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Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah addressing the gathering after Inauguration of various development works in Ahmedabad, Gujarat



Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh participating in a thanks giving programme for landslide victory of BJP with citizens of Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh

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@narendramodi

The Cabinet decision of fortified rice is in line with our endeavours to improve nutrition levels and further the welfare of our Nari Shakti as well as Yuva Shakti.

@JPNadda

Stand up India scheme completes six years and was started to boost entrepreneurship especially among SC, ST and women entrepreneurs as part of our Hon. PM @narendramodi 's dream to foster economic empowerment & job creation in under-served segments of society. #6YearsOfStandUpIndia



@AmitShah

For seven years, PM Mudra Yojana has not only promoted entrepreneurship at the grassroots level by providing financial assistance and equal opportunities to small and medium entrepreneurs, but is also continuously creating new records in self-employment and employment generation for others. For this I congratulate @narendramodiji.



@rajnathsingh

The 3rd positive indigenisation list of 101 items, comprising major equipment/platforms was released today to expedite the process of 'Aatmanirbharta' in Defence. Also, handed over 30 agreements to domestic industry for transfer of 21 DRDO technologies.



@Nitin Gadkari

Glad to inform that the work of Palwal Elevated Highway on NH -19 in Haryana has been completed. The 3.25 km long, 4-lane elevated structure has been constructed at a total cost of ₹ 215.24 Cr. #PragatiKaHighway #GatiShakti @mlkhattar @Dchautala @KPGBJP @BJP4Haryana



@B L Santhosh

West Bengal politics reaches another low today. Actually it's on free fall ever since @MamataOfficial took charge in May. Today @BJP4Bengal chief whip Sri Manoj Tigga & others were assaulted by @AITCofficial inside Assembly.



BJP PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE THANKS THE PRIME MINISTER FOR HIS SYMPATHETIC GESTURE TOWARDS THE POOR

Lauds extension of Pradhan Mantri Gareeb Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) till September 2022

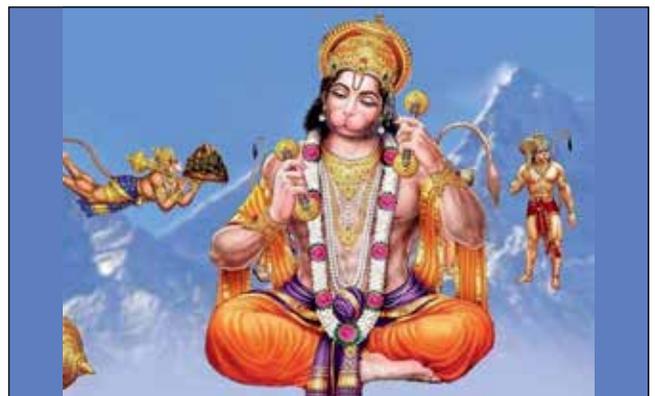
Under the extension of the scheme

80 crore poor citizens to be benefited	240 lakh metric tonnes food grains to be distributed	Rs 80,000 crore to be spent by the Modi Government
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in the last 25 months

1,000 lakh metric tonnes food grains have been distributed	Rs 3.4 lakh crore spent by the Modi Government
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Under the scheme, 5 kg of food grains per person per month is distributed free of cost to the poor.



KAMAL SANDESH PARIVAR
wishes a very happy
HANUMAN JAYANTI (16 APRIL)
to all of its readers

BJP REDEEMS ITS PLEDGE TO SERVE THE NATION SELFLESSLY

As millions of BJP karyakartas celebrated the 42nd foundation day of the party on April 6, 2022, the boundless enthusiasm was witnessed in several programmes organised across the nation. It became an occasion to redeem the pledge to serve the nation selflessly and rededicate to the higher ideals and principles on which the edifice of the BJP has been built over decades. The determination to build “Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bahrat” while adhering to the guiding dictum of “Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas” exemplifies the commitment to the mantra of “Nation First, Party Next, and Self Last.” The BJP has not only emerged as a unique political party but has also transformed the politics of the country, presenting examples to be emulated by other countries as well. Its phenomenal rise on the strength of selfless karyakartas and committed leadership has proven beyond doubt that principled politics, uncompromising stands on various issues, and honest and hard work can do wonders in democracy.

The BJP is now not only the country’s only hope, but also a model for the rest of the world. It has not only grown to become the world’s largest political party, with over 18 crore members, but it has also evolved into a party that has practised internal democracy since its inception. It has a tradition of self-made leaders and karyakartas who inspire confidence and trust among the people and assure them that the nation is safe and secure in their hands. Who can forget the heroic struggle of BJP (then Jansangh) karyakartas during the

black days of the emergency? Whenever democracy is threatened or the unity and integrity of the nation is questioned, the BJP karyakartas are always in the forefront of safeguarding democracy and defending the unity and integrity of the nation. In fighting against corruption, misuse of political power and subversion of the constitution, the BJP has always taken a principled stand on every occasion. It has emerged as the sole party advocating reform at various levels to strengthen the political system in the interest of the people. As a political party drawing inspiration from India’s glorious past, the BJP is committed to building an India of the 21st century by building robust infrastructure, creating immense opportunities for the youth, and opening the doors of possibilities in every sector through futuristic policies and a visionary approach.

The immense faith of people in the BJP can be seen in the increasing support the party is getting election after election. The results of the recently held assembly elections point to the fact that the BJP governments have been able to win the hearts of the people wherever they have been given the opportunity to serve. The re-election of the BJP government in four states is

not only historic but also indicates that the people’s faith has been increasing leaps and bounds with every passing day. The way they re-elected Modi’s government in 2019 after 2014 with an even bigger mandate is now being replicated in various states. The manner in which India, under the strong and visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, met the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and created opportunities out of this global crisis has been acknowledged across the world. While the round-the-clock monitoring of the relief works and preventive measures by the Prime Minister saw ‘Made in India’ vaccines being developed in the country itself, the world’s largest relief programmes covering more than 80 crore people ensured that all vulnerable sections of the society were safeguarded, every poor person got a free ration and every citizen got free vaccines in the country. In addition to these huge achievements, the ‘Aatmnirbhar Bharat’ package and various reforms initiated during the pandemic are now yielding results, with India’s economy soaring high at unprecedented rates. As BJP karyakartas redeem their pledge under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and BJP National President Shri JP Nadda, India is set to scale new heights in the days to come. ■

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EVERY BJP KARYAKARTA IS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DREAMS OF THE COUNTRY: PM MODI

On the occasion of Bharatiya Janata Party's foundation day on 06 April 2022, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said, "Today is the fifth day of Navratri. Today we worship Maa Skandamata. We have seen that She sits on a Lotus throne and holds Lotus flowers in both her hands. I pray her blessings continue to be bestowed upon every citizen and karyakartas of the BJP."

He said this year's foundation day has become very important due to 3 reasons.

- First, we are celebrating 75 years of independence; this is a major occasion for inspiration.
- Second, rapidly changing global situation; new opportunities are coming up for India continuously.
- Third, BJP's double engine governments came to power once again in 4 states recently.

Lauding the party's achievement he said, "After three decades a party has touched the mark of 100 members in Rajya Sabha."

RESPONSIBILITY OF EVERY BJP WORKER INCREASING CONTINUOUSLY

Addressing BJP karyakartas on party's 42nd Sthapna Diwas via video conference, PM Shri Narendra Modi said, "Look from the global point of view or from the national point of view, the responsibility of BJP, the responsibility of every BJP worker is increasing continuously. That's why every BJP karyakarta is a representative of the dreams of the country, a representative of the resolve of the country."

PM Shri Narendra Modi said, "There was a time when people had accepted that be it a government of any party, nothing will be done for the country. Despair spread throughout. Today, every citizen of the country is proudly saying that the nation is changing and going ahead swiftly".

INDIA STANDS AS A STEADFAST AND ROBUST NATION

The PM said that India now stands as a steadfast and robust nation amidst multiple crises affecting the world order. He said, "When the whole world is divided into two opposing poles, then India is being seen as a



country which can speak firmly of humanity."

Shri Modi dwelled on how India is progressing on all fronts such as \$400 billion of exports, 180 crore plus vaccine doses and providing rations to 80 crore poor and underprivileged citizens. He said, "Over the years, the country is seeing our priority for making the lives of our citizens easier... It is through Sabka Saath-Sabka Vikas that today we are getting Sabka Vishwas."

Calling out the fallacies of the opposition, PM Shri Modi said, "These parties play with the integrity of democracy and belittle our constitution and constitutional systems." He recognized the role of BJP karyakartas in their struggle to strive for the re-establishment of democratic values in disturbed states and gave assurance that their struggle will go on in defeating the anti-democratic forces."

'PARIVARWADI' PARTIES NEVER ALLOWED YOUTH TO PROGRESS

Criticizing the opposition, the PM stated, "For us, Rajneeti and Rashtraniti go hand in hand. But it is also true that there are still two types of politics going on in the country. One is politics of family loyalty, and the other is loyalty to the nation. At the central level, in different states, we have some political parties which work only for the interests of their families. In last decades, the country has suffered a lot due to this. These 'Parivarwadi' parties have never allowed the youth of the country to progress, they have always been betrayed by them. But today we should be proud that BJP is the only party which has alerted the country against dynasty politics."

PM Shri Modi also urged BJP Karyakartas to look at 'Kamal Pushp' section on NaMo App that highlights the contributions of inspiring Party Karyakartas from the Jana Sangh days to the present. ■



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BHARATIYA JANATA PARTY ALWAYS BEEN A PARTY DEVOTED TO NATIONALISM: JP NADDA

is also known for its social and humane aspects.

- During the Corona pandemic crores of BJP workers reached out to the needy and sick people across the country on the clarion call of 'Sewa hi sangathan' given by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. Crores of BJP workers left no stone unturned to serve humanity during one of the toughest moments of our life. By serving selflessly with full devotion and dedication, the Bharatiya Janata Party workers presented before the world how a political party can serve the people and that public service is one their main tasks.
- The Bharatiya Janata Party has always been a party devoted to nationalism, but now it has become a party which cares for the welfare and empowerment of the poorest of the poor, Dalits and backward classes, tribals, farmers, women and youth. We believe in taking the nation forward by empowering the last person standing in the queue.
- Recently assembly elections were held in five states and the superb results in the favour of the Bharatiya Janata Party clearly shows the trust and respect people of the country have for the policies and programmes of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.
- PM Shri Narendra Modi has completely changed the political work culture of our country. He has established the culture of service to humanity. Under the leadership and guidance of Shri Narendra Modi today a pro-active, pro-poor and pro-responsive government is functioning in our country. Each and every worker of the Bharatiya Janata Party provides strength and support to the highly effective and responsive Narendra Modi Government.
- We follow the mantra that "the glory of our motherland should always remain, with or without us". Following this principle and ideology, crores of the Bharatiya Janata Party workers will continue to work on the path shown by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. ■

The Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda on 06 April, 2022 hoisted party flag in the party headquarters on the occasion of the party's 42nd Foundation Day. He also offered floral tributes at the bust of Party ideologue and figure of national unity and integrity Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee and the pioneer and propagator of 'Integral Humanism' and 'Antyodaya', Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya. Shri Nadda also inaugurated a blood donation camp at the party headquarters in New Delhi on the occasion.

