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‘PEOPLE OF GUJARAT CREATE A NEW HISTORY’
BJP National President Shri JP Nadda welcomes Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to the Grand Victory Celebration at BJP HQ after getting a landslide victory in Gujarat Assembly Elections on December 8, 2022

BJP National President Shri JP Nadda paying floral tributes to Bharat Ratna Baba Sahab Dr. B.R. Ambedkar on his ‘Parinirvan Diwas’ at BJP HQ, New Delhi on December 06, 2022

BJP National President Shri JP Nadda welcomes PM Shri Narendra Modi to the BJP National Office Bearers Meeting at BJP HQ, New Delhi on December 05, 2022
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Riding on a pro-incumbency wave despite ruling the State for 27 long years, the BJP delivered its best ever performance in...
@narendramodi
The All-Party meet on India’s G-20 Presidency was a productive one. I thank all leaders who participated in the meeting and shared their insights. This Presidency belongs to the entire nation and will give us the opportunity to showcase our culture. (05 December, 2022)

@JPNadda
The regional party has now become a family party, so it is certain to end. The BJP recognizes the soil of India is aware of the aspirations of the people, and connecting them with the country, is moving forward. (08 December, 2022)

@AmitShah
Gujarat has always done the work of creating history. In the last two decades, under the leadership of Modi Ji, the BJP broke all the records of development in Gujarat and today the people of Gujarat have blessed the BJP and broken all the records of victory. This is the unwavering faith of the public in the development model of Narendra Modi ji. (08 December, 2022)

@rajnathsingh
Congratulations to the National President Shri JP Nadda, Home Minister Shri Amit Shah, Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel, Gujarat BJP President Shri C R Patil, and hardworking Karyakartas of Gujarat BJP for the great victory. With your tireless hard work breaking all records, the BJP has created a new history. (22 November, 2022)

@B.S.Yediyurappa
The stupendous win in Gujarat showed that people rejected opposition parties’ propaganda and political calculations. I am confident that the people of Karnataka will bless BJP, and we will again form the government in the upcoming Assembly elections. (08 December, 2022)

@B L Santhosh
In the by-elections that happened @BJP4India registers impressive wins in Kurhani, Bihar & Rampur, UP. Both are special for different reasons. Thank you voters & well done Team & @BJP4Bihar & @BJP4UP. (08 December, 2022)

KAMAL SANDESH Parivar pay tribute to Former Prime Minister of India Bharat Ratna SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE on his Jayanti.
SHAT SHAT NAMAN!
Birthday : 25 December
GUJARAT ENVISIONS A NEW FUTURE FOR INDIA

While delivering an unprecedented and historic verdict in Gujarat, the people have once again showered their enormous blessings on the BJP. The seats won by the BJP and the percentage of votes it received point to the fact that people reciprocate to the politics of good governance, development, and performance many times more than ever imagined. A party that has been continuously receiving the blessings of the people for the last 27 years and their affection increases even more when it goes to the people seeking a seventh term seems like a miracle in today’s political culture. The charismatic and visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, through his more than 20 years of service to the people, first as Chief Minister of Gujarat and later as Prime Minister of India, has created an example for the democratic polity across the world. The ‘Gujarat Model’ which has infused the entire nation with new aspirations, continues to inspire people with its ever growing dynamism, creating new records every day. The massive mandate of the people of Gujarat, breaking all the earlier records, once again reiterates the fact that democracy can do wonders if politics is aimed at continuously serving the people with hard work and commitment.

The Bharatiya Janata Party has undoubtedly created history by winning 156 seats, the highest in history, in the recently-held elections to the 182-member Gujarat state assembly. The magnitude of the victory can hardly be over-emphasised, given that the BJP has been forming government since 1995 – and 27 years at the helm is a reasonably long time in a democracy to generate anti-incumbency and a desire for change. Yet, remarkably, voter fatigue for the BJP was conspicuous by its complete absence. This is largely attributable to the ever growing aura and appeal of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, who remains the fulcrum around which Gujarat politics has revolved since at least 2001, when he first became the state’s chief minister. Few leaders in the country can match his ability to read voter sentiments, take corrective measures in time, and come up to their expectations in accordance with the changing needs of time. In the context of Gujarat, the decisions to introduce novelty to governance, have vision for long, medium, and short range planning for the entire state, building a robust infrastructure and facilitating the growth of business, agriculture, industry, trade, and entrepreneurship while providing good, accountable, transparent, corruption-free, and responsive governance have set the trends for a high growth rate and development. On the other hand, the BJP’s principal opposition, the faction-ridden Congress, has become synonymous with corruption, dynasty politics, policy paralysis, and divisive politics in the country. The BJP has provided clean and effective governance, both at the centre and in states, creating an atmosphere for performance politics in the country.

Today, when the Indian economy has the highest growth rate among the major economies of the world, the law-and-order situation has seen a dramatic improvement, and India is marching towards becoming a leading country in the post-Covid world. Its democratic polity and stability are huge draws for foreign investors. While the BJP has recorded a historic win in Gujarat, in Himachal Pradesh the difference between the BJP and Congress was a meagre 0.9% of the total votes polled. In Delhi MCD, the hard work of the BJP karyakartas can be seen in almost equal fight in the elections. There is no doubt that the people are reposing their trust in BJP in remarkably huge numbers as the strong and dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is giving new directions to the aspirations of the nation. While the nation marches ahead in the ‘Amrit Kaal’ with the resolve of ‘Panch Pran’, the message of Gujarat envisions a new future for India, creating a new record in the electoral history of the nation.
The Bharatiya Janata Party registered a historic victory in the Gujarat Assembly elections as it won 156 seats in the 182 member House. The opposition Congress party was decimated as its tally went below 20, while the Aam Aadmi Party, a new entrant in Gujarat politics, won five seats. The polls were held in two phases on December 1 and 5 across 33 districts of the BJP ruled state. A total 70 political outfits and 624 independents were in the fray. In the 2017 Assembly polls, BJP won 99 seats and Congress 77 seats, while two seats went to BTP, one to NCP, and three to independents.

Riding on a pro-incumbency wave despite ruling the State for 27 long years, the BJP delivered its best ever performance in Gujarat on 08 December, 2022 by storming back to power for the seventh straight time bagging 156 of the 182 Assembly seats and garnering 52.5 per cent of the votes. This time the ruling BJP also surpassed its earlier record of 127 seats which it won under Shri Narendra Modi as Chief Minister in 2002.

In a stupendous performance, the BJP restricted its main opponents, the Congress, to it’s worst ever tally of 17 seats and the AAP with only five seats as against its tall claims of forming the Government. At 27.3 per cent, the vote share of the Congress, which had bagged 149 seats in 1985, is almost half of BJP while the AAP cornered 12.9 per cent. But even put together, their vote share does not surpass that of the BJP’s, reflecting the enormity of the BJP’s landslide win.

Congratulating the Karyakartas and voters after the election results Shri Narendra Modi said, “I am overcome with a lot of emotions seeing the phenomenal election results. People blessed politics of development and at the same time expressed a desire that they want this momentum to continue at a greater pace. I bow to Gujarat’s Jan Shakti”.

Gujarat CM Shri Bhupendra Patel, who will take oath on December 12 as the new Chief Minister, cornered over 83 per cent of the vote share in his Ghatlodia constituency winning the seat by a margin of about 1.92 lakh votes. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, BJP National President Shri JP Nadda and other senior leaders will participate in the oath-taking ceremony.
BAGS OVER 50 PER CENT VOTES

The huge victory of the BJP is electorally significant as bagging over 50 percentage votes is rare in State polls. The seventh consecutive and emphatic win of BJP in Gujarat also multiplied the strength of the party in the State and sent a clear message about the popularity of the party in the country.

The results revealed that the BJP has won back the entire Patidar voter base, a majority of the State’s rural, tribal and OBC seats, and has done reasonably well even in minority-dominated seats in the State. Shri Narendra Modi led BJP this time round, not only reversed the trend of falling seats of the BJP since 2012 elections but reduced the Congress and AAP to the margin of Gujarat politics.

It is noteworthy, that BJP’s vote share substantially improved in compare to the earlier assembly elections. The pro-incumbency wave in Gujarat swept away the opposition and rebel candidates of the BJP who could not make even a marginal impact on the victory margins of BJP candidates in any part of the state.

