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AYODHYA VERDICT

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BJP National Working President Shri JP Nadda interacting with the beneficiaries of 'Ayushman Bharat Yojna' in Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh

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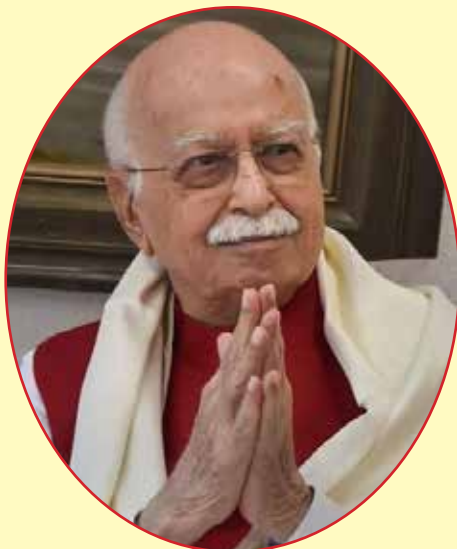
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JEEVEM SHARDAH SHATAM !

Birthday : 08 November

Kamal Sandesh Parivar wishes former Deputy Prime Minister of India Shri Lal Krishna Advani a very Happy Birthday and prays for his good health and long life.

UNANIMOUS VERDICT ACCEPTED UNANIMOUSLY

The nation has welcomed the Supreme Court verdict on Shri Ram Janmabhoomi with a sense of satisfaction and fulfilment. The nation has also shown a rare sense of responsibility and unanimity in respecting the verdict in its letter and spirit. A unanimous verdict of the Supreme Court has been received unanimously by the people cutting across different communities in the country. It is the strength of the Indian democracy, its constitution and judicial process that even an issue which appeared extremely difficult can be resolved within the framework of law, jurisprudence and justice. The issue of Shri Ram Janmabhoomi which can be traced back to early 16th century and lingered in different courts for decades has finally reached its denouement with a verdict which has been recorded in the history with golden letters. The Hon'ble judges of the Constitutional Bench have created an example to be emulated by others by showing that even the most complex challenges can be met with zeal, commitment and resolve and a solution can be found even in most extreme circumstances. The unanimous verdict of the Constitution Bench has further elevated the reputation of judiciary, established the efficacy of judicial process, shown to the world the power of the Indian constitution and further strengthened the democracy in India.

The nation has witnessed a long and excruciating journey in getting the Ayodhya verdict in favour of the construction of a grand temple of Shri Ram at his birthplace. A comprehensive debate on Shri Ram Janmanbhoomi has taken place in the country wherein its imprint can be felt on the social, judicial, historical, religious traditional and processes and matters relating to beliefs in the society. The debate has further strengthened our constitution, judiciary, judicial process, political environment and democratic values. The verdict should not be seen as the victory or defeat of any community, rather it is the outcome of the multi-linear comprehensive debate and dialogue helping to address the issues in more mature manner. In the same spirit the entire country has welcomed the outcome with open heartedness and accepted the verdict with open mind while maintaining harmonious environment in the country. India for centuries is known for mutual harmony, co-existence, tolerance and peace. The Indian society known for its remarkable plurality has completed a long journey believing and practising these values. Despite having differences of opinion on several issues, the people have been moving together accepting the outcome with open mind. The people are committed to pursue the age long traditions of a harmonious environment in the society in the days to come.

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has rightly appealed to the people saying that the verdict is neither a win nor a loss for anyone. He has further said that the time has come to strengthen the *rashtrabhakti*, the devotion for the nation. BJP National President Shri Amit Shah has also said that this decision will further strengthen India's unity, integrity and great culture. BJP Working President Shri JP Nadda has echoed the same sentiments and said India will continue to grow stronger on the principles of unity along with its cultural heritage. BJP has welcomed the verdict with great satisfaction as it has remained committed to the construction of Shri Ram temple in Ayodhya while making all sincere and positive efforts all through these years. As the path for building a grand temple of Lord Shri Ram has been cleared by the Supreme Court, a longstanding issue has come to an end and gates for building a New India open before the people. The grand temple of Shri Ram will definitely represent the grand cultural heritage of India since ancient past, and as a grand temple should also represent a great nation, each and every citizen has the duty to rededicate oneself in the service of *Maa Bharati* to reclaim the greatness and glory for the great nation. ■

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Settling a fractious issue that goes back to more than centuries, the highest Court of the country in a historic verdict on 09 November, 2019 backed the construction of a Shri Ram temple by a trust at the disputed site in Ayodhya, and ruled that an alternative five-acre plot must be provided by the Central government for a mosque in the limits of the holy town of Ayodhya.

Delivering a unanimous judgement on a case that has long polarized the country, a five-judge bench of the apex court headed by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi said, 'The faith of Hindus that Lord Ram was born at the site was undisputed, and he is symbolically the owner of the land'.

The judgement treated the case as a title dispute over land between three parties -- the Sunni Muslim Waqf Board, the Nirmohi Akhara, a Hindu group, and the symbolic Lord Rama designated as Ram Lalla Virajman.

"The dispute is over immovable property. The court does not decide title on the basis of faith or belief but on the basis of evidence," the judgement, delivered at the end of a marathon 40-day hearing--the second longest in the history of apex court said.

The apex court bench headed by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi and comprised justices SA Bobde, Ashok Bhushan, DY Chandrachud and S Abdul Nazeer unanimously concluded that, "The faith of the Hindus that Lord Ram was born at the demolished structure is undisputed".

The verdict in the Ram Janmbhoomi-Babri Masjid land dispute case, one of the most significant judgements in India's history, runs into 1,045 pages.

The judgement was widely welcomed by all sections of people, politicians, Hindu & Muslim religious groups and leaders. All political and religious leaders called for peace and calm, and leaders across the political spectrum noted that it was now

SHRI RAM JANMABHUMI CASE IN AYODHYA

"WAS UNDISPUTED AND HE IS OWNER OF THE LAND"

A WIN OR LOSS FOR ANYBODY: PM



Ranjan Gogoi, CJI



Sharad Arvind Bobde



DY Chandrachud



Ashok Bhushan



S Abdul Nazeer

time to move on.

"Whether it is devotion to Ram or Rahim, now is time for everybody to strengthen devotion to India," Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said in a tweet.

Home Minister and BJP National President Shri Amit Shah appealed to all communities to accept the verdict and maintain peace and remain committed for 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' while Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh urged everyone to take the verdict

with equanimity and magnanimity.

The Congress said it respects the verdict and is in favour of construction of Shri Ram temple.

The dispute over the site of Shri Ram Janmabhumi in Ayodhya where Mughal Emperor Babar is said to have built a three-domed mosque by razing the existing Shri Ram temple in 1528-29 was the main cause behind all the controversy. However, it turned into a legal dispute in 1885 when a Mahant went to

'TEMPLE OF JUSTICE' HAS RESOLVED DECADES OLD DISPUTE AMICABLY': PM MODI

The Supreme Court verdict on Ayodhya will strengthen people's faith in judicial processes, said Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 09 November, 2019 and appealing for peace and harmony.

The Prime Minister reiterated his statement that the verdict "should not be seen as anybody's win or loss". "The 'temple of justice' has resolved decades old dispute amicably," Shri Modi said.

"The Honourable Supreme Court has given its verdict on the Ayodhya issue. This verdict shouldn't be seen as a win or loss for anybody. Be it Ram Bhakti or Rahim Bhakti, it is imperative that we strengthen the spirit of Rashtra Bhakti. May peace and harmony prevail!," the Prime Minister tweeted.

"PEACE MAINTAINED BY 130 CRORE INDIANS MANIFESTS COMMITMENT TO PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE"

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi appreciated the calm and peace maintained by people following Supreme Court's verdict in the Ayodhya dispute. "The calm and peace maintained by 130 crore Indians in the run-up to today's verdict manifests India's inherent commitment to peaceful coexistence. May this very spirit of unity and togetherness power the development trajectory of our nation. May every Indian be empowered," he wrote on the micro blogging site Twitter.



Narendra Modi @narendramodi

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Just after the verdict, PM Shri Modi had asked people to strengthen the spirit of 'Rashtra Bhakti' and maintain peace and harmony.

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court seeking permission to build a canopy outside the mosque for daily puja. The plea was dismissed.

In December 1949, Sant Digvijay Nath of Gorakhnath Math joined the Akhil Bharatiya Ramayana Mahasabha and organised a 9-day continuous recitation of the Ramcharit Manas, at the end of which Hindu activists placed the idols of Lord Ram and Sita inside the central dome of the mosque. The structure was destroyed by uncontrolled large gathering of kar Sevaks on December 6, 1992.

The court judgement said "The Constitution must ensure that a wrong committed must be remedied". As part of remedy for that wrong, the court asked the government to allot a five-acre plot in a prominent

location in the holy town of Ayodhya in Uttar Pradesh for constructing a new mosque.

The disputed 2.77-acre plot will for now remain with a Central government receiver, who will hand it over to a government-created trust that must be created within three months. The trust will be tasked with the construction of the temple.

The judgement said, "On the balance of probabilities, there is clear evidence to indicate that the worship by the Hindus in the outer courtyard" has continued unimpeded even before 1857 when the British annexed Oudh region. "The Muslims have offered no evidence to indicate that they were in exclusive possession" of the mosque before 1857,

A MOMENT OF FULFILMENT FOR ME: L.K ADVANI

Commenting on the historic judgment former Deputy Prime Minister Shri Lal Krishna Advani stated:

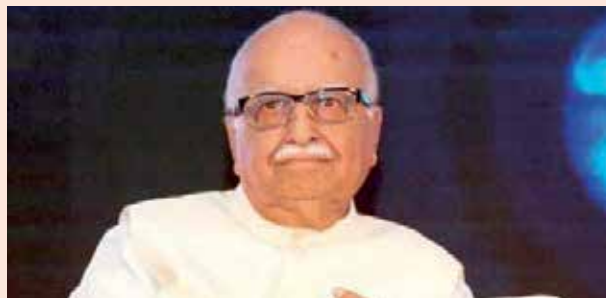
“I join all my countrymen in wholeheartedly welcoming the historic judgement delivered by the five-member Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court in the Ayodhya matter.

