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ये तवेतदभ्यसूयन्तो नानुतिष्ठन्ति मे मतम्।  
सर्वज्ञानविमूढांस्तान् विद्धि नष्टानचेतसः ॥ ३२ ॥

However those who out of envy do not execute regularly this injunction of Mine,  
Know it well that they are deluded by all types of knowledge, deviated from  
the purpose of human existance and devoid of spiritual consciousness.

—(Bhagavadgita : Ch.-III, 32)

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"A 42% increase in minimum wages & for the 1st time, a simultaneous increase in agriculture & non-agricultural sectors."

-Narendra Modi

"I appeal to the members of Rajya Sabha to spread the achievements of Union Government in those Lok Sabha constituencies where BJP could not win."

-Amit Shah

## Onam : 13th September, 2016

Onam is an ancient Hindu festival which still survives in modern times in the state of Kerala. It is the biggest festival celebrated in the state. It is also the major festival of Kerala with State holidays on 4 days starting from Onam Eve (Uthradom) to the 3rd Onam Day. The festival falls during the Malayalam month of Chingam (August - September) and marks the commemoration of home-coming of the mythical King Mahabali.

In Kerala, it is the festival celebrated with most number of cultural elements such as Vallam Kali, Pulikali, Pookkalam, Onathappan, Tug of War, Thumbio Thullal, Kummati kali, Onathallu, Onavillu, Kazhchakkula, Onapottan, Athachamayam etc. Onam is reminiscent of Kerala's agrarian past, as it is considered to be a harvest festival. It is a community festival and celebrations are essentially connected with temples.

Kerala's rice harvest festival and the Festival of Rain Flowers, which fall on the month of Chingam, celebrates the appearance of Vamana avatar of Vishnu and the subsequent annual visit of the legendary Emperor Mahabali's from Patala Loka(the underworld). Onam is unique since Mahabali has been revered by the people of Kerala. The King is so much attached to his kingdom that it is believed that he comes annually from the nether world to see his people living happily.

It is in honour of King Mahabali that Onam is celebrated. The deity Vamana, also called Thrikkakarappan is also revered during this time by installing a clay figure next to the floral carpet (Pookalam). The birthday of Sri Padmanabhan, the presiding Deity of Thiruvananthapuram, is on the Thiruvonam day in the month of Chingam. Thiruvonam day is the most important day of Onam. In Onam 2016, Thiruvonam date is 14 September. Mahabali's rule is considered the golden era of Kerala, ancient Bharata.

The beauty of the festival lies in its inclusive fabric. People of all religions, castes and communities celebrate the festival with equal joy and verve. Onam also helps to create an atmosphere of peace and brotherhood by way of various team sports organised on the day.

The celebrations of Onam start on Atham day, 10 days before Thiruvonam. The 10 days are part of the traditional Onam celebrations and each day has its own importance in various rituals and traditions. ■





# Editorial

## Those who support and sponsor terrorism must be isolated and sanctioned

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has again raised the issue of terrorism, black money and corruption in the G-20 summit held recently in China.

He rightly said those who sponsor and support terrorism must be isolated and sanctioned, not rewarded. While appreciating the G-20 initiative on combating the financing of terrorism, he raised the issue on the multilateral forum drawing the attention of the entire world. Narendra Modi has been raising the issue of terrorism on almost all global forums emphasizing the threat posed by terrorism to humanity and the need to intensify efforts to counter it. In his address to US Congress and last G-20 Summit also he dwelt upon the issue of terrorism and called for strengthening counter terror measures at global level in view of the global terror network which has spread its tentacles to every corner of the world.

In the informal meeting of the BRICS leaders held one day before G-20 meeting Narendra Modi called for not to politicize terror. In the last session of the G-20 Summit he sent out a bold message calling for urgent actions against those promoting, supporting and harbouring terrorism. He clearly pointed towards Pakistan when he said that there are some nations that use terrorism as an instrument of state policy and that one country was responsible for terror activities in South Asia. "Terrorist is a terrorist, one single nation in South Asia is spreading agents of terror in our region," PM said. While highlighting the fact that India has a policy of zero-tolerance towards terrorism he said that global financing of terror network is inextricably linked to global stability and governance.

It is significant to note that Prime Minister raised the issue of terrorism in China. It is to be noted that China blocked India's bid at the UN to ban chiefs of terrorist outfits Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) and Jama'at-ud-Da'wa. India has also been stressing to China bilaterally as it urges Beijing to rethink its stance of shielding Pakistani terrorists at the UN Security Council. Prime Minister's stand on terrorism in China is considered timely intervention seeking to convince China to reconsider its stand. While positive response is awaited from China on terrorism, India could find a common ground with China on the issue of black money. Speaking on the black money Narendra Modi laid emphasis on the need "to eliminate safe havens for economic offenders, track down and unconditionally extradite money launderers and break down the web of complex international regulations and excessive banking secrecy that hide the corrupt and their deeds". He also called for "full commitment" to act against the corrupt. The proposal to establish a research centre on fugitive repatriation and asset recovery in China will go a long way in curbing corruption and black money globally.

Pakistan has become a hub of terrorism as its establishment continues to promote, support and harbor terror groups. It is not only India but other neighbouring countries are also targeted by these terror groups who are allowed to carry out their activities openly. In fact Pakistan has gained expertise only in producing and exporting terrorism and if terrorism has to be defeated this global exporter of terror needs to be stopped. Pakistan has not only become an exporter of terror but it's also engaged in serious human rights violations in Balochistan, PoK and Gilgit. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has taken a bold stand to expose Pakistan on global forums and to intensify global fight against terrorism. It's time to expose, isolate and punish Pakistan. ■

## "One single nation" in South Asia is spreading agents of terror : PM

### India signs defence cooperation with Vietnam

In a sharp attack on Pakistan at the G20 summit on 5 September at Hangzhou in China, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said "one single nation" in South Asia is spreading "agents of

terrorism must be isolated and sanctioned, not rewarded," Shri Modi said in his intervention during the concluding session of the meeting of the world's 20 strong economies.

"For us a terrorist is a terrorist," he asserted. Modi's remarks came a day after India called on other BRICS members to intensify joint efforts to combat terrorism.



terror" as he asserted that those who sponsor the menace must be sanctioned and isolated, not rewarded.

"Indeed one single nation in South Asia is spreading these agents of terror in countries of our region," Prime Minister Modi said in an apparent reference to Pakistan.

"We expect the international community to speak and act in unity, and to respond with urgency to fight this menace. Those who sponsor and support

The Prime Minister said India appreciates the G20's initiative on combating the financing of terrorism and asserted that all countries should meet the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) standards.

"Growing forces of violence and terror pose a fundamental challenge. There are some nations that use it as an instrument of state policy. India has a policy of zero tolerance to terrorism. Because anything less than that is not enough," Modi said.

Modi, in an apparent reference to Pakistan, had yesterday demanded "coordinated actions" by the grouping to "isolate supporters and sponsors of terror".

The Prime Minister, in his address to the Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS) Leaders Meeting here, had said "Terrorists in South Asia, or anywhere for that matter, do not own banks or weapons factories". "Clearly, someone funds and arms them and BRICS must intensify joint efforts not just

to fight terror but to coordinate actions to isolate those who are supporters and sponsors of terror," he had said, without naming Pakistan.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi also raised the issue of black money and tax evasion at the G20 summit in Hangzhou, urging the member countries to take action against the financial corruption.

On the second day of the

*India signs defence cooperation with Vietnam, signs new credit line of \$500 million*

Before visit to China for attending G20 summit, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi visited Vietnam. In Hanoi Shri Narendra Modi signed 12 agreements with Vietnam on September 3 after meeting his Vietnamese counterpart Nguyen Xuan Phuc. The leaders of the two countries held delegation level talks. PM

**Shri Modi said "Fighting corruption, black money and tax evasion were central to effective financial governance." The Prime Minister also said there should be "zero tolerance" for corruption and black money and treaty loopholes. He urged the members nations to show "full commitment" to action against the financial corruption.**

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On the sideline of G20 Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi held bilateral meetings with the countries of G-20.

Modi announced a new line of credit of \$500 million for Vietnam to facilitate deeper defence cooperation. Along with setting a bilateral trade target of \$15 billion by 2020, the Prime Minister also sought facilitation of ongoing Indian projects and investments in Vietnam. India has also granted \$5 million to set up a software park in the country. The Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson, Vikas Swarup, said, "12 MoUs and agreements were signed today ranging from health to defence to space. I look at this visit as setting a new

benchmark for India-Vietnam ties which will take our relationship to a whole new level."

