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PM Shri Narendra Modi visits the residence of late Shri Arun Jaitley to pay his last respect to the departed soul and meeting the family members in New Delhi



Union Home Minister and BJP National President Shri Amit Shah paying tributes to Shri Arun Jaitley at Shradhanjali Sabha in New Delhi



BJP National Working President Shri JP Nadda paying tributes to Shri Arun Jaitley at Shradhanjali Sabha in New Delhi



The last journey of Shri Arun Jaitley



The last rites of Shri Arun Jaitley at Nigam Bodh Ghat, New Delhi

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Excellent news vis-à-vis the 'Statue of Unity'- it finds a spot in the @TIME 100 greatest places 2019 list. And, a few days back, a record 34,000 people visited the site in a single day. Glad that it is emerging as a popular tourist spot!

@rajnathsingh

India has never been an aggressor in its history nor will it ever be. But that does not mean that India would balk at using its strength to defend itself.



@nitin_gadkari



I welcome the decisions taken by the Finance Minister @FinMinIndia Smt. @nsitharaman. This will boost the MSME sector and will be instrumental in increasing job opportunities.

@PrakashJavdekar

PM @narendramodi 's played a leading role in #ParisSummit; he has been the guiding force behind India's ambitious program of achieving 175 GW of #renewable energy production.



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On Teachers' Day, nation salutes the entire teaching community for their exemplary role in building an educated & civilized society. I offer my tributes to the great philosopher, teacher and statesman, Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, whose Jayanti is celebrated as Teachers' Day. — **Amit Shah**



Under the visionary leadership of Hon. PM Sh. @narendramodi Ji some major transforming measures have been taken to boost economy which are related to facilitating wealth creators, taxation measures, Increasing capital flows and energizing financial markets, infrastructure etc. I also thank our Finance Minister @nsitharaman Ji for such bold and people friendly decisions . These will give a huge boost to economy and major relief to all entrepreneurs, Buisnessmen.



— **Jagat Prakash Nadda**

The then CM of Gujarat Sri Narendra Modi submits himself to the notices of agencies, comes out untainted ... the then HM of Gujarat Sri Amit Shah submits himself to the laws of land & comes out unscathed.



The then CM of Karnataka Sri BS Yeddyurappa faces judicial trial & gets clean chit ... Never was democracy in danger .. Now Cong leaders are under scrutiny.... Democracy gets admitted to ICU .. There is a limit Congis .. Nation understands you perfectly Off-late.

— **BL Santhosh**

KAMAL SANDESH PARIVAR

pays its heartfelt tributes on the untimely demise of the Former Finance Minister and Senior BJP Leader

SHRI ARUN JAITLEY

SHAT SHAT NAMAN !



SHRI ARUN JAITLEY
(28 DECEMBER, 1952 - 24 AUGUST, 2019)

MILLIONS DREAMS IN 100 DAYS

As the Modi government completes 100 days in office, it has many remarkable achievements to its credit realising the dreams of the millions of countrymen. Some of these achievements have changed the course of Indian politics and enthused the people with newfound confidence and trust. The revocation of Article 370 & 35A along with the reorganization of Jammu-Kashmir into two Union Territories has been recorded in the history in golden letters. It is a move which shows how a bold leadership can herald a new era with strong political will and determination to stand by its decision. Not only this, the kind of overwhelming support which this move got in both houses of the parliament cutting across party line speaks volumes of the prevailing consensus in the country on revocation of Article 370 & 35A. The same spirit can be seen in the way the Bill on Triple Talaq was passed in both houses of the parliament ending an age old discriminatory and anti-women social evil prevailing in the society in the name of politics of appeasement. Apart from these two historic decisions, a large number of initiatives like amendment in UAPA to give it more teeth and empowerment of NIA in fight against terrorism are other major decisions that will have long term impact in strengthening pledge of zero tolerance against terrorism. The one of the most productive parliament session in the history of the country shows a new work culture and commitment of the elected representatives to the cause of the people.

There is no doubt that the nation is marching ahead with a new confidence and hope. The aspiration of the people is getting fuelled by the innovative initiatives of the Modi government and even surpassing the expectations. As soon as the Modi govt was re-elected it dedicated itself in further consolidation of the massive effort to build modern infrastructure in the country by committing Rs. 100 lakh crore to this sector in the coming five years. While a large number of steps has been taken for boosting economy in the country, the banking sector reforms have been further taken forward by the merging of banks and by addressing the NPA problems in this sector. The government has acted fast on almost all its commitment and particularly to the one made to the farmers of the country. The Kisan Samman Nidhi now covers the entire farming community covering around 14.5 crore beneficiaries. The pension scheme announced for retail traders and shopkeepers for the first time in the country is aimed at benefitting 3 crore people from this sector. The Jal Shakti Ministry has been formed and the goal to provide potable water to every family is being pursued vigorously. A large number of schemes have been launched to bring fast development in the sectors which have still been lagging behind transforming the socio-economic conditions of the hitherto deprived and oppressed sections of the society.

While the Modi government in the last 100 days has covered many milestones, the BJP as a political organization has further increased its strength by adding more than 50% of its existing members. As BJP, the largest political party in the world, becomes a party with more than 18 crore members after the completion of its membership campaign, its expanding reach and organisation consolidation in the country is evident. The remarkable success of the all-inclusive and all-embracing membership campaign shows the ever increasing popularity of the BJP as a political party. In the leadership of BJP National President Shri Amit Shah and National Working President Shri JP Nadda, the party karyakartas have been completing all the organizational goals and even achieving beyond the initial target. It shows the zeal and commitment of the party karyakartas who are feeling inspired in the service of Maa Bharati to build a 'New India'. In the dynamic and charismatic leadership of Shri Narendra Modi the country is touching newer heights every day and the party has become a new hope for the democratic polity of our country. In the hundred days, the nation has marched forward with immense 'scale, speed and skill, and the BJP has moved forward to realize the dreams of the millions. ■

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THE REVOCATION OF ARTICLE 370 & 35A ALONG WITH THE REORGANIZATION OF JAMMU-KASHMIR INTO TWO UNION TERRITORIES HAS BEEN RECORDED IN THE HISTORY IN GOLDEN LETTERS. IT IS A MOVE WHICH SHOWS HOW A BOLD LEADERSHIP CAN HERALD A NEW ERA WITH STRONG POLITICAL WILL AND DETERMINATION TO STAND BY ITS DECISION.



100 DAYS OF MODI GOVERNMENT 2.0



“FIRST 100 DAYS HAD BEEN OF “DEVELOPMENT, TRUST AND BIG CHANGES” IN THE COUNTRY”

The Modi government 2.0, completed its first 100 days of its second tenure in office on 08 September, 2019. Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Shri Prakash Javadekar, addressing a press conference on the occasion said the biggest decision by way of revoking Article 370 and Article 35A was to ensure that Jammu and Kashmir is no longer sequestered from rest of the country.

“Modi government 2.0 in its first 100 days has made historic and landmark decisions, with speed, be it Jammu and Kashmir or decisions regarding Unlawful Activity Prevention Act or reflections on status of economy. These could be done because the preparations for these decisions began before elections,” Shri Javadekar said.

The Minister reiterated that Kashmir has largely

been incident free since revoking of Article 370 and 35A on August 5, 2019.

“It’s been 35 days there has been only one or two stray incidents like the one yesterday. No life has been lost, no bullet has been fired. Since terrorism started in the Valley in 1990s, this is the first time that such a thing has happened,” he added.



Asserting that normalcy has returned swiftly in the State, Shri Javadekar said other than Section 144 in 14-15 police stations in entire state, there were no other restrictions in place. He also said that despite efforts from Pakistan to knock on every door including the

United Nations, the entire world is standing with the government.

The theme of the government, he said, is to empower the poor, farmers, labourers, Dalits and all

those who did not get their share of development.

The Minister later released a booklet 'Jan Connect' and inaugurated an Exhibition on 'Furthering India's Development - 100 days of Bold Initiatives & Decisive Actions'.

NDA2.0's 100-days performance historic: PM Modi

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi hailed the 100-day performance by Bharatiya Janata Party-led NDA 2.0 government as unprecedented and historic on all fronts. We have been working speedily in all sectors, whether it is the Jal Jeevan Mission, respect and help to each and every farmer in the country, setting free our Muslim women from the malaise of Triple Talaq, or laws for strengthening children's security," PM Shri Modi said on September 07, 2019 in Mumbai.

He said the country must fulfill the dreams and aspirations of the past and present and also prepare for the future from now to ensure a better and happy life for our children. "We must ensure that the future generations do not suffer the same type of problems which we were accustomed to, and the improvement of each individual will result in the country's progress," the PM urged.

Earlier, launching major Metro railway-related infrastructure projects worth over Rs 20,000 crore for Mumbai, PM Shri Modi said that these would help make the lives of Mumbaikars "easy and time-saving".

"When the country is moving towards becoming a \$5-trillion economy, its imperative for our cities also to take simultaneous strides into the 21st century, for which the government will spend Rs 100 lakh-crore over the next five years," he said.

Dwelling on the upcoming Metro Railway networks, the PM said that in the past five years alone, projects worth Rs 150,000-crore have been initiated in Mumbai.

Earlier, the city had only 11 km of the Mumbai Metro (the Versova-Andheri-Ghatkopar corridor), but by 2022-2023, it will shoot up to around 350 km which will create a large number of jobs and ease the sufferings of the Mumbai commuters.

Besides, he said that of the 675 km operational Metros in 27 cities across the country, around 400 km came up only in the past five years of the NDA rule, and another 600 km new lines have already been sanctioned.

Maharashtra Chief Minister Shri Devendra Fadnavis and ally Shiv Sena President Shri Uddhav Thackeray thanked the PM for the revoking of Article 375 of the erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir state.

Starting his speech with "Ganpati Bappa Morya", PM Shri Modi ended by urging the people to resolve to clean up the city's beaches and Mithi River after the immersion ceremonies of Lord Ganesha on September 12, marking the culmination of the 10-day long Ganeshotsav festival in the state.

Further Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 08 September 2019 in Rohtak said the first 100 days

TAKING DEVELOPMENT TO ALL SECTIONS OF SOCIETY

- Waiving off the fee for SC/ST students joining skill & vocational training under Jan Shiksha Sansthan
- The Transgender Persons (Protection & Rights) Bill 2019 passed in Lok Sabha, a step towards social, economic & educational empowerment of transgender persons
- Approval of setting up of 2,880 megawatts (MW) hydropower project in Arunachal Pradesh

of the NDA government's second term has been of "development, trust and big changes" in the country.

