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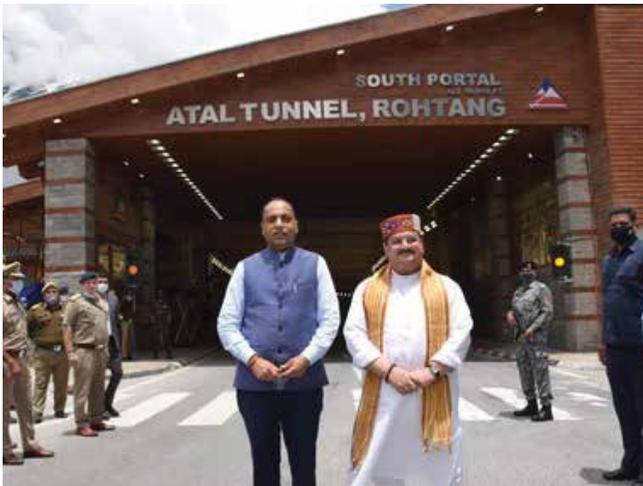


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AND PROSPEROUS INDIA: PM**



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda paying floral tribute to Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee on his jayanti & planting a sapling at Pirdi, Kullu, Himachal Pradesh



BJP National President Shri J.P. Nadda and Himachal Pradesh CM Shri Jai Ram Thakur visiting Atal Tunnel at Rohtang, Himachal Pradesh



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda chairs a meeting with BJP National General Secretaries at BJP HQ, New Delhi



Union Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh with the Air Warriors of the Indian Air Force at IAF station in Leh



Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah meeting with a delegation from All Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee-Kashmir, New Delhi

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The #DarkDaysOfEmergency can never be forgotten. The period from 1975 to 1977 witnessed a systematic destruction of institutions. Let us pledge to do everything possible to strengthen India's democratic spirit, and live up to the values enshrined in our Constitution.



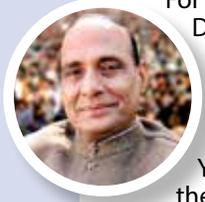
@JPNadda

In the year 1975, on this day Congress declared emergency for political interests, which is a black spot on the great democracy of India. I bow to all those Satyagrahis who, despite suffering horrific torture, opposed the Emergency, and cherished the faith of democratic values.



@rajnathsingh

For the landslide victory of BJP in the UP District Panchayat Elections, I heartily congratulate the Chief Minister @myogiadityanath, state President Shri Swatantra Dev Singh and to the entire state unit. This victory is the result of Yogiji's leadership, good governance of the state government and the efforts and dedication of the workers.



@AmitShah

On International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, PM @narendramodi govt reiterates its commitment towards the zero-tolerance policy against all kinds of narcotics. I applaud the efforts of our @narcoticsbureau personnel towards eliminating the drug menace in India.



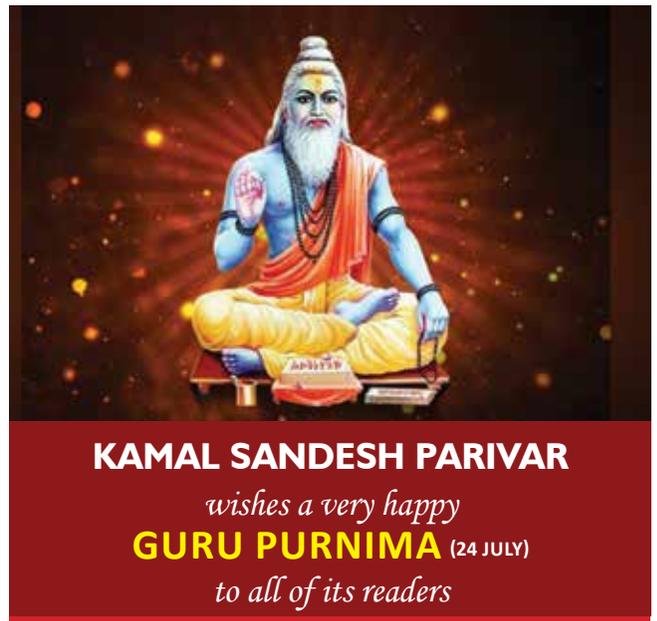
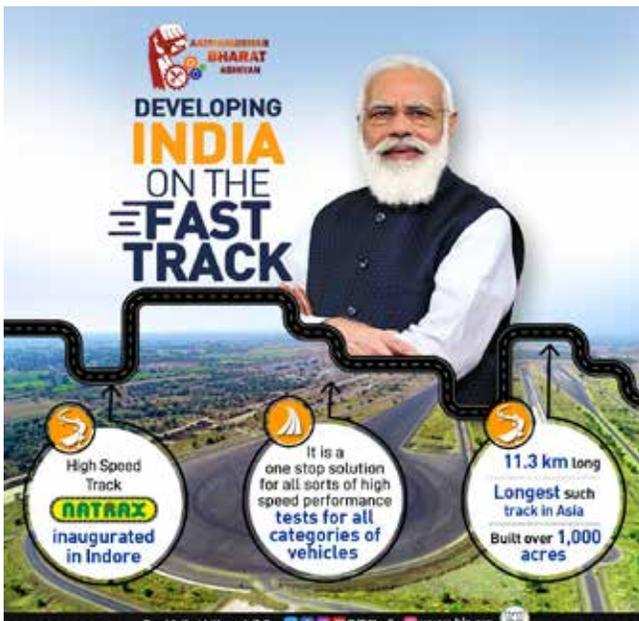
@Nitin Gadkari

Under the leadership of PM Shri Narendra Modi Ji, we are committed to strengthening MSME and making them engines for economic growth. The revised guidelines will benefit 2.5 Cr Retail and Wholesale Traders.



@B L Santhosh

Rs 1.1 Lakh Crore Loan Guarantee Scheme for COVID affected sectors announced. Rs 50000 crore for the Health sector and Rs 60000 crore for other sectors.



INCLUSIVE, YOUTHFUL & DYNAMIC

The expansion of Modi-2.0 cabinet has undoubtedly infused new energy, dynamism and determination in the nation to move forward with the confidence. As in the first expansion of the Modi-2.0 cabinet 43 new faces have been included, new blood instilled in the government is set to further speed up the government efforts in meeting the challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic. In an all inclusive ministry, 11 women including two cabinet berths show Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's commitment to widen the role of 'Naari-Shakti' in governance. At the same time, while the average age of the ministry is 58 years, 14 ministers including six in the cabinet are below 50 years of age. Drawing expertise from various walks of life, the ministry includes 13 lawyers, six doctors, five engineer, seven civil servants, seven PhDs and three MBAs. Under the charismatic and visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, inclusive, youthful ministry along with inclusion of 'Naari Shakti' will definitely take India to newer heights.

In a landmark decision, cabinet chaired by Prime minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved "India COVID 19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Package: Phase II" at a cost of Rs 23,123 crore. It will further speed up the health infrastructure including paediatric care with focus on early prevention, detection and management of diseases. It will further equip the nation in handling any eventualities which may emerge in the wake of Covid-19 pandemic and for such crisis in future. The Modi government is committed to double the farmers' income and for this many historic steps have been taken which are yielding brilliant results. In another landmark decision, the cabinet has also approved modifications in Central Sector Scheme of financing facility under 'Agriculture Infrastructure Fund' which may generate huge investments in agriculture sector benefiting the marginal farmers the most. It will help in creating an ecosystem for post harvest crop management which strengthening the APMCs across the country.

THE MINISTRY INCLUDES 13 LAWYERS, SIX DOCTORS, FIVE ENGINEER, SEVEN CIVIL SERVANTS, SEVEN PHDs AND THREE MBAs. UNDER THE CHARISMATIC AND VISIONARY LEADERSHIP OF PRIME MINISTER SHRI NARENDRA MODI, INCLUSIVE, YOUTHFUL MINISTRY ALONG WITH INCLUSION OF 'NAARI SHAKTI' WILL DEFINITELY TAKE INDIA TO NEWER HEIGHTS.

The world's largest and fastest free vaccination drive is creating new records every day. As the vaccination drive reaches its 175th day, more than 37 crore doses have been administered till 9th July 2021. The drive is successfully gaining momentum in most of the states with eight states administering doses to more than 50 lac people in the age group 18-44. It is to be noted that Modi government had earlier taken responsibilities of vaccinating the people of age group 45+ with states slated to share the responsibilities of 18-44 age group. While the BJP ruled states

were committed to give free vaccines to its people, some states showed their inability to procure vaccines. Consequently, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi took the responsibility of vaccinating people of 18-44 age group also and a new drive was launched on 21st June 2021. Now people across the country are assured of getting vaccines and they are participating in the vaccination drive in large numbers.

The nation is fighting the Covid-19 pandemic under the dynamic and determined leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on various fronts. While Covid-19 pandemic has not even spared the most developed nations of the world, the united spirit of the people of India has withstood the crisis with unprecedented patience and fortitude. In such trying times, a section of opposition led by Congress has tried to create panic and break the morale of the nation. It is highly unfortunate that for Congress politics was prioritised at the cost of the life of the people. While the nation is fighting the pandemic and every crisis with indomitable courage, the expansion of the cabinet will definitely give new dynamism, momentum and speed to the government. ■



CABINET EXPANSION OF MODI GOVT 2.0

WORK TO FULFILL ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLE : PM MODI

P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in a mega cabinet expansion has inducted 43 new ministers in his cabinet and changed the portfolios of some of the union ministers. The new ministers took oath at the Rashtrapati Bhawan in New Delhi on 07 July, 2021. They were administered the oath of office by Hon'ble President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind.

Out of 43 Ministers, 15 are Cabinet Ministers and 28 are Ministers of State. Seven Ministers were promoted to Cabinet rank in the reshuffle exercise. The Council of Ministers now comprises 77 ministers. Now the Modi 2.0 cabinet has total of 9 women ministers and also record representation from the OBC, SC & ST communities. The Ministers sworn in at the Rashtrapati Bhavan are;

CABINET MINISTER: Shri Narayan Rane, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Dr. Virendra Kumar, Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia, Shri Ram Chandra Prasad, Shri Ashwini Vaishnav, Shri Pashu Pati Kumar, Shri Kiren

Rijiju, Shri Raj Kumar Singh, Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, Shri Bhupender Yadav, Shri Parshottam Khodabhai Rupala, Shri G Kishen Reddy & Shri Anurag Thakur.