I stand vindicated, and feel deeply blessed, that the Supreme Court has given its unanimous verdict paving the way for the construction of a magnificent temple for Lord Ram at Ramjanmabhoomi in Ayodhya.

This is a moment of fulfilment for me because God Almighty had given me an opportunity to make my own humble contribution to the mass movement, the biggest since India's Freedom Movement, aimed at the outcome which the Supreme Court's verdict today has made possible.

I have always stressed that Ram and Ramayana occupy an esteemed place in India's cultural and civilizational heritage and Ramjanmabhoomi holds a special and sacred place in the hearts of crores of our countrymen in India and abroad. Therefore, it is gratifying that their belief and sentiments have been respected.

I also welcome the apex court's decision that five acres of land be given at a prominent place for the building of a mosque in Ayodhya.



Today's judgement is the culmination of a long and contentious process that played itself out in various forums – both judicial and non-judicial – in the past many decades. Now that the prolonged Mandir-Masjid dispute in Ayodhya has come to an end, the time has come to leave all contention and acrimony behind and embrace communal concord and peace. Towards this end, I appeal to all sections of our diverse society to work together to strengthen India's national unity and integrity.

In the course of the Ramjanmabhoomi Movement, I had often stated that the true purpose of constructing a Ram Mandir at Ayodhya is to construct a magnificent Rashtra Mandir – building India as a strong, prosperous, peaceful and harmonious nation with justice for all and exclusion of none. Let us rededicate ourselves to that noble mission today.”

it said.

The verdict was pronounced on 14 appeals filed in the apex court against the 2010 Allahabad High Court judgment, delivered in four civil suits, that the 2.77-acre land in Ayodhya be partitioned equally among the three parties -- the Sunni Waqf Board, the Nirmohi Akhara and 'Ram Lalla'.

The bench said the high court wrongly decided the title suit by resorting to partitioning of the disputed land in three parts. “The disputed site was government land in the revenue records,” the court said adding, “The fact that there is a temple beneath the destroyed structure has been established by the Archaeological Survey of India(ASI) and the underlying structure was

not an Islamic structure.”

A five-judge bench headed by Chief Justice of India (CJI) Ranjan Gogoi finished the hearing in the long-standing dispute on October 16 and said he would deliver the verdict before he retires on November 17. On November 8, it was announced that the verdict will be delivered a day later at 10:30 AM.

RSS Sarsanghchalak Shri Mohan Bhagwat, said the building of a Ram temple is a long-held objective but the verdict should not be seen as anybody's victory or defeat.

C S Vaidyanathan, lawyer for deity 'Ram Lalla', said the verdict is very balanced and it is a victory of people. The Nirmohi Akhara said it has no “regrets”

DECISION WILL FURTHER STRENGTHEN INDIA'S UNITY, INTEGRITY AND GREAT CULTURE: AMIT SHAH

Home Minister and BJP National President Shri Amit Shah on 09 November, 2019 welcomed the Supreme Court judgement on the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid title suit, saying the order will prove to be a milestone and further strengthen India's unity and integrity.

In a series of tweets, Shri Amit Shah appealed to all communities and religions to accept the decision of the apex court with ease and remain committed to 'Ek Bharat-Shreshtha Bharat' (one India, great India).

"I welcome the Supreme Court's unanimous decision on Shri Ram Janmabhoomi. I appeal to people of all communities and religions to accept this decision with ease and remain committed to our resolve of 'Ek Bharat-Shreshtha Bharat', full of peace and harmony.

"I am confident that this landmark judgement given by the Supreme Court will prove to be a milestone in itself. This decision will further strengthen India's unity, integrity and great culture," he said.

Shri Amit Shah said the legal dispute over the



site at Ayodhya has been going on for decades and the apex court has finalized with this decision now. "I congratulate the justice system of India and all the justices," he said.

I express my gratitude to all the organisations, Sant Samaj of the entire country and countless unknown people who have tried it for so many years," Shri Shah said.

regarding the verdict.

Prominent Muslim leaders also welcomed the decision and appealed for peace and harmony.

UP FULLY COMMITTED TO MAINTAIN AN ATMOSPHERE OF PEACE, SECURITY AND HARMONY

UP CM Shri Yogi Adityanath Thanking the Supreme Court for giving its verdict on the world's oldest dispute said, "People around the world have accepted this verdict. This is commendable and respectable. I want to thank media for putting the whole issue as a positive note. This decision is giving a larger message. This is for 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat'. This is the power of 136 crore Indians. This verdict is given by all of the judges unanimously. This shows the belief in each other and it shows we can take strong decisions in

extreme conditions."

"I have always noticed how Ayodhya was ignored. It is like a vanvaas to Lord Ram. Now Ayodhya shall



JUDGEMENT AN EXAMPLE OF ALL INCLUSIVE VIEWS REPRESENTING ALL SECTIONS OF THE SOCIETY: JP NADDA

In a Press Release by BJP National Working President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda the Bharatiya Janata Party welcomed the landmark and unanimous decision of the Supreme Court of India in the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi case.

The release said, "The details of the Judgement is an example of all inclusive views representing all sections of the society. We welcome the historic judgement. It has not only solved all the issues related to it, but it is also going to give further strength to our great tradition of peace, unity and goodwill".

The BJP welcomes and thanks the Hon'ble Supreme Court, Hon'ble Judges and especially the bench headed by the Chief Justice of India for this decisive and time-bound decision, which ensured the daily hearing and resolved the matter pending for decades. The Bharatiya Janata Party welcomes and salutes the people of the country who have united and kept the social, cultural and spiritual fabric of the country intact.

The Bharatiya Janata Party appeals to the countrymen to welcome the decision wholeheartedly and set an example to save the invaluable legacy of equality, social harmony and peace without paying any attention to rumors. This decision has given a clear message that we are united and the roots of democracy in India are very strong.

As our Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has said that keeping the dignity of the judiciary of the country paramount, all sides of the society, socio-cultural organizations all the parties related to this case have welcomed and taken commendable steps to create a peaceful and positive atmosphere in the past. Even after this decision of the court, we all have to maintain



harmony together.

The Bharatiya Janata Party welcomes & expresses the belief that this decision will end all disputes related to this matter and India will continue to grow stronger on the principles of unity alongwith its cultural heritage.

The Bharatiya Janata Party has always been committed to the construction of the Ram temple. From Palampur resolution till date, BJP has played a positive role on this issue and performed all its responsibilities. It is a matter of great satisfaction for us that Lord Rama's temple issue has been resolved during the NDA government led by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. Whenever the history of the country will be re-written, this tenure of the Bharatiya Janata Party government at the center will be written in golden letters. We welcome this historic judgement.

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI

The trust that will be responsible for the construction of a Ram temple would have to be considerate about keeping people united.

"I welcome the verdict. But the trust that will look after the construction of the Ram temple will have to be considerate about keeping intact unity among people".



be known in a new light and with a new glory".

He said all should cooperate in maintaining the unity and harmony of the country. The Government of Uttar Pradesh is fully committed to maintain an atmosphere of peace, security and harmony. ■

LEADERS HAIL AYODHYA VERDICT

"Further to today's unanimous verdict by 5-Judge bench of Supreme Court on Ayodhya issue, let's leave the past behind and move towards building an India of peace, harmony & prosperity. India is the winner from this judgement. Our desire and ability to live together has triumphed".

— **M VENKAIAH NAIDU** (Vice President of India)

Its a landmark judgement which should be accepted by all of us with humility. I appeal to the people to maintain peace and calm.

— **RAJNATH SINGH** (Union Defence Minister)

The people should respect the decision of the Supreme Court with peace and discipline.

— **NITIN GADKARI** (Union Minister)

Welcoming the unanimous decision. The judgement of the apex court was historic, balanced and judicious.

— **PRAKASH JAVDEKAR** (Union Minister)

"Lord Ram always talked of Maryaadit Aacharan. Let us renew the pledge for peace, amity and understanding. Let India grow further and prosper inspired by the eternal principles of our civilizational heritage."

"A historic day when a landmark judgment has been delivered upholding the majesty of the judicial system of India. It is a victory for India. We all salute the judgment".

— **RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD** (Union Minister)

"The Supreme Court judgement on decades-old Ayodhya matter should be welcomed and respected wholeheartedly by all of us. It's our collective responsibility to strengthen unity, social harmony, brotherhood in the country".

— **MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI** (Union Minister)

"While respecting the court's decision, we all have to maintain mutual harmony. This is the time for bondage, faith and love among all of us Indians."

— **RAHUL GANDHI** (Former Congress President)

The Supreme Court has delivered a historic judgement which should not be seen as anybody's victory or loss. People should now forget disputes of past and work together to build Ram temple.

— **DR. MOHAN BHAGWAT** (RSS Sarsanghchalak)

The Supreme Court's judgment in the case of the disputed land in Ayodhya is a significant and decisive step towards the construction of a temple of Lord Ram. In a statement, VHP urged the Centre to take expeditious steps for early construction of a grand temple.

— **VISHWA HINDU PARISHAD** (VHP)

"The SC verdict is correct because we all had said that we will accept the verdict delivered by the SC. Now, Muslims must not challenge it and should accept the decision as it is."

— **AHMED BUKHARI** (Jama Masjid's Shahi Imam)

We humbly accept SC verdict, I am thankful to god that Muslims, by and large, have accepted this verdict and the dispute has ended now. I think the matter should just end now .

— **MAULANA KALBE JAWAD** (Shia Cleric)

A welcome verdict by the Supreme Court & shall lead to finality of the issue. The very fact that its a unanimous jdgmnt is being under appreciated. Its in itself a strong message. No judgment can satisfy everybody. The verdict will close doors of politicising the issue.

— **ABHISHEK SINGHVI** (Congress Leader)

We welcome Supreme Court decision by heart. And all should welcome the decision.

