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Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh honoring the family members of martyrs and addressing them in Kangra, Himachal Pradesh on 26 September, 2022

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Bringing back the ashes of Shyamji Krishna Varma is one of the most special moments of my life. The fervour and pride it generated across the nation was unimaginable, particularly among the youth. *(4 October, 2022)*



@JPNadda

Today the Union Cabinet took an innovative decision to extend the 'Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana' for the next three months. This decision is a strong example of the commitment of the BJP government for the upliftment of the poor. *(28 September, 2022)*



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Prior to the repeal of 370, Jammu and Kashmir's yearly budget was not as large as it is today. Today every month, the Modi government launches and lays foundation stones for development projects worth thousands of crores. *(4 October, 2022)*



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The induction of LCH, not only enhances the combat capabilities of IAF but it is also a big step towards self-reliance in defence production, as envisioned by PM Shri @narendramodi *(3 October, 2022)*



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A significant step towards realising the dream of Aatmanirbhar Bharat. India's first indigenously built Light Combat Helicopters (LCH) #Prachand inducted into @IAF_MCC . Proud moment. *(3 October, 2022)*



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With the efforts they are putting in to unsuccessfully launch & relaunch one person @RahulGandhi at national level thru' rains, sugar cane, containers, hugs @INCIndia could have successfully launched at least a dozen state leaders. But it's @INCIndia tied to one family. *(4 October, 2022)*



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wishes a very happy
DEEPAVALI (24 OCTOBER)
to all of its readers



INDIA SCRIPTS A NEW SAGA OF ACHIEVEMENTS

As the indigenously developed Light Combat Helicopter 'Prachanda' proudly scales the sky as part of the Indian Air Force, Modhera in Gujarat is declared a fully solar village, showing before the world a New India, treading confidently on the path of 'Aatmnirbhar Bharat'. While the nation has pledged itself to the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi's call of 'Panch Pran', a strong, prosperous, and developed India can be seen rising on the horizon. In the 'Amrit Kaal', a confident India is marching ahead, creating new records in every sphere of life, scaling new heights every day. If these achievements are seen in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, which still haunts the most developed nations in the world, India's records seem extremely enviable. While every challenge appears to have created opportunities for India, the indefatigable leadership of the Prime Minister and his remarkable vision can be seen transforming India into a global leader even in the hitherto unexplored areas where the nation shows immense possibilities. From manufacturing 'Made in India' vaccines to assisting other nations during the COVID-19 pandemic through programmes such as 'Vande Bharat' and 'Vaccine Maitri,' to a commitment to green energy, a Digital India campaign, the creation of a start-up ecosystem, becoming the world's fastest growing major economy, and many other achievements, India can be seen leading globally.

The Modi government's astounding success on all fronts can be seen in the growing support for the BJP and its governments in every state. The recent visit of BJP National President Shri Jagat Praksash Nadda and Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah to Assam has further enhanced the people's trust in the BJP's commitment to the development of neglected regions of the country. It was the unflinching commitment to the northeast that not only peace is prevailing in the region but it is on a fast track of development,

enabling people to make a sizeable contribution to the nation's progress. The impact can be seen in people's unshakable faith in the visionary policies of the Prime Minister and the commitment of the BJP towards the development and progress of the region. Similar sentiments can be witnessed in Jammu and Kashmir, where the people echo their feelings openly with the chants of 'Bharat Mata ki Jai'. The recent public rallies of Union Home & Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah in the state show how transformation can be brought with strong political will and an unflinching commitment to the constitution of India. The abrogation of Article 370 has not only ended many discriminatory practises in Jammu and Kashmir but has also paved the path of development by establishing grass-root democracy in the area. As the suppressed voice of people finds utterance, the threat of terrorism has waned, the sense of alienation is being converted into the feeling of integration with national spirit, as the aspirations of the people are being fulfilled through various governmental programmes and policies. The atmosphere is filled with hope and trust towards a new future.

As India embarks on a new saga of achievements in the 'Amrit Kaal,' the guiding principles of the nation remain the 'Panch Pran.' The mantra of 'Aatmnirbaharta' can be seen implemented in every sphere of life, instilling a new confidence in the nation which can draw inspiration from its golden legacy and glorious past. A new perspective, free from the colonial mindset and from the habit of blindly aping the west, can be seen dawning in the Indian mind. The need of the hour is to awaken a new sense of duty towards the goals of national reconstruction in pursuance of India's destiny as envisaged by its sages and seers. As India marches ahead under the dynamic and visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, a confident nation amazes the world with its achievements. ■

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PM NARENDRA MODI AT JAN VISHWAS SAMMELAN IN ANAND, GUJARAT

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GUJARAT AND BJP IS NOT OF POLITICS BUT A RELATION OF BELONGINGNESS: NARENDRA MODI

Addressing a massive 'Jan Vishwas Sammelan' in Anand, Gujarat, PM Shri Narendra Modi said, "The relationship between Gujarat and the BJP is not of politics but a relation of belongingness." PM Shri Modi reiterated the paradigm shift Gujarat has seen under the BJP government that has been removing the barriers to development for more than two decades. He highlighted how the agricultural farmers in Gujarat have benefitted massively through improved water supply and electricity distribution.

PM Shri Modi said the BJP government in Gujarat has always strived for creating an environment that helps industries flourish, creates ample opportunities for youth and protects the interests of the farmers.

Talking about the unbreakable bond of 20 years between Gujarat and the BJP, Shri Modi said the BJP government is taking Gujarat to get global recognition through a variety of schemes and infrastructure creation. He also highlighted the threat of deceit and propaganda, which the opposition is instigating to derail Gujarat's development.

PM Shri Modi further said if you meet some Congress leaders, then ask them whether they visited Sardar saheb's tallest statue in the world to bow their head. They would not do it because if they bow their head here then their same head would be in danger at their Delhi high command.

Gujarat to take a high jump

When I was CM, the threat of Maoism was looming large over Gujarat. But, the people of Gujarat did not get swayed and they preferred the path of development. The results are for everyone to see, Shri Modi said.

He said the phase of running is over, and now Gujarat has to take a high jump. In the coming decades, Gujarat is going to emerge as a hydrogen hub, pharmacy hub, semiconductor hub, EV hub. GIFT City is going to give a huge opportunity to the youth here.

Modi Shaikshanik Sankul inaugurated

In Ahmedabad, the Prime Minister inaugurated phase-1 of Modi Shaikshanik Sankul- an educational complex for needy students. The project will help provide facilities to students for holistic development, as per a government release.

The Prime Minister also inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of projects worth Rs 1,460 crore in Jamnagar. These projects are related to irrigation, power, water supply and urban infrastructure.

JAMNAGAR, GUJARAT

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 10 October laid the foundation stone and dedicated to

the nation multiple projects worth around Rs 1450 crore related to irrigation, power, water supply and urban infrastructure in Jamnagar, Gujarat. These projects include Kalavad Group Augmentation water supply scheme of Kalavad/Jamnagar Taluka Morbi-Maliya-Jodiya group Augmentation water supply scheme, Lalpur Bypass junction flyover Bridge, Hapa Market Yard Railway Crossing, and the refurbishment of the Sewer Collection pipeline and pumping station. The Prime Minister dedicated package 7 of Saurashtra Avtaran Irrigation (SAUNI) Yojana Link 3 (from Und Dam to Sonmati Dam), package 5 of SAUNI Yojana Link 1 (from Und-1 dam to SANI Dam) and Haripar 40 MW Solar PV project.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister thanked the people for the grand welcome and

blessings showered upon him during his journey to the venue. The Prime Minister congratulated the people for the dedication and foundation stone laying of eight projects related to water, electricity and connectivity. He further added that the foundation stones have been laid for a community hall for the people of the Valmiki community that will benefit them greatly in organising cultural programmes and other events.

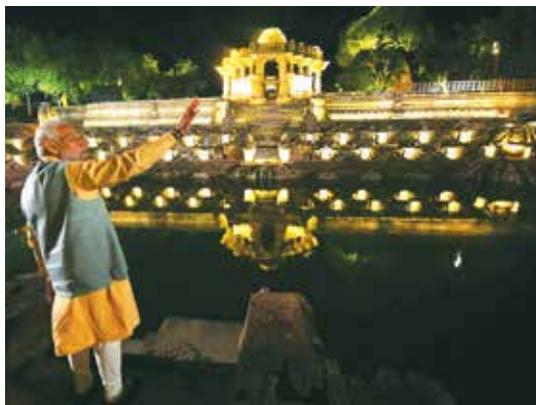
The Prime Minister informed everyone that five resolutions of development have created a solid foundation for the state of Gujarat. The first resolution is People's (Jan) Shakti, the second is Gyan Shakti, the third is Water (Jal) Shakti, the fourth is Energy (Urja) Shakti and finally Raksha Shakti. "Gujarat is scaling new heights based on these five solid foundations", Shri Modi added.

MODHERA (MEHSANA), GUJARAT

PM DECLARES MODHERA AS INDIA'S FIRST 24X7 SOLAR-POWERED VILLAGE

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone and dedicated various projects worth over Rs 3900 crore to the nation in Modhera, Mehsana on 9 October, 2022. The Prime Minister also declared the village of Modhera as India's first 24x7 solar-powered village.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister said that today marks the origination of new energy in the field of development for Modhera, Mehsana and the entire North Gujarat. The Prime Minister said that multiple projects ranging from electricity and water to railways and roadways, from dairy to skill development and health have been inaugurated or the foundation stone has been laid. Laying down the benefits, the Prime Minister said that these



projects will become a source of employment in the region, and help in increasing the income of farmers and people in the field of animal husbandry, while also giving a boost to heritage tourism in the state.

The Prime Minister pointed out solar energy will power house lights, agricultural needs as well as vehicles in Modhera. "For a self-reliant India of the 21st century, we

have to increase such efforts related to our energy needs", Shri Modi added. The Prime Minister said that he is working in the direction where the producer and the consumer of electricity are the people themselves. "Use the power you need and sell the excess power to the government", he added. This will also get rid of electricity bills and will also generate extra income",

he added. The Prime Minister remarked that the norm used to be that the government used to produce electricity and the public would buy it from them, but today the Central Government is working towards policies that allow people to produce electricity by setting up solar panels in their homes and farmers in their fields while also installing solar pumps for irrigation. ■



BJP KARYAKARTA SAMMELAN IN GUWAHATI, ASSAM

NORTH-EAST EMERGES AS GATEWAY OF NATION'S PROGRESS: JP NADDA

BJP National President Shri JP Nadda and Union Home & Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah arrived in Guwahati on 07 October, 2022 to attend different programmes in the state. They were received at the Guwahati airport by Chief Minister Shri Himanta Biswa Sarma and his cabinet colleagues, Union Minister Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, state BJP President Shri Bhabesh Kalita, and party MPs from the state.

BJP National President Shri JP Nadda along with Shri Amit Shah inaugurated the newly-constructed BJP state office at Beltola and also addressed Karyakarta Sammelan in Guwahati. Subsequently, Shri Shah chaired a high-level official meeting on the annual floods in Assam, a review meeting on the North Eastern Space Application Centre (NESAC) on 08 October and also chaired a meeting on narcotics with the Chief Ministers, Chief Secretaries and Director-Generals of police of Northeastern states.

