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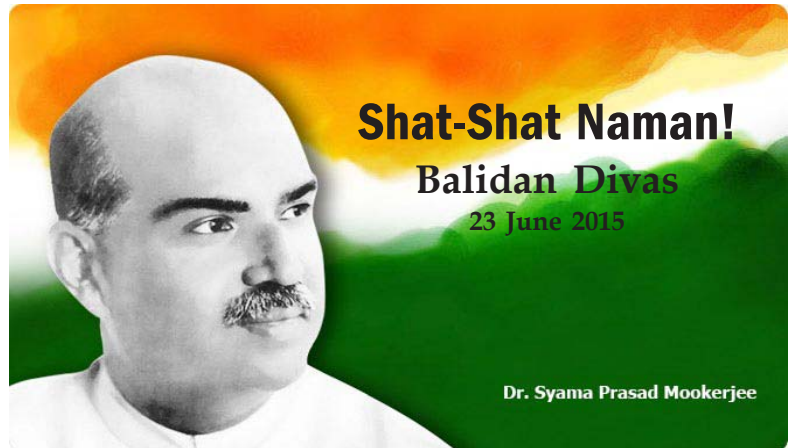
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My spiritual intelligence is certainly becoming confused by your words of conflicting conclusions; therefore ascertaining one of them, please reveal definitely that by which I may obtain the greatest benefit
—(Bhagavadgita : Ch.-III, 2)

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“Service, in our Indian ethos is the ultimate duty - Seva Parmo Dharma. One year ago, you had entrusted me with the responsibility and honour of serving you as your . I have devoted every moment of every day, and every element of my body and spirit, in fulfilling the same with fullest sincerity and honesty.”

-Narendra Modi

Nabakalebar : 15 June 2015

Nabakalebar is all about transformation of lord Jagannath, Balabhadra, Subhadra and Sudarshan into the new body. The new wooden idols of Lord Jagannath, Balabhadra, Goddess Subhadra and Sudarshan will be welcomed to the temple with great celebration and it is a great occasion for devotees of lord Jagannath. The Deities are made from a special type of Neem wood known as



Daru Bramha. Preparations for the ceremony start in the month of Chaitra. The new idols are carved out from the Neem tree and old ones are cremated with traditional rituals mentioned in the century old Hindu scriptures during this Nabakalebar ceremony.

Depending on the almanac positions of Hindu calendar the transformation or the Nabakalebar takes place once in every 12 to 19 years. Usually it is held in that year when the month of Ashadha is followed by another Ashadha. The previous Nabakalebars have taken place in the years like 1969, 1978 and 1996.

From a religious point of view the temple management and priest have to identify the holy tree with a group of search team as prescribed in the temple records. No ordinary Neem tree can be used to make the deities. Certain well defined criteria must be satisfied by the tree before it is labelled a Daru Bramha fit for deities making. Locating the four holy trees requires divine intervention. As per long-standing tradition the Priests of the Jagannath Temple (Puri) worship Maa Mangala at the Kakatpur Mangala Temple. It is said the Goddess appears to them in their dreams revealing the location of the holy trees. After that carving of the idols, transfer of Bramha from old to new idol and finally sacred burial of old bodies of Lords will take place. These are the major rituals which are combinely known as Nabakalebar.■



Bad days are over - dreams have found their wings!

Completion of one year by BJP led NDA government at the centre has been greeted by people with much enthusiasm and hope across the nation. It was time to look back and assess whether the country has been able to come out of the adversities which it faced under Congress led UPA rule. Any sane assessment of the situation may conclude with a sense of satisfaction that the country has not only been rescued, it has been brought on the track of good governance and development. There is a realization that the nation is moving in the right direction under the dynamic and visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. There are achievements, unique initiatives, innovative schemes, rigorous implementation, futuristic plans, committed leadership and dedicated mechanism all around. The definition of politics, idea of governance and entire work culture is replete with idea of positive change. We have to take the country forward, we have to build a new India - this idea is ruling the heart of every Indian.

Gone are the days of scams and loot! The memory of the era of everyday scam under Congress led UPA government is fading in public mind - the government is now no more synonymous with corruption and loot of public money. It is a government - transparent and accountable. While there were huge loot of public exchequer in allocation of coal blocks and spectrum, the Modi government has shown how these auctions can be done in a transparent manner enriching the government coffers immensely. Prime Minister has rightly said that *Achhe Din* are not for middlemen and power brokers. As *Pradhan Santri* he has not allowed anyone to loot the public money through illicit means. The government has not only ended the era of scams and corruption but it has also ensured that system is streamlined and made more people friendly by use of technology. A large number of unnecessary laws have been scrapped freeing the system of unwanted burden. The ground has been prepared for a hassle free, smooth and efficient delivery system by taking measures which may make administration participatory and democratic in letter and spirit.

BJP led NDA government in its first cabinet meeting constituted SIT on black money. While the Congress led UPA government sat on the decision for years even in the face of Supreme Court directives, Modi government's first decision in this regard displayed the commitment on black money. Not only this, stringent law has been enacted on black money. Prime Minister has also raised the issue on G-20 forum and government has reached agreements with other countries including Switzerland on black money. The commitment of the government on all front got reflected in improving economic scenario with India becoming the fastest growing economy and also a destination for investment under 'Make in India' initiative. While India's rating is getting improved due to its remarkable performance in economic sector, programmes like 'Skill India' is set to prepare youth to grab the massive employment opportunities which are expected to be generated in the wake of 'Make in India'

programme. Prime Minister is receiving warm welcome across the globe for his vision and his commitment to lead India towards a developed nation having the potential to contribute to the welfare of world.

In the last one year India has made its presence felt in the world. People in India are getting confident about their future. The ground has been prepared for making India a developed and self reliant nation. From agriculture to industries and from domestic policies to foreign policies - perceptible changes are witnessed leading the country with newfound zeal and energy. Expectations are soaring, the dreams have found their wings and people know that it is now a flight into reality. The days of policy paralysis, scam, corruption and misgovernance are over. The days of people friendly system with participation of people and commitment to poor and deprived have come to stay. India has got a leadership in Narendra Modi, a movement to build India in BJP and confidence in itself. The last one year has shown to the world - Yes, we can! And now India can move ahead with the resolve - Yes, we can and we will! ■

Adopt multi-pronged strategy to augment irrigation network : PM



The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 8th June 2015 called for quick adoption of a multi-pronged strategy to augment the country's irrigation network. Chairing a high-level meeting comprising top officials from the Ministries of Agriculture, Water Resources, Rural Development, and Finance, besides the NITI Aayog and the PMO, the Prime Minister asked for a relook at the administrative mechanisms, financial arrangements and technology applications in the irrigation sector, to result in a shorter, more comprehensive decision-making process, which could deliver quick results for the farmers.

Reviewing the preparations for the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana, the Prime Minister said expansion of irrigation has to be linked with a comprehensive evaluation of cropping patterns across states, as well as a judicious mix of modern and micro irrigation systems such as drip and sprinkler irrigation. Simultaneously, a thorough study should be made of various traditional irrigation methods across the country.

The Prime Minister said young researchers from Universities should be involved in irrigation-policy planning. He said irrigation plans need to be worked out at the district level, and young officers from the civil services should be asked to propose district-level irrigation plans.

The Prime Minister noted that falling ground-water levels in some states made it essential to bring about an urgent shift in cropping-patterns. He called for focus on maize, and initiatives in value-addition in maize, to make it more attractive for farmers.

Union Minister for Water Resources Ms. Uma Bharati, Union Minister for Rural Development Shri Chaudhary Birender Singh, and Union Minister of State for Agriculture Shri Sanjeev Balyan were present at the meeting. **(FOC)** ■

Achchhe din are not for middlemen and power brokers : PM



The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on May 25 asserted that the “Bure Din” (bad days) of the UPA Government are over. Addressing a public meeting in scorching heat at Deendayal Dham near Mathura, the Prime Minister said that the era of a fresh corruption scandal every day, and Government being run by remote control, has ended.