— **JAFAR FARUQI** (Sunni Central Waqf Board)

SC REFERRED TO BOOKS, TRAVELOGUES, ARCHAEOLOGICAL REPORTS, PHOTOS, INSCRIPTIONS ON PILLARS IN AYODHYA VERDICT

The Supreme Court referred to books on subjects as diverse as history, culture, archaeology and religion in languages as varied as Sanskrit, Hindi, Urdu, Persian, Turkish, French and English in its judgment on the Ayodhya land dispute.

The apex court bench, headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi perused 533 documentary exhibits, including religious texts, travelogues, archaeological excavation reports, photographs of the site prior to demolition of the mosque and details of artifacts found at the disputed site.

The exhibits also included gazetteers and translations of inscriptions on pillars. On January 10, 2019, the top court had directed its Registry to inspect the records and if required, engage official translators.

On February 7, 2002, counsel for the petitioners in suit number five filed a report before the Allahabad High

Court pertaining to the Ayodhya Vishnu Hari temple inscription and under the court's orders, an e-stampage was prepared and was deciphered by an epigraphist, the apex court said.

It also referred to translated versions of Ain-i-Akbari, which was completed in the 16th century during Mughal emperor Akbar's regime.

"The Ain-i-Akbari was work of Abul-Fazl Allami, who was one of the ministers in Akbar's court. The Aini-Akbari was translated by H Blochmann from Persian to English. By its order dated March 18, 2010, the high court permitted the text to be relied on..." the bench said.

It said travelogues of Father Joseph Tieffenthaler, which were translated from Latin to French and then its English translations were filed before the high court, were extensively relied on by counsels arguing in the title dispute.

HOW FOREIGN MEDIA REACTED TO AYODHYA VERDICT

Almost all top international media houses covered the historic Ayodhya verdict by Supreme Court on the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid land dispute case.

THE NEW YORK TIMES; Wrote "Court Backs Hindus on Ayodhya, Handing Modi Victory in His Bid to Remake India". The article, authored by Maria Abi-Habib and Sameer Yasir, describe the Ayodhya verdict as a major victory for Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

THE WASHINGTON POST; Reported "India's Supreme Court clears way for a Hindu temple at country's most disputed religious site". The report, authored by Joanna Slater, called the Ayodhya verdict a "major victory" for Prime Minister Narendra Modi.....

"The building of a temple to the Hindu god Ram in the town of Ayodhya is a long-cherished goal of Hindu nationalists and a key objective of India's ruling Bharatiya Janata Party."

THE GUARDIAN; In its report authored by Hannah

Ellis-Petersen, also called the Supreme Court verdict on Ayodhya case a "huge victory" for PM Narendra Modi.

"The ruling, just six months after his landslide election win, is another huge victory for India's prime minister, Narendra Modi, and his Bharatiya Janata party (BJP) government, which have made the restoration of the Ram temple at Ayodhya a focal point of their Hindu nationalist agenda," The Guardian reported.

THE BBC; Analysing the judgment in the report said: "What was arguably one of the world's most contentious property dispute has finally come to an end. The dispute over the plot has polarised, frustrated and exhausted India."

THE CNN; In its report, wrote "Hindus allowed to build on disputed holy site, India's Supreme Court rules". The joint report by Helen Regan, Swati Gupta and Manveena Suri explained the judgment.



HOW INDIAN NEWSPAPERS REPORTED LANDMARK VERDICT

THE TIMES OF INDIA

The Times of India said, 'RAM MANDIR WITHIN SITE', in its article on the landmark Supreme Court verdict. "SC settles, by unanimous verdict, Centuries-old Hindu-Muslim conflict by granting entire 2.77-acre disputed land to deity Ram Lalla, one of the 3 claimants in the case; Directs Centre to appoint trust in 3 months to manage construction of temple," the TOI front page read.

THE HINDUSTAN TIMES

The Hindustan Times ran the headline, 'TEMPLE SET IN STONE'. "FOR RAM LALLA Right of child deity upheld, paving the way for a Ram temple at disputed site", HT read.

THE HINDU

The Hindu ran, 'Temple at disputed site, mosque within Ayodhya, rules SC', as its headline.....

THE INDIAN EXPRESS

Mumbai-based, The Indian Express said, 'Temple gets site, mosque a plot', and ran 'CONSTITUTION BENCH

DIRECTS CENTRE TO FORMULATE A SCHEME WITHIN 3 MONTHS FOR TEMPLE', as its kicker.

THE TELEGRAPH

Kolkata-based newspaper The Telegraph said, 'IN THE NAME OF RAM, THE SITE IS NOW A HINDU STHAN' as its headline. "The Supreme Court has unanimously awarded the disputed site in Ayodhya to Ram Lalla Virajman (baby Ram) and empowered the Centre to build a temple the report read.....

THE PIONEER

In it front page story The Pioneer said 'Ram gets back his birthplace' and in a sub title it said 'SC grants 5 acres land away from disputed site for masjid' ...

DECCAN CHRONICLE

Giving an old-world charm to its report on the centuries-old Ayodhya land dispute case verdict, South Indian newspaper Deccan Chronicle said, 'RAM LALLA COMES HOME, A NEW MASJID TO RISE', with a group picture of the five-judge Constitutional bench. The Deccan Chronicle article read.....





PM MODI INAUGURATES THE ICP AND KARTARPUR CORRIDOR

'CORRIDOR WILL EASE THE TRAVEL TO GURUDWARA DARBAR SAHIB IN PAKISTAN'

P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi called for upholding the teachings and values of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji. He was participating in the special event organised at Dera Baba Nanak on the occasion of the inauguration of the Integrated Check Post (ICP) and the Kartarpur Corridor. He also released commemorative coin celebrating 550th Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev Ji.

Addressing a large gathering the Prime Minister said that he feels honoured to dedicate the Kartarpur Corridor to the nation at the holy site of Dera Baba Nanak. The Shiromani Gurudwara Prabhandak Committee earlier felicitated the Prime Minister with the Quami Seva Award. Prime Minister said that he is dedicating it to the lotus feet of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji.

Prime Minister said the inauguration of the ICP and the Kartarpur Corridor on the occasion of 550th Guru Nanak Jayanti is a blissful blessing which would now ease the travel to Gurudwara Darbar Sahib in Pakistan.

Prime Minister expressed his gratitude to the SGPC, the Government of Punjab and also those who built the corridor in a record time frame to facilitate the movement of the pilgrims across the border. ■

PM FLAGGED OFF THE FIRST 'JATHA' TO GURUDWARA DARBAR SAHIB

PM Shri Narendra Modi also flagged off the first batch of over 500 Indian pilgrims from Gurdaspur, which includes former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh, Union minister Smt. Harsimrat Kaur Badal, Punjab CM and SGPC members.

The Prime Minister also inaugurated the passenger terminal building of the corridor on the Indian side, also known as the Integrated Check Post, where pilgrims will get clearance to travel through the newly-built 4.5 km-long corridor.



MANOHAR LAL KHATTAR SWORN IN AS CM OF HARYANA FOR SECOND TIME

The Bharatiya Janata Party in alliance with the JJP formed the government for the second term in Haryana after Shri Manohar Lal Khattar and JJP chief Shri Dushyant Chautala took oath as Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister respectively on Diwali i.e. on 27 October, 2019. Haryana governor Shri Satyadeo Narain Arya administered oath at a ceremony held at the Raj Bhavan.

BJP National Working President Shri JP Nadda, Punjab governor Shri VP Singh Badnore, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh Chief Ministers Shri Trivendra Singh Rawat and Shri Jairam Thakur, Union ministers Shri Krishan Pal Gurjar, Shri RL Kataria and many other senior leaders attended the event. Additionally, former Punjab Chief Minister Shri Parkash Singh Badal, former Haryana Chief Minister and Congress leader Bhupinder Singh Hooda, and Shiromani Aakai Dal chief Sukhbir Singh Badal were also present.

On 26 October, 2019 Shri Khattar was invited by the governor to form the government in the state, soon after BJP announced its alliance partner to form the next government. In addition to the JJP, at least seven Independent MLAs have extended their support to the saffron party

DECISION OF ALLIANCE IN WAKE OF THE VERDICT IN HARYANA: AMIT SHAH

BJP National President and Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah on 25 October said that the decision to come together to form a government in Haryana had been taken in the wake of nature of verdict in the state.

Addressing a press conference after his meeting with JJP leader Shri Dushyant Chautala, Shri Shah said, "The decision to come together to form the government in Haryana had been taken in the wake of nature of verdict in the state".

"Accepting the mandate by the people of Haryana, leaders of both parties (BJP and JJP) have decided that BJP-JJP will form the government together in Haryana. The Chief Minister will be from BJP and



“ Congratulations to @mlkhattar Ji and @Dchautala on taking oath as CM and Deputy CM of Haryana. Best wishes to them as they work to fulfil the aspirations of the people of Haryana.

— Narendra Modi @narendramodi



“ On taking oath as the Chief Minister of Haryana again, I congratulate Sh.@mlkhattarmy. As well as I wish mr @Dchautala all the best on swearing in as Deputy Chief Minister. I am confident, under the leadership of Modi ji, this pair will expedite the development process of Haryana.

— Amit Shah @AmitShah



Deputy Chief Minister will be from JJP," Shri Shah said.

As per the Assembly poll results the BJP won 40 seats. The Congress led by Shri Hooda in the state, won in 31 seats while JJP emerged with 10 seats in the 90-member Assembly of the state. Soon after the results were announced, the BJP announced its alliance with the JJP. Union Home Minister and BJP

President Shri Amit Shah said that the party had sealed a deal with JJP.

Noteworthy, Shri Manoharlal Khattar who became the Chief Minister for the second time in Haryana was sworn-in as Haryana's chief minister in 2014. Even as a first-time MLA he was asked to head the first BJP government ever in the state.

COMMITTED FOR THE ALL ROUND DEVELOPMENT OF STATE: MANOHARLAL KHATTAR

After taking oath CM Shri Manoharlal Khattar said BJP made only realistic promises during the electioneering, which it will definitely fulfill during the next five years. He said 12 common announcements of the two ruling allies have already figured out and we will work on it.

