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MAHASHIVRATRI (01 MARCH)

to all of its readers

BJP SHINES OUT AS THE ONLY HOPE OF THE NATION

As the campaign for assembly elections is gaining momentum with every passing day in Uttar Pradesh and Manipur, the polling has been completed in the states of Uttarakhand, Goa and Punjab. The massive people's participation in public meetings, rallies, road shows, and finally on polling day shows the strength of Indian democracy, its beauty, vibrancy, and vigour. While around 62% of people voted in Uttarakhand, around 80% exercised their franchise in Goa and 72% in Punjab. In Uttar Pradesh, people are coming out in large numbers and more than 60% of voting has been recorded in different phases where polling has been completed. The boundless enthusiasm and huge participation in BJP public meetings, rallies, and road shows clearly show the preference of the voters in these elections. The BJP clearly stands out as the party that believes in performance, development, good governance, and the welfare of the poor, farmers, labourers, women, and youth. The result is that the party is getting immense support from every section of society.

In the run-up to the assembly elections, the BJP has released its 'Sankalpa Patras' for all five states where elections are taking place. These 'Sankalp Patras' present not only the vision of the party regarding different states but also reflect the aspirations of the people. It is to be noted that the process of drafting these 'Sankalp Patras' included an important component wherein the participation of people in the preparation of these visionary documents was ensured. The 'Sankalpa Patras' not only present the roadmap of these states in accordance with the BJP vision but also the commitment of the BJP karyakartas to transform these states into power houses for national development. The poor, farmer, labourer, women, and youth centric 'Sankalpa Patras' include several innovative ideas which are prepared in accordance with the state-specific needs while tapping their potential with a grand vision for good governance, development, and progress of these five states.

The 'Sankalp Patras' released for all these five states focuses on taking welfare measures to a new trajectory by assuring an amount in addition to the Rs. 6000 given annually under PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi to the farmers while outlining schemes specific to different states. While promising to provide three additional free gas cylinders under the Ujjwala Yojana to poor women, their education has been brought into focus by announcing various schemes to be implemented by the BJP governments in these states. The Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel Agri-Infrastructure Mission, six mega food parks, formulation and strengthening of MSP, modernization of sugarcane mills in UP, dairy cooperatives, Parvat Mala project, Mission Himvant in Uttarakhand, apart from various schemes, the commitment of making Goa a Rs. 50 billion economy, schemes like FOFO train, Loktak mega eco-tourism project, funds for start-ups promoting tourism in Manipur and promises for loan waivers for farmers, reservation in jobs for local youths, monetary help to the victims of terrorism, free electricity upto 300 units and reservation for women are some of the major highlights of these visionary documents.

The BJP has been able to provide a corruption-free government, ensuring law and order while heralding an era of the politics of development and performance in different states where people provided it an opportunity through its blessings. The change can be seen anywhere in UP, Uttarakhand, Goa, and Manipur, where BJP governments have served the people with tireless hard work and commitment, bringing these states into a high growth trajectory. Under the strong and visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the BJP has been able to fulfil the expectations of the people across the country while increasingly gaining massive support from the people. There is no doubt that amid the plethora of dynasty, caste, and region-based sectarian political parties, the BJP shines out as the only hope of the nation. ■



ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS-2022 (UP)

BJP IN UP MEANS CONTROL OVER DANGARAJ, MAFIARAJ & GUNDARAJ: NARENDRA MODI

With a voter turnout of more than 60 per cent, the three phases of assembly elections for Uttar Pradesh out of seven-phases were completed on 20 February, 2022. The assembly polls for the states of Goa, Uttarakhand and Punjab were also completed in single phases by 20th February, 2022. The voter turnout reported in Goa was around 80%; Punjab was over 72% while Uttarakhand recorded a voter turnout of 62.5% during the one-phased polling.

Amidst the ongoing election campaigning in Uttar Pradesh, PM Shri Narendra Modi's rallies continued as he addressed massive public meetings in Hardoi, Unnao, Fatehpur, Sitapur and several other places. Addressing the voters of UP, Shri Modi said that the current Double Engine government is the one for the poor, for the farmers and the youth and has been working day and night for their betterment. He said, "I know, this time the people of UP are preparing to play Holi with colours twice".

HARDOI, UTTAR PRADESH

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressing his first massive rally in Hardoi, UP on February 20, 2022 appreciated the enthusiasm of the people and highlighted the connection, the people of Hardoi have with the festival of Holi, "I know, this time the people of Hardoi, the people of UP are preparing to play Holi with colours twice."

PM Shri Modi said, "The people of Hardoi have seen those days, how the opposition people had given a free hand to the people with guns and mafia". Targeting the opposition he said, "The criminals had full protection from the government of the 'Parivarwadis'."

Talking about the success of Double Engine Sarkar in UP, he said, "The work for the poor in UP started when in 2017 you formed a Double Engine Sarkar here." He added that our government helped build housing for the poor, built toilets for all, provided gas cylinders to

women and gave health its due importance as well.

The PM said, "There has been such a big global pandemic of Corona. We did not allow any poor to go to bed hungry. Free ration is being given to every poor through Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana."

Hitting out at the opposition, Shri Modi said, "The farmers here have also had to bear the brunt of the wrong policies of the earlier governments. Wheat was not procured in the earlier government. There was no payment for sugarcane. But there has been a record purchase of wheat in UP in these five years. The amount paid by the Yogi government for sugarcane was not done in 10 years of both the SP-BSP governments."

Highlighting on the status of terrorism in the country, he said, "You have seen, just a few days ago the culprits of the Ahmadabad bomb blast have been punished. Those who wanted to destroy us Indians have been punished by the court." PM Modi also iterated that

Kashi had also faced serial bomb blasts at Temples, Railway stations. He also highlighted other attacks like the 2007 terrorist attack in Gorakhpur, Lucknow and Ayodhya and said, "These terrorists were creating havoc in UP and the Samajwadi Party government was not even allowing these terrorists to be prosecuted."

Revealing the stark differences between BJP and others, Shri Modi said, "Someday the opposition insult the Indian Army, someday they insult the police. These people shed tears over the elimination of terrorists in Batla House encounter. While the opposition is busy playing with the security of the nation, our government has created the National War Memorial and National Police Memorial and we respect every martyr".

UNNAO

'WE STRENGTHEN HANDS OF STREET VENDORS'

Addressing a huge rally in Unnao, the Prime Minister hit out at the Samajwadi Party. He said, "Even after getting defeated in the first two phases, whenever these people sleep, they watch dreams of coming into power. They were defeated in 2017; they will be defeated in 2022. People in UP will bring Yogi back."

Slamming the Samajwadi Party President Akhilesh Yadav, PM Shri Narendra Modi said, "The seat that they (SP) were considering as the safest, is also getting out of their hands. You must have seen, the father, Mulayam Singh Yadav who was pushed from the stage, was humiliated to capture the party, had to plead to save his son's seat. He further alleged that they have made such an image of UP that nothing can change here. Yogi government has shown improvement in law and order. UP will bring back Yogi Ji who brought security, development and growth in the state.

He said, "This is a double engine government which is supplying water to every household today. During the pandemic, we have made an effort to strengthen hands of street vendors. Loans have been sanctioned to about 8.5 lakh street vendors of Uttar Pradesh under PM SVANIDHI Yojana."

For so many decades after independence, no one cared about small farmers. For the first time, the Double Engine Sarkar has placed small farmers at the centre of policy-making. PM Kisan Samman Yojana and pension scheme after 60 years is a big proof of this".

FATEHPUR

'PARIVARWADI'S VOTE BANK IS VANISHING'

Addressing an election rally in Fatehpur, Uttar Pradesh on February 17, 2022 to campaign for the BJP, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said every phase of UP polls is voting for BJP. The people of Uttar Pradesh are determined to hold colourful celebrations of victory on 10th March, ahead of Holi."

Slamming the opposition for creating vaccine hesitancy, PM Modi remarked, "'Parivarwadi' are calling COVID19 vaccines 'BJP ka Teeka'. Two kinds of people are scared of the vaccine - one is corona virus and the other are those opposing the vaccines. These people have problem with Modi, Yogi and the vaccine."

He said, "During my first address from the Red Fort as the Prime Minister, I spoke about building toilets for the women in the villages. The opponents mocked this noble cause as they could never understand the pain of poor mothers and sisters. These people even opposed banning of triple talaq. Should I not think of the welfare of women of the country? Parivarwadi's are scared that their vote bank is vanishing as Modi is providing facilities like health schemes, houses, toilets etc. to the poor."

KANPUR DEHAT

'PARIVAARWADI' WILL AGAIN BE DEFEATED BY THE PEOPLE'

In Uttar Pradesh, PM Shri Narendra Modi's rally spree continued as he addressed a huge election rally in Kanpur Dehat on February 14, 2022. The Prime Minister expressed his gratitude towards the people for their support and said, "Voting is going on and I would urge all the voters, especially the first-time voters, to come out to vote in maximum numbers."

Addressing the huge rally, he said, "The 'Parivaarwadi' will again be defeated by the people of Uttar Pradesh. The festival of colours- Holi will be celebrated in Uttar Pradesh on 10th March itself."

Targeting the opposition, The PM Shri Modi asked, "When they keep changing their allies, then how will they serve the people of Uttar Pradesh? Earlier governments looted the people of the state. People of UP have defeated them in 2014, then in 2017 and 2019, and now in 2022 again these staunch 'Parivarwadis' will lose." ■

'NAWA PUNJAB, BHAJPA DE NAAL'

In the run-up to the Punjab assembly elections, PM Shri Narendra Modi addressed gigantic rallies in various places of the state. Addressing the huge rallies, he said, "Today Punjab needs a government that draws inspiration from patriotism, should be for the development of Punjab. BJP has come before you with dedication, with the resolve of security and development of Punjab."

FAZILKA

Continuing his election campaigning, PM Shri Narendra Modi addressed a rally in Punjab's Fazilka on February 17, 2022. Talking about the benefits of BJP+ government, he asserted, "Double engine government in Punjab would mean development, bringing an end to sand and drug mafia, new energy in industrial units and employment opportunities for the youth."

Highlighting the commitments fulfilled by his government for farmers' welfare, Shri Modi reiterated, "Under PM Kisan Samman Nidhi, the central government has directly transferred more than Rs 3,700 crore to the bank accounts of farmers of Punjab. This has benefited more than 23 lakh farmers of Punjab." The PM slammed the Congress party for always betraying farmers, he said, "There was long pending demand to implement recommendations of Swaminathan Commission. They sat on those files but kept lying. When we formed our Government at the Centre, we implemented those recommendations."

He also spoke about several other central schemes – from Ayushman Bharat to Ujala Yojana, he stated, "Under the PM Awas Yojana of the central government, thousands of houses are being built in Punjab. Under the Ujala scheme, we also distributed lakhs of LED bulbs to reduce electricity bills in Punjab."



PATHANKOT

'WELFARE OF THE POOR IS OUR TOP PRIORITY'

Speaking at a huge rally in Pathankot on February 16, 2022 PM Shri Narendra Modi said, "Today due to Corona in several big countries, the poor are facing all kinds of problems, there is a problem of food. But, despite the pandemic, India is giving free ration to crores of citizens including the poor of Punjab. We made all the efforts and ensured that no one was left hungry. Welfare of the poor is our government's top priority."

