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Union Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh alongwith Haryana CM Shri Manohar Lal Khattar and BJP state President Shri OP Dhankar inaugurating the new BJP office at Panchkula, Haryana on 20 August, 2022

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@narendramodi

The success of Jal Jeevan Mission is based on:
People's participation.
Partnership with all stakeholders.
Political will.
Optimum utilisation of all resources.



@JPNadda

I strongly condemn the illegal arrest of our @bjp4Telangana State President @bandisanjay_bjp by TRS Gov. KCR is worried seeing the massive support that BJP is receiving from all corners of the state against his corrupt & family centric regime.



@AmitShah

Even before the establishment of the Ministry of Co-operation @narendramodi ji has taken several steps to introduce state-of-the-art systems in marketing of agricultural products. And the National Agricultural Market (e-NAM) is a classic example of this. Over ₹ 2 lakh crore business has been done so far on the e-NAM portal.



@rajnathsingh

Under chairmanship of PM Shri @narendramodi ji the cabinet has decided to give interest subvention of 1.5% per annum on short term agricultural loans up to Rs.3.00 lakh to farmers from the financial year 2022-23 to 2024-25. This decision is in the interest of farmers and giving them relief. Thank you Prime Minister.



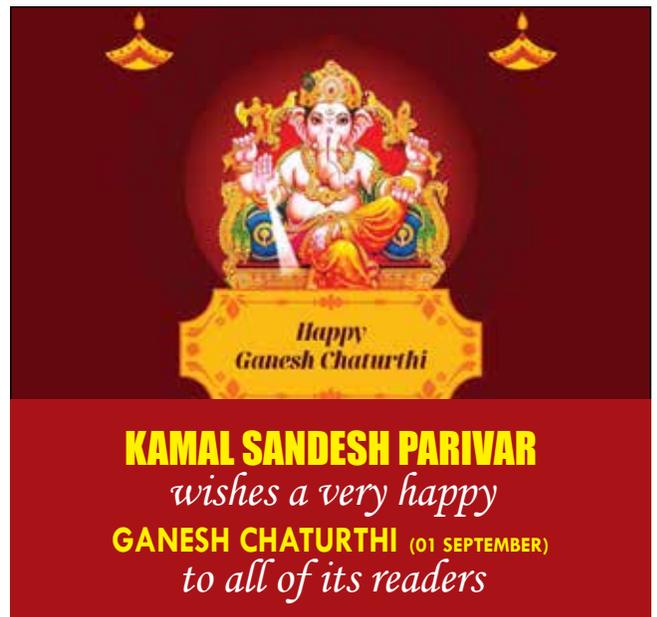
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Since India has assumed operations of Shahid Beheshti Port at Chabahar, it has handled over 4.8 million tons of bulk cargo. The port has received shipments from Australia, B'desh, Brazil, Germany, Oman, Romania, Russia, Thailand, UAE, Ukraine and Uzbekistan among other nations.



@B L Santhosh

PM Sri @narendramodi compliments both children for saying NO to imported toys & armed forces who are rooting for locally made equipments as biggest contributors to 'Aatmanirbhar Bharath'. #IndependenceDay2022



INDIA COMMITS ITSELF TO BECOME A DEVELOPED NATION IN 'AMRIT KAAL'

As the nation stepped into the 'Amrit Kaal', Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, in his historic address to the nation, laid the roadmap for a developed India by 2047. While addressing the nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort, the Prime Minister infused a new energy in the people with his enlightening vision, inspiring resolve and strong determination to march ahead tirelessly. The nationwide celebration of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' has already filled the people with renewed vigour and dynamism to pave the path of a 'New India'. The 'Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan' has recreated the fervour similar to independence movement, imparting a newfound sense of responsibility among the millions who participated in the festival of freedom in every nook and corner of the country. Amid the grand celebrations of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', the nation also remembered the dark chapter of partition on the 'Partition Horror Remembrance Day' on August 14, paying tribute to the millions who lost their lives and got uprooted from the homes of their ancestors. As the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, addressed the nation on August 15, 2022, the 76th Independence Day, the emergence of a New India, developed and self-reliant, prosperous and strong, relentless and dynamic, and, committed to the service of mankind in accordance with its ancient Indian precepts, could be seen on the horizon.

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In his momentous address, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has invoked the nation to commit itself to 'panch pran' – five resolutions in the 'Amrit Kaal' to pave the path of a great India. In the first resolution, he made a call to make India a developed nation by 2047, the year when the country will celebrate 100 years of its independence. He has rightly emphasised that for a nation to become developed, it should shun reliance on others, come out of the colonial mindset and explore its own intellectual capabilities and intrinsic strength. In his second resolution, he has invoked the people to remove any trace of the colonial mindset while pursuing the goal of developed India. As for the third resolution, he has emphasised the rich heritage of India and

asked the countrymen to take pride in the nation's roots and the great legacy of the country. While calling on everyone to contribute to the unity of the country as the fourth resolution, he also focussed on the sense of duty among citizens as the fifth resolution. He gave the mantra of 'Nation First' for ensuring unity, saying any step taken with this mantra in mind will lead the nation in one direction, in the direction of unity. At the same time, he emphasised the importance of living a disciplined life and being committed to duty as two principles that can propel the nation to greater heights. In an extremely important call, he urged the nation to pledge to end all forms of humiliation towards women, emphasising that no nation can achieve its goals unless it takes pride in the abilities of women. To the mantra of 'Jai Javan, Jai Kisan' to which Atalji had added 'Jai Vigyan', the PM has added 'Jai Anusandhan' highlighting importance of innovation and research in the journey ahead.

While highlighting the expectations of an aspirational society as part of 'Tri-Shakti', he said he considered it an asset in the onward march of the nation along with the awakening of the collective consciousness of the nation and the way the world is looking at India for the solution to its problems. The Prime Minister also called for a decisive fight against corruption and nepotism, which are proving to be roadblocks in the onward journey of the nation. While India has the experience of 75 years of glorious journey, there are dreams which are yet to be fulfilled. The nation's strength can be optimally utilised in the 'Amrit Kaal' to become a developed nation committed to the welfare of all humanity. By emphasising 'Sabka Prayas' along with 'Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas', he called upon the people to devote every moment of life for making a developed and self-reliant India in the coming 25 years of 'Amrit Kaal'. ■

THE SPIRIT OF TEAM INDIA TAKE THE COUNTRY FORWARD

HON'BLE PRIME MINISTER SHRI NARENDRA MODI ON 15 SEPTEMBER 2022 FROM THE RAMPARTS OF THE RED FORT AS THE COUNTRY CELEBRATES INDEPENDENCE DAY. DURING THE ADDRESS, PM SHRI MODI SAID WE ARE CELEBRATING '75 MAHOTSAV' AND WE MUST FOCUS OUR ATTENTION ON THE NEXT 25 YEARS. WE MUST TAKE UP THE RESPONSIBILITY OF FULFILLING THE DREAMS OF OUR FIGHTERS BY EMBRACING THOSE "PANCH PRAN" BY 2047 AT THE 75 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE.

PM SHRI MODI SAID I CAN FORESEE THAT INDIA WILL MAKE A LEAP TO THE FRONT WHICH IS HAILED AS THE TECH-AGE FOR HUMANITY. THE COUNTRY HAS MOVED IN THE DIRECTION OF 'AMRIT KAAL' AND, THEREFORE, WE MUST EMBRACE 'AMRIT KAAL' TO TAKE THE COUNTRY FORWARD. FOLLOW



INDIA IS GOING TO FORWARD: PM

AUGUST, 2022 ADDRESSED THE NATION AND CELEBRATED ITS 76TH INDEPENDENCE BY CELEBRATING THE 'AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV' FOR THE COMING 25 YEARS. FILLING ALL THE DREAMS OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WHEN THE COUNTRY CELEBRATES 100

REACH AHEAD PHENOMENALLY IN THIS DECADE AS THE 'AMRIT MAHOTSAV' OF FREEDOM HAS BEGUN. BEFORE, 'SABKA PRAYAS' IS NECESSARY IN THIS STRUGGLE. THESE ARE THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SPEECH;



- All the countrymen are deeply indebted to Pujya Bapu, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, Babasaheb Ambedkar, Veer Savarkar, who devoted all their life on the path of duty towards the nation. The path of obligation has been their sole life path.
- This country is grateful to Mangal Pandey, Tantya Tope, Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev, Rajguru, Chandrashekhar Azad, Ashfaq Ulla Khan, Ram Prasad Bismil and countless such revolutionaries of ours who shook the foundations of British rule. This nation is grateful to those brave women, be it Rani Lakshmibai, Jhalkari Bai, Durga Bhabhi, Rani Gaidinliu, Rani Chennamma, Begum Hazrat Mahal, Velu Nachiyar, who showed the mettle of women power of India.
- Today is an opportunity to pay homage to countless such great men like Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Nehru, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Shyama Prasad Mookerjee, Lal Bahadur Shastri, Deendayal Upadhyay, Jai Prakash Narayan, Ram Manohar Lohia, Acharya Vinoba Bhave, Nanaji Deshmukh, Subramania Bharati who fought the war of independence and built the country after independence.
- When we talk about the freedom struggle, we cannot forget to take pride of our tribal society living in forests. There are countless names like Bhagwan Birsa Munda, Sidhu-Kanhu, Alluri Sitarama Raju, Govind Guru, who became the voice of freedom movement and inspired my tribal brothers and sisters, mothers and youth in the remotest jungles to live and die for the motherland. It has been the good fortune of the country that there have been many aspects of the freedom struggle.

'AMRIT MAHOTSAV' BEGAN WITH DANDI YATRA IN 2021

- From the last year, we are witnessing how the country is celebrating the 'Amrit Mahotsav'. It all began with Dandi Yatra in 2021. The people held programs in every district, every corner of India to enlarge the scope of goals of the 'Amrit Mahotsav' of Independence. This was perhaps for the first time in history that such a huge and comprehensive festival for a single purpose was celebrated.



- An attempt was made in every corner of India to remember all those great men who did not find mention in history for some reasons or who were forgotten. Today, the nation found out all such heroes and great men from every corner of the country and paid tributes to them for their sacrifices. It was an opportunity to pay tributes to all these great men during the 'Amrit Mahotsav'.
- Today, as we are celebrating the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, it is an opportunity to recall the contributions made by those who dedicated their lives for the country during the last 75 years, those who protected the country and fulfilled the country's resolutions; be it the army personnel, police personnel, bureaucrats, public representatives, administrators of the local self-government, state administration or central administration. Today we must also recall the contributions made by the crores of citizens of the country who have done everything possible to take the country forward despite various challenges in 75 years.
- This journey of 75 years has been full of ups and downs. Amidst good and bad times our countrymen have made various achievements; they have made efforts and have not given up. They didn't let the resolutions to get lost.
- The world was not cognizant that India has an inherent potential of strong culture and values, a bond of thoughts deeply embedded in mind and soul; and that is – that India is a mother of all democracy. And when those who have democracy pulsating in their mind walk with determination and resolve, it augurs doom for the most powerful sultanates of the world. This Mother of Democracy, our India has proven to all that we have this invaluable strength.
- In the journey of 75 years, in the midst of hopes, aspirations, ups and downs, it is with everyone's effort that we could reach thus far. And when in 2014, my countrymen gave me this responsibility, I was the first Indian born in free India, who got the privilege to sing praises of glory to my dear

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countrymen from the ramparts of the historical Red Fort.

