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O Arjuna, having gained the realization of the Ultimate Truth, one is never again deluded and even at the moment of death, being situated in this state, liberation from the material existence and attainment of the Ultimate Consciousness is assured.
— (Bhagavadgita : Ch.-II, 72)

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"PM Nawaz Sharif appreciated India's efforts in the rescue operations in Nepal. I thank him for his kind words".

-Narendra Modi

"I applaud bjp karyakartas for their efforts in membership drive, expect the same dedication in Sampark abhiyan."

-Amit Shah

Ganga Dussehra : 28th May, 2015

Ganga Dussehra falls in the month of May/June. Ganga Dussehra is also known as Gangavataran which means 'the descent of the Ganga'. According to Hindu religious texts, the Ganges River originally flowed only in heaven and was residing in Kamandal of Lord Brahma. In the form of a goddess Maa Ganga was brought down to earth by King Bhagiratha in order to purify the ashes of his



ancestors, 60,000 of whom had been burned under a curse from the great sage Kapila. The river came down reluctantly, breaking her fall on the head of Shiva so that she wouldn't shatter the Earth. Before coming to the Earth, the Ganga along with her brought the purity of heaven to the Earth. By the time she reached the Bay of Bengal, she had touched the ashes of the 60,000 princes and fertilized the entire region.

On Ganga Dussehra devotees worship Goddess Ganga and take bath in Ganges. Taking bath in Ganges and offering charity or Dan-Punya on this day is considered highly auspicious. It is believed that holy dip in Ganges on Ganga Dussehra day can purge all type of sins. Devotees flock to Allahabad/Prayag, Garhmukteshwar, Haridwar, Rishikesh and Varanasi to take a holy dip. Ganga Dussehra celebrations are legendary in Varanasi. On Ganga Dussehra day thousands of devotees do Ganga Snan and participate in Ganga Aarti at Dasaswamedh Ghat. Those who live far away from the Ganges immerse themselves in whatever river, pond, or sea they can get to on this day. Usually Ganga Dussra is celebrated one day before Nirjala Ekadashi but in some years Ganga Dussehra and Nirjala Ekadashi might fall on the same day. Ganga Dussehra should not be confused with Ganga Jayanti when the Goddess Ganga was reborn. ■



Maha-Sampark Abhiyan set to create strong bonds between new members and organization

Bharatiya Janata Party has become the world's largest political party. As the last date for the membership drive approached the target was achieved. By 30 April 2015 more than 10 crore people had become the members of BJP. It is a remarkable achievement, an unparalleled one in the world. But this achievement cannot in itself lead to realization of all the goals. It is the first step, yes, and an important one. The foundation has been laid, now an edifice is required to be built on this strong foundation. The six month hard work of the karyakartas has given an opportunity to the party to consolidate itself in every nook and corner of the country. The expansion of the party to remote areas of the country calls for equally sincere efforts to further consolidate the party through massive organizational exercise. BJP was able to grasp this reality and therefore it has decided to follow the membership drive with the activities which may create stronger bonds between the new members with the organization.

Mahasampark Abhiyan has been launched on 1st May 2015. BJP leaders led by BJP National President Amit Shah met Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurating the countrywide programme. It has to be borne in mind that Prime Minister Narendra Modi was the first person to have taken the membership of the party when the membership drive was launched six months back. So Narendra Modi also became the first person contacted under the Mahasampark Abhiyan. It is a massive exercise which is aimed at contacting all the new members of the party. As the membership drive was wide in terms of its coverage, Mahasampark Abhiyan is going to be wide and deep in its approach. It is not only contacting the new members but also connecting them to the party, encouraging them to pay active part in the organization and introducing them with the fundamentals of ideology, policies and programmes of the party. A member can be an asset to the party provided the party takes up the programmes to connect closely with the members. BJP could become a party from 10 to ten crore only because of its unflinching faith in the organizational mechanism and karyakartas. It is now only political party in the country which regularly conducts its membership drive, organizational elections and organisational meetings. It believes in organizational methods and draws strength from its tradition of upholding internal democracy and discipline. The party could expand, consolidate and form government at the centre with full majority when the country's polity was seen as fragmented and divided at various level just because of its core philosophy of dedication to the national cause. Mahasampark Abhiyan aims at taking this message of the party to the new members and seeks to welcome them into the party fold with open arms.

BJP is the only party in the country which works throughout the year to serve the people and takes up issues at national and local level. Unlike other political parties who are seen active only during the election time, BJP has an organization which is active round the clock connecting with the people through its different programmes. It is not only elections but day to day issues which keeps the organisation engaged. The membership drive created an opportunity

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to contact the people once again when elections were over and Mahasampark Abhiyan is going to make another opportunity available to the party through which this new bond can be nurtured and strengthened. It will give the party momentum in the areas where it is trying to build up its organization particularly in the northeastern region and in the southern states. The pravas of BJP National President Amit Shah has given a new hope to the people of these regions who now have started seeing BJP as a strong alternative. The Mahasampark Abhiyan will further strengthen the organizational base of BJP in these areas.

BJP has moved ahead with its novel ideas and innovative organizational methods. BJP has never hesitated to embrace new technology and new ideas which may help it in its goal of national reconstruction. The membership drive was all embracing seeking to reach to every nook and corner of the country. The Mahasampark Abhiyan is set to give the human touch to this massive exercise wherein the new members can feel deeply involved with the party. While the nation is moving ahead on the development trajectory and making its voice heard at international foras under the able leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, BJP National President is successfully steering the organization towards new achievements through innovative ideas and organization centric functioning. The karyakartas would definitely help this abhiyan become a grand success through their untiring efforts and hard work - there is no doubt about it! ■

Mann Ki Baat

India will wipe tears of every Nepali

PM in his monthly radio address says Nepal earthquake has shaken the whole world

India is with the “sisters and brothers” of Nepal in



its time of crisis following the terrible earthquake, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in his radio address ‘Mann ki Baat’ on April 26, 2015.

“We will wipe the tears of every Nepali, hold their hands and give every support,” Shri Modi said.

Shri Modi said the earthquake that hit Nepal and also affected many parts of India has “shaken the whole world”.

He said India is assisting with relief and rescue operations in every way it can.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said “The entire world witnessed India’s spirit of “Seva Parmo Dharma” during rescue operations in Yemen when we saved the lives of hundreds of people stranded there.”

“India earned accolades from across various countries when we rescued people of nearly 48 countries in Yemen,” Shri Modi said.

“This shows our spirit of serving people, irrespective of caste, creed and religion,” he added.

Talking about the role played by India in the rescue operations in Yemen, Shri Modi said: “We realised the power of humanity when our forces saved a week-old infant in Yemen. It was the most pleasurable moment of my life.”

The Indian Air Force, Indian Navy and the ministry of external affairs played a commendable role in rescuing people from Yemen, he said. (FOC)■

BJP has set a new world record : Amit Shah

BJP has become the largest political party in the world with more than 10 crore people becoming its members in six-month long membership drive conducted by the party on a massive scale. The membership drive which saw the use of modern technology concluded on 30 April 2015. BJP National President Shri Amit Shah addressed the press on the occasion of conclusion of membership drive at the Party Head Quarters in New Delhi on April 30, 2015. We are publishing the full text of his statement for our esteemed readers:

With the enrolment of over ten crore members, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has emerged as the largest political party of the world. While using new and advanced information technology for party recruitment BJP has very resolutely set a new record. In this campaign, the Party used a toll-free number based, cell-phone centric campaign for over six months, at the end of which Party Organisation has made its presence felt in every tehsil of our far-flung nation, right from East Kameng in Arunachal Pradesh to Kutch and Kargil to Kanniyakumari. The use of ICT has helped the Party make this recruitment campaign hundred percent democratic, transparent, seeker-friendly and all inclusive; eventually making a significant increase in the social base of Party Organisation and adding to its geographical foot-print.

BJP is the first political party all over the world to have used modern ICT technique for a massive recruitment drive of this magnitude.