"I urge the people of Punjab to give us five years to work for you. Wherever BJP established itself, the remote-control family (Congress) from Delhi was wiped out. Wherever there is peace, appeasement has been given a farewell, the same farewell has to be given in Punjab also," he said in Pathankot. ■

BJP RALLY IN IMPHAL, MANIPUR

Addressing a huge public meeting in Imphal, Manipur on 22 February, 2022 Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said, "During Congress rule, Manipur only got inequality and unbalanced development but in the last five years, the Double Engine Sarkar of BJP has made sincere efforts for the development of Manipur." He said Manipur would become an important centre for East Asia with the completion of the highway connecting Myanmar and Thailand.

MANIPUR WOULD BECOME AN IMPORTANT CENTRE FOR EAST ASIA: PM MODI



Shri Modi further said that the BJP government has taken complete care of Manipur even during the pandemic, be it providing free vaccines to every poor and tribal family equally or building a robust health system. He said even in this Corona crisis, the BJP government is ensuring free ration to 22 lakh people of Manipur. Hitting out at the opposition, he remarked, "The Congress could never understand the feelings of the people of the North East and the problems of the people." ■



BJP NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S PRAVAS IN UP

DYNASTY POLITICS AND REGIONALISM VERY DANGEROUS FOR THE COUNTRY: JP NADDA

Amid the ongoing Assembly Elections in Uttar Pradesh, Bhartiya Janata Party National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda held several mega rallies in the State. Addressing the gathering during these rallies, Shri JP Nadda lashed out at the opposition Samajwadi Party for spreading Mafia Raj in the state. Taking the name of three accused Azam Khan, Mukhtar Ansari and Antique Ahmed, he said they used to have the upper hand with government support during the rule of the Samajwadi Party five years ago. He further noted that all three of them are currently serving prison terms after Yogi Adityanath-led BJP assumed power in the state.

AYODHYA

After offering prayers at Shri Ram Janmabhoomi in Ayodhya BJP National President Shri JP Nadda addressed a mega election meeting in Ayodhya on 18 February 2022. He said, "On November 23, 2007, there were bomb blasts in three court complexes in Uttar Pradesh. Fifteen people were killed and 50 injured. The Indian Mujahideen claimed responsibility for the blasts. It took the responsibility for the bomb blasts at the Dashaswamedh Ghat, in a Shramjeevi train, and at Sarojini Nagar, Govindpuri and Paharganj in Delhi. It also took the responsibility for the Sankatmochan Varanasi blasts and the Mumbai local train bomb blasts."

Shri Nadda said the investigating agencies had nabbed one accused from Azamgarh and another

from Jaunpur. They faced trial, but Akhilesh withdrew the cases against them when he was the chief minister of Uttar Pradesh in 2012. Later, the High Court had asked whether it was the government's job to protect terrorists. This is the real face of the SP," he added.

Referring to SP leader Mulayam Singh Yadav's visit to Karhal to address a poll meeting he said, "Akhilesh took his father to the constituency from where he is contesting the polls. This gives a message that he is not fighting the Uttar Pradesh polls, but only focusing on one constituency. Mulayam's visit means that the ground of the SP has slipped from under its feet.

Speaking on the Ram temple in Ayodhya, the BJP National President said, "The work on the temple is going on at a fast pace. Our centuries-old wish is

going to be fulfilled. There was an ideology behind our hopes for a Ram mandir. There was a political party carrying that ideology, with which crores of people stood."

SULTANPUR AND AMETHI FOR SAMAJWADI PARTY, DEVELOPMENT MEANS, DEVELOPMENT OF THE FAMILY

In this election in Uttar Pradesh half of the Samajwadi Party leaders are either contesting polls from jails or after getting bail, BJP National President Shri JP Nadda said. However, in the last five years of the Yogi Adityanath government, "the law is the same in UP but the rule has changed", Shri JP Nadda said while addressing campaign meetings in Sultanpur and Amethi on 19 February, 2022 which go to the polls on February 27 during the fifth phase of the seven-phase UP assembly polls.

Five years ago, Azam Khan, Mukhtar Ansari and Atiq Ahmed were ruling the roost. In the BJP rule in five years, these people are playing 'gulli-danda' in jails. At that time, a bandage of appeasement was tied over the eyes of the king and he used to address these people as 'sahab', he said.

The BJP National President also attacked the Samajwadi Party for its alleged family-oriented politics. "For the Samajwadi Party, development means, development of the family. In the SP government, around 50 people of the family were occupying different posts," he said.

This dynastic politics and regionalism are very dangerous for the country. Referring to the law against the Triple Talaq, Shri Nadda said, "The Supreme Court had said the Triple Talaq should be abolished. But no leader had the guts to annul it. Everyone was indulging in the politics of appeasement. The saviours of the Constitution had become its assailants. The Modi government enacted a law and freed Muslim women from the sting of Triple Talaq," he said.

"All political parties were against the abrogation of Article 370. The BJP was the only one, which fought for the unity and integrity of India. The rest of the parties followed the politics of appeasement," he said.

GAURIGANJ YOGI ADITYANATH WORKED 5 YEARS TO END MAFIA RAJ

Addressing the Gauriganj rally on 18 February 2022, BJP National President Shri JP Nadda continued his attack against former CM and SP chief Akhilesh Yadav and accused his government of releasing the prime accused of Lucknow, Varanasi and Ayodhya bomb blast case under the fake banner of social harmony.

He told the gathering that when SP leaders come for campaigning, they should ask them on what grounds are they seeking votes. "It was SP and your government that had fired bullets on the devotees of Lord Ram," he added.

Slamming the Congress, Shri Nadda said, "The Indian National Congress is no more Indian nor a national

party. It has become a party of a brother-sister duo. The BJP is the only party that has an ideology."

Hitting out at the SP, he said, "From one family itself, someone is an MP, someone is an MLA, someone is a zila panchayat chairman or a member. The SP is a dynastic party and the BJP does development. This is the difference between the two parties."

In his speeches, Shri Nadda also mentioned the ruling of an Ahmadabad's anti-terror court which sentenced 38 people to death for their roles in the 2008 serial blasts in the city. "When Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi was the Chief Minister of Gujarat, he had said he will do 'DOODH KAA DOODH' AUR 'PAANI KAA PAANI' and the terrorists will be caught. Now, those accused in the terror attack were convicted. This is called the governance," he said. ■



BJP will win UP with thumping majority: Amit Shah

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah targeted the Congress, who he said got support from Akhilesh Yadav. "Till 10 years, the Sonia-Manmohan Singh government was at the Centre with support from the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) and the Samajwadi Party (SP). Often many Alia, Malia, Jamalia used to enter India and behead our soldiers. Yet, then PM Manmohan Singh couldn't do anything about it," Shri Shah said at a public rally in Rae Bareli, Uttar Pradesh on 19 February, 2022.

Referring to the Pulwama attack, he said that when the incident happened, "they thought the BJP government would also react in the same way as former governments did in the past". "However, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi took on the terrorists at their homes by conducting surgical strikes," he added.

The Home Minister further stated that since chief minister Yogi Adityanath took charge in Uttar Pradesh, there are no longer any "bahubalis" in the state, but only "bajarangbali". The BJP had come under criticism from the opposition over scrapping of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir but the move



had been very successful, he said.

Shri Shah said that before the BJP, households in Uttar Pradesh were not getting electricity throughout the day. "Since the BJP came in power, all households get 22-24 hours of electricity," he added, highlighting that this is the type of development work that the BJP has done in Uttar Pradesh.

He said following the BJP's arrival in the state, dacoity in the state has decreased by 72%, looting by 62%, murder by 31%, and rapes by 50%. ■

BJP works for people without discrimination: Rajnath Singh

BJP worked for the people without discrimination and polarization, unlike Samajwadi Party and Congress, Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh said during a huge rally in Lucknow West constituency in Uttar Pradesh on 18 February, 2022.

Polarisation politics is done by SP and Congress, not just in Lucknow but in the entire country. Don't fall in its trap, Shri Singh said while talking to the people of his own constituency. Talking



about the principle of 'Vasudhaiv Kutumbakam', he said, "There should be justice for all and no appeasement politics".

Shri Rajnath Singh said Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi provided financial aid under

the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi and PM Garib Kalyan Yojana, without religious bias, but look at what SP and Congress are doing. They reduce morale of soldiers, talk about caste and religion and accuse us in turn. Now if we are building Ram mandir, can we be accused for that? Is it not true that Babur had invaded Ayodhya?"

He said it was not 'chunav' but 'chunauti' for those who dream of winning elections by polarising communities in Uttar Pradesh. ■

'GUNDA MUKT UTTAR PRADESH- BHRASHTACHAR MUKT UTTAR PRADESH'

यूना किर मांगे भाजपा सरकार
लोक कल्याण संकल्प पत्र 2022



The Bharatiya Janata Party released the 'Lok Kalyan Sankalp Patra' for the upcoming Uttar Pradesh assembly elections on February 08, 2022. The 'Sankalp Patra', was released by Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah along with Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and UP BJP President Shri Swatantra Dev Singh.

The 'Sankalp Patra', with a segment titled 'Gunda Mukta Uttar Pradesh-Bhrashtachar Mukta Uttar Pradesh', also targets the corruption that has been prevailing in the state under the Samajwadi Party rule. Other key issues that the party has promised to tackle and deliver results on include better education, schemes for girl child, health and employment generation.

While releasing the 'Sankalp Patra', Shri Amit Shah said, "For 15 years SP and BSP have ruled UP but there was no development in the state. BJP will form next government with two third majority."

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Shah also said, "The BJP has fulfilled more than 92 per cent of 212 'sankalps' made in its 2017 poll 'Sankalp Patra'."

Shri Amit Shah said we will ensure that every village has access to a bank, LPG gas and toilets to every house. He indicated plans to set up metro services in all major cities of the state. Further, he also promised helicopter services via Pawan Hans helicopters in various parts of the state.

Shri Shah said the party will work to enhance the security and development of women. He promised a 10-year punishment and a Rs 1 lakh fine for those indulging in Love Jihad if BJP returns to power in Uttar Pradesh.

Here are some key announcements made in the BJP 'Sankalp Patra':

Farmers

- The first promise of the Sankalp Patra is to double the amount of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme for landless farmers. Currently, the PM-Kisan amount is Rs 6,000 annually which is directly transferred to beneficiaries in three installments of Rs 2,000 each.
- Free electricity for farmers for agriculture in the next five years.
- Rs.25,000 crore 'Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Agri-Infrastructure Mission' to set up cold chain centres, godowns, processing units across the state.
- Formulation of Minimum Support Price (MSP) for wheat and rice.
- Rs 5000 crore to be spent on modernization of sugarcane mills.
- Payment to sugarcane farmers within 14 days and, in case of delay, payment to be done with interest.
- As many as 6 'Mega Food Parks' to be developed in the state.
- In the next 5 years, the government will strengthen wheat and paddy purchase at MSP•

Women Empowerment

- Under 'Mukhya Mantri Kanya Sumangala Yojana,' financial aid will be hiked from Rs.15,000 to Rs.20,000.
- Financial assistance of up to Rs.1 lakh for marriage of girls belonging to poor families.
- Two free LPG cylinders for women under 'Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana' every Holi and Diwali.

- In public transport, free commute for women passengers above 60.
- Rs.1000 crore to be used for 'Mission Pink Toilet,' while monthly stipend for widows to be hiked to Rs.1500.
- CCTV cameras to be installed at public places and near educational institutes.
- 3000 Pink Police booths to be set up.
- Under UPPSC, number of women in government jobs to be doubled.
- To make the meritorious girl students self-reliant, under the Rani Laxmibai Yojana, free scooters will be given to them.
- The party Sankalp Patra promises to give a scooty to the female students and working women.

