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Grand Road Show of BJP National President Shri JP Nadda in Khargone, Madhya Pradesh on 30 June, 2023



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda addressing a huge meeting after inaugurating BJP Offices at Bharatpur & Jaisalmer in Rajasthan on 29 June, 2023



Union Home & Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah receiving greetings at "Jan Swabhiman Diwas" programme on the occasion of 74th Jayanti of Dr. Sone Lal Patel ji in Lucknow, UP on 02 July, 2023



Union Home & Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah waving at the people after addressing a huge public meeting in Lakhisarai, Bihar on 29 June, 2023



Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh receiving greetings at a huge public meeting in Kanker, Chhattisgarh on 01 July, 2023

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INDIA CROWNED CHAMPIONS, YET AGAIN! THE BLUE TIGERS REIGN SUPREME AT THE #SAFFChampionship2023! CONGRATS TO OUR PLAYERS.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has congratulated the Indian Football Team on winning SAFF Championship 2023. On July 5 2023, the Prime Minister tweeted: "India crowned champions, yet again! The Blue Tigers reign supreme at the SAFF Championship 2023! Congrats to our players. The Indian Team's remarkable journey, powered by the determination and tenacity of these athletes, will continue to inspire upcoming sportspersons."



NATION CONTINUES TO MARCH WITH BILLIONS OF BLESSINGS

As the faith of the people continues to soar under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the attempt by a section of the opposition to gang up before the coming Lok Sabha elections is doomed to fail. Any political alignment without any clear goal of serving the people and having the sole aim of somehow grabbing power to serve the selfish ends of some politicians and their families will always be rejected by the people of India. The faces that participated in the futile exercise of cobbling together a ragtag alliance in Bihar are not only tainted by scams of various hues but are the same people who have lost credibility in public life. Most of these faces are not known for representing the people but for representing some particular families in the names of some particular caste. Not only do these opposition parties have no agenda except somehow stopping PM Shri Modi and the BJP, but they have started bickering in public even before their show has started. The people know well that the strong and uncompromising stand taken by the Modi government against corruption is compelling these political parties to join hands to save themselves from the law of the land. So, everyone knows that these attempts are in the self-interest of some power-seeking politicians and completely against the interests of the people.

In the last nine years, a huge transformation has been seen everywhere in the country. While a new political culture of serving the people with a commitment to take the nation forward is reshaping the politics of the country, a new work culture of maximum contribution to national life is inspiring the nation. The result

Today, the BJP has emerged as the only political party in the country that practises inner party democracy, fights against political dynasties and nepotism in public life, and is powered by millions of selfless and committed party karyakartas

is that India is not only rescued from the morass of scams, looting of public funds, financial and moral corruption, and policy-paralysis of the Congress-led UPA era, but it's also aiming high in the world as a confident and aspiring nation. The journey from 'fragile five' to 'top-five' economies of the world, and that too in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, is an achievement that is internationally acknowledged and recognised by global agencies and experts. India's achievements in every sector appear miraculous to the experts, as rarely anyone had ever thought of this glorious journey just nine years ago. Today, India has not only emerged as the fifth-largest economy in the past nine years, surpassing its previous position of the tenth rank, but people have also been experiencing an increase in income and a greater share of prosperity as, apart from other achievements, the country's exports have reached unprecedented levels, resulting in benefits for both farmers and the job market. Furthermore, the remarkable production levels of industries

have attracted substantial foreign investments, resulting in jobs for the youth. While India continues to be the fastest-growing economy and is likely to become the third-largest in the world very soon, the country's physical and digital infrastructure development has inspired awe all across the globe, setting the stage for sharper economic growth in the years ahead and potentially lifting millions out of poverty.

While launching 'Mera Booth, Sabse Majboot' initiative, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi rightly said that if someone wishes for the development of the children of various political families in the country, he can choose to vote for those opposition parties, and if people wish to work towards the welfare of their own children, they should vote for the BJP. Today, the BJP has emerged as the only political party in the country that practises inner party democracy, fights against political dynasties and nepotism in public life, and is powered by millions of selfless and committed party karyakartas. The BJP as a movement symbolises the sadhana of millions of karyakartas, and its leadership represents the commitment, hard work, and aspirations of the nation. As India commits to 'panch pran' under the charismatic and dynamic leadership of PM Shri Narendra Modi, the nation will continue to march on the path of glory with the billions of blessings in the 'Amrit Kaal'. ■



PM MODI ADDRESSES 'MERA BOOTH SABSE MAJBOOT' IN BHOPAL, MADHYA PRADESH



BOOTH KARYAKARTAS MUST TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO BE THE PIONEERS OF CHANGE: PM MODI

PM Shri Narendra Modi after flagging off five Vande Bharat Trains that will connect six states of India including Madhya Pradesh, Goa, Karnataka, Jharkhand, Maharashtra and Bihar addressed a huge public meeting on 'Mera Booth Sabse Majboot' in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh on June 27, 2023. PM Shri Modi acknowledged the role of the state of Madhya Pradesh in making the BJP the biggest political party in the world. BJP National President Shri JP Nadda and Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chauhan also addressed the gathering.

Speaking to Party Karyakartas during 'Mera Booth Sabse Majboot' programme PM Shri Narendra Modi acknowledged the efforts of the Booth Karyakartas in bolstering the party over the past nine years. He said that it was the unflinching dedication of the Party Karyakartas and their dedication toward 'Mother India' that prompted him to meet them as soon as he arrived from his state visit to the US and Egypt.

Villages have to develop first

Replying to the question on how Party Karyakartas can enable the development of villages, PM Shri Modi said that for India to be a developed nation by 2047, its villages have to develop first. He said that the concerted efforts by Booth Karyakartas

across the villages in India to enable cleanliness, nutritional security, harnessing solar energy, and dairy development of the villages by promoting essential values of village empowerment can lead to the development of villages, which in turn will lead to a developed India.