The CM said soon we will going to provide maternity leaves to the women staff in the private sector and free bus travel facility for cancer patients and their attendants.

The Chief Minister reiterated the government's resolve to waive penalty and interest on farm loans amounting to Rs 4,750 crore.

He also said no liquor vends would be allowed to be opened in villages without the Panchayats' approval.

Shri Khattar said a Scheduled Caste Commission will be set up in the state soon, the notification for



“**Congratulations to Shri @mlkhattar Ji & @Dchautala Ji for taking oath as Chief Minister and Deputy-CM of Haryana. I have faith that under the guidance of Shri @narendramodi Ji, this Gov will take the state to newer heights.**

— Jagat Prakash Nadda @JPNadda



“**On Deepavali day Sri Manoharlal & Sri Dushyant Chauthala were administered oath as CM & DCM of Haryana State ... A new period of Inclusive Development will start in Haryana from today .. Congratulations to both ..**

— B L Santhosh @blsanthosh



which had already been made earlier.

He said developmental works worth Rs 450 crore would be executed in all 90 assembly constituencies of the state. For this, the Chief Minister sought from all MLAs, irrespective of their political affiliations, a list of developmental works worth Rs 5 crore each, for carrying out in their respective constituencies.

He also said an AIIMS would be set up in Manethi village in Rewari district and my government is committed for the all round development of the state and added we will win over the hearts of the people with our good work. ■

If all MPs focus on their constituencies, entire country would improve automatically: Amit Shah

The BJP National President Shri Amit Shah was on a two-day visit to Gujarat from 25 October, 2019 and inaugurated various projects worth Rs 1,500 crore in Gujarat.

Speaking at a function of the Ahmedabad Urban Development Authority (AUDA) on October 26, 2019 Shri Amit Shah asserted that Kashmir was on the way to prosperity after the abrogation of Article 370. He mentioned that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi took the responsibility of uniting Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) with India after commencing his second term. He also slammed the Congress for mistreating Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and maintained that not even a single bullet had been fired since then in J&K. Shri Shah also said that the development of the region was now possible.

Thanking the voters of Gandhinagar on the occasion, Shri Amit Shah remarked that the PM had accomplished the task of providing facilities to the poor- something which Congress could not achieve in the 70 years since Independence. He noted that projects worth 1500 crore had been inaugurated in the last two days, including the construction of more than 4,000 homes incurring an expense of Rs 275 crore. These projects also comprised control rooms, longest flyover, gymnasium, swimming pools, parks, and new pipelines to supply fresh water.

Moreover, the Home Minister reiterated the PM's promise to supply drinking water to all households before 2024. Mentioning that more than 660 km of metro work had been completed, he added that projects worth Rs.4,796 crore had already been completed in Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar under the smart city scheme.

Furthermore, Shri Shah said that 1.5 lakh homes had been constructed this year under the aegis of PM Awas Yojana. He observed that more than 60 crore people had been the beneficiaries of various government schemes since BJP came to power in 2014. Elaborating on this, he said that gas connections had impacted the lives of 13 crore people. Thereafter, he revealed that the government considered toilet construction as a parameter of development.

Reminding the audience of the lack of washrooms earlier, he said that teenage girls had to go out in the open. Subsequently, he emphasized that the PM had given topmost priority to the construction of toilets in the urban and rural areas. Finally, he expressed his satisfaction that more than 4,000 people would celebrate Diwali in their own houses this year.

Shri Shah also attacked the Congress over the issue of poverty eradication and said the country's oldest party paid only lip service and hardly did anything to improve the condition of the poor. The BJP President said, "If all MPs focus on their constituencies, the condition of entire country would improve automatically.

"I am lucky ... past MPs of this seat (his Lok Sabha seat Gandhinagar), be it Atal Bihari Vajpayee or L K



Advani, have already built a strong foundation. This has made my work as an MP easier," he said.

He added, "My priority will always be Gandhinagar seat and its people. My aim is to make it the best constituency in the country. I will try to make sure to be with you whenever you need me," Shri Shah said in his address.

Shri Shah was there to lay foundation stones and inaugurate various projects, including a shelter home, integrated command and control facility, three newly developed gardens as well as water supply and road widening schemes. At the event, he also handed over keys of houses to the beneficiaries of Mukhyamantri Awas Yojna in Gandhinagar, besides handing out Ayushman Bharat health scheme cards. ■

MUDRA YOJANA BENEFICIARIES CREATE 11 MN JOBS

Loans availed through the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY), also known as Mudra loans, led to a 28 per cent rise in jobs generated by establishments which had taken benefit of the scheme, according to an official survey conducted by the government.

The report on PM Mudra Yojana, prepared by the Labour Bureau under the Ministry of Labour and Employment, showed that around 39.3 million people were employed in establishments prior to availing Mudra loans, which increased to 50.4 million after these took benefit of the scheme.

The PMMY was launched in April 2015 to give unsecured loans of up to Rs 10 lakh, with the objective of boosting self-employment. As a result, a total of 11.2 million new jobs, 55 per cent of which accounted for self-employment, were created through Mudra loans between 2015 and 2018, the survey report showed.



Significantly, 89 per cent of beneficiaries found Mudra loans to be sufficient for expanding their business or setting up a new unit and the remaining 11 per cent had to avail loans from other sources, as per the survey report. ■

UPI hits 1 billion transactions in October, plans to go global

According to times news network, Transactions using India's own domestic payments platform—Unified Payments Interface (UPI)—hit a landmark of one billion in October, three years after its launch. The UPI also recently crossed 100 million users, making it the fastest adoption of any payments system anywhere in the world.

Having achieved this double milestone, the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), which operates the UPI platform, aims to take the network global by enabling acceptance of UPI in Singapore and the UAE.

The UPI platform, which was launched before demonetisation in 2016, enables users to send money

from their account to any account without entering bank details by using an email-like handle or scanning a QR code. The NPCI, which launched the RuPay network, had launched this to promote digital payments by harnessing the ubiquitousness of smartphones.

"The UPI has had the fastest acceptance not just in payments but among other platforms as well. I have not compared the numbers but given the time taken to reach 100 million users by social media and other platforms. I am sure we should be among the top," said Dilip Asbe, chief executive officer, NPCI. To put things in perspective, in August the total volume of all card transactions (debit and credit) put together was 142 crore (1.42 billion). ■

'India registers 26.9 per cent decline in Maternal Mortality Rate since 2013'

India has registered a 26.9 per cent reduction in Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) since 2013. The decline in MMR has been from 77 to 72 per 100,000 live births among southern states and in the other states, from 93 to 90 according to the Sample Registration System released on 07 November, 2019.

The ratio has declined from 167 in 2011-2013 to 130 in 2014-2016 and to 122 in 2015-17, registering a 6.15 per cent reduction since the last survey figures of 2014-2016, according to the special bulletin of the Office of the Registrar General. "It is heartening that the maternal mortality ratio has declined from 130 in 2014-2016 to 122 in 2015-17. The decline has been most significant in empowered action group (EAG) states and Assam from 188 to 175," it said.

To understand the maternal mortality situation in the country better and to map the changes that have taken place, especially at the regional level, the government has categorized states into three groups - EAG, southern states and "other" states.

Kerala, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu have already met the sustainable development goals target of 70 per 100,000 MMR, while Andhra Pradesh and Telangana are within "striking distance", a senior



health ministry official said.

EAG states comprise Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand, and Assam. The southern states are Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu and the "other" states categories cover the remaining states and Union territories.

The WHO last year also lauded India's progress in reducing the MMR saying the progress puts the country on track towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) target of an MMR below 70 by 2030. ■

Forex reserves soar to new lifetime high of \$446.09 billion

The country's foreign exchange reserves rose by USD 3.515 billion to touch a fresh lifetime high of USD 446.098 billion in the week to November 1, helped by increase in foreign currency assets, RBI data showed on 08 November, 2019. In the previous week, the reserves had increased by USD 1.832 billion to USD 442.583 billion.

The increase in reserves in the reporting week was mainly on account of a jump in foreign currency assets (FCA), a major component of the overall reserves.

FCA increased by USD 3.201 billion to USD 413.654 billion in the week ended November 1, 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.

During the week, gold reserves increased by USD 301 million to USD 27.353 billion. The special drawing rights with the International Monetary Fund increased by USD 2 million to USD 1.443 billion during the week.

The country's reserve position with the Fund also increased by USD 10 million to USD 3.648 billion, the data showed. ■

Govt sanctions Rs. 25,000 crore fund to revive 1,600 projects with 4.6 lakh housing units

The government on 06 November, 2019 cleared a fund with an initial corpus of Rs 25,000 crore to revive up to 4.6 lakh housing units in 1,600 projects with "positive net worth", including those that have been classified by banks as non-performing assets or are facing insolvency resolution action.

While announcing the move, which was approved by the Union Cabinet, finance minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman indicated there may be some relief for those who have defaulted on repayment of their home loan EMLs in the stalled projects across the country.

MONEY WON'T BE USED TO CLEAR PAST DUES: SITHARAMAN

The latest package comes two months after the government had announced the establishment of a Rs 20,000-crore fund for the completion of stalled affordable and middle-income housing projects but had kept NPA and NCLT cases out of the ambit of the "special window" for the real estate sector, which is facing an acute downturn due to a liquidity crunch as several builders are highly leveraged and are unable

to sell new apartments.

Smt. Sitharaman said that based on feedback from homebuyers and other stakeholders, the government decided to expand the ambit of the fund, where the Centre will chip in with Rs 10,000 crore and entities such as the State Bank of India, LIC and other institutions, including overseas funds, will contribute Rs 15,000 crore.

The fund will provide loans on commercial terms after assessing the viability of each project but will ensure that the money flows into an escrow account so that it is used only for construction purposes. Smt. Sitharaman said the money will not be used to clear past dues, which will be dealt with separately.

