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BJP National President Shri JP Nadda at 'Seva Saptah' karyakram on the occasion of Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi ji's 70th B'day (Sep 17) at BJP Distt Office, Sonipat (Haryana)





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— Jagat Prakash Nadda

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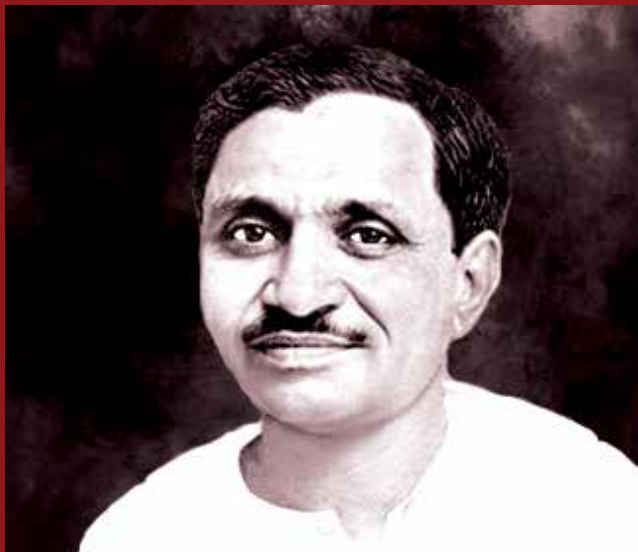


— Nitin Gadkari

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of Integral Humanism*

**PT. DEENDAYAL  
UPADHYAYA**

**ON HIS JAYANTI (25 SEPTEMBER)**

## EMPOWERING FARMERS WITH ENHANCED BARGAINING POWER AND FREEDOM TO SELL THEIR PRODUCE

**T**he current session of parliament will be recorded in the history in golden letters for heralding the reforms which are set to revolutionise the agriculture sector and transform the rural economy in the days to come. The passing of two bills crucial to farm sector by the parliament is set to pave the path for doubling of income of the farmers by empowering them with increased bargaining power and freedom to sell their produce to the buyers of their choice. The Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion & Facilitation) Bill, 2020, and The Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Bill, 2020 are the two Bills which will free the farmers to sell their products anywhere in the country and will allow them to engage freely with any agri-business entity. While it will promote inter-state and intra state barrier free trade across India, it will also help farmers in getting remunerative prices and create a modern marketing infrastructure with possibilities of facilitation of food processing, trade and export activities.

In another major boost to the farmers, the parliament has also passed the Essential Commodities (Amendment) Bill, 2020 with the provision to remove commodities like cereals, pulses, oilseeds, edible oils, onion and potatoes from the list of essential commodities. Not only it will attract investment in cold storage, warehouses, processing and increase export, it will be a safeguard for the farmers who had to suffer due to lack of proper infrastructure when the production is in surplus. The bill has unchained the possibility of agricultural sector paving the path for modernization and advancement of agri-infrastructure at par with the outside world. It has set the stage for huge leap in the agricultural sector increasing the bargaining power of the farmers and removing the middleman from the process.

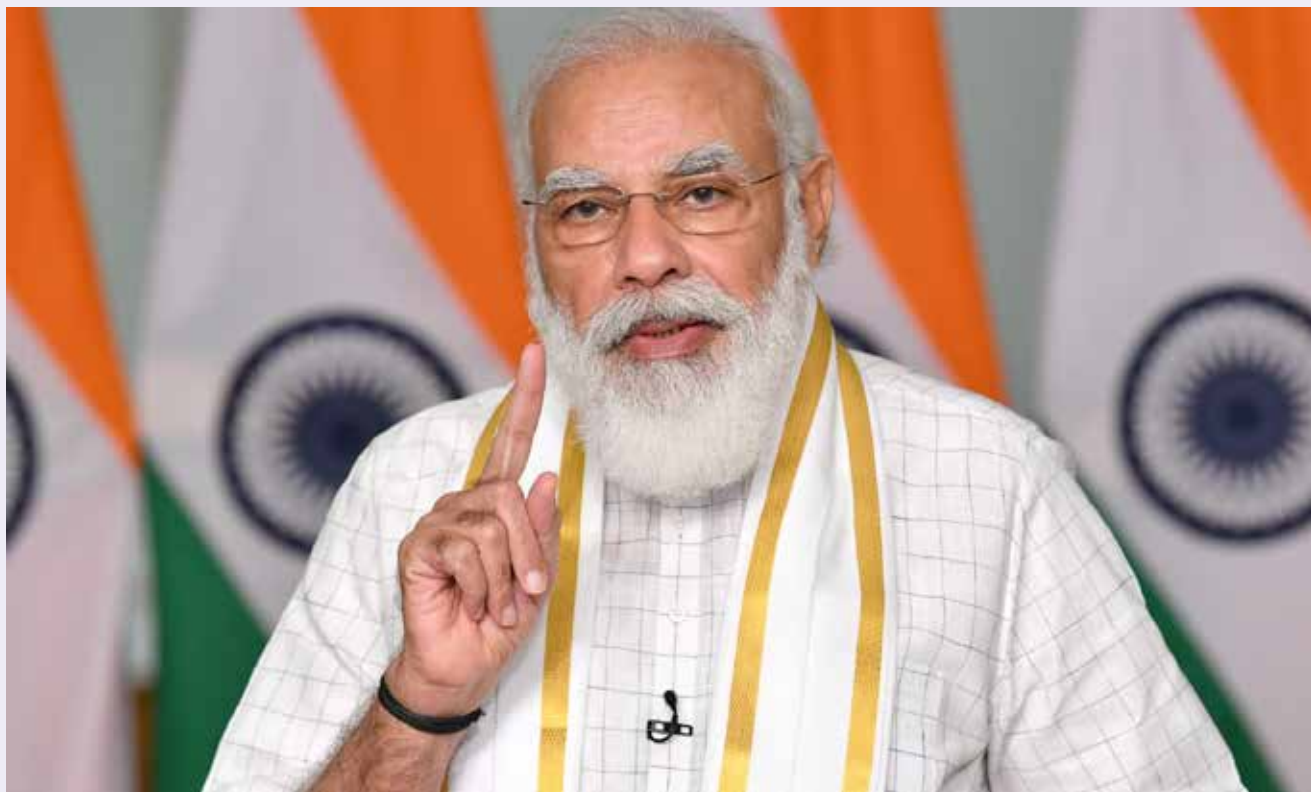
**WHENEVER THERE IS A CRISIS IN THE COUNTRY, THE 'ANNADATAS' HAVE COME FORWARD TO ENSURE THE FOOD SECURITY OF THE NATION. WHILE THE NATION IS FIGHTING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC WITH ALL ITS RESOURCES, THE FARMERS HAVE PROVED AGAIN THAT THEY ARE READY TO GO AN EXTRA MILE IN HELPING ...**

Whenever there is a crisis in the country, the 'Annadatas' have come forward to ensure the food security of the nation. While the nation is fighting the Covid-19 pandemic with all its resources, the farmers have proved again that they are ready to go an extra mile in helping the nation tide over the crisis. While the sale of fertilizers for the Kharif crops have shown a jump from the last year, so far the sowing area of the Kharif crops has increased by 8.56% more in comparison to corresponding period of last year. The sowing area of rice and oilseeds has also shown significant increase. As the rainfall remains more than normal this year, the harvest of the Kharif crops is expected to give good results. It is highly unfortunate that even when farmers contribute immensely in crisis, little was done in decades of Congress rule to improve their lot. It is for the first time

that under the dynamic and visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, historic steps are taken to modernise and upgrade agricultural infrastructure in the country by creating provisions in the budget and suitably amending the existing laws to meet the needs of current global scenario.

The Modi government has been committed to take measures which may double the farmers' income right from the beginning. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has ensured that the hitherto neglected rural economy gets a boost through budgetary allocations and reforms in the system. Never in the past were the farmers, farming sector and rural economy prioritized in the manner in which we saw it happening during the past six years. The launch of Rs. 1 Lakh Crore under Agriculture Infrastructure Fund, PM Matasya Yojana, e-Gopala App, increasing MSP 1.5 times the cost of production, PM Kisan and many more such initiatives may also be seen in the context of doubling the farmers' income in the country. It is to be noted that Indian farmers are not suffering due to lack of production; the problem mainly lies in the area of post-harvest, management, storage, processing and access to market. The Modi government has been continuously working in these areas through innovative schemes under for last six years which are modernising and upgrading agricultural sector paving the path of an 'Aatmnirbhar Bharat'.

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## WITHOUT COMPREHENSIVE REFORMS, THE UN FACES A CRISIS OF CONFIDENCE: PM MODI

**P** rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the United Nations General Assembly on 21 September, 2020 through video conferencing.

Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister said seventy-five years ago an institution was created for the entire world for the first time in human history and a new hope arose from the horrors of war.

He added, being a founding signatory of the UN Charter, India was part of that noble vision which reflected India's own philosophy of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' - which sees all creation as a family.

Paying tributes to those who advanced the cause of peace and development including the UN Peacekeeping Missions, the Prime Minister said our world today is a better place because of the United Nations.

About the UN declaration adopted today, the Prime Minister said while much has been achieved,

the original Mission remains unfulfilled. And the far-reaching declaration that we are adopting today acknowledges that work still needs to be done: in preventing conflict, in ensuring development, in addressing climate change, in reducing inequalities, and in leveraging digital technologies. The declaration also acknowledges the need for reform of the United Nations itself.