Addressing party Karyakartas on the occasion of 42nd 'Sthapna Diwas', BJP National President Shri JP Nadda said the Bharatiya Janata Party has always been a party devoted to nationalism, but now it has become a party which cares for the welfare and empowerment of the poorest of the poor, Dalits and backward classes, tribals, farmers, women and youth.

EXCERPTS OF THE SPEECH:

Shri JP Nadda congratulated all the party workers of district, mandal, booth level office bearers, state and national level office bearers on the occasion of 42nd Foundation Day of the Bharatiya Janata Party, which today is the world's largest political party.

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has devoted his entire life for the growth and successful journey of the Bharatiya Janata Party. I on behalf of all the party workers and all office bearers want to thank and congratulate our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for his great service towards the Bharatiya Janata Party.
- Under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi the Bharatiya Janata Party is not only known as the world's largest political party, it



'SOBHA YATRA' IN DLEHI ON BJP FOUNDATION DAY

'WE HAVE SEEN MANY UPS AND DOWNS IN THIS JOURNEY FROM ZERO TO PEAK'

BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda participated in the procession organized on the 42nd Foundation Day of the party on April 06, 2022 in Karol Bagh, New Delhi. Addressing the karyakarts on this occasion, the National President said that today crores of workers at more than 8 lakh booths across the country are participating in this celebration with full enthusiasm. On this day, BJP workers are gathering together in about 15 thousand mandals to celebrate the foundation day of the party.

Shri Nadda said that today is a very important day and on this day we must remember those people who have carried forward our journey since the time of Jana Sangh. We have completed a long journey and have immersed ourselves in it. Today is the day to remember and bow down to those people, who did not get anything, but gave their all to strengthen the organization. Therefore, today as the national president of the party, along with crores of workers, I bow to those people who have made the party stronger.

BJP HAS BECOME THE LARGEST PARTY IN THE WORLD

Referring to the political journey of the party, the BJP National President said that in the last 42 years, BJP has come a long way, has seen many ups and downs. There was a time when we used to have two members in Parliament. The opposition used to make fun of us and say – Hum do Humare Do. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, BJP has become the largest party in the world. We have more than 17 crore members. We have a strong presence in more than 8.5 lakh booths and

this presence is to reach on all 11 lakh booths in the country. Shri Nadda said that under the leadership of PM Shri Modi, the BJP government has been formed at the Center with full majority twice. Apart from this today we have coalition or BJP government in 18 states, and from these 18 states we have BJP government in 12 states. Be it any election, be it the Lok Sabha elections, the Legislative Assembly elections or the municipal elections, the BJP is registering continuous victory. This winning streak has to be carried forward and strengthened. Along with being the largest party in the world, as an elected party, we are moving ahead in the Lok Sabha and Vidhan Sabha.

I BELIEVE THAT 'PARIVARWADI' PARTIES ARE A THREAT TO DEMOCRACY AND ITS SOUL

Shri JP Nadda said that we are in opposition in many states, where our fight is with 'Parivarwadi' parties. I believe that 'Parivarwadi' parties are a threat to democracy and its soul. We should be proud that today BJP is the only party which is alerting the country about this challenge. Shri Nadda said that nationalism is flowing in our veins, our opponents also believe this. The opposition parties changed their views on Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir, but the BJP has been saying since 1951 that 'Do Nishan, Do Vidhan, Do Pradhan' will not work in one country. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji's strong will and Home Minister Shri Amit Shah ji's strategy has uprooted the Article 370 and has shown the way forward to the dream of 'Ek Nishan, Ek Vidhan and Ek Pradhan'. ■



BJYM CELEBRATES BJP FOUNDATION DAY ACROSS THE NATION

Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) joined the nationwide celebration of the Bharatiya Janata Party's Sthapana Diwas on 06 April, 2022 with a set of unique programmes held in more than 900 districts and booths across the country.

BJYM workers organized a bike rally reflecting the proactive youth workforce for the cause of nationalism and also took out processions for celebrating the occasion with the common populace. BJP flags were hoisted by BJYM karyakartas up to booth level and young BJYM members organised 'Sanmaan Samelans' where senior Jana Sangh and BJP karyakartas were honoured.

BJYM karyakartas took blessings of senior BJP and Jan Sangh Karyakartas who have served the nation and its people. BJYM honoured such leaders for fighting against Emergency, instilling cultural and national pride while working on the ground for the expansion of the party in all the sections of society and in making development a mass movement.

BJYM National President Shri Tejasvi Surya participated in the Sthapna Diwas programmes of the BJYM in Gujarat. There, he met senior karyakartas and took their blessings.

He said, "When the BJP started, it had no workers, no money, no public support, no party offices. It only had its ideology. 42 years on, it's the ideology that has remained intact. BJP is the only political party in India with an ideology with the rest merely existing to claim power."

Shri Surya also urged youth karyakartas to draw inspiration from the work and efforts of the senior functionaries.

BJYM'S BHARAT DARSHAN SUSHASAN YATRA LAUNCHED

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah inaugurated the Bharat Darshan Sushasan Yatra of the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) in the presence of National President of the BJYM Shri Tejasvi Surya and other office-bearers in Bengaluru, Karnataka on 01 April, 2022.

Through the Bharat Darshan, the BJYM karyakartas are introduced to the country's cultural diversity, traditions and historical richness by experiential tours of its karyakartas to different places. The BJYM functionaries will also get an opportunity to visit the biggest developmental projects of the various states of the country, see places of historical significance and engage in discussions with startups, entrepreneurs, cottage industries and farmer organisations. This will help the BJYM cadres experience and understand the unity in diversity of our country. The Yuva Morcha functionaries are mainly from the Mandal and District level.

The Bharat Darshan Yatra began on 01 April, 2022 from Bengaluru and will last for four days. BJYM karyakartas, mainly from the North and Northeast, will get to experience Karnataka's rich culture through this Bharat Darshan programme. They will go to Hampi and get a glimpse of the vibrant Vijayanagar dynasty. They will also get to visit HAL and see the production of the Tejas aircraft. With scheduled visits to NASSCOM and Ola, the delegates will understand the city's startup spirit and draw inspiration from their journeys. Finally, they will push forward Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of a greener future with a visit to the Pavagada Solar Park, the country's second largest solar plant, in Tumakuru. ■



SWEARING-IN CEREMONY OF UTTAR PRADESH

YOGI ADITYANATH TAKES OATH AS UTTAR PRADESH CHIEF MINISTER FOR HISTORIC SECOND TERM

KP MAURYA & BRAJESH PATHAK SWEAR-IN AS DEPUTY CMs

In the presence of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, BJP National President Shri JP Nadda, Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah, Union Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh, Chief Ministers of several BJP and NDA ruled states- MP CM Shri Shivraj Singh Chauhan, Haryana CM Shri Manohar Lal Khattar, and Himachal Pradesh CM Shri Jairam Thakur, Union Ministers, dignitaries and thousands of BJP Karyakartas; Yogi Adityanath took oath as the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh for a record second successive time in a mega

ceremony held at the Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ekana Cricket Stadium in Lucknow on 25 March, 2022. Shri Keshav Prasad Maurya and Shri Brajesh Pathak also took oath as Deputy Chief Ministers. Apart from the two deputy CMs, 16 Cabinet ministers also took oath.

Uttar Pradesh Governor Smt. Anandiben Patel administered the oath to Yogi Adityanath and 52 other council of ministers. Of the 52 ministers in this cabinet, 21 are those who have been retained from the old cabinet and 31 are fresh faces.

UP WILL WRITE ANOTHER NEW CHAPTER OF PROGRESS: PM MODI

PM Shri Narendra Modi, who attended the swearing-in ceremony in Lucknow, took to twitter to wish Yogi Adityanath and his cabinet for the new innings. "Heartiest congratulations to Yogi Adityanath and his cabinet for taking the oath. The development journey in the last five years has marked several important milestones," he wrote.

The Prime Minister said under Adityanath's leadership, Uttar Pradesh will write another new chapter of progress by fulfilling the aspirations of people.



UP WILL TOUCH NEW HEIGHTS OF SUCCESS: JP NADDA

BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, who attended the swearing-in ceremony in Lucknow Congratulated the new team in UP and in a twitter message said, "Hearty congratulations and best wishes to Yogi Adityanath, Shri KP Maurya and Shri Brajesh Pathak on taking oath again as the Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Ministers of Uttar Pradesh."

"I am sure that with the efforts of all of you, the state will touch new heights of success", he said.





Earlier, a day before the swearing-in, Yogi Adityanath was unanimously elected by the newly elected MLAs as BJP legislature party leader in Uttar Pradesh. Soon after BJP's meeting in Lucknow, Nishad Party leader Shri Sanjay Nishad and Apna Dal (S) President Shri Ashish Patel presented letters of support for the BJP government to Governor Smt. Anandiben Patel. Later, Yogi Adityanath reached the Raj Bhavan to stake his party's claim to form the government.

YOGI ADITYANATH ENDED POLITICIZATION OF ADMINISTRATION AND DECRIMINALIZED POLITICS: AMIT SHAH

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah, who attended the BJP MLAs' meeting as an observer, said the party's successes in UP since 2014 has established that people favoured the politics of performance over that of casteism and appeasement. Shri Shah said Uttar Pradesh faced political instability for a long time due to casteist and dynastic parties.

"Referring to BJP's trend-breaking two-time consecutive victory, the Home Minister said in the past 37 years, no party got full majority again in Uttar Pradesh. It is historic that the BJP is the only party which got over two-third of the seats for the second consecutive time.

Shri Shah said Yogi Adityanath ended politicization of administration and decriminalized politics. This assured everyone that law and order will come into action if someone files a complaint.

PM GUIDES TO PROVIDE GOOD GOVERNANCE IN UTTAR PRADESH: YOGI ADITYANATH

Addressing party's newly elected MLAs, Yogi Adityanath said Prime Minister's inclusive mantra of

@Amit Shah

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah congratulated the entire team of the Yogi government 2.0. He said, "I am confident that under the leadership of PM Shri Narendra Modi ji you all will continue to work for the development of UP to set new standards of 'sushasan' and 'gareeb kalyan'."

@Rajnath Singh

Union Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh also congratulated Yogi Adityanath and his team, including the two Deputy Chief Ministers, Shri Keshav Prasad Maurya and Shri Brajesh Pathak. "I am confident that this team will be successful in meeting the aspirations of the people under the leadership of Yogi Adityanath," he tweeted.

"Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas" had its impact on the UP poll results, and thanked Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah for guiding him throughout the first term.

Yogi Adityanath said, "I had no administrative experience when I became Chief Minister for the first time but Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi guided me to provide good governance in Uttar Pradesh".

Shri Adityanath said, "People for the first time felt that houses for the poor could also be built, for the first time, it was felt that money could go directly into the accounts of the poor and festivals can now be celebrated in a peaceful manner in the state", he added.

Noteworthy, the Bharatiya Janata Party government led by Yogi Adityanath breaking all myths returned to power with massive majority in the politically crucial state of Uttar Pradesh in the recently held Assembly elections. This is only the second time in about four decades that a party has won two consecutive assembly polls in the state. In the house of 403 seats, the BJP with its alliance partners- Apna Dal (Soneylal) and NISHAD party got 273 seats with 41.3 per cent vote share.