Addressing a rally in Rohtak the PM further said the union government has taken several important decisions during this period, including for those in the farm sector and for the national security. "Whatever big decisions were taken in the past 100 days, inspiration behind them were 130 crore people of the country," he said. Shri Modi said during the recent Parliament session, a numbers of bills were passed and the amount of work that was done had never happened in any Parliament session in the past 60 years. "I thank all the parties for the record work done," he said.

Modi a symbol of hope for everyone: Amit Shah

Union Home Minister and BJP National President Shri Amit Shah on 08 September, 2019 said the Narendra Modi government is “synonymous” with the national security, development and welfare of the poor besides being a “symbol of hope” for every section of the society.

On the completion of 100 days of the Modi government, Shri Shah said within this period, it has taken several “historical decisions”, including abrogation of special status given to Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370.

“Modi govt is synonymous with national security, development & welfare of the poor,” he said in a series of tweets.

The BJP National President said the Modi government is a symbol of hope for every section of the society.

“Within 100 days of Modi 2.0, PM Narendra Modi has taken several historic decisions, for which every Indian had been waiting since 70 years,” he said.

The Home Minister said whether it was the decision to “remove Article 370, Article 35A from Jammu and Kashmir or to free Muslim women from the curse of Triple Talaq or strengthening nation’s

**LANDMARK MOVE IN
HANDLING TROUBLEMAKERS
IN JAMMU & KASHMIR**



-  Crackdown on misadventures of the **J&K Bank** is a strong political message to those who held Kashmir Valley to their whim & fancies for past 3 decades
-  Bank was the main driver of many dodgy elements, from the **separatists to dynasty-based political parties**
-  **Action against the bank**, enforcing transparency & accountability, will empower forces of peace in state

@AmitShah

Modi govt is synonymous with national security, development & welfare of the poor. It is a symbol of hope for every section of our society.

Within 100days of Modi 2.0, PM @narendramodi has taken several historic decisions, for which every Indian had been waiting since 70 years.

Whether it was the decision to remove Article 370 & 35A from J&K or to free Muslim women from the curse of Triple Talaq or strengthening nation’s security apparatus by amending the UAPA Act... All these historic decisions are a result of PM Modi’s decisive leadership. #MODified100.



**FIRST GOVERNMENT
DECISION FOR THOSE
WHO PROTECT INDIA**



-  Major changes approved in the 'Prime Ministers Scholarship Scheme' under the National Defence Fund
-  The rates of scholarship have been increased from Rs. 2000 per month to Rs. 2500 per month for boys and from Rs. 2250 per month to Rs. 3000 per month for girls
-  Extended the ambit of scholarship scheme to wards of martyred State Police officials

security apparatus by amending the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, all these historic decisions are a result of PM Modi’s decisive leadership”.

Shri Shah also congratulated PM @narendramodi ji and all ministerial colleagues on the completion of the historic 100 days of Modi government 2.0.

He also assured all the countrymen that Modi government will leave no stone unturned for the development, welfare and security of our nation.

Shri Shah also used the hashtag “#MODified100” in his tweets, complimenting the Prime Minister. ■

AWARENESS CAMPAIGN ON ABROGATION OF 370 LAUNCHED

BJP PRESIDENT & WORKING PRESIDENT MEET FORMER J-K GOVERNOR AS PART OF THE CAMPAIGN



The BJP Nationwide Sampark and Janjagan Abhiyaan to spread awareness about the benefits of abrogating Article 370 & 35A, began after the party National President and union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah and BJP Working President Shri JP Nadda along with Union Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan met former Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Shri Jagmohan on September 03, 2019 in New Delhi. The meeting lasted for about 30 minutes.

Shri Jagmohan (91) is known for his uncompromising stand on the Kashmir issue. He was a minister in the first BJP-led NDA government headed by Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee. Shri Jagmohan is also a former Indian civil servant and had served as the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi and Goa, as well as the Governor of Jammu and Kashmir.

The BJP has embarked on a month-long exercise to seek people's support on the decision to end Jammu and Kashmir's special status, with its leaders and workers asked to fan out across the country to hold meetings.

As per the plans of the party the Jan Jagaran

Abhiyan on Article 370 will be conducted in 370 places including 35 major cities, making it a total of 405 places across the country.

The Sampark Abhiyan is all about explaining why Article 370 was abrogated and its consequences. Two highly prominent people from different regions across the country will explain regarding the same. The campaign will be concluded on September 30.

Under this campaign, several programs will be concluded as well as BJP leaders will meet 2,000 prominent people in the country.

Shri Amit Shah along with Shri JP Nadda will continue to participate in the programs to maintain enthusiasm among the workers and to make the campaign successful across the country while Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi can also participate in any of the events in 35 main cities.

Noteworthy, the Union government on August 05 abrogated provisions of Article 370 which accorded special status to Jammu and Kashmir and reorganised the state into Union territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. ■

BJP IS A PARTY OF KARYAKARTAS: JP NADDA



Every party in the country has stood on “Parivarwaad”, but the BJP is a party of Karyakartas where common activists pasting posters on walls or selling tea have reached to the top position, party National Working President Shri JP Nadda said while addressing a BJP Shakti Kendra and Booth Level workers Convention on 30 August, 2019 in Lohardaga, Jharkhand.

Shri Nadda said majority of political parties laying their foundations on politics of family and dynasty, while the BJP gives an opportunity to every Karyakarta of the party to grow.

Lauding Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah on abrogation of Article 370, Shri Nadda said, “Shri Shah decimated Article 370 just in a day’s debate, freeing Jammu & Kashmir of 70 year’s ordeal”.

He expressed gladness at seven crore members being added to the party during the ongoing membership drive, taking the total count to 18 crores

in the country. “The BJP has formed governments in 17 states and now West Bengal remains. First Jharkhand and then Bengal, he said. Assembly elections in Jharkhand are likely to be held in November or December this year.

The BJP Working President told the Karyakartas to dominate the electorate with issues like abrogation of Article 370 and Triple Talaq and not to get dominated by their queries and problems. “The leader is one who dominates and the follower is one who gets dominated. When you are among the people, they will pose ten questions. But you have to bring them to the issues of Article 370 and Triple Talaq,” he said amid the chants of ‘Bharat Mata Ki Jai.’

In his address, Jharkhand Chief Minister Shri Raghubar Das said, “Kashmir is ours and will remain ours forever,” and thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for diluting Article 370 that gave special provisions to Jammu and Kashmir.

Shri Das said, Jharkhand suffered political instability for 14 years since its formation as a state in 2000. On one hand (former) ministers and (ex-) chief minister went to jail for corruption but on the other, there is no scam in our government now.

Development of the country and the state is happening in the double-engine governments, Shri Das said, adding Shri Narendra Modi has become a global leader and BJP's ideology is spreading in the world. Our objective is to serve the people, he said.

Union Tribal Affairs Minister Shri Arjun Munda said, "Our Forefathers dream of Independent India has been fulfilled by our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji by achieving one nation, one symbol and one Constitution within 100 days of the government".

BJPs State President Shri Laxman Gilua said that there is not much time left as assembly elections are likely to be held in November or December this year, so every worker should go to every booth and panchayat and make the people aware of welfare and developmental schemes of the central and the state governments. Our government is committed to developing villages, poor women and the youth, Shri Gilua said.

BJP National Working President Shri JP Nadda along with other senior leaders also addressed the Ujjwala Didi Sammelan in Palamu and a public meeting at Chatra in Jharkhand on 31 August, 2019.



MAHARASHTRA

'Rahul Gandhi Speaking Pakistan's Language'

BJP Working President Shri JP Nadda on 28 August, 2019 said that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi was speaking Pakistan's language on Kashmir. Shri Nadda was addressing the party's 'Maha Janadesh Yatra', a pre-poll outreach campaign in Jalna Maharashtra. Maharashtra Chief Minister Shri Devendra Fadnavis was also present.

Targeting Rahul Gandhi, Shri Nadda said his statement on Kashmir was used by Pakistan in the United Nations. "Now he has backtracked and is saying that Jammu and Kashmir is India's internal matter and there is no scope of any foreign country to interfere in it. Why was he silent for so long?" Shri Nadda asked. He also alleged that the Congress was pursuing policy of appeasement on the Kashmir issue as well as the Triple Talaq.

Shri Nadda also said that in the recently concluded nationwide membership drive, the ruling party had made 7 crore new members. The membership drive was started in Varanasi by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 06 July. "We have made over 5.81 crore members online, over 62 lakh members offline. Total we have made around 7 crore members. BJP already has 11 crore members," he said.

Elaborating on the party's membership drive, he said that people of the socially and financially weaker sections, youth and women had joined the party in large numbers. He also said that membership work was affected due to floods in some parts of the country and the party members were involved in relief and rescue efforts.

"There has been an increase of at least 50% members in every state. Our target for West Bengal was initially 60 lakhs, but we managed to induct 1 crore people," Shri Nadda said.

Addressed the huge gathering at Jalna CM Shri Devendra Fadnavis thanked BJP National Working President Shri J P Nadda and BJP National General Secretary and in-Charge Shri Bhupendra Yadav for joining in Maha Janadesh Yatra. He also thanked the people of Jalna for reaching out to rally and road show in large numbers. ■

BJP INDUCTS 7 CRORE NEW MEMBERS, CREATES MEMBERSHIP DRIVE RECORD

The Bharatiya Janata Party has created a new record by adding seven crore new members, taking the total number of members to 18 crore, the National Working President of the party Shri JP Nadda said on 29 August, 2019.

Sharing the details of the BJP's successful membership drive, Shri JP Nadda said that the target was to increase new members by 20 per cent when party started this drive, but we touched almost 50 per cent increase.

Shri Nadda also said the process of collecting the data of the seven crore new members was still on and once it was completed, the party's total membership strength would be 18 crore.

Addressing a press conference at the party head office in New Delhi, he said overwhelming support for the BJP was visible during its membership drive as the target was to recruit 2.2 crore members.

The party got a fabulous response to its membership drive in TMC-ruled West Bengal and in Jammu and Kashmir, he added. The National Working President said that a total of one crore new members have been increased in the BJP in West Bengal, J&K and in some other states where the party got overwhelming support.