In the process that was used for this campaign, any cell-phone owner could obtain party membership via dialing a toll-free number 1800-266-2020, who in turn would instantly obtain a unique membership number through a text message. Later, he would respond to the instructions and send his personal details like full name, address and pin-code etc to a dedicated cell-phone number, completing the technical-formality of enrolment. Now, based on the compiled record created out of this information, Party is engaged in the task of preparing Lists of Members enrolled. Later, from May 1 onwards, Party will be conducting a mass-

contact campaign, which will also involve verification of the data gathered. Under the mass-contact campaign; Party workers will be contacting every newly registered member, gather his personal information; give him basic information about the Party as also share some details about the performance of the NDA Govt. at the centre. This mass contact will go on till 31st July, to be followed by a chain of training programmes. After this, an important phase of induction of the new recruits will be over.

On November 1, last; by re-enrolling Prime Minister Narendra Modi the campaign was launched in a big way and later it picked up, adding thousands of new members practically every day. At every level, this very fundamental phase of party building was handled with due seriousness. A committee headed by Party Vice President Dr. Dinesh Sharma, comprising Dr Vinay Sahasrabuddhe, Vice - President; Arun Singh and Sudha Yadav; both national secretaries; and C T Ravi, office bearer from Karnataka was engaged in the

preparation, supervision and review of the campaign during the entire period. As the methodology employed was entirely non-conventional, a series of workshops to orient Party workers was conducted at various levels. Later, in order to ensure smooth conduct of the campaign, Party leaders undertook whirlwind tours across the country. As Party President, I myself extensively toured almost all the States in a span of 53 days. Besides, Dr Dinesh Sharma traveled to Gujarat, Bihar, west Bengal, Assam and the North East India, while Dr Vinay Sahasrabuddhe toured Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Kerala, Goa, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Jammu-Kashmir. National Secretary Arun Singh covered Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Bihar, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan; while Ms. Sudha Yadav toured Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Uttarakhand and Delhi. C T Ravi, from Karnataka extensively traveled in Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Telangana.

In this entire campaign, apart from all national office-bearers of the Party, all MPs, union ministers, Chief Ministers and their cabinet colleagues, all State and District level office-bearers also contributed through their efforts. In several States, recruitment stall were put up

Under the guidelines issues for this campaign, only those Party workers who would enroll at least 100 primary members and provide their verifiable details in a format, are to be considered as qualified to become Active Members. This has ensured a creation of a concrete and full-proof database.

at public places; facilitating mass enrollment. Also, programmes like gate-meetings at factories and industries, colleges, small-gatherings at bus and railway stations, slum-colonies, vegetable markets, places of worship, etc were conducted in a massive way. Party workers also reached up to bus and rail passengers, farm-labourers and farmers, women members of self-help groups, hawkers, shoe-shine boys, auto and taxi drivers, vendors, nurses and physicians as well as young professionals at the call centres and in every section of the society, the campaign received a huge response.

In most States, structured efforts were undertaken through initiatives like Collective Membership, Individual Membership and Camp/ Stall Membership etc. Collective Membership involved door-to-door campaign via group visits, Individual Membership

involved personal efforts through friends and relatives. Camps and Stalls at Public Places also attracted a huge response. In several States Pravasi karyakartas; who traveled in the given region; were also engaged in order to cover a specific area.

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As per the Party strategy, seven majorly coastal States of Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Odisha, West Bengal and Assam are high on organizational consolidation plan. Hence, greater emphasis was given on the campaign in these States. A total of 6782 Party workers from these States devoted three to six months as a whole-time workers dedicated for recruitment. In all these States, dozens of campaign-meetings were organized for mass-membership, leaders traveled into the interior right up to tehsil places, and all types of media-campaigns; including social-media were conducted to gain momentum. All these focused efforts have resulted in three to ten-fold rise in all these States. (FOC)■

BJP President Amit Shah launches 'Maha-Sampark Abhiyan' in presence of Narendra Modi

Following the completion of the Nationwide Membership Drive the Bharatiya Janata Party launched the 'Maha Sampark Abhiyan' in presence of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi at Prime Minister's residence in New Delhi on 01 May, 2015.

The motive behind this program is to meet the crores of new party members who have registered themselves as part of the Bhartiya Janata Party.

According to the programme organizational leaders and BJP Karyakartas will go door-to-door covering all 10 crore members who joined the party recently and during this period workers will meet the new members to confirm and verify their membership with the party. 'Maha Sampark Abhiyan' will continue till July 31.

Launching the programme BJP National President Shri Amit Shah said that the drive has nothing to do with elections and is only aimed at spreading the party's ideology among the people.

Shri Amit Shah further said, "We would like to learn about our new members during this 'Maha Sampark Abhiyan', introduce them to the party's ideology and train party workers between July, August and September".

PM becomes 1st member to be contacted by BJP

Congratulating BJP Karyakartas for their phenomenal efforts in making BJP the largest party with more than 10 crore members, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 01 May, 2015 became the first member contacted by the party as part of its *Maha Sampark Abhiyaan*. Shri Modi was also the first member to renew his membership on November 1 last



year, when the party launched its Nationwide Membership Drive. As part of the party's three-month contact programme, all workers will meet the new members to confirm and verify their membership with the party.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on the occasion said, 'Maha Sampark Abhiyaan (mass contact programme) is a wonderful opportunity to further connect party members with the party ideology and brief them about government's work. He said due to the hard work of Karyakartas, over 10 crore people have joined the BJP family. Congratulations on the phenomenal efforts," he added.

Shri Modi met the party leaders, including BJP National President Shri Amit Shah, members of the Maha Sampark Abhiyaan team – BJP National General Secretaries Shri Bhupendra Yadav, Ms. Saroj Pande, senior leaders like Shri Kailash Vijayvargiya and Shri B.L. Santosh.

After meeting the Prime Minister BJP National President Shri Amit Shah said, "We contacted BJP's first member Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and started BJP's mass contact programme. Now I appeal to all workers to go house to house and contact all new members and apprise them of the party's ideology," he said.

According to the programme:

- Each member will oversee the campaign in over five to seven states.
- Like Ms. Saroj Pandey will oversee the campaign in Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Maharashtra, Goa and some of the north eastern states.
- BJP Karyakartas will also hand over the party's history, a letter from the party President and the party's ideology to new members and confirm their membership earlier done through online mobile technology.
- The campaign will culminate after three months.
- After the mass contact drive ending on July 31, the party would launch a major training programme for its Karyakartas that will carry on for another three months. ■

We want to assimilate the new members in the party : BL Santosh

After the successful completion of membership drive, Bharatiya Janata Party has launched 'Mahasampark Abhiyan' to connect with the new members. BJP Joint General Secretary (Organisation) and member of the Mahasampark Abhiyan Committee Shri BL Santosh discussed about the various aspects of the Abhiyan with Kamal Sandesh Editorial Board member Shri Vikash Anand. Excerpts:



With more than of 10 crore members, the BJP has become the largest political party in the world. How the party plans to accomplish Mahasampark Abhiyan with such a huge numbers?

Sadsyata Abhyan (Membership Drive) was conducted from 1st November 2014 to 30th April 2015. Lakhs of our Karyakarta contacted people at their homes and public places and made them members of the BJP. Now BJP has more than 10 crore members. BJP has become the largest political party of the world. Through Mahasampark Abhiyan our karyakartas will contact the new members and give ideological literature and also apprise them about achievements of Modi government or achievements of BJP led state governments. Secondly, we will collect personal details of new members like their profession, area of interest and other details. We mean to give some details and take some details. Through Booth Karyakartas we want to assimilate the new members in the party's programmes and make them socially active and also socially sensitive.

What do you think are the special features of this Abhiyan?

Perhaps, it is for the first time that a political

party is contacting people at a time when elections are not taking place. Secondly, party will get a huge database of around 10 crore members due to this massive exercise. And thirdly, our Booth workers will be able to establish contact with these 10 crore new members. The new members will become medium of transferring government achievement, party's ideology, its programme to other people.

There are many areas where party has prospects to grow. Is party making special focus in those areas under the campaign?

During membership campaign we had already focused on those areas and are doing so in Mahasampark Abhiyan, too. Out of 10 crores around 10 lakhs have become active members till now. Our national President has given the target to connect new people to the party in every state. We are little bit weak in south and east. Our target is to choose 5 lakh people and invite them for training programme. During the campaign we will make note of the people who are interested in the party work. And in later stage we will invite them for training programme. ■

PM Narendra Modi's pet 100 Smart Cities project gets Cabinet's approval

The Cabinet on April 29 chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved 100 smart cities project and also cleared the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) for 500 cities.

