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BJP National President Shri Amit Shah addressing the gathering of Karyakartas celebrating BJP's victory in BJP HQ, New Delhi after huge success in Haryana and Maharashtra Assembly Elections



Sea of Karyakartas celebrating BJP's victory in Maharashtra Assembly Elections in Mumbai

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Ever heard of anything 'temporary' lasting 7 decades? Misdeeds of Congress in Kashmir eroded the Sufi tradition of that land. Congress ensured women, SC & ST communities do not get their rights. Kashmiri Pandits suffered. Militancy rose. Our Government changed that!

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Kashmir is India's internal and integral matter. Even the Chinese President Mr Xi Jinping did not mention Kashmir in his meeting with PM Shri Narendra Modi in Mahabalipuram. China's recent statement for action against terror is also significant.



@nitin_gadkari



Chenani- Nashri Tunnel on National Highway 44, in Jammu and Kashmir was named after Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee today. This is an emotional day for us as we honour our inspiration. #PragatiKaHighway.

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Transparency and accountability are the twin pillars of Good governance. Modi govt is committed to creating such a transparent system where the need to file RTI applications itself is reduced.



— **Amit Shah**

Historical day for democracy of India. For the first time, after independence Block Development Council election were held in Jammu, Kashmir, Leh & Ladakh. People from every region have taken part in these elections in huge numbers. This year, the country witnessed the historical decision to abolish #Article370 and we are seeing the impact of this now, 98% turnout of voters in BDC elections without any violence and disturbance. I congratulate everyone who has taken part in these elections.

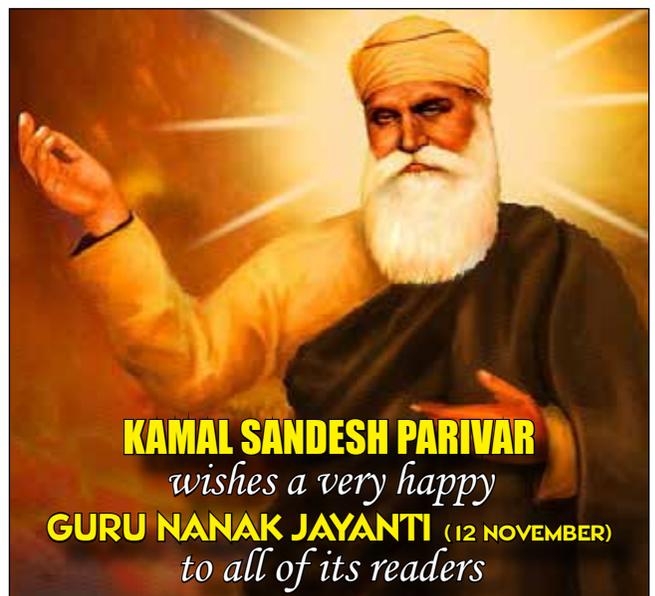


— **Jagat Prakash Nadda**

Amidst the din of Maharashtra & Haryana elections @BJP4India tastes victory first time in border state Sikkim .. Sonam Tshering Venchungra & Yong Tshering Lepcha win from Martam - Rumtek & Gangtok Assembly seats ... Congratulations ..



— **B L Santhosh**



PEOPLE REPOSE MASSIVE TRUST IN POLITICS OF DEVELOPMENT AND PERFORMANCE

The people have once again given massive mandate to BJP governments in Maharashtra and Haryana. While in Maharashtra BJP-Shiv Sena alliance has got clear majority, in Haryana BJP emerged as the largest political party with around 3% increase in votes. It is new phenomenon in Indian politics that the incumbent governments are being voted back to power on the basis of their performance. It is a phenomenon in which pro-incumbency mandate in favour of the ruling dispensation is creating a new trust and hope in the politics. It is a phenomenon wherein hard work of the government is getting recognised and politics of development is getting the approval of the people. It is a phenomenon in which the aspirations of the people are answered through the relentless efforts of the government so that the people choose to repose their faith again and again on the incumbent government. It is a phenomenon in the Indian politics wherein the negativism that had crept in the people's mind about the entire political system due to decade of Congress led UPA misrule, corruption, policy paralysis, scams and loot of public money has become a thing of past under the visionary and dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and

under various state governments under BJP rule. It is a phenomenon which is ushering in a new era of performance based transparent and accountable governance, development oriented politics committed to people with an approach to serve and not to rule and a government eager to deliver in the spirit of moving forward with maximum possible 'speed, scale and skill'. People are welcoming and supporting such a positive change in the polity.

In Maharashtra, the BJP government has provided a rare kind of stability in its polity in the leadership of the Chief Minister Shri Devendra Fadnavis. The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has rightly observed that in the last fifty years, Shri Fadnavis is the first chief minister to complete his five year term in the state and voted back by the people. This stability has resulted in a visionary approach for the long persisting problems of the state, effective implementation of innovative schemes of the centre and the state, quick solutions for the immediate problems and long term plans for the state which has created a new faith and hope in the people about the future of the state. In the same way in Haryana, the five year rule of the Khattar government has created new avenues of opportunities while leading the state to newer heights and all round development. The people friendly approach of the Chief Minister Shri Manohar Lal Khattar has got the massive approval of the people with 3% increase in the votes. The BJP governments in both these states have given corruption-free, accountable, transparent and participatory governance to the people. The people in these states have given their emphatic stamp of approval to the massive development works and uncompromising efforts against corruption while making the governance accessible to the poorest

of the poor in the society.

The politics of India is witnessing a new dynamism wherein people are actively participating to strengthen and consolidate the developmental works while aspiring for a better future. The credit of kindling the hunger for development goes to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi who has inspired the people, particularly the youth, women, poorest of the poor and weaker sections of the society to aspire higher and higher. While the union government under the charismatic leadership of the Prime Minister has created unprecedented examples to be emulated by the state, the state governments led by BJP are performing with astounding success on almost every parameter of development. These remarkable successes are getting reflected in the mandates of the people repeatedly who have voted massively in the general elections held in May, 2019 while re-electing Modi government with higher number of seats. In Maharashtra and Haryana, the people have again elected incumbent government led by BJP emphatically reposing their massive trust in the politics of development and performance. It is time to rededicate to the service of the people with the goal of meeting every aspiration of the people in the days to come. ■

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EMPHATIC WIN OF BJP-SENA ALLIANCE BJP BECOMES SINGLE LARGEST PARTY IN HARYANA

PEOPLE BLESS BJP-NDA WITH IMMENSE AFFECTION

In Maharashtra, in the last 50 years, not a single Chief Minister has been able to serve for 5 consecutive years. However, with the declaration of results on 24 October, 2019, CM Shri Devendra Fadnavis broke that record by successfully completing a five-year term as Chief Minister and again getting reelected with a majority for the next five years.

As per election results declared in Maharashtra, the BJP-Shiv Sena came back to power with comfortable majority. The BJP-Sena combine had won 160 seats in the 288 member house in the state. The alliance of the Congress and the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), on the other hand, had won 98 seats.

Incumbent Maharashtra Chief Minister Shri Devendra Fadnavis has won Nagpur South West seat by 49,344 votes, defeating Congress's Dr Ashish Deshmukh. Maharashtra BJP President

“ People of Maharashtra have blessed the NDA with immense affection. We are humbled to have got the people’s support yet again. Our work towards Maharashtra’s progress continues! I salute each and every Karyakarta of the BJP, Shiv Sena and our entire NDA family for their hardwork. ”

— Narendra Modi @narendramodi



Shri Chandrakant Patil also won Kothrud Assembly constituency in Pune city by a margin of 25,495 votes defeating MNS candidate Kishore Shinde. Similarly, Sena leader Aaditya Thackeray won the Worli seat in Mumbai.

With this emphatic victory consecutively for the secondly time, it is certain that Shri Devendra Fadnavis



**IN MAHARASHTRA
A WITH 3% MORE VOTES**

MENSE AFFECTION

“The Manohar Lal Khattar government in Haryana has made every effort for people’s welfare under the leadership of Narendra Modi. I thank people for making the BJP the single-largest party and giving it another opportunity to serve them. Congratulations to CM Shri @mlkhattar, Shri @subhashbrala and all Karyakartas.
— Amit Shah @AmitShah



will form the next government in Maharashtra.

“CLEAR AND DECISIVE MANDATE” TO BJP-LED NDA: DEVENDRA FADNAVIS

After the BJP-Shiv Sena victory, while addressing a press conference outside the BJP Headquarter in Mumbai, CM Shri Devendra Fadnavis thanked the people of Maharashtra for unprecedented mandate. “I thank Modi ji, Amit Shah ji, JP Nadda ji for their guidance. I thank Uddhav Thackeray ji, Ramdas Athawale ji and other ally leaders,” he said.

Shri Fadnavis said, “I assure people of Maharashtra that our government will fulfill their aspirations. We will work better than last time. We are thankful to the workers who have shown is this day again.”

He said, “15 independent MLAs have contacted

BJP Parliamentary Board authorizes Amit Shah to take all decisions on Maharashtra & Haryana

BJP Parliamentary Board authorized BJP National President and Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah on 24 October 2019 to take all decisions regarding government formation in Maharashtra and Haryana.

The Board, which is the apex organizational body of the party, met in National Headquarters of the party in New Delhi after the party won in Maharashtra and became single largest party in Haryana.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Party National President Shri Amit Shah, BJP Working President Shri JP Nadda besides other senior party leaders, attended the board’s meeting.



GENERAL ELECTION TO VIDHAN SABHA RESULT OCT-2019	
Maharashtra	
Party	Won
All India Majlis-E-Ittehadul Muslimeen	2
Bahujan Vikas Aaghadi	3
Bharatiya Janata Party	105
Communist Party of India (Marxist)	1
Independent	13
Indian National Congress	44
Jan Surajya Shakti	1
Krantikari Shetkari Party	1
Maharashtra Navnirman sena	1
Nationalist Congress Party	54
Peasants And Workers Party of India	1
Prahar Janshakti Party	2
Rashtriya Samaj Paksha	1
Samajwadi Party	2
Shiv Sena	56
Swabhimani Paksha	1
Total	288

me and they are ready to come with us. Others may also come but these 15 will come with us. Most of them are BJP or Shiv Sena rebels.”

The Maharashtra CM said the BJP has won fewer seats compared to the 2014 Assembly polls, but the “strike rate” this time is better.

Shri Fadnavis also thanked the people of Maharashtra for giving a “clear and decisive mandate” to the BJP-led NDA. He also said that the BJP and Shiv Sena will go by what was pre-decided between them on the sharing of power.

Shri Devendra Fadnavis said, “I assure people of Maharashtra once again that our government will fulfill their aspirations and all its promises. We are thankful to the Karyakartas, who have shown this day again.”

