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**@Narendramodi**

I congratulate Gita Press, Gorakhpur on being conferred the Gandhi Peace Prize 2021. They have done commendable work over the last 100 years towards furthering social and cultural transformations among the people.

(18 June, 2023)



**@JPNadda**

Acknowledging the power of innovation to drive India's growth, our government has made constant efforts to institutionalise innovation and promote technological advancements. Under the visionary leadership of Hon. PM Shri @narendramodi Ji, the JAM Trinity, the UPI, the Atal Tinkering Labs, and other measures have revolutionised our economy and provided an environment for our children to innovate. Today, the New India is leading the world in several key sectors and is emerging as one of the major innovation hubs.

(20 June, 2023)



**@AmitShah**

In 9 years, the Modi government has made women power the power of the country with its decisive approach. By building crores of toilets, Matru Vandana Yojana, Ujjwala Yojana, the Modi government has increased their respect as well as opened doors for their economic empowerment through Mudra Yojana. #NariShaktiKe9Saal.

(19 June, 2023)



**@Rajnathsingh**

India is moving forward on a journey to institutionalise innovation and research in the country. Initiatives like Atal Tinkering Labs and Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) have been introduced to create an innovation friendly environment.

(20 June, 2023)



**@Sarbananda Sonowal**

The National Maritime Heritage Complex at Lothal will be a showcase of India's ancient maritime history, from the time of the Indus Valley Civilisation to the modern day. Took a review of progress of work of NMHC with officials & stakeholders in Mumbai and stressed on timely completion of the project.

(19 June, 2023)



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State Secretary of @BJP4TamilNadu Sri @SuryahSG has been arrested for criticising Madurai MP over the death of a Safai karmachari due to high handedness of a Panchayat member from his Party. Not one word of the tweet was objectionable. @mkstalin Govt has turned intolerant unable to digest the arrest of its minister on various charges. @arivalayam should understand that the we will not take it lying down. We have fought emergency in 1975 tooth & nail and we will fight now. You have picked up a wrong target.

(17 June, 2023)



**New NEP after 34 years**

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**KAMAL SANDESH PARIVAR**  
wishes a very happy  
**GURU PURNIMA (03 JULY)**  
to all of its readers



## ‘THAT FUTURE IS TODAY’

The highly successful visit of the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, to the US cannot be described in a few words. The visit has not only strengthened, deepened, and broadened the ever-expanding relationship between the two nations, but it has also opened new vistas of relationship with the commitment to explore more in the future. The increasing trust between the people of India and the US can be seen translating into new ventures, which truly show that both nations have moved ahead, leaving behind the ‘historic hesitations’ of the past. The unprecedented honour and hospitality that were showered on the Prime Minister signifies the space that India has created in the hearts of the people of the US and how they now respect and value India as their partner and friend. No one can deny that the coming together of the world’s two largest democracies is not only in the interests of India and the US but of the entire world. It seems that both nations have realised what the Prime Minister said: “Together, we shall give a better future to the world, and a better world to the future”.

As the Prime Minister was welcomed with boundless enthusiasm by the Congressmen, CEOs, eminent personalities, media magnates, and Indian diaspora, his visit saw hectic schedules with many important meetings lined up, which resulted in crucial deals. On his first state visit to the US, while the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, was accorded the rare honour of addressing the joint session of the US Congress for the second time, he dwelt at length on how important it was for the world to see the India-US partnership

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grow and prosper. He emphasised that while strengthening the two democracies may serve a larger purpose with democracy, demography, and destiny’ in mind, the India-US partnership may seek solutions to global challenges of climate change, hunger, and health. Apart from this, the India-US partnership is proving mutually beneficial, with orders from India creating millions of jobs in the US aerospace and defence sectors across its various states while the growth of US companies spurs research and development in India. At the same time, partnerships between both nations in semiconductors and critical minerals may help make the global supply chain ‘diverse, resilient, and reliable’. While strengthening partnerships in emerging and critical areas is mutually beneficial and also beneficial to the world at large, the commitment to maintain peace and stability in the world with efforts to counter terror activities, stop bloodshed through diplomacy and dialogue, and take a stand against coercion and confrontation in the Indo-Pacific by ensuring

that the region remains open, free, and inclusive are also the responsibilities of a democratic world order. India and the US have many responsibilities to shoulder as democracies and responsible nations.

As India progresses into ‘Amrit Kaal’ with the resolve of becoming Viksit Bharat in the coming 25 years, its huge potential is unleashed, opening new opportunities from local to global levels. The world is today realising that for many questions that still stare at the face of the world even in the 21st century, India may well become a part of the solution. In the last nine years, while India has taken huge leaps in many sectors, its initiatives at the global level have been supported and backed by most countries. The announcement of International Yoga Day, International Millet Year, the memorial of peacekeepers who laid their lives in line of duty, and Mission LIFE are some of the initiatives of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi that are creating a new international dimension of the Indian global approach. Today, when the idea of ‘Vasudhaiv Kutumbakam’ finds its expression in “One Earth, One Family, One Future”, India’s unflinching commitment to humanity seen during the Covid-19 pandemic and other trying times is getting acknowledged and recognized. In realising the vision of global destiny, the India-US relationship, in the words of the Prime Minister, “is primed for a momentous future. That future is today”. ■

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## PM'S HISTORIC STATE VISIT TO US

### India & US together shall give a better future to the world and a better world to the future: PM Modi

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi commenced his historic state visit to the United States on 20 June, 2023. The official state visit began on June 21 and concluded on June 24, 2023. This was PM Shri Modi's sixth US visit and first official state visit as the Prime Minister of India. During this visit Shri Modi led the celebrations of the International Day of Yoga at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on 21 June, addressed an event hosted by US first lady Jill Biden at the National Science Foundation, met US President Mr. Joe Biden and held bilateral talks with him in Washington. His schedule was packed with bilateral talks, trade discussions and discussions with important forums fostering collaborations in various sectors. In addition to the official engagements, PM Shri Modi also interacted with leading CEOs, professionals, stakeholders, and members of the Indian diaspora, which further strengthened the diplomatic ties and advance mutual interests between India and the US.

**A**t the inception of his official state visit to the US, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi arrived at the White House on 22 June to hold high-level talks with US President H.E. Mr. Joe Biden. Shri Modi and Mr. Biden shook hands and the US President welcomed Shri Modi on his arrival at the

White House. The US President hugged Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi during the State Arrival Ceremony on the South Lawn of the White House. The Indian diaspora wholeheartedly welcomed the Prime Minister during the State Arrival Ceremony on the South Lawn of the White House. "The Indian



community is enhancing India's glory in the US. The societies of both countries are based on democratic values," said Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the White House.

Welcoming Prime Minister Shri Modi, US President Mr. Joe Biden in his opening remarks said he is "honoured" to welcome the Indian Prime Minister in the US. " We are working together on eradicating poverty, addressing the environment, and responding to the Russian attack on Ukraine," the US President said in his remarks as he welcomed the Prime Minister.

Expressing gratitude for the warm welcome by US President Mr. Joe Biden and the Indian community at the White House, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said "this is an honour for 140 crore Indians".

"The relationship between the US and India is one of most defining relationships in the 21st century," Mr. Biden said as he welcomed Shri Modi for the scheduled bilateral meeting at the Oval Office. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and US President Joe Biden held bilateral talks at the White House on 22 June, 2023. They reviewed the entire spectrum of India-USA ties and discussed ways to further deepen the partnership. Later, the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi addressed a Joint Sitting of the US Congress on 22 June 2023 at the invitation of H.E. Mr. Kevin McCarthy, Speaker of the US House

of Representatives. H.E. Ms. Kamala Harris, Vice President of USA was also present on the occasion.

On arrival at the Capitol Hill, the Prime Minister was accorded a formal welcome by the Congressional Leaders.

### **'A true nationalist'**

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 21 June landed in Washington DC for his second leg of the state visit to the US amid heavy rainfall. Upon his arrival, he was accorded a ceremonial welcome and a guard of honour at Joint Base Andrews in Washington DC. Despite the rain pouring down upon his arrival, PM Shri Modi demonstrated his resilience as he stood resolute while the US Army Orchestra Band played India's national anthem and social media users said PM Shri Modi is a true nationalist.



# PRIME MINISTER'S ADDRESS TO THE JOINT SITTING OF THE US CONGRESS

It is always a great honour to address the United States Congress. It is an exceptional privilege to do so twice. For this honour, I extend my deepest gratitude on behalf of the 1.4 billion people of India. I see that nearly half of you were here in 2016. I feel your warmth as old friends. I can also see the enthusiasm of a new friendship in the other half. I remember Senator Harry Reid, Senator John McCain, Senator Orrin Hatch, Elijah Cummings, Alcee Hastings and others, who I met here in 2016, and who are sadly no longer with us.

## Beauty of democracy is the constant connect with people

Standing here, seven Junes ago, that's the June

### What is a 'state visit'?

It is a formal visit by a head of state to a foreign country, at the invitation of the head of state of that foreign country. When a leader undertakes a state visit, the head of state of the destination country acts as the former's official host throughout the duration of the trip. Such a visit always includes a state reception by the host for the guest. US President Joe Biden and First Lady Jill Biden, too, hosted PM Shri Modi for a state dinner. Also, a 'state visit' is usually reserved only for 'closest friends and allies.' It, therefore, signifies the highest expression of friendly bilateral ties between two sovereign nations.

### Indian leaders and state visits to the US

Before PM Shri Narendra Modi, only two Indian leaders have been hosted by the United States as an official state guest: President Dr. S Radhakrishnan in June 1963, and PM Dr. Manmohan Singh in November 2009.

Overall, as many as nine Indian PMs have undertaken visits to the US: Jawaharlal Nehru and Atal Bihari Vajpayee (4 trips each), Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi (3 each), PV Narasimha Rao (2), and Morarji Desai and I K Gujral (1 each). Manmohan Singh went there 8 times as PM.

when Hamilton swept all the awards, I said that the hesitations of history were behind us. Now, when our era is at a crossroads, I am here to speak about our calling for this century. Through the long and winding road that we have travelled, we have met the test of friendship. A lot has changed since I came here seven summers ago. But a lot has remained the same – like our commitment to deepen the friendship between India and the United States. In the past few years, there have been many advances in AI – Artificial Intelligence. At the same time, there have been even more momentous developments in another AI – America and India.