In a determined bid to recast the urban landscape of the country to make urban areas more livable and inclusive besides driving the economic growth, the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi approved Central Government spending of about one lakh crore on urban development under two new urban missions over the next five years. The Cabinet has approved the Smart Cities Mission and the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation of 500 cities (AMRUT) with outlays of Rs.48,000 crore and Rs.50,000 crore respectively.

Under the Smart Cities Mission, each selected city would get central assistance of Rs.100 crore per year for five years. Smart City aspirants will be selected through a 'City Challenge Competition' intended to link financing with the ability of the cities to perform to achieve the mission objectives. Each state will shortlist a certain number of smart city aspirants

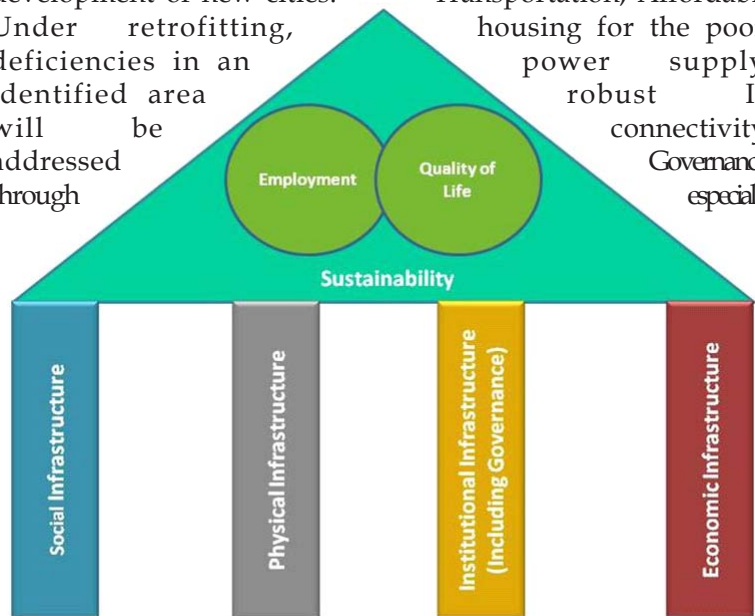
as per the norms to be indicated and they will prepare smart city proposals for further evaluation for extending Central support.

This Mission of building 100 smart cities intends to promote adoption of smart solutions for efficient use of available assets, resources and infrastructure with the objective of enhancing the quality of urban life and providing a clean and sustainable environment. Special emphasis will be given to participation of citizens in prioritizing and planning urban interventions. It will be implemented through 'area based' approach consisting of retrofitting, redevelopment, pan-city initiatives and development of new cities.

Under retrofitting, deficiencies in an identified area will be addressed through

necessary interventions as in the case of Local Area Plan for downtown Ahmedabad. Redevelopment enables reconstruction of already built-up area that is not amenable for any interventions, to make it smart, as in the case of Bhendi Bazar of Mumbai and West Kidwai Nagar in New Delhi. Pan-city components could be interventions like Intelligent Transport Solutions that benefits all residents by reducing commuting time.

Under smart cities initiative, focus will be on core infrastructure services like: Adequate and clean Water supply, Sanitation and Solid Waste Management, Efficient Urban Mobility and Public Transportation, Affordable housing for the poor, power supply, robust IT connectivity, Governance, especially



e-governance and citizen participation, safety and security of citizens, health and education and sustainable urban environment.

Smart City Action Plans will be implemented by Special Purpose Vehicles (SPV) to be created for each city and state governments will ensure steady stream of resources for SPVs.

The two missions are interlinked. AMRUT adopts a project approach to ensure basic infrastructure services relating to water supply, sewerage, septage management, storm water drains, transport and development of green spaces and parks with special provision for meeting the needs of children. Implementation of this Mission will be linked to promotion of urban reforms such as e-governance, constitution of professional municipal cadre, devolving funds and functions to urban local bodies, review of Building bye-laws, improvement in assessment and collection of municipal taxes, credit rating of urban local bodies, energy and water audit and citizen-centric urban planning.

10 percent of budget allocation will be given to States/UTs as incentive based on achievement of reforms during the previous year. A reform matrix with timelines would be circulated to States in the Guidelines.

This Mission will be implemented in 500 cities and towns each with a population of one lakh and above, some cities situated on stems of main rivers, a few capital cities and important cities located in hilly areas, islands and tourist areas.

Under this Mission, States get the flexibility of designing schemes based on the needs of identified cities and in their execution and monitoring. States will only submit State Annual Action Plans to the Centre for broad concurrence based on which funds will be released. In a significant departure from JNNURM, Central Government will not appraise individual projects.

Central assistance will be to the extent of 50 percent of project cost for cities and towns with a population of up to 10 lakh and one-third of the project cost for those with a population of above 10 lakh. Central assistance will be released in three instalments in the ratio of 20:40:40 based on achievement of milestones indicated in State Annual Action Plans. AMRUT seeks to lay a foundation to enable cities and towns to eventually grow into smart cities.

The Cabinet also today approved Central funding under AMRUT to the projects sanctioned under JNNURM and not completed. JNNURM projects relating to urban development sanctioned during 2005 -2012 and achieved physical progress of

50 percent availing 50 percent of central assistance released and those sanctioned during 2012-2014 will be supported till March, 2017. Accordingly, 102 and 296 projects respectively will get Central support for balance funding to complete these projects.

Central spending approved for the next five years under the two new Missions assumes significance in the backdrop of the approved Plan outlay of Rs.42,900 crore for JNNURM that was implemented over nine years between 2005 and 2014. Out of this, actual Central assistance released was Rs.36,398 crore.

Further to Cabinet approval, a minimum investment of over Rs. 2 lakh crore would flow into urban areas over the next five years (2015-16 to 2019-20) since States and urban local bodies would mobilise matching resources ranging from 50 percent to 66 percent. In addition, substantial private investments would be mobilized by states and urban local bodies through PPP model as required to meet project costs.

The architecture of the Smart Cities Mission and AMRUT is guided by the twin objectives of meeting the challenges of growing urbanization in the country in a sustainable manner as well as ensuring the benefits of urban development to the poor through increased access to urban spaces and enhanced employment opportunities. ■

India's speedy response to massive disaster in Nepal appreciated worldwide



On April 25, the 7.9 magnitude earthquake struck the Nepal which killed more than 7,000 people and injured more than 14,000. Its epicenter was the village of Barpak, Gorkha district, and its hypocenter was at a depth of approximately 15 km. It was the most powerful natural calamity to strike Nepal since the 1934 Nepal-Bihar earthquake. The earthquake triggered an avalanche on Mount Everest, killing at least 19 making it the deadliest day on the mountain in history. It triggered another huge avalanche in Langtang valley, where 250 were reported missing.

Hundreds of thousands of people were made homeless with entire villages flattened

across many districts of the country. Centuries-old buildings were destroyed at UNESCO World Heritage sites in the Kathmandu Valley, including some at the Kathmandu Durbar Square, the Patan Durbar Square and the Bhaktapur Durbar Square. Geophysicists and other experts had warned for decades that Nepal was vulnerable to a deadly earthquake, particularly because of its geology, urbanization, and architecture.

Continued aftershocks occurred throughout Nepal within 15-20 minute intervals, with one shock reaching a magnitude of 6.7 on 26 April at 12:54:08 NST. The country also had a continued risk of landslides. It also affected

India's states like Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan. A total of 78 deaths were reported in India - 58 in Bihar, 16 in Uttar Pradesh, 3 in West Bengal and 1 in Rajasthan.

India was the first country to rush aid to Nepal after a 7.9-magnitude quake on April 25. India's rescue effort in Nepal has been praised widespread.

Indian armed forces which were lauded for their commendable efforts in carrying out relief and rescue work in a nation that is struggling to come to terms with the massive devastation.

India's swift action and its military's massive operation evacuated thousands of Indians and foreign nationals from quake-hit Nepal. India had deputed some 11 rescue

teams comprising over 500 rescue workers, including India's National Disaster Response Force (NDRF)

situation. Before calling high level meeting in India, Shri Modi spoke to the President and Prime Minister of

earthquake.

