK



termed them “encouraging” and “historic”, but said the party will review the loss of some seats.

The chief minister said overall the results were an indication that the people had once again reposed confidence in the BJP. ■

# 'Raman Singh transformed Chhattisgarh from a BIMARU state to a developed one'

**T**he BJP National President Shri Amit Shah and Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Dr. Raman Singh released the party's Sankalp Patra, called 'Atal Sankalp Patra', on 10 November, 2018 two days ahead of the first phase of voting on 12 November.

The Sankalp Patra promised to make Chhattisgarh a Naxal-free state and give pension to small and marginal farmers.

Seeking a fourth straight term in the tribal-dominated state, the party also promised to set up multi-specialty hospitals and take the state towards prosperity.

Addressing on the occasion BJP National President Shri Amit Shah said in the last 15 years, the BJP under Dr. Raman Singh had transformed Chhattisgarh from a BIMARU state to a developed one and will now take it towards prosperity.

BIMARU -- an acronym formed with the first letters of the names of the states of Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh -- was coined in the mid-1980s to refer to the poor economic conditions prevailing in those states Shri Shah said.

Listing out achievements of the 15-year rule of BJP government in the state on the occasion, Shri Amit Shah said Chhattisgarh, which was once considered a BIMARU state, was now being counted among developed states.

"Chhattisgarh has emerged as a cement, power, steel and education hub under the Raman Singh government and now it is being converted into a digital hub," he said.

"The Congress had left the state with Rs 9,000 crore budget in 2003, which has now increased to Rs 83,000 crore. It is the only state which witnessed 10 times hike in the budget in 15 years," the BJP President said.

He said the state government has successfully contained Naxalism and almost wiped out the menace from the state.

Speaking on the occasion Dr. Raman Singh also hit out at the Congress for offering sops to farmers in its Sankalp Patra. "The Congress has always considered farmers as its vote bank. The party was responsible for the pathetic condition of farmers. When it was in power from 2004 to 2014 (at the Centre), it did not think about

## HIGHLIGHTS

- The Sankalp Patra reflects the vision to develop the state as a 'Nava Chhattisgarh' (new Chhattisgarh) in the next five years.
- The BJP Sankalp Patra also provisioned one-and-a-half times hike in the minimum support price for minor forest produce and promised that the state government will purchase pulses and lentils at the minimum support price along with developing Chhattisgarh as an organic farming state.
- The Sankalp Patra promised that the state will be made free of Naxalism.
- It also promised interest free loans to the tune of Rs 2 lakh to women for setting up their business and of Rs 5 lakh to self-help groups.
- District hospitals will be developed as multi-specialty hospitals, while super-specialty hospitals will be set up in Ambikapur and Jagdalpur.
- The Sankalp Patra also provisioned a new university to promote Hindi and Chhattisgarhi languages and a medical allowance of Rs 1,000 per month to pensioners.
- Chhattisgarh will be developed as a popular tourist destination and a film city will also be created.
- The Sankalp Patra promised a milk revolution and cow sanctuaries in all divisions of the state.
- Following two phases poll on November 12 and November 20, the counting of votes will take place on December 11.

implementing the Swaminathan Committee report but now they are talking about it in the state," he said.

The Chief Minister said if elected to power, his party will give Rs 1,000 per month as pension to small and marginal farmers and landless agricultural labourers aged above 60 years, as well as two lakh new pump connections to cultivators in the next five years. ■



# CONNECTIVITY WILL USHER IN A TRANSPORT REVOLUTION: PM

## PM INAUGURATES WESTERN PERIPHERAL EXPRESSWAY AND BALLABGARH-MUJESAR METRO LINK

**T**he Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on November 19, inaugurated the Kundli-Manesar Section of the Kundli-Manesar-Palwal (KMP) Western Peripheral Expressway, at Sultanpur, Gurugram, Haryana. He also inaugurated the Ballabgarh-Mujesar Metro Link and laid the foundation stone of Shri Vishwakarma Skill University.

Addressing a huge gathering, Prime Minister said that the Expressway and metro connectivity will usher in a transportation revolution in Haryana. He said that the youth of the region would benefit immensely from the Shri Vishwakarma Skill University.

The Prime Minister said that the Union Government

- The expressway stretches from Kundli to Manesar -- connecting Haryana -- a lesser number of trucks will now cross the national capital. This indeed will reduce the traffic and pollution in Delhi.
- Rs 6,400 crore has been spent on the expressway project and 3,846 acres of land was acquired at a cost of Rs 2,788 crore.
- The length of the stretch from Kundli to Manesar is over 83 km. This stretch would have 14 major or minor bridges, 56 underpass or agricultural vehicular underpasses, seven intersections and seven toll plazas.
- It will provide high-speed connectivity between northern and southern districts of Haryana, linking the National Highway 1 (Panipat to Delhi), National Highway-8 (Jaipur-Gurgaon-Delhi road), National Highway-10 (Hisar-Rohtak-Delhi road).
- Apart from other amenities, road safety has been given special preference. An ambulance, a crane and a police patrol vehicle will be stationed at a distance of every 20 km for the travellers.



had ensured that KMP Expressway project was finished on priority. He said that the Expressway would play a major role in reducing the pollution in Delhi and surrounding areas. He added that it will bring in 'Ease of Living', along with environment friendly travelling.

Stressing on the importance of transport connectivity, Prime Minister said that it is a medium for prosperity, empowerment and accessibility. He added that the ecosystem of highways, metros and waterways that are being built, will create employment opportunities, especially in manufacturing, construction and service sectors. He mentioned that 27 kilometres of highway are being built everyday at present, compared to 12 kilometres per day in 2014. He added that this shows the vision and will of the Union Government to transform India.

PM Shri Modi said that the Government is committed towards fulfilling the aspirations of youth of the country. He expressed hope that Shri Vishwakarma Skill University will play a major role in skilling the youth to take up new opportunities.

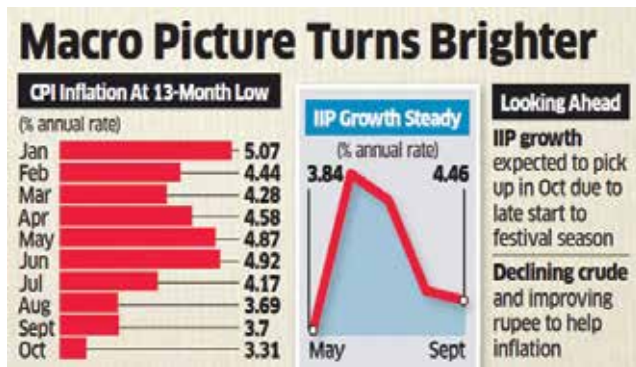
The Prime Minister appreciated the efforts of State Government of Haryana in successfully implementing the vision of the Union Government. He also applauded the contributions of the youth of Haryana to the nation, especially in the field of sports. ■

# Retail inflation eases to 3.31% in October; IIP numbers at 4.5% in September

**R**etail inflation moderated to a 13-month low in October while industrial growth held steady in September, the government said on 13 November, 2018, bringing more festive cheer to the economy following a decline in crude prices.

Retail inflation as measured by the consumer price index (CPI) eased to 3.31% in October from 3.7% in September (revised from the earlier estimate of 3.77%), reducing chances of the Reserve Bank raising interest rates at the next monetary policy review, scheduled for December.