The beauty of democracy is the constant connect with the people, to listen to them, and feel their pulse. And, I know this takes a lot of time, energy, effort, and travel. It is a Thursday afternoon - a fly-out day for some of you. So, I am grateful for your time. I also know how busy you have been this last month.

## Bond between world's two great democracies

Being a citizen of a vibrant democracy myself, I can admit one thing Mister Speaker – you have a tough job! I can relate to the battles of passion, persuasion and policy. I can understand the debate of ideas and ideology. But I am delighted to see you come together

### PM Modi's US visits since 2014

PM Shri Narendra Modi first visited the US in 2014, on a working visit. This visit was significant as he also delivered his maiden speech at the 69th session of the United Nations General Assembly. He visited the US again in 2016, for the Nuclear Security Summit. During this visit, he also met then-US President Barack Obama at the White House and held bilateral talks. His 2019 visit is considered as one of his most significant. He addressed the Indian-American community in Houston at an event named 'Howdy Modi!' The event was attended by 50,000 people and also addressed by then-US President Donald Trump, who later held bilateral talks with PM Shri Modi. In 2017, the Prime Minister went to the US on a three-day visit. He was hosted by then President Donald Trump at the White House for a 'working dinner'. During this visit, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi also addressed the Indian diaspora at the Ritz Carlton in Tysons Corner, Virginia.





## PM MODI AND PRESIDENT BIDEN HOLD BILATERAL TALKS

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi during his Official State Visit to USA visited the White House on 23 June, 2023 morning, where he was accorded a ceremonial welcome by H.E. Mr. Joseph Biden and First Lady Dr. Jill Biden. Thousands of Indian-Americans were also present at the occasion to welcome the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi thereafter, had productive conversations with President Joe Biden, in restricted and delegation-level formats. The leaders highlighted the long-standing friendship and growing cooperation between the two countries, which spans areas like trade and investment, defence and security, energy, climate change, and people-to-people ties.

Both leaders underscored the mutual trust and understanding, as well as the shared values between the two countries, which provide a strong foundation to take the relationship to new levels. They appreciated

the rapid progress made through initiatives such as the Critical and Emerging Technologies (iCET) and the keen desire to elevate strategic technology collaborations to build resilient supply chains. They welcomed the deepening cooperation in critical minerals and space sectors.

Both leaders reiterated their commitment to combating climate change and achieving a sustainable future. They discussed ways to promote clean and renewable energy and collaborate on climate initiatives.

Both leaders expressed their determination to further deepen the multifaceted Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership between India and USA for the benefit of their peoples and the global community. Discussions also covered regional and global issues of mutual interest.

Prime Minister expressed his appreciation for the warm welcome extended by President Biden and the First Lady. He looked forward to welcoming President Biden in New Delhi for the G20 Leaders' Summit in September 2023.

today, to celebrate the bond between world's two great democracies - India and the United States. I am happy to help out whenever you need a strong bipartisan consensus. There will be – and there must be - a contest of ideas at home. But, we must also come together as one when we speak for our nation. And, you have shown that you can do it. Congratulations!

The foundation of America was inspired by the vision of a nation of equal people. Throughout your history, you have embraced people from around the world. And, you have made them equal partners in the American dream. There are millions here, who

have roots in India. Some of them sit proudly in this chamber. There is one behind me, who has made history! I am told that the Samosa Caucus is now the flavour of the House. I hope it grows and brings the full diversity of Indian cuisine here. Over two centuries, we have inspired each other through the lives of great Americans and Indians. We pay tribute to Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King Junior. We also remember many others who worked for liberty, equality and justice. Today, I also wish to pay a heartfelt tribute to one of them – Congressman John Lewis.

### Democracy is one of our sacred and shared values

- Democracy is one of our sacred and shared values. It has evolved over a long time, and taken various forms and systems. Throughout history, however, one thing has been clear.
- Democracy is the spirit that supports equality and dignity.
- Democracy is the idea that welcomes debate and discourse.
- Democracy is the culture that gives wings to thought and expression.
- India is blessed to have such values from times immemorial.
- In the evolution of the democratic spirit, India is the Mother of Democracy.
- Millennia ago, our oldest scriptures said,
- 'एकम् सत् विप्रा बहुधा वदन्ति'.
- It means - the truth is one but the wise express it in different ways.
- Now, the US is the oldest and India the largest democracy.
- Our partnership augurs well for the future of democracy.

Together, we shall give a better future to the world, and a better world to the future.

### India celebrates 75 years of its independence

Last year, India celebrated 75 years of its independence. Every milestone is important, but this one was special. We celebrated a remarkable journey of over 75 years of freedom, after a thousand years of foreign rule in one form or another. This was not just a celebration of democracy, but also of diversity. Not just of Constitution, but also of its spirit of social empowerment. Not just of our competitive and cooperative federalism, but also of our essential unity and integrity.

### Diversity is a natural way of life

We have over two thousand five hundred political parties. Yes, you heard that right- two thousand five hundred. About twenty different parties govern various states of India. We have twenty-two official languages and thousands of dialects, and yet, we speak in one voice. Every hundred miles, our cuisine changes. From Dosa to Aloo Prantha and from Srikhand to Sandesh. We enjoy all of these. We are home to all faiths in the



### United States occupies a special place

When I speak about India's approach to the world, the United States occupies a special place. I know our relations are of great importance to all of you. Every Member of this Congress has a deep interest in it. When defence and aerospace in India grow, industries in the states of Washington, Arizona, Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, and Pennsylvania thrive. When American companies grow, their research and development centres in India thrive. When Indians fly more, a single order for aircrafts creates more than a million jobs in forty-four states in America.

When an American phone maker invests in India, it creates an entire ecosystem of jobs and opportunities, in both countries. When India and the US work together on semi-conductors and critical minerals, it helps the world in making supply chains more diverse, resilient and reliable. Indeed, Mister Speaker, we were strangers in defence cooperation at the turn of the century. Now, the United States has become one of our most important defence partners. Today India and the US are working together, in space and in the seas, in science and in semi-conductors, in start-ups and sustainability, in tech and in trade, in farming and finance, in art and artificial intelligence, in energy and education, in healthcare and humanitarian efforts.

I can go on and on. But, to sum it up, I would say,

The scope of our co-operation is endless,  
The potential of our synergies is limitless,  
And, the chemistry in our relations is effortless.

world, and we celebrate all of them. In India, diversity is a natural way of life.

Today, the world wants to know more and more about India. I see that curiosity in this House too. We were honoured to receive over hundred Members of the US Congress in India over the last decade. Everyone wants to understand India's development, democracy and diversity. Everyone wants to know what India is doing right and how. Among close friends, I am happy to share the same.

### **India will be the third largest economy soon**

When I first visited the US as Prime Minister, India was the tenth largest economy in the world. Today, India is the fifth largest economy. And, India will be the third largest economy soon. We are not only growing bigger but we are also growing faster. When India grows, the whole world grows. After all, we are one sixth of the world's population! In the last century, when India won its freedom, it inspired many other countries to free themselves from colonial rule. In this century, when India sets benchmarks in growth, it will inspire many other countries to do the same. Our vision is सबका साथ, सबका विकास, सबका विश्वास, सबका प्रयास. It means: Together, for everyone's growth, with everyone's trust and everyone's efforts.

### **Focusing on infrastructure development**

Let me share with you how this vision is translating into action, with speed and scale. We are focusing on infrastructure development. We have given nearly forty million homes to provide shelter to over hundred and fifty million people. That is nearly six times the population of Australia! We run a national health insurance programme that ensures free medical treatment for about five hundred million people. This is close to the population of North America! We have worked on building Digital India.

### **Women-led development**

The Vedas are one of the world's oldest scriptures. They are a great treasure of humanity, composed thousands of years ago. Back then, women sages composed many verses in the Vedas. And today, in modern India, women are leading us to a better future. India's vision is not just of development which benefits women. It is of women-led development, where women



### **PM gifts 'Ten Principal Upanishads' to Joe Biden**

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's gifts to President Joe Biden and First Lady Jill Biden during a private dinner at the White House on 21 June included a first edition print of the book, 'The Ten Principal Upanishads', an English translation of the Hindu religious text by Irish poet William Butler Yeats and Shri Purohit Swami. The book was published in 1937 and is among the final works of Yeats. The gift assumes significance as the US President often cites great Irish poets, including Yeats and Seamus Heaney, who he has called the "best poets in the world".

### **PM Gifts a special box to Joe Biden**

On this occasion, a special sandalwood box has been handcrafted by master craftsmen from Jaipur, Rajasthan has been presented as a special gesture by the Prime Minister to President Biden. The box contains the idol of Ganesha, a silver Diya and a copper plate.

### **PM Gifts a diamond to Jill Biden**

PM Shri Narendra Modi gifted a lab-grown 7.5 carat Green Diamond to US First Lady Jill Biden. The Diamond reflects earth-mined diamonds' chemical and optical properties. The Diamond is also eco-friendly, as eco-diversified resources like Solar and Wind power were used in its making. The Green Diamond is sculpted with precision and care using cutting edge technology.



lead the journey of progress. A woman has risen from a humble tribal background, to be our Head of State.

### Hub of technology

India is an ancient nation with a youthful population. India is known for its traditions. But the younger generation is also making it a hub of technology. Be it creative reels on Insta or real time payments, coding or quantum computing, machine learning or mobile apps, FinTech or data science, the youth of India are a great example of how a society can embrace latest technology. In India, technology is not only about innovation but also about inclusion. Today, digital platforms are empowering the rights and dignity of people, while protecting privacy.

### Digital public infrastructure

In the last nine years, over a billion people got a unique digital biometric identity connected with their bank accounts and mobile phones. This digital public infrastructure helps us reach citizens within seconds with financial assistance. Eight hundred and fifty million people receive direct benefit financial transfers into

their accounts. Three times a year, over hundred million farmers receive assistance in their bank accounts at the click of a button. The value of such transfers has crossed three hundred and twenty billion dollars, and we have saved over twenty-five billion dollars in the process. If you visit India, you will see everyone is using phones for payments, including street vendors.

Last year, out of every 100 real time digital payments in the world, 46 happened in India. Nearly four hundred thousand miles of optical fibre cables, and cheap data have ushered in a revolution of opportunities. Farmers check weather updates, the elderly get social security payments, students access scholarships, doctors deliver tele-medicine, fishermen check fishing grounds and small businesses get loans, with just a tap on their phones.