After taking oath as the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh for the second consecutive term, Yogi Adityanath held the first meeting of the council of ministers at Lok Bhavan in the state's capital city in Lucknow on the same day and took a number of decisions for the welfare of the people. ■



SWEARING-IN CEREMONY OF GOA

PRAMOD SAWANT TAKES OATH AS GOA CM

In the gracious presence of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, BJP National President Shri JP Nadda, Chief Ministers of BJP ruled states, Union Ministers and other dignitaries Shri Pramod Sawant on March 28, 2022 took oath as Chief Minister of Goa for the second consecutive term.

Eight other cabinet ministers also took oath of office. The ministers who were sworn-in include Valpoi MLA Shri Vishwajit Rane, Dabolim MLA Shri Mauvin Godinho, Ponda MLA Shri Ravi Naik, Curchorem MLA Shri Nilesh Cabral, Shiroda MLA Shri Subhash Shirodkar, Porvorim MLA Shri Rohan Khaunte, Panaji MLA Shri Atanasio 'Babush' Monserrate and Priol MLA Shri Govind Gaude.

Goa governor Shri P S Sreedharan Pillai administered the oath of office and secrecy to Chief

Minister and the newly inducted ministers.

The one-of-a-kind swearing ceremony of the new BJP government was held at Dr Shyama Prasad Mookerjee Stadium in Taleigao, in the presence of thousands of people. This is BJP's third consecutive term in Goa.

PRAMOD SAWANT ELECTED AS GOA BJP LEGISLATIVE PARTY LEADER

Dr. Pramod Sawant was elected as the leader of the legislative party following a meeting of all newly elected MLAs in the presence of Union Minister Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, who had been appointed observer by the BJP for Goa. Shri Vishwajit Rane proposed the name of Shri Pramod Sawant as the Leader of the Legislative Party. Everyone

ENTIRE TEAM WILL DELIVER GOOD GOVERNANCE

After the swearing-in PM Shri Narendra Modi congratulated Dr. Pramod Sawant on taking oath as Goa Chief Minister.

Taking to Twitter, PM Shri Narendra Modi said, "Congratulations to @Dr Pramod P Sawant Ji and all others who took oath in Goa today. I am confident this entire team will deliver good governance to the people of Goa and build on the pro-people work done in the last decade."



NEW ERA OF PROSPERITY AND DEVELOPMENT WILL COME IN GOA

Congratulating Dr. Pramod Sawant and team BJP National President Shri JP Nadda said, "Heartiest congratulations to Dr. Pramod Sawant for being sworn-in again as the CM of Goa. Under the dynamic leadership of Hon'ble PM Narendra Modi ji and by following his vision, the Bhartiya Janata Party government will give rise to a new era of prosperity and development in Goa".





YOGI ADITYANATH: LIFE SKETCH

- Yogi Adityanath was born in a Garhwali family on 5 June, 1972 in the village of Panchur, in Pauri Garhwal district of Uttarakhand (formerly in Uttar Pradesh). His father Shri Anand Singh Bisht was a forest officer.
- He completed his Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics from the Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University in Uttarakhand.
- Yogi Adityanath was the youngest member of the 12th Lok Sabha at the age of 26.
- He has been elected to the Parliament from Gorakhpur for five consecutive terms (in 1998, 1999, 2004, 2009 and 2014 elections).
- After the massive victory of BJP in 2017 Assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh he became the 21st Chief Minister of state and the fourth from the BJP on 19 March, 2017.
- Yogi Adityanath completed 5 years in office.
- After the landslide victory, Yogi Adityanath once again took oath as Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh consecutively for the second time on 25th March, 2022 .



PRAMOD SAWANT: LIFE SKETCH

- Shri Pramod Sawant was born on 24 April, 1973 to Shri Pandurang and Smt. Padmini Sawant.
- He obtained a Bachelor of Ayurveda, Medicine and Surgery degree from Ayurvedic Medical College in Kolhapur and a postgraduate degree of Master of Social Work from the Tilak University at Pune, Maharashtra.
- He won the 2012 assembly election from Sanquelim constituency.
- In 2017 he was re-elected to the Goa Legislative Assembly from the same constituency and he was elected as the Speaker of the Goa Legislative Assembly.
- After the demise of Shri Manohar Parrikar, the seat of the Chief Minister of Goa fell vacant. Dr. Pramod Sawant was elected by the Legislative Assembly afterwards and later he was sworn in as the 13th Chief Minister of Goa on 19 March, 2019.
- After the hat-trick victory and BJP's return to power repeatedly for the third time in Goa by winning 20 seats in the recently concluded Assembly elections, Shri Pramod Sawant once again became the Chief Minister successively for the second time in Goa.

unanimously elected Shri Sawant as the Leader. He will be the Leader of the Legislative Party for the next 5 years," said Shri Narendra Singh Tomar.

"I want to thank PM Shri Narendra Modi and Union HM Shri Amit Shah to have given me the opportunity to work as the CM of Goa for next 5 years. I am glad that the people of Goa have accepted me. I'll do everything possible to work for development of the state," Goa CM Shri Pramod Sawant said after becoming the Legislative Party

leader. Ahead of the swearing-in, Shri Pramod Sawant also handed over the order for appointing Council of Ministers to Hon'ble Goa Governor at Raj Bhawan.

Noteworthy, the BJP got a hat-trick and returned to power repeatedly for the third time in Goa by winning 20 seats in the recently concluded Assembly elections. BJP secured 33.31 per cent vote share, while Congress party bagged 11 seats with 23.46 per cent vote share. ■

BJP GOVERNMENT IN HIMACHAL DONE MASSIVE DEVELOPMENT WORKS AND SERVES THE PEOPLE WELL: JP NADDA

Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda reached Himachal Pradesh on a four-day Pravas starting from 09 April, 2022 during which he participated in various programmes and held organisational meetings in view of the upcoming elections.

BJP National President's Pravas commenced with a grand road show from Vidhan Sabha Chowk in the state capital of Shimla to Peterhoff. Thousands of BJP leaders and Karyakartas welcomed the party National President with the beats of drums and showering of flower petals. After that he addressed a massive public gathering at Peterhoff.



As per the schedule of the Pravas, on 10 April, 2022 Shri JP Nadda held a press conference in Shimla and chaired a booth meeting in Daseran. He also met party workers in Tutu, Darlaghat, Namhol, Bandla, Kothi, Chauk, Ghumani.

Next day i.e. on 11 April, the BJP National President interacted with party workers in Nichli Bhated - Mandir Shed, Salnoo, Mandrighat, Majhwar, Harlog, Hawan Panchayat Ghar, Talyana, Kuthera and Morsinghi.

On the last day of his Pravas, i.e. on 12 April, 2022 Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda visited AIIMS in Kothipura and inspected the ongoing work there. He also interacted with party workers in Jhandutta, Kandaur, Ghagas and Raghunath Pura.

Addressing the BJP Karyakartas in Peterhoff on 09 April, 2022 BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda said, "The Bharatiya Janata Party government

in the state has done massive development works, it has served the people well and taken care of the needs and welfare of all the sections of the society. I am fully confident that the people of Himachal Pradesh will once again bless and support the Bharatiya Janata Party and help in making its government in the state with massive majority".

Shri Nadda said the rousing welcome given to him was the welcome of the Bharatiya Janata Party and all its workers. It is also the welcome of the works of our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi which he has done for the development, progress, growth and prosperity of Himachal Pradesh. It is the welcome of the



work done by the Bharatiya Janata Party government in the state for the welfare of poor, backward classes and dalits, for farmers, youth and women of the state.

He said in the recently concluded assembly elections in five states the Bharatiya Janata Party registered massive victory in four states and we have formed our government. For this historic and massive victory I thank the people of the four states.

PM MODI WORKING TIRELESSLY FOR POOREST OF THE POOR

Speaking to the Karyakartas Shri Nadda said Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has worked tirelessly for the poorest of the poor and ensured that they get included in the national mainstream. He has taken care of every section of the society and worked for people's empowerment. The victory of the

Bharatiya Janata Party in four states is a big stamp on the pro-poor, welfare and development policies of the Narendra Modi Government.

Now it is the turn of Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat. All the Bharatiya Janata Party workers have to take the pro-poor and development policies and programmes to all the households in these states. We have to highlight the achievements and good work done by the Narendra Modi Government and the BJP governments in these states.

CONGRESS GOVERNMENTS ALWAYS SNATCHED RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE

In the past five years Himachal Pradesh has created new records in development and growth. Whenever the Congress party government came to power in Himachal Pradesh, it snatched the rights of the people of the state. Whereas the Bharatiya Janata Party governments have always ensured rights of the people of Himachal Pradesh and have done great work for the growth and development of the state.

The Congress government at the Centre had snatched the 'special state' category from Himachal Pradesh. It was Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee ji who has given special economic package to the state during his tenure as Prime Minister. But it was due to lackadaisical attitude of the Congress government that Himachal Pradesh became a laggard and all its development projects were stalled.

During the Manmohan Singh government at the Centre Himachal Pradesh had to make a contribution of 40% in all the projects sanctioned by the Centre. Irony was that under the Manmohan Singh government the money used to get released after many requests. And this step-motherly treatment to Himachal Pradesh happened when there was the Congress government in both- the Centre as well as in the state.

PM MODI GIVEN HIMACHAL PRADESH STATUS OF 'SPECIAL STATE'

When Shri Narendra Modi became the Prime Minister in 2014, he had given Himachal Pradesh the status of 'special state' without even any demand by the state government. Now in all the central projects the Narendra Modi Government gives 90% of the funding while the Himachal Pradesh government has to just spend 10% of the project cost.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SPEECH

- Under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi we have waged war against dynasty politics and have started the politics of development and progress.
- We have given the country a new kind of politics and developed a new culture of giving our report card.
- The people of Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Manipur and Goa have put their stamp on Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's politics of development and growth.
- The Narendra Modi Government has given to people a pro- active and pro - responsive government.
- When the situation in Ukraine worsened due to war the Narendra Modi immediately stepped into action and started 'Operation Ganga' in which over 20,000 Indian students were safely airlifted.
- Out of this 426 students were from Himachal Pradesh.
- During the Operation Ganga the hardworking BJP workers went to the houses of these students and gave courage and support to their parents.
- During the Corona pandemic the Narendra Modi Government for over two years now has been providing free ration to over 80 crore poor and needy people under the Gareeb Ann Kalyan Yojna so that not a single person should go to sleep empty stomach.
- Now this important 'Gareeb Ann Kalyan Yojna' has been extended till September 2022.

The foundation stone of 'Atal Tunnel' was laid by the then Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee ji, but under the Congress led UPA government the project came to a standstill and no work was done. Finally the construction of the strategic Atal Tunnel was completed by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

The Congress party has not given anything to Himachal Pradesh; it has in fact taken from the state. The Congress party and its governments have always deprived Himachal Pradesh and its people of their rights. ■



FACT FINDING TEAM ON WEST BENGAL VIOLENCE SUBMITS REPORT TO BJP NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Bharatiya Janata Party expressed its deep anguish and sorrow over the ongoing violent incidents in Rampurhat, Birbhum and demanded strict action against the accused, give relief to victims and to strengthen the law and order situation in the area from the West Bengal Government.

After receiving the report on 30 March, 2022 BJP National President Shri JP Nadda appreciated the role played by the Fact Finding Team in trying circumstances. Shri Nadda reiterated about the mandate of the party to work for truth, justice and overall welfare of the people irrespective of caste, creed and community.