Industrial production grew 4.5% in September compared with the upward revised 4.7% in August, data released by the statistics office showed. August growth had initially been estimated at 4.3%. For the



first six months of the year, factory output as measured by the index of industrial production (IIP) grew 5.1% compared with 2.6% in the year-earlier period. ■

# Modi Government's village electrification is among world's biggest successes this year: IEA Report

**P**rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi-led government's initiative to bring light to every village in the country is one of the greatest success stories in the world this year, the global energy watchdog International Energy Agency (IEA) said in its latest assessment in the World Energy Outlook 2018. Providing electricity was an important milestone in order to provide modern energy to every person on the earth, said Paris-based IEA, adding that for the first time ever the total number of people with access of energy has gone below 1 billion.

"In particular, one of the greatest success stories in access to energy in 2018 was India completing the electrification of all of its villages... India has been the star performer: in April 2018, the government announced that all villages in the country had



an electricity connection, a huge step towards universal household access, it added.

It may be noted that India achieved its goal of 100% village electrification in April this year. During the independence speech in 2015, PM Shri Narendra Modi had announced that all Indian villages will get power within the next 1000 days through the marquee Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY), with a deadline of 10 May 2018. In April, the government announced that all of India's 597,464 census villages have been electrified.

In the next phase of its programme, the Indian government is now in the process to ensure that power lines are connected with major institutions and administrative centres of every village as well as every household in the country. ■



# 'Jan Dhan Yojana enrolled 300 mn poor in banking system in 1 year'

**S**tate Bank of India Chairman on 15 November, 2018 informed that Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) enrolled 300 million people from the low-income groups in the banking system in one year.

"Pradhanmantri Jan Dhan Yojana enrolled 300 million people from low-income group in the banking system in one year. 32 per cent bank accounts of the total accounts are held by the SBI".

He further said that the SBI has started to reap profits as a total of Rs. 260 billion has been deposited with them under PMJDY so far, with an average of Rs 1800.

Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, a government scheme that aims to expand and make affordable



access to financial services such as bank accounts, remittances, credit, insurance and pensions, was launched by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on August 15, 2014. ■

## Shot in arm for Modi Govt.: NDA's highway drive in four-and-half years beats UPA's seven years road construction

**T**he NDA government has clearly outdone the previous UPA dispensation when it comes to expanding the country's National Highway Network. Four-and-a-half years into its tenure, the NDA government has built 33,361-km of highways, much more than what UPA did in the seven years between FY-08 and FY14.

The construction target set by the minister of road transport and highways Shri Nitin Gadkari for the last two years has been 40km/day and the target for this year is an even higher 45/day.

Under Shri Gadkari's watch, the construction pace has picked up from 11.7km/day during FY14, the last year of UPA-2, to 27km/day in FY18. During April-October this year, highways were built at a rate of 23km/day.

Apart from this, the NDA government has taken several other steps to address the problems faced by investors. It has eased the exit policy for developers



to enable them invest in new projects, expedited land acquisition, introduced one-time fund infusion scheme in languishing projects.

The award of highway projects, during the first four years of the NDA regime, were 51,073 km, double the level achieved by UPA during its last four years. The target for awards in 2018-19 is set at 20,000 km, a quarter more than 17,055 km awarded during 2017-18. ■

# There is a fundamental error in the thinking of Pandit Nehru

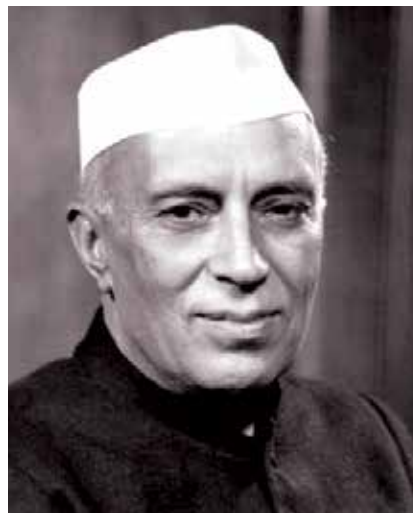


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**T**he Merger of Nagar Haveli and Dadra into the Indian union is a move in the right direction. That the Government of India should have taken seven long years to make this simple decision only shows that mental state of indecisiveness of the rulers. What Sardar Patel could do within days in the case of Janagadh, Pandit Nehru has taken years to accomplish. Besides the inordinate delay, there is a basic difference towards the issue of liberating, and integrating, areas laying outside the pale of considered it the Government's duty to actively work for their freedom and merger and he was his armoury to achieve his objective. Pandit Nehru it seems is not prepared to shoulder this responsibility. Neither is he prepared to go to the lengths to which Sardar Patel went in the case of Hyderabad.

Apart from temperamental weaknesses and hesitancy, there is a fundamental error in the thinking of the Prime Minister. He thinks within the frame-work of the Government of India Act of 1935 or the India Independence

Act of 1946. The Sovereignty of India accordingly is limited to the territories handed over to her by the Britisher and/or to States that join the dominion. In all other cases the people of the different areas are to be the architects of their fate and their future. If they desire to be independent, they must struggle. The status that they would enjoy is also to be determined by them. This line of thinking ignores the basic fact of India being one. It does not recognise the existence of an Indian nation, which by historical accident came under the dominion of a number of Western powers. If the tiny territory of Goa was, and is ruled by Portugal while the rest of the country was under the British rule and now independent, it did not and does not in any way create a separate Goanese people. The people of



Goa are part and parcel of the Bharatiya Nation. The struggle for the liberation of these territories is therefore an integral part of our freedom struggle. Those who say that the people of Goa themselves should fight for their independence are propounding a theory which is dangerous and unnational.

The merger of Nagar Haveli and Dadra has been effected in accordance with the wishes of the people of these areas. It is good and natural that these people have chosen to become part of the political set-up of the country. But any insistence on the right of these people to determine their future deprives the people of India their fundamental sovereignty over the whole land. It is on this account that the French enclaves in spite of their de facto transfer to India have not yet become part of the Indian union. The Government is waiting for a legal fiat by the French Government. Why should we look to the French for legalising the transfer? The territory is ours and if the French have given it peacefully, it can be credited to their good sense or common sense, but it cannot confer upon them any legal title to hold the areas even technically. Our Constitution gives us a right to acquire territories and we should act accordingly. Let the French take care of their Constitution. Let them amend or mend it, and at





leisure. But we cannot delay the process of our national integration.

Nagar Haveli and Dadra, like the French enclaves, have been kept as a separate unit. They are to be administered under the External Affairs Ministry. It is wrong. The areas should be straightway merged with the adjoining districts. That alone will demonstrate our unity with these people.

With regard to Goa, the Bharatiya Jana Sangh had all along felt that the problem can be solved only by police action. It is a matter of satisfaction that the political opinion in the country has veered round to this view. Even the Prime Minister, who had all these years persistently refused to take resort to military force, has said that military action cannot be ruled out. It is a major change in the Government's policy and is in the correct direction. For the first time after Sardar Patel, Government spokesmen have asserted that the military can be

used for the purpose which it is being maintained for. But there is a feeling in the people that all this talk is meant only to please the electorate.

The stiffness on the Goa issue is also meant to divert the attention of the people from the

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Government's failure on other fronts, notable the China and the Pakistan fronts. It is for this reason that the communists who had practically forgotten Goa have again become active and a new committee headed by Srimati

Aruna Asaf Ali has been formed.

Whatever be the motive, liberation of Goa is desired by all. But when shall the Government do it? Will they take some active steps or simply fight a verbal battle? The people, who have been accustomed to such declarations,

will not feel satisfied without any practical steps. Pandit Nehru will be wrong if he thinks that he can dupe the nation simply by verbal assurances. Let him fulfil his assurances not within his life-time but before the elections if he wants to reap its advantages for his party.