CONGRATS MAHARASHTRA FOR EXPRESSING CONFIDENCE ON US: AMIT SHAH

Union Home Minister and BJP National President Shri Amit Shah congratulated BJP-Shiv Sena alliance for the win. He tweeted, “Congratulations to the people

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— Jagat Prakash Nadda @JPNadda

“ Congratulations to Shri @Dev_Fadnavis for NDA’s victory in Maharashtra assembly elections. I also congratulate @mlkhattar ji & his team for their success in Haryana.



Many thanks to the people of Maharashtra & Haryana for giving renewed mandate to NDA govts in both the states.

— Rajnath Singh @rajnathsingh

“ I express my heartfelt gratitude to the people of Maharashtra for re-electing our government. I congratulate PM Shri @narendramodi, Home Minister Shri @AmitShah CM Shri @Dev_Fadnavis & lakhs of dedicated karyakartas of our party for this victory. #mahavijaywithmodi.



— Nitin Gadkari @nitin_gadkari

of Maharashtra for expressing confidence in the BJP-Shiv Sena alliance. Under the leadership of Modi ji, the Government of Maharashtra will continue to be dedicated to the progress of the state and service to the people.”

BOW TO THE PEOPLE OF MAHARASHTRA FOR THEIR TRUST IN BJP-SHIV SENA ALLIANCE: NADDA

BJP National Working President of Bharatiya Janata Party Shri JP Nadda tweeted, “I bow to the people of Maharashtra for their trust in BJP-Shiv Sena alliance. I assure that under the guidance of PM Narendra Modi, our government will leave no stone unturned in furthering the development journey of state.

GENERAL ELECTION TO VIDHAN SABHA TRENDS & RESULT OCT-2019	
Haryana	
Party	Won
Bharatiya Janata Party	40
Haryana Lokhit Party	1
Independent	7
Indian National Congress	31
Indian National Lok Dal	1
Jannayak Janta Party	10
Total	90

Congratulations to CM Devendra Fadnavis, President Chandrakant Patil and workers.”

VICTORY IS OF POLITICS OF DEVELOPMENT: NITIN GADKARI

This is victory is of politics of development, said Union Minister Shri Nitin Gadkari on BJP-Shiv Sena win. He said, “I express my heartfelt gratitude to the people of Maharashtra for re-electing Mahayuti Government. I congratulate Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Home Minister Shri Amit Shah, Chief Minister Shri Devendra Fadnavis and lakhs of dedicated Karyakartas of our party for this victory. This is indeed the victory of politics of development.”

In a press conference, Shiv Sena chief Shri Uddhav Thackeray said that the mandate was in favour of BJP-Shiv Sena alliance in Maharashtra.

HARYANA POLL RESULTS

In Haryana, the BJP emerged as the single largest party with 40 seats in the 90 member house of the state. The victory in the state was unique because these days the chances of winning in elections again after completing a 5-year term is very less and in such an environment it is a big thing for the BJP to come back again as the largest party with the trust and blessings of the people.

The BJP won 40 seats in Haryana Assembly poll, as compared to 47 seats the party bagged in the last Assembly poll. However, BJP's vote share in Haryana went up to 36 per cent this time from 33 per cent last time and undoubtedly it shows people's endorsement of government's work.

The result which was declared on 24 October,

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— Amit Shah @AmitShah

2019; the opposition Congress logged victory on 31 seats, while JJP got 10 seats. INLD, which had won 19 seats in 2014 polls, could get just one seat, while others managed to grab eight seats.

PM EXPRESSED GRATITUDE TO HARYANA FOR REPOSING FAITH IN BJP YET AGAIN

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi expressed his gratitude to the people of Haryana for reposing their faith in the BJP yet again. He said, “I thank the people of Haryana for blessing us. We will continue to work with the same zeal and dedication for the state's progress. I laud the efforts of hardworking BJP Haryana Karyakartas who toiled extensively and went among the people to elaborate on our development agenda”.

THREE PER CENT INCREASE IN BJP'S VOTE SHARE IN HARYANA: AMIT SHAH

After the declaration of results BJP National President and Home Minister Shri Amit Shah said, in Haryana, there has been a 3 per cent increase in BJP's vote share since the last time and BJP emerged as the largest party there. He thanked people of Haryana for

giving their blessings.

Shri Amit Shah said people have shown their faith in the speed with which Modi 2.0 government is working. He also said the ruling BJP-led by Manohar Lal Khattar which won 40 seats will stake claim to form the next government in Haryana.

In a tweet Shri Amit Shah said, "The Manohar Lal Khattar government in Haryana has made every effort for people's welfare under the central leadership of Narendra Modi. I thank people for making the BJP the single-largest party and giving it another opportunity to serve them".

He also congratulated Chief Minister Shri Manoharlal Khattar and state party President Shri Subhash Barala.



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WE WILL LEAVE NO STONE UNTURNED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF HARYANA: JP NADDA

The Working President of the Bharatiya Janata Party Shri JP Nadda on October 24 also congratulated party Karyakartas of Haryana for their good performance in the assembly elections. Taking to Twitter Shri JP Nadda also thanked the people of Haryana for showing confidence in the BJP government.

Shri Nadda also thanking the people of Haryana said, "Under the guidance of PM Modi, Chief Minister Khattar has worked for the development of Haryana. I am grateful to the people of the state for showing confidence in the work done by him. I assure you that we will leave no stone unturned for the

service and development of the people of Haryana. Congratulations to all the workers."

Speaking about the victory of BJP in both the state Shri JP Nadda said, "People of both states have expressed their faith in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's decisive leadership, evolutionary policies, corruption-free and good governance of the state. I can assure you that we will intensify the pace of development in both the states and serve every person."

Among the star candidates, the CM Shri Manohar Lal Khattar won the Karnal seat by 45,000 votes, and Health Minister Shri Anil Vij won the seat from Ambala Cantt. He won by 20,165 votes, defeating Independent candidate Chitra Sarwara.

Among others, BJP candidate Aseem Goel won from Ambala city by 8,952 votes, BJP candidate Seema Trikha won Badkhal seat by 2,545 votes. In Faridabad, BJP candidate Narender Gupta won the elections by 21,713 votes. BJP candidate Ghanshyam Saraf won Bhiwani Assembly seat with 27,884 votes. In Gurgaon, BJP candidate Sudhir Singla won the elections by 33,315 votes. In Hansi, BJP candidate Vinod Bhayana won the elections by 22,260 votes.

Similarly, BJP candidate Dr Kamal Gupta won Hisar Assembly seat by 15,832 votes. BJP candidate Kanwar Pal won Jagadhri seat by 16,373 votes. In Palwal, BJP candidate Deepak Mangla won the election by 28,296 votes, defeating Congress candidate Karan Singh. In Panchkula, BJP candidate Gian Chand Gupta won the election by 5,633 votes. In Panipat City, BJP candidate Parmod Kumar Vij won the elections by 39,545. In Panipat Rural, BJP candidate Mahipal Dhanda won the elections by 21,961 votes. In Pataudi (SC), BJP candidate Satya Parkash won the elections by 36,579. In Pehowa, BJP candidate Sandeep Singh won the election by 5,314 votes. From Kaithal, BJP candidate Leela Ram won the election by 1,246 votes, defeating Congress candidate Randeep Singh Surjewala.

In Kalayat, BJP candidate Kamlesh Dhanda won the election by 8,974 votes, in Kosli, BJP candidate Laxman Singh Yadav has won the elections, by 38,624, in Loharu, BJP candidate Jai Parkash Dalal won the elections by 17,677 votes, in Narnaul, BJP candidate Om Prakash Yadav won the election by 14,715 votes, in Sohna and in Tigaon, Yamunanagar, Thanesar seats BJP also registered victories. ■



PM MODI THANKS PEOPLE OF MAHARASHTRA & HARYANA FOR THEIR BLESSINGS

**VOWS TO CONTINUE WORKING WITH
SAME ZEAL AS BEFORE**

P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 24 October, 2019 thanked the people of both Maharashtra and Haryana after the announcement of election results. While the BJP-Shiv Sena alliance returned to power in the western state of Maharashtra, in Haryana the BJP just fell short of the halfway mark but became the single largest party with 40 seats.

“People of Maharashtra have blessed the NDA (National Democratic Alliance) with immense affection,” Shri Modi said in a tweet. “We are humbled to have got the people’s support yet again. Our work towards Maharashtra’s progress continues.”

@narendramodi

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In another tweet where he thanked the people of Haryana, PM Shri Modi said his government will continue to work with the same zeal and dedication for the state’s progress. He also hailed the efforts of “hardworking Karyakartas” of the state unit “who toiled extensively and went among the people to elaborate on our development agenda”.

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Later addressing the Karyakartas at the BJP National Headquarters in Deendayal Upadhyay Marg, New Delhi on poll results Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi thanked people of Maharashtra and Haryana for their blessings in the assembly polls and assured them that the BJP Government will work harder to serve the public.

PM Shri Modi told party workers, “BJP and Shiv Sena fought elections against each other previous time but the people wanted us to join hands. We partnered with the Shiv Sena after the elections and ran a stable government. And even this time, the people of Maharashtra have given our alliance a complete majority”.

BJP WON FIRST 2 ELECTIONS IN MODI 2.0: AMIT SHAH

After the results were out, Union Home Minister and BJP National President Shri Amit Shah took to twitter and thanked the people of Maharashtra for BJP's win. He also thanked Haryana people for making BJP the largest party in the state.

Later, speaking to the Party Karyakartas at the BJP Headquarters the BJP National President Shri Amit Shah said, in Maharashtra, BJP-Shiv Sena is going to form the government once again with the majority.

Shri Amit Shah said, "The BJP has won first two elections in Modi 2.0".

"In five months, the Modi 2.0 government has done as much work as many have not been able to do in even five years. We passed the Triple Talaq law that was stuck for years and opened doors to development in Kashmir by revoking Articles 370 and 35A," said BJP National President.

He said, in Haryana, there has been a 3 per cent increase in BJP's vote share since the last time and BJP emerged as the largest party there. He thanked people of both the states for giving their blessings.

Shri Amit Shah said people have shown their faith in the speed with which Modi 2.0 government is working.

He also indicated that the ruling BJP-led by Manohar Lal Khattar which won 40 seats will stake claim to form the next government in Haryana.

In a tweet Shri Amit Shah said,

PM further said, "These are unprecedented victories because normally these days few governments return after five years. In such times to be elected again is a big deal. Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and Manohar Lal Khattar were never even ministers anywhere before. But they took everyone along and for five years. They served Maharashtra and Haryana with honesty, for welfare of the people."

"The coming five years will see both the states scale new heights of development," he added.

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@amitshah

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Shri Shah also thanked voters in Maharashtra for "reposing their faith" in BJP-Shiv Sena alliance in the state. ■

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PM Shri Modi said, in Maharashtra in the last 50 years, not a single Chief Minister has been able to serve for 5 consecutive years. He said BJP's Devendra Fadnavis successfully completed a five-year term as Chief Minister and again reelected with a majority.