Being the fourth Indian Prime Minister to visit Vietnam in over five decades, PM Modi was greeted with a ceremonial welcome in front of the Presidential palace in Vietnam's capital Hanoi on Saturday morning. He was welcomed by Vietnamese president Tran Dai Quant.

The welcome ceremony began with the national anthems of India and Vietnam being played by the armed forces band. Dressed in sharp white with gold tassels and black gum boots, the prime minister later inspected a guard of honour by the three armed forces of the host country.

PM Modi paid homage to national heroes and martyrs at their monuments along with laying wreath at the war memorial located across the Ba Dinh Square. Accompanied by President Quant, PM Shri Modi also visited Vietnam's revered leader Ho Chi Minh's traditional stilt house near the palace. Shri Modi had earlier described him as one of 20th century's tallest leaders in a Facebook post.

In the same post, PM Shri Modi had said: "We wish to forge a strong economic relationship with Vietnam that can mutually benefit our citizens. Strengthening the people-to-people ties will also be an my endeavour during the Vietnam visit." ■

## Suresh Prabhu launches various services

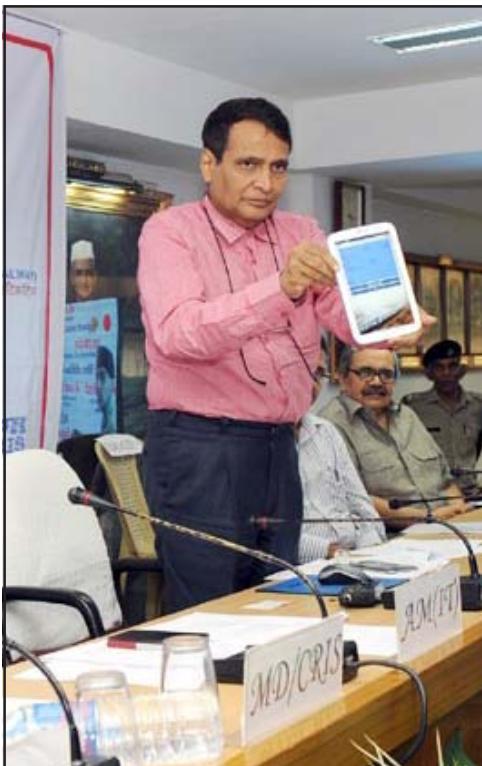
**A**s a part of fulfilment of Budget Announcements 2016-17, Minister of Railways Shri Suresh Prabhu inaugurated/launched following facilities/services from Rail Bhawan on September 1<sup>st</sup> 2016

- Launch of rationalised siding policy-a major freight segment reform easing the setting up additional private terminals.
- Expanded commodity basket for container traffic - 43 additional commodities in FAK
- Hourly Booking of Retiring Rooms-enhancing stay capacity by use of IT for convenience of passengers.
- Single person accountability for all facilities on trains-along with single nodal officer for monitoring.
- Launching of travel insurance for passengers
- Launch of new service providing direct connectivity from Jhansi to Indore and Jhansi to Etawah

Sushri Uma Bharti Minister, Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation and Minister of State for Railways Shri Rajen Gohain was especially present to grace the occasion. Member Traffic Mohd. Jamshed, other Board

Members and Senior Officials were also present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister of Railways Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu said that the services launched today ranging from freight to



passenger services will have positive impact on all classes of society. He said that Railways is in the process of interacting/recognizing the fields where partnership can be done and additional freight can be obtained.

He said that road and shipping transport are not competitors of Railways but complement one another as now there is a need to

integrate all these modes in the interest of common people. He further said that the other facilities of passenger insurance, booking of retiring room, accountability of Train Superintendent will also make rail journey comfortable for all rail users.

Speaking on the occasion, Sushri Uma Bharti Minister, Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation thanked the Minister of Railways for fulfilling the long-pending demand of people of Jhansi by introducing new train service between Jhansi to Indore and Etawah. She said that now Railways is keenly focussing on all neglected areas/sectors of the country and making the railway user friendly.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Rajen Gohain, Minister of State for Railways said that the way in which Railways has been progressing and fulfilling budget announcements day in and day out is becoming the most credible and reliable organization of the country. He said that now there is no gap in the sayings and doings of the Railway Ministry and thus all industrial sectors are relying on the credibility of the Railways. ■

# Health Ministry launches the biggest Leprosy Case Detection Campaign in the country

***32 crore persons to be screened across 19 States/UTs***

In line with the vision of Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India to eradicate Leprosy from India, Shri J P Nadda, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare reviewed the National Leprosy Eradication Programme and pursuant to that, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has launched the biggest Leprosy Case Detection Campaign (LCDC) in the country on 5th September 2016 across 149 districts of 19 states/UTs. This fortnight-long campaign will cover 1656 blocks/urban areas of these districts and screen a total of 32 crore people for leprosy. For this purpose, 297604 teams comprising of one lady ASHA worker and one male volunteer each would visit every house in their allotted area and screen all the family members for leprosy.

The states and UTs covered in this campaign are Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Nagaland, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, West Bengal, Chandigarh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Delhi and

Lakshadweep. The districts having a prevalence rate of more than one case per 10,000 population in any of the last three years have been included in this campaign.

The Leprosy Case Detection Campaign is a



unique initiative of its kind in the world where each and every member of the targeted population will be examined by the search team constituted of one male and one female volunteer at household level. House to house visits will be

done by the search team as per the micro plan prepared for the local area to detect hidden and undetected leprosy cases. The objective of the campaign is the early detection of leprosy in affected persons so that they can be saved from physical disability and deformity by providing them timely treatment and thus also halting the transmission of disease at the community level.

The first LCDC was launched during March-April 2016 in 50 districts of 7 states namely Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha and Uttar Pradesh wherein a population of about 6.8 crores was covered. During this campaign 65427 suspected cases were identified out of which 4120 were later confirmed. ■

## Modi govt. raises minimum wage of non-agricultural workers by 42 per cent

The Union Government on August 31 raised minimum wage of non-agricultural workers by 42 per cent and announced revised bonus for Central employees for two years. Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitley, who chairs the inter-ministerial committee on labour, said the decisions are based on the proposals of the panel set up last year to look into the 12-point charter of demands of the trade unions. ■

## Cabinet approves creation of a Project Development Fund to catalyse Indian economic presence in Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval to create a Project Development Fund (PDF) with a corpus of Rs 500 Crore for catalysing Indian economic presence in the Cambodia, Laos Myanmar and Vietnam.

The PDF shall be housed in Department of Commerce and operated through the EXIM Bank. The PDF shall be governed by an Inter-Ministerial Committee under the chairpersonship of the Commerce Secretary.

CLMV countries namely Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam have a unique position in the regional value chains and offer a gateway for market access to China/EU and other markets due to various trade agreements.

The key advantage of positioning India on the regional value chains is securing on a long term basis, a dedicated market for Indian raw materials and intermediate goods besides a dedicated source for inputs and raw materials for Indian industry. While opportunities are a plenty in CLMV region, Indian entrepreneurs' endeavors in these countries have, thus far, been limited due to limited information, infrastructure and other contingent risks.

The PDF shall benefit India's industrial community for business expansion, and to maintain cost competitive supply chains, besides integrating with global production networks. ■

## Government agencies directed to ensure procurement of coming crop of pulses directly from farmers

The Government agencies - NAFED and FCI have been directed to submit state wise road map of procurement of new crop of pulses directly from farmers. They have been asked to start procurement of Moong in Karnataka immediately at MSP and bonus as new crop has started to arrive. Chairing the inter-ministerial committee meeting on prices here today, Secretary Department of Consumer Affairs, Shri Hem Pande also asked the government agencies to ensure direct payment to the farmers for procurement.

Shri Hem Pande said that procurement centres including mobile centres should be arranged near to farm gates. Wide publicity should be given to the procurement price i.e MSP plus bonus, procurement schedule and to the locations of the centres so that farmers get benefit of the initiative. ■

Benefits under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana extended to people of all Hilly States on priority basis

Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has decided to extend the benefits under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana to the people of all Hilly States including North-East States by treating them as 'Priority States' and release LPG connections to the eligible beneficiaries.

This step of the Ministry will effectively address the difficulty faced by poor people residing in the States of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim, Assam, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya and Tripura in accessing LPG for cooking purposes.

Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana is being implemented with an objective to provide deposit free LPG connections to BPL households as a clean fuel solution.

So far, more than 50 lakh connections have been released to the beneficiaries. ■

# Work in mission mode for fast development : Narendra Modi

The BJP will come out with pro-poor development agenda listing successful schemes and programmes run by the BJP ruled states, which can then be replicated across the country. Stressing on the pro-poor schemes of the Central

followed and gaps addressed.