"We saw an interest from all segments of the society. There was a keen interest to join the BJP in West Bengal and in J&K. The target in West Bengal



@JPNadda

There are only 8 countries in the world that have a bigger population than our party members.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The membership drive had started on 06 July, 2019 on Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee's birth anniversary
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched it from Varanasi
- BJP National President & Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah launched it from Telangana
- The target was to increase new members by 20 per cent
- Shri JP Nadda said the BJP inducted almost 50 percent new members
- Overwhelming support for the BJP was visible during its membership drive
- Earlier in 2015 membership drive BJP's membership strength reached 11 crore

was 10 lakhs, we got 80 lakhs.

This was the second round of BJP's membership drive. The first round was held in 2015, during which its membership strength reached 11 crore.

"At the conclusion of the membership drive, the process of internal elections will begin in September from the booth level onwards, and once 50% of these booth, district and State level polls are done, a new national party president will be elected, around December," said Shri Nadda.

The membership drive had started on 06 July, 2019 with Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and BJP National President & Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah launching it from Varanasi and Telangana respectively on Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee's birth anniversary. ■

'ENTHUSIASM AMONG WOMEN IN J&K'

Former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister and BJP National Vice-President Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, who has been in-charge of the membership drive, to an query on Jammu and Kashmir, said young women in the newly formed Union Territory had shown enthusiasm in joining the party. "The Sher-e-Kashmir Convention Centre in Srinagar was packed when our drive was on," he said.

UNION CABINET APPROVES ESTABLISHMENT OF 75 NEW MEDICAL COLLEGES; TO ADD 15,700 MBBS SEATS

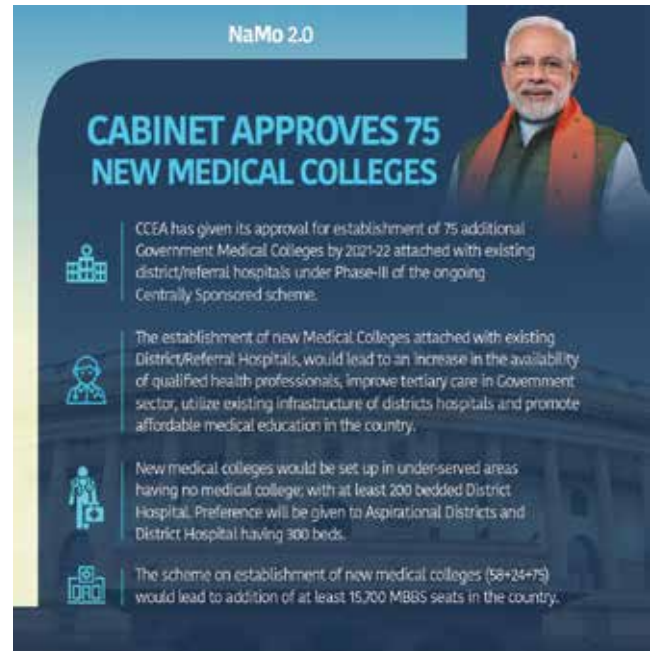
Cabinet approves 75 new medical colleges in the country. Union Minister Shri Prakash Javadekar announced that new medical colleges would be set up in under-served regions in the country.

Following a high-level cabinet meeting on 28 August, 2019, the government has approved the establishment of 75 new medical colleges in the country. Shri Javadekar said that the addition would lead to the creation 15,700 more MBBS seats in India.

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) said that the medical colleges would be established by 2021-22 and will be attached with existing district and referral hospitals under Phase-3 of the ongoing Centrally Sponsored scheme.

The government plans to boost the availability of qualified health professionals, improve tertiary care in the government sector and utilise infrastructure of district hospitals and promote affordable medical education in the country with this push.

The government had earlier approved the establishment of 58 new medical colleges in Phase 1 and 24 colleges in Phase 2, apart from the 75 under



the Phase 3. Of these, 39 medical colleges under Phase 1 have already become functional, and the rest will be made functional by 2020-21. ■

GOVT TO SET UP OVER 12,000 AYUSH CENTRES ACROSS INDIA: PM

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said that the government has set a target of setting up 12,500 Ayush centres across India, 4000 of which will be set up this year.

Speaking at Yoga Awards ceremony, he also stressed for the need to create a homogenous system by creating an "Ayush grid" on the lines of one nation, one tax and one nation, one mobility card.

He said this will remove silos in the area of Ayush. "We are opening 1.5 lakh health, wellness centres," he added. The prime minister also pitched for linking technology with tradition in the practise of Ayush medicine. He said the government was working towards bringing in more professionals in the field of Ayush and necessary steps are being taken to that effect. ■

FDI norms eased for single brand retail, digital media, manufacturing

The Union Cabinet on August 29, 2019 relaxed the rules for single-brand retail, more than seven years after the foreign investment cap was removed for the segment to attract marquee foreign brands such as Gucci, Louis Vuitton, Ikea and others into the country. The latest government move is in line with the recent Budget announcements on FDI changes.

While 30 per cent local sourcing remains a mandatory condition for single-brand retail, the government has now agreed to a long-standing industry demand to make things easier for foreign retailers. With the change, foreign retailers' India buy for exports will be factored in to meet the 30 per cent domestic sourcing norm. Companies in the single-brand space can also start online retailing without opening brick-and-mortar stores first, something that was not allowed earlier. While 100 per cent FDI is allowed in single-brand retail, whenever the foreign investment exceeds 51 per cent, the mandatory local sourcing norm kicks in.

Besides single-brand retail, the Cabinet allowed



100 per cent FDI under automatic route in contract manufacturing and commercial coal mining and related processing infrastructure. Sourcing for contract manufacturing will also be counted towards total sourcing commitments.

Also, for the first time, the government has set an FDI cap at 26 per cent for digital news media, which till now was not covered under any foreign investment rules. Digital media companies with more than 26 per cent FDI will now be required to bring down their foreign equity level. ■

OVER 2 LAKH BIO-TOILETS INSTALLED IN 60,906 TRAIN COACHES

Over 2 lakh bio-toilets have been installed in 60,906 train coaches of Indian Railways, the Ministry of Railways said on August 24, 2019. Taking to Twitter, the ministry said that 2,18,515 bio-toilets have been installed in 60,906 coaches and the work is going at a rapid pace to installed it in remaining coaches as well.

“Indian Railways is making a significant contribution in keeping the environment clean and tidy. Under this, bio-toilets are being installed in trains, which will help in keeping the train and track clean. 2,18,515 bio-toilets have been installed in 60,906

coaches till now. Bio-toilets are being installed in the remaining coaches at a rapid pace,” the Ministry of Railways tweeted.

The ‘Bio-Toilet project’ of Indian Railways is an innovative and indigenous development of technology. This technology is first of its kind being used by any railroad in the world for on-board accelerated digestion of human waste. These bio-toilets are fitted underneath the lavatories and the human waste discharged into them is acted upon by a colony of anaerobic bacteria that convert human waste mainly into water and small amounts of bio-gases. ■

CENTRE RELEASES RS. 47,436 CRORES FOR AFFORESTATION TO VARIOUS STATES

In a major boost towards promoting afforestation and achieving green objectives of the country, Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Prakash Javadekar, on August 29 handed over Rs.47,436 crores of CAMPA funds to various states, in presence of Minister of State, MoEF&CC, Shri Babul Supriyo. In a meeting of State Forest Ministers and Authorities held at New Delhi, the Environment Minister stated "The State budget for forests shall remain unaffected and the fund being transferred would be in addition to State Budget and it is expected that all States will utilize this fund towards forestry activities to achieve the objectives of the Nationally-Determined Contributions (NDCs) of increasing its forest & tree cover, which will create an additional carbon sink equivalent to 2.5 to



3 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide by the year 2030". The Environment Minister further emphasized that the CAMPA funds cannot be used for payment of salary, travelling allowances, medical expenses, etc.

Underlining the efforts of the Government towards preserving and improving the forest wealth and ecological security of the country, Shri Javadekar said "Important activities on which the fund will be utilised will be for the Compensatory Afforestation, Catchment Area Treatment, Wildlife Management, Assisted Natural Regeneration, Forest Fire Prevention and Control Operations, Soil and Moisture Conservation Works in the forest, Improvement of Wildlife Habitat, Management of Biological Diversity and Biological Resources, Research in Forestry and Monitoring of CAMPA works etc". ■

Mobile application-“Janaushadhi Sugam” launched for locating outlets and searching Generic medicines

JANAUSHADHI SUVIDHA SANITARY NAPKIN WILL NOW BE AVAILABLE AT ONE RUPEE PER PAD

Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers, Shri D.V. Sadananda Gowda on August 27 launched a mobile application “Janaushadhi Sugam” and had announced that “Jan Aushadhi Suvidha Oxo-Biodegradable Sanitary Napkin” will now be available at only One Rupee per pad. Minister of State for Shipping (IC) and Chemicals & Fertilizers, Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya also graced the launch event held here today.

Making the announcement on the Jan Aushadhi Suvidha Oxo-Biodegradable Sanitary Napkins, Shri Gowda said that the assurance by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on this aspect about a year ago has been fulfilled now. He said that the “Janaushadhi



Sugam” will enable people to search Janaushadhi generic medicines and the stores at the tip of their fingers. ■

INTEGRAL HUMANISM REVISITED

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



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Integral Humanism will ultimately lead humanity to the threshold of a higher level of social evolution. As stated earlier Man is an evolutionary being and has yet to evolve further so that he could progressively manifest his Divinity. In Western paradigm he is called variously as a social, political, economic or national animal. He is all these but potentially much more. At present he is distinguished from other living beings by his rationality which has given him a good deal of leverage over every other creation. All the advances which he has made, which are the characteristics of the present civilization, are the outcome of his capacity to act in a rational manner. 'Science and Technology' is the flowering of this unique human faculty. It has worked wonders but simultaneously it has

created problems of catastrophic consequences. In the utilization of his power of reasoning, it seems, he has forgotten the very purpose of this talent which he gifted with. Very often we find the present day civilized man acting in a way detrimental to the society, bringing about destruction of environment, extinction and endangering of innumerable species and threatening his own future. The hall mark of today's much flaunted civilization is extreme vulgar

paramount but economy devoid of humanism motivates only consumerism. In many respects man whose next higher stage of evolution is to manifest his divinity, appears to be sinking below the level of beastiality, because animals neither act against their own interest nor indulge in pleasures beyond the permissible level.