- Increasing the requirement of pre-medical staff from 6,000 to 10,000 doctors.
- The seats in medical colleges will also be doubled.
- One well-equipped government hospital will be built in every district of the state
- The BJP will set up 6 new AIIMS hospitals in the state

Youth

- Employment to at least one person per family.
- Under the Swami Vivekanand Yuva Shashaktikaran Yojana, two crore tablets and smartphones will be given

- Gyms and sporting grounds would be built in every gram panchayat to encourage sporting culture.

- All appointments to grade 3 and grade 4 jobs will not entail an interview.

- Promise to increase the police force strength by 1 lakh people.

- Setting up of 6 IT parks in the states.

- General Bipin Rawat Defence Industrial Corridor in

Bundelkhand will be completed in a record time

Others

- Ten-year punishment and Rs 1 lakh fine for those indulging in 'Love Jihad'
- The promise of free coaching for competitive exams in the State.
- Further, the party will ensure that the communal clashes that happen in the state will reduce. Also, the party if it comes to power will set up a separate force to deal with the issue.
- A 'Gareeb Kalyan' card will be given to the poor with a guarantee of availability of Rs 6 lakh for constructing cemented houses.
- The BJP also promises to ensure 100 percent electrification in the state under the 'Ujwala Yojana'.
- Shri Ram Janma Bhoomi construction will be ensured as per constitutional means. ■

Education

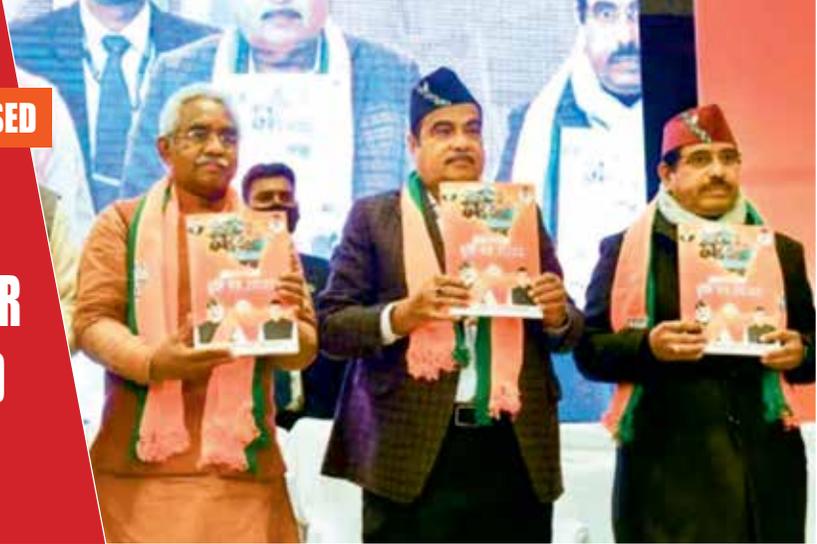
- 'Mission Kayakalp' to be launched to make furniture such as table and benches in primary schools.
- Modernisation of 30,000 secondary schools, as well as colleges, of the state.
- With modern infrastructure and world-class facilities, universities, including Aligarh's Raja Mahendra Pratap University and Maharaja Suheldev University in Azamgarh.
- Digital research institutes will be set up in Lucknow and Noida.
- Promising to give laptops for 'Sabko Saath, Sabka Vikas' tag along with a 1 GB internet for a year.
- There will also be the setting up of more than 10 international standard universities in the state with free wi-fi in all campuses.
- The party will also set up the Madan Mohan Malviya Sanskrit University.



Health

- It further talks about the healthcare system promising the hiring of 6,000 doctors and 10,000 paramedic experts.

'BJP TO PROVIDE A PENSION OF Rs. 6,000 AND INSURANCE COVER OF Rs. 5 LAKHS TO UNORGANIZED LABOURERS AND POOR'



The Bharatiya Janata Party has released its 'Drishti Patra' for the Uttarakhand state assembly elections on 9 February, 2022. Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister Shri Nitin Gadkari said the party is in touch with Uttarakhand people's aspirations and this manifesto is based on the suggestions received from the voters of all the constituencies the state.

Shri Gadkari said, "Not a single section of the society has been left out of the vision document, which has been tailored according to the vision of Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee, who created this state, and Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, who is relentlessly trying to develop this hill state". Key highlights of the 'Drishti Patra':

Kisan & Agriculture

- The BJP Government in Uttarakhand, on the lines of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana, will institute a "CM Kisan Protsahan Nidhi" under which an additional sum of Rs. 2,000 will be given over and above the Rs. 6,000 given through the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi, to encourage them to increase productivity.
- Constitute a corpus fund of Rs. 500 crores for the establishment of Dairy Cooperatives in every block.
- Create a fund of Rs.1,000 crore to invest in building 50 state-of-the-art agricultural warehousing and cold storage facilities.

Women

- To enable 'Atma Nirbharta' of Uttarakhand's women, the BJP government will launch a scheme to provide 3 free LPG cylinders in a year to the women of poor households of the state.
- Establish a special Rs. 500 crore fund to aid business initiatives of women self-help groups.

Health

- The BJP Government, to transform Uttarakhand into a Health and Wellness Tourism Hub, will set up

medical colleges in every district of the state.

- The BJP Government, to ensure effective low cost and last mile delivery of advanced medical care to the people of Uttarakhand, will deploy one "Mobile Hospital" in every district.

Infrastructure

- The BJP Government will work with the aim of providing Uttarakhand with truly world class infrastructure. It will initiate the "Parvat Mala Project".
- Launch "Mission Himavant" to minimize losses to lives from annual landslides.

Har Ghar Nal Se Jal

- Tap water connectivity for all households through the "Har Ghar Nal Se Jal" scheme which has already taken Uttarakhand from 8.58% to 51.83% tap water connectivity between 2019-2022.

Facilities for Urban areas

- Piped gas connection to households in 20 cities.
- 1,000 electric buses.

Youth and Employment

- The BJP Government, will provide a stipend of Rs. 3,000 under a newly created "Chief Minister's Apprenticeships for Uttarakhand Youth Scheme" to any willing unemployed youth for a period of one year. This will be in addition to the stipend provided by the central government.

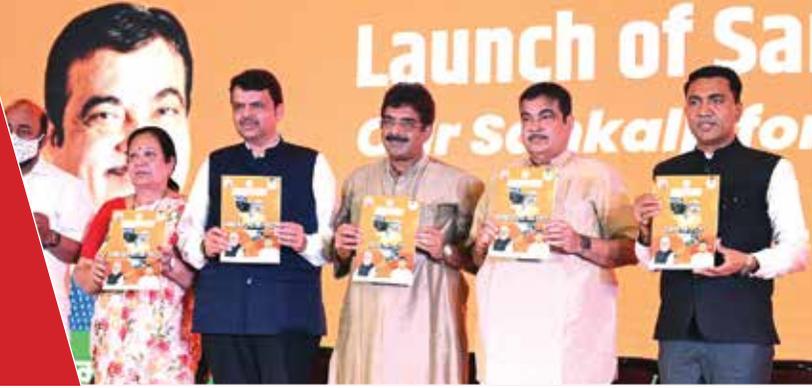
Welfare of Poor

- The BJP Government, to provide unorganized laborers and the poor of Uttarakhand with a pension of upto Rs. 6,000 and an insurance cover of Rs.5 lakhs.

Law and Order

- Will strengthen and amend the law against 'Love Jihad'.
- The BJP Government will institute a task force to implement a policy of "Zero Tolerance of Drugs". ■

'BJP VOWS FOR A SWAYAMPURNA GOA'



Assuring to make Goa a \$50-billion economy, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Shri Nitin Gadkari on 08 February, 2022 released Sankalp Patra 2022 in Panaji, Goa for the state assembly elections – which among other things promised every household in the state three free LPG cylinders, no hike in the state duties on petrol and diesel for next three years and restarting mining operations within six months of forming government, if it returns to power.

Union Minister Shri Shripad Naik, Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant, state Election in-Charge of the party and former Maharashtra CM Shri Devendra Fadnavis and state BJP President Shri Sadanand Tanawade were present on the occasion.

The Sankalp Patra further assured to introduce Manohar Parrikar Kalyan Fund, which will be a common development fund of up to 3 crore for every Panchayat and up to 5 crore for every municipality to boost the infrastructure. It also promised provision of good quality housing for all Goans in the next five years by providing home loans for deserving families at an interest rate of 2% for women and 4% for men, as also developing and providing residential plots.

Empowering Goa's Homemakers

- We will provide three free LPG cylinders to every household in Goa to ease the burden on the homemakers of the state.
- We will increase the old age pension under DSSY to Rs. 3000/- per month.

Housing for all Goans

- We shall provide good quality housing for all Goans in the next five years by providing home loans for deserving families at an interest rate of 2% for women and 4% for men and also work for developing & providing residential plots.

Government of the Common Man

- We shall not increase the state duties on petrol and diesel for the next three years.
- Government of the Common Man: We will

introduce the Manohar Parrikar Kalyan Fund, which will be a Common Development Fund of up to 3 crore for every Panchayat and upto 5 crore for every municipality to boost infrastructure.

Enhancing the Ease of Living for all

- We will introduce a homestay scheme which will provide an interest free loan of Rs. 5 lakh and training for those local residents of Goa wishing to provide homestay facilities.

Empowering the Future of Goa

- We will provide 100% EPF and EPS subsidies upto Rs. 5,000 per month per employee to entrepreneurs employing local youth in their establishments and also conduct job fairs to facilitate employment in the state.

A Gold for Goa

- We will launch "Mission Gold Coast" to create an Olympic gold medalist for India from Goa.
- Transforming Goa into an International Football Destination

Restarting Mining

- Within six months of returning to power, we will start mining in the state through the Goa Mineral Development Corporation.

Making Goa a \$50 Billion Economy

- We will, through our constant efforts, propel Goa to a growth trajectory that will enable the state to become a \$50 billion economy in the next 10 years.

Swayampurna Yuva

- We shall aim at doubling the income of horticulturists by providing incentives up to Rs.10 lakh to new export oriented FPOs. We shall also build 20 cold storage facilities across Goa.

Empowering the Women of the State

- we will enable Women Self-Help Groups to establish Annapoorna canteens for affordable food, short-stay homes for working women and shops across the state to exclusively sell SHG made products. Every GTDC Hotel will have these exclusive shops. ■

'EMPOWERING WOMEN, YOUTH, FARMERS ARE FOCUS AREAS'



Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda released the manifesto of Manipur State BJP for Manipur assembly elections in Imphal, Manipur on 17 February 2022. The Chief Minister of the State Shri N. Biren Singh, State BJP President Smt. Sharda Devi, BJP in-charge of Manipur Dr. Sambit Patra, Election manifesto committee chairman and union MoS for external affairs Dr RK Ranjan & Maharaja Sanjaoba Leishemba and many senior party functionaries were also present in the press conference.

During a press meet held at the party's state office in Imphal, Manipur, Shri Nadda said that we know Manipur is a land of positive vibes and state has seen a sea-change in the last five years under the dynamic leadership of N Biren Singh under the guidance of PM Shri Narendra Modi.

The BJP National President said that our manifesto is not a piece of paper, it is our commitment. for the next 5 years about the work we're set to do in Manipur. It is our track record that we do, what we promise. We will fulfill each and every promise made in this manifesto and then will back to you in the next election. Highlights:

Women

- The BJP government will provide two free LPG cylinders to PM Ujjwala beneficiaries. This will empower the women and the poor.
- We're also going to provide free scooty to all college-going meritorious girls in Manipur.
- Girls from economically weaker sections (EWS) and backward sections will get an incentive of Rs 25,000 for their education and development.
- Provide free laptops to all meritorious students passing Class XII. This will be their gateway to higher education.