The plan is to take up only financially viable projects with the FM ruling out providing any sort of "grants", although the overall idea is to revive as many housing projects as possible to help middle-class homebuyers who have invested their savings in buying houses. Many buyers are paying EMLs while staying on rent as the projects are indefinitely delayed and in many cases the builders are behind bars. ■

Pradhan Mantri Jan Suraksha Yojana enrollments see pickup; 14.7 million enrollments in H1

After seeing a stagnation in enrollments, Pradhan Mantri Jan Suraksha Yojana insurance schemes have got 15 million new enrollments in H1 of the year. This was driven by a government nudge to the banks as well as zero premium increase.

According to a report published in Moneycontrol.com, the insurance scheme saw some stagnation in



FY18 and FY19 but enrollments picked up again from April 2019 onwards.

The personal accident scheme (Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana/PMSBY) and term insurance scheme (Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana/PMJJBY) were launched in May 2015.

Both policies have a sum assured of Rs 2 lakh each and need to be renewed after one year. But their premiums are low at Rs 12 and Rs 330, respectively. ■

DHARMA AND RELIGION



DEENDAYAL
UPADHYAYA

DHARMA IS NOT RELIGION

THE distortions of Dharma that we now-a-days see all around us are largely the result of foreign education. The English word 'religion' has substantially contributed in distorting the pure meaning of Dharma. The British first heard the word when they came to India. They had no word of an equally comprehensive meaning. So they translated it as religion. Such translation has distorted the meaning of Indian words. Dharma is a very wide term which includes many religions. A religion a system of worship, and there are many such systems prevailing in this land. But in spite of these systems and sects Dharma is one. Dharma is that which is good for everyone irrespective of the system of worship and can open up for him the way to salvation.

DHARMA SUSTAINS WORLD

RELIGION means a creed, or a sect, it does not mean Dharma. Dharma is a very broad concept. It is concerned with all aspects of life. It sustains society. It sustains the whole world. That which sustains is "Dharma"

The fundamental principles of Dharma are eternal and universal.

Yet their implementation may differ according to time, place and circumstance.

The complete treatise on the rules in general and their philosophical basis is the meaning of Dharma.

These rules cannot be arbitrary. They should be such as to sustain and further the existence and progress of the entity which they serve.

FUNDAMENTAL OF CIVILISED LIFE

WE believe in Dharma not just because it is instrumental in acquiring Artha but because it is a fundamental principle of civilized life.

Kama too can be attained only through Dharma. Having produced the material things, such as nice food, when, where, how and in what measure it will be used can be determined only by Dharma. If a sick person eats food meant for a healthy one and vice versa, both of them will be at a disadvantage. Dharma helps in restraining the natural tendencies of man whereby he is able to determine what is beneficial to him apart from what is pleasurable. Hence Dharma is given the fore- most place in our culture.

DHARMA GUIDES GOD

GOD cannot act contrary to Dharma. If he does, then he is not omnipotent. Adharma is a characteristic of weakness, not of strength. If fire; instead of radiating heat, dies out,

it is no longer strong. Strength lies not in unrestrained behaviour, but in well-regulated action. Therefore God who is omnipotent is also self-regulated and consequently fully in tune with Dharma. God descends in the human body to destroy adharma and re-establish Dharma, not to act on passing whims and fancies. Hence even God can do everything but act contrary to Dharma. But for the risk of being misunderstood, one can say that Dharma is even greater than God. The universe is sustained because He act: according to Dharma.

DHARMA IS HIGHER

NEITHER the Legislature is higher nor the Judiciary. Dharma is higher than both. The Legislature will have to act according to Dharma. Dharma will specify the limits of both. The Legislature, the Judiciary or the people, none of these is supreme. Some will say, "Why, people are sovereign. They elect". But even the people are not sovereign because people too have no right to act against Dharma. If an elected government allows people to go against Dharma and does not punish, then that government is in reality a government of thieves. Even the general will cannot go against Dharma. Imagine the situation, if by some manoeuvring, thieves gain a majority in the government and send one of their ranks as an executive. What will be the duty of the minority if the majority is of thieves and elects a thief to rule ?

DHARMA RAJYA

IN our country we cannot think of any sentiment with which Dharma is not bound up. Hence we feel that our State cannot forsake Dharma. A secular State, in our opinion, does not mean a State without Dharma. The word Religion means a tenet in this country and those who believe it are called sects like the Jains, Shaivas and Christians. Naturally the State cannot belong to any of these sects. It must look on all with an equal eye. So we can say that a State is non-sectarian. This would be the ideal, but such a State, even without being partial to a particular sect or against some other sect, can encourage ways and means of achieving both material and spiritual progress and thus be called Dharma Rajya.

JANA RAJYA AND DHARMA RAJYA

IF the four million people of Kashmir say that they want to secede, if the people of Goa say they want to secede and if some say they want the Portuguese to return, all this will be against Dharma. Of the 45 crore people of India, even if 449,999,999 opt for something which is against Dharma, even then this does not become truth. On the other hand, even if one person stands for something which is in accord with Dharma, that constitutes truth, because truth resides with Dharma. It is the duty of this one person that he tread the path of truth and change people. It is from this basis that a person derives the right to proceed according to Dharma.

Let us understand very clearly that Dharma is not necessarily with the majority or with the people. Dharma is eternal. Therefore, in the definition of democracy, to say that it is a government of the people is not enough ; it has to be for the good of the people. Dharma alone can decide.. Therefore, a democratic government “Jana Rajya”, must also be rooted in Dharma i.e. a “Dharma Rajya”. In the definition of ‘Democracy’ viz. “government of the people, by the people and for the people”, ‘of’ stands for independence, ‘by’ stands for democracy, and ‘for’

account. Dharma is defined as that which leads to both physical and metaphysical development. Materialism and spiritualism are neither contradictory nor separate from each other. Spiritualism is a point of view of life from which we look at all problems. If spiritualism can give a true definition of the universe there is no reason why it should not give us a solution to all problems of the world. India has not thought only of the metaphysical world, it has thought of material wealth also. Chanakya has said that happiness depends upon Dharma and Dharma depends upon material wealth.

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DYNAMIC RELIGION

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change, but every new change has kept up its link with the old. Every new agitator maintained a feeling of reverence for his ancestors. Every new reformer gave respect to our ancient tradition, our ancestors and achievements and at the same time propounded new thoughts to suit the times. As these new thoughts had not broken off with the basic thought, they did not in any way harm the life of the nation. On the contrary, they contributed to its development. ■

WRONG MEANING OF SPIRITUALISM

ONE of the main reasons for looking to the West for a solution to economic problems is the mistaken belief that Indian culture and religion, being spiritual, are indifferent towards problems of a material life. This erroneous belief is the result of deliberate propaganda and of a wrong meaning of spiritualism. As a matter of fact our definition of religion (“Dharma”) has taken materialism fully into

change, but every new change has kept up its link with the old. Every new agitator maintained a feeling of reverence for his ancestors. Every new reformer gave respect to our ancient tradition, our ancestors and achievements and at the same time propounded new thoughts to suit the times. As these new thoughts had not broken off with the basic thought, they did not in any way harm the life of the nation. On the contrary, they contributed to its development. ■

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

‘RAJNITI KE AJATSHATRU’- KAILASHPATI MISHRA

Shri Kailashpati Mishra (05 October, 1923 – 03 November, 2012) was a great social servant and political leader. He was leader of the BJP and a former Governor of Gujarat and Rajasthan. He was born in Dudharchak, Buxar, Bihar on 05 October, 1923. He was a bachelor and popularly called the “Bhishmapitamah” of Bihar BJP. In the political circle people also called Shri Kailashpati Mishra as ‘Rajniti ke Ajatshatru’. Shri Kailashji always maintained a cordial relation even with the leaders of other parties.

He was affiliated with the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) from 1944 onwards, and was even jailed after the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi. He took part



in the Quit India Movement in 1942 and was arrested for the same and was associated with the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh from 1943. He won the Assembly election for Bikram, Patna, and was Finance Minister in Bihar Government led by Janata Party. Shri Mishra was appointed Bihar’s Finance Minister in 1977-78 when the Janata Party

government was in power.

Shri Kailashpati Mishra died on 03 November, 2012 at the age of 89, in Patna, Bihar.

POLITICAL JOURNEY

- Shri Mishra had served as finance minister in the government of Karpoori Thakur in Bihar in 1977. In 1980, he became the first Bihar BJP President.
- He also served as BJP National Vice- President from 1995 to 2003.
- While studying in class X, Shri Mishra was arrested for picketing at the main gate of his school at Buxar in support of 1942 Quit India Movement. ■

Former Punjab BJP President Kamal Sharma no more

Former Punjab BJP President Kamal Sharma passed away on October 27 after suffering a heart attack in Ferozpur district. 48 years old Shri Sharma went for a morning walk where he suffered a heart attack. He was taken to a local hospital, where doctors declared him brought dead.

Sharma is survived by his wife and two children.

On the demise of the leader Prime Minister expressed his deep sorrow . He said in a tweet “Anguished by the passing away of Shri Kamal Sharma Ji. He made



noteworthy efforts to strengthen our Party in Punjab. My thoughts are with his family and supporters in this hour of grief. Om Shanti!”

The BJP National President and Union Home Minister Shri Amit

Shah expressing grief over demise of the leader said in a tweet “ I am deeply in grief by sudden demise of former Punjab BJP President Shri Kamal Sharma. Kamal ji as a dedicated party worker played pivotal role to strengthen the party organization. I express my condolences to his family. May God grant peace to the departed soul peace! Om Shanti.”

BJP National Working President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda said on the demise “ I am saddened by sudden demise of my friend Shri Kamal Sharma. His death is irreparable loss to the organization. May God grant peace to the departed soul peace! I pray that God gives strength to bereaved family to bear the grief and pain. Om Shanti!! ■

Narendra Modi @narendramodi
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PM Narendra Modi alongwith other senior leaders greet LK Advani on his 92nd birthday

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister and BJP National President Shri Amit Shah and BJP National Working President Shri JP Nadda and BJP National General Secretary (Org) Shri BL Santhosh called on senior leader Shri Lal Krishna Advani at his residence and extended their greetings on his 92nd birthday in New Delhi on 8 November, 2019. Vice-President Shri M Venkaiah Naidu was also present on the occasion.