Greeting people on Diwali, Shri Modi hoped that the festival of lights will bring new light and energy into the lives of people. ■

JP NADDA CONGRATULATES PARTY KARYAKARTAS FOR BJP VICTORY IN MAHARASHTRA & HARYANA

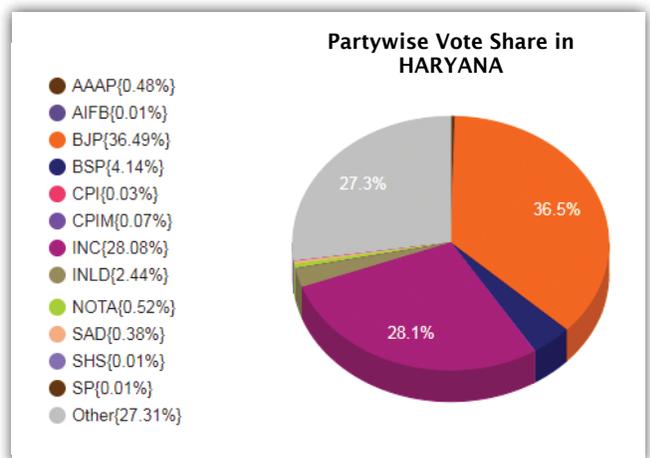
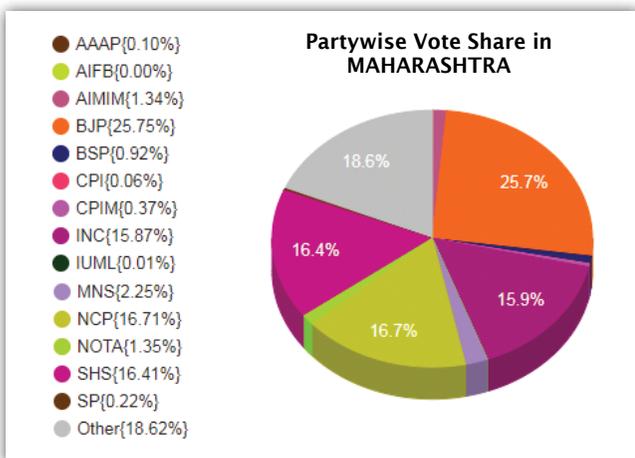
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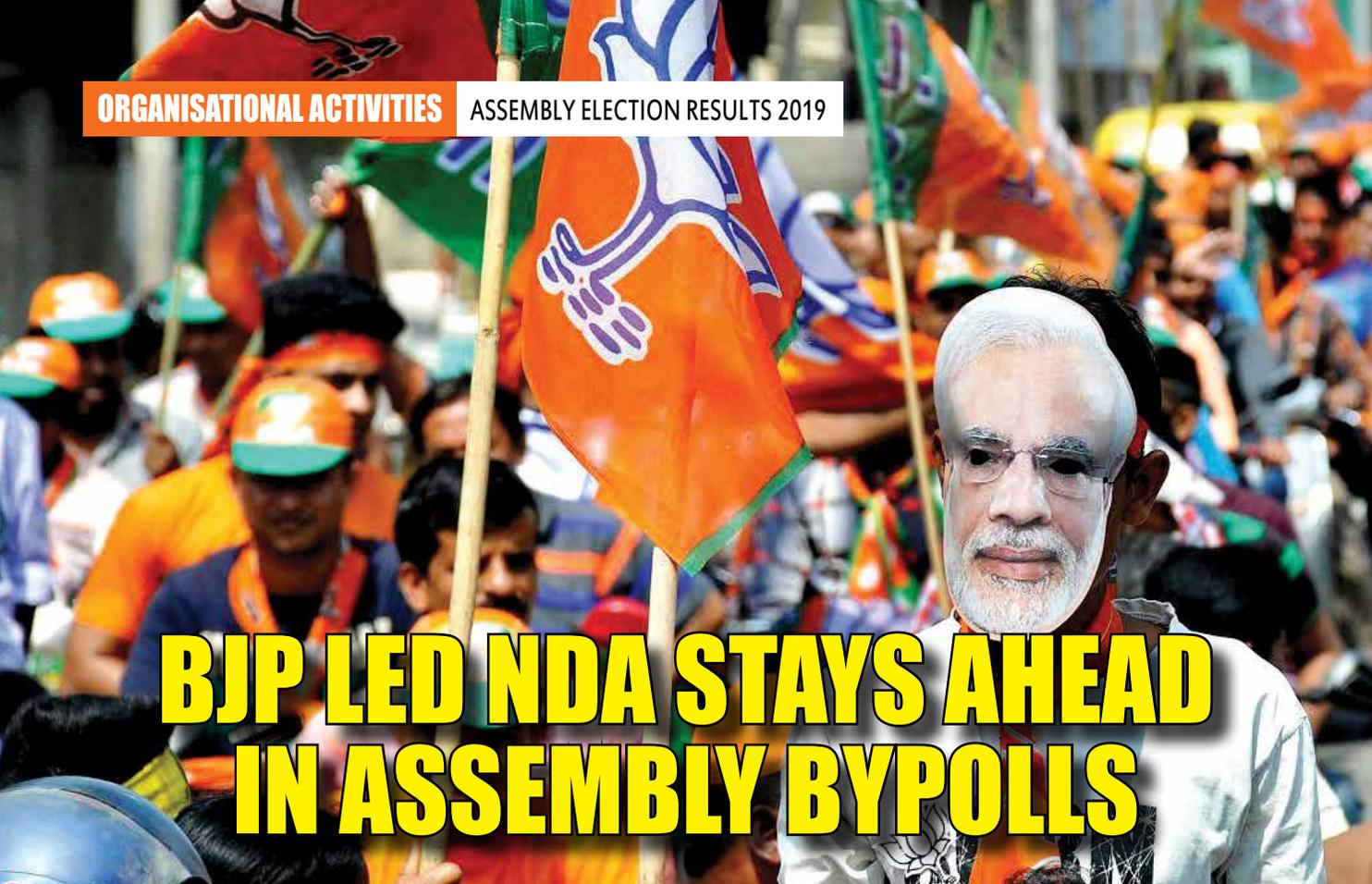
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He also Thanked the people of Haryana he said; "Under the guidance of PM Modi; Chief Minister



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BJP LED NDA STAYS AHEAD IN ASSEMBLY BYPOLLS

Results were declared for 51 Assembly seats and two Lok Sabha constituencies spread across 17 states and one Union Territory on 24 October, 2019 where bypolls were held on 21 October, 2019. The BJP and its allies held nearly 30 of these assembly seats, while the Congress had won 12 and the rest were with regional parties.

Among the states ruled by the BJP and its allies, results were declared for the maximum 10 seats in UP, followed by six in Gujarat, five in Bihar, four in Assam and two each in Himachal Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. The other states where the bypolls were held are Punjab (4 seats), Kerala (5 seats), Sikkim (3 seats), Rajasthan (2 seats) and one seat each in Arunachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Puducherry, Meghalaya and Telangana.

17 states saw by-elections to several Assembly seats. In Uttar Pradesh, Bypolls were held to 10 seats, with the BJP sweeping 7 and the Samajwadi Party winning 3. In telangana's Huzuragar, the TRS emerged victorious, defeating the Congress. The AIADMK won both Vikravandi and Nanguneri seats in Tamil Nadu. The BJP won 2 seats in Sikkim, while

the Sikkim Krantikari Morcha won 1. Congress and the RLP won 1 seat each in Rajasthan. Congress won 3 seats in Punjab, while SAD won 1. Congress bagged the Puducherry seat, while Congress won the Jhabua seat from MP. Congress and the CPI(M) dominated in Kerala.

In politically crucial Uttar Pradesh, where the fight is for 10 assembly constituencies, elections are being seen as a litmus test for the opposition parties which failed to make an impact in the Lok Sabha elections against the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in May. But even this time the opposition failed to perform impressively in the state.

Counting of votes was also held in Satara (Maharashtra) and Samastipur (Bihar) Lok Sabha seats, which were held by the NCP and the LJP respectively.

A moderate turnout of 57 per cent was recorded in the by-elections held on 21 October, 2019.

BJP WINS BOTH DHARAMSHALA, PACHHAD SEATS IN HIMACHAL BYPOLLS

The ruling BJP on 24 October, 2019 retained both Dharamshala and Pachhad seats in Himachal



votes. Kumar was a BJP rebel and contested as an independent candidate.

Vijay Inder Karan of the Congress lost his security deposit as he failed to get even the required one-sixth of total polled valid votes. In the 2017 Assembly elections, the victory margin of Kishan Kapoor of the BJP over Sudhir Sharma of the Congress was of 2,997 votes in Dharamshala.

The by-elections to Pachhad and Dharamshala assembly seats were necessitated after sitting BJP MLAs Suresh Kashyap and Kishan Kapoor were elected to the Lok Sabha.

BJP WINS 7 OF 11 SEATS IN UP BYPOLLS

The BJP has emerged victorious in seven seats in bypolls to 11 Assembly constituencies in the Uttar Pradesh bypolls. The opposition, led by the Samajwadi Party (SP) and the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) put up a strong fight but their challenged faded as the votes rolled in for Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's government. The SP claimed three seats.

In total, bypolls were held for the Gangoh, Rampur, Iglas, Lucknow Cantonment, Govind Nagar, Manikpur, Pratapgarh, Zaidpur, Jalalpur, Balha, and Ghosi. Of these, Iglas, Zaidpur and Balha are reserved seats. The BJP contested a total of 10 seats, leaving Pratapgarh to its ally and it has managed to retain seven. ■

Pradesh where bypolls were held earlier this week.

In Pachhad, Reena Kashyap of the BJP defeated her nearest rival, former minister Gangu Ram Musafir of the Congress by a margin of 2,742 votes.

In Dharamshala, BJP's Vishal Nehria defeated his nearest rival Rakesh Kumar by a margin of 6,758

NDA AHEAD IN ASSEMBLY BYPOLLS

BJP ally Lok Janshakti Party (LJP) retained the Samastipur Lok Sabha seat in Bihar. LJP's Prince Raj, son of party MP Ram Chandra Paswan, whose death in July necessitated the bypoll, defeated Ashok Kumar of the Congress by a margin of 1,02,090 votes. Out of six assembly seats the JD(U) won one seat in Bihar.

The ruling BJP and opposition Congress won three seats each in the six bypolls in Gujarat.

The Rashtriya Loktantrik Party, supported by the BJP as an alliance partner, retained Khinvsar, where the by poll was necessitated after the election of RLP founder-president Hanuman Beniwal to the Lok

Sabha from Nagaur.

NDA partner the Akali Dal won one seat in Punjab.