MISERABLE SHOW FOR THE CONGRESS

It is a miserable show for the Congress which in 1985 under the leadership of Madhavsinh Solanki had won a record 149 of the total 182 seats in the State Assembly. In the last Assembly elections of 2017 itself, the Congress had 77 seats and vote share of 41.5 per cent as against BJP’s 99 seats and 49.1 per cent vote share.

I thank the people of Himachal Pradesh for the affection and support: PM

The main contenders in the Himachal Pradesh assembly elections are the BJP and the Congress. The hilly state has 68 seats and the halfway mark is 34. As per the election commission reports, the Congress has surged ahead of the BJP in the assembly elections with less than one percent margin.

The Congress party has won 40 seats, the BJP has won 25 seats whereas the independents got three seats. Noteworthy, Himachal Pradesh has not returned any incumbent government to power in the last nearly four decades of political history.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi greeted party supporters in Himachal Pradesh. Addressing the Karyakartas at BJP headquarters in Delhi he said, “I want to thank the Election Commission for conducting elections peacefully. As far as I know, re-polling in any poll booth was not required. I also want to thank the voters of Himachal Pradesh. The difference between the number of votes for BJP and Congress was less than 1%”.

PM Shri Modi further said, “I thank the people of Himachal Pradesh for the affection and support for the BJP. We will keep working to fulfill the aspirations of the state and raise people’s issues in the times to come.”
Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed Bharatiya Janata Party karyakartas at the party headquarters in New Delhi on 08 December, 2022 after the party’s landslide victory in the general assembly elections and by-poll elections. PM Shri Modi thanked the people and the BJP Karyakartas for their wholehearted support and said that the vote share is a clear indication of the days to come.

He said today, we can feel the fragrance of the hard work of BJP workers under the leadership of Shri JP Nadda. The PM also said that the public support the party received is a manifestation of ‘youthful thinking’

“I had told the people of Gujarat that this time Narendra’s record should be broken. I promised that Narendra will work hard so that Bhupendra can break Narendra’s record. Gujarat has broken all records by giving the biggest mandate to BJP in the history of Gujarat” the PM said.

Shri Modi iterated on the BJP gaining the confidence of the people because of its policies, He said, “People voted for the BJP because the BJP can take tough decisions in the interest of the country. The increasing public support of the BJP shows that the country is in anger against Parivarvad and corruption”.

BJP’s humongous victory in Gujarat

Talking about the BJP’s humongous victory in the state of Gujarat, PM Shri Modi said, “By giving the biggest mandate in the history of Gujarat to the BJP, the people of Gujarat have created a new history”. He further said that about 1 crore voters of Gujarat had not experienced the misrule during the Congress regime and gave their votes to the BJP only on the basis of the development they saw in the state.

The Prime Minister talked about how the BJP is emerging as the top choice for the people of the country. He said, “The results of Gujarat have proved how strong the desire of the common men for a developed India. When there is a challenge before the country, the people of the country have faith in the BJP. When there is a crisis in the country, the people of the country have faith in the BJP... Even when the
aspirations of the country are at their peak, the people of the country have faith only on the BJP to fulfil them”.

Hitting out at the opposition, the PM called out the political parties that are promising false benefits for the sake of elections. The Prime Minister further added, “India’s future will become bright not by increasing Fault Lines, but by demolishing Fault Lines”. Shri Modi also called for increased unity in the nation and to further the spirit of “India First”.

Why women of the country trust BJP?

The Prime Minister finally addressed the people about why women of the country trust the BJP. Shri Modi said, “For the first time since independence, today there is such a government in the country, which is working by understanding the problems of women, their challenges, their needs and aspirations”.

Out of 40 reserved seats for SC/ST BJP won 34

“Today the tribal society is considering BJP as their voice, BJP is getting tremendous support from them. About 40 seats are reserved for SC/ST in Gujarat. Of them, BJP has won 34 seats. This change is being felt across the country,” said PM Shri Modi.

Youth votes only when they have faith in the government

Today, when the youth have voted in large numbers for the BJP, the message is clear that the youth have checked, tested and trusted our work, the PM added.

Despite trailing behind by 1%, will remain 100% committed

Talking about the Himachal Pradesh assembly elections, he said the BJP has trailed behind by a just 1% vote share, which is something that has been unheard of. The PM further said that BJP, despite trailing behind by 1%, will remain 100% committed to the development of the state.

Each of you is a champion

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi thanked party workers for ensuring victory in his home state of Gujarat. “To all hardworking BJP Karyakartas I want to say - each of you is a champion! This historic win would never be possible without the exceptional hard work of our Karyakartas, who are the real strength of our Party,” he said.

PM Shri Modi also thanked the people of Himachal Pradesh for the affection and support for the BJP. “We will keep working to fulfil the aspirations of the state and raise people’s issues in the times to come,” he added.
The BJP National President Shri JP Nadda after the historic victory in Gujarat on 08 December, 2022 attributed the party’s historic victory to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi’s credibility and people’s trust in his leadership. He said it’s our record win in Gujarat under PM’s leadership. We got 52.5% vote share. Congress’s voting percentage dropped to 27.3%. The party got a landslide victory in Gujarat to retain power for a seventh straight term by winning more seats than in any assembly election in the state.

He said a new party came to insult Gujarat. Leaders of that party said that our government is coming in Gujarat. He should now apologise to people.

Hailing Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi’s leadership, BJP National President Shri JP Nadda said the party’s historic win in Gujarat elections is a victory of PM Shri Modi’s commitment towards development, good governance and public welfare. “Gujarat has set new records of development in the last two decades under the leadership of Modi ji and today, the people of Gujarat have blessed the BJP and created a new record of victory. “Every section has wholeheartedly blessed the BJP. This is the victory of people’s unwavering faith in BJP’s policies,” Shri Nadda said.

THANKS KARYAKARTAS FOR HISTORIC WIN

The BJP National President thanked the Karyakartas for landslide win and said today’s win in Gujarat for the BJP is the biggest for any state ever in independent India and this massive victory is because of Modi ji. The reason we
got this is because of ‘Vikaaswaad ki Rajniti’ – ‘Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwaas aur sabka Prayaas’.

He said because of PM Shri Narendra Modi, the poorest of the poor living a life of dignity. The poor gets electricity, gets education, gets healthcare, gets safety for women, gets an opportunity to rise in life. These are the reasons why we as well as the people of Gujarat have broken all records.

PEOPLE OF GUJARAT REJECTS THE ANTI-NATIONAL ELEMENTS: BHUPENDRA PATEL

Gujarat Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel said the people of the state have rejected the anti-national elements in the Assembly election and once again reposed faith in Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the BJP leadership. Addressing a press conference in Gandhinagar, CM Shri Patel said, “The people of Gujarat have once again reposed faith in Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the BJP leadership. If the masses of Gujarat have elected the BJP, then we have to live up to their expectations.”

“The people of Gujarat have rejected the anti-national elements in this election and have voted for the BJP’s track record of development in the state,” he said.

ALL ANTI-GUJARATI FORCES HAVE BEEN DEFEATED: C R PAATIL

Gujarat BJP President Shri C R Patel hit out at new poll entrant Aam Aadmi Party and said it tried to demean the people of Gujarat with “dole” politics.

“AAP never thought about Gujarati Asmita and was never able to connect with the psyche of the Gujarati people. All anti-Gujarati forces have been defeated...The Congress must introspect as to why they are losing public support,” he said.
Addressing a huge gathering on the occasion the BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda said the Modi Government at the Centre has left no stone unturned in the development and growth of Rajasthan. On the other hand, the Congress government and its Chief Minister has created all hurdles in the path of growth and progress of the state for which the people of the state will never forgive the Congress party and its leadership.

Corruption, atrocities against women on top

Shri Nadda said under the Ashok Gahlot government in Rajasthan people are suffering due to rampant corruption, atrocities against women and Dalits, cyber crime, inflation, costlier petrol and diesel and expensive electricity.

During this five years time the state has seen no development and growth, and for this Chief Minister Ashok Gahlot is solely responsible. He is least bothered about the problems and issues of the people of Rajasthan, he is more interested in saving his own chair.

The Congress party had promised to waive off farmers' loans before coming to power which has not been fulfilled till today. The Congress party government had to waive off farmers loans worth over Rs 1.20 lakh crores. The people of Rajasthan will never forgive the Congress party and its leadership: JP Nadda.
and farmers of the state should remind him of his party’s promises.