The Prime Minister said without comprehensive reforms, the UN faces a crisis of confidence and today's challenges cannot be fought with outdated structures.

Shri Modi added that for today's interconnected world, we need a reformed multilateralism: that reflects today's realities; gives voice to all stakeholders; addresses contemporary challenges; and focuses on human welfare. India looks forward to working with all other nations towards this end. ■



# NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY WILL PLAY A KEY ROLE IN CREATING 'AATMANIRBHAR BHARAT': PM MODI

**A**ddressing the 22nd convocation of IIT Guwahati on 22 September, 2020 PM Shri Narendra Modi said, “ज्ञानम् विज्ञान सहितम् यत् ज्ञात्वा मोक्षये अश्नुमात्”; that is, knowledge, including science, is the means to get rid of all the problems and sufferings. This spirit, this energy to do something new for serving people has kept our country alive in this millennium-old journey. We are proud that our institutions like IITs are taking this idea forward today.

He said, “You all must be feeling that after coming here how much you have transformed; how much has your thinking process expanded! When you started your journey in IIT Guwahati, since then, you would have been seeing a new personality within you. This is the most valuable gift of your professors to this institution”.

The PM said, “I believe clearly and firmly that the future of a nation depends upon what its youth are thinking today. Your dreams are going to shape the reality of India. Therefore, this is the time to be ready for the future; this is the time to be fit for the future. As the economy and society is changing today, bringing modernity, the Indian science and technology landscape also needs to make many important changes. I am glad that IIT Guwahati has already started with these efforts. PM Shri Modi said, “You are well aware of the great significance of our education system for a self-reliant India. In the past, you must have read and discussed a lot about the National Education Policy. National Education Policy is only for our 21st century youth like you; the youth who will lead the world and will make India a global leader in science and technology. Moreover, there are many such things included in this education policy which have been at the top of the wish list of students like you”.

The National Education Technology Forum is also being formed so that the role of technology increases from Teaching and learning to administration and assessment. We are moving towards an eco-system where our youth will learn from technology and will also innovate new technology to teach. There are infinite possibilities for IIT friends. You have to think

about new software, new devices and gadgets that will revolutionize the process of education. This is an opportunity for all of you; bring out your best and utilize it, the PM added.

PM said, “A National Research Foundation i.e. NRF has also been proposed in the NEP to enrich the research culture in our country. NRF will coordinate with all funding agencies regarding research funding and provide funds for all disciplines, be it science or humanities. The potential research which will have the scope for practical implementation will be recognized and implemented. For this, coordination and close linkage will be established between government agencies and industry. I am delighted to inform you that today around 300 of our young fellows are being awarded PhD in this convocation, and this is a very positive trend. I believe that all of you will not stop here; rather research will become a habit for you and will remain a part of your thought process”.

He said we all know that there are no boundaries for knowledge. The National Education Policy talks of opening up the education sector of the country. The aim is to make sure that the campuses of foreign universities also are set up in the country and our students get global exposure here. Similarly, research collaboration and student exchange programmes between Indian and global institutions will also be promoted.

He said this region is also a gateway to India's connectivity and relations with South East Asia; the mainstay of India's relations with these countries has been Culture, Commerce, Connectivity and Capacity. Now education is going to be another new medium of our engagement. IIT Guwahati can become a major centre for the same. This will also give the North East a new identity, and new opportunities will also be created here. Today, the infrastructure related to railways, highways, airways, and waterways are being built here to give impetus to the development of the Northeast. This is creating new opportunities for the entire Northeast. IIT Guwahati also has a major role in these developmental works.



He said this region also possesses rich bio-diversity and immense traditional knowledge & skills! The transmission of this traditional skill, knowledge, and even of science and technology has been through traditional routes. One generation transferred the knowledge to the next generation and this trend has been going on. Can we link it with modern technology? Can we create new technology with this fusion? I believe that through a modern and scientific process, we can develop cultural knowledge, skills and beliefs into rich and cutting edge professional development programmes. I suggest that IIT Guwahati must play a pivotal role in it, and set up a Centre for Indian Knowledge Systems. Through this, we can contribute a lot to the Northeast, the country and the world, which will be invaluable.

Shri Modi said Assam and Northeast in general is a region in the country which is full of possibilities. But the region is plagued with problems like floods, earthquakes, landslides and many industrial disasters. Energy and efforts of these states are spent in dealing

with these disasters. To deal with these problems effectively, a high degree of technological support and intervention is required. I will also request IIT Guwahati to establish a Centre for Disaster Management and Risk Reduction. This centre will also provide expertise in dealing with the disasters in this region, and will also turn disasters into opportunities. I am confident that IIT Guwahati and all the IIT students will move forward and this resolve will also be proved. Friends, apart from focusing on local issues, we also have to set our eyes on the bigger canvas of global technologies. For example, can we find out the niche areas in our research and technology? Can we identify and prioritize such areas, subjects on which the country needs to focus more?

Among others Union Minister of Education Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank Ji, Chief Minister of Assam Shri Sarbananda Sonwal, Minister of State for Education Shri Sanjay Dhotre, Chairman of the Board of Governors, Members of the Senate, faculty members, staff and Students were present. ■



## PM LAUNCHES PROJECT TO CONNECT 45,945 VILLAGES IN BIHAR WITH OPTICAL FIBRE INTERNET SERVICE

**W**ith recent announcements by Prime Minister on 15th August, 2020, connectivity is to be taken up to the all more than 6 Lakh villages (from the existing GP level) within 1000 days. As a first step towards this goal, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched the “हर गांव में ऑप्टिकल फाइबर द्वारा इंटरनेट सुविधा” project on September 21, 2020 for connecting all 45,945 villages of Bihar on Optical Fibre for providing high-speed internet. This will enable digital revolution to reach the farthest corner of the State.

Prime Minister termed the day as not only historic for Bihar but for the entire country as the Government is taking major steps to make its villages the mainstay of AtmaNirbharBharat and that this is starting from Bihar today.

Explaining the benefits that accrue through the speedier connectivity, Prime Minister said it would provide access to best of the reading material to the students, along with access to tele-medicine and access to information on seeds, new techniques nationwide markets to the farmers apart from real time data on weather conditions. Farmers can also easily transport their produce all over the country

and world, he said.

The Prime Minister said the aim of the Government is to provide Urban facilities to rural areas in the country.

This project will be implemented in a short span of 180 days and will be completed by 31.03.2021 at an approximate cost of Rs. 1,000 Crore through CSC SPV providing 1 Wi-Fi and 5 FTTH connections for one year free of cost to identified Government Institutions, Primary Schools, Anganwadi Centres, Aasha Workers & Jeevika Didi etc. and one Wi-Fi at a public place in every village of Bihar. Rs. 640 Crore of capital expenditure will be borne by the Department of Telecommunications, Government of India.

Union Minister Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad thanked Prime Minister for dedicating various developmental schemes in multiple areas in Bihar, which has been unprecedented for the state. Minister also emphasised on the role CSC is playing in digital delivery of services especially in Bihar.

It is a matter of great pride for me, as Bihar will be the First State in India to Connect all Villages by optical Fiber Network Internet said Union Minister Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad. ■

## PM LAYS FOUNDATION STONE FOR NH PROJECTS WORTH 14000 CR IN BIHAR

**P**rim Minister Shri Narendra Modi on September 21 laid the foundation stone for nine National Highway Projects worth Rs 14000 crore in Bihar and launched the project to provide internet services through Optical Fibre in the state today through video conferencing.

Speaking on the occasion, the PM said these highway projects would improve the connectivity in Bihar. The highway projects include construction of 3 large bridges, upgrading of highways into 4 lanes and 6 lanes. He said all rivers in Bihar will have bridges conforming to 21st century specifications and all major NHs will stand widened and strengthened

He termed the day as not only historic for Bihar but for the entire country as the Government is taking major steps to make its villages the mainstay of Atma Nirbhar Bharat and that this is starting from Bihar today. He said under this project 6 Lakh villages would be provided internet services through Optical

Fibre cable in 1000 days. This includes the 45,945 village in Bihar. He said it was inconceivable a few years ago that the number of Internet users in rural areas would be more than those in the urban areas.

He said because of the efforts of the government optical fiber has already reached about 1.5 lakh Village Panchayats and more than 3 lakhs Common Service Centers.

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## BJP ORGANISES WEEK-LONG 'SEVA SAPTAH' TO MARK PM MODI'S 70TH BIRTHDAY

**T**he Bharatiya Janata Party has organised a week-long campaign to mark the 70th birthday of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. The party has observed 'Seva Saptah' week from 14-20 September. On PM's 70th birthday, cleanliness and plantation drives were conducted at 70 places in every district across the country and other services were provided to the people across the country. The list of the programmers, included social initiatives, with the theme '70' that karyakartas organized in their areas.

### **CHHAPRAULI, GAUTAM BUDDHA NAGAR (UP)**

#### **SEVA HAS BEEN PRIME FOCUS IN PM MODI'S LIFE: JP NADDA**

While launching the week-long 'Seva Saptah' program on 14 September, 2020 at Chhaprauli village in Gautam Buddha Nagar district of Uttar Pradesh, BJP National President Shri JP Nadda said, "Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is turning 70 on September 17. If we look at his life and his journey, Seva has been the prime focus in his life. His life has been dedicated to the service of people and the country. Hence, BJP has decided to observe September 14-20 week as 'Seva Saptah', he said".