In the northeast, the BJP won three of the four by polls in Assam — Ratabari, Rangapara and Sonari — while one seat Jania was won by the All-India United Democratic Front. An independent, Chakat Aboh, won the Khonsa West seat of Arunachal Pradesh.

The BJP won both seats in Himachal Pradesh that had by-polls. In Kerala, two seats each went to the CPI(M) and the Congress and one to the IUML. The BJD and the Congress won one each in Odisha and Puducherry respectively.

India's forex reserves at new life-time high of \$439.712 billion

The forex kitty continued to climb north, swelling by USD 1.879 billion to a new life-time high of USD 439.712 billion, in the week to October 11, the Reserve Bank said on 18 October, 2019.

The forex reserves had increased by a higher USD 4.24 billion to a new high of USD 437.83 billion in the previous week. For the week under review, the foreign currency assets, which are the biggest part of the reserves, increased by USD 2.269 billion to USD 407.88 billion, the RBI said.

Expressed in US dollar terms, the foreign currency assets include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound and the yen held in the foreign exchange reserves.

The special drawing rights with the International Monetary Fund rose USD 2 million to USD 1.431 billion during the week. The country's reserve position with the Fund also increased by USD 7 million to USD 3.623 billion, the data showed. ■

India's overall growth 'very strong' by world economy standards: IMF

Although India's economic growth rate has been cut to 6.1 percent for the current fiscal year, it still remains "very strong" by global standards, International Monetary Fund's (IMF) Deputy Research Director Gian Maria Milesi-Ferreti said on October 15, 2019.

He and IMF chief economist Gita Gopinath made optimistic projections for India's economy to pick up next year while addressing a news conference for the release of the IMF's World Economic Outlook (WEO) report in Washington. According to the report, India and China with their projected growth rate of 6.1 percent for the current year share the top rank among major economies.

India's "overall growth remains very strong by the standards of the world economy even though it is lower than the very high standards to which we were accustomed to in looking at India," Milesi-Ferreti said, adding that that a "growth rate above six per cent is still notable and extremely important in a country that has such a large population".

This growth rate is in contrast to the global economy which, Gopinath said, is "in a synchronised slowdown, with growth for 2019 downgraded again - to 3 percent - its slowest pace since the global financial crisis".

The IMF has forecast "a further pick up next year" for India's economy helped by tax cuts on the corporate sector, he said.

"In our projections, we have that India would recover to seven per cent growth in 2020," Gopinath said.

In India "there has been a negative impact on growth that has come from financial vulnerabilities in the non-bank financial sector and the impact that has had on consumer borrowing, borrowing by small and medium enterprises", she said. The hike in growth projection for next year is based "on the premises that these particular bottlenecks will clear up," Gopinath said.

"Appropriate steps have been taken" to deal with these problems, while "still a lot more that needs to be done including cleaning up of the balance sheets of the major commercial banks." Also, she said, "On the fiscal side for India there have been some recent measures including the corporate tax cut".

While India has not yet said how it would offset the revenue shortfall from this measure, the revenue projections look optimistic, she said. "It is important for India to keep the fiscal deficit in check," she added.

The WEO has cut India's growth rate by 0.9 percent to 6.1 percent from the 7 per cent made in July and by 1.2 percent from the 7.3 percent in April.

IMF's projected growth rate of 6.1 percent for 2019-20 is consistent with the Indian Monetary Policy Committee's forecast. ■

OVER 50 LAKH PEOPLE BENEFITED FROM AYUSHMAN BHARAT IN A YEAR

9 ADMISSIONS IN A MINUTE UNDER THE SCHEME

Narendra Modi government's flagship programme the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY) on October 14 crossed the milestone of 50 lakh mark. Launched in September 2018, Ayushman Bharat is the world's largest government-funded healthcare scheme that intends to provide health assurance to 50 crore poor and deprived people in rural and urban areas.

HIGHLIGHTS :

- There are nine hospital admissions every minute across India under the scheme.
- Under the Ayushman Bharat scheme, free secondary and tertiary treatment worth Rs. 7,901 crore has been availed in the 32 states and UTs.
- The data release by the National Health Authority, more than 60 per cent of the amount spent has been on tertiary care.
- Segments like cardiology, orthopaedics, radiation, oncology, cardiothoracic and vascular surgery, and urology have emerged as the top tertiary specialities.
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi lauded the efforts made in the health sector as India achieved a major milestone of providing benefit to over 50 Lakh people under the Ayushman Bharat Scheme.
- He said "An important milestone in the journey of creating a healthy India! It would make every Indian proud that in a year, over 50 lakh citizens have benefited from free of cost treatment thanks to Ayushman Bharat. Apart from curing, this scheme is empowering several Indians."
- Launched exactly a year ago in 2018, Ayushman Bharat is world's largest health insurance scheme, which aims to provide easy access to medical facilities to over 10.74 Crore poor people in the country.
- Under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya (PM-JAY), 16,085 Hospitals have been empanelled and over 10 Crore e-Cards issued.
- Nearly 17,150 Health & Wellness Centers have become operational across the country under Ayushman Bharat. ■

Govt. hikes dearness allowance by 5% for employees & pensioners

The Union Cabinet raised dearness allowance by 5% in a move that will benefit 50 lakh government employees and 65 lakh pensioners. The hike, based on the recommendations of the Seventh Pay Commission, will cost the exchequer Rs 16,000 crore and will be effective from July, this year.

Cabinet has also relaxed the mandatory requirement of Aadhaar-seeded data as a precondition for release of funds to the beneficiaries

under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-Kisan) scheme to November 30, enabling immediate release of funds to farmers who were deprived on this account.

"The government has increased the DA from 12% to 17%," Union Minister Shri Prakash Javadekar said. "It is one of the highest raises in last several years," he said, adding this is a gift for the employees ahead of Diwali.

According to Shri Javedkar, previously dearness allowance had been raised by 2-3% but this time it has been raised by 5% in one go.

The Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-Kisan) scheme provides income support of Rs 6,000 per year to landholding families, subject to certain exclusions.

Under this scheme, instalments released after August 1, 2019, would have been on the basis of Aadhaar seeded database only. ■

Government hikes MSP for wheat by Rs 85/quintal; pulses up to Rs 325/quintal

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) on 23 October, 2019 decided to increase to the minimum support price for winter crops for the forthcoming rabi marketing season (2020-21) and the floor price of wheat, the major rabi crop, went up by 4.6 per cent to Rs 1925 a quintal from Rs 1840 in the previous season.

The highest increase in MSP witnessed by lentil (masur) whose floor price saw a 7.3 per cent increase to Rs 4800 a quintal as compared to last year, according to an official statement. This was followed by barley whose MSP went by 5.9 per cent to Rs 1525 a quintal as compared to the last season. The government said the increase in MSP for rabi crops was in line with the principle of fixing MSPs at a level of at least 1.5 times of the all India weighted average cost of production.

The floor price for mustard and rapeseed was increased by Rs 225 per quintal to Rs 4425, while that

of gram went up by 5.5 per cent to Rs 4875 a quintal over the previous season. A similar increase was also witnessed by safflower whose floor price rose to Rs 5215 from Rs 4945 a quintal in 2018-19.

MSP FOR RABI CROPS OF 2019-20

MSP in 2018-19 & 2019-20 Rs per quintal			
Crops	Rs per quintal	Rs per quintal	Difference
Wheat	1840	1925	85
Barley	1440	1525	85
Mustard & Rapeseed	4200	4425	225
Gram	4620	4875	255
Safflower	4945	5215	270
Lentil	4475	4800	325

EASE OF DOING BUSINESS: INDIA JUMPS 14 PLACES TO RANK 63

India has seen a big improvement in the annual Ease of Doing Business report of the World Bank issued on 24 October, 2019 as it moved up 14 places to the 63rd spot in the rankings for 20.

The country was 77th among 190 countries in the previous ranking, an improvement of 23 places compared to its position a year before. The jump in the latest ranking was big.

India had broken into the club of the first 100 such nations in the 2018 report, when it had managed to jump 30 places.

The latest report has named the economies of India and nine other nations as the ones that have shown the most "notable improvement" in the ease of doing business.

The country has been ranked ninth among the most improved, with a score of 3.5 in the change in 'Doing

Business' score. Saudi has been ranked at the top on this metric, with a score of 7.7.

Saying that India has conducted a remarkable reform effort, the World Bank noted that India has joined the list of top 10 improves for the third year in a row, which it said was commendable given the size of the economy.

Praising the Narendra Modi government's flagship 'Make in India' scheme, the report said that it has helped attract foreign investment, boost the private sector and enhance the country's overall competitiveness.

"The administration's reform efforts targeted all of the areas measured by Doing Business, with a focus on paying taxes, trading across borders, and resolving insolvency. The country has made a substantial leap upward, raising its ease of doing business ranking from 130 in Doing Business 2016 to 63 in Doing Business 2020," the report said. ■

POLITICS IN INDIA



DEENDAYAL
UPADHYAYA

INDIAN politics cannot be thought apart from the culture and philosophy of life of this country. Indian culture is integrationist. In spite of accepting the superficial differences in the various parts of the world and in various aspects of life it seeks their internal unity and synthesizes them. Both socialism and democracy are the results of class struggle. Although the objective of both is to end this struggle and establish unity the way they have adopted for this purpose has only changed the form of these classes, not ended them, and hence this struggle has become more acute. Democracy held that the struggle between the King and the Subjects is eternal and therefore it put an end to the King. But a struggle between the different classes of the people has been permanently accepted by democracy. Socialism made the struggle between the haves and the have-nots its basis. The classes changed but the struggle did not end, because all systems of thought of the West spring from Darwin's theory of survival of the fittest. The world goes on not because of strife but because of synthesis and cooperation. The world is created and continues not

because of the conflict between 'Purush' and 'Prakriti' but because of their inter-dependence. Hence all actions should be discussed and analysed not on the basis of class struggle and class antagonism but on the basis of interdependence, complementariness and mutual cooperation.

PEOPLE MAKE PARTIES

If you are a democrat do not be dictated by anybody but your conscience. Political parties that stand for the people also stand on the strength of the people. If the people want that nobody should bend them the people should lend them their strength. It is the people who are the architects of political parties, and through them of their

political destiny.

A GOOD PARTY

Which is a good party? Evidently the one that is not simply a collection of individuals but is a body corporate with a distinctive purposeful existence different from its desire to capture power. Political power should be a means rather than an end to the members of such a party. There should be devotion to a cause in the rank and file of the party. Devotion leads to dedication and discipline. Discipline does not mean simply outward conformity to certain do's and don't's. The more you impose discipline from above the less is the internal strength of the party. Discipline is to a party what



Dharma is to a society.