**9,000 farmers forced to sell their land**

Since the formation of the Congress party government in Rajasthan over 9,000 farmers were forced to sell their land. The Gahlot government also refused to give MSP on bajra to state’s farmers. This is the level of the Congress government apathy towards farmers in Rajasthan.

He said today, farmers of Rajasthan are getting costliest electricity and petrol and diesel. Communal tensions are at its peak under the Ashok Gahlot government. The Congress party and its Government will have to take responsibility for all this.

**BJP will expose the Congress government**

Shri Nadda said the Bharatiya Janata Party will expose the Gahlot led Congress government in the state. The Bharatiya Janata Party and its workers will become the voice of the people of Rajasthan. We will move ahead with our mission to form the Bharatiya Janata Party government in the state.

He said the Congress government in Rajasthan has done nothing. It is running its government by just changing names of the schemes and policies of the previous Vasundhara Raje government in the state. This is the sad reality of the Congress party and its Government in Rajasthan.

**People will teach the Congress party a lesson**

The BJP National President said the Congress government in Rajasthan has changed the names of the Bhamashah Yojna and Annapurna Rasoi Yojna which were started by the previous Bharatiya Janata Party government. The Congress government has nothing to offer to the people. They are just fooling and cheating the people of Rajasthan. The people of Rajasthan will teach the Congress party a lesson in the next assembly elections, Shri Nadda said.

He said the Bharatiya Janata Party government had started Gramin Gaurav Path Yojna, Bhairon Singh Shekhawat Antodaya Swarozgar yojna and Mukhyamantri Swalamban yojna which were for the welfare of the masses, but all this were scrapped by the Congress party government in Rajasthan. The Ashok Gahlot government is also creating hurdles in the implementation of the Jal Jeevan Mission project of the Narendra Modi Government which will provide piped water to every household across Rajasthan.

Shri JP Nadda said if you want our sisters and mothers should remain safe and secure in the state, our Dalits brothers should remain safe and secure, corruption should end and prices of petrol and diesel should come down, then the people of Rajasthan need to form the double engine government of the Bharatiya Janata Party.

**ORGANISATIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

The Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri JP Nadda on 02 December, 2022 appointed Shri Amarinder Singh (Punjab), Shri Sunil Jakhar (Punjab) and Shri Swatantra Dev Singh (Uttar Pradesh) as members of the BJP National Executive Committee.

The BJP National President also appointed Shri Madan Kaushik (Uttarakhand), Shri Vishnudeo Sai (Chhattisgarh), Shri S. Rana Gurmit Singh Sodhi (Punjab), Shri Manoranjan Kalia (Punjab) and Smt. Amanjot Kaur Ramoowalia (Punjab) as special invitees to the BJP National Executive.

As per the statement, Shri Jaiveer Shergill (Punjab) was also appointed as the National Spokesperson of the party.
INDIA COMMENCES ITS G20 PRESIDENCY

I believe we can. Our mindsets are shaped by our circumstances. Through all of history, humanity lived in scarcity. We fought for limited resources, because our survival depended on denying them to others.

The previous 17 Presidencies of the G20 delivered significant results - for ensuring macro-economic stability, rationalising international taxation, relieving debt-burden on countries, among many other outcomes. We will benefit from these achievements, and build further upon them.

However, as India assumes this important mantle, I ask myself - can the G20 go further still? Can we catalyse a fundamental mindset shift, to benefit humanity as a whole?

I believe we can. Our mindsets are shaped by our circumstances. Through all of history, humanity lived in scarcity. We fought for limited resources, because our survival depended on denying them to others. Confrontation and competition - between ideas, ideologies and identities - became the norm.

Unfortunately, we remain trapped in the same zero-sum mindset even today. We see it when countries fight over territory or resources. We see it when supplies of essential goods are weaponised. We see it when vaccines are hoarded by a few, even as billions remain vulnerable.

Some may argue that confrontation and greed are just human nature. I disagree. If humans were inherently selfish, what would explain the lasting appeal of so many spiritual traditions that advocate the fundamental one-ness of us all?

One such tradition, popular in India, sees all living beings, and even inanimate things, as composed of the same five basic elements – the panch tatva of earth, water, fire, air and space.

India’s G20 Presidency will work to promote this universal sense of one-ness. Hence our theme - ‘One Earth, One Family, One Future’.

Harmony among these elements - within us and between us - is essential for our physical, social and environmental well-being.

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This is not just a slogan. It takes into account recent changes in human circumstances, which we have collectively failed to appreciate.

Today, we have the means to produce enough to meet the basic needs of all people in the world.

Today, we do not need to fight for our survival - our era need not be one of war. Indeed, it must not be one!

Today, the greatest challenges we face - climate change, terrorism, and pandemics - can be solved not by fighting each other, but only by acting together.

Fortunately, today’s technology also gives us the means to address problems on a humanity-wide scale. The massive virtual worlds that we inhabit today demonstrate the scalability of digital technologies.

Housing one-sixth of humanity, and with its immense diversity of languages, religions, customs and beliefs, India is a microcosm
of the world.

With the oldest-known traditions of collective decision-making, India contributes to the foundational DNA of democracy. As the mother of democracy, India’s national consensus is forged not by diktat, but by blending millions of free voices into one harmonious melody.

Today, India is the fastest growing large economy. Our citizen-centric governance model takes care of even our most marginalised citizens, while nurturing the creative genius of our talented youth.

We have tried to make national development not an exercise in top-down governance, but rather a citizen-led ‘people’s movement’.

We have leveraged technology to create digital public goods that are open, inclusive and inter-operable. These have delivered revolutionary progress in fields as varied as social protection, financial inclusion, and electronic payments.

For all these reasons, India’s experiences can provide insights for possible global solutions.

During our G20 Presidency, we shall present India’s experiences, learnings and models as possible templates for others, particularly the developing world.

Our G20 priorities will be shaped in consultation with not just our G20 partners, but also our fellow-travellers in the global South, whose voice often goes unheard. Our priorities will focus on healing our ‘One Earth’, creating harmony within our ‘One Family’ and giving hope for our ‘One Future’.

For healing our planet, we will encourage sustainable and environment-friendly lifestyles, based on India’s tradition of trusteeship towards nature.

For promoting harmony within the human family, we will seek to depoliticise the global supply of food, fertilizers and medical products, so that geo-political tensions do not lead to humanitarian crises. As in our own families, those whose needs are the greatest must always be our first concern.

For imbuing hope in our future generations, we will encourage an honest conversation among the most powerful countries - on mitigating risks posed by weapons of mass destruction and enhancing global security.

India’s G20 agenda will be inclusive, ambitious, action-oriented, and decisive.

Let us join together to make India’s G20 Presidency a Presidency of healing, harmony and hope.

Let us work together to shape a new paradigm - of human-centric globalisation.

(The writer is Prime Minister of India)
RS.1,45,867 CRORE GROSS GST REVENUE COLLECTED FOR NOVEMBER 2022, RECORDS INCREASE OF 11% YEAR-ON-YEAR

The revenues for the month of November 2022 are 11% higher than the GST revenues in the same month last year, which itself was Rs. 1.31,526 crore. During the month, revenues from import of goods was 20% higher and the revenues from domestic transaction (including import of services) are 8% higher than the revenues from these sources during the same month last year.

The gross GST revenue collected in the month of November 2022 is Rs.1,45,867 crore of which CGST is Rs. 25,681 crore, SGST is Rs. 32,651 crore, IGST is Rs. 77,103 crore (including Rs. 38,635 crore collected on import of goods) and Cess is Rs. 10,433 crore (including Rs. 817 crore collected on import of goods).

The government has settled Rs. 33,997 crore to CGST and Rs. 28,538 crore to SGST from IGST as regular settlement. The total revenue of Centre and the States after regular settlements in the month of November 2022 is Rs. 59678 crore for CGST and Rs. 61189 crore for the SGST. In addition, Centre had also released Rs. 17,000 crore as GST compensation to States/UTs in November 2022.

COMBINED INDEX OF EIGHT CORE INDUSTRIES INCREASES BY 0.1 PER CENT

Final growth rate of Index of Eight Core Industries for July 2022 revised to 4.8% from its provisional level 4.5%

The combined Index of Eight Core Industries increased by 0.1 per cent (provisional) in October 2022 as compared to the Index of October 2021. The production of Fertilizers, Steel, Coal and Electricity generation increased in October 2022 over the corresponding month of last year. ICI measures combined and individual performance of production in selected eight core industries viz. Coal, Crude Oil, Natural Gas, Refinery Products, Fertilizers, Steel, Cement and Electricity. The Eight Core Industries comprise 40.27 percent of the weight of items included in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP).