The Party President thanked the Calcutta High Court for entrusting the Central Forensic Laboratory to collect samples and evidence from the scene of mass carnage. He also thanked the Calcutta High Court for entrusting the District Judge to install CCTV at the place of offence and to protect the witness of offence and for ordering a CBI Inquiry into the entire incident, which was one of the fact finding team's demand.

In this regard, BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda had nominated a five members fact finding committee to visit the affected site, collect all the evidences and submit to the report at its earliest.

Following were the members of the committee:

1. Shri Brajlal, MP, Rajya Sabha, Former, DGP, Uttar Pradesh
2. Shri Satyapal Sing, MP, Lok Sabha, Former Police Commissioner, Mumbai
3. Shri K.C. Ramamurthy MP, Rajya Sabha, Former IPS, Karnataka
4. Shri Sukanta Majumdar, MP, Lok Sabha and state President, West Bengal, BJP
5. Smt. Bharti Ghosh, National Spokesperson and Former IPS, West Bengal

MAIN FINDINGS OF THE REPORT OF FACT FINDING TEAM ON BAGTUI CARNAGE:

1. Under Trinamool Congress leadership, Mafia is ruling West Bengal in connivance with police and political leadership. The law and order machinery has totally collapsed.
2. The law abiding citizens of West Bengal have lost faith in the Government and the mode of governance by the TMC as officers themselves have become cogs in the TMC hierarchy.
3. The carnage in Bagtui village is the outcome of State-sponsored extortion, goonda tax, cut money, tollbazi and also the rivalry among its illegal beneficiaries.
4. Chief Minister of West Bengal decided to visit the spot only after the BJP' Fact Finding Team has already reached Kolkata.
5. Because of the 'forced' CM's visit, the Fact Finding team was prevented and its journey was thwarted by the TMC goons who were bent upon assaulting the Fact Finding Team.
6. Not even single officer/constable of West Bengal Police were visible, nobody came to the rescue of the Fact Finding team when they were attacked and clear the passage for the committee to visit the scene of offence. Our efforts to contact the DGP and other officers failed.
7. It is learnt that the SDPO and the Inspector of Police were present close to the scene of offence, but they did not bother to visit the spot even when they were kept informed. They even failed to allow the fire tenders to reach the place to put off flames. Their timely intervention could have saved precious lives.
8. Local residents have deserted their homes fearing threat to their life and property. In view of this, it is recommended that NHRC, National Commission for Women and Child Rights to visit Bagtui village and instill confidence- building measures for early return of people to their respective homes in the village.
9. We strongly recommend that All India service Officers serving in West Bengal be made to realize their constitutional obligations and the Centre should strongly caution them. ■

BJP WILL CELEBRATE SAMAJIK NYAY PAKHWADA

The BJP has decided to celebrate 'Samajik Nyay Pakhwada' across the country from April 7th to April 20th, under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda. The Samajik Nyay Pakhwada will begin on April 6, 2022, following the 42nd Foundation Day celebrations of the Bharatiya Janata Party.

Under Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's leadership, various welfare schemes have been launched to help the country's poor, exploited, deprived, backward, and scheduled castes and tribes. As a result, the work of bringing the central government's welfare schemes to the people is being carried out through the Samajik Nyay Pakhwada. Therefore, through the Samajik Nyay Pakhwada, the work of taking the welfare schemes of the central government to the Mandal and District level will be done by the BJP Karyakartas for 15 consecutive days. In these 15 days, every single day will be dedicated to one such program or scheme.

PROGRAM OUTLINE:

- The 7th of April will be devoted to the 'Ayushman Bharat' scheme programme. On this day, BJP Karyakartas will visit 8,683 PM 'Jan Aushadhi Kendras' across the country to begin public awareness work by interacting with the public.
 - The 8th of April will be dedicated to the PM Awash Yojna. On this day, BJP Karyakartas will meet with beneficiaries of this scheme and provide them with as much information as possible about the scheme.
 - The 9th of April will be dedicated to the 'Har Ghar Jal' programme. In August 2019, the Prime Minister launched the Jal Jeevan Mission, and more than 6 crore households now have access to clean water from the tap.
 - The 10th of April will be dedicated to the 'PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana.' Farmers will be informed about the benefits of schemes such as the 'Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana,' 'Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana,' and 'Neem Coated Urea,' among others, on this day.
 - April 11 will be celebrated as Jyotiba Phule Day, with various activities such as laying wreaths on the statue of Jyotiba Phule, visiting hostels, and interacting with people planned.
 - Vaccination Day will be observed on April 12. So far, 185 crore doses of the COVID-19 vaccine have been distributed for free in India. BJP workers will contact those people who did not take the vaccine for COVID-19 and request that they take their vaccine.
 - April 13 will be dedicated to "PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana." The scheme was started in March 2020 due to the global pandemic coronavirus and has been extended till September 2022. Under this scheme, the central government is providing free food grains to 80 crore people.
 - Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar was born on April 14, 1869. On this day, BJP karyakartas will lay wreaths at Babasaheb Ambedkar's statue at each booth and perform Sewa Karya. They will also interact with society's oppressed and underprivileged people.
 - The 15th of April will be dedicated to Scheduled Tribe Welfare. On this day, BJP karyakartas will honour people of Scheduled Tribes who have done exceptional work for society. Apart from that, citizens will be made aware of various initiatives launched by Central Government to benefit the Scheduled Tribes.
 - 16th of April will be dedicated to unorganised workers. BJP karyakartas will work on registering workers who have not yet been registered on this day.
 - The 17th of April will be designated as Financial Inclusion Pride Day. BJP karyakartas will meet with citizens and inform them about schemes such as 'Atal Pension Yojana,' 'Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Yojana,' 'Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Suraksha Yojana,' and so on, so that more people can benefit.
 - April 18 will be dedicated to the 'Swachh Bharat Mission' Mission. On this day, BJP karyakartas will clean the statues situated in various parts of the country. Apart from this, programmes like cleaning the surroundings, cleaning the river, cleaning the pond, etc., will be organized.
 - The 19th of April will be dedicated to the 'Nutrition campaign.' On this day, BJP karyakartas will visit Aanganwadi centers in their respective areas and meet Aanganwadi workers. They will organize public awareness campaigns about nutrition.
 - Various programs related to the Amrit Mohatsav of Independence will be held on April 20.
- During 'Samajik Nyay Pakhwada,' which will be observed from April 7 to 20, BJP karyakartas will raise awareness about the work done for society, the poor, and the common people. All MPs and MLAs will travel to their respective constituencies to meet with people. These programs will be successfully organized at all levels, including booth, Mandal, District, and State. ■

CABINET APPROVES EXTENSION OF PRADHAN MANTRI GARIB KALYAN ANNA YOJANA FOR ANOTHER 6 MONTHS

In keeping with the concern and sensitivity towards poor and vulnerable sections of society, the Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, has extended the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PM-GKAY) scheme for another six months i.e., till September 2022 (Phase VI).

The Phase-V of PM-GKAY scheme was to end in March 2022. It may be recalled that the PM-GKAY has been under implementation since April 2020, as the largest food security program in the world.

The Government has spent approximately Rs. 2.60 Lakh Crore so far and another Rs. 80,000 Crore will be spent over the next 6 months till September 2022 taking the total expenditure under PM-GKAY to nearly Rs. 3.40 Lakh Crore.

This will cover nearly 80 crore beneficiaries across India and like before would be fully funded by the Government of India.

Even though the COVID-19 pandemic has significantly abated and economic activities are gathering momentum, this PM-GKAY extension would ensure that no poor household goes to bed without food during this time of recovery.

Under the extended PM-GKAY each beneficiary will get additional 5 kg free ration per person per month in addition to his normal quota of foodgrains under the NFSA. This means that every poor household would get nearly double the normal quantity of ration.

It is worth highlighting that the Government had allocated about 759 LMT of free foodgrains under the PM-GKAY till Phase V. With another 244 LMT of free foodgrains under this extension (Phase VI), the aggregate allocation of free foodgrains under the PM-GKAY now stand at 1,003 LMT of foodgrains.

The benefit of free ration can



be availed through portability by any migrant labour or beneficiary under One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) plan from nearly 5 lakh ration shops across the country. So far, over 61 Crore portability transactions have benefitted the beneficiaries away from their homes.

This has been made possible due to highest ever procurement despite the century's worst pandemic with highest ever payment to farmers by the Government. For this record production in the agricultural fields Indian Farmers –'Annadata' deserves to be complimented. ■

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (IDENTIFICATION) BILL, 2022 PASSED BY BOTH HOUSES

The Criminal Procedure (Identification) Bill, 2022 was passed in the Rajya Sabha on 6 April. Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah moved the Bill for consideration and passing in the Upper House. The Bill seeks to authorize for taking measurements of convicts and other persons for the purposes of identification and investigation in criminal matters and to preserve records. Lok Sabha passed the Bill on April 4.

Meanwhile, the Lok Sabha on April 6 passed the Weapons of Mass Destruction and their Delivery Systems (Prohibition of Unlawful Activities) Amendment Bill, 2022. ■

3510 FARMERS BENEFITTED IN RMS 2022-23 WITH MSP VALUE OF RS. 70.36 CRORE

Procurement of wheat has recently commenced in Rabi Marketing Season 2022-23 in the States of Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh. A quantity of 34917 MT of wheat has been procured upto 03.04.2022 benefitting 3510 farmers with MSP value of Rs. 70.36 crore. The paddy procurement is progressing smoothly in Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2021-22 at MSP from farmers. A quantity of 750.29 LMT of Paddy has been procured in KMS 2021-22 upto 03.04.2022 in procuring States/UTs. Till now about 108.01 Lakh farmers have been benefitted with MSP value of Rs. 1,47,055.95 crore. ■

SEVERAL INITIATIVES TAKEN UNDER AATMA NIRBHAR BHARAT ABHIYAN TO MITIGATE NEGATIVE IMPACT OF COVID-19

The Government has taken a number of initiatives under the Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan to mitigate the negative impact of Covid-19 on small businesses, including MSMEs, in the country. Some of them are:

- Rs. 20,000 crore Subordinate Debt for stressed MSMEs.
- Rs.3 lakh crores Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) for Businesses, including MSMEs (which has subsequently been increased to Rs. 5 lakh crore, as announced in Budget 2022-23).
- Rs. 50,000 crore equity infusion through Self Reliant India Fund. New revised criteria of classification of MSMEs.
- New registration of MSMEs through 'Udyam Registration' for Ease of Doing Business.
- No global tenders for procurement up to Rs. 200 crores.

Promotion and development of MSMEs is a continuous process. The Government of India, interacts regularly with Stakeholders, Industry Associations, Individual Enterprises, State Government through Seminars, Video Conferencing, Meeting etc., to assess the problems and challenges faced by the MSMEs. The Ministry of MSME implements various schemes and programmes for the promotion and development of MSMEs. These schemes and programmes inter alia include Prime Minister's Employment Generation programme (PMEGP), Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI), A Scheme for Promoting Innovation, Rural Industry & Entrepreneurship (ASPIRE), Credit Guarantee Scheme for Micro and Small Enterprises, Micro and Small Enterprises Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP), etc.