MINISTER OF STATE: Shri Pankaj Choudhary, Smt. Anupriya Singh Patel, Shri Satya Pal Singh Baghel, Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Ms. Shobha Karandlaje, Shri Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma, Smt. Darshana Vikram Jardosh, Smt. Meenakshi Lekhi, Smt. Annapurna Devi, Shri A Narayanaswamy, Shri Kaushal Kishore, Shri Ajay Bhatt, Shri BL Verma, Shri Ajay Kumar, Chauhan Devusinh, Shri Bhagwanth Khuba, Shri Kapil Moreshwar Patil, Ms. Pratima Bhoumik, Shri Subhas Sarkar, Shri Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad, Shri Rajkumar Ranjan Singh, Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar, Shri Bishweswar Tudu, Shri Shantanu Thakur, Dr. Munjapara Mahendrabhai, Shri John Barla, Dr. L Murugan and Shri Nisith Pramanik.

Just ahead of the expansion 11 Union Ministers— Union Education Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal,



before taking charge of their respective offices. All the ministers visited the party office and paid floral tribute to Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee and Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya. They also met BJP National President Shri JP Nadda and other leaders.

PM CONGRATULATES THE NEW MINISTERS

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has congratulated all the colleagues who have taken oath on 07 July, 2021 and wished them the very best for their ministerial tenure.

In his message, the Prime Minister said, "I congratulate all the colleagues who have taken oath today and wish them the very best for their ministerial tenure. We will continue working to fulfill aspirations of the people and build a strong and prosperous India. #Govt4Growth".

BJP NATIONAL PRESIDENT CONGRATULATES NEWLY INDUCTED MINISTERS

Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda congratulated all the 43 new members in the Union Cabinet. In a message he said, "I would like to congratulate all those who took oath as Ministers in the Union Cabinet today. I am sure that under the mentorship of PM Shri Modi, they will contribute towards pacing development in the country, and realizing the dream of Aatma Nirbhar Bharat."

Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan, IT Minister Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Environment Minister Shri Prakash Javadekar, Union Chemicals and Fertilizers Minister Shri D V Sadananda Gowda, Labour Minister Shri Santosh Gangwar, MoS Jal Shakti and Social Justice and Empowerment Shri Ratan Lal Kataria, MoS Environment, Forest & Climate Shri Babul Supriyo, MoS Animal Husbandry & MSME Shri Pratap Sarangi, MoS Women and Child Welfare Ms Debasree Chaudhuri and MoS Education Shri Sanjay Dhotre, had resigned from their respective posts.

All the 43 ministers including 36 new faces, who were inducted into the Modi cabinet took charge on 08 July, 2021 in their respective ministries.

NEWLY APPOINTED MINISTERS VISIT BJP HEADQUARTERS BEFORE TAKING CHARGE

The Newly appointed Union Ministers visited BJP Headquarters in New Delhi on 08 July, 2021 just

OBCs GET 35 % REPRESENTATION FOR THE FIRST TIME IN CENTRAL CABINET

In the recently held cabinet expansion, all classes, communities and regions were given appropriate representation. And for the first time OBC community has got 35 percent representation. Since its beginning, the Modi government has been continuously making efforts for the upliftment of OBC community. In recent expansion 27 OBC ministers were included in the new cabinet, which is the highest representation till date. It includes 5 cabinet ministers and 21 Ministers of State and one minister of Independent Charge.

The BJP National President of OBC Morcha Dr. K. Laxman expressed his gratitude to PM Shri Narendra Modi for giving unprecedented representation to the OBCs in the Government of India. ■



Shri Narendra Modi

Prime Minister and also in-charge of: Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Department of Atomic Energy; Department of Space; and All important policy issues; and All other portfolios not allocated to any Minister

CABINET MINISTERS

Shri Raj Nath Singh

Minister of Defence

Shri Amit Shah

Minister of Home Affairs; and Minister of Cooperation

Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari

Minister of Road Transport and Highways

Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman

Minister of Finance; and Minister of Corporate Affairs

Shri Narendra Singh Tomar

Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar

Minister of External Affairs

Shri Arjun Munda

Minister of Tribal Affairs

Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani

Minister of Women and Child Development

Shri Piyush Goyal

Minister of Commerce and Industry; Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; and Minister of Textiles

Shri Dharmendra Pradhan

Minister of Education; and Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

Shri Pralhad Joshi

Minister of Parliamentary Affairs; Minister of Coal; and Minister of Mines

Shri Narayan Tatu Rane

Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

Shri Sarbananda Sonowal

Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways; and Minister of AYUSH

Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi

Minister of Minority Affairs

Dr. Virendra Kumar

Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment

Shri Giriraj Singh

Minister of Rural Development; and Minister of Panchayati Raj

Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia

Minister of Civil Aviation

Shri Ramchandra Prasad Singh

Minister of Steel

Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw

Minister of Railways; Minister of Communications; and Minister of Electronics and Information Technology

Shri Pashu Pati Kumar Paras

Minister of Food Processing Industries

Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat

Minister of Jal Shakti

Shri Kiren Rijiju

Minister of Law and Justice

Shri Raj Kumar Singh

Minister of Power; and Minister of New and Renewable Energy

Shri Hardeep Singh Puri

Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas; and Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs

Shri Mansukh Mandaviya

Minister of Health and Family Welfare; and Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers

Shri Bhupender Yadav

Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change; and Minister of Labour and Employment

Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey

Minister of Heavy Industries

Shri Parshottam Rupala

Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying

Shri G. Kishan Reddy

Minister of Culture; Minister of Tourism; and Minister of Development of North Eastern Region

Shri Anurag Singh Thakur

Minister of Information and Broadcasting; and Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports

MINISTERS OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

Rao Inderjit Singh

Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation; Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Planning; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Corporate Affairs

Dr. Jitendra Singh

Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Science and Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Earth Sciences; Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office; Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Minister of State in the Department of Atomic Energy; and Minister of State in the Department of Space

MINISTERS OF STATE

Shri Shripad Yesso Naik

Minister of State in the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Tourism

Shri Faggansingh Kulaste

Minister of State in the Ministry of Steel; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Rural Development

Shri Prahalad Singh Patel

Minister of State in the Ministry of Jal Shakti; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Food Processing Industries

Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey

Minister of State in the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal

Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Culture

General (Retd.) V. K. Singh

Minister of State in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Civil Aviation

Shri Krishan Pal

Minister of State in the Ministry of Power; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Heavy Industries

Shri Danve Raosaheb Dadarao

Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways; Minister of State in the Ministry of Coal; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Mines

Shri Ramdas Athawale

Minister of State in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

Sadhvi Niranjan Jyoti

Minister of State in the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Rural Development

Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Balyan

Minister of State in the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying

Shri Nityanand Rai

Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs

Shri Pankaj Chaowdhary

Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance

Smt. Anupriya Singh Patel

Minister of State in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Prof. S. P. Singh Baghel

Minister of State in the Ministry of Law and Justice

Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar

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and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary
Affairs

Smt. Meenakashi Lekhi

Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs;
and Minister of State in the Ministry of Culture

Shri Som Parkash

Minister of State in the Ministry of Commerce and
Industry

Smt. Renuka Singh Saruta

Minister of State in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs

Shri Rameswar Teli

Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum and
Natural Gas; and Minister of State in the Ministry of
Labour and Employment

Shri Kailash Choudhary

Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture and
Farmers Welfare

Smt. Annpurna Devi

Minister of State in the Ministry of Education

Shri A. Narayanaswamy

Minister of State in the Ministry of Social Justice and
Empowerment

Shri Kaushal Kishore

Minister of State in the Ministry of Housing and
Urban Affairs

Shri Ajay Bhatt

Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence; and
Minister of State in the Ministry of Tourism

Shri B. L. Verma

Minister of State in the Ministry of Development of
North Eastern Region; and Minister of State in the
Ministry of Cooperation

Shri Ajay Kumar

Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs

Shri Devusinh Chauhan

Minister of State in the Ministry of Communications

Shri Bhagwanth Khuba

Minister of State in the Ministry of New and
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Sports

MADHYA PRADESH DID SPECTACULAR PROGRESS & DEVELOPMENT UNDER BJP RULE: JP NADDA

The Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri JP Nadda virtually inaugurated Madhya Pradesh BJP Executive Committee meeting on 24 June, 2021. The BJP State Executive meeting was organised in virtual manner at the party office in Bhopal.

Some senior BJP leaders were also present at the state party office and the executive committee members joined the meeting virtually from their respective districts.

The BJP National President joined the meeting from the central party office in New Delhi. On this occasion, Union Ministers Shri Thawarchand Gehlot, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, Shri Prahalad Patel, BJP National General Secretary Shri Kailash Vijayvargiya and Rajya Sabha Member Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia were also present at Central BJP office.

In the State BJP office in Bhopal, Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, BJP State President Shri VD Sharma, Union Minister Shri Faggan Singh Kulaste and State Organisation General Secretary Shri Suhas Bhagat were present.

Addressing the Executive Committee meeting Shri Nadda said in the last fifteen years, there was BJP rule and during this duration, Madhya Pradesh did spectacular progress and development. Later, in between, Congress came to power for



LIKE-MINDED PEOPLE JOINED BJP AND NOW BJP IS AGAIN IN POWER. BJP HAS MADE STATE NUMBER ONE IN MANY CASES AND IT IS CREATING NEW RECORDS OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND DEVELOPMENT.

fifteen months. This rule of Congress was marked by record corruption, in transfer, turning mission into commission as until one was not coughing out money, work was not done, he said.

The Congress government duped everyone. The Congress rule of fifteen months made people realise the difference between BJP and Congress governments.

Shri JP Nadda said that like-minded people joined BJP and now BJP is again in power. BJP has made State number one in many cases and it is creating new records of public service

and development. BJP workers need to take this thing among people.

The BJP President said PM Shri Narendra Modi is the biggest well wisher of farmers and Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan

implements every decision in favour of farmers.

Today, Madhya Pradesh has become number one in purchasing on minimum support price, DBT or transferring direct money into accounts of beneficiaries, fixing quality of roads, Jan Arogya Yojana etc, he added.

A resolution on the current political situation and other issues were discussed in the executive meeting. Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan and BJP State President Shri Vishnu Dutt Sharma addressed the concluding session of the meeting. ■

WOMEN, DALITS AND CHILDREN WERE THE WORST SUFFERERS OF ELECTORAL VIOLENCE IN WEST BENGAL

The West Bengal BJP State Executive Meeting was held on June 29, 2021 in Kolkata. BJP National President Shri JP Nadda addressed the executive meeting virtually from New Delhi.

Speaking to the BJP State office bearers and executive members, the BJP National President said after the election process was over, women, dalits and children were the worst sufferers of electoral violence in West Bengal.

Shri Nadda said we will all destroy CM Mamata Banerjee's dictatorial mindset while fighting democratically. This battle is long, but we will win it in any case.