The Prime Minister thanked the people of India for putting an end to the bure din, through their decisive mandate one year ago. He asked the large gathering what would have happened if the UPA Government had continued for one more year. He said instead of that,

people today no longer heard of incidents of corruption, nepotism and remote control. Giving the example of successful coal block auctions which netted Rs. 3 lakh crore, the Prime Minister said that he was working as “Pradhan Santri” and would not let anyone loot Government money through illicit means. He said there were hundreds of “power circles” and multiple power centres in Delhi, which had now been destroyed, thanks to the clear mandate given to the NDA Government.

The Prime Minister highlighted the various welfare measures and steps taken by the Government for the common man, the poor

and the farmer. He spoke about how the 15 crore bank accounts opened under the Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana would eliminate middlemen, and how benefits such as LPG subsidy were being transferred directly to bank accounts.

He explained initiatives such as soil health cards, and revival of fertilizer plants, to help farmers.

The Prime Minister also spoke of measures to ease the life of the common man, including self attestation of documents, and scrapping of about 1300 outdated laws.

He explained how steps such as the launch of the Mudra Bank, and the social security teams such as Atal

Pension Yojana, would transform the lives of the poor.

The Prime Minister said the whole world was looking at India with fresh hope, and foreign investment had increased eight times over the last year.

The Prime Minister visited the home of Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay and paid homage to him.

The BJP celebrated the NDA government's one year in office with a week-long campaign called "Jan Kalyan Parv" or "People's Welfare Festival".

The party held 200 rallies across the country. Prime Minister Shri Modi addressed the first meeting at Nagla Chandrabhan village in Mathura, the birthplace of Deendayal Upadhyaya on May 25. As part of the festival, all Union Ministers, BJP MPs, party Chief Ministers and MLAs, besides Central and State office-bearers travelled across the country to highlight the government's achievements.

Party MPs spent a week in their respective constituencies describing their achievements. Each

government department also prepared a booklet and an e-booklet.

Besides rallies, about 200 press conferences have also been planned to talk about the initiatives of the government. Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh along with party Vice President Shri Prabhat Jha visited Kolkata on 26 May. Here, he addressed public meeting and interacted with media persons on government achievements. Other senior leaders addressed public meeting & press conference in different parts of the country. ■

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## PM calls for making Yoga a mass movement

Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi called for making Yoga a mass movement, connecting people and strengthening the bonds of humanity. In a post on Facebook, the Prime Minister said that the entire global community has come together in support of celebrating the first-ever International Day of Yoga, on June 21st. "Now, that strong support has also turned into immense enthusiasm. I am seeing several people and organisations across the world are working towards making the first ever International Day of Yoga a memorable event," the Prime Minister said. In the run-up to 21st June, the Prime Minister would be sharing a post daily, covering various aspects of Yoga.

Earlier chairing a high-level meeting to review the preparations for International Yoga Day - June 21st. He said that Yoga's central theme is "synergy,".

The Prime Minister called for a coordinated effort, not only from various Government Ministries and Departments, but also with people's active participation, to enable a befitting celebration for the first International Yoga Day. He called for the involvement of eminent yoga practitioners, spiritual leaders and other distinguished individuals from various walks of life, so as to make the event a success. ■



# Together we shall build India of your dreams : PM

## *Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi writes letter to people of India on completion of one year in office*

**My dear fellow citizens!**

Service, in our Indian ethos is the ultimate duty - Seva Parmo Dharma. One year ago, you had entrusted me with the responsibility and honour of serving you as your . I have devoted every moment of every day, and every element of my body and spirit, in fulfilling the same with fullest sincerity and honesty.

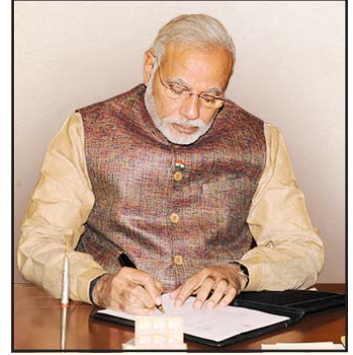
We assumed office at a time when confidence in the India story was waning. Un-abated corruption and indecisiveness had paralyzed the government. People had been left helpless against ever climbing inflation and economic insecurity. Urgent and decisive action was needed.

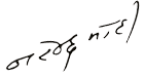
We systematically went about addressing these challenges. Runaway prices were immediately brought under control. The languishing economy was rejuvenated, building on stable, policy-driven proactive governance. Discretionary allotment of our precious natural resources to a chosen few was replaced with transparent auctions. Firm steps were taken against Black Money, from setting up a SIT and passing a stringent black money law, to generating international consensus against the same. Uncompromising adherence to the principle of purity, in action as well as intent, ensured a corruption-free government. Significant changes have been brought about in work culture, nurturing a combination of empathy as well as professionalism, systems as well breaking of silos. State governments have been made equal partners in the quest for national development, building the spirit of Team India. Most importantly, we have been able to restore Trust in the government.

Guided by the principle of Antyodaya, our Government is dedicated to the poor, marginalized and those left behind. We are working towards empowering them to become our soldiers in the war against poverty. Numerous measures and schemes have been initiated - from making school toilets to setting up IITs, IIMs and AIIMS; from providing a vaccination cover to our children to initiating a people-driven Swachh Bharat mission; from ensuring a minimum pension to our labourers to providing social security to the common man; from enhancing support to our farmers hit by natural calamities to defending their interests at WTO; from empowering one and all with self attestation to delivering subsidies directly to people's banks; from universalizing the banking system to funding the unfunded small businesses; from irrigating fields to rejuvenating Ma Ganga; from moving towards 24x7 power to connecting the nation through road and rail; from building homes for the homeless to setting up smart cities, and from connecting the North-East to prioritizing development of Eastern India.

Friends, this is just the beginning. Our objective is to transform quality of life, infrastructure and services. Together we shall build the India of your dreams and that of our freedom fighters. In this, I seek your blessings and continued support.

Always in your Service,  
Jai Hind!



  
**Narendra Modi**

# We have given a government which works for the people : Amit Shah

**A**ddressing a huge public meeting in Panaji, Goa, on 28th May 2015, BJP National President Shri Amit Shah praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi and said, “the man who rose to the position of prime minister from being a mere *Chai Wala* understands the difficulties of the poor. But in the Congress the only criteria to become a party leader is to take birth in the Gandhi family. However, the BJP has given platform for people from all spectrums. We have opened up politics and positions for the poor,” he said.

BJP National President Shri Amit Shah was in the state as a part of his visits to



250 places around the country starting from 26th May till 1st June 2015 to address the public meetings and press conferences as a part of *Jan Kalyan Parv* celebration to mark the completion of one year of the Modi government.

Shri Shah also accused the

previous Congress led UPA government of unleashing ‘one scam every month over a decade’. “During the 10-year-old governance of the Congress, there was a scam every month. Corruption was rampant. We have given a change from this situation to the country,” he said.

He challenged the Congress party to show at least one scam during the year long regime of the Modi government at the Centre. Taking further digs at the UPA government, Shri Shah said, “We have given a visible government in the Centre from the invisible government of UPA. We have given a government which works for the people.”

Referring to Congress vice president Rahul Gandhi as “Rahul Baba”, he said, “Rahul Baba, after returning from his vacation, was asking whether there was still cross-

## Highlights of the speech

- **Speaking on the question of rate control pertaining to the essential commodities Shri Shah said that with the exception of the pulses, the prices of all essential commodities are under control.**
- **He assured that BJP government will soon bring the prices of pulses under control.**
- **We will try to impose a ban on beef in all BJP-ruled states by keeping in view the public sentiments on the issue.**
- **To the question of drug menace in Goa Shri Shah said that action will be taken against the culprits under the zero tolerance to drug policy.**
- **He said Modi government did not face any allegation in regards to the corruption during their first year in office.**
- **The Modi government has restored people’s faith in the country, and given relief to the people from a ‘crisis of confidence,’ which existed during the rule of United Progressive Alliance government controlled by the ‘extra-constitutional’ power, he said.**

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## Modi government has ended the trust deficit : Amit Shah

**O**n the first anniversary of the Narendra Modi led NDA government BJP National President Shri Amit Shah addressed a massive rally on 26 May, 2015 in Karnal, Haryana.