### The Earth is our Mother

A spirit of democracy, inclusion and sustainability defines us. It also shapes our outlook to the world. India grows while being responsible about our planet. We believe: माता भूमिः पुत्रो अहं पृथिव्याः This means- "the Earth is our Mother and we are her children."

## PM PARTICIPATES IN INDIA-US HI-TECH HANDSHAKE EVENT

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and President of USA H.E. Mr. Joseph R. Biden, participated in a India-US Hi-Tech Handshake event at the White House in Washington D.C. on 24 June. The event was moderated by US Secretary of Commerce, H.E. Ms. Gina Raimondo, and saw the participation of leading Indian and American CEOs of tech companies and startups. The thematic focus of the forum was on 'AI for All' and 'Manufacturing for Mankind'.

The event was an opportunity for both leaders to review the deepening technology collaboration between India and the USA. Discussions focused on the role and potential of the India-US Technology Partnership in driving the adoption of an AI enabled inclusive economy to meet the needs of their citizens and the world. The CEOs explored ways of leveraging existing linkages between the two tech ecosystems, India's talented workforce and advances made by



India in Digital Public Infrastructure, to build global collaborations.

In his remarks, the Prime Minister underlined the immense potential of harnessing India-US tech cooperation for socio-economic growth. He also applauded the contribution of India's talented youth in fostering a culture of innovation. President Biden called on CEOs to help expand India-US tech partnership to new fields including biotechnology and quantum.

Indian culture deeply respects the environment and our planet. While becoming the fastest growing economy, we grew our solar capacity by Two Thousand Three Hundred Percent! Yes, you heard it right – Two Thousand Three Hundred Percent!

## India- Only G20 country to meet its Paris commitment

We became the only G20 country to meet its Paris commitment. We made renewables account for over forty percent of our energy sources, nine years ahead of the target of 2030. But we did not stop there. At the Glasgow Summit, I proposed Mission LiFE- Lifestyle for Environment. This is a way to make sustainability a true people's movement. Not leave it to be the job of governments alone.

By being mindful in making choices, every individual can make a positive impact. Making sustainability a mass movement will help the world reach the Net Zero target faster. Our vision is pro-planet progress. Our vision is pro-planet prosperity. Our vision is pro-planet people.

## The World is One Family

We live by the motto of *वसुधैव कुटुंबकम* or The World is One Family. Our engagement with the world is for everyone's benefit. The "One Sun, One World, One Grid" seeks to join us all in connecting the world with clean energy. "One Earth, One Health" is a vision for global action to bring quality healthcare to everyone, including animals and plants.

The same spirit is also seen in the theme when we Chair the G20 – "One Earth, One Family, One Future." We advance the spirit of unity through Yoga as well. Just yesterday, the whole world came together to celebrate the International Day of Yoga. Just last week, all nations joined our proposal at the UN to build a Memorial Wall to honour the peacekeepers.

## International Year of Millets

And this year, the whole world is celebrating the International Year of Millets, to promote sustainable agriculture and nutrition alike. During Covid, we delivered vaccines and medicines to over hundred and fifty countries. We reach out to others during disasters as first responders, as we do for our own. We share our modest resources with those who need them the most.



## US lawmakers click selfies with PM Modi, queue for autographs after Congress speech

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the joint session of the US Congress on 22 June. His eagerly awaited speech was nearly 1 hour long, and was attended by the members of Congress and the Indian American community. There were 15 standing ovations by members of Congress, and 2 separate standing ovations by the Indian community members in the gallery. Lawmakers, and people of the Indian community present, applauded the Prime Minister as he ended his speech. They rushed to take his autograph and click selfies with him.

## US President gifts Vintage camera, antique book galley to PM Modi

United States President Joe Biden and First Lady Jill Biden presented Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi with an official gift- a handmade, antique American book galley from the early 20th century.



According to the White House, the first couple also gifted a vintage American camera, accompanied by an archival facsimile print of George Eastman's Patent of the first Kodak camera, a hardcover book on American wildlife photography, and a signed, first edition copy of 'Collected Poems of Robert Frost'.

We build capabilities, not dependencies.

### Defining partnership of this century

In all this, Indian Americans have played a big role. They are brilliant in every field, not just in Spelling Bee. With their hearts and minds, talent and skills, and their love for America and India, they have connected us; they have unlocked doors; they have shown the potential of our partnership.

Every Indian Prime Minister and American President of the past has taken our relationship further. But our generation has the honour of taking it to greater heights. I agree with President Biden that this is a defining partnership of this century. Because it serves a larger purpose. Democracy, demography and destiny give us that purpose. One consequence of globalisation has been the over-concentration of supply chains.

We will work together to diversify, decentralize, and democratise supply chains. Technology will determine the security, prosperity and leadership in the Twenty First century. That is why our two countries established a new "Initiative for Critical and Emerging Technologies." Our knowledge partnership will serve humanity and seek solutions to the global challenges of climate change, hunger and health.

### Respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity

The last few years have seen deeply disruptive developments. With the Ukraine conflict, war has returned to Europe. It is causing great pain in the region. Since it involves major powers, the outcomes are severe. Countries of the Global South have been particularly affected. The global order is based on the respect for the principles of the UN Charter, peaceful resolution of disputes, and respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity.

As I have said directly and publicly, this is not an era of war. But it is one of dialogue and diplomacy. And, we all must do what we can to stop the bloodshed and human suffering.

### To build a cooperative region of peace

We share a vision of a free, open and inclusive Indo Pacific, connected by secure seas, defined by international law, free from domination, and anchored in ASEAN centrality. A region where all nations, small and large, are free and fearless in their choices, where



### PM thanks President Biden for accepting proposal to add Africa as permanent G20 Member

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi thanked US President Mr. Joe Biden for accepting the proposal to add 'Africa' as a permanent member of the G20.

PM Shri Modi said, "Under our G20 presidency, we are giving strength to 'One Earth, One Family, One Future' and giving voice to the Global South. I thank President Biden for granting support to my proposal of making Africa a permanent G20 member. I firmly believe that the world's two largest democracies - India and the US will be able to fulfil the aspirations of expectations and aspirations of the whole world."

progress is not suffocated by impossible burdens of debt, where connectivity is not leveraged for strategic purposes, where all nations are lifted by the high tide of shared prosperity.

### Terrorism still remain a pressing danger

More than two decades after 9/11 and more than a decade after 26/11 in Mumbai, radicalism and terrorism still remain a pressing danger for the whole world. These ideologies keep taking new identities and forms, but their intentions are the same. Terrorism is an enemy of humanity and there can be no ifs or buts in dealing with it. We must overcome all such forces sponsoring and exporting terror.

### We emerge out of the pandemic

COVID-19's biggest impact was the human loss and suffering it caused. I wish to remember Congressman, Ron Wright and the staff members who lost their lives to Covid. As we emerge out of the pandemic, we must give shape to a new world order. Consideration, care and concern are the need of the hour. Giving a voice to the Global South is the way forward. That is why I firmly believe that the African Union be given full membership of G20.

We must revive multilateralism and reform multilateral institutions, with better resources and representation. That applies to all our global institutions of governance, especially the United Nations. When the world has changed, our institutions too must change. Or, risk getting replaced by a world of rivalries without rules. In working for a new world order based on international law, our two countries will be at the forefront, as partners.

## **We are united by a common vision**

We come from different circumstances and history, but we are united by a common vision. And, by a common destiny. When our partnership progresses, economic resilience increases, innovation grows, science flourishes, knowledge advances, humanity benefits, our seas and skies are safer, democracy will



### **Prime Minister's interaction with Indian community members in USA**

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi interacted with the members of the Indian community on June 24, 2023 at the Ronald Reagan Centre in Washington D.C.

In his address, the Prime Minister congratulated Indian community members for the success in their respective fields in the USA and invited them to contribute to India's growth during Amrit Kaal. The Prime Minister also thanked them for playing a significant role in strengthening India-USA ties, and highlighted future areas of bilateral partnership.

In a tweet Shri Narendra Modi said, "Attended a vibrant program celebrating our Indian diaspora. A heartfelt tribute to the strength, diversity and contribution of our overseas community. Their passion is our pride!"

### **AGREEMENTS BETWEEN US & INDIA**

The Joint Statement issued by the United States and India affirmed a vision of the two countries as "among the closest partners in the world— a partnership of democracies looking into the 21st century with hope, ambition, and confidence". Following are the key agreements on which both countries will work in partnership.

#### **TECHNOLOGY PARTNERSHIP**

Strengthening semiconductor supply chains, Critical Minerals Partnership, Advanced Telecommunications, NASA-ISRO collaboration in space, Quantum, Advanced Computing, and Artificial Intelligence, Cutting-edge Research, Innovation Handshake, Fiber Optics Investments

#### **DEFENCE PARTNERSHIP**

GE F414 Engine Co-Production, General Atomics MQ-9Bs, Service and repair of US Navy ships, More robust defence cooperation, Defence "Innovation Bridge"

#### **PEOPLE-CENTRIC EFFORTS**

Domestic visa renewals, New consulates, Student exchanges and scholarships, Agreement on cultural property

#### **THE OTHER AREAS OF COOPERATION**

Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific, Sustainable development, Energy collaboration, Initiatives on health, Fighting terror and drugs

shine brighter, and the world will be a better place.

That is the mission of our partnership. That is our calling for this century. Mister Speaker and Distinguished members, even by the high standards of our partnership, this visit is one of a great positive transformation. Together, we shall demonstrate that democracies matter and democracies deliver. I count on your continued support to the India-US partnership.

When I was here in 2016, I had said that "our relationship is primed for a momentous future". That future is today. Thank you once again Mister Speaker, Madam Vice-President and the Distinguished Members for this honour.

God Bless America.

Jai Hind ■

# YOGA IS TRULY UNIVERSAL: PM MODI

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi led the 9th annual International Day of Yoga celebrations at the iconic North Lawn of the UN Headquarters in New York City on 21 June 2023. The Day of Yoga was also celebrated in various countries across the world. The theme for this year is 'Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'. "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" or "One Earth - One Family - One Future".

The event witnessed an overwhelming response from thousands of yoga enthusiasts from over 135 nationalities, setting a GUINNESS WORLD RECORD for participation by maximum number of nationalities in a Yoga session. A video message by UN Secretary-General Mr. Antonio Guterres was played as well.