Even before steps for the liberation of these territories are taken, it would be desirable that the Goans living in the Indian union are granted Citizenship and franchise rights. It will establish our bona fide and demonstrate that we look upon these people as part and parcel of our nation. ■

(Organiser, 28 August, 1961)

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# Union Minister Ananth Kumar no more



**S**enior BJP leader and Union minister for chemicals, fertilisers and parliamentary affairs Shri Ananth Kumar passed away from complications following cancer and infections on November 12 at the age of 59. He had been admitted in a hospital in Bengaluru on November 12. He is survived by his wife and two daughters.

On the demise of the Union minister leaders of the country offered their condolence to his family.

Shri Kumar was born in a middle-class family on July 22, 1959, in Bengaluru to Narayan Shastri, a railway employee, and Girija N Shastri. His early education began under the guidance of his mother, who was a graduate.

A graduate in arts and law, Shri Kumar's journey into public life began due to his association with the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad, a student organisation which he served in various capacities, including as the state secretary and national secretary.

Shri Kumar joined the Bharatiya Janata Party in

1987 and went on to take up the responsibilities of the state secretary, state president of the Yuva Morcha, general secretary and national secretary.

He began his parliamentary career when he was elected to the Lok Sabha in 1996 from Bangalore South, the constituency which remained his strong fort till his passing away, by winning it for six consecutive times.

Shri Kumar, a six-time member of Parliament from the Bengaluru South constituency, held various portfolios in the governments led by Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Shri Narendra Modi.

He was the youngest minister in Shri Vajpayee's cabinet in 1998. He served as the civil aviation minister, as well as the minister for tourism, sports, youth affairs and culture, as well as urban development and poverty alleviation.

Shri Kumar won the 15th Lok Sabha election from Bengaluru South by defeating IT Czar Nandan Nilekani. ■





Sad to hear of the passing of Union minister and veteran parliamentarian Shri H.N. Ananth Kumar. This is a tragic loss to public life in our country and particularly for the people of Karnataka. My condolences to his family, colleagues and countless associates.”

**SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND, President of India**



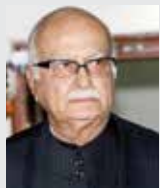
Extremely saddened by the passing away of my valued colleague and friend, Shri Ananth Kumar Ji. He was a remarkable leader, who entered public life at a young age and went on to serve society with utmost diligence and compassion. He will always be remembered for his good work. Ananth Kumar Ji was an able administrator, who handled many ministerial portfolios and was a great asset to the BJP organisation. He worked hard to strengthen the Party in Karnataka, particularly in Bengaluru and surrounding areas. He was always accessible to his constituents. My thoughts are with his entire family, friends and supporters in this hour of grief and sadness. Om Shanti.

**SHRI NARENDRA MODI, Prime Minister**

Grief stricken to learn about the untimely demise of the senior party leader. He served the nation and organisation with unparalleled zeal and dedication. Ananth ji worked tirelessly to strengthen the BJP in the state of Karnataka. Ananth ji was a remarkable administrator who served various ministerial portfolios. His passing away has left a void in the BJP and Indian polity that can not be filled soon. May God give his family and supporters strength to bear this tragic loss. My deepest condolences.



**SHRI AMIT SHAH, BJP National President**



I am extremely shocked and saddened by the untimely demise of Union Minister Shri Ananth Kumar. Such an early age demise is even a bigger & irreparable loss to all of us and the country. Ananth Kumar was a very popular, dynamic leader of the poor and down trodden. He was a remarkable leader, who entered public life at a young age and had tremendous will power and had carved a special niche for himself in politics. He was a distinguished and outstanding Parliamentarian and had a forceful presence in the House. He played a significant role in the party.”

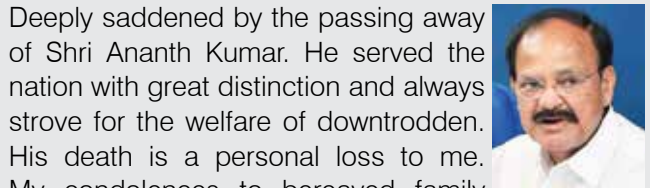
**SHRI L.K ADVANI, Former Deputy Prime Minister**



Extremely pained by the sudden demise of Union Minister and my colleague, Shri Ananth Kumar Ji. He will always be remembered for his works as parliamentarian and a political leader. My thoughts & prayers are with his family. May God render peace to the departed soul.

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**ARUN JAITLEY, Union Finance Minister**



Deeply saddened by the passing away of Shri Ananth Kumar. He served the nation with great distinction and always strove for the welfare of downtrodden. His death is a personal loss to me. My condolences to bereaved family members. #AnanthKumar

**M VENKAI AH NAIDU, Vice President of India**



Absolutely shocked and pained by the demise of very senior colleague and a friend Shri Anant Kumar ji. He was a seasoned parliamentarian who served the nation in several capacities. His passion and devotion for the welfare of people was commendable. My condolences to his family. My mind is filled with memories of working with Anant Kumar ji in the government and party organisation. These memories will stay with me. His demise is a big loss for the BJP. It is also a personal loss for me.

**RAJNATH SINGH, Union Home Minister**



I am pained to know about the sad demise of Shri Ananth Kumar. He was like my younger brother. His death is a personal loss for me.

**SUSHMA SWARAJ, Union Minister of External Affairs**

# 'INLAND WATER WAY WILL SAVE TIME AND MONEY'

PM DEDICATES MULTIMODAL TERMINAL ON RIVER GANGA IN VARANASI



**T**he Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, along with his cabinet colleague Shri Nitin Gadkari visited Varanasi on November 12 and dedicated the Multimodal Terminal on the River Ganga, to the nation, and received the first container cargo. He also inaugurated and laid the Foundation Stone for various other development projects in Varanasi.

The Prime Minister dedicated to the nation, two important national highways in Varanasi, having a total length of 34 kilometres and constructed at a cost of Rs 1571.95 crore. The 16.55 km Varanasi Ring Road Phase-I has been completed at a cost of Rs 759.36 crore, while the work of four-laning and construction of 17.25 km Babatput-Varanasi road on NH-56 has cost Rs 812.59 crore. The Babatpur Airport highway links Varanasi to the airport and goes on to Jaunpur, Sultanpur and Lucknow. With a flyover at Harhua and

an ROB at Tarna, the road will reduce the travel time from Varanasi to the airport. This will prove a big relief to the people of Varanasi and to tourists and other visitors to the city.

The Ring Road, with two ROB's and a flyover, will provide a way for traffic on NH 56 (Lucknow-Varanasi), NH 233 (Azamgarh-Varanasi), NH 29 (Gorakhpur-Varanasi ) and Ayodhya – Varanasi highways to bypass Varanasi city, thereby reducing traffic congestion in the city. This will reduce travel time, fuel usage and pollution in the area. The Ring Road will provide easier and more convenient access to Sarnath, an important site for Buddhist pilgrimage. These projects will also provide increased employment opportunities, development of small and medium industries and give a boost to economic development in the area.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi also dedicated



to the nation three sewage infrastructure projects costing Rs 425.41 crore for the city of Varanasi and laid the foundation stone for another project. The first is a 140 MLD Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) at Dinapur built at a cost of Rs 235.53 Crore. The project includes 10 years' Operation & Maintenance agreement. The second project includes three sewage pumping stations at Chaukaghat (140 MLD), Phulwaria (7.6 MLD) and Saraiya (3.7 MLD). The total cost for the three pumping stations was Rs 34.01. The third project is the construction of 28 km long relieving sewer, rising mains and interceptor sewers along Varuna & Assi at a cost of Rs 155.87 Crore.