He said if an incident takes place in a BJP ruled state, all opposition parties in the country come together and create a storm. But where did they go during the

violence in West Bengal? Why didn't they talk about human rights and violence against dalits in West Bengal?

Shri Nadda said, it is also our responsibility to expose such people and we will continue to do so.

The BJP National President said West Bengal has the highest number of violence against women, led by a woman Chief Minister. If women are not safe, what kind of governance you are providing to the people in the state?

He said if there is a scam on vaccine also, it has happened in West Bengal. In Bengal, Mimi Chakraborty ji was given a fake vaccine. If you support the corrupt, the MPs will also get fake vaccines and fake vaccinations will be there.

In its political resolution adopted at the state executive meeting, the



BJP has recognized the hard work of our leaders and workers who helped secure the 77 seats braving violence perpetuated by the TMC.

In the political resolution, the party has lauded Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly, Shri Suvendu Adhikari, for defeating Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee in Nandigram. It also said that due to the decimation of the Left Front and Congress in West Bengal, the political contest has become a bipolar one between the BJP and the TMC. ■

'UNDER BJP GOVT HARYANA HAS BECOME A PROGRESSIVE STATE'

BJP National President Shri JP Nadda praised several schemes and programmes initiated by the Khattar government, including for conservation of water, saying these can be showcased in the country and we need to create an environment to replicate these. Shri Nadda was speaking at a virtual meeting of the Haryana BJP State Executive on 24 June, 2021.

Hitting out at the previous regimes, Shri Nadda said at one time Haryana used to be known for large-scale corruption, anarchy, shady land deals, and irregularities in giving jobs, among others. "This had become Haryana's identity," he said, adding that after the BJP came to power in 2014, the state's image changed and now under the BJP government it had become a progressive state.

Under PM Shri Narendra Modi's leadership, two vaccines were developed against COVID-19 in just nine months, he said while criticising the Congress leaders of indulging in criticism and trying to demoralise the people of the country.

Talking about Haryana, the BJP President said the Khattar government enjoys a clean image and that unlike the previous regimes, there has been no scam during the past seven years in the state. He added that the state government has empowered common citizens through digitalization of various services.

Haryana Chief Minister Shri Manohar Lal Khattar, state ministers Shri Anil Vij and Shri Kanwar Pal, BJP National Secretary and state in-charge Shri Vinod Tawde and the executive members of the party joined the meeting through video conferencing. ■

BASIC MANTRA OF THIS GOVERNMENT IS 'SABKA SAATH SABKA VIKAS-SABKA VISHWAS': JP NADDA

Addressing the Assam BJP Pradesh Executive Committee meeting through virtual means on June 29, 2021 BJP National President Shri JP Nadda said all the schemes of the Government under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi are committed to the development of the bottom line of the society and the basic mantra of this government is 'Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas-Sabka Vishwas'.

Shri Nadda said in the last five years, under the leadership of Shri Sarbananda Sonowal and Chief Minister Shri Hemant Vishwa Sharma, the way Assam has picked up the pace of development and the work done to bring the development of Assam back on

track was highly credible.

He said these development work has also been attested and recognized by the people of Assam.

The BJP National President said we contest elections and after winning elections, we join the service of the society. For example, in Assam also lakhs of BJP workers are engaged in the service of the people through "Seva Hi Sangathan" even during the second wave of Covid pandemic.

He said, "During the election campaign, I had said that these political tourists are visible only at the time of elections. Even after the elections, I can say that the Congress Party and Badruddin's party are not visible far and wide.



You must have seen the Congress toolkit, it says, "Defame Yoga" and "Tea" of Assam. They talk about defaming what makes us famous in the world. No one will forgive the Congress people, Shri Nadda added.

Chief Minister Shri Hemant Vishwa Sharma, State BJP President Shri Bhabesh Kalita and all other senior leaders of the state and executive members attended the meeting. ■

K. ANNAMALAI APPOINTED AS TAMIL NADU BJP STATE PRESIDENT

BJP National President Shri JP Nadda on 08 July, 2021 appointed Tamil Nadu BJP Vice-President Shri K. Annamalai as the new Tamil Nadu BJP State President. He succeeds Shri L. Murugan, who was on 07 July, 2021 inducted into the Union Council of Ministers as a Minister of State (MoS) for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, and Information and Broadcasting.

Shri K. Annamalai is a former IPS officer of the Karnataka cadre. Hailing from Thottampatti in Karur district, Shri Annamalai, 36, did his undergraduate degree in Mechanical Engineering at the PSG College of Technology, Coimbatore and post-graduation in Business Administration at the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Lucknow in 2010. He joined the police force in 2011. He was the Superintendent of Police for Udipi and Ramanagara districts. At



the time of quitting the service in 2019, he was the Deputy Commissioner (South), Bengaluru. Resigning from his service he joined the BJP in August 2020 and was made the Tamil Nadu BJP Vice-President. ■

'IT WILL ENHANCE PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITIES, BOOST PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN HEALTH INFRA & AUGMENT HUMAN RESOURCES'

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on June 28, 2021 lauded the economic measures announced by Union Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman to revive sectors suffering due to the coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic. Praising the new loan schemes, PM Shri Modi said it will enhance public health facilities, especially in under-served areas, boost private investment in medical infrastructure and augment critical human resources.

He also said that special focus has been placed on strengthening healthcare facilities for our children. PM Shri Modi was referring to the additional funding of 23,220 crore for setting up paediatric beds and facilities in hospitals, announced by Smt Nirmala Sitharaman announced earlier separately.

PM Shri Narendra Modi also said that the measures will help stimulate economic activities, boost production and exports and generate employment. Result linked Power Distribution Scheme and streamlined processes for PPP projects and Asset Monetisation demonstrates our Government's continuing commitment to reforms, he added.

HEALTH, CREDIT, JOBS: FM ANNOUNCES 8 MEASURES TO REVIVE ECONOMY IN PANDEMIC

Union Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, on June 28, 2021 announced a slew of relief measures for several sectors including health infrastructure. She announced eight such measures, out of which she said four were new initiatives. Following are the key points:

LOAN GUARANTEE SCHEME FOR COVID-AFFECTED SECTORS

- The measures announced included a Rs. 1.1 trillion loan guarantee scheme for Covid affected sectors. Of this amount, Rs 50,000 crore has been allocated to the health sector, with a focus on the amelioration of health infrastructure outside the eight metropolitan cities, particularly in tier 2 and 3 cities and aspirational districts.
- The scheme would help existing projects with 50 per cent of the required amount for expansion, while new projects can avail 75 per cent of the required

Rs 1.1 Lakh Cr Loan Guarantee Scheme for COVID Affected Sectors

Health Sector: Rs. 50,000 crore

- Aimed at scaling up medical infrastructure targeting under-served areas
- Guarantee cover for expansion and new projects related to health/medical infrastructure in cities other than 8 metropolitan cities
- Guarantee coverage: 50% for expansion & 75% for new projects
- Maximum loan: Rs. 100 crore;
- Guarantee duration: Up to 3 years
- Interest rate capped at 7.95%

Other Sectors: Rs. 60,000 crore

- Interest rate capped at 8.25% p.a., lower than normal interest rate which is 10-11%

funds through the loan scheme.

- In aspirational districts, both new and existing projects will be eligible for 75 per cent coverage.
- The maximum loan disbursed through the scheme will be capped at Rs 100 crore or \$13.47 million and the guarantee will extend for 3 years. The interest rate for the loan scheme will be capped at 7.95 per cent per annum.
- The remaining amount of Rs 60,000 crore in the scheme will be disbursed to other sectors at an interest rate of 8.25 per cent per annum.

SCOPE OF ECLGS ENLARGED

- Besides this, the FM announced more schemes aimed at alleviating the fiscal stress in various industries amid the Covid-19 pandemic.
- The Ministry has enlarged the scope of the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS), first launched as part of the Atmanirbhar Bharat Package in May last year.
- The overall cap of admissible guarantee will be raised from Rs 3 lakh crore to Rs 4.5 lakh crore, with sector-wise details to be finalised as per evolving needs.
- Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman said that ECLGS, to date, has seen Rs 2.69 trillion in credit disbursement. Rs. 1.1 crore units through public sector banks, private

sector banks and non-banking financial companies.

NEW CREDIT GUARANTEE SCHEME

- The Ministry also announced the Credit Guarantee Scheme to facilitate loans to 25 lakh persons, most of whom will be small borrowers, through scheduled commercial banks and micro-financial institutions.
- The amount per loan will be capped at Rs 1.25 lakh or \$1,685 with an interest rate of MCLR (the minimum lending rate for a bank) plus 2 per cent.

WORKING CAPITAL LOANS FOR TOURIST GUIDES, FREE TOURIST VISAS

- The new initiatives included a scheme for reviving tourism in the country by providing financial support to 11,000 registered tourist guides and other industry stakeholders.
- The financial support will be through working capital/ personal loans and will cover 10,700 regional level tourist guides empanelled with the Ministry of Tourism or with any state government.
- The loans will be provided with a 100 per cent guarantee, with the amount capped at \$1 million per travel and tourism agency and Rs 100,000 for tourist guides.
- With an aim to boost tourism, the FM said that when India resumes issuing tourist visas, the first 500,000 tourist visas will be issued for free.
- The benefit will be applicable only once per tourist and will be applicable till March 31, 2022, or till the first 500,000 visas are issued, whichever is earlier.

JOB SCHEME EXTENDED

- The scheme was launched to incentivise job creation and restoration has now been extended from June 30, 2021, to March 31, 2022.
- More than 21.4 lakh people of nearly 80,000 establishments have already benefited from the scheme.
- The scheme incentivises employers for the creation of new employment and restoration of loss of employment through EPFO.
- The Ministry has said as of this month, benefits worth Rs 902 crore had been given to 21.42 lakh beneficiaries of 79,577 establishments.

ADDITIONAL SUBSIDY FOR FERTILISERS

- Reiterating a scheme that had been announced earlier, the FM reiterated that the existing Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) was worth Rs 27,500 crore in FY21, which has now been increased to Rs 42,275 crore in FY22. Of the additional Rs 14,775 crore to be provided, Rs 9,125 crore additional subsidy for DAP fertilisers and Rs 5,650 crore additional subsidy for NPK based complex fertilisers.

EXTENSION OF PRADHAN MANTRI GARIB KALYAN YOJANA

- An announcement previously made by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the FM reiterated that the scheme, earlier into plan till November 2020, was relaunched in May this year to ensure food security of the poor and vulnerable sections of the society amid the second wave of the pandemic.
- As per the scheme, 5 kg of foodgrains are provided for free to beneficiaries of the National Food Security Act (NFSA). In FY21, the total cost of the scheme for the Centre was Rs 133,972 crore.
- This year, estimated financial implications of the scheme's extension are worth Rs 93,869 crore.