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evolution. What distinguishes as Man from Animal is Dharma. The old wisdom says that a Man devoid of Dharma is only an animal. The

present critical stage demands a Dharma-based society. That is what integral humanism actually proposes. Every field of operation should be governed by the rule of Dharma, whether it is economic or politics. It is legitimate for man to earn money and enjoy happiness. But these should be on the basis of Dharma. The ultimate goal is Moksha. Man should live a full life, as an integral part of the society, responsible to the nation, and contributing for the welfare of the humanity governed his life by Dharma. When such a well balanced society is established wherein material prosperity and spiritual enlightenment go hand in hand, it can be stated that an ideal condition prevails. Such a stable Dharmic society will provide the conducive and congenial basis for future evolution. At that level Man will transcend the limitations of rationality and enter into a higher realm where the law of the spirit will operate. Shri Aurobindo calls it a 'spiritualized society'. It is only at that level that the cause of the present maladies could be totally eliminated. To bring out such an era the condition precedent is the establishment of 'Dharma Rajya' or 'Rama Rajya'. That is what Integral humanism aims at and we believe that it is the divinely ordained duty of Bharat.

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

"A spiritualised society would treat in its sociology the individual, from the saint to the criminal, not as units of a social problem to be passed through some skillfully devised machinery and either

flattened into the social mould or crushed out of it, but as souls suffering and entangled in a net and to be rescued, souls growing and to be encouraged to grow, souls grown and from whom help and power can be drawn by the lesser spirits who are not yet adult.

The aim of its economics would be not to create a huge engine of production, whether of the competitive or the co-operative kind, but to give to men - not only to some but to all men each in his highest possible measure - the joy of work according to their

efficient and entire. Neither would it be content to maintain these nations or States in their mutual relations as noxious engines meant to discharge poisonous gas upon each other in peace and to rush in times of clash upon each other's armed hosts and unarmed millions, full of belching shot and men missioned to murder like hostile tanks in a modern battlefield. It would regard the peoples as group - souls, the Divinity concealed and to be self-discovered in its human collectivities, group - souls meant like the individual to grow

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own nature and free leisure to grow inwardly, as well as a simply rich and beautiful life for all. In its politics it would not regard the nations within the scope of their own internal life as enormous State machines regulated and armoured with man living for the sake of the machine and worshipping it as his God and his larger self, content at the first call to kill others upon its altar and to bleed there himself so that the machine may remain intact and powerful and be made ever larger, more complex, more cumbrous, more mechanically

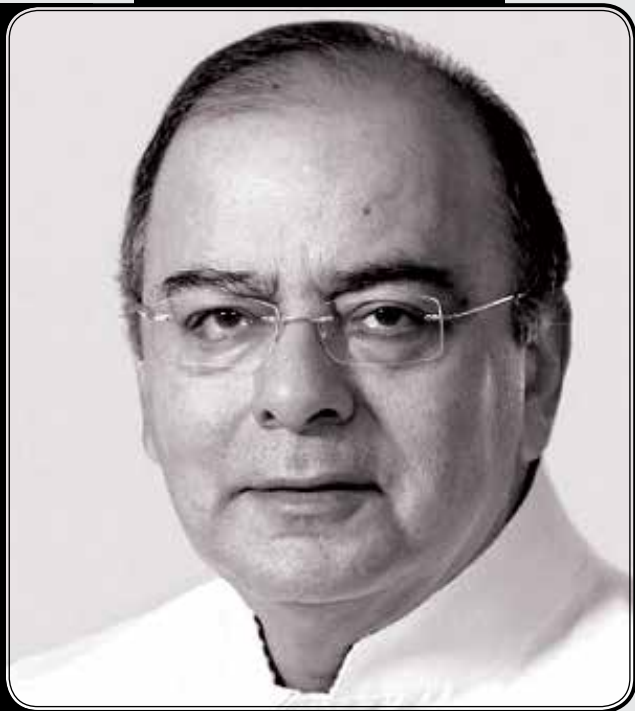
according to their own nature and by that growth to help each other, to help the whole race in the one common work of humanity. And that work would be to find the divine Self in the individual and the collectivity and to realize spiritually, mentally, virtually, materially its greatest, largest, richest and deepest possibilities in the inner life of all and their outer action and nature. ■

To be continued...

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FORMER FINANCE MINISTER AND SENIOR BJP LEADER ARUN JAITLEY NO MORE

(28 DECEMBER, 1952 - 24 AUGUST, 2019)



Former finance minister and senior BJP leader Shri Arun Jaitley is no more. At the age of 66, he passed away on 24 August, 2019 after prolonged illness. A lawyer by profession, Shri Arun Jaitley started his political career as an activist of Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad. He became the President of the Students' Union of Delhi University in 1974. During the emergency proclaimed by Indira Gandhi, he was under preventive detention for a period of 19 months. He was credited to become a prominent leader of the movement launched by Jayaprakash Narayan against corruption. Jayaprakash Narayan appointed him the convener of the National Committee for Students and Youth organization.

Shri Arun Jaitley served in the Atal Bihari Vajpayee cabinet as a minister. He also served as the leader of the opposition in the Rajya Sabha. As finance minister in Modi Government he brought major economic reforms by implementing GST.

Shri Arun Jaitley is survived by his wife and two children.

Industrialists, media personalities, sportspersons, commonman and leaders across the political parties condoled the demise.

"I am deeply saddened to condole the passing away of yet another close colleague Arun Jaitley ji. Besides being a big luminary in the legal arena, Arunji was an outstanding parliamentarian and a great administrator. A dedicated party worker for decades, he was someone who was inducted into the BJP core team when I was Party President and he soon rose to become one of the most prominent leaders of the party".

- LK Advani, Former Deputy PM

I HAVE LOST A VALUED FRIEND: NARENDRA MODI

Condoling the demise of the leader, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said in a series of tweets "Arun Jaitley Ji was a political giant, towering intellectual and legal luminary. He was an articulate leader who made a lasting contribution to India. His passing away is very saddening. Spoke to his wife Sangeeta Ji as well as son Rohan, and expressed condolences. Om Shanti.

He further said "Full of life, blessed with wit, a great sense of humour and charisma, Arun Jaitley Ji was admired by people across all sections of society. He was multi-faceted, having impeccable knowledge about



"Extremely saddened by the passing of Shri Arun Jaitley after battling a long illness with fortitude and dignity. A brilliant lawyer, a seasoned parliamentarian, and a distinguished Minister, he contributed immensely to nation building".

- **Ram Nath Kovind**, President

"His death is an irreparable loss for the country and personally to me also. I have no words to express my grief. He was a powerful intellectual, an able administrator and a man of impeccable integrity."

- **M Venkaiah Naidu**, Vice-President

Deeply saddened at the untimely passing away of Shri #ArunJaitley. Visited him just daybefore & prayed for his speedy recovery. He was a leader with deep intellect & knowledge, and a voice of reason. He will be dearly missed. My prayers with his family, friends & admirers.

- **Pranab Mukherjee**, Former President

India's Constitution, history, public policy, governance and administration."

He added "During his long political career, Shri Arun Jaitley Ji held multiple ministerial responsibilities, which enabled him to contribute towards India's economic growth, strengthening our defence capabilities, creating people friendly laws and enhancing trade with other nations."

"BJP and Shri Arun Jaitley Ji had an unbreakable bond. As a fiery student leader, he was at forefront of protecting our democracy during the Emergency. He became a much liked face of our Party, who could articulate the Party programmes and ideology to a wide spectrum of society."

Shri Modi said, with the demise of Arun Jaitley Ji, I have lost a valued friend, whom I have had the honour of knowing for decades. His insight on issues and nuanced understanding of matters had very few parallels. He lived well, leaving us all with innumerable happy memories. We will miss him!

ITS A PERSONAL LOSS FOR ME: AMIT SHAH

The BJP National President and Union Minister for Home Affairs, Shri Amit Shah expressed profound sorrow at the passing away of Former Cabinet Minister Shri Arun Jaitley. He said, "I am deeply saddened by the untimely demise of Shri Arun Jaitley. His passing away is a personal loss for me. I have lost not only a senior leader of the organization but also an integral member of the family, whose support and guidance I have been receiving for years. Today his departure has brought a void in the country's politics and the Bharatiya Janata Party, which is not possible to be replenished soon".



The Home Minister further said, "With his unique experience and rare ability, Arun ji served various responsibilities in the party and the government. A brilliant orator and dedicated activist, he held important positions like the country's Finance Minister, Defence Minister and Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha".

"Arunji has left an indelible mark as the Finance Minister of the country during the NDA Government's 2014-19 tenure by implementing Prime Minister's vision for welfare of the poor on ground and placing India as the world's fastest growing economy. He was a people-oriented person and always thought for the welfare of the common man. His every decision reflects this quality – be it the matter of taking action on black money or of realizing the dream of 'GST – One Nation, One Tax' or be it demonetization. The country will always remember him for his very simple and sensitive personality", Shri Amit Shah said.

IRREPARABLE LOSS FOR THE POLITICS OF THE COUNTRY: JP NADDA



The BJP National Working President Shri J.P Nadda said the demise was extremely unbearable for him. He added "The heart is deeply mourned by the sudden demise of former Finance and Defense Minister, our senior leader and multidimensional personality Shri Arun Jaitley Ji. He was an outstanding politician, renowned advocate, committed activist, amazing orator and a great administrator. His death is an irreparable loss not only to the BJP but also to the politics of the country. He devoted his entire life to the country, society and to the Bharatiya Janata Party. "

"Shri Arun Jaitley ji continued to serve the nation till the last time along with performing various responsibilities in his political and social life. The void that has come in Indian politics with his departure can never be fulfilled.

The echoes of his effective speeches inside Parliament and his smiling face even in the most difficult times will always be with us. His idea and opinion will always guide us."

"As the Finance Minister during the Bharatiya Janata Party government at the Center under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Shri Jaitley Ji has not only established the country as the world's fastest growing economy, but also played a leading role in realizing the dream of 'GST – One Nation, One Tax'. He also held many important portfolios during the Vajpayee government. As an energetic speaker and dedicated party worker, he was always devoted to the development of the country. We will all continue to take inspiration from Shri Jaitley Ji. His departure is also a big loss for the parliament."

Shri Nadda said "It was during his tenure as India's Finance Minister that the NDA government carried out the historic demonetisation with a view to curbing corruption, black money, fake currency and terrorism. It is the result of his efficient management that all decisions in GST Council till date were taken by consensus. During his tenure, shell companies were curbed, action started on black-money, benami property laws passed and record tax collected without raising taxes. Many unmatched achievements like Jan-Dhan accounts, Ease of doing business rankings, record success of Mudra Yojana for Self-Employment and keeping India's economy as one of the fastest growing economies in the world came during his tenure."

