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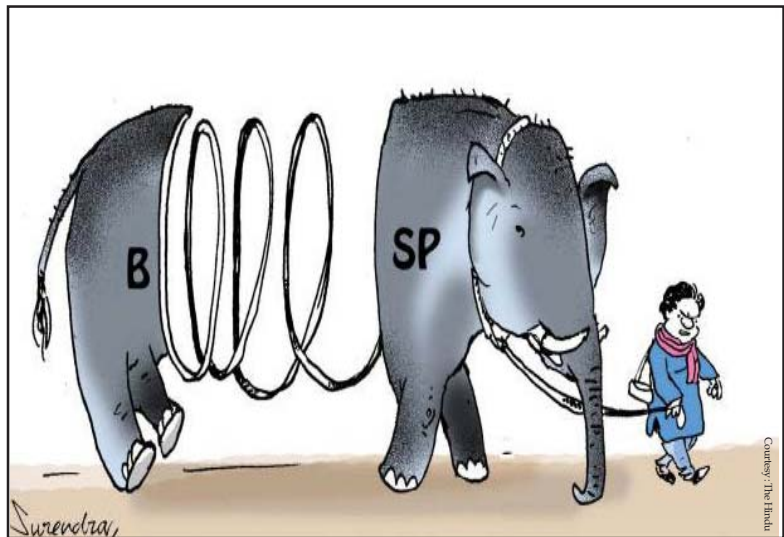
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But O mighty armed one, a knower of the truth of the fruitive actions of the sense and their diverse functions; he observing that it is the senses engaging in sense objects, does not become attached.

— (Bhagavadgita : Ch.-III, 28)

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-Narendra Modi

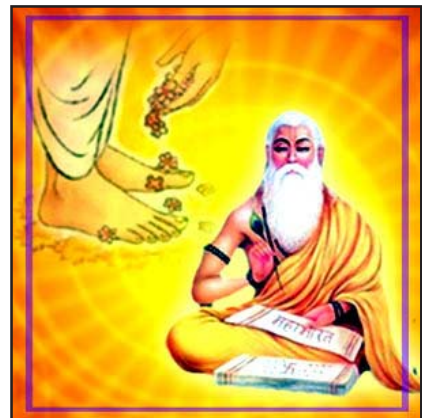
"Swadeshi, Self-dependent and self-employment- If we have to look for Sangam of these all four features in one you will find it in Khadi alone."

-Amit Shah

Guru Purnima: 19th July, 2016

Guru Purnima is a Hindu festival dedicated to spiritual and academic Gurus. This festival traditionally celebrated by Hindus and Buddhists, to thank their teachers. It is marked by ritualistic respect to the Guru, Guru Puja.

The word Guru is derived from two words, 'Gu' and 'Ru'. The Sanskrit root "Gu" means darkness or ignorance. "Ru" denotes the remover of that darkness. Therefore one who removes darkness of our ignorance is a Guru. Gurus are believed by many to be the most necessary part of lives. On this day, disciples offer puja (worship) or pay respect to their Guru (Spiritual Guide). It falls on the day of full moon, Purnima, in the month of Ashadh (June-July) of the Shaka Samvat, Indian national calendar and Hindu calendar.



Hindus celebrate it in honour of the great sage Vyasa, who is seen as one of the greatest gurus in ancient Hindu traditions and a symbol of the Guru-shishya tradition. This was the day, when Krishna-Dwaipayana Vyasa - author of the Mahabharata - was born to sage Parashara and a fisherman's daughter Satyawati, thus this day is also celebrated as Vyasa Purnima.

Veda Vyasa, did great service to the cause of Vedic studies by gathering all the Vedic hymns extant during his times, dividing them into four parts based on their use in the sacrificial rites, and teaching them to his four chief disciples - Paila, Vaisampayana, Jaimini and Sumantu. It was this dividing and editing that earned him the honorific "Vyasa" (vyas = to edit, to divide).

He divided the Veda into four, namely Rig, Sama, Yajur, and Atharva. The histories and the Puranas are said to be the fifth Veda.

The festival is common to all spiritual traditions in Hinduism, where it is an expression of gratitude toward the teacher by his/her disciple. Hindu ascetics and wandering monks (sanyasis), observe this day by offering puja to the Guru, during the Chaturmas, a four-month period during the rainy season, when they choose seclusion and stay at one chosen place; some also give discourses to the local public.

Students of Indian classical music, which also follows the Guru Shishya Parampara, celebrate this holy festival around the world. Traditionally the festival is celebrated by Buddhists in honour of the lord Buddha who gave His first sermon on this day at Saranath, Uttar Pradesh, India. ■



Editorial...

Delegitimize and defeat terrorism

The deadly terror attack in Bangladesh is reminder to the world that terrorism is a war against humanity and peace. That those carried out the attack were products of elite school is another reminder of the fact that the root cause of terrorism is not backwardness or poverty but it is an outcome of massive radicalization being carried out by certain vested interests having global network. The project to radicalize the youth and enroll them for deadly terror strikes across the world has gained ground while the world responding only occasionally without realizing the urgency with which it requires to be dealt with. In the last month the world has witnessed terror attacks from Saudi Arabia to Bangladesh and that too on the occasion of Eid and in the month of Ramzan. It shows that the terrorism claim to religion is false as those claiming to fight for Islam are themselves violating the sanctity of the pious month of Ramzan and Eid. It is high time that a well thought strategy is devised to counter and defeat terrorism at all cost.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been raising the issue of terrorism on almost all forums across the world. He has highlighted the fact that terrorism remains the biggest global threat and there is a need to counter it with utmost urgency. While addressing the US Congress during his recent visit to US the Prime Minister rightly raised the issue appealing to isolate those who harbor, support or sponsor terrorism. It is unfortunate that even terrorism has been used by some as political tool. The fight against terrorism needs to be taken beyond traditional tools of military, intelligence or diplomacy as it has entrenched itself at various levels. Prime Minister's suggestion that there should not be any distinction like 'good terrorism' and 'bad terrorism' and it should be completely delinked with religion is the path through which terrorism can be delegitimized and defeated. Today, terrorism has acquired a global network and without having a global strategy it cannot be defeated. Narendra Modi has been raising the issue of zero-tolerance towards terrorism on every global forum and the need of the hour is that the world should come together to express its commitment in its fight against terrorism.

India has been a victim of terrorism for long. India has been subjected to terror strikes long before the other parts of the world started witnessing it. As the world is witnessing politics at global level and terrorism is being used by some countries against others, inside India also a kind of politics overtly or covertly supporting terrorism for political gains is evident. It's unfortunate that a section of intelligentsia also joins hands with vested political interests in rationalizing terrorism. Everyone should realize the monstrous designs of terrorism and it is against humanity and it cannot be defended under any circumstances.

There should be a consensus over zero-tolerance against terrorism and attempts should be made to stop the project to radicalize youth and make them scapegoats by the terror machine. The fact that those carried out terror attacks in Bangladesh were ideologically inspired by an Indian Zakir Naik should be taken very seriously and attempts should be made to arrest these trends. The fight against terrorism is not only at physical level but also at ideological level. It has to be fought from local to global level and everyone needs to contribute in this fight. Terrorism is not about scoring political points against each other, it's a crime against humanity and biggest threat to world peace and global order. The world should unite to delegitimize and defeat terrorism. ■

JAUNPUR

We have a PM who understands the problems of people, listens to them and resolves their issues : Amit Shah

BJP president Shri Amit Shah said only the BJP can dislodge the Samajwadi Party regime in the state. SP and BSP have taken turns to rule Uttar Pradesh which has only brought poverty and backwardness, he said at a convention of the party's booth-level workers at Tilakdhari Degree College in Jaunpur on 01 July, 2016.

Mounting attack on the SP government, Shri Shah said Akhilesh had promised to give unemployment allowance to the youth before the 2012 Assembly elections in the state. "He (Akhilesh) will have to answer where that allowance is. He has betrayed the youth by misleading them," he added.