PM ENSURES DEVELOPMENT MUST REACH THE DOORSTEPS OF THE POOR: JP NADDA

BJP National President Shri JP Nadda addressing the Karyakarta Sammelan in Guwahati said our oppositions are all dynasts. No other political party of the country has the ideology, leadership, strength and values that the BJP has, he said.

The BJP National President further asked, is any ideology left in Indian National Congress? BJP is the only national party which has an ideology, cadre and also has support from the people.

After inaugurating the new BJP Assam State Office in Guwahati he said under the leadership and guidance of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi the Northeast region has emerged as the gateway of our nation's progress, growth and development. Today, the Northeast region is leading the entire country towards peace, prosperity and happiness.

Our motto of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and Sabha Prayas ' is based on our core

ideology of Antyodaya. PM Shri Narendra Modi has ensured that development and progress reach the doorsteps of the poorest of the poor and all his welfare schemes are aimed at the welfare and empowerment of the masses.

Shri Nadda said under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi we will together let the Lotus bloom in Assam and the entire Northeast. It is my request to all the Bharatiya Janata Party workers to make all the party booths strong which is key to our success in the region.

NORTHEAST MARCHES AHEAD ON THE PATH OF PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT: AMIT SHAH

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah while addressing the Karyakartas recalled his visit to Assam as a student leader, saying no one had imagined at that time that the BJP would form the government in the northeastern state twice on its own.

Shri Shah said Assam and the northeastern region marched ahead on the path of peace and development during the last eight years of BJP rule under Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

He said, "During Congress rule, there was a process of breaking India in the northeast and Congress witnessed it silently...For those who want to do 'Bharat Jodo', peace and development in the northeast is an example of how a country can be united without giving a single speech".

Assam Chief Minister Shri Himanta Biswa Sarma, Union minister Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, state party President Shri Bhabesh Kalita, Tripura Chief Minister Shri Manik Saha and other senior leaders were also present on the occasion.

BJP AIMS 12 LOK SABHA SEATS: HIMANTA BISWA SARMA

The BJP has set a target of winning 12 out of 14 seats in Assam in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, Chief Minister Shri Himanta Biswa Sarma said. Assam has 14 Lok Sabha seats and we won nine last time. This time, we will have to win at least 12 seats," he said

Addressing the party Karyakartas Shri Sarma said the BJP will start working from now to make Shri Narendra Modi India's Prime Minister for the third consecutive time. We will not stop till the Lok Sabha polls. ■

North Zone Training Camp of BJP National Kisan Morcha held

The two days North zone Training Camp of BJP National Kisan Morcha was held in Dehradun, Uttarakhand on 29-30 September 2022. BJP Kisan Morcha National President Shri Rajkumar Chahar, Morcha National Office Bearers, National Executive Members, State Presidents, State General Secretaries and District Presidents participated in the camp.

The inaugural session of BJP Kisan Morcha commenced with the inaugural speech of BJP Kisan Morcha National President Shri Rajkumar Chahar. The Chief Minister of Uttarakhand Shri Pushkar Singh Dhami was also present in the inaugural session. In the concluding session, the BJP National General Secretary (Organization) Shri BL Santhosh has given special guidance on organizational topics.

In his address, Shri Rajkumar Chahar said under the guidance of BJP National President Shri JP Nadda and BJP National General Secretary (Organization) Shri BL Santhosh, for the first time, the BJP Kisan Morcha decided to conduct training at the zonal level.



The training has already been done in seven zones and the remaining two zones will also be completed by October 10, he added.

During the two-day training camp, several agricultural scientists and professors have given presentations on agriculture-related topics - natural & organic farming, water conservation, etc.

Among others, Uttarakhand BJP President Shri Mahendra Bhatt, State General Secretary (Organization) Shri Ajay, and Agriculture Minister Shri Ganesh Joshi also addressed the participants in the Training Camp. ■



PM LAUNCHES 5G SERVICES IN INDIA

THIS MILESTONE UNLOCKS HUGE POSSIBILITIES FOR INDIA

Taking India's digital transformation and connectivity to new heights, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 1st October, 2022 launched 5G services in India. He also unveiled various 5G use cases of various Telecom Service Providers in Education, Health, worker safety, smart agriculture etc.

HUGE POSSIBILITIES FOR INDIA

On the occasion, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said this milestone unlocks huge possibilities for India with high-tech technology and paves the way to bring transformation in crucial areas including agriculture, health, education, Transport, logistics, smart cities, Industry 4.0 and financial inclusion etc.

5G technology will bolster and propel India's position as an economic and tech powerhouse globally and will provide new opportunities for start-ups to come up with innovative solutions to solve existing challenges, create jobs and contribute to India's economic resilience.

Earlier, Shri Narendra Modi also launched indigenous 5G NSA Core developed by Centre for Development of Telematics (CDoT) and witnessed various technology demonstrations of enterprise 5G solutions, chipsets, networking equipment developed by Indian telecom start-ups, MSMEs and large manufacturers. This brings harmony with the Prime Minister's vision to promoting 'Aatma Nirbhar Bharat', Jai Anusandhan and 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vishwas'.

PM Shri Modi also highlighted the strength of India's digital transformation. The 04 pillars of Digital India:

1. **Cost of Devices** – In the year 2014 there were 02 mobile manufacturing units in the country, whereas,

@Jagat Prakash Nadda

PM Shri Narendra Modi Ji launched #5Gservices in our country today. This is a historic day for India which will provide numerous economic & societal benefits in the long run, with its transformational potential being truly immense across different fronts.

\$450 billion is expected to be gained by the Indian economy in between 2023 and 2040 as a direct result of 5G. It'll help the country overcome barriers to development, spur innovations through start-ups & businesses and will advance our Hon. PM's vision of a '#DigitalIndia'.

- presently there are 200 manufacturing units. India is now at second position in the world for manufacturing of mobile and is also a large exporter of mobiles.
2. **Digital Connectivity** – Country has made a huge progress; in 2014 there were 6 cr Broadband users which has now increased to 80 crore users. Now more than 1,70,000 GPs in the country are connected with OFC. Internet users in the rural areas of the country are growing at a faster rate than the urban area.
 3. **Cost of Data** – The cost of data has reduced from Rs. 300 per GB in 2014 to Rs. 10 per GB in 2022.
 4. **Idea of Digital First** – Rural India is fast adopting the digital technologies and internet in their daily lives.

The Prime Minister exhorted Central Ministries, State Governments and private sector to tap various 5G use cases to enhance citizen services. PM Shri Modi also visited the various pavilions of TSPs, Industries and Startups. ■

A SPECIAL MOMENT FOR THE COLLECTIVE RESOLVE OF 130 CRORE INDIANS: PM

INDIGENOUSLY DEVELOPED LCH 'PRACHANDA' INDUCTED INTO INDIAN AIR FORCE

In a big boost to Aatmanirbharatha in Defence, Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh on 3 October presided over the formal induction of Light Combat Helicopter (LCH), designed and developed by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), into the Indian Air Force (IAF) in Jodhpur. Naming LCH as "Prachanda", Raksha Mantri said that its induction comes during the Amrit kal when the Nation is celebrating Azadi ka Amrit Mahostav and a pointer to the future when IAF will be the top most force in the world, as also making the country fully AtmaNirbhar in Defence production requirements. Raksha Mantri also took a sortie onboard the LCH shortly after its induction into IAF.

In his address, Shri Rajnath Singh praised role of IAF in meeting internal as well as

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi congratulated every Indian on induction of LCH 'Prachanda' in defence forces.

Quoting a tweet from Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh, the Prime Minister tweeted: "The induction of LCH 'Prachanda' is a special moment for the collective resolve of 130 crore Indians to make our nation strong and self-reliant in the defence sector. Congratulations to every Indian!"



external threats to the country since independence. He added that the induction of LCH, with its tremendous power and versatility, not only enhances the combat capabilities of IAF but is also a big step towards self-reliance in defense production, as envisioned by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

Raksha Mantri noted that the LCH meets the requirements of

modern warfare and necessary quality parameters under varied conditions of operations. It is capable of self-protection, of carrying a wide variety of ammunition, and delivering it to the field quickly. This versatile helicopter perfectly meets the needs of our armed forces in various terrains and as such LCH is an ideal platform for both our Army and Air Force, he added.



The LCH is the first indigenous Multi-Role Combat Helicopter designed and manufactured by HAL. It has potent ground attack and aerial combat capability. Inducted in IAF's newly raised No. 143 Helicopter Unit, it is a testimony to India's growing prowess in indigenous design, development & manufacturing and a significant milestone in the path towards 'Atmanirbharta' in Defence. The helicopter possesses modern stealth characteristics, robust armour protection and formidable night attack capability. Onboard advanced navigation system, guns tailored for close combat and potent air to air missiles make the LCH especially suited for the modern battlefield. Capable of operating from high altitude terrain and carrying out precision strike at high altitude targets, the helicopter is a formidable addition to IAF's arsenal. ■

'SEWA PAKHWADA' CONCLUDES

During the 'Sewa Pakhwada' that ended on October 2, BJP karyakarts enthusiastically ensured their participation in various events which mainly included blood donation camps, free health check-up camps, providing artificial limbs and equipment to the divyang persons and adoption of TB patients



BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda launched 'Sewa Pakhwada' on September 17, the birthday of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, under which the party organised various seva programmes across the country. During the 'Sewa Pakhwada' that ended on October 2, BJP karyakarts enthusiastically ensured their participation in various events held during the pakhwada, which mainly included blood donation camps, free health check-up camps, providing artificial limbs and equipment to the divyang persons and adoption of TB patients. Under constructive seva karya, cleanliness campaign, plantation drive, dialogue for water conservation and 'Vocal for Local' campaigns were carried out at district and mandal level. In addition to this, a number of locations hosted photo exhibitions tracing Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's life journey.

SEWA KARYAKRAM

During Sewa Pakhwada, blood donation camps were organised at 2,572 places across the country, in which 1,84,421 units of blood were collected. Talking about health check-up camps, a total of 5,520 such camps were organized, in which 6,00,733 persons were examined free of cost. At the same time, 25,834 TB patients were adopted by party karyakarts under

EVENTS ORGANISED DURING 'SEWA PAKHWADA'

(17 September to 2 October, 2022)

Blood Donation Camps	2,572
Units of Blood Collected	1,84,421
Free Health Checkup Camps	5,520
Person Examined	6,00,733
TB patients adopted	25,834
Programs organised for Diyang persons	476
Artificial limbs and other useful devices provided	48,646
Cleanliness Drive carried out	21,738
Amrit Lakes cleaned	8,241
Sapling Planted	23,81,070
Water Conservation Interaction carried out	9,63,067
'Unity in Diversity' programme	1,253
Photo Exhibitions	1,777
Modi @ 20 book stalls	1,374

KEY POINTS OF SEWA PAKHWADA

- The maximum number of 2,93,047 greeting letters were sent to the Prime Minister from Uttar Pradesh.
- The highest number of blood units collected in the blood donation camps conducted in the country was from Rajasthan with 32,864 units, followed by Gujarat with 26,553 units, Uttar Pradesh with 24,410 units, and Karnataka with 17,758 units.
- A maximum of 15,32,146 saplings were planted in Madhya Pradesh.
- Hemoglobin checkup of 74,248 girls (age 12–20) was done at 743 places in Gujarat and 2,500 Mahila Morcha workers of the state cleaned 66 kms of seashore.
- A total of 9,946 TB patients were adopted in Uttar Pradesh.
- Under Swachhata Abhiyan, a total of 3,24,113 BJP karyakarts bestow their efforts in various service works across the country.
- 'Unity in Diversity' programmes were organised at 273 places in Rajasthan and 168 in Karnataka.
- Under Sewa Pakhwada, a digital exhibition based on the personality and work of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi was published on the social media pages of 32 states.

this ambitious program of the party. The karyakarts will take care of the needs of these patients during the coming year and will make every effort to meet them. During the sewa karyakram, the party karyakarts visited a total of 2,78,552 immunisation centres and performed Sewa Karya there.