He added, "During the Emergency, Shri Jaitley steadfastly fought the oppressive forces and also went to jail to protect the democratic values of the country. He has been an MP from Rajya Sabha continuously since 2000. From 2009 to 2014 he was the Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha. He was also the convenor of the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad."

"Shri Arun Jaitley has always given a new impetus to the country as an intelligent and energetic speaker, effective parliamentarian and skilled administrator. The country will always remember his contribution and remain indebted to him. I got his guidance on every subject in the last several years. Every member of the BJP family is shocked by the sudden demise of our senior leader Shri Arun Jaitley Ji. May his soul rest in peace and give strength to the mournful family to bear the grief." ■

POLITICIANS ACROSS PARTY & EMINENT PEOPLE PAY LAST RESPECTS

Leaders from across the political spectrum reached Shri Arun Jaitley's residence on 24 September, 2019 to pay their last respects to the BJP stalwart. From BJP National President & Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah, BJP Working President Shri JP Nadda to senior leader Shri Lal Krishna Advani, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari, Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh, Union Ministers Shri Prakash Javadekar, Shri Piyush Goyal, Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Shri Anurag Thakur, Congress President Smt. Sonia Gandhi to Rahul Gandhi, NCP chief Sharad Pawar, Congress leaders NN Vohra, Praful Patel, RLD chief Ajit Singh, Manipur Governor Najma Heptulla, several BJP leaders also paid their last respect and met the Jaitley family at his residence to console the bereaved family.

MORTAL REMAINS AT BJP HEADQUARTERS TO PAY LAST RESPECTS

Next day the body was taken to the BJP office in a gun carriage that is usually used for Prime Ministers, Presidents and Defence Ministers. Neighbours, friends, associates and thousands of Karyakartas who knew Shri Jaitley for several decades have walked with the gun carriage that is carrying the mortal remains of the veteran BJP leader. The mortal remains was kept at the BJP headquarters till 2 pm for leaders and party Karyakartas to pay their last respects.

The BJP flag at the party headquarters was also flying at half mast to mourn the death of Shri Arun Jaitley.

LAST JOURNEY

Before taking the body for cremation his family members pay their last respects to Shri Arun Jaitley at the BJP Headquarters in the presence of Shri Amit Shah, Shri JP Nadda and host of other senior leaders.



Thousands of party workers have gathered at the party office to pay their respects. Then Shri Jaitley's body was taken to the Nigambodh Ghat in the afternoon for cremation. BJP Karyakartas, supporters and followers chant of "Arun Jaitley amar rahe" as they walked with the gun carriage carrying Shri Jaitley's body through the streets of Delhi.

CREMATION AT THE NIGAMBODH GHAT WITH FULL STATE HONORS

Shri Amit Shah, Shri JP Nadda, Shri LK Advani, Vice President Shri Venkaiah Naidu, Shri Rajnath Singh, Union Ministers Shri Prakash Javdekar, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Smt. Smriti Irani, CM Shri BS Yediyurappa, former Delhi Lt Gov Najeeb Jung, Shri Gautam Gambhir, opposition leaders Sharad Pawar, Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal and Manish Sisodia among the many who present at the Nigambodh Ghat.



Rohan Jaitley carries the body of his father Shri Arun Jaitley inside the cremation ground at Nigambodh Ghat for the final rites. In the presence of leaders from across the political spectrum and scores of his admirers and party Karyakartas Rohan performed the last rites. Shri Arun Jaitley was cremated at the Nigambodh Ghat in New Delhi with full state honors for the leader.

GUJARAT VILLAGE ADOPTED BY ARUN JAITLEY MOURNS DEATH WITH DOWNED SHUTTERS

People of a group of villages in Dabhoi taluka of Vadodara district in Gujarat mourned the demise of BJP leader Shri Arun Jaitley by downing shutters of shops and holding condolence meetings. Shri Jaitley, a three time Rajya Sabha MP from Gujarat, had adopted Karnali, Pipaliya, Vadia and Baglipura, all part of Karnali group panchayat, in December 2014 under the Centre's Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana. ■

Condolence Messages

CONDOLENCE MESSAGE FROM COLLEAGUES

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- **Narendra Modi**, Prime Minister

"Arun Jaitley's demise is an unbearable loss to the workers of BJP. As a student leader, he was jailed for 19 months during the emergency. As a Member of Parliament, he always raised the voice of the people and acted as a crusader against corruption.

- **Amit Shah**, Union Home Minister & BJP National President

The senior leader's smiling face as he dealt with tough situations and fiery speeches in Parliament will always remain with the partymen.

"His beliefs will always be our guide. The demise of Arun Jaitley has created a vacuum in Indian politics which can never be filled. With the responsibilities of both the party and the government, Arunji has always been dedicated to the service of the nation. Be it strengthening the Indian economy or its defence, his role in placing India in the front row in the world is incomparable".

- **JP Nadda**, BJP Working President

The nation will never forget his contribution, he was an asset to the party, the government when he was part of it, and the country. He is not with us anymore, I pay tribute to him.

- **Rajnath Singh**, Union Minister of Defence

"Deeply grieved at the passing away of Shri Arun Jaitley ji. A towering political figure who influenced an entire

generation. Will miss our discussions, on politics as much as cricket."

- **S Jaishankar**, Union Minister

No words can describe the loss of Shri @arunjaitley. A mentor to many of us, a guide and a moral support and strength. Have learnt so much from him. A fine large-hearted person. Always ready to help anyone/everyone. His intelligence, sagacity, astuteness have no match.

- **Nirmala Sitharaman**, Union Minister

"Deeply condole the death of our senior leader Arun Jaitely Ji, who was like an elder brother to me. Have worked with him since my student days for more than 45 years. His intellect, leadership and eloquence was truly extraordinary. We all will really miss him. My deep condolences."

- **Ravi Shankar Prasad**, Union Minister

A stalwart who paid tribute to his simple beginnings by helping those with meagre means. Orator par excellence, legal luminary @arunjaitley ji served the Nation and sangathan with dedication and zeal. My tributes to him. Condolences to loved ones. Om Shanti.

- **Smriti Z Irani**, Union Minister

Distraught by the demise of my friend, philosopher and teacher Shri Arun Jaitley ji. Articulate, suave and a master strategist, Jaitley Sahab served mother India in many roles in his illustrious political career. He was one of the finest Finance Minister that India ever had. A man best known for reforms, he was the fulcrum behind several economic and financial reforms which led India to the path of economic stability. A go-to man, Jaitley ji brought rare skills to the political table, including the art of building political consensus and reconciliation.

- **Dharmendra Pradhan**, Union Minister

Deeply saddened & heartbroken on the demise of my old friend, senior party leader, distinguished lawyer & political stalwart Sh Arun Jaitley Ji. A huge personal loss. Heartfelt condolences to his wife Sangeeta Ji & children Sonali & Rohan. Om Shanti.

- **Hardeep Singh Puri**, Union Minister

"Demise of Arun Jaitley is a huge loss to BJP and as well as the entire nation. He was a sensitive man...He handled all the ministries with great efficiency. This nation has lost an honourable man. I pray to god that may his soul rest in peace. May god give strength to his family to bear this loss".

- **Yogi Adityanath**, UP CM

"I am saddened to hear demise of Sri @arunjaitley, the senior leader and former Union minister who worked hard to make a significant change in the economic reform of the country as the Finance Minister. It is an insurmountable loss to the country. May his soul rest in peace".

- **B.S. Yediyurappa**, Karnataka CM

Extremely saddened to learn of the demise of former Finance Minister #ArunJaitley ji. An inspiration & guide, we have lost a towering leader, whose contribution towards shaping the growth story of New India is unparalleled. My deepest condolences in this hour of grief.

- **Sarbananda Sonowal**, Assam CM

"Deepest condolences on the passing away of Shri Arun Jaitley ji."

- **Pramod Sawant**, Goa CM

OPPOSITION LEADERS CONDOLE THE DEATH

"In his death our country has lost a great leader who always worked for the betterment of society."

- **Sonia Gandhi**, Congress's Interim President

Condoling Arun Jaitley's death, Sonia Gandhi said Jaitley had a long innings as a public figure, parliamentarian and minister. His contributions to public life will forever be remembered.

- **Dr. Manmohan Singh**, Former PM

It is shocking to learn about the sad demise of one of the tallest leaders of our country @arunjaitley, the former Union Minister who had held the portfolios of Finance, Defence, Corporate Affairs, Commerce and Industry and Law and Justice. A great loss to our Nation.#ArunJaitley

- **H D Devegowda**, Former PM

I am sorry to hear about Mr Arun Jaitley's passing. My condolences to his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

- **Rahul Gandhi**, Former Congress President

"Deeply saddened to know of untimely demise of former Union minister and senior BJP leader, Sh #ArunJaitley. My heartfelt condolences to his family members. May God give them strength. May his soul rest in peace".

- **Ashok Gehlot**, Rajasthan CM

"Condole the passing away of former Finance Minister BJP leader Arun Jaitley. He made a mark for himself as an administrator. He had a deep knowledge in law which was instrumental in establishing his presence in Parliament."

- **Pinarayi Vijayan**, Kerala CM

"Extremely saddened to hear about the passing away of Arun Jaitley. An outstanding Parliamentarian and a brilliant lawyer, appreciated across parties. His contribution to Indian polity will be remembered. My condolences to his wife, children, friends and admirers".

- **Mamata Banerjee**, West Bengal CM

Sad to hear that former Union Minister #ArunJaitley ji has passed away. My thoughts are with his family in this time of grief. May his soul rest in peace.

- **Capt. Amarinder Singh**, Punjab CM

"Untimely demise of former FM and senior leader Shri Arun Jaitley ji is a huge loss to the nation. A legal luminary and an experienced political leader known for his governance skills will be missed by the country. Thoughts and prayers with his family in this moment of grief. RIP"

- **Arvind Kejriwal**, Delhi CM

"Arun Jaitley will always be remembered as a skillful, successful advocate and a gentle politician. Humble tribute! May his soul rest in peace. Heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family."

- **Akhilesh Yadav**, Former UP CM

Condoling the demise of the former Finance Minister Arun Jaitley, Kapil Sibal said, "We have lost someone whom the nation needed for many years. Arun Jaitley was a man of exceptional qualities and abilities and was wedded to an ideology since his university days and was fateful to that ideology till his last breath".

