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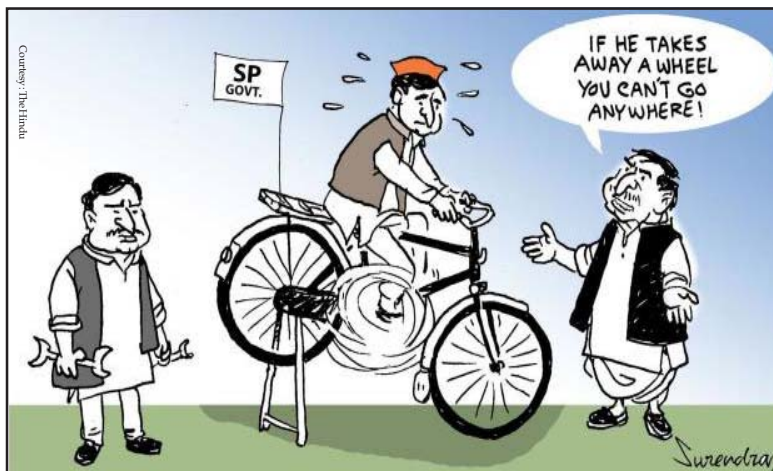
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ये मे मतमिदं नित्यमनुतिष्ठन्ति मानवः ।
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Those human beings who always execute regularly these injunctions of Mine with full faith, without envy; all of them become free from the bondage of reactions from actions.

— (Bhagavadgita : Ch.-III, 31)

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"Uniqueness of BJP is that it is a truly democratic party, which is driven by the hardwork, dedication & sacrifice of countless Karyakartas."

-Narendra Modi

"BJP will get victory with two-third majority in 2017 Gujrat Assembly election on the basis of Politics of Development & hard work of BJP workers"

-Amit Shah

Ganesh Chaturthi : September 05th, 2015

Ganesha Chaturthi or Vinayaka Chaturthi is the birthday of *bighnavinashak* Lord Ganesha, the son of Lord Shiva and Goddesses Parvati. It is a major Hindu festival. Ganesha is widely worshipped as the god of wisdom, prosperity and good fortune and traditionally invoked at the beginning of any new venture or at the start of travel.

The Ganesha Chaturthi is observed in the Hindu calendar month of Bhaadra, starting on the shukla chaturthi (fourth day of the waxing moon period). The festival lasts for 10 days, ending on Anant Chaturdashi. On Anant Chaturdashi, devotees immerse idol of Lord Ganesha in water.



Hindu Shastras tell that Lord Ganesha is son of Goddess Parvati and Lord Shiva. Parvati created Ganesha out of sandalwood paste that she used for her bath and breathed life into the figure. She then set Ganesha to stand guard at her door while she bathed. Lord Shiva, who had gone out, returned and as Ganesha didn't know him, didn't allow him to enter. Lord Shiva became enraged by this and asked his follower Ganas to teach the child some manners. Ganesha who was very powerful, being born of Parvati, the embodiment of Shakti, defeated Shiva's followers and declared that nobody was allowed to enter while his mother was bathing. Angry Shiva severed the head of the child. Parvati seeing this became enraged. Seeing Parvati in anger Shiva promised that her son will be alive again. The Devas searched for the head of a dead person, but they found only the head of a dead elephant facing North. They brought the head of the elephant and Shiva fixed it on the child's body and brought him back to life. Lord Shiva also declared that from this day the boy would be called Ganesha (Gana Isha: Lord of Ganas).

This festival is celebrated all over India. However, it is most popular in Maharashtra, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Goa, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamilnadu, Kerala, Odisha and Chhattisgarh. Outside India, it is celebrated widely in Nepal and celebrated by the Hindus in the United States, Canada, Mauritius, Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Cambodia, Burma, Fiji, Trinidad & Tobago, and Guyana etc. ■



Editorial...

‘Stride forward for building of one society, one dream, one resolution, one direction and one destination’

On the 70th Independence Day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi while addressing from the rampart of the Red Fort infused a new confidence in the nation. In his inspiring address he called upon the people to ‘stride forward for building of one society, one dream, one resolution, one direction and one destination’. He called upon the people to dedicate themselves for the nation and come together to build a country of everyone’s dream.

India has come a long way under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He has given a new direction and resolve to the entire system by his untiring efforts. In his address he enumerated a long list of achievements and the manner in which he was able to make things possible which were unimaginable till sometime back. The basic mantra of this sterling performance has been the speed with which the works were done. The concept of ‘Speed, Scale and Skill’ is very much evident in the performance of Modi government which has seen manifold increase in the progress of every project. The entire nation is going through transforming experience where performance and reforms are intertwined and the nation is registering progress on every front and getting acknowledgements from national to international agencies. While highlighting the achievements in various sectors, from infrastructure to agriculture, from Jan Dhan to Aadhar, from railways to highways, from social sectors to Dalit, ST, women and youth empowerment, he said that his government believed in the integrated approach and not on piecemeal approach. It is due to this holistic vision that the nation is now seen with respect all over the world and India’s reputation is increasing day by day.

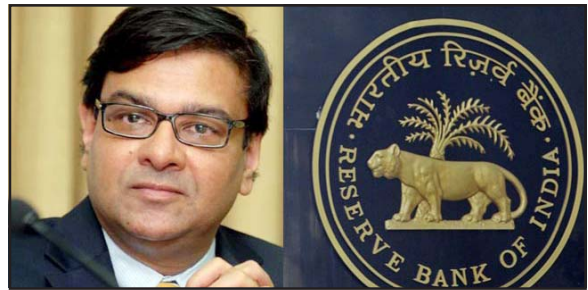
One of the major issues which the Prime Minister has raised has been of terrorism. PM has been raising this issue on every global forum and always emphasized the need for isolating those supporting or harbouring terrorism while calling for united fight against the terrorist elements both at physical and ideological levels. In his Independence Day address he has rightly said that no one in India supports terrorism and a terror strike in Pakistan gives pain to every Indian. But he lamented the fact that there are attempts to glorify terrorism. He further said pointing to those harbouring and supporting terrorism, “where innocent people are killed in terrorist attack, and they celebrate, what type of terrorism inspired life it is, what type of these creations of the terrorism inspired governments are?”. Expecting that the world will understand this difference he overwhelmingly thanked the people of Baluchistan, Gilgit and Pakistan occupied Kashmir for their goodwill towards India and the honour they gave to the people of India. It is to be noted that there are reports that these regions are experiencing atrocities at



Pasighat advanced Landing Ground gets Operational

The upgraded Advanced Landing Ground (ALG) at Pasighat in Arunachal Pradesh was inaugurated by Hon'ble Sh. Kiren Rijiju MoS for Home Affairs in the presence of Air Marshal C Hari Kumar AVSM VM VSM, Air Officer Commanding-in-chief (AOC-in-C), Eastern Air Command on 19 august. A flypast by a formation of three Sukhoi-30 MKI Air Dominance Fighter aircraft, that took off from one of the forward EAC airbases was a highlight of the event. This was followed by a Su-30MKI also landing at the ALG. The touchdown by a frontline fighter jet of the IAF at the ALG is a 'historic first' in the predominantly hilly state of Arunachal Pradesh, which has several ALGs at varying altitudes. ■

Urjit R Patel appointed as the New Governor of RBI



Dr. Urjit R Patel has been appointed as the New Governor of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for a period of three years with effect from 4th September, 2016. He will replace the present RBI Governor Dr. Raghuram Rajan. Dr Patel is presently the Deputy Governor of RBI and is holding this assignment since 2013. ■

Jitu Vaghani appointed as Gujarat BJP President

BJP National President Shri Amit Shah appointed Shri Jitu Vaghani as Gujarat BJP President on 10 August, 2016.

Shri Vaghani, an MLA from Bhavnagar West constituency is appointed as state president in place of Shri Vijay Rupani who became the Chief Minister recently.

Shri Vaghani, 46, a relatively young face of BJP and was earlier state unit's youth wing president. He has also worked as secretary of the party state unit in the past. He won the election as an MLA for the first time in 2012.



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the hands of Pakistan and the voice of these people are continuously suppressed by the Pakistan military forces.

It was third Independence Day address by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and within this short time the nation has taken a huge leap forward. Whether at the global level or national or local level – everywhere the imprint of the vision of Narendra Modi can be seen and experienced. From diplomacy to strategy and from development to diaspora, everywhere Narendra Modi has instilled a new dimension and approach. India, it appears has risen from its slumber and getting ready to don the mantle of its deserved place in the comity of the nations. Maa Bharti has to take her rightful place as Vishwa Guru and for that everyone has to dedicate himself for that grand vision. ■

Sacrifice of generations of Karyakartas inspire us to work : Narendra Modi



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi along with BJP National President Shri Amit Shah, BJP senior leader Shri LK Advani and others laid the foundation stone of the new Bharatiya Janata Party headquarters building on 18 August, 2016 at the Deendayal Upadhyay Marg in New Delhi. This new office is just 5 km away from the present office on 11 Ashoka Road.

