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@narendramodi



Today (21 November) is a proud day for India's quest to become Aatmanirbhar in the defence sector. INS Visakhapatnam is commissioned into Indian Navy! It is indigenously developed and will strengthen our security apparatus. Our efforts towards defence modernisation continues with full vigour.

@JPNadda



This question arises in my mind that BJP remembers from Mahatma Gandhi to Patel ji. But when elections come, why do other people remember Pakistan and Jinnah?

@AmitShah



Rani Gaidinliu was the epitome of valour & courage. Today laid the foundation stone of the 'Rani Gaidinliu Tribal Freedom Fighters Museum' in Manipur via VC. PM @narendramodi govt is resolved to give our tribal freedom fighters their due respect and rights.

@rajnathsingh



The development of Indigenous Aircraft Carrier 'INS Vikrant' is also a milestone in the Navy's path of self-reliance. I am glad that despite the havoc of Covid, the ship has completed the Basin trials in Nov 2020, and Maiden trials just a few days back.

@Nitin Gadkari



Congratulations to Maruti Suzuki Toyotsu India Pvt Ltd for setting up their first state-of-the-art vehicle scrapping and recycling centre using environment friendly best practices with local equipment and global expertise. This initiative will make Indian roads cleaner and safer. We need an ecosystem of such centers to come up all over India.

@B L Santhosh



Hearing @AITCOfficial leaders speech makes one wonder what kind of creation these are . Preaching from roof top about democracy after demolishing it in toto in West Bengal . They should remember that they have blood of slain @BJP4Bengal workers on their hands.



KAMAL SANDESH PARIVAR
wishes a very happy
VIVAHA PANCHAMI (08 DECEMBER)
to all of its readers

NATION COMMITTED TO WELFARE OF FARMERS, POOR AND VILLAGES

The decision to repeal the three farm laws on the 'Prakash Parv' of Guru Nanak Dev has once again brought an amazingly humane, democratic, credible and trustworthy face of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi before the nation. The decision, which may be seen from various angles with his detractors interpreting it with their own 'politics' in mind, has in fact enhanced his stature as the tallest leader who rises on occasions to break any deadlock with his human touch. As a leader who listens, cares and empowers the weakest among the weak and maintains restraint even in the face of extreme provocation, he has become the "Pradhan Sevak" for the country in real sense, keeping the interests of the nation at the highest pedestal. On several occasions he has exemplified the best in practicing the dictum of 'Nation first, Party next and Self last'.

These reforms were discussed for long in the country as various farmer leaders, experts, agricultural scientists, economists and different political parties have been advocating these steps on various forums from time to time to protect the interests of the small and marginal farmers. It was the reason that many among those who opposed these reforms later, in fact initially not only demanded them but backed them in

parliament and welcomed them when these bills were passed. The goal was clear right from the beginning – to give huge impetus to the agriculture sector aimed at improving the lives of the farmers, villages, poor and rural life. The kind of unreasonable and intransigent approach shown by a section of farmer leaders cannot absolve the Congress led opposition from the charges of playing murky politics on the issue of these crucial reforms and from acting against the interests of small and marginal farmers.

Contrary to the Congress-Communist model of democracy wherein people are seen as 'ruled' by the ruling dispensation, opposition is brutalised, protests are crushed with an iron hand and dissenting voices are strangled, emergency is imposed and protestors are fired upon, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has brought in a model of democracy based upon respecting the dissenting voices and opposition, accommodating them in larger national interests, listening to them while practising extreme form of restraint and tolerance. Under his leadership the nation is now witnessing cooperative federalism wherein state governments ruled by opposition get helping hand from the Prime Minister and gets support and cooperation for the welfare of the people while the Prime

Minister considers it his democratic duty to respond to even a small section of farmers by announcing repeal of farm laws and that too when he enjoys an unassailable and massive mandate of the entire country. The manner in which long road blockades and Lal Quila incident on Republic Day were handled speaks volumes of the Prime Minister's exceptional faith in democratic values of restraint and tolerance.

As a selfless leader committed to the cause of poor, downtrodden, oppressed and deprived, the Prime Minister has created a new paradigm of politics entailing unparalleled service, complete dedication and extraordinary sense of duty which was witnessed during his remarkable handling of Covid-19 pandemic and in achieving the target of 100 crore vaccination in record time. It has won him millions of hearts across the nation as a result of his unquestionable commitment to national interests, unflinching faith in democratic culture, its principles and spirit. Today, when the Prime Minister has announced the formation of a broad based committee to look into new aspects of agricultural issues like promoting zero-budget based agriculture, change in cropping pattern as per changing needs of the country and to make MSP more effective and transparent, the nation commits itself to march ahead on the path of continuously working for the welfare of farmers, poor and villages. ■

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BHAGWAN BIRSA LIVED FOR THE SOCIETY, SACRIFICED LIFE FOR HIS CULTURE AND COUNTRY

Government of India has declared that the birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda will be celebrated as 'Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas'. To mark the occasion, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated Bhagwan Birsa Munda Memorial Park cum Freedom Fighter Museum at Ranchi on 15 November, 2021 via video conferencing. Governor of Jharkhand Shri Ramesh Bias; Union Minister of Tribal Affairs, Shri Arjun Munda; Union Minister of Culture, Tourism and DONER, Shri G. Kishan Reddy; Chief Minister of Jharkhand Shri Hemant Soren were among those present on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister said that in this 'Amrit Kaal' of independence, the country has decided that the country will give a more meaningful and more grand identity to the tribal traditions of India and its valour stories. "For this, a historic decision has been taken that from today every year the country will celebrate 15th November i.e. the birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda as 'Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas'" said the Prime Minister while greeting the nation on this historic occasion.

ATAL JI WAS THE FIRST TO FORM A SEPARATE TRIBAL MINISTRY

The Prime Minister also paid tributes to Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, due to whose strong will the state of Jharkhand came into existence. "It was Atal ji who was the first to form a separate tribal ministry in the government of the country and linked the tribal interests

with the policies of the country", Shri Modi added.

The Prime Minister congratulated the tribal society of the country, every citizen of India for Bhagwan Birsa Munda Smriti Udayan cum Freedom Fighter Museum. He said "this museum will become a living venue of our tribal culture full of diversity, depicting the contribution of tribal heroes and heroines in the freedom struggle."

BIRSA MUNDA WAS A SUPPORTER OF MODERN EDUCATION

Bhagwan Birsa knew that tampering with diversity, ancient identity and nature in the name of modernity is not the way for welfare of the society. At the same time, he was a supporter of modern education and had the courage to speak against the ills and inadequacies of his own society

Talking about the vision of Bhagwan Birsa, the Prime Minister pointed out that Bhagwan Birsa knew that tampering with diversity, ancient identity and nature in the name of modernity is not the way for welfare of the society. At the same time, he was a supporter of modern education and had the courage to speak against the ills and inadequacies of his own society. The Prime Minister said the freedom struggle aimed at transferring the power of India, the power to make decisions for India in the hands of Indians. But at the same time, the fight for 'Dharti Aaba' - 'धरती आबा' was also against the thinking that wanted to erase the identity of India's tribal society. The Prime Minister remarked that "Bhagwan Birsa lived for the society, sacrificed his life for his culture and his country. Therefore, he is still present in our faith, in our spirit as our God." 'Dharti Aaba did not stay on this earth for very long. But he wrote an entire history for the country in that short span of life and gave direction to the generations of India,' the Prime Minister added.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi led the celebration of Janjatiya Gaurav Divas as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav on 15th November 2021. At the outset, the Prime Minister virtually inaugurated the Birsa Munda Freedom Fighter Museum at Ranchi paying tribute to tribal heroes who sacrificed their lives during the freedom struggle. Continuing with the mission to build strong edifice of quality education for tribal students, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi laid foundation stone for construction of 50 new Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) in 27 districts of 7 States and 1 UT through virtual mode from Bhopal, MP. The event was attended by dignitaries, political leaders, and senior officials from the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) is a Government of India scheme to establish model residential schools for Indian tribals (Scheduled Tribes) across India. It is one of the flagship interventions of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India and was introduced in the year 1997-98 to ensure tribal students get access to quality education in the remote tribal areas. The Union Budget for 2018-19 announced that every block with more than 50% ST population and at least 20,000 tribal persons will have Eklavya Model Residential Schools. The government has decided to set up 452 new schools across the country.

Recognizing the tribal culture and language of tribal students,



'BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF BHAGWAN BIRSA MUNDA WILL BE CELEBRATED AS JANJATIYA GAURAV DIWAS'

Shri Narendra Modi said, "Under Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav (India @ 75) a resolve has been taken to establish nearly 750 Eklavya Model Residential Schools to support the education of tribal students. Out of that, large number of schools are already functional." He also highlighted that per student expenditure borne by Central Government has

impart quality education to tribal students, with an emphasis on not only academic education but all-round development of tribal students. The schools cater to students from class VI to class XII, having a capacity of 480 students in each school. At present, there are 367 functional schools spanned across the country established at par with

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increased from approximately Rs. 40,000 per student to more than Rs. 1,00,000 which shall lead to availing of quality education opportunities by tribal students. He also emphasized that special attention shall be given to regional language of the tribal students enlivening the spirit of National Education Policy-2020.

Eklavya Model Residential Schools are being developed to

Navodaya Vidyalayas with focus on special state-of-the-art facilities for preserving local art and culture besides providing training in sports and skill development. Also, EMRSs are equipped with facilities catering to the students' on-campus needs for holistic development and provide free education including boarding and lodging free of cost. ■



'BJP GOVERNMENT IS WORKING DAY AND NIGHT FOR ALL-ROUND DEVELOPMENT OF UP'

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated Purvanchal Expressway in Sultanpur, Uttar Pradesh on November 16, 2021. He also witnessed the Airshow on the 3.2 km long airstrip constructed on the Expressway in Sultanpur district.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister said while laying the foundation stone of Purvanchal Expressway three years ago, he did not imagine that one day he would land on the same expressway. He said "this expressway will lead to a better future at a faster pace, this expressway is for UP's development, this expressway is for building a new Uttar Pradesh, this expressway is a reflection of modern facilities in UP, this expressway is a proof of accomplishment of

resolutions in UP and this is the pride and wonder of UP."