The Prime Minister has asked Chief Ministers of BJP-ruled states to fix common targets for Aadhar-linked central schemes and set an example in implementing 'pro-poor' schemes through 'maximum and flawless'

about Ujjawala Yojna that aims to provide gas connection to poor, which particularly helped women. He also stressed that states should look at providing 100 percent linkages of government schemes with Aadhar, which will help in bringing transparency.

Referring to recent medal by girls in Rio Olympics, PM said daughters had brought laurels to the country. The beti padhao- beti bachao scheme should be further strengthened and whatever gaps in sex ratio exists be rectified Shri Modi said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi asked party leaders to continue the fervor of nationalism and ensure that Government's welfare schemes were implemented effectively on the ground and asked to extend parties reach to Dalits and expand development programmes concerning them.

Later Madhya Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan informed that, "The PM has asked us to work in mission mode; to take up several works at once...Then we can



government, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said they should be followed aggressively across the states so that the benefit flows to the people.

Speaking during the day long conclave of Chief Ministers of the BJP ruled states on 27 August 2016 in New Delhi, PM Shri Modi said that the different schemes being initiated by the Union government needs to be

delivery.

Shri Modi said the states should think of inter-linking Aadhar-related welfare schemes to optimize benefits and ease delivery. He said the party apparatus in these states should have 'ownership' of central schemes. He said a committee would be formed to finalize the agenda for welfare of the poor in these states.

Prime Minister spoke

develop fast".

The meeting witnessed Chief Ministers providing facts on the implementation status of BJP Government's flagship scheme like PM's 'Jan-Dhan Yojana', 'Beti-Bachao-Beti-Padao', Mudra Yojana, Make-in-India, Start-up India, Stand-up India, insurance schemes, housing for all, 'Swachchh Bharat Abhiyan' and others in their respective States. A common threshold for these schemes and their future map were also discussed by the participants.

The Chief Ministers' meet was divided into six segments, including inaugural session, the agenda of welfare of poor, presentation by CMs of successful schemes that can be replicated in other States, presence of BJP Governments on social media, challenges and efforts to take them on and concluding ceremony. Union Ministers Shri Arun Jaitley, Shri M Venkaiah Naidu, Shri Nitin Gadkari and Smt. Sushma Swaraj attended the deliberations. The first such meeting of BJP's CMs was held in 2010. ■

## Execute Govt's social schemes : Amit Shah to CMs

**A**ddressing the gathering BJP President Shri Amit Shah asked BJP Chief Ministers, to choose some of the 80 pro-welfare programmes, which could be implemented hundred per cent.

Delivering the inaugural address in the meet attended by Chief Ministers, Deputy Chief Ministers and State presidents, Shri Shah said the Modi Government is the first dispensation in the country which has ended the confusion that prevailed during preceding Governments whether to have an urban or a rural tilt, go for reform or stay a welfare state or promote agriculture or industry. "We have struck a balance and continued with both aspects", he said.

The BJP President said the Modi-led Government is the first one to provide Rs. 250 thousand crore to villages. Stating that his party has ushered an era of 'politics of performance', he sought Chief Ministers to make their States an effective instrument for execution of the Centre's 'pro-poor' and 'good governance' agenda.

Reminding the meeting that the party rules over 51 per cent of the country's landmass and 37 per cent population, he said States could play a key role in the success of the Modi Government's welfare policies as they are responsible for executing 65 of 80 such schemes launched by it.

"BJP has started in the country an era of politics of performance. The State Governments of the BJP have been re-elected time and again on the basis of performance... It is the joint responsibility of the Central and State Governments that we together build a pro-poor welfare state and change the life of the common man," said the BJP President. Shri Shah said the Modi Government has started a new period whether in terms of the country's defence or people's welfare or enhancing the nation's prestige. "The country and the world can feel a new India," he said while adding that States will have to play an important role in transforming the country. If we can bring out a change in States ruled by us, then a big part of the country can experience good governance," he said.

Our party is in power covering the country's geographical area of more than 51%, inhabited by around 37% of the population. Therefore, states could play a vital role in success of the Modi government's pro-poor policies, said Shri Shah. States are responsible for execution of 75% of the welfare schemes launched by Modi government, he said. ■



## Through live contacts and dialogues try to reach to all sections of society : Amit Shah

**B**JP National President Shri Amit Shah addressing the BJP Rajya Sabha MPs Meeting at NDMC Convention Centre, New Delhi on 31 August 2016 said since it is our government at the Centre, our contribution to nation-

— in a bid to initiate a dialogue with different wings affiliated to our organization.

He said we have had a glorious tradition in the Rajya Sabha since our formative years when we were known as the Bharatiya Jana Sangh. You all have been pro-active

of the organization and spread of our ideology. You play an important role in raising the issues of the respective states that you have been elected from in the Upper House of Parliament. There are also issues shared by several states that you



building and responsibility towards the nation are all the more important. We are at the pinnacle of our glory but this is still not the highest peak we can attain. We must strive continuously to do even better.

He said we have convened this meeting of Rajya Sabha MPs after the meeting with members of our core group and that with the council of BJP chief ministers

in your well-meaning efforts, but the party expects further improvements in your work, qualitative assessment thereof and increased productivity.

Shri Shah said with ingenious use of their talent, hard work, time and resources, our Rajya Sabha MPs can enhance the party's parliamentary performance.

The BJP president said Rajya Sabha MPs contribute significantly in the expansion

help address effectively.

He further said, "You must further try your best to make our ideology and messages of our achievements reach all sections of society, different organizations, intellectuals, communities, etc through live contacts and dialogues and, thus, persuade them to make common cause with us. You may also make efforts to resolve long-standing issues between the

Centre and state governments".

The party benefits immensely from your participation and cooperation in our organizational activities, he added.

The BJP president said the central government's decision to raise the minimum daily wage of unskilled, non-agricultural labourers by a historic 42 per cent from Rs 246 to Rs 350 is an important and praiseworthy step towards meeting our objective of welfare of the poor. We welcome it and express our heartfelt gratitude to Hon'ble Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modi ji, Hon'ble Finance Minister Sri Arun Jaitley ji and Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Labour and Employment Sri Bandaru Dattatreya ji for the same.

The BJP president further added that, "We do not have a majority in the Rajya Sabha. However, with our studiousness, strategy made by the party and government and qualitative participation, we can make our ideology and information about the welfare programmes of the government reach the people through public speeches". This activity must reflect our ideology, he said.

The BJP National President urged the party's Rajya Sabha MPs to adopt one Lok Sabha constituency each out of all that the party could not win in 2014 and work towards organizational development and expansion in those regions as well as spread the news of achievements of the central government in those areas. ■

## BJP president appoints senior leaders to oversee upcoming State polls

Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri Amit Shah appointed senior leaders and Union Minister Nitin Gadkari was appointed as the Election in-charge for the forthcoming Assembly Elections in various states. Union Minister Shri Nitin Gadkari was appointed as the Election in-charge for forthcoming Goa Assembly Elections. Senior BJP leader Shri Laxman Giluwa was appointed as the state party president for Jharkhand.

Likewise, the national President has also appointed Union ministers Shri JP Nadda and Shri Dharmendra Pradhan as party in charge for the Assembly polls in Uttarakhand. He also appointed Union minister Shri Prakash Javadekar as election in charge for the Manipur Assembly election.

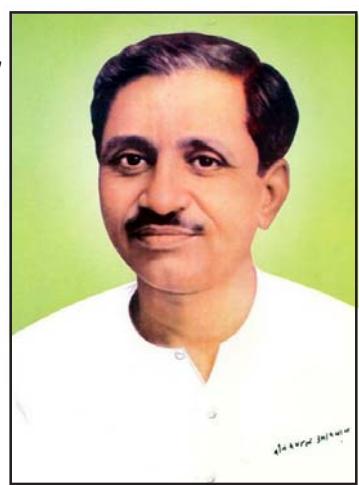
Noteworthy, the polls in Uttarakhand is due next year and Congress party is in power while in Manipur, which also goes to polls early next year, Congress has been in power for the last 15 years and BJP is in power in Goa. BJP is working towards putting up a strong fight against Congress.

Earlier, party president Shri Amit Shah in several occasions has reminded the Karyakartas that, "2017 is very important for the party. There are elections in Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Manipur and Goa. Through these elections we want to bring transformation in the country. We should be in power from Panchayats to Parliament."