Lauding the Modi government's achievements in the last year, he said that even the Opposition has not been able to level a single corruption charge at the government and the Modi government had ended the trust deficit Shri Shah said.

He said, "It is a visible government and is seen as taking pro-active steps, unlike the UPA where no answers were given. The Modi government has restored the dignity of the Prime Minister's Office he added.

The BJP president said that for the first time a Prime Minister has put forward the thought of 'Team India' where Centre and states are part of the team. He further said, "We have united the security agencies and strengthened internal security of the country."

He said the NDA government is a visible government and is more "pro-active" than even the media. Whether there are floods in Jammu and Kashmir or an earthquake in Nepal, the government is quick to

respond, he added.

Addressing the ongoing battle between the Delhi government and the Centre over the appointment of bureaucrats, Shri Shah said the 'so-called' clash has been about interpretation of Constitution. "The issue will

regime with the UPA. "When the Vajpayee government began, the growth rate was around four per cent. When they were out of power, it was around eight per cent. During the UPA rule, it went back to around four per cent. After one year of Modi



be settled by the courts. We have not discriminated against the Delhi government. Discrimination is what the UPA did with the Gujarat government. For five years they were not given royalty. The difference of gas price in Delhi and Gujarat was 270 per cent," he said.

The BJP National President also compared the growth rate under the NDA

government, the growth rate is now at 5.7 per cent. I'm using the older basis so that the comparison is fair," he added.

While referring to the previous UPA government, Shri Shah said that there was an atmosphere of disappointment everywhere during last 10 years in the country and besides inflation corruption was at its peak.

“We sought support of the people in the election saying come with BJP, we will change the system” he added.

He said that it was a matter of pride that not even a single allegation of corruption has been leveled against the present Central Government led by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in last one year and a transparent government is operational in the country. Earlier, there was a scam every month during the UPA rule which accounted for about Rs.12 lakh crore. Even opposition could not level any allegation on our government, he added.

He said that some opposition leaders were misleading the innocent people saying what BJP had done for welfare of farmers. He said that many decisions have been taken for welfare of farmers in their hour of crisis including increase in the compensation amount and relaxation in the limit of luster loss grains. He said that Haryana government led by Chief Minister Shri Manohar Lal has given more than Rs.1090 crore as compensation to the farmers as per new norms. Had old criteria been adopted, the farmers would have been able to get compensation of only Rs.212 crore. Our government had released Rs.800 crore more as financial help to farmers.

Similarly, we have done a lot for welfare of the poor people in last one year.

## Highlights of the speech

- He said the Central government is determined to tackle the menace of black money.
- The Central Government has decided to launch Pradhan Mantri Irrigation Scheme to increase area under irrigation upto 14 per cent in next five years in the country.
- He said that soil health cards on the model of Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh would be adopted in the country to help the farmers in identification of kind of fertilizers and quantity of water required for their crops.
- The scheme of soil health cards has been successfully implemented in these two states to better understand the use of nutrients, fertilizers and improve productivity of soil. Both these states have achieved 14 per cent agricultural growth rate.
- He said that we would provide employment opportunities to youth through ‘Make in India’ and ‘Skill India’.
- Said the NDA government ensured country’s high growth rate and strengthen the rail and road network.
- Prime Minister had constituted SIT on black money in first Cabinet meeting and had pave the way for stern laws in this direction, he said.
- Shri Shah said the Union Government had successfully launched ‘Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao’ programme.
- He said Borders are safe and government is also striving hard in this direction.
- He said today BJP government has also worked to enhance image of the country abroad.
- On the initiatives of Prime Minister, June 21 would be observed as International Yoga day, he added.
- He also praised the functioning of Haryana Government saying that this State Government has completed seven months today. In this tenure, not a single person could level allegation of corruption against the government. He said the Haryana Government is working to eliminate corruption completely.

Congress had ruled the country for about 60 years out of 68 years of independence. During this period, there are many families which did not have a single bank account. He reminded that Prime Minister, on August 15 last,

had announced that every household would be connected with bank account.

It is a matter of satisfaction that so far 15 crore bank accounts had been opened. As a part of this, insurance scheme has been

launched as per which anyone could get accidental and life insurance cover by paying Rs.12 and Rs.330 per annum respectively.

The Central government had also launched MUDRA bank with a corpus of Rs.20,000 crore with a loan provision ranging from Rs.10000 to Rs.10 lakh to the poor people, he added.

He also sought support of the people and hoped that such kind of cooperation would also be expected in future too.

Addressing the rally Haryana Chief Minister Shri Manohar Lal said that the present State government has worked to change the disreputable system of previous government during its last seven months. Also, many initiatives have been taken to provide good governance to the people and these included CM window, e-registration, e-stamping and e-services.

He said that government has also decided to link 164 services with e-service system so as to ensure prompt, hassle free and transparent services to the people. Out of these, 23 services have already been linked with e-services and the remaining are in process. Following the idea of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi 'Minimum government-Maximum governance', the State government is moving towards ensuring corruption free and transparent administration to the people, he added.

The Chief Minister thanked the Central Government for providing support and many new projects for development of Haryana including Rs.1094 crore projects of railways, declaration of nine State Highways as National Highways and many others.

Haryana In-charge Dr. Anil Jain read out the message of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on this occasion.

Haryana BJP President Shri Subhash Barala, Education Minister Shri Ram Bilas Sharma, Agriculture Minister Shri Om Parkash Dhankar, Women and Child Development Minister Mrs. Kavita Jain, Ministers of State Shri Krishan Kumar Bedi and Shri Karan Dev Kamboj, MPs Shri Ashwani Chopra, Ratan Lal Kataria also addressed the gathering.

Those present on this occasion included Finance Minister Capt. Abhimanyu, Health Minister Shri Anil Vij, PWD Minister Shri Rao Narbir Singh, Minister of State Shri Bikram Singh Yadav, all BJP MPs and MLAs, former Ministers and MLAs and a number of party office bearer.

BJP rally at Surat

## 'Cong-led UPA Govt had three power centres'



Congress-led UPA government had three power centres— the then prime minister Dr. Manmohan Singh, Congress President Smt. Sonia Gandhi and her son Rahul Gandhi, which created confusion and policy paralysis in the country, BJP National President Shri Amit Shah said while launching a tirade against the previous Congress led UPA regime.

"There was a situation of policy paralysis in the country. Not a single decision was taken. It was not known actually from where the government was running. Whether it was running from Soniaji's house or from prime minister's house or from Rahul Baba's house," Shri Shah said while addressing a huge rally of BJP Karyakartas on May 27, 2015 in Surat, Gujarat.

Escalating his attack on ex-PM Dr. Manmohan Singh, he said, "No decisions were

taken by the ministers during UPA rule. In the previous government, every minister had become Prime Minister of his own ministry and nobody was ready to treat the poor Prime Minister (Manmohan Singh) as the Prime Minister of the country."

Listing out achievements of the BJP-led NDA government in last one year, Shri Shah said every minister now works independently. "We have also restored the dignity of the Prime Minister's post," he added.

The BJP National President said there should not be various power centres in democracy. "BJP believes in that and we have done that," he said.

**We had promised people to give them a corruption-free government and we have delivered that. We have also controlled rise in prices.**

Shri Amit Shah said Modi-led government had succeeded in reining in the price rise and criticized the Congress for not fulfilling its promise to check inflation. "We had promised people to give them a corruption-free government and we have delivered that. We have also controlled rise in prices. The Congress who came to power with the promise of uprooting the price rise in 100 days could not even shake it for ten years of their rule," he said.

BJP president Shri Amit Shah exhorted migrants in Surat to work for the party during the upcoming Bihar assembly elections. He asked them to not only write one lakh letters to their villages and homes in Bihar, narrating stories and episodes of the developed Gujarat, but also visit Bihar and work for the party.