The event was graced by several notable dignitaries and prominent personalities from all walks of life -Diplomats, Officials, Academicians, Health professionals, Technocrats, Industry leaders, Media personalities, Artists, Spiritual leaders and Yoga practitioners; including H.E. Mr. Csaba Korosi, President of the 77th United Nations General Assembly; Mr. Eric Adams, Mayor of New York City; H.E. Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations and Chair of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group.

Prior to the yoga session, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi paid floral tributes at the bust of Mahatma Gandhi, which was inaugurated in December 2022, during India's UNSC Presidency. Prime Minister thereafter paid his respects at a Peacekeeping Memorial, also on the North Lawn.

Noteworthy, the first International Day of Yoga was commemorated in 2015 and has since then been marked with several sessions and events highlighting the benefits and universal appeal of Yoga at the UN, Times Square and iconic locations across the world.

The UN underlined that Yoga is an ancient physical, mental and spiritual practice that originated in India. The word 'yoga' is derived from Sanskrit and means to join or to unite, symbolising the union of body and consciousness. Today, it is practised in various forms around the world and continues to grow in popularity. **PM's Remarks at 9th International Day of Yoga - 2023**

Addressing on the occasion, PM Shri Narendra Modi said on this fine morning, we are gathered here at the United Nations. At the meeting point of entire humanity! In this wonderful city of New York! I know, many of you have come from far away. Most of you have woken up before sunrise, and made the effort to come here. I am delighted to see you all. And, I thank you all for coming!

## **'Yoga means - to Unite'**

He said, "I am told that almost every nationality is represented here today. And, what an amazing cause to bring us all together - Yoga! Yoga means - to Unite. So, your coming together is an expression of another form of yoga. I remember, about nine years ago, right here at the UN, I had the honour to

propose celebrating the International Day of Yoga on 21st June".

Shri Modi said, "It was wonderful to see the entire world come together to support the idea back then. I have just paid respects to the brave UN Peacekeepers. In 2015, I had called for a new memorial to be built at the UN in their memory. And last week, the whole world joined hands with India to make this a reality soon. As the largest troop contributing nation, we are grateful to all nations for their expression of support to this noble cause".

## **International Year of Millets**

Last year, the entire world came together to support India's proposal to celebrate 2023 as the International Year of Millets. Millets are a superfood. They promote





## Yoga is deeply associated with our culture: JP Nadda

BJP National President Shri JP Nadda participated in the International Day programme at Tau Devi Lal Stadium in Gurugram on 21 June, 2023. Addressing the occasion, the BJP National President said, "It is a matter of great pride for the country that today, 192 countries of the world are organising yoga programmes and the world is adopting the tradition of our country".

Shri Nadda said Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had proposed the International Day of Yoga in the United Nations General Assembly, which was supported by all the countries. Since then,

every year on June 21, yoga day is celebrated across the world.

The BJP National President said

its holistic approach to physical, mental and spiritual well-being.

He urged the people to incorporate the practice into their daily routine. "Yoga is deeply associated with our culture which connects our mind, soul, intellect and body. Yoga teaches the world the art of living peacefully, and how to live a happy and balanced life. Yoga keeps the mind calm and the body healthy," the BJP President said.

Haryana BJP President Shri Om Prakash Dhankar, Bhiwani-Mahendragarh MP Shri Dharambir Singh and

others also attended the programme. Shri Nadda also attended 'Har Ghar Aangan Yoga' in Gurugram. ■



**BJP NATIONAL PRESIDENT PERFORMS YOGA IN GURUGRAM**

the yoga day celebrations serve as a platform to raise awareness about its numerous benefits and promote

### Defence Minister Celebrates Int'l Yoga Day onboard INS Vikrant at Kochi

### Yoga-fostering resilience, discipline & overall well-being : Rajnath Singh



Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh joined the Indian Navy personnel onboard the indigenous aircraft carrier, INS Vikrant, for the International Day of Yoga celebrations at Kochi, Kerala on 21 June, 2023. Over 800-Armed Force personnel along with their families, came together to join the event embracing the spirit of unity and well-being.

Expert yoga instructors guided the participants through various Yoga Asanas and breathing exercises promoting physical fitness, mental calmness and spiritual healing. On completion, Shri Rajnath Singh felicitated the yoga instructors and interacted with the participants including the Indian Navy Agniveers who are undergoing their professional courses at the Southern Naval Command.

In his address, Shri Rajnath Singh highlighted the role of yoga in fostering resilience, discipline, and overall well-being among the armed forces. He expressed his gratitude to all participants for their unwavering commitment and acknowledged their sacrifices in safeguarding the nation's security. ■

### Union Home Minister greets people on Int'l Yoga Day

### Yoga an invaluable heritage given by India to the world: Amit Shah

Union Home & Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah on 21 June, greeted people on the occasion of International Yoga Day, and said Yoga is an invaluable heritage given by India to the world. He also mentioned



yoga as a medium to concentrate the body, mind and soul, and said practicing yoga makes both mind and body healthy.

"Best wishes to everyone on 'International Yoga Day'. Yoga is the medium to concentrate the body, mind and soul, which not only makes the body healthy but also the brain," Shri Amit Shah tweeted.

Shri Shah said that with the efforts of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, yoga has become a lifestyle of people all over the world. "This is an invaluable heritage given by India to the world, which Narendra Modi ji has worked to take to the whole world. With the efforts of Modi ji, today 'Yoga' has become a lifestyle of people all over the world". ■

very old tradition. But like all ancient Indian traditions, it is also living and dynamic. Yoga is free - from copyright, free from patents, and free from royalty payments. Yoga is adaptable - to your age, gender, and fitness level. Yoga is portable - you can do it at home, or at work, or in transit. Yoga is flexible - you can practice it alone, or in a group, learn from a teacher, or be self-taught. Yoga is unifying - it is for everyone, for all ethnicities, for all faiths, and for all cultures. Yoga is truly universal.

### Yoga is a way of life

Shri Modi said when we do yoga, we feel physically

holistic health and are good for environment too. And today, It is wonderful to see the entire world come together again for Yoga!

The PM said Yoga comes from India. And, it is a

fit, mentally calm, and emotionally content. But it is not just about doing exercises on a mat. Yoga is a way of life. A holistic approach to health and wellbeing. A way to have mindfulness in thoughts and actions. A way to live in harmony - with self, with others and with nature. I am delighted that many of you are working on scientifically validating different aspects of Yoga. Indeed, this is the way.

### Use power of Yoga to build a peaceful world

"I know you are all keen to get started! Well, so am I. I want to thank the United Nations for hosting us here today. I am grateful to the Mayor and the City of New York for all their help and support in making this event a success. And most of all, I want to thank you all once again for being here today. Let us use the power of Yoga not only to be healthy and happy, but also to be kind - to ourselves, and to each other".

Shri Modi said let us use the power of Yoga to build bridges of friendship, a peaceful world, and a cleaner, greener and sustainable future. Let us join hands together to realize the goal of – "One Earth, One family, One Future". I conclude with a wish: सर्वे भवन्तु सुखिनः सर्वे सन्तु निरामयाः. May everyone be happy, may everyone be healthy!

### UN EVENT SETS GUINNESS WORLD RECORD FOR MOST NATIONALITIES IN A YOGA SESSION

The Guinness World Record for most nationalities in a Yoga session was created during the International Yoga Day event led by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in New York.

Guinness World Record official, Michael Empric, was present at the UN Headquarters lawn on 21 June morning (local time) to present the award to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, United Nations General Assembly President Mr Csaba Korosi and Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations Ms. Ruchira Kamboj.

Guinness World Records official adjudicator said today, in New York, at the UN, they have 135. It is a new Guinness World Records title.

Envoys from over 100 nations, people from all walks of life in the US, prominent New Yorkers, Hollywood celebrities and members of the Indian Diaspora attended the event led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

### YOGA UNITES MILLIONS OF PEOPLE: UN SECRETARY GENERAL

In a tweet, underlining the importance of Yoga, UN Secretary General Mr António Guterres said, "In a divided world, yoga unites millions of people across the globe, for whom it is a source of strength, harmony, and peace".

On this #YogaDay, let us embrace this spirit of unity, and resolve to build a better, more harmonious world for people & planet.

Responding to the tweet by the United Secretary General, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi tweeted; "Fully agree with @UN Secretary General @antonioguterres on the importance of Yoga. May Yoga Day bring us all closer and improve the health of our planet."

### GUINNESS WORLD RECORD SET IN SURAT AS 1.53 LAKH PEOPLE PARTICIPATE IN CELEBRATION

The Yoga Day event organised in Surat city of Gujarat on 21 June has set a new Guinness World Record for the largest gathering for a yoga session at one place with 1.53 lakh people joining the program. Representatives of the Guinness World Records have confirmed that 1.53 lakh people participated in the Yoga session in Surat. The previous world record was set in 2018 in Kota city of Rajasthan when 1,00,984 people participated in a Yoga Day session in one place.



Gujarat Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel joined the state-level 'International Day of Yoga celebration in Dumas area of Surat. After this event, representatives of the Guinness Book of World Records handed over a certificate to the Chief Minister declaring that a new world record has been created for the largest gathering of people for a yoga session at one place. ■

# 'MAHA JANSAMPARK ABHIYAN'

## UNDER MODI GOVT THE COUNTRY WITNESSED DEVELOPMENT ON ALL FRONTS: JP Nadda

As a part of the commemoration of the completion of 9 years of the Modi government at the Centre, BJP has organised a series of public meetings and rallies under the 'Maha Jansampark Abhiyan' across the country. The purpose of these gatherings, which took place between May 30 and June 30, 2023 was to provide information about the achievements of the Modi government as well as its welfare schemes and development initiatives. During this period, the BJP has planned approximately 50 rallies throughout the country. PM Shri Narendra Modi, BJP National President Shri JP Nadda and other senior leaders addressed several rallies across the country.

### Giridih, Jharkhand

BJP National President Shri JP Nadda, addressing a massive rally at Jhanda ground in Giridih, Jharkhand on 22 June, 2023 said many countries are passing through a recession but India continues to have the strongest economy under the dynamic leadership of PM Shri Narendra Modi. "Today there is an economic slowdown in America, Europe, and Australia and due to the war in Ukraine there are issues in the economy, but India's economy is standing strong", he said. Shri Nadda addressed the rally as part of the party's mass outreach programme on the completion of nine years of Modi government at the Centre.