The Ministry of MSME, in order to help the MSMEs to grow technologically and to enhance their competitiveness, has established new Technology Centres (TCs) and Extension Centres (ECs) across the Country. The Government of India, through its 18 technology centres, conducts various skill development training programmes based on the provision of well structured modular, hands on practically oriented,



training for the educated youth and technicians of industries. All courses are regularly updated to keep abreast with global technological advancements. Accordingly, 76 courses are compliant with National Skill Qualification Frame work (NSQF), Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship.

This reply was given by the Minister of State for Micro Small and Medium Enterprises, Shri Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha on April 4. ■

'JOINT PARCEL PRODUCT' PLANS DOOR-TO-DOOR DELIVERY BY RAILWAYS

A 'Joint Parcel Product' (JPP) of India Post and Indian Railways is being developed, wherein first-mile and last-mile connectivity will be provided by the Department of Posts, and the intermediate connectivity from station to station shall be done through Railways. The JPP aims to target business-to-business and business-to-customer market by providing complete parcel handling solution, i.e. picking up from the premises of the sender, booking and door-step delivery to the recipient.

The JPP by Indian Railways and India Post has commenced on pilot project basis. The first service of the pilot project has commenced on 31st March, 2022 from Surat to Varanasi. This information was given by the Minister of Railways, Communications and Electronic & Information Technology, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw in a written reply to a question in Lok Sabha on 6 April. ■

FIVE NATIONAL HIGHWAY PROJECTS WORTH RS. 4,135.91 CRORE INAUGURATED IN MUMBAI

Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Shri Nitin Gadkari on April 4 inaugurated and laid foundation stone for National Highway projects worth Rs. 4,135.91 crore at a function held at Panvel, Mumbai on April 3, 2022. The development work comprises dedication of Rs. 3,500 crore JNPT Port Road Connectivity Project to the nation and ground-breaking ceremony for work on National Highway No. 48, Mumbai-Pune Expressway, Kalamboli Junction Improvement Project and the eastern entrance of proposed Navi Mumbai International Airport.

Road project work has been completed to enhance the connectivity of JNPT, the country's largest container-handling port. The Union Minister reiterated the need for waterways that connect with Navi Mumbai Airport. He said as a shipping minister he had approved jetties at Belapur and Nerul. Now the state government needs to take this further to encourage waterways. If waterways get operational, one can easily reach Navi Mumbai Airport from any part of Mumbai within 13 to 21 minutes. The state should look after water taxis, he added.

The Minister announced a new National Highway to ease traffic congestion in Panvel. The new highway

will start from Chirner via Uran-JNPT-Chowk and will connect to Goa-Mumbai highway, Mumbai-Pune Expressway and Mumbai-Pune old highway. This will help to reduce traffic in Panvel. The proposed highway has four tunnels. The length of the new highway is 32 KM and is proposed to be completed in the 'Bharatmala' scheme. JNPT and the proposed Navi Mumbai airport are the growth engines of the state, added the Minister.

Shri Gadkari further suggested developing a smart city of 10 lakh capacity to reduce the burden on Mumbai and Navi Mumbai. Now the era is of planned development. This will in turn usher in overall development of the state as well, said Shri Gadkari.

In the last seven years, 18 highway project works worth Rs. 10,000 crore have been sanctioned for National Highways in Raigad district, out of which five have been completed and 13 are in progress. Moreover, four works of Rs. 1792.75 crore were sanctioned recently, informed the Union Minister on this occasion. Considering the heavy rainfall in Konkan region, the Minister said that all the roads in Konkan would be made of cement concrete. ■

India secures leadership position in ITU's Council Standing Committee

India has secured a leadership position in Council Standing Committee on Administration and Management of International Telecommunication Union (ITU) as an Indian official has been appointed as vice chairperson for the same.

International Telecommunication Union at Council meetings held at Geneva from 21st March till 31st March, 2022, has announced the appointment of Ms Aprajita Sharma, an IP&TAF Service officer as the vice-chair of Standing Committee on Administration and Management. She will remain as vice chairperson of Council Standing Committee for the years 2023 and 2024 and it's chairperson for the years 2025 and 2026.

The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is

the United Nations specialized agency for information and communication. The ITU is governed by the Plenipotentiary Conference and the Administrative Council. The Plenipotentiary Conference is the supreme organ of the Union. It is the decision making body which determines the direction of the Union and its activities.

The Council, on the other hand, acts as the Union's governing body in the interval between Plenipotentiary Conferences. Its role is to consider broad telecommunication policy issues to ensure that the Union's activities, policies and strategies fully respond to today's dynamic, rapidly changing telecommunications environment. ■

INDIA AND AUSTRALIA SIGN THE ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND TRADE AGREEMENT

The Minister of Commerce and Industry, Government of India Shri Piyush Goyal and Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, Government of Australia, Mr. Dan Tehan, MP, signed the India-Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement on 2nd April, 2022, in a Virtual ceremony in presence of the Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi and Prime Minister of Australia, Mr. Scott Morrison.

The India-Australia ECTA is the first trade agreement of India with a developed country after more than a decade. The Agreement encompasses cooperation across the entire gamut of bilateral economic and commercial relations between the two friendly countries, and covers areas like Trade in Goods, Rules of Origin, Trade in Services, Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT), Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) measures, Dispute Settlement, Movement of Natural Persons, Telecom, Customs Procedures, Pharmaceutical products, and Cooperation in other Areas. Eight subject specific side letters covering various aspects of bilateral economic cooperation were also concluded as part of the Agreement.

India and Australia enjoy excellent bilateral relations that have undergone transformative evolution in recent years, developing along a positive track, into a friendly partnership. The India-Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership initiated during the India-Australia Leaders' Virtual Summit held between Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri



Narendra Modi and Hon'ble Prime Minister of Australia Mr. Scott Morrison, on 04 June 2020 is the cornerstone of our multi-faceted bilateral relations.

Growing India-Australia economic and commercial relations contribute to the stability and strength of a rapidly diversifying and deepening bilateral relationship between the two countries. India and Australia have been each other's important trading partners. These excellent bilateral economic and commercial relations have continued to enhance and deepen over time. Australia is the 17th largest trading partner of India and India is Australia's 9th largest trading partner. India-Australia bilateral trade for both merchandise and services is valued at US\$ 27.5 billion in 2021. India's merchandise exports to Australia grew 135% between 2019 and 2021. India's exports consist primarily of a broad-based basket largely of finished products and were US\$ 6.9 billion in 2021. India's merchandise imports from Australia were US\$ 15.1 billion in 2021, consisting largely of raw materials, minerals and intermediate goods. ■

Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement between India and UAE Unveiled

Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Government of India Shri Piyush Goyal, announced the unveiling of the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) between India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) at a press conference held on 28 March 2022 during his visit to the United Arab Emirates. Shri Goyal is in UAE to participate in 'Investopia Summit' and 'World Government Summit' being held in Dubai on 28th March 2022 and 29th March 2022 respectively.

India-UAE CEPA was signed on 18 February 2022 in New Delhi during the India-UAE Virtual Summit held between His Excellency Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India and His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Al-Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, and Chairman of the Executive Council.

The India-UAE CEPA is the first deep and full free trade Agreement to be signed by India with any country in the past decade. ■

DIFFERENCE IN THE WESTERN AND INDIAN WORLD-VIEW

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We are engaged in organizational work with the aim of making our society prosperous, happy and progressive. We must realize that our nation cannot attain a position of honour and respect without strength, and strength cannot be achieved without organization and unity. Achieving a position of strength is the *raison d'être* of our organization.

THE NATURAL STATE OF THE SOCIETY

Organized state is the natural state of a society. The absence of organization is indicative of the absence of a society's natural state. A scattered group of people cannot legitimately lay a claim to be called a society. Scattered grains of earth are not called a stone or brick. Without an undifferentiated state, the grains of earth cannot lend themselves to the purpose of construction, and nobody would become a brick. Separate, they cannot be strong, cannot lend themselves to the purposes of construction, and nobody would bother about them. Everyone would appreciate their importance as stones or bricks, would maintain a safe distance from them but as grains of earth they would only be trodden over. The same principle applies to a society. A collective state alone is a society's natural state.

But in the context of a society another thing has to

be borne in mind apart from the idea of the collective. 'We are all one' -

this realization is not possible without an awareness of the elements that underline this oneness.

POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE THOUGHTS

Till now the idea of unity that is presented to us had negative connotations rather than positive ones. Some people look at the the concept of the nation itself as something negative with little positive in it. When china attacked us, our national sentiment came to the fore. Some people believe that we feel like a nation only when attacked. This is a foreign perspective. National sentiment might have arisen in England when the country came under attack. There is an English saying. "Nationals die in peace and live in war." That we should unite at the time of war is fine, but it is not a very happy situation that only war should unite us. Our nation has existed for thousands of years, but it is not right to say that only conflicts, wars and catastrophes formed its basis.

We exist as a nation on the basis of a positive sentiment. We are guided by a definite philosophy of life. We are born in this world not for hostility towards and conflict with others. We are guided by a positive thought that unites rather than splits. Those who don't have positive thoughts may say as they wish.

OUR CULTURE

Engaged in organizational work, we find culture is our unifying factor. We must devote some thought to this aspect of our nationhood. Many people ask us now a days as to what 'ism' do we believe in. The answer is we don't believe in any ism. We believe in Hindu culture of Bharatiya philosophy. We are then asked in which one of the modern 'isms' communism, capitalism, anarchism or imperialism- we believe. We believe in none of these. These are all for all foreign countries. People asked me, Would you like to have champagne or Beer? Both of them are different types of liquors. I refused both of them. In the same manner, some people in our country ask if I believe in Capitalism or Communism. We say 'no' to all these. It is, as if these are the only two ideologies. These are all alien ideas, we believe in our own.

However, we accept truth from everywhere because truth is independent of geographical

location. Our openness to new and foreign things is evident from our acceptance of the railways. Western philosophies, as they are, are incomplete. They don't look at life holistically, in its entirety and are lopsided. That's why we don't accept them. What is distinct about our culture is that it looks at life in all its dimensions.

THE WEST : ITS TENDENCY TO VIEW THINGS IN PARTS

As a student of economics I recall the first lesson characterizing economics as both science and art. Economics was defined as the centre of all human activity and everything else as its appendage. When I studied logic, I found the same thing said about the subject. In the West, there is a tendency to treat any and every subject as central to life. Everything is seen through the same coloured glasses. The West sees everything from all perspectives, all dimensions. We have looked at life in its entirety. It is, however, true that every part was also looked at for purposes of deeper understanding. We might have read an anecdote about some blind persons and an elephant. Each one described the elephant differently, in his own way. That was because the blind not possess the ability to describe the elephant in its entirety. Mere probing cannot lead to completed understanding something, Moreover, probing can lead to an error too. And that's precisely the problem with the western approach.

SENSES ALONE LEAD TO INCOMPLETE KNOWLEDGE

Western knowledge rests on senses, but this perception doesn't yield complete knowledge. Eyes can't see everything and every visible thing can also not be seen in its true form. The West has devised some instruments also for the purpose, but they also have their limitations. It is like stars in the sky whose light take hundreds of years to reach the earth. We do not even know whether those stars still exist when we see them or have already become extinct. Yet, their light is visible. Likewise, while sitting in a train, trees seem to be racing past. Among moving clouds it is the moon that seems to be moving, All this proves that eyes are not always reliable visual guides, Instruments like telescopes and microscopes have been invented to remove the deficiency to the eyes.