"We have to create an environment for the BJP in Bihar for the upcoming polls. For that, you should write around one lakh letters, showcasing the development of Gujarat, and post these letters to different districts and villages in Bihar. You will also have to spare time and go to Bihar as ambassadors of Gujarat and work there for the victory of the party," said Shri Shah on the sidelines of Bihar Vikash Parishad meeting, organised by Surat BJP, at Veer Narmad South Gujarat University.

On his first visit to the city after becoming the party's National President, Shri Shah was given a grand welcome by the local BJP unit after he landed at the Surat airport. Shri Shah was accompanied by state BJP president, and several other BJP leaders. ■

border firing happening in Kashmir. I want to tell him that the cross-border firing still happens but the only difference is that earlier Pakistan used to start the firing and end it, but now Pakistan starts and the Indian forces end it," he added.

On extending the ban on cow slaughter in Goa, Shri Shah said, "Wherever there is a BJP government, we will consider the sentiments of the people before imposing a ban on beef. We have not said we will ban beef across the country. BJP governments in Maharashtra and Haryana have already banned beef and the Goa government will take a decision only after discussing the issue with people," he said."

The BJP National President also informed that the special status to Goa will be allowed when the right time comes. He said that there are several proposals for the special status including Goa is pending in front of the government and the same will be taken up when the appropriate time comes.

He said the Bharatiya Janata Party is viewing all these proposals sympathetically," he added saying that the center will provide the necessary assistance to Goa including other states "In fact, the Modi government will be formulating a policy for according such assistance," he said.

Shri Amit Shah also addressed the press conference in the state in presence of the Chief Minister Shri Laxmikant Parsekar, state BJP President Shri Vinay Tendulkar Union minister of state Shri Shripad Naik, South Goa MP Shri Narendra Sawaikar and other party Karyakartas also present on the occasion. )■

# PM's visit to Bangladesh seals historic land boundary agreement



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's two days visit to Bangladesh from June 6 to 7 came as grand success. Political commentators termed the PM Modi's Bangladesh visit as more purposeful and problem-solving. It has been welcomed by all newspapers' editorials. The settlement of land boundary gives national identity to more than 50,000 stateless people. It has long-term implications too. The land boundary settlement and extending Kolkata-Dhaka bus link to Agartala in coming days will revitalize economies of eastern and northeastern states of India as well.

During his visit along with West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee Shri Narendra Modi addressed the unfinished agenda of territorial partition of Bengal in 1947 included restoration of connectivity and lifting many

of the barriers that have come to prevent the flow of goods and people. While addressing joint press briefing with Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina Shri Modi said "We are not just neighbours. We are two nations bound by the threads of history, religion, culture, language and kinship - and, of course, passion for cricket. We have the emotional bonds of shared struggles and sacrifices that bring us together as sovereign and equal nations". He added, "History has been made today. We have not merely settled a boundary; we have made our borders more secure and our people's lives more stable."

Major breakthroughs during the visit are:

- ▶ The two countries have finalised the Land Boundary Agreement (LBA) that settles their approximately 4,000 km long

border during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Bangladesh.

- ▶ Extending the Kolkata-Dhaka bus link to Agartala and liberalising the visa regime, along with opening new consulates in each other's countries, are steps that will help this process of economic and cultural reintegration. The bus services will also connect northeastern states to Kolkata and Bangladesh will be able to use Indian territory to access markets in Nepal and Bhutan.
- ▶ India is extending a new \$2 billion credit line to Bangladesh that will aid Indian exporters and also have the multiplier effect of creating almost 50,000 jobs for Indians.
- ▶ To redress the trade imbalance, India will invest in Bangladesh and the Indian private sector is also set to enter the country in a big way, from power plants to an exclusive SEZ for Indian firms, the first offered by a neighbouring country.
- ▶ Bangladesh allowed Indian cargo vessels to use the Chittagong (developed by China) and Mangla ports. It has huge strategic implication.
- ▶ Both countries signed deals to combat human trafficking, smuggling and circulation of fake currency notes. Bangladesh has been a major transit point for FICN, and India hopes to plug this route in future.

Atalji conferred Bangladesh's prestigious honour

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on June 7 received on behalf of Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Bangladesh's prestigious Liberation War Honour for his active role in the country's freedom struggle, saying the BJP veteran was an inspiration to him and other political workers.

President Abdul Hamid handed over the Bangladesh Liberation War Honour to Shri Modi at a glittering ceremony at Bangabhaban, the President's house, as 90-



year-old Shri Vajpayee is ailing and unable to travel.

The function was attended by Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina, her Cabinet colleagues, eminent citizens, diplomats and top Bangladeshi officials.

Shri Modi, while receiving the honour, hailed Shri Vajpayee's leadership, recalled the immortal words of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, who, in a speech in Parliament on 6th December 1971, had said that the friendship between India and Bangladesh was like a bond which would not break under any pressure, and would never be the victim of any diplomacy. He said this message of Shri Vajpayee had to be passed on to succeeding generations. In his acceptance speech, after the conferment of the Bangladesh liberation war honour on Former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Shri Narendra Modi described Shri Vajpayee as a far-sighted leader, who had said that history was being rewritten, as the blood of Indian soldiers flowed together with the Mukti Jodhas, for the liberation of Bangladesh.

The Prime Minister said that it would have been wonderful if Shri Vajpayee had been present to receive this honour himself. He expressed hope that Shri Vajpayee would soon become well, and guide everyone once again.

The Prime Minister said that though he had entered politics quite late, he had been one of the many youth activists who had come to Delhi in response to Shri Vajpayee's call for Satyagraha for the liberation of Bangladesh in 1971. He described himself as one of the

# Shri Modi gifted hand-woven tapestry from Venkatagiri to the Prime Minister of Bangladesh

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi presented Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina a hand-woven tapestry from Venkatagiri, Andhra Pradesh, woven in jamdani style - a

well-known tradition in Bangladesh.

Located in Nellore district in Andhra Pradesh, Venkatagiri is famous for handlooms, and its weavers have adopted the fine jamdani

weaving technique while assimilating traditional designs of the region, such as the artwork in this tapestry that shows the Kalpavriksh tree and the Kamadhenu cow which are regarded as auspicious and bestower of prosperity.

The tapestry has been woven using very fine cotton yarn and pure gold thread, with both the warp and the weft having the same count of cotton yarn.

The tapestry has been done by Nellore's national award winning artist and master craftsman Shri G o w r a b a t h i n i Ramanaiah. ■



## Newspaper Editorials hail India-Bangladesh agreement

*“For the 50,000-plus practically stateless people in the Indian and Bangladeshi enclaves, the celebrations came after a long wait”.*

**- The Indian Express**

*Modi's successful Dhaka trip raises hopes of subcontinent's Berlin Walls coming down. Not only does the agreement settle India's 4,096 km long land border with Bangladesh and confer citizenship rights on enclave residents, the maritime boundary with Bangladesh too has been settled. India and Bangladesh have bucked the south Asian disease of constantly bickering and quarrelling, which has rendered the region one of the least economically integrated in the world (it's not an accident the region also happens to be one of the world's poorest).*

**-Times of India**

*“The consensus-building across India did not go unnoticed in Bangladesh, where Mr. Modi is now being referred to as “a genuine friend”. Thus, it is not coincidental that most of the mainstream media have had only favourable reportage and comments on the deals.”*

**-The Hindu**

# India and Bangladesh are both blessed to be young nations, with young dreams : PM

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today said that even as his 2-day visit to Bangladesh was ending, he felt the real journey begins now. He said the welcome accorded to him, was in effect, a welcome to 125 crore Indians.

He was addressing a gathering comprising members of the Indian community, eminent Bangladeshis including political personalities, cultural personalities, business persons, academicians and Dhaka University students. He said that while people thought we were just near (paas-paas) to each other, now the world would have to acknowledge that we are not just paas-paas but also saath-saath (together).

The Prime Minister said India and Bangladesh are both blessed to be young nations, with young dreams. He said a nation with such leadership and such strength, like Bangladesh, would progress inexorably.

The Prime Minister said the younger generation deserves the chance to achieve its aspirations. He appreciated the contribution of the Dhaka University to Bangladesh. He said that India would work with Dhaka University on

oceanography, to build the Ocean Economy.

