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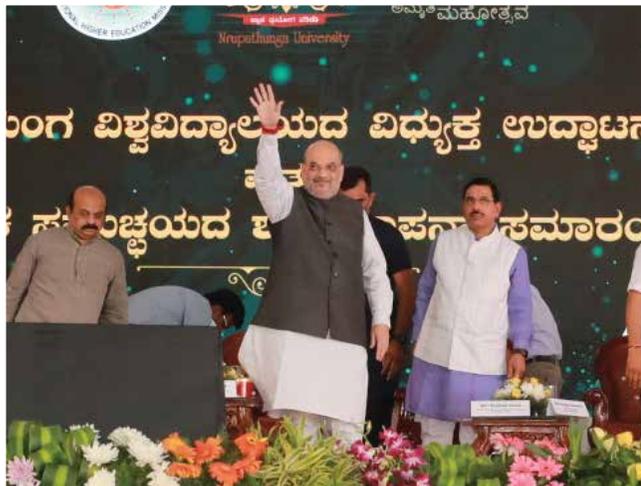
Grand welcome of BJP National President Shri JP Nadda on his arrival at Kozhikode, Kerala



Grand welcome by Telangana BJP to BJP National President Shri JP Nadda on his arrival at Hyderabad



Union Home & Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah addressing a huge public rally in Siliguri, West Bengal



Union Home & Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah receiving greetings at a programme in Bellary, Karnataka



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My visit to France was brief but a very fruitful one. President @EmmanuelMacron and I got the opportunity to discuss various subjects. I thank him and the French Government for the warm hospitality.

@JPNadda

In Telangana our party's ideology and our Hon. PM @narendramodi 's vision and good governance is being appreciated more and more each day, I am grateful to the people of Telangana for having me witness this appreciation and growing faith in the @BJP4India



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UNESCO's recognition of Durga Puja is a matter of great pride not only for Bengal but for the entire country.

@rajnathsingh

The govt. is leaving no stone unturned to ensure the safety & security of its people. India has emerged as foremost responder for out of area contingencies across the region.



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With over 190 crore COVID vaccines being administered the country is making commendable progress under the leadership of the Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi, in operating the world's #LargestVaccineDrive. #IndiaFightsCorona

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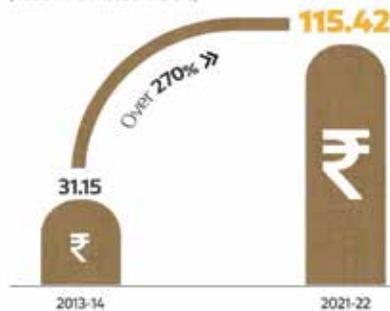
By winning 12 of the 25 seats that went to polls in Mara Autonomous District Council, Mizoram @BJP4India further spreads its wings in North East taking forward Sabka Saath : Sabka Vishwas vision of PM @narendramodi. Congratulations Team @BJP4Mizoram led by @hmuakabjp



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wishes a very happy
BUDDHA PURNIMA (16 MAY)
to all of its readers

INDIA EMERGING AS A NEW HOPE FOR THE WORLD

The recent visit of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to Germany, Denmark, and France has not only broken new ground but also shows India's willingness to proactively forge partnerships in new areas. The new dynamism currently seen in India's foreign policy reflects its commitment to shouldering responsibilities on global issues while creating partnerships with various countries at different levels. It represents an India booming with newfound confidence under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi as it has come out of cold war hangovers by engaging with every country without reservations. The partnership with these European nations is set to boost India's prospects in various fields in the coming days while meeting the requirements of these partnering countries. While green and sustainable development partnership was inked with Germany, agreement on collaboration on green hydrogen and renewable energy was the issue closer to the heart of PM Shri Modi. The Migration and Mobility Partnership was another important agreement signed with Germany during the visit.

The visit to Denmark was another landmark event that has further strengthened the partnership between the two countries in many fields. The cooperation announced in green technologies, green hydrogen, renewable, green sustainable development solutions, and the commitment to fight climate change together have further strengthened the green strategic partnership between the two countries. The extensive discussions between the Prime Minister and Danish PM, Ms. Mette Frederikson, also led to the expansion of economic trade, investment, and digital and innovation cooperation between the two countries. Aside from these, agreements were reached in the areas of skill development, vocational education, and entrepreneurship, as well as an agreement to collaborate in the range of areas towards animal husbandry to dairying and arctic cooperation. In the course of attending the India-Nordic Summit, the Prime Minister had fruitful engagements with the leaders of Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and Iceland. While making a brief stopover in France on his way back, the Prime Minister had a meeting with President Macron, further cementing the strong ties between the two countries. They held wide-ranging talks on bilateral engagements, including defence, space, civil nuclear cooperation, and people-to-people linkages.

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VISIT WILL STRENGTHEN THE GREEN STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi visited Berlin, Germany on May 2, 2022 on the invitation of Mr. Olaf Scholz, Federal Chancellor of Germany, following which he traveled to Copenhagen, Denmark, from May 3-4, 2022, at the invitation of Prime Minister of Denmark Ms. Mette Frederiksen to hold bilateral engagements and also participated in the Second India-Nordic Summit. On the way back to India, he made a brief stopover in Paris, France, for a meeting with French President Mr. Emmanuel Macron.

PM'S GERMANY VISIT

In Germany, one-to-one meeting between Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Chancellor Mr. Scholz was held which was followed by the plenary session of the sixth inter-governmental consultations, which was then followed by a high-level business roundtable, which was attended both by Chancellor Mr. Scholz and Prime Minister Shri Modi and the leading executives of the business community from the two countries. It was followed by an address by Prime Minister Shri Modi to the Indian community.

Besides that, there have also been documents signed between the two countries. Several agreements were signed by both countries. The most important was

the declaration of intent signed by both the leaders, Chancellor Mr. Scholz and Prime Minister Shri Modi, on green and sustainable development partnership. This declaration of intent imparts a long-term strategic perspective to the entire development cooperation agenda. Germany has agreed to make an advance commitment of 10 billion euros of new and additional development assistance until 2030.

The second is triangular development cooperation; essentially, India and Germany cooperate together in third-country projects. The third, an important one has done, is the declaration of intent, rather initialing of the text of the migration and Mobility Partnership Agreement. The fourth is the collaboration on green hydrogen and renewables, which Prime Minister Modi has prioritized, and as part of partnership in this space, a task force will work towards establishing a green hydrogen hub in India with German support.

The next one relates to defense cooperation in which the Indian and the German stakeholders would come together, both in the field of defense manufacturing, co-designing, and co-development and as part of discussions on global developments, the two leaders also shared their respective perspectives on developments on different issues developing all over the world. This included the knock-on effects of the Ukraine conflict, particularly in sectors like food, energy, fertilizers, and edible oil; these are all subject matter of discussion under the views on the global developments.

PM VISITS DENMARK

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi commenced the second leg of his program with his first visit to Denmark



PM Shri Narendra Modi being received by the Chancellor of Germany, Mr. Olaf Scholz



PM Shri Narendra Modi and the Danish PM, Ms. Mette Frederiksen at the Joint Press Statements in Copenhagen, Denmark

on May 3; as a special gesture, the Prime Minister of Denmark Ms. Mette Frederiksen, welcomed the Prime Minister at the airport. He started his program with a one to one talks with Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen, followed by delegation-level talks, in which the two Prime Ministers held extensive discussions on the full range of bilateral cooperation as also on matters of regional and global interest. In a high-profile business event, the two Prime Ministers also interacted with the top CEOs of both countries. During this interaction, Prime Minister Shri Modi invited the Danish businesses to associate with and invest in India's economic growth story. 17 Danish CEOs and 13 Indian CEOs were present at this business event.

It was also clearly recognized at the event that India and Denmark and the private sector stakeholders need to highlight and project the success and strength of commercial partnerships between India and Denmark to the whole world. This was followed by an interaction with the Indian diaspora in Denmark, an event marked by great energy and enthusiasm. This event also was graced by Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen, who was present at this event. Bilateral discussions between the two leaders have also resulted in productive outcomes. Letter of intent was signed on smart water management on green shipping, and an announcement was also made about the launch of a ministerial energy dialogue between the two countries.

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These three outcomes would strengthen the green strategic partnership between the two countries, including through cooperation in green technologies, green hydrogen, renewables, green sustainable development solutions and fighting the climate change together. Outside the tropics, Denmark was the first country to join the International Solar Alliance.

Second, the discussions also led to the expansion of economic trade, investment, and digital and innovation cooperation between the two countries. This whole cluster is a very significant strand of partnership. Around 200 Danish companies are present in India, and around 60 Indian companies are present in Denmark. In this space, the outcomes included the Memorandum of Understanding on skill development, vocational education, and entrepreneurship. Also,

joint declaration of the intent on the center of excellence on animal husbandry and dairying, three, Business and Technology Partnerships between the companies of India and Denmark across a range of sectors. And the two leaders also expressed their commitment to expedite the discussion and conclusion of the India-EU FTA. There were also discussions on bilateral cooperation in the Arctic region. And the outcomes also included an element that relates to people

to people linkages. There was also a five-year cultural exchange program that was signed, which would strengthen the cultural cooperation between the two countries.

INDIA -NORDIC SUMMIT

PM Shri Narendra Modi participated in the second India-Nordic Summit, which included the leaders of Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and Iceland. He held bilateral summit meetings with his counterparts from Sweden, Norway, Iceland, and Finland prior to the second Nordic Summit. Prime Minister's Shri Modi's visit has started a new chapter in India and Denmark green strategic partnership and sets an ambitious agenda of cooperation, which is mutually beneficial to both countries, economies, and societies.

PM'S BILATERAL MEETINGS WITH NORDIC LEADERS

His meetings with four Nordic leaders started with his first meeting with his counterpart from Norway, where the principal focus of discussion and partnership was on: one, blue economy and its various facets, two, renewable energy, in particular cooperative possibilities in the field of hydroelectric and green hydrogen, three, the technology and investment ties. In this context, Prime Minister invited Norwegian pension funds to partner in India's growth story. Fourth, in the health sector, in which the two leaders talked about cooperation relating to joint research in vaccines and the development of health infrastructure, and five, cooperation in building and restoring water bodies in India. They also talked about continuing cooperation and coordination in the UN Security Council and bilateral cultural cooperation, including in yoga between the two countries.

Prime Minister Shri Modi's second meeting was with his counterpart from Sweden, where the principal focus of discussion and cooperation was: one on clean technology and sustainable solutions. This was discussed broadly under two rubrics, one relating to the investments by Sweden in India in clean technology and sustainable solution and two, partnerships in research and in innovation in this field, drawing on a successful partnership under the 'LeadIT' program, which is the program relating to industrial transition. The two leaders also spoke about S&T cooperation, including Polar research, and in terms of new areas, talked about the need to shape new partnerships in the field of space, arctic research, and defense.