Addressing the gathering after laying the foundation stone, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said BJP has faced more adversities in independent India as compared to what Congress would have during the British rule and said that it faced difficulties at every turn and its every effort was seen in bad light.

Underlining BJP's commitment to take everybody along with the motto of 'sabka saath, sabka vikaas', he asked party Karyakartas to present to the country and the democratic world an example of how a party 'devoted to ideals and devoid of dynasty' functions as the world knows our party 'not the way it is, but based on rumors'.

He said BJP will be the only party which has faced adversities since its birth. The PM further said even during the British times, the Congress party would not have faced so much adversity that we have faced, our dedicated workers have gone through in 50-60 years.

He said during the recent West Bengal assembly polls, it was difficult for the BJP

candidates to even hire an office in Kolkata as anybody willing to give them space would face trouble. "No party has perhaps made more sacrifices than BJP after freedom," he said.

BJP workers do not work for crowd but for organisation, as anybody can collect a crowd by talking about populist issues but what is more important is to stick to ideology, he said. In a lighter vein, he said in elections candidates of no other party would have forfeited more deposits than those of BJP as they kept fighting for their ideology irrespective of the results.

Noting the global research bodies began studying Jana Sangh, the BJP's forerunner, when it came to power in Madhya Pradesh in

1969, Shri Narendra Modi said, "The world was surprised again over how much we had grown when the government of Vajpayee ji was formed. They tried to know about us from others, so they could never understand us correctly. The world's curiosity has arisen again now."

Ruining the lack of recorded materials like photographs about important events associated with party leaders through its history, he said it is the need of the time to record everything related to the organization's activities.

Stressing on party leaders' commitment to ideology, the Prime Minister said rival parties would certainly have thought that they will be served well if likes of Shri L K Advani, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee or Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi joined them, but these leaders decided to live for ideals.

"BJP has not grown due to some leader, prime minister or chief minister but due to its lakhs of dedicated Karyakartas," he said.

Shri Modi also congratulated Sakshi Malik for bringing glory to the country by winning a bronze medal in the Rio Olympics.

Addressing the gathering during the 'bhoomi puja' of the party's new headquarters at Deendayal Upadhyay Marg in the national capital, BJP national president Shri Amit Shah said Modi government has retained the

same popularity what it was during 2014. Modi Government remains as popular as it was on the day it took oath, BJP president Shri Amit Shah said.

The new office spread across two acres at Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Marg will bear the stamp of the party's cultural and nationalist agenda in its design, he said, adding it will be equipped with latest communication medium and conference facilities, allowing its leadership to connect with district and block-level workers. It is vastu-compliant and can hold a meeting of two to three thousand workers, will have several conference rooms and a big screen outside to live stream any big party event. The proposed structure of six floors will be illuminated with ample sun light he said. The building will be spread across two acres with 70 percent of lush greenery and it will have 70-rooms on it.

He hailed the sacrifices of party workers during its journey from a 10-member organisation to 11-crore membership. He said BJP has over 1000 MLAs, more than 300 MPs and is in power in 15 states either on its own or with its allies.

Noting that the Modi government formed in 2014 was the first majority dispensation at the Centre in the last 30 years, he said, "It remains as popular as it was when it took oath. It is our

responsibility to lend permanence to the support the party has received."

The party is probably at its peak right now, he said, exhorting workers not to remain satisfied and ensure that it grows beyond its current strength. The party wants to open an office each in 580 districts of the country and has bought land in 250 places so far, he said.

While its commitment to its ideology has fuelled its growth, the way it is run will have to change with time, he said as he spoke about his thrust on the use of offices equipped with modern communication facilities to coordinate in real time its programmes from Tamil Nadu to Arunachal Pradesh. The party is also working to document its history and efforts are on to put together audio and videos of its leaders he informed.

During the 'bhoomi puja' of the new office, senior BJP leaders like Shri LK Advani, Dr. Murali Manohar Joshi, Union Minister for Home Affairs Shri Rajnath Singh, Union Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitley, Union Minister for Road Transport and Shipping Shri Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister of Urban Development, Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation Shri M Venkaiah Naidu, Union Minister of Science and Technology and Earth Sciences Dr Harshvardhan were also present on the occasion. ■

BJP works with the idea of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas : Amit Shah

Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri Amit Shah paid tributes to the revolutionaries — Chandrashekhar Azad, Ashfaqullah Khan, Ram Prasad Bismil — at Kakori on the outskirts of the state capital Lucknow on 13 August, 2016.

Addressing a gathering on the occasion, Shri Amit Shah said that the sacrifices of the great freedom fighters cannot be paid back. After paying floral tributes to the three revolutionaries who robbed a train carrying money for the British treasury in Kakori in 1925, Shri Shah said that he will talk to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to develop this place as a big tourist attraction.

Shri Shah's visit is part of a nationwide outreach programme by the Bharatiya Janata Party, "Azadi 70 - Yaad Karo Kurban", followed by "Tiranga Yatra" in which several union ministers, party leaders, MP's participating from August 16. He said BJP leaders and workers, as part of the Tiranga Yatra, will visit every tehsil and district across the country with the Tricolor to offer tributes to freedom fighters for their sacrifice.

Urging the young generation to be informed about the freedom struggle and the supreme sacrifices of the freedom fighters, Shri Shah said Uttar Pradesh has given a patriotic government at the Centre by its blessings, and that the BJP was yet again looking to them to form a "doer" government in the state.

Shri Shah slammed the Congress for the backwardness in many parts of the Uttar Pradesh even after 70 years of independence as the party was at the helm for almost 60 years. He lashed out at the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) for working for just one community, and the ruling Samajwadi Party (SP) for working for the development of just one family. BJP president said the SP, if it returns to power, "will work for only a particular caste" and the BSP "will work for only its own development



and not of any caste”.

Urging Uttar Pradesh to complete its unfinished work by voting for the BJP as it did to ensure absolute majority for the Modi government and absolute majority for a BJP government at the Centre, he also attacked the Congress saying there has been no development in the country because only one family held power for 60 of the 70 years since Independence.

He said, “Can Uttar Pradesh develop under the rule of SP or BSP? Can it get 24-hour power supply? Can it stop incidents like Bulandshahr and Mathura? Can there be employment for youth? Can there be an ambulance in every village? Can big industries come here? Can water reach every field? Can farmers be compensated in times of crisis? Can corruption go? Can goondaraj come to an end?”

He said that the SP government was creating hurdles in implementation of central schemes like Ujjwala Yojana, farmers crop insurance scheme, development of houses for poor. He said the UP government did not provide land for AIIMS, so the Centre decided to develop the project on its own land. He said it is only the BJP which works with the idea of “Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikaas”.

Shri Shah later visited the Malihabad, home of Shri Kaushal Kishore, BJP MP from Mohanlalganj and one of its Dalit faces in UP, who had organised a lunch to which Dalits had been invited. ■

Monsoon Session of Parliament concluded successfully

The Monsoon Session of Parliament started on 18th July and concluded on August 12, 2016. The session had 20 sittings, during which various Bills were passed, including a Constitutional Amendment Bill enabling the levy of a Goods and Services Tax (GST). The productivity of Lok Sabha was 110.84% and that of Rajya Sabha was 99.54%.

The Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty Second Amendment) Bill, 2016, a historic legislation providing for enabling provision in the Constitution for levying goods and services tax on every transaction of supply of goods and services, was passed by Parliament. The Goods and Services tax shall replace a number of indirect taxes being levied by the Union and the State Governments and is intended to remove cascading effect of taxes and provide for a common national market for goods and services.

During the Session, Supplementary Demands for Grants (General) for 2016 – 17 and the related Appropriation Bill, was discussed and passed by the Lok Sabha.

Two Bill replacing the Ordinances, namely, the Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Ordinance, 2016 and The Dentists (Amendment) Ordinance, 2016 which were promulgated by the President, were considered and passed by both the Houses of Parliament during the Session.

In the Lok Sabha, 4 Short Duration Discussions under Rule 193 were held on (i) Situation arising out of recent violence in Kashmir Valley resulting in threat to peace and security of people of the State; (ii) Price Rise; (iii) Sustainable Development Goals (part discussed); and (iv) Atrocities against Dalits in the country.

In the Rajya Sabha, six Short Duration Discussions under Rule 176 were held on (i) Recent incidents of violence and turmoil in Kashmir Valley resulting in huge loss of lives and property; (ii) Recent incidents of atrocities on Dalits in various parts of the country; and (iii) Situation arising out

of price rise in the country; (iv) Status of implementation of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganization Act, 2014 with regard to the State of Andhra Pradesh; (v) Developments in the States of Uttarakhand and Arunachal Pradesh leading to change in the Governments there and the role of



Governors in the respective States; and (vi) draft National Education Policy – 2016. A discussion was also held on prevailing situation in Kashmir Valley. Besides, 2 Calling Attentions in Lok Sabha and 5 Calling Attentions in Rajya Sabha were discussed.