The Prime Minister said SAARC countries were keen to establish connectivity at the last SAARC summit - but then



- not every country is Bangladesh. He said India, Bangladesh, Nepal and Bhutan had now decided to move ahead in this direction. He said the European Union had developed a lot because of better connectivity. He said today no country could work alone, as the whole world has become interdependent. He said India and Bangladesh had recognized this fact, and this was reflected in the 22 agreements that had been signed during this visit. He congratulated the farsighted leadership of Bangladesh for accomplishing this.

The Prime Minister said a satellite photo would reveal that the SAARC countries

were still dark - had no access to electricity. He said if India Nepal Bhutan and Bangladesh worked together, this darkness would be dispelled. He said recently Bangladesh helped India transport equipment for a power plant in Tripura, and now Bangladesh was receiving 100 MW of power from that power plant.

The Prime Minister acknowledged that some tasks were still to be accomplished. He said he believed and panchhi (birds), pawan (wind), and paani (water) needed no visa - and therefore - the Teesta issue had to be solved with a human approach.

The Prime Minister said that on the first day itself, his Government had invited SAARC leaders, indicating its intention to progress together with SAARC.

He said he was happy that the Prime Minister of Bangladesh had declared zero tolerance for terrorism. He said terrorism is an enemy of humanity, and therefore all humanitarian forces had to unite to fight it.

The Prime Minister said his vision and Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's vision matched perfectly - that of development. **(FOC)■**



## Through Mahasampark Abhiyan BJP aims to reach to all booths of the country : Bhupender Yadav

*BJP National General Secretary and Bihar BJP In-Charge Shri Bhupender Yadav who hails from Rajasthan is also a Member of Rajya Sabha. In an Exclusive Interview for Kamal Sandesh with Editorial Board Members Ram Prasad Tripathy and Vikas Anand, Shri Bhupender Yadav revealed the grand plan of the Mahasampark Abhiyan of the party after the successful completion of the nationwide BJP Membership Drive and the achievements of the organization in this regard. Shri Yadav also outlined the preparedness and plans of the organization for the upcoming Bihar Assembly elections and expressed his confidence that BJP will get a massive victory in Bihar. He said 'Saat Saal Ki Jo Thee Rafter, Teen Saal Me Hua Bantadhar' will be our slogan and development of the state will be our main campaign theme in the upcoming elections. Excerpts:*



**Following the grand success of the nationwide BJP Membership Drive the party has decided to start the Mahasampark Abhiyan. Can you please tell us a little about this programme?**

The main objective behind the Mahasampark Abhiyan is to make the 10 crore plus new members of BJP conscious about the ideology, history and programme of the party.

Secondly, knowing the organizational structure of the party, we want to make the new members from a mere sympathizer of the party to Karyakarta and Karyakarta to best Karyakarta of the party.

The third objective is to make a database of all those people who are experts in their respective fields, such as, polity, economics, environment, education, IT, media, law, social issues, health and corporate and we will try our best to use their talent for the wellbeing of the people and society.

Lastly but not the least the organization wants to make BJP a 'Sarvasparshi' party and we want to expand the party among all sections in the length and breadth of the country. There is no 'Vikalp' or alternative to 'Sampark' or Mass Contact. Sampark is the core to human relations, and

Mahasampark Abhiyan aims to take the human relations to a new high for the benefit of the organization.

**BJP has become the largest political party in the world with more than 10 crore members. Are you facing any problem in reaching out to this massive segment of newly enrolled members during the Mahasampark Abhiyan?**

Look, the organizational structure of the party has been in place till the Mandal level. And even below Mandal level we have large number of Karyakartas working actively at the booth level. BJP organization is in proper place in all 9000 Mandals of the country. Therefore, owing to our strong organizational network the Mahasampark Abhiyan is heading for a grand success. However the biggest question is whether we have reached all booths of the country? I think through Mahasampark Abhiyan the party aims to achieve that goal.

**As per the elaborate programme the party has further envisaged training for around 15 lakh Active Members. How this massive exercise is going to be undertaken and what is its roadmap?**

Yes, around 15 lakh Active Members of the

party will get 'Prasikshyan' or training. For that we have adopted the three layer system of 'Subhekshu' (sympathizer) to 'Sadasya' (member) and 'Sadasya' to 'Karyakarta' of the party. To achieve it, BJP National President Shri Amit Shah has prepared a blue print of the programme. As we know some of the members are old Karyakartas of BJP and some members are highly qualified and come from various professional fields like doctors, advocates, teachers farmers, students, corporate employees, and women etc. the organization will choose 15 lakh Active Members out of them. To utilize their energy for the sake of the society and country we will give them training. And I believe they will form the backbone of the party in the future.

**Can you give details about the organizational structure of Mahasampark Abhiyan?**

We have envisaged a three level structure for Mahasampark Abhiyan - Mahasampark at Mandal level, District level and State level. In the state level we have already stored the membership data collected during the massive nationwide membership drive in digital form. Now all states have constituted their digital teams at District level and given the format of Mahasampark Abhiyan to the Districts. As per the programme the Mandal level Karyakarta will take this format to Booth level and distribute the form in various booths and with a missed call they will confirm the membership of a new member. By giving missed calls from the mobiles of every new member and submitting the form the membership will be confirmed. We have crafted this method scientifically and without any hassle it will ensure the two way contact.

**What steps you have taken at central level for the success of Mahasampark Abhiyan?**

At national level we have organized two workshops and a workshop for the digital team. We have also organized a review meeting. We have sent the message to state

level and the states have already organized state level and district level workshops for the persons involved in this programme. Letter of the BJP National President, literature of the party and achievements of the Central government have already been sent to the District level. Barring few states like Manipur, Lakshadweep and Sikkim where review meetings have not taken place, every other State has completed this work and the Mahasampark Abhiyan is going perfectly smoothly.

**Recently a high-level review meeting was held in the BJP headquarters. What was its purpose and message?**

This was meant to understand whether the organizational structure is in place or not in the states, what problem the states are facing for the Abhiyan and to review the programme of Mahasampark Abhiyan in its entirety. This high-level review meeting was held at the BJP headquarters under the stewardship of the BJP National President Shri Amit Shah. BJP National President has instructed us to continue this process up to the Mandal level and I believe that this will help our Karyakartas to successfully complete the Mahasampark Abhiyan programme within the stipulated time frame.

**As the Prabhari of Bihar you would know that during the previous NDA government in the state the BJP ministers performed well and were perceived as more efficient in their respective departments. Is BJP planning to take this message to the people?**

Even the people of Bihar recognize this fact and they know that what happened in seven years rule of JD(U)-BJP government, was ruined by the last three years rule of JD (U) government. During the 7 years of JD (U)-BJP coalition government era there was one Chief Minister and the pace of development was good. Now during the last three years the JD(U) government has changed three Chief Ministers and there is utter confusion in the ranks of the ruling alliance in the state. Nowadays it seems that a

'Government of Confusion' is ruling Bihar. Following the merger of JD(U) even Nitish Kumar can't speak which party was in power in Bihar. What is his party symbol and what is his *Jhanda*? Therefore, BJP has given a slogan '*Saat Saal Ki Jo Thee Rafter Teen Saal Me Hua Bantadhar*'. Neither BJP nor the people of Bihar will allow the repeat of Lalu's Jungal Raaj or give scope to Nitish Kumar to bring back the 'Government of Confusion'.

**Apart from several other scams, recently the rice scam of Rs. 3000 crore came to the surface in Bihar. Are you planning to highlight these corruption issues during the elections?**

It's true that a massive rice scam has happened in Bihar under JD(U) government. Nowadays corruption is rampant in Bihar in several other areas. Unquestionably we will highlight these issues. However, our main focus will be on good governance and development.

Bihar has already reposed faith on BJP on several occasions in the past and particularly during the last Lok Sabha elections the public support for BJP was tremendous. We are quite sure that this time also the party will get a thumping victory in the elections to build a new Bihar with good governance.