His next meeting was with the Prime Minister of Iceland. This year, India and Iceland are celebrating the 50th anniversary of bilateral relations. Discussions between the two leaders focused on cooperation in the field of geothermal energy and its various aspects, including research, training, skill development, and innovation in this space. The two Prime Ministers also spoke about cooperation in the blue economy as also was with the previous two leaders, including in the field of fisheries and food processing. His next and last bilateral summit meeting was with the Prime Minister of Finland, where the focus of the conversation was to build on the existing strength which India and Finland have achieved in the entire ecosystem of



PM Shri Narendra Modi at the 2nd I

digital partnership. More specifically, they talked about cooperation in the field of digital innovation, in the field of digital goods, and platforms, including infrastructure such as 5G and 6G. Both countries recently have established a Joint Center of Excellence in the field of quantum computing.

The two Prime Ministers also talked about women's empowerment. And they also noted the upcoming completion of biorefinery project in Numaligarh in Assam. Thereafter the Prime Minister started the 2nd India-Nordic summit with the five Nordic Prime Ministers. Three clusters ran common to the Nordic summit's entire discussions. One, was the need to combine the skill capabilities in Nordic countries with the scale of India, two, clean and green growth solutions, and three, to forge a new innovation partnership. The discussions during the Nordic Summit were held basically in three clusters, one, relating to multilateral cooperation in COVID aftermath, two, the climate and sustainable development and do economy, and three, the innovation segment. The first was that Prime Minister appreciated the Nordic countries as a very reliable partner in the last 75 years of India's journey of growth and economic development. It was noted that Nordic countries in India have shared values of freedom and democracy and the rule-based order and also share perspectives on various global matters.

Under the segment of climate and sustainable development and blue economy, Prime Minister



India-Nordic Summit in Copenhagen

clearly outlined India's commitment to sustainable clean, and green growth as reflected in Indian policies in this field on the ground. He also reiterated India's five commitments which were made in COP 26, which is 500 gigawatts of non-fossil fuel by 2030, 50% of energy capacity to come from renewable energy by 2030, a reduction of 1 billion tonnes in projected carbon emissions by 2030, the carbon intensity of India's economy to reduce by 45% by 2030 and net zero by 2070. The conversations also clearly brought out the need to focus on climate adaptation and climate resilience. In this context, Prime Minister also highlighted the need to strengthen partnerships with the two mechanisms which India has set up, which is one is CDRI and International Solar Alliance with Nordic countries. Prime Minister particularly emphasized the need to encourage people to change their lifestyles and promote what he has, often in publicly called lifestyle for the environment- LIFE. The Summit also talked about structuring a network of blue economy partnerships between India and Nordic countries.

In the last segment relating to innovation, which was a very strong area of the India-Nordic partnership, they focused on innovation. In this, the focus was particularly on healthcare innovation, and digital innovation, including, as I've already mentioned, when we spoke about discussions with Finland on digital goods and infrastructure, service innovation and technology partnerships.

PM'S FRANCE VISIT

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi visited France on May 4. He met President Mr. Emmanuel Macron, congratulated him on being re-elected as the President of France, and held extensive discussions on a range of issues of bilateral, regional, and global importance. The Prime Minister last visited France in August 2019. The two leaders have stayed in regular touch through calls and letters. They also met on the sidelines of the G20 Summit last year.

India and France are strong strategic partners. President Macron renewed his mandate, and the conversations between Prime Minister Shri Modi and the President started building on the existing strengths and success of the India-France strategic partnership and jotting out a blueprint for its next phase. The two leaders held wide-ranging discussions on all the key areas of bilateral engagement, including defense, space, civil nuclear cooperation, and people-to-



PM Shri Narendra Modi meets the President of France, Mr. Emmanuel Macron at Elysee Palace in Paris

people linkages. They also discussed regional and global issues including developments in Europe and in the Indo-Pacific. India and France see each other as key partners in the Indo-Pacific.

On Ukraine, there was a broad understanding of each other's position. The two leaders agreed that close coordination and engagement was important. So that both India and France can play a constructive role in the evolving situation. In sum it was a short yet, substantive visit. On the side-lines External affairs Minister, Dr. S. Jaishankar also met his French counterpart, Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian during the visit. ■

'LOTUS IS GOING TO BLOOM IN TELANGANA SOON'



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda visited Telangana on 5th May, 2022 and addressed a massive rally at Mahbubnagar as part of State BJP President Shri Bandi Sanjay's ongoing Padayatra in the state. Amid 'Vande Mataram' chants, Shri JP Nadda was given a grand welcome by senior party leaders and Karyakartas on his arrival in Shamsabad Airport in Hyderabad. After this, BJP National President held a meeting with the state BJP office-bearers in Mahbubnagar and guided the party office-bearers on various topics.

BJP National Vice-President Smt. DK Aruna, Union Minister Shri G. Kishan Reddy, State BJP President Shri Bandi Sanjay Kumar, National President of OBC Morcha Shri K Laxman, Madhya Pradesh BJP In-charge Shri Muralidhar Rao, several senior party leaders, party MLAs and a large number of Karyakartas were present on the occasion.

Stating that the people of Telangana are eagerly waiting for a change in the government, the BJP National President vowed to bring in the 'Double Engine Sarkar' in the next year's assembly elections

in Telangana.

Addressing a huge rally at Mahbubnagar as part of state BJP President Bandi Sanjay's statewide Padayatra, which entered 21st day, Shri Nadda said the people of Telangana wanted to see the BJP government in the state after the next elections, which was evident from their response to the Padayatra.

"After seeing the euphoria among the people, I am confident that lotus is going to bloom in Telangana soon," Shri Nadda said.

BJP'S VICTORY IN HAZURABAD AND DUBAKKA DISTURBED KCR

Shri JP Nadda said the BJP had shown its strength by wresting the Dubbaka and Huzurabad assembly seats from the ruling Telangana Rashtra Samithi. "It was a big jolt to Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao who has realized that his game is over," he said.

He said the people were fed up with the corrupt and dynastic rule of KCR. "He has been caught in neck-deep corruption. His government is the most corrupt in the entire country. The Kaleshwaram lift

irrigation project on Godavari River has turned into an ATM and a milch cow for KCR," he said.

Even in schemes like Mission Bhagiratha, the TRS chief had made a big money, Shri Nadda said. "There has been rampant corruption in the programmes like 'Haritha Haram' (greenery), land sales etc. The TRS government has been claiming the centrally sponsored schemes as its own," he added.

PEOPLE SHOWERING THEIR BLESSINGS ON THE PADAYATRA

Stating that the people had been showering their blessings on state BJP President Bandi Sanjay during the Padayatra, Shri JP Nadda said that PM Shri Narendra Modi had always been showing affection towards Telangana. "If the BJP can form the government in Telangana, it would be a double bonanza for the people of the state due to the Double-Engine Sarkar," he said.

TAKE THE PARTY TO THE GRASSROOTS LEVEL

Earlier, addressing the party State Executive Committee members at Mahbubnagar, the BJP National President Shri Nadda said that the BJP had fair chances of coming to power in Telangana. "All we need to do is to take the party to the grassroots level up to the polling booths," he said.

He asked the party workers to go into the Dalit colonies and understand their problems. "The Yuva Morcha leaders should get closer to the youth associations and players and meet them regularly, while Mahila Morcha leaders should hold meetings with women self-help groups regularly," he said.

The BJP President also asked them to take up district tours and address meetings only after they were fully prepared on the subjects.

PM MODI GAVE 130 CRORE PEOPLE 'SURAKSHA KAVACH'

He gave credit to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for handling the Covid pandemic well whereas, he said advanced countries had struggled. PM Shri Modi gave 130 crore people Suraksha Kavach in the form of vaccines and boosters whereas CM Mr Rao had mocked Covid protocol and made arrests of political leaders citing protocol violation, the BJP President said.

Shri Nadda said India has gone from being an importer to a major exporter. "During the pandemic, PM Shri Modi also gave 5 kg rice to the poor. He said the PM always worried about Telangana, so he allotted Rs. 10,000 support price for cotton to cotton farmers and giving special emphasis for the development of the state, he added. ■

BJP DISTRICT OFFICE IN OKHLA, NEW DELHI INAUGURATED

BJP STRIVING TO MAKE INDIA GREAT POWER: JP NADDA

BJP National President Shri JP Nadda on 03 May, 2022 inaugurated the BJP District Office at Okhla in South Delhi. During inauguration, the BJP President said that the BJP is the largest party in the world and under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, BJP is relentlessly working to take the country forward as a great power.

Speaking to the Karyakartas, Shri JP Nadda said, "I am happy that work is going on in 521 offices and more than 200 offices have been completed. There are 14 offices to be built here in Delhi and this 10th office has been completed," he

added. He further stated that under the leadership of PM Shri Modi, every worker of the ruling party is committed to work for the poor, deprived, Dalit, oppressed, women, youth, and farmers with a dedicated spirit.

He said the Modi government is a government with accountability, a government to solve problems, a government that gives new direction and vision to the country. The BJP government at the Centre has done the work of providing five kg wheat/rice per person, one kg pulses per family to 80 crore poor people of the country. Earlier, India used to import, today, it is exporting, he said. ■

'BJP IS THE ONLY TRUE DEMOCRATIC AND NATIONAL PARTY IN THE COUNTRY'

BJP National President Shri JP Nadda on a day-long Pravas arrived at Ahmedabad in Gujarat on 29 April 2022. After his arrival, Shri Nadda first visited Mahatma Gandhi Ashram at Sabarmati, Ahmedabad. He then reached state BJP headquarters 'Kamalam' in Gandhinagar and addressed a gathering of key party leaders, including MPs, MLAs and Executive Committee members of the party.

Shri JP Nadda also reached the Gujarat University convention centre in Ahmedabad and addressed nearly 7,000 party Karyakartas from across the state. After attending a religious event in Vadodara, the BJP National President held a meeting with BJP state core committee leaders, including state unit President Shri CR Patil and Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel at the party headquarters in Gandhinagar before winding up his Pravas.

Addressing a press conference at Gujarat BJP headquarters 'Kamalam' in Gandhinagar, BJP National President Shri JP Nadda said, "Gujarat is the laboratory of party organization and governance for the BJP. We will implement this model across the country. As the party President, it is also my responsibility to take this model ahead".

Successful experiments to develop the party and to make it a medium of change were carried out in Gujarat even when Shri Narendra Modi was a party office-bearer and later the Chief Minister of the state. As the CM of Gujarat, Shri Narendra Modi created a successful development model. At the national level, we are now seeing the reflection of that experiment," Shri Nadda added.

ADDRESS TO KARYAKARTAS IN GANDHINAGAR

Addressing party office bearers from Taluka level to state level, MLAs and MPs in Gandhinagar, Shri JP Nadda said PM Shri Narendra Modi's politics is based on development and it has given a tough challenge to the politics based on caste, community, region and dynasty.



He said now as the Congress party has become a party of brother and sister and regional parties have become family fiefdoms, therefore, the BJP is the only true democratic and national party in the country.

The BJP National President said the party has changed the political culture in India under the visionary guidance of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. He said any party which wants to compete with the BJP will need to work hard for at least 50-60 years to be a worthy opponent.