Programs were also organised for the Diyang persons at 476 places, in which 48,646 persons with disabilities were provided with artificial limbs and other useful devices.

CONSTRUCTIVE SEWA KARYAKRAM

Taking forward the dream of 'Clean India' of

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, party karyakarts carried out a cleanliness drive at a total of 21,738 sites. During the drive 8,241 lakes were cleaned and 3,24,113 karyakarts bestowed their efforts to make the cleanliness campaign a success. To increase awareness about the environment, party karyakarts planted a total of 23,81,070 saplings and 4,86,290 planters were appointed for their protection. Apart from this, party karyakarts visited 9,63,067 houses to create awareness about water conservation, interacted with the people and made citizens aware of the benefits of water conservation.

Giving impetus to constructive sewa karyakram, programmes like 'Unity in Diversity' were celebrated at 1,253 places. Promoting the Prime Minister's effort, 'Vocal for Local' to make the country self-reliant, 53,760 office bearers of the party purchased local products at the district/mandal level.

EXHIBITIONS AND OTHER EVENTS

Across the country, 1,777 exhibitions were organised giving a glimpse of the personality and work of the Prime Minister, during which the presence of 8,09,535 people was recorded in these exhibitions. In order to make the famous book, Modi @ 20—based on the life of the Prime Minister easily accessible to the citizens, stalls for this book were set up at 1,374 places across the country. During the Sewa Pakhwada, 2,462 intellectual conferences were organised and 1,68,846 intellectuals presented their views in these conferences. During the entire sewa pakhwada, a total of 8,36,875 greetings and congratulatory messages were sent to the Prime Minister from across the country. ■

(Based on the Data received from various states as on 08 October, 2022)

ORGANISATIONAL APPOINTMENT

BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda appointed Dr. Dilip Kumar Jaiswal, MLC as the state in-charge of Sikkim on 3 October, 2022. As per the release this appointment came into effect immediately. ■



ODISHA

'BJD IS MIRED IN RAMPANT CORRUPTION'

On a two-day visit to Odisha Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri JP Nadda reached Bhubaneswar on 29 September, 2022 where he was accorded a grand welcome by party Karyakartas and senior party leaders. A magnificent bike rally was taken out by thousands of Karyakartas in his honour from Airport to State BJP Office. Shri Nadda addressed a huge Karyakarta Sammelan in Bhubaneswar and interacted with state party office bearers, MPs, MLAs, district presidents and district in-charges in the state BJP office.

Shri JP Nadda began his second-day Pravas by offering prayers at Shri Jagannath Temple in Puri and reviewed the party's poll preparedness for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. He paid homage to the late deputy leader of the Odisha Legislative Assembly, Shri Bishnu Sethi, and met his family members at Tihidi in Bhadrak. He also participated in several programmes in Cuttack

and a booth Sammelan in Bhubaneswar. Union Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, State BJP President Shri Samir Mohanty and other senior leaders of the party were present during these programmes.

Addressing the Karyakarta Sammelan, Shri JP Nadda said the BJD is mired in rampant corruption and unable to deliver during its 23 years rule in Odisha. He called upon the people of Odisha to overthrow the Naveen Patnaik government in 2024 and bring a double engine BJP government in the state. Shri Nadda asked party Karyakartas to work for a 'BJD-mukt Odisha'.

Shri Nadda also criticized the state government for re-branding the schemes of the Central government like the PM housing scheme as its own - Biju Pucca Ghar Yojana. "One person is facilitating houses but the credit is being taken by another," he said.

The BJP National President said, BJP is the biggest political party in the world and it is an



ideology-based national party.

He further said the Modi Government has taken several initiatives for the development of the state by setting up institutions like AIIMS, IIM, IISER, NISER and many medical colleges. The Central Government has also taken steps for providing safe drinking water, power supply, pucca houses, toilets, etc. for the people of Odisha, he added.

Later, the BJP National President attended an inauguration programme of a 100-bed hospital at Swami Vivekanand National Institute of Rehabilitation Training and Research in Cuttack. ■

KERALA

'RAMPANT CORRUPTION AND LAWLESSNESS IN KERALA'

Hitting out at the CPI(M) government in Kerala for rampant corruption and lawlessness in the state, BJP National President Shri JP Nadda said, "The present CPI(M) government in the state is trying to create a situation where the government will be in a debt trap; debt almost doubled now. Even the CM's office is not out of the frame of corruption. The heat of the gold scam has even reached the CM's office."

Addressing BJP workers in Kottayam on 25 September 2022, Shri Nadda said lawlessness is there, fringe elements are on the rise. Our workers have been murdered. I salute my workers who have been working day and night despite all these and are going forward. In a democracy, there is no place for violence, Shri Nadda added.

Shri Nadda also remembered Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya on his Jayanti and said, "He is our

LISTENS 'MANN KI BAAT' AT CHENGAMANAD, ALUVA

BJP National President listened to PM's monthly radio programme 'Mann ki Baat' along with BJP karyakartas at Chengamanad, Aluva in Kerala. He also directed party workers to hold meetings after collectively listening to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's 'Mann ki Baat' at the booth level.

He also said that in 93 episodes of 'Mann ki Baat' since 2014, PM Shri Modi has never talked about political issues and only referred to social, cultural, environmental and cleanliness issues, inspiring stories of citizens, sports persons, etc.



ideologue and propagator of 'Integral Humanism'.

During his Pravas the BJP National President took part in several public programmes and organisational meetings of the party in Tiruchirappalli, Kottayam and Thiruvananthapuram. He also inaugurated the newly built BJP district offices and addressed party workers. In Kottayam, he participated in an interaction with beneficiaries of central government schemes and visited the Sreenarayana Guru Pilgrimage centre.

Shri Nadda also met Mar Joseph Perumthottam, Archbishop of Changanassery diocese of the Syro-Malabar Church and Mar Mathew Moolakkattu, Archbishop of the Kottayam diocese of the Knanaya Church, on 25 September at the Knanaya Church's Educity campus at Thellakom in Kottayam.

Union Minister Shri V Muraleedharan, BJP Kerala Prabhari Shri Prakash Javadekar, BJP state President Shri K Surendran and others also accompanied Shri Nadda during his Pravas. ■

HIMACHAL PRADESH

WORK FOR 'MISSION REPEAT' IN UPCOMING HIMACHAL ELECTIONS

Addressing the party karyakartas in Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh, BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda on 02 October, 2022 said he is ready for the 'Mission Repeat' in 2022 Assembly elections in the state. The meeting was presided over by BJP state President Shri Suresh Kumar Kashyap. BJP National Vice-President Shri Saudan Singh, Union Minister Shri Anurag Thakur, Chief Minister Shri Jai Ram Thakur, state in-charge Shri Avinash Rai Khanna, and others were also present in the meeting.

ADOPT SWADESHI

Shri JP Nadda also exhorted



party workers to adopt Swadeshi and purchase Khadi during the Khadi Pakhwara. To set an example on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, Shri Nadda purchased five meters of Khadi cloth from a Khadi shop located at Gandhi Chowk. Shri Nadda said that Khadi Village Industries is doing a big business of 1.15 lakh crore in the country.

This is possible only because of the massive efforts of the Prime Minister, who inspired the general public to use it, he added.

BJP National President also credited Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for ensuring the all-round development of Himachal Pradesh. He said both the BJP governments at the Centre and in the state had done development.

Just before the inauguration by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Shri Nadda visited AIIMS Bilaspur and reviewed the ongoing works there. Shri JP Nadda along with Himachal CM Shri Jai Ram Thakur and Union Minister Shri Anurag Thakur addressed a gathering in Bilaspur. ■

PM Narendra Modi stands for 'Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas': Amit Shah

Union Home & Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah reached Jammu on 03 October, 2022 on a three-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir. During his visit, Shri Shah addressed two rallies- one in Rajouri district of Jammu region on 04 October and another in Baramulla in north Kashmir on 05 October.

The Union Home Minister wound up his visit with a clear message that the union government led by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi stands for 'Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas' irrespective of caste, creed or religion. Shri Amit Shah said reaching out to all the communities was an indication that the Government of India believes in equality for all and that no one will be left out.

The people giving rousing reception in Rajouri and Baramulla is ample proof of the fact that common men in Jammu and Kashmir has supported all the steps that have been taken by the Modi government at the centre during the past three years, he added. Shri Shah also visited Shri Mata Vaishno Devi shrine in Jammu and Chattipadshai Gurdwara in Srinagar.

RAJOURI RALLY Era of Discrimination Ended

Addressing a massive rally in Rajouri, the Union Home Minister assured the Gujjars, Bakarwals and Paharis that the era of discrimination has ended and they would get their due share in jobs and other sectors soon.

He termed the turning of Kashmir from a "terrorist spot" into a "tourist spot" as one of the major achievements of Modi government and assured the people that J&K will keep on flourishing under PM Shri Modi's leadership.

The Union Home Minister had come to Jammu and Kashmir to tell the people that the government is aware of their needs and stands by them in all their endeavors. His assertion that laptops have replaced stones and strike culture has ended in Kashmir was a snub to all such leaders, who used to claim that Kashmir would burn once Article 370--a temporary provision in the Constitution--is abrogated.

Since August 5, 2019, when Article 370, was abrogated Kashmir has neither witnessed shutdowns



nor stone-pelting incidents or protests. A common man has been able to perform his daily chores without any disruptions.

BARAMULLA RALLY Wipe Out Terrorism

Speaking to the people at a huge rally in Baramulla Shri Shah reiterated that no talks will be held with Pakistan and directed the security forces to wipe out terrorism completely from the Himalayan region. Shri Shah sent a clear message that J&K is a priority for the Centre and leaders of political parties, who ruled J&K for the last 70 years, can no longer dictate terms to New Delhi, nor can they hoodwink the innocent people of J&K as the times have changed.

He announced that assembly elections in the Union Territory would be held as soon as the electoral rolls are finalized. Shri Amit Shah urged the misguided local youth to lay down arms and join the national mainstream and choose life over death.

Reservation for Gujjar, Bakarwal and Pahari

After the abrogation of Article 370, the process for reservation has been cleared. Justice Sharma's commission has sent the report and recommended reservation for Gujjar, Bakarwal, and Pahari communities and it will be given soon," said Shri Amit Shah while addressing the rally.

