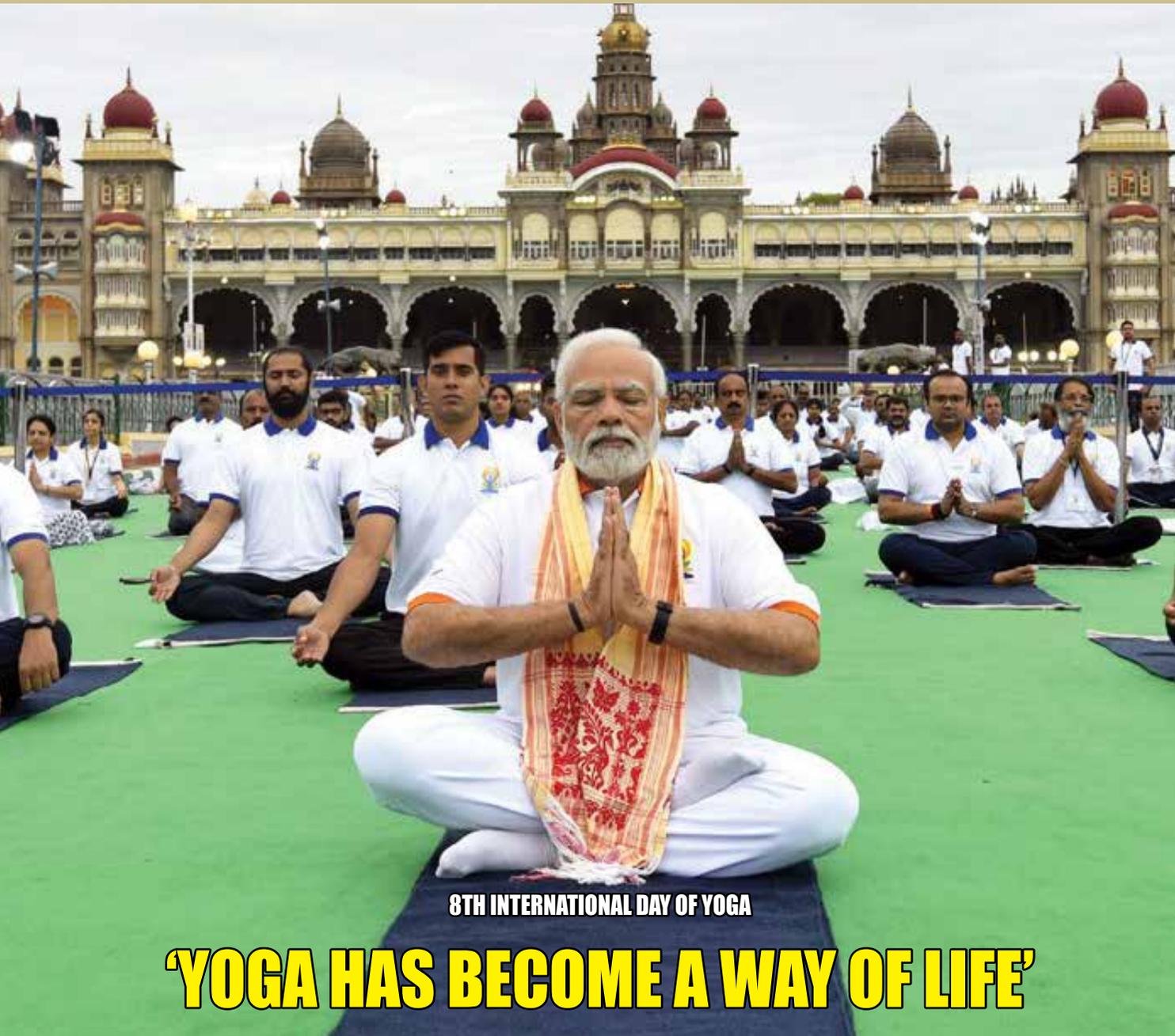


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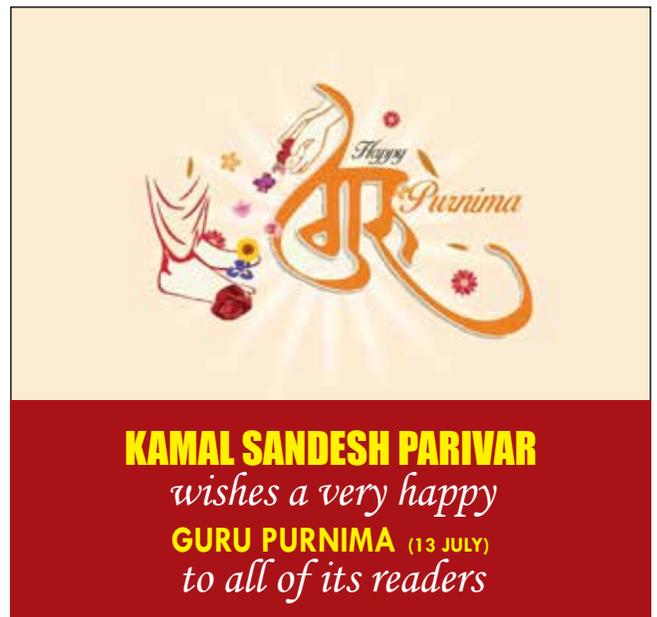
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NATION IS MARCHING AHEAD WITH NEW CONFIDENCE

The 8th 'International Day of Yoga' was celebrated on June 21st, 2022, with full fervour and enthusiasm across the world. Yoga today has become part of the lives of millions of people around the globe who have adopted it in pursuance of a healthy and happy life. During the COVID-19 pandemic, when people were in an extremely difficult situation, yoga provided much-needed solace to the beleaguered humanity. In the trying times of the COVID-19 pandemic, India's traditional knowledge of Ayurveda and Yoga not only introduced to the world the concept of preventive health, wellness, and healthy lifestyle but also the notion of mental and spiritual health. It is to be noted that it was the initiative of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in the UN having the overwhelming support of 177 countries that 21st June was declared as 'International Yoga Day' in December, 2014. The first 'International Yoga Day' was observed on June 21st, 2015, while this year the eighth 'International Yoga Day' was celebrated. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has rightly said that yoga today has not only become a part of our lives but has become a way of life.

The announcement of the candidature of Smt. Droupadi Murmu for the post of India's President as an NDA nominee by BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda has been widely welcomed all over the country. She has been serving the nation by adorning various positions in public life while dedicating herself to the poor and deprived sections of society. In her political journey spanning over decades, she has held many organisational positions while getting elected as an MLA in the Odisha assembly and serving the people of the state as a minister in Odisha government also. While she was honoured with the 'Nilkantha Award' for being the best MLA in 2007, as the first woman governor of Jharkhand, she made her mark as one of the most outstanding governors in the country. As she overcame various hardships in her early life while bearing the pangs of poverty, she symbolises the spirit of struggle, indomitable courage, and the victory of an indefatigable approach to life. On her election she is going to be the first tribal and the second woman to adorn the post of president in the country. While hailing her candidature, the Prime Minister has rightly said that her rich administrative experience, deep understanding of policy matters and compassionate nature will greatly benefit the nation. The BJP National President has said that her contributions

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to our nation are immense and she possesses a lot of expertise in different areas, which will be of great benefit to our country.

The Modi government has, while opening new vistas of opportunities for the youth, women, poor, farmers, labourers and deprived sections of the country, shown immense commitment to continuous reforms in a bid to transform the system. 'Agnipath' is one such scheme which is set to transform the armed forces, giving new dynamism and energy while opening a huge area of opportunities for the youth of the country. The 'Agniveers' trained by the forces will contribute to various sectors in the country after completion of their tenure of four years, while up to 25% will be retained in the forces, making it a extremely professional and highly competent force in the world. It is highly unfortunate that the opposition has tried to play politics on the issue by spreading misinformation among the youth in an attempt to sabotage this long awaited reform in the forces. As the youth across the country have stood firm with 'Agnipath', expressing their faith in the transformative agenda of the government, the announcement of filling 10 lac vacancies in various government departments in mission mode by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has further opened new doors of opportunities for the youth across the country. As the New India is taking shape, the nation is marching ahead with new confidence and trust. ■

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PM PARTICIPATES 8TH INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA AT MYSORE

YOGA BRINGS PEACE: PM MODI

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi participated along with thousands of participants in a Mass Yoga Demonstration at Mysore Palace ground, Mysuru on the occasion of 8th International Day of Yoga (IDY) 21 June, 2022. Governor of Karnataka, Shri Thawar Chand Gehlot, Chief Minister Shri Basavaraj Bommai, and Union Minister Shri Sarbananda Sonowal were among those present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister said the yogic energy, which has been nurtured for centuries by the spiritual centers of India like Mysuru, is today giving direction to global health. Today, yoga is becoming a basis for global cooperation and is providing a belief of a healthy life to mankind, he added. He said that today we see that Yoga has come out of the households and has spread all over the world and this is a picture of spiritual realization, and that of natural and shared human consciousness, especially in the last two years of an unprecedented pandemic. "Yoga has now become a global festival. Yoga is not only for any individual, but for the entire humanity. Therefore, this time the theme of International Day of Yoga is - Yoga for humanity", he said. He thanked the United Nation and all the countries for taking this theme globally.

Quoting Indian sages the Prime Minister

emphasized "Yoga brings peace for us. The peace from yoga is not merely for individuals. Yoga brings peace to our society. Yoga brings peace to our nations and the world. And, Yoga brings peace to our universe.", he continued, "This whole universe starts from our own body and soul. The universe starts from us. And, Yoga makes us conscious of everything within us and builds a sense of awareness"

The Prime Minister remarked that India is celebrating Yoga Day at a time when the country is celebrating its 75th year of independence, the Amrit Mahotsav. This widespread acceptance of Yoga Day, The Prime Minister said, is the acceptance of that Amrit spirit of India which gave energy to India's freedom struggle. That is why Mass Yoga demonstrations are being organised at 75 iconic locations across the country which have been witness to the glorious history of India and have been the center of cultural energy.

BE A PART OF A HEALTHY AND FIT INDIA: JP NADDA BJP NATIONAL PRESIDENT PARTICIPATES IN NOIDA

The eighth edition of International Yoga Day 2022 was commemorated across the globe on 21 June 2022. The celebrations kicked off in Noida with the theme 'Yoga for Humanity' at an indoor stadium located in Sector 21A of Noida. Thousands of women, men of all age groups and children participated in the mass yoga demonstration, led by the BJP National President Shri JP Nadda.

Along with Shri Nadda, Yoga guru Rajesh was also present at the event who demonstrated yoga asanas and talked about their benefits.

The people participating in the mass demonstration on that Day said yoga is very crucial for everyone. They said that 'Karo Yog, Raho Nirog' is an integral part of Indian culture and one must do yoga to stay physically and mentally strong. People practiced yoga in sessions and hailed PM Shri Narendra Modi for this initiative.

Shri JP Nadda said, "I believe in the importance of yoga and making time for it, as it offers numerous health benefits. I always strive towards practicing yoga. On this International Yoga Day, let us all be a part of Hon. PM Shri Narendra Modi Ji's initiative towards a healthy and fit India".

HIGHLIGHTS

- Yoga is a precious gift of India to the world to promote health, welfare and peace across the



globe.

- Yoga not only keeps the body fit and healthy, it also promotes mental health and promotes balance between body and mind. That is the reason we have 'Yoga for Humanity' as this year's theme of the International Yoga Day.
- It is due to the dynamic and able leadership of our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji that today the world is celebrating the prowess of Indian culture and its 5,000 year old Yoga as the International Yoga Day.
- The BJP also organised such special Yoga sessions at 75,000 different places across the country to mark the International Yoga Day.
- Yoga gift from our ancestors which keeps our body, mind and soul in perfect order and harmony.