Addressing the gathering at Chhaprauli village he said BJP workers will take up cleanliness and plantation drives, blood and plasma donation, across

all districts during this period in the country. Crores of our party Karyakartas will serve the people as part of the campaign during the week. Party has also set a target to provide at least 70 divyang people with whatever equipment they require" he said.

Shri Nadda told the party workers, "Similarly, there would be 70 virtual rallies and plantations at 70 spots in every district". Uttar Pradesh BJP President Shri Swatantra Dev Singh, Noida MP Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Rajya Sabha MP Shri Surendra Nagar and local MLAs were present.

### **SONIPAT (HARYANA)**

#### **'AGRI-RELATED BILLS GIVE FARMERS FREEDOM TO FETCH BETTER PRICES'**

BJP National President Shri JP Nadda on 19 September, 2020, while addressing a 'Seva Saptah' programme in Sonipat, Haryana, hit out at the opposition for calling the three agriculture-related Bills passed by Parliament "anti-farmer" and said the legislations empower them to sell their crop in any market of the country to fetch better prices. He also praised Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, saying, "The country is in the hands of an able leader; the country is safe and moving forward strongly."

On the Bills, Shri Nadda said farmers will have the freedom to sell their produce in any market of the country to get remunerative prices. "Today, an

attempt has been made to give freedom to farmers. It will be the job of the government to tell farmers the price of crops prevailing in any part of the country. Farmers can sell their crop anywhere. In the real sense, farmers have got freedom now," he said.

Seeking to allay fears over the minimum support price (MSP) regime, Shri Nadda said the arrangement will continue as before. "Our procurement centers will continue to work," he said. "If a farmer has the produce costing Rs 10 and if he gets Rs 12 outside (outside the notified APMC market yards) then he will sell it and will not go to the grain market. If he was offered Rs 8, then he will go to the grain market to sell it at MSP. It is simple mathematics. How is it anti-farmer," he asked.

"Whether farmers want to go to Mandi or sell to a buyer, you decide it," he said addressing a function in Sonipat, Haryana in connection with the week-long campaign, "Seva Saptah", to mark the birthday of PM Shri Narendra Modi, who turned 70 on September 17.

The BJP National President also criticized the Congress, accusing it of "never bringing any reform in the country". "They neither have any will nor intend to do so," Shri Nadda said.

He said it was PM Shri Narendra Modi who brought reforms in the country.

Shri Nadda said, "This was not the first time when the Congress was trying to mislead people. When the Ayushman Bharat and the Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana were launched, they had raised questions and tried to mislead people".

On the Ayushman Bharat scheme, he said 1.25 crore people have taken benefit of it in the past two



years with the Centre spending Rs 15,000 crore on it. "At that time too, the Congress had raised questions on this scheme and said insurance companies will benefit, but not poor. At that time too they tried to mislead people," Shri Nadda added.

He said when PM Shri Modi talked about opening 'Jan Dhan Accounts', the opposition made fun of it. During the Coronavirus pandemic, these very accounts have proved to be a boon, enabling direct transfer of financial assistance to weaker sections, he said.

Praising the Prime Minister, the BJP National President said, "He has changed the culture of politics in India". Earlier people used to seek votes from election to election, but it was Shri Modi who raised the accountability bar by presenting a report card to people, the National BJP President stated. National BJP General Secretary Dr. Anil Jain, Haryana BJP President Shri OP Dhankar, senior party leaders and Karyakartas were also present on the occasion. ■







## BJP National President releases Special Edition of Kamal Sandesh 'ARCHITECT OF NEW INDIA'

**T**he BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda released the Special Edition of Kamal Sandesh titled 'Architect of New India' on the occasion of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's 70th Birthday (on 17th September) at party headquarters in New Delhi on 18 September, 2020.

This Special Edition was published by Kamal Sandesh both in English and Hindi and highlighted in detail the life journey of Prime Minister Shri Modi since his childhood days, his work, thoughts etc.

This issue also included highly insightful articles of BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, UP CM Yogi Adityanath and Assam CM Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, inspiring journey of the Prime Minister, his pictographic journey from childhood, some of his selected speeches, some of his books and poems composed by him, International honors and 70 historic decisions during his tenure as Prime Minister of India.

Along with BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, party National General Secretaries Shri Arun Singh and Dr. Anil Jain, Treasurer & party National Spokesperson Shri Gopal Krishna Agarwal, Dr. Mookerjee Smruti Niyas Secretary Shri Nandkishore Garg, National In-Charge of Journal & Publication Department and Executive Editor of

Kamal Sandesh Dr. Shiv Shakti Bakshi and Media Dept. Co-Incharge Shri Sanjay Mayukh were present on the dais.

Speaking at the launching program, BJP National President Shri JP Nadda lauded the efforts of Kamal Sandesh for the publication of this valuable Special Edition on the occasion of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's 70th Birthday and asked party Karyakartas to read this edition and take inspiration from the life of the Hon'ble Prime Minister.

Shri Nadda also appreciated Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for changing the country's political culture by not bowing down to any pressure and upholding the rights of the downtrodden, and cited three farm sector bills as an example of his resolve.

@JPNadda

A special issue of Kamal Sandesh was released today ( 18 September) at the BJP headquarters under the 'Seva Saptah' program organized to commemorate the 70th birthday of Hon'ble PM Shri@narendramodi Ji.

I want to say to all BJP karyakartas to read this Special Edition based on Modi ji's biography and take inspiration from it.





The BJP National President said PM Shri Narendra Modi had empowered the farmers through farm bills and liberated them from middlemen.

He asserted that the system of selling farm produce under the agriculture produce market committee and the MSP from the Centre will continue to exist and alleged that those who stand with middlemen are speaking the language of middlemen and not of farmers.

These reforms will provide new opportunities to farmers to sell their produce, which will increase their profits and empower them, he said, accusing the opposition of deliberately misleading farmers. "The system of minimum support price (MSP) and government procurement through APMC will continue. The farmers will not be compelled to sell their produce to the licensed traders by going to the market.

Now the farmer will be free to decide. Farmers have been empowered by being given the option of selling produce," he added.

He said, "We have seen many governments but the pro-poor welfare and economic reforms under the leadership of PM Shri Modi and other changes brought to keep the unity and integrity of the country intact is something unimaginable and amazing".

Prior to 2014, under the governments of the Congress and its allies, caste-based calculations and politics of appeasement ruled, but Shri Modi has changed the political culture and brought in development, service, public welfare and dedication to the fore.

At the beginning, Nyas Treasurer & party National Spokesperson Shri Gopal Krishna Agarwal expressed thankfulness to the BJP National President for his gracious presence and welcomed others present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, Executive Editor of Kamal Sandesh Dr. Shiv Shakti Bakshi expressed his gratitude to BJP National President Shri JP Nadda for launching the special edition 'Architect of New India', introduced the edition and briefly highlighted its contents.

Nyas Secretary Shri Nandkishore Garg in his concluding remarks said Kamal Sandesh has been publishing Special Issues time to time and this edition published during the 'Seva Saptah' is a valuable and collectible issue. ■



## PARLIAMENT PASSES FARMERS' PRODUCE TRADE AND COMMERCE BILL, 2020 AND FARMERS (EMPOWERMENT AND PROTECTION) BILL, 2020

**P**arliament on September 20, 2020 passed two bills aimed at transforming agriculture in the country and raising farmers' incomes. The Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill, 2020 and the Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement of Price Assurance and Farm Services Bill, 2020 which were passed by Lok Sabha on 17th September 2020, were passed by the Rajya Sabha also on 20 September. The Bills were introduced in Lok Sabha on 14th September 2020 by Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, to replace ordinances promulgated on 5th June 2020.

Speaking about the Bills, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar said that the Government under Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has taken several landmark decisions in last six years to ensure that farmers get remunerative prices for their produce, and for raising farmers' incomes and livelihood status. He again clarified that the procurement at Minimum Support Price will continue, assurance for this has been given by Hon'ble Prime Minister himself, rate of MSP has been increased considerably during 2014-2020 and MSP for coming Rabi season will be announced in coming week.



### THE FARMERS' PRODUCE TRADE AND COMMERCE (PROMOTION AND FACILITATION) BILL, 2020

- The new legislation will create an ecosystem where

the farmers and traders will enjoy freedom of choice of sale and purchase of agri-produce.

- It will also promote barrier-free inter-state and intra-state trade and commerce outside the physical premises of markets notified under State Agricultural Produce Marketing legislations.
- The farmers will not be charged any cess or levy for sale of their produce and will not have to bear transport costs.
- The Bill also proposes an electronic trading in transaction platform for ensuring a seamless trade electronically.
  - In addition to mandis, freedom to do trading at farmgate, cold storage, warehouse, processing units etc.
- Farmers will be able to engage in direct marketing thereby eliminating intermediaries resulting in full realization of price.
- It is noteworthy that Procurement at Minimum Support Price will continue, farmers can sell their produce at MSP rates, the MSP for Rabi season has been announced on September 22.
- Mandis will not stop functioning, trading will continue here as before. Under the new system, farmers will have the option to sell their produce at other places in addition to the mandis
- The e-NAM trading system will also continue in the mandis

#### @narendramodi

For decades, the Indian farmer was bound by various constraints and bullied by middlemen. The bills passed by Parliament liberate the farmers from such adversities. These bills will add impetus to the efforts to double income of farmers and ensure greater prosperity for them.

Our agriculture sector is in desperate need of latest technology that assists the industrious farmers. Now, with the passage of the bills, our farmers will have easier access to futuristic technology that will boost production and yield better results. This is a welcome step.