Visits the grave of a martyred policeman

He visited the grave of a martyred policeman, Shri Mudasir Sheikh, and paid floral tributes to him.



He met his family members and assured them that they would be provided all the possible support and assistance and that the entire nation stood with them. Shri Mudasir had laid down his life while fighting three Pakistani terrorists in a counter-insurgency operation in Baramulla in May this year.

It was not the first time that the Union Home Minister visited the family of a martyred policeman in Kashmir, whenever Shri Shah has toured the Valley he has reached out to the families of martyrs and expressed solidarity with them. His commitment toward martyrs has strengthened the resolve of Jammu and Kashmir Police personnel to fight terrorism more vigorously and has encouraged them to take the fight against terrorism to its logical end. On the occasion, the Union Home

Minister has given clear-cut instructions to the security forces to go after the terrorists and their supporters but has made it clear that no innocent should be harassed or even touched.

Development of J&K

The Home Minister launched and laid the foundation stones of projects worth Rs 2000 crore in Kashmir and Rs 1900 crore in the Jammu region. He said the development projects that were left incomplete by the erstwhile regimes in Jammu and Kashmir have been completed and many new projects have either been dedicated to people or are nearing completion.

As of date, the electricity has reached every village of J&K and consumers are getting power 24x7. For them, the dream of getting electricity round the clock has come true, Shri Shah added.

Upliftment of weaker sections

Shri Shah said the weaker sections of the society who remained deprived of their rights for seven long decades due to the politics played by the former political parties have been provided with multiple benefits. J&K youth, who were lured by the separatists and terrorists, have been provided with all the opportunities to excel in their lives and choose a career through which they can earn their living. ■

GUJARAT VISIT

'PM Modi implements many schemes to double farmers' income'

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah's two-day visit to Gujarat starts from 26 September, 2022 where he participated in a host of programmes including a 'Kisan Sammelan' in Ahmedabad. Gujarat Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel was also present on the occasion.

Addressing the Kisan Sammelan in Ahmedabad, the Union Home Minister said since many years 164 villages of this region have been deprived of a complete irrigation system, but today, under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the Government of Gujarat has included these villages of Fatewadi, Kharicat and Nalkantha region under 'Narmada Command Area' to eliminate the problems in irrigation.

He said the previous governments had stopped the Narmada scheme in 1964 based on one or another excuse, but when Shri Narendra Modi became the Chief

Minister of Gujarat, he first worked as the Bhagirath of Gujarat to implement the Narmada scheme.

ADOPT NATURAL FARMING

Shri Shah said that the Prime Minister has implemented many schemes to double the income of farmers in the last eight years. Agricultural insurance has been made scientific, attractive and easier for the common people so they can use it. Every year, PM Shri Narendra Modi has made arrangements to directly deposit Rs.6,000 in the bank accounts of farmers. These steps have ensured the economic development of farmers in the country.

Shri Shah said more than three lakh farmers in Gujarat have adopted natural farming during last some years. He also requested all the farmers to adopt natural farming in the state. ■

CENTRE EXTENDS PRADHAN MANTRI GARIB KALYAN ANN YOJANA (PMGKAY) FOR ANOTHER THREE MONTHS

In pursuance of the pro-people announcement made by Prime Minister in 2021 and successful implementation of additional food security under PMGKAY, the Union Cabinet has approved the extension for the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY-Phase VII) for a further period of 3 months i.e. October to December 2022.

Extension of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana (PMGKAY)
Cabinet approves extension of PMGKAY for another three months (October 2022–December 2022)

- Free good grains at **5 kg per person per month** for all the beneficiaries of NFSA
- Phase VII entails an estimated subsidy of **Rs. 44,762 Crore**
- The total outgo of foodgrains is expected to **122 LMT**

At a time when the world is battling with the effects of Covid on its decline and insecurity due to various reasons, India has been successfully maintaining food security for its vulnerable sections while taking necessary steps to keep availability and affordability for common man.

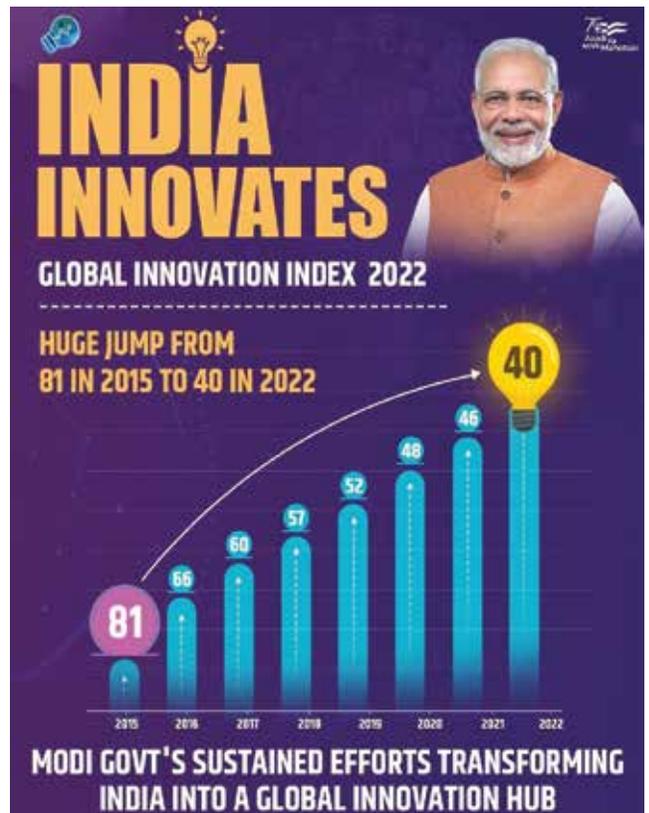
Recognising that people have gone through a difficult period of pandemic, Govt has decided to extend PMGKAY for a period of three months so that poor and vulnerable sections of society are supported for the forthcoming major festivals like Navratri, Dussehra, Milad-un-nabi, Deepawali, Chhath pooja, Gurunanak dev Jayanti, Christmas, etc. which they can celebrate with great gaiety and community for festivities. With a view to ensuring

this, Govt. has approved this extension of PMGKAY for three months, so that they continue to enjoy the benefits of easy availability of foodgrains without any financial distress.

Under this welfare scheme, 5 kg of food grain per person per month is provided free of cost for all the beneficiaries covered under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) [Antodaya Anna Yojana & Priority Households] including those covered under Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT). ■

INDIA CLIMBS TO 40TH RANK IN THE GLOBAL INNOVATION INDEX

India Innovating Like Never Before. India climbs to the 40th rank in the Global Innovation Index of WIPO, a huge leap of 41 places in 7 years.



The steady rise testifies that India under the leadership of PM Shri Narendra Modi is rapidly emerging as a global innovation hub.

PM Shri Narendra Modi in his message on 29 September 2022 said, "Innovation is the buzzword across India. Proud of our innovators. We've come a long way and want to scale even newer heights". ■

1,47,686 CRORE GROSS GST REVENUE COLLECTED IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2022

The gross GST revenue collected in the month of September 2022 is Rs. 1,47,686 crore of which CGST is Rs. 25,271 crore, SGST is Rs. 31,813 crore, IGST is Rs. 80,464 crore (including Rs. 41,215 crore collected on import of goods) and Cess is Rs. 10,137 crore (including Rs. 856 crore collected on import of goods).



The government has settled Rs. 31,880 crore to CGST and Rs. 27,403 crore to SGST from IGST as regular settlement. The total revenue of Centre and the States after regular settlements in the month of September 2022 is Rs. 57,151 crore for CGST and Rs. 59,216 crore for the SGST.

The revenues for the month of September 2022 are 26% higher than the GST revenues in the same month last year. During the month, revenues from import of goods was 39% higher and the revenues from domestic transaction (including import of services) are 22% higher than the revenues from these sources during the same month last year. ■

DURING THIS FESTIVE SEASON, INDIAN RAILWAYS NOTIFIES 179 SPECIAL SERVICES (IN PAIRS) TO ENSURE SMOOTH AND COMFORTABLE TRAVEL OF THE PASSENGERS

In this ongoing festive season, for the convenience of rail travelers and to clear extra rush of passengers, Indian Railways is running 2269 trips of 179 special trains (in pairs) till Chhath Puja this year. Special Trains have been planned to connect major destinations across the country on railway routes like Delhi- Patna, Delhi- Bhagalpur, Delhi-Muzaffarpur, Delhi-Saharsa etc. Crowd controlling measures by forming queue at the terminus stations under the supervision of RPF staff for orderly entry of passengers in unreserved coaches is being ensured. Additional RPF personnel have been deployed at major stations to ensure security of passengers. Officers are deployed on Emergency Duty at major stations to ensure smooth running of trains. Staff are deployed in various sections to attend any disruption of train service on priority. ■

INDIA EMERGES AS WORLD'S LARGEST PRODUCER AND 2ND LARGEST EXPORTER OF SUGAR

In Sugar Season (Oct-Sep) 2021-22, a record of more than 5000 Lakh Metric Tons (LMT) sugarcane was produced in the country out of which about 3574 LMT of sugarcane was crushed by sugar mills to produce about 394 LMT of sugar (Sucrose). Out of this, 35 LMT sugar was diverted to ethanol production and 359 LMT sugar was produced by sugar mills. With this, India has emerged as the world's largest producer and consumer of sugar as well as the world's 2nd largest exporter of sugar.

The season has proven to be a watershed season for Indian Sugar Sector. All records of sugarcane production, sugar production, sugar exports, cane procured, cane dues paid and ethanol production were made during the season.

Another shining highlight of the season is the highest exports of about 109.8 LMT that too with no financial assistance which was being extended upto 2020-21. Supportive international prices and Indian Government Policy led to this feat of Indian Sugar Industry. These exports earned foreign currency of about Rs. 40,000 crores for the country.

During SS 2021-22, sugar mills procured sugarcane worth more than 1.18 lakh crore and released payment of more than 1.12 lakh crore with no financial assistance (subsidy) from Government of India. Thus, cane dues at the end of sugar season are less than Rs. 6,000 crore indicating that 95% of cane dues have already been cleared. It is also noteworthy that for SS 2020-21, more than 99.9% cane dues are cleared.

Government has been encouraging sugar mills to divert sugar to ethanol and also to export surplus sugar so that sugar mills may make payment of cane dues to farmers in time and also mills may have better financial conditions to continue their operations. ■

INDIA'S FEMALE IMR DROPS TO SAME LEVEL AS MALES'

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 4 October has lauded the collective commitments of 130 crore Indians to strengthen Nari Shakti in India. Quoting a tweet by Union Minister of Women and Child Development, Smt Smriti Irani on India registering decline in female infant mortality rate, the Prime Minister tweeted; "This is a great sign, reflective

of the collective commitment of 130 crore Indians to strengthen our Nari Shakti.”

Recently released UN's report on IMR India saw its male and female infant mortality rate (IMR) equalise in 2020. In 16 states, IMR remained higher for female babies than males, but the gap had reduced since 2011. Infant mortality rate is the number of infant deaths for every 1,000 live births.