- **Kapil Sibal**, Congress leader

Deeply saddened to hear that Shri @arunjaitley is no more. My prayers are with the family for strength

The Indian cricket team wears black arm bands in its Test match against West Indies to condole the demise of former Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitley. Shri Arun Jaitley was also the president of the Delhi District Cricket Association (DDCA) and former vice-president of the Board of Cricket Control in India (BCCI).

- **Team India** wears black arm bands against West Indies



during this time and for the departed soul to find peace. It is a sad day and a great loss for India as Jaitley Ji's contributions have been many.

- **Sachin Pilot**, Rajasthan Deputy CM

EMINENT PEOPLE CONDOLES

"So sad to hear about the demise of Arun Jaitley. May your soul rest in peace. So many wonderful memories of someone who listened well, spoke well and worked tirelessly. You will be missed."

- **Chetan Bhagat**

Deeply saddened by the untimely demise of Shri. Arun Jaitley. Fondly remember our conversations around cricket. His contributions in every field will remain unparalleled. My heartfelt condolences to his family and friends.

- **Anil Kumble**

Pained at the passing away of #ArunJaitley ji. Apart from having served greatly in public life, he played a huge role in many players from Delhi getting an

opportunity to represent India. There was a time when not many players from Delhi got a chance at the highest level ..cont

- **Virender Sehwag**

"Deeply saddened and shocked to hear the demise of Arun Jaitley sir. We have lost one of the prominent leaders today. My prayers are with his family and loved ones."

- **Bollywood actor Sanjay Dutt**

Nation loses another great leader. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family. #ArunJaitley

- **Sunny Deol**

"Met Shri #ArunJaitley Ji almost 20 years back for the first time & have been his admirer ever since. His demise is a huge loss for our nation. Will be truly missed. My heartfelt condolences to the family".

- **Anil Kapoor**

FOREIGN DIGNITARIES PAY TRIBUTES

"The United States Mission in India grieves with the people of India on the loss of former Minister Arun Jaitley. He will be remembered for his long and distinguished service to India. Especially notable were his introduction of the Goods and Services Tax, efforts to improve the ease of doing business, and measures to combat corruption. Minister Jaitley recognized the importance of the U.S.-India relationship and worked to improve the economic ties between our countries. The U.S. Mission in India extends our deepest condolences to former Minister Jaitley's family and many friends, as well as to all the citizens of India," said the US Embassy.

- **US Embassy** statement

"Sad to learn that former Finance Minister Arun Jaitley has passed away. My heartfelt condolences to the deceased and his family."

- **Chinese Ambassador** to India

On behalf of France, I offer our heartfelt condolences to the family & loved ones of Shri Arun Jaitley ji. As the nation mourns its former FM & one of Rajya Sabha's most prominent voices, France stands with India & its people in this time of deep grief. #ArunJaitley

- **France Ambassador** to India

Our regular meetings were for food, and food for thought



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When I visited my long time dear friend Arun Jaitley in hospital on August 11, I expressed hope that he would recover soon. His hand in mine, he looked at me and gesticulated that all will be well. I had hardly expected it would be my last handshake with him. I did not expect Arun would say goodbye forever so soon. I am unable to reconcile to the fact that he will not be back at work and I can't seek him whenever needed as usual.

I have relied on his wise counsel and sagacity for over 40 years since our college days. We first met at a convention of presidents of student unions in 1974 with Jaitley representing Delhi University while I was from Andhra University. Since then, we were fellow travellers through the thick and thin of our political journeys developing a strong bond of kinship and mutual respect. I am shattered by the untimely demise of such a dear friend.

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acknowledged political voice of contemporary India. His clarity of thought, strength of conviction, effective communication skills and ability to present perspectives made him a formidable presence.. He emerged as the most effective spokesperson in the contemporary era for his party and government.

Study and practice of law and his native perspicacity gave Jaitley the sharp edge in winning an argument. Political peers across the spectrum ungrudgingly agreed that they may not agree with him but could not help admire the force of his viewpoint. He will

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be missed by one and all for his insights into the major issues of our time which enriched public and parliamentary discourse. His regular blogs were informative and compelling reading.

After being president of Delhi University Students Union in 1974, he was the youngest member of

the Janata Party national executive founded in the aftermath of Emergency in 1977. Since then, it has been a steady course and he was on the BJP national executive since 1991 — which speaks for his contribution to the party. When I was party president, I made him a member of the parliamentary board along with Sushma Swaraj. With his grasp of issues and drafting skills, he wrote numerous resolutions for his party.

He left a mark on all the ministries he handled, including finance and corporate affairs, defence, commerce, industry, shipping, disinvestment and information & broadcasting. He piloted several legislations that made India a modern economy including the GST Act, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code and laws to prevent money laundering and corruption. He deftly handled the political economy during 2014-19 at a critical time. His sound judgement ensured the macro fundamentals of our economy were stable.

When the issue of leader of the opposition in Rajya Sabha came up in 2009, we insisted on each other being chosen before he finally relented. In that capacity, he played a key role in the Upper House in passing the women's reservation bill. As leader of

the House in Rajya Sabha, he was a great support for me as chairman. He was a consummate strategist knowing when to take a hard position and to when to accommodate the other side.

He was a democrat to the core, inspired by the spirit of the Constitution, and a staunch defender of the rights granted to citizens. Not many would remember his being active in the civil rights movement and helping launch PUCL Bulletin. He was also convener of Loktantrik Yuva Morcha in 1977. For opposing Emergency, he was jailed for 19 months as I was. He was a nationalist yearning for the rise of India.

Since the early days of his public life, he was a staunch opponent of corruption that was eating into the vitals of our nation. He actively participated in the antigraft campaign launched by

Jayaprakash Narayan in 1973. Later, he supported the Anna Hazare campaign for a Jan Lok Pal. He was uncompromising in backing legislation against financial irregularities and crimes.

He acquitted himself as an outstanding parliamentarian and an eloquent orator. During 2014-19, he was the most effective interlocutor of the government in and outside Parliament articulating its position and perspectives on all major socio-economic and political issues. He had the innate and unique ability of offering solutions without compromising on the basic position and view of the government and his party. .

What made Jaitley different was his knowledge and grasp of national and international issues. He worked hard to keep abreast of contemporary issues with a 360 degree view of socio-economic and geo-political implications.

Alas! That voice is no more with us. But his legacy will continue to guide all of us. He opted out of government citing health grounds. A rare show of character.

On a personal note, both of us were foodies. In the early days, we used to go to all the popular restaurants and try different kinds of cuisine. He was a regular at my residence. His house was the only place I used to visit on socio-cultural occasions. While dining we used to talk and exchange notes on various emerging issues. Our regular meetings were both for food and food for thought.

This period has been very stressful because of the loss of Arun Jaitley and before that Sushma Swaraj and Jaipal Reddy. I am shattered by destiny taking away Arun. It is both a personal and national loss. May his soul rest in peace. ■

(The writer is Vice-President of India)

Income Tax department made history with a quantum jump in the e-filing of Income–Tax Returns

The Income Tax department has made history with a quantum jump in the e-filing of Income–Tax Returns (ITRs) with an all time high record of 49 lakh 29 thousand and 121 ITRs filed in a single day on 31st August 2019. This has perhaps created a history as the tax administration nowhere in the world has achieved such huge online e-filing ITRs in a single day and that too so smoothly; with the IT department actively interacting with taxpayers on social media to help them resolve their grievances and e-filing related queries and getting accolades in return.

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) on September 1 releasing the data on e-filing of ITRs for which last date of submission was 31st August

2019 said that this is a remarkable achievement as taxpayers are experiencing a whole new facet of the I-T department which is not only taxpayers' friendly but also is of a facilitator providing informational assistance with the pre-filled forms and handholding e-filers besides being proactively responsive on social media to help and guide taxpayers.

CBDT said that setting new records in e-filing on 31st Aug 2019, the peak filing rate per second was at 196 ITRs and peak filing rate per minute was at 7447 ITRs while peak filing rate per hour was at 3,87,571 ITRs. The Information Security team of IT department thwarted over 2205 malicious attacks on the website aimed at disrupting services in the peak period. ■

India and Pakistan can discuss and resolve all issues bilaterally: PM Modi



The annual summit of Group of Seven (G-7) was held at Biarritz in France from August 24 to August 26, 2019. Apart from seven members (France, Italy, Canada, United States, Japan, Germany and United Kingdom) of the group, the host country France also invited non-member countries. The non-member countries who attended the summit were India, Australia, Spain, South Africa, Senegal and Rwanda.

Addressing the G7 Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi highlighted India's large scale efforts towards eliminating single-use plastic, conserving water, harnessing solar energy and, protecting flora and fauna for a sustainable future.

On the sidelines of the summit, Shri Narendra Modi held a series of bilateral meetings with participants including Prime Minister of United Kingdom, Mr. Boris Johnson, the President of Senegal, President Donald Trump of United States of America and other leaders.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has

categorically rejected any scope for third party mediation between India and Pakistan on Kashmir, saying the two countries can discuss and resolve all issues bilaterally.

In the bilateral meeting Prime Minister Shri Modi and US President Donald Trump discussed various issues. Talking to the media, PM Shri Narendra Modi said that India has bilateral issues with Pakistan. He said that both the countries should fight jointly against poverty and work for the betterment of the people of both countries.

Talking to media, President Trump said he agreed with Shri Modi's view that issues between India and Pakistan are bilateral in nature. Shri Modi wrapped up the visit by addressing the Session on Digital Transformative Technology, furthering innovation and promoting digital payments.

India's prominent stand on protecting the environment, climate and digital technology was lauded at the G-7 Summit. ■

India and Russia agreed for a sea link between Vladivostok and Chennai

P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi visited Russia on September 4-5. During his visit he attended the Eastern Economic Forum Meet and 20th India-Russia Annual Summit in Russia's Far Eastern city of Vladivostok on September 5.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi invited President Putin for the next summit in India and he also accepted President Putin's invitation to attend the 75th anniversary of the victory of the Russian Federation and the erstwhile Soviet Union in the 2nd World war next May, on the 9th of May in Moscow.

Addressing the joint Press Conference Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said, "It is a pleasant historical coincidence that President Putin and I have participated in the 20th Annual Summit between India and Russia. In the year 2001, when the Indo-Russian summit took place in Russia for the first time, my friend Putin was the President of Russia, and I was in the delegation of India with Atal Ji, the then Prime Minister and I was the Chief Minister of Gujarat." He added, During the political journey of President Putin and me, the friendship and cooperation between the two countries has grown rapidly and gone a long way.

In the summit both countries made dozens of business agreements.