BALANCED DEVELOPMENT NECESSARY

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi remarked that balanced development of the country is equally necessary for the overall development of the country. Some areas march ahead in development and some areas are left behind by decades. He said that this inequality is not good for any country. He said that the eastern part of India and North Eastern states, despite having so much potential for development, did not get much benefit from the development taking place in the country. The Prime Minister said the way



the earlier governments ran for a long time, they did not pay attention to the overall development of UP. He expressed happiness that in Eastern Uttar Pradesh, today a new chapter of development is about to be written.

NOW DREAM OF DEVELOPMENT OF UP IS VISIBLE

The Prime Minister lauded the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Shri Yogi Adityanath, his team and the people of UP on the completion of Purvanchal Expressway. He also thanked the farmers whose land was acquired for this project. He lauded the workers and the engineers who were involved in the project.

The Prime Minister remarked that security of the country is equally important as the prosperity of the country. He said that keeping that in mind, emergency landing provision for fighter jets is made while constructing the Purvanchal Expressway. He said that the roar of these planes will be for those

who ignored the defense infrastructure in the country for decades.

Shri Modi lamented that in spite of such a large area blessed with the Ganga ji and other rivers, there was no development till 7-8 years ago. He said in 2014, when the people gave him an opportunity to serve the country, he gave priority to the development of UP. He envisioned that the poor should get pucca houses, the poor should have toilets, women should not have to defecate in the open and everyone should have electricity in their homes and many such works are needed to be done here. Criticizing the previous Government, the Prime Minister said he was deeply pained that the then UP government did not support him in providing these amenities. He said that "the people of UP will hold the government accountable and remove it for the unfair treatment of the people of UP, discrimination done in development and the way only the interest of their family was being served by the then government."

Shri Modi asked who can forget how many power cuts used to happen in UP earlier, who can forget what was the law and order condition in UP and who can forget what was the condition of medical facilities in UP. He said in the last four and a half years in UP, whether in the East or the West, thousands of villages have been connected by new roads and thousands of kilometers of new roads have been built.

BJP GOVT GIVING EQUAL IMPORTANCE TO DEMANDS OF PURVANCHAL

The Prime Minister said with the active participation of the people, the dream of development of UP is now visible. New medical colleges are being built, AIIMS is coming up, modern educational institutions are being built in UP. Just a few weeks ago the international airport in Kushinagar was inaugurated.

The Prime Minister said it was also a fact that parts of a vast state like UP were earlier cut off from each other to a great extent. People used to go to different parts of the state but they were troubled due to lack of connectivity. For the people of East Uttar Pradesh, even reaching Lucknow was quite a task. "For previous Chief Ministers, development was limited to where they had their homes. But today, the demands of Purvanchal are given equal importance as the demands of the West" the Prime Minister stressed.



FIGHTER JETS LAND ON PURVANCHAL EXPRESSWAY DURING AIR SHOW

Indian Air Force presented a thrilling air show along the landing strip on Purvanchal Expressway, which was dedicated to the nation by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. The demonstration featured nail-biting manoeuvres by IAF's Mirage 2000, Sukhoi-30 and Jaguar fighter jets.

Prime Minister Shri Modi landed on the airstrip in an IAF aircraft to attend the inauguration ceremony for the Purvanchal Express. The expressway includes a 3.2 km long landing strip which can be used by fighter and transport jets during emergencies.

He said that this expressway will connect those cities with immense aspiration and huge potential for development with Lucknow. He said where the good road leads, good highways reach, there the pace of development increases, job creation happens faster.

Shri Modi noted that for industrial development of Uttar Pradesh, excellent connectivity is necessary, every corner of UP needs to be connected. He said as expressways are getting ready in UP, the work of the industrial corridor has also started. Very soon new industries will start coming up around Purvanchal Expressway. In the coming days, in the cities situated along these expressways, work on products related to food processing, milk, cold storage, storage of fruits and vegetables, cereal, animal husbandry and other agricultural products are going to increase rapidly. He said skilled manpower is essential to the industrialization of UP. So work has also been started to train the manpower. ITI and other training institutes and medical institutes will also be established in these cities.

He said that the Defense Corridor being built in UP is also going to bring new employment opportunities here. He said these infrastructure works in UP, will give new heights to the economy in the future.

The Prime Minister said even if a person builds a house, he first worries about the roads, examines

the soil, and considers other aspects. But in UP, we have seen a long period of such governments who showed dreams of industrialization without worrying about connectivity. The result was that due to lack of necessary facilities, many factories located here were locked. In these circumstances, it was also unfortunate that both Delhi and Lucknow were dominated by the dynasties. For years and years, this partnership of family members kept crushing the aspirations of UP.

Shri Modi said today the double engine government in UP is working considering the common people of UP as their family. An environment is being created for new factories. He said keeping in mind the needs of this decade, infrastructure is being built to build a prosperous Uttar Pradesh.

The Prime Minister said the government is working day and night for the all-round development of UP. Along with connectivity, top priority is also being given to infrastructure in UP. He said in just 2 years, the UP government has almost provided piped drinking water connection to 30 lakh rural families. And this year the double engine government is fully committed to provide piped drinking water to lakhs of sisters at their homes. He said it is our duty to be engaged in nation building with the spirit of service, we will do the same. ■

"WHATEVER I DID WAS FOR FARMERS WHAT I AM DOING IS FOR THE COUNTRY"

Addressing the nation, on 19 November 2021 the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi wished the people on the occasion of Guru Nanak Jayanti. He also expressed happiness that after a gap of one and a half years, the Kartarpur Sahib Corridor has now reopened.

The Prime Minister said "I have seen the challenges of the farmers very closely in my five decades of public life, that is why, when I was given the opportunity to serve the country as Prime Minister in 2014, we gave the highest priority to agriculture development and farmer welfare". The Prime Minister said that four prong measures of seeds, insurance, market and savings were taken to ameliorate the conditions of farmers. Along with good quality seeds, the government also connected the farmers with facilities like neem coated urea, soil health card and micro irrigation, he said.

The Prime Minister pointed out that many initiatives have been taken for the farmers to get the right price for their produce in return for their hard work. The country has strengthened its rural market infrastructure. "We not only increased the MSP, but also created a record number of government procurement centers. The procurement of the produce made by our government has broken the records of the last several decades", he said.

The Prime Minister said in this great campaign to improve the

condition of the farmers, three agricultural laws were brought in the country. The objective was that the farmers of the country, especially small farmers should be strengthened, they should get the right price for their produce and maximum options to sell the produce. The Prime Minister said for years, farmers of the country, agricultural experts of the country and farmers' organizations of the country were continuously making this demand. Earlier also many



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governments had brainstormed on this. This time also there was discussion in Parliament, brainstorming took place and these laws were brought up. In every nook and corner of the country, many farmers' organizations welcomed and supported it. The Prime Minister expressed his gratitude to the organizations, farmers and individuals who supported the move.

The Prime Minister said that the Government brought these laws for the welfare of farmers, specially small farmers, in the interest of the agriculture sector, for a bright future of 'gaanv-gareeb' - village-poor, with full integrity, clear conscience and dedication towards farmers. He continued, "such a sacred thing, absolutely pure, a matter of farmers' interest, we could not explain to some farmers despite our efforts. Agricultural economists, scientists, progressive farmers also tried their best to make them understand the importance of agricultural laws". The Prime Minister said "today I have come to tell you, the whole country, that we have decided to withdraw all three agricultural laws. In the Parliament session starting later this month, we will complete the constitutional process to repeal these three agricultural laws".

In the spirit of holy Gurupurab the Prime Minister said that today is not the day for blaming anyone and rededicated himself to working for the welfare of the farmers. He announced an important initiative for the agriculture sector. He announced the formation of a committee to promote zero budgeting based agriculture, to change crop pattern as per the changing needs of the country and to make MSP more effective and transparent. The Committee will have representatives of the central government, state governments, farmers, agricultural scientists, and agricultural economists. ■



BJP PRESIDENT'S 2-DAY UTTARAKHAND PRAVAS



WHERE THERE IS BJP THERE IS A MISSION: JP NADDA

JP National President Shri JP Nadda visited Uttarakhand on 15 November, 2021 to review the party's preparations ahead of the 2022 state assembly elections. After reaching the state capital Dehradun Shri Nadda went straight to Chamoli where he participated in 'Shaheed Samman Yatra' and several organisational meetings. The BJP President also attended numerous organisational meetings during his two days Pravas to the state.

Addressing at the 'Shaheed Samman Yatra' and launching a scathing attack on the opposition Congress party, Shri JP Nadda said, "Congress did not do anything for Army personnel till 2014. Wherever there is Congress, there is commission. Where there is NDA and BJP, there is a mission." He urged everyone to pay respects to soldiers and their families.

The BJP National President said that under the 'Shaheed Samman Yatra', soil from the houses of over 1,734 soldiers will be collected to build 'Sainya Dham' in Dehradun. The Yatra will continue till December 07 and pass through 70 blocks in 13 districts of Uttarakhand.

Speaking on the occasion, he said the soil from the aangan of soldiers would be collected from November 15 to December 7. The BJP President explained that this would be used in Dehradun for 'Sainya Dham'.

Later, the BJP President reached Almora where he

chaired a Party Core Group meeting and reviewed 12 assembly seats in three districts-Almora, Pithoragarh and Bageshwar. The meeting was attended by Chief Minister Shri Pushkar Singh Dhami, State BJP President Shri Madan Kaushik, Uttarakhand BJP Co-In-Charge Smt. Rekha Verma, election Co-In-Charge Smt. Locket Chatterjee and other senior party leaders.

While reviewing BJP's preparations and highlighting the state and central government's work in the 12 assembly seats, Shri Nadda told

party cadres to focus at the booth level and reach out to maximum number of voters. He said that the role of women and youth will be crucial in the Uttarakhand polls.

Besides taking part in an interaction programme with 'Bengali Samaj' the BJP National President also

participated in several organisational meets at Rudrapur on 16 November, 2021. He reviewed in a meeting with in-charges of 70 assembly seats and 'vistaraks' during his visit to Rudrapur.