- From the farthest of latitudes and longitudes of India-east or west, north or south, ocean beds or Himalayan peaks, I have left no stone unturned to reach the corners and fulfil Mahatma Gandhi's vision of inclusion. I have committed myself to his vision of empowering and uplifting the person sitting at the last mile.

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EVERY CITIZEN WANTS TO CHANGE THINGS, WANTS TO SEE THINGS CHANGE

- Every citizen of the country wants to change things, wants to see things change, but is not ready to wait. He wants these things to happen in front of his eyes and wants to do it as part of his duty. And I believe whether it is the central government, state governments, institutions of local self-government, no matter what kind of governance system, everyone has to address this Aspirational society and we cannot wait longer for their aspirations.
- Our aspiration society has waited for a long time. But now they are not ready to force their future generations to live in wait and hence the first dawn of this 'Amrit Kaal' has brought a huge golden opportunity for us to fulfil the aspirations of that aspirational society.
- Recently, we have seen and experienced one or two such forces and that is the collective consciousness renaissance in India. I think that this awakening of consciousness, this renaissance,



is our greatest asset. Until 10th August, people would not even be aware of the power within the country. But for the last three days, the way the country has set about celebrating the journey of the Tricolour, even the leading experts of social science can't imagine the power within my country which has been shown by the Tricolour.

WORLD IS LOOKING AT INDIA PROUDLY

- The world is looking at India proudly and with anticipation. The world has started searching for solutions to the problems on the soil of India. This change in the world, this change in the thinking of the world, is the result of our experienced journey of 75 years.
- The world has started realising where the power to fulfil the expectations actually lies. I see it as a feminine power. I see it as triple power or tri-shakti, i.e. aspiration, re-awakening and the world's expectations. We are aware that to fulfil it, today, my countrymen have a major role in awakening this trust of the world in India.
- 130 crore countrymen after several decades of experience have shown the world the importance of a stable government, the power of political stability, policies and how trust develops in the policies. The world too is now able to understand it. And now when there is political stability, dynamism in policies, speed in decision making, ubiquity and universal trust, then everyone becomes a partner in development.

'SABKA SAATH, SABKA VIKAS'

- We started our journey with the mantra of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, but gradually the countrymen

have added more colours to it with Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayas. So, we have seen our collective power and collective potential.

- Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is being celebrated with the campaign to build 75 Amrit Sarovars in every district today. People from every village are joining the campaign and offering their services. With their own efforts, the people are running a massive campaign for water conservation in their respective villages.

THE "PANCH PRAN" OF AMRIT KAAL

- Today, I am talking about the strength of 130 crore countrymen, witnessing their dreams and feeling their resolutions from the ramparts of Red Fort, I believe we must focus our attention on the "Panch Pran" for the coming 25 years. You have to concentrate on your resolves and strength. And we must take up the responsibility of fulfilling all the dreams of the freedom fighters by embracing those Panch Pran by 2047 when the country celebrates 100 years of independence.
- The Panch Pran of Amrit Kaal- Goal of developed India, to remove any trace of colonial mindset, take pride in our roots, unity and sense of duty among citizens.

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NEED OF THE HOUR IS COOPERATIVE COMPETITIVE FEDERALISM

- The need of the hour is cooperative competitive federalism. Let there be a healthy spirit of competition among the states on progressing in different sectors.
- When, I first spoke about cleanliness during my first speech, the entire country embraced it. Everyone moved towards cleanliness as per his capacity and there is now antipathy towards filthiness. This is the country which has done it, is doing it and will continue to do so in future also. Freedom from open defecation has become possible in India today.
- When the world was in a dilemma, this is the country which crossed the target of 200 crore vaccinations in a time-bound manner and broke

all the previous records.

- We are dependent on the fuel from the Gulf. We had decided how to move towards bio-oil. The 10 percent ethanol blending seemed like a very big dream. Old experiences showed that it was not possible, but the country has realized this dream of 10 percent ethanol blending before time.
- Providing electricity connection to 2.5 crore people in such a short time was not a small task, but the country has done it. Today, the country is rapidly providing water from tap to the homes of lakhs of families.
- Experience tells us that we can achieve our goals once we are determined. Be it the goal of renewable energy, the intention of building new medical colleges in the country or creating a workforce of doctors, the pace has increased a lot in every field.
- Brothers, how long will the world continue to distribute certificates to us? How long will we live on the certificates of the world? Shall we not set our own standards? Can a country of 130 crores not make an effort to exceed its standards? Under no circumstances should we try to look like others. It should be our temperament to grow with our own potential. We want freedom from slavery. The element of slavery should not remain in our mind even under the distant seven seas.



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- We have seen that sometimes our talent gets tied in the bondage of hope. This is the result of slave mentality. We should be proud of every language of our country. We may or may not know the language, but we should be proud that it is the language of my country and it is the language given to the world by our ancestors.
- Today, we are witnessing the structure of Digital India. We are looking at start-ups. Who are these people? This is that pool of talent who lives in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities, or in villages and belongs to poor families. These are our youngsters who are coming before the world today with new discoveries.
- Today, the world is discussing about holistic health care. But when it talks about holistic health care, it looks towards India's yoga, India's Ayurveda and India's holistic lifestyle. This is our legacy that we are providing to the world.
- The world is being influenced by it today. Now look at our strength. We are the people who know how to live with nature. Coarse paddy and millets are household items. This is our heritage. Due to the hard work of our small farmers, paddy flourished in small pieces of land. Today, the world is moving ahead to celebrate the millet year at the international level. That means our heritage is being appreciated around the world today. Let us learn to be proud of it. We have a lot to offer to the world.
- We are the people who see the divine in the plants. We are the people who consider the river as mother. We are those people who see Shankar in every stone. This is our power. We see every river as a form of mother. Such enormity of the environment is our pride! When we are proud of such heritage, the world too will feel proud of it. "sarve bhavantu sukhinah, sarve santu niramaya"

NEW NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY

- I look with hope the way the new National Education Policy has been formulated with a lot of brainstorming, with the exchange of ideas from various people and is at the root of the country's education policy. The skill that we have emphasized is such a power, which will give us

- Today, the world is facing a severe crisis due to conflicts caused by the attitude of one upmanship- the reason of all tensions. We have the wisdom to resolve this. Our scholars have said “Ekam Sat Vipra Bahudha Vadanti” meaning that absolute Truth is one but it is manifested differently. This is our glory.
- We are the people who have seen the welfare of the world; we have been on the path of social good not only for our people but the whole world by believing in “sarve bhavantu sukhinah, sarve santu niramaya”. It is ingrained in our values that we will pray that may all be prosperous and happy, may all be free from illness, may all see what is auspicious, and may no one suffer.
- In the same way, another very important issue is Unity and solidarity. We need to celebrate the diversity of our huge country. The peaceful co-existence of innumerable traditions and creeds are our pride. For us all are equal. No one is inferior or superior; all are our own. This feeling of oneness is important for unity.

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WOMEN'S PRIDE IS GOING TO BE A HUGE ASSET

- From this rampart of Red Fort, I also want to share an agony. What I wish to share is that it hurts me to say that we have witnessed a perversion in our day to day speaking, behaviour. We have been casually using expletives and cuss words which are abusive and against our women. Can we not pledge to get rid of every behavior, culture that humiliates and demeans women in our daily life? Women's pride is going to be a huge asset in fulfilling the dreams of the nation. I see this power and therefore I am insistent on it.
- It is the job of the government to make efforts to provide 24 hours electricity, but it is the duty of the citizen to save as many units as he can. It is the responsibility and efforts of the government to supply water to every field, but a voice should come from each of my fields that we will move forward by saving water by focusing on 'per drop more crop'. It is our duty to do chemical free

farming, organic farming and natural farming.

- Friends, whether it is police or people, ruler or administrator, no one can be untouched by this civic duty. If everyone performs the duties of a citizen, I am sure that we can achieve the desired goals ahead of time.

'AATMA NIRBHAR BHARAT' BECOMES THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EVERY CITIZEN

- Today is also the birth anniversary of Maharishi Aurobindo. I bow at the feet of that great man. But we need to remember the great man who gave a call for 'Swadeshi to Swaraj' and 'Swaraj to Suraj'. This is his mantra. And, therefore, 'Aatma Nirbhar Bharat' becomes the responsibility of every citizen, every government and every unit of society. 'Aatma Nirbhar Bharat' is not a government agenda or a government programme. This is a mass movement of society, which we have to take forward.
 - My friends, today we heard this sound after 75 years of independence for which our ears were yearning to hear. For the first time after 75 years, the Made in India cannon has saluted the Tricolor from the Red Fort. Will there be any

Indian who will not be inspired by this sound?

- My dear brothers and sisters, today I want to congratulate the soldiers of the army of my country from my heart. I salute the way the army jawans have shouldered this responsibility of self-reliance in an organized way and with courage. The resolution of our country is not small when the armed forces make a list and decide not to import 300 defence products.
- Speaking of the PLI scheme, people from around the world are coming to India to try their luck. They are bringing new technology along with them. They are generating new employment opportunities. India is becoming a manufacturing hub. It is building a foundation for a Self-reliant India.
- Be it manufacturing of electronic goods or mobile phones, today the country is progressing at a very fast pace. Which Indian wouldn't be proud when

our Brahmos is exported to the world? Today the Vande Bharat train and our metro coaches are becoming objects of attraction for the world.

- We have to become self-reliant in the energy sector. How long will we be dependent on others in the field of energy? We should be self-reliant in the field of solar energy, wind energy, various renewable energy sources and must lead in terms of Mission Hydrogen, bio fuel and electric vehicles.
- Today, natural farming is also a way of becoming self-reliant. Today the factories of Nano Fertilizer have brought a new hope in the country. But natural farming and chemical-free farming can give a boost to self-reliance. Today, new employment opportunities in the form of green jobs are opening up very fast in the country.
- India has opened up space through its policies. India has come up with the most progressive policy regarding drones in the world. We have opened up new doors of opportunities for the youth of the country. It is imperative to add jai Anusandhaan:
- I also call upon the private sector to come forward. We have to dominate the world. One of the dreams of a self-reliant India is to ensure that India does not lag behind in fulfilling the needs of the world. Even if it is the MSMEs, we have to take our products to the world with Zero Defect, Zero Effect. We have to be proud of Swadeshi.
- Till today, we always remember our revered Lal Bahadur Shastri ji for his inspirational clarion call of Jai Jawan Jai Kisan meaning “Hail the Soldier, Hail the Farmer. Later Atal Bihari Vajpayee ji added a new link of Jai Vigyan which meant “hail science” and we gave it utmost importance. But in this new phase Amritkal now it is imperative to add jai Anusandhaan that is “hail innovation”. Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan, Jai Vigyan, Jai Anusandhaan
- Today, we are all set to enter the 5G era. You don't have to wait too long before we match the global steps. We are ensuring that optical fiber reaches each and every village until the last mile. I am fully

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informed that the dream of Digital India will be attained through the rural India. Today, I am happy that four lakh Common Service Centers of India are being developed in villages which are being managed by the youth of that village.