PUBLIC HEALTH FOCUSED ON PAEDIATRIC CARE

- The Ministry has made an additional outlay of Rs 23,220 crore for public health, which includes a new scheme focused on short term emergency preparedness with special emphasis on children and paediatric care/beds. ■

CABINET APPROVES LOAN GUARANTEE SCHEME

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved Loan Guarantee Scheme for Covid Affected Sectors (LGSCAS) on June 30, 2021 enabling funding to the tune of Rs. 50,000 crore to provide financial guarantee cover for brownfield expansion and greenfield projects related to health/ medical infrastructure.

In addition, the Cabinet has also approved additional funding up to Rs. 1,50,000 crore under Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme. ■

UNION CABINET APPROVES 'INDIA COVID 19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEMS' AND OTHER KEY DECISIONS

Following the newly inducted 43 ministers took charge of their respective ministries on 08 July, 2021, the Union Cabinet meeting was held under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. In the first Union Cabinet meeting the Cabinet has approved a new scheme 'India COVID-19 Emergency Response & Health System Preparedness Package: Phase-II' amounting to Rs. 23,123 crore for FY 2021-22. This scheme aims to accelerate health system preparedness for immediate responsiveness for early prevention, detection and management, with the focus on health infrastructure development including for Paediatric Care and with measurable outcomes.

Apart from it the Cabinet approves Memorandum on Cooperation (MoC) between Competition Commission of India (CCI) and Japan Fair Trade Commission (JFTC).

Cabinet approves Memorandum of Understanding



(MoU) between Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICoAI) and the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), United Kingdom (UK).

Cabinet approves modifications in Central Sector Scheme of financing facility under 'Agriculture Infrastructure Fund'.

Cabinet approves amendment in Coconut Development Board Act, 1979 for making the post of Chairman, Coconut Development Board as Non-Executive Chairman. ■

INDIA RECEIVES \$64 BILLION FDI IN 2020, FIFTH LARGEST RECIPIENT OF INFLOWS IN WORLD: UN

India received USD 64 billion in Foreign Direct Investment in 2020, the fifth largest recipient of inflows in the world, according to a UN report which said the COVID-19 second wave in the country weighs heavily on the country's overall economic activities but its strong fundamentals provide optimism for the medium term.

The World Investment Report 2021 by the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), said global FDI flows have been severely hit by the pandemic and they plunged by 35 per cent in 2020 to USD 1 trillion from USD 1.5 trillion the previous year.

Lockdowns caused by COVID-19 around the world slowed down existing investment projects, and prospects of a recession led multinational enterprises (MNEs) to reassess new projects.

The report said in India, FDI increased 27 per cent to USD 64 billion in 2020 from USD 51 billion in 2019, pushed up by acquisitions in the information and communication technology (ICT) industry, making the country the fifth largest FDI recipient in the world.

The pandemic boosted demand for digital infrastructure and services globally. This led to higher values of greenfield FDI



project announcements targeting the ICT industry, rising by more than 22 per cent to USD 81 billion.

Major project announcements in the ICT industry included a USD 2.8 billion investment by online retail giant Amazon in ICT infrastructure in India. ■

OVER 9 LAKH CRORE DISBURSED AS MUDRA LOANS SINCE 2015

Total Rs 9 lakh crore has been disbursed as collateral-free loans so far under the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY), a scheme that provides financial support to budding entrepreneurs.

As per the Union Labour Minister there have been around 70% accounts of women in this (Mudra) scheme. PMMY was launched by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on April 8, 2015, to promote entrepreneurship. Under the scheme, loans up to Rs 10 lakh is provided to non-corporate, non-farm small or micro enterprises.

Now under the Modi government India was making collective efforts to reduce gender gaps in labour force participation.



The new Code on Wages, 2019, shall reduce gender-based discrimination in wages, recruitment and conditions of employment. Women are entitled for all types of work in all establishments. Employers have to ensure their safety and provisions for working hours. Women can now work even during night hours, the Union Labour Minister said. ■

'GST MILESTONE IN INDIA'S ECONOMIC LANDSCAPE'

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has praised the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on 30 June, 2021 for easing tax burden on taxpayers and increasing transparency over the past four years.

"GST has been a milestone in the economic landscape of India. It has decreased the number of taxes, compliance burden & overall tax burden on common man while significantly increasing transparency, compliance and overall collection," PM Shri Modi tweeted.

The uniform indirect tax regime observed its fourth anniversary on July 01 this year. The nationwide GST regime was rolled out in 2017 to subsume and replace 17 local levies like excise duty, service tax and VAT and 13 cesses.

The GST regime follows a four-rate structure that exempts or imposes a low rate of tax 5 per cent on essential items and levies the highest tax rate of 28 per cent tax on luxury and sin goods. The other two tax slabs are 12 and 18 per cent. In the pre-GST era, the total of VAT, excise, CST and their cascading effect led to 31 per cent as tax payable, on an average, for a consumer.

Businesses dealing in goods with an annual



turnover of up to 40 lakh are exempt from the tax. Additionally, those with a turnover up to 1.5 crore can opt for the Composition Scheme and pay only 1 per cent tax.

Services providers with turnover up to 20 lakh in a year are exempt from GST. Business in the service sector with turnover up to Rs. 50 lakh in a year can opt for composition scheme for services and pay only 6 per cent tax.

The Finance Ministry also listed the achievements of GST regime on the eve of its fourth anniversary. The ministry said that over the last four years, 1.3 crore taxpayers have been registered under the GST network, while 66 crore tax returns have been filed. ■

SWAMI VIVEKANANDA'S WAY OF RASTRA-NIRMAN



TARUN CHUGH

If you ask any student, scholar or intellectual, as who is the one single personality who has been a symbol of Indian way of life, philosophy and spiritualism, the answer would be, Swami Vivekananda. He has influenced millions of youth not only in India but across the globe. No other icon has influenced the west with the Indian philosophy more than the true Karmayogi, Swami Vivekananda. His famous Chicago speech of 1893, re-opened flood gates for the quest for Indian way of life and living. It was a great moment for India since it sparked and revived a permanent interest of the west in the Vedantic-Philosophy.

His Neo-Vedantic philosophy starts with the question as to what is the purpose of human-life. For him the purpose of life is a life of purpose i.e a meaningful, selfless and serving life. Life is not just an existence but a life with a determined-effort to help and serve others. A successful life is nothing if it is not meaningful. A man can grow inside only if he grows others outside. It is not a life which is a secluded and away from active life. Rather, his philosophy is that of a Karmayogi who is active in serving humanity through selfless action.

His creed of Rashtra-Nirman (nation-making) starts with Vyakti-Nirman (man-making). National character is nothing but the character

of its citizens. So, the task of nation building starts with personality-development and character-building of its citizens. To make the nation great, we have to make the citizens making the nation, great. For this character-building is a must. As per him, character consists of 4 aspects that is physical, mental-emotional, social-national and spiritual.

The physical strength which includes fitness and health of countrymen has been hailed by him as the base on which the edifice of the human-personality rests. He said, "You will be nearer to heaven through football than through the study of the Gita." True to the philosophy of a hail and hearty citizenry, Fit India Movement launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi is aimed at encouraging and motivating citizens and youth to remain healthy and fit by including physical activities and sports in their daily lives. In the same way, the invaluable gift of ancient traditions of Yoga which embodies unity of body and mind has been opened to the world since the Yoga Day was adopted following an inspirational speech and tactful projection of the Yoga by Sh. Modi in this regard in UN in 2014.

Besides being physically fit, Swami Vivekananda wanted the citizens to be intellectually and mentally fit and creative. As per him, all the powers in the universe are already ours. If the mind is intensely eager, everything can be accomplished—mountains can be crumbled into atoms. He said—take up one idea. Emote that idea,

think that idea and live that idea. Make that idea a part of your life. Absorb yourself in that idea. Every moment and every neuron of your life be focused and laserised on that idea. You can be Karmayogi only when the mind is absorbed in those chosen flow of thoughts and only then success can be achieved. For the countrymen, officers and leaders; he suggested them to take service of nation as their prime-duty. For the resurrection of nationalism, Vivekananda's focus is the youth. He advises the youth that anything that makes them weak physically, intellectually and spiritually, reject that as poison. Brave, bold people, these are what a great nation wants. What a nation wants of youth is vigor in the blood, strength in the nerves, iron muscles and nerves of steel, not softening namby-pamby ideas. Youth is the best time of life. The way in which you (Youth) utilize this period will decide the nature of coming years that lie ahead of you. He said, "Be not afraid of anything. You will do great work. The moment you fear, you are nobody. Fear is the greatest cause of misery in the world. Be fearlessness in whatever you do. Believe in that, do not believe that you are weak; Stand up and express the divinity within you. Therefore, arise, awake, and stop not till the goal is reached." Following the ethos of Swami Vivekananda, the Modi government started "Mission Karmayogi (for young civil-servants), Skill India Mission, Make in India, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Digital India Mission, Start-up India and many more such missions so

as to harness the capacity of the youth for the Nation-making with a chosen purpose of service to the nation and humankind.

To culture the habits of learning and developing intellectual skills, Vivekananda emphasized on the value based education. For him education is not just facts, figures and information rather, it is thoughts and ideas. Education is assimilation of life-building, man-making, character-making ideas. There should be a national education system, "The ideal is that we must have the whole education of our country, spiritual and secular, in our own hands, and it must be on national lines, through national methods." The New Education Policy 2020, orients exactly this philosophy and aims at value based education which makes the student aware about the rich culture and history of India with an underlying purpose to build the national character of the students. True to value based education, it tries to enjoin theory with practical life, modernity with rich traditional knowledge.