BJP National President Shri JP Nadda met with Subhash Chhabra, the Former President of the District Bar Association who was imprisoned during the Emergency and at his home met with other freedom fighters in Rudrapur, Uttarakhand. He along with Chief Minister Shri Pushkar Singh Dhami and State BJP President Shri Madan Kaushik also paid floral tributes to freedom fighter Udham Singh in Rudrapur. ■



BJP PRESIDENT'S MAHARASHTRA PRAVAS



'BJP WILL UPROOT 'MAHA VIKAS AGHADI' GOVT IN MAHARASHTRA'

The BJP National JP Nadda reached Mumbai, Maharashtra on 11 November, 2021 and was given a grand welcomed by the BJP state unit. Shri Nadda attended the training programme of BJP MLAs from across the country at the Rambhau Mhangi Prabodhini in Mumbai where more than 1400 BJP MLAs from across the country attended the three-day training camp.

Speaking to the participants Shri JP Nadda said the Bharatiya Janata Party will uproot the 'Maha Vikas Aghadi' (MVA) government in Maharashtra through democratic means and till then we will play the role of opposition in Maharashtra with complete sincerity and commitment.

Shri JP Nadda visited the museum of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyayaji in the Rambhau Mhangi Prabodhini complex. After the visit Shri Nadda said thoughts of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya are relevant even today. Deendayalji is also a great example of how a leader should be in social life. His idea of 'Integral Humanism' was for every human being. Wherever there is service of mankind and welfare of humanity or society, the thoughts of Panditji will remain relevant. He urged everyone to definitely visit this museum at Prabodhini based on the life journey of Panditji.

BJP WAS 'CHEATED' OUT IN 2019

Speaking at a public event in Mumbai, the BJP President said in October, 2019 the BJP was cheated out in the Assembly polls in Maharashtra. Despite emerging as the single largest party in Maharashtra Assembly elections, the BJP was compelled to sit

in the opposition after the Shiv Sena, Congress and Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) formed a coalition to form the government in Maharashtra.

"The mandate in the 2019 Assembly elections was for the BJP, but we got cheated. I assure BJP workers in Maharashtra that soon, all the three ruling parties will sit in the opposition and the BJP will come to power on its own".

Shri Nadda further said despite all these cheatings the BJP's flag will shine brightly in the Brihan Mumbai Municipal Corporation civic elections next year.

The BJP President remarked, "The way in which I was greeted at different places in Mumbai, the enthusiasm that I am witnessing in our workers shows that you have decided to make BJP successful in the upcoming BMC polls by teaching everyone else a lesson. It is the need of the hour because all of us know that whether it is Mumbai or Maharashtra or the country, there is only one party that is ready to take forward the country, state and Mumbai- that is BJP."

He said, "All other parties have been reduced to dynastic parties. There is no ideology. Someone came on the Hindutva plank, someone came on the development plank, someone else came on some other plank but all other parties were limited to 'I, my son and my daughter'. If there is anyone who talks about the development of the country, state, or Mumbai, it is only BJP," he added.

He also stressed that BJP is the only party that believes in development at both the state as well as the national level. On this occasion, he predicted that the saffron party will uproot the MVA government through a "democratic process". ■

AMIT SHAH VISITS AZAMGARH, LAYS FOUNDATION OF STATE UNIVERSITY

BJP STANDS FOR 'JANDHAN, AADHAR' BUT SP IS FOR 'JINNAH, MUKHTAR'

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah visited Uttar Pradesh in a two day Pravas from 12 November, 2021. The Union Home Minister was received by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and other senior leaders at the airport. Soon after his arrival, he reached the Banaras Hindu University, where he paid floral tributes to the founder Madan Mohan Malviya's statue on his Punyatithi.

During his UP visit, Shri Amit Shah first attended the Akhil Bharatiya Rajbhasha Sammelan as the chief guest held at Deendayal Sankul in Varanasi. UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath also attended as a special guest. Addressing the Sammelan in Varanasi he said that the Central government has given special emphasis on Rajbhasha under Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's leadership.

He added that the freedom movement was turned into a people's movement, built on three pillars of Swaraj, Swadeshi and Swabhasha, however, Swaraj was achieved, but Swadeshi and Swabhasha were left behind. He said there is no conflict between Hindi and all our local languages.

In Varanasi, Union Home Minister chaired a party meeting to decide on the poll strategy for the upcoming polls and



particularly the upcoming Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections in 2022. Held in two sessions at the Deendayal Hastkala Sankul in Varanasi, the strategy meeting saw the presence of Union Minister and BJP's UP election in-charge Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Minister and Co-In-Charge Shri Anurag Thakur, state President Shri Swatantra Dev Singh, Deputy Chief Ministers Shri Keshav Prasad Maurya and Dr. Dinesh Sharma and other party office bearers.

Having announced that the BJP is eying to win 300 plus seats in UP, Shri Shah told the Karyakartas to apprise the electorate of welfare schemes started by the BJP governments at the Centre and in UP.

Shri Shah visited Azamgarh

on November 13, 2021 and laid the foundation stone of a state university and addressed a public meetings in Azamgarh and Basti. The university will come up on 52-acre land which has already been acquired.

The Union Home Minister addressed a public rally in Azamgarh, where he said BJP stands for 'Jandhan, Aadhar and Mobile', while Samajwadi Party stands for 'Jinnah, and Mukhtar (Ansari)'.

During his address, Shri Shah said, "Azamgarh was known for radicalization during the Samajwadi Party rule. Now, Azamgarh will be known for education. I want to suggest to CM Yogi Adityanath to name the university being built here after Maharaja Suheldev", he said. ■



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PM UNVEILS PROGRAMME TO COLLECT DETAILS OF KARYAKARTAS WHO DEVOTED THEMSELVES TO NATION BUILDING

On the foundations of a glorious past, a bright future is built. Bharatiya Janata Party is an organisation that is always connected to the roots of our country. We must never forget who we are and where we came from. This principle is also applicable to our approach towards our own party.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi unveiled a new and unique module of NaMo App in the recent National Executive meeting of the Party. This module is called 'Kamal Pushp'.

Kamal Pushp is a noble initiative where people can upload biographical accounts of Bharatiya Jan Sangh and Bharatiya Janata Party karyakartas who worked tirelessly for the people.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi gave an emotional speech about the sacrifices of generations of karyakartas of Bharatiya Jan Sangh and Bharatiya Janata Party that resulted in the creation of the world's largest political party. He motivated people to use the 'Kamal Pushp'

module of the party to document the life and times of inspirational karyakartas of the past.

In fact, PM Shri Modi went so far as to say this is the most important part of the NaMo App which he would like every BJP worker to take time out and check. BJP is a party that is driven by cadre and tradition, and not by dynasty or family, and hence, it is extremely important for today's karyakartas to connect with the stories of past karyakartas, Shri Modi said.

Kamal Pushp is a fusion of technology and tradition, where the past is being documented using latest technology such as a mobile app. Karyakartas can upload photos, videos, newspaper cuttings, links and even write in this module.

The party has taken up an extensive nationwide program, following the guidelines given by PM Shri Modi, to collect, organize and disseminate the selfless service of generations of Karyakartas who have devoted themselves to the cause of nation building. ■

NEW ORGANIZATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda made new organizational appointments at the national level on 21 November, 2021. This included elevation of Maharashtra leader and BJP National Secretary Shri Vinod Tawde to the post of National General Secretary of the party.

Shri Rituraj Sinha from Bihar and Smt. Asha Lakra from Jharkhand were appointed as National

Secretaries. The party also appointed two spokespersons, Smt. Bharti Ghosh from West Bengal and Shri Shehzad Poonawalla.

The appointments made by BJP National President were announced by party National General Secretary Shri Arun Singh and as per the release these appointments will come into force with immediate effect. ■

IIP DATA SHOWS RISING INDUSTRIAL GROWTH, RESTRAINED INFLATION & STRONG SERVICES REVIVAL IN FY 2021-22

The release of quick estimates of the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) on 15 November, 2021 by Ministry of Finance, Government of India for the month of September, 2021 shows a sustained increase in industrial production.

The IIP, in FY 2021-22, has grown from an average of 121.3 in Q1 to 130.2 in Q2. The IIP in Q2 would have been still higher but for heavy monsoons disrupting mining activity, especially coal and consequently electricity generation, that repressed the growth of overall production index.

The manufacturing index in IIP has held steady and is likely to rise in subsequent months mirroring the eight-month high in Purchasing Manager's Index (PMI) for manufacturing reaching 55.9 in October, 2021.

A sharp increase in the capital goods index from an average of 74.0 in Q1 of FY 2021-22 to 91.7 in Q2 underscores a significant recovery in investment.

There are clear signs of investment being induced by rise in consumption in FY 2021-22 as consumer durables index increases from 91.7 in Q1 to 121.2 in Q2 while consumer non-durables index also moves up from 139.1 to 146.9 across the two quarters.

The release of Consumer Price Index (CPI) numbers for the month of October 2021 shows that the decline in annual consumer price inflation has now gradually set in FY 2021-22. The annual CPI inflation has declined from 5.6 per cent in Q1 to 5.1 per cent in Q2 and it is lower still at 4.5 per cent in October of FY 2021-22.

Similarly, Consumer Food Price Inflation (CFPI) has declined from 4.0 per cent in Q1 of FY 2021-22 to 2.6 per cent in Q2 and further to 0.8 per cent in

October showing that supply side disruptions to food distribution have considerably eased.

Activity levels have been steadily increasing in FY 2021-22 as reflected in the latest levels of several High Frequency Indicators including E-way bills, power consumption and GST collections. GST collections soared in FY 2021-22 to reach its second highest monthly collections ever of Rs.1.3 lakh crore in October, 2021, reflecting robustness of growth revival. Tractor sales hit a record high of 1,15,615 units in October 2021, 25 % higher than September, 2021 volumes, indicative of sustained growth in the agricultural sector.

PMI services has accelerated to a decadal high of 58.4 in October, 2021, suggesting a strong revival in contact-based services sector with the weakening of the pandemic. Average Hotel Occupancy rate in leisure destinations rising from about 55 per cent in Q1 of FY 2021-22 to over 60 per cent in Q2 underscores the service sector growing optimism.

Exports are visibly emerging as the engine



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of growth for India's economy having crossed \$30 billion for the seventh successive month in October of FY 2021-22. On a cumulative basis, India's merchandise exports in April-October stood at \$232.58 billion, up 54.5% over the same period in 2019.