The PM laid the foundation stone for Sewerage Management Scheme for Ramnagar. This will include a 10 MLD STP and intercepting and diverting 4 drains. The sewerage projects will result in increasing the sewage treatment capacity in the city from 102 MLD to 242 MLD. The long term O&M provision will ensure that the STP is not only created but is being operated and maintained properly. These projects will result in reducing the pollution of the river Ganga.

These project along with two other ongoing projects of 120 MLD at Goitha and 50 MLD STP at Ramana will take the sewage treatment capacity in the city to 412 MLD, which will be adequate for the sewage treatment requirements till year 2035.

Addressing a large and enthusiastic gathering on the occasion, the Prime Minister said that the day is historic, for Kashi, for Poorvanchal, for Eastern India, and for the whole of India. He said that the development work that has happened today, should have been completed decades ago. He said that along with Varanasi, the entire country is now witness to how, the vision of Next Gen Infrastructure can transform the means of transport.

Referring to the arrival of the first inland container vessel in Varanasi, the Prime Minister said that

Eastern Uttar Pradesh is now connected with the Bay of Bengal, through the water route.

He mentioned the various other projects, including roads, and projects related to Namaami Gange, which were inaugurated, or for which the foundation stone was laid.

The Prime Minister said that the inland water-way would save time and money, reduce congestion on roads, reduce the cost of fuel, and reduce vehicular pollution.

He said the road connecting Babatpur Airport with Varanasi was becoming an attraction for tourists, besides facilitating travel.

Shri Modi said that modern infrastructure has been built at a rapid pace in the last four years. He said that airports in remote areas, rail connectivity in

parts of the North East, rural roads and highways have become a part of the Union Government's identity.

The Prime Minister said that projects worth Rs. 23,000 crore have been approved under Namaami Gange so far. He said almost all villages along the banks of the River Ganga have now become open defecation free. He said these projects are part of the Union Government's

commitment to cleaning the River Ganga.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister for Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Road Transport & Highways and Shipping Shri Nitin Gadkari said that work is on for ensuring enough draught in River Ganga from its origin in Gangotri to its last point in Gangasagar in West Bengal. He said, during the forthcoming Kumbh, ferries will run between Varanasi and Prayagraj. Shri Gadkari said, as many as 268 water cleaning projects worth a thousand crore rupees are being undertaken in the country. In a recent examination of water quality at 80 places on Ganga, water was found pure at 55 sites. He expressed hope that these efforts will bear fruit and by coming March, 70 to 80 per cent Ganga will become pure. ■

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# IMPACT OF DEMONETISATION



ARUN JAITLEY

**T**oday (8 November, 2018), we complete two years after demonetisation.

Demonetisation is a key step in a chain of important decisions taken by the Government to formalise the economy.

The Government first targeted the black money outside India. Asset holders were asked to bring this money back on payment of penal tax. Those who failed to do so are being prosecuted under the Black Money Act. Details of all accounts and assets abroad which have reached the Government, resulted in action against the violators.

Technology has been used for both Direct and indirect taxes to facilitate filing of returns and expanding the tax base.

Financial inclusion was another important step to ensure that even weaker sections became part of the formal economy. Jan Dhan Accounts have resulted in most people being connected to the banking system. The Aadhaar Law has ensured that Direct Benefit Transfer of Government support system reached directly into the bank accounts. The GST has further ensured that in the matter of Indirect taxes, the tax procedures become simple. It is now becoming increasingly difficult to evade the tax system.

## THE ROLE OF CASH

India was a cash dominated economy. Cash involves anonymity in transactions. It bypasses the banking system and enables its possessors to evade tax. Demonetisation compelled

holders of cash to deposit the same in the banks. The enormity of cash deposited and identified with the owner resulted in suspected 17.42 lakh account holders from whom the response has been received online through non-invasive method. The violators faced punitive actions. Larger deposits in banks improved lending capacity for the banks. A lot of this money was diverted to the Mutual Funds for further investments. It became a part of the formal system.

## THE MISCONCEIVED ARGUMENT

An ill-informed criticism of the demonetisation is that almost the entire cash money got deposited in the banks. Confiscation of currency was not an objective of demonetisation. Getting it into the formal economy and making the holders pay tax was the broader objective. The system required to be shaken in order to make India move from cash to digital transactions. This would obviously have an impact on higher tax revenue and a higher tax base.

## EFFECT ON DIGITISATION

The Unified Payment Interface (UPI) was launched in 2016 involving real time payments between two sets of mobile holders. Its transactions have grown from Rs. 0.5 billion in October, 2016 to Rs. 598 billion in September, 2018. The Bharat Interface for Money (BHIM) is an App developed by NPCI for quick payment transactions using UPI. It is currently used by 1.25 Crore people. The value of BHIM transactions has gone up from Rs. 0.02 billion in September, 2016 to Rs. 70.6 billion in September, 2018. The share of BHIM transactions in overall UPI transactions is at about 48% in June, 2017.

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increased from Rs. 8 billion before demonetisation to Rs. 57.3 billion in September, 2018 for PoS and from Rs. 3 billion to Rs. 27 billion in e-commerce.

Today Visa and Master card are losing market share in India to indigenously developed payment system of UPI and RUPAY Card whose share have reached 65% of the payments done through debit and credit cards.

## IMPACT ON DIRECT TAXES

The impact of demonetisation has been felt on collection of personal income tax. Its collections were higher in Financial Year 2018-19 (till 31-10-2018) compared to the previous year by 20.2%. Even in the corporate tax the collections are 19.5% higher. From two years prior to demonetisation, direct tax collections have increased 6.6% and 9% respectively. In the next two years, post demonetisation the increase by 14.6% (part of the year before impact of demonetisation in 2016-17) and an increase of 18% in the year 2017-18.

Similarly, in the year 2017-18, the tax returns filed reached 6.86 crore, an increase of 25% over the previous year. This year, as on 31-10-2018, already 5.99 crore returns have been filed which is an increase of 54.33% compared to the previous year till this date. The new filers added this year are 86.35 lakh.

In May, 2014, when the present Government was elected the total number of the filers of income tax returns was 3.8 crore. In the first four years of this Government, it has increased to 6.86 crore. By the time the first five years of this Government are over, we will be close to doubling the assessee base.

## IMPACT ON INDIRECT TAX

Demonetisation and implementation of the GST curbed cash transactions in a big way. An increase in the digital transactions is visible. This formalisation of the economy has led to the tax payer base increase from 6.4 million in the pre-GST regime to 12 million

tax payers in the post-GST regime. The actual consumption of goods and services being recorded as a part of the tax net has now increased. This has given a buoyancy to the indirect tax growth in the economy. This has benefited both the Centre and the States. Every State, post GST, is getting a mandatory 14% increase in the taxation each year. The fact that assesseees have to now declare their business turnover not only impacts the indirect tax calculations, but also ensures that income tax arising out of them is disclosed in the tax assessments. In 2014-15, the indirect tax to GDP ratio was 4.4%. Post-GST it has climbed up by at least 1 percentage point to 5.4%.

Despite an annual income tax relief of Rs. 97,000 Crore given to the smaller tax payers and a Rs. 80,000 Crore relief given to the GST assesses, tax collections

have gone up. Rates of taxes, both direct and indirect have been reduced, but tax collections have gone up. The tax base has been expanded. GST rates on 334 commodities which were paying an effective 31% tax pre-GST have witnessed a tax reduction.