Later Shri Narendra Modi in a tweet said, "Scholar, statesman and one of the most respected leaders, India will always cherish the exceptional contribution of Shri Lal Krishna Advani Ji towards empowering our citizens. On his birthday, I convey my greetings to respected Advani Ji and pray for his long and healthy life".

The PM further wrote, "Shri LK Advani Ji toiled for decades to give shape and strength to the @BJP4India. If over the years, our party has emerged

as a dominant pole of Indian politics, it is because of leaders like Advani Ji and the selfless Karyakartas he groomed for decades. For Advani Ji, public service has always been associated with values. Not once has he compromised on the core ideology. When it came to safeguarding our democracy, he was at the forefront. As a Minister, his administrative skills are universally lauded".

Born on 08 November, 1927, in Karachi, Shri LK Advani served as the Minister of Home Affairs in the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance government from 1998 to 2004. He also served as the Deputy Prime Minister in the Atal Bihari Vajpayee-led government from 2002 to 2004.

Shri Advani began his political career as a Swayamsevak of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS). In 2015, he was awarded the Padma Vibhushan - India's second-highest civilian honour. ■



PM ATTENDS 16TH INDIA-ASEAN SUMMIT IN BANGKOK

In his opening remarks, Prime Minister expressed happiness in being part of the 16th India - ASEAN Summit held in Bangkok on November 03, 2019. He thanked Thailand for the warm hospitality and extended best wishes to Vietnam for taking over as Chairman of next year's Summit.

Prime Minister said that India's Act East Policy is a significant cornerstone of the Indo-Pacific strategy; adding that ASEAN is at the core of Act East Policy. A strong ASEAN will immensely benefit India. Prime Minister highlighted steps being taken to improve surface, maritime, air and digital connectivity. One billion dollar Indian line of credit will prove beneficial for improving physical and digital connectivity, he said. Prime Minister highlighted that last year's Commemorative Summit and Singapore Informal Summit's Decisions implementation has brought India and ASEAN closer. India is willing to increase cooperation and partnership in areas mutually beneficial to India and ASEAN and expressed readiness to improve partnership and capacity building in the areas of agriculture, research, engineering, science and ICT. Prime Minister said that India wants to strengthen cooperation in the areas of maritime security and blue economy. He also welcomed the recent decision to review India ASEAN FTA saying it will improve economic partnership between the two countries.

EAST ASIA SUMMIT

He also participated in the 14th East Asia Summit as well as the third RCEP Summit. This is the sixth time that Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the East Asia Summit. and at this summit the leaders reviewed the future direction of EAS and also exchanged views on regional and international issues such as Indo-Pacific, terrorism, violent extremism and transnational crimes. They also discussed South China Sea, the situation in the Korean Peninsula as well as in the Rakhine State in Myanmar.

BILATERAL ENGAGEMENT

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi held bilateral meetings on the sideline of ASEAN summit. First he held bilateral meeting with the Prime Minister of Japan, in that the two leaders reviewed the progress on Mumbai Ahmedabad High Speed Rail project and welcome to the inaugural 2+2 Foreign and Defence Ministerial Dialogue which will focus on bilateral security and defense cooperation. The two leaders also agreed to strengthen bilateral cooperation including in third countries for peace, progress and prosperity of the Indo-Pacific region. Our prime minister looked forward to Prime Minister Abe's visit to India for the India Japan Annual Summit in December 2019.

The second bilateral which Prime Minister had was with the prime minister of Vietnam who will now take over the chair of ASEAN and so he said that we would fully support Vietnam as it is the chair of ASEAN next year in its work.

The third bilateral Prime Minister had was the Prime Minister of Australia and they also reviewed the entire bilateral relationship. Prime Minister Scott Morrison accepted the invitation of Prime Minister to visit India and he would, during his visit, be the keynote speaker at the Raisina Dialogue in January 2020.

IN NATIONAL INTEREST INDIA OPTS OUT OF RCEP AGREEMENT

Prime Minister's last engagement was his participation in the third RCEP Summit. India conveyed its decision at the summit not to join the RCEP agreement. This reflects both assessment of the current global situation as well as of the fairness and balance of the agreement. India had significant issues of core interest that remained unresolved. In his remarks on the subject Prime Minister highlighted that he was guided by the impact it would have on the lives and livelihoods of all Indians especially vulnerable sections of society. He spoke of Mahatma Gandhiji's advice on recalling the face of the weakest and the poorest and then ask if the steps are of any use to them. ■

INDIA AND GERMANY SIGN 17 MOUs

At the invitation of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, German Federal Chancellor Dr. Angela Merkel visited India from 31 October - 1 November 2019 for the fifth round of Inter-Governmental Consultations (IGC). Chancellor Merkel was accompanied by Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Science and Education, Food and Agriculture, and an Official Delegation. A business delegation comprising leaders of German companies also accompanied Chancellor Merkel. During the visit, Chancellor Merkel held meetings with President Ram Nath Kovind and Prime Minister Modi.

Chancellor Merkel and Prime Minister Shri Modi reiterated that the Indo-German Strategic Partnership is based on the common values and principles of democracy, free and fair trade, and rules-based international order, as well as on mutual trust and respect. Key issues in the discussions included jointly driving the digital transformation through innovation and frontier technologies, especially artificial intelligence, making economic growth sustainable by cooperating on climate change, creating space for people to people contacts through legal mobility for skilled labour, and contributing to a reliable international order by strengthening and updating multilateral institutions.

During the visit both countries signed following agreements:

1. Implementing Arrangement for Exchange of Personnel between ISRO and German Aerospace Centre
2. Joint Declaration of Intent on Cooperation in the Field of Civil Aviation
3. Joint Declaration of Intent (JDI) on Cooperation within the International Smart Cities Network
4. Joint Declaration of Intent between on Cooperation in the Field of Skills Development and Vocational Education and Training
5. Declaration of Intent on Strengthening Economic Cooperation in the field of Start-ups
6. Joint Declaration of Intent on the Establishment of Bilateral Cooperation Project regarding Agricultural Market Development
7. Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in the field of Occupational Diseases, Re-habilitation and vocational training of Insured Persons & workers with disabilities
8. Memorandum of Understanding For Cooperation in Inland, Coastal and Maritime Technology
9. Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to promote, establish and expand scientific and technological research cooperation
10. MoU on Establishment of an Academic Collaboration in Ayurveda, Yoga and Meditation
11. Addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Germany on Cooperation in the Field of Higher Education for Extension of the period of Indo-German Partnership in Higher Education
12. MoU between National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management MANAGE and the German Agricultural Academy DEULA in the city of Nienburg on collaboration in agricultural technical and professional training
13. Joint Declaration of Intent between Siemens Limited, India and MSDE and German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development on Skills for Sustainable Growth
14. MoU on the Extension of Indo-German Partnership in Higher Education
15. Memorandum of Understanding regarding cooperation between the National Museum, the National Gallery of Modern Art, the Indian Museum Kolkata, the Prussian Cultural Heritage Foundation and the Stiftung Humboldt Forum in Berliner Schloss
16. Memorandum of Understanding between All India Football Federation (AIFF) and Deutscher Fußball-Bund e.V (DFB)
17. Statement of Intent on the key elements of the Indo-German Migration and Mobility Partnership Agreement. ■





EU DELEGATION VISITS J&K

WE NEED TO STAND BY INDIA IN ITS FIGHT AGAINST GLOBAL TERRORISM: EU DELEGATION

A delegation of 27 European MPs visited Srinagar on October 29 to assess the ground situation in Kashmir after the government gave permission for the "unofficial" visit. According to a report published in 'India Today', the EU parliamentary delegation, comprising of MPs from UK, Poland, France and other countries interacted with local representatives in the Kashmir valley to get a first-hand understanding of the situation over there. This is the first foreign delegation that has visited Kashmir after the government scrapped Article 370 in August. Speaking to the delegation earlier, NSA Ajit Doval said that normalcy has returned to most parts of the Valley and rejected Pakistan's narrative on Kashmir.

Newton Dunn, a lawmaker from the UK sharing the experience of the visit said, "We belong to a peaceful Europe which is peaceful after years of fighting. And we want to see India becoming the most peaceful country in the world. And for that we need to stand by India in its fight against global terrorism. This visit has been an eye opener and we would definitely advocate what we have seen on ground zero."

"We are Indian citizens and we want to be Indian like all other Indian citizens... we want to have development like other parts of the country, locals told us," another lawmaker said. After a traditional Kashmiri welcome,

the leaders were briefed by Jammu and Kashmir Chief Secretary BVR Subrahmanyam and police chief Dilbag Singh. The team also interacted with some newly-elected panchayat members and councillors.

MEMBERS OF EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT CALLED ON PM MODI

Prime Minister said that India's relationship with the European Union is based on shared interests and common commitment to democratic values. He said that an early conclusion of a fair and balanced BTIA is a priority for the government. Talking about the need to strengthen engagement with the EU on regional and global matters, Prime Minister highlighted the importance of close international cooperation to fight terrorism. He also mentioned about the growth of International Solar Alliance as a global partnership.

Prime Minister, while welcoming the delegation to India, expressed the hope that they have a fruitful visit to various parts of the country, including to Jammu and Kashmir. Their visit to Jammu and Kashmir should give the delegation a better understanding of the cultural and religious diversity of the region of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh; apart from giving them a clear view of the development and governance priorities of the region. ■

India signs agreement with Saudi Arabia to launch RuPay card

At the invitation of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi paid an official visit to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 29 October 2019. The two sides held bilateral talks during which they reviewed the historical and close relations that bind the two friendly countries and their peoples. They exchanged views on regional and international issues of mutual interest. They underlined the relations of friendship and partnership embodied in economic, social, cultural and civilizational ties between the people of the two countries, and the great common opportunities that provide a strong momentum for the development of relations between the two friendly countries.

During the visit India also signed the agreement with Saudi Arabia to launch the RuPay card in the country, making it the third nation in the West Asia to initiate India's digital payment system which will benefit not only the 2.6 million Indians in the Gulf Kingdom but also Haj and Umrah pilgrims.