But it has not been possible to create a microscope of infinite capacity to see all microscopic things. Telescopes have also remained inadequate tools. It can thus be said that externally directed senses yield only incomplete knowledge.

Therefore, It is that we have emphasised looking within. View the world and creation through wisdom. Wisdom alone leads to complete knowledge. Our sages could see reality in its completeness by turning their gaze within. It is difficult to see this totality, but not all that so. It is possible if efforts are made. Just as a good Vaidya can diagnose all the bodily ailments by reading the pulse, in a similar manner, the present past and future of a human being provide his complete picture. Completeness has always been our focus. Oneness and unity is the basis of our thought. Compartmentalisation, lop-sidedness characterise the thought processes of others.

MAN IS NOT FREE

The West is grappling with the question whether the individual has primacy or the society. Many aver that an individual is free to do anything he or she likes. But can a man claim to have absolute freedom? The individual cannot do anything by himself. He has to work in conjunction with others. For his food, nourishment, routine activity for virtually everything he depends on others. Even as science progresses, the individual is becoming increasingly dependent on others. The farmer produces food grains, but for clothing remains dependent on others.

A human being is the most helpless creature at birth. All activities walking, talking, eating, learning everything is taught to him by others. His joy, happiness also depends on others. Eating, drinking, travelling, celebrating festivals, visiting fairs alone give him no joy. Our happiness multiplies on auspicious occasions. Like in wedding, it multiplies only when others come visiting us. Even though during illness and grief visitors can, at times, prove more of a burden than help, their company tends to lighten our grief and provides succour. The conclusion is that one cannot live alone. Materially, socially, in all respects, man is dependent on others. ■

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

Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore

Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore (7 May 1861 –7 August 1941) was born in the Jorasanko mansion in Kolkata to parents Debendranath Tagore (1817–1905) and Sarada Devi (1830–1875). Famous Bengal renaissance leader Dwarkanath Tagore was his paternal grandfather. He was one of the harbingers of Bengal renaissance and played an important role in Indian national movement.

He was a polymath who reshaped Bengali literature and music, as well as Indian art with Contextual Modernism in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Author of *Gitanjali* and its “profoundly sensitive, fresh and beautiful verse”, he became the first non-European to win the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1913. In translation his poetry was viewed as spiritual and mercurial, his “elegant prose and magical poetry” is celebrated almost everywhere. Tagore introduced new prose and verse forms and the use of colloquial language into Bengali literature, thereby freeing it from traditional models based on classical Sanskrit. He was highly influential in introducing the best of Indian culture to the West and vice versa, and he is generally regarded as the outstanding creative artist of the modern Indian subcontinent. A Piri Brahmin from Kolkata with ancestral gentry roots in Jessore, Tagore wrote poetry as an eight-year-old.



Tagore modernized Bengali art by spurning rigid classical forms and resisting linguistic strictures. His novels, stories, songs, dancedramas, and essays spoke to topics political and personal. *Gitanjali* (Song Offerings), *Gora* (FairFaced) and *Ghare-Baire* (The Home and the World) are his bestknown works, and his verse, short stories, and novels were acclaimed—or panned—for their lyricism, colloquialism, naturalism, and unnatural contemplation.

At age sixteen, he released his first substantial poems under the pseudonym *BhânusiCha* (“Sun Lion”), which were seized upon by literary authorities as longlost classics. He graduated to his first short stories and dramas—and the aegis of his birth name—by 1877. As a humanist, universalist internationalist, and strident nationalist he denounced the Raj and advocated independence from Britain. As an exponent of the Bengal Renaissance, he advanced a vast canon that comprised paintings, sketches and doodles, hundreds of texts, and some two thousand songs; his legacy endures also in the institution he founded, Visva-Bharati University.

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PRIME MINISTER HIGHLIGHTS THE IMPORTANCE OF ENHANCED **BIMSTEC** REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on March 30 participated in the 5th BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) Summit hosted in virtual mode by Sri Lanka, the current chair of BIMSTEC.

Prior to the 5th BIMSTEC Summit, preparatory meetings at the Senior Official and Foreign Minister levels were held in Colombo on 28th and 29th March in the hybrid mode.

The Summit's theme "Towards a Resilient Region, Prosperous Economies, Healthy People" captures the main current priorities of member states, and the efforts by BIMSTEC to develop cooperation activities that support member state's programmes to deal with the economic and development consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic. The main outcome of the Summit was the adoption and signing of the BIMSTEC Charter, which formalizes the grouping into an organization made up of members states that are littoral to, and dependent upon, the Bay of Bengal.

The Summit also saw considerable progress being achieved in the BIMSTEC connectivity agenda with the adoption of the 'Master Plan for Transport Connectivity' by Leaders which lays out a guidance framework for connectivity related activities in the region in the future.



In his intervention, the Prime Minister underscored the importance of enhanced BIMSTEC regional connectivity, cooperation and security, and made several suggestions in this regard. The Prime Minister called upon fellow leaders to strive to transform Bay of Bengal into a Bridge of Connectivity, Prosperity, and Security among the BIMSTEC-member countries.

Prime Minister Modi along with other leaders also witnessed the signing of three BIMSTEC agreements which represent progress being achieved in ongoing cooperation activities: (i) BIMSTEC Convention on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters; (ii) BIMSTEC Memorandum of Understanding on Mutual Cooperation in the field of Diplomatic Training and (iii) Memorandum of Association on Establishment of BIMSTEC Technology Transfer Facility. ■

DRDO successfully tests Medium Range Surface to Air Missile

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) conducted two successful flight tests of the Indian Army version of Medium Range Surface to Air Missile (MRSAM) at Integrated Test Range, Chandipur off the coast of Odisha on March 27, 2022. The flight tests were carried out as part of the live firing trials against high-speed aerial targets. The missiles intercepted the aerial targets and destroyed them completely, registering direct hits at both the ranges. The first launch was to intercept a medium altitude long range target and second launch was for proving the capability of a low altitude short range target.

This MRSAM version is a Surface-to-Air Missile developed jointly by DRDO and Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI), Israel for use by the Indian Army. The

MRSAM Army weapon system comprises multi-function radar, mobile launcher system and other vehicles. The flight tests were carried out with the weapon system in deliverable configuration. The performance of the weapon system was validated through the flight data captured by range instruments like radars, electro-optical tracking systems and telemetry deployed by ITR, Chandipur. The flight tests were carried out in the presence of senior officials from DRDO and Indian Army.

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh has congratulated DRDO, Indian Army and the Industry for the successful flight tests of MRSAM-Army. He said, both the successful tests established the capability of the weapon system in intercepting targets at critical ranges. ■

CONGRESS GOVERNMENT UNABLE TO CONTROL LAW AND ORDER SITUATION IN RAJASTHAN: JP NADDA

BJP National President Shri JP Nadda visited Sawai Madhopur district in eastern Rajasthan to attend a programme involving prominent people from the Scheduled Tribe (ST) community, which was organised by the state BJP ST Morcha on 02 April, 2022.

Shri JP Nadda arrived in a two-day Pravas in Sawai Madhopur by Train. He traveled from New Delhi Railway Station at 7.10 am by New Delhi-Sogaria train on 02 April, 2022 and reached Sawai Madhopur railway station by 11.38 am in the morning. Thousands of BJP Karyakartas and leaders extended a grand welcome to the BJP National President. After the welcome, Shri Nadda addressed a conference of Scheduled Tribes intellectuals. Workers of Sawai Madhopur, Karauli, Dausa, Tonk districts participated in the program. After the program, he chaired a meeting of BJP office-bearers and workers of Bharatpur division.

Addressing the Sawai Madhopur event, Shri JP Nadda highlighted BJP's role in ensuring development of tribals in the state and the entire country. "The Congress ruled from 1947 to 1998 and again from 2004... But you had to wait for the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government to get a ministry for tribals. You will have to understand which party and which leader cares for tribals," the BJP President said.

DYNASTIC PARTIES ARE THREAT TO INDIAN DEMOCRACY

Training his guns on the Congress over its dynasty politics, he said such dynastic parties are a threat to Indian democracy. "There is nothing Indian or National or Congress in 'Indian National Congress'. It is a party of a family, and of a brother and a sister," he said.

Shri Nadda also termed several other parties as dynastic outfits, including the Trinamool Congress, Samajwadi Party, National Conference, People's Democratic Party, Biju Janata Dal, YSR Congress, Shiv Sena and NCP.



"Not many people know that there is a high tribal population in Jammu and Kashmir. But in Independent India, not even one Lok Sabha or Assembly seat was reserved for tribal brothers (in J&K). Today, Article 370 has been abrogated due to the will power of PM Shri Modi and the strategy of Shri Amit Shah. Now delimitation is taking place, which is at its final stage after which tribal brothers from Jammu and Kashmir will win and come to the Lok Sabha and the Assembly," the BJP National President said.

Shri JP Nadda also criticised the Ashok Gehlot-led Congress government, accusing it of being unable to control the law and order situation in Rajasthan.

LOTUS WILL BLOOM IN RAJASTHAN IN 2023

The BJP National President congratulated Rajasthan BJP and said, "Lotus will bloom in Rajasthan also in 2023 Assembly elections and the BJP will form the government while contesting elections on the PM's face and under his leadership."

He also mentioned tribal heroes such as Birsa Munda, and highlighted the role of Rajasthan's Bheel community in helping Maharana Pratap during his battles with Mughal emperor Akbar.

Among others, state party President Shri Satish Poonia, other senior leaders of the party, eminent ST leaders from the region and thousands of karyakartas were present at the event. ■

BJYM DEMANDS ACTION ON CRIMES AGAINST WOMEN AND DALITS IN RAJASTHAN

The Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) demanded the National Commission for Women (NCW) take action against the rising harassment of women and crimes against Dalits in Rajasthan. BJYM National Vice President Smt Neha Joshi, the Rajasthan State in-charge, and BJYM Rajasthan President Shri Himanshu Sharma met the NCW President Smt Rekha Sharma on March 29, 2022 and submitted a memorandum on the issue.

They demanded that the state government be directed to take strict steps to stop the atrocities against women. The NCW President assured action on the matter and has promised to take up the issue with the Rajasthan Government soon.

BJYM National President Shri Tejasvi Surya, commenting on the youth wing's demand against the Rajasthan Government said, "Rajasthan has recorded the most number of rape cases for the last two years as per data released by the National Crime Record Bureau.



BJYM has consistently been raising issues related to women's safety in Rajasthan. With the Rajasthan government failing to ensure the safety of women, especially those hailing from the underprivileged sections, the BJYM has demanded that the NCW take cognizance of the deteriorating situation in the state. I urge the NCW to direct the Rajasthan government to take measures and safeguard our sisters and daughters."

BJYM LAUNCHES DIALOGUES ON GOVT'S POLICIES, VISION AND GOVERNANCE

The BJYM has initiated a new talk series on 08 April, 2022 wherein youth from across the country will get to interact directly with the top ministers/leaders and understand first-hand the nitty-gritties of policy making. This is aimed at fostering PM Shri Narendra Modi's vision of 21st century New India and indulging the youth directly into nation building. These dialogues have the potential to prepare leaders for the future who can contribute effectively to policy making from ground-up.

These sessions will include chat discussions with central and state government ministers, policy think tank heads, top national and international scholars from academia amongst other luminaries from the policy making field. BJYM is happy to provide this platform to the youth of the nation and help the country in reaping its demographic dividend through such novel initiatives.