Speaking on the question posed on the wider dissemination of Government schemes and development works carried out by the Government, PM Shri Modi acknowledged that information dissemination has been taking place at a good pace but it is important to keep focusing on further improvements in the dissemination of information as the aim is 100% coverage of all schemes for all people. For example, if an individual has received housing facilities under PM Awas Yojana, then our

READ 'KAMAL SANDESH' and CIRCULATE 'KAMAL SANDESH': PM MODI

Responding to the question on the reconciliation of the booth with the larger scheme of things, Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said the booth itself serves as a major centre to identify the various persistent issues. Taking the name of 'KAMAL SANDESH' the Hon'ble Prime Minister said the booths can serve as the catalyst for change and the booth Karyakartas must take the initiative to be the pioneers of change. The booths can serve as nerve centres of education and information, where newspaper and magazine reading can be promoted collectively. He said every Karyakarta at the booth level must read our party magazines like 'KAMAL SANDESH' and also circulate it with other neighbours to utilise it at its maximum.



He said these booths serve as a mechanism for feedback at the grassroots level. It is the importance of booths that the Ujjwala Yojana could be implemented at such a large scale that has enabled the provision of clean cooking fuel to all. Vehicle pooling to enable efficient transport of urea to villages is also something that can be facilitated at the Booth level, which can promote the resolution of various issues concerning agriculture.

Booth Karyakartas have to ensure that they receive the benefits of the Mudra Yojana so that there is an attainment of universal coverage of all schemes.

Empowerment of all

On the issue of appeasement being the norm for social justice to transform people's lives in the truest sense, PM Modi said that there are political forces that only survive on appeasement politics, but the BJP Government has always prioritized the empowerment of all. He said the politics of appeasement is also linked closely to corruption and there are political parties that thrive on this culture. The previous Governments had not prioritized the development of India, but the BJP has always kept the 'Nation First.'

Over the nine years the BJP has only sought to provide developmental benefits to all, irrespective of their caste, creed, and religion among other distinctions. Shri Modi highlighted how the BJP Government has uplifted the various downtrodden sections not only domestically but internationally, which showcases how the Government has always worked on furthering saturation and complete coverage and true social justice.

'Vote-Bank Politics'

Addressing the question of 'Vote-Bank Politics',

PM Shri Modi stated that the social, economic and political mainstreaming of the Muslim community will only lead to their true development in this country.

Issues like Triple Talaq have only worked toward manifesting the exploitation of Muslim women, creating large scale social ramifications and disempowering them. It is this Government that has worked toward improving these concerns by banning 'instant Triple Talaq.' Various political forces who speak about empowering Muslims have supported Triple Talaq, when countries like Egypt, Bangladesh, and Qatar have banned it.

Various political parties benefit by isolating minorities from the fruits of development and use issues like the Uniform Civil Code issue to further enrage them. Hence, our Booth Karyakartas have a special role in communicating the intent of the Government to the people of the Muslim community, making them aware of their rights in the truest sense.

Opposition parties of conflicting ideologies forming an alliance

Answering the question on the opposition parties of conflicting ideologies forming an alliance, PM Shri Modi stated there is a sense of unease among the various political parties, who earlier staunchly opposed each other and are now uniting. This sense of fear by

Booth Karyakartas working relentlessly to strengthen the organisation: JP Nadda

Following Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's interaction, BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda also addressed the Karyakartas at the 'Mera Booth, Sabse Mazboot' programme at Kushabhau Thakre Auditorium in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh on June 27, 2023.

The BJP National President said when it comes to the party, the Prime Minister never refuses to give us time and always guides us by participating in person in every party programme. He is a visionary and dynamic administrator as well as a very good organizer. The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has established India in the world and raised the status of Bharatiya Janata Party to new heights, Shri Nadda said.

PM Modi continuously working with a committed spirit

The BJP National President said Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is continuously working with a committed spirit for the empowerment of the country's villages, poor, farmers, Dalits, exploited, deprived, backward, tribal, youth and women. Under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, houses were given to more than 3 crore poor. Under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, 80 crore people are being given five kg food grains per person every month for free. Gas connections were given to 9.5 crore mothers and sisters under the Ujjwala scheme. Under the Ayushman Bharat scheme, about 55 crore people are being provided free treatment up to Rs 5 lakh. Under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana, about 11 crore farmers are being given 6 thousand rupees per year.

PM put forward the idea of 'Alpkalik Vistarak'

The BJP National President said PM Shri Narendra Modi had put forward the idea of an 'Alpkalik Vistarak' in the party's Parliamentary Board meeting. Following his suggestions, the Bharatiya Janata Party started the program "My Booth, Sabse Mazboot" campaign. For this, 6649 workers from all over the country were



selected and trained as 'Alpkalik Vistarak' under a chosen process. These 'Vistaraks' will go to different states and work for the empowerment of booths for a week. The Prime Minister had also suggested the need to strengthen the weak booths. That's why the party selected 100 weak Lok Sabha and 50 weak Vidhan Sabha segments, where these 'Vistaraks' will work to strengthen the organization.

The BJP National President said more than 3,000 trained workers of the country participated in the Mera Booth-Sabse Majboot programme in Bhopal and via videoconferencing the PM has also addressed around 10 lakh party workers across the country and has given a 'guru mantra'. He said all these 3,000 BJP workers will leave from Bhopal to their allocated states and will also spread the message of the Hon'ble PM in the five poll-bound states.

Karyakartas devoted day and night for service

While addressing the booth workers, Shri JP Nadda said booth Karyakartas have been working relentlessly to strengthen the organisation. They are devoted day and night for service, good governance and welfare of the poor.