SPIRITUAL-NATIONALISM

Rightly hailed as the father of modern Indian-nationalism, he expounded the idea of Spiritual-nationalism. Swami Vivekananda's nationalism is rooted and emanates from spiritualism. For national-awakening, religion is the way. For him religion is the blood of the veins of nation. He said, "I am blessed that I took birth in such a great Hindu religion that assimilates all religions. He believed that in India, religion has been a creative force in stability and national integration. He saw the spirituality as point of

convergence for all religious forces of diverse India capable of unifying into a national current. He gave an idea of strength and fearlessness to Indians. He declared, 'essence of my religion is strength'. For him the best form of worship was to see God in poor, the downtrodden, the sick and the ignorant and to serve them. National-resurrection in India can take place only through her age-old tradition of spiritual goal. He said- "as the different streams having their sources in different places all mingle their water in the sea, so, O Lord, the different paths which men take, through different tendencies, various though they appear, crooked or straight, all lead to Thee!" and "Whosoever comes to Me, through whatsoever form, I reach him; all men are struggling through paths that in the end lead to Me." For the creation of a New Bharat, Vivekananda called for a nationwide renovation with the ideals of 'tyaga' and 'seva'. He says, "An empty stomach is no good for religion." He prophesies that our first duty is duty for our motherland. For the people of Nation, he suggests to 'Serve God in man' and assimilates spiritualism with social service. He said, "For the next fifty years this alone shall be our keynote - this, our great Mother India. Let all other gods disappear for the time from our minds." Vivekananda says that what is needed is "Chittashuddhi" or purification of the heart which can be achieved through serving and helping of those all around us. He asserted that "the first gods we have to worship are our countrymen.

Nationalism and universalism are the two pillars of his peaceful co-existence. . But nationalism is not

parochialism and not confined to our own boundaries. Our nationalism is not a threat to universal-peace. He said, "Each nation has a destiny to fulfil, each nation has a message to deliver, each nation has a mission to accomplish. Therefore we must have to understand the mission of our own race, the destiny it has to fulfill, the place it has to occupy in the march of nations, the role which it has to contribute to the harmony of races". The idea of "Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat" following Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas aims at making a modern and strong India in tandem with the ideal and idea Nationalism of Swami Vivekananda. He suggested Aatamnirbar Bharat whose material prosperity can be achieved through education and human-capital. He felt that the strength of India lies in its Agriculture and favored commercialization of agriculture for improving the income of the farmers. The recent Agricultural Reforms and focus of Budget-2021 on Agrarian-Sector bear testimony to the fact that emphasis of the Modi Government is for the modernization of the agriculture sector of India so as the income of the farmers can be increased. India can only be a Vishaw-Guru if it follows its path of spiritualism and its nationalism is aligned on the principal of Vasudev Katumbkam (universal brotherhood). During Corona period, India has not only been successful in saving its own population but is freely gifting medicines, kits, ventilators and doses of vaccination of Corona to scores of countries just to save the world from this pandemic following its ethos of Vasudev-Katumbkam. ■

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FORMER BJP MP SHARAD TRIPATHI NO MORE

Former BJP MP from Sant Kabir Nagar Shri Sharad Tripathi (49) passed away on 01 July, 2021. He is survived by his wife, two daughters and two sons. Shri Tripathi was elected as a member of parliament from the Sant Kabir Nagar Lok Sabha seat, Uttar Pradesh in 2014.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, BJP President Shri JP Nadda and other senior leaders condoled Shri Tripathi's death.

In his message PM Shri Modi said. "Shri Sharad Tripathi's untimely demise has left me as well as many others saddened. He loved serving society and working for the downtrodden. He made unique efforts to

popularise the ideals of Sant Kabir Das Ji. Condolences to his family and supporters. Om Shanti,"

BJP National President Shri JP Nadda also expressed shock and extended condolences to the deceased's family and supporters. "His death is an irreparable loss to Uttar Pradesh and the BJP. May his soul rest in peace. In this time of grief, I express my heartfelt condolences to the family members," he said.



Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah said Tripathi's demise is a big loss to the party.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and senior party leaders and ministers also condoled the death of the former BJP MP. ■

PRESIDENT LAYS FOUNDATION STONE FOR AMBEDKAR CENTRE IN LUCKNOW



Hon'ble President Shri Ram Nath Kovind on 29 June laid the foundation stone for a memorial and cultural centre dedicated to B.R. Ambedkar in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.

The President said the U.P. government's initiative in building the cultural centre was commendable.

On the completion of its construction, the cultural centre would play an effective role in educating all the citizens, especially the younger generation, with the ideals and objectives of Ambedkar, he said.

PM LAUDS UP GOVERNMENT

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has lauded the Uttar Pradesh Government for taking the lead in popularising the ideals of respected Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar among the youth. In a tweet on June 29, 2021, the Prime Minister said, "The 'Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhimrao Memorial and Cultural Centre, Lucknow' will further popularise the ideals of respected Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar among the youth. I laud the Uttar Pradesh Government for taking the lead in this effort." ■



PUSHKAR SINGH DHAMI TAKES OATH AS NEW CHIEF MINISTER OF UTTARAKHAND

Shri Pushkar Singh Dhama took oath as the 11th Chief Minister of Uttarakhand on July 4, 2021. He was administered the oath of office by Hon'ble Governor Ms. Baby Rani Maurya at a ceremony held in Raj Bhawan in Dehradun, Uttarakhand. BJP MLAs Shri Satpal Maharaj, Shri Harak Singh Rawat, Shri Bansidhar Bhagat and Shri Yashpal Arya also took oath as ministers in the new Uttarakhand cabinet. Shri Dhama is now the youngest Chief Minister in the state and succeeded Shri Tirath Singh Rawat.

Shri Dhama was elected as the leader of the BJP legislature party in the state on July 3, 2021. Shri Pushkar Singh Dhama's name was proposed by outgoing Chief Minister Shri Tirath Singh Rawat and State BJP President Shri Madan Kaushik and seconded by a number of MLAs, including former Chief minister Shri Trivendra Singh Rawat. Union minister Shri Narendra Singh Tomar was also present at the meeting.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi congratulated Shri Pushkar Dhama and all others who took oath. In a message the PM said best wishes to this team as they work towards the progress and prosperity of Uttarakhand.

BJP National President Shri JP Nadda said, "Hearty congratulations and best wishes to Shri @pushkardhama ji on



Pushkar Singh Dhama
11th chief minister of Uttarakhand

Age: 45yrs
Party: Bharatiya Janata Party

Political Journey

1990 | Joined Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad

2001-2002 | Officer on Special Duty to the then CM Bhagat Singh Koshiyari

2002-2008 | Served as the president of BJP's Uttarakhand Yuva Morcha

2012 | Elected MLA from Khatima constituency; re-elected in 2017

2016 | Appointed state BJP vice president

July 4, 2021 | Takes oath as Uttarakhand CM

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swearing in, the new Chief Minister said, "I'm younger in age. Everyone is experienced. The party has given me this responsibility and as a team we will take the state

taking oath as the Chief Minister of Uttarakhand. I am sure that Under the guidance and leadership of respected Prime Minister Shri @NarendraModi the development of the state will get new energy and new parameters of progress will be established in the state".

Speaking soon after the

forward."

Shri Dhama said I am working with the youth and understand their issues well. Those whose livelihoods have been affected by the pandemic will be considered for filling up vacant posts in the state, he said. He also stressed on the need for resuming tourism and the Char Dham Yatra. ■

DICTATORIAL MINDSET LED TO EMERGENCY



AMIT SHAH

Forty-six years ago, a dark chapter of India's history was written when the Congress government of the day led by PM Indira Gandhi imposed Emergency on the country, in an ugly spectacle of authoritarian arrogance, making a mockery of the country's centuries-old democratic tradition. The question that still remains unanswered is whether the brazen recourse to authoritarianism – when even the right to life was suspended and Parliament, judiciary and media were reduced to auxiliaries for the ambitions of a leader – was an aberration or represented the natural instincts of Congress's dynastic politics.

India's ancient history is replete with examples of flourishing democratic governance systems such as the Kamboj, Kalinga and Lichchavi kingdoms. Even an ancient text such as the Rig Veda has evidence of democratic practices. This march towards democratic ideals, which had continued even under monarchies, however, ran into hostile barriers when foreign invaders plundered, conquered, and, eventually, imposed their

oppressive regimes on large parts.

After Independence, India took a big step by resolving to be a modern, progressive, democratic nation state. The framers of the Constitution fondly hoped that future governments would strive to translate dreams and ideals into reality by, above all, protecting the fundamental rights of citizens.

However, Congress, which, having come out of the womb of the freedom struggle, got the

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first opportunity to serve, flunked the test right at the outset when under Jawaharlal Nehru, it used false allegations related to the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi to ban the RSS and its Panchajanya weekly. This was the first instance of a 'ban' being used as a weapon to smother the rival viewpoint.

In 1951-52, barely a year after the Constitution was adopted, Nehru, who was upset with the criticism of his policies, used the brute majority at his disposal to

move the first amendment to impose restrictions on freedom of speech, disregarding the fervent resistance of the founder of Bharatiya Jan Sangh, Dr Shyama Prasad Mookerjee.

This was the foundation of authoritarianism that Indira Gandhi built upon when she imposed Emergency from the midnight of June 25, 1975, turning the entire country into a prison. Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan and other prominent opposition leaders such as Morarji Desai, Atal Bihari Vajpayee and LK Advani were thrown into jail.

Leaders such as Nanaji Deshmukh and George Fernandes went underground to lead a resistance movement. RSS, along with dozens of socio-cultural organisations, was banned. Media houses were subjected to shocking levels of censorship. Sadly, most newspapers meekly turned into mouthpieces of the Congress party, prompting Advani to famously remark that the "media crawled when it was asked to bend".

Some have speculated about the possible driver for Indira Gandhi to organise the assault on democracy. But it was not any single incident or, as some apologists have argued, provocation which acted as the trigger. This has to do with

the authoritarian mindset of the Congress leadership. This is what had led Indira Gandhi to defy the Allahabad high court verdict declaring her election illegal.

Authoritarianism and intolerance are hardwired into Congress and, therefore, instead of deriving the right lesson from its defeat in 1977, it went back to anti-democratic ways when it regained power and the baton passed to Rajiv Gandhi. Congress, which now poses as the champion of freedom of speech, tried to bring a censorship law disguised as Anti-Defamation Bill. Though the sinister objective could not be achieved because of opposition, the attempt to muzzle the media once again brought out its disdain for democratic principles and its lust for power.

The pattern should not surprise us. A party which has turned into a family fief and does not practice intra-party democracy cannot be expected to safeguard democratic principles. The very edifice of Congress is founded on the pillars of dynastic privileges. This 'family first' mindset is at the root of its dictatorial brazenness which led to Emergency.

BJP, under the stewardship of PM Narendra Modi, has put a spanner in the works of the dynastic parties that are guided by narrow personal motives of their bosses and their families. In today's India, BJP is the only party that practices the principles of fairness, egalitarianism and

equal opportunity in intra-party functioning. Its policies have also deepened democracy's roots by bringing its fruits to the doorsteps of the underprivileged.