The RuPay card is a first-of-its-kind Indian domestic



Debit and Credit Card payment network, with acceptance at ATMs, POS devices and e-commerce websites. It was launched in 2012 to fulfil the Reserve Bank of India's vision to have a domestic, open and multilateral system of payments. ■

BJP GETS NEW OFFICE IN LEH AT HEIGHT OF OVER 11,000 FT

ARUN SINGH INAUGURATES PARTY OFFICE AFTER PUJA

The Bharatiya Janata Party has opened a new office in Leh, the administrative capital of Ladakh, at a height of more than 11,000 feet. Party National General Secretary Shri Arun Singh inaugurated the new office on 07 November, 2019.

The office is equipped with modern facilities, including video conferencing, to access the National party headquarters as and when required. An assembly hall



has also been built. Shri Arun Singh inaugurated the new building in Leh after performing puja. Ladakh

BJP Member of Parliament Shri Jamyang Tsering Namgyal was also present on the occasion.

Ladakh as a separate Union Territory was created when the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir was bifurcated into two UTs with effect from 31 October, 2019.

There are two districts in Ladakh, Leh and Kargil, with a total population of 2,74,289. Ladakh is a Union Territory without legislature. ■

Honest and transparent governance helped BJP to regain public support once again: Anil Jain



In the recently concluded Haryana Assembly elections, the BJP emerged as the single largest party and in alliance with JJP formed the government in the state. Party National General Secretary and in-charge of Haryana Dr. Anil Jain spoke regarding the elections and the government formation in the state. In an interaction with Sanjeev Sinha, Associate Editor Kamal Sandesh Dr. Jain said that due to the honest and transparent governance under CM Shri Manohar Lal Khattar last time the BJP won the public support again. Excerpts of the conversation :

In the recently concluded assembly elections, BJP emerged as single largest party and formed the government. What was the reason behind this achievement?

We were able to achieve this because PM Shri Narendra Modi is running a very strong government at the Center which is committed for the development of the country and therefore, he is immensely popular among the masses. Secondly, the strategy of BJP National President Shri Amit Shah, his organizational activities through Vijay Sankalp Rally, Panna Pramukh Conference, election Meetings, Intensive state visit and Dialogue etc. and whole hearted efforts of our Karyakartas finally helped the party to perform better. For that, last time itself we improved our seats from 4 seats to 47 seats in Haryana. And we got 40 seats this time but able to form the government with allies.

What major achievements of the Haryana government enabled BJP to regain the public support once again?

With BJP's emergence in Haryana, the State was free from corruption and nepotism. So the biggest achievement of this government is that 'they delivered an honest and transparent government'. The government gave the jobs without 'Parchi and Kharchi'. Apart from this, the Manohar Lal Khattar government has done a lot of welfare works for the people during its first tenure. 'One Haryana- One Haryanvi', development without discrimination, providing jobs in a transparent manner,

honest transfer policy; are the works which enhanced the image and popularity of BJP government.

Secondly, the BJP government gave as much compensation as it promised to farming and farmers. The central government increased compensation by one and a half times, and Haryana increased it by two times. Ever since the Haryana State was formed, a total compensation of 1200 cr has been given till 2014 but during our time this amount touched nearly 3600 crores since 2014.

Thirdly, the government committed to purchase every single grain from the farmers and ensured it. The government has also increased MSP by 92 percent. These are main reasons behind the performance of the party.

After forming government for second time CM Manohar Lal Khattar is ready to implement NRC in the state. What's the roadmap?

NRC needs to be implemented across the country because Bangladeshi infiltrators have come and settled everywhere. There are many places like Faridabad, Panipat, Yamunanagar, and Gurgaon in the state where their presence has been creating a lot of problem for the natives. This matter is directly related to the security of the country, thus Chief Minister had said that NRC would be implemented in the whole state soon.

Apart from NRC, there are several other development works, that we have promised during electioneering will be implemented in a time bound manner. ■

'Article 370 was a wall, has been demolished now', says PM Modi

The nation remembered Iron-man Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on his 144th birth anniversary also celebrated as the National Unity Day (Rashtriya Ekta Diwas).

Sardar Patel is credited for the merger of over 560 princely states into the Union of India.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi paid tribute to Sardar Patel at the Statue of Unity and also visited Police Technology Exhibition in Kevadia, Gujarat.

Addressing the nation on the occasion the PM said, "I am happy that from today all the government employees of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh will be getting the benefits under the 7th Pay Commission as granted to the employees of other Union Territories".

Article 370 only gave separatism and terrorism to J&K. It was the only place in the country where Article 370 was present, where in the last three decades, over 40,000 people got killed & several mothers lost their sons due to terrorism. Now, this wall of Article 370 has been demolished.

PM Shri Modi said Sardar Sahib always spoke about



unity of purpose, unity of aim and unity of endeavour.

He said 'Run for Unity' program is being held in different cities & villages across the country today. I thank every citizen for participating in this program. India is known for 'unity in diversity'; it is our pride and our identity. ■

AMIT SHAH FLAGS OFF 'RUN FOR UNITY' TO COMMEMORATE SARDAR PATEL'S BIRTH ANNIVERSARY

Union Home Minister and BJP National President Shri Amit Shah on 31 October, 2019 flagged off the 'Run for Unity' to commemorate the 144th birth anniversary of the Iron-man Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in New Delhi.

The 'Run for Unity', which began from the Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, saw the participation of a large number of people, including sports personalities, sports enthusiasts and personnel of central police forces among others.

The 1.5-km run in Delhi takes place at the India Gate C-Hexagon-Shah Jahan Road radial. People wearing white T-shirts and bearing Patel's photo assembled at the national stadium and India Gate roundabout for the run.

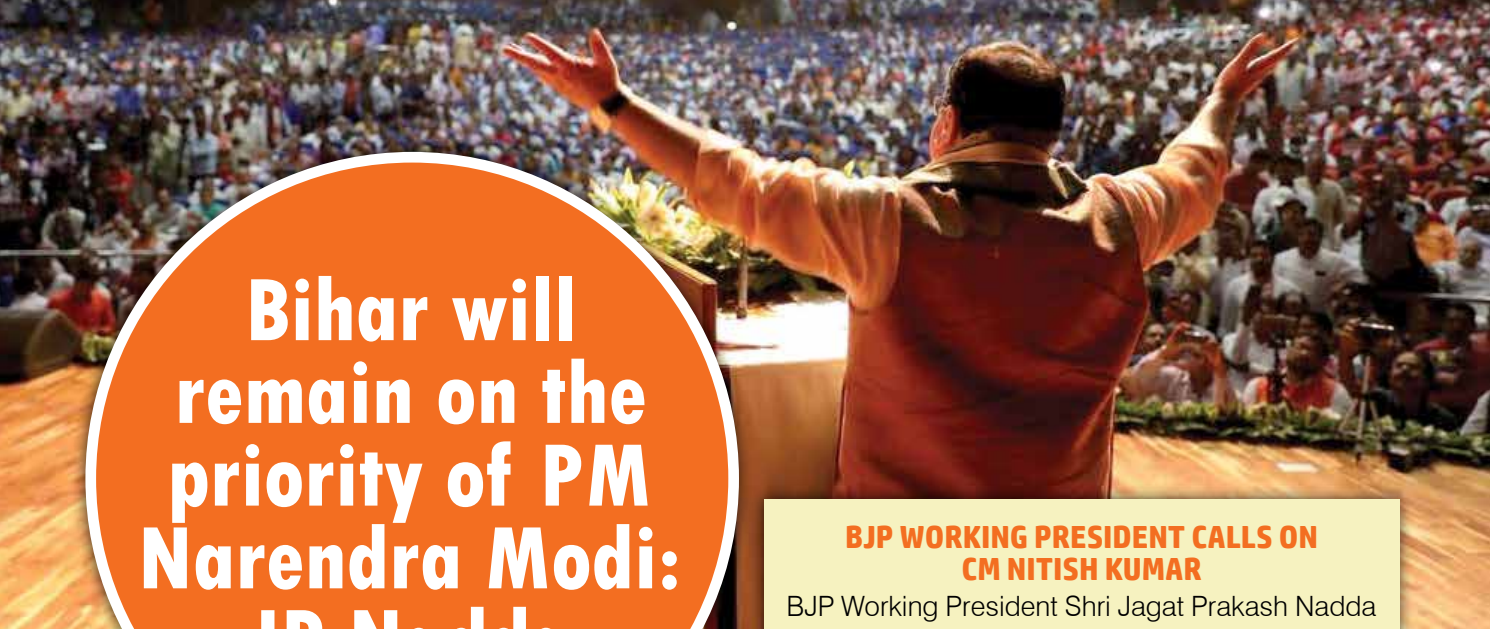
The flag off also saw the presence of Union ministers Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank', Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Shri R K Singh, Shri Kiren Rijiju, Shri G Kishan Reddy, Delhi Lt Governor Shri Anil Bajjal and home secretary Shri Ajay K Bhalla on the dais with the Union Home Minister.

Shri Amit Shah also administered a unity pledge to the participants of the run.

Earlier, the Home Minister visited Patel's statue located at the national capital's Patel Chowk and offered floral tributes.

The central government observes 31 October across the country as a day of special occasion to foster and reinforce the government's dedication to preserve and strengthen unity, integrity and security of the nation by celebrating it as a 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas' or National Unity Day to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Patel.

Modi government has been observing Patel's birth anniversary as 'Ekta Diwas' or National Unity Day since 2014.



Bihar will remain on the priority of PM Narendra Modi: JP Nadda

BJP WORKING PRESIDENT CALLS ON CM NITISH KUMAR

BJP Working President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda paid a courtesy visit to Bihar Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar, and assured him of full support from the Centre for all-round development of the state.

CM Shri Kumar, greeted the visiting BJP Working President with a bouquet and presented him with a memento and Angavastram.