In the inaugural session of these dialogues, Union Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman engaged

with 30 young, dynamic young Indians and talked to them on various policies related and personal topics. The topics she addressed included Modinomics, COVID approach of the finance ministry, employment, startups, digital economy, digital rupee, future of India's economic growth, big challenges facing the country, favorite books, defense to finance experience and her experience of leading the finance ministry since 2019. Many of the discussion topics were sourced from across the country by BJYM. BJYM had floated a form before the session to facilitate curious citizens in asking their questions directly from the Finance Minister.

BJYM President Shri Tejasvi Surya thanked Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman for her valuable time and insights. BJYM also appreciates the vigor with which people participated and sent thousands of questions for the FM. BJYM shall continue this endeavor of connecting people with their leaders through these policy dialogues and with its other initiatives that it constantly keeps bringing in the service of the nation. ■

NORTH-EAST REGION JOINS NATIONAL MAINSTREAM

'SPECIAL ATTENTION TO NORTH EAST REGION GIVEN BY PM MODI HIGHLY COMMENDABLE AND APPRECIABLE'

To bring the North-East region to the national mainstream several works of development and progress has started under the Narendra Modi government through the implementation of important initiatives and policies which includes conversion of "Look East Policy" to 'Act East Policy'. Today the entire North East region stands at the transformational mode. Today for the first time the entire nation is experiencing that our North-East region has been included into the national mainstream. On 02 April, 2022 Union Minister Shri Kiren Rijiju and BJP National spokesperson Shri Gaurav Bhatia in a joint press conference highlighted all the historic initiatives of Modi Government and its visible impacts. Salient points of the press conference;



WITHDRAWAL OF ARMED FORCES SPECIAL POWERS ACT

The Narendra Modi Government has recently taken the decision to withdraw the Armed Forces Special Powers Act from the major areas of Assam, Nagaland and Manipur, it is a very revolutionary and important step. The withdrawal of the Armed Forces Special Powers Act means that peace and tranquility has returned to the North East region.

In 1958 the Armed Forces Special Powers Act was implemented after the act of violence and mutiny in the Naga areas. After such a long period the era of peace and normalcy has returned. The vision of our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to remove the Armed Forces Special Powers Act from the entire North East region will be fulfilled very soon.

After 2015 the Armed Forces Special Powers Act was withdrawn from the entire Tripura, then it was removed from areas of Assam, and then it was also removed from Arunachal Pradesh barring just three districts.

NORTH-EAST, INDIA'S IMPORTANT ECONOMIC HUB

Under the leadership and guidance of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi the entire North East region has grown and progressed very fast, and very soon we will see that the entire North East region will become India's important economic hub.

The withdrawal of the Armed Forces Special Powers Act from the North East regions have been welcomed by one and all including the members of the civil society and political leaders. Credit also goes to Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah for implementing the vision of Shri Narendra Modi in the entire North East region.

BORDER DISPUTE RESOLVED

There are inter-state boundary issues in the North East region. Recently the first chapter of the border dispute between Assam and Meghalaya was resolved and very the remaining issues between the two states will also be resolved.

The border dispute between Assam and Arunachal Pradesh was going on the very long time and there were several incidents of violence that also happened in which several people lost their lives. Under the leadership of Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah talks between the chief ministers of the two states took place and here too the first issue of the border dispute was resolved. All of us want that all the border disputed between the states should be resolved soon.

Incidents of violence between Assam and Nagaland were very common. By taking two states in confidence the Narendra Modi government with the help of central security forces resolved disputes and established peace and tranquility. Clashes also took place between Assam and Mizoram, here too Union

Home Minister Shri Amit Shah mediated between the two states and did a commendable work in resolving the issues and bringing peace and development in the region.

There are two main reasons for the return of peace and development in the North East region–

- First is that all the pro-poor and welfare policies of the Narendra Modi government has reached the people of the region; and
- Second, the Narendra Modi government has reached out to the people and leaders who were angry and have held dialogues to persuade them to join the national mainstream and be the part of the growth and development story of the North Eastern States.

PEACE IN THE NORTH EASTERN STATES

Several steps were taken by PM Shri Narendra Modi in establishing peace in the North Eastern states. In January 2020 Bodo Pact took place, in September 2021 the peace pact of Karbi Anglong was signed, and in August 2019 peace pact was signed with the NLFT in Tripura.

The 23 year old Bru Reang dispute was also resolved and over 37,000 displaced people were resettled. Similarly several disputes of the North East region were also resolved and it is due to this reason that the North Eastern region today is peaceful which also paved the way for the withdrawal of the Armed Forces Special Powers Act. Today, people and the state governments in the North East region fully trust Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

PM VISITED NORTH EAST REGION OVER 50 TIMES

During his tenure so far PM Shri Narendra Modi has visited the North East region over 50 times; it was unthinkable earlier and it is also a rare feat. This can only be done by Prime Minister Shri Modi who calls the North East as 'Astitaxmi'. He has established connections with the people of the North East and has implemented several policies and programmes which has led to fast growth and development of the entire North Eastern region.

MAJOR PUSH TO GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has sanctioned a budget of Rs 76,000 crore for the North East in 2022-

REMOVAL OF AFSPA FROM THE NORTH EAST

Shri Narendra Modi has special affection for the North Eastern states and the people of the region. It is a matter of great satisfaction and pride that a majority of issues and problems of the North East region have been successfully resolved by the Narendra Modi government.

The removal of AFSPA from the North East is a historical and important step. In Assam AFSPA has been in force for the past three decades. The removal of AFSPA Act from Assam, Nagaland and Manipur proves that the policies and programmes of the Narendra Modi government are clear and highly effective.

Removal of AFSPA from the North East region is a major step. The policy of Narendra Modi government is very clear – wherever there are problems in the country, resolve it immediately by taking to all stakeholders.

23 which is Rs 7500 crore more than the previous year. It is a historical step taken by the Narendra Modi government.

The growth initiative by Shri Modi through new scheme 'PM Divine' has made the provision of Rs 1500 crore, which will be increased in coming years. It will give major push to growth and development activities in the North East region and also strengthen the socio-economic scenario in the states of the region.

The people of the North Eastern states had never dreamt of having roads in their villages, they had faced the problem of electricity supply, there used to be poor mobile network; but under the Narendra Modi government all this has changed and a new chapter of growth and development is being written the North Eastern states.

It is a matter of pride for all of us that under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi the growth and development is taking place in the North Eastern States. It is also very important for the safety and security of our country.

Today, peace and development is there in the North East. Earlier governments gave step-motherly treatment to the North Eastern states, which has changed drastically now and today the entire North East region has joined the national mainstream. ■



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STAND UP INDIA SCHEME INSPIRED BY THE PHILOSOPHY OF ANTYODAYA

Stand Up India scheme has been completed six years of its inception. The scheme is one of the Modi government's major initiatives, with the goal of ensuring prosperity for every stratum of society. On completing six years of the scheme, Prime Minister Shri Modi termed the initiative as part of the ongoing efforts to channel entrepreneurial spirit to further progress and prosperity in India. He said, 'India is full of entrepreneurial energy, and the Stand Up India initiative is a part of the ongoing efforts to channelize this spirit to further progress and prosperity.'

Since its launch on 5th April 2016, above 30,160 crore rupees have been sanctioned to more than 1 lakh 33 thousand 995 account holders. Of the total sanctioned loans, more than 6,435 belong to ST borrowers with Rs 1373.71 crore sanctioned, and 19,310 accounts belonged to SC borrowers with Rs 3976.84 crore sanctioned. A total of 1,08,250 women entrepreneurs with totaling Rs. 24809.89 crore has been sanctioned. Women, scheduled castes, and scheduled tribes have access to loans ranging from 10 lakh to one crore rupees. According to available updated data, till the date of 7th April under the scheme, total sanctioned application was 135057 and total sanctioned amount was 30395.78 Crore.

The scheme is inspired by the philosophy of 'Antyodaya.' Antyodaya is the Bharatiya Janata Party's core foundational philosophy. Through the mission of Antyodaya, the BJP government is dedicated itself in the upliftment of the poorest of poor and deprived sections of society. That is why the scheme's major goal is to foster entrepreneurship among underprivileged sections of society and turn them into job creators rather than job seekers. Women, Scheduled Castes (SC), and Scheduled Tribes (ST) are the focus of Stand Up India. It facilitates financial assistance ranging from Rs 10 lakh to Rs 1 crore to help them start their business. This financial assistance is available for greenfield enterprises (first-time projects/ventures) in manufacturing, services, or the trading sector, as well as sectors related to agriculture. As per the scheme,



at least one beneficiary must be a woman per bank branch. It is also given to non-individual businesses. In this case, at least 51 percent of the enterprise's shares or stakeholder must be SC/ST or woman.

In the 2021-22 budget announcement, margin money for avail the loan under the scheme is reduced from up to 25 percent to up to 15 percent of the project cost. In this announcement, activities allied to agriculture is also made eligible for the loan. The allied agriculture sector includes pisciculture, beekeeping, poultry, livestock, rearing, sorting, aggregation agro industries, dairy, fisheries, food agro-processing etc. 135518 branches of scheduled banks are connected with this stand Up india scheme and helping realizing the dream of last man of the society.

The Stand Up India scheme portal shared several success stories of entrepreneurs who, with the help of the scheme, listed themselves in emerging star in entrepreneurship. For example, Homemaker Turns Entrepreneur Mrs. Manasi Devi, a small businesswoman in Dhubri town, thought of starting a new business. Under the Stand Up India scheme, she got the help of 15 lakh and set up a factory for steel fabrication in Dhubri Town. She is currently providing direct employment to 15 people at a time. The store's daily turnover ranges from 5000/- to 7000/- with approximately 3-4 work orders per day. Several such stories have been published on the portal, along with the contact information of entrepreneurs from disadvantaged backgrounds in our society who are contributing to the 'Aatmbharat Abhiyan' (self-reliant India campaign). ■



BJP PRESIDENT'S INTERACTION WITH HEAD OF MISSIONS TO INDIA

UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF PM MODI BJP IS CONSTANTLY TOUCHING NEW HEIGHTS: JP NADDA

The Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda 06 April, 2022 interacted with the Head of Missions to India of 13 countries including the European Union at the party headquarters 6A, DDU Marg, New Delhi. The interaction is part of the "Know BJP" campaign which was started on BJP foundation day. Shri Nadda told the Heads of Missions about the Bharatiya Janata Party's rich history, the significance of the party organization and its expansion programme.

The idea behind the "Know BJP" campaign is to inform dignitaries about the party's ideology and programmes, besides the journey of India's development under Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in his eight years running the government.

The in-charge of the party's foreign department Dr Vijay Chauthaiwale welcomed the Heads of the Missions in the BJP headquarters. A documentary on the Bharatiya Janata Party's journey since 1951 was also shown to the visiting dignitaries. This was followed by the Bharatiya Janata Party National President informing the visiting Heads of Missions about the party organization, BJP's ideology and principles, its vision and its electoral struggles and successes. He also answered questions of the Heads of the Missions.

The "Head of Missions" to India were so inquisitive about the BJP that they spent 3 hours in the BJP headquarters while the interactive session went on for over 90 minutes. After the programme the Heads of the Missions also toured the BJP headquarters. During the interaction, several Heads of the Missions appreciated the pro-poor policies and programmes of the Narendra Modi Government and their effective implementation.