"The experience of collective yoga at the historical sites of India is like tying together India's past, India's diversity, and India's expansion", he elaborated. He also informed about the novel programme 'Guardian Yoga Ring' which is a collaborative exercise between 79 countries and United Nations organisations along with Indian Missions abroad to illustrate Yoga's unifying power that surpasses national boundaries. As the sun apparently moves from the east to the west across the world, the Mass Yoga Demonstrations in the participating countries, if seen from any one point on Earth, will seem to be happening one after the other, almost in tandem, thus underlining the concept of 'One Sun, One earth'. "These practices of yoga are

giving wonderful inspiration for health, balance and cooperation", he added.

Shri Modi pointed out that Yoga is not just part of life for us, today, it has become a way of life. He said Yoga need not be limited to a particular time and location. He said "no matter how stressful we are, a few minutes of meditation relaxes us and increases our productivity. Therefore, we do not have to take yoga as an extra work. We also have to know yoga and we also have to live yoga. We also have to achieve yoga, we also have to adopt yoga. When we start living yoga, Yoga Day will become a medium for us not to do yoga, but to celebrate our health, happiness and peace."

The Prime Minister said that today is the time to realize the infinite possibilities associated with yoga. Today our youth are coming in large numbers with new ideas in the field of yoga. He also informed about the Startup Yoga Challenge by the Ayush Ministry. The Prime Minister congratulated the 2021 winners of 'Prime Minister's Awards for outstanding contribution for Promotion and Development of Yoga'.

Integrating the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav with celebrations of 8th IDY, Mass Yoga demonstrations are being organised at 75 iconic locations across the country under the leadership of 75 Union Ministers, along with the Yoga Demonstration by the Prime Minister at Mysore. The Yoga demonstrations are also being held by various educational, social, political, cultural, religious, corporate and other civil society organisations and will be attended by crores of people across the country. The Prime Minister's Yoga programme at Mysuru is also part of the novel programme 'Guardian Yoga Ring' which is a collaborative exercise between 79 countries and United Nations organisations along with Indian Missions abroad to illustrate Yoga's unifying power that surpasses National boundaries.

Since 2015, the International Day of Yoga (IDY) has been celebrated worldwide on 21st June every year. The theme for this year's Yoga day is "Yoga for Humanity". The theme portrays how Yoga served humanity in alleviating suffering during Covid Pandemic.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Along with PM's Yoga programme at Mysore, mass Yoga demonstrations at 75 iconic locations across the country
- Mass Yoga demonstrations were organised by various Non governmental organisations also across the country, with participation of crores of people
- PM's Yoga programme at Mysuru was part of an innovative programme- 'Guardian Yoga Ring'- underlining the concept of 'One Sun, One Earth'
- Yoga is for entire humanity not for merely an individual
- Yoga brings peace to our society, nations, world and Yoga brings peace to our universe"
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BJP-LED NDA DECLARES DROUPADI MURMU CANDIDATURE FOR PRESIDENT

The BJP-led NDA has named Smt. Droupadi Murmu as its presidential candidate on 21 June, 2022. She is a former Jharkhand governor and an Odisha minister.

Smt. Murmu has filed her nomination on 24th June, polling will take place on July 18, and votes will be counted on July 21.

If she is elected, she will be India's first tribal President and the country's second female President.

Smt. Droupadi Murmu is Odisha's first major political party or alliance presidential candidate. She is still breaking barriers and was the first female governor of Jharkhand. She was the Governor of Jharkhand from 2015 to 2021.

Smt. Murmu completed her studies despite coming from a poor tribal family in the village of Mayurbhanj, a backward district in Odisha. She was a teacher at the Shri Aurobindo Integral Education Centre in Rairangpur. She was born on June 20, 1958, and studied at Ramadevi Women's College in Bhubaneswar.

She began her political journey as the vice-chairman of the Rairangpur NAC. Smt. Murmu served in the Odisha Legislative Assembly from Rairangpur from 2000 to 2004.

She served as Minister of Transport and Commerce, Animal Husbandry, and Fisheries. From 2004 to 2009, she was a member of the Odisha assembly once more. The Odisha assembly honoured her with the 'Nilakantha Award for Best MLA' in 2007.

Between 1979 and 1983, she worked as a junior assistant in the Irrigation and Power Department. She has held several organisational positions within the BJP, including vice president of the state ST Morcha in 1997. She was the President of the BJP's



Odisha ST Morcha from 2006 to 2009. From 2002 to 2009, she served on the BJP ST Morcha's national executive.

Smt. Murmu was a member of the BJP's ST Morcha's national executive committee from 2013 to 2015, and she was the BJP district president of Mayurbhanj (West) in 2010 and 2013.

@Narendra Modi

Smt. Droupadi Murmu Ji has devoted her life to serving society and empowering the poor, downtrodden as well as the marginalised. She has rich administrative experience and had an outstanding gubernatorial tenure. I am confident she will be a great President of our nation. Millions of people, especially those who have experienced poverty and faced hardships, derive great strength from the life of Smt. Droupadi Murmu Ji. Her understanding of policy matters and compassionate nature will greatly benefit our country.

@Jagat Prakash Nadda

Smt. Droupadi Murmu Ji with her rich administrative experience, her great history of self-less social service and relentless zeal to work for the upliftment of society, will make her a great President for our country. Under the leadership of Hon. PM @narendramodi Ji, it was an honour to announce her as the Presidential candidate from NDA. Her personality is an inspiration to us all and a benchmark for us all to follow. Her contributions to our nation are immense and she possesses a lot of expertise in different areas which will be of great benefit to our country. Her efforts towards the upliftment of the marginalised sections of the society are also widely celebrated. ■



OUR IDENTITY SHOULD BE BJP: JP NADDA

BJP National President Shri JP Nadda on a day's Pravas visited Karnataka and addressed the Gram Panchayat Presidents and Vice Presidents Samavesh in Chitradurga and the National OBC Morcha Prashikshan Varg in Bengaluru on 18 June, 2022. Addressing the karyakartas in Chitradurga he said, "Our identity should be BJP". The BJP National President asked the Gram Panchayat leaders of Karnataka to dedicate themselves for the development and growth of the state and for creation of a 'New India' under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

Shri Nadda said this is the golden period of development for our Panchayats. Today, under the leadership and guidance of the Prime Minister, Panchayats are getting maximum financial aid. Now, it is the responsibility of our Panchayat leaders to ensure that money should be properly utilized and the poor should get maximum benefits out of it. Key points of the Speech:

AGNIPATH: A REVOLUTIONARY SCHEME

- It is a revolutionary scheme which will give more strength to our armed forces. It will not only help our youth to serve the army but also give them better job and growth opportunities in their lives.
- There are some negative and disruptive forces in our country which do not want reforms in our armed forces and that is why they are misleading our youth. But we want our youth to serve the nation and have the best in their lives. The

Bharatiya Janata Party is always committed for the welfare and empowerment of our youth.

- I appeal to the youth that they should shun the path of agitation and violence. They should first study and understand the scheme and see how good and beneficial it is for them and their growth. The scheme is giving them so many opportunities. Our youth should trust and have faith in our Prime Minister. Whatever he is doing is for the better future of our youth and our country.

RURAL LANDSCAPE OF THE COUNTRY WILL CHANGE

- We have seen the misrule of the Congress governments. The Congress government did not focus on rural development. However, under the Narendra Modi Government each Panchayat is getting aid worth crores, which will change the rural landscape of the country.
- Earlier the money sent from the Centre and meant for Panchayats were used somewhere else by the Congress governments. But today there is no diversion of Panchayat funds. Money sent from Delhi to Karnataka is utilized 100 percent for the growth and development of our Panchayats. Earlier the average per person expenditure on development of Panchayats was Rs.54 which under the Modi Government has gone up to Rs.674 which clearly shows the commitment of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.
- Today, Karnataka is free from open defecation.

Total 3,585 villages have been connected with solid waste management. Karnataka is the first state to have its rural sanitation policy.

SOCIAL SECURITY FOR PERSON LIVING IN RURAL AREAS

- The Bharatiya Janata Party believes that every person particularly those living in rural areas should get Social Security. The Narendra Modi Government is working in this direction and important schemes like Atal Pension Yojna, Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Yojna, Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Suraksha Yojana and Ayushman Bharat Yojna are its testimony. It is the responsibility of our Panchayat leaders that all people living in villages and rural areas should get enrolled in these schemes so that they could get its benefits.
- Today, over four crore people of Karnataka are benefiting from the Pradhan Mantri Gareeb Kalyan Anna Yojna. Over four crore people have got ration cards in the state. For the development of the fisheries sector in the state a special scheme is being run in the state with an expenditure of Rs 250 crores.

KARNATAKA IS NO. 1 IN FDI

- Today, Karnataka is No. 1 in FDI. Karnataka is exporting highest IT software products, spices worth \$4 billion, coffee worth \$1billion and many other products. All these are records which showcase the growth and development story of Karnataka under the Bharatiya Janata Party government.
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in his eight years has done so much work which was unimaginable under the previous regimes. He has given a clear message to the world that no one can play with the security and safety of our country. He has brought revolution in each and every sector of governance.

Among others, Karnataka Chief Minister Shri Basavaraj Somappa Bommai, BJP State President Shri N Katil, Union Minister Shri A Narayan Swamy, BJP General Secretary and state in-charge Shri Arun Singh and all other senior leaders of the party were present on the occasion.

Earlier, the BJP National President Shri JP Nadda was warmly welcomed at KIAL International Airport in Bengaluru by Karnataka Chief Minister Shri BS Bommai, State BJP President Shri Nalin Kumar Kateel, other senior leaders and thousands of BJP Karnataka Karyakartas upon his arrival. ■



NATIONAL OBC MORCHA PRASHIKSHAN VARG HELD

Participating in the valedictory session of BJP National OBC Morcha Prashikshan Varg in Bengaluru, Karnataka, BJP National President Shri JP Nadda said we can proudly say that no other party can come and present the statistics of inclusive development and progress like the BJP can.

Speaking to the participants of the BJP National OBC Morcha Shri Nadda called upon party karyakartas and leaders to ensure that the OBCs do not stay away from the party. The backward castes are a large group and party workers must ensure that nobody from this group stays away from the BJP, Shri Nadda said. The BJP should lead all the groups, he added.

The BJP National President said party karyakartas should start identifying their caste as BJP. "Our identity should be BJP" he added. "Everybody must identify themselves with the caste known as BJP. Everybody's caste should be the BJP. There should be pride in all the castes that their members are a part of the BJP," he said.

Shri Nadda said Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has taken several historic initiatives to unite every caste and community. He is trying to create a beautiful bouquet of all communities and castes for the progress of the country. Shri Nadda said all Karyakartas of the party should contribute to strengthen it.

The BJP President also said all party workers should switch off their mobile phones for a day and meditate to find out the direction in which the country should move and work towards attaining the goal. ■

BJP WINS ALL 26 KAAC SEATS IN ASSAM CONGRESS DRAWS BLANK

In a huge step towards making its mark in the North-East region, the Bharatiya Janata Party on 12 June, 2022 won all the 26 seats in the Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council (KAAC) in Assam, while Congress drew a blank. The elections for the 26 seats were held on 08 June.