Democracy is not merely an electoral and political exercise. It is a much broader and deeper cultural phenomenon, one that stands for inclusive development, security for all, equal opportunities and equal rights. For the last seven years, the NDA government has

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worked tirelessly to uphold these through a range of policies.

Today, all the units of democracy are working with cooperation, coordination and balance. The judiciary, unlike in the days when Congress tried to turn it into an accessory of the executive, enjoys complete independence and has, whenever it has felt the need to do so, guided the government. The media has complete freedom to carry out its work. India's parliamentary system has grown stronger over the last seven years.

Babasaheb Bhimrao

Ambedkar, in his last speech to the Constituent Assembly, stressed that for political democracy to succeed, it must be supplemented by spread of democracy in the social arena as well. PM Modi has, over seven years, endeavoured to implement these progressive ideals on the ground. The government has continuously worked towards creating a socially and economically equal nation and a fair society by empowering the most underprivileged.

It is a proof of support and goodwill for PM Modi that India has been able to enact much-delayed important laws concerning rights of citizens such as Citizenship (Amendment) Act and abrogation of Article 370. Congress has opposed these laws meant for empowering citizens and delivering justice to them only for partisan considerations. Its invocation of democracy to justify its cussed stance is deception. Its authoritarian impulses remain strong. This was evident when it got the bill to divide Andhra Pradesh passed by shuttering the doors of Parliament.

However, citizens are now alert. The youth now feel secure and empowered with a growing sense of cultural and national pride. I am sure that in future, no party or leader will dare to meddle with the country's democratic values and create another Emergency-like situation. ■

(The writer is Union Home Minister, Government of India)

CABINET APPROVES BHARATNET IMPLEMENTATION WITH OPTICAL FIBRE CONNECTIVITY TO ALL VILLAGES

The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, on June 30, 2021 accorded approval for revised implementation strategy of BharatNet through Public Private Partnership mode in 16 States of the country. BharatNet will now extend upto all inhabited villages beyond Gram Panchayats (GPs), in the said States. The revised strategy also includes creation, upgradation, operation, maintenance and utilization of BharatNet by the concessionaire who will be selected by a competitive international bidding process. The estimated maximum viability gap funding approved for the above PPP model is Rs. 19,041 crores.

The States covered under the Cabinet approval today are Kerala, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh. An estimated 3.61 lakh villages including GPs will be covered.

The Cabinet also accorded in principle approval for extending BharatNet to cover all inhabited villages in the remaining States and UTs. Department of Telecommunication will separately workout the modalities for these (remaining) States/UTs.

The PPP Model will leverage Private Sector efficiency for operation, maintenance, utilization and revenue generation and is expected to result in faster roll out of BharatNet. The selected concessionaire (Private Sector Partner) is expected to provide reliable, high speed broadband services as per pre-defined Services Level Agreement (SLA). Extension of reach of BharatNet to all inhabited villages with reliable, quality, high speed broadband will enable better access of e-services offered by various Central and State Government agencies. It will also enable online education, telemedicine, skill development, e-commerce and other applications of broadband. It is expected that revenue will be generated from different sources including proliferation of broadband connections to individuals & institutions, sale of dark fibre, Fiberization of mobile towers, e-commerce etc.



Proliferation of broadband in rural areas will bridge the rural-urban divide of digital access and accelerate the achievement of Digital India. The penetration and proliferation of broadband is also expected to increase direct and indirect employment and income generation. The States where PPP Model is envisaged, will facilitate free Right of Way.

BHARATNET PPP MODEL WILL BRING IN FOLLOWING CONSUMER FRIENDLY ADVANTAGES:

- Use of innovative technology by the Private Sector Provider for the consumers;
- High quality of service and Service Level to consumers;
- Faster deployment of network and quick connectivity to consumers;
- Competitive tariffs for services;
- Variety of services on high-speed broadband including Over the top (OTT) services and multi-media services as part of packages offered to consumers, and
- Access to all online services.

PPP Model in this critical infrastructure of Telecom is a novel initiative. The Private Sector Partner is also expected to bring an equity investment and raise resources towards capital expenditure and for operation and maintenance of the network. Hence, the PPP Model for BharatNet will enhance efficiency, quality of service, consumer experience and leverage private sector expertise, entrepreneurship and capacities for accelerating achievement of digital India. This will be in addition to substantial savings of public money. ■

'IT IS IMPORTANT TO CARRY THIS VACCINATION MOMENTUM FORWARD'

PM Shri Narendra Modi held a meeting with top officials to review the progress of vaccination & Covid situation in the country on June 26, 2021

Officials gave a detailed presentation to the PM on progress of vaccination in the country. PM was briefed about the age wise vaccination coverage. The PM was also briefed about the vaccine coverage among healthcare workers, frontline workers and the general population in various states.

Officials apprised the PM Shri Modi about the vaccine supply in the upcoming months and efforts being made to increase

production.

PM was informed that 3.77 crore doses have been administered in the last 6 days which is more than the entire population of countries like Malaysia, Saudi Arabia and Canada. It was also discussed that 128 districts in the country have vaccinated more than 50% of the 45+ population and 16 districts have vaccinated more than 90% of the 45+ population.

PM expressed satisfaction at the rising speed of vaccinations in this week and stressed that it is important to carry this momentum forward.

Officers briefed the PM that they are in touch with state governments to explore and

implement innovative methods to reach people for vaccination. The PM spoke about the need to involve NGOs and other organisations in such efforts.

PM Shri Modi directed officers to work with the states to ensure that the pace of testing does not go down as testing remains a very important weapon to track & contain rising infections in any region.

Officers also apprised the PM about the rising interest in Cowin platform globally. PM said that efforts should be made to help all countries, who have expressed interest, with India's rich tech expertise in the form of the Cowin platform. ■

PM MODI RECEIVES FIRST COPY OF 'THE RAMAYANA OF SHRI GURU GOBIND SINGH JI'

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi received the first copy of the book 'The Ramayan of Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji' penned by Late Baljit Kaur Tulsi on July 9, 2021. Late Baljit Kaur Tulsi is the mother of lawyer KTS Tulsi. The book was handed over to PM Shri Modi by Rajya Sabha MP Shri KTS Tulsi himself.

PM Shri Narendra Modi shared the photos from the meet at twitter. He also shared the audio of the Gurbani Shabad sang by KTS Tulsi.

PM Shri Modi in a twitter message said, "Received the first copy of the book, 'The Ramayana of Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji' penned by Late Mrs Baljit Kaur Tulsi Ji, who is the mother of noted lawyer Shri KTS Tulsi Ji. The book has been published by IGMCA". ■



REFORMS FOR A NEW INDIA IN THE 21ST CENTURY



**NIRMALA
SITHARAMAN**

This year, we mark 30 years of the deregulation of the Indian economy. It began, as some would argue, under the compulsion of the Fund and the Bank, with a looming balance of payment crisis. By then, the economy was almost completely constricted by the rule of licences, quotas and discretion, with no breathing space for enterprise. Suffocated as it was, the economy welcomed the breath of fresh air with the liberalisation of 1991. We recall the political will of Prime Minister (PM) PV Narasimha Rao and an abiding finance minister (FM) Dr Manmohan Singh for having pulled it through.

If we commend that leadership for rescuing India from “falling off the cliff”, we also should condemn them for losing an entire decade for India, when they, under the leadership of the former FM-turned-PM, failed to carry on that momentum. It was a matter of sheer absence of political will and commitment.

Just before that lost decade, PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee showed this political will and commitment in planning for the Goods and Services Tax (GST). However, that failed to take off between

2004 and 2014. Both GST and the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) were passed by the Narendra Modi government in its first term.

The National Democratic Alliance (NDA), under PM Modi, believed and committed itself to deregulate our economy. It was stated in “minimum government, maximum governance”. The simple guiding philosophy, Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas meant that there shall be no discretion or appeasement on any ground — no “first charge on the treasury” exclusively to anyone.

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NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE (NDA), UNDER PM MODI, BELIEVED AND COMMITTED ITSELF TO DEREGULATE OUR ECONOMY. IT WAS STATED IN “MINIMUM GOVERNMENT, MAXIMUM GOVERNANCE”.

maximum governance implies that both structural reforms and ease of doing are being undertaken. Disinvestment, deregulation, monetisation are happening equally as archaic laws are being banished, compliances are being brought down in number, and greater transparency is infused by the adoption of technology.

Archaic laws, irrelevant even as they may be, were useful

instruments for unscrupulous regulators. In the first term itself, PM Modi ensured the weeding out of 1,200 such laws, discarding 58 more in the second term.

There were over 6,000 complaints affecting the common man’s daily life, spread between the Centre and the states, and across several departments. Working together with the states, we plan that by August 2022, the 75th anniversary of our Independence, citizens will have relief from these.

Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas is the all-inclusive, non-discriminatory empowering objective. It clears out all the pitfalls and biases of all earlier attempts at welfarism. Equally, it settles the debate of welfare-versus-reforms for development. It is a philosophy which believes in empowerment and discourages patronage. The previous government’s emotional but stand-alone call to remove poverty, garibi hatao, failed because it was not well thought-through. It did not simultaneously build the necessary ecosystem for aspirational growth and choice for individuals.

This is clear especially in how the PM Jan Dhan Yojana, coupled with the near saturation achieved in the Aadhaar, and spread of mobile usage — JAM, the triad for financial inclusion

— in addition to Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT), proved effective during the Covid-19 pandemic. This is especially stark, when the world over, governments were struggling to reach their poor, but in India, we repeatedly succeeded in crediting, at the click of a button, the necessary assistance and relief so needed by them.

Not just JAM, a host of measures, carefully planned and executed with no discrimination, built the necessary environment for the poor to feel included without having to beg for it. Every eligible and volunteering household got electricity (Ujala), a toilet (Swachhata) and a clean cooking medium (Ujjwala). Individuals and families receive cashless health care (Ayushman) and Life and Accident cover (Jeevan Jyoti Suraksha Bima). The smallest of businesses who have no security to offer can avail Mudra loans from 50,000-10 lakh. Svanidhi scheme, which was launched during the pandemic, gives street vendors and small eateries collateral-free credit up to 10,000. More than 2.5 million such vendors have availed this through the banks. Using drones, accurate land records are being created. In rural areas, it is particularly empowering for the poor to be given a “record of rights” of their possessions, whatever their size.

The remarkable feature of each one of these schemes is in its execution. Unless somebody refused a benefit, every eligible citizen received it, a granular

approach to inclusion. The scale of coverage and the last-mile delivery within five years can be studied in governance.

Factor market reforms are crucial for development. The three Farm Acts were undertaken after extensive consultations. Forty-four labour laws are simplified to become four codes.