Farmer

- Financial support to farmers under PM-KISAN will be increased from Rs.6,000 to Rs.8,000. Extra Rs.2,000 will be paid by the Manipur BJP Govt.
- Free accidental insurance will be provided worth

Rs.5 lakh to all fishermen in Manipur.

- BJP Govt of Manipur will provide Scholarship to the children of small, marginal and landless farmers pursuing technical education.

Education

- We will open Manipur Skill University for skill development of the youth of Manipur.
- We will open an AIIMS in Manipur.
- We will ensure 100% coverage of Ayushman Bharat & CMHT schemes.

Tourism and Economy

- For tourism and economy, we're starting FOFO trains - Follow Foothills Trains.
- This programme will be implemented with support from Gol.
- Will be giving loans for developing homestays.
- Will establish the Loktak Mega eco-tourism project.
- To boost entrepreneurship in Manipur, the BJP Manipur Govt will establish Rs.100 cr Start-up Manipur Fund to provide zero-interest loans of up to Rs.25 lakhs.
- We will also provide interest-free loans to MSMEs for technology upgradation, capital requirements and to enable better market access.

Others

- Going to increase the monthly pension of senior citizens from Rs.200 to Rs.1,000.
- We've decided to start an Aspirational Block Programme - on the lines of the Aspirational Districts Programme of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. This will facilitate development in these blocks across sectors such as health, infrastructure, education, employment, connectivity and more.
- 'One Sub-Division, One Product' programme is also being started in the state.
- Under the Good governance scheme of BJP Govt of Manipur, we will expand the coverage of doorstep delivery of all central and state govt schemes. ■

'NDA PROMISES 75% RESERVATION FOR YOUTH IN ALL GOVERNMENT JOBS AND 50% IN ALL PRIVATE JOBS'



The BJP and its NDA allies released its manifesto for Punjab assembly elections at Jalandhar on 19 February, 2022. Prior to that, the NDA also released its list of 11 Resolutions called 'Sankalp Patra' during a press conference in Chandigarh on 04 February, 2022. The NDA Manifesto was released by Union Minister Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, BJP Punjab election in-charge and Union Minister Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, and other senior party leaders, Shri Raninder Singh of PLC and Shri Tejinder Pal Sandhu of SAD (Sanyukt).

Addressing the media Shri Hardeep Singh Puri said the alliance has made resolution to take number of steps to bring out Punjab from economic crisis.

Speaking on the occasion, former Punjab CM Capt. Amarinder Singh said peace, security and harmony will be the top most priority of the NDA government in Punjab. Punjab needs investment for progress and development. Until there is no peace and harmony, nobody will come forward to invest here. He flagged the concern about repeated attempts by Pakistan to send arms and ammunition and drugs using sophisticated technology. He also gave details of the arms and ammunition recovered during his time as the chief minister.

The manifesto promised to give Rs. 100 crore rupees for revival of the Handloom and handicraft industry of Punjab. New industries in every district shall be developed based on their traditional industrial characteristics. It also promised to establish 3 new dry ports in Jalandhar, Amritsar and Bathinda and to increase the capacity of Sahnewal dry port.

The Sankalp Patra also promises 75 percent reservation for the youth of Punjab in all government jobs and 50 percent reservation in all private jobs. Guaranteed employment for 150 hours per month will be provided to the youth under Saksham Yuva Scheme. The alliance also promised to give 4000 rupees per month to unemployed youth for two years after completion of their degrees. 300 units

of electricity will be given free to all, and three rupees per unit will be charged after consumption of 300 units. Here are some key takeaways from the manifesto.

Loan waiver for farmers

It also promised farm debt waiver for farmers having up to five acres of land, MSP for fruits, vegetables, pulses and oilseeds, Rs 5,000 crore for crop diversification, guaranteed 150 hours of work for youth every month under Saksham Yuva Yojana' and Rs 4,000 per month unemployment allowance for unemployed graduates.

Monetary help for victims of terrorism

The NDA promised relief of Rs 5 lakh to each family of the victims of terrorism during the dark days of militancy and also announced the setting up of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission for redressing the grievances of the families of the terrorist attack victims.

300 Units of free electricity

The NDA has promised 300 units of free power for everyone and Rs 3 per unit after consuming more than 300 units, while power for micro, small and medium enterprises will be charged at Rs 4 per unit and at Rs 5 for the rest of the industry.

Reservation for Women

For women, the BJP promised 33 per cent reservation in the police force, setting up of women police stations and women courts in all districts, Rs 1,000 per month scholarship from post-matric to post-graduate girls, and raising the Anganwadi worker allowance to Rs 10,000.

Old-age pension

It also promised an increase in old-age pension to Rs 3,000 per month spending Rs one lakh crore in the state in five years. ■

29 STATES COVERED UNDER THE **KRISHI UDAN 2.0** SCHEME

KRISHI UDAN SCHEME 2.0 IS TO INCREASE THE SHARE OF AIR CARRIAGE OF AGRI-PRODUCE LIKE HORTICULTURE, FISHERY, LIVESTOCK AND PROCESSED PRODUCTS.

Krishi Udan Scheme 2.0 was announced on 27 October 2021 enhancing the existing provisions, mainly focusing on transporting perishable food products from the hilly areas, North-Eastern States and tribal areas. For facilitating and incentivizing movement of agri-produce by air transportation Airports Authority of India (AAI) provides full waiver of Landing, Parking, Terminal Navigational Landing Charges (TNLC) and Route Navigation Facility Charges (RNFC) for Indian freighters and P2C (Passenger-to-Cargo) Aircrafts primarily around 25 airports focusing on North Eastern, Hilly and Tribal region and 28 airports in other regions/ areas.

Krishi Udan Scheme is a convergence scheme where eight Ministries/Departments namely Ministry of Civil Aviation, Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Ministry of Development of North-eastern Region (DoNER) would leverage their existing schemes to strengthen the logistics for transportation of Agri-produce. There is no specific budget for Krishi Udan under the Scheme.

29 States are covered under the Krishi Udan 2.0 Scheme namely, Andaman & Nicobar, Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chandigarh, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Kerala, Ladakh, Lakshadweep, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil



Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and West Bengal.

All the airports in NER States including Assam are covered under the Scheme. The main objective of the Krishi Udan Scheme 2.0 is to increase the share of air carriage in the modal mix for transportation of Agri-produce, which includes horticulture, fishery, livestock and processed products.

The Scheme aims to ensure seamless, cost-effective, time-bound air transportation and associated logistics for all Agri-produce originating especially from North East (including Assam), hilly and tribal regions of the country. This information was given by the Minister of Civil Aviation Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia in a written reply to a question in Lok Sabha on February 10. ■

INDIA'S CUMULATIVE COVID-19 VACCINATION COVERAGE EXCEEDS 176.52 CR

Under Nationwide Vaccination Drive in India, 176.52 cr vaccine doses have been administered so far as per the provisional report released by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India on 24 February, 2022. This has been achieved through 2,01,49,530 sessions.

India's Active caseload currently stands at

1,48,359. Active cases stand at 0.35%. Recovery Rate currently is at 98.46% and 30,009 recoveries recorded in the last 24 hours. Now Total Recoveries stands at 4,22,19,896.

Daily positivity rate stands at (1.22%) and weekly Positivity Rate is at (1.60%). 76.35 cr Total Tests conducted so far. ■

14.5 KM LONG RAIL-CUM-ROAD-BRIDGE OVER GANGA RIVER IN MUNGER, BIHAR INAUGURATED

Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Shri Nitin Gadkari inaugurated 14.5 km long Rail-cum-Road-bridge over Ganga River approach project on NH 333B in Munger, Bihar at a cost of Rs.696 crore. In a series of tweets Shri Gadkari said under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar we are committed to empower every city, every village of Bihar with better connectivity.

The Minister said one of the major tourist and pilgrimage sites of Bihar, the city of Munger is known for its rich ancient history, culture, education and commerce. He said with the construction of this bridge, the distance from Munger to Khagaria will

be less than 100 km and the distance from Munger to Begusarai will be less than 20 km. He said there will be a saving of three hours in traveling from Munger to Khagaria - Saharsa and 45 minutes in traveling from Munger to Begusarai - Samastipur. The Minister said this rail-cum-road-bridge will get rid of traffic jams, Fuel will be saved and traffic will accelerate.

Shri Gadkari said there will be an increase in tourism, agriculture and industry, which will increase employment. He said this project will bring progress and prosperity in the entire region, which will prove to be a milestone in the progress of the state of Bihar and the country. ■

NEW INDIA LITERACY PROGRAMME FOR 2022-27 APPROVED

Government on February 16 approved a new scheme "New India Literacy Programme (नव भारत साक्षरता कार्यक्रम)" for the period FYs 2022-2027 to cover all the aspects of Adult Education to align with National Education Policy 2020 and Budget Announcements 2021-22. The National Education Policy 2020 has recommendations for Adult Education and Lifelong Learning.

The Union Budget 2021-22, announcement had been made to enable increased access of resources, online modules covering the entire gamut of adult education will be introduced.

The objectives of the scheme is to impart not only foundational literacy and numeracy but also to cover other components which are necessary for a citizen of 21st century such as critical life skills (including financial literacy, digital literacy, commercial skills, health care and awareness, child care and education, and family welfare); vocational skills development (with a view towards obtaining local employment); basic education (including preparatory, middle, and secondary stage equivalency); and continuing education (including engaging holistic adult education courses in arts, sciences, technology, culture, sports, and

recreation, as well as other topics of interest or use to local learners, such as more advanced material on critical life skills).

The scheme will be implemented through volunteerism through online mode. The training, orientation, workshops of volunteers, may be organized through face-to-face mode. All material and resources shall be provided digitally for easy access to registered volunteers through easily accessible digital modes, viz, TV, radio, cell phone-based free/open-source Apps/portals, etc.

The scheme will cover non-literates of the age of 15 years and above in all state/UTs in the country. The target for Foundational Literacy and Numeracy for FYs 2022-27 is 5 (five) crore learners @ 1.00 crore per year by using "Online Teaching, Learning and Assessment System (OTLAS)" in collaboration with National Informatics Centre, NCERT and NIOS in which a learner may register him/herself with essential information like name, date of birth, gender, Aadhaar number, mobile number etc.

The estimated total outlay of "New India Literacy Programme" is Rs.1037.90 crore which includes Central share of Rs.700 crore and State share of Rs.337.90 crore respectively for the FYs 2022 -27. ■

GOVT. APPROVES CONTINUATION OF UMBRELLA SCHEME OF MODERNISATION OF POLICE FORCES

The Government under the leadership of Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 13 February has approved continuation of umbrella scheme of Modernisation of Police Forces (MPF). The approval for the period 2021-22 to 2025-26, moves forward the initiative of the Union Home Minister, Shri Amit Shah to modernise and improve the functioning of Police Forces of States and Union Territories. This scheme comprises all relevant sub-schemes that contribute to modernization and improvement with a total Central financial outlay of Rs.26,275 crore.

Provision has been made under the Scheme for internal security, law and order, adoption of modern technology by Police, assisting States for narcotics control and strengthening the criminal justice system by developing a robust forensic set-up in the country.

The Scheme for modernization of State police forces has a Central outlay of Rs.4,846 crore.

To develop operationally independent high-quality forensic sciences facilities in States/Union Territories

for aiding scientific and timely investigation through modernization of resources. A central Scheme for Modernisation of Forensic Capacities with outlay of Rs.2,080.50 crore has been approved.