During his address, Shri Nadda made a scathing attack on the Congress party saying when global leaders and CEOs were lauding Shri Modi for his outlook and performance, it was saddening to note that the party compared him with a snake, a scorpion, illiterate and a tea-seller.

He said the country under PM Shri Modi has witnessed development on all fronts during the past nine years and occupies the centre stage on the global platform.

Shri Nadda said Rs 18 lakh crore has been spent on augmenting infrastructure in the past nine years and 40 km of national highways are being constructed daily compared to just 12 km during UPA rule.



He said India became the fifth largest economy, fourth leading steel producer and third-biggest automobile maker under the Modi government.

### Bhawanipatna, Odisha

#### 'Naveen Patnaik 'Outsourced' Odisha Administration to Officers'

BJP National President Shri JP Nadda on 23 June, 2023 said Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has outsourced the Odisha administration to bureaucrats. Shri Nadda criticised the state's BJD government while addressing a huge rally at Bhawanipatna in Kalahandi district of Odisha on the occasion of



the completion of nine years of the Narendra Modi government.

"I wonder who has been running Odisha! Is this the officers or leaders who are running this state? I want to know this. Someone told me that it's actually the officers who are running the state, they are ruling it," the BJP National President said.

The BJP National President said Odisha remained backwards under the BJD rule, he asserted that the state's per capita income is lowest, its average monthly income for agricultural households is lowest while incidents of crime against women are increasing. "It is time for the lotus to bloom in Odisha," Shri Nadda said.

He said that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has provided ration to 3.5 crore people of the state's 4.5 crore population. He said that the actual beneficiaries are not getting houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana in Odisha. "Ineligible people are getting houses. There will be a probe. I will speak to Union minister Giriraj Singh. Those involved in the scam will be put behind bars".

## Santirbazar (Tripura)

### 'PM Modi has changed the fortune of India in last 9 years'

On the occasion of the completion of 9 years of Modi government at the centre, BJP National President Shri JP Nadda addressed a huge public rally in Santirbazar (Tripura) on 17 June 2023. He said the country has witnessed unprecedented development under Prime Minister Narendra Modi who has "changed the fortune of India" in the past nine years.

He cited infrastructure building, good governance and all-round development as the benchmarks of the Modi government. "Earlier, India was known for corruption, policy paralysis and bad governance. Now, the whole world respects the country for all-round development and good governance," the BJP President said.

Highlighting the Centre's achievements in infrastructure building, Shri Nadda said 13,125 km of border roads have been built to safeguard the

international border. Rs 18 lakh crore has been spent for infrastructure building from 2014 to 2022 while 29 km of national highways are being constructed daily compared to just 12 km during UPA rule, he said, adding 74 airports have also been built in the past nine years.

Nadda said Tripura has got 300 km of national highway in the past six years and the proposed Indo-Bangla rail connectivity will reduce travel time from Agartala to Kolkata from 31 hours to 10 hours. "This is the new story of development of the Modi government", he said.

He said India's inflation is much lower than that of developed countries such as the US, the UK, Australia and Italy. ■

## Hoshiarpur (Punjab)

### 'In last nine years, there had been sea change in every sector'

As a part of BJP's massive Maha Jansampark campaign on the completion of nine years of Modi government, BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda addressed a huge rally at Hoshiarpur, Punjab. It was the party's first rally in Punjab.

In his address Shri Nadda said before PM Shri Narendra Modi came to the centre, India was suffering from a policy paralysis. But in the last nine years, there has been sea change in every sector. He said India's prestige has increased in the world and other countries were listening to PM Shri Modi.

Apart from enumerating other works of the BJP-led Union government, Shri Nadda highlighted the opening of Kartarpur Corridor, exempting gurdwara Langars from GST and ensuring punishment to perpetrators of 1984 massacre of Sikhs.

Punjab BJP President Shri Ashwani Sharma said it was only BJP which could solve the state's problems, including drugs, debt, corruption and deteriorating law and order. He said party workers were reaching out to five lakh families directly.

Union Minister Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, BJP National Vice-President Shri Saudan Singh and other senior leaders also attended the rally. ■

## No democracy in Tamil Nadu: Rajnath Singh

Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh on 20 June, 2023 slammed Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin for describing the arrest of former state electricity minister V Senthil Balaji as 'political vendetta'. "Stalin is defending Senthil Balaji, who was arrested in a corruption case.

He (Stalin) was the same person who called Senthil Balaji corrupt when he was in the opposition and now when an investigation agency arrests him, Stalin calls it political vendetta. This duplicity of character is unacceptable," said Shri Rajnath Singh, participating in a public meeting in Tambaram in Chennai to speak about the 9-years achievements' of the Narendra Modi government at the centre.

Referring to the arrest of BJP state secretary SG Suryah "because of a tweet" shows

Stalin's "complete disregard for democracy and dissent", said Shri Singh.

He said Stalin was ruling like a "dictator" and there is no democracy in the state. "Stalin, my good friend, who was named after Russian dictator Stalin, behaves like a dictator himself. There is no democracy in the state," Shri Rajnath Singh said.

Shri Singh said the alliance with AIADMK has been intact for several years. It is alliance dharma to respect our alliance partners, he said. "We have respect for Jayalalithaa who supported the first BJP's government headed by former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and we are grateful for her," he said.



Shri Singh said, "The significance of 'Sengol' was largely confined to Tamil Nadu and it was PM Shri Narendra Modi who by installing 'Sengol' in the new Parliament building made it popular and took it outside Tamil Nadu.

Earlier, BJP State President Shri Annamalai presented a silver sceptre to the Defence Minister. ■

## Kullu (Himachal Pradesh)

### 'West Bengal, Bihar, Rajasthan and Punjab denying full quota rights to OBCs'

For Congress and other parties, which have been captured by families, the motive has always been to grab power by dividing people and making false promises, said BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda while addressing a massive rally in Kullu, Himachal Pradesh on 14 June, 2023.

Launching a blistering attack on the opposition parties, Shri JP Nadda said the Congress and other parties had always played vote bank politics and didn't hesitate in compromising the interest of the nation for power.

The BJP National President said a recent report

by the National Commission of Backward Classes (NCBC) was a glaring example of vote bank politics of these parties. He said according to the report, OBC people were being denied full quota rights in West Bengal, Bihar, Rajasthan and Punjab.

In West Bengal, 91.5% OBC quota is going to Muslims. The benefit of OBC quota has been given to Bangladeshi infiltrators and Rohingyas. In seven tribal districts of Rajasthan, no OBC quota had been given at all; in Bihar, only the creamy layer was getting reservation certificates, while in Punjab, only 12% OBC reservation was being given against provision of 25%.

He said PM Shri Narendra Modi had not only transformed India but also changed the country's political culture from nepotism to development and vote bank politics to report card politics. ■

## Gurdaspur (Punjab)

### **Punjab's law & order is going from bad to worse: Amit Shah**

As part of the BJP's outreach campaign to mark the completion of nine years of the Narendra Modi government at the centre, Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah addressed a massive rally in Gurdaspur, Punjab on 18 June, 2023. On the occasion Shri Shah said, "In my entire life, I have not seen a government like the one led by AAP in Punjab, which makes hollow promises." Attacking CM Bhagwant Mann, he said, "The chief minister has only one job. If Kejriwal has to go to Chennai, then he goes to Delhi in the aircraft to take him to Chennai." His entire time is consumed by Kejriwal's tours and as a result of this, Punjab's law and order is going from bad to worse," he said.

While the drug trade is increasing, the Chief Minister has no time to address it or farmers' issues, Shri Shah said, adding people are not safe under AAP in Punjab. On the drug issue, he said the Narendra Modi government has decided to free the country from the menace and very soon the drug trade in Punjab will be shut. Within a month an office of the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) will be opened in Amritsar, he said.

The Union Home Minister said very soon BJP workers in Punjab will go to every village in Punjab to spread awareness about drug abuse.

Criticising the AAP over its poll promises, Shri Shah said, "I have come here to ask Bhagwant Mann and Kejriwal that you had promised Rs 1,000 to every woman in the state, but they are still waiting for that. What to talk of Rs 1,000, not even 1,000 paise have been transferred into their accounts."

He listed various achievements of the Modi government at the Centre in 9 years and said India is now known as a growth engine around the world. He also talked about initiatives such as Kartapur Sahib corridor, observing December 26 each year as 'Vir Bal Divas', renovated Jallianwala Bagh memorial, Delhi-Amritsar-Katra highway, and two Vande Bharat trains for Punjab. ■

## Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh)

### **'Jagan government has done nothing in Andhra Pradesh'**



Addressing a massive public rally on the completion of 9 years of Shri Narendra Modi Govt at the centre in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh on 11 June, 2023 Union Home & Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah said the people of the country have once again decided to make Shri Narendra Modi the Prime Minister for the third consecutive time in 2024. I have come here to humbly request the people of Andhra Pradesh to give the Bharatiya Janata Party more than 20 Lok Sabha seats and be the partner in the growth, development and progress of the country which is being steered by Shri Narendra Modi.

#### **Highlights**

- The Jagan Mohan Reddy government in Andhra Pradesh has done nothing for the state and its people, what it has done is corruption, scams and misgovernance.
- During the rule of Jagan Mohan Reddy Vizag has become the hotbed of anti-social elements. Land scam, mining scam, fake medicine racket, all this is going on in the state under the patronage of the ruling party.
- Jagan Mohan Reddy government has given Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojna a new name called Raytu Bharosa Scheme and is calling it a scheme of his government. ■

**PM DISTRIBUTES 70,000 APPOINTMENT LETTERS TO NEWLY INDUCTED RECRUITS**



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi distributed about 70,000 appointment letters to newly inducted recruits on 13th June, 2023 via video conferencing. Prime Minister also addressed these appointees on the occasion.