E-GRAM SWARAJ AND AUDIT ONLINE WIN GOLD AWARD

E-Panchayat Mission Mode Project (eGramSwaraj and AuditOnline) of Ministry of Panchayati Raj has won the GOLD AWARD under the category “Excellence in Government Process Re-engineering for Digital Transformation” of the National Awards for e-Governance.

The award is a recognition of the excellent and exemplary work done by Team eGovernance and supported by Team NIC-MoPR.

INDIA-AUSTRALIA ECTA TO ENTER INTO FORCE ON 29 DECEMBER 2022

Additional 10 lakh jobs to be created in India under ECTA

Post signing of India-Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (Ind-Aus ECTA) on 2 April 2022 and completion of the ratification processes and the necessary domestic requirements, including internal legal procedures, India and Australia has exchanged written notifications. The Agreement will enter into force 30 days after this exchange of written notification between India and Australia in accordance with Article 14.7 of the Agreement. Accordingly, the Agreement will come into effect from 29 December 2022.

Industries, businesses, students, professionals etc in both the sides are eager to avail the opportunities arising through this agreement. It will also promote people to people contact between the two democracies. Duties on 100 percent tariff lines are to be eliminated by Australia under the agreement. It is expected that with this agreement, the total bilateral trade will cross US$ 45-50 bn in 5 years from existing US$ 31 bn. Both the countries are complementarities in its trade opportunities. Hence it will help in resilient supply chain wherein cheaper raw materials and intermediate products from Australia will be made available to make our finished product competitive.

It is estimated that an additional 10 lakh jobs would be created in India under ECTA. Indian Yoga teachers and chefs are set to gain with the annual visa quota. Over 1 lakh Indian students would benefit from...
post-study work visa (1.5-4 years) under the ECTA. The agreement is also likely to increase investment opportunities, promote exports, create significant additional employment and facilitate strong bonding between the two countries.

Australia is an important strategic partner of India. They are also part of the four nation QUAD, Trilateral Supply Chain Initiative and the Indo-Pacific Economic Forum (IPEF). ECTA will open a new chapter on India-Australia Comprehensive Economic Partnership between two vibrant economies with shared interest and trade complementarities. The Agreement encompasses cooperation across the entire gamut of bilateral economic and commercial relations between the two friendly countries.

**INDIA'S MOBILE PHONE EXPORTS SOARED BEYOND US $ 5 BILLION IN JUST SEVEN MONTHS**

PM expresses happiness on Phone exports getting more than double

India’s mobile phone exports soared beyond the US$ 5 billion barrier in just seven months (April-October) of FY23, surpassing India’s US$ 2.2 billion total for the same period last year.

If things continue as they are, exports from the second-largest smartphone market in the world will complete FY23 in the US$ 8.5-9 billion area, surpassing the total for FY22 by early December. In FY22, India exported mobile phones worth US$ 5.8 billion.

Due to a slowdown in international markets, mobile phone shipments, which had reached a record US$ 1 billion in September, slightly decreased to about US$ 900 million in October.

Over 90% of India’s exports of mobile phones come from Apple and Samsung, supported by the production-linked incentive (PLI) programme. According to officials, Samsung Galaxy A and M series as well as iPhone 12, 13, and 14 are exported from India.

The India Cellular and Electronics Association (ICEA) claims that as exports increase, India’s reliance on mobile imports has decreased from a high of 78% in 2014–15 to about 5% in FY22. In FY23, imports are predicted to decrease by about 4%.

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has expressed happiness on Phone exports getting more than double YoY in April-Oct as mobile phone exports raced past $5-billion mark within 7 months. This is more than double of $2.2 billion that India clocked in same period last year. On a tweet by Union Minister Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar, the Prime Minister replied:

“India continues to make strides in the world of manufacturing.”

Mobile phone exports have raced past the $5-billion mark within seven months (April-October) of FY23, more than double the $2.2 billion that India clocked in the same period last year, as the likes of Apple and Samsung stepped up outward shipments, government and industry officials said.

They added that at the current pace, exports from the world’s second-largest smartphone market will surpass the entire FY22 figure by early December itself, and end FY23 in the $8.5-9 billion range.

**INDIA WINS INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTECHNICAL COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENCY AND STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT BOARD CHAIR FOR THE 2023-25 TERM**

India wins the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) Vice Presidency and Strategic Management Board (SMB) Chair for the 2023-25 term.

By securing over 90% of the votes cast by full members of International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) during its General Meeting held recently in San Francisco, USA, India’s representative, a member of the Indian National Committee of the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) and various technical committees of Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS-India), was elected.

Representation of BIS (India) in policy and governance bodies of International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and IEC ensures that Indian viewpoints on the important strategic and policy matters are put forth and it also provides opportunities to align the national standardization priorities with International best practices.

International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) is an international standard setting body that publishes international Standards for all electrical, electronic and related technologies. Standardization
Management Board (SMB) is an apex governance body of IEC responsible for technical policy matters. Shri Vimal Mahendru will be the IEC Vice President representing India.

**JOBS IN ELECTRONICS MANUFACTURING, ITeS AND STARTUPS ARE EXPECTED TO CROSS 1 CR MARK**

The Minister for Communications, Electronics & Information Technology and Railways, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw has said that Electronics Manufacturing, ITeS and Startups put together have already created 90 lakh jobs and expected to cross 1 crore jobs in two years’ time, given the strides the start-ups and manufacturing sector is making in the country.

While inaugurating the National Level Start-up Initiative organized by the Software Technology Park of India (STPI) and Electronics and Computer Software Export Promotion Council (ESC) on 30 November in Delhi, the Minister said that the electronics sector alone could create additional jobs between 2.5 - 3 million and the BPO sector could make available 8 million jobs in the coming two years, which will be a substantial addition to the existing level of employment.

**MINISTRY OF POWER LAUNCHES SCHEME FOR PROCUREMENT OF AGGREGATE POWER OF 4500 MW FOR FIVE YEARS**

Scheme to help states that are facing power shortage

Ministry of Power on 28 November kicks off a scheme for Procurement of Aggregate Power of 4500 MW on competitive basis or five years on Finance, Own and Operate (FOO) basis under B (v) of SHAKTI Policy.

PFC Consulting Limited (A wholly owned subsidiary of PFC Ltd) has been designated as the Nodal Agency by the Ministry of Power. Under the scheme, PFC Consulting Ltd has invited bids for the supply of 4,500 MW. Supply of electricity will commence from April 2023. Ministry of Coal has been requested to allocate around 27 MTPA for this.

The utilities that have evinced interest for the scheme are Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Ltd, Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd, Madhya Pradesh Power Management Company Ltd, New Delhi Municipal Corporation and Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Ltd. The last date for the bid submission is 21st December 2022.

This scheme is expected to help the states that are facing power shortage and also help generation plants to increase their capacities.

**PM CONGRATULATES ISRO AND NSIL ON SUCCESSFUL LAUNCH OF PSLV C54 MISSION**

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 26 November has congratulated ISRO and NSIL on the successful launch of the PSLV C54 mission. Shri Modi has also congratulated all those companies involved in this launch. In a series of tweets, the Prime Minister said; “Congratulations to @ISRO and NSIL on the successful launch of PSLV C54 mission. The EOS-06 satellite will help in optimizing utilization of our maritime resources.”

**MOIL’S PRODUCTION AND SALES JUMP IN NOVEMBER 2022**

With a production of 1.2 lakh tones of Manganese Ore in November, 2022, MOIL has registered a significant growth of 60% during the month over October, 2022. On the sales front, MOIL has recorded a growth of 82% during the period over the previous month, in spite of challenging market conditions.
GOVERNMENT’S ACHIEVEMENTS

PM APPLAUDS PRODUCTS ON GeM PLATFORM

GeM platform crosses Rs. 1 Lakh crore Gross Merchandise value

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 29 November has applauded the vendors for displaying their products on GeM platform. The GeM platform crosses Rs. 1 Lakh crore Gross Merchandise value till 29th November 2022 for the financial year 2022-2023. In a reply to a tweet by Union Minister, Shri Piyush Goyal, the Prime Minister tweeted:

“Excellent news! @GeM_India is a game changer when it comes to showcasing India’s entrepreneurial zeal and furthering transparency. I laud all those who are displaying their products on this platform and urge others to do the same.”