In rural India, though the gap had reduced, female IMR remained marginally higher than male IMR. However, in urban India, where the gap between male and female IMR was higher in 2011, the female IMR fell below that of males by 2020. UN data for 2020 shows that among countries where the IMR was above 20, India was the only one where male and female IMR were almost the same. In every other case, male IMR was higher than female IMR by 2 points. The only other countries where the gap between male and female IMRs was one or less were those where infant mortality has been reduced to single-digit levels. Union Minister for Women and Child development Smt. Smriti Irani commenting on the report said, India registers decline in female infant mortality rate. Efforts towards #BetiBachaoBetiPadhao through an integrated approach encompassing advocacy, healthcare & education is breaking the gender bias & resulting in improved numbers across all parameters. ■

INDIA'S MERCHANDISE EXPORT IN APRIL -SEPTEMBER 2022-23 WAS USD 229.05 BILLION WITH AN INCREASE OF 15.54%

India's merchandise export in April -September 2022-23 was USD 229.05 billion with an increase of 15.54% over USD 198.25 billion in April -September 2021-22.

India's merchandise import in September 2022 was USD 59.35 billion, an increase of 5.44% over USD 56.29 billion in September 2021. India's merchandise imports in April -September 2022-23 was USD 378.53 billion with an increase of 37.89% over USD 274.5 billion in April -September 2021-22.

The trade deficit in September 2022 was USD 26.72 billion, while it was 149.47 billion USD during April -September 2022-23. The trade deficit in

September 2022 was an improvement over trade deficit of USD 28.68 Billion in August 2022. ■

NTPC ACHIEVES OVER 15.1% GROWTH IN GENERATION IN THE FIRST HALF OF FY 23

NTPC group companies recorded a generation of 203.5 BU from April to September 2022, registering an increase of 15.1% from 176.8 BU generated in April to September 2021. The high generation growth indicates improved performance and an increase in demand for power in the current year.

NTPC Rihand (3000 MW) in Uttar Pradesh is the top performing thermal power plant with 90.22% Plant Load Factor (PLF) between April to September 2022. Overall Plant Load Factor of NTPC Coal stations was 76.3% from April to September 2022, a testimony to the high levels of operational excellence and the expertise of NTPC in Operation and Maintenance of the power plants.

Besides power generation, NTPC has diversified into producing energy through cleaner and greener sources such as hydro, wind and solar and also Green Hydrogen solutions. The power major has also forayed into a variety of business areas including fuel cells, e-mobility and Waste-to-Energy. ■

PM'S SCHEME FOR MENTORING YOUNG AUTHORS – YUVA 2.0 – LAUNCHED

The Ministry of Education, Department of Higher Education on 2 October launched YUVA 2.0 - Prime Minister's Scheme for Mentoring Young Authors, an Author Mentorship programme to train young and budding authors (below 30 years of age) in order to promote reading, writing and book culture in the country, and project India and Indian writings globally. In view of the significant impact of the first edition of YUVA with large scale participation from young and budding authors in 22 different Indian languages and English, YUVA 2.0 is now being launched.

The launch of YUVA 2.0 (Young, Upcoming and Versatile Authors) is in tune with the Prime Minister's vision to encourage the youth to understand and appreciate India's democracy. ■

GOVERNMENT NOTIFIES CREDIT GUARANTEE SCHEME FOR STARTUPS

The government has notified the credit guarantee scheme for startups to provide them collateral-free loans up to a specified limit. In a notification, the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) said that loan facilities sanctioned to an eligible borrower on or after 6 October, 2022 would be eligible for coverage under the scheme.

"The Central Government has approved the 'Credit Guarantee Scheme for Startups (CGSS) for the purpose of providing credit guarantees to loans extended by member institutions (MIs) to finance eligible borrowers being startups," it said.

This scheme would help provide the much-needed collateral-free debt funding to



startups, it added.

MIs include financial intermediaries (banks, financial institutions, NBFCs, AIFs) engaged in lending, investing and conforming to the eligibility criteria approved under the Scheme.

Recognised startups that have reached the stage of stable revenue stream, as assessed from audited monthly statements over a 12-month period, amenable to debt financing; and startups that are not in default to any lending,

or investing institution and not classified as a non-performing asset as per RBI guidelines, are eligible to avail benefits of this scheme.

Maximum guarantee cover per borrower shall not exceed Rs 10 crore. The credit facility being covered here should not have been covered under any other guarantee scheme, the Department said.

For the purpose of this scheme, trust or fund would be set up by the government of India with the purpose of guaranteeing payment against default in loans or debt extended to eligible borrowers, managed by the Board of National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Ltd as the Trustee of the Fund. ■

DIRECT TAX COLLECTION REGISTERS 23.8% GROWTH

Direct Tax collections up to 8th October, 2022 show that gross collections are at Rs. 8.98 lakh crore which is 23.8% higher than the gross collections for



the corresponding period of last year. Direct Tax collection, net of refunds, stands at Rs. 7.45 lakh crore which is 16.3% higher than the net collections for the corresponding period of last year. This collection is 52.46% of the total Budget Estimates of Direct Taxes for F. Y. 2022-23.

So far as the growth rate for Corporate Income Tax (CIT) and Personal Income Tax (PIT) in terms of gross revenue collections is concerned, the growth rate for CIT is 16.73% while that for PIT (including STT) is 32.30%. After adjustment of refunds, the net growth in CIT collections is 16.29% and that in PIT collections is 17.35% (PIT only)/16.25% (PIT

including STT).

Refunds amounting to Rs.1.53 lakh crore have been issued during the period 1st April, 2022 to 8th October 2022, which are 81.0% higher than refunds issued during the same period in the preceding year. ■

Rail-cum-Road Bridge across Brahmaputra river at Guwahati approved at cost of 996.75 Cr

Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Shri Nitin Gadkari on 28 September said furthering Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of Gati Shakti, the project for Rail-cum-Road Bridge across Brahmaputra river near the existing Saraighat bridge at Guwahati has been approved at the cost of Rs. 996.75 Crore which will be shared by NHAI & Ministry of Railways. He said the cost of approaches/viaducts Rs. 322 Crore will be entirely built by NHAI.

Shri Gadkari said the bridge would connect north bank of Assam to south bank i.e. Guwahati across Brahmaputra river, he added. ■

ECONOMIC STRUCTURE SUITED TO NATIONAL GENIUS



By Pt. Deendyal Upadhyaya

In our ancient literature, wherever the duties of a king are referred to, his importance is definitely recognised. This is so, perhaps, to make him realise his immense responsibility

Yesterday we had discussed the functions of the State in a Nation. According to the Bharatiya traditions, a Nation is an organic living entity which has come into existence on its own and has not been made up of, or created by, any group of persons. A Nation brings forth a variety of institutions to fulfil its needs, as well as to give concrete shape to its inner fundamental nature. The State is one of these institutions, which, though an important institution, is not supreme.

In our ancient literature, wherever the duties of a king are referred to, his importance is definitely recognised. This is so, perhaps, to make him realise his immense responsibility. He exercises tremendous influence on the lives and character of the people. Hence, he has to give due attention to his own behaviour. Bhishma has said the same thing in the Mahabharata, when he was asked whether circumstances make a king, or a King makes the circumstances. He categorically stated that the King shapes the circumstances. Now some persons interpreted this to mean that he considered the king above all. But this is not true.

He did not suggest that the

king was above Dharma. It is true that the king wielded a great deal of influence, and that he was a protector of Dharma in society, but the king could be what constitutes Dharma. He only saw to it that People led their lives according to



Dharma. In a way, he was equivalent to the present day executive.

RESPONSIBILITY OF THE EXECUTIVE

In a modern state, the executive has the responsibility to execute the laws properly, but it does not enact laws. When the executive does not function with honesty and efficiency, the laws are entirely disregarded, as we may well see around us. And we can well say today, "Executive is responsible for

the present evils to a great extent". After all why has prohibition failed? Who is responsible for its failure? When those very persons, who have been entrusted with the task of implementing prohibition, start taking monthly pay-offs from the bootleggers, how will the prohibition policy succeed? The executive is therefore, responsible for the proper enforcement of the law. This is the meaning of Bhishma's statement. It would be a mistake to interpret it as an acceptance of proven supremacy of a king. If this were so, how was it that the tyrant king Vena was removed by the Rishis and Prithu enthroned in his place? This action by the Rishis was never condemned by anyone in history. On the contrary, it was hailed by everyone. When the supremacy of Dharma is accepted as a principle, then through the authority of Dharma, the Rishis derive a right to remove a king who defaults in his duty. Otherwise, it would have been absolutely illegal to remove a king from his throne. Thus, if a king does not act according to Dharma, it becomes the duty of everyone to remove him. In Western countries, either a king was removed by some other king, or people rejected the sovereignty of the king altogether. Their king

was a representative of God and could under no circumstances be removed at least in principle.

VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS IN THE SOCIAL SET UP

In Our socio-political set up, the king and the State were never considered supreme. Not only that, there were other important institutions (besides the State, which was only one of them) to regulate and to help carry on the social life. Those institutions had been organised both on a horizontal and vertical level, i.e. on regional and occupational basis. We had evolved Panchayats and Janapada Sabhas. The mightiest of the kings did not ever disturb the Panchayats. Similarly, there were associations on the basis of trade. These two were never disturbed by the State; on the contrary, their autonomy was recognised. They devised their own rules and regulations in their fields. The Panchayats of different communities, shrenis, nigams, Village Panchayats, Janapada Sabhas and other such organisations, used to frame their own rules and regulations. The function of the State was mostly to see that these rules were observed by the persons concerned. The State never interfered with the affairs of these associations. Thus, the State was concerned only with some aspects of the life of the society.

Similarly, in the economic field, many institutions are created. We have to think what should be the nature of our economic structure. We must have such an economic system that helps in the development of our humane

qualities or civilisation, and enables us to attain a still higher level of all round perfection. We should have a system which does not overwhelm our humane quality, which does not make us slaves of its own grinding wheels. According to our concept, man attains God-like perfection as a result of development. Therefore, we have to devise such an economic system, to create such infrastructure and to frame such regulations, in which and by which, the inherent potentialities of man may find their highest fulfilment. Let us consider this point.

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LIMITATION OF ECONOMIC SYSTEM

An economic system must achieve the production of all the basic things essential for the maintenance and development of the people, as well as the protection and development of the Nation. Having satisfied the basic minimum requirements, the question naturally arises whether there should be more production for greater prosperity and happiness. Western societies consider it most essential, and even desirable, to go on continuously and systematically increasing the desires and needs of man. There is no upper limit

in this context. Normally, desire precedes the effort to produce the things desired. But now the position is reverse. People are induced to desire and use the things that have been or are being produced. Instead of producing to meet the demand, the search is on for markets for the goods already produced. If the demand does not exist, systematic efforts are made to create demand. This has become the chief characteristic of the Western economic system. Earlier, production followed the demand; now demand follows the production.

Consider the use of tea, for example. Tea was not produced because people desired and wanted it. But tea was produced and we were induced to develop a taste for tea. Now tea is a common man's drink. It has become a part of our life. The case of vegetable ghee is similar. Did anyone ever want to use it? It was first produced, and then we were taught to use it. If whatever is manufactured is not consumed, there will be depression. Some of us may remember the Great Depression of 1930-32. There was abundance of goods at that time, but there was no demand. Therefore, factories had to be closed down. Bankruptcy and unemployment were widespread. Thus nowadays, it is most important that what is being produced must be consumed. ■

To be continued...