US, China and Pakistan also appreciated PM Narendra Modi's response to the calamity in Nepal. Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif called up PM Modi and appreciated India's efforts in the rescue operations in Nepal. Appreciating the help extended by Indian rescuers



personnel.

The day of the very first tremor which struck Nepal, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi called high level meeting to review the

Nepal, Chief Ministers of UP, Bihar, West Bengal, Sikkim and Madhya Pradesh. Shri Modi assured Nepal to give all type of assistance in dealing with the aftermath of the

Nepal Prime Minister Sushil Koirala said that the country is blessed to have neighbours like India.

"We are really blessed as we have neighbours like India," said a statement issued by Mr Koirala's private secretariat, which further said that "when Nepal faces crisis, we always seek honest help from India".

Mr Koirala also said that he felt really impressed by the working of the Indian teams when he inspected the ongoing rescue efforts in the last three days, and that India's expertise, skill and experience in dealing with the quake would greatly help Nepal. Mr Koirala added that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's response came as a huge relief for him during such a crisis. (FOC) ■

"We are really blessed as we have neighbours like India"

-Sushil Koirala, PM Nepal

"PM Nawaz Sharif appreciated India's efforts in the rescue operations in Nepal. I thank him for his kind words".

- Narendra Modi (@narendramodi)

"My gratitude to PM @netanyahu for his kind words on India's relief & rescue efforts in Nepal including help extended to Israeli nationals."

- Narendra Modi (@narendramodi)

Alignment Vs Non-Alignment

-Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya

India's foreign policy has always been a crucial component of our national agenda. As India gained independence it was required to frame an independent foreign policy which could take the nation out of the colonial policy hangover. The foreign policy under Nehru has often been criticized for compromising national interest at crucial junctures leading the country to crisis after crisis which continue to haunt the nation even today. The nation had to pay for Nehru's romanticism with some of his impractical beliefs which has cost nation dear. We are publishing an article written by Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay in 1960 elaborating on fine details of the foreign policy and why India should have pursued an independent foreign policy. Not only this he has also elaborated what an independent foreign policy based on national interest means and how it should have been pursued. We are publishing the article in a series and the part-II is given below for our esteemed readers:

Pakistan's National Hostility

While considering what should be our foreign policy, our attention is drawn on the one hand to our neighbouring states, and on the other, to the two big power blocs. Over looking our north-western and eastern frontiers we have a hostile Pakistan. Its very genesis is such that so long as it exists it will continue to be hostile towards India. India and Pakistan can become friends only when the Muslim here sheds his separatist outlook, and attunes himself to national tradition and heritage. But that very day Pakistan would have lost its *raison d'être*. Pakistanis themselves would long for Akhand Bharat. Thus India and Pakistan can become one. But not friendly.

China too has become a northern neighbour for us. China's annexation of Tibet and Sinkiang and our



Our foreign policy, therefore, will have to be chalked out essentially in the light of guaranteeing our security from Pakistan and China. Then again, had the foreign policies of these two countries been unshackled, determination of our own foreign policy would have been relatively simple.

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acquiescence in this act of its, have resulted in China's territorial limits being extended to reach ours. In the P.M.'s words, our northern frontier has become alive. China has not only challenged our traditional and firmly demarcated boundaries but

has even used unilateral force to occupy large chunks of our territory.

Besides these two countries our other next-door neighbour are Nepal, Burma and Ceylon. Notwithstanding the few minor points we have in issue with them, our relations with them are generally cordial and they do not in any way constitute a danger for us. Our foreign policy, therefore, will have to be chalked out essentially in the light of guaranteeing our security from Pakistan and China. Then again, had the foreign policies of these two countries been unshackled, determination of our own foreign policy would have been relatively simple. But both of them happen to be associated with the two power-blocs of the world. Pakistan is a member of the Western bloc while China, as a Communist country, is aligned with the Soviet bloc.

Aggressiveness by these two countries therefore affects our people's outlook towards these blocs. As long as the fact of China's aggression was not known to the people, while Pakistan's blatant and illegal occupation of one-third of Kashmir was before the eyes of all, not only the people but the Government as well seemed to fall victim to Communist propaganda, and it did appear at that time that despite our professions of an independent foreign policy, in practice we were leaning towards the Russian bloc. It seems that on several occasions we did act partially. We Can Neither Forget China Nor Forget Pakistan

But as China's aggression became evident, the pendulum has swung to the other extreme. Concessions given to Pakistan and even abnegation of national interests for its sake seem to irritate us no longer. There is insistence on liberating the 140,000 square miles of Ladakh in China's wrongful possession, but there is an inclination to turn the blind eye to Pakistan's equally illegal occupation of 40,000 square miles of Indian territory. It has become a "national duty" for us to exert for Tibet's independence but the anguish of Hindus in East Pakistan does not pertain to us. Such a state of mind in no index of a healthy and balanced national outlook.

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These people may invoke arguments of political expediency to justify their advocacy of making friends with one enemy to face another. But they must not forget that such treaties are agreed to only under compelling circumstances and, thereby, while one enemy may be vanquished, the other is invariably buttressed. England has had to pay no small price for joining hands with Russia to beat Germany. It has handed over almost all the states of Eastern Europe and the Balkan Peninsula to Soviet Russia, England agreed to this treaty only when it had no other way out. Even then the bargain proved costly. Let us not think that it

is possible to have one of our enemies stand up against the other without having to pay a high price for it. The history of the last twelve years itself is evidence as to how much we have had to sacrifice merely to keep up our talk of sweet amity sometimes with the one, and sometimes with the other.

Thus, if we are desirous of proving equal to the dangers posed by these countries we will have to rely on our own strength. If we feel that we lack the strength to meet this two-fold peril, we shall have to augment it. We shall have to do whatever is necessary so that we may live with freedom. They, who do not wish to pay the price of their freedom and so want to live on borrowed succour, are sure to be gobbled up one day, by one or the other. Today, China belongs to the anti-Pak Camp. We may, possible, with some dexterous balancing of power between the two, use the situation to our own advantage, we should also keep in mind that China and Pakistan too can join hands tomorrow. We shall have to prepare for that eventuality too. It may be averred that only by joining the American bloc can we cope with such a line-up. But with the vast legions of fifth-columnists in our midst unless we are ourselves adequately strong, no foreign assistance can possibly enable us to avert such a crisis.

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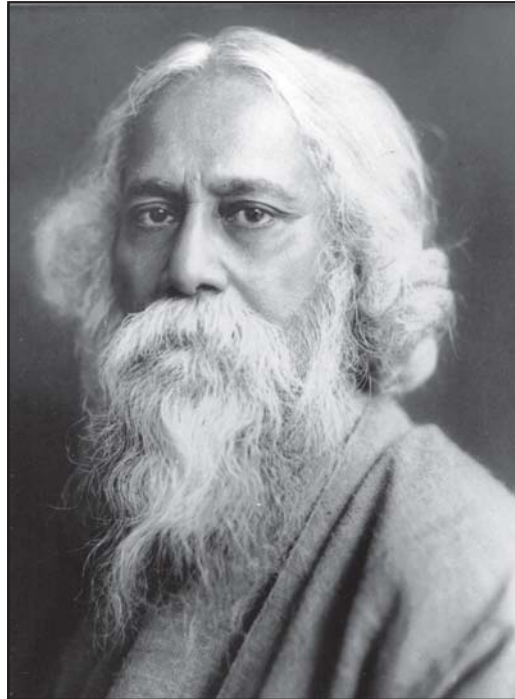
# Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore

**G**urudev Rabindranath Tagore (7 May 1861 – 7 August 1941) was born in the Jorasanko mansion in Kolkata to parents Debendranath Tagore (1817–1905) and Sarada Devi (1830–1875). Famous Bengal renaissance leader Dwarkanath Tagore was his paternal grandfather. He was one of the harbingers of Bengal renaissance and played an important role in Indian national movement.

He was a polymath who reshaped Bengali literature and music, as well as Indian art with Contextual Modernism in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Author of *Gitanjali* and its “profoundly sensitive, fresh and beautiful verse”, he became the first non-European to win the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1913.