PM said "Even in the strategic areas like defense, today's agreement on the manufacturing of spare parts of Russian equipment by Joint Ventures of both the countries in India will promote the industry. This agreement and the joint venture of the AK-203 earlier this year are steps that are giving our defense cooperation a solid foundation of co-manufacturing outside the limited environment of Buyer-Seller. Increasing localization of Nuclear Plants in collaboration with Russia in India is also developing a genuine partnership between us in this field." He said, "Second, we are moving our relations beyond the capitals to the states of India and the regions of Russia outside the capitals. This is not surprising because on the one hand I have been the Chief Minister of Gujarat for a long time and President Putin is also aware of capabilities and potential of Russia's



territories. Therefore, it is natural that he conceived the Eastern Economic Forum and understood the importance of connecting a diverse country like India with it. No matter how much you appreciate it, less it is."

"Immediately after receiving his invitation, we began to prepare very seriously. For this, Commerce Minister of India, Chief Minister of 4 states and more than 150 businessmen came to Vladivostok. Meeting with the special envoy to Far East and all 11 Governors of Far East have given very good results. Relations between states and regions found a framework. And coal, Diamond, Mining, rare earth, agriculture, timber, Pulp & Paper and tourism have revealed many new possibilities. And now a maritime route between Chennai and Vladivostok has also been proposed to increase connectivity between the regions. Third, we have greatly diversified our bilateral cooperation and added new dimensions to it. Nowadays, the highlight and headline is the unprecedented investment in each other's hydrocarbon sector, not just oil and gas deals between India and Russia. A 5-year roadmap for cooperation in this sector, and cooperation in the search for Hydro-Carbon and LNG in Far East and the Arctic have been agreed." He added "Our long association in space is touching new heights. Astronauts of India will receive training in Russia for

Gaganyaan, i.e. Indian Human Space Flight. To achieve the full potential of mutual investment, we have agreed to have an investment protection agreement soon. India's 'Russia Plus Desk' and Russia's Far East Investment and Export Agency's Mumbai office will facilitate mutual investment."

"To our Strategic Partnership, new chapters are also being added. The immense Tri-Services Exercise 'Indra-2019' between the two countries symbolizes our growing trust and confidence. Whenever the need arises, India and Russia work together not only in ordinary places of the world but in Antarctica and Arctic also." Prime Minister Shri Modi said "Both countries are well aware that in today's era, multi-polar world is essential for peace and stability. And the role of our cooperation and coordination in building it will be important. Therefore, we intuitively cooperate closely in BRICS, SCO and other global forums."

"India wants to see an Afghanistan that is free, secure, unbroken, peaceful and democratic. We are

both against external interference in the internal affairs of any country. We also had a fruitful discussions on concept of India's free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific. We agree that India and Russia will cooperate and strengthen in areas such as cyber security, counter-terrorism, environment protection. India and Russia have agreed to organize a High Level Forum on Tiger Conservation next year."

India and Russia aim to increase their trade from currently 11 billion dollars to 30 billion dollars by 2025.

Shri Narendra Modi became first Indian PM who attended the East Economic Forum. The forum aims at bringing investment and development of the Russian Far East. PM Shri Modi announced a credit line of \$1 billion for the development of this region. During his visit, India and Russia signed Memorandum of Understanding for a sea link between Vladivostok, the capital of Russian Far East and Chennai. The agreed link will reduce the transport time from presently 40 days to 24 days. ■

PM MODI HONORED BY BAHRAIN AND UAE

P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi during his visit to Bahrain on August 24-25 was conferred the King Hamad Order of the Renaissance by Bahrain's King Hamad bin Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa in recognition of his efforts to strengthen bilateral relations with the key Gulf nation.

Shri Narendra Modi became the first Indian prime



PM MODI HONORED BY ISLAMIC COUNTRIES WITH HIGH CIVILIAN AWARD

1. The King Hamad Order of the Renaissance, Bahrain - August 2019
2. Order of Zayed, UAE's highest civilian award - August 2019
3. Grand Collar of the State of Palestine - February 2018
4. Amir Amanullah Khan Award, Afghanistan - June 2016
5. King Abdulaziz Sash Award, Saudi Arabia - April 2016
6. Rule of Nishan Izzuddeen, Maldives - June 2019

minister to visit Bahrain, received the honour on the night of August 24, 2019 when he called on the King of Bahrain.

Earlier on August 24 Abu Dhabi crown prince, Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan honoured Prime Minister Shri Modi with the 'Order of Zayed', the UAE's highest civilian award. The award has been conferred in recognition of PM Shri Modi's distinguished leadership for giving a big boost to bilateral relations between India and the UAE. ■

'SILVASSA SAW DEVELOPMENT ONLY AFTER NARENDRA MODI BECOMES PM'

Union Minister of Home Affairs and BJP National President Shri Amit Shah on September 1 inaugurated several development projects in Silvassa. Shri Shah expressed happiness while dedicating public projects of total worth more than 290 crore rupees to the people.

Shri Shah said that Silvassa saw development only after Shri Narendra Modi became Prime Minister in 2014. He added that in the last five years, water, electricity, sanitation and gas had reached every household of the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli.

Shri Shah praised Akshaya Patra foundation for their initiative of mid-day meal vans and said that this would help improve health and nutrition levels of children in the UT.

Shri Shah appreciated the Shram Yogi Prasad Scheme, which will provide affordable nutritious meals to labourers near their work areas.

Shri Shah noted that with the beginning of the academic year in Namo Medical College, more than 150 future doctors will be trained every year, which would cater to the medical needs of the surrounding area.

Shri Shah hailed the establishment of Jalshakti Mantralay as an unprecedented holistic approach to the water issue, and said that the move would yield great dividends in future.

He noted that 3.5 lakh crore rupees had been allocated in the current year's budget to ensure water supply to 14 crore households. He said that the government was committed to providing piped water to all households by 2022. He said that this decision of the Prime Minister will massively impact 130 crore people's lives.

Flagging the issue of plastic usage and environmental crisis, Shri Shah appealed to women

to substitute plastic bags with cloth bags and said that the Prime Minister's vision of Swachh Bharat would get an impetus with this move.

The BJP President said that under the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi, abrogation of Articles 370 and 35A led to complete integration of Jammu and Kashmir with India. He said that this decision would lead to development in the region and sound death knell for terrorism.

Shri Shah asserted that there has been total peace in Kashmir since the abrogation of Article 370.



He said that not a single bullet or tear gas has been fired and not a single person has died in Kashmir after abrogation of Article 370.

He appealed to those opposing the abrogation of Article 370 to rise above politics and stand united with the government in matters of national security and integrity.

Shri Shah laid foundation stone of Silvassa Education Hub and Paramedical Building. He launched the new tourism policy of the UT. He also flagged off of mid-day meal vans, inaugurated of youth hostel and launched Shram Yogi Prasad Scheme, which would provide affordable meals to labourers near their work areas. ■



PM LAUNCHES THE FIT INDIA MOVEMENT

‘NEW INDIA SHOULD ALSO BE A FIT INDIA’

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched the Fit India Movement on the occasion of National Sports Day at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium in New Delhi on August 29 in the presence of thousands of people from all walks of life. The Prime Minister urged the people of the country to make fitness their life style.

Launching the people’s movement on the birth anniversary of Major Dhyan Chand, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi paid tributes to Major Dhyan Chand, India’s sports icon who enthralled the world with his game and techniques. He also congratulated the young sportspersons of the country who are keeping the tricolor afloat on the world stage through their efforts.

“Their medals are a not only the result of their hard work but reflection of a new zeal and new confidence of a New India”, the PM said.

The Prime Minister said that ‘Fit India Movement’ should become a national goal and its aspiration. In an effort to inspire the nation, the Prime Minister said that Fit India Movement may have been started by the government but it is the people who have to lead it and make it a success.

“Success is related to fitness, success stories of all of our icons from any field of life have a common thread- most of them are fit, have a focus on fitness and are fond of fitness”, the PM added.

Prime Minister said, “Technology has reduced our physical ability and has robbed us of our daily fitness routines and today we are unaware of our traditional practises and lifestyle which could keep us fit. With time, fitness has been relegated a lower priority in our society. Earlier a person used to walk or cycle for

kilometers, today mobile apps have to tell us how many steps we walked”.

“Today lifestyle diseases are on a rise in India affecting even the young. Cases of diabetes and hypertension is on the rise and even common among children in India. But small lifestyle changes can prevent these lifestyle diseases. ‘Fit India Movement’ is an effort to bring these small lifestyle changes”, he said.

The Prime Minister said that people in any profession can make themselves efficient in their profession if they are mentally and physical fit. If body is fit, then you would be mentally fit. Sports has a direct relation to fitness but ‘Fit India Movement’ aims to go beyond fitness. Fitness is not just a word but an essential pillar to a healthy and prosperous life. When we prepare our bodies for battle, we make the country strong as iron. Fitness is part of our historic legacy. Games and sports are played in every nook and corner of India. While working on the body they also train the mind, increasing focus and coordination of body parts. A healthy Individual, a healthy family and a healthy society are the essentials to make New India a Fit India.

“Swasth vyakti, swasth parivar aur swasth samaj, yahi naye Bharat ko shresth Bharat banane ka raasta hai.” Today, on National Sports Day we pledge to strengthen the Fit India Movement”, the Prime Minister said.

Among those present at the event included Union Minister of Rural Development, Agriculture and farmers Welfare Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Minister of Human Resource Development Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’, and Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Shri Kiren Rijiju. ■

UNION HOME MINISTER MEETS GROUPS OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM JAMMU AND KASHMIR

Your fight is against terrorism, so is ours, says Amit Shah to representatives

Union Minister of Home Affairs Shri Amit Shah met three different groups of representatives from Jammu and Kashmir on September 3, 2019.

This was his first meeting with the representatives of sarpanches from various districts of Jammu and Kashmir after abrogation of Article 370. He also met representatives of fruit growers, agricultural markets and some members of local horticulture associations. He also met the representatives of the community of people displaced in the partition. All three delegations congratulated the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the Union Home Minister for the courageous step of abolishing article 370 and 35A.

Shri Shah informed the delegation of sarpanches that henceforth the provisions of the 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendment Acts would be applicable to Jammu and Kashmir and this would serve to empower local governance and panchayati Raj institutions in Jammu and Kashmir.