Speech delivered by Pt. Deendyal Upadhyaya on 25 April, 1965 in Mumbai

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

KIDAR NATH SAHANI

(24 OCTOBER 1926 – 3 OCTOBER 2012)

Shri Kidar Nath Sahani (24 October 1926 – 3 October 2012) was a founder member of Jana Sangh and Bharatiya Janata Party. Born in pre-independent India in Rawalpindi, he and his family moved to Delhi after the partition. He was a pracharak of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh. Later, he became governor of Sikkim (2001–02) and Goa (2002–04). We're sharing three inspirational anecdotes from his life:



Elections were scheduled in Jammu around 1948 but Sheikh Abdullah expelled Sahani Ji from Jammu and Kashmir. Sahani Ji was banned from visiting Jammu and Kashmir. He was so immensely popular that wherever he went, large crowds gathered to listen to him. An election meeting was organized near Jammu and his participation in the meeting was announced. The Jammu administration had made all preparations to prevent Sahani Ji from attending this meeting. Police were deployed at every nook and cranny of the meeting venue. There was a law that if a person reached the dais anyhow, the police could take no action until the meeting was over. Sahani Ji knew this, so he swam across the Ravi River from Punjab in the dark of the night, reached the meeting venue on foot, and somehow managed to reach the dais without being identified. He not only addressed the gathering at the venue but also slipped away later safely.

- In Delhi, Municipal Council elections around the mid 1990s Sahani Ji injured his right wrist. The injury affected his thumb that

got dislocated. He was unable to do anything with that hand and went to the hospital for treatment. Dr. Magazine examined his thumb and decided it needed surgery. He told Sahani Ji it would take time as general anesthesia would have to be administered. Operation was impossible without it, and the patient also needs to be on

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an empty stomach. Sahani Ji told the doctor not to administer anesthesia and go ahead with the operation. It being a period of elections, he did not want to lose time, as he had to address four meetings on the day. Upon his insistence, he was taken to operation theatre. There was no sign fear on his face while the

doctor was sweating. This was a unique case in Dr. Magazine's life when, even while fixing the bone, Sahani Ji did not show any feeling of pain on his face while his wife, Mrs. Vimla Devi, who was also present, fainted.

- Shanji Ji visited Kenya as Mayor of Delhi in 1973. During his visit Sahani Ji went to see a ship at Mobasa dockyard along with an Indian diplomat Mr. B. R. Sharma. The waters in that area were very dangerous. Firstly, the sea here was very deep and sure to be killed by sharks. Sahani Ji was returning with Sharma ji and others from the dockyard on a small boat when suddenly Sharma Ji slipped and fell into the sea. He even did not know how to swim. Several people were present, but no one dared to try to save Sharma Ji. Sahani Ji quickly jumped into the sea risking his own life and rescued Sharma Ji from drowning. This was widely reported in newspapers in Kenya and India. Still, when Sahani Ji was asked about it, he reacted as if he didn't do anything, whereas Sharma Ji vouched that Sahani Ji had given him a new lease of life. ■

PM MODI PAYS TRIBUTE TO MULAYAM SINGH YADAV ON HIS DEMISE

Samajwadi Party founder Shri Mulayam Singh Yadav passed away on 10 October while undergoing treatment at Medanta hospital in Gurugram. He was 82.

PM NARENDRA MODI CONDOLES THE DEMISE

The Prime Minister remarked that Shri Yadav served the people diligently and devoted his life towards popularising the ideals of Loknayak JP and Dr. Lohia. Shri Modi recalled the time when Shri Yadav was the Defence Minister and worked for a stronger India. Recalling his close association with Shri Yadav, the Prime Minister said that he always looked forward to hearing his views and also shared photographs of their meetings. The Prime Minister expressed deep grief on Shri Yadav's demise.

In a series of tweets, the Prime

Minister said; "Shri Mulayam Singh Yadav Ji was a remarkable personality. He was widely admired as a humble and grounded leader who was sensitive to people's problems. He served people diligently and devoted his life towards popularising the ideals of Loknayak JP and Dr. Lohia."

"Mulayam Singh Yadav Ji distinguished himself in UP and national politics. He was a key soldier for democracy during the Emergency. As Defence Minister, he worked for a stronger India. His Parliamentary interventions were insightful and emphasised on furthering national interest."

"I had many interactions with Mulayam Singh Yadav Ji when we served as Chief Ministers of our respective states. The close association continued and I always looked forward to hearing his views. His demise pains me.



Condolences to his family and lakhs of supporters. Om Shanti."

I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES: JP NADDA

BJP National President Shri JP Nadda also expressed grief on the demise of Samajwadi Party's Mulayam Singh Yadav. He said, "He always used to work for the people and was very popular among the public. I express my deepest condolences to his family and supporters." ■

PM MODI ATTENDS STATE FUNERAL OF FORMER PM OF JAPAN SHINZO ABE

PM Shri Narendra Modi on 27 September attended the State Funeral of former Prime Minister of Japan Shinzo Abe at the Nippon Budokan, Tokyo. Representatives from over 100 countries, including more than 20 Heads of State / Government participated in the State Funeral.

Shri Modi honoured the memory of former PM Abe, who he considered a dear friend and a great champion of India-Japan partnership. Following the State Funeral, Prime Minister had a private meeting with Mrs. Akie Abe, spouse of Late PM Abe, at the Akasaka Palace.



Prime Minister Modi conveyed his heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Abe. He recalled his fond friendship and the significant contribution made by former PM Abe in taking India-Japan relationship to new heights. Shri Modi also had a brief interaction thereafter with Prime Minister Mr. Fumio Kishida to reiterate his condolences.

He also noted the contributions of late Prime Minister Abe

in strengthening India-Japan partnership as well in conceptualizing the vision of a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific region.

The two leaders had a productive exchange of views on further deepening bilateral relations. They also discussed a number of regional and global issues. The leaders renewed their commitment towards further strengthening the India-Japan Special Strategic and Global Partnership, and in working together in the region and in various international groupings and institutions. ■

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STORY OF SELFLESS SERVICE
S. MALLIKARJUNAIAH
(26TH JUNE, 1931- 13 MARCH 2014)
YEARS ACTIVE: 1951 – 1999
LOCATION - STATE/DISTRICT –
TUMKUR, KARNATAKA

Always encouraged party members to take up the cause of poor and oppressed

Hailing from an economically humble family of agricultural labour, Shri Mallikarjunaiah zealously toured the entire state with great power and passion to build the Bharatiya Jana Sangh brick-by-brick. Shri Mallikarjunaiah had also served as the President of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh before the draconian emergency was declared. Soft-spoken, gentle, and unassuming Mallik was a personification of simplicity, a personification of humility, and the epitome of commitment and dedication to the ideology's cause. He always encouraged party members to take up the cause

of the poor and oppressed, to fight for their rights and to oppose injustice. Mr. Mallikarjunaiah has always championed the cause of party workers in party fora. One distinguishing feature that endeared him to the workers was that he never missed an opportunity to visit workers' homes, whether auspicious or inauspicious, making him extremely popular with the party cadre. He had won five consecutive Graduates' Constituency elections to the Karnataka Legislative Council, demonstrating his popularity among workers and graduate voters.

He was also unanimously elected as the Karnataka Legislative

Council's Deputy Chairman. He conducted the Upper House of the Legislature's proceedings in a professional, objective, dispassionate, and unbiased manner by being fair to all sections of house. His unwavering public service enabled him to win the Tumkur Lok Sabha seat in 1991. He was appointed as the Deputy Speaker of the Lok Sabha. His knowledge and experience as the Deputy Chairman of the Karnataka Legislative Council assisted him in carrying out the responsibilities of the Deputy Speaker of the Lok Sabha in a way that earned him great respect. ■

PM *Modi* Story



PM Modi known to follow the protocols strictly

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Prim Minister Shri Narendra Modi is known to follow the protocols and strictly abide by the rules. His dedication towards a disciplined lifestyle is exemplary. Union Minister Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal recalls one such incident from the year 2018 when the election for deputy chairman of the Rajya Sabha was in process.

It is a protocol that if PM is the

member of Rajya Sabha, he will take part in the election proceedings. But if PM is the member of Lok Sabha, then he will have to wait till the election is over. After the election, PM can enter the house and say a few words about the newly elected deputy chairman of the Rajya Sabha.

During the process of the election Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal was supposed to bring the prime minister to the House. When Meghwal went to PM's office, PM Shri Modi asked him about the proceedings of election and inform him when the process is over. So, when the election was almost getting over, Shri Meghwal asked PM Shri Modi to come along with him to Rajya Sabha. While both

were crossing the lobby, someone informed that the election process is still on. PM Shri Modi decided to wait in the lobby itself.

When the security persons saw the PM sitting in the lobby, they requested him to get inside the house. But PM refused and asked him to clarify if a member of Lok Sabha can enter Rajya Sabha while election is on. The security persons then informed him that rules say he can enter the house only if the Chair allows him to enter. Shri Modi on this replied that he will not break the rules of the House in any case.

Shri Meghwal narrates that Shri Modi's strict behaviour to follow the protocol won the hearts of all the people who were present in the lobby. ■

PM FLAGS OFF AHMEDABAD METRO RAIL PROJECT

The Prime Minister on 30 September flagged off the Ahmedabad Metro Rail project and took a metro ride from Kalupur station to Doordarshan Kendra metro station. During the ride in the Metro, Shri Modi travelled with students, sportspersons and common commuters. He interacted with them.

Vande Bharat flagged off from Gandhinagar

Shri Narendra Modi on 30 September flagged off Gandhinagar- Mumbai Vande Bharat Express at Gandhinagar station and travelled on the train from there to Kalupur Railway Station.

The Prime Minister also interacted with his co-passengers including those from the family members of Railways staff, women entrepreneurs and researchers and youngsters. He also interacted with workers, engineers and other staff who toiled to make Vande Bharat trains a shining success.

PM dedicates development projects worth 7200 cr in Ambaji

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi also laid the foundation stone and dedicated various projects worth over Rs. 7200 crores at Ambaji in Gujarat. The Prime Minister dedicated and laid the foundation stone of over 45,000 houses built under PM Awas Yojana. The Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone of Taranga Hill



PM inaugurates DREAM City at Surat

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 29 September laid the foundation stone and dedicated various projects worth more than Rs. 3400 crores in Surat. These include works for water supply, drainage projects, DREAM City, Biodiversity Park and other development works such as public infrastructure, heritage restoration, city bus / BRTS infrastructure, electric vehicle infrastructure, and joint development works by the central and state government.

– Ambaji – Abu Road New Broad Gauge Line and the development of pilgrimage facilities at Ambaji temple under PRASAD scheme.