While congratulating the 'Alpkalik Vistaraks', Shri Nadda said "All the 'Alpkalik Vistaraks' are full of enthusiasm. You go to the booths and work. There you will get an opportunity to learn many things and you will work to strengthen the party". ■

HIGHLIGHTS

- The priority of the BJP is the country before the party – **Dal Se Pehle Desh**.
- Whoever is in favour of triple talaq is doing biggest injustice to Muslim women.
- Other parties want their sons and daughters to flourish, BJP wants your sons and daughters to flourish.
- Whoever is in favour of triple talaq is doing biggest injustice to Muslim women.
- The opposition parties are a guarantee of scams. Let me also give a guarantee that action against every person who has looted the poor and the country will be taken.



the opposing alliance generates confidence in the fact that the BJP will again emerge victorious in 2024. For the same reason, it is important that the Booth Karyakartas ensure that they ask the people to vote for the BJP if they wish to see the continued development of their region and this country. It is important to convey to the people that voting for the opposing alliance is voting for corruption and scandals.

Shri Modi said that if people wish to promote the betterment of dynasts, then they may vote for those political parties in the various states of India. He further added, "If you wish to support the flourishing of the sons and daughters of the various political parties, vote for them but if you wish to see the flourishing and development of your sons and daughters then vote for the BJP. It is the BJP that is the only party that is enabling the development of the masses creating opportunities and avenues for their future."

Disseminate various initiatives of Government

Placing emphasis on how the various initiatives of the Government have enabled savings and reduction of costs for the common man in India, PM Shri

Modi said that it is important that Booth Karyakartas disseminate the various initiatives undertaken by the Government and to communicate the same effectively. He said that when the rates of inflation are extremely high in our neighbouring countries, especially owing to the COVID Pandemic in India, it is significantly low. When Jan Aushadhi Kendras facilitates the availability of quality medicines at affordable prices, it is enabling saving and cost reduction for the people of India.

Similarly, when LED Bulbs are available at reduced prices compared to the previous governments, it showcases the intent of the Government to ease the living of the people in India. These are some of the instances that also with others have to be communicated effectively by the Booth Karyakartas with the people of India.

Farmers exploited under the previous regime

While responding to the question on the farmers of India, Shri Modi said how the farmers were exploited under the previous regime. The Congress Party waived off farm loans worth but the benefit of those never reached the farmers who were in a dire need of it. Various farmers were deprived of formal sources of credit, and to make matters worse, many of them were forced to buy all agricultural inputs at an exorbitant price.

BJP Government enabled the development of farmers

PM Shri Modi said, "It is the BJP Government that has enabled the development of our farmers." Further, he said, "Keeping in mind the adverse effects of climate change, it is the BJP Government that envisaged the promotion of 'Shree Anna' that has enabled sustainable agricultural practices in India benefitting all the farmers in the country also keeping in mind India's nutritional imperative."

In conclusion, PM Shri Narendra Modi highlighted how India has transformed across sectors in the past nine years. He said that India is taking rapid strides in this Amritkaal, while also fulfilling the dreams of eminent personalities such as BR Ambedkar, RM Lohia of a modern and inclusive India. He also conveyed to the Karyakartas that to enable the BJP to win the 2024 elections, it is important that all unite and concentrate their efforts to ensure victory. ■

INDIA AND EGYPT SIGN 'STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP'

After completing his one of the most successful US visit Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi was on one-day State Visit to Egypt at the invitation of President Mr. Abdel Fattah El-Sisi. It was Prime Minister's first visit to Egypt. He arrived on 24 June in afternoon and was warmly received by Prime Minister of Egypt at the airport and was also accorded a ceremonial welcome, including the Guard of Honor at the airport

how exactly two countries could partner together in countering extremist ideology, on taking steps to prevent radicalization within the society, including radicalization of the youth population. The Grand Mufti, had a very successful recent visit to India, just in May last month actually. And there he had a firsthand experience of an interaction with the strong and diverse, social and cultural fabric of India. During this meeting, the Prime Minister also announced that India will set up a Center of Excellence in the field of information technology at Dar Al-Ifita in Cairo, which is headed by the Grand Mufti. Thereafter, the fourth set of interactions which the Prime Minister had was a meeting with the cross section of prominent personality from Egypt. The whole objective of that interaction was how different constituents of the two societies, the prominent people who wrote, who are important in shaping narratives in the society can actually come together and build a more vibrant people-to-people exchanges between India and Egypt.

Visit to Al-Hakim Mosque

In the morning of 25 June, the Prime Minister visited the Al-Hakim Mosque in Cairo. Later, the Prime Minister had a program at the presidency at the Al-Ittihadiya Palace where he was very warmly welcomed and received by President Sisi. The two leaders had a private one-to-one conversation in which, following



Prime Minister had four major interactions. The first of them refer to the roundtable that the Prime Minister had with the Prime Minister of Egypt and his Ministerial colleague. This was extensive set of discussions on different areas of bilateral engagement and cooperation between India and Egypt, principally economic areas. This included the fields of renewable energy, Information, communication technology, areas relating to health and agriculture, areas relating to infrastructure partnership wherever required and other areas of bilateral partnership, in terms of what is the current status of that cooperation and also going forward what is it that the two countries proposed to do. That constituted a major discussion between the two sides; which was thereafter followed by an interaction with the Indian community in Egypt that included businessman, professional, and students and other people from different walks of life. The Indian community in Egypt may be small, but they are very vibrant, dynamic and an important part of Egyptian society here. After that, the the Prime Minister had a meeting with the Grand Mufti of Egypt, Dr. Shawky Allam. There the discussion focused on

Prime Minister conferred with the 'Order of the Nile'

In a special ceremony at the Presidency in Cairo on 25 June 2023, President of the Republic of Egypt, H.E. Mr. Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, conferred Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi with the 'Order of the Nile', the highest civilian award of Egypt. Prime Minister thanked President Sisi for the honor on behalf of the people of India. Noteworthy, Prime Minister Shri Modi is the first Indian to receive the award.



up on the visit of President of Egypt to India. The two Leaders discussed the full range of bilateral cooperation as also took stock of what's happening on important issues in the region and in the world. It was very clear from those discussions and the MoU and the agreements that were signed later on, that the two Leaders gave particular focus on enhancing the political and security cooperation, defense collaboration, trade and investment ties, scientific

and academy collaboration and strengthening of people-to-people ties.