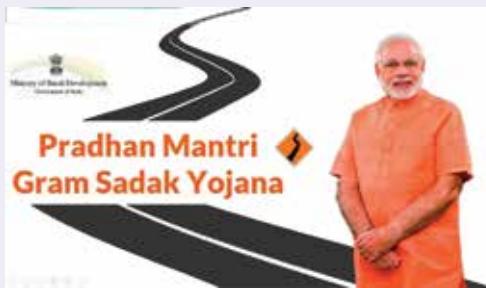
Outstanding credit of the scheduled commercial banks has been steadily rising in FY 2021-22. Retail credit in particular has been noticeably increasing suggestive of strengthening consumption in the economy. According to CIBIL, inquiry volumes have increased by 54 per cent between February and October of 2021 as economic activity has gained momentum. ■

Cabinet approves continuation of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 17 November gave its approval to the proposals of Ministry of Rural Development for continuation of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-I and II upto September, 2022 for completion of balance road and bridge works. The CCEA also approved continuation of Road Connectivity Project for Left Wing Extremism Affected Areas (RCPLWEA) upto March, 2023.

Government of India started PMGSY-I to provide connectivity to unconnected habitations of population size 500+ in plain areas and 250+ in North-East and Himalayan states. In selected left wing extremism blocks, habitations of 100+ population were also to be provided connectivity. Only 2,432 habitations are balance out of total 1,84,444 habitations. 20,950 Km road length and 1,974 bridges are balance for completion out of total sanctioned 6,45,627 Km road length and 7,523 bridges. Thus, these works will now get completed.

Under PMGSY-II, upgradation of 50,000 Km rural road network was envisaged. Total 49,885 Km road length and 765 LSBs have been sanctioned, of which only 4,240 Km road length and 254 bridges are balance. Thus, these works will now get completed.



Majority of pending works under PMGSY-I and II are in the North-East and Hill States due to factors such as COVID lockdown, extended rains, winters, forest issues. The States have been requesting the Central Government for extension of time to complete these crucial works related to rural economy. Extension of time upto September, 2022 is being granted to help these states to complete the balance works.

Road Connectivity Project of Left Wing Extremism affected Areas (RCPLWEA) was started in 2016 to

improve connectivity in 44 LWE affected districts in 9 states. 5,714 Km road length 358 bridge works are balance for completion and another 1,887 Km road length and 40 bridges are being sanctioned. The scheme is being extended upto March, 2023 for completion which are very critical from communication and security point of view.

Government launched PMGSY-III in 2019 for consolidation of 1,25,000 Km road length by March, 2025. Around 72,000 Km road length has so far been sanctioned under PMGSY-III, out of which, 17,750 km has been completed. A total of Rs. 1,12,419 crore, including state share is likely to be incurred from 2021-22 to 2024-25 for completion of all the ongoing interventions of PMGSY. ■

INDIAN NAVY COMMISSIONS FIRST STEALTH DESTROYER INS VISAKHAPATNAM

INS Visakhapatnam, A P15B Stealth Guided Missile Destroyer, was Commissioned into the Indian Navy in the presence of Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh at the Naval Dockyard, Mumbai on November 21, 2021.

This indigenously developed missile destroyer is packed with state-of-the-art weapons and modern technology. The Indian Navy's primary objective is to keep the Indo-Pacific open, safe and

secure and INS Visakhapatnam will strengthen maritime security and protect national interests of India.

In his message PM Shri Narendra Modi said, "Today is a proud day for India's quest to become Aatmanirbhar in the defence sector. INS Visakhapatnam is commissioned into the Indian Navy! It is indigenously developed and will strengthen our security apparatus. Our efforts towards defence modernisation continues with full vigour". ■



INDIA'S EXPORTS JUMP TO \$56.51 BILLION



15% RISE IN EXPORT OF AGRICULTURAL AND PROCESSED FOOD PRODUCTS

In a major boost to export prospects of agricultural produce, India registered a significant surge in export of agricultural and processed food products in April-October period of current Financial Year, 2021-22, in comparison to the corresponding seven month period of last fiscal, 2020-21.

According to the Quick Estimates released by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI&S), the overall export of Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) products witnessed 14.7 percent growth in terms of USD during April-October 2021 over the same period of the previous year.

The overall export of APEDA products increased from USD 10,157 million in April-October 2020 to USD 11,651 million in April-October 2021.

This rise in exports has been achieved notwithstanding COVID-19 restrictions. The

India's overall exports jumped to \$56.51 billion in October, 2021 exhibiting a positive growth of 35.16% over the same period last year and a positive growth of 29.13% over October 2019, the Ministry of Commerce & Industry said on 15 November, 2021.

The country's overall imports in October are estimated to be \$68.09 billion, a growth of 57.32% over the same period last year and 40.82% over October 2019.

India's overall exports (merchandise and services combined) in April-October were estimated to be \$369.39 billion, registering a positive growth of 39.83% over the same period last year and 19.97% over April-October 2019.

Overall imports in April-October were 409.30 billion, which is 63.64% higher than last year and 13.57% in April-October 2019.

Merchandise exports in October were \$35.65 billion, as compared to \$24.92 billion in the same month last year, exhibiting a positive growth of 43.05%. ■

significant rise in agri-exports is seen as a testimony of the government's commitment to increase farmers' income through giving thrust on boosting exports of agricultural and processed food products of the country. The significant jump in exports of agricultural and processed food products during the first seven months of current fiscal is in continuation of growth in exports witnessed in the financial year 2020-21. ■

SPECIAL CREDIT LINKED CAPITAL SUBSIDY SCHEME LAUNCHED

Union Minister for MSME, Shri Narayan Rane on 19 November launched the Special Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme (SCLCSS) for services sector in the presence of senior officers of the Ministry of MSME at Guwahati. The scheme will help in meeting the technology related requirements of enterprises in the services sector and has a provision of 25% capital subsidy for procurement of Plant & Machinery and service equipments through institutional credit to the SC-ST MSEs without any sector specific restrictions on technology upgradation.

Shri Rane also felicitated SC/ST Entrepreneurs of the North-eastern region and urged the youth to take up the entrepreneurship to become job givers than job seekers. He assured the youth that no stone will be left unturned by the Ministry of MSME in their journey to become successful entrepreneurs. ■

GIS PLANS FOR AROUND 75% GRAM PANCHAYATS COMPLETED

The Ministry of Rural Development has reached an important milestone with the completion of Geographical Information System (GIS) plans for 2 lakh Gram Panchayats (GPs) out of 2.69 lakh GPs under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA using remote sensing technology based on the ridge to valley approach. GIS-based planning under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS is an initiative of the Ministry of Rural Development which helps the Gram Panchayat to ensure a scientific & holistic approach for planning at the Gram Panchayat level. It is an important tool to ensure participatory planning at the implementation level.

The Ministry has provided detailed training on

usage of GIS & RS (Remote Sensing) technology to Mahatma Gandhi NREGS functionaries of States/UTs through the initiative of the Ministry and NIRDPR (National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj). Thereafter, all the States/UTs prepared 4 GIS-based plans of GPs per block in FY 2020-21 as pilots, which was extended to all GP's after successful completion.

Contributions of Mahatma Gandhi NREGS has enhanced significantly by using the GIS-Based Planning approach and impacts of which is visible at ground level. The development of quality assets at the Gram Panchayat level has been taking place through proper planning and decision making. ■

FIRST OPERATIONALISED DEFENCE MANUFACTURING FACILITY IN UP INAUGURATED

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh inaugurated the first operationalised private sector defence manufacturing facility in Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor (UPDIC) in Lucknow on November 13, 2021. The facility, run by Aerolloy Technologies, a wholly owned subsidiary of PTC industries, will manufacture parts for Aircraft Engines, Helicopter Engines, Structural parts for aircrafts, Drones and UAV, Submarines, Ultra-Light Artillery Guns, Space Launch Vehicles and Strategy Systems etc.

The Raksha Mantri also laid the foundation stone for an integrated Metal Manufacturing Facility under PTC industries that will produce key Raw Materials in Titanium and other Exotic Alloys for aerospace applications. This plant will significantly reduce the country's dependence on imports for all platforms which require Titanium and Nickel Super Alloys and help in building a strong and Atmanirbhar Bharat.

Shri Rajnath Singh applauded PTC Industries Limited as an example of how in today's competitive environment a company can be successful through adoption of technology and said that the two units will prove to be major milestones in the path of self-reliance in defence in the times to come. He added

that UPDIC and the units are a result of the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for an 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat'. He appreciated the fact that PTC supplies products to renowned companies in India and abroad, contributing to the Government's vision of transforming India into a net defence exporter. On PTC obtaining the clearance certificate of critical On-line Fittings (OLF) for defence applications from Ministry of Defence recently, Shri Rajnath Singh said, the clearance will prove to be a big step in 'Make in India' and achieving self-reliance in defence manufacturing.

Reaffirming the Government's resolve of 'Make in India and Make for the World', Shri Rajnath Singh listed out a series of measures undertaken to achieve self-reliance in defence, including earmarking around 64 per cent of its modernisation funds under capital acquisition budget for 2021-22 for procurement from domestic companies; notifying two positive lists of over 200 items to increase exports and Defence Acquisition Procedure 2020, setting up of Defence Industrial Corridors in UP & Tamil Nadu; free Transfer of Technology of DRDO and Innovation for Defence Excellence (iDEX) initiative. ■

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Instead of producing to meet the demand, the search is on the markets for the goods already produced; if the demand does not exist, systematic efforts are made to create demand. This has become the chief characteristic of the western economic movement. Earlier, production followed the demand, now demand allows the production. Consider the use of tea for example. Tea was produced because people desired and wanted it. But Tea was produced and we were induced to develop taste for tea. Now tea is a common man's drink. It has become a part of our life. Similar is the case of vegetable ghee. Did anyone ever want to use it? It was first produced and then we were taught to use it. If whatever is manufactured is not consumed, there will be depression. Some of us many remember the great depression of 1930-32. There was abundance of goods at that time but there was no demand. Therefore factories had to be closed down. Bankruptcy and unemployment were widespread. Thus now-a-days it is most important that what is being produced must be consumed.

The Editor of "Organiser", an English Weekly, had gone to USA for a visit sometime ago. Upon his return, he related an interested instance.