- This Digital India movement of developing semiconductors, entering 5G era, spreading the network of optical fibers is not just to establish ourselves as modern and developed, but it is possible because of three intrinsic missions. The complete transformation of education ecosystem, revolution in health infrastructure and improvement in quality of lifestyles of the citizens will be possible only through digitalization.
- Friends, I can foresee that India will march ahead phenomenally in this decade which is hailed as the tech-age for humanity. It is a decade of technology. In the field of IT, India has become a force to reckon with globally.

We have the competencies to contribute in this tech-age.

- Our Atal Innovation Mission, our incubation centers, our startups are developing a whole new sector, opening up new opportunities for the younger generation. Whether it is a matter of space mission,

whether it is about our Deep Ocean Mission, whether we want to go deep into the ocean or we have to touch the sky, these are new areas, by which we are moving forward.

- We must acknowledge and strengthen the potential of our small farmers, entrepreneurs, small and medium sized enterprises, cottage industries, micro industries, street vendors, domestic labourers, daily wagers, auto rickshaw drivers, bus service providers etc. These form the largest population who need to be empowered.

'NARI SHAKTI' OF INDIA IS COMING FORWARD

- I want to say something from the experience of the last few years. You must have seen the power of 'Nari Shakti' in courts who are working in the field of judiciary. Look at the public representatives in the rural area. Our 'Nari Shakti' is devotedly engaged in solving the problems of our villages.

Look at the field of knowledge or science, the 'Nari Shakti' of our country is visible. Even in the police force, our 'Nari Shakti' is taking the responsibility of protecting the people.

- In every walk of life, whether it is the playground or the battlefield, the 'Nari Shakti' of India is coming forward with a new strength and a new belief. I can see the manifold contribution of 'Nari Shakti', my mothers, sisters and daughters, in the next 25 years compared to the contribution in the 75 years of India's journey. The more we pay attention to this aspect, the more opportunities and facilities we provide to our daughters, they will return us much more than that.



They will take the country to a new height.

- There are many states of our country, which have played a great role in taking the country forward, have led and worked as examples in many fields. This gives strength to our federalism. But today the need of the hour is that we need cooperative federalism as well as cooperative competitive federalism. We need competition for development.

In every walk of life, whether it is the playground or the battlefield, the 'Nari Shakti' of India is coming forward with a new strength and a new belief

CORRUPT ARE EATING AWAY THE COUNTRY LIKE TERMITES

- I do not want to discuss everything but would definitely want to focus on two issues. One is corruption and the other is nepotism. We have to fight against corruption with all our might. In the last eight years, we have been successful in working for the betterment of the country by saving two lakh crore rupees which used to go into the wrong hands, using all the modern systems like Direct Benefit Transfer, Aadhaar and Mobile.
- Those who fled the country after looting banks during the tenure of previous government, we have seized their property and are trying to get

them back. Some have been forced to go behind the bars. We are trying to ensure that those who looted the country are compelled to return.

- Brothers and sisters, the corrupt are eating away the country like termites. I have to fight against it, intensify the fight and have to take it to a decisive point. So, my 130 crore countrymen, please bless me and support me! Today, I have come to seek your support and cooperation so that I can

fight this battle. I hope the country becomes victorious in this war.

- It is truly a sad state of affairs that even after conviction in corruption cases in court of law or those who were jailed for such cases, some people stoop so low even to glorify them.

Therefore, till there is a feeling of hatred against corrupt ones in society, this kind of mindset is not going to end.

- On the other hand, I want to discuss about nepotism and when I talk about nepotism, people think, I am only talking

about nepotism in politics, but the reality is that this malaise has spread into all institutions of the country, which adversely affects the talent and opportunities. I, therefore, appeal to the people of the country from the ramparts of the Red Fort to take a pledge under the tricolor to root out the menace the nepotism for purification of India's politics and all intuitions of the country in the true spirit of Indian Constitution.

- I urge the countrymen to start the 'Amrit Kaal' today by nurturing new possibilities, realizing new resolutions and moving ahead with confidence. The "Amrit Mahotsav" of freedom has moved in the direction of 'Amrit Kaal' and, therefore, 'Sabka Prayas' (everyone's efforts) is necessary in this 'Amrit Kaal'. The spirit of Team India is going to take the country forward. This Team India of 130 crore countrymen will realize all the dreams by moving forward as a team. ■



NATION OBSERVES 'PARTITION HORRORS REMEMBRANCE DAY'

PM pays tributes and BJP President participates in silent procession

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, BJP National President Shri JP Nadda and other senior leaders on 14 August, 2022 paid homage to those who lost their lives in the partition of India in 1947, on the occasion of the 'Partition Horrors Remembrance Day'.

In a tweet, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi paid homage to all those who lost their lives during Partition to mark the Partition Horrors Remembrance Day. "Today, on Partition Horrors Remembrance Day, I pay homage to all those who lost their lives during Partition, and applaud the resilience as well as grit of all those who suffered during that tragic period of our history," he said.

BJP NATIONAL PRESIDENT PARTICIPATES IN SILENT PROCESSION

A day before Independence Day, BJP National President Shri JP Nadda participated in a silent procession in remembrance of people who lost their lives during India's partition in 1947. The Yatra was taken out from Jantar Mantar to Connaught Place in New Delhi on the occasion of 'Vibhajan Vibhishika Smriti Diwas'.

The participants, holding the national flag, marched silently to mark the partition horrors on Remembrance Day, paying homage to people who lost their life during the partition. Along with this, BJP leaders also remembered those people who were forced to leave the homes during the partition.

Many senior BJP leaders, including Union Ministers Shri Piyush Goyal and Shri Anurag Thakur, BJP National Vice President Shri Baijayant Panda, BJP National General Secretary Shri dushyant Gautam, Dr. Harshvardhan, MP and State BJP President Shri Adesh Gupta and other leaders among others participated in the silent procession.

Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh also paid tribute to all those who lost their lives during the partition of the country. In a tweet Shri Singh said, "Salute to those who made a new beginning despite not being able to forget the pain of Partition. This country will never forget the horrors of Partition".

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah also paid homage to the victims, and said, "The partition of the country in 1947 is that inhuman chapter of Indian history which can never be forgotten. The violence and hatred of Partition claimed millions of lives and displaced innumerable people. Today, on 'Partition Horrors Remembrance Day', I bow to lakhs of people who suffered the brunt of Partition," Shri Shah said in a tweet.

On August 14, 2021, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi declared that August 14 will be annually remembered as 'Vibhajan Vibhishika Smriti Diwas' or Partition Horrors Remembrance every year Day to remind the nation of the sufferings and sacrifices of Indians during the partition in 1947. ■



EXHIBITION ON 'PARTITION HORRORS'

Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri JP Nadda on August 13 visited the photo exhibition on 'Partition Horrors'. The photo exhibition was organised at BJP Headquarters in New Delhi. ■

MORE THAN 20 CRORE HOUSEHOLDS HOIST THE NATIONAL FLAG

'HAR GHAR TIRANGA' CAMPAIGN RECEIVES UNPRECEDENTED RESPONSE OF THE NATION

The 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign was celebrated across the country as a celebration from August 13 to 15 marking the 75th anniversary of India's Independence. The 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign under 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' has got unprecedented public response across the country and the target of having 20 crore households hoist the national flag on 76th Independence Day was successfully reached. It was a campaign initiated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi as a token of patriotism and loyalty toward the nation.

On the occasion, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had urged the citizens to change their social media DP (Display Picture) with the National Flag and he also encouraged people to hoist the National Flag at their homes during August 13-15 to celebrate 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'.

'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' was a great initiative taken by the Modi Government, which encouraged crores of people to become a part of it. The Prime Minister updated his social media DP to Tiranga on August 02, 2022. Corers of people followed the Prime Minister proudly by changing their DP and hoisting the National Flag at their homes.

In his message PM Shri Narendra Modi said, "Overjoyed and proud of the amazing response to the #HarGharTiranga movement. We are seeing record participation from people across different walks of life. This is a great way to mark Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav".

BJP National President Shri JP Nadda, Union Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh, Home Minister Shri Amit Shah and all leaders of the BJP also hoisted the National Flag at their residences and posted pictures on social media. Party leaders across the country attended different programmes, including 'Prabhat Pheri' and the Tiranga rally.

MONUMENTS ILLUMINATED IN HUES OF TRICOLOUR

The 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign reached all corners of the country with MPs and other elected representatives participating to encourage people to be a part of the initiative. Over 6 crore people took selfies with the national flag at their homes during the exercise



between August 13-15 and uploaded it on the official website for it. As part of the campaign monuments all across India illuminated in the hues of Tricolour.

SEVERAL NEW MILESTONES ESTABLISHED

Several new milestones like a Guinness World Record of "world's largest human image of a waving national flag" at a cricket stadium in Chandigarh, with the participation of 5,885 people, has been created during the campaign. The event was organised by the NID Foundation and Chandigarh University to strengthen the campaign as part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'. Also, the district administration of Srinagar established a national record by displaying the 1850-meter-long National Flag at Bakshi Stadium to celebrate 75th year of Independence.

The government of India had taken various steps to ensure the supply of flags across India. Flags were available from 1st August, 2022 in the Post Offices in the country. In addition, state governments also tied up with various stakeholders for the supply and sale of flags. The Indian National Flag was also registered on the GeM portal.

With over 60,000 events successfully held across 28 states, eight Union Territories, and over 150 countries, the initiative of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' was one of the largest programmes ever organised in terms of scope and participation. The commemoration of 75 years of independence started on March 12, 2021 as a 75-week countdown to August 15, 2022 and will continue till August 15, 2023. ■

BJP IS COMMITTED TO NATIONAL INTEGRATION AND UNITY: JP NADDA



Under the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' program, the Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda flagged off a 'Tiranga Yatra' and bike rally in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh on 13 August, 2022.

The Yatra was organised at Saheed Sthal in Meerut as part of the three-day 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' celebrations to mark India's 75th Independence Day. The entire city reverberated with the slogan of 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai' and 'Vande Mataram' during the celebration.

Before flagging off the 'Tiranga Yatra' the BJP National President addressed the massive gathering and said the first freedom struggle was started on May 10, 1857 from Meerut which later spread in the entire nation. I feel proud and honoured to be on this land. On the occasion he asked the youth and citizens to sacrifice everything for the nation.

Shri Nadda said on the appeal of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi entire country is celebrating the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' and we are all unfurling the Tricolour on top of our houses, commercial establishments and offices to show our patriotism and enlightening the entire nation. Today, the entire nation is filled in patriotic fervor. Our National Flag is our pride and our honour. It is the symbol of our nation building and national integration.

Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda said all of us should pledge to enhance the honour of our Tricolour and inspire everyone to follow the path of nationalism and patriotism. He said in our Tricolour, saffron colour is the symbol of courage and bravery, while white colour represents peace and harmony and green is of development and progress. Ashok Chakra represents that our nation is the mother of democracy.

Remembering the contributions of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee, Shri Nadda said, "While celebrating this day, we cannot forget the contributions of Dr.

Shyama Prasad Mookerjee, who sacrificed his life for a unified India". In the post-Independence era over 500 princely states were unified with India barring Jammu and Kashmir which had a separate flag, separate symbol and separate constitution. Dr. Mookerjee started and led a national movement to make Jammu and Kashmir an integral part of our country and laid his life after visiting Jammu and Kashmir without any permit. Since then it was a mission for us to unify Jammu and Kashmir with India and end the provision of two constitutions, two heads and two symbols in one country. The BJP continued with its struggle and when Shri Narendra Modi became the Prime Minister the historic day of August 5, 2019 came when Article 370 was abrogated from our Constitution which integrated Jammu and Kashmir with India and permanently ended 'Desh me Do Vidhan, Do Pradhan and Do Nisaan' from Jammu and Kashmir. Today, from Jammu and Kashmir to Kanyakumari and from Kutch to Kamrup the nation is one and our Tricolour is basking in its full glory, he added.

He said the Bharatiya Janata Party is committed to national integration and unity since its formation. With these sentiments, crores of Bharatiya Janata Party karyakartas are celebrating the Tiranga Yatra and enthusiastically observing the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' across the country. I am thankful to all for making this campaign highly successful. I appeal to all the citizens to participate in the Tiranga Yatra campaign and make it highly successful.

He said, "We should all take pledge and commit ourselves to make India the topmost nation in the next 25 years and reclaim our position of Vishwa Guru".

Union Minister Dr Sanjeev Balyan, senior BJP leaders Shri Laxmikant Vajpayee, Shri Vijaypal Singh Tomar, Shri Kanta Kardam, Uttar Pradesh Minister Shri JPS Rathore, several other leaders and BJP youth wing leaders were also present on the occasion. ■



'AIM TO MAKE A DEVELOPED HIMACHAL IN NEXT 25 YEARS'

THE BHARATIYA JANATA PARTY NATIONAL PRESIDENT SHRI JP NADDA ON 20 AUGUST, 2022 BEGAN HIS TWO DAYS PRAVAS TO HIMACHAL PRADESH WITH OFFERING PRAYERS AT GURUDWARA PAONTA SAHIB IN THE SIRMAUR DISTRICT. ON THE FIRST DAY OF HIS VISIT, SHRI NADDA ADDRESSED TWO HUGE PUBLIC MEETINGS – 'PRAGATISHEEL HIMACHAL: STHAPNA KE 75 VARSH'- IN SIRMOUR DISTRICT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH AS THE STATE IS CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF ITS FORMATION. SUBSEQUENTLY, HE ADDRESSED THE SECOND PUBLIC MEETING AT CHOGAN MAIDAN IN NAHAN. HE ALSO HELD MEETINGS WITH THE LEADERS OF THE STATE UNIT TO DELIBERATE ON THE STRATEGY FOR THE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD LATER THIS YEAR.

Addressing the huge public meetings Shri JP Nadda said the nation is celebrating "Azadi Ka Amrit Kaal" and we have to aim to make a developed India and developed Himachal Pradesh in the next 25 years. Under the leadership and guidance of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi we have to make a Self-reliant India and a Self-reliant Himachal Pradesh.

ONLY AIM IS TO MAKE A DEVELOPED AND SELF RELIANT INDIA

He said that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in his address to the nation on August 15 appealed to all the citizens to take FIVE pledges to make India of 2047 - a developed India, free from all thoughts of slavery, sense of pride for our heritage, unity and integrity, and dutifully do our duty and service to the nation - we all need to follow this with full honesty and integrity. If all citizens pledge to remain united then nothing is impossible. Our enemies will try to divide us on the lines of religion, caste and region. They will conspire to make our nation and state weak. But we all have to stay united. Our only aim and mission is to make a developed and self reliant India by 2047, he added.

Shri Nadda said we should all take pride in our heritage and culture. We should take pride in our history, our great ancestors, our Gods, our great culture

and traditions. Our culture and heritage is our strength.

He said all the damages to our crops due to rains, floods and natural disasters will be taken care by the Bharatiya Janata Party government in the state. We will take care of our farmers.

The BJP National President said demand of separate ADJ court in Paonta Sahib from the people of this region will soon be fulfilled by the Jairam Thakur government in Himachal Pradesh. Soon a court will open here. We will also take a decision soon on the issue of giving tribal status to Hatti.

BJP NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S HIMACHAL PRAVAS

He further said India used to be dependent on imports for its need for defence sector, but under the leadership and guidance of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today, India has emerged as 'Export Hub'. Our defence exports have increased by six times. Our agriculture budget has also increased four times under the Narendra Modi Government.

In 2014 our Agriculture budget used to be Rs. 33,000 crores, while this year Agriculture budget has been increased to Rs 1.33 lakh crores. Over Rs. 93,000 crores is being spent on irrigation projects across the country.

CONGRESS SCRAPPED SPECIAL STATUS GIVEN TO HIMACHAL

The Congress party and its leaders should remember that they had looted public money and

Every moment of Modiji's life is dedicated for service of the nation: JP Nadda



The Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda on 23 August, 2022 took part in a discussion on 'Modi@20' book in New Delhi where he said Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is the shining example of the dictum "One Life - One Mission" which he lives and implements. Every moment of his life, every action and mission of his life is dedicated towards the service and development of the nation.

The 50 years of the public life of Shri Narendra Modi and 20 years of his life as a Constitutional head of an

elected government at the state and the Centre has been unblemished and deeply dedicated and committed to the service of the nation. It is a highly commendable and magnificent record. The popularity and following of Shri Modi has been increasing every day, every moment. He is undoubtedly India's most popular leader, Shri Nadda said.

The Prime Minister has fulfilled and accomplished "Dreams Meet Delivery". The five pillars of his work culture have been -- People First, Politics of unity and development, Inclusive economy, Paradigm shift in governance and Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.

Shri Nadda said the book 'Modi@20' is a potent tool to bring about positive changes in the lives of every political worker. We should all read the book to understand how dreams are realised, and how real change can be brought in the lives of ordinary citizens by strengthening and streamlining last mile delivery.

The BJP National President said Shri Narendra Modi does not believe in mindlessly giving doles. He believes in and acts towards empowering our farmers, villagers, Dalits, backwards, oppressed classes, Adivasis, youth and women. His entire life has been devoted to achieve this objective. ■

people were cheated and fooled, they had left people unemployed. So there is no hope for the Congress party. The Congress led UPA government not only scrapped the special status given to Himachal Pradesh, it also withdrew the industrial package given by the then Atal Bihari Vajpayee government for 10 years in just 7 years. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has once again restored the special status to Himachal Pradesh.

In 2002 the foundation of Atal Tunnel was laid. During the Congress party led UPA government no work was done for 10 years. Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee used to say that the foundation stone of this tunnel was like a stone kept on my heart. But this dream of Shri Atal ji was fulfilled by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

The Congress party government kept the Renuka dam project in limbo. It is the Narendra Modi Government which has released Rs 7000 crore and the work has again started in Renuka dam project. Once this project is completed 40 MW of electricity will be generated from this project. Today, Himachal Pradesh has been established as "smoke free state". MoUs worth Rs 23000 crores for industrial development have been signed while MoUs worth Rs 15000 crores for

development of tourism sector in Himachal Pradesh have also been signed.

In Himachal Pradesh AIIMS has been constructed at Bilaspur with the cost of Rs 13,000 crores while a medical college has also come up at Nahan with an expenditure of Rs 300 crores. Also 7 ropeway projects which are over 57 kms long and worth Rs 32,000 crores are currently under construction in Himachal Pradesh.

CONGRESS PARTY ASKS FOR PROOF OF SURGICAL STRIKES

Entire nation including the people of Himachal Pradesh trust and have faith only on the Bharatiya Janata Party. What are the achievements of Congress party? It was Bofors, CWG scam, 2G and 4G scams, Augusta Westland scam, submarine scam, and the list is endless. When our brave soldiers carry out surgical strikes against terrorists and does cross border air strikes, the Congress party and its leaders ask for proof of these operations from our valiant soldiers. I appeal to the people of Himachal Pradesh to give proof to these leaders in November. ■

BJP PARLIAMENTARY BOARD & Central Election Committee announced

The Bharatiya Janata Party National President, Shri JP Nadda on 17 August, 2022 announced the names of BJP Parliamentary Board members:

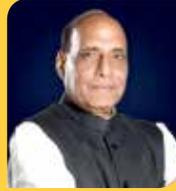
BJP Parliamentary Board:



Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda (President)



Shri Narendra Bhai Modi



Shri Rajnath Singh



Shri Amit Bhai Shah



Shri BS Yediyurappa



Shri Sarbananda Sonowal



Shri K. Laxman



Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura



Smt. Sudha Yadav



Shri Satyanarayan Jatiya



Shri B.L. Santhosh (Secretary)

The Bharatiya Janata Party National President, Shri JP Nadda on 17 August, 2022 constituted the Central Election Committee and announced the names of members:

Central Election Committee:

1. Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda (President)
2. Shri Narendra Bhai Modi
3. Shri Rajnath Singh
4. Shri Amit Bhai Shah
5. Shri B S Yediyurappa
6. Shri Sarbananda Sonowal
7. Shri K. Laxman
8. Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura
9. Smt. Sudha Yadav
10. Shri Satyanarayan Jatiya
11. Shri Bhupender Yadav
12. Shri Devendra Fadnavis
13. Shri Om Mathur
14. Shri B.L. Santhosh (Secretary)
15. Smt. Vanathi Srinivasan (Ex-officio)

BJP President appoints New Presidents in UP, Maha, Tripura & Mumbai

The BJP National President Shri JP Nadda on 12 August, 2022 appointed Shri Chandrashekhar Bawankule as the new party President in Maharashtra and Shri Ashish Shelar as the Mumbai unit President.



Shri Rajib Bhattacharya



Shri Ashish Shelar



Shri Bhupendra Singh



Shri Chandrashekhar

In another appointment on 25 August, the BJP President appointed Member of UP Legislative Council Shri Bhupendra Singh as the new Uttar Pradesh BJP President and Shri Rajib Bhattacharya as the new Tripura BJP President. ■

MORE THAN 6 CRORE TIRANGA SELFIES UPLOADED ON THE HAR GHAR TIRANGA WEBSITE

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched “Har Ghar Tiranga” campaign to encourage people to bring the Tiranga home and hoist it to celebrate 75 years of India’s Independence. The idea behind the initiative was to strengthen the feeling of patriotism in the hearts of the people and to celebrate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav in the spirit of Jan Bhagidari. States, Union Territories, and Ministries participated extensively in the campaign with full fervor. NGOs and Self-Help Groups from various places also contributed towards making Har Ghar Tiranga, an iconic benchmark in the success path of ‘Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav’. Various events involving people from all walks of life were organized at locations connected with Freedom Struggle, to portray the patriotism and unity of the entire country.