***Shat-Shat Naman!***

**Pt. Deendayal  
Upadhyaya**

**Jayanti  
25 September**

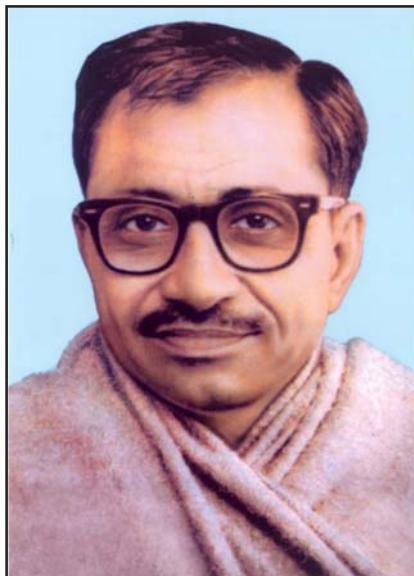


# The Ascetic Politician

## -Kushabhau Thakre

**T**he Ascetic Politician Kushabhau Thakre Deendayalji had a style of functioning which was the same as that of the RSS. Before joining, the Jana Sangh he was a Sah-prant Prachark in eastern UP. I got the opportunity to meet Deendayalji at a Sanghashivir in Agra and the year was 1939-41. I was a student then, studying in Victoria College in Gwalior. In 1951, Kanpur was the venue of the National Convention of the Jana Sangh. Shri Mahavir was the All India Party General Secretary and Deendayalji, the incharge of the Jana Sangh in Uttar Pradesh. The RSS had deputed pracharaks to work for the BJS. I was the incharge of Madhya Pradesh. Therefore at the Kanpur meeting I got another opportunity to meet Pt. Deendayalji. It was the same meeting in which Deendayalji's name was announced for the office of the new General Secretary of the BJS. It was a historic session presided over by Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerji. Those were the days when the party was in its infancy. There were meagre facilities available with us. Deendayalji came to visit Madhya Pradesh after he became the National General Secretary. In those days we did not have any vehicle and we could not dare to ask others to provide one.

Deendayalji, accompanied by me, decided to travel by bus and we reached a place called Baghli in Madhya Pradesh. While we were



returning to Indore by a bus we met some Congressmen. They did not recognize Deendayalji but they were familiar to me. They wished me by a polite namaste. I replied but did not introduce Deendayalji to them. Later, Deendayalji asked me why I did not introduce him to them. I told Deendayalji that as he was the All India General Secretary and still traveling by a bus, the Congressmen could make fun of it. Deendayalji told me that it did not matter and it was not a question of feeling embarrassed. Wanted workers to win people's confidence. Deendayalji was a simple man with high thinking. He had firm faith in reaching out to the grassroots level. He was very affectionate and caring for the party workers. He repeatedly urged the party workers to win people's confidence and trust. He was of

the view that one should fight for the welfare of the common man. Tribal people in Madhya Pradesh popularly called Deendayalji as 'Bara Sahib'. But this 'Bara Sahib' always worked for organising agitations while fighting for the tribal communities. He himself participated in several such agitations. Deendayalji's active participation sounded warning bells to the Congressmen and they launched a campaign to tarnish the good image of the BJS. They levelled false charges against the BJS workers that they were involved in felling of trees in the forests. We protested against this campaign. In the meantime Deendayalji visited Indore and came to know about the Congress propaganda. He immediately called a press conference and said: "The government has no right to formulate any policy by marginalising the tribals." He demanded immediate announcement of a policy for the tribals. His efforts helped the BJS to penetrate into tribal areas and his words forced the Congress to do something for tribals. Pandhari Rao Kridutta was an MLA in Madhya Pradesh Assembly. He had some heated arguments with the Speaker. There was a big furore in the Assembly. Amidst all this uproar, a shoe was thrown at the chair. Kridutta was blamed for it and suspended. We immediately called Deendayalji and told him the whole story. A meeting

## Senior BJP leader Arif Beg is no more



was convened. Deendayalji presided over the meeting and discussed the situation. Addressing the press later he said that one should not ignore the circumstances which precipitated such an extreme action. Never demoralised committed partymen After this incident another meeting was held at Ambala. Deendayalji had to present a detailed report as he was the general secretary. He did not mention the incident relating to Kriduttaji. The then Jana Sangh President Balraj Madhok was not pleased at this 'omission'. Deendayalji defended his decision and said that the party president should not expect him to behave like a policeman. He added, he could not discredit or demoralise any committed party worker. He always sympathised with the party cadre. Deendayalji was a man of impeccable good conduct and always used to say that any good work could succeed only if it had a firm foundation. He was unimpressed by the pomp and show in politics. In 1967, the Opposition parties outnumbered the Congress in Madhya Pradesh Assembly, as the Congress could only win 142 seats whereas the Opposition won 146 seats. But Deendayalji decided not to make any effort to form a coalition government because he was aware of the temperament of the Socialists. He never approved of horse trading in politics. He always felt that "politics is not an easy way and it follows a slippery path. Only those survive who take to this path keeping larger interests of the people." Deendayalji had a separate parameter for judging development. How far the poorest of the poor are benefitted was his yard stick.

He loved to travel and always enjoyed staying with party workers. Avoided instant reaction His caring attitude towards party workers was reflected in his actions. He was never in a hurry to do anything and very wisely did not make instant comments. I can recall an incident when the Opposition in Madhya Pradesh had ahead of only 2 seats over the Congress. While addressing a press conference I said that we would not form government as we enjoyed only an insignificant lead. Deendayalji read this statement in some newspaper and later advised me that I should refrain from reacting instantly. Deendayalji was very impartial in his style of functioning. He never uttered a harsh word. His energy was boundless and he was a man of philosophy. He propounded a new way of life called 'Integral Humanism' which was inspired by the 'Bharatiyata' in him. There was another incident which I would like to recall. We were at Ahmedabad to participate in a BJS convention. He was displeased with some activities there and announced that he was going to leave politics. His aunt lived in Ahmedabad. We took Deendayalji to her place. There we had a discussion and tried to convince him not to leave politics. We made him withdraw his own statement, "We are in politics not for selfish reasons but to serve the nation," he said and gave a broad smile saying "I did not mean what I said earlier." ■

*(Late Shri Kushabhai Thakreji was one of the pillars of Jana Sangh and BJP. He was also the National President of the BJP)*

## Mann ki Baat

We all as citizens, as society and as the government, have a responsibility to strengthen our national unity : Modi

**S**peaking in his monthly radio Programme 'Mann Ki Baat' on August 28 Prime Minister Narendra offered tribute to hockey wizard Dhyan Chand on his birth anniversary (29<sup>th</sup> August). He said "Tomorrow, 29th August is the birth anniversary of hockey wizard Dhyan Chand. This occasion is celebrated as 'National Sports Day' throughout the country. I offer my tributes to Dhyan Chand ji and wish to remind you all about his invaluable contribution. He played a pivotal role in helping India win Hockey Gold Medals in Olympic Games of 1928, 1932 and 1936.

He added, My dear countrymen, 5th September is 'Teachers Day'. For many years, I have been spending a lot of time with students on Teachers Day and that too as a student myself. I used to learn quite a lot from those young children. For me, 5th September was Teachers Day as well as an Education Day. But, this time I have to leave for G-20 Summit and so felt in my heart that I should express my feelings in this regard in 'Mann Ki Baat' today.

In our life, a teacher holds the same place which a mother does. These days, after Rio Olympics, Pulela Gopi Chand ji is being talked about everywhere. He is a player



first but he has set up a glorious example of what a good coach, that is, a teacher should be. I see Gopi Chand ji today as an excellent teacher besides being a very accomplished player. And, on Teachers Day, I salute Pulela Gopi Chand ji for his hard work, his dedication towards sports and his manner of finding happiness in the success of his disciples. We always feel the contribution of our teachers in our lives. 5th September happens to be the birthday of India's former President Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan ji and the country celebrates this as Teachers Day. Whatever post he held in his life, he always tried to live like a teacher, an educator.

Speaking on coming festival of Ganesh Utsav, he said Ganesh ji removes all obstacles and let us all wish that our country, our society,

our families, and each one of us may lead a life free of obstacles. He added, in a way, a mass campaign of public education gets underway through these Ganesh festivities. Lokmanya Tilak ji gave us the inspirational mantra - "Swaraj, that is, freedom is our birthright." But now we live in independent India. So do we through these public Ganesh festivals move now to SURAJ, that is, good governance by proclaiming 'SURAJ is my birthright'. Good governance, SURAJ, should be our priority.

He said on sainthood of Mother Teresa "Bharat Ratna Mother Teresa will be canonized, that is, accorded sainthood on 4th September. Mother Teresa devoted her entire life to the service of the poor in India. Though she was born in Albania and her mother tongue was not

English, yet she transformed her life and did everything to be able to serve the poor. When Mother Teresa, who served the poor in India all through her life, is accorded Sainthood, it is quite natural for we Indians to feel proud. Indian government will send an official delegation under the leadership of our External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj to represent 125 crore Indians at the canonization ceremony to be held on 4th September.