The drugs and Cosmetics (Amendment) Bill, 2013 was withdrawn in Rajya Sabha. During the Session, 15 Bills (14 in the Lok Sabha and 1 in the Rajya Sabha) were introduced. The Lok Sabha passed 15 Bills and the Rajya Sabha passed 14 Bills during the session. 15* Bills were passed by both the Houses of Parliament. A list containing the titles of the Bills introduced, considered and passed during the Session is annexed.

BILLS INTRODUCED IN LOK SABHA

1. The India Medical Council (Amendment) Bill, 2016
2. The Dentists (Amendment) Bill, 2016
3. The National Institutes of Technology, Science Education and Research (Amendment) Bill, 2016
4. The Institutes of Technology (Amendment) Bill, 2016
5. The High Courts (Alteration of names) Bill, 2016

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6. The Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2016
7. The Lokpal and Lokayuktas (Amendment) Bill, 2016
8. The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill, 2016
9. The Appropriation (No.3) Bill, 2016
10. The Central Agricultural University (Amendment) Bill, 2016
11. The Employee's Compensation (Amendment) Bill, 2016
12. The Motor Vehicle (Amendment) Bill, 2016
13. The Taxation Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2016
14. The Factories (Amendment) Bill, 2016

BILLS PASSED BY LOK SABHA

1. The India Medical Council (Amendment) Bill, 2016
2. The Dentists (Amendment) Bill, 2016
3. *The Indian Trust (Amendment) Bill, 2016
4. The National Institutes of Technology, Science Education and Research (Amendment) Bill, 2016
5. The Institutes of Technology (Amendment) Bill, 2016
6. The Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2016
7. The Lokpal and Lokayuktas (Amendment) Bill, 2016
8. The Benami Transactions (Prohibition) Amendment Bill, 2016
9. The Enforcement of Security Interest and Recovery of Debt Laws and Miscellaneous Provisions (Amendment) Bill, 2016
10. The Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty Second Amendment) Bill, 2016
11. The Appropriation (No.3) Bill, 2016
12. The Central Agricultural University (Amendment) Bill, 2016
13. The Employee's Compensation (Amendment) Bill, 2016
14. The Factories (Amendment) Bill, 2016
15. The Taxation Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2016

**Amendments(s) agreed to*

BILLS INTRODUCED IN RAJYA SABHA

1. The Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Bill, 2016

BILLS PASSED BY RAJYA SABHA

1. The Regional Centre for Biotechnology, 2016
2. The Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation)

- Amendment Bill, 2016
3. The Compensatory Afforestation Fund Bill, 2016
4. The Lokpal and Lokayuktas (Amendment) Bill, 2016
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6. The Dentists (Amendment) Bill, 2016
7. The National Institutes of Technology, Science Education and Research (Amendment) Bill, 2016
8. The Institutes of Technology (Amendment) Bill, 2016
9. The Benami Transactions (Prohibition) Amendment Bill, 2016
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Smart Ganga City Scheme launched in Ten Cities



Union Minister for Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation Sushri Uma Bharti and Union Urban Development Minister Shri M Venkaiah Naidu launched Smart Ganga City Scheme on August 13 in ten important cities through video conference. These cities are - Haridwar, Rishikesh, Mathura - Vrindavan, Varanasi, Kanpur, Allahabad, Lucknow, Patna, Sahibgunj and Barrackpore. National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) has chosen these cities in the first phase for infrastructure development for sewage treatment. This will be on hybrid annuity mode based on PPP model.

Addressing the function from Ujjain the Union Minister for Water Resources, River Development and Ganga

Rejuvenation Sushri Uma Bharti said that cooperation of Union Urban Development Ministry is key to the success of Namami Gange programme. She said learning from the past experience of Ganga action plan her Ministry this time has gone for hybrid annuity mode based on PPP model. The Minister said district level mentoring committees will be constituted to monitor the speedy implementation of Namami Gange programme. The Minister said that though in the first phase only ten cities have been taken up but gradually more and more cities will be taken up. She said the involvement of district administration and municipal body is key to success of this program.

In his address from Hyderabad Union Urban

Development Minister M Venkaiah Naidu said his Ministry is an integral part of this programme.

He expressed the hope that Namami Gange programme having adopted hybrid annuity mode based on PPP model will be a great success. The District Magistrates/Mayors of the ten chosen cities participating in the video conference appreciated the Namami Gange programme and promised the full support of state administration and local bodies for its success.

Earlier, Shri Rajat Bhargav, Mission Director NMCG made a presentation on hybrid annuity mode based on PPP model to be adopted by NMCG for speedy implementation of Namami Gange programme.

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A young India should arise!

By Atal Bihari Vajpayee

I want to especially invoke the youth – Come! Let us build a new India. Let us build a new Assam. An Assam, an India, in which there will be no fear; every man's life, property and dignity will be protected; in which every youth will have the opportunity of a job; in which there will be a possibility for our women to get ahead and along with the men. Last time in the Parliament Women's Reservation Bill, which would give women reservations in the Lok Sabha and the Vidhan Sabhas, could not be passed. We supported it, others opposed it. People rejected the others; they supported us. Our sisters had a big part to play in that. We want to assure you that, in the next session of the Parliament we will pass Women's Reservation Bill, will make

it a law.

- *On the occasion of the inauguration of the NarNarayan Bridge in Assam, 15 April, 1998.*

The time has come for the youth to devote themselves selflessly for building a strong, prosperous and self-dependent India. To build a nation in which every child is happy; everyone is so capable and aware that he is able to fight off, poverty, illiteracy

and illness; they are able to protect the culture, civilization and environment of their country; they are able to understand the problems and find their solutions; they are willing to take the entire society on the path of development along with their own progress. It is for this reason that the youth of the nation have to give one year of their lives in order to work as volunteer, in order to work selflessly.

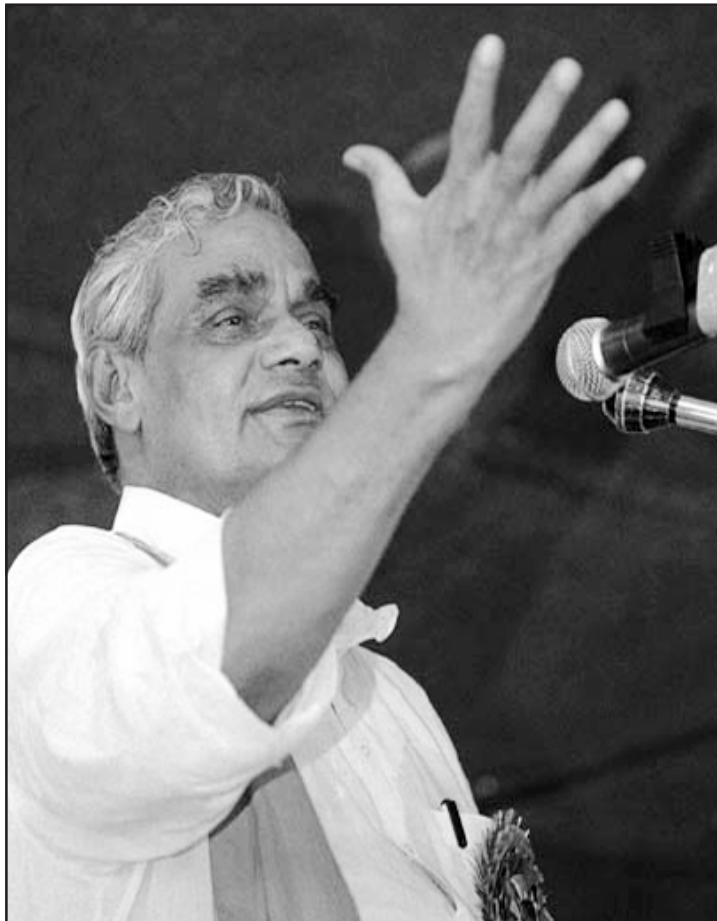
Contribute in the building of India of your dreams.

- *Invoking the Power of the Youth, 15 August, 1998.*

Youth power is the power of the nation; it is the future of the nation.

- *Independence Day, 15 August, 1998*

If we assure our soldiers of a bright future then nobody can stop India from becoming a super power. Along with the passing century, socialism has met its demise and those who thought that they were meant to rule



by God because of their fairer skin have conceded to the power of the democracy. This is the age of democracy and its foundation is equality.

- *Addressing the Youth in Lucknow, 1st August, 1999*
The speciality of India is

much still needs to be done. We still have not been able to provide primary education to everyone, but we will have to complete it soon.

- *Addressing the Youth in Lucknow, 1st August, 1999*
The power of the State

The time has come for the youth to devote themselves selflessly for building a strong, prosperous and self-dependent India. To build a nation in which every child is happy; everyone is so capable and aware that he is able to fight off, poverty, illiteracy and illness; they are able to protect the culture, civilization and environment of their country; they are able to understand the problems and find their solutions; they are willing to take the entire society on the path of development along with their own progress. It is for this reason that the youth of the nation have to give one year of their lives in order to work as volunteer, in order to work selflessly.

that in the times of crisis, everyone is united. When the danger is over, the differences resurface. Now the time has come when everyone has to come and work together in order to solve some basic problems. Education and culture go hand-in-hand. If education is just about collecting degrees then it is useless. We have to make it complete.