**Do you think the opportunistic coalition of JD(U), RJD and Congress will have an implication on the performance of BJP? Do you believe the 'social equation' will have a bearing on the development plank of BJP?**

I believe there is a new type of social equation that will emerge in Bihar during the elections this time. This social equation will be for the development of the state and for the development of all sections of society. Social equation doesn't mean exploitation of some castes by the leader for fulfillment of their self interests or interests of their own family. Now Bihar is realizing this fact and the mistakes committed in the past. Currently for them

the definition of social justice or Social equation is 'Sab ka saath sab ka vikash' and BJP will tell the people about it and go with the maxim of 'Sab ka saath sab ka vikash'. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi runs the Union government with 'Sab ka saath sab ka vikash' and BJP will follow it in Bihar.

**Apart from development, what are the other main issues that BJP will focus for the upcoming Bihar elections?**

During the last three years of JD(U) rule Bihar has been completely ruined. Corruption has been rampant, development has come to a standstill and people are forced to migrate to different places of the country in search of livelihood and they are annoyed. Therefore, BJP will give highest priority to faster development of the State. Presently there is BJP government at the Centre and if BJP came to power in Bihar, the union and state governments will jointly expedite development works in the state. We will ensure social justice with development of all sections of society and by uplifting the poor from every section and caste of society. We will ensure comprehensive social security for the people and last but not the least will create an atmosphere of trust amongst the people of the state. Therefore, all these issues will come for discussion during the electioneering.

**In the last few months you toured extensively in Bihar. Do you think the organization is well prepared to face the political opponents in the upcoming Assembly elections?**

Undoubtedly, in Bihar the party has a very good organization at every layer. We have a chain of leadership, hosts of MPs, Ministers in the Union government and the focal point is 'team Bihar' is contesting the elections and all are working unitedly with double zeal for a massive triumph of the party. I can assure you that the BJP will get a thumping victory in the upcoming Assembly elections in Bihar. ■

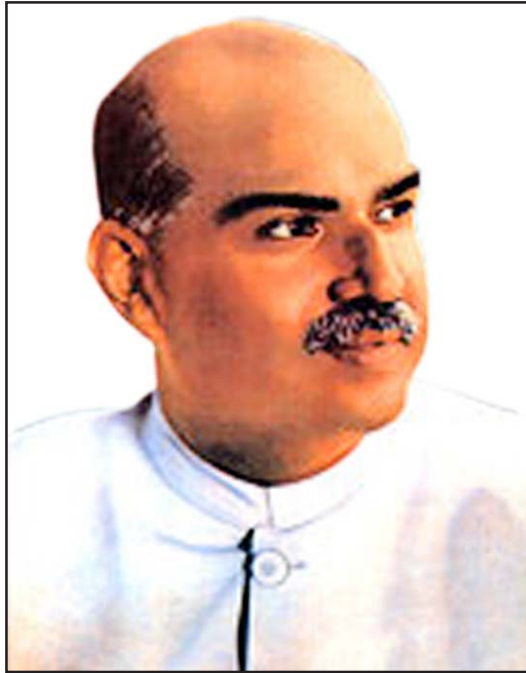
# Dr. Syama Prasad : The Ideal Leader

-Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya

**D**r. Syama Prasad Mookerjee's public speeches outside Bengal were mostly in Hindi. When he first attended the Session of the Hindu Mahasabha, he could not speak in Hindi. But he promised to learn the language and the following year he spoke in Hindi. Of course it could not be expected of him to use grammatically correct Hindi. But he could always express himself correctly, and on most occasions was quite forceful. When He Insisted On Hindi

He had written his presidential address to the inaugural session of Bharatiya Jana Sangh in English. But he wanted it to be distributed to the delegates in Hindi. But time was short. It was 20 October. The address was to be read the next day at ten in the morning. Besides, the Subjects Committee too was meeting on the 20th. But he was very keen about the matter. Consequently not only the Presidential address but the manifesto also was translated into Hindi, and through the untiring zeal of the workers of the Arjun Press, both of them could be printed to be presented in time to the

delegates. However, Dr. Mookerjee did not read the address. As was his practice he spoke extempore. His speech was more expressive than the translation.



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He Preferred 'Khatarnash' To 'Sarvanash'

In his Hindi speeches Dr. Mookerjee would freely use Sanskrit words. Therefore, he never found any difficulty in finding the correct word. And because of Sanskrit his style was chaste too. However, he would not use the word "sarvanash", but say "Khatarnash" instead. It was a word that he had coined. He always thought that he was using a wrong word. But we hesitated to point out the mistake. One day, of course, when in a casual chat language happened to be the topic under discussion, I pointed to him that "Khatarnash" was not the proper word. It would be correct if he used, 'sarvanash' or 'satyanash'. He thanked me for the suggestion, but said, "Don't you see that there is a shade of difference between 'Khatarnash' and 'sarvanash'?" Yes, the difference is there.

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any wrong policy or step. But he was neither a prophet of doom nor a cynic. And therefore he coined perhaps consciously a new work 'Khatarnash', 'Sarvanash' means total destruction while 'Khatarnash' (though a hybrid word with Persian Khatra and Sanskrit nash) indicated the danger and the possible harm if steps to avert it were not taken. If this difference is understood and appreciated the purpose of opposition will not be a senseless criticism of

atmosphere one gentleman approached Dr. Mookerjee and said that the future of democracy in India was dark. Dr. Mookerjee asked him two questions. 1. Have you faith in democracy? 2. Do you resolve to work actively in politics? The gentleman replied in the affirmative to both these questions. Then how could the future of democracy in India be dark? Said Dr. Mookerjee, and added, "It will be dark only if we do not work or if you have no faith. Where there

inspired us to make the future brighter.

### **A Beacon Light**

Today, after twelve years of Dr. Mookerjee's death the country is passing through harder times. We have no Mookerjee amongst us. But his spirit is alive. If there are people who talk to you in terms that predict a dark future for the country, dismiss them as faithless and purposeless fellows. After all we are the builders of our future. We are not simply passive on lookers but active participants in the building of the country's history. If those in power commit mistakes it is our duty to correct them and not merely to derive a demonic satisfaction in their failure or rest content with pointing out that they have committed mistakes. And along with that it is our task to organise the people so that they assert democratically to replace the Government as it becomes incapable of shouldering the burden entrusted. Dr. Mookerjee has given us this constructive outlook. He was the leader of the Opposition aimed to be in power.

If we keep that objective constantly before us and have faith in our mission, the opposition will always be responsible. It will not be a clog in the wheel but an added motive power to the governance of the country. The attitude alone will make democracy a success and safeguard national interests. ■

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the Government but a constructive contribution to the formulation of the nation's policies. It is only on this score that the opposition can seek justification for its existence. The task of the opposition is not to mislead but to lead. Its functioning should not be negative but positive. It must not allow the Government to be complacent or negligent. But it should not create a scare or demoralise the people. "Jana Sangh At Least Has Not Lost Its Head"

In the first General Elections the Congress swept the polls. Most of the opposition leaders had been defeated. Parties that had promised a change of Government to the people were routed. In that

is faith, there is no darkness. It must be bright."

I found that was really the man who could lead. We occasionally meet people who are called "leaders" but who hardly inspire confidence in the people. On the contrary if you go to them with the confidence of youth you come back with the diffidence of age. Dr. Mookerjee was not one of them. When we met him, he did not bemoan the defeat. He reminded us of the hard work that must be put in if we wanted to succeed, and then said, "Jana Sangh at least has fared better. All other parties have lost their heads, but your president has succeeded." Yes that was the bright side of the otherwise gloomy picture, and it

# Year Of Hope After Six Decades Of Despair

By Balbir Punj

In January 2014, at the most famous annual high table of global entrepreneurs in Davos, India could gain only a small table. "The India Story was over", they said. Many Indian industrialists had sensed the mood earlier and did not turn up at the Swiss resort town.

Between May 2014 and now, there has been a rush of world leaders to New Delhi – Prime Ministers, Presidents, Foreign and Defence Ministers et al. Every major country that counts has sought an appointment with India. What has made this difference? How did India move from despair to discernment within so short a time?