'Strategic Partnership' between India and Egypt signed

Four Agreements/MoUs were signed during the visit of Prime Minister of Shri Narendra Modi. The first, the most important and the landmark development in the history of India-Egypt relationship was the signature on the 'Strategic Partnership' between them. This was signed by the Prime Minister and President Mr. Sisi of Egypt. In addition, the two Leaders also witnessed three MoUs one of them focused on agriculture and allied sectors. Second one on protection and preservation of Monuments and Archaeological sites and third on cooperation in the field Competition laws. The Prime Minister also extended invitation to the President for the G 20 Summit, which is upcoming in September 2023. .

Visit to the Heliopolis War Memorial

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi visited the Heliopolis Commonwealth War Grave Cemetery in Cairo during his State Visit to Egypt.

Prime Minister paid homage to over 4300 valiant Indian soldiers who sacrificed their lives in Egypt and Aden during the 1st World War. ■

CONGRESS GOVERNMENT IN CHHATTISGARH FULLY IMMERSSED IN CORRUPTION: JP NADDA

Addressing a massive public meeting at Bilaspur Chhattisgarh as part of BJP's 'Sampark Se Samarthan' campaign, BJP National President Shri JP Nadda on 30 June, 2023 mounted a blistering attack on the Bhupesh Baghel led Congress government in Chhattisgarh for rampant corruption in the state.

Keep Congress government away from power

Shri Nadda said, "has the coal scam occurred or not? Was the commission taken on coal transportation or not? Was the chief minister Bhupesh Baghel's deputy secretary imprisoned or not? Is illegal sand mining taking place or not? Has there been a liquor scam or not? Did 10,000 tons of rice meant for the poor disappear from the market or not? And was corruption committed in the Godhan scheme or not?"

"Bhupesh Baghel led Congress government is fully immersed in corruption. Whatever corruption is occurring; it is happening with political patronage. He has merely changed the names of BJP government schemes," Shri Nadda said.

Extreme poverty reduced to less than 1%

Throwing light on the achievements of the Modi government during the last nine years, the BJP National President said the poverty rate in India has decreased from 22% to 10%, while extreme poverty has reduced to less than 1%. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has constructed houses for double the population of Australia under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, he said.

Toilets have been built for approximately 120 million women in India, and gas connections have been provided to 9.5 crore under the Ujjwala scheme.

BJP has a special connection to Chhattisgarh

Referring to Chhattisgarh, he said the state was developing when the BJP government under Dr.



Raman Singh was the chief minister. The BJP has a special connection to this state as former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee established the state of Chhattisgarh. Rapid development took place under the leadership of Raman Singh, he said.

Centre is undertaking many initiatives

Referring to the Modi government, he mentioned that the central government is undertaking many initiatives in the interest of the common people. When the nation was gripped by the Corona pandemic, the Modi government successfully developed two vaccines within a record nine months. People received 2.2 billion double dose vaccines, free of cost. This year, 10 trillion rupees will be spent solely on infrastructure. A total of 1,590 kilometres of National Highway has been constructed in Chhattisgarh, he said.

India's economy remained strong

The BJP National President mentioned that even during the global recession, India's economy remained strong. India's GDP stands at 8.7%, which is healthier than that of many developed nations. While there have been conflicts in Ukraine and inflation in the world, India has an inflation rate of 4.2%, which is lower than that of many developed nations. Today, India is emerging as an economic superpower, surpassing several developed nations, he said. ■



'For us power is the medium of service'

BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda inaugurated the new district office of the party at Kali Bagichi, Bharatpur, Rajasthan on 29 June, 2023. He also virtually inaugurated the Jaisalmer District BJP office and laid the foundation stone of the Barmer District BJP office. After this, under the party's nationwide 'Sampark Se Samarthan' Abhiyan Shri Nadda went to the house of Dr. BM Bhardwaj, the founder of 'Apna Ghar Sansthan' in Baghera Kala, Bharatpur and also handed over the booklet of the achievements of the 9 years of Modi government. Shri JP Nadda also addressed a huge public Rally at Krishi Upaj Mandi, Bharatpur. Former Chief Minister of Rajasthan Smt. Vasundhara Raje Scindia, State BJP President Shri CP

KALI BAGICHI, RAJASTHAN

Joshi, BJP National General Secretary and in-charge of Rajasthan Shri Arun Singh, Union Minister Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and Leader of Opposition in Rajasthan Assembly Shri Rajendra Singh Rathore were present in the programme.

Inaugurating the Bharatpur District BJP Office, Shri Nadda said that 15 District BJP Offices have started functioning in Rajasthan and five more will be dedicated soon. With the inspiration of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the party had decided to build 887 State headquarters and District offices, out of which more than 500 District and State offices have been set up in every State. Another 116 offices are under construction and land has become available for setting up 122 offices.

Shri Nadda said that Bharatiya Janata Party is the only party which challenged Parivarvad. PM has ended the politics of casteism, familyism and appeasement and started the culture of development and report card. We do the politics of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayas'. For us power is the medium of service. ■



Chhattisgarh govt is not serious about left-wing extremism: Rajnath Singh

Défense Minister and senior BJP leader, Shri Rajnath Singh said that the Congress government in Chhattisgarh is not serious at all about left-wing extremism in the State. Shri Singh said the deciding factor behind creating a separate state of Chhattisgarh by the then Atal Bihari Vajpayee government was done keeping in mind the welfare of the tribal communities and giving them their due rights.