Government has used these resources for better infrastructure creation, social sector and Rural India. How else could we visualise villages being

connected by Road, electricity in every home, 92% coverage for rural sanitation, a successful Awas Yojana, a cooking gas connection in 8 crore poor homes. Ten crore families are covered under Ayushman Bharat, Rs. 1,62,000 crore is being spent on subsidised food, 50% increase in MSP for farmers and a successful Crop Insurance Scheme. It is the formalisation of the economy which has led to 13 crore entrepreneurs getting Mudra Loans. The Seventh Pay Commission was implemented within weeks and the OROP was finally implemented.

More formalisation, more revenue, more resources for the poor, better Infrastructure, and a better quality of life for our citizens. ■

(The writer is Union Finance Minister, GoI)

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# ASEAN's unity central to India's 'Act-East Policy'

**P** rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi paid a two-day visit to Singapore on November 14th and 15th to attend the East Asia Summit and the ASEAN-India Breakfast Summit.

The East Asia Summit is a premier forum in the Asia-Pacific region. Since its inception in 2005, it has played a significant role in the strategic, geopolitical and economic evolution of East Asia. Apart from the 10 ASEAN member-states, East Asia Summit includes India, China, Japan, Republic of Korea, Australia, New Zealand, United States and Russia.

Prime Minister visited Singapore on 14-15 November 2018 to attend the ASEAN-India Breakfast Summit, the 13th East Asia Summit and related meetings.

On 14th November, Prime Minister Shri Modi participated in the 2nd RCEP Summit. In his intervention, Prime Minister underlined that the early conclusion of the RCEP could spur economic growth and support job creation. He expressed satisfaction at the substantial progress made in the negotiations thus far and added that he is personally determined to explore every opportunity to arrive at a balanced, satisfactory and mutually beneficial agreement.

On the same day, Shri Modi attended the Fintech Festival and India-Singapore Hackathon event. Prime

Minister was the first Head of Government to deliver the keynote address at the Singapore Fintech Festival. In his address, Prime Minister highlighted the impact of financial inclusion and digitization in India and its effect on economic access and empowerment, governance, delivery of public services, innovation and startups.

Prime Minister Shri Modi launched a global platform by the name 'APIX', the first of its kind, to connect fintech companies and financial institutions from India and ASEAN countries. He also attended the India-Singapore Hackathon event jointly organized by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and Nanyang Technological University of Singapore (NTU).

During the ASEAN-India Breakfast Summit, which was attended by leaders of all ASEAN Countries, Shri Modi emphasized on the salience of ASEAN's unity and centrality in India's "Act-East Policy". He commended the consensus-driven approach of ASEAN and advocated for an open and inclusive Regional Security Architecture based on ASEAN Centrality.

PM expressed support for deepening trade and investment relations with ASEAN and emphasized the importance of improving regional connectivity with ASEAN, including land, sea and digital connectivity. The ASEAN leaders expressed interest in furthering maritime cooperation with India, especially in the field

of Blue Economy. During the meeting, the ASEAN leaders joined Prime Minister in expressing their satisfaction on the progress made on activities since the ASEAN-India Commemorative Summit held in New Delhi in January, 2018.

Referring to his Shangri-la dialogue address earlier this year at Singapore, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi observed that the principles outlined by him on the Indo-Pacific has found wider resonance and acceptance within the region.

On the margins of the Summit, Shri Modi held bilateral discussions with leaders of the United States, Singapore, Australia and Thailand.

This was the first meeting since Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison became the Prime Minister.

The two leaders had an extensive exchange of views on entire gamut of bilateral relations and including exchange of views on regional issues. In the bilateral relationship they looked at and spoke of Australia's foreign policy white paper as well as the paper which the Australian Department of Trade has got which is India's Economic Strategy. Prime Minister Modi invited Australia to look into investing in National Infrastructure Investment Fund. Also the second item which we looked at was; the possibility that was looked at was; the technologies that Australia has for mining, and if there could be a cooperation on that. There was a discussion on defense and security cooperation and both expressed satisfaction that there were a number of areas in which we could be working together including our cooperation which is ongoing in the various joint exercises. The third bilateral which our Prime Minister had was with the Prime Minister of Thailand. Thailand is going to of course become the next chair of ASEAN and it will not only be the chair of ASEAN but it will also be the country coordinator for India, so that assumes significance for the relationship. The two Prime Minister's reviewed the relationship. There was emphasis on projects of connectivity, there was emphasis on projects of economic collaboration and there was the commitment by both leaders that we would be working together in building the India-ASEAN relations in the coming period.

The fourth bilateral which Prime Minister had was with Vice President Mike Pence of US.

In the meeting Vice President Pence specifically acknowledged that India has made substantial

The Prime Minister also attended the 13th East Asia Summit, which is a premier Leaders'-led forum in the Indo-Pacific Region. In his intervention at the Plenary, he underlined the centrality of trade and investment in enhancing prosperity and security of the Indo-Pacific. In this context, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi emphasized that India remains committed to the early conclusion of a balanced and comprehensive RCEP.

He joined EAS leaders in the adoption of five EAS Statements on topical issues viz. Foreign Terrorist Fighters and Returnees; Marine Plastic Debris; Smart Cities; Safe and Secure use of Nuclear and Radioactive Materials; ICT and Digital Economy. In particular Prime Minister commended EAS for adoption of EAS Statement on Foreign Terrorist Fighters and Returnees and hoped that the cooperation between the member states will move beyond statements and towards more practical cooperation.



progress economically as well as diplomatically in regional and international affairs. He appreciated the strong leadership that Prime Minister Modi has shown, he felt that India is a positive factor in regional and international relations and he said that United States looks forward greatly to working with India on various issues both on political side and economic side to ensure that we have a fair rules based international order and Prime Minister reciprocated that sentiment. Both leaders held talk on energy trade, counter-terrorism and issue of H1B visa. Vice President Pence accepted PM Modi's invitation to visit india in 2019. ■



# UNIVERSAL ELECTRIFICATION: GOVERNMENT THAT DELIVERS



RK SINGH

**W**e have set an ambitious goal for ourselves – the goal of providing access to 24x7 power for all in the country. Access to power here represents not only the connectivity to the network but also includes availability of requisite infrastructure across the power sector value chain to ensure supply of quality and reliable power. And we are well on our way to achieve our goal. And the scale of the transition is such as has not been seen anywhere in the world.

The country achieved 100% village electrification on 28th April 2018, a major landmark towards universal electrification. It was not merely connecting the remaining 18,500 odd villages to the electricity network but to reach out to the poorest of poor who had remained in darkness for more than 70 years after independence. The challenges involved were huge – these challenges had stood as a barrier to extending electricity to these villages for such a long period. Most of these villages were located in remote inaccessible areas with difficult terrain in hilly areas, forest areas, areas severely affected with LWE activities etc. and transportation of material/equipment and mobilisation of manpower for execution of works required determination and perseverance. The difficulty level kept on increasing as the work progressed further. About 350 villages in Arunachal Pradesh (272), J&K (54), Meghalaya (9) and Manipur(12) located in remote and difficult terrain required head loading of materials and trekking up to 10 days. Materials in some villages of J&K and Arunachal Pradesh had to be transported by helicopter. In 2762 villages, extending grid network was not feasible due to remote and inaccessible locations, Solar based standalone systems were provided. Enormous challenges were confronted in electrification of 7614 LWE villages in

Bihar, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Odisha. The electrification of these remaining villages have paved the path for their socio-economic growth. We have the satisfaction of having achieved the target before the target date. This program has also set an example of effective cooperative federalism wherein Union Government, State Governments, Distribution Companies and administration synergised their efforts for common goal.