The dramatic change in the situation has been brought about by an abroad that 1.2 billion people, with a two trillion dollar economy, a \$350 billion foreign exchange reserve, and plans to invest a trillion dollar in the next five years in various infrastructure projects, are back in action. Also, instead of a dummy Prime Minister at the helm, the Government is now headed by a real leader, with a strong majority in Parliament.

Globally, leaders of most Governments that count have already showed, with their enthusiastic visits and

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statements, that there is a new India that has emerged over the last 12 months. This is the result of a Government that is determined to get things done with lightning speed.

For the first time, inflation, that was hovering near double digits for years, is decelerating. The Indian economy is finally in a recovery mode. Economic growth has improved from less than five per cent to more than seven per cent.

The fiscal deficit is down to four per cent and revenue deficit rests at 2.8 per cent. Power output is up by 22,566 MW as against an uncertain addition of 17,830 MW the previous year. There is a large-scale thrust for solar power and a push for nuclear power reactors with a single complex alone pegged at near 10,000 MW.

The infrastructure push is also remarkable by any

standard. Look at the bold five-time jump in the target for solar energy: From 20,000 MW to 100,000 MW. Look at Indian Railways: From an enterprise that only 18 months ago had no money to pay for spare parts, it is now working for bullet trains, more freight corridors, new management institutions and large scale private investment in multiple commercial areas. A six lakh crore rupee investment is planned.

No different is the story of the national highway programme. During the two terms of the previous Congress-led Government, the 'progress' was just two kilometers a day. Under the Modi Government, the National Highways Authority of India is doing 10km a day and plans are in place to move up to 30kms a day in the near future. In his election campaign, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had envisaged a new federal structure with the States as equal partners. It is the Union Government's ability to establish this new federalism that is partly responsible for the States participating in the implementation of highway projects.

The same new federalism has also been at the core of this Government's success in bringing the goods and

services tax. These successes expose the defeated and disoriented Congress's efforts to delay the NDA's fast track progress. The latter is using its strength in the Rajya Sabha to filibuster legislations and programmes. Filibuster is the Congress's last resort to deny the people the Government that they had voted to power on the promise of fast tracking governance. The Congress is using its numbers in the Upper House to halt legislations on one pretext or the other. In some cases, the laws had actually been envisaged by the Congress itself.

The Congress is also resorting to falsehoods to turn innocent farmers against the Government. It is instigating other sections, like industrial workers, to block much needed labour law reforms – many of which again have been under discussion for more than a decade, since the National Labour Commission envisaged these reforms.

International organisations, like the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, which had only 12 months ago repeatedly expressed doubts over India's progress, given the state of policy paralysis it was in under the Manmohan Singh Government, are now boldly forecasting that the country will soon overtake China's growth rate.

The IMF and the World Bank are not the only ones to compliment a regime on the

fast track. Industry has raised Rs56,801 crore in capital for new ventures and expansion compared to Rs29,381 crores in 2013-2014. Medium and small enterprises, which contribute about 45 per cent to the country's export earnings, have new hope in the Micro Units Development and Refinance Agency bank.

A Government determined to put the country

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on the road to high speed growth, must have the guts to take bold decisions and go against the culture of chalta hai attitudes within society and Government itself. The bureaucracy is on the alert with the Prime Minister taking regular updates and Secretaries getting the taste of his displeasure for lagging behind expectations.

The same Prime Minister who is pushing the Government to be on the fast track, is also urging the bureaucracy not to hesitate in taking decisions. The recent effort to protect honest officers, from targeted attacks and primed accusations from

those they may have displeased, in the discharge of their duties is a good example of a practical Prime Minister who expects the best from his officers and Ministers.

Contrast that with the decision-making process under the UPA regime. There was no Government but every Ministry was a Government by itself. The weird arrangement led to multiple scams, resulting in huge losses to the exchequer. This has naturally led the Union Finance Minister, Mr Arun Jaitley, to underline that, "in one year, the Government under the leadership of Modi has erased the word corruption from the political dictionary of India".

The grime of the past 65 years, over 50 of which were under Congress rule, has put India behind a big country like China as well as a tiny city-state like Singapore. The Congress owes an explanation to the country. Why after 30 per cent of Indians still so poor? Why do two-thirds of farmers have to hold on to tiny plots of land and live on the margin? Why is India so far behind China that adopted free market policies while being run by a single party?

Mr Modi's one year in power has taken India to a discernment of hope after six decades of depression that the Nehru-Gandhis had bequeathed. ■

(The writer is a member of parliament)

## Enrollments under the recently launched 3 social security schemes crosses 10 crore mark

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on May 26 expressed joy, on crossing of 10 crore mark, in the number of enrollments under the recently launched 3 social security schemes. "Enrollment under the 3 social security schemes has crossed the 10 crore number in one month. This is a matter of immense joy.

What can be more heartening than the fact that 10 crore of our sisters and brothers have been included under a social security cover. Enthusiasm of people towards social security schemes and efforts of banks have been very gladdening. They made this record enrollment possible", the Prime Minister said. He tweeted "What can be more heartening than the fact that

10 crore of our sisters & brothers have been included under a social security cover."

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had launched the three mega social security schemes under the "Jan Suraksha" scheme here on May 9, 2015 during his two-day visit to West Bengal. The three schemes include an accident insurance - Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), life insurance - Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) and pension scheme - Atal Pension Yojana (APY).

The pension scheme is targeted mainly at the unorganised sector. PMSBY and PMJJBY address the issue of very low coverage of life or accident insurance. The schemes will be linked to the

bank accounts and will have an auto-debit facility. They provide affordable personal accident and life cover to a vast population. These are game-changers in the social security landscape of the country."

Under the PMSBY, a renewable one-year accidental death-cum-disability insurance cover of Rs. 2 lakh will be provided. Those in the age group between 18 and 70 are eligible for it. A premium of Rs. 12 a year will be charged per subscriber.

In the PMJJBY, a renewable one-year life cover of Rs. 2 lakh will be offered to all account holders aged 18-50 years, at a premium of Rs. 330 a year. The scheme will be offered through LIC or other life insurance companies. ■



## National Skill Universities in offing

The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has initiated the process of establishment of National Skills Universities. The Universities are envisioned to provide nationally recognised University degrees and certification for vocational skills, design and conduct assessment procedures, design vocational curriculum (with SSCs) customised to providing horizontal academic mobility, offer faculty training courses and conduct research in the skills landscape. A Working Group convened by JS, SDE has been created as of 31st Mar, 2015 for developing an appropriate University model, providing broad recommendations and drafting the legislation for the National Skills University. The draft Bill on establishment of National Skills Universities, its Approach Paper and the Report of the Working Group have been prepared and are currently undergoing internal review before being sent to the Cabinet.



## Organic farming is an important part of “Make in Northeast” mission

The Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Development of North-Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh on May 26 inaugurated an exhibition titled “Saal Ek, Shuruat Anek” depicting achievements of one year of Modi government, at Shillong. On the first day of his three-day tour of North-East commemorating the completion of one year of Shri Narendra Modi government, Dr. Jitendra Singh held a meeting with Chief Minister Meghalaya Dr. Mukul Sangma, addressed a Press Conference in Shilling, Meghalaya.

During his meeting with Chief Minister of Meghalaya, Dr. Jitendra Singh said, Northeast is high on the priority of the present government and an essential component of Prime Minister's India Vision. He said, it is an irony that Shillong does not have direct air connection with Delhi, in spite of the fact that it has been the most prominent destination in the Northeast ever since the British rule and was also the capital of erstwhile State of Assam. Dr. Jitendra Singh assured the CM that he will take up the issue with

Minister of Civil Aviation, Shri Ashok Gajapathi Raju and try to upgrade the airport for more frequent and bigger flights. Meanwhile, he recalled that a direct daily flight from Delhi to Dimapur, Nagaland had been started from 15th of April with the help of Indigo and an effort is also being made to start a weekly or biweekly flight

the loss of life caused due to inadequate widening of the road and frequent landslides which sometimes also offer an opportunity for militant activities.