Several new milestones like Guinness World Record of World’s ‘Largest Human Image of a Waving National Flag’ in Cricket Stadium, Sector 16, Chandigarh with the participation of 5,885 people have been created during the campaign. The event was organised by the NID Foundation and Chandigarh University to strengthen Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s ‘Har Ghar Tiranga’ campaign as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

In another stupendous achievement, more than 6 crore Tiranga selfies have been uploaded on the Har Ghar Tiranga website till 15th August. The programme conceived in a hybrid format envisaged a physical & emotional connect with the flag itself in the personal context and also envisaged a collective celebration and amplification of patriotic fervour through the act of uploading a selfie on the special website created for this initiative. (www.harghartiranga.com).

Also, to mark the celebrations under ‘Har Ghar Tiranga’ campaign as a part of ongoing ‘Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav’, the District Administration Srinagar established a national record by displaying 1850-metre long National Flag at Bakshi Stadium to celebrate 75 years of Independence. ■

INDIA RANKS GLOBALLY 3RD IN START-UP ECOSYSTEM AND ALSO IN TERMS OF NUMBER OF UNICORNS

India ranks globally 3rd in Start-Up ecosystem and also in terms of number of Unicorns. As per the latest

data, there are currently 105 unicorns, out of which 44 were born in 2021 and 19 in 2022.

This was stated on 12 August by Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh while delivering keynote address at “DST StartUp Utsav” at Dr Ambedkar International Centre here.

The Minister said, the decade 2021-30 is expected to bring transformational changes for Indian Science, Technology and Innovation (STI). ■

INFLATION EASING

Data released on 13 August by the National Statistical Office (NSO) show that inflation has been easing and growth is beginning to gather momentum.

India’s benchmark inflation rate, as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) grew at 6.7% on an annual basis in the month of July. This is 30 basis points — one basis point is one hundredth of a percentage point — lower than the June print of 7% and 90 basis points below the April peak of 7.8%. To be sure, July was the seventh consecutive month when headline CPI reading was above 6%, which is the upper limit of RBI’s tolerance band under India’s inflation targeting framework. ■

MINERAL PRODUCTION RECORDS 7.5 PER CENT GROWTH

The index of mineral production of mining and quarrying sector for the month of June, 2022 (Base: 2011-12=100) at 113.4, was 7.5% higher as compared to the level in the month of June, 2021. As per the provisional figures of Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM), the cumulative growth for the period April-June, 2022-23 over the corresponding period of the previous year has increased by 9.0 per cent.

Production level of important minerals in June, 2022 were: Coal 669 lakh tonnes, Lignite 46 lakh tonnes, Natural gas (utilized) 2747million cu. m., Petroleum (crude) 24 lakh tonnes, Bauxite 1950 thousand tonnes, Chromite 343 thousand tonnes, Copper conc. 10 thousand tonnes, Gold 85 kg, Iron ore 201 lakh tonnes, Lead conc. 30 thousand tonnes, Manganese ore 238 thousand tonnes, Zinc conc. 142 thousand

tonnes, Limestone 335 lakh tonnes, Phosphorite 189 thousand tonnes, Magnesite 8 thousand tonnes, and Diamond 44 carat.

The production of important minerals showing positive growth during June, 2022 over June, 2021 include: Diamond (340%), Gold (107.3%), Phosphorite (41.0%), Coal (31.1%), Lignite (28.8%), Zinc conc (20.0%), Manganese ore 19.3%, Magnesite (16.6%), Bauxite (8.9%), Chromite (6.5%), Lead conc (4.2%), Limestone 1.6%), and Natural Gas (U) (1.3%). The production of other important minerals showing negative growth include: Petroleum (crude) (-1.7%), Copper conc (-7.2%), and Iron Ore (-9.7%). ■

NO CHANGE IN THE RULE RELATED TO BOOKING OF TICKETS FOR CHILDREN TRAVELLING IN TRAIN

There have been some recent media reports that claim that Indian Railways has changed the rule with regards to booking of tickets for Children travelling in the train. These reports claim that now children between the age of one to four years will have to get a ticket for traveling in the train.

These news items and media reports are misleading. It is informed that Indian Railways has not introduced any changes with regards to booking of tickets for children travelling in the train. On the demand of the passengers, an option has been given to them to buy a ticket and book a berth for their under 5 year old child if they want. And if they don't want a separate berth, then it is free, same like it used to be earlier.

A Circular dated 06 March 2020 of Ministry of Railways states that Children under five years of age shall be carried free. However, separate berth or seat (in chair car) shall not be given. Therefore purchase of any ticket is not required provided separate berth is not claimed. However, if berth/seat shall be sought on voluntary basis for children of age below 5 years then full adult fare shall be charged. ■

CHILD MORTALITY REDUCED RAPIDLY IN INDIA

“India has taken rapid strides in reducing child mortality since 2014 from 45 per 1000 live births to 35 per 1000 live births in 2019”. Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar, Union Minister of State stated this on 16 August as she virtually launched the Early Childhood Development Conclave, Paalan 1000 National

Campaign and Parenting App in Mumbai.

The child health programme under the National Health Mission (NHM) comprehensively integrated interventions which improved child survival and addressed factors contributing to infant and under-five mortality. Hence, our National Health Mission ensures that critical services are made available at home, through community outreach and through health facilities at various levels like primary, first referral units, tertiary health care facilities.

‘Paalan 1000 - Journey of the First 1000 Days’, focuses on the cognitive developments of children in the first 2 years of its life. Paalan 1000 combines early years coaching for parents, families and other caregivers with services designed to meet families’ basic needs. Infants and toddlers are shaped by their experiences – and those experiences are shaped by their caregivers. ■

NTPC AUGMENTS ITS SOLAR FOOTPRINT AND ACHIEVES 69,454 MW OF INSTALLED CAPACITY

NTPC Limited, India's largest integrated energy company achieved 69,454 MW of group installed and commercial capacity with the commissioning of 56 MW Kawas Solar PV Project at NTPC Kawas, Gujarat on 15 August, 2022.

NTPC is steadily lowering its carbon footprint by reducing greenhouse gas emissions through the installation of renewable energy projects in its existing stations as well as putting up green field RE projects. The Company has planned 262 MW floating solar on over 1300 acres of its reservoir area by installing over 9,50,000 PV modules at its various stations out of which 242 Mega Watt has been commissioned.

This includes the country's largest floating solar of 100 MW at Ramagundam in Telangana, 92 MW at Kayamkulam in Kerala, and 25 MW each at Simhadri, Andhra Pradesh, and Kawas in Gujarat. These projects would light more than 2,00,000 households and would be instrumental in reducing over half a million tonnes of CO2 emissions on an annual basis. Besides these, the projects would entail a saving of 5 trillion liters of water per annum, sufficient to meet the yearly water requirements of 15,000 households.

NTPC has become the world's first Energy major to declare its Energy Compact goals. Recently it has collaborated with Niti Aayog to achieve the 'net

zero' targets. The NTPC Group plans to achieve 60 GW of RE in by 2032. Presently, NTPC has 2.3 GW of commissioned renewable capacity with 3.9 GW under implementation and execution. NTPC also has 4.9 GW of renewable energy capacity under tendering process which will further bolster the green energy portfolio of India's largest power producer. ■

"AQUA BAZAR" IN "MATSYA SETU" LAUNCHED

Shri Parshottam Rupala, Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying on 18 August launched the Online Market Place feature "Aqua Bazar" in the "MatsyaSetu" mobile app during the 9th general body meeting of the National Fisheries Development Board. The app was developed by the ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (ICAR-CIFA), Bhubaneswar, with the funding support of the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), Hyderabad through the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY). The online marketplace will help the fish farmers and stakeholders to source the inputs such as fish seeds, feed, medicines, etc., and services required for fish culture as well as farmers can also list their table-size fish for sale. The marketplace aims to connect all stakeholders in the aquaculture sector.

While addressing the gathering, Shri Parshottam Rupala, Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying, stated that capacity building of fish farmers should be given top priority. Intensive training courses should be organized and exposure visits should be organized for the farmers. Shri L. Murugan, Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry in his address told that the Government for the first time under the AzadikaAmritMahotsav has taken up promotion of Startup by the entrepreneurs to achieve the targeted fish production.

The feature also allows the fish farmers to list their grown table-size fish/fish seeds for sale with an option to indicate the date of availability along with the price offer. Interested fish buyers will contact the farmers and offer their prices. It will certainly help the farmers to receive more business enquiries from buyers or buyer agents who procure fish, paving the way for increased awareness about the market situation and better price realization of farmers' produce. ■

PM DEDICATES 2G ETHANOL PLANT IN PANIPAT

"BIOFUEL IS SYNONYMOUS TO PROTECTING NATURE - BIOFUEL FOR US IS GREEN AND ENVIRONMENT-SAVING FUEL"

On the occasion of World Biofuel Day on 10 August, 2022 Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi dedicated the 2nd generation (2G) Ethanol Plant in Panipat, Haryana to the nation today via video conferencing. Governor of Haryana, Shri Bandaru Dattatreya, Union Ministers, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Shri Rameswar Teli, were among those present on the occasion.

The Prime Minister greeted the people on the occasion of World Biofuel Day. Terming the Ethanol Plant just a beginning he said that this plant will reduce pollution in Delhi, Haryana and NCR. He also congratulated Haryana for splendid performance by daughters and sons of Haryana in CWG 2022.

The Prime Minister said that in a country like ours that worships nature, biofuel is a synonym for protecting nature. Our farmer brothers and sisters understand this better. Biofuel for us means green fuel, environment-saving fuel. He said that with establishment of this modern plant, farmers of Haryana, where rice and wheat are grown in abundance, will get another lucrative means of using crop residue.

The dedication of the Plant is part of a long series of steps taken by the government over the years to boost the production and usage of biofuels in the country. This is in line with the Prime Minister's constant endeavour to transform the energy sector into being more affordable, accessible, efficient and sustainable.

The 2G Ethanol Plant has been built at an estimated cost of over Rs. 900 crore by Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL) and is located close to the Panipat Refinery. Based on state-of-the-art indigenous technology, the project will turn a new chapter in India's waste-to-wealth endeavours by utilising about 2 lakh tonnes of rice straw (parali) annually to generate around 3 crore litres of Ethanol annually. ■

INDIGENOUSLY DEVELOPED EQUIPMENT & SYSTEMS HANDED OVER TO INDIAN ARMY

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh handed over indigenously-developed equipment and systems to the Indian Army in New Delhi on August 16, 2022.