PHILOSOPHY FOR POLITICAL PARTIES

Let the different political parties try to evolve a philosophy for themselves. Let them not be mere conglomerations of persons joined together for some selfish ends. It should be something different from a commercial undertaking or a joint stock company. It is also necessary that the philosophy of the party is not kept confined to the pages of the party manifesto. Members should understand

people demands that the parties who aspire to be guardians of law should themselves set an example in this direction. The essence of democracy is a spirit of, and capacity for, self-governance. If the parties cannot govern themselves how can they hope to create in the community a desire for self-governance? While on the one hand it is essential for the community to guarantee and protect individual freedom it is desirable on the other hand, for the individual to willingly submit to the general will. The greater this

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THE QUESTION OF DISCIPLINE

The question of discipline in the rank of a party is important not only to keep the party in perfect health but also because of its bearing on the conduct of the people in general. A government is primarily an instrument of conservation and protection and not of destruction, or change. To inculcate a reverence for law in the

submission the less will be the coercive power of the State. In a party whose affairs are regulated not by any state law but by the decisions voluntarily accepted by the party units, one can set an example of how best individual freedom and social responsibility can be balanced.

It is, therefore, necessary for the parties to prescribe a code of conduct for their members and to strictly follow it.

DUTY OF ELECTORATE

A bad candidate cannot claim a premium just because the party he belongs to is good. An evil is an evil and, like the proverbial ill-wind, cannot blow good to anyone anywhere. The party High Command in giving a ticket to such a man might have acted on a partisan basis or, with the best of intentions, it might have committed an error of judgment. It is the duty of a responsible electorate to rectify such a mistake.

VOTE IS A MANDATE

PEOPLE should also realise that a vote is not an instrument of expressing gratefulness to any candidate but a mandate to carry out their wishes.

MINORITY PHOBIA

FRANK Anthony maintains that English should find a place in the Constitution because it is the language of a minority i.e. the Anglo-Indians. If Shri Anthony feels as a national he should cease to think in terms of minorities and majorities. After all, this dichotomy has a restricted purpose in parliamentary democracy. We cannot extend it to plague our entire national life. If we do so there will be a number of minorities as we go on changing our basis of classification, with the result that everybody will belong to some minority or other. here can be religious minorities, linguistic minorities, political minorities, racial minorities, occupational minorities and so on. ■

(Excerpts from the book - "Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya A Profile" edited by Sudhakar Raje.)

Vinoba Bhave: The spiritual successor of Mohandas Gandhi

Vinayak Narahari “Vinoba” Bhave born on 11 September 1895 was an Indian advocate of nonviolence and human rights. Often called Acharya, he is best known for the Bhoodan Movement. He is considered as a National Teacher of India and the spiritual successor of Mohandas Gandhi. He was the first person to be selected as a Satyagraha.

EARLY LIFE

Born Vinayak Narahari Bhave, at Gagode in Kolaba district, Maharashtra on 11 September, 1895, he was the eldest son of Narahari Shambhu Rao and Rukmini Devi.

He had four other siblings, three brothers and one sister. His mother Rukmini Devi was a very religious person and instilled in Vinoba a deep sense of spiritualism. As a student Vinoba was quite fond of mathematics. He also developed a spiritual conscience quite early having studied the Bhagavad Gita under the tutelage of his grandfather.

Although a good student, traditional education never really appealed to Vinoba. He considered renouncing social life and head out to the Himalayas. On other days, he considered joining the Indian independence struggle. He started travelling the length of the country, learning regional languages along with knowledge of scriptures and Sanskrit. He ended up in the holy city of Banaras, where he came across a piece on Mahatma Gandhi, specifically about a speech he gave at the Banaras Hindu University. The course of his life was altered after he read it. He burned his entire school and college certificate on his way to Mumbai in 1916, to appear for the intermediate examination. He started corresponding with Gandhi, who being impressed with the 20-year-old Vinoba invited him to Kochrab Ashram in Ahmedabad. Vinoba met Gandhi on June 7, 1916 and took resident at the Ashram. He dutifully participated in all the activities at the ashram, leading an austere and sparse life. He eventually dedicated his life towards various programs designed by Gandhi like the Khadi Andolan, teaching, etc. The name Vinoba (a traditional Marathi epithet signifying great respect) was conferred upon him by Mama Phadke, another member of the Ashram.

ROLE IN FREEDOM STRUGGLE

Under the influence of Mahatma Gandhi, Vinoba also got involved in the Indian freedom struggle. He took part in programs of non-cooperation and especially the call for use of Swadeshi goods instead of foreign imports. He took up the spinning wheel churning out Khadi and urged others to do so, resulting in mass production of the fabric.



In 1932, accusing Vinoba Bhave of conspiring against the British rule, the government sent him to jail for six months to Dhulia. There, he explained the fellow prisoners the different subjects of ‘Bhagwad Gita’, in Marathi. All the lectures given by him on Gita in Dhulia jail were collected and later published as a book.

Till 1940, Vinoba Bhave was known only to the people around him. Mahatma Gandhi, on 5 October, 1940, introduced Bhave to the nation by issuing a statement. He was also chosen as the first Individual

Satyagrahi (an Individual standing up for Truth instead of a collective action) by Gandhi himself.

BHOODAN MOVEMENT

In 1951, Vinoba Bhave started his peace-trek on foot through the violence-torn region of Telangana. On April 18, 1951, the Harijans of the Pochampalli village requested him to provide them with around 80 acres of land to make a living. Vinoba asked the landlords of the village to come forward and save the Harijans. To everybody’s surprise, a landlord got up and offered the required land. This incident added a new chapter in the history of sacrifices and non-violence. It was the beginning of the Bhoodan (Gift of the Land) movement. The movement continued for thirteen years and Vinoba toured the length and breadth of the country, a total distance of 58741 Km. He was successful in collecting around 4.4 million acres of land, of which around 1.3 million was distributed among poor landless farmers. The movement attracted admiration from all over the world and was commended for being the only experiment of his kind to incite voluntary social justice.

RELIGIOUS WORK

Vinoba was greatly influenced by the Bhagvad Gita and his thoughts and efforts were based upon the doctrines of the Holy Book. He set up a number of Ashrams to promote a simple way of life, devoid of luxuries that took away one’s focus from the Divine. He established the Brahma Vidya Mandir in 1959, a small community for women, aiming at self-sufficiency on the lines of Mahatma Gandhi’s teachings. He took a strong stand on cow slaughter and declared to go on fast until it was banned in India.

Vinoba spent the later part of his life at his Brahma Vidya Mandir ashram in Paunar in Wardha district of Maharashtra. He died on 15 November 1982 after refusing food and medicine for a few days by accepting “Samadhi Maran” / “Santhara” as described in Jainism. ■



‘CHENNAI CONNECT’ BEGINS COOPERATION IN INDIA-CHINA RELATIONS

The Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi and the President of the People’s Republic of China Mr Xi Jinping held their Second Informal Summit in Chennai, India, on 11-12 October 2019. The two Leaders had an in-depth exchange of views in a friendly atmosphere on overarching, long-term and strategic issues of global and regional importance. They also shared their respective approaches towards national development. They evaluated the direction of bilateral relations in a positive light and discussed how India-China bilateral interaction can be deepened to reflect the growing role of both countries on the global stage. Both Leaders shared the view that the international situation is witnessing significant readjustment. They were of the view that India and China share the common objective of working for a peaceful, secure and prosperous world in which all countries can pursue their development within a rules-based international order.

They reiterated the consensus reached during the

first Informal Summit in Wuhan, China in April 2018, that India and China are factors for stability in the current international landscape and that both side will prudently manage their differences and not allow differences on any issue to become disputes.

The Leaders recognized that India and China have a common interest in preserving and advancing a rules-based and inclusive international order, including through reforms that reflect the new realities of the 21st Century. Both agreed that it is important to support and strengthen the rules-based multilateral trading system at a time when globally agreed trade practices and norms are being selectively questioned. India and China will continue to work together for open and inclusive trade arrangements that will benefit all countries.

Both Leaders also underscored the important efforts being made in their respective countries to address global developmental challenges, including climate change and the Sustainable Development Goals. They emphasized



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that their individual efforts in this regard would help the international community achieve the targets.

Both Leaders are concerned that terrorism continues to pose a common threat. As countries that are large and diverse, they recognized the importance of continuing to make joint efforts to ensure that the international community strengthens the framework against training, financing and supporting terrorist groups throughout the world and on a non-discriminatory basis.

As important contemporary civilizations with great traditions, both Leaders deemed it important to enhance dialogue in order to foster cultural understanding between the two peoples. Both Leaders also agreed that, as major civilizations in history, they can work together to enhance greater dialogue and understanding between cultures and civilizations in other parts of the world.

They shared the view that an open, inclusive, prosperous and stable environment in the region is important to ensure the prosperity and stability of the

Strategic communication has increased between the two countries: PM



In second day of informal summit on October 12 Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that 2nd Informal Summit at Mamallapuram, Chennai, Tamil Nadu has begun a “New Era of Cooperation” between India and China. Referring to the first informal summit between the two countries at Wuhan last year, Prime Minister Modi said it has brought in an “increased stability and fresh momentum in our relations.”

He said the “Strategic communication has increased between the two countries”.

The Prime Minister further said, “We have decided that we would prudently manage our differences without letting them turn into disputes, that we would be sensitive to each other’s’ concerns and that our relations strive towards World Peace and stability.”

Referring to the 2nd Informal Summit at Mamallapuram, the Prime Minister said “In the Chennai Summit we have so far had great exchange on bilateral and global issues. The Wuhan Summit has given a new momentum to our bilateral relations. Today with our Chennai Connect a new era of cooperation has begun in the relations of our two countries.”

“I thank President Xi Jinping for coming to India for our second Informal Summit. The #ChennaiConnect will add great momentum to India-China relations. This will benefit the people of our nations and the world.”

region. They also agreed on the importance of concluding negotiations for a mutually-beneficial and balanced Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership.

The two Leaders exchanged views on the age-old commercial linkages and people-to-people contacts between India and China in the past two millennia, including significant maritime contacts. In this regard the two leaders agreed on establishment of sister-state relations between Tamil Nadu and Fujian Province, exploring the possibility of establishing an academy to study links between Mahabalipuram and Fujian province on the lines of the experience between Ajanta and Dunhuang and conducting research on maritime links between China and India in view of extensive contacts over the centuries.

The two Leaders shared their mutual vision on goals for development of their respective economies. They agreed that the simultaneous development of India and China presents mutually-beneficial opportunities. The two sides will continue to adopt a positive, pragmatic and open attitude and to enhance appreciation of each other's policies and actions in line with the general direction of their friendship and cooperation. In this regard, they also agreed to continue to enhance strategic communication on all matters of mutual interest, and to continue the momentum of high-level exchanges by making full use of dialogue mechanisms.