The Government has made many initiatives in order to spread education, but

cannot bring changes until the People's Power is awakened. And in this change the youth should play a great role. Everyone should have the passion for bringing changes and it is the responsibility of the youth to awaken this passion.

- *Speech in a Gathering in Lucknow, 30 July, 1999*
A Young India should Arise!

We are all very excited about the century in which we have just stepped in.

Nevertheless, there are many serious problems that are facing us. Increasing population is a problem. We have just declared our national population policy, in which we have put forward this issue. But even this challenge can be changed into an opportunity, in which a 'Young India' should arise, in which we can see the image of a new, energetic and ideal India.

Even after this, by the year 2015 more than half of our population will be less than 20 years of age. This part of our population is either born by now is going to be soon.

I mean to say that a big opportunity is staring us in the face; we should concentrate our attention towards this youth so that they become capable of building the destiny of a great nation in the 21st century.

This 'Youth Power' can become the source of energy which can help making strategy in the country, and help bring food and environment security. It can also help bring a knowledge revolution.

We will have to make sure that we shall not be deprived of taking complete benefit of this knowledge revolution; just like what happened in the Industrial Revolution. ■

(Excerpts of speeches made by Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee in different occasions on the youth)

Senior BJP leader Shri Charti Lal Goel no more

Senior Delhi BJP Leader & Former Speaker of Delhi Assembly Shri Charti Lal Goel passed away in early hours of Tuesday 16 August. His cremation was performed by his son & central minister Shri Vijay Goel in presence of thousands of citizens of Delhi and party leaders & workers at Nigambodh Ghat around noon. Office of Delhi BJP was kept closed during the first half of the day as a mark of respect toward the departed soul.

The Hon'ble Vice President Shri Mohd. Hamid Ansari and Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi condoled the death of Charti Lal Goel.

While condoling Shri Goel's death, Shri Modi tweeted, "Spoke to @VijayGoelBJP & condoled the demise of his father Shri Charti Lal Goel, whose rich contribution to public life will be remembered."

BJP National President Shri Amit Shah, Union Ministers Shri Arun Jaitley & Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Senior Leaders Shri Ram Lal, Shri Arun Singh, Dr. Anil Jain,

Shri Bhupendra Yadav, Shri Shah Nawaz Hussain, Sardar R P Singh were present at the cremation of Shri Charti Lal Goel.

Lt. Governor of Delhi Shri Najeeb Jung and Delhi Assembly Speaker Shri Ramniwas Goel paid tributes to Shri Charti Lal Goel on behalf of Delhi

party constitution & affairs. He worked at several levels in the party & government contributing immensely to Delhi's cultural & trade growth along with contributing in development of dedicated party cadre.

A Taxation Advocate by profession Shri Charti Lal Goel was an active leader of Delhi since Jansangh era. He worked as Vice President of Delhi BJP since party's formation for over 2 decades.

As a public representative Shri Charti Lal Goel won several elections. He was elected as member of Delhi Municipal Corporation, Delhi

Metropolitan Council and Delhi Assembly.

His tenures as Deputy Mayor of Delhi and Speaker of the Delhi Assembly spoke volumes on his statesmanship quality. He was very close to former Prime Minister Sh. Atal Behari Vajpayee and former Deputy PM Sh. L.K. Advani. Senior Delhi BJP leaders with hundreds of party workers joined the cremation at Nigambodh Ghat. ■



Administration and the Assembly. Dy. CM Shri Manish Sisodia visited his residence and expressed his condolences. Mayor of North D.M.C. Dr. Sanjeev Nayyar paid tributes on behalf of citizens of Delhi.

Delhi BJP President Shri Satish Upadhyay paying his condolence said Shri Charti Lal Goel was pious soul and institution by himself who had a deep knowledge of

GST means Great Step towards Transformation : Modi

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi speaking on GST Bill in Lok Sabha on August 8 2016 highlighting how GST would liberate people from tax terrorism.

The synopsis of the speech is as follow:

Seventy five years ago Mahatma Gandhi had given clarion call and launched the Quit India movement for the independence of the country on 8th August historically known as August Kranti. Today i.e. 8th August in the same way our Parliament is going to take an important step to liberate the people from tax terrorism. I stand here to thank all the political parties for having a comprehensive discussion and deliberation on this issue.

This is not a victory of any party or any government, rather it is a victory of high democratic traditions of the country. GST means -Great Step by Team India, GST means Great Step towards Transformation and GST means Great Step towards Transparency. All of us have a dream of One Bharat - Srestha Bharat. When we look at our Railways, All India Civil Services, IPCCRPC, Bharat Net, Digital India and Sagar Mala, all these things give us a feeling of united India and strengthens this unity.

When I was Chief Minister, I had a lot of apprehensions regarding this issue. I discussed this issue with Shri Pranab Mukherjee. After having closely considered this issue as a Chief Minister, it has been easy for me to address these issues after becoming Prime Minister now. That is why, we have been able to remove lots of shortcomings in this regard.

This Bill is a result of deliberations by all. It is true that this Bill could be in crisis due to arithmetic of majority of Rajya Sabha. It is also true that there was an atmosphere of distrust shown by the States towards Central Government. Therefore, it was necessary that



such an important issue is not decided solely on the basis of majority alone. After all consensus matters in a democracy. Today, Shri Moily ji felt very bad with the remark of calling Lok Sabha a junior house. But I would like to make it clear that I had called both respected Sonia ji and respected Manmohan Singh ji from Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha respectively to discuss this issue with them. I gave equal weightage to both of them while discussing this issue.

Therefore, our efforts have always been to accommodate suggestions from all quarters. No doubt we are all associated with different political ideologies. But none of us have allowed this House to be used as a political platform for GST.

We have always kept national interests above everything. This is one of the finest aspects of Indian democracy. National interests are above politics and all of us have proved this.

I see lot of possibilities of ease of doing business under GST system. I can see that this system would bring a uniformity in tax rates

under tax regime. This is going to give a message that ultimately consumer is a king. I believe that this GST system will put an end to 7-11 different tax regimes with which every small entrepreneur and trader have to face every day. I believe that we will have to concentrate on 5 Ms - Man, Machine, Material, Money and Minute to properly run our economy. Due to our octroi system we find a long queue of vehicles on the roads. An independent agency in its survey has revealed that due to stoppage of those vehicles on the road for a long time, India has to suffer wastage of Rs. 1,40,000 crore.

The GST system will clear all these hurdles and it will not only immensely benefit environment but also reduce demand of petrol which we have to import from other countries. This will also increase income of States which are considered backward in our country. For the development of the country it is necessary that eastern part of the country should also be treated at par.

Imbalanced development can cause hurdles in the speedy development of the country. It is true that manufacturing states are going to get more benefit than the consumer States but Government of India has made a provision of compensating these States. This will usher in transparency in collection of taxes from both Centre and States and the sharing of the fund will be on the basis of rules prescribed in this regard. This system is going to strengthen the federal system of the country.

There has been an effort to strike balance between revenue and deficit through FRBM law due to which there has been change in the economic health of the states. It is for the first time that the government and RBI have agreed that inflation should be stabilized upto 4 percent. This system will continue upto 2021 and going to make all the financial institutions responsible with regard to containing inflation.

We have been fighting against poverty since independence. All of us want to eradicate poverty whether we are from treasury or

opposition benches. Our efforts have been to ensure economic and educational empowerment of the poor. All of us know that small entrepreneurs face so many hassles when they approach banks for loan. But under GST system the certified details of business of every person will also be available. In this situation the banks will have no power of discriminating against anyone. Technology is the strength of GST as real time data will be available.

This will increase the possibilities of competition in manufacturing sector which will further lead to money flow and employment opportunities in the country. There has always been a question mark with tax to GDP ratio in terms of increasing investment in the country. Under the new system there will be no question mark at all. GST system will stop tax evasion. In our country, we have kachcha bill and pucca bill. With the introduction of GST the businessmen will be encouraged to have proper receipts. This system is going to put an end to corruption and black money together. As this system is technology based system, it is going to reduce cost of collection. There will be data integration which means everything will be registered right from raw material to end product. We are going to develop a system in which there will be almost zero human interface between tax payers and tax collectors.

This system being online will bring transparency in business. We must accept the fact that even the major democracies of the world find it difficult to pass such a legislation as this one. This is entirely the maturity of political parties of the country that despite having different ideological and political point of views all of us are unitedly making efforts to bring this great system.