GOVERNMENT'S ACHIEVEMENTS

These include Future Infantry Soldier as a System (F-INSAS), new generation anti-personnel mine 'Nipun', rugged and automatic communication system with enhanced capabilities, upgraded sights system for tanks and advanced thermal imagers. State-of-the art high mobility Infantry Protected Vehicles and Assault Boats were virtually handed over by Raksha Mantri enabling the troops deployed along the borders to respond to any challenge in a befitting manner. The equipment/systems have been jointly developed by Indian Army in collaboration with Defence Public Sector Undertakings, Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Industry, in line with the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision to modernise the Armed Forces, under the 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan'. ■

TOTAL COAL PRODUCTION GOES UP BY 11.37% TO 60.42 MILLION TON IN JULY

The overall coal production has increased by 11.37% to 60.42 million ton (MT) from 54.25 MT during July, 2022 as compared to July 2021. As per the provisional statistics of the Ministry of Coal, during July this year Coal India Ltd (CIL), Singareni Collieries Company Ltd (SCCL) and captive mines/others registered a growth of 11.12% and 44.37% by producing 47.33 MT and 9.80 MT coal respectively. However, SCCL registered a negative growth of 32.51% during the month.

Of the top 37 coal mines, production of 24 mines was more than 100 per cent during July this year. Another seven mines' production stood between 80 and 100 per cent.

At the same time, coal despatch increased by 8.51% to 67.81 MT from 62.49 MT during July, 2022 as compared to the previous year. During July 2022, CIL and captive mines/others registered a growth of 8.17% and 40.78% by dispatching 54.54 and 9.91 MT respectively. ■

UDAN SCHEME OF MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION COMPLETES 5 YEARS OF SUCCESS

Ministry of Civil Aviation's flagship program Regional Connectivity Scheme UDAN

(UdeDeshkaAamNagrik) has completed 5 years of success since the launch of its first flight by Prime Minister on 27th April 2017. The scheme was initiated on 21st October 2016 with the objective to fulfil the aspirations of the common citizen by following the vision of 'UdeDeshkaAamNagrik', with an enhanced aviation infrastructure and air connectivity in tier II and tier III cities.

In the last five years, UDAN has significantly increased the regional air-connectivity in the country. There were 74 operational airports in 2014. Because of the UDAN scheme this number has increased to 141 by now.

68 underserved/unserved destinations which include 58 Airports, 8 Heliports & 2 Water Aerodromes have been connected under UDAN scheme. With 425 new routes initiated under the scheme, UDAN has provided air connectivity to more than 29 States/ UTs across the length and breadth of the country. More than one crore passengers have availed the benefits of this scheme as on 4th August 2022. The scheme has also provided a much-needed platform to the regional carriers to scale up their operations.

220 destinations (airports/heliports/water aerodromes) under UDAN are targeted to be completed by 2026 with 1000 routes to provide air connectivity to unconnected destinations in the country. Under UDAN, 954 routes have already been awarded to connect 156 airports. ■

"SMILE-75 Initiative" launched

In the spirit of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India has identified 75 Municipal Corporations to implement comprehensive rehabilitation of persons engaged in the act of begging under "SMILE: Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise" named as "SMILE-75 Initiative".

The "SMILE-75 Initiative" launched on 12 August by Union Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment Dr. Virendra Kumar at a Shelter Home (Rain Basera) near Nizamuddin Metro Station in New Delhi. The identified 75 Municipal Corporations, experts from the field of beggary and eminent NGOs will participate in this nationwide launch through online and offline mode. ■

'DEMOCRACY IN INDIA HAS EMERGED STRONGER'

Historic speech of Atal Ji on the 'Motion of Confidence' on 28 May, 1996

On 28 May, 1996 India witnessed an epic moment at Lok Sabha in the Parliament and the person behind that moment was the then Prime Minister of India Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee. Notably, the Bharatiya Janata Party emerged as the single-largest party in the general elections of 1996 with 161 Members. Then President of India Shri Shankar Dayal Sharma invited Atalji to form the government and gave him two weeks time to prove its majority. After 13 days, by not indulging in horse trading, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee decided to face the trust vote and he delivered this memorable speech during the 'Motion of Confidence' in the Parliament. We are publishing excerpts of the second part of the historic speech for our esteemed readers:

This system cannot serve the twin objective i.e. percentage of votes as well as number of seats. Our country has not adopted the list system of proportional representation. I have always been pointing out the defects of the Westminster system in which at times it is quite possible that a party getting a lesser number of votes on an aggregate may corner a disproportionately larger number of seats or Vice-versa is also possible. In Kerala a coalition Government has come to power with just a one percent margin of votes, dislodging the party in power. The difference in votes was of just one percent but this difference which we are having presently has to be recognized. And now the total numbers of votes you are having are being counted but I can make a count of your own percentage of votes which will be only to your disadvantage. They now say that they are uniting. Are they uniting for the explicit purpose of providing a stable and responsible Government in the country? I do not want to repeat, that they have not chalked out a

program so far, and nor have they approached the electorate with a common program. The mandate received and the vote percentage obtained about which they are now talking is for different States and for divergent reasons. In Tamil Nadu it was the Congress that was fighting against DMK and not our Party. The same situation was obtained in Andhra Pradesh where we were nowhere in the picture. How can they say the mandate is against us when it was the congress that they were fighting against and not us? What sort of a mandate is this? Say explicitly what you are murmuring. Say openly that you will not let us come to power at any cost. It is proper to speak in such a vein. The spirit behind this speech is even more depreciable. A bogeyman is being created In this House that India is moving toward a Hitler type of dictatorship and fascism is rising in the country. This sort of fear is being created. The persons who are debutants in this House



and are quite unaware of even the dignity of the house. I have been in parliament for forty years now. We have been working as a party here on democratic lines and have been contesting elections.

Sir, The mandate is against Congress. The strength of the Congress in the House stands reduced to just half of its previous strength here. The people have given their verdict differently In different States disregarding which all other parties are now uniting and enlisting Congress support and the latter walling to extend its unqualified support to them. I do not want to reiterate what my friend Mr

George Fernandes said yesterday. The stand taken by the other parties seems to be that irrespective of whatever invectives they might have hurled at each other but now they should unite and let the BJP not form the Government. If this is your collective decision then I would not say anything. Nonetheless such a decision would be negative reactionary, aimed at the sole purpose of stalling us from coming to power and hardly conducive to the health of democracy.

I want to caution them today. On our part, we are ready to sit in the opposition. Mr Speaker Sir, when I joined politics I never dreamt of becoming an MP. I was a journalist. I am not keen on the type of politics being practiced today. I do wish to renounce politics. But politics itself refuses to part company with me.

Then I became the leader of the opposition, today I am the Prime Minister and after some time I shall cease to be so, I was not overjoyed when I became the Prime Minister and nor I shall have any qualms when I demit office. However I would like to raise some Issues.

Today, a number of fresh allegations are being leveled against us that we have not included Certain Important Issues in the President's Address. The President's Address makes no mention of Ram Temple, Article 370 and uniform Civil code and so much so that Swadeshi slogan has also been jettisoned. All this is being said in a tone as if they are much aggrieved on account of our putting aside these issues whereas these are the people who have all along been criticising us for these

Issues. They have been holding us guilty because we intended to construct Rama Temple and wanted abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution and ask us how we can keep the unity of the country intact. Even though it has been written in the constitution and the Supreme Court has also vindicated that viewpoint that there should be a Uniform Civil Code but we cannot say the same? If one says so then

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one would be branded as subverted of the unity of the country.

If we say that these issues are not part of our present program because we do not have the majority. We are fighting for the majority if the people's mandate is not in your favour. They have not fully accepted us either and with the mandate we have received now, we are not in a position to implement all the programmes. We wanted the majority but we could not get. We have emerged as a single largest party and our endeavour is to evolve a workable system through consensus and that is why we did not touch upon the disputed issues. What objection do you have over it?

Now, the United Front is being formed. It is good if it has been formed but its programme is yet to be chalked out. If that has been done, then have they

assimilated the philosophy and the programmes of the Marxist party in it, in totality? If they have done so, then why has the Marxist Party kept a distance from the Government? When a United Front is formed, a number of parties come together.

When different political parties come together every party has to give up some of its programmes. In 1977 also we were supporting the demand for abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution.

Shri Ram Vilas Paswan, who is present here, was with us at that time. In 1977 we were in favour of making Atom Bomb also but when we realised that democracy was in danger and there was a need to save it, we kept aside many of our party programmes. Due to the imposition of Emergency, the entire country was turned into a jail. We all decided to work together to stop authoritarianism. At that time no one asked us as to why we were not pressing for the demand of abrogation of Article 370. In a way it was right. Now, you are forming a Unified Front so each one of you will have to forgo some of your party programme. The Hon'ble President has given us time up to 31st because he knew that we were not in majority. But the Hon. President called us to form the Government because we were the single largest party In the House. He gave us time upto 31st May so that we may talk to other political parties and make efforts to form a stable Government. Such things are happening in other countries also. It was being done here. ■

To be continued.....

FORMER BIHAR COOPERATIVE MINISTER SUBHASH SINGH PASSES AWAY

Former Bihar Minister, sitting MLA and BJP leader Shri Subhash Singh passed away on August 16 in Delhi. Shri Singh was not well for some days and was admitted to Delhi's All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS). He was cooperative minister in the NDA government in Bihar.

Bihar BJP President Shri Sanjay Jaiswal wrote in a tweet, "The sudden demise of Shri Subhash Singh ji, BJP MLA from Gopalganj Sadar and former Cooperative Minister of Bihar Government is very sad. I pray to God to give place to the holy soul at his feet and give strength to his family members to bear this immense loss. om Shanti!"

Former Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar and Rajya Sabha



Member Shri Sushil Kumar Modi said on the leader's demise, "The demise of Shri Subhash Singh, a former minister of the state, four-time MLA from Gopalganj, at AIIMS Delhi is extremely sad. Shri Subhash Singh was a very assiduous, honest, duty-bound social worker. He had been battling kidney disease for the last 18 months. But eventually, he was

defeated by death. His death is a shock to the BJP. May God rest his soul in peace."

Former deputy chief minister Shri Tarkishore Prasad and Renu Devi also condoled the leader's demise. Shri Tarkishore Prasad termed the Singh's demise an irreparable loss to Bihar's politics.

Born on 15 January 1963, Shri Singh was elected four times MLA from Gopalganj(Sadar). In the 2020 Bihar Legislative Assembly election, he defeated the Congress candidate and became a cabinet minister in the Bihar government. Earlier, he was elected to the assembly in 2015 by defeating Reyajul Haque, with a margin of 6500. In 2005 and 2010, Shri Singh won the assembly seat by defeating Rashtriya Janata Dal's candidate. ■

Armed Forces get power to buy indigenous weapons on a fast-track

The Defence Ministry on 22 August, 2022 approved the grant of financial powers to the armed forces for emergency procurement of indigenous weapon systems and ammunition, in the backdrop of the continuing over two-year-long military



confrontation with China in eastern Ladakh. The "new process" cleared by the Defence

Acquisitions Council (DAC), which was chaired by Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh

and attended by the three Service chiefs and defence secretary, entails "capital acquisitions" from domestic sources on a fast-track basis. "The entire acquisition process has to be completed within six months under this process. The upper limit for each contract is Rs 300 crore. The new process

will cut down delays and help the armed forces plug operational deficiencies swiftly". ■

10 CRORE RURAL HOUSEHOLDS GET DRINKING WATER THROUGH TAPS

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 19 August addressed the Har Ghar Jal Utsav under Jal Jeevan Mission via a video message. The event took place at Panaji Goa. Chief Minister of Goa Shri Pramod Sawant, Union Minister Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat were among those present on the occasion. The Prime Minister greeted Shri Krishna devotees on the auspicious occasion of Janmashtami.