#### @JPNadda

Now, farmer will be his own boss! He can make his own decisions! The new legislation empowers farmers & gives alternative marketing channels including E marketing platform. Farmers can get better remunerative prices. Farm related problems can now be resolved at his doorstep.



## LOK SABHA PASSES 3 HISTORIC AND PATH BREAKING LABOUR CODES

The three Bills introduced in the House for historic labour reforms in the country were passed in Lok Sabha on September 22, will prove to be a Game Changer in the labour welfare reforms covering more than 50 crores organized and unorganized workers in the country. This also includes gig, platform and also opens up the doors for social security to those in the self-employment sector.

The 3 bills which were passed in the Lok Sabha are (i) Industrial Relations Code, 2020 (ii) Code on Occupational Safety, Health & Working Conditions Code, 2020 & (iii) Social Security Code, 2020. These bills are part of Government's earnest desire to bring much needed labour welfare reforms in the country which has not been done for the last 73 years. In the last 6 years, many multi-stakeholders consultations were held with all stakeholders i.e. Trade unions, Employers, State Governments and experts of labour sector. This also includes holding 9 tripartite consultations, four Sub Committee meetings and 10 Regional Conferences, 10 inter-ministerial consultations and views of citizens. ■

### Parliament passes the Essential Commodities (Amendment) Bill, 2020

The Essential Commodities (Amendment) Bill 2020 with provisions to remove commodities like cereals, pulses, oilseeds, edible oils, onion and potatoes from the list of essential commodities was passed by Rajya Sabha on 22 September. Earlier, the bill was introduced by the Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Shri Danve Raosaheb Dadarao in the Lok Sabha on 14th September, 2020 to replace ordinances promulgated on 5th June 2020. The bill was passed by Lok Sabha on 15th September, 2020.

The EC (Amendment) Bill 2020 aims to remove fears of private investors of excessive regulatory interference in their business operations. The freedom to produce, hold, move, distribute and supply will lead to harnessing of economies of scale and attract private sector/foreign direct investment into agriculture sector. It will help drive up investment in cold storages and modernization of food supply chain.

The Government, while liberalizing the regulatory environment, has also ensured that interests of consumers are safeguarded. It has been provided in the Amendment, that in situations such as war, famine, extraordinary price rise and natural calamity, such agricultural foodstuff can be regulated. However, the installed capacity of a value chain participant and the export demand of an exporter will remain exempted from such stock limit imposition so as to ensure that investments in agriculture are not discouraged.

Replying to the discussion on the Bill before it was passed by the Rajya Sabha today, Minister of States for Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution Shri Danve Raosaheb Dadarao said that this amendment is required to prevent wastage of agri-produce due to lack of storage facilities. He said this amendment will create a positive environment not only for farmers but also for consumers and investors and will definitely make our country self-reliant. He said that this amendment will strengthen the overall supply chain mechanism of the agriculture sector. This amendment will also help to achieve the government's promise to double the farmer's income by promoting investment in this sector and promote ease of doing business. ■

### FARMERS (EMPOWERMENT AND PROTECTION) BILL, 2020

The new legislation will empower farmers for engaging with processors, wholesalers, aggregators, wholesalers, large retailers, exporters etc., on a level playing field. Price assurance to farmers even before sowing of crops. In case of higher market price, farmers will be entitled to this price over and above the minimum price.

It will transfer the risk of market unpredictability from the farmer to the sponsor. Due to prior price

determination, farmers will be shielded from the rise and fall of market prices.

It will also enable the farmer to access modern technology, better seed and other inputs. It will reduce cost of marketing and improve income of farmers.

Effective dispute resolution mechanism has been provided for with clear time lines for redressal.

Impetus to research and new technology in agriculture sector. ■

## CABINET APPROVES MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICES (MSP) FOR RABI CROPS FOR MARKETING SEASON 2021-22

**T**he Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on September 21 approved the increase in the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for all mandated Rabi crops for marketing season 2021-22. This increase in MSP is in line with the recommendations of Swaminathan Commission.

In view of nutritional requirements and changing dietary pattern and to achieve self-sufficiency in pulses and oilseeds production, the Government has fixed relatively higher MSP for these crops.

The highest increase in MSP has been announced for lentil (Rs. 300 per quintal) followed by gram and rapeseed & mustard (Rs. 225 per quintal each) and safflower (Rs. 112 per quintal). For barley and wheat, an increase of Rs. 75 per quintal and Rs 50 per quintal respectively has been announced. The differential remuneration is aimed at encouraging crop diversification.

In a tweet PM Shri Narendra Modi said, 'It is our great privilege to work for the welfare of our farmers. In line with our ethos of taking farmer-friendly measures, the Cabinet has taken another historic decision to raise MSP. Crores of farmers will benefit from this. Higher MSP will empower farmers and contribute to

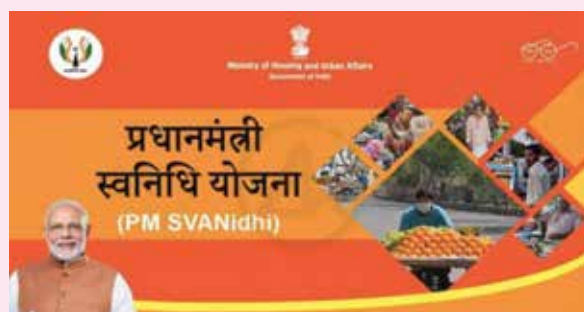
doubling of their income. Increased MSP, along with the series of agriculture reforms passed by Parliament will ensure dignity and prosperity of farmers. Jai Kisan!'

Welcoming the decision BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda said, 'The Central Government has not only increased the MSP but also increased the purchase on MSP to ensure the remuneration value of the farmers. The false face of people who mislead farmers on the basis of facts has been exposed today, they should now apologize to our Annadata brothers and sisters.'

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah has welcomed the Union Cabinet decision to hike the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of six Rabi crops. Expressing gratitude to Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, Shri Amit Shah, in a series of tweets, said, "Every day and every moment of Modi Government has been devoted towards welfare of farmers and the poor. Modi Government has once again reiterated its resolve towards welfare of farmers and the poor by raising the MSP of six rabi crops today. I express my heartfelt gratitude to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji and Union Agriculture Minister Shri Narendra Tomar ji for this."

## PRIME MINISTER STREET VENDOR'S AMTA NIRBHAR NIDHI SCHEME LAUNCHED

**M**inistry of Housing and Urban Affairs on June 01, 2020, launched Prime Minister Street Vendor's Amta Nirbhar Nidhi Scheme (PM SVANidhi). Minister of State (I/C) for Housing and Urban Affairs Shri Hardeep Singh Puri stated in Rajya Sabha that Prime Minister Street Vendor's Amta Nirbhar Nidhi Scheme (PM SVANidhi) was launched on June 1, 2020. He said, it aims at facilitating collateral free working capital loans upto Rs 10,000 of 1 year tenure, to about 50 lakh street vendors across the country. It also provides for incentives in the form of interest subsidy @ 7% per annum on regular repayment of loan and cash-back upto Rs. 100 per month on undertaking prescribed digital transactions. Further, on timely or early repayment, the vendors will be eligible for the next cycle of working capital loan with an enhanced limit. For the purpose of scheme administration, an end-to-end solution through an IT platform has been developed in collaboration with Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI). The loan processing under the Scheme has commenced on July 02, 2020. The approved outlay for PM SVANidhi scheme is Rs.600.00 crores.





**PM MODI ADDRESSES BJP KARYAKARTAS ON DEENDAYAL BIRTH ANNIVERSARY**

**‘CONTRIBUTION OF PT. DEENDAYAL JI TO MAKE INDIA BETTER AS A COUNTRY INSPIRES GENERATIONS’**

**P**M Shri Narendra Modi addressed BJP Karyakartas from all over India on Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya’s birth anniversary on September 25 via video conferencing. Addressing the virtual meeting, PM Shri Modi

said, “I wish good health to the families of lakhs of BJP Karyakartas who are immersed in serving the society during the Covid-19 pandemic. The way these Karyakartas have helped the society is an inspiration for all of us.”

PM Shri Modi said, “The contribution of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Ji to make India better as a country and society inspires generations. The path he has showed to every BJP worker instils confidence in us,” he said. “Time has proved that his vision was futuristic. Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Ji has a major contribution in whatever is happening today to build India into a global leader of the 21st century,” he added. Talking on the reforms in the agriculture sector, PM Shri Modi remarked that the previous governments used to make a complicated web of promises and laws which farmers or labourers could never understand. But BJP-led NDA govt, has constantly tried to change this situation and has introduced reforms for the welfare of farmers.

Prime Minister Shri Modi asserted, “In last few years, NDA







government made full efforts to connect farmers with banks. Over Rs 1 lakh crores transferred to over 10 crore farmers under PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana. Our effort was to provide KISAN credit cards to more & more farmers so they can avail loans easily.”

Addressing BJP Karyakartas, PM Shri Modi said there is a need to spread awareness on new farm bills. He alleged that the Opposition is using farmers for their benefit.

PM Shri Modi urged all BJP Karyakartas that they should reach out to farmers on the ground and inform them in a very simplified language about the importance and intricacies of the new farm reforms, how these will empower them. “Our ground connect will bust the lies and rumours being spread in virtual world,” he said.

Defending the labour bills at the event, PM Shri Modi highlighted that the new labour reforms would transform the lives

of our labour force. “So far, only 30 per cent of the workers had the coverage of minimum wage guarantee. Now, it will expand to all workers in the unorganised sector,” PM Shri Modi said.