The Prime Minister handed over keys to seven beneficiaries of various housing schemes and also launched Mukhyamantri Gaumata Poshan Yojana and handed over cheques to gaushalas. The Prime Minister also interacted with some of the housing beneficiaries via video link. ■

PM DEDICATES LATA MANGESHKAR CHOWK IN AYODHYA

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 28 September addressed the gathering on the occasion of dedication of Lata Mangeshkar Chowk in Ayodhya via video message.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister observed the birthday of the revered and affectionate idol of every Indian, Lata Didi. The Prime Minister said that when a seeker goes through rigorous sadhana, he or she experiences and feels the divine voices by the grace of Maa Chandraghanta. “Lata Ji was one such seeker of Maa Saraswati, who stunned the whole world with her divine voice. Lata Ji did sadhana, we all got the boon!”, the Prime Minister remarked. Shri Modi underlined that the huge Veena

of Maa Saraswati installed at Lata Mangeshkar Chowk in Ayodhya will become a symbol of musical practice. The Prime Minister further went on to add that the 92 white lotuses made of marble in the flowing waters of the lake in the chowk complex represent the life span of Lata Ji.

The Prime Minister congratulated the Uttar Pradesh government and Ayodhya Development Authority for this innovative effort and offered his heartfelt tributes to Lata Ji on behalf of all the countrymen. ■



Ensuring dignity of life for all is our priority: PM

PM MODI DEDICATES AIIMS BILASPUR TO THE NATION

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 5 October laid the foundation stone of around 31 km long project for four laning of the National Highway from Pinjore to Nalagarh on NH-105, worth over Rs. 1690 crore. The Prime Minister dedicated to the nation, AIIMS, Bilaspur. The Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone of the Medical Device Park at Nalagarh, which will be built at a cost of about Rs 350 crores. The Prime Minister further inaugurated the Government Hydro Engineering College at Bandla.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister greeted everyone on the auspicious occasion of Vijaya Dashmi. He said this auspicious festival will give new energy to everyone to walk on the path of the pledged 'Panch Pran' while overcoming every obstacle. He said that good fortune of getting the opportunity to be in Himachal for Vijaya Dashmi augurs well for every future victory.

The Prime Minister remarked that Bilaspur has received a double gift of health and education. He expressed gratitude to have got the opportunity to participate in the Kullu Dussehra and said that he will pray to Bhagwan Raghunath Ji for the welfare of the nation. The Prime Minister also reminisced about old times when he and his associates used to work and live in the area. He said, "I am fortunate to have been a part of Himachal Pradesh's development journey".

Remarking on the developments that have happened over the past years in Himachal Pradesh, the Prime Minister said that it is the vote of the people that are solely responsible for all the developments. He gave the credit to people's confidence in the state and the centre that has propelled all the development work.

He said that for a very long time the thinking was that facilities like education, roads, industries, hospitals are meant for big cities only. As far as

hilly areas were concerned, even the basic facilities reached there last. This, the Prime Minister said, created a huge imbalance in the development of the country. He continued, that people of Himachal Pradesh were forced to go to Chandigarh or Delhi for small issues. However, in the last 8 years, the double-engine government changed all that. The Prime Minister said that today Himachal Pradesh is equipped with Central universities like IIT, IIM and IIIT. Shri Modi further added that AIIMS, Bilaspur being the apex of medical education in India will add to the glory of Bilaspur. "In the last eight years, Himachal Pradesh has scaled new heights of development", the Prime Minister added.



The Prime Minister highlighted the changed style of functioning in the government as now foundation stones are laid with a clear timeline of dedication of projects.

Talking about the contribution of Himachal Pradesh to

nation-building, the Prime Minister informed that the state plays a crucial role in 'Rashtra Raksha', and now with the newly inaugurated AIIMS at Bilaspur, it will also play pivotal role in 'Jeevan Raksha'. The Prime Minister complimented the Health Ministry and the state government for timely completion despite the challenge of the pandemic.

The Prime Minister observed that it is a moment of pride for the people of Himachal Pradesh as it is one of the three states that have been selected for the Bulk Drugs Park. Himachal Pradesh is also one of the four states that have been selected for Medical Devices Park and the Nalagarh Medical Device Park is part of this. "This is the land of the brave and I am indebted to this land", the Prime Minister said.

Highlighting the medical tourism aspect, the Prime Minister said that Himachal Pradesh has endless opportunities. The Prime Minister said that the air, the

ABOUT THE PROJECTS

MULTIPLE PROJECTS IN HIMACHAL PRADESH

31 km long project for four laning of the National Highway from Pinjore to Nalagarh on NH-105 for which the foundation stone was laid, is worth over Rs. 1690 crore. The project road is a major connecting link for the traffic from Ambala, Chandigarh, Panchkula and Solan /Shimla going towards Bilaspur, Mandi and Manali. About 18 km stretch of this four-lane national highway falls under Himachal Pradesh and the remaining portion falls in Haryana. This highway will ensure better transport facilities in Nalagarh-Baddi, the industrial hub of Himachal Pradesh, and will also give a fillip to further industrial development in the region. It will also boost tourism in the state.

AIIMS BILASPUR

The Prime Minister's vision and commitment to strengthening health services across the country are being showcased again through the dedication of AIIMS Bilaspur to the nation. The foundation stone of the hospital was also laid by the Prime Minister in October 2017 and is being established under the Central sector scheme Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana.

AIIMS Bilaspur, constructed at a cost of more than Rs 1470 crore, is a state-of-the-art hospital with 18 speciality & 17 super speciality departments, 18 modular operation theatres, and 750 beds with 64 ICU beds. Spread over 247 acres, the hospital is equipped with 24 hours emergency and dialysis facilities, modern diagnostic machines like ultrasonography, CT scan, MRI etc, Amrit Pharmacy & Jan Aushadhi Kendra and also a 30 bedded AYUSH block. The Hospital has also set up the Centre for Digital Health to provide health services in the tribal and inaccessible tribal areas of Himachal Pradesh. Also, specialist health services will be provided by the hospital through health camps in the inaccessible tribal and high Himalayan regions like Kaza, Saluni, and Keylong. The hospital will admit 100 students for MBBS courses and 60 students for nursing courses every year.

GOVERNMENT HYDRO ENGINEERING COLLEGE, BANDLA

The Prime Minister inaugurated the Government Hydro Engineering College at Bandla. Costing about Rs 140 crores, the college will help make available trained manpower for hydropower projects, in which Himachal Pradesh is one of the leading states. It will help in upskilling the youth and providing ample job opportunities in the hydropower sector.

MEDICAL DEVICE PARK, NALAGARH

The Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone of the Medical Device Park at Nalagarh, which will be built at a cost of about Rs 350 crores. MoUs of more than Rs. 800 crores have already been signed for setting up industries in this Medical Device Park. The project will significantly enhance employment opportunities in the region.

environment and the herb of the state can be a source of a plethora of benefits for the state.

Highlighting the efforts of the government to ensure Ease of Living for the poor and middle class, the Prime Minister remarked that efforts are being made to make hospitals available at remote locations and minimize the expenses of medical bills. That is why we are working on a seamless connectivity from AIIMS to critical care in district hospitals and wellness centers in the villages. Ayushman Bharat scheme is providing most of the families in the state free treatment upto 5 lakh rupees. More than 3 crore patients all over the country and 1.5 lakh beneficiaries have come from Himachal. Government has spent more than 45,000 crore all over the country, saving about 90,000 crore rupees of the patients.

The Prime Minister said that the foundations of the double-engine government are laid on providing happiness, accessibility, dignity, protection and health to our mothers, sisters and daughters. "Ensuring dignity of life for all is our government's priority", the Prime Minister said. He listed measures like toilet construction, free gas connection, sanitary pad distribution scheme, Matru Vandana Yojana and Har Ghar Jal campaign for the empowerment of mothers and sisters. ■

CABINET APPROVALS



MoU BETWEEN INDIA AND BANGLADESH ON WITHDRAWAL OF UPTO 153 CUSECS OF WATER

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 28 September has given its ex-post facto approval for a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Government of the Republic of India and the Republic of Bangladesh on withdrawal of upto 153 cusecs of water each by India and Bangladesh from common border river Kushiya.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed on 6th September, 2022 between the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of the Republic of India and Ministry of Water Resources, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh on withdrawal of upto 153 cusecs of water each by India and Bangladesh from common border River Kushiya during dry season (1st November to 31st May) for their consumptive water requirement.

This MoU will enable Government of Assam to withdraw upto 153 cusecs of water from the common stretch of Kushiya river during dry season (1st November to 31st May) for their consumptive water requirement.

A Joint Monitoring Team shall be set up by both the countries to monitor the withdrawal of water by each side during dry season. ■

RELEASE OF ADDITIONAL INSTALMENT OF DEARNESS ALLOWANCE TO CENTRAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND PENSIONERS

The Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 28 September approved the release of additional instalment of Dearness Allowance and Dearness Relief @ 4% to Central Government employees and pensioners due from 01.07.2022 based on the percentage increase in 12 monthly average of All India Consumer Price Index for the period ending June, 2022.

The Central Government employees and pensioners will become entitled to higher amount of Dearness Allowance and Dearness Relief respectively, w.e.f. 01.07.2022. ■

Redevelopment of New Delhi, Ahmedabad and Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT), Mumbai Railway Stations

The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 28 September approved Indian Railways' proposal for redevelopment of 3 major railway stations with an approximate total investment of nearly Rs.10,000 Cr.: a) New Delhi Railway Station; b) Ahmedabad Railway Station; and c) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT) Mumbai. ■

PM GIVEN APPROVAL TO PRODUCTIVITY LINKED BONUS FOR RAILWAY EMPLOYEES

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given approval to pay Productivity Linked Bonus (PLB) equivalent to 78 days wages to eligible non-gazetted railway employees (excluding RPF/RPSF personnel) for the financial year 2021-22. About 11.27 lakh non-gazetted Railway employees are likely to benefit from the decision. This payment will be made before Dussehra/Puja holidays, bringing smile to lakhs of families ahead of the festive season.

The Railway employees have played important role in performance of Passenger & Goods services which also acted as catalyst for the economy. In fact, Railway employees ensured uninterrupted movement of essential commodities like food, fertilizer, coal and other items even during the lockdown period. Railways has ensured there is no shortage of such commodities in the area of operations. ■

What Gandhi Ji's home in Porbandar teaches us

SOURCE: @MODIARCHIVE

Give our farmer water and see the wonders our farmer can do, says Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.



Very often he recalls, “When I first took over as Chief Minister, farmers would come to me and say we need electricity. Citizens would come and say, atleast give us electricity during our evening meal. I told them yes that will be done but you all focus on water. Jal Hai To Kal Hai (if there is water there is a glorious future). Thankfully they paid heed to my suggestion and along with 24/7 power, we also saw a rise in the water table.”

Water conservation is an area of immense focus for the Government of India. Innovative means are being thought of to ensure conservation of water resources and cleaner rivers across the nation.

In this regard there is lots to learn from Mahatma Gandhi. The Prime Minister cites a fascinating example from Gandhi Ji's house in Porbandar where water is conserved. He said during the 'Mann Ki Baat' programme in April 2016, “I have always said that people who visit the house of Mahatma Gandhi in Porbandar, they should also see there the underground tanks constructed about 200 years ago, that were built to save rain water. Water collected in these tanks remained pure.”