At the outset, the Prime Minister shared every Indian's pride in three important milestones related to the huge goals that India is working on in Amrit Kaal, that were accomplished today. He said "Firstly, today 10 crore rural households of the country have been connected to piped clean water facility. This is a big success of the government's campaign to deliver water to every household. This is a great example of 'Sabka Prayas'". Secondly, he congratulated Goa for becoming the first Har Ghar Jal certified state where every household is connected to piped water. He also acknowledged Dadra Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu as first Union territories to achieve the feat. The Prime Minister lauded the people, government and local self-government institutions for their efforts. He informed that many states are going to join the list very soon.

The third achievement, the Prime Minister informed, is that one lakh villages in different states of the country have turned ODF plus. After the country was declared Open Defecation Free (ODF) a few years ago, the next resolution was to achieve ODF plus status for villages i.e. they should have community toilets, plastic waste management, grey water management and Gobardhan projects.

Underlining the water security challenge that the world is facing, the Prime Minister said that water scarcity can become a huge obstacle in accomplishing



the resolution of Developed India - Viksit Bharat. "Our government has been working relentlessly for the last eight years for the projects of water security", he said.

Prime Minister listed initiatives like 'Catch the Rain', Atal Bhujal Scheme, 75 Amrit Sarovars in every district, river-linking and Jal Jeevan Mission.

Reiterating the need for a long-term approach above selfish short-term approach, the Prime Minister emphasized "It is true that to form a government, one does not have to work that hard as one has to work to build a country. We have all chosen to work for nation building. That is

why we are working on the challenges of the present and the future. Those who do not care about the country, are not bothered about spoiling the present or future of the country. Such people can definitely talk big, but can never work with a big vision for water."

Talking about the multi-pronged approach of the government to ensure water security, the Prime Minister listed initiatives like 'Catch the Rain', Atal Bhujal Scheme, 75 Amrit Sarovars in every district, river-linking and Jal Jeevan Mission. He said that the number of Ramsar wetland Sites in India has gone up to 75, out of which 50 were added in the last 8 years.

Referring to use of technology like geo-tagging of water assets and Internet of things solutions for water supply and quality control, the Prime Minister pointed out that people's power, women power, and power of technology are powering the Jal Jeevan Mission. ■

WHO PERMITTED KEJRIWAL TO LOOT DELHI'S MONEY: ADESH GUPTA

Under the leadership of state president of Bharatiya Janata Party, Shri Adesh Gupta, party leaders and workers organized massive protests against corruption in the new Excise Policy in all 14 districts in Delhi on 25 August, 2022. The BJP accused Kejriwal and his party of avoiding questions about corruption in the excise policy and said that if Kejriwal believes that his party is honest, he should immediately sack Manish Sisodia, accused of corruption in the excise policy.

Addressing the protest at RK Ashram, Shri Adesh Gupta said that the AAP has no answer as it also knows that the deceit they have done by making big promises to the people of Delhi has been exposed. Now he has nothing to say and nothing to tell. That's why now they are misleading people by talking things other than excise policy. He said that the BJP is only questioning that if the excise policy was so good, why did the Kejriwal government take it back? Why was retailing allowed to the manufacturer? Why did they waive off Rs 144 crore of liquor mafia and then again, Rs 30 crore? he asked.

Shri Adesh Gupta asked as to who allowed Kejriwal to loot Delhi's treasury. They will have to answer for what they have done with the liquor mafia in the scam of crores of rupees by increasing the commission from 2.5 per cent to 12 per cent. He protested by burning an effigy of Manish Sisodia and later said that after all, what was the compulsion of Kejriwal which made him give license to even blacklisted companies. Today, when the BJP is asking this question, instead of answering it, they are talking nonsense and that makes their anger very clear, he asserted.

Union minister of state Smt Meenakshi Lekhi while addressing the demonstration in C R Park, said that the way the Kejriwal government itself had said before implementing the excise policy, that it would lead to Delhi's revenue going up by crores of rupees but the fact is it has only helped Kejriwal fill up his own pockets rather than help Delhi's revenue increase. She said that Kejriwal used to say that if there is any



corruption, he is a traitor to the country and so in light of this all; he should not remain in office. In such a situation, now what will he say for Satyendra Jain and Manish Sisodia, who have remained in the party and post even after being involved in corruption, she asked.

Leader of Opposition Shri Ramvir Singh Bidhuri demanded the resignation of Sisodia in the protest held at Kasturba Nagar, Kotla today and said that when the truth of AAP has now come out completely today, it is playing a game of accusation and counter-accusation but by doing all this they cannot escape from their sins. AAP government will have to answer why liquor vends were opened in violation of the master plan and rules, he said adding that those who campaigned against corruption are now themselves trapped in it.

The former Union Minister and MP Dr. Harsh Vardhan, former state president and MP Shri Manoj Tiwari, MP Shri Ramesh Bidhuri, took part in protests at various places in Delhi. Also, J&K co-in-charge Shri Ashish Sood, MLA Shri Vijender Gupta, state general secretaries Shri Kuljeet Singh Chahal, Shri Harsh Malhotra and Shri Dinesh Pratap Singh, treasurer Shri Vishnu Mittal, vice presidents Shri Rajan Tiwari and Shri Ashok Goel Devraha, office bearers of state, district and morchas and thousands of workers were present at protests in different places. ■

BJYM LEADS A MASSIVE PROTEST AGAINST CHHATTISGARH GOVT. OVER RISING UNEMPLOYMENT, CORRUPTION & CRIME

The Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha led a protest march on 24 August in Raipur against Chhattisgarh Government over the rising unemployment, corruption, rape and suicide cases in the state.

Over one lakh youth participated in this movement which was led by BJYM National President Shri Tejasvi Surya. The BJYM was protesting over the promises made by the Congress party for the benefit and welfare of the youth, which have not been fulfilled even after 45 months.

The BJYM is also raising its voice over the growing unemployment rate in the state. The BJYM also pointed out that the state government failed to provide Rs 2,500 per month as unemployment allowance to the citizens.

The BJYM also took up issues of vital importance like drug menace, rising cases of rape and youth suicide across the state and corruption in the government employment sector.

The BJYM was also raising voice over the failure of the state government to implement the schemes of the Central government for youth welfare in the fields of employment and sports.

BJYM National President and Bengaluru South MP Shri Tejasvi Surya said the Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh, Bhupesh Bhagel, was not upholding the integrity of the office but acting as a 'Collection Master'



Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Bhagel, is not upholding the integrity of the office but acting as a 'Collection Master' of Sonia Gandhi.

Tejasvi Surya
BJYM National President



of Sonia Gandhi. He also added that Chhattisgarh government is promoting mafia Raj in every department of the state.

The BJYM's Gherao shook the whole state government and its corrupt mechanism.

The voice of the youth of Chhattisgarh, under the leadership of Shri Surya, shook the entire state government. Shri Surya added that it is high time now that the state government takes some concrete steps towards the welfare and

development of the state's youth. ■

BJP NATIONAL PRESIDENT JP NADDA APPOINTS ELECTION IN-CHARGE FOR HIMACHAL PRADESH



The BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda appointed the party's Vice President Shri Saudan Singh as election in-charge and Shri Devendra Singh Rana as co-election in-charge of the forthcoming assembly polls of Himachal Pradesh. ■

DREAMS OF TELANGANA WOULD BE REALISED IF BJP COMES TO POWER: AMIT SHAH

Addressing a huge public rally at Munugode, Telangana on 21 August, 2022, Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah said the dreams of the people of Telangana, who had waged a relentless battle to achieve a separate state, would be realised only if the BJP was voted to power.



The KCR government in Telangana is highly anti-farmers. It has deprived the farmers of Telangana from the benefits of the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana

He said Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is highly committed for the growth and development of Telangana. But the TRS government is taking Telangana towards a massive debt trap and has created a financial mess in the state. Telangana was created with some dreams and aspirations of the people of the state, and all these dreams and aspirations will be fulfilled by the Bharatiya Janata Party government which will soon be formed under the leadership and guidance of PM Shri Narendra Modi.

He said, the joining of Shri Rajgopal Reddy in the Bharatiya Janata Party holds great significance as with this the countdown of the demolition of the KCR government in the state has started in Telangana.

The KCR government in Telangana is highly anti-farmers. The KCR government has deprived the farmers of Telangana from the benefits of the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana. Had the KCR government implemented the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana in Telangana, the farmers of the state would have got good compensation for their damage of crops due to floods and other natural disasters, he said.

Union Home Minister said the Union government had asked the KCR government to buy 'Sella rice' from the farmers of Telangana on MSP, but the KCR government was not ready for it. I want to assure the farmers of Telangana that once the Bharatiya Janata Party government is formed in the state, our government will buy Sella rice from the farmers in the state on MSP.

The KCR government is anti-Dalit too. KCR had promised to the people of Telangana that he will send Rs. 10 lakhs to every Dalit household. Similarly, KCR had also promised to give every Dalit in the state 3 acres of land and 1 acre of land to every Tribal. But the TRS government has not fulfilled even a single promise, he

added.

KCR had also promised to give a two bedroom house to every poor in the state, which has also not been fulfilled. Since 2014 all recruitment in the education sector has been stopped. Recruitment is open only for the KCR Family and that too in all sectors. The people of Telangana are suffering and they have been betrayed and fooled by the KCR government, Shri Shah said.

He said despite the fact that the Narendra Modi Government gave more Rs 2 lakh crores financial help to Telangana, the state is still under deep debt. We have to take Telangana out from this financial mess and take the state in the fast pace of growth and development. ■

SIX PILLARS OF CONNECTIVITY

How the Modi Government is Prioritising Development of NE India



RAJU BISTA

For decades, states in North East region (NER) had suffered, because of what an editor in New Delhi once described as “the tyranny of distance” syndrome. Our region was not only cut off from the rest of our nation geographically, but also at an emotional and psychological levels. Most of these stemmed from the lack of empathy and understanding on the part of former governments towards the unique socio-cultural, aspirational and developmental challenges and needs of the North East region.

However, all that changed once Hon'ble Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi ji took charge of our nation in 2014, and declared the development of NE Indian states as one of key priority areas for his government. It has been 8-years since the NDA Government led by BJP under Modi ji has been at the helm of our nation, and here is how North East states have benefitted under his leadership.

FUNDING COMMITMENTS

Not many may be aware of this, but 54 Ministries/Departments under the Central Government are today required to spend at least 10% of their budget in the North Eastern Region.

In 2014-15 the yearly budget

allocation for the development of NE states was Rs 24,819.18 crores, in 2021-22 it rose to 70,874.32 crores, marking an increase of over 285% in the past 8-years alone.