Setting the highest level of Example, Prime Minister Plogs at Mamallapuram Beach

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who had been striving for a Swachh Bharat on October 12, once again set an example to the nation that every single individual has to put in their best effort in keeping clean surroundings. Prime Minister Modi who was taking a morning stroll along the shores of Mamallapuram plogged for over 30 minutes collecting strewn plastic and garbage. He later tweeted, "Plogging at a beach in Mamallapuram this morning. It lasted for over 30 minutes. Also handed over my 'collection' to Jeyaraj, who is a part of the hotel staff. Let us ensure our public places are clean and tidy! Let us also ensure we remain fit and healthy."

The leaders were of the view that the positive direction of ties had opened up possibilities for taking bilateral relations to greater heights. They agreed that this endeavor also required strong public support in both countries. In this context the two Leaders have decided to designate 2020 as Year of India-China Cultural and People to People Exchanges and agreed that the 70th anniversary of the establishment of India-China relations in 2020 will be fully utilized to deepen exchanges at all levels including between their respective legislatures, political parties, cultural and youth organizations and militaries. To celebrate the 70th anniversary of diplomatic relations the two countries will organize 70 activities including a conference on a ship voyage that will trace the historical connect between the two civilizations.

In pursuit of their efforts to further deepen economic cooperation and to enhance their closer development partnership, the two Leaders have decided to establish a High-Level Economic and Trade Dialogue mechanism with the objective of achieving enhanced trade and commercial relations, as well as to better balance the trade between the two countries. They have also agreed to encourage mutual investments in identified sectors through the development of a Manufacturing Partnership and tasked their officials to develop this idea at the first meeting of the High-Level Economic and Trade Dialogue.

The two Leaders have exchanged views on outstanding issues, including on the boundary question. They have welcomed the work of the Special Representatives and urged them to continue their efforts to arrive at a mutually-agreed framework for a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable settlement based on Political Parameters and Guiding Principles that were agreed by the two sides in 2005. They reiterated their understanding that efforts will continue to be made to ensure peace and tranquility in the border areas, and that both sides will continue to work on additional Confidence Building Measures in pursuit of this objective.

Prime Minister Modi and President Xi also appraised the practice of Informal Summits in a positive light as providing an important opportunity to deepen dialogue and to promote mutual understanding at the Leaders' level in line with the 'Wuhan Spirit' and the 'Chennai Connect'. They agreed to continue this practice in the future. President Xi invited Prime Minister Modi to visit China for the 3rd Informal Summit. Prime Minister Modi has accepted the invitation. ■



It is important to chronicle India's history from an Indian perspective: Amit Shah

Union Minister of Home Affairs Shri Amit Shah on October 17 addressed a seminar: Guptvanshak Veer: Skandagupta Vikramaditya at BHU, Varanasi. Also present on the occasion were the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Yogi Adityanath and Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Shri Mahendra Nath Pandey.

Shri Shah remembered the founder of BHU, Shri Madan Mohan Malviya and said that his legacy and the legacy of India's glorious culture was kept alive by the institution. He emphasized upon the importance of educational institutions in preserving and promoting the culture of a society.

Noting India's rich cultural and political growth under the Maurya and Gupta dynasties, Shri Shah remembered the contribution of both dynasties in ensuring the political stability of India. He remarked upon the role played by Gupta empire in the unification of India in ancient times.

Hailing the Gupta Era under Samudragupta as the Golden Era of India, Shri Shah said that the boundaries of India under Samudragupta stretched the entire length of the subcontinent in his time. He added that in every field from art and architecture to trade and literature, India had achieved the pinnacle of civilization in the Gupta Era. Shri Shah called for recognizing the contribution of Skandagupta in making the Indian

culture reach its zenith. He also remembered the battle campaign waged by Skandagupta against Hun invaders, and said that Skandagupta was one of the few warrior kings to have defeated Huns.

Shri Shah hailed Skandagupta as not only a great warrior, but also a skilled administrator. He said that in spite of having saved the nation from invaders, and having freed the region around Kashmir, history has not registered the contributions of Skandagupta or given him his due. He said that the responsibility to correct this lies with the present society. He called for the chronicling of history from the standpoint of Indian culture. He gave the example of Veer Savarkar, who was the first to have referred to the 1857 rebellion as the First War of India's Independence, and called for more such efforts to ensure the writing of history from a nationalistic perspective.

Shri Shah said that under the vision and leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, India has once again achieved prestige and respect on the global stage. He said that now India, as the largest democracy in the world, is recognized as an important voice in global affairs.

Shri Shah also launched a book on Skandagupta Vikramaditya on the occasion. He expressed hope that the legacy of BHU would be carried forward by the coming generations of students and scholars. ■

BETTER RELATIONS BETWEEN INDIA AND SOUTH KOREA AT PARTY LEVEL WAS MAIN PURPOSE OF THE VISIT: MURALIDHAR RAO



Recently, a six-member delegation of BJP led by party National General Secretary Shri Muralidhar Rao, visited South Korea. The visit took place from 14 October to 20 October, 2019. The members of delegation included BJP National Spokesperson Dr. Vijay Sonkar Shastri, Shri Umesh Ji Jadhav, National Convener of BJP Foreign Affairs Department Dr. Vijay Chauthaiwale, Director of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation Dr. Anirban Ganguly and BJP Foreign Affairs Department member Dr. Ashwin Johar.

BJP National General Secretary Shri Muralidhar Rao in an interaction with Sanjiv Sinha, Associate Editor, Kamal Sandesh told about the delegation's visit to South Korea and the main purpose behind this visit. Excerpts of the conversation.

A BJP delegation visited South Korea recently. What was the purpose of this visit?

The main purpose of this visit was to promote better relations between India and South Korea at the party level. South Korea is one among four countries in East Asia which is doing well on financial front and have significantly successful economy in last five decades. During the last few years South Korea has been established as a trade surplus country. By exporting, strengthening the economy, continuously increasing the growth rate, ending the poverty there, adopting very high standards of education and increasing the per capita income by 30-35 thousand

dollars, South Korea has established itself as an extremely successful and developed country.

In the last two decades South Korea has adopted a very successful democratic model and streamlined the political system. Therefore, in the coming days the political and economic relationship between India and South Korea must be mutually beneficial. In view of our Look-East policy, which is promoted by the government under the leadership of PM Shri Narendra Modiji, a seven-member delegation visited the country for 6 days to understand the country, enhancing the dialogue, exploring future possibilities for relationships and laying the foundation for relationships. I claim this visit

as a very successful one indeed.

During this visit what kind of programs were held in South Korea?

The Korea Foundation has organized all our programs. We had personal and group interactions with the important leaders of ruling Liberal Party and leaders of Conservative Party which is the opposition party in South Korea. We had a discussion on political issues, bilateral issues and the complexities involved in the relationships with the different countries with them. We met the members of the National Assembly. Apart from this, we met all the important Think Tanks on Policy issues.

The delegation also visited Tungado monastery, which is believed to fourteen hundred years old monastery of Buddhism. We also met the prominent religious leaders and had lunch and dialogue with them. Apart from this we met representatives of different industry which are important for India and hold significance in South Korea like Hyundai, Samsung, Pasco and Danku. We also met industrialists and economists. Even we went to the media houses there. The delegation also met with the different important people of the society, and discussed various topics in a planned manner.

The Prime Minister said this because both the countries got the freedom almost at the same time; India in 1947 and South Korea got separated in 1945. And now after so many years South Korea has become an industrial and technologically power despite of all the challenges. Within the last five decades, they came in line with the world's leading countries. We have to learn a lot from South Korea. So, he rightly said that South Korea is like a role model for India.

South Korea declared India as its 'Special Strategic Partner'. Please explain the trade and economic relations developing between the two countries?

Look, after adopting liberalization in 1991, the government of that time announced the 'Look-East Policy'. And thereafter we started to expand our relationship and during the Atalji's government the things picked up pretty fast in this direction. Now especially after Modi ji's government formed at the centre, both the President of South Korea and the Prime Minister of India shared a warm relationship. There mutual trust and chemistry witnessing a new high.

Being a trade surplus country, they have very good capital to invest; and we are looking forward to utilize this opportunity. And on economic front, they are investing in

many industries here, the numbers of their investment increased significantly. The trade between the two countries reached 21 billion dollars. We will move ahead in terms of reducing our trade deficit by strengthening our trade relationships with Korea in agriculture sector, space research, security, agriculture, organic foods and culture. We will prepare and handed over a report in this regard to the government and BJP National Party President.

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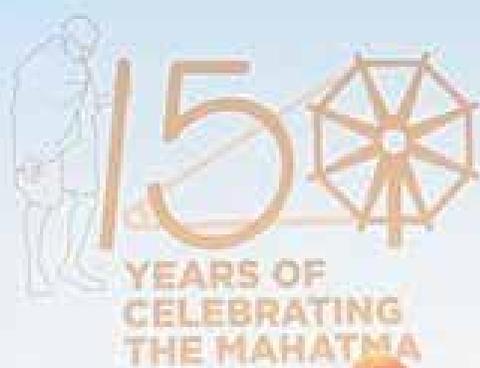
What is the perception of common people in South Korea about India?

South Korea has 20-25 percent population follows the Buddhism. They see India as their place of pilgrimage, Buddha's birthplace, Karmabhoomi,

Tapobhoomi. Therefore, they understand our natural importance and have respect for India.

Apart from this, 8 to 10 percent of the population is firm believer of Surname Kim. It is believed that the population bearing this Kim surname is related to Ayodhya. So even today, they share emotional and cultural relationships with India. The Koreans have great respect for the poem written by the Rabindranath Tagore which lauded the rebirth of South Korea and play a decisive role in the world. And not only that, they have great reverence for Indian Army who's medical unit served the people there during the North and South Korea civil war from 1950 to 1953.

They are impressed with victory of Modi government in the recently held general election. Therefore, there is a good feeling towards PM Modiji among educated class of Korea. ■



PM MODI RELEASES CULTURAL VIDEOS MARKING GANDHI@150

HAPPY TO ENSURE MAXIMUM IMPACT OF YOUR CREATIVE INITIATIVES: PM MODI

In an event organized at 7 Lok Kalyan Marg, New Delhi on 19 October, 2019, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, released four cultural videos marking the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

The event was attended by the members of the Indian film and entertainment industry including Aamir Khan, Shahrukh Khan, Rajkumar Hirani, Kangana Ranaut, Anand L Rai, S. P. Balasubrahmanyam, Sonam Kapoor, Jackie Shroff, Sonu Nigam, Ekta Kapoor, members of Tarak Mehta group, ETV group.

In an interactive session, Prime Minister thanked the creative heads and contributors for taking time out of their busy schedule for paying tributes to Mahatma

Gandhi, at his personal request.

Prime Minister urged the film and entertainment industry to channelize its energy to make entertaining, inspiring creatives that can motivate the ordinary citizens. He reminded them of their immense potential and their ability to bring about positive transformation in the society.