Lauding the development work done by the BJP, the PM said, “the party’s mantra has always been that of nation first and if we see the party’s Sankalp Patra, we can see that how so many of the works are being done at fast pace - be it Har Ghar Jal or internet connectivity in villages. Be it revocation of article 370 or settling the Ram Mandir issue in Ayodhya.”

BJP National President Shri JP Nadda, Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh and other BJP dignitaries were also present at the event.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF SPEECH

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# SURESH C. ANGADI IS NO MORE

**M**inister of State for railways, Shri Suresh C. Angadi is no more. He passed away at the age of 65 on 23 September 2020. He was admitted in AIIMS in Delhi for Covid treatment.

Shri Angadi, born on 1st June 1955, served as Vice President of the BJP's Belagavi district unit in 1996. In 2001, he was nominated as the President of the district unit and continued to hold that post until he was nominated as the party's candidate for the Belagavi Lok Sabha constituency in 2004. He defeated his opponent of the Indian National Congress and became a Member of the 14th Lok Sabha. He was re-elected to Lok Sabha from Belagavi in 2009, 2014 and 2019. He held the distinction of never having lost an election since his first victory in 2004. In May 2019, Shri Angadi became Minister of State for Railways and served the office till his death. As a minister, he had approved the Suburban Commuter Rail project in Bangalore.

Prime Minister **Shri Narendra Modi** condoled the demise of Shri Suresh Angadi. The Prime Minister said, "Shri Suresh Angadi was an exceptional Karyakarta, who worked hard to make the Party strong in Karnataka. He was a dedicated MP and effective Minister, admired across the spectrum. His demise is saddening. My thoughts are with his family and friends in this sad hour. Om Shanti."

The Union Cabinet on 23 September organized condolence meeting and also observed silence for two minutes in the memory of Shri Suresh C. Angadi.

On the minister's untimely demise, BJP National President **Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda** took to



twitter and wrote "Extremely saddened by the passing away of Central Minister Shri Suresh Angadi Ji. He was a remarkable leader who dedicated all his life for organization and went on to serve society with utmost diligence and compassion. My thoughts and Prayers are with his family and followers."

Union Home Minister **Shri Amit Shah** expressing condolence wrote, "Deeply pained to learn about the passing away of MoS Railways and senior BJP leader from Karnataka, Shri Suresh Angadi ji. He will always be remembered for his selfless service to the nation and party. My deepest condolences are with his family. Om Shanti Shanti Shanti"

The BJP National General Secretary (Organization) **Shri B.L Santhosh** in a tweet said "In a short span of 16 months Sri @SureshAngadi\_ had made a mark as an administrator with vision & compassion. As MOS Railways he did a lot for Karnataka & country. Today he succumbed to #COVID-19. Pray almighty for Sadgati to the departed soul. My thoughts are with the family." ■

# NARENDRA MODI - AN EPITOME OF INDIA'S FAITH AND HOPE



JAGAT PRAKASH  
NADDA

**U**nder the visionary leadership of our Pardhan Sevak and Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modiji, India is moving forward with conviction and commitment on national and international fora to solve issues related to common people. Shri Narendra Modi ji is epitome of India's faith and hope. The pledge with which the Bharatiya Janata Party was formed, the issues the party has been consistently vocal about and stood by since its inception, and the daunting tasks taken up by saintly figures like Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee, Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay and Atal Bihari Vajpayeeji saw light of the day due to untiring efforts of Modiji.

In fact, when Shri Narendra Modi took over as Prime Minister after his historic victory in 2014, the conditions were not very favorable in India. During the long tenure of the 10-year Congress-led UPA government, there was complete policy paralysis and organized loot of public fund and corruption in highest echelons of power. The

benefits of the government policies were not reaching the people at the lowest rung of the society. It was not that the Congress had no knowledge of such harsh realities of the system functioning under its patronage and protection, but that the Congress government chose to remain silent and colluded with the middlemen. Perhaps, the real interest and welfare of the people was not among its priorities.

Poor decision making and lax leadership had made India's position very vulnerable in the global world order. The world's largest democracy was not receiving the respect and attention in accordance with its status in the comity of nations.

Even before he was sworn-in as Prime Minister on 26th May 2014, Shri Narendra Modi had chalked out a strategy to bring the world's largest democracy into an effective role at the world stage. Accordingly, all the SAARC heads of states were invited to his swearing-in ceremony. Our relations with our





neighbors were continuously on decline, but now each one of us is aware about the efforts of the Prime Minister in making them normal and warm. In light of the immortal words of revered Atalji, 'Friends can be changed, but neighbors cannot', India not only made efforts to revive friendship with the neighbors, but the entire world is witness to the way India remains committed towards its relations with warmth and respect. On the decade old policy of Pakistan, Pakistan has seen India's old way of dealing with it and new responses. Today, on the situation on the border with China, the country has unwavering faith in the leadership of Modi. As a result, India's effective and strong stand vis- a- vis can be seen, making it

realize that India is now moving ahead with the self-confidence and self-respect and interests of citizens and nation cannot be compromised. Prime Minister Shri Modi has given this high morale to the country.

Earlier the sole aim of political parties was to remain permanently in power, but now one can witness a sea change in the polity of India. Coming out

of the mindset of the vote bank and appeasement politics, the focus is now on nation's holistic development and accountable governance where people are the nucleus and central aspect of all policies. Development policies are now need based, and not on the basis of region, class or individual aspirations. Abrogation of Article 370 got credence to the idea that all

citizens and regions of the country are equal and to be treated equally. Our revered Dr Syama Prasad Mukherjee sacrificed his life on the altar for this idea. The dream of building a grand Shri Ram Mandir in Ayodhya was also made possible due to relentless efforts of the Modi government. The archaic custom of Triple Talaq was abolished

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for the welfare and up-liftment of Muslim sisters. Ever since independence the governments have kept governance apparatus in a straitjacket to serve their own interests but today the Modi government is writing a new chapter of development and inclusive growth by providing an accountable and responsive governance in the interest of common man.

The Prime Minister has always considered 1.3 billion Indians as an asset capable of changing the destiny of the country. Till now, the burgeoning population was considered the root cause of all problems plaguing the society,

but the Prime Minister gave it a new perspective and took it as a challenge and started working on channelizing the energy of this vast available asset towards Nation building. Campaigns like Make in India, Start-up India proved to be a great employment

generators in the country and reduced our dependence on imports of goods and services. This is the reason that citizenry gets inspired and energized with new hope and energy whenever Prime Minister addresses the nation. His inspiring campaign is to make a new India. His thinking and philosophy of touching every aspect of life makes him a symbol of trust in the country.

Coming from a humble background, Modi ji's in-depth understanding of basic and ground rooted issues as a citizen are a permanent catalyst for his innovative thinking, which he emphasizes prominently in every

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plan, idea and programme. The common citizen facing the similar vagaries of life easily identifies himself with him.

The schemes and policies formulated for the poor are directly reaching their doorsteps. Basic needs of food, health, education, housing, employment are being addressed holistically by the Modi government. Expressing concern from the ramparts of the Red Fort on the essential but neglected topics like toilets, Modi not only broke the traditional practice of making big announcements and flowery language but also assured the nation that the ground realities and common man's requirements should find place in the nation's address and exhibit our commitment and resolve towards the same. To think about

the importance of the toilet in a woman's personal life depicts his extreme sensitivity towards their cause by launching a nationwide programme to fulfill the daunting task of providing toilet to each and every household in the country. The arduous task of collection of firewood and its transportation on their head by women was a time-consuming affair and also posed health hazard due to its burning. The same was tackled by launch of Ujjwala scheme under which each household was given free access to gas connection. Prime Minister Modi's emphasis on strengthening the government's scheme for girl education, their

employment and creating a conducive environment for their overall welfare reflects how society is benefitted when a sensitive person occupies such positions in the service of the nation.

Novel Corona virus has affected the whole world including India impacting the society and adversely affecting every sphere of normal life. The

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unprecedented situation created by the pandemic was dealt with by the Indian government with a strong resolve. Arrangements were made to provide free ration to 80 crore people from March to November in the country. The Rs 1.70 lakh crore Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana was launched under the 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' fund of Rs 20 lakh crore announced to overcome the vagaries of pandemic. Pradhan Mantri Garib Rojgar Yojana was launched to provide employment to the poor. A provision of one lakh crore rupees was made to rebuild and strengthen the agricultural infrastructure. The

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lockdown period and the production of sanitizers and masks increased manifold and ended our dependence on imports. Today we are exporting PPE kits, masks and ventilators.

Prior to 2014, the whole country was entrenched deeply in corruption and policy paralysis, Prime Minister Modi not only pulled the country out of this distress but also infused

positivity and vibrancy. During the last six years, the people have realized for the first time how a citizen centric government can work for the poor, how a decisive government can take the country forward and how a visionary government changes the world view towards the country.