He added, when

practice of open defecation in their villages situated on the banks of Ganga, start a campaign of building toilets and also that these villages will make their full contribution in cleaning up Ganga and will ensure that Ganga is not polluted now. I congratulate all the Pradhans who had assembled in Allahabad with this resolve from different States; they had come from Uttrakhand, from Uttar Pradesh, from Bihar, from Jharkhand and from West Bengal. I also

would rather go without celebrating birthday but the toilet must be constructed.

Students of age between seven to seventeen took up this task. And this had such an impact, such an emotional impact that while the students were going to school the next day, their parents handed over reply letters to them addressed to the teacher in which they promised to build toilets by a certain date positively. My compliments to those who visualized this idea, compliments to these students and special compliments to those parents who took their childrens' letters so seriously and also took a decision to construct a toilet. This is what inspires us.

Telling the another incident about swachata abhiyanhe added "In Koppal district of Karnataka, a sixteen year old girl Mallamma started a Satyagrah against her own family. She launched the Satyagrah and stopped eating and she did that not to ask something for herself, not to demand good clothes or have sweets. This daughter Mallamma was adamant to have a toilet built in her house. But, the family was not in a good position economically. The daughter stuck to her demand and was not prepared to end her Satyagrah. The village pradhan Mohammad Shafi came to know about this. He was told that Mallamma had protested to press for her demand for getting a toilet

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development becomes a mass movement, a big transformation takes place. Peoples' power is, in a way, considered to be a divine incarnation. Government of India has made a successful effort to clean the Ganga and involve the people for this project with the cooperation of five State governments. Pradhans of villages situated on the banks of the river Ganga were invited to Allahabad on the 20th of this month. They included men as well as women. They came to Allahabad and took an oath before Mother Ganga that they will make all out efforts to immediately stop the

congratulate all those Ministries of the Government of India and also those ministers who turned this vision into reality.

Narrating a story of Kabirdham district of Chhatisgarh, he said "In Kabirdham district of Chhatisgarh more than 1.25 lakh students from about 1700 schools collectively wrote letters to their parents. Some students wrote in English, some wrote in Hindi and some in Chhatisgarhi to their parents telling them that there should be toilets in their houses. They demanded building toilets. Some students even wrote that they

## Kamal Sandesh Editor conferred D.Litt Degree

Kamal Sandesh's Editor and Rajya Sabha Member Shri Prabhat Jha and HRD Minister Shri Prakash Javadekar were on September 6 conferred D.Litt Degree (Honoris Causa) in Social Sciences by Jagadguru Rambhadracharya Handicapped University on recommendation of the academic council & Board of Governors of

the University. It was accorded in 6<sup>th</sup> convocation of the university.



The Occasion was graced by Jagadguru Rambhadracharyaji. It is worth mentioning here that Shri Prabhat Jha is a nationalist thinker. He has written six books and edited several books. He was also Associate editor of a daily newspaper 'Swadesh', which once was edited by former Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee. At present, Shri Jha is a National Vice President of the BJP. Shri Prakash Javadekar has written several article on economic & social issues and attended many international conferences. He was awarded 'Sir Purhottam Das Thakur Memorial National award' for research papers on rural development & banks role in Co-ordinated approach. ■

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built in her house. Now, look at the gesture of village Pradhan Mohammad Shafi, he arranged eighteen thousand rupees and got a toilet built within a week. He said "Swachha Bharat has become the dream of each Indian. Some Indians have made it their resolve.

"The Government of India has called upon the people to make short films of 2 to 3 minutes duration on Swachhta, that is, cleanliness and send these to the Government. You can find details of this plan on website. A competition will be held and the winners will be awarded prizes on Gandhi Jayanti Day on 2nd October. I request TV channels also to invite such films and hold a competition.

Mentioning an event recently took place he informed "A very important event took place recently. The Honourable President of India Shri Pranab Mukherjee inaugurated a new radio channel named 'Akashvani Maitree Channel' at Kolkata. Now, some people may wonder whether Honourable President should inaugurate a Radio Channel? But this

is no ordinary Radio Channel, it is a very big and very important step. We have Bangladesh as our neighbour.

We know that both Bangladesh and West Bengal continue to have a common cultural heritage. So, Akashvani Maitree on this side and Bangladesh Betaar on that side will mutually share the content and Bengali speaking people on both sides will enjoy the programmes of Akashvani, that is, All India Radio. This people to people contact is a big contribution of Akashvani.

Concluding his 'Mann Ki Baat' he appealed the countrymen to strengthen the unity of the country. He said "ours is a vast nation, full of diversities. To keep this country of manifold diversities united, we all as citizens, as society and as the government, have a responsibility to encourage things which strengthen our national unity and highlight these with full vigour, only then we can make our country's future bright, and, of course, this will be achieved. I have full faith in the power of my 125 crore countrymen." ■

# Today's Congress is as confused as was Nehru's Congress

By Vikash Anand

When Prime Minister Narendra Modi condemned the human rights violations in Balochistan in all party meetings and also mentioned it in his independence-day speech, all over the world, Balochs started thanking PM Modi and hoped he will continue to support them. Making greater interaction between India and people of Balochs All India Radio has decided to launch broadcasting in Baloch languages. In India the main opposition party finds itself in confusion on whether they should support PM Modi's tougher stand on Pakistan or not. Salman Khurshid, Kapil Sibal and Manish Tewari are critical of PM's approach on Balochistan. On the other side the party's chief spokesperson Randeep Singh Surjewala supporting PM on Balochistan stated that India should raise the issue of Pakistan army committed human rights violations in Balochistan and PoK on bilateral and multilateral forum. The contradictory stand in the Congress manifests that the main opposition party is divided into two fold on India's policy towards Balochistan & Pok.

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congress is as Confused as Pt. Nehru's Congress. The present condition of Balochistan is also a result of that confusion. The root of the atrocities by Pakistani army goes back to March 27, 1948. Kalat(most of the Balochistan was then known as Kalat) a princely state of Balochistan after independence of nearly seven

Center cited an AIR broadcast on march 27,1948 that VP Menon in press conference stated that the Khan of Kalat had been pressing India to accept Kalat's accession. When Pakistan forcibly occupied the region, King of Kalat (Balochistan) under Pak military pressure denied that he had proposed such a deal

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to India. And Pt. Nehru also denied such a proposal. May be Pt. Nehru denied as he could not take decision on time and wanted to save his face from criticism inside India. The same confusion still continues in the Congress. The party reflects its shilly-shally approach on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's stand on Balochistan. Even our neighbor Afghanistan backed PM Modi's concern on human rights violation in Balochistan.

Balochistan under

Pakistan's control is much richer in terms of natural resources and far larger (347,190 km<sup>2</sup>) than any other province of Pakistan. But irony is that Baluchistan is the least developed region of Pakistan. The people in the region also face wrath of Pakistani establishment. According to Human Rights Watch's world report 2015 "The human rights situation in *Baluchistan* remains abysmal. Despite the May

chairperson of the Baloch Student Organization-Azad in the provincial capital, Quetta. Baloch's whereabouts and safety remained unknown at time of writing."

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for this reason, Pakistan has carried out five major military operations in Balochistan since 1948. In each of these catastrophic operations thousands of Baloch people including women and children have been killed and hundreds of thousands more were forced to flee their native towns and villages. Among these victims are those many thousands who disappeared without any trace. The inhumane act of disappearances, target killing and kill and dump of Baloch activists by state functionaries continues."

The Pakistani establishment's atrocities are not only being committed against Baloch people, but are also rampant in Balochistan against the Hindus, the Christians, the Hazaras and the Pashtuns. Balochistan was ruled by Hindu king before the invasion by Arab in 712AD.

Columnist Muhammad Akbar Notezai of the *Daily Times* writes in his column "The Balochistan Hindus' dilemma" that under the Yar Muhammad Khan (the chief ruler of Kalat State) Hindus were getting their due respect and economic & religious freedom. That is why Hindu did not leave Balochistan during partition. The columnist expressed shock on dangerously living condition of Hindus in Balochistan. Even they can't perform their religious practices. IANS reported referring to a Pakistan's

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2013 election of a civilian government, the military retains all key decision-making functions in the southwestern province and has blocked efforts by civil society organizations and media to cover ongoing violence there."