GANDHI, THE THOUGHT THAT CONNECTS THE WORLD

Highlighting the impact of Mahatma Gandhi in the present day, PM said that if there is one thought, one person, who can establish a connect with people all over the world, it is Gandhiji.

Recalling the Einstein challenge proposed by him, Prime Minister urged the film fraternity to use

the marvel of technology to bring Gandhian thought to the forefront.

IMPACT AND POTENTIAL OF INDIAN ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY

Prime Minister recalled his interaction with Chinese President in Mamallapuram, wherein the President had highlighted the popularity of Indian films like Dangal in China. He also mentioned about the popularity of Ramayana in South East Asia.

He further exhorted the film fraternity to utilize their soft power potential to promote tourism in India.

FUTURE ROADMAP

Prime Minister outlined that India is going to celebrate the 75th

Cinestars praise PM

In an interactive session with the Prime Minister, actor Aamir Khan thanked the Prime Minister for igniting the idea of contributing towards the cause of propagation of Mahatma Gandhi's message to the world.

Noted film director Rajkumar Hirani pointed out that the video released on 19 October, 2019 is one of many coming out with the theme of 'Change Within'. He thanked the Prime Minister for his constant inspiration, guidance and support.

Thanking the Prime Minister for creating a platform for all the film fraternity to come together and work towards a cause, Shahrukh Khan said that such initiatives will re-introduce the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi by presenting Gandhi 2.0 to the whole world.

Acclaimed film maker, Anand L Rai thanked PM for making the entertainment industry realize its potential towards nation building.



anniversary of its independence in 2022. In this regard, he requested the gathering to showcase the inspiring stories of India's freedom struggle from 1857 to 1947 and India's growth story from 1947 to 2022. He also underlined the plan to host an Annual International Entertainment Summit in India.

Prime Minister assured the film fraternity of all

the support from his government for the overall development of the entertainment industry.

The videos, centering on the theme of 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi were conceptualized and created by Rajkumar Hirani, ETV group, Tarak Mehta group and Ministry of Culture, Government of India. ■

PM CONGRATS ABHIJIT BANERJEE ON BEING CONFERRED THE 2019 NOBEL PRIZE IN ECONOMICS

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on October 14 congratulated Abhijit Banerjee on being conferred the 2019 Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel.

"Congratulations to Abhijit Banerjee on being conferred the



2019 Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel. He has made notable contributions in the field of poverty alleviation. I also congratulate Esther Duflo and Michael Kremer for winning the prestigious Nobel", the Prime Minister said. ■

**PRIME MINISTER SHRI NARENDRA
MODI INTERACTS WITH BHARATIYA
JANATA PARTY KARYAKARTAS FROM
VARANASI VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE**

**‘I DERIVE
MY ENERGY
FROM PARTY
KARYAKARTAS’**



P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 24 October 2019 interacted with Karyakartas of Bhartiya Janta Party through Video Conference under the Deepotsav Karyakarta Samvaad. The Karyakartas were assembled at five different locations in Varanasi viz. Varanasi North, Varanasi South, Varanasi Cantt, Rohania and Sewapuri.

Prime Minister welcomed the Karyakartas and wished everyone a very Happy and prosperous Diwali, Bhai Dooj and Chhath. He asked them to recall, in the times of festivities, the contribution of those who work for us in the background to ensure our freedom, safety and well-being - our armed forces, police personnel and paramilitary staff.

Stressing on the importance of celebrating Gandhi @150, Prime Minister noted the positive

impact of Gandhi Padyatras in spreading the message of Bapu. He urged everyone to buy locally, starting from their village to district to state. This will boost the local economy, generate jobs and empower the local community. He also asked people to work towards empowerment of women especially girl child and requested them to highlight the achievements of women under 'Bharat ki Laxmi' initiative.

Prime Minister exhorted the Karyakartas to spread information about social security schemes of government like Ayushman Bharat so that benefit could reach the last mile. He highlighted the jump in India's ranking in the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business Index. He also outlined the efforts of the government to curb the menace of single-use plastics, improve

infrastructure, build houses for the poor and other such schemes to ensure Ease of Living.

Taking stock of the developmental activities in Kashi, Prime Minister highlighted increase in tourism and consolidation of medical infrastructure through setting up of Cancer Hospitals. He thanked the families who have given up their property to facilitate the development of Kashi Vishwanath Dham Corridor, which is facilitating a facelift of Kashi.

That he derives his energy from the party Karyakartas, Prime Minister asked them to regularly meet the Senior Karyakartas in order to learn from their indomitable spirit in the face of insurmountable odds. He also paid tribute to Late Shri Kameshwar Narayn Singh, the veteran BJP Karyakarta who passed away recently. ■

In a historic decision Modi Govt. gives ownership rights to 40 lakh people in Delhi's unauthorized colonies

In a major decision, the Union Cabinet on October 23 approved regulations for conferring or recognizing ownership or mortgage or transfer rights to 40 lakh residents of 1,797 unauthorized colonies in Delhi.

The Bill will be introduced in the next session of Parliament during the Winter Session that commences on November 18. The development comes just a few months ahead of the Delhi Legislative Assembly elections, scheduled to take place in early 2020.

The decision will benefit more than 40 lakh residents of unauthorized colonies spread over around 175 sq kms, as development or redevelopment can now take place in these colonies resulting in a clean, secure and healthy living environment, said Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Shri Hardeep Singh Puri.

This initiative will address major issues being faced by the residents of unauthorized colonies such as lack of ownership or transfer rights, provision of basic infrastructure and civic amenities.

"With recognition of property documents, the property holders in these colonies can now enter into valid property transactions. Besides providing a legitimate claim to the property, the decision will encourage property holders to invest in safe structures, thereby improving the living conditions in these colonies substantially.

"Ownership rights will be conferred to the people who are living there whether they are living on private land or government land because many of these transactions have taken place on the basis of general power of attorney or some other documentation. We have decided to go ahead and confer these rights which will enable the inhabitants of these colonies to apply for permission, to raise FAR, to build, to sell, to take a loan and all manner of transactions," Shri Puri

told reporters.

The rights will be conferred on payment of nominal charge based on carpet area/plot size. For colonies on Government land, the charge will be 0.5% (for less than 100 sq m), 1% (for 100 - 250 sqm) and 2.5% (for greater than 250 sqm), of the circle rate of highest category of locality of the residential area surrounding the unauthorized colonies, Shri Puri said.

For colonies on private land, the charge will be half of the charge on government land, he said.

DDA will lay down a simplified procedure for issuing conveyance deed and registration of property. Multiple plots/flats holders will be charged on the rate applicable to area by clubbing all properties.

Residents will have option to pay charge in three equal installments to be paid in a year. Any person paying full amount in one installment will get the ownership rights immediately. Provisional rights will be given on payment of 02 installments, which will be converted to permanent rights after full and final payment.

Late payment to attract simple interest at the rate of 8% per annum.

In order to confer or recognize ownership or mortgage or transfer rights to residents of UCs, a Committee, headed by the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi, was constituted, with approval of the Union Cabinet, to recommend the process for conferment/recognition of rights of ownership or transfer or mortgage of property and thereby create an opportunity for redevelopment of such areas in a planned manner. Based on the recommendations of the Committee and elaborate consultations with all stakeholders the above proposals to notify revised Regulations and introduce a Bill in the Parliament have been finalised. ■



INDIAN RAILWAYS LAUNCHES 09 'SEWA SERVICE' TRAINS IN EIGHT STATES

Indian Railways launches 09 'Sewa Service' Train on October 15 to connect smaller towns around major cities. These services were launched by the Minister of Railways and Commerce & Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal along with Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Science and Technology and Earth Sciences, Dr. Harsh Vardhan and Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Steel, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, from New Delhi by inaugurating Delhi-Shamli passenger train. Other trains were flagged off through video-conferencing connected to the terminal stations where these trains are to start. Minister of State of Railways, Shri Suresh C. Angadi, MP, Lok Sabha, Smt. Meenakshi Lekhi and other dignitaries were also present on the occasion.

Of 09 'Sewa Service' trains in eight states, four trains will run on a daily basis and other five, 6 days a week.

- Vadnagar – Mahesana DEMU (6 days a week) -

Gujarat

- Asarva – Himmatnagar DEMU (6 days a week)- Gujarat
- Karur – Salem DEMU (6 days a week)- Tamil Nadu
- Coimbatore – Pollachi Passenger (6 days a week)- Tamil Nadu
- Coimbatore – Palani Passenger (Daily)- Tamil Nadu
- Yesvantpur – Tumkur DEMU (6 days a week) - Karnataka
- Murkongselek – Dibrugarh Passenger (Daily) - Assam
- Bhubaneswar – Nayagarh Express (Daily) - Assam
- Delhi – Shamli Passenger (Daily)

Speaking on the occasion, Minister of Railways and Commerce & Industry Shri Piyush Goyal said, these trains will provide connectivity to the far-flung areas where stoppages of premiere trains was not possible. These trains will act as link trains to serve the common man of the country. ■

Chenani-Nashri tunnel in Jammu & Kashmir renamed after Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee

The Central government has renamed the Chenani-Nashri tunnel road, the longest in India, after Bharatiya Jana Sangh founder Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee. Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Shri Nitin Gadkari in Presence of Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh and others in a simple function on 24 October, 2019 in New Delhi renamed the longest in India through video conferencing.

For the first time, a monumental project named after Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee, who was arrested while entering Udhampur at Lakhanpur on 11th May 1953.



Later, he was driven through this National Highway to be lodged as detainee at Srinagar.

Earlier, Shri Nitin Gadkari announced the decision saying that "Mookerjee's struggle for "one nation, one flag" has contributed to "national integration". "Historic! Chenani-Nashri Tunnel on NH 44, in Jammu and Kashmir, to be

named after Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee. This is our humble homage to Shyama Prasad Ji whose battle for Kashmir, One Nation One Flag has immensely contributed in national integration".

Udhampur MP and Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh had proposed the name change.

"In response to a proposal moved by me as the MP from the area, Ministry of MORTH has announced the naming of Chenani-Nashri tunnel after Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee. Thanks Respected PM Shri Narendra Modi ji. Thanks respected Shri Nitin Gadkari ji," Dr. Singhhe tweeted. ■

INDIA GETS FIRST TRANCHE OF SWISS BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

India has on October 7, 2019 received the first tranche of details about financial accounts of its residents in Swiss banks under a new automatic exchange of information framework between the two countries, marking a significant milestone in the fight against black money suspected to be stashed abroad. India figures among 75 countries with which Switzerland's Federal Tax Administration (FTA) has exchanged information on financial accounts within the framework of global standards on AEOI, an FTA spokesperson told PTI.