The Bhartiya Janta Party with its millions and millions karyakartas commits to the mission of realizing the vision of our charismatic and people's Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji to make India the world Guru. ■

**(The writer is the National President of BJP)**



# THE MODI GOVERNMENT IS HERALDING THE PATH FOR FARMERS TO BE ATMANIRBHAR



AMIT SHAH

Indian agriculture has for long suffered from apathy and policies rigged to benefit others at the cost of the farmer. Under successive Congress governments, ringing tributes were ritualistically paid to the industry of “kisan”, but the loudly declared intent to help farmers never translated into ground reality. Committees were formed with the avowed objective of developing agriculture and improving farmers’ lot, only to consign the recommendations of experts commissioned for the job to the growing pile of files never acted upon. The sickeningly dishonest and dreary pattern was junked in 2014, with the BJP government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi determinedly trying to remove the fetters which kept farmers from fully harnessing the potential of Indian agriculture. From the focus on improving the acreage under

irrigation and encouraging farmers to diversify into allied activities such as dairying and beekeeping, to hikes in MSP and direct financial assistance worth thousands of crores, a series of measures have marked a fresh approach which stands out from the false, populist pronouncements made by previous governments.

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This approach has now seen the passage of two landmark bills by Parliament: Agricultural Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Simplification) Bill and Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Price Assurance Bill. The protests against them represent political dishonesty and the influence of middlemen, considering that

they together with changes in Essential Commodities Act to remove cap on stock holdings can herald a New Deal for the agriculture sector.

The first bill is aimed at liberating the farmer from the oppressively unjust situation he had been locked in. He was forced to sell his produce at the local market, where factors such as the domination of a cartel, price information asymmetry, and poor infrastructure worked to his detriment. If the ordeal of having to wait endlessly in adverse and humiliating conditions forced him to submit to the ruthless mandi mafia, high transportation costs ate into his already meagre profit. This virtually amounted to a state sanctioned heist.

Once the first legislation is enacted, farmers will be freed from the grip of the middleman, and able to sell their produce to buyers from across the country at a price they deem to be fair and at a time of their choosing. Freedom to sell at the farm gate will do away with transportation expenses, and thus boost incomes. This is a giant stride towards the

fulfilment of the dream of 'One Nation, One Market' 73 years after Independence.

The second soon-to-be enacted law will help farmers go for contract farming with agriculture trade firms, wholesalers, big retailers and exporters. The provision of market linkages at the sowing stage itself will insulate them from production and price vagaries. It will also lead to introduction of better technologies, technical assistance, crop insurance and credit facilities. Contract farming will also encourage private investment in the financially starved sector and open the way for growth of agro-based industries and better storage, thus removing shackles which caused stagnation. This will lead to higher income for farmers who will be able to modernise farming methods and innovate to suit the demand for cash crops and agro-industry.

In many states, affluent farmers have already been reaping the benefits of collaboration with the corporate sector. This law will help small farmers derive similar gains. They will have the freedom

to withdraw from this agreement at any point without penalty, while sale, lease and mortgage of the land will be completely prohibited.

The allegations that the twin legislations are anti-farmer are baseless and have been raised by Congress and others as a smokescreen to cover their failures. Congress promised to repeal the APMC Act in its 2019 manifesto, but is now putting the interests of middlemen over those of farmers.

The conduct of these political parties in Rajya Sabha during passage of these bills is a dark blot on Indian democracy and parliamentary decorum. It reflects their frustration over loss of support and anti-farmer mindset. That

alone can explain the propaganda that has been unleashed that enactment of the two laws will lead to abolition of MSP. The lie has already been exposed with the announcement of MSP for rabi crops this week and with the government's solemn declarations inside and outside Parliament that MSP will continue.

Since 2013-14, MSP for wheat and paddy has increased by 41% and 43% respectively, while there has been up to 65% rise in MSP for pulses and oilseeds. The quantity of wheat and paddy procured has also increased by 73% and 114% respectively, compared to 2014. In the case of pulses, the increase has been a staggering 4,962%. Increased agriculture credit, higher loan

subsidy, soil health card to 16.38 crore farmers, increased support for mechanisation and launch of the Rs 1 lakh crore Agriculture Infrastructure Fund etc have been hallmarks of the Modi government's effort to help farmers. During this government's tenure, production of foodgrain has increased by 7.29%, horticulture by 12.4% and pulses by 20.65%

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Sardar Patel had famously said, "If anyone has the right to walk on this earth with their head held high, it is the farmer of the country, who produces the wealth of the earth." Today, I feel proud to say that BJP government under Modi's leadership has taken historic and bold initiatives to empower the country's farmers and make them 'Atmanirbhar'. ■

**(The writer is Union Home Minister, GoI)**

# A STATESMAN WITH UNPARALLEL STATURE



YOGI ADITYANATH

नायको यस्य राष्ट्रस्य धृतिमान् मतिमान् भवेत्।  
उन्नतिस्तस्य राष्ट्रस्य जायते नात्र संशयः॥

**I**t means that it goes without any doubt that an intelligent and patient leader leads the country to dizzying heights of progress.

If you can imagine the tangible form of the spirit behind these words, these are perfectly reflected in the persona of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji. Filled with unflinching love for the country, the uncompromised dedication and sense of reverence for women, mother and motherland, unconditional respect towards the public opinion, PM Modi Ji has navigated the country to the pinnacle of glory by the dint of his vision, thought-process and steely resolve. He unshackled the country from the stagnation of backwardness which it had to face for 70 years and now the entire World is tempted to look at India as 'One India- Best India'

(EkBharat-Shreshth Bharat).

“जननी जन्मभूमिश्च स्वर्गादपि गरीयसी”। (Both the mother and the motherland are better than heaven). The philosophy of this golden saying has been imbibed by Modi ji in totality. He discharged his duties towards both with the purity and sincerity. 'Beti Padhao-Beti Bachao' has been one scheme through which he did a yeoman

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work to ensure security and self-esteem of the daughters while seeking to make them socially and financially independent and self-reliant. A lot of lip service was done in the name of women power before 2014 but it was the vision of PM Modi that it was seen in reality. Not only he protected the sanctity of the womanhood, he immediately picked up the issue

of school dropping rate among the girls and made sure they are educated and skilled enough to protect their self-respect. The 'PM Ujjawala Scheme' saved the home maker women from various carbon-induced diseases beside instilling in them, a feeling of social pride. Apart from this, he formulated several schemes like PM Dhanlakshmi Scheme, Free Sewing Scheme, Girl Assistance Scheme, Vidya Lakshmi Education Loan Scheme and PM Matravandana Scheme which helped turn women folks into as skilled, competitive, self-reliant and powerful lot and identify women power as complementary to power of the nation.

Even before the Independence, the leaders kept on talking about last man in the last line but even after 70 years of freedom, no leader could really improve the life of this last man. PM Modi brought it on the ground which made every Indian realise it. This last man considered himself as a part of this country and important component in the economy of the nation when for the first time he was given this opportunity by opening Jan Dhan



accounts in the banks. Even the greater task was to understand the ethos, mind-set and sentiments of the masses and link them to the nationalism. This, indeed, was an example of translating power of the masses into nation building. It was a unique example of how the large conglomerate can think and act towards one goal i.e nation building. It was a unique journey from 'Antodaya to Rashtrodaya'. It was fully realised when he was washing the feet of cleanliness workers, who are always considered as pariah in the society, during his visit to Prayag Mahakumbh thus breaking the shackles of inequality.

PM Modi is the true reflection of national policy in this era. His

wisdom and statesmanship gives vibrancy to the entire nation. If we are being able to protect ourselves from the Corona pandemic it is basically because of what the Hon'ble Prime Minister inspired us to do 5-6 years ago. The Mantra of 'cleanliness' was launched by him as a mission on October 2, 2014 itself. It was his foresight that he laid solid foundation of Digital India in 2014 and now during the pandemic, the virtual platform proved to be the most useful from educational to administrative arrangements, medical health to spirituality. Truly, it was the magnanimity of the PM Modi Ji who touched the chords of every Indian mind and tried to cater not only to their needs but their

aspirations as well. At the time when he is completing 70-years of his age, he has already given us 70 pro-people schemes which are writing a new script of the progress, prosperity and growth of our beloved country.

India remained away from its original character largely because the academia of the nation was in the grip of two ideologies. This led to India losing prestige at global platforms and the world opinion dubbed India as a 'soft state'. It was sheer resilience and iron resolve coupled with clear ideology and statesmanship through which he restored the lost glory and boosted the self-esteem of 135 crore Indians. The same United States which had once refused Visa to



him, was witness to tumultuous welcome of our Prime Minister at Times Square thus experiencing the new emerged prowess of India. The same United States saw India a winner at 'Howdy Modi' Programme and witnessed to the President of the most powerful country walking step by step with the Indian Prime Minister. The Prime Minister Modi adopted the policy of 'the neighbour first' and accorded due respect to the neighbouring countries they deserved but denied for long. The innovative thought process of 'Act East and Pivot to West' bridled a bridge between east and west. With the result OIC, which once had refused to extend invitation to India under pressure of Pakistan, rolled out red carpet later. Many Arab countries, in fact, bestowed their highest civilian honour on our PM Modi which is testimony of the fact that he has been universally accepted pan-world leader. There is no single

country in the world which does not want to have a connect with India and have its well-defined cooperation in this new World order which emerged after Modiji became the PM. The credit goes solely to the charismatic personality and amazing body of work of the Prime Minister Modi Ji.

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last 500 years. A lot of sacrifices were made to free the birthplace of Bhagwan Shri Ram. It was nothing short of like a 'Rashtrayagya' by the revered saints and yogis when the Prime Minister, on August 5 last, laid the foundation stone for the grand Ram Temple. Similarly, the Article 370, a big obstacle in the path of 'One India- Best India' also a sore point for Indian psyche for long. The firm resolve and unwavering political will of PM Modi saw fulfilling the commitment of Rashtranayak Shyama Prasad Mukherjee of 'Ek Nishaan, Ek

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Vidhan, Ek Pradhan' by doing away with it in Jammu and Kashmir.