In translation his poetry was viewed as spiritual and mercurial, his “elegant prose and magical poetry” is celebrated almost everywhere. Tagore introduced new prose and verse forms and the use of colloquial language into Bengali literature, thereby freeing it from traditional models based on classical Sanskrit. He was highly influential in introducing the

best of Indian culture to the West and vice versa, and he is generally regarded as the outstanding creative artist of the modern Indian subcontinent.



A Pirali Brahmin from Kolkata with ancestral gentry roots in Jessore, Tagore wrote poetry as an eight-year-old. At age sixteen, he released his first substantial poems under the pseudonym *BhânusiCha* (“Sun Lion”), which were seized upon by literary authorities as long-lost classics. He graduated to his first short stories and dramas—and the aegis of his birth name—by 1877. As a humanist, universalist internationalist, and strident

nationalist he denounced the Raj and advocated independence from Britain. As an exponent of the Bengal Renaissance, he advanced a vast canon that comprised

paintings, sketches and doodles, hundreds of texts, and some two thousand songs; his legacy endures also in the institution he founded, Visva-Bharati University.

Tagore modernised Bengali art by spurning rigid classical forms and resisting linguistic strictures. His novels, stories, songs, dance-dramas, and essays spoke to topics political and personal. *Gitanjali* (*Song Offerings*), *Gora* (*Fair-Faced*) and *Ghare-Baire* (*The Home and the World*) are his best-known works, and his verse, short stories, and

novels were acclaimed— or panned—for their lyricism, colloquialism, naturalism, and unnatural contemplation. His compositions were chosen by two nations as national anthems: India’s *Jana Gana Mana* and Bangladesh’s *Amar Shonar Bangla*.

The original song of Sri Lanka’s National Anthem was also written and tuned by Tagore.

We pay our respect to Gurudev on his birth anniversary! ■

Assam

## Get ready to 'oust Congress' in 2016 Assam assembly polls : Amit Shah

**B**JP National President Shri Amit Shah on April 26, 2015 formally launched party's "oust Congress" campaign in Assam where the assembly elections are to be held next year.

Addressing a huge BJP *Janajagaran Samaroah* at Khanapara in Guwahati, Shri Shah raised the issue of Bangladeshi migrants and said that only a BJP government in the State

updating the National Register of Citizens currently going on in the state and said the BJP led NDA government had earmarked Rs. 140 crore to the state for this purpose. But the state government does not want to do this as they got their votes. This will not continue for long. BJP will surely evict them from Assam land". Shri Shah added, "Once the NRC is revised and updated, all the Bangladeshi infiltrators will be exposed".



He said those who had come from Bangladesh because of religious discrimination would be given citizenship. "Some Hindus have come from Bangladesh due to religious disturbances. BJP will give all of them citizenship once we come to power in Assam next year," Shri Shah said. Not

could ensure that "infiltrators were detected and expelled".

"Bangladeshi infiltrators have taken away everything. They have taken away land of the Assamese people. They have taken away your jobs. They have eaten into the development funds. Yet the Congress government does not have the guts to touch them. It is only the BJP which can free Assam from the clutches of the Bangladeshis," Shri Shah said.

He also took credit for the process of

only in Assam, but the party will work towards giving Indian citizenship to all Bangladeshi Hindu immigrants across the country, he added.

He said, "Next elections will be fought on this issue. Assam poll will be for freeing the state of illegal Bangladeshi immigrants. Assam polls will also be for development of Assam and North-East," said Shri Shah.

He called on the people to free Assam from Congress' 15-year rule of corruption and



hand over the reins to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for overall development of the state.

He attacked Tarun Gogoi led Congress government accusing it of being corrupt. Referring to a recent CAG report, Shri Shah said there are no accounts for Rs 13,000 crore funds. The CAG has pointed to Rs 13,000-crore scam. There is scam in the agriculture department as well as in the public distribution system. "Tarun Gogoi, please give accounts for that money or else people will seek answer during polls next year. Please give us power, we will give answer for each penny," he said. Congress leaders have been also accused of benefitting from the multi-crore Sharadha chit fund scam in the State, he said.

The BJP National President also slammed the Congress for alleged misrule and corruption during the 10-year UPA tenure at the Centre. "It was a government of corruption. 2G, CWG, purchasing of tanks, aircrafts and submarines, ISRO and finally the coal – in every sector there was rampant corruption. The UPA looted Rs 12 lakh crore from Indian people," he said. After the people gave the power to Shri Modi, the last 11 months have been corruption free and all the wrong policies were reversed, he said.

The BJP National President said, "Congress and its allies charge us of corporate-driven government. In reality, they favoured corporates and gave away spectrum and coal mines almost free. We cancelled all the allocation of 220 coal mines and auctioned them along with spectrum. Over Rs. 3 lakh crore have been collected from corporates are being used for the poor," Shri Shah said. He also said that the NDA government is pro-poor and has opened bank accounts for 14 crore under-privileged people so far.

The BJP National President criticized the Congress and its vice-president Rahul Gandhi saying it was quite natural for people like him who are born with a silver spoon not to see any positive change happening in the country since the BJP came to power. "Rahul baba

can't see the changes because he is wearing foreign glasses. Start wearing Hindustani glasses and you will see the changes brought by the Narendra Modi government," Shri Shah said.

PUNJAB

## Our workers will have to take the party to every corner of the country

Addressing Bharatiya Janata Party Karyakartas in this Sikh holy city of Amritsar on 02 May, 2015 BJP National President Shri Amit Shah said BJP had a long way ahead and urged party workers to be prepared for the challenge.

Shri Shah said the BJP could not stop at its recent achievement of enrolling over 10 crore



members to become the biggest political organization in the world. "The BJP has a long way to go ahead. Our workers will have to take the party to every corner of the country," he said.

The BJP President said the BJP government at the centre led by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has been able to bring about a lot of change. "Prime Minister Modi's visits to other countries have helped improve India's image," he said.

Referring to Punjab, Shri Shah urged party workers to spread out to every corner of the state to make people aware about the rampant drugs problem in the state. "The drug crisis is so deep that even the Prime Minister Narendra Modi had to mention the same in his *Man Ki Baat* programme," he said.

Shri Shah said, "I know the pain that you

have in your hearts. You should not bother about it. You have to take BJP's lotus to every house in Punjab. All pains will then get treated."

Shri Amit Shah challenged the Congress to prove any of the allegations against the central government, including the one about favoring corporates. "The biggest scams have taken place under Congress rule," he said.

Shri Shah said the land acquired from farmers will not be given to any corporate house and farmers will be given full value for the acquired land.

BJP Karyakartas come in varied shades in Amritsar

BJP Karyakartas' meet in Amritsar was a gala affair with men and women of all age groups sporting saffron scarves, irrespective of caste and creed, and thronging from various parts of Punjab to listen to the party's National President Shri Amit Shah. The idea was to work for replicating BJP's 2014 Lok Sabha victory across India, in the 2017 assembly elections in the state.

The mood of the Karyakartas was euphoric. They said to the media that the change of guard at the helm of affairs was must for the overall growth of nation. They said that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had shown a ray of hope to the people of the nation and that's why in no time he had become the darling of everyone's eyes. They said not only us but also all those who are here endorse Shri Modi's vision of governance and policies. They said we are committed to replicate Lok Sabha results during the 2017 Punjab Assembly Elections.

BJP State Vice-President Shri Malerkotla Rajnish Jain said that there was huge enthusiasm among Karyakartas who had successfully convinced others to join the party in Punjab and make a stronger India.

Amit Shah receives warm welcome from Darbar Sahib

On his Punjab visit BJP National President Shri Amit Shah visited supreme Sikh shrine Sri Darbar Sahib (Golden Temple). During his visit, the SGPC authorities honoured him with 'Siropao'. Punjab BJP President Shri Kamal Sharma, BJP



National Secretary Shri Tarun Chugh and Punjab minister Shri Anil Joshi accompanied him.

Besides 'Siropao', SGPC secretaries Shri Roop Singh, Shri Manjit Singh and Shri Balwinder Singh Jaurasingha and Sri Darbar Sahib Manager Shri Partap Singh also presented model of Sri Darbar Sahib and a set of religious books to Shri Amit Shah.