This government has passed more than 100 weeks in office and more than 100 legislations have been passed which really shows the power of this House. All of us have played a positive role in this regard and all deserve kudos for this. ■

India is not 70 years old but this journey is 70 years long : PM

Excerpt of PM Shri Narendra Modi's address to the Nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort on the 70th Independence Day:

My beloved countrymen, on this auspicious occasion of our festival of freedom; I extend lots of greetings to the one hundred and twenty five crores fellow nationals and also to entire Indian diaspora spread all over the world, from this rampart of the Red Fort. This festival of our freedom,



this 70 years of our Independence, is the festival for our resolution to take the nation to new heights with a new resolve and a new fervour and new energy. We are able to breathe in a free air as the result of the sacrifices, renunciation and penance of our millions of great forefathers. We are also reminded of the youths who kissed the gallows. We also remember Mahatma Gandhi, Sardar Patel, Pandit Nehru and countless great persons, who fought ceaselessly for the freedom of our nation. It is the result of their struggles that we are now fortunate enough to breathe as a free citizen. India is a very ancient nation. We have a history of thousands of years and our cultural heritage is also millennia old. Right from the Vedas to Vivekananda, from the Upanishads to the satellites, the Sudarshan Chakradhari Mohan to Charkhadhari Mohan, from the Bhim of

Mahabharat to the Bhimrao; we have a long historical journey and heritage. Our land has seen many historical ups and downs and our generations have waged many struggles and observed penance to bequeath great values to the humanity. India's age is not just seventy years. But having won freedom after a period of subjugation; we have made efforts to take the nation forward in this journey of seventy years. Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel united the nation. Now, it is the responsibility of all of us to make this nation better. We all have to work ceaselessly for the realization of the dream of 'One India, great India'. (Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat).

Brothers and Sisters, We have not attained freedom for free of cost. Innumerable were the atrocities, but undeterred were our resolves also. Every Indian was a soldier in the battle for freedom. Each one of them dreamt of an independent India. May be every one of them was not fortunate enough to sacrifice, may be each of them was not fortunate enough to go to prison; but every Indian had a resolve and the leadership of Mahatma ji and also the inspiration of countless revolutionaries who had sacrificed every thing. All these movements contributed to our attainment of Independence. But, now we have to convert this freedom into 'the real freedom'. Now, this is the resolve of the one hundred and twenty five crores of Indians. So, just as we did not attain our freedom without sacrifices; we would not be able to attain 'the real freedom' without renunciation, without human endeavour (Purusharth), without bravery, without dedication and discipline. So, in order to take ahead this resolution of one hundred and twenty five crore Indians; all of us will have to move ahead with our specific responsibilities in a most

committed manner. Be it a Panchayat or the Parliament, be it a village headman or the Prime Minister; every one of us as well as every democratic institution will have to shoulder their responsibilities completely and perfectly. Only then we will be able to realize the dream of our the real freedom as soon as possible. This is correct to say that our nation is beset with many problems now- a- days. But, we should never forget that if we have the problems, then we also have all the capacities to solve them. So, if we move ahead with all our capabilities, we will find the ways and mean to solve all these problems. So, brothers and Sisters, if we have lakhs of problems, then we also have one hundred and twenty five crore brains also which are all capable to solve these problems.

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Government used to be surrounded by aspersions. But now time has changed. At present, no aspersions are being leveled on the Government. Rather, people have great expectations from it. When the Government is engulfed in expectations then it signifies hope and trust, which in turn generates those expectations. Expectations give pace towards good governance, invigorates and so the pledges are implemented ad continuum. My Brothers & Sisters, today when I am addressing you from the rampart of the Red Fort, it is, therefore, but natural that we should discuss the journey of good governance, the work done by the Government and work being done and should be done for the country. I can present before you a very detailed account of work done and also multiple issues regarding the performance of the Government. During the tenure of two years, the Government has taken innumerable initiatives and multiple tasks have been done. If I start giving details about them, I am afraid I will have to talk about it for a week from this very rampart of the Red Fort. So instead of that temptation, I would like to draw

your attention towards the work culture of the Government. Sometimes, it is easier to present the account of work done. But, it is not easy for a common man to comprehend, understand and identify the work culture without dwelling deep into the work culture. My Brothers & Sisters, My Countrymen, I would not talk solely about the policy, but also the intention and decisions of the Government.

Dear Brothers & Sisters, it is just not an issue of direction and outline, rather it is about holistic approach and a resolve for transformation. It is confluence of trinity of expectation of people, democracy and support of people. It is both wisdom and consent. It is also pace and realisation of progress. Therefore, My Countrymen, when I talk about the Good Governance, it does implies bringing in transformation in the life of common man of my country.

Good governance means that the government should be sensitive, responsive and dedicated to the common man. Then only good governance gets the emphasis. Responsibility and accountability should be at the root of it and it should draw its vital energy from there only for the government to be sensitive, dear Brothers and Sisters. We

remember the days when there used to be a very long wait to go to any big hospital. People used to come to AIIMS, spend two three days and then only it would be decided what diagnostic tests were to be done. Now we have been able to change this system. Registration is done online and the doctor's appointment is also given online. The processes start on arrival of the patient at the appointed hour itself. Not only this but all his medical records are also available online. And we wish to develop it as a countywide culture in the field of medical treatment. Today this system has been put in place in 40 big hospitals of the country. Its basic premise is that the government has to be sensitive.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, the government should be accountable. If it be not so then the problems of the common man are kept pending for solutions. How does the change come? Now technology is there, but there was a time when the railway ticket in the railways, concerning the common man and the poor was available only two thousand tickets per minute. Those who might have seen it, would know how the buffering used to be

there, nobody knew when the website would be operational again, but today I have to say with satisfaction that now it is possible to have fifteen thousand tickets per minute. The government should be accountable, it should take steps according to the necessities and expectations of the people. There is a class across the country, particularly the middle class, higher middle class whom you see troubled more at the hands of the income tax officials rather than the police at times. I have to change the situation and I am trying and I will certainly change it.

There was a time when a common and honest citizen used to give two rupees extra as a measure of caution at the time of paying his income tax. He used to think that he might not be harassed, but once the money was deposited to the government exchequer, he had to run from pillar to post and seek recommendations for getting the refund. It took months together before the rightful money of the citizen was returned to him from the government exchequer. Today, we have made a system of issuing online refund. Today, refunds are given in one, two say or three weeks. Those who are hearing me today on TV, they would also be realising that they had not given any application, yet they had got refund directly into their account. So, this responsibility and accountability are the results of these efforts.

It is equally important to lay emphasis on the transparency for good governance. You know that a global relationship has already started to become a common thing in the society today. A middle class man wants to have his passport- there was a time when about 40 lakh, 50lakh applications were received for getting passport. Today, approximately 2 crore people apply for the passport. Brothers and Sisters, earlier 4-6 months were taken for scrutiny of applications if one did not have recommendations. We changed that situation and today, I can say with pride that passports are issued to the citizens with all genuine details, in about one or two weeks and there is transparency no recommendation is required and there is no dilly-dallying. Today, I can say, we have issued 1.75 crores passports (in 2015-16 itself.)

In Surajya there must be efficiency in governance and therefore, earlier, if a company had to set up a factory or desiring to do business in our country,

applications were submitted. There was a task of registration only, one wanted to do something for the country, but almost 6 months passed in normal course. Brothers and Sisters, if efficiency is brought, then the same government, same rules, same officials have got geared up to perform the same task of company registration within 24 hours and they are virtually doing it. In the last July itself, they performed the task of more than 900 such registrations.

Brothers and Sisters, good governance is also necessary for Surajya and the steps we have taken towards this good governance are that, as I had said last year from the Red Fort that we would exempt group 'C' and group 'D' posts from interviews, they might get job on the basis of merit. We have detected almost 9,000 posts for which thousands and lakhs of people

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Brothers and Sisters, there was a time when a common man got satisfied if the government announced any plan or merely announced that this would be done, he used to think that something concrete would happen now. Then, a time came when people asked for the plan unless the drawing of the plan came. Then, there was a time when people asked for the budget. Today, the mood of the country has changed in 70 years. It does not get satisfied with the announcement, it is not satisfied by seeing the plan, if a budget provision is made, it is not ready to accept this. It is accepted when things get implemented on ground and we cannot bring things on ground with the old pace. We have to speed up our work, increase the pace further and then we can say that we have done something.

Rural roads are a perpetual issue in our country. Each rural citizen craves for pakka roads. Its a huge task. Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ji took this task specifically. Even succeeding governments continued this and the work continued. We have made efforts to fast track it. Earlier 70-75 Km of rural roads were completed in a day. Now we have increased that pace up to 100KM a day. This pace will fulfil the aspirations of common man in the days to come.

We have aid emphasis on energy, specifically renewable energy in our country. That was a time, when after so many years of independence, we started working on wind energy. Within a period of last one year we have increased it up to 40%. So this is the scale of up acceleration. Whole world is focussing on Solar energy. We have increased it approximately 116%-118%. This is not only a substantial incremental change, it's a huge leap forward. We intend to enhance the

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things in quantum way.

In our country, even before forming of our government, we had the power production. But to reach the power, you need transmission lines and the good transmission infrastructure. Two years preceding the formation of our government, 30-35 thousand kilometres of transmission lines were being laid annually. Today I wish to submit this with satisfaction that we have raised this to 50,000 Kilometres. So we have increased the pace here. If we take the commissioning of railway lines in previous 10 years, where commissioning means capacity to ply the trains and to finish all the trials, so earlier it was at the rate of 1500 kilometre in 10 years . But we have made it up to 3500 kilometre in last 2 years. We are to increase this pace even further.