They also showed keen interest in knowing more and experiencing highly successful programmes and policies of the Narendra Modi Government being implemented at village and grassroots level like the DBT scheme and other pro-poor schemes.

KEY POINTS OF BJP NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS:

- Today, the BJP is the world's largest political organization and it gives me great pleasure to welcome the dignitaries to the BJP headquarters.
- From its lowest ebb to great successes the BJP has crossed many milestones. The BJP is celebrating its 42nd Foundation Day but our journey began in 1951 with the formation of the Jana Sangh. Since then the Bharatiya Janata Party has never deviated from its ideology and principles. The party is committed to cultural nationalism, integral humanism and 'Antyodaya', based on which the BJP is constructing and developing a 'New India'. All our programmes and policies are focused in this direction.
- Under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, BJP is constantly touching new heights. At the same time, we have set the highest standards of internal democracy in the party. From the booth president to the national president in the party, all are elected through the due election process.
- Under the leadership of the respected Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, a big change has come in the lives of the common people of the country in the last almost eight years. Empowerment of the person standing at the last rung of the society is the main objective of Shri Narendra Modi government.

- We work for the all-inclusive welfare of all the people of the country without appeasing anyone. 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' is the root of our thought.
- Our government has worked on the principle of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayas" for the welfare of all people irrespective of caste, religion and religion or region. This has also been the policy of BJP.
- BJP stood firm on its ideology on its principles, remained with the people and as a result of this, the party which once had two members of parliament is serving the people today with a majority of more than 300 seats under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji.
- BJP is the largest party in the world with more than 18 crore members. The number of our MPs has increased to 402 including Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha. For the first time since 1988, the membership of a party in the Upper House has crossed 100.
- Today, BJP has its own government in 12 states while BJP has coalition governments in 6 other states. Today, BJP has 1379 MLAs and out of about 11 lakh political booths in the country, there are active committees of BJP in about 8.5 lakh booths.
- In the recently concluded five state assembly elections, the BJP returned with an absolute majority in four states of Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Manipur and Goa. In Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand, the BJP has got two-thirds majority for the second time in a row.
- The service and social side of BJP also came to fore in the Corona period. Under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the BJP has brought the mantra of 'Seva Hi Sangathan' to the ground.
- During the Ukraine crisis, where the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi was engaged in evacuating thousands of Indian students trapped there, thousands of volunteers from the BJP kept in constant contact with the families of the victims.
- Diplomats from countries like Poland, Slovakia and Romania were also present. He thanked all very much for their cooperation for which we were able to get our students out of war-torn Ukraine. ■

More than Rs 30,160 crore loans sanctioned to over 1,33,995 accounts under Stand-Up India Scheme in 6 years

As we celebrate the sixth anniversary of Stand Up India Scheme, let us take a look at how this scheme has fulfilled the aspirations entrepreneurs, particularly women and Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs) and also sift through the achievements, salient features and enhancement to the scheme over the years.

Recognizing the challenges faced by Aspiring SC, ST and women entrepreneurs, Stand up India Scheme was launched on 5th April 2016 to promote entrepreneurship at grassroot level focusing on economic empowerment and job creation. In 2019-20, the Stand Up India scheme was extended for the entire period coinciding with the 15th Finance Commission period of 2020-25.

On the occasion, Union Finance & Corporate Affairs Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman on April 5 said, "As we commemorate the sixth anniversary of the Stand-Up India Scheme, it is heartening to see that more than 1.33 lakh new job-creators and entrepreneurs have so far

been facilitated under this Scheme."

Smt. Sitharaman further said, "More than 1 lakh women promoters have benefitted from this Scheme during its six years of operation. The Government understands the potential these rising entrepreneurs have in driving economic growth through their roles as not just wealth-creators but also job-creators."

"As more and more beneficiaries from the underserved segments of entrepreneurs are targeted for coverage, we would make significant strides towards building an Atmanirbhar Bharat," the Finance Minister added.

The objective of Stand-Up India is to promote entrepreneurship amongst women, Scheduled Castes (SC) & Scheduled Tribes (ST) categories, to help them in starting a greenfield enterprise in manufacturing, services or the trading sector and activities allied to agriculture. Rs. 30160 crore has been sanctioned under Stand Up India Scheme to 133,995 accounts upto 21.03.2022 since inception of the Scheme. ■

GOAL OF EXPORTING TO THE TUNE OF \$ 400 BILLION WAS ACHIEVED DUE TO THE HARD WORK OF INDIAN PEOPLE: PM

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, stated in his 87th episode of 'Mann Ki Baat' on March 27, 2022, that the goal of exporting to the tune of \$ 400 billion was achieved due to the hard work of the Indian people, and he added that he is pleased that this power of the Indian people is now reaching new markets in every nook and corner of the world. We are publishing brief summaries of the speech for our esteemed readers:



My dear countrymen, Namaskar! Last week we achieved a feat that filled all of us with pride. You must have heard that last week, India has achieved the export target of \$ 400 billion, i.e. 30 lakh crore rupees. At first instance, it might come across as a matter related to the economy; but more than the economy, it is related to the capability of India, the potential of India. At one time, the figure of exports from India used to be 100 billion, at times 150 billion, sometimes 200 billion...today, India has reached 400 billion dollars. In a way, this means that the demand for items made in India is increasing all over the world; the other meaning is that the supply chain of India is getting stronger by the day... and it also has a very big message.

- Friends, this list is very long and the power of Make In India is equivalent in might to the extent of the list. Equally great is the potential of India... and the basis of its strength are our farmers, artisans, our weavers, engineers, our small entrepreneurs, the MSME sector; people from many different professions, all of them are its true strength. It is only due to their hard work, that the goal of exporting to the tune of \$ 400 billion has been achieved and I am happy that this power of the people of India is now reaching new markets in every nook and corner of the world. When each and every Indian is vocal for local, it does not take long for the local to become global. Let's make the local 'global' and augment the prestige of our products further.
- Friends, new, ever new products from all corners of the country are reaching foreign shores. Leather products from Hailakandi in Assam or handloom products from Osmanabad, fruits and vegetables from Bijapur or black rice from Chandauli, the exports of all of these are increasing. Now, you will also find

the world famous apricot of Ladakh in Dubai too and in Saudi Arabia, you will find bananas shipped from Tamil Nadu. Most importantly, an array of new products are being sent to ever newer countries.

- My dear countrymen, you must have observed Baba Sivanand ji in the recently held Padma Awards ceremony. Seeing the agility of the 126-year-old, everyone must have been surprised just like I was... and I saw, before one could bat an eyelid, he started bowing in the Nandi Mudra. I bowed a number of times and offered Pranaam to Baba Sivanand ji. Both, the age of 126 years and the fitness of Baba Sivanand are the subject of discussion in the country today. I read many people's comments on social media, that Baba Sivanand is fitter than those one-fourth his age. Indeed, the life of Baba Sivananda is an inspiration for all of us. I wish him a long life. He has a passion for yoga and leads a very healthy lifestyle.

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- In our culture, everyone is wished a hundred years of healthy life. We will celebrate 'World Health Day' on the 7th of April. Today, the collective Indian thought on health, whether it is Yoga or Ayurveda, is increasingly trending all over the world. Just last week you must have noticed a Yoga program being organized in Qatar. In this, citizens of 114 countries participated and made a new world record. Similarly, the market of the Ayush Industry is also increasing continuously. 6 years ago, the market for medicines related to Ayurveda was around 22 thousand crores. Today, the Ayush Manufacturing Industry is reaching around one lakh forty thousand crore rupees, that is, the possibilities are increasing continuously in this sector. In the start-up world too, AYUSH is becoming a subject of attraction. ■

PM INTERACTS WITH STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND PARENTS AT 'PARIKSHA PE CHARCHA 2022'

In the 5th edition of Pariksha Pe Charcha (PPC), the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on April 1 interacted with students, teachers and parents at Talkatora Stadium in New Delhi. He inspected the exhibits of the students showcased at the venue before the interaction. Union Ministers Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Smt. Annpurna Devi, Dr. Subhas Sarkar, Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh and Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar along with virtual participation of Governors and Chief Ministers, teachers, students and parents, were present on the occasion. The Prime Minister maintained an interactive, jovial and conversational tone throughout the interaction.



Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister expressed his happiness for addressing his young friends after the virtual interaction last year. He said that PPC is his favourite programme. He noted the start of Vikram Samvat new year tomorrow and also greeted the students for many upcoming festivals. The Prime Minister introduced a new practice

in the 5th edition of PPC. He said that questions that could not be taken by him will be addressed through video, audio or text message on the Namu App.

He concluded on a personal note by acknowledging the importance of PPC for him. He said that he feels 50 years younger when he is interacting with young students. "I try to learn from you by associating with your generation. As I connect with you I get the glimpse of your aspirations and dreams and try to mould my life accordingly. Therefore this programme is helping me grow. I thank you all for giving me time to help myself and grow", concluded a visibly elated Prime Minister. ■



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PM Shri Narendra Modi inspecting the exhibits of the students, during the 5th edition of 'Pariksha Pe Charcha 2022' at Talkatora Stadium, in New Delhi



PM Shri Narendra Modi interacting with the students, during the 5th edition of 'Pariksha Pe Charcha 2022', at Talkatora Stadium in New Delhi



PM Shri Narendra Modi at the 5th BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) Summit in New Delhi



PM Shri Narendra Modi at the Civil Investiture Ceremony - II at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi



PM Shri Narendra Modi meeting the Prime Minister of Nepal Mr. Sher Bahadur Deuba at Hyderabad House in New Delhi



PM Shri Narendra Modi at the virtual signing ceremony of the India-Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement ('IndAus ECTA') in New Delhi



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6 SUCCESSFUL YEARS OF STAND UP INDIA SCHEME

The scheme is enabling empowerment of women and SC/STs

Total applications Over	Total Loans Sanctioned Over
1.54 lakh	1.35 Lakh

Loan amount sanctioned
Rs 30,385.30 crore

Under the scheme, women and SC/STs are being provided loans from Rs 10 lakh to Rs 1 crore to start a new business.

Source - www.standupindia.in

UNDER THE MODI GOVERNMENT, INDIA IS INCREASING ITS FOOTPRINT IN THE GLOBAL PHARMA SECTOR

The export of drugs and pharmaceuticals grew by 66% since 2014

20 billion
 Apr-Jan 2021-22

12 billion
 Apr-Jan 2013-14

66%

Source: Government of India

MODI GOVERNMENT'S GIFT TO CENTRAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND PENSIONERS BEFORE NAVRATRAS

Dearness allowance increased from 31% to 34% as approved by the Union cabinet

Beneficiary pensioners	Central government employees to be benefited
68.62 lakh	47.68 Lakh

Annual increment expenditure **9,544.50 crore** per annum

The hike benefit will be effective from January 1, 2022

Source: Government of India

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PROCUREMENT OF PADDY AT MSP FROM FARMERS CONTINUES IN THE KHARIF MARKETING SEASON 2021-22

- 741.62 Lakh** metric tonnes of paddy procured at MSP
- 105.14 lakh** beneficiary farmers
- Over Rs 1.45 lakh crore** payment made to farmers on MSP

MSP: Minimum Support Price
 Till March 27, 2022 Source: Government of India

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