ADDRESS AT GUJARAT UNIVERSITY CONVENTION CENTRE

After addressing party leaders including MPs and MLAs at the state BJP headquarters in Gandhinagar, Shri Nadda addressed nearly 7,000 party Karyakartas at the Gujarat University Convention Centre in Ahmedabad.

In his speech, he said that the BJP is the only true democratic and national party now in the country. Except the BJP, there is not a single democratic and national party in the country because all the parties and regional parties have now become family-controlled parties. For example, National Conference and PDP in Jammu and Kashmir, Akali Dal, Lok Dal, Samajwadi Party, RJD, BJD, YSR Congress, TRS, DMK, NCP and Shiv Sena, where is democracy in them, he asked. ■

'LEFT FRONT GOVERNMENT PROMOTING ISLAMIC TERRORISM IN KERALA'

BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda while addressing a massive public rally in Kozhikode, Kerala on 06 May, 2022 said the enthusiasm of the people shows that in the coming days the Bharatiya Janata Party has a very bright future and will emerge as a strong force in Kerala.

He said the Left Front government always gives an impression that it treats every section of society equal. But the fact is that the Left Front government is promoting Islamic terrorism in Kerala. Islamic terrorism is getting patronage and support from the CPM Government and Kerala has become the leading Centre for Islamic terrorism.

In Kerala, society at large is in discomfort and disturbed because of the fast demographic changes taking place in the state. Religious leaders especially from the Christian community have been raising such issues time and again, he said.



125 POLITICAL MURDERS TAKEN PLACE IN KERALA

The BJP National President said the lawlessness of Kerala under the LDF regime is exposed by the high presence of organized crime and the mind-boggling number of murders that have taken place in the state over the past three years. Unfortunately, this is the type of governance the LDF is promoting in Kerala. He said the Pinarayi Vijayan government has completely failed in every aspect of governance.

HIGHLIGHTS

- India is now the world's largest startup ecosystem where 68,000 startups are working.
- Within one year 100 Unicorns have been created.
- Because of the encouragement of PM Shri Narendra Modi, in 2021-22 India did very well in the Khadi sector and it has empowered our artisans, workers and farmers.
- We have introduced the 'One Nation, One Ration Card' scheme which is one of the greatest reforms which has been done for people and the labour class.
- Under the leadership of PM Shri Narendra Modi Article 370 and 35A has been revoked and now Jammu Kashmir is our integral part.
- Jammu and Kashmir is today moving fast on the path of development, growth and prosperity.
- Under PM Kisan Samman Nidhi, 11 crore farmers have received funds of which 37.31 lakh farmers are from Kerala.
- More than 12 crore households in the country are getting tap water connection, out of which 70.68 lakh beneficiaries are from Kerala under Jal Jivan Mission.
- Under the financial inclusion scheme 45 crore people have been included in Jan Dhan Yojana, out of which 45.85 lakh people belong to Kerala.
- Petrochemical project of BPCL worth Rs 6,000 crores has been allocated to Kerala.
- The Marine Engineering training institute 'Vigyan Sagar', the Cochin Shipyard Limited and many other projects are coming up in Kerala.
- Under Bharatmala Pariyojana, so far 16 projects have been completed, 49 projects are under-construction and Rs 4,035 crores has been allocated to Kerala.
- Under Sagarmala project, 65 projects are going on and Rs 18,081 crore has been spent on it.

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BJP DETERMINED TO FIGHT AGAINST EXTORTION, CORRUPTION AND POLITICAL VIOLENCE: AMIT SHAH

On a two-day visit to West Bengal, Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah arrived in Kolkata on 05 May, 2022 and participated in several events, including a huge public meeting in Siliguri, the foundation stone laying ceremony of Maitri Museum and Prahari Sammelan at Haridaspur. Shri Shah also attended a cultural event-Mukti-Matrika at Kolkata, organised by the ministry of culture to celebrate the inscription of the Durga Puja in the UNESCO list of 'Intangible Cultural Heritage' and met the MPs, MLAs and state office-bearers of the West Bengal BJP.

RALLY IN SILIGURI

Addressing a massive public rally in North Bengal's Siliguri, Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah said, the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) will be implemented once the Covid-19 situation is over. "Mamata Didi only wants to see infiltration into Bengal but our refugees do not get citizenship. The Trinamool must listen to this clearly, the CAA was a reality, is a reality and will remain a reality", Shri Shah said.

The Union Home Minister accused the ruling TMC in Bengal of spreading canards about the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, and said that the law would be implemented once the Covid-19 pandemic ended.

BJP would not rest till it uprooted the tyrannical rule of the TMC and restored democracy in Bengal, he said. Shri Shah also added that BJP was determined to fight against the 'cut-money' culture of extortion, corruption and political violence.

He said, "I want to thank the people of Bengal for raising BJP's tally in the Assembly to 77 from three. We had hoped that Mamata Didi would rectify herself after being voted to power for the third time. We waited for an entire year for her to rectify herself, but she didn't change. Jungle Raj still prevails in the state," Shri Shah

stated.

"Didi has always misled Gorkha brothers and sisters. I have come today to tell them that if there is one party that thinks in the interest of Gorkhas, it is the BJP and a permanent political solution to all problems will be found within the limits of the Constitution," he added.

PAYS RESPECT TO THAKUR PANCHANAN BURMA & TENZING NORGAY SHERPA

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah paid tributes to social reformer Thakur Panchanan Burma in Siliguri. He said, "Thakur Panchanan Burma was a great leader and social reformer who dedicated his entire life for the empowerment of the backward people of the society. He was one of the foremost personalities of our Rajbangshi community, today I pay my respects to this great soul in Siliguri".

The Union Home Minister, during his visit to West Bengal also paid respect and homage to Tenzing Norgay Sherpa of Darjeeling, the first man to reach the summit of Mount Everest. Later in his message Shri Shah said, "On the day of May 29, 1953 a new history was made when Tenzing Norgay Sherpa of Darjeeling became the first man to reach the summit of Mount Everest with Sir Edmund Hillary of New Zealand. He is the source of inspiration for all of us. I offer my heartfelt respect and homage to him," he tweeted.

INDIA WILL OCCUPY TOP POSITION GLOBALLY

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah on 06 May, 2022 said 25 years from now, India will occupy the top position globally. Addressing a function at the Victoria Memorial in Kolkata to commemorate the 75th year of Independence and the UNESCO declaration of Bengal's Durga Puja as an intangible global heritage,

Shri Shah said the global body's honour was a matter of pride for the entire country. In every sector – education, arts, defence, you name it, India has made great strides. It has gained respect internationally as a great power. When the country reaches its 100th year of Independence, India will occupy the top position in the world.

Speaking on the issue of UNESCO's honour for Bengal's Durga Puja, he said, "it is not only a matter of pride for the state, but for the entire country."

Shri Shah said, "Durga puja is celebrated for worshipping the goddess. Worshipping the 'Stree Shakti' is for women's empowerment. She is one power whom all the Gods- the Hindu trinity– Brahma, Vishnu, Maheshwar invoked to slay the demon. India has shown the world how to celebrate women's power for ages.

The Home Minister also paid glowing tribute to the freedom fighters who have made it possible for us to breathe in a country freed by their sacrifices. He referred to revolutionaries like Khudiram Bose from Bengal in this context.

UNION HOME MINISTER MEETS FAMILY OF DECEASED BJYM LEADER

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah met the family members of deceased Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha worker Shri Arjun Chowrasia at Kolkata's Kashipur on 06 May, 2022 and called for a CBI probe into his mysterious death.



The BJP unit in West Bengal said Shri Chowrasia, who was Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha Mondal Vice-President of North Kolkata was brutally murdered and hanged. The 27-year-old party worker was found dead under mysterious circumstances on the morning hours of 06 May.

Following the mysterious death of the party worker, Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah cancelled all welcome events planned for him in the city and visited his residence. After meeting his family, Shri Shah said, "We will ensure that those behind the murder of BJYM leader Arjun Chowrasia are punished." ■

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Atrocities against women increased significantly.

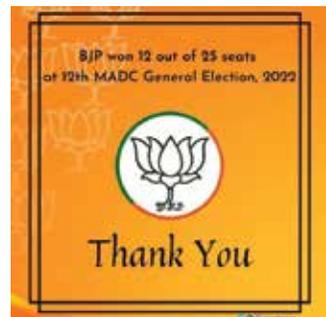
Shri Nadda said, "I am shocked to know that more than 125 political murders have taken place in last 15 years. Most of these murders took place in Kannur district which is CM's home district. Over 1019 total murders have taken place in last 3 years".

WE WILL CONTINUE OUR FIGHT IN A DEMOCRATIC MANNER

The latest incident of the brutal attack on RSS workers Shri Srinivasan and Shri A. Sanjit in Palakkad is a glaring example of support given by the state government to criminal and communal elements. The BJP National President said, "I salute the BJP karyakartas of Kerala who are fighting the state sponsored violence. I would like to say that in a democratic manner, we will continue our fight and we will bring the culprits to books". ■

MIZORAM MADC POLLS: BJP WINS 12 SEATS, EMERGES AS LARGEST PARTY

The Bharatiya Janata Party has emerged as the single-largest party in the 25-member Mara Autonomous District Council (MADC) polls in south Mizoram's Siaha district. The party has won 12 seats and emerged as the largest party. The MADC polls results were declared on 09 May, 2022.



BJP contested on 24 seats and won 12 seats, while the state's ruling party Mizo National Front (MNF) secured nine and the Congress got four seats. ■

GST REVENUE COLLECTION FOR APRIL 2022 HIGHEST EVER AT RS 1.68 LAKH CRORE

The gross GST revenue collected in the month of April, 2022 is Rs 1,67,540 crore of which CGST is Rs 33,159 crore, SGST is Rs 41,793 crore, IGST is Rs 81,939 crore (including Rs 36,705 crore collected on import of goods) and cess is Rs 10,649 crore (including Rs 857 crore collected on import of goods).

The gross GST collection in April 2022 is all time high, Rs 25,000 crore more than the next highest collection of Rs. 1,42,095 crore, just last month.

The government has settled Rs 33,423 crore to CGST and Rs 26,962 crore to SGST from IGST. The total revenue of Centre and the States in the month of April 2022 after regular settlement is Rs 66,582 crore for CGST and Rs 68,755 crore for the SGST.

The revenues for the month of April 2022 are 20% higher than the GST revenues in the same month last year. During the month, revenues from import of goods



was 30% higher and the revenues from domestic transaction (including import of services) are 17% higher than the revenues from these sources during the same month last year.

For the first time gross GST collection has crossed Rs 1.5 lakh crore mark. Total number of e-way bills generated in the month of March 2022 was 7.7 crore, which is 13% higher than 6.8 crore e-way bills generated in the month of February 2022, which reflects recovery of business activity at faster pace.

Month of April 2022 saw the highest ever tax collection in a single day on 20th April 2022 and highest collection during an hour, during 4 PM to 5PM on that day.