Brothers and Sisters, Now we are connecting government schemes to Aadhaar Card, focussing on

stopping the leakages through direct benefit transfer. Previous government had connected four crore people to government schemes via Aadhaar Card. Today I can say this with satisfaction that in place of that work of four crore, we have completed the task of connecting 70 crore people to government schemes via Aadhaar card. The remaining will also be taken into the fold.

Today, for middle class or for common people the ownership of a car is a matter of pride. There was a time when gas stove at home was deemed as a standard and as a symbol of social status. During the last 60 years of independence, 14 crore LPG gas connections were given. Brothers and Sisters, it is a great satisfaction to me that on one side, 14 crore gas connections were given in 60 years, while on the other side, we have given 4 crore gas connections in just 60 weeks. Please compare the two figures - 14 crore in 60 years and 4 crore in 60 weeks. This is the speed, by which a change

has become possible in the quality of life of common men. We have also started the task of eradicating obsolete laws. The burden of unnecessary laws has been creating hindrance in the functioning of the government, the judiciary and the public. We have identified 1700 such laws, out of which 1175 laws have already been repealed by the Parliament and several other such laws are in the process of repealing.

Brothers and Sisters, it had become a tendency among the people

to say that certain work can be done and certain other work cannot be done, certain work cannot be done now and certain work cannot be done ever. A kind of negativity was prevalent in the minds of people. Now, a clear break through is visible in the mindset, a new synergy is seen in the functioning of the government. When an accomplishment is achieved, it stimulates dynamism, which sharpens our determination and then, the end result is not far away.

Brothers and Sisters, when we had launched "Prime Minister Jan-Dhan Yojana", it was almost an impossible task. There were banks and the governments, nationalisation had already taken place, but the common man of the country was not able to be a part of the mainstream of national economy.

Brothers and Sisters, we have attained this impossible task through inclusion of 21 crore persons under "Jan-Dhan Yojana". This is not a matter of taking

credit by the Government, it is really an achievement of 125 crore countrymen of the country, for which I salute them. The campaign for women pride in villages of the country is an important issue of today. The practice of open defecation should be stopped; toilets should be built in villages. When I had got the first opportunity to address from the ramparts of the Red Fort, I had expressed my feelings about it. Now, I can claim that more than 2 crore toilets have already been built in villages of the country within such a short period. More than 70 thousand villages are now free from the practice of open defecation. We are working towards bringing change in the lives of common man.

I had earlier announced from the ramparts of the Red Fort that we would electrify those 18 thousand villages, which are still without electricity. We are going to complete 70 years of independence, but they had not seen electricity. They were forced to live in the 18th century. We undertook this task of making possible the impossible and today I am glad to say that, though we have not been able to complete even half the task within a thousand days, we are still away from the half-mark, out of the 18 thousand, electricity has reached ten thousand villages. I have been told that there are many among those villages who are watching Independence Day celebrations for the first time today on television in their homes. Today, from here I extend special greetings to those villages.

Brothers and Sisters, you will be surprised to know that at merely three hours journey from Delhi, there is a village called Nagla Fatela in Hathras region. It takes only three hours to reach this Nagla Fatela. But it took 70 years for electricity to reach there. 70 years, my brothers and Sisters! And therefore, I am introducing you to the work culture that we are following.

Brothers and Sisters, the LED bulbs were developed by the science and the researchers for welfare of every citizen. But in India it used to cost 350 Rupees. Who would buy it? And even the government would think, "It's alright. The work is done. Someone must be using it." But this should not be the attitude. If LED bulbs can bring about a change in the life of a common man, if it can ameliorate the environment, if it can improve India's economy, then the government

must make efforts in this direction. It is the nature of the government that it intervenes where it is not required and shies away from intervening where it is needed. We tried to change this situation, this work culture. And therefore, the bulb which used to be sold at 350 Rupees, it is now being sold at 50 Rupees because of governmental intervention. See the difference! 350 Rupees on one hand and 50 Rupees on the other. I do not want to ask where all this money used to go, however, thirteen crore bulbs have been distributed till date.

The politics of our country has become populist; the economic policies have become populist. If three hundred Rupees subsidy for each bulb had been given from public exchequer, the Prime Minister would have been applauded for doling out five hundred crore to the people. But we have ensured that they save

We have already distributed thirteen crore bulbs and we have resolved to distribute 77 crores and I would like to appeal to my countrymen to use LED bulbs in their homes and save 200, 300, 500 Rupees in a year and save energy and save our environment. The day we achieve the target of 77 crore bulbs, we would be saving 20 thousand Mega Watt of electricity. When we save 20000 Megawatt electricity, it means we save around 125000 crores rupees. Brothers and Sisters, you can save 125000 crore rupees of the country by using a LED bulb at your home.

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You know that we depend on other countries of the world for energy and petroleum products and for

that we have signed long term agreements with them so that we could get these products at fixed prices for a long period. We have entered into an agreement with Qatar for buying gas till 2024 but the prices are so high that it is costly for our economy. It was a result of our foreign policy relationship that we were able to renegotiate with Qatar, and the agreement which was the right of Qatar, and we were bound to buy gas from it till 2024, we negotiated with them and today, I can say with satisfaction that we made an impossible task possible, they renegotiated their prices and it will save 2000 crore rupees of the exchequer of India. They were entitled to get these 20000 crore rupees but the nature of relationship that we have with them and our policies have made it possible. The negotiations have been going on during the tenure of all the Governments and efforts were also made for Chabahar Port, which is an important link for connecting us with Central Asia, but today I feel satisfied to see an impossible task becoming possible. When Iran, Afghanistan and India collectively march ahead in a planned way for the construction of Chabahar Port, an impossible task becomes possible.

My brothers and Sisters, one thing, I want to talk about and which concerns the common man is inflation. It is true that the inflation rate had crossed 10% mark during the tenure of previous government. Due to our sustained efforts we were able to keep it below 6 percent. Not only this, we have, recently, made an agreement with the Reserve Bank of India that the RBI should take steps to control the inflation at the level of 4 percent with allowance of plus minus 2. We should leave behind the talks of balance between inflation and growth and work for moving ahead. But the country witnessed drought during last two years and the effect of drought are readily seen on the prices of vegetables and the outcomes of sluggishness of market have resulted in some problems.

The decline in the production of pulses due to drought during last two years was also a cause of concern. But, Brothers and Sisters, if the inflation would have increased at the same pace as it had previously increased, I don't know how the poor of my country would have survived? We have tried our best to keep it under check, but still people have lot of expectations from this government and dear countrymen your expectations are natural and I will not leave no stone unturned in achieving them. Whatever best I can do, I shall do that and keep the price of poor man's meal under check.

My dear Brothers and Sisters, country is going to celebrate the 350th anniversary of Guru Gobind Singhji. How can the country forget the saga of sacrifice which has been the tradition of Sikh Gurus? Today, when we are celebrating the 350th anniversary of Guru Gobind Singhji, I recall one best thought expressed by Guruji. Guru Gobind Singhji use to say, how can I consider those hands pure which have not done any service, hands which have not strengthened by labour and have not developed any blisters by toiling hard? Guru Gobind Singhji use to say this. Today, when we are celebrating the 350th anniversary of Guru Gobind Singhji I remember our farmers. Whose hands are more pure than theirs? Whose hearts are more pious than their? Whose intentions can be more pure than theirs? I thanks our farmers that despite two years of drought, they consistently endeavored to fill our granaries, I greet them for this. Drought situation has changed and this time we are witnessing good monsoon.

Heavy rains have also created problems at some places. Government of India stood with those states and citizen who suffered due to heavy rains. Today, I specially want to thank our farmers, because, when we are facing shortage of pulses and our farmers have shifted to other crops, and rise in demand of pulses by common man, I have to say this with content that this time our farmers have increased the sowing by one and half times.

I want to thank our farmers because they have come forward to solve the problem of the crisis of pulses and find its solution. We have decided the MSP for pulses and declared a bonus on it. We have streamlined the process of purchase of pulses and promoting the farmers for cultivation of pulses. This will benefit us in a big way.

Brothers and Sisters, when I was talking about work culture, one thing was clear that I do not look at the issues in isolation but as a whole. Let us see it as integrated and just take agriculture under integrated

things, we have developed such work culture with lot of hard work, the complete chain of which can produce a great result.

First of all we focussed upon- the wellness of this soil, wellness of this land, soil health card, macro-nutrition, concern for micro-nutrition and made the farmers understand that this is lacuna in your soil, these are the good qualities, your soil is good for this crop, this is not suitable for this crop and gradually the farmers started their planning according to this soil health card. The people, who have planned, tell me, sir our expenditure has been reduced up to 25 percent and 30 percent increase is being visible our production. This number is less at present, but in future as soon as this may pass on, this concept will gain momentum. The farmers have land and if they get water, then the farmer of my country has the power to produce gold out of the soil.