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi hailed the thumping victory of the BJP and assured people that the party would keep working for Assam's progress. "Historic results in Karbi Anglong! I thank the people for their continuous faith in BJP and assure them that we will keep working for Assam's progress," Shri Modi tweeted. "The efforts of BJP karyakartas have been outstanding. Kudos to them," he said.

BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda said, "Congratulations to all @BJP4Assam party members and karyakartas for this brilliant victory in the KAAC polls. This is a result of the faith of the people in the vision of Hon. PM Shri @narendramodi and the hard work of our karyakartas. Thank you to the people for this mandate".

Chief Minister Shri Himanta Biswa Sarma said, "We bow before the people of Karbi Anglong for giving BJP a historic mandate in KAAC polls the second time in a row." After wins in urban body and GMC polls, this huge victory is a true affirmation of public trust in PM Shri Narendra Modi's vision of 'Sabka Saath Sabka Vishwas', Shri Sarma said.

Noteworthy, the election for KAAC was held for the first time after the signing of a peace agreement with five insurgent groups of Karbi Anglong district in September 2021. After this historic initiative of Modi government of the 'Karbi Anglong Agreement' last year, over 1,000 militants surrendered and a 'Special Development Package' of Rs 1,000 crore for the Karbi areas was announced. ■

BJP WINS 5 SEATS IN MAHARASHTRA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL POLLS

In a major blow to the Maha Vikas Aghadi alliance, the BJP won five seats - Shri Pravin Darekar, Shri Ram Shinde, Shri Shrikant Bharatiya, Shri Uma Khapre and Shri Prasad Lad won their seats while the ruling Shiv Sena and NCP bagged two seats each in the recently held Maharashtra Legislative Council election on June 20, 2022.



On the other hand, the ruling alliance was left red-faced as they lost out following cross-voting. This is the second consecutive loss for the ruling MVA in a matter of two weeks as the BJP had, on June 10, snatched victory against the MVA in the Rajya Sabha polls.

The BJP fielded five candidates while MVA fielded six candidates for 10 MLC seats. BJP managed to win big in the election despite being short in numbers.

Reacting to the win, Leader of Opposition in Maharashtra Assembly Shri Devendra Fadnavis said, "We have got all five candidates elected. In Rajya Sabha, BJP got 123 votes. In the council elections, we got 134 votes. For our 5th candidate, we didn't have the votes. But he got more votes than two Congress candidates." ■

'BJP COMMITTED TO MAKE MANIPUR PEACEFUL & PROGRESSIVE STATE'

The State Executive Meeting of BJP Manipur was held at Kangpokpi on June 15 & 16, 2022. BJP National General Secretary (Organisation) Shri BL Santhosh, Chief Minister Shri N Biren Singh, State BJP President Smt. A Sarda Devi, BJP National Spokesperson Dr. Sambit Patra, State General Secretary (Org.) Shri Abhay Kumar and all BJP ministers and party office bearers were present on the occasion.

On way to Kangpokpi in Manipur to attend the State Executive Meeting, BJP National General Secretary (Organisation) Shri BL Santhosh was given a warm welcome by a large number of Thoudou tribe people and students.

Delivering an inspiring address at the meeting Shri BL Santhosh reminded every BJP Karyakarta about the party's value system. He urged everyone to strengthen the value system with hard work and dedication in the coming days for a strong and committed party organisation.

Addressing the valedictory ceremony, Chief Minister Shri N Biren Singh said the people have



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faith in BJP and the party workers must conduct public affairs with this in mind. He categorically stated that the BJP is devoted to save Manipur.

All State planning must be done to represent the interests of future generations, the Chief Minister said and added that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah are also committed to make Manipur a more peaceful and progressive State.

He highlighted the core principle of the BJP, stating that the concept of Nation-building is at the heart of the party.

Stressing upon the need to discuss the history of BJP and its leaders, Shri N Biren said that the BJP is committed to continue the War on Drugs 2.0 campaign so as to remove drug menace from the State.

BJP State President Smt. A Sarda Devi also addressed the gathering and lauded the party workers for their contribution in the 2022 State Assembly elections.

Later, BJP National General Secretary (Organisation) Shri BL Santhosh in the presence of CM Shri N Biren Singh, State President Smt. A Sharda Devi and other senior leaders also attended a meeting with District Presidents and Office Bearers of Manipur, BJP. ■



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Scheme

- **CABINET CLEARS IT FOR RECRUITMENT OF YOUTH IN ARMED FORCES**
- **46,000 AGNIVEERS TO BE RECRUITED THIS YEAR**

The Union Cabinet on 14 Jun approved an attractive recruitment scheme for Indian youth to serve in the Armed Forces. The scheme is called AGNIPATH and the youth selected under this scheme will be known as Agniveers. AGNIPATH allows patriotic and motivated youth to serve in the Armed Forces for a period of four years.

The AGNIPATH Scheme has been designed to enable a youthful profile of the Armed Forces. It will provide an opportunity to the youth who may be keen to don the uniform by attracting young talent from the society who are more in tune with contemporary technological trends and plough back skilled, disciplined and motivated manpower into the society. As for the Armed Forces, it will enhance the youthful profile of the Armed Forces and provide a fresh lease of 'Josh' and 'Jazba' whilst at the same time bring about a transformational shift towards a more tech savvy Armed Forces – which is indeed the need of the hour.

It is envisaged that average age profile of Indian Armed forces would come down by about 4-5 years by implementation of this scheme. The nation stands to immensely benefit by infusion of highly inspired youth with deeper understanding of self-discipline, diligence and focus who would be adequately skilled and will be able to contribute in other sectors. The dividends

of a short military service to the nation, society and the youth of the nation are immense. This includes inculcation of patriotism, team work, enhancement of physical fitness, ingrained loyalty for the country and availability of trained personnel to boost national security in times of external threats, internal threats and natural disasters.

This is a major defence policy reform introduced by the Government to usher in a new era in the Human Resource policy of the three Services.

BENEFITS TO THE AGNIVEERS

Agniveers will be given an attractive customised monthly package along with Risk and Hardship allowances as applicable in the three services. On completion of the engagement period of four years, Agniveers will be paid one time 'Seva Nidhi' package which shall comprise their contribution including accrued interest thereon and matching contribution from the Government equal to the accumulated amount of their contribution including interest as indicated below:

The 'Seva Nidhi' will be exempt from Income Tax. There shall be no entitlement to gratuity and pensionary benefits. Agniveers will be provided non-contributory Life Insurance Cover of Rs 48 lakhs for the duration of

Year	Customised Package (Monthly)	In Hand (70%)	Contribution to Agniveer Corpus Fund (30%)	Contribution to corpus fund by GoI
All figures in Rs (Monthly Contribution)				
1st Year	30000	21000	9000	9000
2nd Year	33000	23100	9900	9900
3rd Year	36500	25580	10950	10950
4th Year	40000	28000	12000	12000
Total contribution in Agniveer Corpus Fund after four years			Rs 5.02 Lakh	Rs 5.02 Lakh
Exit After 4 Year	Rs 11.71 Lakh as Seva Nidhi Package			
(Including, interest accumulated on the above amount as per the applicable interest rates would also be paid)				

their engagement period in the Indian Armed Forces.

During this period of service to the nation, the Agniveers will be imparted with various military skills and experience, discipline, physical fitness, leadership qualities, courage and patriotism. Post this stint of four years, the Agniveers will be infused into the civil society where they can contribute immensely towards the nation building process.

ADVANTAGES

- A transformative reform of recruitment policy of the Armed Forces.
- A unique opportunity to the youth to serve the country and contribute to Nation Building.
- Armed Forces profile to be youthful and dynamic.
- Attractive financial package for the Agniveers.
- Opportunity for Agniveers to train in the best institutions and enhance their skills & qualifications.
- Availability of well disciplined and skilled youth with military ethos in civil society.
- Adequate re-employment opportunities for those returning to society and who could emerge as role models for the youth.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Under the AGNIPATH scheme, the Agniveers will be enrolled in the Forces under respective Service Acts for a period of four years. They would form a distinct rank in the Armed Forces, different from any other existing ranks. Upon the completion of four years of service, based on organisational requirement and policies promulgated by the Armed Forces from time-to-time, Agniveers will be offered an opportunity to apply for permanent enrolment in the Armed Forces. These applications will be considered in a centralised manner based on objective criteria including performance during their four-year engagement period and up to 25% of each specific batch of Agniveers will be enrolled in regular cadre of the Armed Forces. Detailed guidelines will be issued separately.

The selection will be the exclusive jurisdiction of the Armed Forces. 46,000 Agniveers will be recruited this year. Enrolment will be undertaken through an online centralised system for all three services with specialised rallies and campus interviews from recognised technical institutes such as Industrial Training Institutes

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS DECIDES TO GIVE PRIORITY TO AGNIVEERS

In the context of the announcement of 'Agnipath Scheme' by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the Union Home Ministry has decided on 15 Jun to give priority to Agniveers who have completed four years under this scheme for recruitment into CAPFs and Assam Rifles.

UP AND HARYANA GOVT TO GIVE PRIORITY TO RETIRED AGNIVEERS IN POLICE FORCE

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that retired Agniveers would be given priority in the UP Police force.

He said the scheme, which has been lauded by the world, would not only see employment of youths and earn them respect, but also enable them to tackle challenges more effectively with discipline and training, as well as equip them with skills that will easily help them get jobs in the police force.

"According to the scheme, 25% of the Agniveers will continue to be in the forces, while the rest will get suitable employment opportunities in the police force. Our government has already announced that priority will be given to Agniveers," the CM said.

Haryana Chief Minister Shri Manohar Lal Khattar also announced that the state government will give priority to 'Agniveers' in government jobs once they are relieved after 4 years of service from the armed forces. ■

and National Skills Qualifications Framework, among others. Enrolment will be based on 'All India All Class' basis and the eligible age will be in range from 17.5 to 21 years. Agniveers will meet the medical eligibility conditions laid down for enrolment in the armed forces as applicable to respective categories/trades. The educational qualification for Agniveers will remain as in vogue for enrollment in various categories. On the directions of PM Shri Narendra Modi, the government has decided that this year the age limit for the recruitment of Agniveers to be increased from 21 to 23 years. A one-time relaxation given by the Government which will make a lot of young people eligible to become Agniveer. ■

PM INSTRUCTS TO RECRUIT OF 10 LAKH PEOPLE IN 18 MONTHS

In the midst of a global market slowdown caused by the Russia-Ukraine crisis, Prime Minister Narendra Modi directed that 10 lakh people be hired within the next 18 months. It will have a significant positive impact on the economy of the country.

"The PM reviewed the status of human resources in all departments and ministries and instructed that recruitment of 10 lakh people be done by the government in a mission mode in the

next 1.5 years," the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) tweeted.

The Ministry of Home Affairs responded immediately to this directive by tweeting, "In line with instructions of PM @narendramodi to carry out 10 lakh recruitments in all GOI Deptts & Ministries over a period of 1.5 yrs, Ministry of Home Affairs has initiated steps to fill up vacancies in Mission Mode. ■

NET DIRECT TAX COLLECTIONS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2022-23 GROWN AT OVER 45%

The figures of Direct Tax collections for the Financial Year 2022-23, as on 16.06.2022 show that net collections are at Rs.3,39,225 crore compared to Rs. 2,33,651 crore over the corresponding period of the preceding year, representing an increase of 45% over the collections of the preceding year. The net collection (as on 16.06.2022) in F.Y. 2022-23 has registered a growth of 171% over the corresponding period of F.Y. 2020-21 when the net collection was Rs. 1,25,065 crore, and a growth of 103% over the corresponding period of F.Y. 2019-20 when the net collection was Rs. 1,67,432 crore. ■



OVERALL MERCHANDISE AND SERVICES EXPORTS JUMP 24% IN MAY, 2022

India's overall exports (Merchandise and Services combined) in May 2022 are estimated to be USD 62.21 Billion, exhibiting a positive growth of 24.03 per cent over the same period last year. The merchandise exports in May 2022 were USD 38.94 Billion, as compared to USD 32.30 Billion in May 2021, exhibiting a



positive growth of 20.55 per cent. The estimated value of services export for May 2022* is USD 23.28 Billion, exhibiting a positive growth of 30.32 per cent vis-a-vis May 2021 (USD 17.86 Billion).