The BJP President said the time has come to dislodge the SP government in Uttar Pradesh and give the mandate to his party so that the state gets the benefits of the central schemes.

He alleged that farmers of the state could not get the benefits of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana due to laxity on part of the Akhilesh government.

"A new scheme has been launched by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi but the Akhilesh government failed to invite tenders on time. As a result, farmers (of Uttar Pradesh) will not get the benefits," he said.

Taking a dig at Congress vice president Rahul Gandhi for his barb on two years of the

NDA rule, Shri Shah said, "I want to ask Rahul 'baba', what did he do during the 10 years of the UPA regime. At least, we gave a Prime Minister who speaks. The people of the country had not heard the voice of the previous Prime Minister (Manmohan Singh) for 10 years.

"We have a Prime Minister who understands the problems of the people, listens to them and resolves their issues," he said, adding that Modi ji has taken several steps to alleviate poverty.

GORAKHPUR

BJP will fight and not allow recurrence of incidents like Kairana

At a convention of booth presidents of BJP's Gorakhpur regional unit in Basti



district BJP National President Shri Amit Shah said, "BJP will fight and not allow recurrence of incidents like Kairana. The Akhilesh Yadav government has claimed that the Kairana incident was matter of law and order. It is the responsibility of the state government to

maintain law and order.” He added that animal trafficking was on rise and land mafias were ruling UP.

Shri Shah went on to appeal to party workers to remove SP from power and ensure that BJP forms the government in UP with absolute majority. “SP and BSP are misleading the people by issuing statements against Congress now. Earlier, both had supported the UPA government that is a symbol of corruption,” he said.

Claiming that Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav has not provided land to set up AIIMS in Gorakhpur, Shri Shah said, “If the state does not provide land, the Modi government will find some other solution.

Shri Modi can re-start a fertilizer factory because it comes under the Union government, but if a sugar mill has to be reopened, then a

CM belonging to the BJP will be required”, he said.

“The people of UP are not getting the benefit of central schemes because the state government is creating hurdles. It is worried that PM Modi and BJP will become popular if people start enjoying the benefits of these schemes,” Shri Shah added.

Taking on BSP, he said newspapers these days are full of photographs of leaders leaving the party. It is possible that behen ji (Mayawati) will be left alone in the party by the time elections begin.

Yogi Adityanath, who was also present at the event, said a BJP-led government was needed in UP to control anti-Hindu elements and stop incidents like the exodus of Hindu families from Kairana.

(FOC) ■

India joins MTCR

India on June 27 joined the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) as a full member. Foreign Secretary S Jaishankar signed the instrument of accession in the presence of France’s Ambassador-designate Alexandre Ziegler, Netherlands’ Ambassador Alphonsus Stoelinga and Luxembourg’s Chargé d’Affaires Laure Huberty. “India has joined the MTCR this morning...India’s entry into the regime as its thirty-fifth member would be mutually beneficial in the furtherance of international non-proliferation objectives,” the Ministry of External Affairs said, in a statement.

India applied for the membership of MTCR last year MTCR membership. The membership enables India to buy high-end missile technology.

It is worth mentioning here that China, which stonewalled India’s entry into the 48-nation Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) at the just-concluded Seoul plenary, is not a member of 34-nation MTCR.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ MTCR membership will enable India to buy high-end missile technology and also enhance its joint ventures with Russia.
- ▶ MTCR aims at restricting the proliferation of missiles, complete rocket systems, unmanned air vehicles and related technology for those systems capable of carrying a 500 kilogramme payload for at least 300 kilometres, as well as systems intended for the delivery of weapons of mass destruction (WMD).
- ▶ India's efforts to get into the MTCR also got a boost after it agreed to join the Hague Code of Conduct, dealing with the ballistic missile non-proliferation arrangement, earlier this month. ■

Prime Minister launches Smart City projects in Pune



On the occasion of the first anniversary of the announcement of the government's flagship programme 'Smart City Mission', Prime Minister Narendra Modi on June 25 launched the 'Smart City Mission' projects from Pune's 5,000-capacity Shiv Chatrapati Sports Complex.

Apart from the Pune's projects, as many as 69 such works will be launched on the same day in the other 'smart cities' entailing a total investment of about Rs 1,770 crore. These projects are related to solid waste

management under Swachh Bharat Mission, water supply projects, sewage treatment plants and development of open and green spaces under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT).

It would also include housing projects for urban poor under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana and area development and technology based pan-city solutions under Smart Cities Mission, the release said. Modi will also inaugurate 'Make Your City SMART' contest, aimed at involving citizens in

designing smart cities, with a reward ranging from Rs 10,000 to Rs one lakh for winners.

"If we consider it as a problem, our approach to address it would be the same, but if we consider it an opportunity we would start thinking differently," he said.

Modi also took a veiled dig at the previous Congress governments, alleging that while they took the country on the reverse path, his government was finding new avenues to move forward.

Shri Modi said smart cities should not be seen as a fancy

concept since the mission is meant for ensuring availability of basic services to people through infrastructure including houses for urban poor in a comprehensive manner.

Expressing satisfaction over citizen participation in preparation of smart city plans, he said, over 25 lakh people have given serious suggestions to the government, which need to be taken seriously.

"Earlier competition was being run on who was left behind and who are poor. Ways were being found to move backwards. This is a government which is running a competition for finding ways to move forward," Shri Modi said.

The Prime Minister said it was not as if no work was done earlier or governments did not spend budgets, but wondered how some countries surpassed India in a short period despite attaining independence after it.

"I keep asking this question to myself and wonder. I discuss this with people and analyse old experiences.... if anyone is the smartest it is the citizen of the country.

"If the strength of 125 crore citizens is put to good use and their skills harnessed, they can do wonders. Then one does not require governments, the world will move faster on its own," he said.

Shri Modi said that is the reason why this smart city concept was evolved through public participation and stressed that if people are empowered and involved in participatory development the country would develop faster.

He urged people to rise to the challenge for improving urban areas and said the era of competition among cities and towns has come to stay.

He said that in all the recent surveys, Swachh Bharat Mission was ranked as the most popular of government's initiatives since the idea of sanitation appealed to people.

Modi launched the flagship Smart City Mission into implementation mode with the launch of 14 projects of Pune's Smart City Plan, a year after he set off the programme by releasing its guidelines.

He said urban spaces have to focus on solid and liquid waste management,

The Prime Minister also launched "Make Your City Smart" contest inviting people to come out with designs for street, junctions and open spaces and a "Smart Net Portal" which is a net based platform for sharing of ideas and sourcing of solutions for smart city development.

Minister of Urban Development Shri M Venkaiah Naidu said that the smart city projects launched today were the first shoots of urban renaissance taking place in the

country as a result of paradigm shift in the approaches to urban development ushered in by the government. He said what is happening in Pune today was "historic".

It is a turning point in the country's history. We have heard about cultural renaissance, but under Prime Minister Narendra Modi an urban renaissance is taking place," he said.

Shri Naidu said the the journey towards much desired urban transformation has begun in a 'Team India' spirit with the collective effort of people, urban local bodies and state governments.

"This marks the beginning of the much-needed urban transformation," he said, lauding Modi's efforts whom he described of the much-needed urban transformation," he said, lauding Modi's efforts whom he described as a "reformer, performer and transformer".

Chief Ministers of Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and Rajasthan briefed Modi via videoconferencing on the cities in the respective states selected for development under the project.

Maharashtra Governor Ch Vidyasagar Rao, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, Unions Ministers Venkaiah Naidu, Babul Supriyo and Prakash Javadekar, Maharashtra Minister Girish Bapat were present on the occasion.

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Light Combat Aircraft Tejas inducted in IAF

The Indian Air Force on 01 July inducted the first indigenous light combat aircraft (LCA) 'Tejas' into its No. 45 squadron, also called the 'Flying Daggers'. Tejas is the first advanced fly-by-wire (FBW) fighter aircraft designed and developed by the Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) and produced by Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL).