The report 2015 further states "Enforced disappearances of Baloch who are opposing Pakistan's atrocities linked to the security forces continued with impunity. On March 18, plainclothes gunmen later identified as belonging to Pakistan's paramilitary Frontier Corps allegedly abducted Zahid Baloch,

disappearances is as old as the history of colonization of my motherland. It goes back to illegal occupation of Balochistan by British Empire in 1839. But the worst tragic episode of state enforced disappearances in Balochistan began from 1948 onwards. It was when the newly formed state of Pakistan invaded independent Balochistan and forcefully annexed it to its territory.

He adds "The truth is increasing number of disappeared Baloch political and human rights activists is a reflection of Baloch resistance against colonialism and occupation. Only and only

Private Channel, Nearly 35 Hindus were killed when dictatorial rule of General Pervez Musharraf launched operation against Nawab Akbar Khan Bugti, a former governor of Balochistan & head of Bugti tribe. The report disclosing the reason says Bugti used to keep the Hindus in proximity to his legendary fort in Dera Bugti to safeguard them from criminal elements. That is why many children, women were killed.

Increasing atrocities by Pakistani army on Baloch and rising involvement of China with the help of Pakistan government for exploiting rich natural resources and strategic location of Balochistan, have forced Baloch to look towards India with hopeful eyes. Earlier, the Baloch were being labeled by Pakistan's army as agents of Afghanistan and Iran. Now, Pak army harasses Baloch by labeling them as Hindu (Indian) agents. A report in Caravan (July, 2014) by Mahvish Ahmad, a Pakistani writer, explains the story of atrocities being committed on Baloch people. On the suspicion of a Hindu agent hiding in a remote village of Balochistan named 'Mai' Pak army shelled the mud houses of the village. Mahvish reported ""It was as if the earth was on fire, and the sky was raining bullets."

Unlike Modi's 'Neighbor first' policy Nehruvian foreign policy always preferred neighbor last. He never took

frontiers issues seriously.

China, under the guise of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project, started intrusion in Balochistan. Under CPEC, Pakistan surrendered approximately 2,000 acres of land in Balochistan to the Chinese government for the development of Gwadar port. The port was officially leased to China for 43 years, until 2059.

The objective of this port and corridor is to exploit rich natural resources and with the help of China, to crush brutally the aspiration of Baloch people. For China, apart from exploitation of

natural resources, gas, it is also strategic location to counter the Indian influence in Indian Ocean, Arabian Sea and Central Asia.

In initial period of its tenure Modi government under the 'Neighbor first policy' tried its best to bring solution in friendly manner and gave the message to the world that India wanted to resolve its issue with hostile neighbor Pakistan amicably. But Pakistan is unable to renounce its old habit. Now, it is right time to take tougher approach towards Pakistan. The Indian leadership must raise the Pakistan's atrocities on every international forum. ■

### Sagarmala Development Company incorporated under the Companies Act, 2013 to boost up port-led development

As part of the efforts to promote port-led development in the country, the Sagarmala Development Company (SDC) has been incorporated under the Companies Act, 2013. The company will have an initial Authorized Share Capital of Rs. 1,000 Crore and a subscribed share capital of Rs. 90 Crore, the Ministry of Shipping announced today. The main objective of the company is to identify port-led development projects under the Sagarmala Programme and provide equity support for the project Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) set up by the Ports / State / Central Ministries and funding window and / or implement only those residual projects which cannot be funded by any other means / mode. The Cabinet in July had approved the formation of the SDC under the administrative control of the Ministry of Shipping. The company would help in structuring activities, bidding out projects for private sector participation, identifying suitable risk management measures for strategic projects across multiple states / regions and obtaining requisite approvals and clearances.

The implementation of the identified projects would be taken up by the relevant ports, state governments/Maritime Boards, central ministries, through private or PPP mode. The Company would act as the nodal agency for coordination and monitoring of all the currently identified projects under Sagarmala as well as other projects emerging from the master plans or other sources. ■

## Politics of 'Bua and Bahtija' has destroyed UP : Amit Shah

The IT cell of the BJP with the objective of using the social media to reach voters ahead of the 2017 polls had organised a day long 'Social Media Volunteer's Meet' on 03 September 2016 in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.

katwa' (vote splitter) parties in UP only to help the Samajwadi Party and the BSP.

Shri Shah said, "UP had enough of the SP and BSP rule, both these parties perpetuated corrupt regime of the Congress-led UPA at the

for the SP government to tell voters; what work it had accomplished in the last five years.

Accusing the UP Chief Minister of creating obstacles in the implementation of the Centrally sponsored schemes



Among others BJP National President Shri Amit Shah and Union Minister of State for Commerce and Industry Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman addressed the meet.

Addressing the social media volunteers and the regional media officials meet BJP National President Shri Amit Shah launched a scathing attack on the Samajwadi Party and the Bahujan Samaj Party saying the 'politics of Bua and Bahtija' has destroyed Uttar Pradesh and there was a dire need for the change of guard in the state. The BJP President also dubbed Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar-led JD (U) and Congress as the 'Vote

Centre. Both Akhilesh and Mayawati were not so nave to support the UPA government without any purpose and today both the Congress and the JD(U) were working as 'Vote katwa' parties to help the SP and the BSP."

Shri Shah said, "UP Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav is asking for the performance record of the Narendra Modi government. It's for Akhilesh Yadav to furnish his own record of performance to the people as UP goes to polls in 2017. The BJP will give its record of performance to the people in 2019 Lok Sabha elections". He said it was time

in UP, Shri Shah said, "out of 80 centrally sponsored schemes as many as 63 are to be implemented by the state government and UP government is creating hurdles in the implementation of those schemes meant for the poor and the downtrodden."

"India can never be a developed country without the development of UP. For the development of UP its imperative for the BJP to win the assembly election and form the government in UP. The party cadre should apprise the people of the state as to how for their narrow

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# 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:*

**B**rothers and Sisters, We are far more committed to build the image of Hindustan than that of our Government.

talking about “Stand-Up India”, we are also taking steps towards “Start-Up India”. We are laying emphasis on Substance than on Symbolism.

to these schemes. The arrogance that this was the work of your Government and this is my Govt; hence we would not do this work; is not in the fitness of the things in a democracy.

This is why, with all humility, we have given similar importance to the schemes of the previous governments. This is the hallmark of our work culture as our nation is a continuous and a ceaseless system and we wish to retain that system. This is why, I have a project called PRAGATI. Under this project, every month, I myself sit and review all the on going projects. You would be amazed to know that almost 119 projects worth Rs. seven and a half lakh crores started by various previous Govts. were lying pending. I got all of them going.

I said, so much of money have

been spent on them, so, all these projects should be completed. Now they are all on the way to completion. We created a project monitoring group. I asked them to look into all such projects and find out as to when were they started. I came to know that some of them were started 20 years ago, the other were started somewhere between twenty five to thirty to fifteen years earlier. The people living in the areas of these projects know all. We identified such two hundred and seventy projects worth Rs. 10 Lakhs crores which were inaugurated by some earlier govt.



Regardless of party's identity, the Country's identity holds primacy. For, If the Country moves on, it will yield dividends for the coming generations, for centuries, and exactly, for this reason, We have accorded primacy to the country's identity and not to our party. Now a days, You must have observed the scope of our work in Railways. While we are talking about having Bio-toilets in train, we also cherish the dream of Bullet train. While We talk about “Soil Health Card” for farmers, we also want to march ahead in the direction of satellite and space technology. While

We are stressing on integrated development than on isolated development.

Leaving aside entitlement, we are focused and emphatic on Empowerment because an empowering country, my brothers and Sisters, provides an identity to the Government through the prism of the newly declared schemes. But sometimes the old schemes just tumble down. Nevertheless, the Govts. is a continuity. If the earlier Govts. have done some work; then it is in the national interest that the next Government rectifies their shortcomings and gives a go ahead

and some crores of rupees were spent on all of them; but all that money was going down the drain. We started all such stuck up projects once again. Brothers and Sisters, such holding up and delaying of the schemes after having spent crores of rupees on them is a criminal negligence and we have tried to tide over such things.

Brothers and Sisters, earlier railway projects took at least two years in getting sanctions. A train is passing from somewhere, road have also been made on the both side; a rail over bridge is to be constructed. But the approval took two years. We have speeded up the approval process and have been able to shorten the approval time to three or four months, or maximum to six months.

Brothers and Sisters, however fast we may work, whatsoever may be the number of the schemes started by us; the touchstone of good administration of any Government lies in the last man delivery or the benefits accrued to that person. So, this has to be taken care off. Brothers and Sisters, when policies are clear, intentions are clear; then the sentiments behind the decisions are also a class apart and the decisions can be taken unhesitantly. So, due to the correct policies and the correct intentions our Government is taking unhesitant decisions and giving emphasis on the last man delivery.