Central outlay of Rs.18,839 crore has been earmarked for security related expenditure for the Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir, insurgency affected North Eastern States and Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas. With the implementation of 'National Policy and Action Plan' for combating LWE, the LWE violence incidents have come down drastically. To further pursue this accomplishment, six LWE related schemes with Central outlay of Rs.8,689 crore have been approved. These schemes include Special Central Assistance (SCA) to Most LWE Affected Districts & Districts of Concern to consolidate the gains. For raising of India Reserve Battalions/Specialised India Reserve Battalions, Central outlay of Rs.350 crore has been approved. . ■

966,363 ELECTRIC VEHICLES PRESENTLY ON ROAD ACROSS THE COUNTRY

**GST ON ELECTRIC VEHICLES REDUCED FROM 12% TO 5%;
GST ON CHARGERS/ CHARGING STATIONS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES REDUCED FROM 18% TO 5%.**

In order to promote adoption of hybrid and electric vehicles in the country, the Government launched the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid &) Electric Vehicles in India (FAME India) Scheme since 2015 on pan India basis. Presently, Phase-II of FAME India Scheme is being implemented for a period of 5 years w.e.f. 01st April, 2019 with a total budgetary support of Rs. 10,000 crores.

Further, following steps have been taken by the Government for adoption of electric vehicles in the country:

- The Government on 12th May, 2021 approved a Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for manufacturing of Advanced Chemistry Cell (ACC) in the country in order to bring down prices of battery in the country. Drop in battery price will result in cost

reduction of electric vehicles.

- Electric Vehicles are covered under Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for Automobile and Auto Components, which was approved on 15th September 2021 with a budgetary outlay of Rs. 25,938 crore for a period of five years.
- GST on electric vehicles has been reduced from 12% to 5%; GST on chargers/ charging stations for electric vehicles has been reduced from 18% to 5%.
- Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) announced that battery-operated vehicles will be given green license plates and be exempted from permit requirements.
- MoRTH issued a notification advising states to waive road tax on EVs, which in turn will help reduce the initial cost of EVs. ■

INDIA'S EXPORTS INCREASE BY 36.76%

India's overall exports (Merchandise and Services combined) in January 2022 are estimated to be USD 61.41 Billion, exhibiting a positive growth of 36.76 per cent over the same period last year and a positive growth of 38.90 per cent over January 2020.



Meanwhile, overall imports in January 2022 are estimated to be USD 67.76 Billion, exhibiting a slower rate of growth of 30.54 per cent over the same period last year and a positive growth of 30.19 per cent over January 2020.

Merchandise exports in January 2022 were USD 34.50 Billion, as compared to USD 27.54 Billion in January 2021, exhibiting a positive growth of 25.28 per cent. As compared to January 2020, exports in January 2022 exhibited a positive growth of 33.45 per cent. Merchandise imports in January 2022 were USD 51.93 Billion, which is an increase of 23.54 per cent over imports of USD 42.03 Billion in January 2021. Imports in January 2022 have registered a positive growth of 26.19 per cent in comparison to January 2020.

The estimated value of services export for January 2022 is USD 26.91 Billion, exhibiting a positive growth of 54.95 per cent vis-a-vis January 2021 (USD 17.37 Billion) and a positive growth of 46.57 per cent vis-à-vis January 2020 (USD 18.36 Billion).

The estimated value of services import for January 2022 is USD 15.83 Billion exhibiting a positive growth of 60.32 per cent vis-à-vis January 2021 (USD 9.88 Billion) and a positive growth of 45.33 per cent vis-à-vis January 2020 (USD 10.90 Billion).

India's overall exports (Merchandise and Services combined) in April-January 2021-22 are estimated to be USD 545.71 Billion, exhibiting a positive growth of 37.68 per cent over the same period last year and a positive growth of 23.29 per cent over April-January 2019-20.

Overall imports in April-January 2021-22 are estimated to be USD 616.91 Billion, exhibiting a positive growth of 54.35 per cent over the same period last year and a positive growth of 20.15 per cent over April-January 2019-20. ■

PRODUCTION OF MINERALS SHOWS 16 PER CENT GROWTH

The index of mineral production of mining and quarrying sector for the month of December, 2021 (Base: 2011-12=100) at 120.3, was 2.6% higher as compared to the level in the month of December, 2020. As per the provisional statistics of Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) released on 16 February, 2022 the cumulative growth for the period April- December, 2021-22 over the corresponding period of previous year has increased 16.0%.

Production level of important minerals in December, 2021 were: Coal 748 lakh tonnes, Lignite 39 lakh tonnes, Natural gas (utilized) 2814 million cu. m., Petroleum



(crude) 25 lakh tonnes, Bauxite 2492 thousand tonnes, Chromite 384 thousand tonnes, Copper conc. 10 thousand tonnes, Gold 106 kg, Iron ore 209 lakh tonnes, Lead conc. 28 thousand tonnes, Manganese ore 273 thousand tonnes, Zinc conc. 126 thousand tonnes, Limestone 309 lakh tonnes, Phosphorite 110 thousand tonnes, Magnesite 11

thousand tonnes and Diamond 70 carat.

The production of important minerals showing positive growth during December, 2021 over December, 2020 include: Magnesite (73.2%), Gold (71.0%), Bauxite (27.1%), Lignite (21.4%), Natural gas (utilized) (19.5%), Coal (5.3%) and Chromite (5.3%). The production of other important minerals showing negative growth is: Petroleum (Crude) (-1.8%), Zinc conc. (-4.3%), Iron ore (-6.2%), Manganese ore (-7.3%), Limestone (-7.5%), Copper conc (-10.3%), Lead conc (-17.4%), Phosphorite (-20.4%) and Diamond (-97.6%). ■

INTEGRAL HUMANISM: AN ANALYSIS OF SOME BASIC ELEMENTS

SOME QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

Q.1. What is Integral Humanism?

Ans. 'Integral humanism' is an ideology that Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya propounded and presented it before the nation and the world at large.

Q.2. What was the need of this ideology?

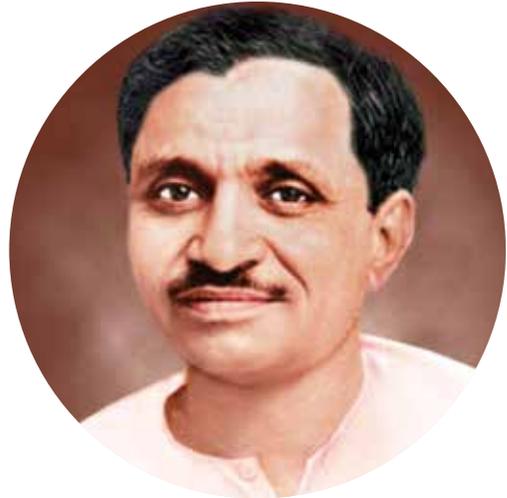
Ans. When our country became a free nation there was a debate going on in the country as to whether India should accept the path of Capitalism or Communism. The propounders of both these paths were European foreigners. At that time Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya said that what is the compulsion before us to accept one of the two ideologies of the foreigners? No Indian is associated with these ideologies and these are not the products of Indian environment. Pt. Deendayal said that we should learn from our culture and history and in the light of that we should chalk out our plans for the development of our nation. We should not copy anyone.

Q. 3. But Gandhiji believed in 'Ram Rajya' and 'Gram Rajya'; then where from this capitalism and socialism have come?

Ans. Quite right. After independence, we should have followed the path shown by Gandhiji but unfortunately, Gandhiji was ignored after independence and we started following the western ideologies. Pt. Deendayal opposed this all.

Q.4. What are these ideologies of capitalism and communism? Why does Deendayal Upadhyaya oppose them?

Ans. Infact, true nomenclature of "capitalism" is "individualism". This thought believes that a human being is only an individual. This ideology does not recognize the existence of society. It believes that individual freedom is the key to all happiness. When free individuals started exploiting other weak individuals, society became unbalanced. Then a thinker of Europe, Karl Marx, said, "A real human being is not an individual but a social being." In order to bring equality in society, individual freedom should



be restricted. A man is only an 'individual' and not 'society' or a 'society' and not an 'individual'. These contentious points of discussion in Europe gave rise to twin ideologies named capitalism and communism. Both of these ideologies are materialistic in nature. Both negate spiritualism. Deendayal's first objection to these was that they were foreign theories and not indigenous. The second objection was that both were materialistic and man cannot be matter alone; he has his spiritual needs as well, and the development of both these aspects is a necessity. The third objection was that these ideologies divide human beings into "individuals" and "society," whereas human beings should not be divided in this manner.

Q.5. What remedy did Deendayal Upadhyaya suggest to solve this riddle?

Ans. Deendayalji said that the Indian tradition of thought, which includes Gandhiji also, does not divide "individual" and "society," nor does it recognize an individual as a material being only.

Q.6. Then what is the concept of a "man" in Indian tradition?

Ans. Indian tradition considers human being

as integral entities. "Integral" means that which cannot be divided. A unit that is indivisible is called integrated." Society and individuals are so intertwined that they cannot be separated. Every human being is an integral part of society. He cannot live with or without a family. A family cannot live without a village, city, or neighbourhood. Beyond village and cities, the units of a nation and the world exist. An individual is part of all these collectivities and is not independent of them. An integrated human being's happiness is not divided into individual and societal happiness; rather, it is integral.

Q.7. Do the "individualists" and "socialists" not accept these things?

Ans. Yes, individualistic thinkers regard society as an obstacle and thus advocate freedom of the individual and the Socialists consider individuals greedy and want to exercise social control over them. Deendayal Upadhyaya says, "Man" needs freedom and equality at the same time. It is folly to consider freedom and equality as opposed to each other. They should be considered complementary.

8. What else does Deendayal Upadhyaya say?

Ans. "Man" is not only integrated in society, he is also an integral part of this world of nature. Thus, if he misbehaves with nature, he will come to grief. In Indian tradition, they are worshipped as "mother". Polluting nature is a sin. This universe does not

constitute human beings and society alone; a man should learn to behave in accordance with nature.

9. It sounds good. Do Western ideologies accept this?

Ans. They wish to conquer nature. By exploiting nature to the maximum, they have put the happiness of human beings in great peril. Materialism and consumerism are part of their ideologies.

10. What is the Indian point of view in this regard?

Ans. Pt. Deendayal opines that India considers spiritualism an integral part of human existence. This is the word of sensitivity. India does not worship any single form of God, nor does it follow a single way of worship. Rather, varied forms of spiritual refinement have been cultivated here. That is a reason that the ideas of one soul permeating all the living beings, 'kindness for all living beings' and "non-violence" have grown here. Deendayal Upadhyaya considers spirituality as part of human integralism and believes that ignoring this will be dangerous. In order to understand 'Integral Humanism', we should go through the literature written by Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya. ■

(Source: Integral Humanism: An Analysis of Some Basic Elements)

GUJARAT HIGH COURT SENTENCES 38 TO DEATH IN 2008 BOMB BLASTS CASE

Ahmedabad High court has sentenced 38 people to death for their role in a series of bomb blasts in 2008 in Gujarat. Fifty-seven people were killed and hundreds injured in the bombings, which took place in Ahmadabad. The court in Ahmadabad also sentenced 11 other convicts to life in prison until death.

The convictions, handed down at a special court, were in connection to a terrorist attack in July 2008 in Ahmedabad, in the state of Gujarat, when as many as 20 bombs were set off across the city, including at several hospitals, in parks and on buses, killing 56 people and injuring more than 200.