Addressing a massive public meeting at the tribal-dominated Kanker, Chhattisgarh on 01 July 2023, Shri Singh stated that the NDA government, under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has successfully curbed left-

KANKER, CHHATTISGARH

wing extremism over the past nine years and now the Maoist problem is confined to certain States of the country.

Shri Rajnath Singh also said that the Bharatiya Janata Party has always been a well-wisher of tribals, whereas the Congress ruled the country for many years without doing anything for the development of tribal areas.

"Have you ever thought that a daughter from a tribal community can reach the highest constitutional post to become the President of India?" he asked.

The Modi government for the first time in the history of India earmarked separate budgetary allocation of Rs 90,000 crore for the development of tribal communities however, he said that during the Congress rule in Chhattisgarh, forceful and wrongful conversions were taking place.

During his visit to Kanker, the Défense Minister also met renowned craftsman PadmaShri Ajay Kumar Mandavi at his residence as part of the BJP's "Sampark Se Samarthan Abhiyan". ■



Rajasthan Govt is Number 1 in Corruption: Amit Shah

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah on 30 Jun 2023 addressed a massive rally in Udaipur, Rajasthan on the completion of nine years of the Narendra Modi government at the centre under the "Sampark Se Samarthan" campaign that was launched last month. Shri Shah criticised Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot for doing vote bank politics and running the most corrupt government in the country. He said there is total inaction in the Kanhaiya Lal killing. The government didn't set up a special court, else the accused in the Kanhaiya Lal killing would have been hanged. He expressed confidence that the Bharatiya Janata Party will form a government in Rajasthan with a record margin in the upcoming state polls.

"SAMPARK SE SAMARTHAN" RALLY IN RAJASTHAN

Shri Amit Shah said CM Ashok Gehlot's government is "No. 1 in corruption". He urged the people of Rajasthan to uproot the Ashok Gehlot government in the upcoming Assembly polls so that the path for PM Shri Modi to return in 2024 is cleared."

On abrogation of Article 370, the Union Home Minister said the opposition had said the move will result in widespread violence but "no one dared to even throw a stone". He stressed that the Modi government has worked towards making the country more secure and has also given a befitting response to terrorism from Pakistan.

"Nine years ago, terrorists from Pakistan intruded on India's land and killed our soldiers, but the then Congress govt remained silent. After Shri Narendra Modi became PM, Pakistan tried to do the same, and within 10 days, we gave a befitting reply to Pakistan with surgical strike and air strike," the Home Minister remarked.

"PM Shri Modi's 9 years have been dedicated to the welfare of the poor. The respect the PM is getting across the world is the respect not of BJP or anyone else, it is the respect of 130 crore people of this country," he said. ■



'PM Modi makes the country safer'

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah while addressing a huge rally in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh on July 02, 2023 said the successful alliance of BJP and Apna Dal (Sonela) has won four elections in the state. The Union Home Minister made these remarks while addressing a function in Lucknow to mark the birth anniversary of late Shri Sonela Patel, the father of Union minister Smt. Anupriya Patel.

He said, "In UP, the BJP and Apna Dal (S) have contested four elections together - two Lok Sabha polls (2014 and 2019) and two assembly elections (2017 and 2022) - and have unitedly won them. As a result, UP has got completely rid of divisive forces (vighatankaari shaktiyon) of SP and BSP," Shri Shah said.

UNION HOME MINISTER ADDRESSES RALLY IN UP

He hailed PM Shri Modi for making the country safer in the face of external threats and evolving geo-political challenges, adding that terrorists from across the border would routinely cross over into India and unleash attacks on innocent civilians under the previous Congress-led United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government.

"Today, terror attacks have come down significantly in the country. Now, India counters any misadventure from across the border with surgical and air strikes. Prime Minister Shri Modi has worked to make the country safe and strong. The country's prestige and global standing have been further enhanced under the leadership of the Prime Minister," he added.

Among others, UP CM Yogi Adityanath, deputy CMs Shri Keshav Prasad Maurya and Shri Brajesh Pathak, BJP State President Shri Chaudhary Bhupendra Singh, the President of the Republican Party of India Shri Ramdas Athawale, Apna Dal (S) leader and union Minister Smt. Anupriya Patel and Nishad Party Chief Shri Sanjay Nishad were among the dignitaries who attended the event. ■

ORGANISATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

New State Presidents appointed in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Jharkhand and Punjab

The Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri JP Nadda appointed new State Presidents of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Jharkhand and Punjab on 4 July, 2023.

As per the party release, BJP National General Secretary and former Union Minister Smt. D Purandeswari was appointed as the new State President of Andhra Pradesh.

Likewise, Union Minister Shri G Kishan Reddy was appointed as new State President in the poll-bound Telangana.

The Leader of BJP Legislature Party in the state and former Chief Minister of Jharkhand Shri Babulal Marandi has been appointed as the new BJP President of Jharkhand.

Similarly, former MP Shri Sunil Kumar Jakhar was appointed by the BJP National President as the new State President of Punjab.

Other Appointments

As per the party release, former Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh Shri Kiran Kumar Reddy has been appointed as member of the BJP National Executive Committee.

MLA and former finance Minister of Telangana Shri Etela Rajender, has been appointed as the chairman of BJP's State Election Management Committee for the upcoming Telangana assembly polls.

In another party release on 05 July 2023, BJP National President Shri JP Nadda also appointed former Telangana MP Shri Komatireddy Raj Gopal Reddy as Member of the BJP National Executive Committee. ■

New State General Secretary (Organisation) of Kerala appointed

BJP National President Shri JP Nadda on 08 July, 2023 appointed Shri Subhash Kanoth as the new State General Secretary (Organisation) of Kerala BJP. The appointment comes into immediate effect. ■

New Election In-Charge and Co In-Charge appointed for Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, MP and Telangana

The Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri JP Nadda on 07 July, 2023 appointed election In-charges and Co In-charges for poll bound states like Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Telangana.