Group Captain Madhav Rangachari, an alumnus of the National Defence Academy, is the commanding officer of Flying Daggers. He was at the controls on the inaugural flight of the LCA on Friday. Apart from operational experience on Mirage-2000 and MiG-21 aircraft, he also has considerable experience flight-testing LCA prototypes.

Tejas is a fourth Plus generation aircraft with a glass cockpit and is equipped with state of the art satellite-aided Inertial Navigation System, the ministry of defence said on Friday. It has a computer-based attack system and autopilot and can fire air-to-air missiles and drop precision-guided munitions, the ministry said in a statement.

The single-seat fighter is considered superior to counterparts like the JF-17 aircraft jointly built by China and Pakistan. Tejas has had no accident in 3,000 hours of flying and its use of composites helps lower its radar signature, making it harder to detect early.

"Moment of national pride. Indigenously developed Tejas fighter jet inducted into air force. Tejas will take our air strength to new heights," Shri Manohar Parrikar, minister of defence, wrote on microblogging website Twitter. The induction of the aircraft will be done in a phased manner.

"Induction of indigenously made Tejas fighter jet into the air force fills our hearts with unparalleled pride and happiness. I laud HAL and ADA on the induction of Tejas fighter jet. This illustrates our skills and strengths to enhance indigenous defence



manufacturing", Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said in a statement. The name "Tejas", which means radiance in Sanskrit, was given by former Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee. ■

India maintains its supremacy over China in Pharmaceuticals

India's pharmaceutical exports continued its lead over China in 2015. While India's Pharma exports grew from US \$11.66 Billion to US \$12.54 Billion in 2015 recording a growth of 7.55%, China increased its exports of Pharma products from US \$6.59 Billion to US \$6.94 Billion showing a growth of 5.3% during the same period.

India moved ahead of China in all important markets such as US, European Union and Africa. India's exports of Pharma products to US jumped from US \$3.84 Billion to US \$4.74 Billion, a growth of 23.4% as against China's Pharma exports to US which moved from US \$1.16 Billion to US \$1.34 Billion in the same period showing a growth of 15%. India maintained its lead with growth in EU and Africa recording exports of US \$1.5 Billion and US \$3.04 Billion respectively while China's exports to EU & Africa showed a declining trend in both the markets. ■

Integral Humanism Revisited

✍ P. Parameswaran

Integral humanism is not a quick-fix solution for electoral success nor is it a convenient strategy for capturing power. It is not even a political philosophy devised to promote and support any political party. It is a comprehensive world-view which originated in India as a result of the profound insight of generations of wise men who are known as the 'Rishis'. It covers every spectrum of human life and its foundations are eternally sound and always relevant. It is from that rich philosophy that the great Indian culture evolved. Any truly nationalist movement can benefit from this all embracing philosophy. It is inclusive of spiritual as well as material progress of mankind.

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Integral Humanism will ultimately lead humanity to the threshold of a higher level of social evolution. As stated earlier Man is an evolutionary being and has yet to evolve further so that he could progressively manifest his Divinity. In Western paradigm he is called variously as a social, political, economic or national animal. He is all these but potentially much more. At present he is distinguished from other living beings by his rationality which has given him a good deal of leverage over every other creation. All the advances which he has made, which are the characteristics of the present civilization, are the outcome of his capacity to act in a rational manner. 'Science and Technology' is the flowering of this unique human faculty. It has worked wonders but simultaneously it has created problems of catastrophic consequences. In the utilization of his power of reasoning, it seems, he has forgotten the very purpose of this talent which he gifted with. Very often we find the present day civilized man acting in a way detrimental to the society, bringing about destruction of environment, extinction and endangering of innumerable species and threatening his own future. The hall mark of today's much flaunted civilization is extreme vulgar consumerism. Today neither his rationality nor social or political thinking

seems to guide him in the right direction. Economic motive is paramount but economy devoid of humanism motivates only consumerism. In many respects man whose next higher stage of evolution is to manifest his divinity, appears to be sinking below the level of beastiality, because animals neither

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act against their own interest nor indulge in pleasures beyond the permissible level.

Man has the capacity of discrimination to choose whether he should sink further down or climb higher up in the scale of evolution. What distinguishes as Man from Animal is *Dharma*. The old wisdom says that a Man devoid of *Dharma* is only an animal. The present critical stage demands a *Dharma*-based society. That is what integral humanism actually proposes. Every field of operation should be governed by the rule of *Dharma*, whether it is economic or politics. It is legitimate for man to earn money and enjoy happiness. But these should be on the basis of *Dharma*. The ultimate goal is *Moksha*. Man

should live a full life, as an integral part of the society, responsible to the nation, and contributing for the welfare of the humanity governed his life by *Dharma*. When such a well balanced society is established wherein material prosperity and spiritual enlightenment go hand in hand, it can be stated that an ideal condition prevails. Such a stable *Dharmic* society will provide the conducive and congenial basis for future evolution. At that level Man will transcend the limitations of rationality and enter into a higher realm where the law of the spirit will operate. Shri Aurobindo calls it a 'spiritualized society'. It is only at that level that the cause of the present maladies could be totally eliminated. To bring out such an era the condition precedent is the establishment of 'Dharma Rajya' or 'Rama Rajya'. That is what Integral humanism aims at and we believe that it is the divinely ordained duty of Bharat.

As to the nature of a 'spiritualised society' Shri Aurobindo's vision is as follows:-

"A spiritualised society would treat in its sociology the individual, from the saint to the criminal, not as units of a social problem to be passed through some skillfully devised machinery and either flattened into the social mould or crushed out of it, but as souls suffering and entangled in a net and to be rescued, souls growing and to be encouraged to grow, souls grown and from whom help and power can be drawn by the lesser spirits who are not yet adult.

The aim of its economics would be not to create a huge engine of production, whether of the competitive or the co-operative kind, but to give to men - not only to some but to all men each in his highest possible measure - the joy of work according to their own nature and free leisure to grow inwardly, as well as a simply rich and beautiful life for all. In its politics it would not regard the nations within

the scope of their own internal life as enormous State machines regulated and armoured with man living for the sake of the machine and worshipping it as his God and his larger self, content at the first call to kill others upon its altar and to bleed there himself so that the machine may remain intact and powerful and be made ever larger, more complex, more cumbrous, more mechanically efficient and entire. Neither would it be content to maintain these nations

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or States in their mutual relations as noxious engines meant to discharge poisonous gas upon each other in peace and to rush in times of clash upon each other's armed hosts and unarmed millions, full of belching shot and men missioned to murder like hostile tanks in a modern battlefield. It would regard the peoples as group - souls, the Divinity concealed and to be self-discovered in its human collectivities, group -souls meant like the individual to grow according to their own nature and by that growth to help each other, to help the whole race in the one common work of humanity. And that work would be to find the divine Self in the individual and the collectivity and to realize spiritually, mentally, virtually, materially its greatest, largest, richest and deepest possibilities in the inner life of all and their outer action and nature.

(Page no- 241-42, *The Human Cycle The Ideal of Human Unity War and Self - Determination*, Shri. Aurobindo.)

To continue...

We Accept The Challenge

-Atal Bihari Vajpayee

COME, let the drops of Panditji's blood serve us as marks of sandal-paste on our foreheads and inspire us to march firmly towards our goal. Let us bear a spark from his pyre in our hearts and exert ourselves to our utmost. Let us make out of the bones of this Dadhichi our thunderbolts to attack the vrtrasuras of our times and to protect this holy land from all dangers.

The Nanda-deep has been put out. Now we shall have to burn our lives bright to fight the forces of darkness. The moon has been eclipsed. Now we have to seek our way in whatever light the twinkling stars shed. We have lost our friend, companion, leader and guide. He will remain enshrined in our hearts as we advance, which we must, towards our goal. Panditji's was a dedicated life. Every moment of his life, as every atom of his body, was an offering at the feet of the nation, which was his God. The whole country was his home and the whole people his family. Only one dream filled his eyes, only one vow permeated his life.