PM LAUDS STRIDES MADE IN THE DAIRY SECTOR

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 28 November praised the growth of dairy sector, where milk production increased 83 MT in just 8 years compared to 121 MT in earlier 63 years. In a reply to a tweet by the Union Minister, Shri Parshottam Rupala, the Prime Minister tweeted:

“This is particularly gladdening. A vibrant dairy sector is also a great way to further strengthen our Nari Shakti. May the dairy sector grow even more in the coming times.”

RAILWAYS EARNED 1,05,905 CRORE FROM FREIGHT LOADING TILL NOVEMBER 2022

Freight earnings increased by 16% as compared to the same period of last year

On mission mode, Indian Railways’ Freight loading for first eight months of this financial year 2022-23 crossed last year’s loading and earnings for the same period.

On cumulative basis from April –Nov. 22, freight loading of 978.72 MT was achieved against last year loading of 903.16 MT during the same period, an improvement of 8%. Railways have earned Rs 105905 crore against Rs 91127 crore over last year which is an improvement of 16% as compared to the same period of last year.

During the month of November 22, Originating freight loading of 123.9 MT has been achieved against loading of 116.96 MT in Nov. 21, which is an improvement of 5 % over last year. Freight revenue of Rs. 13560 crore have been achieved against Rs 12206 crore freight earnings in October 21, thereby showing an improvement of 11% over last year.

Following the Mantra, “Hungry For Cargo”, IR has made sustained efforts to improve the ease of doing business as well as improve the service delivery at competitive prices which has resulted in new traffic coming to railways from both conventional and non-conventional commodity streams. The customer centric approach and work of Business Development Units, backed up by agile policy, making helped Railways towards this landmark achievement.

RAILWAYS REVENUE EARNINGS UP BY 76% IN PASSENGER SEGMENT

The total approximate earnings of Indian Railways on originating basis during April to November 2022 is Rs. 43,324 Crore, registering an increase of 76 per cent in comparison to Rs. 24,631 Crore achieved during the same period last year.

In reserved passenger segment, the total approximate numbers of passengers booked during the period 1st April to 30th November 2022 is 5,365 Lakhs as compared to 4,860 Lakhs during the same period last year, showing an increase of 10%. The revenue generated from reserved passenger segment during the period 1st April to 30th November 2022 is 34,303 Crores as compared to 22,904 Crores during the same period last year, showing an increase of 50%.

In Unreserved passenger segment, the total approximate numbers of passengers booked during the period 1st April to 30th November 2022 is 35,273 Lakhs as compared to 13,813 Lakhs during the same period last year, showing an increase of 155%. The revenue generated from Unreserved passenger segment during the period 1st April to 30th November 2022 is Rs 9,021 Crores as compared to Rs 1,728 Crores during the same period last year, showing an increase of 422%.
World’s first intra-nasal vaccine for COVID developed by India got approval from CDSCO

In another historic and path-breaking decision, Dr Jitendra Singh on 1 December approved subsuming of 14 Autonomous Institutions of DBT to create one Apex Autonomous Body - Biotechnology Research and Innovation Council (BRIC) for achieving centralized and unified governance to maximize impact of biotech research.

The Minister says, BRIC will build on the foundations developed at the DBT institutions to foster synergies while maintaining their distinct research mandates and undertake cutting edge research addressing national priorities.

World’s first intra-nasal vaccine for COVID developed by India has got approval from the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) for restricted use in emergency situations in the age group of 18 and above.

The Minister lauded the role of the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and its PSU, Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance (BIRAC) for supporting the development of world’s first Intranasal vaccine for COVID by Bharat Biotech International Limited (BBIL).

This vaccine has the double benefit of enabling faster development of variant-specific vaccines and easy nasal delivery that enables mass immunization to protect from emerging variants of concern. It promises to become an important tool in mass vaccinations during pandemics and endemics.

Over 175 crore Aadhaar authentication transactions carried out in October

Aadhaar adoption and usage by residents continues to progress across India, indicative of how it is touching lives, and enabling ease of living for residents. In October, over 175.44 cr authentication transactions were carried out via Aadhaar.

A majority of these monthly transactions were done by using fingerprint biometric authentication, followed by demographic and OTP authentication.

So far, cumulatively almost 8,426 crore authentication transactions have been completed by using the 12-digit digital ID by the end of October, indicative of how Aadhaar is increasingly playing a role in good governance and aiding welfare delivery.

Whether it is ‘Jeevan Pramaan’, e-KYC, AEPS for last mile banking, Aadhaar enabled DBT or authentication, Aadhaar, a digital infrastructure of good governance, has been playing a vital role in supporting the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi’s vision of Digital India.

The number of face authentication transactions jumped from 4.67 lakh in September to over 37 lakh in October. Face authentication is facilitating pensioners to generate digital life certificate at home by using their mobile phones without visiting banks or common service centers, thus promoting ease of living of the senior citizens.

Similarly, in October alone, 23.56 crore e-KYC transactions were executed using Aadhaar, and the cumulative number of e-KYC transactions via Aadhaar has now gone up to 1321.49 crore by the end of October 2022.
The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has lauded the significant decline in the Maternal Mortality Ratio from 130 per lakh live births in 2014-16 to 97 per lakh live births in 2018-20. The Prime Minister emphasised that all aspects relating to women’s empowerment remain very strong.

Quoting a tweet by Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, the Prime Minister tweeted; “A very encouraging trend. Happy to see this change. Our emphasis on furthering all aspects relating to women empowerment remains very strong.”

In a new milestone, there has been a significant decline in the Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) in the country. Congratulating the country on this achievement, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare praised the remarkable progress in effectively lowering the Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) and stated in a tweet:

Significant Decline in the Maternal Mortality Ratio from 130 in 2014-16 to 97 per lakh live births in 2018-20. The various healthcare initiatives of PM @NarendraModi Ji’s Govt to ensure quality maternal and reproductive care helped tremendously in bringing down MMR.

As per the Special Bulletin on MMR released by the Registrar General of India (RGI), the Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) of India has improved further by a spectacular 6 points and now stands at 97/ lakh live births. The Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) is defined as the number of maternal deaths during a given time period per 100,000 live births.

Since 2014, under the National Health Mission (NHM), India has made a concerted effort to provide accessible quality maternal and newborn health services and minimize preventable maternal deaths. The National Health Mission has made significant investments to ensure provision of healthcare services, particularly for effective implementation of the maternal health programs to accomplish the specified MMR targets. Government schemes such as “Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram” and “Janani Suraksha Yojana” have been modified and upgraded to more assured and respectable service delivery initiatives like Surakshit Matriiva Aashwasan’ (SUMAN). Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matriiva Abhiyan (PMSMA) is particularly lauded for its focus on identifying high-risk pregnancies and facilitating their appropriate management. This had a significant impact on mitigating preventable mortality. LaQshya and Midwifery initiatives concentrate on promoting quality care in a respectful and dignified manner ensuring choice of birthing to all pregnant women.

India’s outstanding efforts in successfully lowering the MMR ratio provides an optimistic outlook on attaining SDG target of MMR less than 70 much before the stipulated time of 2030 and becoming known as a nation that provides respectful maternal care.
It must be realised that the object of our economic system should not be to make extravagant use but a well-regulated use of available resources. The physical objects necessary for a purposeful, happy and progressive life must be obtained ...
society is enabled to live a healthy, progressive and purposeful life. We shall have to end a number of traditions and set in reforms which are helpful in the development of values and of national unity in our society. We shall remove those traditions which obstruct this process. Whereas one need not mourn the limitations of the human body, one must undergo the required surgical operation if any part of the body has a cancerous growth. There is no need to amputate healthy limbs. If today, society is gripped with evils like untouchability, which leads men to treat other human beings as lower than themselves, and thereby threaten the national unity, we shall have to end such evils.

We shall be required to produce such institutions as will kindle the spirit of action in us, which will replace the self-centredness and selfishness by a desire to serve the Nation, which will produce not only sympathy towards our brethren, but a sense of affection and oneness with them. Such institutions can truly reflect our ‘Chiti’.