As per the Party release, Union Minister Shri Pralhad Joshi will be the election In-charge in Rajasthan, while Shri Nitin Patel and Shri Kuldeep Bishnoi will be two Co In-charges.

In Chhattisgarh, Shri Om Prakash Mathur will be the party's election in-charge and Union Minister Shri Mansukh Mandaviya will be the Co In-charge.

Union Minister Shri Bhupendra Yadav has been given the charge of Madhya Pradesh. Union Minister Shri Ashwini Vaishnav will be the Co In-charge in the State.

Former Union Minister Shri Prakash Javadekar has been made election In-charge of Telangana and BJP National General Secretary Shri Sunil Bansal will be the Co In-charge of the state. ■

NEW NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MEMBERS APPOINTED

BJP National President Shri JP Nadda on 8 July, 2023 appointed 10 senior leaders of the party as BJP National Executive Members. A party press statement said the new National Executive Members are:

Shri Suresh Kashyap
Dr. Sanjay Jaiswal
Shri Vishnu Deo Sai
Shri Dharamlal Kaushik
Shri Ashwani Sharma
Shri Bandi Sanjay Kumar
Shri Somu Veerraju
Shri Deepak Prakash
Shri Kirodi Lal Meena
Dr. Satish Poonia ■

BJP National President meets diplomatic heads of missions

BJP National President Shri JP Nadda on 05 July, 2023 met a group of diplomatic heads of missions to India under the 'Know BJP' initiative at the party headquarters in New Delhi .

“It was a pleasure to interact with the head of missions of different countries at the BJP HQ as part of our 'Know BJP' initiative. Through this initiative, we aim to share our party's ideology and vision with a global audience and inform them about our contributions to India's progress,” Shri Nadda said in a tweet after the meeting.

The BJP National President interacted with diplomats of Bangladesh, Egypt, Germany, Greece, Guyana, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mozambique, South Korea, Suriname, Sweden and Tanzania.

Shri Nadda, during the meeting, announced that the BJP will participate in the 'BRICS political parties plus dialogue' conclave to be organised by the African National Congress in South Africa this year.

The BJP National President also announced that the delegation from Bangladesh's ruling party Awami League and Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist Centre) will visit India on the invitation of the BJP in the near future.



Shri JP Nadda also apprised the foreign diplomats about the party's history, struggle, success, ideology and contribution in nation building.

He also replied in detail to the queries regarding the BJP's “unprecedented” growth, the party's membership drive, and use of technology as well as about the strategy for expanding its presence in various states.

During the meeting, party's Foreign Department in-charge Shri Vijay Chauthaiwale, party's National Media in-charge Shri Anil Baluni and others were also present. ■

“Sampark Se Samarthan” Abhiyan



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda meets with Sant Shri Sai Laldas ji as a part of "Sampark Se Samarthan" Abhiyan in Chhattisgarh on 30 June, 2023



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda meets with Editor in Chief of Kerala Kaumudi Shri Deepu Ravi as part of Party's "Sampark Se Samarthan" Abhiyan in Pettah, Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala) on 26 June, 2023

CCEA approves bouquet of schemes to boost wellbeing of farmers

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 28 June approved a unique package of innovative schemes for farmers with a total outlay of Rs.3,70,128.7 crore. The bouquet of schemes is focused at overall wellbeing and economic betterment of farmers by promoting sustainable agriculture. The initiatives will boost farmers' income, strengthen natural / organic farming, rejuvenate soil productivity, and ensure food security.

The CCEA approved continuation of Urea Subsidy Scheme to ensure constant availability of urea to the farmers at the same price of Rs 242/ 45 kg bag excluding taxes and Neam coating charges. Out of above approved package, Rs. 3,68,676.7 Crore have been committed for urea subsidy for three years (2022-23 to 2024-25). This is apart from recently approved Nutrient Based Subsidy of Rs 38,000 Crore for Kharif season for 2023-24. The farmers need not spend extra for purchase of urea, and this will help moderate their input costs. At present, the MRP of urea is Rs.242 per 45 kg bag of urea (exclusive of charges towards neem coating and taxes as applicable), whereas the actual cost of the bag comes around Rs. 2200. The Scheme is wholly financed by the Government of India through budgetary support. The continuation of Urea Subsidy scheme will also maximize indigenous production of Urea to reach self-sufficiency levels.

Nano Urea eco-system strengthened

By 2025-26, eight Nano urea plants with production capacity of 44 Crore bottles equalling to 195 LMT of conventional urea will be commissioned. Nano fertilizer releases nutrients in a controlled manner contributing to higher nutrient use efficiency and while costing less to the farmers. Application of Nano Urea has demonstrated increase in crop yield.

India on way to become Atmanirbhar in Urea

Setting up and revival of 6 urea production units at Chambal Ferti Ltd. - Kota Rajasthan, Matix Ltd. Panagarh West Bengal, Ramagundam-Telangana, Gorakhpur-UP, Sindri-Jharkhand and Barauni-Bihar since 2018 is helping to make the country Atmanirbhar in terms of urea production and availability. Indigenous production of urea has increased from the level of 225 LMT during

2014-15, to 250 LMT during 2021-22. In 2022-23, production capacity has increased to 284 LMT. These along with Nano Urea Plants will reduce our current import dependency in urea and finally make us self-sufficient by 2025- 26.

PM Programme for Mother – Earth

Mother Earth has always provided plentiful sources of sustenance to mankind. Thus, it was announced in the Budget that “PM Programme for Restoration, Awareness Generation, Nourishment and Amelioration of Mother–Earth (PMPRANAM)” will be launched to incentivize States/ Union Territories to promote alternate fertilizers and balanced use of chemical fertilizers.