Shri Nadda later in a tweet said, "In course of day-long Bihar tour, paid a courtesy visit to Bihar Chief Minister @NitishKumar ji and held discussions on different matters concerning the development of the state. Assured him of full support of the Centre for the state's all round progress".



Narendra Modi and former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee ji for the role they played in the transformation of Bihar where till a few decades ago going to a district north of the Ganges used to be an ordeal.

"I would like to assure the people of Bihar that the state will remain on the priority of PM Shri Narendra Modi under whose leadership economic growth has accompanied attempts to foster social harmony," he said.

In the first visit to Bihar after assuming charge as the National Working President of BJP, Shri JP Nadda on 05 November, 2019 addressed a function held in the memory of Jana Sangh stalwart Kailashpati Mishra and fondly recalled his own links with Patna where he was born and brought up.

He visited the party's state headquarters and addressed BJP MPs, Members of both houses of Legislature and office-bearers, and expressed delight over the Bihar unit having run a successful membership drive.

Addressing a function organised in the memory of late Jan Sangh leader Kailashpati Mishra, Shri JPNadda said that people are welcome to join the BJP irrespective of whether they did so "out of choice, out of chance, or out of accident". "One may join us out of choice, upon getting acquainted and impressed with our ideology and commitment to nationalism. Or one may do so out of chance, taking a cue from some close friend who is already a dedicated worker. There may still be others who might be joining us as a mark of protest against some other power", Shri Nadda said.

He remarked, "To all categories of party Karyakartas, I want to say you are at the right place. Thank your stars for that. To those who may still be thinking of joining us, I would say join the queue, the sooner the better".

He also lavished praise on the leadership of PM Shri

He said, "Please do remember, no political force can prosper without acknowledging the role played by its previous generations. Draw inspiration from the lives of Kailashpati Mishra, Thakur Prasad (another late Jan Sangh stalwart and father of Union minister Ravi Shankar Prasad) whom I had the privilege to know at close quarters having been born and brought up in Patna".

"In my childhood, I could not understand why people like Kailashpati Mishra used to devote so much of time and energy in politics when the party hardly won any seat in Bihar. Many years later, while I was cutting my political teeth in Himachal Pradesh, I used to be mocked by the champions of caste politics, the communists and supporters of the Congress alike. Today when we have had the last laugh and it is all due to the sacrifices made by those who nurtured our ideology", he added.



Several senior leaders, including BJP National General Secretary in-charge of Bihar Shri Bhupendra Yadav, State BJP President Shri Sanjay Jaiswal, Union Ministers Shri Nityanand Rai and Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey and Deputy Chief Minister Shri Sushil Kumar Modi were among those present on the occasion. ■

INTERNAL SECURITY A PRIORITY FOR GOVERNMENT: AMIT SHAH

After 70 years of formation, Delhi Police moved to its own head quarters from rented buildings

Jai Singh Road in central Delhi, near Bangla Sahib Gurdwara, is the new address of the Delhi Police headquarters. Its newly constructed 17-floor building was inaugurated by Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhai Patel, the country's first home minister on 312 October, 2019.

Constructed at a cost of Rs. 286 crore and spread over 8.092 acres, the complex is the first headquarters that officially belongs to the Delhi Police — till a day



ago the city police was operating out of various rented buildings since its formation in 1948.

Addressing the gathering, Shri Shah said internal security is a priority for the Narendra Modi government. He emphasized that several steps have been taken to ensure this, including improving vigil at borders and cracking down on cartels involved in manufacture and smuggling of fake currency and narcotics. ■

‘INDIAN DIASPORA HAS A SIGNIFICANT ROLE TO PLAY’

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the nation in his 5th Episode of ‘Mann Ki Baat 2.0’ on October 27, 2019. He wished the people of the country on the occasion of Diwali. He also talked about Guru Nanak spiritual journey. Here, we are publishing highlights of the address :



Friends, festival tourism has its own exciting attractions. Our India, the country of festivals, possesses limitless possibilities in the realm of festival tourism. It must be our endeavour to ensure that we should welcomingly include people of other states, other countries when we celebrate Holi, Diwali, Onam, Pongal or Bihu, spreading their true spirit. Here, every state, every region is replete with distinct festivals, generating a lot of interest in people from other countries. Hence, the Indian Diaspora has a significant role to play in promoting festival tourism in India .

- My dear countrymen, in the previous episode of Mann Ki Baat, we had decided to do something different this Diwali. I had urged all of you to celebrate India's Nari-Shakti, the power and achievement of women, thereby felicitating the Lakshmi of India. And within no time, there followed a slew of innumerable inspirational stories on social media.
- Kodipaka Ramesh from Warangal has written on Namu App-“My mother is my strength. In 1990, when my father expired, the responsibility to raise five sons fell on her shoulders. Today, all five brothers are doing well in their respective professions. My mother is God to me. She is the Lakshmi of India in every sense of the term.” Ramesh ji , respectful greetings to your mother.
- Geetika Swami, who is active on Twitter, says that for her, Major Khushbu Kanwar, daughter of a bus conductor, who has led an all women contingent of Assam Rifles, is the Lakshmi of India. For Kavita Tiwari, her daughter is the Lakshmi of India, her strength. She is proud of her daughter's excellent painting ability. She has also secured a good rank in the CLAT exam. Whereas Megha Jain has mentioned that a 92 year old woman has been offering free drinking water to passengers at Gwalior Railway Station. Megha Ji is truly inspired by the humility and compassion of this Lakshmi of India. Many such stories have been shared by people. Do read them, get inspired

and share similar instances. I respectfully salute all the Lakshmis of India.

- My dear countrymen, the 12th of November, 2019 is the day when the 550th Prakashotsav of Guru Nanak dev ji will be celebrated across the world. The luminescence of Guru Nanak Dev ji's influence can be felt not only in India but around the world. Many of our Sikh brothers and sisters settled in other countries committedly follow Guru Nanak dev ji's ideals.
- I can never forget my visits to Gurudwaras in Vancouver and Tehran. There is much about Guru Nanak Dev ji that I can share with you, but it will require many an episode of Mann ki Baat. He accorded the highest significance to the spirit of service. Guru Nank Dev ji firmly believed that any service done selflessly was beyond evaluation.
- Friends, all of us know that as India's first home minister, Sardar Patel undertook the colossal, historic task of integrating Princely states. Scrutinizing the minutest of events closely was his rare quality. On the one hand, he concentrated on Hyderabad, Junagarh and other States; on the other, he was watching far flung Lakshadweep intently.
- Actually, when we refer to Sardar Patel's endeavour, his role in the unification of just a few notable States is discussed. He played a far more significant role, when it came to a small region such as Lakshadweep too. Lakshadweep is one of the most beautiful landscapes in India.
- Soon after Partition in 1947, our neighbour had cast an eye on Lakshadweep; a ship bearing their flag was sent there. When Sardar Patel was informed of this, he wasted no time in initiating stern action. He urged the Mudaliar brothers, Arcot Ramaswamy Mudaliar and Arcot Laxman Swamy Mudaliar to immediately undertake a mission with people of Travancore to Lakshadweep and take the lead in unfurling the Tricolour there. ■



PM Shri Narendra Modi addressing the PIOs and NRIs in Bangkok, Thailand



PM Shri Narendra Modi in a group photograph with other world leaders at the 14th East Asia Summit in Bangkok, Thailand



PM Shri Narendra Modi and the German Chancellor Dr. Angela Merkel in a group photograph with the Business Leaders at Hyderabad House in New Delhi



PM Shri Narendra Modi meeting the Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman Al Saud in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia



PM Shri Narendra Modi addressing at the Global Investors Meet 2019 in Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh



PM Shri Narendra Modi at the Gurudwara Ber Sahib in Sultanpur Lodhi, Punjab after inaugurating the Indo-Pak Kartarpur Corridor



PM Shri Narendra Modi celebrating Diwali with the soldiers in Pathankot, Punjab



PM Shri Narendra Modi paying floral tribute to Sardar Ballabh Bhai Patel on his Jayanti at the 'Statue of Unity' in Gujarat



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Modi Govt announces boost for housing sector

Approves funding of **Rs 25,000 crore** for 1,600 stalled projects



- Govt to provide **Rs 10,000 crore**; SBI, LIC and other institutions **Rs 15,000 crore**
- This project is aimed at completion of **4.58 lakh** incomplete housing units
- Non-performing assets (NPAs) to be provided support as well

Source: Govt of India /BJP4India www.bjp.org

DEMONETIZATION: WAR AGAINST DEFAULTERS & CORRUPTION

Modi Govt's bold step to cleanse the Indian Economy

UNPRECEDENTED RISE IN TAX BASE

6.86 crore ITRs filed in 2017-18, compared to **5.48 in 2016-17**; A growth of **25%**

It is the best growth rate achieved in the **five years** before FY 2017-18




Source: Govt. of India /BJP4India www.bjp.org

Making dreams of the middle-class come true

Completing the incomplete: **HOUSES & PROMISES**

Projects that will be covered under the Rs 25,000 crore fund where unit cost is:

- Less than **RS 2 crore** in Mumbai
- Less than **Rs 1.5 crore** in NCR, Chennai, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Ahmedabad, Pune
- Less than **Rs 1 Crore** anywhere else in India



Source: Govt of India /BJP4India www.bjp.org

DEMONETIZATION: WAR AGAINST DEFAULTERS & CORRUPTION

Modi Govt's bold step to cleanse the Indian Economy

- Unearthing of Undisclosed Income**
Admission of undisclosed income of **Rs. 7,961 crores**; Detection of undisclosed income of **Rs. 6,745 crores**
- Clean Money, Cleaner Economy**
Cash deposit data was analyzed to identify persons; Analysis resulted in identification of about **17.92 lakh** persons
- Non-Filers became Filers, Non-Compliance became Compliance**
3.04 lakh non-IT filers deposited cash of **Rs 10 lakh** or more; **2.09 lakh** of such people paid self-assessment tax of **Rs. 6,531 crores**
- Widens Tax Base**
6.86 crore ITRs were filed in 2017-18 compared to **5.48 crore** in 2016-17, an annual rise of **25%**; Best growth rate in five years



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