There is a factory producing "Potato-peelers", a device for peeling potatoes. The production of this factory outstripped the demand for the device. The management of the firm faced the problem of finding some way by which people may be induced to buy more potato peelers. They called a meeting of all the salesmen of the firm. Among the suggestions put forward, one was to make the color of the handle similar to that of potato peel. so that along with the peel, the peeler may also be dumped in the garbage, often by mistake. Thus there may be greater demand. Also, the product was offered in a more attractive packing. Now this economic structure is not merely consumption oriented but is clearly leading to destruction. Throw away the old one and buy a new one! Rather than satisfying the need and demand from people. to create fresh demand has become the aim of modern economics. Supposing that we need not worry about the limited supply of natural resources, there is yet the question of balance in Nature. There is a relationship in different parts of Nature. If from the three sticks standing with mutual support, one is removed, the

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other two will automatically fall. The present economic system and system of production are fast disturbing this equilibrium of nature. As a result on the one hand new products are manufactured for satisfying ever increasing desires, on the other hand new problems arise every day, threatening the very existence of the entire humanity and civilization.

It is essential, therefore, to use up that portion of the available natural resources which the nature will be able to recoup easily. When the fruits are taken, the fruit tree is not injured: it may even be helpful to the tree. However, in the effort to take a greater harvest from the land chemical fertilizers are used which in a few years time render the land altogether infertile. Lakhs of acres of land lie barren in America due to this factor. How long this dance of destruction can go on?

The destruction provides for depreciation fund to replace the machines when worn out. Then how can we neglect the depreciation fund for nature. From this

point of view, it must be realized that the object of our economic system should be, not extravagant use of available resources, but a well regulated use. The physical objects necessary for a purposeful, happy and progressive life must be obtained. The Almighty has provided as much. It will not be wise, however, to engage into a blind rat-race of consumption and production as if man is created for the sole purpose of consumption. Engine needs coal for its proper working, but it has not been produced merely to consume coal. On the contrary it is only proper always to see that with the minimum coal-consumption, maximum energy is produced. This is the economic view point. Keeping in view the aim of human life, we must endeavour to see how with the minimum of fuel, man proceeds to his goal with the maximum speed. Such a system alone can be called civilization. This system will not think of merely a single aspect of human life but of all its aspects including the ultimate aim. This system will not thrive on the exploitation of nature but will sustain nature and will in turn itself be nourished. Milking rather than exploitation should be our aim. The system should be such that overflow from nature is used to sustain our lives.

If such human angle inspires the economic system than our thinking on the economic question will undergo through transformation. In the Western economics, whether it is capitalist or socialist, value has the most important and central position. All economic theories centre around value. It may be that the analysis of value is very important from the point of view of the economist but, those social philosophers which are based entirely on value are for incomplete, inhuman and to some extent unethical take. For example, the slogan commonly heard now-a-days "one must earn his bread". Normally communists use this slogan but even the capitalists are not fundamentally in disagreement with it. If there is any difference between them, it is only as regards who earns and how much. The capitalists consider capital and enterprise as important components of production and hence if they take a major share of profits, they think it is their due. On the other hand,

communists believe only labour to be the main factor in production. Therefore they concede major share of production to the labourers. Neither of these ideas is correct. Really speaking, our slogan should be that the one who earns will feed and every person will have enough to eat.. The right to food is a birthright. The ability to earn is a result of education and training. In a society even those who do not earn must have food. The children and the old, the diseased and the invalids, all must be cared for by the society. Even society generally fulfils this responsibility. The social and cultural progress of mankind lies in the readiness to fulfil this responsibility. The economic system must provide for this task. Economics as a science does not account for this responsibility. A man works not merely for bread alone, but also to shoulder this responsibility. Otherwise those who have had their meals would no longer work.

ANY ECONOMIC SYSTEM MUST PROVIDE FOR THE MINIMUM BASIC NECESSITIES OF HUMAN LIFE TO EVERYONE. FOOD, CLOTHING AND SHELTER CONSTITUTE, BROADLY SPEAKING THESE BASIC NECESSITIES

Any economic system must provide for the minimum basic necessities of human life to everyone. Food, clothing and shelter constitute, broadly speaking these basic necessities. Similarly, the society must enable the individual to carry out his obligations to the society by properly educating him. Lastly,

in the event of an individual falling a prey to any disease, society must arrange for his treatment and maintenance. If a government provides these minimum requirements, then only it is a rule of 'Dharma'. Otherwise, it is a rule of 'Adharma'. Describing the King Dilip, Kalidas has said in Raghuvansha "Being responsible for the maintenance, protection and education of his subjects, he was their true farther. Others were merely instrumental in giving them their birth". The description of king Bharat after whom our country has been named Bharat, also runs similarly, i.e. "by maintaining and protecting his subjects he was called Bharat." This is his country, Bharat, if in this country maintenance and protection are not guaranteed, then the name Bharat is meaningless. ■

To be continued...

(Excerpts of the Speech delivered on "Integral Humanism" in Bombay on April 22nd - 25th, 1965 by Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya in the form of four lectures.)

SRI AUROBINDO: REVOLUTIONARY AND SPIRITUALIST

Aurobindo Ghosh was born to surgeon Krishna Dhan Ghose and Swarnalata Devi in Calcutta on August 15, 1872. Eminent writer, Raj Narayan Bose was Aurobindo's maternal grandfather. Aurobindo Ghose was a multifaceted person. He was a freedom fighter, poet, scholar, yogi and philosopher. He spent his life working towards the cause of India's freedom, and for further evolution of life on earth.

With his two brothers, he was given an entirely Western education by their Anglophilic father. After infant schooling at a convent in Darjeeling, they were taken to England to live with a clergyman's family in Manchester. From there they joined St. Paul's public school in West London, and later went on to Cambridge University. Sri Aurobindo was a brilliant scholar, winning record marks in the Classical Tripos examination. But he had already been touched by a will for the Independence of India, and did not wish to become an official of the colonial administration. He managed to disqualify himself by failing to take the mandatory riding test and instead returned to India in 1893 in the service of the Indian princely State of Baroda, where he remained up to 1906.

In that year he returned to his birthplace, Calcutta, as the first Principal of the new Bengal National College. He resigned that post because of his increasingly active involvement in the Nationalist Movement. He edited the English daily 'Bande Mataram' and wrote



fearless and pointed editorials. He openly advocated the boycott of British goods, British courts and everything British. He asked the people to prepare themselves for passive resistance.

Sri Aurobindo was the first of the Nationalist leaders to insist on full independence for India as the goal of the movement, and for several years he lent all his considerable abilities and energies to this struggle. The famous Alipore Bomb Case proved to be a turning point in Sri Aurobindo Ghosh's life. This led to him being arrested on a charge of treason and being kept in solitary confinement for almost a year as an 'under trial' prisoner in Alipore jail. During this time he had a number of fundamental spiritual experiences which convinced him of the truth of the "Sanatana Dharma" - the ancient spiritual knowledge and practice of India.

After he was acquitted and released, this spiritual awareness led him to take refuge from continuing pursuit by the British authorities in Pondicherry, then part of French India, where he devoted himself intensively to the exploration of the new possibilities it opened up to him. He reached Pondicherry in 1910 and soon started getting

followers and devotees who settled down at the place where Aurobindo lived and eventually a spiritual Ashram came up. Supported by his spiritual collaborator, the Mother and using his new-found spiritual capacities, he continued to work tirelessly for the upliftment of India and the world.

Apart from 'Life Divine', which was his best known work, he also wrote several other works. In 1914 after four years of concentrated yoga at Pondicherry, Sri Aurobindo launched Arya, a 64 page monthly review. For the next six and a half years this became the vehicle for most of his most important writings, which appeared in serialized form. These included Essays on The Gita, The Secret of The Veda, Hymns to the Mystic Fire, The Upanishads, The Foundations of Indian Culture, War and Self-determination, The Human Cycle, The Ideal of Human Unity, and The Future Poetry.

Sri Aurobindo's philosophy is based on facts, experience and personal realisations and on having the vision of a seer or Rishi. Aurobindo's spirituality was inseparably united with reason. The goal of Sri Aurobindo was not merely the liberation of the individual from the chain that fetters him and realization of the self, but to work out the will of the Divine in the world, to effect a spiritual transformation and to bring down the divine nature and a divine life into the mental, vital and physical nature and life of humanity.

Sri Aurobindo left the mortal world on December 5, 1950 at Pondicherry at the age of 78. ■



PM MODI TRANSFERS THE 1ST INSTALMENT OF PMAY-G TO MORE THAN 1.47 LAKH BENEFICIARIES OF TRIPURA

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 14 November transferred the 1st instalment of PMAY-G to more than 1.47 lakh beneficiaries of Tripura. More than Rs 700 crore were credited directly to the bank accounts of the beneficiaries on the occasion. Following Prime Minister's intervention, taking in to account unique geo-climatic condition of Tripura, the definition of 'kuccha' house has been changed specifically for the state, which has enabled such a large number of beneficiaries living in 'kutcha' houses to get assistance to construct a 'pucca' house. Union Rural Development Minister and Chief Minister of Tripura were among those present.

Addressing the gathering, Prime Minister Shri Modi said today's event is an indication of coming great days and hope for Tripura. He emphasized that Biplab Deb ji's government in the state and the government at the centre are committed to take the progress of the state forward. "Today the first installment given under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana has given a new impetus to the dreams of Tripura. I heartily congratulate all the people of Tripura, about one and a half lakh families who got the benefit of the first installment", Shri Modi said.

The Prime Minister said the thinking that keeps Tripura poor, keeps the people of Tripura away from amenities, has no place in Tripura today. Now the double engine government is engaged in the development of the state with full force and sincerity.

Talking about the long prevailing neglect of the region, the Prime Minister said that earlier our rivers from the

northern and western parts of the country used to come to the east, but the Ganges of development used to stop before reaching here. "The overall development of the country was seen piecemeal and was viewed through a political lens. Therefore, our Northeast felt neglected", He stressed. "But today the development of the country is seen with the spirit of 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat'. Development is now considered synonymous with unity-integrity of the country", he added.

The Prime Minister singled out India's confident Nari Shakti for their yeoman contribution in the development of the country full of confidence. As a major symbol of this Nari Shakti, we also have women's self-help groups. These SHGs have been connected with Jan Dhan Accounts. The collateral free loan available to such groups has been doubled to 20 lakh rupees, Shri Modi said.