The pandemic posed a challenge but did not deter or dilute the conviction with which India has to leap forward. It needs transformational, not incremental

THE HEALTH SECTOR AND ITS REGULATIONS ARE BEING RAMPED UP. POWER SECTOR REFORMS ARE BEING UNDERTAKEN TO BRING IN PRIVATE SECTOR EFFICIENCIES AND COMPLY WITH SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENTAL GOALS.

changes. We have to make up for that lost decade as well. During the pandemic, even as we extended relief and assistance to the poor and the needy, we did not miss out on the opportunity that the times presented for reform.

The health sector and its regulations are being ramped up. Power sector reforms are being undertaken to bring in private sector efficiencies and comply with sustainable environmental goals. The importance of one nation-one ration card being achieved through digital technologies cannot be lost on any of us. Migrant workers and

their families so deserve it.

Even during the pandemic, systemic reforms were undertaken with the cooperation of the states. This was made possible because states were allowed enhanced borrowing as an incentive, for each of the milestones achieved. PM Modi, in his post on LinkedIn, titled Reforms by Conviction and Incentives, listed some of these reforms. They are one nation-one ration card; automatic, online and non-discretionary licence issuance under seven Acts; notifying floor rates for property tax, water/sewerage charge to be in line with stamp duty guidelines; and DBT in lieu of free electricity supply.

Prepared in the midst of the pandemic, for lifting the economy out of the hardships faced by this unprecedented situation, Budget 2021 gave a leg up for infrastructure spending. It also lays a policy prescription for public sector enterprises and provides a road map for financial sector reforms. Professionalising banks is on course. Bond markets are being deepened. Using technology, tax administration is becoming faceless — discretion leading to harassment is being removed. An asset monetisation pipeline is ready. Greater disclosures and better regulation are instilling confidence in domestic retail investors, drawing them to the markets. The 1991 reforms were the 20th-century story. Being undertaken today are the reforms for a New India of the 21st century. ■

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'AYODHYA TO BE DEVELOPED AS A SPIRITUAL CENTRE, GLOBAL TOURISM HUB AND A SUSTAINABLE SMART CITY'

PM Shri Narendra Modi reviewed the development plan for Ayodhya on June 26, 2021. UP Government officials made a presentation which encompassed various aspects of Ayodhya's development.

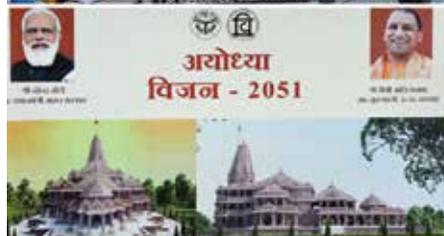
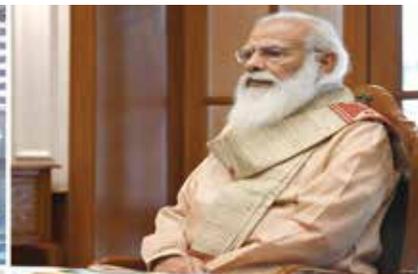
PM Shri Modi was informed about various upcoming and proposed infrastructure projects to improve connectivity with Ayodhya. Various infrastructure projects like Airport, expansion of Railway Station, Bus station, roads and highways were discussed.

An upcoming Greenfield township was discussed which includes lodging facilities for devotees, space for Ashrams, Maths, Hotels, Bhavans of various states. A tourist facilitation centre, a world class museum will also be built.

Special attention is being devoted to development of infrastructure around the Saryu river and its ghats. Cruise operation on the Saryu river will also be made a regular feature.

The city will be developed to ensure sustainability with adequate spaces for cyclists and people on foot. Traffic management will also be done in a modern manner using Smart City infrastructure.

PM described Ayodhya as a city that is etched in the cultural consciousness of every Indian.



AYODHYA IS BOTH SPIRITUAL AND SUBLIME. THE HUMAN ETHOS OF THIS CITY MUST BE MATCHED BY FUTURISTIC INFRASTRUCTURE, WHICH IS BENEFICIAL FOR EVERYONE INCLUDING TOURISTS AND PILGRIMS.

Ayodhya should manifest the finest of our traditions and the best of our developmental transformations.

Ayodhya is both spiritual and sublime. The human ethos of this city must be matched by futuristic infrastructure, which is beneficial for everyone including tourists and pilgrims.

PM said that the coming generations should feel the desire to visit Ayodhya at least once in their lifetime.

PM pointed out that developmental works in Ayodhya

will continue in the foreseeable future. At the same time, the momentum towards heralding Ayodhya to this next leap of progress must begin now. It is our collective endeavour to celebrate the identity of Ayodhya and keep its cultural vibrancy alive through innovative ways.

PM said that the way Lord Ram had the ability to bring people together, the development works of Ayodhya should be guided by a spirit of healthy public participation, especially by the youth. He called for the skills of our talented youngsters to be leveraged in this development of the city.

UP CM Shri Yogi Adityanath, Deputy CM Shri Keshav Prasad Maurya, Deputy CM Shri Dinesh Sharma and various other ministers of the UP Government were present in the meeting. ■

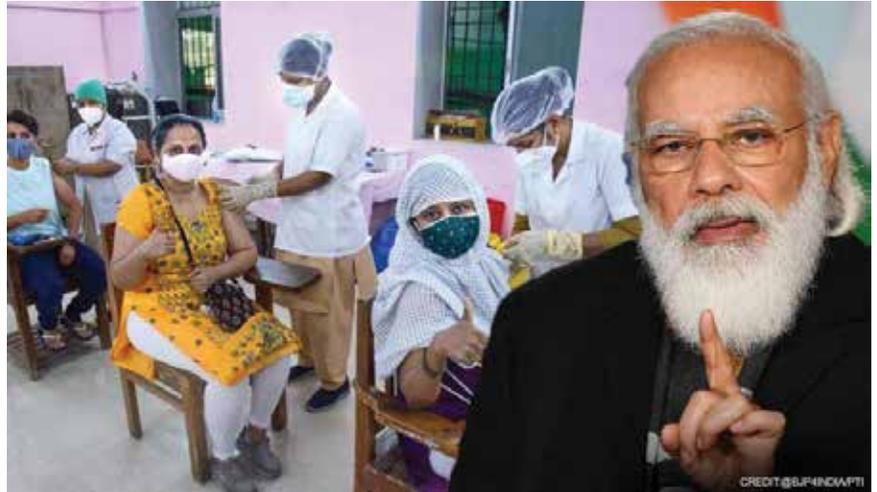
PM MODI'S EFFORTS TO PACE UP COVID VACCINATION GETS APPLAUDED BY 300 SCIENTISTS, EDUCATORS

As India witnessed a steep increase in the number of vaccine doses administered after 21 June 2021, 300 scientists and academicians from leading national, International research institutes and central universities have backed PM Shri Narendra Modi's efforts to increase the pace of the inoculation drive throughout the country starting from June 21.

India created history on June 21 as over 80 lakh COVID vaccine doses were administered across the country as the Centre kicked off its latest vaccination phase.

Appealing to the citizens to have full faith in the PM Modi-led government, the 300 academicians in a signed letter on 26 June 2021 lauded the important steps taken by the Centre in the direction of achieving 100% coverage of vaccines and overcoming the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 300 acclaimed academicians include researchers from IITs, AIIMS, IISERs, ICMR institutes, University of Nebraska Medical Center - USA, Concordia University, Harvard University, NIPGR, Bose Institute, ICGEB, BHU, JNU, Delhi University, Jamia Millia Islamia, several central universities, Calcutta university, Manipal university, IGNOU, University of Birmingham and other leading institutes. ■



INDIA'S COVID-19 VACCINATION UPDATE

India's cumulative COVID Vaccination Coverage exceeded 36.45 crore (36,45,69,414), as per the Ministry of Health report on 09 July, 2021. The new phase of universalization of COVID-19 vaccination commenced from 21st June. More than 31.04 lakh (31,04,426) Vaccine Doses have been administered on 07 July, as per the 7 pm provisional report.

14,04,816 vaccine doses were administered as first dose and 1,35,166 vaccine doses given as second dose in the age group 18-44 years. Cumulatively, 10,62,08,106 persons in the age group 18-44 years across 37 States/UTs have received their first dose and a total 31,88,078 have received their second dose since the start of Phase-3 of the vaccination drive. Eight States namely Uttar Pradesh, Madhya



Pradesh, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Bihar, Gujarat, Karnataka and Maharashtra have administered more than 50 lakh first dose of COVID-19 Vaccine in the age group 18-44 years. Also, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Haryana, Jharkhand, Kerala, Telangana, Himachal Pradesh, Odisha, Punjab, Uttarakhand and West Bengal have vaccinated more than 10 lakh beneficiaries of the age group 18-44 years for the first dose of COVID vaccine. ■

MASSIVE BJP VICTORY IN UP DISTRICT PANCHAYAT ELECTIONS

The ruling BJP has got a notable victory in the local body elections in Uttar Pradesh by winning 67 out of 75 seats on 03 July, 2021. 21 BJP candidates and one Samajwadi Party candidate were elected unopposed. The opposition Samajwadi Party only won five seats in the election whereas, in 2016, it had won 60 out of 75 seats. Rashtriya Lok Dal and Jansatta Dal also won one seat each. One district Panchayat chose an independent candidate.



BLESSING GIVEN BY PEOPLE FOR DEVELOPMENT, PUBLIC SERVICE & RULE OF LAW: PM

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi tweeted that the glorious victory of BJP in the Uttar Pradesh Panchayat elections is a blessing given by the people for development, public service, and rule of law. He credited Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and his policies for the win. He acknowledged the tireless hard work of party workers as well.

UP IS WITH BJP'S AGENDA OF DEVELOPMENT: JP NADDA

BJP National President Shri JP Nadda hails UP BJP Karyakartas for the historic poll victory. In a message he said my greetings to CM Yogi Adityanath, BJP state President Shri SwatantraDev Singh and workers

UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF PRIME MINISTER SHRI NARENDRA MODI THE STATE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN WORKING CONTINUOUSLY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALL.

for the resounding victory of BJP in the Uttar Pradesh District Panchayat Election.

He said under the guidance of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi the state government has been working continuously for the development of all. There is a clear message from the results of the Zilla Panchayat elections that the people of Uttar Pradesh are with the BJP's agenda of development and good governance. I salute the people for their unwavering faith and affection

towards BJP. I once again congratulate the Uttar Pradesh BJP leadership and all the workers.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said the BJP candidates won 67 out of 75 district panchayat chairperson seats. I thank BJP workers. BJP will win the 2022 elections with a huge margin. We will win more than 300 seats.