1451.84 cr approved for Organic Fertilizers

The approved package also consists of innovative incentive mechanism for the restoration, nourishment, and betterment of the mother earth. Market Development Assistance (MDA) scheme in the form of Rs 1500 per MT to support marketing of organic fertilizers, viz., Fermented Organic Manures (FOM)/Liquid FOM/ Phosphate Rich Organic Manures (PROM) produced as by-product from Bio- gas Plants/Compressed Biogas (CBG) Plants set up under umbrella GOBARdhan initiative.

Such organic fertilizers would be branded in the names of Bharat Brand FOM, LFOM and PROM. This on one hand will facilitate in addressing the challenge of management of crop residue and problems of Parali burning, will also help in keeping the environment clean and safe and at the same time provide an additional source of income for farmers.

Introduction of Sulphur coated Urea (Urea Gold)

Another initiative of the package is that the Sulphur coated Urea (Urea Gold) is being introduced in the country for the first time. It is more economical and efficient than the currently used Neem coated urea.

Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samruddhi Kendra touches 1 lakh

About one lakh Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samruddhi Kendras (PMKSKs) have already come up in the country. For the convenience of farmers, the farm inputs are being provided as a one stop solution for all needs of farmers. ■

Rs. 1,61,497 CRORE GROSS GST REVENUE COLLECTED FOR JUNE 2023; RECORDS 12% YEAR-ON-YEAR GROWTH

The gross GST revenue collected in the month of June, 2023 is Rs. 1,61,497 crore of which CGST is Rs. 31,013 crore, SGST is Rs. 38,292 crore, IGST is Rs. 80,292 crore (including Rs. 39,035 crore collected on import of goods) and cess is Rs. 11,900 crore (including Rs. 1,028 crore collected on import of goods).



The government has settled Rs. 36,224 crore to CGST and Rs. 30,269 crore to SGST from IGST. The total revenue of Centre and the States in the month of June 2023 after regular settlement is Rs. 67,237 crore for CGST and Rs. 68,561 crore for the SGST.

The revenues for the month of June 2023 are 12% higher than the GST revenues in the same month last year. During the month, the revenues from domestic transactions (including import of services) are 18% higher than the revenues from these sources during the same month last year.

It is for the fourth time, the gross GST collection has crossed Rs. 1.60 lakh crore mark. The average monthly gross GST collection for the first quarter of the FY 2021-22, FY 22-23 & FY 23-24 are Rs. 1.10 lakh crore, Rs. 1.51 lakh crore and Rs. 1.69 lakh crore respectively. ■

AADHAAR BASED FACE AUTHENTICATION TRANSACTIONS CROSS ALL TIME HIGH

Aadhaar based face authentication transactions for service delivery are gaining robust momentum with monthly transactions in May touching an all-time high of 10.6 million, since its launch in October 2021.



This is the second consecutive month to register more than 10 million face authentication transactions. The number of face authentication transactions is

on an upward trajectory and the monthly numbers clocked in May is an increase of 38 per cent, compared with such transactions reported in February 2023, indicative of its growing usage.

The AI/ML based face authentication solution developed in-house by the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), is now being used by 47 entities, including state government departments, ministries in the central government and some banks.

Among many usages, it's being used for registering beneficiaries under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana; for authentication of beneficiaries in the PM Kisan scheme and for generating digital life certificates at home by pensioners. It's being used for marking staff attendance at several government departments and for opening bank accounts at a few leading banks via their business correspondents. ■

CABINET APPROVES INTRODUCTION OF NATIONAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION BILL, 2023 IN PARLIAMENT

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on June 28 approved the introduction of the National Research Foundation (NRF) Bill, 2023 in the Parliament. The approved Bill will pave the way to establish NRF that will seed, grow and promote Research and Development (R&D) and foster a culture of research and innovation throughout India's universities, colleges, research institutions, and R&D laboratories.

The bill, after approval in the Parliament, will establish NRF, an apex body to provide high-level strategic direction of scientific research in the country as per recommendations of the National Education Policy (NEP), at a total estimated cost of Rs. 50,000 crore during five years (2023-28).

NRF will forge collaborations among the industry, academia, and government departments and research institutions, and create an interface mechanism for participation and contribution of industries and State governments in addition to the scientific and line ministries. It will focus on creating a policy framework and putting in place regulatory processes that can encourage collaboration and increased spending by the industry on R&D.

The bill will also repeal the Science and Engineering

GOVERNMENT'S ACHIEVEMENTS

Research Board (SERB) established by an act of Parliament in 2008 and subsume it into NRF which has an expanded mandate and covers activities over and above the activities of SERB. ■

CASHLESS TREATMENT FACILITIES NOW AVAILABLE TO CGHS BENEFICIARIES

Through a significant and people centric move, cashless treatment facilities will now be available to CGHS beneficiaries (both serving and pensioners) at AIIMS New Delhi, PGIMER Chandigarh, and JIPMER Puducherry. The Memorandum of Agreement to this effect was signed between the three medical institutions- AIIMS, New Delhi, PGIMER, Chandigarh, and JIPMER, Puducherry, and CGHS, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, in the presence of Shri Rajesh Bhushan, Union Health Secretary, on 27 June.

This initiative builds upon the six previously signed MoAs on May 20, 2023, between CGHS and various All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) located in Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Patna, Jodhpur, Raipur, and Rishikesh. ■

GOVERNMENT APPROVES FAIR AND REMUNERATIVE PRICE OF SUGARCANE PAYABLE BY MILLS TO FARMERS

Keeping in view interest of sugarcane farmers (GannaKisan), the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 28 June approved Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) of sugarcane for sugar season 2023-24 (October - September) at Rs.315/qtl for a basic recovery rate of 10.25%. It has also been approved to provide a premium of Rs.3.07/qtl for each 0.1% increase in recovery over and above

10.25%, & reduction in FRP by Rs.3.07/qtl for every 0.1% decrease in recovery.