The next step was to light up every household. The Prime Minister launched the 'Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana' – Saubhagya in Sept. 2017 with the aim to achieve universal household electrification. Achievement of this within targeted timeline of March 2019 is the challenge we have given to ourselves. As the name of the scheme itself suggests, it has inherent features of 'Sahaj' i.e. Simple / Easy / Effortless and 'Har Ghar' i.e. inclusive universal household electrification. A targeted program of such a scale has never been attempted in the world. The progress is again exemplary in terms of speed and innovation. We are lighting up an average of a hundred thousand houses every day. No country has witnessed anything on such a scale. The happiness on the face of the people when their houses are lighted up with electricity is something to be seen.

We crossed the milestone of lighting the lights to 2 crore households under the Saubhagya scheme (which started in Oct. 2017) on the 19th of November 2018.

In addition to providing last mile connectivity, strengthening of backup system network in distribution and sub-transmission segment along with metering, IT enablement and automation etc. is equally important to ensure supply of adequate power with desired quality and reliability. For this purpose also, Government of India has been providing financial assistance to the States under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) and Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS) for rural and urban areas respectively. Projects worth Rs. 1,40,000 Crore have been rolled out under these schemes. Under these schemes, creation of 1204 nos. of new sub-stations, augmentation of capacity in 1601

nos. existing sub-stations, erection of 1,61,101 nos. new distribution transformers, 1,11,734 Kms of HT lines and 98028 Kms of LT line has been completed. System strengthening works under these schemes coupled with reforms adopted under Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana (UDAY) would facilitate 24x7 quality and reliable power supply for all in sustainable manner. UDAY interventions have resulted in (i) reduction in Aggregate Technical and Commercial Losses (AT&C) losses from 20.77% to 18.72% (ii) reduction in ACS-ARR (Average Cost of Supply – Average Revenue Realization) gap from 60 paisa/unit to 17 paisa/unit (iii) savings on interest cost of about Rs.31,800 crores to utilities/states and reduction in losses from Rs. 51575 crore to Rs. 15132 crore. NTPC and other major Gencos need to be congratulated for keeping the power purchase costs almost constant in spite of increase in cost of coal, freight and other costs.

The initiatives of the Government have helped our country in achieving 24th rank in 2018 on World Bank's Ease of Getting Electricity in the world as against 111th rank in 2014. This is a quantum leap and shows the result oriented approach of the Government.

At the backend of the power value chain, we have achieved 'One Nation One Grid'. The pace of grid construction has been enhanced to an average of 24908 Kms per year in the last four and half years from an average of 4385 Kms in previous years. This ensures power transfers across the country. About 2.96 Lakh MVA transformation capacity has been added during the years 2014-18. Tariff based Competitive Bidding has brought in transparency and efficiency in the system.

The huge addition in the consumer base at the rate of one lac per day, coupled with growth in the economy has meant that our electricity demand has been growing at the rate of more than 10% in these months. The change we are making are unparalleled in scale. But we have more to do. But our vision is clear. And our determination is firm. Our estimates are that the number of households left would be less than 50 lacs. At this rate, almost 50 more

days required to achieve 100% household electrification. If we do it faster, less days to achieve the goal. The world has looked on our progress with amazement and admiration. The International Energy Agency has called it one of the greatest success stories of the year.

In order to meet the growing demand of electricity in the country which is expected to increase further, addition to the generation capacity is important. During the last 4 years the total installed capacity has increased by 1 Lakh MW. This has helped in wiping out energy deficit from 4.2% to almost zero at 0.7%. India has for the first time become an exporter of electricity after meeting its internal demand. We have helped our neighbours like Nepal, Bangladesh and Myanmar by exporting 7203 MUs of electricity.

In order to make our electricity clean and green, we have placed a roadmap to achieve 175 GW capacity in the renewable energy sector by 2022, which includes 100 GW of solar power and 60 GW of wind power. The overall installed capacity of Renewable Energy has been more than doubled in the last four and half years – from 34,000 MW to 72,000 MW, solar capacity increased 8 times in last 4 years. We are on the way to achieve our commitment at international fora.

While we continue to increase our capabilities for power generation, we recognize the need to explore avenues that promote energy efficiency. Concerted efforts are being made to efficiently use the energy in the demand side through various innovative and visionary policy measures. UJALA, Star labelling program, energy conservation building code, energy efficiency measures through Perform, Achieve and Trade (PAT) are few initiatives in this area. The first cycle of the PAT for industry achieved savings of more than 8.6 million tonnes of oil equivalent which is almost 1.23 percent of primary energy supply of India. The second cycle is estimated to achieve even higher savings. ■

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**(The writer is Union Power Minister, GoI)**



# INDIA GSLV MKIII-D2 SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHES GSAT-29

**I**ndia's GSAT-29 communication satellite was successfully launched on November 14 by the second developmental flight of Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle MarkIII (GSLV MkIII-D2) today from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) SHAR, Sriharikota.

GSLV MkIII-D2 lifted off from the Second Launch Pad of SDSC SHAR at 17:08 hours (IST), carrying the 3423-kg GSAT-29 satellite. About 17 minutes later, the vehicle injected the satellite into the Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit (GTO) as planned.

After injection, ISRO's Master Control Facility at Hassan has assumed the control of the satellite. In the coming days, three orbit raising manoeuvres will be executed to position the satellite in the Geostationary Orbit at its designated location.

GSLV Mk III is a three-stage heavy lift launch vehicle developed by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

GSAT-29 is a multiband, multi-beam communication satellite, intended to serve as test bed for several new and critical technologies. Its Ku-band and Ka-band payloads are configured to cater to the communication requirements of users including those from remote areas especially from Jammu & Kashmir and North-Eastern regions of India.

In addition, the Q/V-Band communication payload onboard is intended to demonstrate the future high throughput satellite system technologies. Geo High Resolution Camera will carry out high resolution imaging. Optical Communication Payload will demonstrate data transmission at a very high rate through optical communication link. The first successful mission of GSLV Mark III was an experimental suborbital flight in 2014. Subsequently, GSLV Mark III-D1 launched GSAT-19, a high throughput communication satellite, with a lift-off mass of 3150 kg, into GTO on June 5, 2017. ■

 **@narendramodi**

"My heartiest congratulations to our scientists on the successful launch of GSLV MK III-D2 carrying GSAT-29 satellite. The double success sets a new record of putting the heaviest satellite in orbit by an Indian launch vehicle. The satellite will provide communication and internet services to the remotest corners of our country".

 **@AmitShah**

The successful launch of #GSAT29 satellite through GSLV MK III-D2 is a matter of great pride for every Indian. This will further strengthen communication services in remote areas of the country. I congratulate team @isro for this remarkable achievement.

 **@drharshvardhan**

Congratulations @isro & @PMOIndia 1st apogee motor-firing of GSAT-29 successfully performed by scientists at MCF, Hassan. 2 more orbit-raising manoeuvres scheduled to position the satellite in the Geostationary Orbit.





# ‘Drive Congress out and bring BJP government in Mizoram’

**B**JP National President Shri Amit Shah promised a secular and peaceful Mizoram where all sections of the society will develop.

Addressing election rallies in Lawngtlai and Vairengte in Mizoram on 20 November, 2018 Shri Shah said that more power will be given to Autonomous district council (ADC) in the Sixth Schedule of the constitution.

Shri Shah said, “When people of Nagaland, Meghalaya, Manipur, Assam, Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh can bring progressive BJP Government why can’t Mizoram also be part of the BJP family. BJP government has put an end to the era of bandh and blockade and controlled armed groups in different states.”