The farmer of my country has this power and that is why we have emphasized upon water-management, emphasized upon water-irrigation, emphasized upon water-conservation. We are emphasizing upon how every drop of water may be utilised by the farmer, how to increase the importance of water, and get per drop more crop, micro irrigation. More than 90 percent irrigation projects were lying incomplete and stalled. We have taken up the responsibility to complete those projects first of all and will work in the direction that lakh of hectares of land may get the benefit of irrigation. We have taken a big leap towards solar pump so that the input cost of the farmers may be lessened because nowadays the farmers require electricity also, they require water, they need electricity, and electricity costs dearer. On account of it, the input cost of the farmer is going to be less, the recurring expenditure is going to be less and due to owning solar pump at home will result in owning electricity, owning the sun, owning the field, owning the barn and thus our farmer would be happy. We have succeeded in distributing 77 thousands solar pumps till now.

Brothers and Sisters, I would like to congratulate the scientists of our country. Good quality seeds are also required along with soil, water and solar pumps. The scientists of our country have developed more than 131 new farmable seeds compatible to the climate and nature of India, which have the capacity to enhance our per hectare production. The values they retain are also being increased. I heartily congratulate these scientists also. The farmers require urea as well as fertilisers. There was time when black marketing

was in practice to get the fertilisers, there was time when the police had to lathi-charge for fertilisers. There was time when the farmer used to watch his crop being damaged in the absence of fertilisers before his very eyes. Brothers and Sisters, the lack of fertilisers has become a matter of past, it has become history now. Today, we have succeeded in utmost production of fertiliser by overcoming the shortage of the fertiliser.

Brothers and Sisters, because of this production, the fertilizers are now available to the farmers in time as per their needs. Similarly, We conceptualized “Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana”. It’s insurance cover includes maximum protection to farmer’s land and his agro-produce at a comparatively much lower premium, and that too with a guaranteed cover. We have constructed new warehouses to preserve 15 lakhs tons of food grains. Our country’s farmers will benefit only when we move towards value addition, and for this We have laid special emphasis on food processing for the first time. We have encouraged cent percent Foreign Direct Investment which would augment agro-based industries, and Consequentially, my brothers and Sisters, I believe it would help me and our farmers realize our dream of doubling latter’s income by 2022. These efforts would make it possible and for realizing the same, We have taken steps one after another.

Brothers and Sisters, Our country has a fancy for a trend. And the Governments, with an aim to leave an impression, have done a lot, and to fill the bill in this country, People go for some populist things and empty the exchequer. Governments have a trend of establishing an identity. Brothers and Sisters, I have tried my best to stay away from this allurements, and While doing so, I have tried to do several things in every range with the mantra of Total transformation, Transformation with transparency, Reform, Perform and Transform.

To be continued....

Winning 2017 state polls will lay foundation for 2019 win : Amit Shah

Panaji, Goa



The string of state assembly elections in 2017 are critical for the BJP's plans of winning the 2019 general elections, BJP National President Shri Amit Shah said on 20 August, 2016. "Winning the 2017 assembly elections in Goa, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Manipur, and Punjab is critical because it will lay the foundation for the 2019 general elections which the BJP has to win to ensure that India becomes the top nation in the world," Shri Shah said while speaking at a party workers convention at the Shyama Prasada Mookerjee indoor stadium near Panaji in Goa.

We have to ensure that we win the assembly elections in Goa and other states in 2017 so that no one can stop Modi ji from coming to power in 2019, Shri Shah said while formally launching the party's poll campaign for the forthcoming state legislative assembly elections likely in 2017.

He later held a meeting with the party's state office bearers, ministers in the Goa government as well as legislators over dinner at a restaurant in the state capital, where the party's poll strategy for the coastal state was also discussed.

Senior BJP leaders including Union Defence Minister Shri Manohar Parrikar, Chief Minister Shri Laxmikant Parsekar, state cabinet ministers, state BJP President Shri Vinay Tendulkar among other functionaries were present at the event. ■

Gandhinagar, Gujarat

BJP will form the government in Gujarat in 2017 with two-third majority



Addressing hundreds of party workers and leaders at a function in Gandhinagar in Gujarat on 19 September, 2016 BJP National President Shri Amit Shah set the tone for the 2017 Gujarat Assembly elections and claimed that the BJP would win two-thirds majority. The win in the 2017 Assembly elections would lay the foundation for the party's victory at the Centre in 2019, he added.

The function was organised to felicitate newly appointed state BJP president Shri Jitu Vaghani, Chief Minister Shri Vijay Rupani and Deputy CM Shri Nitin Patel. Hitting out at the Congress, Shri Shah said during Congress governments, curfew used to prevail for 150 out of 300 days. Whereas the people of Gujarat have not seen curfew for the last 14 year. Communal riots used to happen, people used to be victims of stabbings, police firing (during Congress rule). Today, no one can dare to trigger riots here. Beginning by urging workers to chant 'Bharat Mata ki Jai', he said, "The people at the Congress office in Delhi are day-dreaming about coming to power in Gujarat. Looking at the work done by the NDA government at the Centre, the BJP will continue battling even after five years." He added the Congress is losing everywhere. BJP will form the government in Gujarat in 2017 with two-third majority, he said. ■

Liberating a new India through skill development

By Rajiv Pratap Rudy

Over the last 70 years of India's independence, the definition of freedom has constantly evolved for our country. From making ourselves free from the "British Raj" to a more economic liberated India, we have continuously made a headway in the journey of progress and growth. The country has worked in the areas of privatisation, self-sustainability and globalisation throughout these years. And in the last two years of governance, India's role on an international level has dramatically transformed into a global economic power vying for a seat at its highest table.

This accelerated economic growth has increased the demand for skilled workers that has highlighted the shortage of skilled workforce in the country. With a challenge of this scale, also what comes to us now, is the opportunity to create a new free India where acquiring professional skills will give you the liberty and freedom to choose a life and respect that one has always aspired for.

The time has come where India has to now fight and bring about the silent revolution through its focus on skill development. While the demographic effect will

increase or lower gross domestic product (GDP) by barely one percentage point in 2035, GDP levels can increase by about 3 percentage points in 2035 if India improves significantly on skill training. Skill development is fundamental for improving productivity. And productivity leads to improved living standards and growth. When we talk about improving living standards it reflects on maximizing opportunities for pro-poor employment growth, enabling environment for sustainable enterprise development, an open social dialogue where there is respect for all and planned investments in basic education, health and physical infrastructure.

Vocational education and training (VET) initiatives, both in the public and private space, have become more focused and outcome-driven, aligned to the needs of industry and linked to jobs and employability. Capacity building and quality standards have started receiving greater attention. Industry has also been given a bigger role in shaping the skills story through its involvement not just with curriculum development and setting of standards but also in the assessment and

certification processes. Moreover, measures have been taken to increase financial accessibility to skill-training initiatives.

The current target of skill development program in India in itself is quite an ambitious number. In 2015-16, we trained 1.04 crore youth in the country which was 37 per cent more than what was achieved in the previous year. The comprehensive reforms in the Apprentice Act can be a game changer in itself and as it can be one most successful skill development scheme. Also the overhaul in the ITI ecosystem which was not capitalised on till now, will extend opportunities for all in multiple trades where human resource is required in the country. But the real analysis or breakup of this number lies in the exercise where we do a district-level mapping — if you take a district, what are the kind of skills required? You will find there are so many jobs we are yet to include in our skill program. Similarly, take a newer areas such as water energy, waste management etc. As the economy grows, you will see new kinds of jobs evolving. So there is enough demand and there are means to meet the demand — the only thing we need is to ensure the supply is aligned to the

demand. The problem is not as simple as it seems – it has its own complexities and dynamics and it is imperative that we make collective effort to address these incremental human resource requirements right at the local level.

On the other hand there are variety of reasons for the youth's inability to fill jobs that are made available to them, ranging from geographical mobility to low wages which may not help them meet their ends. Overall, it's a huge task.

But we as citizens of a nation which is building a huge brand for itself in the global market with our initiatives like Make in India and Digital India, we have to be cognizant of the fact that there is no other way than to skill, re-skill and up-skill ourselves and keep ourselves abreast with the latest around the globe. Weather is a skill set that increases productivity of a farmer with the help of technological means or by following the latest in mechatronics and robotics and being the hub for innovation in the world.

A young mind has to not only dream of success but has to work for it. The youth of our country has to work towards this intellectual freedom and skills can be his tool to success then. All that we have to think after this is:

I can, I will. ■

(The writer is MoS(I/C) for Ministry of Skill Development)

Lost Saraswati river brought back to life



The lost Saraswati river was brought back to life on August 6 when the Haryana government pumped water into its deemed route. As per reports, 100 cusecs of water was pumped into a dug-up channel from tubewells at Uncha Chandna village in Yamunanagar.