India's overall exports (Merchandise and Services combined) in April-May 2022* are estimated to be USD 124.59 Billion, exhibiting a positive growth of 25.90 per cent over the same period last. The merchandise exports for the period April-May 2022 were USD 78.72 Billion as against USD 63.05 Billion during the period April-May 2021, registering a positive growth of 24.86 per cent. The estimated value of services export for April-May 2022* is USD 45.87 Billion, exhibiting a positive growth of 27.71 per cent vis-a-vis April-May 2021 (USD 35.92 Billion).

The overall imports (Merchandise and Services combined) in May 2022* are estimated to be USD 77.65 Billion, exhibiting a positive growth of 59.19 per cent over the same period last year. The overall imports in April-May 2022* are estimated to be USD 151.89 Billion, exhibiting a positive growth of 45.44 per cent over the same period last year. ■

DOMESTIC COAL PRODUCTION GOES UP BY 28% AS OF 16 JUNE, 2022

After a record-breaking coal production of 777 Million Ton (MT) in 2021-22, the domestic coal



production continues to witness an increasing trend in the current financial year as well. The total domestic coal production in 2022-23, as on 31st May, 2022 is 137.85 MT, which is 28.6% more as compared to the production of 104.83 MT in the same period of last year. This trend is being maintained in June, 2022 also. The coal production by Coal India Ltd (CIL) is 28% more than the production in the same period of the previous year (as on 16th June, 2022). Domestic coal production target for the current financial year is 911 MT which is 17.2% more than the previous year.

The coal imports for blending by the Domestic Coal Based (DCB) power plants have dropped to 8.11MT in the year 2021-22 which has been the lowest coal import in the last eight years. This was possible solely due to the robust coal supply from domestic sources and increased domestic coal production.

The Imported Coal Based (ICB) power plants had imported coal of more than 45 MT per year from 2016-17 to 2019-20. However, coal import by the ICB power plants dropped to the lowest level of 18.89 MT in 2021-22 and the generation from these plants also dropped to 39.82 BU in the year 2021-22 as compared to the 100+ BU which these plants have been generating since quite some time. This year too their generation remains very low due to high price of imported coal.

In the last five years, the coal-based power generation has grown at a CAGR of 1.82% whereas the domestic coal supply to power sector had grown at a CAGR of 3.26%. Thus, coal supply to power sector has outpaced the growth in coal-based power generation and continues to do so in the present year too. ■

EPFO PAYROLL DATA: EPFO ADDS 17.08 LAKH NET SUBSCRIBERS IN THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2022

The provisional payroll data of EPFO released on 20 June highlights that EPFO has added 17.08 lakh net subscribers in the month of April, 2022. A year-on-year comparison of payroll data shows an increase of 4.32 lakh net subscribers in April, 2022 as compared to the net subscription in the month of April, 2021 last year.

Out of the total 17.08 lakh subscribers added during the month, around 9.23 lakh new members have come under the social security cover of EPF & MP Act, 1952 for the first time. Approximately 7.85 lakh net subscribers exited & re-joined the establishments



covered under EPFO by changing their jobs within the establishments covered by EPFO and opted to retain membership under the Scheme, through transfer of funds rather than coming for final withdrawal of their PF accumulations. The payroll data reflects a declining trend of members exit during the last four months.

Age-wise comparison of payroll data indicates that the age-group of 22-25 years has registered the highest number of net enrolments with 4.30 lakh additions during April, 2022. This is followed by the age-group of 29-35 years with a healthy addition of 3.74 lakh net additions during the month. In nutshell, these two age-groups constitute around 47.07% net subscribers additions during the month. The age group of 29-35 years can be considered as experienced workers who have changed jobs for career growth and opted to be with EPFO. ■

SHORT-RANGE BALLISTIC MISSILE, PRITHVI-II, SUCCESSFULLY TESTED

A successful training launch of a Short-Range Ballistic Missile, Prithvi-II was carried out on June 15, 2022 at approximately 1930 hrs from the Integrated Test Range, Chandipur, Odisha. The missile is a proven system and is capable of striking targets with a very high degree of precision.

The user training launch successfully validated all operational and technical parameters of the missile. ■



WHY JANSANGH ?

Continuing...

DR. SYAMA PRASAD MOOKERJEE

Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee in his presidential address at the first Convention of All India Bharatiya Jana Sangh held in Delhi on 21st October, 1951 elaborated on main reasons behind the formation of Bharatiya Janasangh. We are publishing the full text of his speech for our esteemed readers in a series. The second and last part of his speech is given below :

Regarding Kashmir our party feels that the case should be withdrawn from U.N.O. and there should be no further question of plebiscite. Kashmir is an integral part of India and should be treated as any other State. It is indeed tragic that one-third of Kashmir should be in the hands of the enemy and our Government should be unable to free the area from foreign occupation in spite of occasional outbursts of determination to fight any future penetration. From what I have stated above it will appear that our party claims to deal with national and international problems in a spirit of realism consistent with the honour and dignity of India. We have been attacked vigorously by some spokesmen of other parties specially Mr. Nehru, the President of the Congress.

Since he also happens to be the Prime Minister of India his utterances naturally carry great weight. The vigour of his repeated attacks has given us added strength and determination. We will not succumb to threats and abuses. Indeed they have provided us with widespread publicity and for this our thanks are due to him. It is open to anyone to criticize another party's programme freely and unequivocally but such criticisms should not amount to misrepresentation of facts. The main charge against us is that we are a communal party with retrograde ideas.

A bare examination of our programme will convince any right-thinking man that this is a perversion of truth. The charge of pandering to communalism really lies at the door of the Congress and specially against

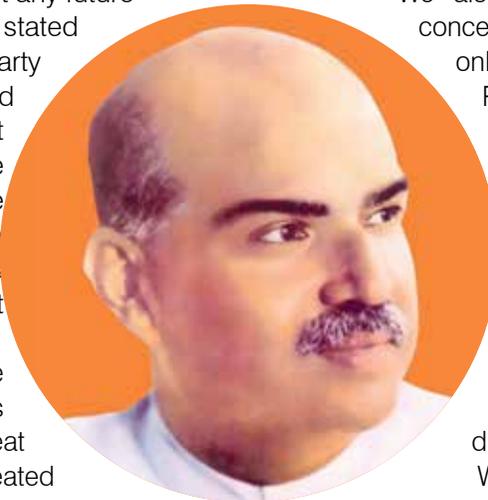
Mr. Nehru himself. Let him coolly examine his own performances during the last thirty years. At every step when he and his colleagues had to deal with the intransigence of Muslim League, they ran away from the fight and ultimately succumbed to it by dividing their motherland. Dr. Ambedkar's recent proposal to partition Kashmir on the basis of Hindu and Muslim population has shocked many.

We also do not approve of this. Such concession do not settle disputes but only create fresh jumping grounds for Pakistan for making fresh demands. That was indeed the old Muslim League technique. But surely this was exactly what Mr. Nehru and his friends had done with regard to India in 1947. It is true that some of us supported the partition of Bengal and Punjab in 1947 but be it recorded that we were forced to do so when Bharat's division was imminent.

We always wanted to keep these and other provinces within United Bharat.

When we found that this was not possible due to the betrayal of the Congress and the pact between itself and Muslim League supported by an astute British policy, we were anxious to save as much of these provinces as possible and keep them within free India. Otherwise they would have been lost to India in their entirety.

If Bharat had not been partitioned, there would have been no occasion to partition these great provinces whose people have suffered enormously for the sake of Bharat's liberation. Having repeatedly sacrificed Bharatiya nationalism at the altar of Muslim communalism and even after partition having surrendered to the whims



and howls of Pakistan Government it does not lie in the mouth of Mr. Nehru to accuse others of communalism. There is no communalism in Bharat today except the new policy of Muslim appeasement which has been started by Mr. Nehru and his friends for the purpose of winning their votes at the forthcoming election.

We have provincialism and other types of class or caste differences in the country today. Let us jointly try to remove these evils so as to lay the foundation for a truly democratic India. The cry of communalism raised by Mr. Nehru is to sidetrack the real issues now before the country. The problem before the country today are clearly related to hunger, to poverty, to exploitation, to maladministration, to corruption, to abject surrender to Pakistan, all being evils for which the main responsibility rests on the Congress and the Government under it. Mr. Nehru, the Arch-Fascist of India, accuses others of fascism. Such efforts to hoodwink the public will meet with miserable failure.

NEW ERA OF HOPE

We firmly believe that the inauguration of this party will usher in a new era of hope, peace and strength. Our goal and objective are sound but our success will depend on the organisation that we can set up and the confidence that we can create in the minds of the people themselves. That will take time and much patient labour. Let its not be completely overshadowed by the forthcoming elections. No doubt we will face them boldly and appeal to the electorate wherever we can to trust us with their votes explaining the viewpoints that we are claiming to advocate.

There is however greater chance of defeating the Congress at the elections if there is at least electoral understanding among the principal parties in opposition. The main basis for such understanding should be popularity and confidence of the voters. The Congress has collected enormous funds and all sorts of pressures are being put upon various classes of people for getting their support for the Congress. It enjoys the powers of Government today and there is every likelihood that it will not hesitate to manipulate the official machinery for winning the elections. From our recent experience in Delhi elections it is feared that elections may not be free and fair.

The manner in which the official machinery was utilised for the Delhi session of the Congress also

indicates how Congress and Government have become synonymous expressions. Such abuse of power creates most unhealthy precedents. All opposition parties should, therefore, unite in demanding that the conditions for free and fair election should be scrupulously observed. Even Delhi elections, where the Congress has won, reveal interesting conclusions. Of the total voters barely 30 per cent have voted for the Congress.

Thus the majority of the voters are anti-Congress. This has been the case in the capital city of Bharat in spite of feverish and hectic efforts of the Prime Minister and others to win success for the Congress. But for the fact that the contestants were too many in number and in some places Congress gave tickets to non-Congress independents, the majority of the votes would have been cast against the Congress and the Congress would have been ultimately defeated. In any case our party, although barely two months old, has secured about 24 per cent of the total votes and in many cases the difference between the Congress candidates and ours was very small. This is no small achievement. Our workers must march ahead in full confidence of the justice of our cause and the support which we have already received in different parts of the country.

SERVICE AND SACRIFICE

We enter upon our task with full faith, hope and courage. Let our workers constantly remember that only through service and sacrifice will they be able to win the confidence of masses of the people. The great task of revitalising and reconstructing free Bharat awaits us. The mother calls her children, irrespective of class, caste or religion to come to her and serve her. However dark the present clouds may be, Bharat has a great destiny to fulfil in the years to come. May our party whose symbol in the forthcoming elections is a humble earthen 'Pradip' try to carry this light of hope and unity, faith and courage to dispel the darkness that surrounds the country.

The journey has just begun. May Providence endow us with strength and fortitude to remain ever on the right path, not cowed by fears or tempted by favours, and to help to make Bharat great and strong, spiritually and materially, so that she may become a fit and noble instrument in the preservation of world peace and prosperity. Jai Bharat!.