Speaking to media persons, Dr. Jitendra Singh said, the concept paper for organic farming is already in circulation among the various Ministries and an attempt will



from Delhi to Aizawl, Mizoram.

Shri Mukul Sangma pointed out to the requirement for better road network in view of frequent landslides in the State. In response, Dr. Jitendra Singh referred to an exclusive Northeast Road Corporation which is being envisaged to address the peculiar condition of road construction in the region and said, the government is also aware of

be to bring it before the Cabinet at the earliest. This will be an important part of “Make in Northeast” mission under Shri Narendra Modi's “Make in India” plan, he added. While inaugurating exhibition on the occasion of completion of one year of Modi government, Dr. Jitendra Singh said, this is a true depiction of the government's vision for Northeast and reiteration of the fact that this is one of the

best times for Northeast to grow and develop because it has the advantage of unlimited support and patronage from none less than the Prime Minister of India.

Addressing the Party workers, Dr Jitendra Singh said, it is the responsibility of each one of us to act as a messenger of Modi and travel to every nook and corner of country in order to make people aware of a series of pro-poor and pro-farmer schemes launched by the present government. He said, certain schemes like Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana had not achieved expected targets in the beginning, but in the last two months, due to proactive participation of the Karyakartas and with the help of bankers, these schemes have achieved almost 100% targets. Skill development programmes launched by the government will come as a big relief to the unemployed youth of Northeast and the social security schemes relating to insurance and pension will not only improve the social and economic status of people in the peripheral State, but also give them a feeling of belonging to the mainstream India. He told the Karyakartas that they should take active participation in the "DoNER at Doorstep" experiment launched by his Ministry and try to offer inputs to the DoNER officers during their forthcoming Camp Secretariat for Meghalaya in Shillong. (FOC)■

## Prime Minister calls for making the "Tehsil" the unit of agricultural planning and development

Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 26 May called for increasing food-grain productivity from 2 tons per hectare to 3 tons per hectare. Addressing a gathering of farmers at New Delhi's Vigyan Bhawan on the occasion of the launch of DD Kisan, Doordarshan's channel dedicated exclusively to farmers, the Prime Minister also called for



making the "Tehsil" the unit of agricultural planning and development.

The Prime Minister said that if the country has to move forward, villages must progress, and if villages are to progress, then it is essential for agriculture to progress. He said there was a time when agriculture was the most preferred of professions, but over a period of time, its attractiveness had declined to rock bottom. He added that with the right incentives and actions, this trend could be completely reversed.

The Prime Minister recalled the inspiration of former Prime Minister Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri, which had led farmers to make the country self-sufficient in the production of foodgrains. He said the same inspiration and spirit was needed again, so that the nation became self-sufficient in the production of pulses and oilseeds. The Prime Minister said the DD Kisan channel should keep an eye and inform farmers about the changes in weather, global markets etc., so that farmers can plan ahead and take the right decisions well in time.

The Prime Minister called for re-engaging rural youth with agriculture in a big way. He said DD Kisan channel can also highlight the efforts of progressive farmers, so that their innovations can be replicated across the country. The Prime Minister called for farmers to adopt a three-pronged approach to agriculture, which balanced farming, animal husbandry and tree plantation. The Union Minister for Agriculture Shri Radha Mohan Singh, and the Union Minister for State for Information and Broadcasting, Shri Rajyavardhan Rathore, were present on the occasion. (FOC)■

# New look website of Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched!

***PM communicates with netizens through personalized DMs.***

As the NDA Government completes one year in office, Prime Minister Narendra Modi took the lead in sharing the extent and nature of work done by the BJP-led NDA Government in the last one year.

The Internet was pleasantly surprised to see a new look website of the Prime Minister. [www.narendramodi.in](http://www.narendramodi.in), which is the one-stop portal for latest news and updates relating to the Prime Minister dawned a fresh look, with a focus of the Government's working in the last year and the PM's vision for India's development.

The new look website is both informative and aesthetically appealing. For those who are keen to know about institutional changes made in the last year there is a 'Governance Section'. This section explains how big ticket initiatives like 'Jan Dhan Yojana', 'Make in India', 'Mudra Bank' have touched several lives. It illustrates the accelerated pace of reforms and their positive impact.

For the quick viewer, drawn to artsy illustrations, the 'Then and Now' section is a must visit. It encapsulates the working of the Government in numbers. Thus, if you simply want to

know the rise in coal production, road construction, investment among other things, this section is the place to be.

The Prime Minister's foreign visits and their impact on investment and national

also abuzz with personalized DMs from the Prime Minister. People sharing screenshots of personalized DMs from the PM are a common sight through the day.

When it comes to digital innovation, Narendra Modi



development have been highlighted in the 'Global Recognition' section of the website. It also highlights India's role in the declaration of 21st June as the International Day of Yoga.

Another section, 'Vision in Action' gives a holistic picture of how the process of change was set in motion and how the Government has walked the talk when it comes to turning their vision into reality. Twitter and Facebook both have #SaalekShuruatAnek trending on pole positions since the morning, both in India and across the world. This is the theme given by the NDA to sum up their one year achievements. Twitter is

has always been on top of the game. Earlier this month he became one of the few world leaders to join Chinese Social Media platform Weibo, where he created waves. His Selfie with Chinese Premier Li broke records on Facebook, Twitter and Weibo with commenters even calling it the most powerful selfie. He realized the value of social and digital media before most people did; he has been on Twitter since 2009 and on Facebook around the same time. After Barack Obama he remains the most followed public figure worldwide. The other platforms where Narendra Modi can be found sharing regular updates are Instagram and LinkedIn. ■

# God Exists

By Swami Sivananda

**Y**ou always feel that, despite your possessions and all sorts of comforts, you are in want of something. There is no sense of fullness. Only if you add to yourself the all-full God, you will have fullness. When you do an evil action, you are afraid. Your conscience pricks you. This also proves that God exists and witnesses all your thoughts and actions.

To define Brahman is to deny Brahman. The only adequate description of Brahman is a series of negatives. That is the reason why the sage Yajnavalkya declares in the 'Brihadaranyaka Upanishad' about Brahman as neti, neti, or 'not this', 'not this.' This means that the residue left after sublating the names and forms is Brahman.

Brahman or the Self or the Immanent God cannot be demonstrated as He is beyond the reach of the senses and mind but His existence can be inferred by certain empirical facts or common experiences in daily life.

Sometimes you are in a peculiar dilemma or pressing pecuniary difficulty. Help comes to you in a mysterious manner. You get the money just in time. Most of you might have experienced this. You exclaim at that moment in joy

"God's ways are mysterious indeed; I have got now full faith in God. Up to this time I had no faith in God." An advocate had no faith in God. He developed double pneumonia. His breath stopped. His wife, son and relatives began to weep. But he had a mysterious experience. The messengers of Yama caught hold of him and brought him to the court of Lord Yama. Lord Yama said to his messengers: "This is not the man I wanted. You have brought a wrong person. Send him off." He began to breathe after some time. He actually experienced that he left the body, went to the court of Yama and again re-entered his physical body. This astonishing experience changed his entire nature. He developed an intense faith in God and became a religious man.

Another educated person had a similar experience, but there was some change in this case. He was also an atheist. His soul was brought by the messengers of Yama to his

court. This person asked Yama: "I have not finished my work in the physical plane. I have to do still more useful work. Kindly spare my life now." His boon was granted. He was struck with wonder on this strange experience. His nature also was entirely changed. He left his job at once. He devoted the remaining portion of his life in selfless service and meditation.

You find that even the world's best doctors fail to cure a dying king. You might have also heard of many instances where patients ailing from the worst type of diseases are cured miraculously where even the ablest doctors have declared the cases hopeless. This itself is a clear proof that there is the divine hand behind all cures.

Sometimes you cannot tolerate the company of persons. You wish to remain alone. You go to a solitary place, - in a garden or in the banks of a river - and enjoy the inner peace. This gives the clue that you are, in essence, an embodiment of peace, that you are alone and identical with Brahman.

*To be continued.....*