Talking about the increasing ease of living, the Prime Minister said, earlier, the common man had to make rounds of government offices for each and every work, but now the government itself comes to the people to provide all the services and facilities. "Earlier, government employees used to worry about getting paid on time, now they are getting the benefit of 7th Pay Commission", he added.

The Prime Minister said that the region's huge potential will be unleashed by creating modern infrastructure and improving connectivity. He expressed confidence that work being done in the region will take the country to new heights of growth. ■

Decisive Governance – A New Paradigm that is Transforming the North East

Immediately after coming to power, PM Modi instructed all Union Ministers to visit one North-East state every fortnight to ensure that the North-east region is better integrated with our national policies and priorities. PM Modi has himself visited North-East states several times each year...

The eight North-Eastern states of India have a glorious history and diverse ethnic, cultural, and linguistic heritage. Rich in human capital, natural resources, biodiversity, and beautiful landscapes, each state has the potential to become hubs of international trade, tourism and are poised for sustainable development.

However, for nearly six decades after Independence, the region was relegated to the sidelines. Citing disturbances and unrests, the Governments under Congress displayed an utter lack of interest and failure to comprehend vital issues of the region. An indifferent government in Delhi tried to brush off all North-East-related issues under the carpet, while the people suffered widespread corruption, unemployment, lack of peace, and a general state of backwardness.

This led to generations of our youth becoming disillusioned and disenchanted with the system, and some even resorted to picking up arms to have their voice heard.

I grew up in a small village, Charhajare in Manipur during the tumultuous decades of the 80s and 90s, when insurgency, violence, and political unrests were at their peak. Development seemed a distant dream, people lacked avenues for exposure, and rarely would a youth like myself get an opportunity to prove our mettle.

But all that changed with Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi taking over the reins of the nation. He came with a vision of transforming India, and North-East India was again placed at the forefront of



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India's development priorities.

FOCUS ON NORTH EAST

Immediately after coming to power, PM Modi instructed all Union Ministers to visit one North-East state every fortnight to ensure that the North-east region is better integrated with our national policies and priorities. PM Modi has himself visited North-East states several times each year. The frequent visits of the Union Ministers have helped in bridging the gap of understanding between policymakers and the problems faced by the people.

Under PM Modi, the government has brought Delhi much closer to the people of North-East in terms of governance, policies, and provisioning of various government services. Today, the people of the North East, feel emotionally connected to the rest of India.

WITNESSING TRANSFORMATION

Since 2014, North East India has undergone a massive transformation in the grassroots, thanks to PM Modi's initiative of changing the "Look East Policy" into "Act East Policy."

To develop road infrastructure, the government is investing over Rs. 80,007 crores under the Special Accelerated Road Development Program in Northeast (SARDP-NE), and an additional Rs 30,000 crores under the Bharatmala project. Similarly, Indian Railways is spending Rs 74,485 crores to improve the railway network in the region and will connect every state capital in NE to the national railway grid.

In Assam, the construction of Bogibeel Bridge, India's longest railroad, highlights the focus and determination of our government to improve connectivity in the North-East. The construction inaugurated by Atal Ji (in 2002) was completed under the government of Narendra Modi Ji (in 2018), more than a decade and a half later. Congress despite being in power for two terms did nothing to get the critical project completed.

A total of Rs 68,020 crores has been allocated in the budget (FY 2021-22) for the North-East region to ensure better air connectivity, health care services, drinking water, housing, and creating more opportunities for the youths. Over Rs 8500 crores have been allocated towards improving education facilities alone.

The focus of the government at the highest level has dramatically changed the infrastructure services across the North-East. Better infrastructure is also helping promote entrepreneurship among the youth and to generate employment opportunities locally. The region, which suffered a substantial 'brain drain' due to lack of facilities, is finally able to convince its youths to stay back and contribute to the economy.

But all of this pale, in comparison with the unprecedented level of peace the region has witnessed under PM Narendra Modi Ji's leadership.

"DECISIVE GOVERNANCE" IN ACTION

The hallmark of PM Modi's leadership is "Decisive Governance", which has resulted in a paradigm shift in how the government approaches issues confronting our nation. The Central Government has worked decisively with a sense of purpose and a rare clarity of vision to usher in peace, prosperity, and progress in the North-East region.

In 2015, our government signed the historic 'Naga Peace Accord' with the National Socialist Council of Nagaland (NSCN-IM) after 80 rounds of talks. This Accord brought an end to one of the longstanding political strife and armed insurgency in the country.

Recently, another ceasefire pact was signed with the Niki Sumi-led Khaplang faction of the NSCN (K). Further, the government is working towards a final peace deal with all the Naga Nationalist Political Groups (NNPGs).

The 2020 "Bodo Peace Accord" with factions of the National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB), All Bodo Students Union (ABSU), and other stakeholders have brought peace in the lower Assam region.

The long-pending issues of the Bru-Reang people who were living as Internally Displaced People (IDPs) have been resolved in both Tripura and Mizoram, due to sustained efforts by the Modi government.

The recent "Karbi-Anglong Peace Accord" ended a three-decades-old political issue in the Karbi-Anglong district of Assam.

The Government of India under the visionary leadership of PM Modi continues to work towards ensuring a peaceful North East, where all people, of all ethnicity, language, and culture can live together in peace and harmony, and thrive,

together in peace and harmony, and thrive.

HOPEFUL FUTURE

It was people's unshakable faith and trust in Modi Ji which made it possible for a Gorkha youth from a remote village in Manipur to get an opportunity to represent the prestigious Darjeeling Lok Sabha seat.

As other contentious issues concerning North-East India are resolved, there is much excitement and hope in our Darjeeling hills, Terai, and Dooars region too, where people have firmly stood behind PM Modi and awaited the Permanent Political Solution to the long-pending political issues confronting our region.

There is hope finally, that after decades of strife and heartbreak, the people of the Darjeeling region too will be able to lead their lives with dignity and respect.

(The writer is the Member of Parliament from Darjeeling and BJP National Spokesperson)



'OPPOSITION DOESN'T TIRE OF LOOTING, WE NEVER TIRE OF WORKING'

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 19 November, 2021 inaugurated and laid foundation stone of projects worth thousands of crores in Mahoba and Jhansi districts of Bundelkhand in Uttar Pradesh. Targeting previous opposition governments, both at the Centre and the state, the Prime Minister said that the "pariwarwadi" kept farmers in deprivation, whereas the BJP led NDA government worked for their benefit. Shri Modi said, "The opposition never got tired of looting Uttar Pradesh, while we never get tired of working."

Speaking about the efforts of the present government to work for the betterment of farmers, Shri Modi said, "Some political parties engage farmers in problems... They do politics of problems but we do national politics of finding solutions."

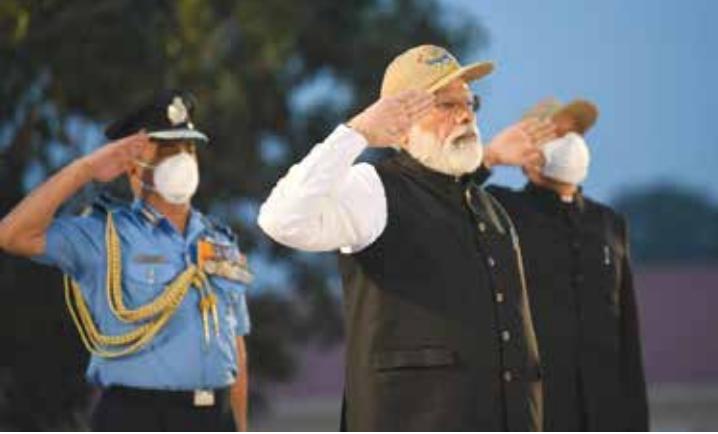
Invoking the kings of the Bundel, Parihar and Chandel dynasties for setting examples in water conservation, the Prime Minister said that those who ruled in Delhi as well as Uttar Pradesh for a long time uprooted this region one after another.

Alleging that previous governments gave away the region's forests and resources to mafias, PM Shri Modi said, "Now that a bulldozer is running in UP, some people are raising a hue and cry." Promising that projects like the Bundelkhand Expressway and the UP Defence Corridor would make the region self-reliant in terms of employment and prevent migration from Bundelkhand. The Prime Minister promised to promote the region under the double engine government at the Centre and the state.

PM ATTENDS 'RASHTRA RAKSHA SAMPARAN PARV' IN JHANSI PAYS TRIBUTES TO RANI LAXMIBAI AND HEROES OF 1857 WAR OF INDEPENDENCE; REMEMBERS MAJOR DHYANCHAND

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 19 November attended 'Rashtra Raksha Samparpan Parv' in Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi dedicated several new initiatives of the Ministry of Defence to the Nation in a grand ceremony celebrating 'Rashtra Raksha Samarpan Parv' organised in the precincts of Jhansi Fort. These projects include Launch of NCC Alumni Association, the Prime Minister was registered as the first member of the association; Launch of National Programme of Simulation Training for NCC Cadets; Kiosk to pay tribute to the fallen heroes at National War Memorial; Mobile app of National War Memorial; DRDO Designed and Developed Advanced Electronic Warfare Suite 'Shakti' for Indian Naval Ships; Light Combat Helicopter and drones. He also laid the foundation stone of the Rs 400 crore project of Bharat Dynamics Ltd at Jhansi Node of the UP Defence Industrial Corridor.

The Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone of the 600 MW Ultramega Solar Power Park at Garautha in Jhansi. It is being constructed at a cost of over Rs 3000 crore, and will help provide the dual benefits of cheaper electricity and grid stability. The Prime Minister also inaugurated 'Atal Ekta Park' in Jhansi. Named after Former Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, the park has been built at a cost



of over Rs 11 crore, and is spread across an area of about 40,000 square metre. It will also house a library, as well as a statue of Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee. The statue has been built by the renowned sculptor Shri Ram Sutar, the man behind the Statue of Unity.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister noted the birth anniversary of Rani Laxmibai, the pinnacle of valor and might and said today this land of Jhansi is witnessing the grand Amrit Mahotsav of freedom! And today a new strong and powerful India is taking shape on this land. Prime Minister said he feels pride in representing the birthplace of Rani Laxmibai i.e. Kashi. The Prime Minister also extended warm wishes for the Prakash Purab of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, Kartik Purnima and Dev-Deepawali. The Prime Minister paid tribute to many heroes and heroines for their contribution to the history of valor

HIGHLIGHTS

- People witnessed how the government has come out of the closed rooms of Delhi to every nook and corner of the country.
- Keeping the farmers embroiled in problems has always been the basis of some political parties. They do politics of problems and we follow the national policy of solutions.
- For the first time, the people of Bundelkhand are seeing the government working for its development.
- The previous governments did not get tired of looting Uttar Pradesh, we do not get tired of working.
- Dynastic governments kept the farmers only in deprivation. They used to make announcements in the name of farmers, but even a single pie did not reach the farmer.
- Double Engine government of the Karam Yogis is working tirelessly for the progress of Bundelkhand.

and sacrifice. ■

COUNTRY'S FIRST FISHERIES BUSINESS INCUBATOR LAUNCHED GOVT. EYEING 22 MILLION TONNES OF FISH PRODUCTION & RS. ONE LAKH CRORE EXPORT BY 2025

Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Shri Parshottam Rupala on November 16 inaugurated the country's first-of-its kind, dedicated business incubator to be known as LINAC- NCDC Fisheries Business Incubation Centre (LIFIC) in Haryana's Gurugram costing Rs. 3.23 crore to nurture fisheries start-ups under real market-led conditions.

Stating that the Centre will serve as a 'milestone' in future for the fisheries sector which is being given a big push under the central flagship Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) launched last year by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Shri Rupala said that the incubation unit will provide handholding such as training, converting entrepreneurial ideas into business models and doling out seed money to the new as well as existing business entrepreneurs keen to make big in the segment.

To begin with, the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC), an implementing

agency for the LIFIC, has identified the first batch of ten incubatees from four states—Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat and Maharashtra. Out of them, 6 are from newly-created Fish Farmers Producer Organizations with the support of the financial grant under the PMMSY.

"Fisheries is a sunrise industry in India, growing at 7 percent rate annually. The Prime Minister has set a goal of 22 million tonnes of fish production and export to the tune of Rs one lakh crore by 2025. It is a very tall order to be achieved within next four years given that presently, fish production is 130 lakh tones and export worth Rs 46,000 crore. ■



INTERNATIONAL SOLAR ALLIANCE INDIA'S GIFT TO THE WORLD



RAM PRASAD TRIPATHY

In a significant development at the COP-26 Glasgow climate summit, in November 2021, the United States of America joined the India-led International Solar Alliance (ISA) as its 101st member country, when US Special Presidential Envoy for Climate Mr. John Kerry signed the ISA framework agreement to catalyse global energy transition through a solar-led approach.

During the same Glasgow summit the International Solar Alliance and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) also signed a memorandum of understanding agreeing to collaborate and support countries in the implementation of ambitious national climate action in line with global efforts. Both the global institutions now jointly organise a set of activities to facilitate the implementation of mitigation action in the energy sector, facilitate the implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions and Long-term Low Emission Development Strategies. The agreement carries importance as it will lend support to developing countries, including Small Island Nations and Least Developed Countries, in accelerating the adoption of policy options and approaches for decarbonisation

technologies.

Similarly, crossing an important milestone just on the eve of COP-26 Glasgow summit, the International Solar Alliance got the Observer Status from UN General Assembly Sixth Committee. It is not only symbolic, but a substantive one. Adoption of the India's resolution will certainly usher a new era of green energy diplomacy.

These recent developments not only establishes ISA as a global institution, which leads from the front on solar and works to achieve

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emission reduction by deploying solar energy but also expedites the global response against climate challenges. Undoubtedly, these collaborations with ISA and recent joining of Israel, Greece, United States and 100 plus member countries will surely bring long-term, cost effective and impactful solutions, for clean energy and climate challenges.

The International Solar Alliance (ISA), which was launched by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and former President of France Mr.

Francois Hollande, in November 2015 at the 21st session of United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP-21) in Paris, France is an inter-governmental treaty-based international organisation with a global mandate to catalyse global solar growth by helping to reduce the cost of financing and technology for solar. The alliance is committed to establishing solar as a shared solution that simultaneously addresses climate, energy and economic priorities across geographies, facilitating Energy Transition at a global level, Energy Security at national levels, while also ensuring Energy Access at the local level. The ISA also helping large nations scale global commitments, thereby serving the planet's needs for reduced carbon emissions, while also helping economically more vulnerable nations establish a self-sustaining energy alternative that reduces trade dependency and drives job creation.

With countries now coming together on various global stages to slow global warming with substantial action, India as a responsible nation is leading from the front under the visionary leadership of PM Shri Narendra Modi by offering the world more than what it was expecting. In

that direction International Solar Alliance (ISA), as Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi called is India's true "gift to the world" in the fight against climate change.

India, which is relentlessly working to improve the Ease of Living for millions of people, and responsible for 5 percent global emissions, despite having 17 percent of the world's population, has left no stone unturned to show that it has fulfilled its obligations. Today, the whole world believes that India is the only big economy which has delivered in letter and spirit on the Paris Commitment.

Undoubtedly India is 'doing more' to save the planet, by aggressively promoting renewable energy. Five years ago, India had

just 3 GW solar energy installations however; Prime Minister Narendra Modi had set an ambitious goal of building 175 gigawatts of renewable energy capacity by 2022, including 100 gigawatts of solar and it is making every effort with determination to achieve this target.

Every year more passengers travel by Indian Railways than the population of the world. This huge railway system has set a target of making itself 'Net Zero' by 2030. This initiative alone will lead to a reduction of emissions by 60 million tonnes annually. Similarly, the massive LED bulb campaign is reducing emissions by 40 million tonnes annually. Today, India is working at a faster pace on many

such initiatives with a strong will.

As a revolutionary step in solar power, India initiated the International Solar Alliance because for many developing countries, climate change is looming large over their existence. This is a sensitive and vital initiative of India to save millions of lives. This is the need of the hour and ISA is proving its relevancy. As expected, ISA helps India in moving forward on the subject of climate with great courage and great ambition. It can certainly play a vital role in the development of clean sustainable energy for the earth and will save the future of our future generations, giving them the gift of a secure and prosperous life. ■

PM ADDRESSES FIRST 'AUDIT DIWAS'

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on November 16 addressed the event marking the celebration of first Audit Diwas. He also unveiled the statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on the occasion. The Comptroller and Auditor General of India, Shri Girish Chandra Murmu was among those present on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister said CAG not just keeps track of nations accounts but also does value addition in productivity and efficiency, therefore deliberations on the Audit Day and related programmes are part of our improvement and improvisation. CAG is an institution that has grown in importance and has created a legacy with passage of time.



The Prime Minister said there was a time when auditing in the country was looked upon with apprehension and dread. 'CAG vs Government', had become the common thought of our system. But, today this mindset has changed. Today audit is being considered as an important part of value addition.

The Prime Minister commented, earlier, due to lack of transparency in the banking sector, various wrong practices were followed. The result was that the NPAs of the

banks kept increasing. However, we have put the truth of the previous governments in front of the country with complete honesty. We will find the solutions only when we recognize the problems.

The Prime Minister said "today we are making such a system in which the thinking of 'Sarkar Sarvam' i.e. the interference of the government is decreasing, and your work is also getting easier". This is in accordance with 'Minimum Government Maximum Governance'. "Contactless customs, automatic renewals, faceless assessments, online applications for service delivery. All these reforms have ended the unnecessary interference of the government", he added. ■

GATI SHAKTI WILL BREAK THE SILOS OF DEPARTMENTALISM



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What is Gati Shakti?

Gati Shakti-National Master Plan for Multi-modal Connectivity launched by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 13 October in new Delhi to expedite the infrastructure connectivity in the country. For fast implementation of infrastructure project, Gati shakti through digital platform will coordinate between different government departments. The platform will coordinate 16 Ministries including Railways and Roadways together for integrated planning and coordinated implementation of infrastructure connectivity projects. It will incorporate the infrastructure schemes of various Ministries and State Governments like Bharatmala, Sagarmala, inland waterways, dry land ports, UDAN etc. Infrastructure is key to the growth.

Why Gati Shakti?

The Prime Minister noted that it is imperative that governance in India becomes more efficient and responsive. Earlier, towards this direction Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi started his ambitious multi-purpose and multi-modal platform PRAGATI (Pro-Active Governance And Timely Implementation). With this, PM monitors and review progress of important programmes and projects of the Government of India as well as projects flagged by State Governments. It is a three-tier system -PMO, Union Government Secretaries, and Chief Secretaries of the States. It also speeds up the execution of the projects.

According to CEO of Niti Ayog Amitabh Kant, Roads dominate the share of traffic. 64% of the freight in India is moved through roads. As diesel drives road transport, any spike in oil prices raise prices across the board, through higher transport costs and also because fuel is not part of GST, which means input tax credit is not available. Even post GST, FastTag and other initiatives, it is desirable to aspire for a higher share of railway in modal share as it remains a more efficient method. Furthermore, while many economic zones, industrial parks, logistics hubs and ports were planned, they often suffered owing to inefficient multi-modal connectivity, and also due to their small size. The fragmented nature of decision making, with each department working in silos meant that a disjointed industrial network was created. While several pieces of the puzzle were in place, many remained unconnected as well. A lack of scale in manufacturing and an inefficient logistics network hampered our global competitiveness.



THE PLATFORM WILL COORDINATE 16 MINISTRIES INCLUDING RAILWAYS AND ROADWAYS TOGETHER FOR INTEGRATED PLANNING AND COORDINATED IMPLEMENTATION OF INFRASTRUCTURE CONNECTIVITY PROJECTS...

How will Gati Shakti break the silos of departmentalism?

Amitabh Kant states, Achieving an efficient, seamless multi-modal transport network is no easy task. It requires independent government departments to work in close coordination and collaboration, guided by an overarching master plan. The Prime Minister during his Independence Day speech of 2021 had emphasised that the

National Master Plan, GatiShakti would help realize the dreams of crores of our countrymen. The GatiShakti programme marks a paradigm shift in decision making to break the silos of departmentalism. In the proposed Plan, all the existing and proposed economic zones have been mapped along with the multimodal connectivity infrastructure in a single platform. Individual projects of different line Ministries would be examined and sanctioned in future within the parameters of the overall Plan, leading to synchronisation of efforts. GatiShakti will bring synergy to create a world class, seamless multi-modal transport network in India. The National Master Plan will employ modern technology and the latest IT tools for coordinated planning of infrastructure. A GIS-based Enterprise Resource Planning system with 200+ layers for evidence-based decision-making is one example. The use of satellite imagery for monitoring is another. Digitisation will play a big role in ensuring timely clearances and flagging potential issues, and in project monitoring as well.