DR. SYAMA PRASAD MOOKERJEE: A GREAT SON OF BHARTA MATA

Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee was born on 06 July 1901 in Calcutta. He came from quite an illustrious background. His father was Shri Ashutosh Mookerjee, a well-respected advocate in Bengal and also the Vice-Chancellor of the Calcutta University and his mother was Smt. Jogmaya Devi Mookerjee. Shri Shyama Prasad passed B.A First Class First in English Honors from Presidency College, Calcutta in 1921 and became a fellow of the Senate in 1923.

After his father's death, he enrolled as an advocate in Calcutta High Court in 1924. Subsequently, he left for England in 1926 to study in Lincoln's Inn and became a barrister in 1927. At the age of 33, Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee became the world's youngest Vice-Chancellor of Calcutta University and held the office till 1938. During his tenure, he introduced a number of constructive reforms and was active in the Asiatic Society of Calcutta as well as was a member of the Court and the Council of the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, and Chairman of the Inter-University of Board.

He was elected as a member of the Legislative Council of Bengal as a Congress candidate representing Calcutta University but resigned the next year when Congress decided to boycott the legislature. Subsequently, he contested the election as an independent and got elected.

He became the opposition leader when Krishak Praja Party – Muslim League coalition was in power during 1937-41 and joined the Progressive Coalition Ministry headed by Fazlul Haq as a Finance Minister and within less than a year resigned. He emerged as a spokesman for Hindus and shortly joined Hindu Mahasabha in 1944, he became the President.

Pandit Nehru inducted him into the Interim Central Government as a Minister for Industry and Supply. On the issue of the Delhi pact with Likayat Ali Khan,

Dr. Mookerjee resigned from the Cabinet on 6th April 1950. After consultation with RSS Sarsanghchalak Pujya Shri Madhav Sadashiv Golwalkar Ji (Guruji), Shri Mookerjee founded Bharatiya Jana Sangh on 21st October 1951 in Delhi and became its first President. In the 1952 elections, Bharatiya Jana Sangh won three seats in Parliament one of them being that of Shri Mookerjee. He had formed the National Democratic Members' Committee within the Parliament which consisted of 32 members of MPs from Lok Sabha and 10 Members of Rajya Sabha.

He fought hard with the Government and supported the movement of the Praja Parishad in Jammu for full integration of the State of Jammu and Kashmir with the Indian Union. He was arrested in Delhi in March, 1953 for violation of a ban on procession against 'Permit Raj in Kashmir' and detained, but released by the orders of the Supreme Court on a Habeas Corpus petition.

Dr. Mookerjee gave a clarion call to the nation to observe "Kashmir Day" on the 5th May in support of the movement of the Praja Parishad. He left Delhi on the 8th May to Kashmir against Permit Raj. Bharatiya Jana Sangh launched

a massive Satyagraha to remove the pernicious provisions of Permit Raj from Kashmir. Dr. Mookerjee entered Kashmir on the 11th May without a permit and was arrested on the same day while crossing the border and put under detention at Srinagar.

Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee fell seriously ill on 22nd June and was martyred under mysterious circumstances as a detenu in jail at 2.30 a.m on 23rd June, 1953.

A veteran politician, he was respected by his friends and foes alike for his knowledge, forthrightness, and vision. He was among the prominent leaders and a great son of India, whom we lost at a very early age and very early stage of our independence. ■



Spirit from local to global is the basis of our Aatmnirbhar Bharat Abhiyan: PM

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the Jal Bhushan Building and Gallery of Revolutionaries at Raj Bhawan in Mumbai on 14 June. The Governor of Maharashtra, Shri Bhagat Singh Koshyari, and the Chief Minister of Maharashtra Shri Uddhav Thackrey were among those present on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister said Maharashtra has inspired the country in many fields. He added that there is a very rich legacy of social reformers from Jagatguru Shri Sant Tukaram Maharaj to Babasaheb Ambedkar. The Prime Minister said that from Maharashtra, Sant Dnyaneshwar Maharaj, Sant Naamdev, Sant Ramdas, and Sant Chokhamela have infused energy into the country. If we talk of Swarajya, said the Prime Minister, the lives of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj strengthen the sense of patriotism in every Indian even today. The Prime Minister also noted the inclusion of ancient values and memories of freedom struggle in the architecture of Raj Bhavan and praised the spirit of turning Raj Bhavan into Lok Bhavan.

The Prime Minister said knowingly or unknowingly, we limit India's independence to a few incidents. Whereas, India's independence involved the 'Tapasya' of countless people and the collective impact of many incidents at the local level was national. The means were different but the resolution was the same, the Prime Minister added. He noted that irrespective of social, family, or ideological roles, the place of the movement, whether within the country or abroad, the goal was one - complete independence of India. The Prime Minister recalled the multi-hued contribution of Bal Gangadhar Tilak, the Chapekar brothers, Vasudev Balwant Phadke, and Madam Bhikaji Cama. He also pointed out that the freedom struggle spanned locally as well globally. He cited the Gadar Party, Netaji-led Azad Hind Fauz and India House of Shyamaji Krishna Varma as examples of the global scale of the freedom struggle. "This spirit

Maharashtra has inspired the country in many fields. He added that there is a very rich legacy of social reformers from Jagatguru Shri Sant Tukaram Maharaj to Babasaheb Ambedkar



from local to global is the basis of our Aatmnirbhar Bharat Abhiyan", he said.

The Prime Minister mentioned that indifference toward unsung heroes continued for a very long time. He recited how the great freedom fighter Shyamaji Krishna Varma's remains waited for so long to reach India till Shri Modi himself brought them back to India.

The Prime Minister remarked that Mumbai is the city of dreams, however, there are many such cities in Maharashtra, which are going to be the growth centres of the country in the 21st century. With this thinking, on one hand, the infrastructure of Mumbai is being modernized and at the

same time, modern facilities are being increased in other cities as well, he pointed out.

Jal Bhushan has been the official residence of the Governor of Maharashtra since 1885. Upon completing its lifespan, it was demolished and a new building was sanctioned in its place. The Foundation stone for the new building was laid by the Hon'ble President of India in August 2019. All distinctive features of the old building have been preserved in the newly constructed building. In 2016, the then Governor of Maharashtra, Shri Vidyasagar Rao, had found a bunker in Raj Bhawan. It had earlier been used by Britishers as secret storage for arms and ammunition. The bunker was renovated in 2019. The Gallery has been developed in the bunker as a one of its kind museum, to commemorate the contributions of freedom fighters and revolutionaries of Maharashtra. ■

"MY MOTHER IS AS SIMPLE AS SHE IS EXTRAORDINARY"

As his mother entered her hundredth year, PM Narendra Modi on 18 Jun penned an emotional blog. He recollected some special moments from his childhood that he spent with his mother. He recalled several sacrifices made by his mother as he grew up and mentioned various qualities of his mother that have shaped his mind, personality, and self-confidence.



"Today, I feel extremely happy and fortunate to share that my mother Smt. Heeraba Modi is entering her hundredth year. This is going to be her birth centenary year." wrote PM Modi.

A SYMBOL OF RESILIENCE

Recalling hardships his mother faced during her childhood, PM Modi said, "My Mother is as simple as she is extraordinary. Just like all mothers." At a tender age, PM Modi's mother lost her mother. He said, "She does not even remember my grandmother's face or the comfort of her lap. She spent her entire childhood without her mother."

He recalled the tiny house in Vadnagar with mud walls and clay tiles for a roof where he stayed with his parents and siblings. He mentioned innumerable everyday adversities that his mother encountered and successfully overcame.

He mentioned how his mother not only did all household chores by herself but also worked to supplement the meagre household income. She used to wash utensils at a few houses and take out time to spin the charkha to help meet the household expenses.

PM Modi reminisced "During the rains, our roof would leak, and the house would flood. Mother would place buckets and utensils below the leaks to collect the rainwater. Even in this adverse situation, Mother would be a symbol of resilience".

DEEP RESPECT FOR THOSE ENGAGED IN CLEANLINESS

Cleanliness, PM Modi said, was something that

his mother had always been extremely particular about. He shared several instances which gave a glimpse of his mother being very particular about maintaining cleanliness.

PM Modi said that his mother had a deep respect for those involved in cleaning and sanitation. Whenever someone would come to

clean the drain adjacent to their house in Vadnagar, his mother wouldn't let them go without giving them tea.

FINDING HAPPINESS IN OTHERS' JOYS

PM Modi mentioned that his mother would find happiness in other people's joys and was extremely large hearted. He recalled "A close friend of my father used to stay in a nearby village. After his untimely death, my father brought his friend's son, Abbas, to our home. He stayed with us and completed his studies. Mother was as affectionate and caring towards Abbas just like she did for all of us siblings. Every year on Eid, she used to prepare his favourite dishes. On festivals, it was commonplace for neighbourhood kids to come to our house and enjoy Mother's special preparations."

PM MODI'S MOTHER HAS PUBLICLY ACCOMPANIED HIM ON ONLY TWO OCCASIONS

In the blog post, PM Modi highlighted the only two instances when his mother accompanied him publicly. Once, it was at a public function in Ahmedabad when she applied tilak on his forehead after he had returned from Srinagar where he had hoisted the national flag at Lal Chowk completing the Ekta Yatra. The second instance was when PM Modi first took oath as Gujarat's Chief Minister in 2001.

A LIFE LESSON PM MODI'S MOTHER TAUGHT HIM

PM Modi wrote that his mother made him realise that it was possible to be learned without being formally educated. He shared an incident when he wanted to publicly honour all his teachers, including

his biggest teacher – his mother. However, his mother declined saying, “See, I am an ordinary person. I may have given birth to you, but you have been taught and brought up by the Almighty.”

PM Modi further added that though his mother did not come to the event, she made sure that he called someone from Jethabhai Joshi Ji’s family – his local teacher, who taught him alphabets. “Her thought process and farsighted thinking have always surprised me,” he said.

A DUTIFUL CITIZEN

PM Modi mentioned that as a dutiful citizen his mother has voted in every election since the time elections began, from Panchayat to Parliament.

LEADING AN EXTREMELY SIMPLE LIFESTYLE

Reflecting on his mother’s extremely simple lifestyle, PM Modi wrote that even today, there are no assets in his mother’s name. “I have never seen her wear any gold ornaments, and she has no interest either. Like earlier, she continues to lead an extremely simple lifestyle in her small room.” the PM stated.

REMAINING ABREAST WITH CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS

PM Modi’s said that his mother remains abreast with current developments in the world. He mentioned in his blog. “Recently, I asked her how long she watches TV every day. She replied that most people on TV are busy fighting with each other, and she only watches those who calmly read out the news and explain everything. I was pleasantly surprised that Mother keeps track of so much.”

SHARP MEMORY DESPITE HER AGE

PM Modi shared another instance from 2017 that showcases his mother’s alertness despite her old age. In 2017, PM Modi had gone to meet her directly from Kashi and had carried prasada for her. “When I met Mother, she immediately asked me if I had paid obeisance to Kashi Vishwanath Mahadev. Mother still uses the full name - Kashi Vishwanath Mahadev. Then during the conversation, she asked me if the lanes that lead to the Kashi Vishwanath Temple are still the same, as if there is a temple inside someone’s household premises. I was surprised and asked when she visited the temple. She revealed that she had gone to Kashi many years back, but surprisingly remembered everything,” said PM Modi.