The Rozgar Mela was held at 43 locations across the country. he selected recruits from across the country will be joining the Government in various Departments. 43 places across the country were connected with the Mela during the Prime Minister’s address.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister remarked that the National Rozgar Mela has become the new identity of the present government as recruitment letters are handed out to more than 70,000 individuals today. He expressed happiness that the BJP and NDA ruled states are also organizing similar Rozgar Melas on a regular basis. Noting that the Azadi Ka Amrit Kaal has only begun, Shri Modi said that this is a very significant moment for those who are joining government service as they have the opportunity to contribute towards making India a developed country in the next 25 years. “Along with the present, you must give everything for the future of the country”, the Prime Minister said. Shri Modi congratulated the newly inducted recruits and their family members on the occasion. ■

**“DUGDH SANKALAN SATHI” LAUNCHED TO TRANSFORM INDIAN DAIRY INDUSTRIES**

Union Minister of Heavy Industries Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey unveiled the ground-breaking “Dugdh Sanakalan Sathi Mobile App” on 16 June at Mussorie, Uttarakhand. This innovative application, designed and developed by Rajasthan Electronics & Instruments Limited (REIL), Jaipur, a “Mini Ratna” Central Public Sector Enterprises under the Ministry of Heavy Industries, is poised to make a lasting impact on the Indian Dairy Industries by addressing key challenges in the milk collection process. This mobile app aims to improve the quality of milk, foster transparency among stakeholders, and streamline operations at the grassroots village level, including Milk Cooperative Societies.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr.Mahendra Nath Pandey said, “Through this App Ministry of Heavy Industry has taken a revolutionary step towards realizing the commitment of Government of India to digitize the process and facilitate Direct Beneficiary Transfer to milk producers”. Expressing his enthusiasm for the initiative the Minister stated that ‘Dugdh Sankalan Sathi Mobile App’ will bring transparency, efficiency, and empowerment to all stakeholders involved in the milk collection process, ultimately benefiting the milk producers and contributing to the growth of the dairy sector. ■

**PLI SCHEME CONTRIBUTES IN PRODUCTION, EMPLOYMENT GENERATION AND ECONOMIC GROWTH**

The Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Schemes have led to a significant increase in production, employment generation, economic growth and exports in the country. Addressing a press conference in New Delhi on 12 June, Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh, Secretary, DPIIT said that due to PLI Schemes, there was a significant increase of 76% in FDI in the Manufacturing sector in FY 2021-22 (USD 21.34 billion) compared to previous FY 2020-21 (USD 12.09 billion).

The PLI schemes as envisioned by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi with the objective of making India ‘AatmaNirbhar’ is built on the foundation of 14 sectors with an incentive outlay of Rs. 1.97



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lakh crore (about US\$ 26 billion) to strengthen their production capabilities and help create global champions.

Sectors for which PLI schemes exist and have seen an increase in FDI inflows from FY 2021-22 to FY 2022-23 are Drugs and Pharmaceuticals (+46%), Food Processing Industries (+26%) and Medical Appliances (+91%). PLI Schemes have transformed India's exports basket from traditional commodities to high value-added products such as electronics & telecommunication goods, processed food products etc.

As on date, 733 applications have been approved in 14 Sectors with expected investment of Rs.3.65 Lakh Crore. 176 MSMEs are among the PLI beneficiaries in sectors such as Bulk Drugs, Medical Devices, Pharma, Telecom, White Goods, Food Processing, Textiles & Drones. ■

### WITH 44.22% GROWTH, OVERALL COAL STOCK POSITION TOUCHES 110.58 MILLION TONNE

In line with the vision of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat', the Ministry of Coal is focused on ensuring the energy security of the Nation. The Ministry of Coal is actively working towards enhancing coal production and supply efficient transportation of coal to all the stakeholders.

The overall coal stock position i.e., at Mines, TPPs and transit, as on 13th June .2023, reached 110.58 Million Tonne (MT), indicating a substantial increase of 44.22% as compared to the stock of 76.67 MT last year. This higher coal stock position indicates commitment of maintaining an ample supply of coal by the Ministry of Coal.

Additionally, the Pithead coal stock at Coal India Limited (CIL) as on 13th of this month stands at 59.73 MT, indicating a growth rate of 25.77% as compared to the stock of 47.49 MT on 13.06.2022. This upward trend highlights effective stock management strategies and operational efficiency.

At the same time, in terms of coal dispatch to the power sector, the cumulative achievement for the FY 2023-24 as on 13.06.2023, amounts to 164.84 MT, registering a notable growth rate of 5.11% compared to the corresponding period of the previous year,

which stood at 156.83 MT on 13.06.2022, ensuring a steady supply of coal to meet the energy requirements of the power sector. ■

### UNGA ADOPTS RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A NEW MEMORIAL WALL FOR FALLEN PEACEKEEPERS, PILOTED BY INDIA

The UN General Assembly 15 June has adopted a draft resolution introduced by India to establish a memorial wall in the UN Headquarters to honour fallen peacekeepers

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on expressed happiness as UN General Assembly adopted Resolution to establish a new Memorial Wall for fallen Peacekeepers piloted by India.

The Prime Minister tweeted; "Delighted that the Resolution to establish a new Memorial Wall for fallen Peacekeepers, piloted by India, has been adopted in the UN General Assembly. The Resolution received a record 190 co-sponsorships. Grateful for everyone's support." ■

### WPI MAINTAINS THE DECLINING TREND; FALLS TO -3.48% IN MAY, 2023



The annual rate of inflation based on all India Wholesale Price Index (WPI) number is (-) 3.48% (Provisional) for the month of May, 2023 (over May, 2022) against (-) 0.92% recorded in April, 2023. Decline in the rate of inflation in May, 2023 is primarily contributed by fall in prices of mineral oils, basic metals, food products, textiles, non-food articles, crude petroleum & natural gas, and chemical & chemical products. The index numbers and inflation rate for the last three months of all commodities. ■

## MOD SIGNS 500 CRORE CONTRACT TO STRENGTHEN INDIAN ARMY'S COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

Giving a further boost to indigenous manufacturing of defence equipment and incentivize the private sector to engage in realizing the vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat, Ministry of Defence inked a contract on June 15, 2023 in New Delhi with ICOMM Tele Limited, Hyderabad for the procurement of 1,035 numbers of 5/7.5 Ton Radio Relay Communication equipment containers. The value of the contract under Buy (Indian) Category is nearly Rs 500 crore. The delivery of the containers is scheduled to commence from the current Financial Year 2023-24.

The Radio Relay Containers will address a long overdue requirement of mobile communication detachments of the Indian Army. These containers will be utilized to provide a protected environment for communication equipment to function in a failsafe and reliable manner. The containers would be mounted on authorized specialist vehicles and moved as per operational requirements. ■

## CENTRAL GOVERNMENT RELEASES 1,18,280 CRORE AS 3RD INSTALMENT OF TAX DEVOLUTION TO STATE

The Union Government has released 3rd instalment of tax devolution to State Governments amounting to Rs. 1,18,280 crore on 12th June, 2023, as against normal monthly devolution of Rs. 59,140 crore. One advance instalment in addition to the regular instalment due in June 2023 is being released to States to enable them to speed up capital spending, finance their development/ welfare related expenditure and also to make available resources for priority projects/ schemes. ■

## GROSS DIRECT TAX COLLECTIONS FOR 2023-24 REGISTER A GROWTH OF 12.73%

The figures of Direct Tax collections for the Financial Year 2023-24, as on 17th Jun 2023 show that net collections are at Rs. 3,79,760 crore, compared to Rs. 3,41,568 crore in the corresponding period of the preceding Financial Year i.e. FY 2022-23, representing an increase of 11.18%.

The Net Direct Tax collection of Rs. 3,79,760 crore (as on 17.06.2023) include Corporation Tax (CIT) at Rs. 1,56,949 crore (net of refund) and Personal Income Tax (PIT) including Securities Transaction Tax (STT) at Rs. 2,22,196 crore (net of refund).

The Gross collection of Direct Taxes (before adjusting for refunds) for the FY 2023-24 stands at Rs. 4,19,338 crore as compared to Rs. 3,71,982 crore in the corresponding period of the preceding financial year, registering a growth of 12.73% over collections of FY 2022-23. ■

## INDIA'S SEAFOOD EXPORTS TOUCH AN ALL-TIME HIGH IN FY 2022-23

India achieved an all-time high exports of seafood both in terms of volume and value (both US\$ and Rupee) by shipping 17,35,286 MT of seafood worth Rs. 63,969.14 crore (US\$ 8.09 billion) during FY 2022-23 despite the several challenges in its major export markets like USA.

During the FY 2022-23, the export improved in quantity terms by 26.73%, in rupee terms by 11.08%, in US\$ terms by 4.31%. In 2021-22, India had exported 13,69,264 MT of seafood worth Rs 57,586.48 crore (US\$ 7,759.58 million). ■

## IDC APPROVES FIRST INDIGENOUSLY DEVELOPED ANIMAL-DERIVED TISSUE HEALING SKIN WOUNDS WITH MINIMUM SCARRING

The first indigenously developed tissue engineering scaffold from mammalian organs, an animal-derived Class D Biomedical Device that can rapidly heal skin wounds at low-cost with minimum scarring, has received approval from the Indian Drugs Controller (IDC).

With this, the Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST), an autonomous institution of the Department of Science and Technology (DST), became the first institution in the country to develop Class D medical devices that satisfy all statutory requirements of the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation, Government of India.

The concept of using animal-derived materials as advanced wound care products is not new. However, indigenous technology was so far not available for fabricating quality products that satisfy

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the requirements of the Drugs Controller General. Therefore, such products were imported making them expensive. ■

### **INLAND FISH PRODUCTION INCREASES FROM 28.23 LAKH TONNES TO 121.21 LAKH TONNES**

“Sagar Parikrama” is a transformative voyage planned in the water across the coastal belt to show solidarity with the fisher folk, fish farmers, and related stakeholders in the spirit of the 75th Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, which honors our brave freedom fighters, sailors, and fishers. It is a Government of India's initiative aimed at resolving the issues of fishers and other stakeholders and facilitating their economic and overall upliftment through various schemes and programmes of fisheries implemented by the Government of India, such as Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), FIDF and KCC.

Inland fish production increased 400 percent from 28.23 lakh tonnes per year in 2000-01 to 121.21 lakh tonnes per year in 2021-22. ■

### **NEHRU MEMORIAL MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SOCIETY RENAMED AS PRIME MINISTERS' MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SOCIETY**

In a special meeting of the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library Society, it was resolved to change its name to Prime Ministers' Museum and Library Society. The Special Meeting was presided over by Defence Minister, Shri Rajnath Singh who is the Vice-President of the Society.

Prime Minister Shri Modi had mooted the idea of setting up of a museum dedicated to all the Prime Ministers of India on Teen Murti Premises, New Delhi in 2016. The Executive Council, NMML had in its 162nd meeting held on 25-11-2016 approved the construction of the Museum of all Prime Ministers in the Teen Murti Estate. The project was completed and the Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya was opened to the public on 21st April 2022.