On 20th April 2022, Rs 57,847 crore was paid through 9.58 lakh transactions and during 4-5 PM, almost Rs 8,000 crore was paid through 88,000 transactions. The highest single day payment last year (on the same date) was Rs 48,000 crore through 7.22 lakh transactions and highest one hour collection (2-3PM on the same date last year) was Rs 6,400 crore through 65,000 transactions.

During April 2022, 1.06 crore GST returns in GSTR-3B were filed, of which 97 lakh pertained to the month of March 2022, as compared to total 92 lakh returns filed during April 2021. Similarly, during April 2022, 1.05 crore statements of invoices issued in GSTR-1 were filed. Till end of the month, the filing percentage for GSTR-3B in April 2022 was 84.7% as compared to 78.3% in April 2021 and the filing percentage for GSTR-1 in April 2022 was 83.11% as compared to 73.9% in April 2021. ■

India's Services exports set a new record of USD 254.4 Billion

India's Services exports set a new record of USD 254.4 Billion in the financial year 2021-2022. The new record achieved in 2021-22 beats the previous high of USD 213.2 Billion in 2019-20. Also, Services exports hit an all-time monthly high of USD 26.9 Billion in March 2022.

Telecommunications, computer, and information services, other business services and Transport are the top contributors in Services exports during April-December 2021 (latest available). Component-wise Services trade is given in table below.

India's overall exports (i.e. Services and Merchandise) touched USD 676.2 Billion in financial year 2021-2022 as both Services and Merchandise hit record high exports in financial year 2021-2022. India's overall exports were USD 526.6 Billion and USD 497.9 Billion in 2019-20 and 2020-21 respectively.

India's Merchandise exports had crossed USD 400 Billion milestone in Financial Year 2021-2022 and stood at USD 421.8 Billion which is a phenomenal increase of 44.6 percent and 34.6 percent over 2020-21 and 2019-20 respectively. ■

INDIA'S PHARMA EXPORTS GROW BY 103% SINCE 2013-14

Indian pharma exports witnessed a growth of 103% since 2013-14, from Rs. 90, 415 Crores in 2013-14 to Rs. 1,83,422 Crores in 2021-22. The exports achieved in 2021-22 is the Pharma Sector' best export performance ever. It is a remarkable growth with exports growing by almost USD 10 billion in 8 years. Under the leadership of Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi India has been serving as the 'pharmacy of the world'.

Building on the outstanding performance in the previous FY 2020-21, Indian pharma exports once again registered a healthy performance in 2021-22. The pharma exports in 2021-22 sustained a positive growth despite the global trade disruptions and drop

in demand for COVID related medicines. The trade balance continues to be in India's favour, with a surplus of USD 15175.81 Million.

Indian pharma companies enabled by their price competitiveness and good quality, have made global mark, with 60 per cent of the world's vaccines and 20% of generic medicines coming from India.

India ranks 3rd worldwide for production by volume and 14th by value. Behind India's pharma success story is our world class manufacturing excellence, robust infrastructure, cost-competitiveness, trained human capital and innovation. The current market size of the Indian pharmaceutical industry is around USD 50 billion. ■

EXPORTS OF INDIAN CHEMICALS REGISTER GROWTH OF 106% IN 2021-22 OVER 2013-14

India exports chemicals to more than 175 countries; new markets include Turkey, Russia and North East Asian Countries

Exports of Indian Chemicals has registered growth of 106% in 2021-22 over 2013-14. India's exports of Chemicals for 2021-22 hit a record at US\$ 29296 Million, whereas in 2013-14 India's Chemical exports was US\$ 14210 Million.

Highlighting the achievement in a Tweet, Union Minister for Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and Textiles, Shri Piyush Goyal said that the export growth would be a boost to Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi's Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan.

The export growth of Chemicals has been achieved because of a surge in shipments of Organic, Inorganic Chemicals, Agrochemicals, Dyes and Dye intermediates, Specialty Chemicals.

Today Indian Chemical industry has become global player and earns foreign exchange for the nation with "Make in India" approach. India is the 6th Largest producer of Chemicals in the world and 3rd in Asia. India ranks 14th position in export of chemicals.

Today India leads in Dyes production and contributes to 16%-18% to world's dyestuff exports. Indian Dye is exported to over 90+ countries. India is 4th largest producer of agrochemicals in the world and manufacturing more than 50% technical grade pesticides.

Almost 50% of agrochemicals are exported from India to the world. India is the largest producer and exporter of castor oil in the world and is responsible for almost 85-90 % of total global exports in this segment.

India exports to more than 175 countries and top destinations are USA, China and new markets viz. Turkey, Russia and North East Asian Countries (China, Hongkong, Japan, Korea RP, Taiwan, Macao, Mongolia) have also been added. ■



INDIA ADMINISTERS COVID-19 VACCINE TO 85% OF ITS ELIGIBLE POPULATION

A REPORT

India is successfully running the world's largest, fastest, and free COVID-19 vaccination programme under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. Despite the numerous challenges that our healthcare workers, administration, and other stakeholders face, we are able to meet many milestones during this vaccination drive and successfully administer COVID-19 vaccines in some of the most difficult terrain and geographical areas. The COVID vaccine has been administered to 96 percent of the adult population in the country, with 85 percent of the eligible population over the age of 15 receiving the second dose.

Due to these efforts and willingness the cumulative number of COVID-19 vaccine doses administered in the country has crossed 190 crore on May 7. So far, more than 3.01 crore (3,01,97,120) children aged 12-14 years have received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Over 2.63 billion precaution doses have been administered to healthcare workers,

frontline workers, and those aged 60 and up above to date.

The nationwide vaccination drive began on January 16, 2017, with healthcare workers being the first to be immunized. Frontline workers were vaccinated starting on February 2 of last year.

The next phase of the COVID-19 vaccination drive began on March 1 of last year for people over the age of 60 and those aged 45 and up with certain comorbid conditions. From April 1 of last year, India mandated vaccination for all people over the age of 45.

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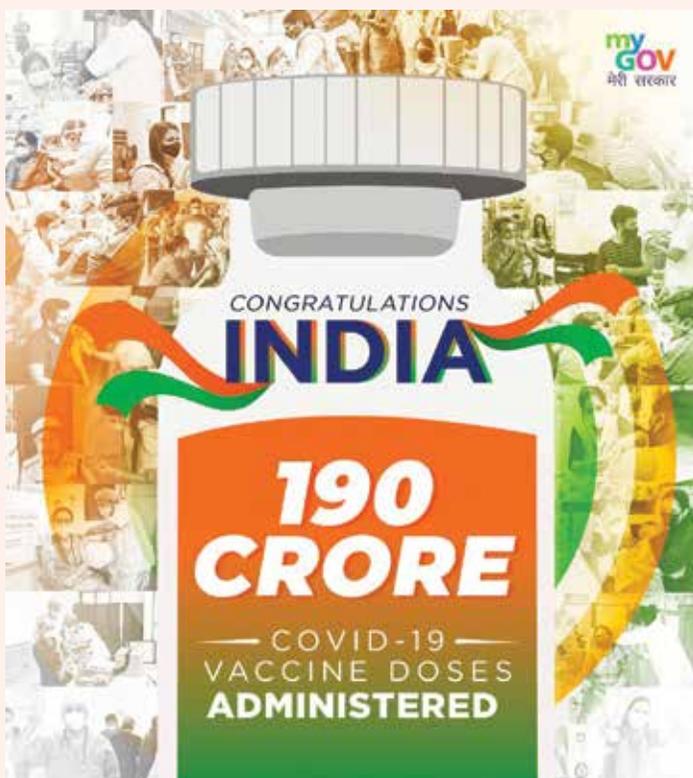
government decided to broaden its vaccination campaign by allowing anyone over the age of 18 to be immunized against the viral disease.

The next phase of vaccination began on January 3 for adolescents aged 15 to 18 years.

India began administering precaution doses of vaccines to healthcare and frontline workers and those aged 60 and above with comorbidities from January 10. The country began inoculating children aged 12-14 from March 16 and also removed the comorbidity clause making all people aged above 60 eligible for the precaution dose of Covid vaccine.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi recently held a review meeting with state chief ministers and senior officials on the Covid-19 situation and vaccination programme. He said the authorities needed to remain alert after the meeting as challenges related to the pandemic had not yet gotten over.

He said, "Our priority is to vaccinate all eligible children at the earliest. For this, as before, special



campaigns will also be needed in schools. Teachers and parents should be aware of this”, said the Prime Minister. A precautionary dose is available for all adults in the country to strengthen the vaccine protective shield. He added that teachers, parents, and other eligible people could take a precautionary dose. The PM further spoke about the country's inoculation drive against the virus. “It is a matter of pride for every Indian that 96 percent of adult population in the country has got at least one dose of Covid vaccine, while 85 percent of the eligible population above 15 years of age inoculated with the second dose,” he said.

Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Health Minister, also stated that India's successful Covid-19 management and vaccination drive are being studied by experts around the world, and that with the two successes, India has provided a health sector model to the world at large.

“India is a large country with a population of 1.3 billion people and a diverse culture.” In such a situation, 97.5 percent first-dose administration is a huge achievement for India, and the rest of the world is seeing that this is India's model. It is not the time to adopt a global model. Today, India has also presented its model to the world, which is being studied. Today, experts from around the world are visiting India to study the country's Covid-19 management and vaccination campaign, and we must do more in the coming days. ■

KHADI Exceeds Turnover of Rs 1 lakh crore in 2021-22; Beats all FMCG Companies in India

Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has achieved a height which remains a distant goal for all FMCG companies in India. Thanks to the constant support of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, KVIC has, for the first time, clocked a massive turnover of Rs 1.15 lakh crore, which is unprecedented by any FMCG company in the country. This makes KVIC the only company in the country to have recorded a turnover of Rs 1 lakh crore.

In FY 2021-22, the overall turnover of KVIC stood at a whopping Rs 1,15,415.22 crore as compared to Rs 95,741.74 crore in the previous year, i.e. 2020-21. KVIC has thus registered a growth of 20.54% from the year 2020-21. Compared to the year 2014-15, the overall production in Khadi and Village Industry sectors in 2021-22 has registered a whopping growth of 172% while the gross sales during this period increased by over 248%. This massive turnover of KVIC has come despite partial lockdown in the country in the first 3 months, i.e. April to June in 2021, due to the second wave of Covid-19 pandemic.

Looking at the performance in the last one year, the biggest impact can be seen in the Khadi sector which has registered a growth of 43.20% from Rs 3528 crore in 2020-21 to Rs 5052 crore in 2021-22. In the last 8 years, i.e. from 2014-15, the production in the Khadi sector in 2021-22 has increased by 191%, while the Khadi sales have increased exponentially by 332%.