RESPECTING OTHER’S CHOICES

PM Modi further elaborated that his mother not only respects others’ choices but also refrains from imposing her preferences. “In my own case especially, she respected my decisions, never created any hurdles, and encouraged me. Since childhood, she could feel that a different mindset grew inside me.” mentioned PM Modi.

It was PM Modi’s mother who gave him full support when he had decided to leave his home. Understanding his desires and blessing him, his mother said, “Do as your mind says.”

FOCUS ON GARIB KALYAN

PM Modi said that his mother has always inspired him to have a strong resolve and focus on garib kalyan. He shared an instance from 2001 when he had been declared as the Chief Minister of Gujarat. After reaching Gujarat, PM Modi went straight to meet his mother. She was extremely ecstatic and told him, “I don’t understand your work in the government, but I just want you to never take a bribe.”

His mother keeps assuring him that he should not worry about her and remain focused on the larger responsibilities. Whenever he speaks to her on the phone, his mother says, “Never do anything wrong or anything bad with anyone and keep working for the poor.”

MANTRA OF LIFE - HARDWORK

PM Modi said that his parents’ honesty and self-respect have been their biggest qualities. Despite struggling with poverty and its accompanying challenges, PM Modi said that his parents never left the path of honesty or compromised on their self-respect. Constant hardwork was their foremost mantra to overcome any challenge!

AN ICON OF MATRUSHAKTI

PM Modi further added, “In my mother’s life story, I see the penance, sacrifice, and contribution of India’s matrushakti. Whenever I look at Mother and crores of women like her, I find there is nothing that is unachievable for Indian women.”

PM Modi encapsulated his mother’s inspiring life story in a few words:

“Far beyond every tale of deprivation, is the glorious story of a mother, Far above every struggle, is the strong resolve of a mother.” ■



BJP NATIONAL PRESIDENT MEETS WITH 'HEAD OF MISSIONS' OF 13 COUNTRIES UNDER "KNOW BJP" CAMPAIGN

BJP FIRMLY BELIEVES IN A HEALTHY DEMOCRACY: JP NADDA

Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda interacted with "Head of Missions" from 13 countries at the party's central office in the fourth phase of the "Know BJP" campaign on 11 June, 2022. "Know BJP" campaign is the BJP's initiative to introduce the party's vision, mission and work culture to different countries of the world.

Heads of Missions from Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, Lithuania, Serbia, Spain, United Kingdom, Jamaica, Mauritius, Nepal and Thailand were present at the meeting.

Addressing the visiting diplomats Shri Nadda said that it is our belief that there should be better communication between the political system and political parties of different countries so that we can understand the vision of each other. The BJP firmly believes in a healthy democracy and shared cultural ties, he said. During the interactive session, the BJP National President stressed upon speed, scale and skill with which various development schemes of PM Shri Narendra Modi are implemented. He also elaborated on how BJP has maximum number of participation of women in the party structure and how BJP works with dedication for the welfare of villages, poor, farmers, dalits, backward classes and youth of the country.

The programme was conducted by the in-charge of the party's foreign department Dr. Vijay Chauthaiwale. BJP National Spokesperson Shri Rajyavardhan Rathod welcomed the guests. A documentary showing the history and development journey of BJP was also shown to the distinguished guests which was appreciated by all the diplomats. After his remarks, Shri Nadda also answered the questions of all the diplomats in detail.

The "Know BJP" campaign was started on the party's 42nd Foundation Day on 6th April 2022. Its 2nd phase was held on 16 May 2022 while the third meeting was held on 4th June 2022. Including this dialogue, BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda has so far interacted with the Diplomats/Head of Missions of 47 countries including the European Union.

BJP PRESIDENT INTERACTS WITH MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF SINGAPORE AT BJP HQ

The Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda on 16 June, 2022 interacted with the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Singapore, Dr. Vivian Balakrishnan at the BJP headquarters in Delhi. He was accompanied by Singapore High Commissioner to India, Shri Simon Wong. The two leaders discussed ways to strengthen the India-Singapore Strategic Partnership and exchanged views on regional and international developments.

In his address, the BJP National President welcomed the visiting Foreign Affairs Minister of Singapore. Shri Nadda briefed Dr Balakrishnan about the prevailing political situation in India. He also informed Dr Balakrishnan about the functioning



of the BJP and how it is engaging with youth and other sections of the society besides how the world's largest political party engages with its workers at the grassroot level. The two leaders also discussed various issues of national and international importance.

In his concluding remarks, Dr Balakrishnan thanked Shri Nadda for hosting him at the BJP headquarters and having insightful discussions.

Dr Balakrishnan said he got new information and clear perspective about the BJP's activities and its functioning, and also about the various initiatives and programmes of the Narendra Modi government.

Along with Shri JP Nadda, BJP National Vice President Shri Baijayant Jay Panda, in-charge of the party's foreign department Dr. Vijay Chauthaiwale and some young party leaders were present at the meeting. ■

BJP National President meets Senior Communist Party leader of Vietnam Nguyen Van Nen

The BJP National President Shri JP Nadda on June 20, 2022 interacted with senior leader of the Communist Party of Vietnam, Shri Nguyen Van Nen at BJP Head Office in New Delhi. Shri Nen is the Member of the Politburo of the Communist Party of Vietnam and also the Secretary of the Ho Chi Minh City Party Committee.

This meeting is in continuation with the BJP's outreach programme "Know BJP" through which the BJP National President is interacting with foreign dignitaries and Head of Missions in India. So far Shri Nadda has interacted with Nepal Prime Minister Shri Sher Bahadur Deuba, Minister for Foreign Relations of Singapore Shri Vivian Balakrishnan and also envoys of 47 countries including European Union.

BJP National General Secretary (Organization) Shri BL Santhosh, In-charge of Foreign Affairs Department of the party Dr. Vijay Chauthaiwale joined Shri Nadda in this meeting. Other important leaders from Vietnam who were present in the meeting included Shri Nguyen Van Nen, HoD to India (Vietnam) and H.E. Shri Pham Sanh Chau.



Shri Nguyen Van Nen visited the BJP headquarters to understand the party's functioning and also to strengthen relations between the two countries. Shri Nguyen Van Nen thanked Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and India for India's help during the Covid-19 pandemic. Shri Nen also thanked India & PM Shri Modi for installing a statue of great Vietnamese leader Ho Chi Minh in front of the Vietnam Embassy.

Welcoming Shri Nguyen Van Nen and other dignitaries, Shri Nadda recalled the great relations and strong connections between two nations. He mentioned how the strong relationship between the two nations has flourished since the visit of India's Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and first President to Vietnam. Shri Nadda also talked about the historic visit of Prime Minister Shri Narendra

Modi to Vietnam in 2016, besides mentioning the visit of President Shri Ramnath Kovind and also the recent visit of Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh.

During the interaction, Shri Nguyen Van Nen asked several questions about the functioning of the Bharatiya Janata Party, its organizational structure, its strong connect with the workers at the grassroot level, its internal election process, internal communication and the party's training system.

Shri Nadda answered each question in detail. The BJP National President recalled the history of the Bharatiya Janata Party, its long journey, its struggle and electoral successes, the changes that the BJP governments have brought in the Centre and states and also the future plans of the party. He also described about various social activities and initiatives of the party during Covid-19.

BJP National General Secretary (Organisation) Shri BL Santosh elaborated on internal communication, membership drive, mentoring and training of the new members and expansion of the Party. ■



BY VIKASH ANAND

MC12 BRINGS FAVOURABLE OUTCOMES FOR INDIA

The twelfth WTO ministerial conference (MC12) commenced on June 12th. It concluded on June 17th in Geneva, Switzerland, which has brought favourable outcomes for India and other developing countries. India was leading from the forefront in the five days of a long negotiation at the conference. Poor and developing countries were looking to India to seal favorable and just deal. The critical concerns of the conference were food security and agriculture, fisheries subsidies; intellectual property rights waiver on COVID-19 vaccines and pandemic response; WTO reforms; and extension of the moratorium on customs duty on E-transmission.

INDIA AND FOOD GRAIN PROCUREMENT

Union Commerce and Trade Minister Shri Piyush Goyal led the Indian delegation at the WTO. The most crucial concern before the Indian delegation was to protect India's food grain procurement program at Minimum Support Prices (MSP). It is one of the country's important programs protecting farmers and consumers. Other developing countries will benefit from this public procurement scheme as well. Developed countries saw it as a violation of trade norms. However, India argued its case on the basis of WTO fundamental principles, which include special and differential treatment. India was looking for a long-term solution to public stockholding for food security. This negotiation has been postponed until the next ministerial conference.

INDIA AND FISHERIES SUBSIDIES

For the past 20 years, discussions about limiting fisheries subsidies have been ongoing. The WTO wished to limit subsidies that contribute to overfishing. WTO members must eliminate subsidies within seven years of signing the agreement. The seven-year period will end in 2030. India and other poor countries wanted a decision to extend the transition period to 25 years rather than 30 years in order to protect the interests of their fishermen. In the negotiations to extend subsidies, India successfully defended its position. The contentious clauses that proposed a seven-year ban on overfishing subsidies have been removed. The defending subsidies are vital for its fishermen. A significant number of people,

approximately four million, rely on fisheries for a living. Their situation is not mature enough to survive without government protection.

INDIA & E-TRANSMISSION

WTO members have not agreed to impose any customs duty on electronic transmission since 1998. The developed world wants a permanent moratorium. India has been vocal in its opposition to a permanent moratorium on custom duty. India claimed that developing countries were losing money. Customs duty exemption benefited developed countries disproportionately. India asserts that reconsidering the moratorium is important for developing countries' digital advancement. Finally, India agreed to extend the moratorium only for 18 months.

INDIA & WTO RESPONSE TO PANDEMIC

A patent waiver for covid vaccines is a priority for this ministerial conference because it is critical for combating covid-19. The majority of the least developed countries have not yet been fully immunised. The WTO agreed to grant a five-year patent waiver on covid vaccines. Although the waiver was opposed by China. For the next five years, India and other eligible developing countries can manufacture and export vaccines without obtaining permission from the original manufacturers. It will also save lives in some of the world's poorest countries and assist Indian companies in establishing more manufacturing plants in a number of countries.

INDIA AND WTO REFORMS

India continues to support WTO reforms that preserve Special and Differential Treatment (S&DT), such as consensus-based decision-making and making it non-discrimination. Member countries agreed to work together to strengthen the WTO's operations. This work should be transparent and meet the needs of all members, especially developing countries that receive preferential treatment.

In this multilateral engagement, India played crucial role to facilitate the negotiation. Indian delegation reached out to several countries to bring out productive outcome of the negotiation. ■



NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CYBER SAFETY AND NATIONAL SECURITY

'PUBLIC AWARENESS UTMOST IMPORTANT TO ENSURE CYBER SAFETY'

Union Home and Co-operation minister Shri Amit Shah visited Ahmedabad, Gujarat on 12 June, 2022 and hailed the development work started in Gujarat after PM Shri Narendra Modi had become Chief Minister of the state. He also laid the foundation stone of projects worth hundreds of crores in Ahmedabad and surrounding areas.

Addressing a huge gathering in Bopal area of Ahmedabad Shri Amit Shah said, "After so much experience in politics, I have seen many type of leaders. There are some who just allow things to happen at their pace and go to cut the ribbon. There are such leaders also who work hard to ensure best development takes place during their tenure. But there are some others, probably Shri Narendra Modi is the first such leader, who built a mechanism so that development continues for decades and decades."

UNION HOME MINISTER'S GUJARAT VISIT

He said Gujarat has benefited a lot from the 14-year rule of Shri Narendra Modi as the Chief Minister. "Systems and arrangements were made in those 14 years which ensure development work takes place even after he left Gujarat".