The global pandemic of Corona has taken a heavy toll of many of the developed countries but the foresightedness, efficient planning and capability of taking hard decisions by the PM steered us to the safety with both the 'Jaan' and the 'Jahan' are intact.

Due to lack of pragmatic and innovative approach in the economy, India could not get rid of some traditional and regressive mind-set during long stretch

of times since independence. It was for PM who ensured financial inclusion of the classes by introducing the scheme of Jan Dhan Accounts, strived hard to convert informal economy to formal economy through infusion of Digitalisation under Digital India and moulding India into a Technological Cooperative Federalism. GST regime has announced arrival of new era in the Indian Economy. The 'One Nation One Tax' concept has strengthened the economic chain of the country and gave a thrust to India to move towards being competitive, technological and skilled nation.

I find myself extremely blessed to have got an opportunity to work under our beloved PM Modi, a person with unmitigated righteousness, unquestionable sense of service towards mankind and overwhelming sensitivity. I Pray to Shri Ram that Modi Ji, an architect of "One India-

Best India', continues to grace our lives for all times to come. The mantra of Antodaya is getting shaped in true sense now. The very best wishes to you on your birthday. We are ever grateful as your dedication, determination and vision inspires us to give our best. Wishing you a long, healthy and a glorious life.

ध्रुवं ते राजा वरुणो ध्रुवं देवो वृहस्पतिः ।  
ध्रुवं त इन्द्रश्चाग्निश्च राधुः धारयतां ध्रुवं ॥ ■

(The writer is the Chief Minister of UP)

# AN ARCHITECT OF 'EK BHARAT-SHRESHTH BHARAT'



**SARBANANDA SONOWAL**

**A** charismatic and visionary statesman and a man of towering personality, Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji envisages to make India a Vishwa Guru. His landmark initiatives based on ethical values and India's philosophy have bolstered the country's image worldwide. Today there is a new found confidence among the Indians resulted by the unprecedented advancements pioneered by the Hon'ble Prime Minister in the sphere of politics, economy, science & technology and environment. In no uncertain terms, Hon'ble Modi ji's life and works have today become an unequalled source of inspiration for our people.

The way Hon'ble Prime Minister has scaled the ladder of life, overcoming all challenges and adversities deeply motivates us. The journey he traversed from the humble background of a tea seller to the position of the Prime Minister

of the world's largest democracy shows his sheer grit, agility and resoluteness. It is only because of his strong-will that he could pursue his studies unhindered even while helping his father in running a tea stall, which was his family's only source of income. His deep desire and determination to serve Bharat Mata impelled him towards achieving the goal of his life. His

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hardworking nature and devotion towards his father are inimitable examples for others to follow.

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communities along following his principle of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Viswas". The non-resident Indians also feel proud being Indian today due to Hon'ble Prime Minister's statesmanship and visionary moves. The kind of respect, reverence and devotion showed towards him during his visits to foreign countries exemplify the popularity that he enjoys throughout the globe.

Hon'ble Prime Minister's path-breaking initiatives to take forward the country's 5000 years old culture and civilization makes the world community realize India's power and capabilities. India's culture and ethos draw undivided attention of the world today profoundly inspiring its 7.5 billion population. The United Nation's decision to celebrate International Day of Yoga since 2015 as an instrument of global peace and robust physical and mental health in response to Hon'ble Modi ji's call, is also a recognition to him as a global leader.

21st century is an age of science and technology. While Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji in the year 2014 launched 'Digital India Programme' to tap the



potential of innovative technologies, many people could not realise the depth and importance of his initiative. However, gradually they have understood the prudence of the 'Digital India Programme' as it was embedded with the inherent virtues of carrying out the development narratives by instilling scientific temperament, bringing transparency at all levels of administration and weeding out corruption by executing most of the administrative works digitally. The programme is indeed successful in taking our country to a greater height. The most promising aspect of this novel initiative is the fact that our younger generation is taking keen interest in making 'Digital India' a success. During COVID 19 pandemic, our countrymen have understood the importance and significance of digital mode of operation. Not only government services, operations at non-government organizations and teachings at all levels of education are being conducted by digital technologies today.

Similarly, the National Education Policy 2020 which envisions creating better human beings with roots embedded in strong academics and value-based education is yet another contribution of the Central government led by Hon'ble Prime Minister. Taking Indian languages and culture as one of its cornerstones, this new education policy provides a ray of hope to everybody to march

forward in the global landscape with a new set of progressive ideas coupled with traditional and scientific values of our country. With the implementation of the policy, our country will be transformed into a global epicentre of knowledge and wisdom.

Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji has been working to strengthen the edifice of Indian Parliamentary Democracy before the world. He has reflected enormous trust in our democratic system. We witnessed a symbol of his respect for democracy, when he bowed down before the stairs



leading to the Parliament at the time of entering the House for the first time as Prime Minister. This was an auspicious expression of his respect for the Parliamentary Democracy which is a way of our life and a mean for our development. After taking over the charge of Prime Minister, he had eloquently declared himself to be a servant of the people. Our countrymen have already received a testimony of that for over the last 6 years when he made 'service to the country' as the main tenet of his life.

Moreover, the self-esteem of

our countrymen has received a major boost as a result of the steps taken by the Hon'ble Prime Minister towards protecting our sovereignty, unity and integrity. The accountability of the Hon'ble Prime Minister towards our country is adequately reflected through the surgical strike perpetrated against Pakistan and our defence forces' uncompromising stand along the Indo-China border. Abrogation of Article 370 to strike off special status to Jammu & Kashmir to strengthen the ideal of 'One nation, one Constitution' is an essence of Hon'ble Prime Minister's love for the country. The sequel of steps taken by Hon'ble Prime Minister has developed a promising environment for fulfilling Mahatma Gandhi's dream of a Ram Rajya. The long-standing aspirations of the people of India for a Ram Temple at Ayodhya bore fruits as the country found out a legal solution

to the 500-year-old land dispute and Hon'ble Prime Minister Modi ji leading the country in a unique and disciplined way to perform Bhumi Pujan for the Ram Temple.

Besides, the Hon'ble Prime Minister has been steadfast in astutely leading the development of North East along with other parts of the nation. Never did any government in the history of independent India was so committed as the present Central Government to catapult the development of North East. The present Central government under

the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister for the first time drafted a roadmap for a pragmatic discovery and utilization of possibilities and potentials of the entire North East. In spite of being blessed with vast resources the indifferent and negligent attitude of the previous governments had dented the morale of the people in this part of the region. As a result, the people of Northeast could not move forward on equal footing to become a part of the country's development process. In stark contrast, the faith and optimism of people of the region have increased in the process due to Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji's visionary policies.

Hon'ble Modi ji has initiated revolutionary steps for rapid development of the northeastern region while terming it as 'Astalakshmi' and 'New Engine of Growth' for the country. The Central Government has mandated every minister to visit the region once in every fortnight for ensuring speedy implementation of development schemes here while the Hon'ble Prime Minister himself made more than 30 visits to the region which is a record in itself. This shows his goodwill towards Northeast. New doors of opportunities have opened up in communication, transportation, trade and business, tourism, cultural exchange, sports, information technology, agriculture etc. as Hon'ble Prime Minister has initiated steps to link Northeast with South East Asia through Act East

Policy.

Hon'ble Prime Minister has glorified the Assamese 'gamosa', which is the symbol of Assamese identity, at the world stage by wearing it in different national and international fora. He has strengthened the self-confidence of the Assamese people by honouring the creation of Assamese weavers in his own way. He has provided a new lease of life to Assamese identity and bolstered the cultural horizon of the state by conferring Bharat Ratna upon music maestro

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Dr. Bhupen Hazarika. He has tremendous goodwill towards every community of the state and his step for bringing lasting peace to the state through the Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR) agreement has given renewed vigour to the state's development process.

Hon'ble Prime Minister has shown an exemplary work culture to the people of the country as he has inspired everyone to work hard while leading from the front to make India a top country in the world. He has shown an example of hard work and dedication by working 20

hours a day.

By dedicating himself to the cause of equal development of every citizen of the country, Hon'ble Prime Minister has made it possible for differently abled people to live a life of dignity while terming them as 'Divyang'. He has initiated various schemes for women, children, farmers, unemployed youths among others and successfully implemented them at the grassroots. He has already taken steps for pragmatic execution of economic stimulus package worth Rs 20 lakh crore, which he announced for reviving the pandemic hit economy of the country. The steps initiated by him for achieving the vision of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' have tremendously boosted the confidence of the country's people. There was no precedent in India's history of announcing economic package of such a magnitude for safeguarding people's interest.

The steps taken by Hon'ble Prime Minister to shape the country in tandem with our rich cultural heritage and tradition have awakened self-realization among the people of the country and made them enthusiastic to become stakeholders in the nation building process. The initiatives of Hon'ble Prime Minister to augment the country's development process would soon turn India into one of the strongest countries in the world which every Indian deeply realizes. ■

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# PM MODI: PRADHAN SEVAK OF NEW INDIA



PRABHATH JHA

**P** rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, who enjoys the largest public support in the world, the son of the land of Mahatma Gandhi and Sardar Patel, has championed equality and inclusive development. He turns 70 on Thursday. Born on September 17, 1950 to Damodardas Modi and Hiraba, Shri Modi's early life began in Vadnagar in Gujarat's Mehsana district, a vibrant centre of spirituality. At 17, when youngsters enjoy the last years of their childhood and contemplate the future, he decided to leave home and travel around the country. Like Swami Vivekananda, he traveled vast tracts of India and experienced different cultures in different parts of the country. It was a time of spiritual awakening for him and also an education into the problems faced by the country's people. As a swayamsevak of the RSS, he began to be acquainted with the importance of organisation

skills and service to the people and nation.