This is the first time that India has received details from Switzerland under the AEOI framework, which provides for exchange of information on financial accounts that are currently active as well as those accounts that were closed during 2018. The next exchange would take place in September 2020, the spokesperson added. India's Swiss black money probe reaches 'software' firm in Andheri bylane

Overall, the FTA has sent information on around

3.1 million financial accounts to the partner states and received information on around 2.4 million from them. The exchanged information include identification, account and financial information. These include name, address, state of residence and tax identification number, as well information concerning the financial institution, account balance and capital income.

However, it is feared many Indians might have closed their accounts after a global crackdown on black money led to Switzerland buckling under pressure to open its banking sector for scrutiny to clear the long-held perception of Swiss banks being safe haven for undisclosed funds. However, the AEOI only relates to accounts that are officially in the name of Indian residents and they might include those used for business and other genuine purposes. Switzerland agreed to AEOI with India after months-long process, including review of necessary legal framework in India on data protection and confidentiality. ■

Cabinet approves relaxation of Aadhaar data for release of PM Kisan Nidhi

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on October 9 approved the relaxation of the mandatory requirement of Aadhaar Seeded data as a pre-condition for release of funds to the beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-Kisan) scheme.

The scheme provides income support of Rs 6,000 per year to landholding families, subject to certain exclusions. The amount is released in three 4-monthly

instalments of Rs 2,000 each directly to the bank accounts of the beneficiaries through DBT mode.

Under this scheme, after 1st August, 2019, release of 3rd Instalment onwards to those beneficiaries who got first instalment during December, 2018 - March, 2019 and 2nd instalment during April-July, 2019 is to be made only on the basis of Aadhaar seeded database. Similarly, after 1st August, 2019, release of 2nd instalment

onwards to those who got 1st instalment during April-July, 2019 is to be made only on the basis of Aadhaar seeded database. Again, after 1st August, 2019, release of 1st instalment onwards to the rest of the beneficiaries after 1st August, 2019 is to be made only on the basis of Aadhaar seeded database. Farmers in the States of Assam, Meghalaya and J&K, where there has not been enough Aadhaar penetration, have been exempted from this requirement till 31.3.2020. ■

INDIA RETAINS WORLD'S FASTEST-GROWING ECONOMY RANK: IMF

India retains its rank as the world's fastest-growing major economy, tying with China, with a projected growth rate of 6.1 per cent for the current fiscal year said an IMF release despite an almost one per cent cut in the forecast. However, the IMF's World Economic Outlook (WEO) projected India's economy to pick up and grow by 7 per cent in the 2020 fiscal year. The WEO cut India's growth rate by 0.9 per cent from the 7 per cent made in July and by 1.2 percent from the 7.3 per cent in April.

The world economy is projected to grow only 3 per cent this year and 3.4 per cent next year amid a "synchronised slowdown", according to the WEO.

IMF's projected growth rate of 6.1 per cent for 2019-20 is consistent with the Indian Monetary Policy Committee's forecast.

WEO projected China's economic growth to slow down to 5.8 per cent next year. In the Euro area, growth is projected to be only 1.2 percent this year and 1.4 next year, with the German economy expected to grow by a

dismal 0.5 per cent this year.

United States is expected to slightly better with a 2.1 per cent growth projected for this year and 2.4 per cent for the next. Gopinath blamed the global slowdown on rising trade barriers, uncertainty surrounding trade and geopolitics, and structural factors, such as low productivity growth and an aging population in developed countries.

India's future "growth will be supported by the lagged effects of monetary policy easing, a reduction in corporate income tax rates, recent measures to address corporate and environmental regulatory uncertainty, and government programs to support rural consumption", it added.

In the medium term, the IMF expects India's growth to stabilise at about 7.3 per cent over the medium term, based on continued implementation of structural reforms. The IMF suggested that India should use monetary policy and broad-based structural reforms to address cyclical weakness and strengthen confidence. ■

Union Cabinet approves revival plan of BSNL and MTNL and in-principle merger of the two

The Union Cabinet on October 23, 2019 approved the proposal for revival of BSNL and MTNL by administrative allotment of spectrum for 4G services, debt restructuring by raising of bonds with sovereign guarantee, reducing employee costs, monetisation of assets and in-principle approval of merger of BSNL & MTNL.

Administrative allotment of spectrum for 4G services to BSNL and MTNL so as to enable these PSUs to provide broadband and other data services. The said Spectrum will be funded by the Government of India by capital infusion in these PSUs at a value of Rs 20,140 Cr in addition; the GST amount of Rs 3,674 Cr to this spectrum value will also be borne by the Government of India through Budgetary resources. By using this spectrum allotment, BSNL and MTNL will be able to

deliver 4G services, compete in the market and provide high speed data using their vast network including in rural areas.

BSNL and MTNL will also offer Voluntary Retirement to their employees, aged 50 years and above through attractive Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS), the cost of which will be borne by the Government of India through budgetary support. The ex-gratia component of VRS will require Rs. 17,169 Cr in addition, GoI will be meeting the cost towards Pension, Gratuity and Commutation. Details of the scheme will be finalised by BSNL/MTNL.

It is expected that with the implementation of said revival plan, BSNL and MTNL will be able to provide reliable and quality services through its robust telecommunication network throughout the country including rural and remote areas. ■



PM Shri Narendra Modi welcomes the President of China Mr. Xi Jinping at the Pancha Rathas complex in Mamallapuram, Tamil Nadu



PM Shri Narendra Modi exchanging the gifts with the President of China Mr. Xi Jinping in Mamallapuram, Tamil Nadu



Setting an example of highest standers PM Shri Narendra Modi collecting plastic bottles and waste from Mamallapuram sea beach in Tamil Nadu



PM Shri Narendra Modi interacting with the film stars during the release of four cultural videos on Gandhi@150 in New Delhi



Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah paying tributes at National Police Memorial on Police Commemoration Day, New Delhi

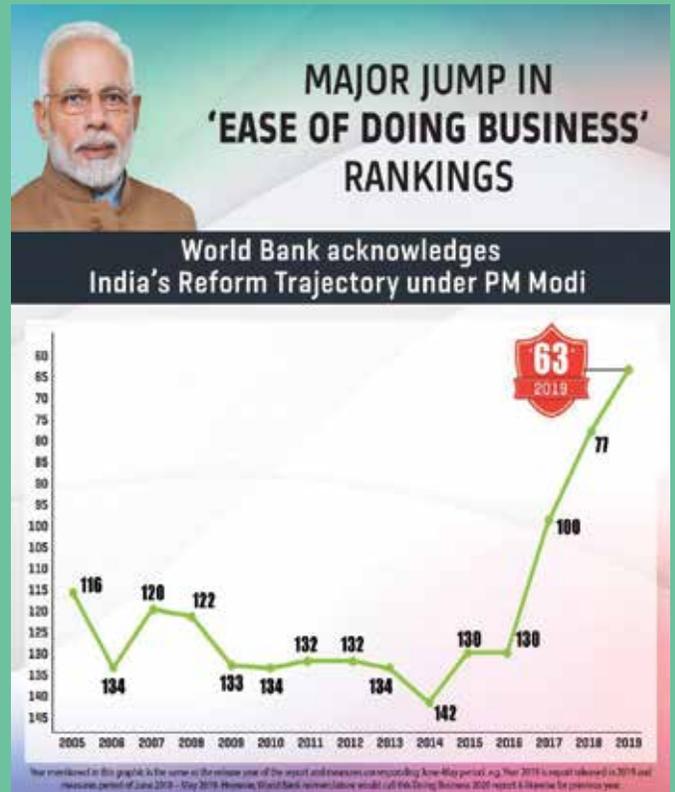


UPI CROSSES 1 BILLION TRANSACTIONS IN OCTOBER

Modi Govt's initiatives ensure easy,
safe & modern transactions

- UPI recently crossed 100 million users, fastest adoption of any system globally
- Work is on to make the network global, making UPI acceptable in Singapore & UAE
- Waiving off merchant fees for payments up to Rs 100 has helped the growth

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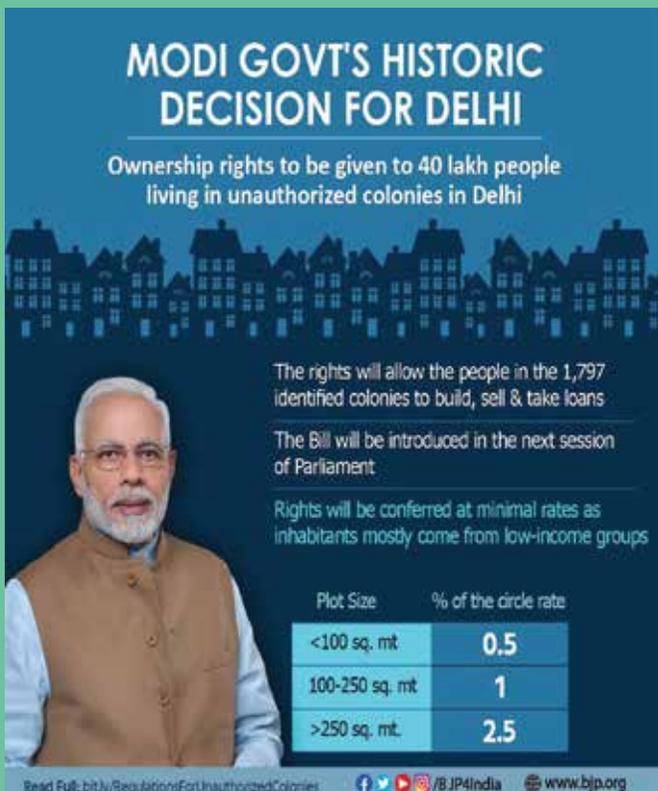
MAJOR JUMP IN 'EASE OF DOING BUSINESS' RANKINGS

World Bank acknowledges
India's Reform Trajectory under PM Modi



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2016	130
2017	100
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2019	63

Year mentioned in this graph is the same as the release year of the report and measures corresponding June-May period. e.g. Year 2019 is report released in 2019 and measure period of June 2018 - May 2019. However, World Bank normally would call this Doing Business 2020 report & figure for previous year.



MODI GOVT'S HISTORIC DECISION FOR DELHI

Ownership rights to be given to 40 lakh people
living in unauthorized colonies in Delhi

The rights will allow the people in the 1,797 identified colonies to build, sell & take loans

The Bill will be introduced in the next session of Parliament

Rights will be conferred at minimal rates as inhabitants mostly come from low-income groups

Plot Size	% of the circle rate
<100 sq. mt.	0.5
100-250 sq. mt.	1
>250 sq. mt.	2.5

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AYUSHMAN BHARAT

Major milestone achieved
50 lakh
citizens benefited

 Aims to provide easy access to medical facilities to over 10.74 crore poor people	 16,085 Hospitals empanelled
 17,150 Health & Wellness Centers operational	 10 crore e-Cards issued