Officials are expecting the water to fill the channel upto Kurukshetra, some 40 kilometres away. The pumping of water into the dug-up channel was part of the Haryana government's plans to revive the lost river. The Saraswati Heritage Development Board (SHDB) had conducted a trial run on July 30.

The Indian Express quoted Anil Kumar Gupta, Engineer-in-Chief, Haryana Irrigation Department, as saying, "We have released water into the river at Uncha Chandna on Thursday. Initially, 100 cusecs of water has been released. It is likely to go up to Kurukshetra. It is yet to be seen how much further the water goes. Once we see that there are no obstructions in the flow of water then another 100 cusecs will be released. This could be done in another fortnight."

There are plans to build three dams on the river route to keep it flowing perennially. The state government claimed to have found the lost river when water was detected during digging of the dry river bed at Yamunanagar.

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar was quoted as saying recently, "We have never claimed that Saraswati is flowing over the ground. Saraswati's undercurrents are present till date. But where are the currents and how deep this cannot be calculated today. As per the revenue records, around 150 km stretch of land is such where Saraswati used to flow." ■

Articulating the past history

By Anirban Ganguly

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A third category of people who have in the last fortnight barked at Syama Prasad Mookerjee's legacy and spread a Goebblesian propaganda against him are the communist apologists for the Muslim League, admirers of Jinnah, supporters of separatism and those 'anti-nationalists' who are now passing themselves off as 'secular nationalists' but are in essence pseudo-nationalists whose only obsession is to see India fragment. Describing the then Communist Party's role, Mookerjee had once noted in his diary, "The Communist Party which all along had played a shameless role in attacking the foundation of Indian nationalism", one wonders whether the situation has altered today.

In fact, as early as 1944, Veer Savarkar had referred to 'pseudo-nationalism' and had pointed out how some, by giving lip service to nationalism and passing themselves off as nationalists, are in fact, assiduously working to wreck apart the national fabric. The 'pseudo-nationalists' abound today and are vocal through their pseudo-espousals. One hears them shout loudest for

tolerance, for equal treatment, for the right of every part to secede from India, for the right of self-determination of nationalities within the Indian 'subcontinent', for the right to reject the Constitution and to fan the flames of separatism, for the right of terrorists to survive and carry on their trade and all these in the name of democracy, freedom of expression and human rights.

These pseudo-nationalist have new tune today which argues that they alone are the inheritors of the 'anti-colonialist nationalist' legacy.

Describing the then Communist Party's role, Mookerjee had once noted in his diary, "The Communist Party which all along had played a shameless role in attacking the foundation of Indian nationalism", one wonders whether the situation has altered today. In fact, as early as 1944, Veer Savarkar had referred to 'pseudo-nationalism' and had pointed out how some, by giving lip service to nationalism and passing themselves off as nationalists, are in fact, assiduously working to wreck apart the national fabric.

A laughable assertion, if one was to take into account their collaborationist past.

For the apologists of separatism and 'Bharat ke barbadi', Mookerjee's legacy is troublesome, it reminds them of the strength and resilience of genuine nationalism and nationalists, it reminds them of the determination that such nationalism gives rise to in one who is driven and inspired by it. The genuine nationalists' have faith in the integrity of India, the genuine nationalists' belief in the fundamental oneness within India's many diversities is an unsettling belief for the pseudo-nationalists who have always believed in the theory of many nationalities within India and espoused the eventual separation of these leading to India becoming a congeries of nations. These elements have, therefore, ceaselessly tried to minimise and marginalise any personality or genuine nationalist who has challenged their world either in the past or in the present.

Their favourite, false and now much clichéd accusation against Mookerjee is that he collaborated with the British. Again a study of the plethora

of papers, booklets, statement and correspondences that exist at the Nehru Memorial Museum & Library in Delhi repeatedly puncture a hole and deflate such propaganda.

In fact it is again amusing to hear this from those very scholars whose ideological progenitors themselves collaborated with the British to sabotage the saboteurs of British rule during the Quit India movement. Stacks, if not mounds of files, still exist that tell the entire story of how the communists 'sabotaged' the 'anti-saboteurs' of the Quit India movement and sought accolades and protection from their white masters.

The other churlish accusation against Mookerjee is that he did precious little during the great Bengal famine. Again the documents belie such a claim, Mookerjee's own diaries, debates in the Assembly of that period, records of famine relief work reveal the herculean effort he had made to mitigate the epochal disaster. There has been little reference to or study of his interventions during this period, though Madhushree Mukherjee in her opus, *Churchill's Secret War*, has for example, briefly touched upon his role and Chatterjee in his political biography of Mookerjee has addressed his role in great academic detail. But the reason why Mookerjee's role of providing relief during the great famine is suppressed or misinterpreted is perhaps

because it militates against a stereotype — how could a Hindu Mahasabha leader be one of the principal mover for famine relief during a famine which saw the Muslim peasantry being severely affected. Mookerjee's role during the Bengal famine did not fit into the stereotype that some would like us to believe and absorb.

Not only active relief, defying DI rules that prevented publicising the famine and disseminating the plight of the people of Bengal across the country, Mookerjee wrote a series of articles on the famine situation exposing the callousness and indifference of the League Ministry and the colonial administration. "We have no confidence", he stated in the Assembly, "in the ability, integrity and honesty of this Ministry. It is not nature's hand alone that is dealing Bengal a death blow. Political maladministration lies at the root of the present catastrophe." It was mainly because of Mookerjee that "the whole country learnt of the horrors of the ghastly tragedy of the Bengal famine" and it was again because of him that the "Government was forced to appoint an enquiry committee to go into the causes of the famine and take other remedial steps."

Mookerjee's appeal for the famine relief funds saw an 'unimaginable' country-wide response and large number of organisations joined the Relief

Coordination Committee that Mookerjee formed. The communists of course kept themselves away from the Relief Coordination Committee, preferring to downplay the disaster and yet provide a semblance of their participation in relief work. While the communists stayed aloof, the Muslim League and its Khaksar organisation continued with their nefarious designs by exploiting the situation and sending affected Hindus, especially women and children, to some of the sham relief centres they had put up outside Bengal "with a view to ultimately convert them to Islam" and exploit their helpless plight. Even here, Mookerjee intervened, directly met the Khaksar leaders, asked them to desist from such trafficking and to hand over Hindus to relief camps run by the Mahasabha, the Bharat Sevashram Sangha and the Ramakrishna Mission.

He upped the pressure on the Government on this front and during the crisis, he succeeded in generating sufficient pressure to stop this trade. These inhuman dimensions of the famine will never be discussed as it exposes and proves hollow the specious arguments put forward by the apologists of the Muslim Leagues. ■

(This article is the third in a four part series on SP Mookerjee. The author is Director of the Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation, New Delhi)

GST Bill passed unanimously in Lok Sabha

The amendments to the Goods and Services Tax bill were cleared by the Lok Sabha unanimously on August 8. The earlier bill which was passed in 2015 in Lok Sabha was finally passed in Rajya Sabha in the first week of August months after Opposition parties led by Congress demanded certain changes in the bill.

Ahead of the current Monsoon session, BJP approached the Opposition parties to ask for their cooperation in passing the bill in the Upper House. It was then passed with a full majority. In total, nine changes were made to the bill and it was passed in Rajya Sabha, on August 4. After clearance of Lok Sabha Two States Assam and Bihar have also passed in their legislative assembly. GST needs clearance of 50%(i.e 15 States) of States.■

Forex reserve at record high of \$365.82 billion

Country's forex exchange reserves surged by \$73.2 million to touch a life-time high of \$365.82 billion in the week to August 12, 2016 helped by increase in foreign currency assets, the Reserve Bank said on 19 August, 2016. In the previous week, the reserves had increased by \$253.6 million to touch \$365.75 billion.

Foreign currency assets (FCAs), a major component of the overall reserves increased by \$81.6 million to \$340.36 billion.

FCAs, expressed in dollar terms, include the effect of appreciation/depreciation of non-US currencies such as euro, pound and yen held in the reserves. Gold reserves remain unchanged at \$21.58 billion. The country's special drawing rights with International Monetary Fund declined by \$3.2 million to \$1.49 billion, while the reserve position was down by \$5.2 million to \$2.39 billion, RBI said.■

Now, unlimited free calls from BSNL landline on Sundays from August 21

BSNL subscribers will be able to make free unlimited calls on any mobile or landline number in the country on Sundays from August 21.

"Unlimited free calling from BSNL landline to any network's mobile and landline on all Sundays on pan India basis w.e.f. 15th August, 2016," telecom minister Shri Manoj Sinha said in his tweet on August 13.

According to official sources, details of the unlimited free calling plan will be released on August 15.

BSNL commands around 57% market share with 14.35 million customers.

At present, it offers unlimited night calling on any network in the country between 9 pm to 7 am as complimentary service for all its customers.

BSNL landline connection plan starts at a monthly rental of Rs 120 per month which includes 120 free minutes of call within BSNL network during a month.

Private operator Airtel offers free unlimited calling from landline to any network in the country throughout the day at extra monthly fee of about Rs 100 per month.(PTI)■