We have seen and if you also go through the newspapers of Uttar Pradesh, every year there were stories about the outstanding balance of Sugar Cane farmers. Every year, there was news that this is not being done by the sugar mill owners, that was not being done by the state Govt, that sugar cane farmers are in distress.

Thousands of crores of the rupees was outstanding. So, we made schemes in this regard and tired to ensure the last man delivery and also ensured that the amount should reach to the farmers. Brothers and Sisters, out of the total old outstanding balance of the thousands of crores of rupees, I would like to inform you with a lot of satisfaction that almost 99.5% has been settled. It has happened for the first time after many years.

I can point out in solace that all the sugarcane which was procured and which came for marketing this time for that almost 95 per cent of farmers have got the price of sugarcane produced and I am sure and I believe that the remaining 5 percent of farmers will also be paid in the coming days.

Brothers & Sisters, We have initiated a mission to

provide LPG Connections to the poor families. We have launched a dynamic mission under "Ujawala" scheme to get rid of smokes emanating from chulha for my poor mothers. A target has been laid down to provide gas connections to 5 crores poor families within 3 years. Efforts are in progress and we have already provided gas connections to around 50 lakhs and that also have been done merely within the last hundred days - you can imagine - that it may be possible to achieve the said target even before three years. We intend to emphasize upon Last Mile Delivery in this mission.

Post has steadily become irrelevant due to onlining of our Post Offices, Information Technology, Whatsapp, messages, e-mail. Our country is known as the chains of Post Offices and we have revamped these post offices. Post Offices are linked with poor and marginalised people. Postman is the only representative of the Government who is linked with the feelings and affections of the common man. We have never safeguarded the interests of the Post Man who has always got the affections of everyone and the postman always cares for common people. We have taken measures to convert our post office into a Payment Bank. By setting of these Payment Banks, a network of Banks will be set up across the villages in the country. People will get the benefits of Jan-Dhan account. The funds of MGNREGA for the common man is now being transferred into their respective accounts through 'AADHAAR', the cases of corruption are decreasing. Everyone will be benefitted through the mission of converting the Post Office into a Payment Bank.

Brothers & Sisters, PSUs in our country are merely set up for loss-making units or for turning into sick units slowly and steadily or for disinvestment. This has been the common practice in the past. We have strived to launch a new work-culture. Today, I can point out in satisfaction that we have succeeded to turn the operation of so called notorious Air India into an operational profit-making undertaking during the last year. It is a fact that which all the Telcom companies of the world are profit-making units, the BSNL was turning into a heavy loss-making undertaking. We have succeeded in bringing BSNL to operational profit for the first time. Nobody believed that the Shipping Corporation of India could also rake in profit, now it is bringing profit. There was a time when it was apprehended that how would a power factory last for a week. Whether we would be able to get coal for them or not. It also used to be reported that power factories

have been shut down for want of coal. Now, we have sufficient stock of coal at the threshold of the power factories. It could be used for months by them. Dear Brothers & Sisters, we have achieved it.

Often, you must have seen that there is huge talk of corruption in our country. I have observed it myself that how corruption has looked the poor people from the lowest strata of the society and how huge amount of money is being wasted. We have linked AADHAAR Card and AADHAAR Number with the Government Policies. Dear Brothers & Sisters, earlier there was a system under which funds used to be released from public exchequer for widow pension, scholarship, persons with disabilities and minorities and also we used to receive list of beneficiaries. We looked into it deeply and found that even unborn children are also listed in it and getting benefit out of such schemes. These middlemen used to siphon off billions of rupees from it and nobody even took notice of it. But under the AADHAAR System, we have removed all these middlemen from the list of beneficiaries and directly transferred the amount to the beneficiaries and found that these are millions of such ghost beneficiaries who do not exist at all and used to receive billions of rupees from it. Now that has been checked. We saved lot of amount. We decided to find out the needy persons who were excluded from that list so that the amount of money saved from it should invariably be deposited into the accounts of those persons who want to fight for their rights. We have worked in that direction to deliver it to the last man delivery and we have made it to reach it to them.

All of us are aware of the Coal Scam. Today there is no accusation on the coal auction. No stigma is attached to it. The states which excavate coal in India, will continuously earn millions of rupees in the near future. There was a time when the auction of spectrum was surrounded by allegations. We auctioned it online and that has filled the coffers of the country, bringing about healthy competition and also fetching benefits for the nation.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, today the world is passing through an era of global economy. Every country today is inter-connected and inter-dependent. Economically, the whole world is somehow interconnected in one way or other. However much we may progress in our country, we'll have to keep the global economy, global arena in view; come up to the global standards, match it also to stay relevant, and contribute, and also lead the global economy when the time comes.

Therefore, we'll have to be alert all the time. We'll have to comply with the global standards to make ourselves up to date. Recently, you must have seen how the World Bank, I.M.F., World Economic Forum, credit rating agencies and such other agencies in the world have all appreciated the progress of India. The world is constantly watching these things due to the decisions taken one after another by India in respect of legal reforms, improvement in system and changes in approach. We have very speedily improved our ranking in 'ease of doing business' ratings. In terms of foreign investment, with regard to foreign direct investment our country happens to be the most favourite destination in the world today. We have left behind even the big economies of the world in matters of growth rate and GDP.

Dear brothers and Sisters, do you know what an U.N. institute has estimated about India for the next two years ? They have estimated that in two years India will come up to the third spot in the economic sphere in place of its present level at number ten. Brothers and Sisters, logistic support, infrastructure, all these things are taken into account in global standards, comparisons are made with rich countries of the world. Brothers and Sisters, while making analysis regarding this logistic support and infrastructure of India, the World Economic Forum has said that India has reached above 19 ranks as compared to earlier positions and India is moving up and marching ahead rapidly. Brothers and Sisters, the way we are marching ahead with a dynamic and predictable economy in our country and also in global reference- the recently passed GST law, is also an empowering step towards it and all those parties deserve appreciations for this.

Brothers and Sisters, I had talked about a campaign from the same place- "Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao". We do not do any work in piecemeal. We have an integrated approach and I still need the cooperation of the society in the initiatives which we have taken in "Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao".

Every single parent need to be aware. We should honour the daughters, protect them and give them the benefit of government's schemes. We have covered millions of families under "Sukanya Samridhi Yojna" which guarantees benefits for the daughters when she grows up. We have given greatest importance to the insurance schemes in which women are benefitted. They are going to reap its benefits. We have "Indradhanush Tikakaran Yojna"- because if we ensure two things for our mothers and sisters i.e. economic

empowerment and empowerment against health problems and we educate them, you can take it as an assurance that if even a single woman is educated in the family, if she is strong physically and independent economically, she has power to pull the poorest of the poor family out of poverty and therefore we are working with emphasis on empowerment of women, health of women, economic prosperity of women, physical empowerment of women in our fight against poverty.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, “Mudra Yojna”- I am happy that more than three and half crore families reaped the benefits of Mudra Yojna. In it, most of the people who reached to the door of banks were first timers. Even out of these almost 80 percent people were from SC/ST/OBC. Out of these too, 80 percent are women who took loans from banks, Mudra bank. This is to be considered that how will these womenfolk will contribute in economic development. Brothers and Sisters! last week we decided that our mothers and Sisters who have become the participants in the growth story, need leave after child birth. Earlier that leave was shorter but now we have increased this to 26 weeks, enabling the new mother to take care of her infant. Our weavers and the people working in textile, who make yarn and yarn rolls, used to get Rs.100. We have increased that to Rs.190 so as to strengthen the hands of my yarn producing mothers and Sisters. Our mothers, Sisters and weavers who are engaged in silk production will now receive Rs.50 more per meter of production. This has also been decided that this Rs.50 per meter will not go either to the trader or to the middleman or to the dealer. Instead this Rs.50 per meter will go via Aadhaar directly to the account of the weaver who has produced it. This will empower the weavers. We have started schemes with this intention and effect is now visible.

My dear countrymen! When we visualize railway and post office then we are able to see the unity of India. More we increase the institutions connecting India, our setup will change and that will enforce the unity of the country. So in the same tune we have started a new market scheme for farmers with the name ‘E-NAM’. Today farmers can sell their produce online in any of the markets of the country. Now he is not constrained to compulsively sell his produce in the market which is 10 Kilometers from his field .Neither to sell at low prices which is not remunerative for his hard work. Now a uniform sort of market network is establishing throughout the country with ‘E-NAM’. GST is soon to result in uniform taxation system and

a unitary arrangement thus achieved will unite India as well. You will be amazed to know that earlier a zone was to have surplus energy and there were no takers. Another zone used to be in dire need of electricity, had to remain in dark and factories used to be shut. To effect a change in this scenario, we earned a great success with the ‘One nation, One grid, One price’. Earlier it used to be Rs.10 per unit in summers but I went to Telangana few days back to find it to be one rupee ten paise per unit instead of that age old Rs. 10. This is the result of one-price system, which can connect the whole country.