‘Chiti’ is a Nation’s soul. The power that energises and activates the Nation is called ‘Virat’, which in turn is aroused and organised by ‘Chiti’. The place of ‘Virat’ in the life of a Nation is similar to that of ‘Prana’ in the body. Just as Prana infuses strength in various organs of the body, refreshes the intellect, and keeps body and soul together, so also in a Nation, with a strong Virat alone, can democracy succeed and the government be effective. Then the diversity of our Nation does not prove an obstacle to our national unity. The differences of language, occupation, etc., are present everywhere. However, when the Virat is awake, diversity does not lead to conflict and people cooperate with one another like the various limbs of the human body or like the members of a family.

We have to undertake the task of awakening our Nation’s Virat. Let us start carrying on this task of awakening the Virat of the Nation with a high sense of pride in our hoary glorious past, taking a realistic assessment of the present and having a great ambition for the future. We wish neither to make this country a shadow of some distant past nor an imitation of Russia or America.

With the support of universal knowledge and our heritage, we shall create a Bharat which will excel all its past glories, and will enable every citizen in its fold to develop his manifold latent potentialities and to achieve, through a sense of unity with the entire creation, a state even higher than that of a complete human being. It is a state in which ‘Nar’ (Man) becomes Narayan (God). This is the eternal and continuous divine form of our culture. This is our message to humanity at the crossroads. May God give us the strength to succeed in this task.

Speech delivered by Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya on 25 April, 1965 in Mumbai
(Source- Integral Humanism- An Analysis of Some Basic Elements)
If the confluence of honesty in personal life, decency in behaviour, simplicity in nature, and grace in personality is to be found in a single person, then it is found in the personality of Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee. Honesty in politics, good governance in government, and a best Parliamentarian as well as a celebrated poet, great patriot, and Ajatshatru, former Prime Minister of India Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee’s personality, was as vast as the Himalayas. The impact that Atal ji made with his thoughts on the lives of the people of the country will always be remembered. As a successful Prime Minister, his contribution to the country’s economic development and social welfare of the people was a guiding light for India in the 21st century. The great work done by his unflinching creativity and towering personality will always remain immortal for the time to come.

Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee was the real gem of India. He did politics by staying connected to the grassroots and made his place in the hearts of the people. Today, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is continuously taking forward his thoughts and the works of development of the country.

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Whether it was to create a sense of dedication in the supporters or to win the hearts of the opponents, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, a versatile personality, was the topper in both. His public life was extremely spotless, and due to this clean public image, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee was respected by everyone. That’s why even his opponents were his admirers. National interest was always paramount for Atal Ji. Whenever Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee used to speak in Parliament, even his opponents could not say anything in front of his reasoned speech. At the same time, as a poet, Atal Ji always attacked social evils through his poems.

Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, the man of the era, who began his journey as a Pracharak of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh became the Prime Minister for three times, was born on 25 December 1924 in Gwalior. He
completed his graduation from Victoria College, Gwalior, currently known as Laxmibai College. After graduating, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee also received a master’s degree in arts from DAV College, Kanpur with first division. He got the qualities of an intense speaker and poet from his father. He became a Swayamsevak of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh during his student life. He also worked as a journalist and for a long time edited many newspapers and magazines imbued with the national spirit like Rashtradharma, Panchjanya and Veer Arjun. Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee was a founding member of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh and worked for a long time with nationalistic leaders such as Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee and Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay.

Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee was the National President of Bharatiya Jana Sangh from 1968 to 1973. For the first time, in the Lok Sabha elections of 1957, he reached the Lok Sabha after winning as a Jana Sangh candidate from Balrampur Lok Sabha seat in Uttar Pradesh. Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, who was the leader of the Janasangh parliamentary party from 1957 to 1977, impressed even the first Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru with his fiery speeches.

Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee’s personality was very pleasant. He openly opposed the imposition of emergency by Smt. Indira Gandhi in 1975. After the 1977 Lok Sabha elections, for the first time in the country, the Janata Party government was formed under the leadership of Shri Morarji Desai, in which Atalji was made the Foreign Minister. As a Foreign Minister, he created a bold image of India in the whole world. As Foreign Minister, he became the first speaker of the country to deliver a speech in Hindi at the United Nations.

After the split of the Janata Party in 1980, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee along with his associate leaders founded the Bharatiya Janata Party and became the founding national president of the party. When the Bharatiya Janata Party emerged as the single largest party in the 1996 Lok Sabha elections, Atalji became the Prime Minister of the country after being unani mously elected as the leader of the parliamentary party. This government lasted only for 13 days. In 1998, the BJP again emerged as the single largest party for the second time and Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee became the Prime Minister of the country for the second time. But this government could last only for 13 months. In this short tenure of 13 months, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, the Prime Minister, showed strong willpower and made the whole world realize the power of India by conducting nuclear tests in Pokhran. Many countries, including the US and the European Union, imposed various restrictions on India, yet India was able to successfully deal with all kinds of challenges under the leadership of Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

In the 1999 Lok Sabha elections held after the victory in the Kargil War, the BJP again emerged as the single largest party under the leadership of Shri Vajpayee and formed a government in the form of a National Democratic Alliance under his leadership. This government completed its full term. During this tenure, many dimensions of progress touched a new high in the country.

Atalji’s government started the Golden Quadrilateral project to connect the four corners of India by road network i.e. Delhi, Calcutta, Chennai and Mumbai.

Atal ji has been honoured with many awards in the country and abroad so far. In 2015, Hon’ble President Shri Pranab Mukherjee honoured former Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee with India’s highest civilian honour Bharat Ratna at his home.

(The writer is National General Secretary of BJP)
Amar Shaheed Babu Hit Abhilashi came in contact with the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh at the age of 16 years, and in 1945 received one month’s training at the Officers Training Camp (O.T.C), Khandwa, Madhya Pradesh, eventually becoming the youngest Sangh Chalak of that time. Later, post his graduation, he shifted from Moga to Bathinda in Bathinda district of Punjab to serve the people. Very soon, he became ‘BABUJI’ to the people of whole Malwa region and princely states of PEPSU.

He remained the most popular President of Bathinda constituency, and even joining the Cabinet. In 1988, he was given the responsibility to steer the Punjab Bharatiya Janata Party as its President. At that time, the selfish and mindless policies of Congress had pushed Punjab into the dark era of terrorism. It became essential to keep the people together and to maintain Hindu-Sikh unity. Hit Abhilashi Ji came forward and travelled the state continues to ensure peace. He was continuously under threat but he spoke fearlessly against terrorism and the killing of the innocent in the state and country. As a result, he was seen as the biggest obstacle in the ways of separatists and Pakistani agents who decided to eliminate him.

On 19th September 1988 at around 11.00 a.m as he was driving down to Punjab Raj Bhawan from his party office in Sector 11, Chandigarh to get a job done for one of the party workers he was ambushed by the terrorists and assassinated. True to training as Swayam Sevak of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh he laid down his life serving the people till his last breath. Besides being a great statesman and political leader Babuji was an eminent educationist, a distinguished social reformer and above all a humanitarian par excellence. Education was his field of interest, he was a founder member of Sarvhitkari Education Society, founder Chairman of Dev Samaj College for Women, Chandigarh, founder Chairman of Nehru Memorial College, Mansa and founder member of Guru Gobind Singh Foundation.

He was involved with the creation of Punjabi University and also the Guru Nanak Dev University and Punjab Agriculture University. Education was his passion, and he spent every moment he could spare towards it. Mother India needs such worthy sons, who will give up their lives, but not the cause.
With yet another landslide victory in Gujarat Assembly polls, BJP is set to form the government in the state for 7th consecutive term. This victory is a testimony to people’s trust in PM Shri Narendra Modi and his commitment towards the development of Gujarat.

But this victory is also a win to the unique poll strategies devised by Shri Narendra Modi in his early days in Gujarat. Right from his Pracharak days to becoming the Chief Minister in 2001 and till now as Prime Minister of India, his strategies have made the BJP win many elections.

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Devising the term- ‘One Booth, Ten Youth’. In the meeting itself, he explained how these 10 young workers will help the voters, maintain the voters’ list and request remaining voters to vote.