On the other hand, the turnover in the Village Industries sector alone has reached Rs 1,10,364 crores in 2021-22, as compared to Rs 92,214 crore in the previous year. In the last 8 years, the production in the Village Industry sector in 2021-22 has increased by 172%, while the sales have increased by 245%. ■

IN RMS 2022-23, 161.95 LMT WHEAT PROCURED FROM 11 STATES (UPTO 01.05.2022)

Wheat procurement in RMS 2022-23 has so far benefitted 14.70 Lakh farmers with an MSP value of Rs. 32,633.71 Crore

Wheat procurement under the central pool is progressing in Rabi Marketing Season 2022-23 in the States/UTs of Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Chandigarh, Himachal Pradesh, J and K, Gujarat, Bihar, and Rajasthan.

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CAPITALISM, SOCIALISM, COMMUNISM AND OTHER 'ISMS'

-PT. DEENDAYAL UPADHYAYA

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The West has viewed selflessness too in terms of self-interest. Their political science, social science and economic are also based on the principle of self-interest. Even coming together of people in the West is guided by the imperative of self-interest. Hundred people would come together there because ten won't suffice to douse a fire, but the motivation is not service. They join hands essentially to parry an attack. And when not attacked themselves, they incline to attack. But our selflessness is guided by a sense of service and good of others. We will serve in happy times anyway, but we serve even in times of personal distress. In the West, farmers are urged to produce more to raise their standard of living. The farmer produces there so that he may earn more for his material well-being, our farmer produces grains with a sense of duty-to feed ants, birds and human beings, as if he were performing a sacred Yajna.

WE ARE GOD-MINDED

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happened to meet me said: "If the people of India stop feeding ants and monkeys, the number of people who die of hunger will be reduced by half." I said: "If you people fast four days a week, how many will get food? How much will be the savings if the sick stop taking medicines?"



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The fact is we are a God-centric people. That which is not visible is the centre of our gaze. We move towards the centre, the western people move outwards, away from it. Moving towards it, we get ever closer to the centre. In the West each individual is a centre, they move away from the centre, thus getting farther and further away from it. Call it God, soul, Brahma-that's what is our Centre. That's why we believe that soul resides in all. In the West everything is treated as machine, a mechanism, including the society. In our view society state and nation are all infused with (God-consciousness. We look at the whole world as a conscious entity and God as immanent. For us everything is soul-animated, they view things as inert. For us society and nation are also manifestations of Godhead, their conception of these are mechanical.

PM MODI RECEIVES 1st LATA MANGESHKAR AWARD

NOT MERE EQUALITY BUT SENSE OF KINSHIP

The western discourse revolves around the notion of equality. We, on the other hand, talk of unity. Equality doesn't obtain even among brothers—this world is characterized by difference. Unity can be brought about in the world, but equality eludes it. The West gave universal franchise to achieve equality, but could it ensure mental equality among all? They averred that everyone would be given equal opportunity to progress. But this remained only a slogan. How could the climate and conditions of the north be provided to the residents of the south? Those living on the banks of a river have the opportunity to swim in it, how can others have it? In the family the child is fed with milk, the grown-ups with bread. Would it be right if the grown-ups were to insist that the child be fed bread too, or if the child were to insist on marriage along with the grown-ups? The ant and the elephant have been endowed differently by God. The elephant doesn't get again for food as the ant does. Today the ant also, lays claim to what the elephant gets. If the elephant were to demand that the ant carry the load that he does, how would that be? It is stating the obvious that the basis of life is not equality, but a feeling of kinship. Struggle and selfishness don't sustain life. We believe that even a thief has the godly element in him; therefore even a thief can serve.

THE SAVAGE AGE ADAM AND THE COMPASSIONATE MANU

The Biblical tale of Adam and Eve narrates that Adam ate the forbidden fruit and was consequently expelled from Paradise and thrown down on earth. The West thus associates defiance and stealth with man. We have the ideal of Manu before us who saved fish during the deluge, provided shelter and protection to the human species. The ideal of Manu is one of Compassion, as against that the West views the original man as an offender, a sinner.

This is a very fundamental difference in the two conceptions of man. A comprehension of this difference will acquaint us with what our true culture is, what integral humanism is. ■

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

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi attended the Master Deenanath Mangeshkar Awards Ceremony in Mumbai on 24 April. On this occasion, Prime Minister was conferred 1st Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Award. This award, which has been instituted in memory of Bharat Ratna Lata Mangeshkar, will be given every year exclusively to one individual for exemplary contribution towards nation building.



He said, "We are fortunate to have seen this capability and strength of music, in the form of Lata Didi", he said. On a personal note, Shri Modi said "For me, Lata Didi was the 'Sur Samragyi' as well as my elder sister. What can be a greater privilege than to have received the love of a sister from Lata Didi, who has given the gift of love and emotion to generations", he said.

PM Shri Modi said that he is generally not very comfortable with receiving awards but when the Mangeshkar Family calls with an award that carries the name of an elder sister like Lata Didi, then it becomes a symbol of her affection and love. "It is not simply possible for me to say no to this. I dedicate this award to all the countrymen. As Lata Didi belonged to people, this award given to me in her name also belongs to people", the Prime Minister said. The Prime Minister narrated many personal anecdotes and elaborated upon the immense contribution of Lata Didi to the cultural world. "Lata ji's physical journey was completed at a time when our country is celebrating Amrit Mahotsav of its freedom. She gave voice to India before independence, and the country's journey of these 75 years was also associated with her voice", said the Prime Minister. ■

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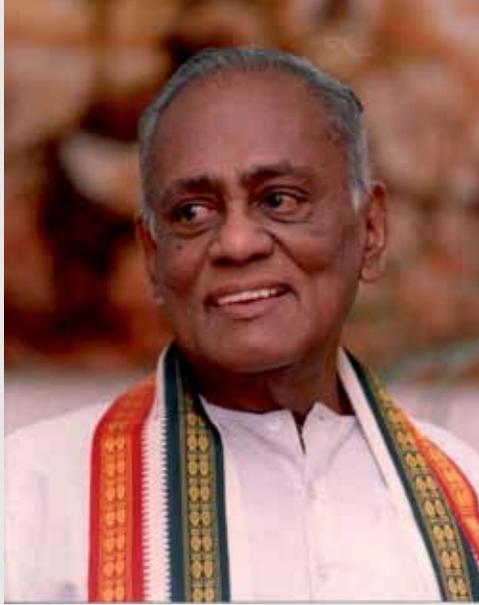
(24 MAY 1928 – 25 SEPTEMBER 2007)

Shri K. Jana Krishnamurthi was a renowned political leader who adorned the office of BJP National President between 2001 to 2002. Shri Krishnamurthi, a former Union Law Minister and member of the Indian Parliament, was the second person from Tamil Nadu to lead a national party after Kamaraj.

Shri Krishnamurthi was born on 24th May, 1928 in Madurai, Tamil Nadu. In 1965, he left his successful law practise in Madurai after graduating from Chennai Law College. Shri Guruji, then-Sarsangh Chalak of the RSS, persuaded him to enter politics.

Shri Krishnamurthi joined the RSS in 1940 and became the General Secretary of the Bharatiya Janata Sangh (BJS) in Tamil Nadu at the request of Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee. He was instrumental in increasing support for the relatively unknown BJS in South India.

He was the secretary of the Tamil Nadu resistance movement when the state of emergency was declared in 1975. When the BJS merged with the Janata Party in 1977, he became General Secretary of the Janata Party's Tamil Nadu unit. Along with Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Shri Lal Krishna Advani, Shri Sunder Singh Bhandari, Shri



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Kushabhau Thakre, and Shri Jaganatha Rao Joshi, he co-founded the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in 1980. He was the organization's first National

Secretary. He became one of the General Secretaries in 1983 and Vice-President of the Party in 1985.

From 1980 to 1990, he was instrumental in the BJP's expansion in the four southern states of Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, and Andhra Pradesh.

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Shri Krishnamurthi later served as Union Law Minister in Atal Bihari Vajpayee's cabinet. He resigned after a year due to ill health. He served as a Rajya Sabha Member of Parliament from Gujarat and was a member of the Parliament's Standing Committees on External Affairs and Defence. He also served as the Chairman of the Petitions Committee. His tenure will be remembered for his forthright and honest report on Petrol Adulteration. On September 25, 2007, he departed for his heavenly abode. ■

PM dedicates 7 cancer hospitals and lays foundation of 7 more across Assam

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi dedicated to the nation seven cancer hospitals in Assam at a function in Dibrugarh on 28 April. These cancer Hospitals are built at Dibrugarh, Kokrajhar, Barpeta, Darrang, Tezpur, Lakhimpur, and Jorhat.

The Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone of seven new cancer hospitals at Dhubri, Nalbari, Goalpara, Nagaon, Sivasagar, Tinsukia and Golaghat to be constructed under phase 2 of the project. Governor of Assam Shri Jagdish Mukhi, Chief Minister of Assam Shri Himanta Biswa Sarma, Union Minister Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Shri Rameswar Teli, Former CJI and Rajya Sabha member, Shri Ranjan Gogoi and noted industrialist Shri Ratan Tata were among those present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister started by acknowledging the festive spirit of the season and paid homage to the great sons and daughters of Assam. The Prime Minister said that Cancer hospitals

- Shri Modi talked about 'Swasthya ke Saptrishisi'. The effort of the government is that disease itself does not arise. "That's why our government has given a lot of emphasis on Preventive Healthcare. The yoga, fitness related programs are going on for this reason", he said.
- Second, if the disease occurs, it should be known in the early stages. For this, lakhs of new testing centers are being built across the country.
- The third focus is that people should have better first aid facilities near their homes. For this primary health centers are being improved.
- The fourth effort is that the poor should get free treatment in the best hospital. For this, under schemes like Ayushman Bharat, free treatment up to Rs 5 lakh is being given by the Government of India.
- Our fifth focus is to minimize the dependence on big cities for good treatment. For this, our government is making unprecedented investments on health



in Assam that were dedicated to nation today and the ones for which foundation stone was laid today, will augment healthcare capacities in Northeast as well as South Asia. Acknowledging that cancer has been a big problem not only in Assam but also in the North East, the Prime Minister said "our poorest, middle class families are the most affected by this". For the treatment of cancer, till a few years ago, the patients here had to go to big cities which led to financial burden on poor and middle-class families. The Prime Minister complimented the Assam Chief Minister Shri Sarma and Union Minister Shri Sonowal and Tata Trust for taking many steps to address this long pending problem.