The government led by PM Modi ji has not only outlined a development vision for the North East, but our government has also provided adequate financial resources towards realizing this vision. In the past 8-years, our government has allocated over Rs 336,640.97 crores for the development of NE Region, which is tremendously helping boost the regional economy and

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connectivity.

THE SIX PILLARS OF CONNECTIVITY

In terms of North East India, one of the main delinquencies of Congress governments has been, ignoring the development of infrastructure in the region. For decades, infrastructure development in NE had been marked by repeated delays, abysmally poor quality of work, and institutional corruption, and the lack of proper infrastructure had remained one of the main hinderances towards regional and

national integration.

This is what our government led by PM Modi ji intended to change, and have been successful in transforming the infrastructure sector in the NE states. The Government under Modi ji is providing the people in the NE region a level playing field and an equal opportunity for growth as the rest of the nation, and they are doing so by focusing on the six pillars of connectivity:

AIR CONNECTIVITY

The development of the North East region is of strategic importance and our nation is bound to grow only when all regions are performing at their best. With this in mind, our government under Modi ji has worked persistently towards improving air connectivity and developing aviation infrastructure in the region, through the 'Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik' (UDAN) scheme.

From the financial years 2016-17 to 2021-22 a total of 28 Air Connectivity projects have been completed in the region at a cost of Rs 979.07 crore, and 15 more projects worth Rs 2212.30 crores are currently under the process of completion.

This is helping boost regional connectivity and tourism sector in the region.

RAIL CONNECTIVITY

Since 2014, our government has embarked on an ambitious project

to connect all the states in NE region with the national rail grid. Towards this, our government sanctioned 19 projects for a total length of 1909kms, with a budget allocation of Rs 77,930 crores, which are at different stages of implementation – planning, approval, execution.

Up to March 2022, a total of 409km length has been commissioned at an expenditure of 30,312 crores. These include, 14 New Line Projects of 361 km length at an expenditure of Rs. 27,458 crore; and 5 Doubling/Multitracking Projects covering a length of 48 km at an expenditure of Rs.2,854 crore.

ROAD CONNECTIVITY

There was a time when a 4-lane highway connecting states in the North East region, like my home state of Manipur with the rest of the nation was unimaginable. However, in the recent years, our government has completed major highway development projects thanks to PM Modi ji's "Look and Act East" policy.

A total of 3099.50 km roads at a cost of Rs.15,570.44 crore have been constructed since 2014, and projects connecting 4016.48 km costing Rs.58,385 crore, are currently ongoing in the region.

The major ongoing Capital Road Connectivity projects in NER include alternate two-lane Highway from Bagrakote to Pakyong (NH-717A) (152 km) in Sikkim-Kalimpong-Darjeeling region, 4 laning of Imphal – Moreh section of NH-39 (20 km) and 2-laning of 75.4 km in Manipur; the 4 Laning of Dimapur- Kohima Road (62.9 km) in Nagaland; 4 laning of Nagaon bypass to Holongi

(167 km) in Arunachal Pradesh; and 2 laning of Aizawl – Tuipang NH-54 (351 km) in Mizoram.

All these roads when completed will help provide tremendous boost to regional and national connectivity of NE States to the rest of India.

POWER CONNECTIVITY

Growing up in Manipur, I remember we would have electricity cut off for hours, at times for days and even weeks. Realizing that electricity is one of the key components of development, our government has focused on providing uninterrupted power supply to the NE region.

Since 2014, the Ministry of

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Power has undertaken many hydro/thermal power generation projects, developed and modernized transmission and distribution networks. The Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (PGCIL) is executing two major Intra State power transmission and distribution schemes viz. (i) North Eastern Region Power System Improvement Project (NERPSIP) for Six States Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Tripura and Nagaland at an estimated cost of Rs.6,700 crore; and (ii) Comprehensive Scheme for Strengthening of Transmission and Distribution System in Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim sanctioned at

an estimated cost of Rs.9,129.32 crore.

TELECOM CONNECTIVITY

Telecom connectivity or lack of it has been a major issue in the entire North East region. To address this the Department of Telecommunications has undertaken several projects in the North Eastern States for strengthening telecom connectivity in the region Bharat Net and Wi-Fi Connectivity for Village Panchayats in North Eastern Region.

A total of 1,358 towers covering 1,246 villages have been installed and are providing services in the region.

WATER CONNECTIVITY

March 6th, 2022 marked a historic day when MVLal Bahadur Shastri docked at Guwahati's Pandu port on the southern bank of the Brahmaputra, carrying 200 metric tonnes of food grains for the Food Corporation of India (FCI) from Patna. This was made possible due to the tireless efforts of our government towards opening up and making use of the inland water transport system.

Our government is developing River Brahmaputra from Dhubri (Bangladesh Border) to Sadiya (891 km) as National Waterway-2 at a cost of Rs. 461 crore during 5 years (2020-2025). River Barak has been declared as National Waterway-16, and it connects Silchar, Karimganj and Badarpur in Cachar valley of Assam with Haldia and Kolkata ports through Indo-Bangladesh Protocol (IBP) Route. The facilities created and planned would cost Rs.145 crore during 5 years (2020-2025).

This will help with faster

transportation of goods to and from the national and international markets to the region.

IN ADDITION

In addition to the six pillars of connectivity, the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER) is implementing various schemes such as the North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS), Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) Scheme, Special Packages of Assam [Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC), Dima Hasao Autonomous Territorial Council (DHATC) and Karbi Anglong Autonomous Territorial Council (KAATC)], Hill Area Development Programme (HADP), Social and Infrastructure Development Fund (SIDF), Schemes of NEC (North Eastern Council) and North East Road Sector Development Scheme (NERSDS), for the development of North Eastern Region. Under these developmental schemes/packages, 1,350 projects worth Rs.15,867.01crore, including connectivity projects, have been sanctioned during the financial years 2014-15 to 2021-22

As our nation takes concrete steps towards realizing the vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi ji's "Aatma Nirbhar Bharat", I must say this with pride that our North Eastern states and region will not be left wanting. They will be contributing equally towards our nation building, and the NE region will be leading from the front in ensuring the economic prosperity of our nation.

HOPES FOR NORTH BENGAL

Given the shared history and heritage, similar socio-cultural, ethnic and linguistic milieu, and the geographical continuity of Darjeeling hills, Terai and Dooars region with the rest of North East states, our region too has faced similar geographic hinderances, regional imbalance, deprivation, discrimination, and suffers from the similar developmental challenges and unmet regional aspirations as the rest of NE States. Given which, I believe that including North Bengal region in the North East council is most necessary to ensure that our region too gets to benefit from the focus, and various developmental priorities, projects and schemes of the Central Government. ■

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

PM FELICITATES INDIAN CONTINGENT FOR COMMONWEALTH GAMES 2022

"ATHLETES INSPIRE THE YOUTH OF THE COUNTRY TO DO BETTER NOT ONLY IN SPORTS BUT ALSO IN OTHER SECTORS"



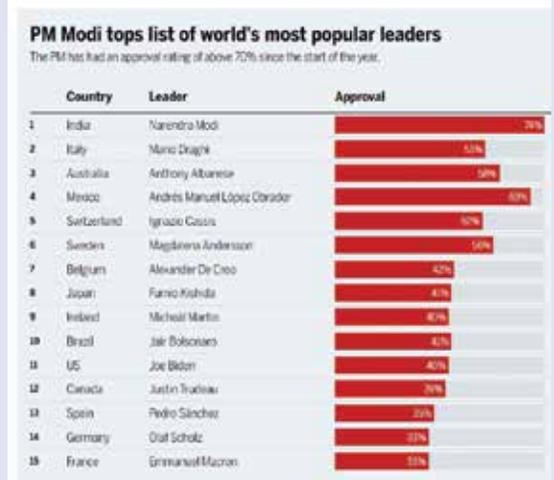
The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 13 August felicitated the Indian contingent for the Commonwealth Games (CWG) 2022 in New Delhi. The felicitation was attended by both athletes and their coaches. Union Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports and Information & Broadcasting Shri Anurag Singh Thakur and Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports Shri Nisith Pramanik were among those present.

The Prime Minister congratulated the players and coaches for their stupendous performance at the Commonwealth Games 2022 held in Birmingham, where India bagged 22 Gold, 16 Silver and 23 Bronze medals in various disciplines. The Prime Minister welcomed the athletes and coaches and expressed immense pride in the accomplishments of India's athletes at CWG 2022. The PM said that it is a matter of pride that due to the splendid hard work of the sportspersons, the country is entering into the Azadi ka Amrit Kaal with an inspiring achievement.

The CWG 2022 was held in Birmingham from 28th July till 08th August 2022. A total of 215 athletes participated in 141 events across 19 sporting disciplines, where India bagged 22 Gold, 16 Silver and 23 Bronze medals in various disciplines. ■

PM NARENDRA MODI CONTINUES TO BE MOST POPULAR GLOBAL LEADER

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, according to a report published in TOI, has been the most popular global leader since the start of this year with an approval rating of above 70%. The latest survey undertaken by US consulting firm Morning Consult shows that the PM is currently enjoying a 74% approval rating. He was followed by Mexico's Andrés Manuel López Obrador (69%), Australia's Anthony



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PM Shri Narendra Modi inspecting the Guard of Honour at Red Fort on the occasion of 76th Independence Day, in Delhi on August 15, 2022



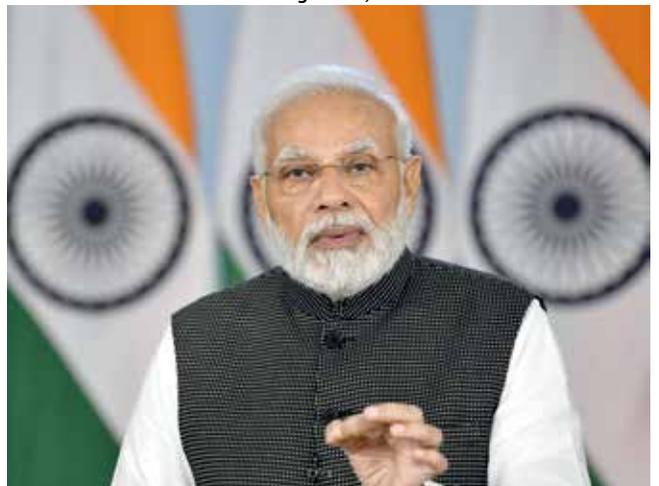
PM Shri Narendra Modi with CWG 2022 participants Contingent for Commonwealth Games 2022, in New Delhi on August 13, 2022



PM Shri Narendra Modi unfurling the Tricolour flag at the ramparts of Red Fort, on the occasion of 76th Independence Day in Delhi on August 15, 2022.



PM Shri Narendra Modi addressing at the inauguration of Indian Oil's 2G Ethanol Plant at Panipat Refinery, Haryana on August 10, 2022.



PM Shri Narendra Modi addressing the Har Ghar Jal Utsav under Jal Jeevan Mission, in Panaji, via a video message from New Delhi on August 19, 2022



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