Talking to media persons Shri Shah said that Darbar Sahib was a holy place where people from all religions come to pay obeisance and get the blessings of the Guru. He said that he had also come to seek blessings of Sri Guru ji.

RAJASTHAN

### 'Soon no other party will find a place in Rajasthan'

Following an aggressive membership drive in Rajasthan, BJP National President Shri Amit Shah addressed a massive rally of BJP Karyakartas on 26 April, 2015 in Jaipur, Rajasthan.

Addressing the Karyakartas Shri Amit Shah said, "We have already crossed the 75 lakh membership figure in this state and soon no other party will find a place here. Our workers have visited the smallest of towns and villages," Shri Shah told the gathering at *Amroodon ka Bagh*

Maidan.

He said, "When the Congress was in power, there were scams in everything, right from sand mining to coal, chopper deals to airports but in the past one year, BJP has rooted out corruption in the government. Not a single scam has been reported".



Shri Shah said, "Our first priority was to bring back black money and a special investigation team was constituted for that. When we took over, crores of families did not have a bank account. But, in 11 months through the *Jan Dhan Yojana*, we took bank accounts to 14 crore households. We also brought down petrol and diesel rates".

He added, "Prime Minister Narendra Modi has toured several countries and there he spoke in Hindi, giving due respect to our 'rashtrabhasha'. This century belongs to India."

Shri Shah further said the government is committed to providing relief to farmers and lauded Modi's decision to bring down the eligibility criterion for compensation from 50 per cent crop damage to 33 per cent. "Even CM Raje has taken several steps to help farmers. Her *Bhamashah* scheme goes a long way in strengthening the position of women in society," he added.

Addressing the Karyakartas on the occasion Smt. Vasundhara Raje while recounting her government's achievements, announced the rollback of power tariff on 'krishi connections' and assured that the high bills will be adjusted by subsidized rates in

the next billing cycle.

Hitting out at the previous Ashok Gehlot government, Smt. Raje said, "We had left the government in revenue surplus but when we took over from the previous Congress government, the state was in a debt of Rs 2.10 lakh crore. People should ask Gehlot where all the money went and he should apologise."

Smt. Raje said the father of deceased farmer Gajendra Singh, who hung himself during an AAP rally in Delhi, had written to her seeking a CBI inquiry into his death. "His father has claimed that the suicide note is fake and it is not his son's handwriting and has sought a CBI inquiry. He has asked me to convey this to Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh," Smt. Raje Added.

Amit Shah meets farmer Gajendra Singh's family

*During his visit to Rajasthan BJP National President Shri Amit Shah, accompanied by Rajasthan Chief Minister Smt. Vasundhara Raje, had gone to the deceased farmer Gajendra's native village, Nangal Jhamarwada in Dausa district, to pay condolences to the family and in Jaipur attended the 'tiye-ki baithak', the third-day ritual after the death.*

*Shri Shah visited Gajendra's house and went through the deceased farmer's diary and photo album. Shri Shah and Smt. Raje keenly noticed his handwriting in view of the controversy over the handwriting in the purported 'suicide note' recovered on the day of Gajendra's death. Gajendra's father Bane Singh submitted a memorandum to Shri Amit Shah on the occasion, listing the family's demands.*

*Significantly, Gajendra's father in a letter had also demanded a CBI probe into the death of his son at an APP rally in Delhi and urged Shri Shah to see that the demand was met. Rajasthan CM Smt. Vasundhara Raje Scindia also met the farmer's relatives.*

## 'Scam-free BJP rule major problem of Congress'

BJP National President Shri Amit Shah said the major problem of Congress is that there is no scam during one year of BJP rule. Addressing the Himachal Pradesh BJP Executive Committee Meeting in Dharamsala on 01 May 2015, Shri Shah advised Congress



not to make baseless allegations against BJP, but to “accept the popularity of BJP, which not only has majority in Lok Sabha but is also ruling in 13 states in the country”.

Shri Amit Shah asked the state BJP leaders to work as a team keeping aside differences and build a stable and long-lasting BJP-led government in Himachal Pradesh after ousting Congress.

Shri Shah said, “The party could never be individual centric. The only face in your mind should be that of ‘Mother India’. So, work as a team to regain power in the next assembly elections”.

“Our ideology was first mocked by opponents. When it spread they opposed it, we were touted as communal, still we kept going,” he said.

He asked the BJP cadre to strengthen the party to such an extent that next time when the BJP formed government in the state it stayed for long time in power like in some other states.

Shri Shah said, “To make India a Congress-free nation, a BJP government is definitely required in Himachal,” noting that even

though BJP had ruled the state in the past, it was not a long lasting one.

He said, “Himachal Pradesh should follow the examples of Gujarat, MP and Chhattisgarh, where BJP formed government and maintained it by regular wins,” he said.

Declaring that the party’s nationwide membership drive was a great success, Shri Shah said it was an initial step to identify the well-wishers of the party and its policies.

Describing the time (on May 2014 onwards) as a golden era of the party, Shri Shah said in the history of Indian democracy this period would be dedicated to the workers. “It is after 30 years that a party got full majority, while it took 68 years for a non-Congress government to achieve the

feat,” he said.

He said started by just 10 leaders in 1950, BJP is now a group of 10 crore people. “BJP is the biggest political party of the world and now our main aim is to keep the top position intact,” he said.

He said this long journey was not an easy one and many leaders made sacrifices dedicating their life for proliferation of the idea on bases of which the party was formed. He remembered leaders like Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay, Shri AB Vajpayee and Shri LK Advani and their contribution to the party.

“Ensure that the ideas and principal, on the basis of which the party was formed, are never diluted and the aim is not forgotten,” he told the Karyakartas.

“Now as over 10 crore well-wishers have registered with the party, our next aim is to convert them into party workers during mega-outreach programme,” he said. He said, “We will convince these 10 crore new members to become active workers too. This *Mahasampark Abhiyaan* will be completed by October this year”.

Maintaining that it was time to spread BJP ideology across length and breadth of country, Shah said "One day we will see 'mother India' becoming 'Vishva Guru' again." Opposition diffusing misconceptions on land bill

Slamming the Congress, the BJP national president said that Opposition (Congress) was diffusing misconception on land bill.

"The party that took away farmers' land could not mislead people on reform legislation," Shri Shah said, adding that the Opposition charged BJP of being pro-corporate, but the people knew who gave undue benefit to corporate by allocating coal mines and 2G spectrum.

The BJP President criticized the Congress for its opposition to the Land Acquisition Bill and said the Congress is opposing the reform bill against the interest of farmers. It's double standard," he added.

BJP has given solutions to all the problems of farmers in land bill and workers should propagate the same during 'outreach programme', he said, stating not an inch of land would go to the corporate to give any undue benefits.

He said "Narendra Modi-led central government has brought transparency by auctioning coal mines and 2G spectrum generating profit amounting to thousands of crore. This money will be spent for relief of poor and farmers," he said, cautioning the Opposition to stop leveling baseless charges, as it will only expose them.

He said the welfare schemes of NDA government had come as a huge relief to the general masses and were aimed at re-building the nation.

On the occasion Shri Shah launched the Himachal Pradesh BJP website and magazine "Kamaldeep Sandesh" at the two-day Executive Committee Meeting of the party which started on April 30.

Among others BJP National General Secretary (Organisation) Shri Ram Lal, Union Health Minister Shri J P Nadda, former HP Chief Ministers Shri Shanta Kumar and Shri P

K Dhumal, BJP State President Shri Satpal Singh Satti, BJP's state in-charge Shri Srikant Sharma, BJP organizing secretary Shri Pawan Rana, BJYM National President Shri Anurag Thakur, all Districts Party Presidents, General Secretaries, state Party Office Bearers, MPs and MLAs attended the meeting.

UTTARAKHAND

## 'BJP aims to be in power for next 30 years'

Addressing party Karyakartas BJP National President Shri Amit Shah told party workers on 4, May 2015 in Dehradun, Uttarakhand, that he is confident that BJP will be in power at the Centre for the next 30 years. He added that in order to do so, an elaborate six-month campaign would be rolled out soon in which 15 lakh members would be identified as active members who would help realize the party's target.