The attacks occurred in two waves, with explosive devices hidden in lunchboxes and bicycles. The first was near crowded busy shopping centres in

Ahmedabad, and the second about 20 minutes later, in and around hospitals where casualties were being taken and people had gathered to give blood to the victims. At the Civil hospital, 37 people lost their lives when a car laden with explosives drove into the compound.

A previously unknown Islamist terror organisation, the Indian Mujahideen, claimed responsibility for the attack but Gujarat police said a nationwide network of radical Islamist groups were involved in the blasts. The Indian Mujahideen is believed to be a faction of the banned Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI), a group of young extremists who had declared jihad against India. Among those given death sentences on Friday was Safdar Nagori, the former Simi leader. ■

BAPPI LAHIRI IS NO MORE

PM CONDOLES DEMISE OF VETERAN SINGER AND MUSIC COMPOSER

Renowned Music Director and Singer Bappi Lahiri passed away on 15 February, 2022. Born as Alokesh Aparesh Lahiri into a Bengali family in Kolkata on 27 November 1952, he was an Indian singer, composer and record producer. The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has expressed deep grief over the demise of veteran singer and music composer Shri Bappi Lahiri.

In a tweet, the Prime Minister said; "Shri Bappi Lahiri Ji's music was all encompassing, beautifully expressing diverse emotions. People across generations could relate to his works. His



lively nature will be missed by everyone. Saddened by his demise. Condolences to his family and admirers. Om Shanti."

The BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda condoling the demise said, "Deeply saddened by the demise

of popular music composer & legendary singer, Bappi Lahiri Ji. He will be remembered for his iconic singing. My condolences to his family and admirers. Om Shanti."

His parents, Aparesh Lahiri and Bansuri Lahiri, both were Bengali singers and musicians in classical music and Shyama Sangeet who belonged to Lahiri Mohan Family of Sirajganj, East Bengal (Now Bangladesh). He was their only child. Bappi Lahiri debuted his Political career in 2014 by taking membership of the Bharatiya Janata Party on 31 January 2014. ■

PM CONGRATULATES INDIAN SPACE SCIENTISTS ON SUCCESSFUL LAUNCH OF PSLV C52 MISSION

PSLV-C52 India's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle PSLV-C52 injected Earth Observation Satellite EOS-04, into an intended sun synchronous polar orbit of 529 km altitude at 06:17 hours IST on February 14, 2022 from Satish Dhawan Space Centre, SHAR, Sriharikota.

The satellite EOS-04 is realised at U R Rao Satellite Centre, Bengaluru. It is a Radar Imaging Satellite designed to provide high quality images under all weather conditions for applications such as Agriculture, Forestry & Plantations, Soil Moisture & Hydrology and Flood mapping. Weighing about

1710 kg, it generates 2280 W power and has a mission life of 10 years.

The vehicle also placed two small satellites a student satellite (INSPIRESat-1) from Indian Institute of Space Science & Technology (IIST) in association with Laboratory of Atmospheric & Space Physics at University of Colorado, Boulder and a technology demonstrator satellite (INS-2TD) from ISRO, which is a precursor to India-Bhutan Joint Satellite (INS-2B). Co-passenger satellites were successfully separated from the PSLV in a predetermined sequence.

Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has congratulated Indian



space scientists on the successful launch of PSLV C52 mission.

In a tweet, the Prime Minister said; "Congratulations to our space scientists on the successful launch of PSLV C52 mission. EOS-04 satellite will provide high resolution images under all weather conditions for agriculture, forestry and plantations, soil moisture and hydrology as well as flood mapping." ■

JAL JEEVAN MISSION PROVIDING TAP WATER TO 9 CRORE RURAL HOMES

To translate Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of providing clean tap water to every home in the country by 2024, in a short span of two and half years and despite COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown disruptions, Jal Jeevan Mission, has provided tap water supply to more than 5.77 Crore rural households. As a result, today 9 Crore rural households in the country are enjoying benefits of clean tap water supply.



At the announcement of the Mission on 15th August 2019, out of 19.27 Crore households only 3.23 Crore (17%) households in India had tap water connections. Following the principle of Prime Minister's vision of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayas', in this short period, 98 districts, 1,129 blocks, 66,067 Gram Panchayats and 1,36,135 villages have become 'Har Ghar Jal'.

To achieve the mammoth task of providing tap water supply to every rural household in a span of five years, Rs 3.60 lakh Crore has been allocated. Rs. 60,000 Crore has been allocated to 'Har Ghar Jal' in Union Budget 2022-23 to provide tap water to 3.8 Crore households. In addition to above, in 2021-22, Rs 26,940 Crore has been allocated to States as 15th Finance Commission tied grant for water & sanitation to Rural Local Bodies/ PRIs.

In a paradigm shift from earlier water supply programmes, Jal Jeevan Mission focuses on water service delivery and not just building water supply infrastructure. The motto of the Jal Jeevan Mission is 'no one is left out', thus ensuring every household irrespective of its socio-economic status, gets tap water supply. In last 24 months, tap water supply has increased four-fold from 24 lakh (9.3%) to about 1.36 Crore (40%) households in 117 Aspirational districts. Similarly, more than 1.15 Crore households (38%) have been provided with tap water supply in 61 districts affected by Japanese Encephalitis-Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (JE-IES). ■

RECORD FOODGRAINS PRODUCTION OF 316.06 MILLION TONNES ESTIMATED

The Second Advance Estimates of production of major crops for the year 2021-22 have been released by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. Record foodgrains production of 316.06 million tonnes



is estimated. Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Shri Narender Singh Tomar said that the new record of foodgrains production in the country is the result of hardwork of farmers, efficient research of scientists and farmer friendly policies of the Government.

As per 2nd Advance Estimates, the estimated production of major crops during 2021-22 is as under:

- **Foodgrains** –316.06 million tonnes. (record)
- Rice –127.93 million tonnes. (record)
- Wheat –111.32 million tonnes. (record)
- Nutri / Coarse Cereals –49.86 million tonnes.
- Maize –32.42 million tonnes. (record)
- Pulses –26.96 million tonnes.(record)
- Tur –4.00 million tonnes.
- Gram – 13.12 million tonnes.(record)
- **Oilseeds** –37.15 million tonnes.
- Groundnut – 9.86 million tonnes.
- Soyabean –13.12 million tonnes.
- Rapeseed and Mustard –11.46 million tonnes. (record)
- **Sugarcane** – 414.04 million tonnes.(record)
- **Cotton** –34.06 million bales (each of 170 kg).
- **Jute & Mesta** –9.57 million bales (each of 180 kg).

As per 2nd Advance Estimates for 2021-22, total Foodgrains production in the country is estimated at record 316.06 million tonnes which is higher by 5.32 million tonnes than the production of foodgrain during 2020-21. Further, the production during 2021-22 is higher by 25.35 million tonnes than the previous five years' (2016-17 to 2020-21) average production of foodgrains. ■

“VERY IMPORTANT TIME TO THINK, WHERE TO TAKE THE NATION AND HOW TO TAKE THE NATION AHEAD”

THE PRIME MINISTER, SHRI NARENDRA MODI, ON 8 FEBRUARY REPLIED TO THE MOTION OF THANKS ON THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS TO PARLIAMENT, IN THE RAJYA SABHA. THE PRIME MINISTER SAID “THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT TIME TO THINK, WHERE TO TAKE THE NATION AND HOW TO TAKE THE NATION AHEAD, WHEN IT CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE.” HE ALSO BELIEVED THAT IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THE RESOLUTION FOR THIS WE WILL NEED COLLECTIVE PARTNERSHIP AND COLLECTIVE OWNERSHIP.

The Prime Minister said that the world is still battling COVID-19. Humanity has not seen any challenge like this in the last hundred years. The people of India have taken the vaccine and they have done this not merely to protect themselves but also protect others. Such conduct, in the midst of so many global anti-vaccine movements is admirable.

The Prime Minister said that people kept raising questions about India's progress in this time of the pandemic but India ensured 80 crore citizens get access to free ration. It was also ensured that record houses for the poor are built, these houses are equipped with water connections. During this pandemic we have provided water through taps to 5 crore people and created a new record. Because of our rational approach our farmers produced bumper harvests during the pandemic. We completed many infrastructure related projects during the pandemic because we believe that they ensure jobs during such challenging times. During this pandemic, our youth have made huge strides in Sports and brought glory to the nation. Indian youth with their start-ups have made India become one of the top three start-ups destination in the world.

The Prime Minister underlined that during this pandemic whether it is a COP 26 or G20 related matter or whether it is related to export of medicine in more than 150 countries, India has played a leadership role and the whole world is discussing this. The Prime Minister emphasized that we focussed more on the MSME sector and agriculture sector during the pandemic.



“India ensured 80 crore citizens get access to free ration. It was also ensured that record houses for the poor are built, these houses are equipped with water connections.”

While giving data on employment, the Prime Minister said that in the year of 2021 EPFO payroll data shows that around 1 crore 20 lakh new people have enrolled themselves on the EPFO portal. These all are formal jobs and out of these around 60 to 65 lakh are aged between 18 and 25, it means it is their first job. While speaking on the inflation, the Prime Minister said that we have tried our best to check the inflation and when we compare this

with other economies then we can say that today India is the only big economy which is experiencing high growth with medium inflation.

The Prime Minister said that we have to work for people irrespective of which side of the aisle we are on. The mindset that being in the Opposition means stop working towards solving people's issues is



wrong. The Prime Minister said that he felt astonished when some honourable Members said that India's vaccination drive is no big deal. He said that from the beginning of the pandemic the government has made every effort to mobilize every resource available in the country and the world. He also assured everyone that till the pandemic exists, we will protect the poor of the nation.

The Prime Minister said that fighting COVID-19 is also linked to a strong and cordial federal structure. There have been 23 meetings with respected Chief Ministers on the issue. He expressed grief over the boycott of the opposition parties to attend the all-party meeting on the COVID-19 issue.

The Prime Minister said that today more than 80 thousand health and wellness centers are functioning in the country under Ayushman Bharat. These centers are providing better primary healthcare facilities including free tests near the village and home.

While speaking on democracy, the Prime Minister said that we will never learn lessons in democracy from those who trampled over democracy in 1975.

The biggest threat to our democracy is dynastic parties. When one family gets too prevalent in a political party, political talent suffers.

The Prime Minister said "some Members asked- if there was no Congress, what would happen?" "I would like to say, if there was no Congress there would be no Emergency, there would be no caste politics, Sikhs would never have been massacred, the problems of Kashmiri Pandits would not have happened," he said.

The Prime Minister reiterates that we do not see any conflicts between national progress and regional aspirations. India's progress will be stronger when it addresses regional aspirations keeping in mind the development of the country. When our states progress, the country progresses, he added.

The Prime Minister concluded his speech by saying that we should end the tradition of differentiation and to walk together with the same mindset is the need of time. A golden period and the whole world is looking forward to India with a hope and we should not lose this opportunity. ■

OVER 36 CRORE FARMER APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN INSURED UNDER PMFBY

The Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) on February 16 has successfully entered its 7th year of implementation with the upcoming Kharif 2022 season, completing 6 years of its implementation since its launch announcement on 18th February 2016 by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi at Sehore, Madhya Pradesh. A flagship scheme of the Government of India, PMFBY aims to provide financial support to farmers suffering crop loss/damage arising out of natural calamities. Over 36 crore farmer applications have been insured under PMFBY, with over INR 1,07,059 crores of claims have already been paid under the scheme as of 4th February, 2022.