Politics for him was a means, not the end, a way, not the goal. He wanted to spiritualize politics. He derived inspiration from India's glorious past because he wanted to build a glorious future. Though his ideas received their vital nourishment from the age-old and inexhaustible springs of our national culture, he was far from



being a traditionalist. He wanted to lay the foundation of a glorious future by making India a prosperous, modern nation.

He was a great thinker. He never allowed his thinking to fall into a ready-made rut. He has taught us to be proud of the past but at the same time ready to accept the challenges of the future. What Jana Sangh is today is all his creation.

No office could ever tempt him. Though never an M.P. himself, he was a maker of M.Ps. He never sought any honour or position, and it was with great difficulty that he was persuaded to be the president. He gave us the call of awakening, saying "Let us move beyond the Vindhyas till we reach Kanyakumari, where the sea washes eternally the feet of Mother India, and awaken the people with the mantrap of unity. It was under his leadership that we pledged ourselves to carry the message of unity throughout the length and breadth of the country.

We attended the successful session of the party under his presidentship at Calicut, which brought home to the people the

historic mission of the Jana sangh. It gave people new hope and new confidence. People inside as well as outside India were impressed, and said there is a transformation in the party. But they were wrong. The transformation had not come over Jana Sangh, it had come over their own eyes. Some of these eyes were eyes full of sin; of jealousy, of angry violence. They could not tolerate this glory of our success, and so Panditji was taken away from us.

Nobody exactly knows the circumstances of his death. The man at whose call hundreds of thousands would have readily suffered death was cut away from life in the darkness of the night, was taken away from his followers, was separated from his countrymen and thrown into the jaws of death, into the void of the unknown. This fact we shall never forget, this wound will ever remain unhealed in our hearts, this barb will ever rankle in our minds. Panditji has fulfilled the vow of his life by his martyrdom. His work was the mission of his life and he lived and gave his life for it. But his dream still remains unfulfilled, his work remains still incomplete.

The attack on his life is an attack on the life of the nation. Each wound on his body is a blow struck at democracy. We accept this challenge of the enemies of the nation and of democracy. ■

(From Funeral oration on February 18, 1968 at Prayag.)

Oust the corrupt Congress regime and give a chance to BJP in the next elections: Amit Shah



BJP National President Shri Amit Shah at the Shankhnaad rally held in Haridwar on 25 June, 2016 launched an all-out attack at the Harish Rawat led Congress government for its rank corruption, incompetence and non-performance.

Shri Shah exhorted the crowd to oust the corrupt Congress regime and give a chance to the BJP in the next elections. If you do so, we will make Uttarakhand the No.1 state in the country, he added.

Shri Shah said now the time has come. *Upar bhi BJP hai. Agar Uttarakhand ki janata neeche bhi kamal laati hai toh*

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vikas he vikas Uttarakhand ke liye hai [the BJP is at the Centre, and if the people of Uttarakhand vote the lotus to power here too, the State's progress will be guaranteed].

He also enumerated the Modi government's achievements in the last two years. "The Modi government developed a package of Rs

12,000 crore to connect the *char dhams* with two-lane roads. This was our gift to *devbhoomi*. Uttarakhand stands to develop if it has a BJP government which can work in tandem with the BJP-led government at the Centre," he said.

In a reference to the rising migration from hill villages, Shri Shah said, "*Pahar ka paani aur pahar ki jawani pahar mein hi rokenge* (We will stop the outward flow of waters from the state's rivers and the migration of the youth)."

Ridiculing Rahul Gandhi for questioning what the BJP government had done in the last two years, he said, "First and foremost, we have given

the country a prime minister who speaks as against the earlier prime minister, who never spoke. Or, even when he spoke, it was only Sonia Gandhi and Rahul who could hear and understand him."

He contrasted the NDA government's two years of absolutely no corruption with the UPA government's alleged corruption involving a whopping Rs.12 lakh crore.

BJP president Shri Amit Shah said the scams to the tune of Rs. 12 lakh crore took place during the 10 year rule

Referring to the recent floor test in the Uttarakhand assembly the BJP president alleged that in the floor test, Mr. Rawat received 33 votes against the BJP, which got 28, and, all those who voted for him were given various posts by the Chief Minister to return the favour.

The money of the people and for the people of Uttarakhand is being spent on these ministers," he said, adding that the Rawat government had no moral right to continue in power.

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He also targeted the Harish Rawat-led Congress government in the state, alleging that it had used money power to win the trust vote. He said that the state government had been unsuccessful on every front in the last 2 years.

Shri Shah alleged that in the past two years, the Rawat government had indulged in liquor scam, and land scam.

"Recently a sting was done on Harish Rawat where he said he would give Rs. 5 crore to each MLA. The money is of the people of Uttarakhand. The people who took Rs. 5 crore are sitting there [in the Rawat government] and those who didn't are sitting here, he said, pointing to the BJP leaders from Uttarakhand present at the rally.

The BJP national president said the Harish Rawat government is the most corrupt ever. While CM himself bribes MLAs to save his government, he accuses us of indulging in horse-trading

and engineering defection. He also came down heavily on the Congress Party for charging the BJP with murder of democracy in Uttarakhand.

"The Emergency which the Congress party imposed on the country came into force on June 25, exactly 41 years ago. It was the RSS, Jan Sangh and subsequently the Janata Party that fought to safeguard democracy in the country. One feels like laughing when Congress talks of democracy," he added.

The other BJP leaders who spoke at the rally including Shri Vijay Bahuguna also attacked the Rawat government and asked the people to root out Congress from the state in the next assembly elections. Uttarakhand will not only be Congress-free, it will also develop fast under the BJP led by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi," said Bahuguna.

"All the money allotted by the Central government for Uttarakhand would be of use to the people of the State only if the BJP comes to power here," Shri Shah said, who had visited the shrines of Kedarnath and Badrinath just before addressing the rally in Haridwar.

Among others prominent BJP leaders of the state including former CMs Shri Bhagat Singh Koshiyari, Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank', Shri BC Khanduri as well as other senior leaders also present.■

Yoga is not about what one will get, but it is about what one can give up : PM



The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on June 21 celebrated the second International Day of Yoga at Chandigarh, where he joined approximately 30,000 participants in a mass Yoga demonstration. On the day union ministers also celebrated Yoga day in different places countrywide. Home minister Shri Rajnath Singh attended the celebration at Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh. Likewise almost all ministers participated at different parts of the country. 192 countries of the world celebrates Yoga.

Addressing the gathering at the iconic Capitol Complex, the Prime Minister said that people in all parts of the country have connected with Yoga. He said that the world has come forward to support the idea of International Day of Yoga. He added that all sections of society too, have come together in this endeavour.

The Prime Minister said that the International Day of Yoga is a day linked to good health, and it has become a mass movement. He said that Yoga is not about what one will get, but it is about what

one can give up. He said that with zero budget, Yoga provides health assurance, and does not discriminate between rich and poor.

The Prime Minister called for focus in the next one year, on how to mitigate diabetes through Yoga. He said that to honour those who are working to popularize Yoga, two awards will be instituted, one at the national level, and the other at the international level.

The Prime Minister walked amidst, joined, and mingled with the participants of the mass Yoga demonstration.

Highlights of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's Yoga Day speech

- ▶ The whole world supported the resolution on Yoga Day. We got support from all sections of society
- ▶ We did not have health insurance in olden times. With zero budget, yoga provides health assurance. Yoga does not discriminate between rich and poor
- ▶ Yoga is not about what one will get, it is about

what one can give up.