A worker of our country has to change his place of work after every one or two years. But, his amount, deducted under EPF, is not transferred. You will be surprised to know that when I took the charge of the Government, Rs. 27,000 crore were lying under EPF, which belonged to the workers. Workers were not able to claim their amount, as they were ignorant of the relevant process. To solve this problem, we have issued a universal account number to each worker, which would enable easy transfer of fund to his new place of work. Now, the worker would get his amount after retirement and it would no more be lying dormant in a government treasury.

We have strengthened various initiatives such as Bharat-Mala, Setu-Bharatam, and Bharat-Net etc. We are working towards connecting the whole country and towards economic development of the country through all these initiatives.

Brothers and Sisters, this year is important due to various reasons. The country is celebrating 1000th birth anniversary of Saint Sri Ramanuja Acharya ji. The country is celebrating 150th birth anniversary of Shrimad Rajchandra Ji, the Guru of Mahatma Gandhi. The country is celebrating 350th birth anniversary of Guru Gobind Singh ji. The country is also celebrating centenary birth celebrations of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya ji. While remembering Sri Ramanuja Acharya ji today, I wish to underline his message to the country. He used to say that we should serve all the devotees of the Lord, irrespective of their caste and class. He had said that we should never humiliate anyone and should give respect to all, without any discrimination on the basis of age and caste. The issue that was given importance by Gandhi, Ambedkar, Ramanujacharya, Lord Buddha, our scriptures and by our all spiritual gurus too is the issue of ‘our social unity’.

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## Take inspiration from freedom fighters, not from such NGOs which promote anti-national ideology : Amit Shah

**B**JP National President Shri Amit Shah called upon people to isolate those who misuse the freedom of speech to propound their anti-national ideology. Without referring to any particular organization or incident, Shri Amit Shah lambasted NGOs and called upon young generation to "take inspiration from freedom fighters, not from such NGOs, which promote anti-national ideology".

Shri Shah was speaking at the 'Tiranga Yatra' and 'Balidana Smarane', a programme to remember freedom fighters, held in Mangalore as part of the 70th Independence Day celebrations on August 21, 2016.

"Now people talk about freedom of speech. It is Bhagat Singh who fought and sacrificed his life for freedom of speech. The main objective of his fight was bringing a new constitution for the nation. Now we have freedom of speech. You have the freedom to express your opinion against an individual, political party or any ideology. However, one can never compare expressing

anti-national ideology with the freedom of speech. I call upon the people to isolate those who try to represent their anti-national ideology as freedom of speech," Shri Shah said.

Further launching indirect attack on a section of NGOs,

Constitution are the outcome of nationalism. It was nationalism that inspired our national leaders like Jhansi Rani to fight for the nation," Shri Shah said.

He told youths that they cannot find inspiration for nationalism in those NGOs.

Youths may get inspiration from Bhagat Singh, V a s u d e v B a l w a n t P h a d k e , M a h a t m a Gandhi or Subhas Chandra Bose. We need to make patriotism an inseparable part of our society and culture, he added.

The BJP President, who earlier offered

floral tributes to the statue of Veerarani Abbakka at Ullal, said the woman freedom fighter had set an example herself for the nation by sacrificing her life. "Veerarani Abbakka lived a life which is a role model for young generation, especially women in the nation. There may be several patriots in the nation, whose patriotism, sacrifice and struggles have not been given due prominence in the history. Veerarani Abbakka is one such fighter," he added.■



## We intend to talk to those who want peace and normalcy in valley : Rajnath Singh

**A**n All Party delegation led by the Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh visited Srinagar & Jammu on September 4 & 5. Before leaving for Srinagar, Shri Rajnath Singh said that we intend to talk to individuals and groups who want peace and normalcy in the Kashmir valley.

presentation was given by the State Government highlighting various issues related to the current scenario in Jammu and Kashmir. It was emphasised that a clear roadmap needs to be drawn with a focus on the way forward. It was also stressed upon that the recommendations of Working

listen to the problems of people of Jammu and Kashmir. She also thanked the members for holding discussions on the issue of J&K in Parliament. Ms Mehbooba Mufti emphasised that media needs to be sensitive while reporting on such issues like the current happenings in Kashmir.

The All party delegation also met the representatives of various political parties. Various political parties expressed their concern over the injuries to civilians due to the use of pellet guns. The Union Home Minister said that Government is already working on the alternatives to pellet guns such as PAVA shells.

In addition to the political parties, delegations of academicians, teachers and student associations, representatives of school management, prominent NGOs, representatives of Leh, Kargil, Pahari associations, Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee, Fruit & Saffron Growers associations, Civil Society etc. also met the All Party meeting visiting Srinagar. The Jammu and Kashmir Students Welfare



During the first day of its visit, the delegation met about 200 members in about 30 delegations from various sections of society and listened to their point of view to reach at a common solution to the current scenario in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Home Minister chaired the meeting of All Party delegation which was attended by Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Ms Mehbooba Mufti. During the meeting, a detailed

Groups and Parliamentary delegations need to be considered.

While interacting with the delegation, Ms Mehbooba Mufti said that Kashmir is a common issue of national interest and should not be viewed as a political issue. All the parties agreed to this fact and emphasised that steps need to be taken to restore normalcy and peace in Kashmir at the earliest. CM of J&K also thanked all the parties for visiting the state to

Association informed the All Party delegation that they are willing to work with Government of India, hand in hand and shoulder to shoulder to bring normalcy in the state.

On the second day of its visit, the delegation visited Jammu after visiting Srinagar. In Jammu, the delegation met over 200 persons in about 18 different delegations from various sections of society. Delegation of Jammu Chamber of Commerce and Industry led by its President Shri Rakesh Gupta, Chamber of Traders Federation of Jammu Province led by Shri Neeraj Anand, Federation of Industries led by its President Shri Lalit Mahajan and the Jammu and Kashmir High Court Bar Association led by its President Advocate Abhinav Sharma met the All Party delegation. A composite delegation of Jammu Hotels, Lodges, Taxi Tour and Travel operators also discussed their issues with the All Party delegation. The Doda and Talwara Reasi migrants, Kashmiri migrants' delegations and a composite delegation of J&K PoJK Refugees Front discussed their problems with the delegation in Jammu.

Besides this, delegations of West Pakistani Refugee Action Committee-1947, All Jammu Civil Society Forum (Dogra Sadar Sabha), Vishav Hindu Parishad, Rashtriya Gurjar Manch, Sikh Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee, Muslim Front led by Imran Qazi, Anjuman-e-Imamia, Jammu led by Syed Amanat Ali Shah, J&K Christian Dalit Society of Jammu and Panthers Party led by Shri Harshdev Singh also met the All Party delegation.

The delegation also met the Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Shri N. N. Vohra. ■

political ends the Samajwadi party government is not implementing the Centrally sponsored schemes for the uplift of the different sections of the society", Shri Shah said.

Addressing the gathering Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman made a detailed presentation of the various schemes of the Central government for the different sectors of the economy and social sector.

The aim of the meet was to develop a dedicated workforce of volunteers who will popularize the work done by the Modi government. The workforce will use social media to create an atmosphere against Opposition parties.

Smt. Sitharaman said that Akhilesh Yadav was claiming that his government was developing a Lucknow Metro, but the fact was that Centre has sanctioned Rs 6,926 crore for the first phase of the project.

The meet was attended by nearly 10,000 volunteers. During the meet, Shri Amit Shah launched the mobile application and a website of the state BJP unit. Information related to the BJP, like statements and speeches of senior party leaders on different issues and important decisions by the Modi government will be available on the site.

The event was held in two sessions at the auditorium in Ram Manohar Lohia Law University. In the first session, nearly 4,000 office bearers of BJP's IT Vibhag from all 403 constituencies participated. The state BJP leaders also addressed the first session and discussed the strategy and fixed the target for taking the social media campaign to the village level. In the second session, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman made a presentation of the Modi government's work and achievements before the them.

She said the new volunteers will connect six crore people with the BJP through applications like WhatsApp as well. They will share text, videos, audios regarding works and policies of the NDA government, as well as the BJP's ideologies.

Earlier in the day the BJP National President addressed a workshop for the media department office bearers of the state BJP office. The workshop was attended by the state, regional and districts units of the media department.

Later Shri Shah also went to the residence of late Lucknow Mayor Dr. S C Rai to pay his condolence. Dr Rai died here last week. ■