The Union Minister inaugurated a civic centre, a reading centre with a capacity of over 150 students in Bopal area, supply of drinking water to Ghuma, a community hall, party plot and various other projects. He also inaugurated some projects of the Western Railway for redevelopment and increasing facilities at stations in the western part of Ahmedabad.

"It is my endeavour to ensure the development of the Gandhinagar Lok Sabha area and I thank all officials who have worked for the completion of these projects," Shri Shah said.

Shri Shah said under the leadership of PM Shri Modiji, BJP governments are giving new impetus to development by strengthening the infrastructure of the Gandhinagar parliamentary constituency. He added that Gandhinagar, in terms of development, will turn out to be the best constituency in the country by 2024. ■

Cybersecurity is linked to national security, and with many countries having created their own cyber armies, India is upgrading itself to deal with this threat, Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah said on 21 June, 2022. Shri Shah also said many new dimensions of cyber fraud will be seen in the coming days and India will have to make many preparations to gear up to fully secure cyberspace.

Addressing the National Conference on Cyber Safety and National Security at Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi Shri Amit Shah said, "Cybersecurity is also linked with national security in a way. Those who do not want to see our country safe attempt various types of cyber-attacks. Some nations have even created cyber armies. But the Ministry of Home Affairs is fully alert to deal with this and is upgrading itself to prevent such threats."

The Home Minister said, "We have to be more careful in the context of critical information security. Both data and information are going to become a huge economic force in the coming days, so we have to prepare ourselves for security of data and information."

He informed the gathering that the cybercrime reporting portal launched by the government in 2019 has registered more than 11 lakh complaints of different types. More than 2 lakh complaints of social media crimes have also been registered, he pointed out. Shri Shah said this volume will increase by the day as 800 million people have an online presence in India today, and by 2025 another 400 million Indians will enter the digital world. He said there has been a 231-per cent increase in internet connections in the last eight years and India's data cost per GB has come down by about 96 percent, which is expected to come down further since data becomes cheaper as the number of users increases.

Shri Shah emphasised that public awareness is of utmost importance to ensure cyber safety. "We should try to take cybersecurity to every part of the country," he said. ■

PM Dedicates Pragati Maidan Integrated Transit Corridor Project

MODERN INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPED BY CENTRAL GOVERNMENT CHANGING THE PICTURE OF DELHI: PM

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 19 June dedicated to the nation the main tunnel and five underpasses of Pragati Maidan Integrated Transit Corridor Project. The Pragati Maidan Integrated Transit Corridor project has been built at a cost of more than Rs. 920 crore, entirely funded by the Central Government. It is aimed to provide hassle free and smooth access to the new world class exhibition and convention centre being developed at Pragati Maidan, thereby facilitating easy participation of exhibitors and visitors in the programmes being held at Pragati Maidan. Union Ministers

Shri Piyush Goyal, Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Shri Som Prakash, Smt Anupriya Patel and Shri Kaushal Kishore were among those present on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister called the project a big gift from the central government to the people of Delhi. He recalled the enormity of the challenge in completing the project due to the traffic congestion and the pandemic. He credited the new work culture of New India

and workers and engineers for completing the project. “This is a New India that solves the problems, takes new pledges and works tirelessly to realize those pledges”, the Prime Minister said.

The Prime Minister said that this tunnel is part of the campaign to transform Pragati Maidan according to the needs of the 21st Century. He lamented the fact that despite

like the International Convention and Expo Centre in Dwarka and the redevelopment project in Pragati Maidan. “Modern infrastructure developed by the central government is changing the picture of Delhi and making it modern. This change in picture is a medium of changing destiny also”, he said. This focus on modernization of infrastructure is driven by

increasing ease of living for the common people. He also reiterated the need for environment sensitive and climate conscious infrastructure development. The Prime Minister gave the example of

New Defence Office Complex at the Africa Avenue and Kasturba Gandhi Road as an illustration for the attitude of dealing proactively with long pending problems, environment friendly construction and care for those who are working for the country. He also expressed satisfaction that the Central Vista project is moving rapidly and said that in the coming days the capital of India will be a topic of discussion globally and a matter of pride for Indians. ■



TODAY THE SPIRITUAL AND CULTURAL GLORY OF INDIA IS BEING RESTORED'

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 18 June inaugurated the redeveloped temple of Shree Kalika Mata at Pavagadh Hill in Gujarat. It is one of the oldest temples in the area and attracts pilgrims in large numbers. The redevelopment of the temple has been done in 2 phases. The



inauguration of the first phase of redevelopment was done by the Prime Minister earlier this year in April. The foundation stone of the redevelopment of the second phase was laid by the Prime Minister in 2017. This includes expansion of the temple base and 'parisar' at three levels, installation of amenities like street lights, CCTV system etc.

The Prime Minister expressed his gratitude for his good fortune of being at the temple. He underlined the importance of the moment today when after 5 centuries and even 75 years after independence, 'dhwaja' sacred flag was hoisted on the temple. He said "Today, after centuries, the flag is once again hoisted on the top of the Pavagadh temple. This 'Shikhar Dhvaj' flag is not only a symbol of our faith and spirituality but this flag is also a symbol of the fact that centuries change, eras change, but the faith remains eternal." He said that this redevelopment right before the upcoming 'Gupt Navratri' is an indication that 'Shakti' never dims or disappears.

Referring to Ram Temple in Ayodhya, Kashi Vishvanath Dham and Kedar Dham, the Prime Minister pointed out "Today the spiritual and cultural glory of India is being restored. Today' New India is proudly living its ancient identity along with its modern aspirations." Alongwith centres of faith new possibilities of our progress are emerging and this grand temple at Pavagadh is part of that journey, he said. He said that this temple also symbolizes 'Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayas'.

The Prime Minister recalled how Swami Vivekananda devoted himself to public service after getting Maa Kali's briefings. He said that today he asked the goddess to give him strength to serve the people. Shri Modi prayed "Mother, bless me so that I continue to serve the people of the

country as a servant of the people with more energy, sacrifice and dedication. Whatever strength I have, whatever virtues I have in my life, I should continue to dedicate it for the welfare of the mothers and sisters of the country."

In the context of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, the Prime Minister said that Gujarat has made sterling contributions in the freedom struggle as well as in the development journey of the nation. Garvi Gujarat is synonymous with pride and glory of India, he said. He said that in the glorious tradition of Somnath temple; Panchmahal and Pavagadh have kept working for the pride in our heritage. He said that today, Maa Kali has blessed her devotees with the greatest gift by completing the redevelopment and hoisting the Dhwaja. In the restoration, the ancient essence of the temple was not touched, he said. The Prime Minister also noted the ease of access to the temple. "Earlier the journey to Pavagadh was so difficult that people used to say that at least once in life the mother should have darshan. Today, the increasing facilities here have made difficult darshan accessible", he said. He asked the devotees to maintain discipline. "There is spirituality in Pavagadh, there is also history, nature, art and culture. Here on one side is the Shaktipeeth of Maa Mahakali, and on the other side there is also a heritage Jain temple. That is, Pavagadh has in a way been a center of universal harmony with the historical diversity of India", the Prime Minister said. Referring to the various temples of Mata, the Prime Minister noted that Gujarat has a security ring of Mata's blessings. ■

PM INAUGURATES MULTIPLE RAIL AND ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN BENGALURU



The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 20 June inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of multiple rail and road infrastructure projects worth over Rs 27000 crore in Bengaluru. Earlier, the Prime Minister inaugurated the Centre for Brain Research and laid the foundation Stone for Bagchi Parthasarathy Multispeciality Hospital at IISc Bengaluru. He also inaugurated a new campus of Dr. B R Ambedkar School of Economics (BASE) University and unveiled the statue of Bharat Ratna Dr B. R. Ambedkar in their campus. He also dedicated the upgradation of 150 ITI as Technology hubs.

Governor of Karnataka, Shri Thawarchand Gehlot, Chief Minister Shri Basavaraj Bommai, Union Minister Shri Pralhad Joshi were among those present on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister said the foundation stone of 5 National Highway

Projects, 7 Railway Projects have been laid in Karnataka and a significant milestone of 100% electrification of Konkan Railway has been witnessed today. All these projects will give new facilities, new opportunities to the youth, middle class, farmers, workers and entrepreneurs of Karnataka.

The Prime Minister said that Bengaluru is a city of dreams for lakhs of youth of the country, the city is a reflection of the spirit of Ek Bharat Shreshtha. "Development of Bengaluru is nurturing of lakhs of dreams. That's why in the last 8 years the central government is relentlessly working to augment the capabilities of Bengaluru"

The Prime Minister remarked that the 'double engine' government is working on every possible means like strengthening infrastructure like rail, road, metro, underpass, flyover, to get Bengaluru free from traffic jams. ■

CCI APPROVES ACQUISITION OF ENTIRE SHAREHOLDING IN AIR ASIA INDIA BY AIR INDIA

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) on 14 June approved acquisition of entire shareholding in Air Asia India by Air India

The proposed combination envisages the acquisition of the entire equity share capital of AirAsia (India) Private Limited (Air Asia India) by Air India Ltd. (AIL), an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of TSPL. At present, TSPL holds 83.67% of the equity share capital of Air Asia India.

AIL, along with its wholly-owned subsidiary, Air India Express Limited (AIXL), is primarily engaged in the business of providing (a) domestic scheduled air passenger transport service, (b) international

scheduled air passenger transport service, (c) air cargo transport services in India, and (d) charter flight services in India.

Air Asia India is a joint venture between TSPL and Air India Investment Limited (AAIL) with TSPL presently holding 83.67% and AAIL holding 16.33% of the shareholding. Air Asia India operates under the brand name "AirAsia". It is engaged in the business of providing the following services: (a) domestic scheduled air passenger transport service, (b) air cargo transport services, and (c) charter flight services in India. AirAsia India does not provide scheduled air passenger transport services on international routes. ■

‘PM MODI PAVED WAY FOR POLITICS OF DEVELOPMENT IN THE COUNTRY’

Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri JP Nadda said, earlier politics in the country revolved around dynasties, casteism, corruption and religion but Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi changed it to the politics of development. He also said earlier important vaccines like those against polio, encephalitis, tetanus and measles took decades to reach people of the country; India under PM Shri Modi made two Covid vaccines available to the people within a year of the pandemic.

Addressing Garib Kalyan Sabha in Gorakhpur on June 10, 2022 Shri Nadda said, “The BJP government is working with Shri Modi’s development mantra ‘Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayash’. Our government is a responsible and a responsive government. We are working hard to take the country and UP forward. The BJP government is proactive and pro-responsive.”

“Once upon a time the politics revolved around dynasties, casteism, corruption and religion but PM Shri Modi ended this to pave way for politics of development,” he added.

“The chicken pox vaccine reached the people of the country after 27 years it was manufactured, the BCG vaccine, oral polio vaccine, tetanus vaccine and measles vaccine reached people after three decades whereas as encephalitis vaccine reached the people in U.P 100 years after it was manufactured in Japan,” he said.

“During the pandemic, the PM gave 20 lakh crore packages in May 2020, launched PM Garib Food Yojana, gave ration to 80 crore people. The country has witnessed 12% decline in poverty from 22 % to 10%. The ‘Garib Kalyan’ programme ensured the welfare of the poor. Initiatives like ‘Swachh Bharat Abhiyan’, ‘Ujjawala Yojana’, one nation-one tax, one nation-one grid, one-nation, one-ration card gave thrust to development,” the BJP National President said.