- ▶ Yoga is also turning into a profession and is providing employment to many.
- ▶ There are countries around the world which have 24 hours dedicated TV channels for Yoga.
- ▶ Eminent gynecologists suggest pregnant women to practice Yoga as it helps them stay healthy.
- ▶ We are disconnected from ourselves in today's times. Therefore, Yoga helps us in reconnecting with ourselves.
- ▶ Let Yoga be popularized across the world. Let yoga teachers be produced from India.
- ▶ Yoga is not just about getting rid of diseases (ailments) but it is a guarantee of wellness.
- ▶ The way mobile phone has become a part of life, you can make Yoga a part of your life too.
- ▶ Yoga does not discriminate between rich and poor. Today more and more gynaecologists are recommending Yoga for pregnant women.
- ▶ This is a day linked with good health and now it has become a people's mass movement.
- ▶ The UN is celebrating International Yoga Day all over the world. It was started last year on India's request. This day was picked as it is the

longest day and the Earth is closest to the Sun
I really feel some people don't fully understand the power and benefits of Yoga.

- ▶ The world supported the idea of International Day of Yoga. All sections of society came together in this endeavour.
- ▶ This is a day linked with good health and now it has become a people's mass movement.
- ▶ Important to integrate yoga with our lives. Do not wait, make yoga a part of your life.
- ▶ Let's make yoga more popular globally. Let India produce good yoga teachers.
- ▶ Yoga will connect you to yourself, which is vital in these times when everyone is so busy
- ▶ Let's focus on one thing in the coming days, how to mitigate diabetes through yoga. Diabetes can surely be controlled through yoga.
- ▶ Today on the second International Yoga Day, on behalf of the Indian Govt, I am announcing 2 awards. Next year, on this day these awards will be given on behalf of India for the best contribution to yoga internationally and second the best contribution to yoga within India.■

Mauritius will release stamps on 'International Yoga Day' and Amrut Mahotsav of Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay: Anerood Jugnauth

Former Union Minister and BJP National Executive Member Shri Satpal Maharaj visited Mauritius and met Mauritius Prime Minister Shri Anerood Jugnauth on 18 June, 2016. Shri Jugnauth highly appreciated Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's initiatives to popularize Yoga, worldwide.

He said now every year the world will celebrate 'International Yoga Day' on June 21 and it is a historic achievement for India.

Prime Minister Shri Jugnauth assured Shri Satpal Maharaj that Mauritius will release postal stamps on the occasion of 'International Yoga Day' and the Amrut Mahotsav of Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay. He added it will improve further the bilateral relations and friendship between India and Mauritius. (FOC)■



Only BJP, not BSP, can defeat SP : Amit Shah

BJP national president Shri Amit Shah on July 02, 2016 said only BJP can defeat the Samajwadi Party in Uttar Pradesh, not the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP). Addressing a 'Jan Swabhiman rally', organised by NDA ally Apna Dal to mark the 67th birth anniversary of its founder Sone Lal Patel in Rohaniya, Varanasi, Shri Shah said it is high time the people uproot the Samajwadi government and vote in a BJP government.



"It is the Samajwadi government which is actually stalling development. The benefits of the Modi government are not reaching the poor in Uttar Pradesh because the state government is a barrier.

The transformer of this government in Lucknow has been burnt and time has come for a replacement", he said.

The BJP President also lashed out at the SP government for not taking steps to end the backwardness of Purvanchal region. "What has Mulayam Singh done for Purvanchal? What has Rahul Gandhi's Baba, dadi, and papa sarkar done for the poor?

We have given free gas connections, opened bank accounts for the poor but neither the Congress nor the SP have done anything for the

poor", he said.

Shri Shah also lashed out at Rahul Gandhi, questioning the need for asking a two-year-old about the work done by the Modi government, however, he never gave the ten-year account of the UPA government.

"Rahul baba is wearing Italian glasses and cannot see Indian reality. When his party was in power, our soldiers were being beheaded but now our jawans respond with 'golas' if the neighbours send us "golis", he said.

Shri Amit Shah also launched an attack on Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar for his overtures in the State ahead of the 2017 Assembly elections and advised voters to vote sensibly.

Dismissing Mr. Nitish as a "votekatua" (vote-splitter), Shri Shah said Bihar leader's increasing presence in

Purvanchal was merely to distract voters and provide benefit to the Samajwadi Party.

"Even Nitish Kumar knows not a single MLA of his can win in UP. I ask of Nitish Babu, he cannot handle the law and order situation in Patna, what good will he do in U.P?" Shri Shah told the huge gathering at the rally.

Recalling the contribution of late Dr. Sonelal Patel, the BJP president said that Dr Patel's contribution towards the upliftment of the poor and downtrodden cannot be ignored and said that the BJP offered glowing tributes to the late leader.

Senior BJP leaders Shri Om Mathur, Shri Keshav Maurya and Apna Dal MP and Union Minister Ms. Anupriya Patel also addressed the rally. ■

19 new minister inducted in council of Ministers



The Union Council of Ministers was expanded with the induction of 19 new Ministers of State on July 5. Shri Prakash Javadekar, Minister of State with Independent Charge of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has been elevated as Cabinet Minister.

Of the 19 new Ministers inducted on July 5 from 10 States, 15 have past legislative experience in the Parliament and in State Legislatures with 10 of them having served in central and state governments as Ministers and officials.

The new inducted ministers are Prakash Javadekar(Cabinet),Shri Faggan Singh Kulaste(MoS), Shri S. S. Ahluwalia(MoS),Shri Rajen Gohain(MoS), Shri C.R.Chaudhary(MoS), Mansukh Lakshmanbhai Mandaviya(MoS), Shri Vijay Goel(MoS),Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal(MoS), Shri Ramdas Athawale(MoS), Smt Anupriya Singh Patel(MoS), Shri Anil Madhav Dave(MoS), Shri P.P. Chaudhary(MoS), Dr. Subhash Ramrao Bhamre(MoS), Shri M J Akbar(MoS), Shri Ramesh Chandappa Jigajinagi(MoS), Shri Jaswantsinh Sumanbhai Bhabhor(MoS), Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey(MoS), Shri Parsottam Rupala(MoS) and Shri Ajay Tamta(MoS), Smt. Krishna Raj(MoS).

Complete list of the ministers after reshuffle

PRIME MINISTER

Narendra Modi

Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Department of Atomic Energy Department of SpaceAll important policy issues and all other portfolios not allocated to any Minister

CABINET MINISTERS

Rajnath Singh

Home Affairs

Sushma Swaraj

External Affairs

Arun Jaitley

Finance, Corporate Affairs

M Venkaiah Naidu

Urban Development, Housing & Urban
Poverty Alleviation, Information &
Broadcasting

Nitin Jairam Gadkari

Road Transport and Highways, Shipping

Manohar Parrikar

Defence

Suresh Prabhu

Railways

D. V. Sadananda Gowda

Statistics & Programme Implementation

Uma Bharati

Water Resources, River Development &
Ganga Rejuvenation

Najma A. Heptulla

Minority Affairs

Shri Ramvilas Paswan

Consumer Affairs, Food & Public
Distribution

Kalraj Mishra

Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises

Maneka Sanjay Gandhi

Women & Child Development

Ananth Kumar

Chemicals & Fertilizers, Parliamentary Affairs

Ravi Shankar Prasad

Law & Justice, Electronics & Information
Technology

Jagat Prakash Nadda

Health & Family Welfare

Ashok Gajapathi Raju Pusapati

Civil Aviation

Anant Geete

Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises

Harsimrat Kaur Badal

Food Processing Industries

Narendra Singh Tomar

Rural Development, Panchayati Raj,
Drinking Water & Sanitation

Chaudhary Birender Singh

Steel

Jual Oram

Tribal Affairs

Radha Mohan Singh

Agriculture & Farmers Welfare

Thaawar Chand Gehlot

Social Justice and Empowerment

Smriti Zubin Irani

Textiles

Dr. Harsh Vardhan

Science & Technology Earth Sciences

Prakash Javadekar

Human Resource Development

MINISTERS OF STATE**Rao Inderjit Singh**

Planning (Independent Charge),
Urban Development, Housing & Urban
Poverty Alleviation

Bandaru Dattatreya

Labour & Employment
(Independent Charge)