Stressing that the party would not rest on its laurels after becoming the biggest political outfit in the world by enrolling 10 crore members, he said that the time had now come to take things to the next level.

*"We stand at a special juncture in our party's history. We need to take our achievements to the maximum possible people in the country for which we need a strong force of dedicated partymen," he said. He added that a door-to-door campaign would be initiated this month which would continue till July, during which all the 10 crore members would be contacted.*

*After the members' records are digitized, he said, 15 lakh members would be identified as active members who would fan out across the country and work in a dedicated manner to inform people about the party's plans, policies and achievements.* Before they embark on their mission, Shri Shah added, the party's active members would be trained extensively from August to October this year.

"We are looking at using technology in a big way to boost our party. Right from e-

library to modern means of communication, all would be made available at district party offices by December end," he said adding that BJP was working on a 40-point agenda to strengthen its base in the country.

As far as Uttarakhand was concerned, the BJP President said that he had "an emotional bond" with the Himalayan state. "We have to work hard to form the next government in *Devbhoomi*. Also, we have to ensure that not only does the BJP come to power in Uttarakhand in 2017, it also remains in power for a long long time," he said.

During his speech at the auditorium of the Survey of India in Hathibarkala area, Shri Shah also took a dig at the Congress government in the state. "After seeing the way in which the BJP-led government has tackled crisis situations after a natural calamity, many people have told me that things would have been different had a BJP government been in power in Uttarakhand during the June 2013 flash floods."

Shri Shah finished his speech by adding that he was thankful that his tour of multiple states in the country had culminated at Uttarakhand. "I am pleased that the tour has ended at *Devbhoomi*, which is a sacred place with which many Indians share an emotional bond," he said.

On the occasion BJP National General Secretary (Organization) Shri Ram Lal, BJP State President Tirath Singh Rawat, BJP MPs, MLAs, working Committee Members and district presidents were present.

SIKKIM

### 'BJP to spread roots in Sikkim'

The BJP will systematically spread its roots in Sikkim and foray into the Northeast and launch contact programme along with membership drive, Party National President

Shri Amit Shah said in Gangtok. He was speaking on April 20, 2015 to a packed auditorium at the Chintan Bhavan in Gangtok.

This was the first time that Shri Shah, along with BJP National General Secretary Shri Ram Madhav, came to Sikkim as part of their 'Act East' policy for increasing membership and making forays into the



Northeastern states, including Sikkim.

Speaking to the media Shri Shah expressed satisfaction at the 21,000 plus members who have joined the BJP from Sikkim. They added that to weed out corruption and deliver development in Sikkim and rest of northeast, the BJP is the only alternative and people need to be contacted and explained about it.

Earlier at Chintan Bhavan, Shri Shah delved into the BJP's achievements and plans for development in Sikkim in the near future.

MEGHALAYA

### 'Expose corruption by ruling Congress party'

BJP National President Shri Amit Shah visited Shillong, Meghalaya on 22 April, 2015 as part of his North-East *Pravash* seeking to strengthen party base and urging BJP Karyakartas to make public the alleged

corruption by ruling Congress party in Meghalaya.

During his visit the BJP President addressed party workers and held meeting with regional political parties of the State.



In a statement the BJP State President Shri Khlur Sing Lyngdoh said, "The party and National President Shri Amit Shah has strongly condemned the atrocities that have taken place against different Christian Communities during his visit and Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has also condemned this shameful Act. The Central Government has not taken this lightly and has ordered inquiries into the matter, he added".

Interacting with media persons he said Shri Shah's visit to Shillong has charged up the party Karyakartas and the visit also helped Shri Amit Shah to understand the issues relating to the State. He said, despite the bandh called by the HNLC, all invitees, party Karyakartas and common people turned out in large numbers to attend the meetings chaired by Shri Shah.

He said the State BJP also expressed gratitude to leaders UDP, HSPDP and KHNAM who discussed the political situation in Meghalaya with BJP National President

Shri Amit Shah. The BJP also appreciated the meetings of pressure groups and religious leaders with the BJP National President.

## ARUNACHAL PRADESH

'For all round development people must bring BJP to power in the state'

BJP National President Shri Amit Shah in a maiden political visit to Arunachal Pradesh arrived in the state capital Itanagar, on 23 April, 2015 from Shillong. Shri Shah also visited Mizoram, Nagaland, Manipur and Meghalaya before coming to Arunachal.

Shri Amit Shah addressed party workers and common public in a huge rally and criticized the Congress-ruled state government. He also launched an attack on Congress vice-president Rahul Gandhi. He said, "Rahul baba, BJP ki sarkar soojh-boojh ki sarkar hai (the BJP government is a sensible government)," he said, listing the various



developmental schemes initiated by the Narendra Modi government.

Making light of Rahul's new found vigour in Parliament since his return from a two-month long sabbatical, Shri Shah said the "Congress leader has just returned from vacation and is now speaking in Lok Sabha".

The BJP President said Rahul has not seen garibi (poverty) and that he was born with a silver spoon, making him immune to

understanding the problems of the poor. The BJP President spoke about several scandals that had marked the previous UPA regime, including the spectrum and coal allocation scams.

He said the BJP-led government has brought down inflation in 11 months. On the occasion Shri Shah said for all round development the people must bring the BJP to power in the state.

Leader of Opposition in the Assembly Shri Tamiyo Taga said, "Arunachal is the only tribal state in the Northeast where the BJP will definitely come to power in the next election".

He said it is the only tribal-majority state in the region where people use Hindi as a language of communication and where formal events are often marked with the lighting of the lamp ceremony.

He said currently, the BJP has 11 MLAs and one MP, Union minister of state for home affairs Shri Kiren Rijiju is from the state, he added.

Shri Rijiju, who was present at the rally, said the Congress is blaming me for the army act but it was their leaders who brought underground elements in the state.

He spoke of the various reports of racist attacks on people of the Northeast living outside the region and informed that an anti-racism bill will be tabled in Parliament soon.

TRIPURA

## 'Left Front synonymous to corruption in Tripura'

BJP National President Shri Amit Shah attacked the Left Front government, terming it a misguided political force in the country, synonymous with corruption, while addressing a huge rally in Agartala, Tripura on April 25, 2015.

Shri Shah, in his maiden visit in Tripura, criticized Chief Minister Shri Manik Sarkar

and said the state cannot prosper under the Left rule. "There are allegations of misappropriation of Centre-sponsored funds in the state during Left Front's 22 years' rule. The Centre is looking at the issue seriously," he added.

The BJP president said the Leftists always play with the emotions of the poor. Wherever Leftists rule, poverty remains with them, he added. Unless Left Front is wiped out from the state, Tripura can't be developed. He said, "BJP has already made up its mind to oust Left Front from power in Tripura in the next assembly election scheduled for 2018".

Referring to the alleged corruption in MGNREGS funds in Tripura, Shri Shah said Modi government has put the system in place to bring transparency in the implementation



of schemes for the poor. The system of direct wage transfer to the NREGS beneficiaries' accounts could not make the Left Front government in Tripura happy. It wished to keep the entire fund money with it so that it can disburse the amount according to their plans, Shri Shah added.

He said, "People of the country have removed the Communists from other parts of the country. Now, it's turn for the people of Tripura to remove them from the only state of the country".

BJP National General Secretary Shri Ram Madhav and several senior party leaders also spoke in the rally. ■



# So Our Children May Live

By Jagat Prakash Nadda

*Mission Indradhanush will push vaccines -  
the best public health intervention - to all by 2020*

India has recently witnessed an ambitious commencement of intensified immunisation drives under Mission Indradhanush, which aims to cover all those children who are either unvaccinated or partially vaccinated against seven vaccine preventable diseases which include diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, polio, tuberculosis, measles and hepatitis B.

As part of the national Universal Immunisation Programme (UIP) this Mission, conceived and implemented by the Union ministry of health and family welfare, is one of the largest programmes of its kind in the world.

Immunisation is a critical element in the Indian government's child survival strategy. Several children across the country rely solely on the national public health system to access vaccines that protect them against deadly childhood diseases. Delivering vaccines to the children safely, adequately and effectively, especially to the underserved and marginalised, is a priority agenda for our government.