“Poverty has declined by providing ration. The



NEW REGIONAL BJP OFFICE INAUGURATED

‘USE MODERN OFFICES TO TAKE PARTY AND NATION FORWARD’

BJP National President Shri JP Nadda said the establishment and inauguration of BJP offices in various districts threw light on the journey of the party. Addressing the party workers after inaugurating the newly constructed regional office of BJP, Gorakhpur region, and eight district party offices, Shri Nadda said, “In 2014 when PM Shri Modi took the reins of the country, he came to the party office located on Ashok Road. He asked if I knew since when the party office had been working. I told him since the inception of the BJP. The bungalow in which the party office is running was allotted to party leader Nanaji Deshmukh. He told us that it was his desire that party office should be established in each division and district of the country.”

The then BJP National President Shri Amit Shah prepared a plan to set up 512 party offices across the country. Today, 230 offices have been established and construction of 150 party offices is in progress. In U.P., out of 72 offices 69 have opened in various districts,” he said.

“The modern and fully equipped offices of the party should be used to strengthen the organisation. When he did not have offices, we used to run in rented buildings and many a time we were not in a position to pay even the office rent. Now we have made the BJP biggest political party and constructed grand offices for the workers,” Shri Nadda added.

number of beneficiaries has increased and the economy is moving fast ahead. Our growth rate has increased; foreign returns and export have increased. Khadi has been promoted and its export has increased,” he added. ■

CABINET APPROVALS



CABINET APPROVES AUCTION OF IMT/5G SPECTRUM

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 15 June has approved a proposal of the Department of Telecommunications to conduct spectrum auction through which spectrum will be assigned to the successful bidders for providing 5G services to public and enterprises.

Digital connectivity has been an important part of policy initiatives of Government through its flagship programs such as Digital India, Start-up India, Make in India etc.

Broadband, especially the mobile broadband, has become integral part of the daily lives of the citizens. This received a big boost through the rapid expansion of 4G services across the country since 2015. Eighty crore subscribers have access to broadband today compared to ten crore subscribers in 2014.

Through such pathbreaking policy initiatives, the Government has been able to promote access to mobile banking, online education, telemedicine, e-Ration etc. to Antyoday families.

The 4G ecosystem created in the country is now leading to 5G indigenous development. The 5G test bed setup in 8 top technology institutes of India is speeding up the launch of domestic 5G technology in India. The PLI (Production-Linked Incentives) schemes for mobile handsets, telecom equipments and the launch of the India Semiconductor Mission is expected to help build a strong ecosystem for the launch of 5G services in India. The time is not far away when India is going to emerge as a leading country in field of 5G technology and the upcoming 6G technology. ■

CABINET APPROVES MOA BY INDIA FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF BIMSTEC TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER CENTRE AT COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 14 June has approved a Memorandum of Association (MoA) by India for

establishment of Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) Technology Transfer Facility (TTF) was signed by the BIMSTEC member countries at the 5th BIMSTEC Summit held at Colombo, Sri Lanka on 30th March, 2022.

The main objectives of the BIMSTEC TTF are to coordinate, facilitate and strengthen cooperation in technology transfer among the BIMSTEC Member States by promoting the transfer of technologies, sharing of experiences and capacity building.

The TTF shall facilitate transfer of technologies among the BIMSTEC Member States, amongst other things, in the following priority areas Biotechnology, Nanotechnology, Information and Communication Technology, Space technology applications, Agricultural technology, Food processing technology, Pharmaceutical technology automation, New and renewable energy technology automation, New and Renewable energy technology, Oceanography, Nuclear Technology Applications, E-waste and solid waste management technology, Health Technologies, Technologies pertinent to Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation. ■

CABINET APPROVES AGREEMENT BETWEEN INDIA AND UNITED NATIONS ON A 'WAY FINDING APPLICATION'

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 14 June has approved the proposal for signing of an agreement between the Government of India and the United Nations on a 'Way Finding Application' to be used in the Palais des Nations, United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG).

The United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG), consisting of five buildings and 21 floors, is housed at the historic Palais des Nations. Large number of delegates, members of civil society and general public visit UNOG to participate in various meetings

and conventions.

Keeping in view the complexity of buildings and huge participation, there was a requirement of a navigational application which can help the visitors and other delegates in finding their way inside the premises while adhering to all security perspectives.

While the Global Positioning System (GPS) based Apps function in open space, a more precise in-building navigational App will assist the visitors in locating the room and offices.

The project of development of 'Way Finding Application' has been conceptualized as donation from the Government of India to UN on the occasion of its 75th anniversary in 2020. The estimated financial implication for development deployment and maintenance of the App is \$ 2 Million.

The project consists of development deployment and maintenance of a software-based 'Way Finding Application' to facilitate navigation in the Palais des Nations premises of UNLG. The application will enable users to find their way from point to point within the 21 floors spread across five buildings of UNOG. The App will work on Android and iOS devices with an internet connection.

The project will be significant contribution from the Government of India to UN. The project will not only highlight the technical capabilities of India but also enhance the prestige of country at the UN level platform. The App will make India's presence felt in the UN and showcase its soft power in the form of strong software technology expertise – a 'Made in India' App in the mobiles of who come from across the globe. ■

AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF YOUTH WORK AMONG AUTHORIZED BODIES OF MEMBER STATES SCO GETS CABINET APPROVAL

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 14 June was apprised about the Agreement signed among the Shanghai Cooperation Organization member states on cooperation in the field of youth work among the authorized bodies of the member states of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO).

Consequent upon the adoption of the agreement on 17 Sept. 2021 by the member states of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) on cooperation in

the field of youth work, the agreement was signed by the Hon'ble Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of the Republic of India. The official working language of the SCO Secretariat is Russian and Chinese.

The areas of cooperation includes; strengthen cooperation in the field of work with youth and public youth organizations (associations) implementing state youth policy, as well as support initiatives aimed at enhancing international youth cooperation. The areas of cooperation further includes training of professional staff in the sphere of work with youth; exchange of scientific, reference and methodological materials, work experience of state bodies, youth public organization, other organizations and associations involved in the implementation of state youth policy and support of youth initiatives; carrying out joint research and activities on various youth policy issues and youth cooperation; exchange of scientific publications, research works on topical issues of preventing youth involvement in destructive structures; promote joint economic and humanitarian initiatives aimed at engaging youth in entrepreneurship and innovative projects to increase their employment and well-being; supporting the activities of the SCO Youth Council.

The objective of the Agreement is to strengthen mutual trust, friendly relations and cooperation among young people of SCO member States. ■

CABINET APPROVES DEVELOPMENT OF NEW GREENFIELD AIRPORT DHOLERA, GUJARAT

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 14 June approved the proposal for development of Phase I of New Greenfield Airport at Dholera, Gujarat at an estimated cost of Rs. 1305 crore, to be completed within 48 months.

The New Greenfield Airport at Dholera is situated at an aerial distance of 80 Km from Ahmedabad, Airport. The Airport is planned for operationalization from the year 2025-26 and initial passenger traffic is estimated to be 3 lakh passengers per annum, expected to grow to 23 lakh over a period of 20 years. The annual cargo traffic is also estimated from the year 2025-26 at 20,000 tonne, which would increase to 2,73,000 tonne over a period of 20 years. ■

India's digital sector valuations will cross \$1 trillion by 2025

India's digital sector valuations will cross \$1 trillion by 2025, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said on 22 June, 2022 while making his remarks at the opening ceremony of the BRICS Business Forum being hosted by China in a virtual mode.

Shri Modi said, "India supports innovation across every sector including drones, green energy and space. By 2025, India's digital sector value will cross USD 1 trillion valuations".

PM Shri Modi even said that India is expecting 7.5 per cent growth this year. "Which makes us the fastest-growing major economy. Transformative changes are taking place in every sector of emerging New India," he added.

Underlining the role of BRICS countries amid the global focus on post Covid recovery, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said, "BRICS was established with the belief that this group of emerging economies could emerge as engines of global growth. Today,



when the world is focusing on post-Covid recovery, the role of BRICS countries will be very important."

Citing the government's GatiShakti plan, the PM emphasised that India's success is based on technology-led growth with innovation and startups. "The government emphasizes on 'Ease of Living', building infrastructure with PM GatiShakti, digital transformation and digital economy." ■



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PM Shri Narendra Modi meets his mother Smt. Heeraben Modi in Gandhinagar as she enters her hundredth year on 18 June, 2022



PM Shri Narendra Modi receives a warm welcome at 'Gujarat Gaurav Abhiyan' in Vadodara, Gujarat on 18 June, 2022



PM Shri Narendra Modi receives a warm welcome during his visit to Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh on 16 June, 2022



PM Shri Narendra Modi with the students and faculty of BASE University (New Campus) in Bengaluru on 20 June, 2022



PM Shri Narendra Modi launches the torch relay for the 44th Chess Olympiad, in New Delhi on 19 June, 2022



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**INDIA'S COVID-19
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 COVERAGE**
196.94 CRORE



Doses Given	1 st Dose	2 nd Dose	Precaution Dose
Healthcare Workers (HCWs)	1.04 Crore	1 Crore	56.11 Lakh
Frontline Workers (FLWs)	1.84 Crore	1.76 Crore	99.40 Lakh
Age Group 12-14 Years	3.62 Crore	2.23 Crore	-
Age Group 15-18 Years	6.02 Crore	4.82 Crore	-
Age Group 18-44 Years	55.80 Crore	49.98 Crore	24.07 Lakh
Age Group 45-59 Years	20.34 Crore	19.30 Crore	22.93 Lakh
Over 60 Years	12.72 Crore	12.05 Crore	2.33 Crore



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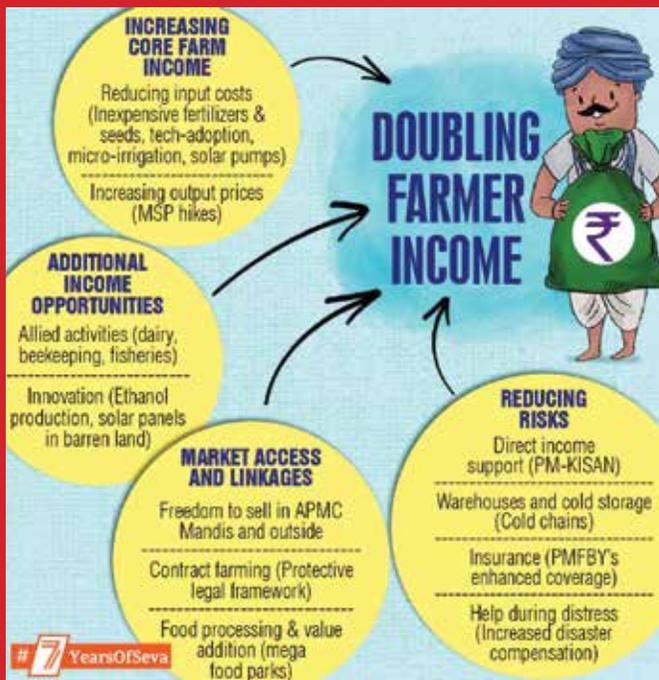


64,569
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Employees'
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9,22,752
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 April 2022

Source: Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation



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80 crore people received free food grains under PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana	45 crore+ people brought into formal banking under PM Jan Dhan Yojana	₹22.6 lakh crore directly transferred to beneficiaries (DBT)
3 crore+ houses constructed under PM Awas Yojana	50% households get water connections under Jal Jeevan Mission	9 crore+ free LPG connections under PM Ujjwala Yojana
10% reservation for Economically Weaker Sections (General Category)	Strengthened SCs & STs Amendment Act, 2018	OBC Commission given constitutional status