Rajiv Pratap Rudy

Skill Development & Entrepreneurship
(Independent Charge)

Vijay Goel

Youth Affairs and Sports (Independent
Charge), Water Resources, River
Development & Ganga Rejuvenation

Shripad Yesso Naik

AAYUSH (Independent Charge)

Dharmendra Pradhan

Petroleum and Natural Gas (Independent
Charge)

Piyush Goyal

Power (Independent Charge), Coal
(Independent Charge), New and
Renewable Energy (Independent Charge),
Mines (Independent Charge)

Jitendra Singh

Development of North Eastern Region
(Independent Charge), Prime Minister's
Office Personnel, Public Grievances &
Pensions Department of Atomic Energy,
Department of Space

Nirmala Sitharaman

Commerce and Industry (Independent Charge)

Mahesh Sharma

Culture (Independent Charge)
Tourism (Independent Charge)

Manoj Sinha

Communications (Independent Charge),
Railways

Anil Madhav Dave

Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Independent Charge)

General V. K. Singh

External Affairs

Santosh Kumar Gangwar

Finance

Faggan Singh Kulaste

Health & Family Welfare

Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi

Minority Affairs, Parliamentary Affairs

SS Ahluwalia

Agriculture & Farmers Welfare,
Parliamentary Affairs

Ramdas Athawale

Social Justice & Empowerment

Ram Kripal Yadav

Rural Development

Haribhai Parthibhai Chaudhary

Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises

Giriraj Singh

Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises

Hansraj Gangaram Ahir

Home Affairs

G M Siddeshwara

Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises

Ramesh Chandappa Jigajinagi

Drinking Water & Sanitation

Rajen Gohain

Railways

Parshottam Rupala

Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Panchayati Raj

MJ Akbar

External Affairs

Upendra Kushwaha

Human Resources Development

Radhakrishnan P

Road Transport & Highways Shipping

Kiren Rijiju

Home Affairs

Krishan Pal

Social Justice & Empowerment

Jasvantsinh Sumanbhai Bhabhor

Tribal Affairs

Sanjeev Kumar Balyan

Water Resources, River Development &
Ganga Rejuvenation

Vishnu Deo Sai

Steel

Sudarshan Bhagat

Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

Y S Chowdary

Science & Technology, Earth Science

Jayant Sinha

Civil Aviation

Col. Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore

Information & Broadcasting

Babul Supriyo

Urban Development,
Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation

Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti

Food Processing Industries

Vijay Sampla

Social Justice & Empowerment

Arjun Ram Meghwal

Finance Corporate Affairs

Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey

Human Resource Development

Ajay Tamta

Textiles

Krishna Raj

Women & Child Development

Mansukh L. Mandaviya

Road Transport & Highways Shipping,
Chemicals & Fertilizers

Anupriya Patel

Health & Family Welfare

CR Chaudhary

Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution

P P Chaudhary

Law & Justice, Electronics & Information
Technology

Subhash Ramrao Bhamre

Defence

Empowering people with Financial Inclusion

By Purnima Sharma

Sogada, a small village of Jashpur district in Chhattisgarh, is beautifully nestled in the lap of nature. The picturesque settlement is surrounded by green hills which make the village somewhat difficult to access. Not surprisingly, this inaccessibility has added to the difficulties being faced by the villagers in this region. Ask Roshni Bai, a resident of this village who says that the nearest bank to this village is 15 kilometer far, and for this very reason, the banking services were beyond the reach of villagers.

Even after 69 years of Independence, people like Roshni Bai could not be brought within the banking system. Roshni Bai and their future generations could have been living in the same conditions, but for a new change occurred. Some 'Bank Mitras' from a bank visited her village and explained the meaning of savings and availing banking services at their door step. It was a new dawn for the villagers. People from the bank explained the benefits of opening a bank account to them. They were also told that they didn't need to visit bank now and for banking services. Bank Correspondents will provide most of the banking services to them at their doorstep. After knowing all this, there was no reason for them but to open a bank account.

Roshni Bai now has a fair amount of savings in her bank

account and this has encouraged her and her husband to save more. The couple is now planning to enhance their monthly deposits and save enough money to buy a scooter for the household. This would enhance the mobility of family members and help increase the income. For the first time, Roshni Bai and crores of such

initiated to provide bank account and banking services to each household in the country so as to have comprehensive financial inclusion. So far, as on 29th June, 2016, more than 22.29 crore new bank accounts have been opened under the Yojna with a total deposits of over Rs 39,251.57 crore in these accounts, and

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people now have bank in their lives, and it happened only due to Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojna (PMJDY).

Under this Scheme, a majority of people who opened their bank accounts were earlier outside the periphery of banking system. The number of people who have been included in the banking system, in such a short time, is a global record. Both public and private banks have been roped in for this scheme.

The Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) was launched on August 28, 2014 by the Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi in the national capital with a vision to bring unbanked section of the society into mainstream banking. The Scheme was

overdraft facility has been availed in about 20 lakhs accounts.

Out of all the accounts opened under the scheme, 61% are in rural areas and more than 52% are women account holders.

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Guinness Book of World Records has recognized the Achievements made under

PMJDY especially the largest number of bank accounts opened under PMJDY in a shortest time.

The most striking feature of this Scheme is that instead of delivering banking services to villages, the focus is on households. Earlier, cities were not included in the scheme assuming that banks were already there. But 8.60 crore accounts opened in cities under PMJDY showed that it was needed in cities too. Through this Scheme, banks also got an opportunity to tap the saving potential of the common man.

Apart from this, provision has also been made that accounts opened under this scheme are connected with mobile phones so that account holder can directly get information about transactions in their accounts.

Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) has proved to be a major job creator. Empowering people by financial inclusion, and creating self-employment by increasing the availability of credit is one aspect of the scheme. This Scheme also enabled banks to create jobs for more than 1.26 lakh Banking Correspondents who are delivering banking services to households at their door step. Banking Correspondents in many ways acts as ATM too for many people. They help people to open bank account, deliver their money and also in claiming insurance. In a very short span of time, Bank Correspondents/Bank Mitras have become very popular in the rural areas.

The objective of PMJDY is to bring common people within

the sphere of social security. After Independence, the concept of welfare State has been talked about much but, how to take it to the common man has not been thought-out. As a result, lot of Government policies were formulated but their execution was poor. Money that had to reach to the masses from the Centre and State capitals used to remain unutilized or got evaporated midway somewhere.

The previously existing system was the cause of corruption where there was no provision to check whether the actual benefit of the scheme has reached to the intended beneficiary or not. A former Prime Minister's statement was much talked about when he said that only 16 paise out of a rupee reaches to the actual beneficiaries of the Government funds released by the Centre for their welfare Schemes..

The Constitution, specifically, Article 41 of Directive Principles of State Policy, asks the State to "make effective provision for securing the right to work, to education and to public assistance in cases of unemployment, old age, sickness and disablement, and in other cases within the limits of its economic capacity and development.."

As the Directive Principles are not binding on the Government, there has never been much emphasis on it in earlier regimes to ensure social security for citizens.

So, the fundamental change in the methods of carrying-out the schemes was needed. Even

after six decades of independence, the Government schemes could not achieve the desired results in the area of social security. And millions of people have been left-out of the banking system. Therefore, there was a need to involve the people themselves, so that they can create their own future. At the same time, the need to include private sector was also felt. The Government is working on the very fundamental change and this transformation is indeed speedy.

Previously, poor people had to put in tiring efforts and many formalities had to be fulfilled just to open a bank account. Now they have got enough strength from the system and merely with an identity proof or self certification, an account can be opened and banking services can be availed.