GOVERNMENT'S VISION FOR THE HEALTHCARE SECTOR

Elaborating on the government's vision for the healthcare sector,

- infrastructure. The Prime Minister explained that "before 2014, there were only 7 AIIMS in the country. Out of these, except one in Delhi, there was no MBBS course or OPD, some of them were incomplete even. We rectified all these and declared 16 new AIIMS in the country. AIIMS Guwahati is also one of them."
- On the sixth point of the vision Shri Modi said, "our government is addressing the shortfall in the number of doctors. In the last seven years, more than 70 thousand new seats have been added for MBBS and PG. Our government is also treating more than 5 lakh Ayush doctors at par with allopathic doctors."
 - The seventh focus of the government is digitization of health services. The effort of the government is to get rid of long lines for treatment, to get rid of the problems in the name of treatment. For this many schemes have been implemented, Shri Modi added. ■

'WE JUST HAVE TO STRENGTHEN OUR SELF-CONFIDENCE, OUR SPIRIT OF AATMNIQBHARTA'

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the Global Patidar Business Summit (GPBS), being organized by Sardardham on 29 April via video conferencing. The Chief Minister of Gujarat, Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel and Union Ministers and industrial leaders were among those present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister noted the status of city of Surat as one of the fastest growing cities of the world. Recalling Sardar Patel's words, the Prime Minister said Today India has so much. "We just have to strengthen our self-confidence, our spirit of Aatmnirbharta. This confidence will come only when there is participation of everyone in development, everyone's effort will be involved"

On the enhancement of the spirit of entrepreneurship in the country, he said that It is the constant effort of the government through its policies and its action such an environment should be created in the country that even the youth of ordinary families become an entrepreneur, dream and take pride in entrepreneurship. The Prime Minister said that schemes like Mudra Yojna are giving strength to those people to get into business who never dreamed about doing so. Similarly, Start Up India is helping in realization of innovation, talent and dreams of Unicorn which appeared inaccessible earlier. Production Linked Incentive, said the Prime Minister, is infusing new energy in the traditional sectors and creating new possibilities in new sectors. Despite the challenges of pandemic, he informed, the MSME sector of the country advanced rapidly. With massive financial support lakhs of employment in the sector were protected and now this sector is creating many news avenues of employment. PM-SVANIDHI scheme has associated street vendors in the growth story by giving them access to formal banking and finance. The scheme has been extended till December 2024 recently, he informed.

The Prime Minister said that every small and big business is contributing to the national progress and this spirit of Sabka Prayas is becoming strength of the New India in the Amrit Kaal. He expressed happiness that the Summit this year is discussing this aspect in detail.



Shifting to Gujarati the Prime Minister asked the community to create groups consisting of both experienced and young members to work on issues of national interest and document ideas, global good practices and government policies and their analysis can also be undertaken. He said subjects like fintech, skill development, financial inclusion etc can be taken for suggesting intervention in government and in academia. Similarly, National Education Policy can be taken up for exploration of best way of total implementation and suggesting useful intervention at every level.

The Prime Minister also asked the summit to explore ways of modernizing agriculture and bringing investment in agriculture. The Prime Minister also asked to work in the field of natural farming. Prime Minister Shri Modi emphasized the possibilities of using spare areas in the fields for solar panel. He asked them to contribute in the recently launched Amrit Sarovar Abhiyan. Talking about the recently held Ayurved Summit, the Prime Minister said new possibilities in the herbal and Ayush sector can be looked at.

Shri Modi called for a new outlook towards financial empires. He emphasized that it may be decided that industries can be based in small cities instead of big cities. He gave example of Jyotigram Yojna which triggered industrial activities in villages. Now such work can be done for small town and cities, he said.

Sardardham is organizing GPBS under 'Mission 2026' to provide an impetus to socio-economic development of Patidar community. ■



PM ADDRESSES THE INAUGURAL SESSION OF 'JITO CONNECT 2022'

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the inaugural session of Jain International Trade Organisation's 'JITO Connect 2022' on 6 May via video conferencing.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister noted the spirit of 'Sabka Prayas' in the theme of today's programme and said today the world is considering India's development resolutions as a means of achieving its goals. Be it global peace, global prosperity, solutions related to global challenges or strengthening of the global supply chain, the world is looking toward India with great confidence. "I have just returned after informing many European countries about India's resolution for the 'Amrit kaal'" he added.

Shri Modi said whatever may be the area of expertise, area of concern and whatever may be the differences of opinion of the people, they are all united by the rise of New India. Today everyone feels that India is now moving beyond 'probability and potential' and performing a bigger purpose of global welfare. Reiterating his earlier assertion of clean motives, clear intention and favourable policies, he said today the country is encouraging talent, trade and technology as much as possible. Today the country is registering dozens of startups every day, creating a unicorn every week, he said.

He said ever since the Government e-Marketplace i.e. GeM portal has come into existence, all the purchases are done on one platform in front of everyone. Now people from remote villages, small shopkeepers and self-help groups can directly sell their products to the government. Today more than 40 lakh sellers have joined the GeM portal, he informed. He also talked about transparent 'faceless'

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tax assessment, one nation-one tax, productivity linked incentive schemes.

The Prime Minister said our path and destination for the future are clear. "Aatmnirbhar Bharat is our path as well as our resolve. Over the years, we have worked continuously to create every necessary atmosphere for this."

Shri Modi urged the gathering to work for EARTH. He elaborated that 'E' means the prosperity of the Environment. He urged them to also discuss how they can support the efforts to make at least 75 Amrit Sarovars in every district by August 15 next year. 'A' means to make Agriculture more profitable and invest more and more in natural farming, farming technology and the food processing sector. 'R' means emphasising Recycling and the circular economy, working for Reuse, Reduce and Recycle. 'T' means taking Technology to as many people as possible. He urged the audience to consider how they can make other advanced technology like drone technology more accessible. 'H' means -Healthcare, he said that today, the government is doing a lot of work for the arrangements like healthcare, and medical colleges in every district in the country. He asked the gathering to think about how their organization can encourage this. ■

FARMERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY ARE WITH MODI JI: RAJKUMAR CHAHAR



National President of BJP Kisan Morcha and Lok Sabha MP **Shri Rajkumar Chahar**, in an exclusive interview with Kamal Sandesh Associate Editor **Ram Prasad Tripathy** revealed the historic and landmark decisions of Modi government since its inception in 2014 for farmers and agriculture sector and its exceptional focus for the wellbeing of the farming community in the country.

Shri Chahar also spoke at length about the ongoing nationwide activities of the BJP Kisan Morcha and its awareness campaign at the grass-root level on government's welfare schemes and its benefits for the all-round development of the farmers. Excerpts of the discussion:

Modi government has taken several Historic and landmark decisions for the Farmers and Agriculture sector. What are these schemes and as the National President of Kisan Morcha, how do you view these steps?

Without farmers' empowerment the overall development of the country is not possible and the country has seen the farmer-friendly Modi government making continuous efforts to make farmers self-reliant since the last eight years. In line with the continued commitment and resolve to empower the grassroot level farmers, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched a major financial benefit scheme 'Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi' (PM-KISAN). Under this scheme, an amount of Rs. 6,000 per year is transferred directly to the bank account of the beneficiaries and till date around 11.3 crore farmers have received around Rs. 1.83 lakh crore rupees directly in their account. This financial support of the Modi government at the most critical time of farming has been giving relief to the farmers and making them debt-free.

Likewise, the Prime Minister has started a huge campaign to revive our traditional and natural farming. Since 2019 he has appealed to farmers across the country to adopt organic farming because there is more profit in less input cost. Millions of farmers joined in this campaign and today they are getting huge benefits from organic farming. It's a matter of great pride for the entire country that states like Sikkim adopted organic farming and now it is the first state in the world that is 100% organic.

Similarly, to double the farmer's income and for a

robust agricultural infrastructure 'Agri-Infrastructure Fund' was created by Modi government and in view of that, around Rs. 1 lakh crore for farm-gate infrastructure was announced. Till date, for around 11632 projects about Rs. 8585 crore have been sanctioned.

To promote uniformity in agriculture marketing by streamlining the procedures across the integrated markets, removing information asymmetry between buyers and sellers and promoting real time price based on actual demand and supply, the Modi government has launched 'National Agriculture Market' (e-NAM). Its a landmark decision of the government and around 1.73 crore Kisan have been registered under this scheme and this platform has created a business of around 1.87 lakh crore till date.

Apart from these mega schemes, the government has also launched several other welfare schemes for the benefits of the farmers.

How the welfare measures doubling the farmer's income?

Perhaps for the first time after Independence, PM Shri Narendra Modi took initiatives to increase the contribution of agriculture to GDP in the country in a sustainable manner. To fulfill the Prime Minister's vision of doubling the farmer's income, the government took several steps to strengthen the economic condition of farmers and the results are fabulous.

From 'Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana'- Crop Insurance to arranging small loans for farmers, Kisan Credit Cards, providing technology, marketing support, thousands of crore subsidies for sugarcane

and other farmers, increasing the MSP of almost all Agri products, promoting organic fertilizer and from promoting Self Help Groups to helping the Self Help Groups, the Modi government has done incredible work for the farmers and agriculture sector. These majors of the government ensured the future of every farmer, fisherman, and livestock rearer in the country and helped in a great way in doubling the farmer's income.

How Modi government's agriculture policies are different from the earlier governments?

The vision of PM Shri Narendra Modi is very clear that the GDP can increase through agricultural production and if cultivated in a scientific manner, the agriculture can be a big contributor to India's GDP. Therefore, each and every step the government is taking is to strengthen the backbone of our farming community. That is Modi government's major policy difference from earlier governments.

For example, when PM Shri Modi came into office, the sugarcane rate was Rs.2300 a quintal, and payments for more than two years were overdue. Entire payments have been made today as both production and payments to farmers have improved significantly during this period. During the UPA government, sugarcane was imported from Brazil but when the Modi government came it imposed a 100% import duty and promoted the export of sugarcane by giving incentives to the farmers and as a result, there is surplus production and a record high export of sugarcane.

During the Congress led UPA government, ethanol manufacturing was 38 crores litres per year, but it is now 400 crore litres, and that ethanol can now be made from sugarcane. The Modi government provided sugar mills with Rs 4500 crore soft loan package, and most mills have begun producing ethanol. PM Modi's aim is to include at least 20% ethanol in diesel till 2025. This step will improve sugarcane farmers' financial conditions, lower import of petrol and save the environment.

Similarly, Common Service Centers are being set up in lakhs of villages of the country to give a boost to the rural economy. Setting up food processing units, warehouses and investment in Agri-logistics and providing broadband connectivity or making a digital highway to every village are also significant

steps which makes this government different

During the UPA time, the agriculture budget of the country was only 29,000 crore. But when Modiji became the Prime Minister, the agriculture budget went up to 1,35,000 crores. This happened because the Modi government is continuously working for the welfare of the farmers and the villages.

The opposition parties are doing politics in the disguise of farmers and spreading confusion. However, 'Kisan Ki Sarkar- Modi Sarkar' has been doing relentless work for the welfare of our Kisan brothers and sisters. Therefore, all the farmers across the country are with Modi ji today.

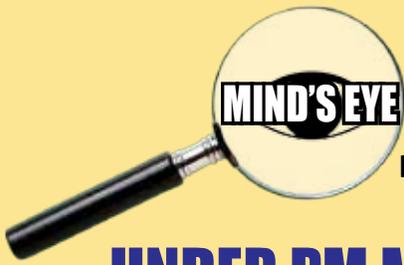
After you assumed charge, what would you count as some of the major programmes of Kisan Morcha?

As part of the BJP's 'Samajik Nyay Pakhwada' to mark its 42nd foundation day, the Kisan Morcha organised meetings with farmers across the country. During this programme the Morcha Karyakartas highlighted measures taken by the Modi government to benefit the farmers at the grass roots level.