In his unique way, Mahatma Gandhi gave us an important message of water conservation, which we must take inspiration from and ensure generations to come have access to clean drinking water and adequate water for their use. ■



In the house of Mahatma Gandhi in Porbandar underground tanks constructed about 200 years ago, that were built to save rain water. Water collected in these tanks remained pure...

Transforming India's Digital Payment Landscape

During the last three years, digital payment transactions have registered unprecedented growth in India. Easy and convenient modes of digital payment, such as BHIM-UPI; Immediate Payment Service; pre-paid payment instruments and National Electronic Toll Collection system have registered substantial growth...

Recent years have seen a technological revolution in governance in India. Government services have been slowly and steadily brought on board and today, last-mile delivery happens with the click of a mouse in seconds. Digital Payments transactions have been consistently increasing over the last few years, as a part of the Government of India's strategy to digitise the financial sector and economy. Further, concerted efforts have been made to promote financial inclusion as one of the important national objectives of the country.

The key enabler at the centre of India's transformed digital payment landscape is the JAM Trinity - Jan Dhan, Aadhaar and Mobile. Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) is one of the biggest financial inclusion initiatives in the world, launched in August 2014, to provide universal banking services for every unbanked household. Aadhaar, the Unique Identification Authority of India's flagship product, is a simple but effective method to verify individuals and beneficiaries based on their biometric information. Jan Dhan

accounts, Aadhaar and Mobile connections, taken together, have helped lay the foundations of a Digital India where a vast array of Government services are made

of Digital India is to achieve "Faceless, Paperless, Cashless" status. The promotion of digital payments has been accorded the highest priority by the Government

of India to bring each and every segment of our country under the formal fold of digital payment services. The vision is to provide the facility of seamless digital payment to all citizens of India in a convenient, easy, affordable, quick and secured manner.

During the last three years, digital payment transactions have registered unprecedented growth in India. Easy and convenient modes of digital payment, such as Bharat Interface for Money-Unified Payments Interface (BHIM-UPI); Immediate Payment Service (IMPS); pre-paid payment instruments (PPIs) and National Electronic Toll Collection (NETC) system have registered substantial

growth and have transformed digital payment ecosystem by increasing Person-to-Person (P2P) as well as Person-to-Merchant (P2M) payments. At the same time, pre-existing payment modes such as debit cards, credit cards, National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT)

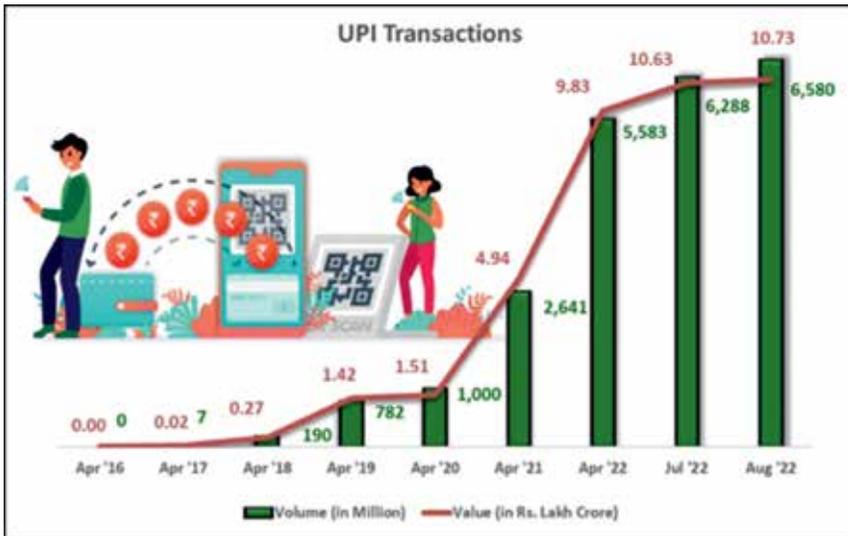
India leads the world in digital payments

- India leads the world in real-time digital payments by clocking almost 40 per cent of all such transactions.
- The volume of digital payments in India has increased by 33% year-on-year (YoY) during the financial year 2021-22.
- India accounted for the largest number of real-time transactions in 2021 (48.6 billion) – almost threefold that of the closest challenger China (18 billion transactions in 2021) and almost seven times greater than the combined real-time payments volume of the world's leading economies – U.S., Canada, U.K., France and Germany (7.5 billion)
- UPI clocked 6.28 billion transactions amounting to Rs 10.62 trillion in July, a record high for India's flagship digital payments platform since its inception in 2016.
- A recent report by Boston Consulting Group said India's digital payments market will more than triple from \$3 trillion to \$10 trillion by 2026.
- Digital payments (non-cash) will constitute nearly 65 per cent of all payments by 2026 i.e., 2 out of 3 transactions will be digital.

available directly to the citizen with enhanced ease of access without the presence of any intermediary (middle-men).

DIGITAL PAYMENT ECOSYSTEM IN INDIA

One of the major objectives



and Real-Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) have also grown at a fast pace. BHIM-UPI has emerged as the preferred payment mode of users. The Government of India also launched the digital payment solution e-RUPI, a cashless and contactless instrument for digital payment which is expected to play a huge role in making Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) more effective in digital transactions in the country. All these facilities together have created a robust ecosystem for a digital finance economy.

UPI: REVOLUTIONIZING DIGITAL PAYMENTS

UPI has been termed a revolutionary product in the payment ecosystem. Launched in 2016, it has emerged as one of the most popular tools in the country for carrying out digital transactions. UPI is an instant payment system developed by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI). It powers multiple bank accounts into a single mobile application, merging several banking features, seamless fund

UPI has gone a long way in making digital payments a habit, and in firmly placing India on the track toward a cashless economy...

routing and merchant payments into one hood. To further strengthen and popularise the interface, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the BHIM-UPI App during the inauguration of the 'DigiDhan Mela' on December 31, 2016.

UPI has gone a long way in making digital payments a habit, and in firmly placing India on the track toward a cashless economy. In the month of August 2022 alone, 346 banks were live on the UPI interface, with 6.58 billion financial transactions being carried out for a total value of nearly Rs. 10.73 lakh crores.

UPI currently constitutes well over 40% of all digital transactions taking place in India. It has given

a boost to small businesses and street vendors as it enables fast and secure bank-to-bank transactions even for considerably small amounts. It also facilitates quick money transfers for migrant workers. The technology is convenient to use as it requires minimum physical intervention, making it possible to transfer money simply by scanning a QR code. UPI has also been a saviour during the Covid-19 pandemic, with its adoption expanding rapidly due to its ability to allow easy, contactless transactions.

Today, there is no doubt that the digital payment landscape in India has been transformed. Complementing the efforts of the Government, the people of India have also displayed a great affinity for embracing new technologies. While some of the developed countries are facing problems due to inadequate digital infrastructure for transferring money to the accounts of their citizens, India has emerged as a leader in the creation of digital assets, which can serve as an example to many other nations. Further, the Government of India is leaving no stone unturned to make India a global leader in the arena of digital payment systems and help it attain the status of one of the most efficient payments markets in the world. Going forward, the emerging Fin-Techs will play a key role in the further growth of digital transactions by enabling transparent, secure, swift and cost-effective mechanisms benefiting the entire digital payments ecosystem. ■

(Source: PIB)

DIRECT BENEFIT TRANSFER BECOMES INDIA'S BOOSTER DURING PANDEMIC: WORLD BANK PRESIDENT

World Bank President David Malpass on 06 October, 2022 praised India's Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) programme in helping people during the Covid-19 pandemic amidst India drastically increasing its DBT coverage in the last two-and-a-half years to hit a record high.



3.81 trillion. In 2021-22, the DBT transfers rose to Rs 6.3 trillion, and in the present financial year so far (in six months), the total DBT transfer has been to the tune of Rs 2.82 trillion, as per the latest figures.

"Helped by digital cash transfers, India managed to provide food or cash support to a remarkable 85% of rural households and 69% of urban households," Malpass has said, asking other nations to adopt India's move of targeted cash transfer instead of broad subsidies. A look at India's DBT record explains this.

India transferred Rs 5.52 trillion through DBT in 2020-21 when the pandemic hit the country, up nearly 45% from the previous financial year's figure of Rs

In the last financial year, nearly 73 crore people received DBT benefits in cash and 105 crore people in kind — many of these beneficiaries received more than one benefit, figures show. 319 schemes of 53 central ministries are linked to the DBT scheme. A record number of 783 crore transactions took place in 2021-22 under the DBT, which was also a big jump from 603 crore transactions in 2020-21 and 438 crore transactions in the 2019-20 financial year. This amounted to a nearly 79% jump in the number of transactions over the last two years. ■



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PM Shri Narendra Modi paying floral tributes at the Samadhi of Mahatma Gandhi on his 153rd birth anniversary at Rajghat in Delhi on 02 October, 2022



PM Shri Narendra Modi paying homage at the Samadhi of the former Prime Minister, Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri, at Vijay Ghat in Delhi on 02 October, 2022



PM Shri Narendra Modi inaugurates 6th edition of India Mobile Congress and launches 5G Services in New Delhi 01 October, 2022



PM Shri Narendra Modi flags off the Vande Bharat Express between Gandhinagar and Mumbai at Gandhinagar Station in Gujarat on 30 September, 2022



PM Shri Narendra Modi along with BJP National President Shri JP Nadda inaugurates the AIIMS Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh on 5 October, 2022



PM Shri Narendra Modi in a bilateral meeting with the Prime Minister of Japan, Mr. Fumio Kishida in Tokyo, Japan on 27 September, 2022



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INDIA LEADING THE WORLD TOWARDS INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF MILLETS



- MoU signed between DAFW and NAFED to celebrate the IYOM
- It aims to increase global awareness about millets in food security and nutrition
- India is world's biggest millet producer country (accounts for 20% of the world's production)

*IYOM - International Year of Millets
 *DAFW - Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
 *NAFED - National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd.
 Source - GoI



CLEAN TAP WATER TO RURAL HOMES

Households with tap water connections



36.8% increase from August 2019 to October 2022

August 2019: 3.23 CRORE (17%)
 October 2022: 10.30 CRORE (53.8%)

Till 4 October 2022



Quantum boost to Artificial Intelligence

- A dedicated National IPR Policy launched in 2016
- AI patent fee in educational institutions reduced by 80%
- Time taken for patent verification: 5-23 months (FY 2021-22) vs 72 months (2016)
- Number of patents filed: 66,440 (FY 2021-22) vs 42,763 (2014-15)

Data as of 2021-22
 IPR - Intellectual Property Rights
 AI - Artificial Intelligence
 Source - GoI

PROTECTING MOTHERHOOD THROUGH JANANI SURAKSHA YOJANA AND JANANI SHISHU SURAKSHA KARYAKRAM

Integrates cash assistance with delivery and post-delivery care

Over **25,000** 'Delivery Points' strengthened for RMNCH+A services

Over **102 free transport services** operationalised for pregnant women

Year	Institutional Births (%)
2015-16	78.9%
2020-22	88.6%

Institutional births



*Institutional Births are the deliveries occurring in healthcare facilities
 *ShishuCare - Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn Child plus Adolescent Health
 Data as of 2021-22
 Source - GoI

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