With Jan Dhan, Aadhar and Mobile (JAM) technology, bank accounts are connected and middleman can no longer exploit the poor people. Social Welfare schemes were earlier more of a boon for middleman who used to siphon-off bulk of the funds by taking advantage of flaws/ loopholes in the system. Ghost beneficiaries were also one of the facet through which middleman made profit. Now with Jan Dhan, Aadhar and Mobile (JAM) have eliminated the middleman altogether. Now the money is being transferred directly into the target beneficiary's account. Such Schemes are definitely the need of the hour and play an important role in transforming the lives of people and the country at large. ■

Shyama Prasad ji laid down his life for unity and integrity of the country : Amit Shah



On 29th June 2016 Nehru Memorial Museum and Library and Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation jointly organized an Exhibition on 'Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee: A Selfless Patriot' in New Delhi. In this programme BJP National President enlightened the audience with his thoughtful speech. We are publishing the translated version of the speech for our esteemed readers:

His Excellency Shri Tathagat Ray ji, Union Minister Shri Mahesh Sharma ji, Professor Lokesh Chandra ji, Sanjeev Mittal ji and my friend Dr. Anirban Ganguli ji and all dignitaries present in this august house, it is a matter of great pleasure for me that the Nehru Memorial Library is observing the *Balidaan Divas* of Late Shri Shyama Prasad Mookerjee. However, the exclusive day has already passed but the memory of his sacrifice is always there in our mind.

To observe the day, an exhibition along with a small event which is based on the life of Shri Mookerjee have been planned today. I am really thankful to the institution from the core of my heart to organize this

memorable day.

I am not here in the capacity of the President of the Bharatiya Janata Party. It is my individual respect to revered Shri Mookerjee, however it is just a coincidence that Shri Mookerjee was also the President of the then Bharatiya Jan Sangh. Today the same Bharatiya Jan Sangh is functioning as Bharatiya Janata Party.

As the president of BJP I am here to talk about injustice done by history in terms of non recognition of the good deeds and sacrifice of an eminent academician and patriot none other than Shri Mookerjee. He was the man of morale, man of values and an extraordinary academician. He was never attached to any post or materialistic things.

But history did not do justice to such a pure soul who never hesitated in renouncing all powers and politics at a finger tips if he found renunciation is the solution for the betterment of the country and countrymen. He always kept everything at stake for the integrity and unity of this country.

My dear friends, I am here to talk about the same stalwart Shri Mookerjee. He was the man with multifaceted personality. If we try to know about one side of his personality it may take hours. It is not possible to describe a man who was having a personality with countless dimensions in just fifteen minutes.

Even if we talk about his determination, his deeds, sacrifices for the country, it will take hours. There are many aspects of his life but I have been given only fifteen minutes time, but it may take easily fifteen minutes for me to discuss on a single aspect of his life. However, keeping the schedule of this institution in mind, I will say few things from all spheres of his life and personality.

He was a man of versatile talent. He became Barrister at an early age, then Vice-Chancellor and promoted Bangla as a medium of instruction - these are few amongst those achievements.

Here, I want to focus on most important three points for which Dr. Mookerjee will be remembered in future by the people of India. When a person is in the process of performing his duty, he does not know and care how the history will evaluate his performance especially human being like Shri Mookerjee who had been selfless throughout his life and never cared for his own name and fame.

His principles and thoughts were beyond

any personal ambition. He always thought for his country, lived for his country and finally he died for his country. He always took decision, fearlessly in order to solve the contemporary problems of this country. Now the responsibility of projecting a real patriot rests with the contemporary historians.

The historians must be free from prejudice, biased opinion and thoughts about any caste, creed, religion, party and fundamental thoughts. Unfortunately, biased historians manipulated with the history of this country

merely for the sake of their self interest. At first it was torn and manipulated by Britishers and thereafter by leftists. Owing to that Shri Mookerjee couldn't get his right place in the history of this country, which he deserved otherwise. However, I believe that it is an unforgivable sin.

The three most important contributions of Shri Mookerjee which I like to talk about were partition of Bengal, establishment of Jan Sangh and agitation to solve the Kashmir problem. These three are such an important point which had changed course of the history in our country.

My dear friends, to oppose the Bengal partition there was a major agitation.

It is known to very few people that there was an agitation to divide Bengal. If that agitation had not had happened, today Kolkata would not have been the part of India.

In 1946, when Labor party came into power it was decided that India should be liberated. As the house said there was no talk about the partition of India because Muslim League and Congress both had advocated undivided India. But with the passage of time circumstances compelled to divide India.

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However, the then Congress leadership could have avoided this partition. When India got divided the leadership of the country developed a major principle that whichever state has majority of any community (Hindu or Muslim) it would be included or made part of accordingly. None of the country was ever divided based on the idea of religion but based on the notion of religion the partition of the country was accepted. It was absolutely a hastily taken decision.

Two provinces of the country wherein the Muslims were in majority but the Hindus were in good numbers and the kind of atmosphere which was created at that time, it appeared

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that we would lose Bengal and Punjab. Shri Shyama Prasad Mookerjee called intellectual Bengali Hindus and proposed to them let Bengal be divided on the basis of East and West Bengal. His intention was not to let whole Bengal being given to Pakistan. In order to do this he called a three day conference for discussion and as a result, a thought came out which reached to youngsters.

There was a magazine called Amrit Bazar Patrika which conducted a survey and the conclusion of the survey was that 98.99 percent people of Bengal wanted a division of Bengal. This decision was accepted and Bengal was divided. Thus Shyama Prasad Mukherjee could save part of Bengal from going to Pakistan.

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In that adverse situation many eminent leaders of the Congress were tempted to get the independence as soon as possible so that they could get their desired position before they die. But very young leader like Shri Mookerjee thought that we should not make this mistake, otherwise we would lose Bengal. Once again I want to highlight that the credit of keeping Bengal intact with India goes to Shri Shyama Prasad Mookerjee.

My dear Friends, when we got the freedom it was a matter of concern as to who should be sent to the legislative assembly to represent Bengal. Even the leaders from the Congress suggested the name of Shri Mookerjee. I want to share that he was the then president of the Hindu Mahasabha.

When government was formed it was a coalition government and one representative had to be taken from the Hindu Mahasabha. Shri Mookerjee was given the responsibility of Industry Ministry, and as an Industry Minister he also performed his duty well. He was very much worried being in the cabinet of Jawaharlal Nehru about the future growth and prospect of the country.

Policies were being framed - foreign policies, economic policies, academic policies, agricultural policies and other important policies were being framed in that cabinet. But Shri Mookerjee was very much uncomfortable and unhappy with the process of policy making because the base of all the policies were influenced by the western thought. He thought this was the blunder which would mislead our country. He believed that policies of this country should have the flavour of the soil and culture of this country which must imbibe Indian-ness in absolute terms. Our philosophy must be reflected in our foreign and external policies. The economic policy and agricultural policy of our country must be an example for the rest of the world.

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country should have the aroma of our own soil. It should not be imported from the western culture. In all these circumstances he was very much uncomfortable and everyday he had to face this disagreement with the Nehru cabinet.

Nehru came out with the proposal before the then Prime Minister of Pakistan Mr. Liyakat Ali about the solution of minorities of eastern and western Pakistan. They were subject of great atrocities in the Pakistan; people were coming from East Pakistan to Tripura, Assam and West Bengal as refugees. They were being oppressed in Pakistan. Dr. Mookerjee wanted to raise the voice at global platform but Pt. Nehru did not pay any attention to any problem and signed an agreement with Liyakat Ali.

Dr. Mookerjee was very sad after this agreement and he resigned from the Nehru cabinet. He said, "The way our country is being governed I do not see prosperity of the country". So there was a clear cut difference between the thought of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee and the thought of Pt. Nehru.

Once somebody asked him 'what is the difference between the thought of the Congress and the Jan Sangh'. He replied in one line that Congress wants to construct and create a new country with a new thought but the Jan Sangh wants to reconstruct the country with its age old culture, tradition and existing values. The Congress assumed that the history of this country had to be written and there was no use of old values and culture. But Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee and his friends believed that India can be recreated, rebuild with its old culture and values.