Shri Modi was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Gujarat on October 7, 2001. His unprecedented record in the state's development led not only the Bharatiya Janata Party, but the entire country, then reeling from corruption and policy paralysis of the UPA government, to accept his leadership. In May 2014, he led the BJP to victory and



became the 15th Prime Minister of the country. The all-round development of the country founded on the credo of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas" and "Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat" earned him a place in the heart of the people, who returned him to office again in 2019.

In the last six years, the country has followed a

development trajectory that is aimed at giving every citizen the opportunity to fulfil his/her hopes and aspirations. The BJP celebrates Shri Modi's birthday as "Seva Divas" and September 14 to September 21 as "Seva Saptah". As he himself has said, "I am not the Prime Minister of the country but the 'Pradhan Sevak' of the country".

PM Shri Modi's insight, compassion, hard work, national and social concerns are among the qualities that make him such a popular and loved leader. He symbolises austerity, sacrifice, service and courage. On April 14, while addressing the nation about the coronavirus, he referred to a verse from the Yajurveda, "Vayam Rashtre Jagritya" — "we will all keep our nation eternal and awake". This has now come to typify the resolve of the nation.

The only mission of the PM is the welfare of every citizen of the country and to make the nation powerful globally. Today, the entire nation stands behind him. But this road has not been without challenges. Be it his personal or political life, Shri Modi has faced more difficulties than all previous



prime ministers. But the founder of “New India” has excelled in every test. Today, under his leadership, India is fighting the COVID-19 pandemic better than any country in the world despite having relatively few medical facilities and infrastructure.

When the PM CARES Fund was set up to combat the epidemic, Shri Modi donated Rs 2.25 lakh towards its initial corpus. The fund is used for building medical infrastructure and facilities in order to deal with serious medical challenges urgently.

On the occasion of the Bhumi Pujan of Lord Shri Ram’s temple in Ayodhya, Shri Modi said that “the message of Lord Shri Ram is the message of thousands of years of tradition”. He said it is the responsibility of present and future generations to familiarise the rest of the world with this vision. He exuded confidence that the grand Ram temple in Ayodhya would embody the rich heritage of Indian culture and inspire humanity for eternity.

The prime minister has helmed the greatest transformation in the country — the rise of the Bharatiya Janata Party is based on new political mindset and style, making the Congress’s six decades of hegemony irrelevant. A modern, digital, corruption-free, accountable and credible government has emerged under

him, in which every citizen has unprecedented participation. Archaic systems and rules have been abolished and a new India is being built.

Shri Modi is also a man of letters. He has found time from his busy routine to write a dozen books. As the chief minister of Gujarat, he composed 67 pieces of poetry that offer insight into his philosophy and vision. His poetry collection in Hindi, “Sakshi Bhava”

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— expressed in the form a dialogue with his motherland — offer a window into the mind of the compassionate, action-oriented nationalist. Pushpanjali Jyotipunj, one of his best works, is a call to charity and social service. It’s about social responsibilities, in the tradition of ascetics who have inspired him. Social Harmony offers an insight into Shri Modi’s empathy for society. In Exam Warriors, PM Shri Modi offers examples from his childhood to wean children away from the stress of exams. In Convenient Action,

he exhorts the international community to deal with the challenges of climate change.

At the heart of his every decision are the underprivileged, the poor, workers and farmers. Every decision of his is informed by the desire to make the administration corruption-free, transparent and policy-based. A house for every Indian, 24-hours electricity in every village and household, drinking water for all, village-to-village roads, broadband connectivity to every village, nutrition for all, health for all, education for all, and jobs for all are his abiding concerns. There is now a “one nation, one tax” and a “one nation, one ration card”. “Make in India”, “Digital India”, “Skill India”, “Fit India”, “Swachh India”, and “Self-Reliant India” will all go into making a “New India”.

During the pandemic, his commitment has been evident to not only India, but the entire world. He has received global support and appreciation. He has laid the foundation for an India of the future. Under him, India will not only regain its past glory but will also lead the world to peace, prosperity and humanity. I wish a healthy and long life for Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in the service of the nation. ■

**(The writer is BJP National Vice President & Ex Rajya Sabha Member)**

## GOVT STRUCK OFF 3,82,581 SHELL COMPANIES DURING LAST THREE YEARS

**T**he Modi Government has undertaken a Special Drive for identification and strike off Shell Companies. Based on non-filing of Financial Statements (FS) consecutively for two years or more, companies were identified and after following due process of law as provided under Section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with the Companies (Removal of Names of Companies from the Register of Companies) Rules, 2016, there are 3,82,581 number of Companies were struck off during the last three years. This was stated by Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, Union Minister of State for Finance & Corporate Affairs in a written reply to a question in Rajya Sabha on September 21. The term "Shell Company" is not defined under the Companies Act. It normally refers to a company without active business operation or significant assets, which in some cases are used for illegal purpose such as tax evasion. ■

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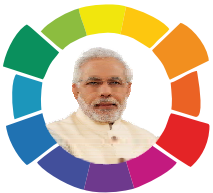
**T**he Election Commission of India on September 25 announced a three-phase polling in Bihar.

- As per the schedule, the first phase

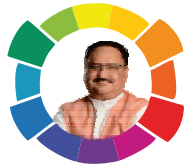


polling will be held on October 28 (71 seats), second phase polling will be held on November 3 (94 seats), and the third phase polling will be held on November 7 (78 seats).

- The results will be declared on November 10. ■



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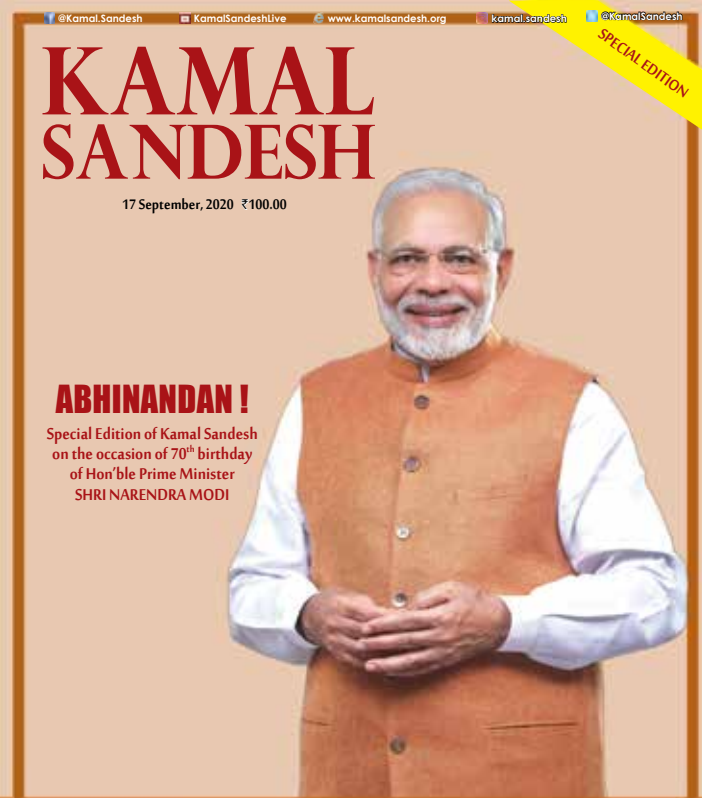
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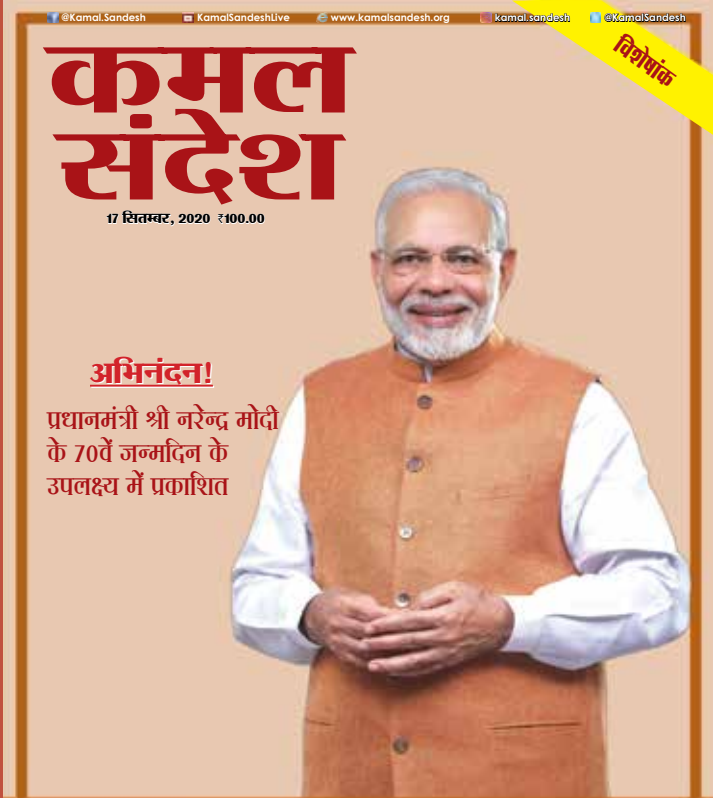
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