Launched 6 years ago, the scheme was revamped in 2020 enabling voluntary participation of the farmers. It also made it convenient for the farmer to report crop loss within 72 hours of the occurrence of any event - through Crop Insurance App, CSC Centre or the nearest agriculture officer, with claim benefit

transferred electronically into the bank accounts of the eligible farmer.

Integration of land records with the PMFBY's National Crop Insurance Portal (NCIP), Crop Insurance mobile app for easy enrollment of farmers, remittance of farmer premium through NCIP, a subsidy release module and a claim release module through NCIP are some of the key features of the scheme.

Through its State/District Level Grievance Committee's, the scheme also enables farmers to submit their grievances at the grassroots level. This also includes acknowledging and resolving farmer grievances through IEC activities such as Crop Insurance Week which is celebrated twice bi-yearly, PMFBY Paathshaala, social media campaigns, a toll-free helpline and email communication.

The scheme has been able to provide financial assistance to the most vulnerable farmers, as around 85% of the farmers enrolled with the scheme are small and marginal farmers. ■

WHEREVER BJP GOVERNMENT IS FORMED, IT FOCUSES ON WOMEN EMPOWERMENT: DR. BHARATIBEN SHIYAL

Dr. *Bharatiben Shiyal*, National Vice President of the Bharatiya Janata Party and Lok Sabha MP, spoke with Kamal Sandesh Associate Editor *Sanjeev Kumar Sinha* and Member of the Kamal Sandesh Digital team *Vipul Sharma* about the Modi government's exceptional focus on women's empowerment in the country. She also emphasized the party's ongoing organizational approach to women and the Modi government's various welfare schemes at the grass-root level for empowering women in various parts of the country. Excerpts from the discussion:



Please tell us something about your political journey in the BJP.

My political career began in the year 2000, when I contested and won the Zilla Panchayat elections by a wide margin. This was the era when the Congress party ruled the district panchayat. However, due to internal squabbles within the Congress, the BJP was given the opportunity to govern the district panchayat, and I was elected president of the district panchayat. Along with this, my close association with party-related activities was going smoothly, and I was elected as District Vice President three times. Aside from that, at the district level, I was in charge of various Morchas and cells. At the state level, I was a member of the OBC Morcha executive. Similarly, I was given the opportunity to serve on the State Executive. After that, I stood for the Talaja Assembly Constituency in Gujarat in 2012 and won by a huge margin.

In 2014, I was given the opportunity to run for Lok Sabha, and I became the first woman to be elected to the Bhavnagar Lok Sabha constituency. I had the largest margin of victory in Saurashtra when the election results were announced. Similarly, in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, I was given the opportunity to contest from Bhavnagar again, and this time my margin of victory was even greater than the previous time. I am also the BJP's National Vice President at present.

What mechanism does the BJP have in place to encourage women Karyakartas?

Look, ever since the BJP was founded, women have been given their due place within the party. Despite

the fact that no special provisions or reservations have been announced, the party is ensuring that women have at least 33 percent representation in the party's organisational structure. Women have equal participation in the party, from the national level to the booth level, in my experience. Looking at the current situation at the national level, the party has five female vice presidents. Aside from the general secretary, the party has four secretaries who are all women. At both the national and state levels, there is a Mahila Morcha. Women's participation is ensured as a result of this.

What programmes are in place to train women in the party?

Our party is undergoing training programmes at all levels, from the national to the Mandal. When a woman is given a position of responsibility in an organisation or becomes a public representative, she is given training under the training varg. When I arrived at the Vidhan Sabha, a three-day training Varg was organised for us, during which we were taught how to work in the assembly and in the best interests of the common people. Aside from that, we were taught how to work with officials and how to coordinate with the government.

What steps has the Modi government taken to promote women's empowerment?

I've been working with Modiji for many years. I was a Gujarat MLA when he was Chief Minister. So, from Gujarat to today, wherever the Modi government has been formed, women's empowerment has been emphasised. Over the years, it has been observed that women, not only in India, but globally, do not

have equal rights to men. In this situation, if anyone has been most concerned about this issue, it has been the Modi government. Since the arrival of the Modi government in the country, many revolutionary changes have occurred in the lives of women.

The Modi government built toilets for women all over the country and gave them due respect. For women, the Ujjwala scheme was introduced. Similarly, the Sukanya Samridhi Yojana and the Mudra Yojana have been launched, with women accounting for 76% of borrowers. The 'Matritva Yojana' deposits Rs 6000 into the accounts of women at the time of childbirth, so that the woman can care for herself and her child. Aside from that, maternity leave has been extended from 12 to 26 weeks.

Self-help groups are being strengthened in response to rural women's apathy. Aside from that, the Modi government has abolished the heinous practise of triple talaq. Simultaneously, various women's laws have been reformed. It is due to the Modi government's efforts that the positive outcome of the Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao campaign, which began in Haryana, is now visible throughout the country.

Do you think that women's political participation should be increased further?

Look, women make up half of the world's population. As a result, equal participation of women in politics is natural, just as it is in any other field. In recent times, there has been some improvement in this situation in India, and as can be seen, the Bharatiya Janata Party is doing excellent work in this regard. Along with ensuring women's participation in the organisation, the BJP has also ensured women's representation in government. The Modi government now has 11 female ministers. Similarly, the Speaker of the Lok Sabha in the previous government was Smt. Sumitra Mahajan, and the popular External Affairs Minister was Late Sushma Swaraj.

What is the place of women in Indian culture?

Women have always been worshipped in Indian culture and given the status of goddesses in the

Vedas, Upanishads, and Shastras. As a result, it is commonly said, 'Yatra naryastu pujanya tatra devata' or 'Nari tu Narayani'. Yes, I agree that there was a time when there was a shift in this perception and the exploitation of women began, and women were denied equal participation. However, there has been a shift in women's perceptions since the Modi government took office. Their security, self-employment, and self-esteem are all guaranteed. Women now drive everything from rickshaws to fighter planes. In sports, women have upheld the country's name.

When Shri Narendra Modi was Chief Minister of Gujarat, he initiated a number of schemes aimed at empowering women. It received a lot of positive feedback from people all over the country. Please let us know some of such initiatives.

When Modiji was Gujarat's Chief Minister, he was most concerned with women. When he was Chief Minister, he was given various gifts whenever he went on foreign tours. However, they were traditionally deposited in Toshakhana, but Hon'ble Modiji came up with a proposal in this context, and on his behest, the auction process of these gifts was started, and the proceeds from these auctions were deposited in the 'Kanya Kelavani Nidhi' fund,

which was created for women. Through which various programs were made for the girl's empowerment. Efforts were made to raise awareness through the 'Kanya Kelavani Rath' in areas where female illiteracy and dropout rates were high. Aside from that, free ST passes, free bicycles, uniforms, books, and various scholarship programmes for young girls were also launched. Vidyalakshmi Bond was also brought by the Gujarat government. Many women work in the animal husbandry industry in Gujarat's rural areas, and every village has a milk producing groups. Special provisions have been made for milk producer groups with only female members. Stamp duty was waived for women who purchased property. Women have a 33 percent reservation in government recruitment. ■

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BJP'S POLITICAL JOURNEY IN UTTAR PRADESH: AN INSIGHT

(PART 3)



RAM PRASAD TRIPATHY

Uttar Pradesh played a pivotal role in shaping the political journey of Jana Sangha and the BJP. From its modest beginning in 1980, to the historic victory in the 2017 assembly elections, BJP's rise in Uttar Pradesh has been phenomenal. Whenever BJP formed the government in Uttar Pradesh, be it under the leadership of Shri Kalyan Singh, Shri Ram Prakash Gupta in 1990s or under Shri Rajnath Singh after the dawn of 21st century, and later Shri Yogi Adityanath, the BJP governments have established rule of law, ensured faster development, carried out major reforms and worked for the welfare of the people. Its pro-people policies and governance track record have made the BJP a distinct political force in Uttar Pradesh, and helped the party win the hearts of the people of the state and beyond. The Party's motto of 'Nation first and Self last' practiced by successive BJP governments in Uttar Pradesh, has received unwavering support of the people time and time again.

With the sunup of BJP government in Uttar Pradesh under the leadership of Shri Kalyan Singh, for the first time in June 1991 to December 1992 and for the second time in September 1997 to February 1998 the perception of the state started to change for good governance and various other welfare measures. Shri Kalyan Singh endeavored to run an efficient administration and was the harbinger of present-day BJP in the state, who redefined the politics of Uttar Pradesh to a large extent by empowering the people belonging to the backward class and marginalized sections of the society. He also tried to rationalize the reservation structure in government jobs by introducing the most Backward Classes among the OBC and SCs, so that the benefit of reservation can reach the lowest strata of society.

For a brief period, Shri Ram Prakash Gupta was the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh from November 12, 1999 to October 28, 2000, and in his tenure, he took several decisions for constructive improvement in the field of education and holistic development of the state.

The BJP government in the year 2000 under the leadership of Shri Rajnath Singh also made remarkable contributions to improve the law and order situation

of the State. Modernization of science texts and incorporating Vedic mathematics into the syllabus were some of the notable achievements. He left behind an indelible contribution towards the development of Uttar Pradesh.

In contrast, under the Congress, SP and BSP rule, Uttar Pradesh was turned into a BIMARU state, infamous for corruption, lawlessness, crime, nepotism, hooliganism and terrorism. Due to lack of connectivity even reaching the capital city-Lucknow was quite a task for the people of Uttar Pradesh and development was limited to the home constituencies of some Chief Ministers. Under the most recent SP government led by Akhilesh Yadav the law and order situation in the state touched a new low with massive corruption, rising crime, communal disharmony, and lack of development.

Following the landslide victory of BJP in Uttar Pradesh in 2017, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath scripted a new history in multi-pronged development. The Yogi Adityanath government performed exceedingly well and has achieved a landmark in good governance. Setting a record of being the first BJP Chief Minister to complete five straight years in office in Uttar Pradesh, Yogi Adityanath has succeeded in changing people's perception of the state and took it on the path of development, trust and good governance. Breaking a long-held superstition among Uttar Pradesh Chief Ministers that one who visits the economic hub of Noida loses the election, Yogi Adityanath visited Noida multiple times and pushed it to emerge as an industrial hub with the biggest International Airport. Now under the safe hands of BJP, Uttar Pradesh is also attracting investment at a steady pace. Earlier the state was on 14th position in the national 'Ease of Doing Business' ranking, but now it has made it to the second position. The state has attracted investment worth Rs. 3 lakh crore in the past 56 months and has emerged as a hub of export.

The BJP government has created an environment of security for the common people, women and businessmen. The state administration attached properties of criminals worth over Rs. 1,800 crore and

demolished illegal encroachments. It dealt with criminals and mafias with strictness and under the framework of law, irrespective of their caste and religion. Hence, in the last five years of BJP government, terrorism, riots and the rule of mafia became a thing of the past.

The state of Uttar Pradesh which was earlier seen as a roadblock for faster development of the country turned the challenges into opportunities under the visionary guidance of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and leadership of Yogi Adityanath and has emerged as the growth driver of India. Now the state is a leader in implementation of central schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Swachh Bharat Mission, Ayushman Bharat, Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana and Saubhagya scheme, among other. As per available government data, as many as 42 lakh people from economically weaker sections of the society were given houses since the BJP government came to power in the state in 2017. The state has ensured transfer of more than Rs. 5 lakh crore to people under the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) scheme while around 4.5 lakh youth of the state got employment in the past 56 months.