He added that Mizoram has immense potential for Tourism, but lack of the road connectivity has made it stagnant. “Congress has played with the emotions people of Mizoram for a very long time. Instead of teaching them rights, it has been preaching “Votes for Money”. Drive Congress out and bring BJP

 @AmitShah

**Addressed a public meeting in Vairengte (Mizoram). Have seen amazing support for BJP during a public meeting in Lawngtlai (Mizoram). Sharing few pictures from the rally.**

government for all.”

Attacking Congress he said, “Congress brought “Vote for Money” culture in Mizoram, infiltrating the minds of the poor tribals in Mizoram”.

The BJP President said, “It’s funny the Tuirial Hydel Project in Mizoram took 18 years to be built under Congress and MNF government rule. ■

# 'CONGRESS REPRESENTS NEPOTISM, DIVISION AND DYNASTY POLITICS'

## JHABUA

**P** rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on November 20, 2018 addressed two huge public meeting in Jhabua and Rewa in Madhya Pradesh. These public meetings come amid a series of similar public meetings addressed by PM Shri Modi in the election-bound state of Madhya Pradesh.

The first rally in Jhabua began with Prime Minister Shri Modi lauding the ancient ecological heritage and conservation practices of India's tribal groups living in areas like Jhabua. The PM said that the tribal groups of India have been living in harmony with the environment for centuries and the world has a lot to learn from these groups when it comes to sustainably fight climate change.

The PM later heavily criticized the Congress for its decades of misrule and poor governance in Madhya Pradesh and in the country too. He described how the times of Congress-led government in Madhya Pradesh led to widespread corruption, farmer woes, unemployment and crime. He said that he was certain that the people of Madhya Pradesh would never want to elect such an incompetent government again.

Shri Modi further mentioned key government initiatives like the PMGSY, MUDRA, Doubling Farmers' Income by 2022 and Housing for All by 2022 as pillars of his good governance strategy. He said that this government works for the benefit of all, not the few and the people are free to judge the government's action and achievements with the works of previous Congress governments and then decide themselves based on facts which government is truly efficient.

## REWA

The second major public meeting for the day was held in Rewa where PM Shri Narendra Modi shared

a historical anecdote about Tansen, Birbal and the tale of two folk-singers from Gujarat, Tana and Riri to describe how Gujarat and Rewa shared a historical bond. He further described how the enthusiasm, support and blessings of common people motivated him to work round-the-clock for the country's development.

As the public meeting progressed, the Prime Minister launched a scathing attack on the 'remote-control' government of the Congress that despite ruling the country for several generations, failed to deliver equitable development to the country's citizens.

He mentioned many instances of the states that



have not let the Congress party form a government for two or three decades. He said this happened because people in these states understood the deceptive and ineffective politics of Congress leaders who always compromised development for their personal benefits.

The public meeting concluded with Prime Minister Shri Modi urging all eligible voters to come out in large numbers and overwhelmingly support the BJP government led by Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan in Madhya Pradesh. ■

# 'OPPOSITION SUFFERING FROM MODI-PHOBIA'

## BHOPAL

**T**he Opposition is suffering from the "Narendra Modi-phobia", Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri Amit Shah said on 19 November, 2018.

Addressing a rally in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh ahead of the November 28 Assembly election, Shri Shah asked the Congress to give an account of what the four generations of the Nehru-Gandhi family did when they ruled the country.

"The Opposition is suffering from Narendra Modi-phobia. They just want to get rid of Modi from the prime minister's post, while we want to get rid of poverty, insecurity and air pollution among others," Shri Shah said.

The BJP President said the Modi government launched 129 developmental schemes in four years. "Give an account of what the four generations (of Nehru-Gandhi family) did when they ruled the country," he said.

Mentioning Rahul Gandhi, Shri Amit Shah said, "In a recent rally, (Congress chief) Rahul Gandhi uttered PM Shri Modi's name 44 times in his 22-minute speech. I am wondering whether he is campaigning for the BJP or the Congress," he said.

Shri Shah alleged that former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh had left the Indian economy at ninth position in the world in 2014, which, he said, the BJP raised to sixth position. "By the time counting of these polls is done, India would have surpassed the UK to become the fifth-largest economy in the world," he added.

## SAGAR

BJP National President Shri Amit Shah on November 16, 2018 said the Congress did not care about the nation's security when it "ruled India for 70 years", adding securing the borders was a major achievement of the Modi-led government.

Addressing a poll rally, Shri Shah credited the Modi government with giving impetus to boosting the country's security. "When the Congress was in power and Manmohan Singh was the prime minister, Pakistani terrorists used to infiltrate, explode bombs and go back," he said.

There was anger across the country after the 2016 Uri attack in which 18 Indian soldiers were killed. But this was

not the regime of Mauni Baba (Manmohan Singh). Modi ji ordered our jawans to conduct surgical strikes and take revenge," Shri Shah said.

He said the difference between the BJP and the Congress is that if one wants to become the prime minister or the president of the Congress, "they have to take birth in the Nehru-Gandhi family while in the BJP, one can rise to the top based on abilities even after being born in a poor family".

"An example of this is Narendra Modi, who was born in a tea seller's family but is now the prime minister. Shri Shivraj Singh who took birth in a poor family of farmers, is working from the last 15 years to develop Madhya Pradesh as Chief Minister," he said.



"One does not need to have a family to work and go ahead in the BJP. What is needed is the ability and resolve to serve people," he said.

Shri Shah sought to know who was the "Senapati" (army chief) of the opposition party in Madhya Pradesh poll arena. There is only a Raja (Digvijay Singh), a maharaja (Jyotiraditya Scindia), and an industrialist (Kamal Nath) and the Congress is fighting polls on their strength," he said.

"Congress had left Madhya Pradesh as one of the most backward states but I can proudly say today that Shivraj Singh has made it into a developed state," he said. ■



# PM lays Foundation Stones of City Gas Distribution Projects in 129 districts

**P** rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on November 22 laid the Foundation Stones of City Gas Distribution (CGD) Projects in 65 Geographical Areas (GAs) in 129 Districts under the 9th CGD Bidding Round, remotely from Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. During the event, Hon'ble PM also launched 10th CGD Bidding Round in 50 GAs spread over 124 districts in 14 states.

Speaking on the occasion, the Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Shri Dharmendra Pradhan said that the Government is working to move towards the gas-based economy. Presently the share of gas in the country's energy mix is just over 6% and the aim is to reach the 15% figure, while the world average is 24%. He said the Prime Minister has assured the world that India will take initiative to bring down its carbon emission level, and a number of initiatives have been taken in this direction like LED bulbs, BS VI fuel, Bio-energy, International Solar Alliance, Pradhan Mantri Ujjawala Yojana, and providing clean piped gas



supply to more cities is also a step in this direction. The Minister also mentioned about enhancing the LNG terminal capacity, renegotiating Indo-Qatar Gas deal, and positive Indo-US engagement in this direction. He said that efforts are not only being made to increase the use and supply of Gas, but also to produce gas through agro-wastes and other products and including the same into the CGD network. ■

## Mega Food Park inaugurated in Maharashtra

**U** nion Minister for Food Processing Industries Smt Harsimrat Kaur Badal on November 15 inaugurated the second Mega Food Park in Maharashtra. Promoted by M/s Paithan Mega Food Park Pvt Ltd, the Park is located in in Wahegaon and Dhangaon village in Paithan Taluka of Aurangabad district. A 3rd Mega Food Park has been sanctioned by the Ministry in Maharashtra and is under implementation in Wardha District while the first Park was inaugurated on 1st of March 2018 in Satara district.