Whether we look back to 1994 when the malaise of polio was acknowledged and its

eradication prioritised in Delhi or at the current health assurance mandate which will see that eventually Indians spend less out of their pockets on healthcare, ours is a tradition of identifying crucial problems and working incisively to resolve them. For developmental efforts our government is guided by the understanding that India's greatest economic and social resource, its demographic dividend, needs to be safeguarded.

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Goals 4 and 5 by 2015. As the current set of MDGs reach their end in 2015, new global health paradigms focussing on universal health coverage and sustainable development are emerging, for which immunisation remains a vital strategy. In the past, catch-up campaigns for polio, measles and Japanese encephalitis have amply demonstrated the capacity of this nation's well-developed immunisation system to deliver vaccines to millions of children, safely and effectively.

In the run-up to concluding the MDGs, our Union health ministry recognises the urgency of injecting new life into child health efforts. Mission Indradhanush plans to close existing immunity gaps so that disease outbreaks are curtailed and the process of immunisation in India is accelerated by 5% every year as compared to the current rate of 1% increase in coverage. With only 65% of children presently covered, the 'Mission' configuration will help achieve 90% full immunisation coverage by 2020.

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cover all those children who have been left out. To be carried out in two phases, these efforts have begun with 201 high focus districts where nearly 50% of all unvaccinated or partially vaccinated children reside. Of these, 82 are concentrated in the four states of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan and constitute nearly 25% of the unvaccinated or partially vaccinated children across our country.

Under Mission Indradhanush, four special vaccination campaigns are being conducted starting from April to July 2015 and these will be monitored through sturdy and stringent structures. While 201 districts are being covered in the first phase, 297 will be targeted for the second phase in 2015-16. This Mission aims to cater to 89 lakh children in the country who have not yet received all the vaccinations available under UIP. It is our government's firm conviction that focussed micro-planning, provision of additional financial resources and systematic immunisation drives will make the critical difference.

Mission Indradhanush will draw from the learnings of the polio programme. It will see unprecedented mobilisation of human resources as health workers, a agencies and organisations will be leveraged for full coverage. High-risk areas

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such as slums, brick kilns, construction sites and migrant settlements that hold underserved segments of the population will be targeted.

Partner agencies such as WHO, Unicef and Rotary International are supporting this initiative with systems strengthening, specifically through technical facilitation and monitoring activities. People's representatives including MPs, especially from high-focus states, will be actively engaged with to use their deep influence with the masses for advocacy and awareness generation on Mission Indradhanush.

Another aspect crucial to ensuring that this Mission

achieves its objectives that this Mission achieves its objectives is its multi-pronged communication approach. The plan directs specific communication and multimedia activities at different levels of operation. These strategic communication activities include efforts that span engagement with target audiences via TV, newspaper, radio and SMS, supplementing traditional advocacy and Information Education and Communication Behaviour Change Communication (IECBCC) components.

Since it has been found that in 63% of cases people are ignorant about the benefits of immunisation, this multimedia campaign aims to widely disseminate information to bridge the awareness gap. Known to be one of the most cost-effective interventions in the history of public health, vaccines do not merely save lives, they allow children and their families to thrive by preventing the onslaught of illness, disability, hospitalisation costs and needless human suffering.

Vaccines also have long term benefits for individuals and society by contributing to improvements in cognitive development, educational attainment, labour productivity and economic development. ■

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## West Bengal civic polls have created a history of being the most undemocratic elections : Sidharth Nath Singh

**R**eacting on rigging in West Bengal local body elections BJP National Secretary and party incharge of the State Shri Shri Sidharth Nath Singh said "West Bengal civic polls have created a history of being the most undemocratic elections conducted by the State Election Commission. Violence, intimidation, voter trauma, terrorization of opposition candidates, bullets, deaths and crude bombs have been the hallmark of these elections spread over 91 municipalities and Kolkata Municipal Corporations. It is said that those who win don't cheat and those who loose cheat."

"The ruling party that had claimed of winning these polls adopted all undemocratic means to secure the win. The State Election Commission gave the classic book example of how the loser's cheat. After the KMC polls on 18th April evening the SEC announced of 62% polling. After 48 hours the polling percentage changed to 68% as per the official announcement of SEC. This meant that 40 odd wards must have been rigged. If one extrapolates these 6% increase then TMC that is claiming to have got 114 seats in KMC would be down to 74. Moreover if other undemocratic means were excluded then certainly TMC would have been below half way mark in 144 wards KMC."

He added "Rigged elections cannot be any yardstick of popular mood. However even then one can see that BJP in comparison from last civic polls have increased their over all tally from 16 to 81. Earlier BJP could win only in 9 municipal areas and currently have increased their footprints to 35 municipal areas."

He said, "These polls have certainly given a loud and clear message that there cannot be any free and fair elections under TMC govt because they certainly beat Laloo's Jungle Raj." ■

## Pakistan sends holy water of Shri Katas Raj temple to L. K. Advani

**I**n the year 2005 Government of Pakistan had invited Shri L. K. Advani, then President BJP to be the Chief Guest at a function to commemorate the restoration of the Katas Raj Temples in District Chakwal, Punjab, Pakistan. Since then Shri L. K. Advani has been enquiring about the progress of the ongoing work there from every important dignitary coming from Pakistan who has met Shri Advani.

On 7th May 2015 the High Commissioner of Pakistan sent a big pitcher containing Holy Water of Shree Katas Raj Temple to Shri L. K. Advani. ■



# God Exists

By Swami Sivananda

**T**he notion of God means an absolutely perfect being. An absolutely perfect being must have all the positive attributes, including the attributes of existence. So God must exist. The existence of God cannot be proved by scientific experimentation. It is purely a question of faith and refers to the intuitive side of man.

The deepest craving, the deepest aspiration in man is for eternal happiness, eternal knowledge and eternal Truth. Man should search for some supernatural entity which can satisfy his deepest craving and aspirations.

As we explain everything within Nature by the law of cause and effect, so also Nature as a whole must be explained. It must have some cause. This cause must be different from the effect. It must be some supernatural entity, i.e., God.

Nature is not a mere jumble of accidents, but an orderly affair. The planets move regularly in their orbits, seeds grow into trees regularly, the seasons succeed each other in order. Now Nature cannot order itself. It requires the existence of an intelligent being, i.e. God, who is responsible for it. Even Einstein, the great scientist, was strongly convinced of the creation of the universe by a Supreme Intelligence.

Everything in Nature has some purpose. It fulfills some function or other. Certainly every

object by itself cannot choose a function for itself. Their different functions ought to have been planned or designated by a single intelligent being or God.

Albeit everything is transitory in this world, people purchase enormous plots of land, build bungalows in various places and erect five-storeyed



houses. They want to establish eternal life in this sense-universe. This shows that man is essentially immortal. In spite of the knowledge that everyone has to die, man thinks that he will live for ever and make very grand arrangements to live here perpetually. Further, nobody wants death. Everybody wants to live, and takes treatment when ill, spending any amount. Hence, the essential nature of man should be eternal existence.

Even a fool thinks that he is wise. Everyone wants to show

that he knows more than others. Nobody likes to be called a fool. Children tease their parents with various sorts of questions. The desire to know is ingrained in them. These indicate that our essential nature is knowledge.

When a man laughs, people seldom ask why he is laughing. On the other hand when a man cries, everybody asks why he is crying. This shows that our essential nature is bliss. No one wants misery, but everyone wants happiness, and all one's activities in life are directed towards the acquisition of happiness. This also proves that our real nature is bliss. In deep sleep when there are no objects, senses or mind, we feel bliss; hence our essential nature should be bliss. That again is the reason why people ailing from painful maladies even desire to give up their bodies and thus get rid of the pain.

If everyone then is of the nature of existence-knowledge-bliss, there should be an all-pervading principle having these characteristics and different from the perishable, inert pain-giving physical bodies. Therefore, Brahman or God, whose nature is Existence-Knowledge-Bliss (Sat-Chit-Ananda), should exist.

The existence of God or the Self is determined or indicated by the existence of the Upadhis or limiting adjuncts, viz., body, mind, Prana and the senses, because there must be self-consciousness behind their activities.

*To be continued....*

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