Having left the cabinet of Pt. Nehru, Shri Mookerjee travelled extensively across the country and tried to associate likeminded people with him. Having discussed a lot with the people of all class, section and religion,

finally Shri Mookerjee decided to form a new political party which was named as Bharatiya Jan Sangh.

Friends, when Bharatiya Jan Sangh was established in 1951 at Raghomal Kanya Vidyalay in Delhi, no one had ever thought and imagined to come to power even in any municipal corporation. Deendyal Upadhyay ji, Atal ji, Jagdish Prasad Mathur ji and our Malhotra ji - all these youth had established the party.

Many youth came forward to form the party but enjoying power was not their objective at that time. Pt. Nehru and the Congress were at their peak and uttering even

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a sentence against them was considered to be a crime. Who could have imagined that Jana Sangh would ever come to power, it was considered almost impossible.

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A large team was constituted under the leadership of Pt. Deendyal to formulate a policy to provide a practical structure for each original idea and finally a single humanitarian approach emerged.

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formed the Jan Sangh. The country cannot run on a single thought, cannot function after giving up its ideology. This is India which can never function like those countries left without their history, language and culture. We cannot survive like Africa. Had we not combined the language of people, culture, music and history then we would have never been able to attain the respectable position in the world today and Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee achieved this by forming Jan Sangh.

The Jana Sangh which comprises of ten members is today world's largest political party with eleven crore members. I do not want to go into details of Bharatiya Janata Party but it is essential to mention in order to explain the life of Shyama Prasadji.

Friends, his third contribution was to provide a different point of view to the Kashmir issue. After independence, when Maharaja Hari Singh was not sure whether Kashmir should go with Pakistan or India, at that time, Pakistan army launched an attack with the help of tribes and later on Hari Singh merged Kashmir with India. No one knows till date why all of a sudden, without any reason, ceasefire was declared? No leader would have dared to commit such a historical blunder. Had Nehru not declared ceasefire, the entire Kashmir would have remained with us. All of a sudden, ceasefire was declared by Nehru just to improve his personal image due to which a major portion of Kashmir is still with Pakistan. Even after that, various types of rules and regulations were framed. I do not want to go into the details of section-370 but there was a ruling according to which any person going to Kashmir had to obtain a

permit from the Ministry of Defence, Government of India.

Friends, Shyama Prasadji immediately declared that this will not work. Every citizen of India has the right to go to Kashmir without any restrictions and no one can stop them and he took the movement in his own hands.

"There cannot be two heads and two rules in one country." At that time, the Chief Minister of Kashmir was known as the Prime

Minister and the governor of Kashmir was known as President and issuing of permit was also added to it. This was explained in details by the Hon'ble Governor in his speech today that Shyama Prasad resolved to start Satyagrah against it. He went in a passenger train from here. If Shyama Prasadji was to be arrested on charges of violating the permit then he should have been arrested at the beginning of Kashmir border. If he had to be arrested on account of violating the permit then his custody should have been with the Indian police but the custody was given to Kashmir police. He had been informed that he did not require a permit. He was arrested while crossing the Ravi river bridge saying that

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his presence can pose law and order problem. He was arrested under this section due to which the custody was given to Kashmir Police. I do not know why Shyama Prasadji was given a waiver of permit. Why he was not arrested at the India-Kashmir border, why his custody did not remain with Indian Police and remained with Jammu Kashmir Police and after taking custody, why such a big leader was taken from Jammu to Kashmir?

The Hon'ble Governor has used a very good word that he was kept in the 'Safe

house'. Nothing was there, friends, I have seen that place; I have seen its photograph. It was a hut of cement-concrete which did not even had doors and windows. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee was confined to such a congested place for many days. When his health deteriorated then ambulance was not called. He was taken to hospital in a jeep and there Shyama Prasadji died under mysterious circumstances.

A very large section of the society feels that Shyama Prasad Mookerjee was killed. Had this case been investigated then, the truth could have been made public. It is very unfortunate that the case was not investigated and Shyama Prasadji died. But I want to inform all of you that permit system was abolished from Kashmir only due to Shyama Prasadji. Indian flag is being hoisted there and they are still known as Chief Minister and Governor, not Prime Minister and President. Today, if Kashmir is an integral part of India and we have so much love for Kashmir and if Kashmir is still with India, it is only because of the sacrifice of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee. Kashmir is with us today only due to him.

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Hindu Mahasabha and then Mahatma Gandhi said publicly that after Madan Mohan Malaviya, it's Shyama Prasad only for whom Hindus have got such a great respect and Shyama Prasad in line with his nature said that now he would be known as follower of Manu. Gandhiji then said, "That you will have to bear with it because no one else can provide true leadership to the Hindus except you", such was his credibility, friends. He did not know what will happen to the permit system after his demise, just as Jatayu did not know that a powerful demon king, carrying Sita Devi away will kill him with his Chandrahaas sword. Although Jatayu was fully aware about the outcome of the battle but still he did not think twice. Similarly, Shyama Prasadji never thought how new thinking will impact India. He thought it better to put forth his ideas, to start movement for Kashmir. As

long we have such a leader, no harm shall ever come to this country. He never cared about allegations from pseudo-secularists. He presented his ideas fearlessly in front of his audience like a true orator. During those days, Mahabodhi Samaj was formed by combining Burma, Sri Lanka and Tibet and Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee was the non-Buddhist President of the Mahabodhi Samaj. Such a great persona met untimely death. Had Shyama Prasadji and Deendayalji duo lived for more years, we could have witnessed many changes in this country long back, but their thoughts are providing noble guidance to this country.

A magnificent exhibition has been organized on the life of Shri Shyama Prasad Mookerjee, speech made by him in the Constituent Assembly have been exhibited along with the letter written to Pt. Nehru by his mother, his photograph with Gandhiji, his photo as a Vice-Chancellor is also displayed here.

I feel this exhibition will prove to be an excellent medium to know about Shyama Prasadji and enlighten the paths and life of many workers and help to create a fearless personality.

I once again thank all the employees and officers of Nehru Memorial from the core of my heart for organizing such a magnificent programme. ■

If people of UP want development, they should puncture the cycle and throw it out: Amit Shah

Bharatiya Janata Party president Shri Amit Shah on Jul 01, 2016 sought support from the residents of Noida to ensure that BJP gets a clear majority in the 2017 UP assembly elections.

He was speaking at a 'conference of intellectuals' organised by the city BJP. He attacked the ruling Samajwadi Party government of UP and former Congress led UPA governments for halting the growth of the state and the country.

After our government completed two years, many leaders of parties in the opposition and media persons raised questions over our achievements. I am here to tell you what we have achieved. All of you are aware what situation the country was facing two years ago and now you can see how our country is shining in the world, Shri Shah said.

He said the first thing the BJP gave the country after coming to power is a prime minister "who can speak".

The earlier government had ministries and each minister considered himself or herself as a prime minister. Nobody cared about who the PM was, he said.

He told people about the Pradhanmatri Jan Dhan



Yojana, Namami Gange Yojana, Give It Up scheme and other schemes of the government and claimed that the BJP-led NDA is coming out with a new scheme every 15 days.

He also attacked the Samajwadi Party government for halting the central government's schemes and not letting the farmers and residents of UP to get benefits from it.

"Suppose there is a power house. High tension wires are passing above each village. Nobody can connect their households appliances directly to high tension wires. They need small transformers. And if the small transformers don't work, people won't get electricity. This state government is like a defunct transformer and the power house is the central

government. So the people of UP must fix this to get the benefit of the power house," he said targeting the UP government.

Local MP and Union Minister Dr. Mahesh Sharma said the central and state governments have agreed to construct an airport in Jewar and more than 80 assembly constituencies will benefit from it.

"Very soon, we are going to get an airport as both the governments have agreed to it," Dr. Sharma said.

UP BJP President Shri Keshav Prasad Maurya said, "If the people of UP want development, they should puncture the cycle (Samajwadi Party) and throw it out. Time has come to rise and open the doors of development in the upcoming elections by voting for the BJP." (FOC) ■