Recently, in order to promote natural farming campaign, the Kisan Morcha launched a Padyatra on the banks of the Ganga in Patna, Bihar. Thousands of Kisan brothers and sisters participated and pledged for organic farming. To popularize the organic farming we have decided to spread this campaign nationwide in the coming days. Likewise, Morcha organized Farmer Beneficiary Conference in Rajasthan, organised a massive Kisan-Mahasangam in Kochi, Kerala, protested against AAP government in Punjab over farmers' suicide in Bathinda etc.

The Morcha also initiated innovative programmes like 'Kisano Ki Baat-Kisano Ki Saath', Modiji Ki Maan Ki Baat- Gaon Me Sunenge Kisano Ki Saath', under 'Seva Hi Sangathan' programme the Kisan Morcha extended helping hand to millions of people during Covid-19 pandemic, on PM Shri Narendra Modi's Birthday was celebrated as 'Kisan-Jawan Samman Diwas', 'Tractor Poojan Our Kisan Tractor Rally' and farmers felicitated programme were organised in all most all states of the country.

In coming days the Morcha will strengthen the organization from village to village and will engage with our full responsibility in fulfilling the resolve of "self-reliant agriculture". ■



BY VIKASH ANAND

UNDER PM MODI, INDIA EMERGES AS SIGNIFICANT RULE SHAPER IN GLOBAL GOVERNANCE

Prime Minister Shri Modi recently returned from a trip to Europe. During his trip, he attended multilateral and several bilateral meetings. In addition to attending the 6th India-Germany Inter-Governmental Consultations in Berlin, Shri Modi visited Denmark and participated in the India-Nordic Summit before making a brief working visit to Paris. He congratulated his host, France's newly re-elected President Emmanuel Macron. PM Modi also met with leaders from Denmark, Finland, Sweden, Iceland, and Norway in Copenhagen prior to the India-Nordic Summit.

Modi's era witnesses a changing landscape in India's relations with Europe, and European countries are positively engaging with India. Both sides' proximity is critical as India's and its diaspora's priorities and preferences shift. They now prefer Europe to the United States of America, as evidenced by the fact that the majority of recipients of EU Blue Cards are Indians.

Professor Gulshan Sachdeva, an expert on India-EU engagement, commented on the PM's visit, saying, "Indians continue to receive the most EU Blue Cards, which are intended to attract highly skilled professionals to Europe. Germany has issued the largest number of Blue Cards within the EU, and more than one-fourth of these cards have been issued to Indians. New Delhi has already signed a migration and mobility agreement with France." Both countries reaffirmed their commitment to implementing the Partnership Agreement on Migration and Mobility, which entered into force on October 1, 2021. During PM Modi's visit, Germany also signed the 'Joint Declaration on the Initialling of the Agreement on a Comprehensive Migration and Mobility Partnership' with India. These measures will promote people-to-people contact between India and European countries. The importance of strong people-to-people contacts through education, culture, mobility, and

tourism was also emphasised at the second India-Nordic Summit.

India is one of the fastest growing economies. India does not want its growth at the cost of environment. Modi Govt. emphasizes on clean energy-driven growth. Therefore, this visit saw the second most important collaboration in the field of green energy. After seven years of jointly launching the International Solar Alliance at CoP 21, India and France's commitment to combating climate change is stronger than ever, both in terms of mitigation and adaptation. Because renewable energy development is one of the critical solutions for this transition, India and France reaffirm their continued support for the International Solar Alliance's goals. Both also agreed to look into opportunities to collaborate on just energy transition pathways, including through the G7, in order to accelerate renewables deployment and access to affordable and sustainable energy.

As part of its commitment to clean energy, India invited France to join its initiative to make India a Green Hydrogen Hub through its National Hydrogen Mission. Both parties are eager to foster cooperation on decarbonized hydrogen, including aspects related to regulation, certification, and standardisation of such hydrogen, in order to build strong industrial partnerships, and have agreed to finalise a roadmap to move this cooperation forward soon. Both parties will collaborate to establish industrial partnerships to strengthen their solar energy production capacities in order to supply Asian and European markets with an integrated supply chain. With Germany, India signed an agreement on the development and cooperation in renewable energy. Both countries underlined their firm commitment to holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels and pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels, bolstering a just transition towards renewable

PRIME MINISTER ADDRESSES AT THE OPENING OF SRI SATHYA SAI SANJEEVANI HOSPITAL, FIJI

energies. In Denmark, Prime Ministers Ms. Mette Frederiksen and Shri Narendra Modi reviewed the progress of the India-Denmark Green Strategic Partnership. Their discussions covered cooperation in renewable energy, especially offshore wind energy, and green hydrogen.

India and Nordic Countries also express firm commitment in deepening cooperation in green transition and climate change.

The Prime Minister's trip also witnesses the progress of Aatmanirbhar Bharat. Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) in Mumbai is building submarines in collaboration with the Naval Group of France. The six Scorpene submarines built at MDL in Mumbai demonstrate the extent to which technology has been transferred from France to India in line with the "Make in India" initiative.. During the bilateral meeting both sides agreed to find creative ways for France's deeper involvement in the "Atmanirbhar Bharat" (Self-reliant India) efforts in advanced defence technology, manufacturing and exports, including through encouraging increased industry to industry partnerships.

India and European countries shared democratic, rule-of-law, and human-rights values, as well as multilateral responses to global challenges. As a result, India has become extremely important to them in maintaining regional peace and security.

"Many European countries and the European Union are attempting to increase their presence in the Indo Pacific as security actors," says Sakti Prasad Srichandan, an international politics professor at JNU. They want geostrategic "burden sharing" with other regional and global actors who share their concerns. Because of their shared values and interests, India has emerged as a reliable regional partner for them. The Modi government's increased emphasis on Europe in India's foreign policy strengthens this tilt toward the Indo-Pacific."

Different stand over Ukraine crisis could not come in the way of India's deepening friendship and engagement with European countries. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's diplomatic skills and efforts to establish personal relationships with leaders bring India closer to the nations and position India as a rule-shaper rather than a rule-taker. ■

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed at the opening of Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Hospital in Fiji on 27 April via a video message.

Speaking on the occasion, Prime Minister Shri Modi thanked the Prime Minister of Fiji and People of Fiji for the hospital and said that the hospital is a symbol of the relationship between the two countries, and another chapter in the shared journey of India and Fiji. The Children's Heart Hospital is one of its kind not only in Fiji but in the entire South Pacific region. The Prime Minister said "for region, where heart related diseases are major challenge, this hospital will be a way of giving new life to thousands of children." He also expressed satisfaction that not only the children will get world-class treatment but all surgeries will be done free of cost and for that he appreciated Sai Prem Foundation, Fiji, Government of Fiji and Sri Sathya Sai Sanjivini Children's Heart Hospital of India.

The Prime Minister bowed to Brahmleen Sri Sathya Sai Baba whose sapling of human service has grown into a huge banyan tree, serving entire humanity. The Prime Minister recalled that "Sri Sathya Sai Baba freed spiritualism from rituals and linked it with people's welfare. His work in the areas of education, health, for poor and deprived inspires us even today." Shri Modi also remembered the services of the Sai devotees during the time of Gujarat earthquake. The Prime Minister said "I consider it my great fortune that I got the constant blessings of Sahtya Sai Baba and am getting it even today."

The Prime Minister said that the shared legacy of India Fiji relation is based the sense of service of humanity. India could fulfil its obligations during the pandemic based on these values as we could provide medicines to 150 countries and about 100 million vaccines to about 100 countries. Fiji has always been prioritized in such efforts, he said.

The Prime Minister continued to dwell on the depth of relationship between the two countries. He said despite the vast ocean separating the two countries, our culture has kept us connected and our relations are based on mutual respect and strong people to people ties. He acknowledged the privilege of India getting opportunities to contribute in the socio-economic development of Fiji. ■



BJP PRESIDENT INAUGURATES THREE-DAY UTKARSH MAHOTSAV

'SANSKRIT IS THE MEDIUM TO TAKE US FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT'

BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda inaugurated three-day Utkarsh Mahotsav of the central Sanskrit University at Dr. Ambedkar international centre, New Delhi on 07 May, 2022. Addressing the gathering on the occasion Shri JP Nadda said where there is Sanskrit, there is culture and ideology. Sanskrit is 'DEV BHASHA'; it is also 'AMRIT VANI'. Sanskrit is the medium to take us from darkness to light.

He said under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi the Bharatiya Janata Party is highly committed to preserve and promote our ancient culture and great philosophy of India. The Narendra Modi Government will leave no stone unturned in promotion and preservation of our great language Sanskrit.

Tolerance, to hear out other people's views, the quest for truth and to give space to everyone -- these are the real face of our culture. PM Shri Modi always emphasised and highlighted the importance and significance of Sanskrit from every stage in India and abroad. When the intentions are clear and good, the policy is also clear and transparent and it is the people who implement these policies and

programmes on the ground, Shri Nadda said.

The BJP President said the Modi government has given Central University status to three Central Universities -- Central Sanskrit University (New Delhi), Lal Bahadur Shastri National Sanskrit University (New Delhi) and National Sanskrit University (Tirupati). This shows the commitment of our government towards preservation and promotion of Sanskrit.

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very important policies -National Education Policy and National Health Policy. Both the policies were crafted keeping in mind the needs of our country, both the important policies are deeply rooted in our culture and tradition. Special efforts

have been made to promote Sanskrit through these two important policies.

He said the current period is the best period for Sanskrit, its promotion and preservation. Sanskrit always gets the same importance and its progress is the responsibility of all citizens of the country. India today is recognized and lauded globally for its spiritualism, yoga, culture and humanism. Now we are global leaders in these fields, Shri Nadda added. ■

CABINET APPROVALS



CABINET APPROVES CONSTRUCTION OF 540 MEGAWATT KWAR HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT THROUGH M/S. CHENAB VALLEY POWER PROJECTS PRIVATE LIMITED

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 27th April has approved the investment of Rs.4526.12 crore for 540 Megawatt (MW) Kwar Hydro Electric Project located on river Chenab, in Kishtwar district of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. The project will be implemented by M/s. Chenab Valley Power Projects Private Limited (M/s. CVPPPL) a joint venture company between NHPC and JKSPDC with equity contribution of 51% and 49% respectively on 27.04.2022.

The project shall generate 1975.54 million units in a 90% dependable year. Government of India is extending grant of Rs.69.80 crore towards cost of Enabling Infrastructure and also supporting the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir by providing grant of Rs.655.08 crore for Equity contribution of JKSPDC (49%) in M/s. CVPPPL. NHPC shall invest its equity (51%) of Rs.681.82 crore from its internal resources. The Kwar Hydro Electric Project shall be commissioned with a span of 54 months. The Power generated from the Project will help in balancing of Grid and will improve the power supply position.