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Similarly, he introduced the slogan- ‘Hamara Booth, Sabse Mazboot’. Vijay Kalia, BJP leader from Chandigarh recalls that Shri Modi stressed on having a team on every booth. Within this team, workers should be inside to help the voters, another worker should be sitting outside the booth to collect the slips. Another person should maintain the list of votes polled from the list and then there should be workers who should persuade the voters left for exercising their franchise.
The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi addressed the Manipur Sangai Festival via video message on 30 November. Labelled as the grandest festival in the state, the Manipur Sangai Festival helps in promoting Manipur as a world-class tourism destination. The festival is named after the state animal, Sangai, the brow-antlered deer found only in Manipur.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister congratulated the people of Manipur for the successful organisation of the Manipur Sangai Festival. He pointed out that the festival is being organised after a gap of two years owing to the Corona pandemic and expressed delight at the grand scale of arrangements. “Manipur Sangai Festival highlights the spirit and passion of the people of Manipur”, the Prime Minister remarked as he applauded the efforts and the comprehensive vision of the Manipur Government and Chief Minister Shri N Biren Singh for organising this festival.

Remarking on Manipur’s abundant natural beauty, cultural richness and diversity, the Prime Minister said that everyone wants to visit the state at least once and drew an analogy to a beautiful garland that is made up of different gems. He further added that Manipur is exactly like an elegant garland where one can witness a mini India in the state.

The Prime Minister underlined that India in its Amrit Kaal is moving forward with the spirit of ‘Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat’.

Shri Modi expressed delight that the Sangai Festival is being organised not just in the state capital but in the entire state, thereby giving an extension to the spirit of the ‘Festival of One-ness’.

**PM ADDRESSES MANIPUR SANGAI FESTIVAL**

**PMFBY is third largest crop insurance scheme in the World**

Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare on 1 December reiterated that under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), Government is committed to provide comprehensive insurance coverage against crop loss on account of non-preventable natural risks.

Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) is the third largest crop insurance scheme in the World and tipped to become number one in coming years as around 5 crore farmer applications are being received under the scheme every year. The acceptability of the scheme has increased amongst the farmers in the last 6 years, with share of non-loanee farmers, marginalized farmers and small farmers increasing by 282% since the initiation of the scheme in 2016.

In the last 6 years, Rs 25,186 crores have been paid by farmers as the premium, wherein Rs. 1,25,662 crores have been paid to the farmers against their claims as on 31st October, 2022 with Central and State Governments bearing most of the premium under the scheme.

While the implementing States are moving ahead with the enrolment of farmers under Rabi 22-23, a factually incorrect news report (as has been observed in the matter of the examined case) was published in some sections of the media stating that a paltry sum of insurance claims being paid to the farmers in certain districts of Maharashtra.
The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi addressed the Rajya Sabha at the start of the Winter Session of the Parliament and welcomed the Vice President to the Upper House on 7 December, 2022...

The Prime Minister began his address by congratulating Shri Jagdeep Dhankar, Vice President of India & Chairman of Rajya Sabha on behalf of all members of the parliament as well as all the citizens of the country. Throwing light on the prestigious position of the Vice President of the country, the Prime Minister remarked that the seat in itself is a source of inspiration for millions.

Addressing the Chairman of Rajya Sabha, the Prime Minister highlighted the close association of the Vice President with Jawans and Kisans and said, “Our Vice President is a Kisan Putra and he studied at a Sainik school. Thus, he is closely associated with Jawans and Kisans.”

The Prime Minister highlighted that the esteemed upper house of the Parliament is welcoming the Vice President at a time when India has witnessed two monumental events. Shri Modi pointed out that India has entered into the Azadi Ka Amrit Kaal and also got the prestigious tribal society of India in the form of the President, Smt. Draupadi Murmu is guiding the nation at this important juncture. He also threw light upon ex-President, Shri Ram Nath Kovind who reached the pinnacle position of the country after hailing from a marginalised community.

The Prime Minister said that the house has been a conductor of the country’s great democratic heritage and has also been its strength and our parliamentary system will have a critical role in this journey”, he added.

The Prime Minister remarked that the responsibility enshrined upon the shoulders of the Upper House is associated with the concerns of the common man. “India understands its responsibilities during this period, and adheres to it”, he added. The Prime Minister also pointed out that the prestigious tribal society of India in the form of the President, Smt. Draupadi Murmu is guiding the nation at this important juncture. He also threw light upon ex-President, Shri Ram Nath Kovind who reached the pinnacle position of the country after hailing from a marginalised community.

Looking up to the chair with reverence, the Prime Minister said, “Your life is proof that one cannot accomplish anything only by resourceful means but by practice and realisations.” Shining the spotlight on the Vice President’s experience as a senior lawyer for more than three decades, the Prime Minister on a lighter note said that he will not miss the court in the House because there are a large number of people in the Rajya Sabha who used to meet him in the Supreme Court. He continued, “You have also worked in the role from MLA to MP, Union Minister and Governor.” He further added that the common factor among all these roles is his devotion to the development of the country and democratic values. The Prime Minister also recalled the 75% vote share that the Vice President had gathered in the Vice Presidential Elections which was proof of everyone’s affinity towards him. The Prime Minister remarked, “Taking the lead is the real definition of leadership and it becomes more important in the context of Rajya Sabha because the House has the responsibility of taking forward democratic decisions in a more refined manner.”

Referring to the responsibilities enshrined upon its members to uphold and enhance the dignity of this House, the Prime Minister said that the house has been a conductor of the country’s great democratic heritage and has also been its strength.
The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, participated in the Constitution Day celebrations and addressed the gathering in the Supreme Court of India on 26 November. Since 2015, Constitution Day is being celebrated on 26th November to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India by the Constituent Assembly in 1949. The Prime Minister also launched various new initiatives under the e-court project during the programme which include Virtual Justice Clock, JustIS mobile App 2.0, Digital court and S3WaaS Websites.

Conveying his greetings for Constitution Day, the Prime Minister recalled that in 1949 on this day, Independent India laid the foundation of a new future for itself. The Prime Minister also noted the importance of the Constitution Day in the year of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. He paid tributes to Babasaheb Dr B R Ambedkar and all the members of the constituent assembly.

Shri Modi highlighted the contributions of countless individuals from the Legislature, Judiciary and Executive in the last 70 decades of the journey of development and expansion of the Indian Constitution, and thanked them on behalf of the entire nation on this special occasion.

Remembering the dark day in the history of India when the country was celebrating the momentous occasion of Constitution day, the Prime Minister recalled that on November 26, India faced the biggest terrorist attack in its history by the enemies of humanity. Shri Modi paid his tributes to the ones who lost their lives in the dastardly Mumbai Terror Attacks.

Continuing further, the Prime Minister referred to the first three words of the Preamble, ‘We the People’, and said, ‘We the people’ is a call, trust and an oath. This spirit of the constitution is the spirit of...

He reminded that, in the current global scenario, the world is looking at India amidst its growing economy and international image, with hope. He said that defying all the initial apprehension about its stability, India is moving ahead with full force and taking pride in its diversity. He credited the Constitution for this success.
India, that has been the mother of democracy in the world”, he said. “In the modern time, the Constitution has embraced all the cultural and moral emotions of the nation.”

The Prime Minister expressed happiness that as the Mother of Democracy, the country is strengthening the ideals of the constitution and pro-people policies are empowering the poor and women of the country. He informed that laws are being made easier and accessible for the common citizens and the Judiciary is taking many steps to ensure timely justice.

Referring to his emphasis on duties in his Independence Day speech the Prime Minister said that it is the manifestation of the spirit of the constitution. Terming the Amrit Kaal as ‘Kartavya Kaal’, the Prime Minister emphasised that in the Azadi Ka Amrit Kaal when the nation is completing 75 years of Independence, and as we embark on the journey for the next 25 years of development, the mantra of duty towards the nation is first and foremost. “The Azadi Ka Amrit Kaal is the time for duty towards the country. Be it people or institutions, our responsibilities are our first priority”, the Prime Minister remarked. He underlined that by following one’s ‘kartavya path' the country can attain new heights of development.

Underlying the youth-centric spirit, the Prime Minister said that the constitution is known for its openness, being futuristic and its modern vision. He acknowledged the role and contribution of youth power in all aspects of India’s growth story.