How will it be helpful in reducing logistic cost?

According to mint analysis, India's logistics costs are very high, at around 13% of its gross domestic product (GDP)—it makes most industries in India less competitive internationally. Smoother transportation will reduce logistics costs and make exports more competitive. Farmers also lose out on opportunities to export due to weak transport linkages. Seamless last-mile connectivity will greatly help.

GATI SHAKTI IN A NUTSHELL

Gati Shakti will give gati (speed) to all developmental projects in the country. It will be helpful to achieve the target set by the Modi government to complete 16,000 km of gas pipelines across the country in the next five to six years. However, till 2014 15,000 km of pipelines were built in 27 years. In the past seven years, more than 9,000 km of railway lines have been doubled, compared to 1,900 km of doubling of tracks in five years before 2014. ■

PM MODI LAUNCHES 2 RBI SCHEMES FOR INVESTORS

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 12 November, 2021 launched two customer-centric initiatives of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)- the RBI Retail Direct Scheme and the Reserve Bank - Integrated Ombudsman Scheme. With this, India has opened up the Government bond market for the retail investors. "With the RBI Retail Direct Scheme, small investors in the country have got a safe medium of investment in government securities," PM Shri Modi said.

The PM said that RBI's two innovative customer-centric initiatives will increase investment avenues, make accessing the capital market easier, safer. According to the Prime Minister, the two schemes will expand the



scope of investment in the country and make access to capital markets easier and more secure for investors.

Under the RBI Retail direct Scheme the Investors will be able to easily open and maintain their

government securities account online with the RBI, free of cost and RBI Integrated Ombudsman Scheme will help in improving the grievance redress mechanism for resolving customer complaints against RBI's regulated entities. ■



PM DEDICATES TO THE NATION THE REDEVELOPED RANI KAMALAPATI RAILWAY STATION IN BHOPAL

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi dedicated to the Nation various Railway projects in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh on 15 November. He dedicated to the nation the redeveloped Rani Kamalapati Railway Station in Bhopal. The Prime Minister also dedicated to the nation many other initiatives of the Railways in Madhya Pradesh including Gauge Converted and Electrified Ujjain-Fatehabad Chandrawatiganj Broad Gauge section, Third line in Bhopal-Barkhera section, Gauge Converted and Electrified Mathela-Nimar Kheri Broad Gauge section and Electrified Guna-Gwalior section. The Prime Minister also flagged off two new MEMU trains between Ujjain-Indore and Indore-Ujjain. Governor and Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh and Union Railway Minister were among those present on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister said not only has the historical railway station of Bhopal been rejuvenated, but its importance got enhanced with the addition of the name of Rani Kamalapati ji. Today the pride of Indian Railways has also been added to the pride of Gondwana. The Prime Minister termed the dedication of modern railway projects as a confluence of glorious history and prosperous modern future.

The Prime Minister said that Indian Railways is an example of how India is changing, how dreams can come true. "Till 6-7 years ago, whoever had to deal with the Indian Railways ended up cursing the Indian Railways. People had given up any hope of changing the situation. But when the country sincerely mobilizes for the fulfillment of its resolutions, then improvement

comes and change happens, this we have been seeing continuously since the past years" remarked the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister said today the country's first ISO certified, first PPP model based railway station, i.e Rani Kamalapati Railway Station has been dedicated to the nation. The facilities which were once available at the airport are now available at the railway station.

The Prime Minister said today's India is not only making record investments for the construction of modern infrastructure, it is also ensuring that projects

**First time, the common man is being given the spiritual experience of tourism and pilgrimage at a reasonable price.
Ramayan circuit train is one such innovative effort**

are not delayed and there is no obstacle. He added that the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan, started recently, will help the country in fulfilling this resolution. The Prime Minister said there was a time when even railway infrastructure projects took years together to get off the ground from the drawing board. But today

Indian Railways is displaying urgency in planning new projects and more importantly, it completes them on time.

The Prime Minister said Indian Railways is not only a medium to connect distances, but it is also becoming an important medium to connect the country's culture, country's tourism and pilgrimage. For the first time after so many decades of independence, this potential of Indian Railways is being explored on such a large scale. Earlier, even if the railway was used for tourism, it was confined to a premium club. For the first time, the common man is being given the spiritual experience of tourism and pilgrimage at a reasonable price. Ramayan circuit train is one such innovative effort. ■

PEOPLE'S PADMA AWARDS: THE LOST GLORY UPHELD



VIPUL SHARMA

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi continuously tried to uphold the lost glory of the Padma Awardssince heresumes office in 2014 and the sincere efforts of PM Shri Modi showing the results when on November 8, President Shri Ram Nath Kovind conferred the prestigious civilian awards in New Delhi to the 2020 and 2021 recipients. The list of winners has made headlines, and proclaimed that it's no longer an award reserved for the exclusive class. The award winners were among those who came from the very humble background. The inspiring stories of the winners from the barefoot environmentalist Tulasi Gowda from Karnataka to orange seller and school builder Harekala Hajabba prove that the awards truly honour significant achievements of the deserving and those who are contributing in the nation building in a significant way.

The Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan, and Padma Shri are the highest civilian awards after the Bharat Ratna—recognising the contributions to various fields like social work, science, medicine, literature, sports, and art. The Padma Awards were first introduced in 1954 and being given to the personalities like former president APJ Abdul Kalam and Nobel Prize-winning economist Amartya Sen.

The central government launched a website in 2017 to make the whole process more transparent and to ensure the participation of common men in



this whole process. The selection process was also changed, and the Padma Awards Committee was expanded. The visible change

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has been seen in the selection process and even in the same year people from very humble and rural background were conferred with this prestigious award. The list of winners included Meenakshi Amma who had been practising and teaching Kalaripayattu for about 70 years and popularly known as “granny with a sword”, and folk singer Sukri Bommagowda, for preserving cultural heritage and social activism.

The number of nominations

for the Padma Awards has also increased significantly during these years. The government received 46,000 nominations for the 2020 awards — in 2014, there were only 2,200 nominations. The government also launched the Padma Quiz in 2018, an online quiz that allows quiz winners to interact with Padma Award winners in person.

From nominating deserving people to getting a chance to interact with awards winners, the government has changed the whole concept of these awards in itself. They are now being referred to as “Peoples’ Padma” because they’re beginning to represent India’s 1.4 billion population — and not just the exclusive class.

Tulsi Gowda — Hailing from Honnali village, Ankola taluk Karnataka, Tulsi Gowda is an environmentalist who has planted over 30,000 saplings. She has been involved in environmental conservation and related activities for the past six decades. She is often called the “encyclopedia of the forest” and her tribe calls her “tree goddess” for her extensive first-hand knowledge of the trees

and plants of the forest.

Harekala Hajabba – The humble orange vendor from Mangaluru, Karnataka, Harekala Hajabba saved money from his earnings and built a school in his village. The school has now grown with the government's and private entities' support and is known as Hajabba School. He is fondly called the "Akshara Santa" or the "Letter Saint".

Krishnammal Jagannathan – Hailing from the state of Tamil Nadu, Krishnammal Jagannathan, fondly known as Amma, is a social worker who travels to remote rural areas bringing social, economic and political transformation through propagating the philosophy of non-violence. Born in 1926, Jagannathan has worked extensively for the upliftment of the landless and the poor.

Rahibai Soma Popere – Popularly known as the 'seed mother', Rahibai Soma Popere is a Mahadeo Koli tribal farmer from Komblne village in the Akole tribal block in Maharashtra's Ahmednagar district. She was unable to attend school owing to poverty, so she

began working in agricultural labour and cow rearing to support her family when she was ten years old. She learned about agrobiodiversity, wild food resources, and traditional culture by practice and experience, despite not having attended school.

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi hailing the awardees said, "From the environment to enterprise, agriculture to the arts, science to social service, public administration to cinema...recipients of the #PeoplesPadma come from diverse backgrounds. I would urge you all to know about each of the awardees and get inspired."

Congratulating all the Peoples' Padma recipients BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda said, "The Modi government has done a great job by taking the Padma awards to their rightful deserving people. I heartily congratulate the respected Prime Minister @narendramodi ji and heartily congratulate all the respected personalities for being conferred with the Padma Award. The country is proud of you all." #PeoplesPadma ■



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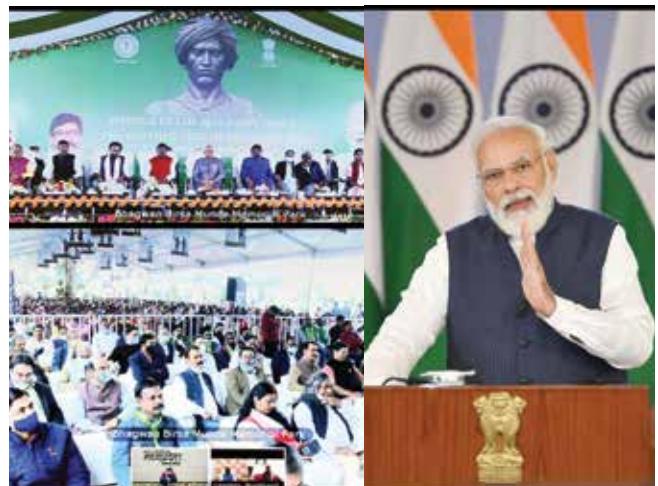
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PM Shri Narendra Modi visiting an exhibition on the occasion of 'Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas' Maha Sammelan in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi paying floral tributes at Birs Munda Statue, on the occasion of 'Janjatiya Gaurav Divas', at Parliament House in New Delhi



PM Shri Narendra Modi addressing at the inauguration of the Bhagwan Birsa Munda Memorial Udyani cum Freedom Fighter Museum at Ranchi, Jharkhand



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Water connections in rural households



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Data till 12 November 2021

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 Beneficiaries
3.48 crore



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 Bima Yojana
 Beneficiaries
11.67 crore



PM Suraksha
 Bima Yojana
 Beneficiaries
26.85 crore

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Value of digital transactions
 (Rs in billion)



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