CABINET APPROVES CONTINUATION OF PRIME MINISTER STREET VENDOR'S ATMANIRBHAR NIDHI (PM SVANIDHI) TILL DECEMBER 2024

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, on 27th April has approved the continuation of lending under the Prime Minister Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) beyond March 2022 till December 2024, with focus on enhanced collateral free affordable loan corpus, increased adoption of digital transactions and holistic socio-economic development of the Street Vendors and

their families.

Through the Scheme, affordable collateral-free loans are being facilitated to the Street Vendors. The Scheme had envisaged to facilitate loans for an amount of Rs. 5,000 crore. Today's approval has increased the loan amount to Rs. 8,100 crore, thereby providing the Street vendors working capital to further expand their business and making them AtmaNirbhar.

The budget for promotion of digital payments including cashback to the vendors has also been enhanced. The approval is expected to benefit nearly 1.2 crore citizens of Urban India.

Under PM SVANidhi, significant achievements have already been made. As on April 25, 2022, 31.9 lakh loans have been sanctioned and 29.6 lakh loans amounting to Rs. 2,931 crore have been disbursed. As regards 2nd loan, 2.3 lakh loans have been sanctioned and 1.9 lakh loans amounting to Rs.385 crore have been disbursed. The beneficiary Street Vendors have conducted more than 13.5 crore digital transactions and have been given a cashback of Rs.10 crore. An amount of Rs.51 crore has been paid as Interest Subsidy

CABINET APPROVES NUTRIENT BASED SUBSIDY (NBS) RATES FOR PHOSPHATIC AND POTASSIC (P&K) FERTILIZERS FOR KHARIF SEASON

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 27th April has approved the proposal of the Department of Fertilizers for Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) rates for Phosphatic and Potassic (P&K) fertilizers for Kharif Season - 2022 (from 01.04.2022 to 30.09.2022).

Subsidy approved by Cabinet for the NBS Kharif-2022 (from 01.04.2022 to 30.09.2022) will be Rs. 60,939.23 Crores including support for indigenous fertilizer (SSP) through freight subsidy and additional support for indigenous manufacturing

and imports of DAP.

The increase in the international prices of Diammonium phosphate (DAP) and its raw materials have been primarily absorbed by the Union Government. The Union Government has decided to provide subsidy of Rs. 2501 per bag on DAP instead of existing subsidy of Rs.1650 per bag which is a 50% increase over the last year's subsidy rates. The increase in the prices of DAP & its raw material is in the range of approx. 80%. It will help farmers to receive notified P&K fertilizers on subsidized, affordable and reasonable rates and support the agriculture sector.

CABINET APPROVES OPENING OF INDIAN MISSION IN LITHUANIA

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 27th April has accorded approval to the opening of a new Indian Mission in Lithuania in 2022.

Opening of Indian Mission in Lithuania will help expand India's diplomatic footprint, deepen political relations and strategic cooperation, enable growth of bilateral trade, investment and economic engagements, facilitate stronger people-to-people contacts, allow for more sustained political outreach in multilateral fora and help garner support for India's foreign policy objectives. Indian Mission in Lithuania will also better assist the Indian community and protect their interests.

CABINET APPROVES REVISED COST ESTIMATE ON "SETTING UP OF INDIA POST PAYMENTS BANK"

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 27th April has approved the revision of project outlay for setting up of India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) from Rs.1435 crore to Rs.2255 crore as equity infusion to meet regulatory requirement. The Cabinet also granted in principle approval for future fund infusion to the tune of Rs.500 crore for meeting regulatory requirements and technological upgradation.

The objective of the project is to build the most accessible, affordable and trusted bank for the common man; spearhead the financial inclusion agenda by removing the barriers for the unbanked

and reduce the opportunity cost for the under banked populace through assisted doorstep banking. The project supplement Government of India's vision of "less cash" economy and at the same time promote both economic growth and financial inclusion.

India Post Payments Bank did a nationwide a launch by on September 1, 2018 with 650 branches/controlling offices. IPPB has enable 1.36 lakh Post Offices to provide banking services and has equipped nearly 1.89 lakh Postmen and Gramin Dak Sevaks with smartphone and biometric device to provide doorstep banking services.

CABINET APPROVES SIGNING OF THE MoU BETWEEN INDIA AND CHILE FOR COOPERATION IN DISABILITY SECTOR

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 27th April has approved the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between India and Chile for cooperation in Disability Sector.

The bilateral MoU will encourage cooperation between the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Government of India and Government of Chile through joint initiatives in the disabilities sector. It will strengthen bilateral ties between India and Chile. India Chile relations are warm and friendly based on commonality of views on a wide range of issues.

CABINET APPROVES UPGRADATION OF 2G MOBILE SITES TO 4G AT SECURITY SITES IN LEFT WING EXTREMISM (LWE) AREAS

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 27th April has approved a Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) project for upgrading 2G mobile services to 4G at security sites in LWE areas.

The Project envisages upgrading 2,343 left Wing Extremism Phase-I sites from 2G to 4G mobile services at an estimated cost of Rs.1,884.59 crore (Excluding taxes and levies). This includes O&M for five years. However, BSNL will maintain the sites for another five years at its own cost. The work will be awarded to BSNL because these sites belong to BSNL. ■



MANN KI BAAT

BHIM UPI HAS BECOME A PART OF OUR ECONOMY AND HABIT WITH TRANSACTIONS TAKING PLACE IN SEMI URBAN AND RURAL AREAS:PM

Addressing his 88th edition of monthly radio programme, 'Mann Ki Baat' Prime Minister Shri Narendra said that he received most of the letters about the newly inaugurated Pradhan Mantri Sangrahalaya or the Prime Ministers' Museum adding that the museum honours the contribution of all former Prime Ministers of the country towards the nation-building .

On this 14th April, the birth anniversary of Babasaheb Ambedkar, the Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya was dedicated to the nation. It has been opened for the citizens of the country. One such listener is Shrimaan Sarthak ji; Sarthak ji lives in Gurugram and has visited the Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya at the very first opportunity. The message that Sarthak ji has written to me on Nammo App is very interesting. He has written that for years he has been watching news channels, reading newspapers, along with being connected to social media, so he used to think that his general knowledge was good enough... but, when he visited the PM Museum, he was very surprised, he realized that he did not know much about his country and those who led the country. He has written about certain facets of the PM Museum which heightened his curiosity such as the spinning wheel of Lal Bahadur Shastri, gifted to him by his in-laws, that made Sarthak ji happy. He also saw Shastri ji's passbook noticing how little savings he had. Sarthak ji has written that he did not even know that Morarji Bhai Desai was Deputy Collector in Gujarat before joining the freedom struggle.

"It is a matter of pride that Azadi Ka Amrit Mohaotsav taking shape of mass movement. PM Museum is becoming centre of attraction among youths and people are taking a lot of interest in our country's history,"

He had a long career in the administrative service. On Chaudhary Charan Singh ji, Sarthak ji writes that he was unaware of Chaudhary Charan Singh ji's great contribution in the field of zamindari abolition. Not just that, he further writes he saw that Mr. P.V. Narasimha Rao ji took a very keen interest in the work of Land Reform. Sarthak ji also came to know only after coming to this museum that Chandrashekhar ji had undertaken the historic Bharat Yatra, walking more than 4 thousand kilometers. In the museum, when he saw the items that Atalji used, listened to his speeches, he was filled with pride. Sarthak ji also mentioned that this museum also provides very interesting information about Mahatma Gandhi, Sardar Patel, Dr. Ambedkar, Jai Prakash Narayan and our first Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru."

"It is a matter of pride that Azadi Ka Amrit Mohaotsav taking shape of mass movement. PM Museum is becoming centre of attraction among youths and people are taking a lot of interest in our country's history," he added. The Prime Minister also asked citizens to visit any museum near them and share their experience with #MuseumMemories.

Further PM Shri Modi, illustrated example of two Sagarika and Preksha from Delhi, who went on a 'cashless dayout' and promoted cashless transaction. "Cashless payments are now not limited only to just metropolitan cities like Delhi but in far flung areas of the country like remote areas of North East" adding that "UPI payment facility is available in areas where even internet facilities were not adequate."

"BHIM UPI has become a part of our economy and habit with transactions taking place in semi urban and rural areas. Digital economy is creating a new culture, attracting more and more customers. At present, daily transaction of Rupees 20 thousand crore is happening whereas in the month of March it was Rupees 10 lakh crore rupees," he added.

Prime Minister Shri Modi noted how technology has helped visually impaired people and gave example of participants of the 2021 Tokyo Paralympics. "Efforts to create resources and infrastructure for visually impaired is in progress in our country."

As mercury is soaring in most parts of the country,

PM Shri Modi encouraged water conservation. He announced making 75 'Amrit Sarovar' in every district in the country for water conservation. "In the 75th year of independence, in the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, water conservation is one of the resolves with which the country is moving forward. During the Amrit Mahotsav, 75 Amrit Sarovars will be built in every district of the country," he said.

The PM talked about the fear that students generally have with the subject of Mathematics saying that many students had told him about this during 'Pariksha Pe Charcha'. He said rather, we Indians should be confident of the subject as most of the contributions and research has been done by Indians. "We expressed infinite and also discovered zero," he highlighted.

"Mathematics has never been a difficult subject for Indians, a big reason for this is our Vedic Mathematics. The most important thing about Vedic Mathematics is that through it you can do even the most difficult calculations in your mind in the blink of an eye," he said. ■



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PM Shri Narendra Modi at the inauguration and foundation stone laying ceremony of several development projects at the celebrations of the National Panchayati Raj Day, in Jammu and Kashmir



PM Shri Narendra Modi during the dedication of the seven new cancer hospitals to the Nation, at Assam Medical College in Dibrugarh, Assam



PM Shri Narendra Modi receiving the 1st Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Award at a ceremony in Mumbai



PM Shri Narendra Modi interacts with the Chief Ministers to review the COVID-19 situation, through video conferencing in New Delhi



PM Shri Narendra Modi receives the Ceremonial Welcome in Berlin. The Chancellor of Germany, Mr. Olaf Scholz is also seen



PM Shri Narendra Modi meets the President of France, Mr. Emmanuel Macron, at Elysee Palace in Paris



PM Shri Narendra Modi and the Danish PM, Ms. Mette Frederiksen at the India-Denmark Business forum in Copenhagen, Denmark



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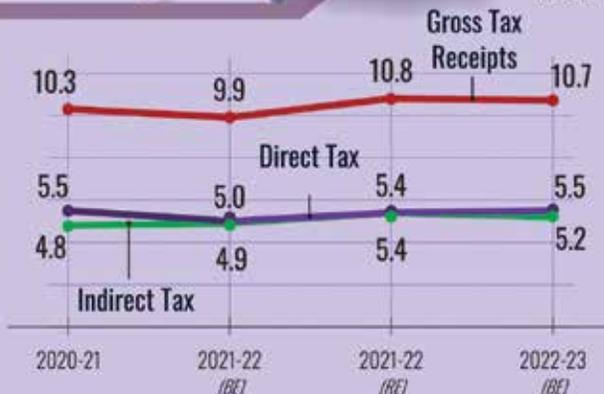


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