Stressing the need to increase awareness about the Constitution of India among the youth for a better understanding of topics like Equality and Empowerment, the Prime Minister recalled the time when our constitution was drafted and the circumstances that stood before the country. “What happened in the debates of the Constituent Assembly at that time, our youth should be aware of all these topics”, he pointed out. He further added that this will increase their interest in the constitution. The Prime Minister gave the example when India had 15 women members in the Constituent Assembly and highlighted women like Dakshayani Velayudhan among them who came out of an underprivileged society to reach there. The Prime Minister lamented that the contributions of women like Dakshaini Velayudhan are rarely discussed, and informed that she made important interventions on many subjects related to Dalits and labourers.

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Taking stock of the Rabi crops position with senior officials, the Minister hopes that Rabi crops area coverage is expected to accelerate further in the coming days Area coverage reported under Wheat is 152.88 lakh ha as compared to 138.35 lakh ha of the corresponding period of last year, as major Wheat growing states have reported increased area coverage as compared to last year. For Wheat, there is an increase in area coverage by 14.53 lakh ha over last year and this has been the highest ever since last four years.

As on 25.11.2022, total area sown under Rabi crops reported was 358.59 lakh ha (which is 57% of the normal Rabi area) as compared to 334.46 lakh ha of the corresponding period of last year. Thus, Rabi area coverage has increased by 24.13 lakh ha over last year. (Details are given at Annexure)
During Man Ki Baat, the Prime Minister spoke about the singer from Greece - ‘Konstantinos Kalaitzis’ who has sung Bapu’s favorite song during 150th birth anniversary celebrations of Gandhiji. The Prime Minister said that the singer has so much affection for India, that in the last 42 (forty two) years he has come to India almost every year. He has studied about the origin of Indian music, different Indian musical systems, different types of ragas, talas and rasas as well as different gharanas. He has studied the contribution of many great personalities of Indian music; he has also closely understood the different aspects of classical dances of India. Now he has put together all these experiences related to India very beautifully in a book. There are about 760 pictures in his book named Indian Music. Most of these photographs have been taken by he himself.

Such enthusiasm and fascination for Indian culture in other countries is really heartening. PM further highlighted another interesting fact that in the last 8 years the export of musical instruments from India has increased three and a half times. Talking about Electrical Musical Instruments; their export has increased 60 times. This shows that the craze for Indian culture and music is increasing all over the world. The biggest buyers of Indian Musical Instruments are developed countries like USA, Germany, France, Japan and UK. It is a matter of fortune for all of us that our country has such a rich heritage of Music, Dance and Art.

PM added that we all know the great sage poet Bhartrihari for his ‘Niti Shatak’. In one of the verses he says that one’s attachment to art, music and literature is the real identity of humanity. In fact, our culture takes it above
Humanity, to Divinity. In the Vedas, Samaveda has been called the source of our diverse music. Be it the Veena of Maa Saraswati, the flute of Bhagwan Krishna, or the Damru of Bholenath, our Gods and Goddesses are also attached with music. We Indians find music in everything. Be it the murmur of a river, the raindrops, the chirping of birds or the resonating sound of the wind, music is present everywhere in our civilization. This music relaxes not only the body, but also gives joy to the mind. Music also connects our society. If Bhangra and Lavani have a sense of fervor and joy, Rabindra Sangeet lifts our souls. Tribals across the country have different musical traditions. They inspire us to live in harmony with each other and with nature. Our forms of music have not only enriched our culture, but have also left an indelible mark on the music of the world. The fame of Indian music has spread to every corner of the world, the Prime Minister reiterated.

Prime Minister also narrated about influence of Indian traditions and culture as far as Guyana, a South American country thousands of miles away from India in South America. In the 19th and 20th centuries, a large number of people from India went to Guyana. They also took many traditions of India with them including tradition of bhajan-kirtan. As we celebrate Holi in India, in Guyana also the colors of Holi come alive with zest. Where there are colors of Holi, there is also the music of Phagwa that is Phaguwa. In Phagwa of Guyana there is a special tradition of singing wedding songs associated with Bhagwan Rama and Bhagwan Krishna. These songs are called Chautal. They are sung on the similar type of tune and at a high pitch as we do here. Not only this, Chautal Competitions are also held in Guyana. Similarly, many Indians, especially people from eastern Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, had gone to Fiji too. They used to sing traditional bhajan-kirtans, mainly couplets from the Ramcharitmanas. They also formed many Mandalis associated with bhajan-kirtan in Fiji. Even today there are more than two thousand Bhajan-Kirtan Mandalis in Fiji by the name of Ramayana Mandali. Today they can be seen in every village and locality.

Prime Minister said that we all always take pride in the fact that our country is home to the oldest traditions in the world. Therefore, it is also our responsibility to preserve our traditions and traditional knowledge, to promote it and to take it forward as much as possible. One such commendable effort is being made by some friends of our northeastern state of Nagaland. In order to save these traditions and skills and pass them on to the next generation, the people there have formed an organization, that’s name is ‘Lidi-Cro-U’. The organization has undertaken the work of reviving beautiful facets of Naga culture which were on the verge of being lost. For example, Naga folk music is a very rich genre in itself. This organization has started the work of launching Naga Music Albums. So far, three such albums have been launched. These people also organize workshops related to folk music and folk dance. Youth are also given training for all these. Not only this, the youth are also trained in the traditional Nagaland style of apparel making, tailoring and weaving. Many types of products are made from bamboo in the Northeast. The youth of the new generation are also taught to make bamboo products. With this, these youth not only get connected with their culture, but also create new employment opportunities for them. People at Lidi-Cro-U try to make more and more people know about Naga folk-culture.

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Prime Minister urged one and all to take up similar initiatives and work for preservation of cultural styles and traditions in their respective region and areas.

PM Shri Narendra Modi has accorded ‘Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat’ the pride of place in various editions of Mann ki Baat.
Election results for the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) were declared on 07 December, 2022. Elections to the 250-ward were held on 04 December, with only over a 50 percent turnout. The election was largely seen as a three-way contest between BJP, AAP and Congress. But it ended up as a two-horse race, with Congress ending up with a single digit.

After the results, Delhi BJP President Shri Adesh Gupta has said that people of Delhi have given us almost 40% vote share along with 104 wards and responsibility as a strong opposition. We will constructively keep raising the issues of general public.

Key highlights of MCD poll results
- The BJP won 104 wards while the Aam Aadmi Party won 134 of 250 wards.
- The Congress won only nine municipal wards from 31 won by the party in 2017 civic body polls.
- BJP managed to raise its vote share by three percent to 39.09 percent as compared to previous civic body elections in Delhi in 2017.
- The Aam Aadmi Party lost and BJP won in all three wards in it’s minister Satyendar Jain’s constituency.
- BJP also won 3 of 4 wards in AAP Minister Manish Sisodia’s turf.
- Three former women mayors of Delhi who fought on BJP tickets emerged victorious.
- All three independent candidates who have won are women.
Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressing the gathering at the ‘Rozgar Mela’, New Delhi on November 22, 2022

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi attends G20 All Party Meeting, in New Delhi on December 05, 2022

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi chairs a meeting of Governors, CMs and LGs to discuss aspects of India’s G20 Presidency in Delhi on December 09, 2022

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi attends Valedictory Function of 400th Birth Anniversary celebration of Lachit Barphukan in New Delhi on November 25, 2022

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launches various new initiatives under e-court project on Constitution Day celebrations in the Supreme Court, New Delhi on November 26, 2022
ENSURING EASE OF LIVING FOR THE PENSIONERS

Digital Life Certificates
6.02 crore DLCs submitted
5.43 lakh DLC with face authentication done

CPENGRAMS and Call centre
An Integrated Grievance Cell & Call Centre
Average disposal time of grievances: 24 days

All India Pension Adalat
On-the-spot resolution of grievances
Out of 22,334 cases, 16,618 resolved

Bhavishya
An Integrated online pension processing system
Total 1.77 lakh cases processed

MAXIMIZING FARMERS' INCOME

Export of agricultural products in northeast

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Major destinations of export:
- Bangladesh
- Bhutan
- Middle East
- UK
- Europe

Source: Media Reports

NEW INDIA REMAINS A GLOBAL BRIGHT SPOT

Revised 2022-23 GDP forecast to 6.9% due to robust economic activities in India

India is very ambitious. The govt has done a number of things to make the economy resilient and is putting a lot of effort to make the economy dynamic.
Augusto Tano Kouame, World Bank

India is more resilient now than it was 10 years ago. All steps taken over the past 10 years are helping India navigate the global headwinds.
Dhruv Sharma, Senior Economist, World Bank

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