Chairman, Executive Council, Shri Nripendra Misra in his welcome address explained the need for change in name by emphasizing that the Prime Ministers' Museum expresses the nation's deep commitment to democracy and so the name of the

institution should reflect its new form.

Defence Minister, Shri Rajnath Singh, Vice-President of the Society in his address welcomed the proposal for change in name, since in its new form the institution exhibits the contributions of all prime ministers from Shri Jawaharlal Nehru to Shri Narendra Modi and their responses to various challenges faced by them. ■

### **DOMESTIC AIRLINES REGISTERED AN ANNUAL GROWTH OF 36.10%**

The Civil Aviation sector in the country has witnessed an impressive growth, with the number of passengers carried by Domestic airlines growing substantially. Based on the traffic data provided by different Domestic airlines, the passenger count reached an impressive milestone of 636.07 lakhs during January-May 2023, reflecting a significant annual growth rate of 36.10%, compared to the corresponding period in the preceding year of Jan-May 2022, during which the passenger count was 467.37 lakhs.

In the month of May 2022, passenger count was 114.67 lakh, which in May 2023 rose to 132.41 lakh, registering a Month-on-Month growth of 15.24%. This consistent growth is a testament to the collective efforts of airlines, airports, and the Ministry of Civil Aviation in fostering a safe, efficient, and customer-centric aviation ecosystem.

The overall passenger number in May 2023 increased by 3.26 lakhs (2.52%) as compared to April 23. ■

### **FOUNDATION STONE LAID FOR TEN NH PROJECTS WORTH 8000 CRORE IN UP**

Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Shri Nitin Gadkari laid Foundation stone for 5 NH projects worth Rs 2,200 crore in Pratapgarh region and 5 NH projects worth Rs 6,215 Crore in Deoria Region of Uttar Pradesh on 12 June in presence of Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Shri Yogi Adityanath.

Shri Gadkari said with the widening of 43 km of National Highway 330 from Pratapgarh to Sultanpur being constructed at a cost of Rs 1290 crore, the travel time from Prayagraj to Pratapgarh via Ayodhya will be reduced. ■



# FESTIVAL OF CULTURAL PRIDE



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The central government led by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has completed nine years at the center. Millions of Bharatiya Janata Party karyakartas are celebrating this great achievement by organising various public outreach (Maha Jansampark) programmes across the country. On this occasion, the BJP is organising different events like huge public meetings, Sampark Se Samarthan, Intellectual and Trader's conference, and beneficiary Sampark. Under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, all members of the Union Cabinet, national and state office bearers, Chief Ministers, Deputy Chief Ministers, MPs, and MLAs are actively working for the success of this 'Maha Jansampark Abhiyan'.

The outstanding achievements of the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi led government at the centre in the past nine years are incomparable. Various schemes for the welfare of the poor have been launched, world-class infrastructural development has taken place, internal security, economic progress, and the pride of India at the global level have

increased, and this has become possible with the collective efforts of our ministries. All the historic initiatives, like implementing the New Education Policy, bringing back the Indians trapped abroad safely, have raised the heads of every Indian with pride. Along with economic progress, this period of nine years will always be remembered in history as the re-establishment of India's cultural pride.

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places of faith and reverence, then the soul of India cried out. At such a time, Maharani Ahilyabai Holkar did the great work of awakening India's self-respect and restoring its cultural glory in the 17th century. Her exemplary initiative in this direction was the construction of temples at all the famous pilgrimage centres of India, ghats on the banks of rivers, wells and drinking water facilities for travelers, the appointment of scholars in temples, arrangements for the study of scriptures, etc. Many places like Lord Kedarnath, Kashi Vishwanath Temple are still telling their glorious stories.

Similarly, after independence, India should have been free from all the symbols of slavery, like the way the Somnath temple was restored in Gujarat. But in the name of so-called secularism, the work of crushing India's self-respect continued. Crushing Hindu self-respect and minority appeasement have become the identity of secularism. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has done a great job of restoring India's cultural pride along with unbiased development, which is similar to the work of Maharani Ahilyabai in the 17th century. His name will also be taken with pride.

The grand temple of Lord Shri Ram in Ayodhya is getting ready in its vibrant form. Very soon, the idol of Lord Shri Ram will be consecrated. Not only the temple, but the entire city of Ayodhya is undergoing development that is becoming sacred and visible to the whole world. The Kashi Vishwanath corridor describes its magnificence in the city of Lord Vishwanath. The scenic beauty of the grand view of Maa Ganga from the temple premises has become mesmerizing. The darshan of Kedarpuri, located in the Himalayas, gives an idea of the reality of life. The grand statue of Jagadguru Shankaracharya shows the unity of the country. The cave in which the Prime Minister used to meditate has become a holy place. Mahakal Lok, located in Ujjain, has also created a new record of its magnificence by

demolishing all the old records of pilgrims.

The 2400-year-old Sharda Peeth, established by Jagadguru Adi Shankaracharya and located in Kupwara district near the Line of Control, has opened after 70 years, and worship has started in it. After 500 years, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi hoisted the flag at the Mahakali temple located in Pavagadh, Gujarat. Showering flowers on Kavad Yatra, the grandeur of Kumbh Mela, and the safety of Amarnath Yatra are all ways to build faith among pilgrims. The Advaita Center at Omkareshwar in Madhya Pradesh is also on its way to taking shape.

Even during his foreign pravas, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi visited the Toji Buddhist Temple of Japan, Kinkaku Temple, Shiv Temple of Mauritius, Naguleshwam Temple of Lanka, Mahabodhi Temple, the famous Lakshmi Narayan Temple of Canada, Gurdwara Khalsa Diwan, Dakshineswar Temple of Bangladesh, and Myanmar. He visited the Anand temple in Pashupatinath, Nepal, and presented sandalwood to Jagatjanani Maa Sita's temple in Janakpur, visited the famous temples of Oman and Muscat. He described the construction of the temple in Dubai as a bridge of harmony between the two countries. The efforts for the safe return of the holy Guru Granth Sahib from Afghanistan have expressed deep faith in the Sikh community across the world for its cultural values. It is a commendable effort to welcome diplomats from all over the world by gifting them the Bhagavad Gita.

The Prime Minister announced 'Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas' on the birth anniversary of Lord Birsa Munda, visited the holy place of great Saint Kabirdas Ji, worshipped in the temple of Saint Ravidas Ji, offered obeisance at the holy Gurudwara, and distributed langar. Many efforts were taken, such as the commemoration of Lord Mahatma Buddha and great Saint Shankardev Jayanti, to inspire the society towards these great men who devoted their lives for the improvement of religion, culture, and society.

His efforts are commendable for re-establishing the invaluable heritage of Yoga and Ayurveda,

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which can be used for the welfare of the whole world. Yoga is today's subject of attraction for the whole world. Yoga has become the basis of a healthy and balanced life. The 21st June is celebrated as Yoga Day all over the world. An estimated 300 million people worldwide now practise yoga. Yoga is also the reason for the boom in the wellness and fitness sectors. Activism towards the efforts for the purity of the Ganga, the Aarti of Maa Ganga by the Prime Minister of Japan, has given all the Ganga lovers a holy vision towards the cleanliness of all the rivers, including the Ganga.

The project aimed at improving the health of India's holy river Ganga is one of the top 10 initiatives from around the world recognised by the United Nations for their role in restoring the natural world. Efforts are being made for the growth of Ayurveda by increasing its budget. Now the budget of our Ministry of AYUSH is Rs. 3050 crore. More than 50 Ayurvedic products have been registered in eight countries around the world. The world's first WHO-recognised center, the WHO Global Center for Traditional Medicine, has started in Jamnagar, Gujarat.

The effort to bring back Indian heritage, a symbol of Indian self-respect that was stolen from India, is also noteworthy. A total of 13 items were returned from 1976 to 2013, whereas after 2014, 235 items symbolising Indian heritage have been returned. This is an indication of India's growing influence around the world. The installation of Sengol's prestige in the new Parliament House has revived the ancient tradition.

Through our culture, we can give the world qualities like a selfless lifestyle without indulgence, coordination in place of conflict, love in place of hatred, cooperation, and tolerance. This is also the essence of Swami Vivekananda's American speeches and the discourses of all spiritual saints. This effort of cultural awakening by Prime Minister Shri Modi is an exemplary, meaningful initiative in this direction. This has made every Indian proud. ■

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# Architect of independent India Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee

By Vikash Anand

One of the great architects of independent India, Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee, born on 6 July, 1901 as the son of Sir Ashutosh Mookerjee, sacrificed his life for national unity and integrity. Dr. Mookerjee had a multifaceted personality. He was an academician, barrister, politician, and humanitarian par excellence—all in one. By dint of his hard work and academic excellence, he became the youngest vice chancellor of the University of Calcutta at the age of 33, perhaps the first in academic history.

As a student in college, he cherished the ambition to be a journalist but as time passed, he ended up jumping into politics to become a great political leader. He sacrificed his life for the complete integration of Jammu & Kashmir with India.

With his qualities of head and heart, Dr. Mookerjee attracted the attention of Mahatma Gandhi. The latter got so impressed by Dr. Mookerjee that when India became free on August 15, 1947, Mahatma Gandhi impressed upon Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru to include two, among others, in his first Cabinet formed after independence. One was Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee, and the other was Dr. B. R. Ambedkar. Interestingly, both were not members of the Congress Party. Pandit Nehru allocated Dr. Mookerjee the portfolio of commerce and industry. As a Minister in Nehru's cabinet, he left his indelible imprint as the man who laid the sound foundation for the industrialization of the newly independent country. He sent the country on a rapid industrialization spree.

Despite his effectiveness as a minister, Dr. Mookerjee developed differences with Pandit Nehru over refugee problems, the handling of the Kashmir issue, and the treatment of minorities in the territories of Pakistan. As time went on, he realised that he could no longer serve in Nehru's government and participate in the policies which, in his view, were not in the best interests of the country. Finally, he resigned from the cabinet on April 8, 1950.

After resigning from Nehru's Cabinet, Dr. Syama



Prasad Mookerjee, with the help of the RSS, founded 'Jana Sangh'. On October 21st, the Jana Sangh was formally launched in New Delhi, and Dr. Mookerjee became its first President.