Speaking on the occasion, Smt. Badal said that the Mega Food Park will leverage an additional investment of about Rs. 250 crore in 25-30 food processing units in the park and would eventually lead



to a turnover of about Rs. 450-500 crore annually. The Park will also provide direct and indirect employment to 5,000 persons and benefit about 25,000 farmers in the CPC and PPC catchment areas. ■



# 'Swachh Bharat' good example of how countries can make safe sanitation services accessible: WHO

India's 'Swachh Bharat' campaign is a good example of how countries can make safe sanitation services accessible to all, said the World Health Organization (WHO).

WHO Regional Director for South-East Asia said, "India's Swachh Bharat campaign is a good example of how this can be done to rapid effect and on a large scale, with household sanitation coverage increasing at a rate of 13 per cent annually between 2016 and 2018."

## 'SPEED OF SANITATION COVERAGE IS INDIA'S PRIDE'

With the country's toilet coverage reaching close to completion, people from across the country on 19 November celebrated the World Toilet Day with mass awareness and

mobilization activities. The focus was on usage of toilets, which is closely linked to the Prime Minister's call for a Swachh Bharat by October 2019. In a tweet on this occasion, the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi reiterated the

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country's commitment towards enhancing cleanliness and sanitation facilities. He said, "We in India take pride at the remarkable speed with which sanitation cover

has increased in the last four years."

The Swachh Bharat World Toilet Day Contest organized by the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation culminated today with massive community activities across States and districts. School children, health workers and Anganwadi workers and common people came out in large numbers on World Toilet Day to reaffirm their commitment to keep their villages open defecation free. Men, women and children took Swachhta oaths; school children marched through villages and performed plays spreading the message of Swachhta; videos and other demonstrations were shown

on the use of twin pit technology; mass hand washing drives were taken up and Swachhta champions were awarded and recognized. ■

# Modi Government's Initiatives for Eliminating Corruption

**R**ight from its inception, the NDA government led by PM Narendra Modi has been committed to uprooting corruption. It aims to not only eliminate corruption but institutionalise and nurture honesty.

A closer step by step analysis of the various steps taken by the government to make governance transparent, will show the manner in which a transformation has occurred that has not only strengthened the economy from within but also enhanced people's trust in the government.

The multi-pronged approach in fighting the twin evils of corruption and black money has been instrumental in optimising the productivity of the economy while ensuring that the fruits of growth reach the poorest of the poor. From taking legislative action to forming treaties with foreign governments, a wide spectrum of pro-active measures has been taken to make the governance system responsive and accountable.

As the first order of business, the government constituted a SIT on black money to look into the sources of generation and accumulation and suggest ways to combat it. A number of the recommendations made by the committee were adopted by the government. One more challenge that the government faced when it took office in 2014 was the coal crisis. The Supreme Court had cancelled the coal block allocations,



necessitating a fair and transparent auction process. Without wasting any time, government plunged into action resulting in transparent auctions. This brought a windfall for the nation.

A similar procedure was followed for telecom allocation, earning the exchequer significant revenue. In the spectrum auctions too, the government's approach ensured massive gains, in stark contrast to the zero-loss theory of the past.

The long pending Benami property Act was passed to address the problem of generation of black money through benami properties. The Fugitive Economic Offenders

Bill was also cleared to equip the investigative agencies going after absconding economic offenders. It allows the law enforcement agencies to confiscate assets of absconding economic offenders and ensures that banks are able to make higher recoveries from loan defaulters.

Not to be restricted to domestic countervailing measures, the government has gone a step further in bringing together a coalition of nation to fight the menace. It has amended the Double Tax Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) with Mauritius, Singapore and Cyprus to block rerouting the blackmoney through the tax havens and signed an



agreement with Switzerland to share real time information on accounts held by Indian residents in Swiss banks.

PM Narendra Modi's government commenced upon a major crackdown on black money ensued with the declaration of demonetisation. The historic move led to massive unearthing of undisclosed income, suspicious transactions and deposits. It further led to action against 3 lakh shell companies that were subsequently de-registered. This move has given a major fillip to a cleaner economy and formalisation while increasing the tax base.

Accompanied with a resolve to end regeneration of black money, a strong start towards a more inclusive economy was made. 50 lakh new bank accounts for the cashless, transparent transfer of wages to workers were opened. Earlier, a big chunk of the government funds disseminated used to get lost in leakages. By linking welfare schemes to the Aadhar card and providing it a legislative framework, the government has made an earnest attempt to plug the leakages in the Public Distribution System and made direct transfer a viable option for disbursement of government funds. Over Rs 3.65 lakh crore has been directly transferred to the bank accounts of beneficiaries of 431 schemes in the last four years.

The increasing trust has led to a higher number of taxpayers' paying their taxes. It is a matter of pride that the number of ITRs filed during FY 2017-2018 are 6.85 crore compared to 3.85 crore in FY 2013-14, thus, helping expand the tax base. Post-demonetisation more

**Decisive action against Corruption and Black Money**  
Leading to a Cleaner Economy

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than 1 crore new enrolments have been made with the EPFO and 1.3 crore registrations made with the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC). Greater transparency and formalisation are ensuring that the hard-working citizens are brought under the safety net, thus, boosting their savings and income security.

The Good and Service Tax (GST), the biggest economic reform post-independence has surpassed expectations in its smooth implementation, transparency and compliance. The people of India have wholeheartedly heralded it, which is evident with the fact that the 50 lakh new enterprises got registered within 1 year of GST as compared to 65 lakh in almost 70 years.

In an innovative step to ensure

transparency, Environment Ministry started process of online submission of applications for Environment approvals, bringing down the approval time from 600 days to 180 days. Further, it made it possible for applications to be tracked online, minimising chances of human intervention to extract bribe for getting project approvals. Similarly, abolishing interviews for on-gazetted posts, has ensured that genuine candidates are selected based on their merit.

A decisive multi-pronged action has not only laid a solid foundation for economy to grow but has also positively impacted the person at the last mile. A clean, transparent and resilient economy is, therefore, setting grounds for New India to take shape. ■

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Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi along with the other ASEAN leaders at the ASEAN-India Summit in Singapore.



Indian community in Singapore welcoming PM Shri Narendra Modi on his arrival in the airport.



Singapore PM Lee Hsien Loong greeting PM Shri Narendra Modi after his arrival in Singapore.



PM Shri Narendra Modi playing a drum with BJP Karyakartas in Ambikapur, Chhattisgarh during his pravas for assembly elections.



PM Shri Narendra Modi addressing a massive rally in Rewa, Madhya Pradesh as part of his election campaign in the state.



**World Fisheries Day**  
 MINISTRY OF AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES WELFARE  
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**Blue Revolution**  
 Changing the lives of Indian Fishers

**Highlights**

- Rs 1915.33 crore released till date.
- 29,128 hectare developed for aquaculture.
- 7441 traditional boats modernized & converted into motorized boats.
- Aims to achieve fish production target of Rs 15 million tonne by 2020.
- The Rs 7,522.48 crore Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) has been created for fisheries infrastructure.
- Aims to achieve sustainable growth of 8-9% in order to augment fish production to about 20 million tonnes by 2022-23 and generate 9.4 lakh jobs.

**NATION TAX MARKET**

**SIGNIFICANT GROWTH REGISTERED IN PHARMA SECTOR POST GST**

Annual Turnover of the Pharma Sector		Pharma Sector's exports	
1.14 lakh crore	1.31 lakh crore	2.76 lakh crore	3.04 lakh crore
Pre GST (as on 31.05.2017)	Post GST (as on 31.05.2018)	Pre GST (2016-17)	Post GST (2017-18)

Source : Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers

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