On the issue of mobile connectivity and restoration of communications, the Union Home minister said that the issue would be expedited and that a solution would be found as quickly as possible. Greeting the sarpanches, Shri Shah hailed them as the leaders of Jammu and Kashmir and said that it would be their responsibility to ensure that the benefits of various government schemes would reach the correct beneficiaries and that an atmosphere of peace and prosperity is maintained. Shri Shah promised to begin recruitment for various government jobs at the earliest and said that the government would ensure merit-based recruitment of at least five aspirants from each village.

The representatives of fruit growers expressed their concern regarding the possibility of unsold and wasted produce. Shri Shah reassured them by saying that the government is in touch with concerned agencies to resolve the issue. He noted that with the abrogation of Article 370, the benefits of various

government schemes like PM Fasal Bima Yojana would reach all farmers of Jammu and Kashmir now.

Shri Shah clarified that the statehood of Jammu and Kashmir would be restored as soon as the situation warrants, and asked the representatives to not believe any rumours. Shri Shah reassured the representatives that nobody's land would be taken away and government land would be used for the establishment of industries, hospitals and educational institutions. This would not only create employment opportunities for the locals but also enhance tax revenues for the state, which in turn would be used for the welfare of the people.

Shri Shah said that it was essential to change the



atmosphere and bring the people of Jammu and Kashmir to mainstream. Shri Shah promised to begin the process of Block level elections as quickly as possible. He told the representatives that your fight is against terrorism, as is ours, hence we should ensure an atmosphere of peace in Jammu and Kashmir at the earliest.

Shri Shah met the representatives of the displaced people who had initially registered in various states of India but later settled in Jammu and Kashmir. Shri Shah assured them that they are being considered for inclusion in the scheme under which displaced families registered in Jammu and Kashmir are given financial assistance. ■

WE HAVE TO JOIN HANDS IN CURBING 'SINGLE USE - PLASTIC': PM

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on August 25 addressed the nation in his 3rd Episode of 'Mann Ki Baat 2.0'. In the episode, he made an appeal to the countrymen to curb 'single use-plastic'. PM also appreciated 'Mutthi Bhar Dhaanya' initiative in Nashik which turned into big movement for curbing undernourishment. Here, we are publishing brief highlights of the address for our esteemed readers:



- Everyone can find solutions to present day problems from Lord Shri Krishna's life.
- The importance of selfless service, the importance of knowledge, or be it marching ahead smilingly, amidst the trials and tribulations of life, we can learn all these from Lord Krishna's life's message. And that is why Shri Krishna is known as Jagatguru – teacher to the world... 'Krishnam Vande Jagadgurum'.
- Gandhiji emphasized not only on the spirit of service, but also on the inner happiness it led to.
- For Mahatma Gandhi, the individual and society, human beings & humanity was everything. Whether it was the Phoenix Farm or the Tolstoy Farm in Africa, the Sabarmati Ashram or Wardha, he laid special emphasis on community mobilization in his own distinct way.
- I sincerely urge you to visit at least one place associated with Mahatma Gandhi in the days to come. It could be any site... such as Porbandar, Sabarmati Ashram, Champaran, the Ashram at Wardha or spots in Delhi related to Mahatma Gandhi.
- When you visit them, do share your photographs on social media so that others may be inspired. And do pen a couple of sentences or couplets to express your feelings.
- You may remember that in the Haripura Congress Session in Gujarat, Subhash Chandra Bose being elected as President is recorded in history. These Art Panels have a beautiful past. Before the Haripura Session, in 1937-38, Mahatma Gandhi had invited the then Principal of Shantiniketan Kala Bhavan, Nandlal Bose. It was Gandhiji's wish that the lifestyle of the people of India be depicted through the medium of art and this artwork may be exhibited during the session. This is the same Nandlal Bose whose artwork adorns our Constitution; lends to the Constitution a new, unique identity.
- The very commitment & reverence of Nandlal Bose have made him, along with the Constitution, immortal. Nandlal Bose toured villages around Haripura, concluding with a few works of art canvas, depicting glimpses of life in rural India. One should do something for the sake of the country, society or just for someone else. This will be a good, true & genuine Karyanjali to Bapu, a tribute through a good deed.
- We have been running a countrywide campaign 'Swachchata Hi Sewa', 'the quest for cleanliness is service', around a couple of weeks before the 2nd of October. This time around it will commence on the 11th of September. During this period, all of us will move out of home, donating toil & sweat through 'Shramdaan', as a 'Karyanjali' to Mahatma Gandhi.
- This year, on the 2nd of October, when we celebrate Bapu's 150th birth anniversary, we shall not only dedicate to him an India that is Open Defecation Free, but also shall lay the foundation of a new revolution against plastic, by people themselves, throughout the country.
- I appeal to all strata of society, residents of every village, town & city, take it as a prayer with folded hands; let us celebrate Gandhi Jayanti this year as a mark of our plastic free Mother India.
- Today, I want to touch upon a very important point from a Sanskrit Subhashit. These lines were written centuries ago, but even today, carry great relevance. There is an excellent Subhashit that mentions –

“पृथिव्यां त्रीणि रत्नानि जलमन्नं सुभाषितम् ।
मूढैःपाषाणखण्डेषु रत्नसंज्ञा प्रदीयते” ॥
- That is, water, grain and subhashit are the three gems

found on earth. Imprudent people call stones as gems. In our culture much glory has been ascribed to food. We have even converted the knowledge about food into a science. Balanced and nutritious food is essential for all of us, more so for women and the newborn, since these two categories are the foundation of the future of our society. Under the 'Poshan Abhiyaan' campaign, nutrition made available with the help of modern scientific methods is being converted into a mass movement all over the country. People are fighting a battle against malnutrition in innovative and interesting ways.

- The 'Mutthi Bhar Dhaanya' initiative has turned into a big movement in Nashik. In this novel scheme, during the harvest period, Anganwadi workers collect a handful of rice grain from the people. This grain is used to make piping hot food for children and women.
- In 2010, Gujarat embarked upon planning to provide kids complimentary food on the occasion of 'Ann Praashan Sanskar' so that this initiative spreads awareness among the masses. This is a great initiative that can be adopted anywhere.
- In many states, people run meal campaigns on certain dates. If the family celebrates a birthday, certain auspicious day or observe an in- memoriam day, then

the family members with self-prepared nutritious and delicious food, go to the Anganwadis and also to the schools and these family members themselves serve the children and feed them.

- Today, due to lack of awareness, both poor and affluent families are affected by malnutrition. The month of September will be celebrated as 'Poshan Abhiyaan' across the country. You must get connected with it, get information about this initiative, add some new facet to 'Poshan Abhiyaan' by contributing to it. If you manage to save a few people from malnutrition, it would mean that we can bring the country out of the circle of malnutrition.
- Who can forget the historic speech of Swami Vivekananda delivered on September 11, 1893. This young monk of India, who shook the conscience of the human race of the entire world, imparted onto this world a glorious identity of India. The enslaved India which was gazed at by the world in a much distorted manner was forced to change its way of looking at India due to the words of a great man like Swami Vivekananda on September 11, 1893.... Let us put in practice the inherent strength of India realized by Swami Vivekananda. We possess everything within us, let us proceed with confidence. ■

FOURTH CONCLAVE OF NORTH EAST DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE (NEDA)

NO ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT CAN STAY IN ASSAM OR ENTER OTHER STATES: AMIT SHAH

Union Home Minister and BJP President Shri Amit Shah on 09 September, 2019 said the people of the northeast had nothing to fear from a fresh Citizenship (Amendment) Bill the Centre may push through.

Shri Shah was addressing fears expressed by the Chief Ministers of the region and the "spillover effect" of Assam's National Register of Citizens (NRC) at the fourth conclave of the North East Democratic Alliance (NEDA), a forum of anti-Congress parties helmed by the BJP.

"The Citizenship Bill will not violate Article 371 that

is applicable in the northeast. It will not affect any rights of the indigenous people, nor will it affect the Inner-Line Permit," he said.



Assam Finance Minister and NEDA Convenor Shri Himanta Biswa Sarma said the disputes; some of which claimed lives — had often come in the way of development in the region. The NEDA forum can be used to solve the border disputes and other issues plaguing the region. The

constituents can hold discussions to resolve these contentious issues," Shri Sarma said. ■



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi meeting the President of France Mr. Emmanuel Macron in France



PM Shri Narendra Modi receiving the 'King Hamad Order of the Renaissance' from the King of Bahrain, King Hamad bin Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa at Al Gudaibiya Palace in Manama, Bahrain



Abu Dhabi crown prince Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan in a ceremony held at the Presidential Palace in Abu Dhabi conferred the 'Order of Zayed' to PM Shri Narendra Modi



PM Shri Narendra Modi at G7 Summit in Biarritz, France



Russian President Putin welcoming PM Shri Narendra Modi to 20th India-Russia Annual Summit in Vladivostok, Russia




PM Shri Narendra Modi at Eastern Economic Forum Summit in Vladivostok, Russia

CONSOLIDATION OF PSBs FOR STRONG NATIONAL PRESENCE & GLOBAL REACH




- Merger of Canara Bank & Syndicate Bank, to be **4th largest PSBs** with business size of **₹15.20 lakh cr**
- Merger of PNB, Oriental Bank of Commerce & United Bank of India, to be **2nd largest PSBs** with business size of **₹17.94 lakh cr**
- Merger of Union Bank of India, Andhra Bank & Corporation Bank, to be **5th largest PSBs** with business size of **₹14.59 lakh cr**
- Merger of Indian Bank & Allahabad Bank, to be **7th largest PSBs** with business size of **₹8.08 lakh cr**

EASE OF COMPLIANCE FOR EMPLOYEES



- The rate of ESI (Employees' State Insurance) contribution **reduced for both employers & employees**
- Employers' contribution reduced **from 4.75% to 3.25%**
- Employees' contribution reduced **from 1.75% to 0.75%**
- Benefitting **12.85 lakh employers & 3.6 crore employees**
- Facilitating **greater enrolment** of workers in the ESI scheme

BUILDING ROADS, CONNECTING VILLAGES



- After the massive success of PMGSY-II, PMGSY-III announced to **increase rural road connectivity**
- Construction of routes & major rural links to connect **Gramin Agricultural Markets, higher secondary schools and hospitals**
- Upgradation of **1,25,000 kms of rural roads** thus giving developmental boost to unconnected villages & habitation routes

BRIDGING CRITICAL GAPS IN INSOLVENCY LAW



- Approval of several amendments in **Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC)**
- Enhancing framework for speedy resolutions of **Non-Performing Assets (NPAs)**
- Resolution time for NPAs brought to **National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) fixed to 330 days**
- Allowing **corporate restructuring** of NPAs like acquisitions, mergers and demergers