Dr. Mookerjee supported Praja Parishad's satyagrah against "do vidhan, do nishan aur do pradhan". He took the issue to the people of the country. He organized public meetings across the country to

garner support for Praja Parishad's movement in Jammu & Kashmir. Dr. Mookerjee wanted to keep the movement non-violent. In order to assess the situation in Jammu & Kashmir Dr. Mookerjee decided to send Shri Uma Shankar Trivedi and Shri GV Deshpandey to Jammu. But both were not granted permission to enter Jammu and Kashmir. At this point, Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee himself decided to go to Kashmir without seeking any clearance or permission.

Dr. Mookerjee commenced his journey from New Delhi for Jammu & Kashmir on May 8, 1953. On May 11 he reached Pathankot. His welcome in Pathankot was amazing. Dr. Mookerjee reached Madhopur check post at 4 PM.

As soon as the jeep carrying Dr. Mookerjee reached the middle of the Madhopur bridge he was stopped by Jammu & Kashmir police. Dr. Mookerjee along with his two colleagues Guru Dutt Vaidya and Tek Chand were arrested. They were told that they were being arrested under Public Safety Act of Jammu & Kashmir. Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee who was travelling with him was asked by Dr. Mookerjee to go back and tell the people of the country that Dr. Mookerjee had entered the state of Jammu & Kashmir without a permit. Dr. Mookerjee was taken to Srinagar. After completing all legal formalities, he along with two others were kept under arrest for 42 days till his mysterious death on June 23, 1953 at a cottage near the Nishat Garden. Since then, his death anniversary is observed as 'Balidan Diwas'.

The unfinished task of Dr. Mookerjee was completed by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi by repealing article 370 on August 5, 2019. ■



## Modi's promise to a Divyang

By: Dr Ramapati Ram Tripathi

PM Modi Story

PM Shri Narendra Modi suggested to use 'Divyang' for differently abled persons instead of 'Viklang' in 2015. To many it was only use of a different word, but words have infinite power to influence everything. We can see the change now. It also shows the compassion and the care that PM Shri Modi has for Divyang people.

However, PM Shri Modi's attitude towards differently abled people was the same even in his early days. There are many instances from his early life where he cared for or helped a differently abled person. Sharing an anecdote from the 90's where Modi fulfilled and followed-up on his promise to a Divyang.

During general elections of 1999, Shri Narendra Modi was in Lucknow for party work. Once he was going out in a car for some program. A Divyang was standing at the gate. As he was crossing the gate, party workers got the Divyang person stand at one side

of the gate. The car crossed but Shri Narendra Modi spotted this incident.

He stopped the car, got out of it and went to the Divyang person. He asked him for the reason why he had come there. The Divyang



person told him that he needed a tricycle and that's why he had come.

Shri Narendra Modi was accompanied by Dr Ramapati Ram Tripathi who is currently a Lok Sabha MP from Deoria in Uttar Pradesh.

Looking at Dr. Tripathi, Shri Modi asked him to arrange a

tricycle for that Divyang person. Dr. Tripathi asked him to get his name and address noted at his office and assured Modi of helping him.

After two months of this incident, Shri Narendra Modi again went to Lucknow. One evening as he was discussing party works with the leaders, he asked Dr Ramapati Ram Tripathi whether the tricycle was made available for that Divyang person. Dr Tripathi had actually forgotten to follow-up on this after that incident.

The next morning Dr. Tripathi went to the Divyang person and took him to Shri Narendra Modi. Dr. Tripathi told Modi that here is the person and you can see he is riding the tricycle.

Narrating this incident, Dr Ramapati Ram Tripathi said that even when he had forgotten about the incident, Shri Narendra Modi remembered it after months and followed-up on his promise to the Divyang. This shows the kind of compassion he has in his heart for Divyangs. ■

### India's forex reserves up \$2.4 bn to \$596.1 bn

India's foreign exchange reserves saw an uptick of \$2.350 billion, taking the overall level to \$596.098 billion as on June 16, Reserve Bank of India data showed on 23 June, 2023.

Foreign currency assets (FCAs) rose by \$2.578 billion to \$527.651 billion, according to the Weekly Statistical Supplement released by the RBI. Expressed in dollar terms, the FCAs include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound and

yen held in the foreign exchange reserves.

Gold reserves dropped by \$324 million to \$45.049 billion, the RBI said. The Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) were up by \$62 million to \$18.249 billion, the apex bank said. The country's reserve position with the IMF was up \$34 million to \$5.149 billion in the reporting week, the apex bank data showed. It can be noted that in October 2021, the country's forex kitty had reached an all-time high of USD 645 bi. ■

# Emergency a dark period in the history of India: PM

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the 102nd episode of 'Mann Ki Baat' on June 18, 2023. In the address, the prime minister said that this time he was holding his 'Mann ki Baat' radio broadcast before instead of the last Sunday of every month as he would be travelling to the United States. We are publishing highlights of the address for our esteemed readers:

The blessings of the Janata-Janardan, the people, your inspiration, will also continue to enhance my energy.

Nowadays there is a lot of discussion about Jammu and Kashmir in our country. Sometimes due to rising tourism, at times due to the spectacular events of G-20. Some time ago I had told you in 'Mann Ki Baat' how 'Nadru' of Kashmir are being relished outside the country as well. Now the people of Baramulla district of Jammu and Kashmir have done a wonderful job. Farming has been going on in Baramulla for a long time, but here, there was a shortage of milk. The people of Baramulla took this challenge as an opportunity. A large number of people started dairy farming here.



## Khelo India in UP

Today, sports are organized with a new enthusiasm in different states of the country. They give players a chance to play, win and to learn from defeat. For example, Khelo India University Games were organized in Uttar Pradesh recently. A lot of enthusiasm was observed in the youth. Our youth have broken 11 records in these games... Punjab University, Amritsar's Guru Nanak Dev University and Karnataka's Jain University have occupied the first three places in the medal tally.

## Yoga For 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'

This year the theme of Yoga Day is – 'Yoga For Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' i.e. Yoga for the welfare of all in the form of 'One World-One Family'. It expresses the spirit of Yoga, which unites and takes everyone along. Like every time, this time too programs related to yoga will be organized in every corner of the country.

## Rath Yatra in Puri

Lord Jagannath's Rath Yatra is taken out with great fanfare in different states of the country. The Rath Yatra

in Puri, Odisha is a wonder in itself. When I was in Gujarat, I used to get the opportunity to attend the great Rath Yatra in Ahmedabad. The way people from all over the country, every society, every class turn up in these Rath Yatras is exemplary in itself. Along with inner faith, it is also a reflection of the spirit of Ek Bharat- Shreshtha Bharat. I pray that Lord Jagannath blesses all countrymen with good health, happiness and prosperity.

## Emergency a dark period in the history of India

India is the mother of democracy. We consider our democratic ideals as paramount, we consider our Constitution as Supreme... therefore, we can never forget June the 25th. This is the very day when Emergency

was imposed on our country. It was a dark period in the history of India. Lakhs of people opposed the emergency with full might. The supporters of democracy were tortured so much during that time, that even today, it makes the mind tremble. Many books have been written on these atrocities; the punishment meted out by the police and administration. I had also got the opportunity to write a book named 'Sangharsh Mein Gujarat' at that time. A few days ago I came across another book written on the Emergency, - Torture of Political Prisoners in India. This book, published during the Emergency, describes how, at that time, the government was treating the guardians of democracy most cruelly. There are many case studies in this book, there are many pictures. I wish that, today, when we are celebrating the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav we must also have a glance at such crimes which endanger the freedom of the country. This will make it easier for today's young generation to understand the meaning and significance of democracy. ■



# “SAMPARK SE SAMARTHAN”



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda meets with Dr. Pankaj Baruah, Ms. Santa Sharma, Shri Raktim Saikia and Shri Om Prakash Gattani in Jorhat, Assam as part of the “Sampark Se Samarthan” campaign on 18 June, 2023



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda meeting with eminent citizens in Namsai, Arunachal Pradesh on 17 June, 2023



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda attending a Tiffin Meeting in Chandigarh on 15 June, 2023



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda meets Int'l Sarod Vadak Shri Mormukut Kedia & Pt. Manoj Kedia at his residence in Giridih, Jharkhand on 22 June, 2023



Union Home & Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah visits the residence of Padamshri Pandwani Singer, Usha Barle in Bhilai, Durg (Chhattisgarh) on 22 June 2023

# PM congratulates Gita Press, Gorakhpur on being conferred the Gandhi Peace Prize 2021

The Jury headed by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, after due deliberations on 18th June, 2023 unanimously decided to select Gita Press, Gorakhpur as the recipient of the Gandhi Peace Prize for the year 2021, in recognition of its outstanding contribution towards social, economic and political transformation through non-violent and other Gandhian methods.

Established in 1923, Gita Press is one of the world's largest publishers, having published 41.7 crore books in 14 languages, including 16.21 crore Shrimad Bhagvad Gita. The institution has never relied on advertisement in its publications, for revenue generation. Gita Press along with its affiliated organizations, strives for the betterment of life and the well being of all.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi congratulated Gita Press, Gorakhpur on being conferred the Gandhi Peace Prize 2021.

The Prime Minister tweeted; "I congratulate Gita Press, Gorakhpur on being conferred the Gandhi Peace Prize 2021. They have done commendable work over the last 100 years towards furthering social and cultural transformations among the people.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi recalled the contribution of Gita Press, in promoting the Gandhian ideals of peace and social harmony. He observed that the conferment of Gandhi Peace Prize on Gita Press, on completion of hundred years of



its establishment, is a recognition of the work done by the institution in community service.

Gandhi Peace Prize 2021, recognizes the important and unparalleled contribution of Gita Press, in contributing to collective upliftment of humanity, which personifies Gandhian living in true sense. ■



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**PM Shri Narendra Modi in a bilateral meeting with the President of USA, Mr. Joe Biden at White House in Washington DC on June 22, 2023**



**PM Shri Narendra Modi addressing the Joint Session of US Congress, in Washington DC on June 22, 2023.**



**PM Shri Narendra Modi addressing at the State Department Luncheon, at White House, in Washington DC on June 23, 2023.**



**PM Shri Narendra Modi performs yoga at 9th annual International Day of Yoga 2023 celebrations at UN Headquarters, in New York on June 21, 2023.**



**PM Shri Narendra Modi being welcomed by Indian Community in Washington DC on June 21, 2023.**





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