The UP BJP President Shri SwatantraDev Singh said like this victory the party will win the 2022 assembly elections as well. He added that the success of the party was due to the welfare policies initiated by the BJP government and the popularity of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. ■

MAHILA MORCHA NATIONAL OFFICE BEARERS & STATE PRESIDENTS MEETING HELD

WOMEN ALWAYS PLAYED A VERY IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE GROWTH OF SOCIETY: JP NADDA

National office bearers and state presidents meeting of Bharatiya Janata Party Mahila Morcha was held on 01 July, 2021 at BJP central office, New Delhi. The meeting was inaugurated by BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda.

While addressing the office bearers of the BJP Mahila Morcha, Shri Nadda said women have always played a very important and decisive role in the development and growth of the society. He lauded the Mahila Morcha office bearers and workers for taking to the masses and promoting all the women-centric schemes and programmes which include Poshan Yojna , Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao , Ujjawala Yojna , Jan Dhan Yojna etc . The BJP Mahila Morcha has done hard work and have been able to take all women centric schemes of the Narendra Modi Government to the booth level.

The Mahila Morcha meeting was also addressed by BJP National General Secretary and Morcha National Prabhari Shri Dushyant Kumar Gautam and Mahila Morcha National President Smt. Vanathi Srinivasan and all the newly appointed national office bearers were present in the event.

A resolution was passed in the meeting. Appreciating



the efforts of the Modi government, the resolution said for a country to be empowered, the empowerment of women is extremely vital. Any country will not progress until women get equal opportunity. Acknowledging this fact, PM Shri Narendra Modi in the last seven years has ensured that women are being given ample benefits, equal opportunity and plentiful opportunity. So much has been done for the welfare of women under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi that this period has become the most significant time-period for 'Women Empowerment' in the history of Independent India. ■

PM MODI HOLDS KEY MEET AMID 3RD WAVE WARNING

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, during a high-level meeting on July 9, 2021 was informed that more than 1,500 PSA Oxygen plants are being set up across the country to mitigate the shortage of oxygen supply reported by many hospitals across several states. These PSA Oxygen plants are capable of supporting more than 4 lakh oxygenated beds, officials told PM Shri Modi.

After being apprised about the status of PSA Oxygen plants, the PM instructed officials to ensure that these plants are made functional at the earliest. The PM chaired a high-level meeting to review the augmentation and availability of medical oxygen across the country. Principal secretary to PM, cabinet secretary, health secretary, MoHUA

(Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs) secretary were among other officials present at the meeting.

During the key meet, Shri Modi also said adequate training should be imparted to hospital staff on the operation and maintenance of oxygen plants.

Meanwhile, officials informed him that there is a training module prepared by experts, and they are targeting to train around 8,000 people across the country.

Shri Modi further directed officials to work closely with the state governments to ensure that the plants come up soon and are ready to meet challenges ahead of a possible third wave of the Covid-19 pandemic. ■

IN LAST 7 YEARS, WE ALL WORKED AS 'TEAM INDIA': PM MODI

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the 'Mann Ki Baat' on 27 June, 2021. Discussing the preparation for Tokyo Olympics, Shri Modi said when Talent, Dedication, Determination and Sportsman Spirit come together only then a champion is made. In our country most of the sportspersons hail from the smaller towns and villages. Our team that is going to Tokyo too has many such players whose life inspires a lot. He also discussed India's fight against Corona and our goals for the Amrit Mahotsav. Excerpts;

MY DEAR COUNTRYMEN, NAMASKAR.

Often in Mann Ki Baat there is a volley of your questions. This time I thought of doing something different, asking you questions, so listen carefully to my questions.

Who was the first Indian to win an Individual Gold at the Olympics?

In which game has India won the maximum number of medals at the Olympics?

Which player has won the maximum number of medals at the Olympics?

Friends, you may or may not send answers to me, but by answering the Olympics quiz that is on MyGov you will win several prizes. Many questions like these are in the Road To Tokyo Quiz on MyGov. Participate in the Road to Tokyo Quiz, know how India has performed earlier, how is our preparation now for Tokyo Olympics, know all this for yourself and tell others too. I want to urge you all to definitely participate in this quiz competition.

Friends, when we are talking of Tokyo Olympics, how can one forget the legendary athlete Milkha Singh. Some days ago, Corona snatched him away from us. When he was in hospital, I got an opportunity to talk to him. While talking to him I had urged him. I had said that you have represented India in 1964 Tokyo Olympics, so this time when our players are going to Olympics in Tokyo, you have to boost the morale of our athletes, have to motivate them with your message.

Friends, when Talent, Dedication, Determination and

Sportsman Spirit come together only then a champion is made. In our country most of the sportspersons hail from the smaller towns and villages. Our team that is going to Tokyo too has many such players whose life inspires a lot.

My dear countrymen, the battle we the countrymen are fighting against corona is continuing...but in this fight, together, we have achieved many an extraordinary milestone! Just a few days ago, our country accomplished an unprecedented feat. On the 21st of June, the next phase of the vaccination campaign commenced...and that very day, the country registered a record of administering vaccines to over 86 lakh people, free of cost...that too on a single day! Such a huge number of free vaccinations by the Government of India; that too in a day. It is but natural that it was widely discussed.

Friends, a year ago, the question that was confronting all was – When will the vaccine come! Today, in a day, we are administering the Made in India vaccine to lakhs of people, free of cost...and this indeed is the strength of New India.

Friends, we have to keep making efforts to ensure that every citizen is able to avail of safety through the vaccine. At many places, in order to end vaccine hesitancy, myriad organizations and members of civil society have come forward...and together, they are doing a wonderful job

Friends, someday this will be a subject of case study for the world that how during this Corona period people of villages of India, our forest dwellers-tribal brothers-



sisters, displayed their capabilities and understanding. People of villages set up quarantine centres, made Covid protocol as per local requirements. People of villages did not let anybody sleep hungry, did not let work in fields stop either. The villages also ensured daily supply of milk and vegetables to nearby cities that is, they took care of themselves and of others too. We have to keep doing the same way in the vaccination campaign too.

My dear countrymen, now the monsoon season has also arrived in our country. When the clouds rain, they rain not only for us, but also for the generations to come! Rain water also collects in the ground, it also replenishes the water level of the ground. And that's why I consider water conservation as a form of service to the country.

Doctors are able to serve us with the power of this very love. Therefore, it is our duty to thank them with an equal measure of affection and encourage them!

My dear countrymen, there is one great feature of India's fight against Corona. Each and every person of the country has played their part in this fight. I have often spoken about this in 'Mann Ki Baat'. But some people also complain that not a lot is discussed about them. Many people, whether they are bank staff, teachers, small traders or shopkeepers, people working in shops, street vendors, security watchmen, postmen and post office employees... Actually, this list is very long and everyone has played his or her part. Innumerable people have been involved with government and administration at different levels.

Friends, you have probably heard the name of Guru Prasad Mohapatra ji, who was the Secretary to the Government of India. Today in "Mann Ki Baat", I want to speak about him too. Guruprasad ji was diagnosed with Corona, he was admitted in the hospital and yet at the same time was performing his official duties too. He toiled day and night to increase the Oxygen producing capacities of the country and to ensure that Oxygen reached far flung areas. On the one hand, the affairs of the court, the pressure of the media, he kept fighting on many fronts simultaneously and did not stop working during his illness. Even after being told not to, he used to insist on joining the video conferences on oxygen. Such was his concern for his countrymen. He kept on making arrangements to deliver oxygen to the people of the country, regardless of himself being on

the hospital bed. It is sad for all of us that the country has also lost this KarmaYogi ; Corona has snatched him away from us. There are countless people who have never been discussed. Our tribute to every such person would be that we follow the covid protocol fully, get our vaccinations done.

My dear countrymen, today we talked about the difficulties and precautions pertaining to Corona and also discussed many achievements of the country and countrymen. Now another big opportunity is in front of us too. 15th August is also approaching. Amrit Mahotsav of 75 years of Independence is a big inspiration for us. Let us learn to live for the country. The Struggle for Independence is the story of those who died for the country, we have to make this post-Independence time the story of those who live for the country. Our mantra should be – India First. Every decision of ours, every decision should have the basis - India First!

Friends, the country has also set many collective goals in the Amrit Mahotsav. Like, we have to revive the history related to our freedom fighters by remembering them. You will remember that in 'Mann Ki Baat', I appealed to the youth to research and write history of the freedom struggle. The motive was that young talents should come forward, young thinking, young thoughts should gain prominence, the young pen should write with new energy. I feel very happy to see that in a very short time more than two and a half thousand youth have come forward to do this work. Friends, the interesting thing is that the Struggle of the 19th - 20th century is usually talked about, but it is a matter of joy that the youth who have been born and brought up in the 21st century have taken up cudgels to bring to the forefront the history of the Freedom Struggle of 19th and 20th century. All these people have sent the full details on MyGov. These people will be writing on the freedom struggle in different languages of the country, such as Hindi – English, Tamil, Kannada, Bengali, Telugu, Marathi – Malayalam, Gujarati. Some are associated with the freedom struggle, gathering information about the places around them, while someone else is writing a book on tribal freedom fighters. This is a good start. I request all of you to join the Amrit Mahotsav, in whichever way you can. It is our good fortune that we are witness to the festival of 75 years of our Independence. ■

NEW GOVERNORS APPOINTED IN EIGHT STATES

President Shri Ram Nath Kovind on July 6, 2021 appointed new governors in 8 states, said an official release from Rashtrapati Bhawan. The appointments will take effect from the dates they assume charge of their respective offices, said the release. The new governors have been appointed for states including Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Goa, Tripura, Jharkhand, Mizoram and Himachal Pradesh.

While some of the current governors have been transferred to new states, in some others new appointments have been made.

FULL LIST OF NEW GOVERNORS

1. Shri PS Sreedharan Pillai, the current Governor of Mizoram, has been appointed as Governor of Goa.
2. Union minister Shri Thawarchand Gehlot has been appointed as Karnataka Governor.
3. Shri Bandaru Dattatraya, the present Governor of Himachal Pradesh has been appointed as Governor of Haryana.
4. Shri Satyadev Narayan Arya, the present Haryana Governor has been transferred and appointed as the new Tripura Governor.
5. Shri Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel has been appointed as the new Madhya Pradesh Governor.
6. Shri Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar has been appointed as the new Governor of Himachal Pradesh.
7. Shri Hari Babu Kambhampati has been appointed as the new Governor of Mizoram.
8. Shri Ramesh Bais, the current Tripura Governor has been appointed as Governor of Jharkhand. ■



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