Improvement in law and order under Yogi Adityanath in Uttar Pradesh was another striking example of good governance. The government has led several crackdown campaigns to improve the breakdown of law and order. After taking over as Chief Minister, Yogi Adityanath in 2017 declared that “criminals should either mend their ways or leave Uttar Pradesh” and this led to a series of arrests and encounters in Uttar Pradesh. A media report in November 2021 revealed this fact that about 37,000 arrests were made under the Uttar Pradesh Gangster Act. Of them 11,000 were prized criminals. From closure of illegal slaughter houses to setting up anti-romeo squads for women security, demonstrates the commitment of BJP government to improve the law and order situation of UP.

Similarly, while some parties in the past used farmers to further their political ambitions, no one bothered to address their basic problems, like availability of power, water supply, market linkage, government procurement, and timely payment of their dues. The BJP government made earnest attempts to address some of these long-standing farmer issues. The Yogi government transferred Rs 1,62,000 crore directly to the bank accounts of farmers under the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi. Likewise, by increasing the MSP, remunerative price and

reviving the sugar factories the BJP Government did unprecedented work for the sugarcane farmers. With its policies focused at empowering the poor, marginalized, backward and the downtrodden, the difference in the work culture brought in by CM Yogi is now visible.

To give freedom to women from the humiliation of open defecation, the BJP government has constructed over two crore toilets in the state under Swachh Bharat Yojana. To give roof on their head, has built over 34 lakh pucca houses under PM Awas Yojana and also gave the poor beneficiaries gas connections.

The most backward region of Bundelkhand also got special attention of the government for the first time in independent India's history. From sorting out the perennial water problem to Defence Corridor and robust road network reveals that the government is committed to prevent migration and make this region self-reliant in employment. Construction of Bundelkhand expressways like Purvanchal expressway will lead to a better future at a faster pace. These infrastructure works will give new impetus to the state economy and will help building a new Uttar Pradesh.

The BJP Government in Uttar Pradesh is also getting appreciations for its excellent work during Corona pandemic. The state reported much less death cases in comparison to even small states like Kerala. The state carried out faster Vaccination drive and made sincere efforts to ensure that no poor should sleep hungry by providing free ration under PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana. The smooth management of labour and student influx and food distribution during the pandemic, the Yogi government's exemplary work changed the perception of Uttar Pradesh in the country.

Be it the smooth implementation of Supreme Court judgment for the construction of the grand Ram temple at Ayodhya, construction of Kashi Vishwanath corridor or Nirmal Ganga drive, the Yogi government's works speak volumes of its success story in UP. This is the same state where riots had become a trend earlier, but in the past five years the state remained free of communal violence and this is a proof of accomplishment, and fulfillment of the dreams of the founding fathers of the party. Uttar Pradesh has been a resounding success story in the past five years, in almost all fronts, and this is visible in the enormous support and blessings for the BJP pouring in from all sections of the society as the Party approaches the assembly elections of 2022 for a renewed mandate. ■



MIND'S EYE

BY VIKASH ANAND

WOMEN CONSTITUTE 70% OF PMMY BENEFICIARIES

Since the Modi government took office, women's empowerment has been a top priority. The government has changed the traditional connotation of women's development. Shri Narendra Modi, the Prime Minister, has shifted the emphasis from women's development to women-led development. This half of the population has the potential to make a significant contribution to India's growth story; the BJP government at the center has launched a number of schemes and initiatives aimed at promoting women-led growth. Among these, the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) Scheme is bringing about revolutionary change at the grass - root level in the lives of aspiring female entrepreneurs. Although this is launched for both men and women.

According to the government's NSSO Survey (2013), there are 5.77 crores small/micro-units in the country, employing approximately 12 crore people, the majority of whom are sole proprietorships or 'Own Account Enterprises.' People from the Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe, or Other Backward Classes own more than 60% of the units. The majority of these units operate outside of the formal banking system and are forced to borrow from informal sources

or use their own limited funds. On April 8, 2015, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana to bridge the financing gap in this sector. Under PMMY, the Micro Units Development and Refinance Agency Limited (MUDRA) was established to "fund the unfunded" micro companies in the country. Under the scheme, loans are provided up to 10 lakh to non-corporate, non-farm small/micro-enterprises. MUDRA has developed three schemes, 'Shishu,' 'Kishore,' and 'Tarun,' under the auspices of PMMY, to represent the stage of growth / development and funding needs of the beneficiary micro unit / entrepreneur, as well as to serve as a reference point for the next step of graduation / growth. 'Shishu' covers loan upto Rs.50000, 'Kishore' coverage is above Rs.50000 upto 5 lakh and under 'Tarun' coverage is above 5 lakh upto 10 lakh.

The scheme's major goal is to promote an entrepreneurial culture in India. Mudra loans can be provided by banks and other financial organizations to women who have the desire to start their own enterprises. PMMY loans are available to men and women, who are wishing to start, expand, support, or modernize their own small and medium-sized businesses. This scheme is proving to be beneficial in

encouraging women to start businesses. 70 percent of the loans have so far been approved for women businesses.

As per data available on Mudra portal, as on 26 November, 2021, over 32.11 crore loans involving a sanctioned amount of Rs. 17 lakh crore with disbursement of Rs. 16.50 lakh crore have been extended under Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY), since its inception in April, 2015. Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE) conducted a large sample survey at the national level to estimate employment generation under PMMY. As per the survey results, PMMY helped in generation of 1.12 crore net additional employment during a period of approximately 3 years (i.e. from 2015 to 2018). At an overall level, Shishu category of loan has about 66% of share among additional employment generated by establishments owned by MUDRA beneficiaries followed by Kishore (19%) and Tarun (15%) categories respectively. Total beneficiaries of this loan as on 26 November, 2021 was 32.11 crore people. As of November 26, 2021, the total number of people who had benefited from this loan was 32.11 crore. There were 21.74 crore women among the 32.11 crore people. Women account for nearly 70% of all directly generated employments under this programme. ■

BJP WILL TAKE MANIPUR TO NEWER HEIGHTS: JP NADDA

Ahead of the Manipur elections, BJP National President Shri JP Nadda addressed a huge 'Kisan Samelan' rally in Valpo, Manipur on 17 February, 2022. Shri Nadda said that five years ago Manipur was used to regular blockades and bandhs and lauded Chief Minister Shri N Biren Singh for transforming the state. "Five years ago Manipur's situation was marred by blockades and bandhs but under Chief Minister Shri N Biren Singh we have transformed the state from blockades to development of every section of society", he said.



Addressing the Bazar Community rally in Imphal Shri Nadda said under the guidance and leadership of our PM Shri Narendra Modi, the N Biren Singh government has changed the face and destiny of Manipur. The divisive politics of the Congress party

has ruined Manipur. In the Congress party government corruption and commission had become the order of the day, but now under the BJP government the rule of corruption free and transparent governance has been restored. Under the

Congress party government more than 6,000 bandhs and strikes had taken place. But under the Bharatiya Janata Party government no bandh or strike took place. Our government's focus was on development, growth and progress of Manipur.

In the past 5 years the BJP Government increased the state's agriculture budget from Rs 150 crores to Rs 300 crores. We always believe in two way communication. Today I want to assure the business community that all your problems are our problems, and we are fully committed to resolve them. ■

'KARM-NISHTH MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS OF DELHI'-REPORT RELEASED

Public Policy Research Centre (PPRC), New Delhi released a report on the achievements of Municipal Corporations of Delhi titled 'Karm-Nishth Municipal Corporations of Delhi' on 22 February, 2022. The report was released by Delhi BJP President Shri Adesh Kumar Gupta. Among others, President of ICCR (Ministry of External Affairs), Dr. Vinay Sahasrabuddhe, Union Minister of External Affairs (MoS) Smt. Meenakshi Lekhi, BJP National General Secretary Shri Dushyant Kumar Gautam, Leader of Opposition, Delhi Legislative Assembly Shri Ramvir Singh Bidhuri and Members of Parliament from



Delhi region, Director of PPRC Dr. Sumeet Bhasin, Committee Members and many other political representatives were also present during release of the report.

Unveiling the research report Delhi BJP President Shri Adesh Gupta said MCDs of Delhi serving the people with dedication despite AAP led Delhi Government's failure to transfer the funds with an aim to paralyse the effectiveness of MCDs. The long pending Rani Jhansi flyover

was completed; waste management and Public Health issues have been effectively addressed by MCDs by incorporating scientific measures. The medical infrastructure has been ramped up by the MCDs to make the capital city ready for any pandemic and medical emergency. He said, "Hence we can say that 'Delhi MCD is Kartvyanishth as well as Karamnishth'"

Dr. Vinay Sahasrabuddhe said PPRC has undertaken various studies ranging from manifesto reviews to study reports to identify the issues and provide solutions for the same, taking into consideration the critical aspects of governance. ■

INDIA-UAE COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT SIGNED

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan held a Virtual Summit earlier on 18 February. Both leaders expressed deep satisfaction at the continuous growth in bilateral relations in all sectors.

Prime Minister and His Highness the Crown Prince issued a Joint Vision Statement "Advancing the India and UAE Comprehensive Strategic Partnership: New Frontiers, New Milestone". The Statement establishes a roadmap for a future-oriented partnership between India and UAE and identifies focus areas and outcomes. The shared objective is to promote new trade, investment and innovation dynamic in diverse sectors, including economy, energy, climate action, emerging technologies, skills and education, food security, healthcare and defence and security.

A major highlight of the Virtual Summit was the signing and exchange of the India-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) by Minister of Commerce and Industry Shri Piyush Goyal and Minister of Economy of UAE, H.E. Abdulla bin Touq Al

Marri in the virtual presence of the two Leaders. The Agreement will provide significant benefits to Indian and UAE businesses, including enhanced market access and reduced tariffs. It is expected that the CEPA will lead to increase in bilateral trade from the current USD 60 bn to USD 100 bn in the next 5 years.

The two Leaders also released Joint Commemorative Stamp on the occasion of 75th anniversary of India's independence and 50th year of UAE's foundation. Two MOUs signed between Indian and UAE entities were also announced during the Summit. These are, MOU between APEDA and DP World & Al Dahra on Food Security Corridor Initiative and MOU between India's Gift City and Abu Dhabi Global Market on cooperation in financial projects and services. Two other MOUs - one on cooperation in Climate Action and the other on Education have also been agreed between the two sides.

Prime Minister thanked His Highness Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi for taking care of the Indian community during Covid pandemic. He also invited him to pay an early visit to India. ■



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PM Shri Narendra Modi meets with Sikh Delegation, at his residence in New Delhi



Hindu and Sikh refugees from Afghanistan meeting with PM Shri Narendra Modi at his residence in New Delhi



PM Shri Narendra Modi offering prayers at the Shri Guru Ravidas Vishram Dham Mandir in Karol Bagh, on the auspicious occasion of Guru Ravidas Jayanti in Delhi



PM Shri Narendra Modi addressing at the India-UAE Virtual Summit in New Delhi



PM Shri Narendra Modi witnessing Kisan Drone in action at 100 places across the country through video conferencing in New Delhi



PM Shri Narendra Modi addressing a webinar on positive impact of Union Budget 2022 on the education and skill sector in New Delhi



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- > Develop lagging blocks under Aspirational Blocks Programme
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- ▶ Digital University with Universal Education
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- ▶ Startups to Facilitate Drone Shakti for Drone-As-A-Service
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- ▶ National Digital Health Ecosystem will be rolled out
- ▶ National Tele Mental Health Programme will be launched for quality counseling
- ▶ Integrated architecture: Mission Shakti, Mission Vatsalya, Saksham Anganwadi, and Poshan 2.0 to be launched
- ▶ Two lakh Anganwadis to be upgraded to Saksham Anganwadis