Further, with a view to protect interest of sugarcane farmers, government has also decided that there shall not be any deduction in case of sugar mills where recovery is below 9.5%. Such farmers will get Rs.291.975/qtl for sugarcane in ensuing sugar season 2023-24 in place of Rs.282.125/qtl in current sugar season 2022-23.

The cost of production of sugarcane for the sugar season 2023-24 is Rs.157/qtl. This FRP of Rs.315/qtl at a recovery rate of 10.25% is higher by 100.6% over production cost. The FRP for sugar season 2023-24 is 3.28% higher than current sugar season 2022-23.

The FRP approved shall be applicable for purchase of sugarcane from the farmers in the sugar season 2023-24 (starting w.e.f. 1st October, 2023) by sugar mills. ■

MOIL ACHIEVES BEST EVER QUARTERLY PRODUCTION IN APRIL-JUNE 2023; REGISTERS THUMPING GROWTH OF 35% Y-O-Y

Maintaining the production tempo, MOIL has achieved its best ever quarterly manganese ore production of 4.36 lakh MT in the first quarter of FY'24, thereby registering a substantial growth of 35% over the corresponding period last year (CPLY). Production of 1.5 lakh MT in the month of June is also its best ever production for any June month, since inception.

On the sales front, MOIL has also recorded its best ever first quarter sales performance and registered sales of 3.96 lakh MT in the first quarter of the current financial year, with a growth of 39% percent over CPLY. ■

FOUNDATION STONE OF 11 NH PROJECTS IN PRATAPGARH, RAJASTHAN LAID

Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Shri Nitin Gadkari on 4 July inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 11 NH projects worth Rs 5600 Crore in Pratapgarh, Rajasthan.

Four national highway projects with a total length of 219 km and costing Rs 3,775 crore were inaugurated today in Rajasthan. This 6-laning project from Kishangarh to Gulbapura section on National



Highway 48 will accelerate the economic and social development of Ajmer and Bhilwara districts. The 6-laning of Gulabpura to Chittorgarh section will strengthen the mutual connectivity of Udaipur, Jaipur and Kota regions of Bhilwara and Chittorgarh districts. The construction of 4-lane ROB on National Highway 162A at Fatehnagar will solve the problem of traffic jam at railway crossing.

Construction of high level bridge on Chambal river in Mandrayal under CRIF was inaugurated. With the construction of this bridge connectivity will be maintained between Mandrayal, Karauli in Rajasthan and Sabalgarh in Madhya Pradesh.

Foundation stone of 7 projects costing Rs 1850 crore and total length of 221 km was also laid. In Rajasthan, approval of 74 projects under CRF at a cost of 2250 crores was also announced during this program. The work on these projects will start soon. ■

CAMPAIGN TO TRANSFORM ICONIC 75 LIGHTHOUSES INTO TOURISM SPOTS LAUNCHED

The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal on 1 July launched a campaign to transform 75 historic Lighthouses into Tourism Spots when he inaugurated three revamped lighthouses in Dwarka, Gopnath & Veraval that were transformed as tourist destinations at Dwarka, Gujarat. The historic lighthouses were renovated with adequate facilities to act as tourist spots. This marks the beginning of the campaign by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW) to transform 75 historic lighthouses across India into tourism spots. This is in line with the visionary approach of the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi to transform India's distinctive lighthouses into captivating tourism sites. The initiative aims to showcase the rich culture, significance, and allure of these magnificent structures whereby they can propel prospect of tourism and power local economy. ■

FOUNDATION STONE OF INLAND WATERWAYS TRANSPORT TERMINAL AT BOGIBEEL, DIBRUGARH LAID

The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal laid the

foundation stone of Inland Waterways Transport (IWT) terminal to be developed at Bogibeel in Dibrugarh, by the bank of the River Brahmaputra (National Waterways 2) in Dibrugarh, Assam on 4 July . The tourist-cum-cargo IWT terminal will be developed at a cost of Rs. 46.60 crores and is scheduled to be completed by February, 2024. Once developed, this terminal is likely to play a pivotal role in rejuvenating inland waterways transportation in the region for both cargo and passenger movement, paving the way for growth of trade & commerce.

Under the Prime Minister's "Act East Policy", MoPSW and IWAI has been making transformational changes in the Waterways sector in India over the last 9 years. These measures have led to exceptionally remarkable changes in the country. To development Waterways in the North Eastern Region, IWAI has been making all efforts to maintain the fairway in river Brahmaputra by dredging and other river conservancy works. Navigational aids and night navigation system are also provided in the river up to Silghat.

The construction of the Bogibeel IWT, will enhance industrial growth leading to further requirements of transportation needs. ■

STEEL AUTHORITY OF INDIA ACHIEVES RECORD-BREAKING PERFORMANCE

Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has achieved record-breaking performance in the first quarter of the financial year 2023-24 (Q1 FY24) in terms of production and sales.

The production of hot metal, crude steel, and saleable steel of 5.037 million tonnes (MT), 4.667 MT, and 4.405 MT, respectively, marked the best ever first quarter results. These figures represent a remarkable growth of 7%, 8%, and 8% respectively in comparison to the previous best.

SAIL also attained its highest-ever sales performance in the first quarter by achieving a sales volume of 3.9 MT, thereby marking a growth of around 24% over the CPLY. This record breaking performance by SAIL has come up in the light of its continued focus on maximizing capacity utilization and meeting the customer demands. ■



Modi's smart election campaign

By: Tej Bahadur Chauhan

PM Modi Story

PM Shri Narendra Modi is known for his election strategies and ability to connect with the people. His innovative suggestions and out of the box ideas have made the party workers work hard and smart which has helped BJP grow throughout the nation for past many decades.

Since 2014, Opposition parties have been clueless about Shri Modi's election strategies and this is one of the reasons why the nation opts for Shri Narendra Modi as its Prime Minister.

However, Shri Modi's smart and innovative election campaigns have been helping the party win elections since his early days in the BJP.

Here is an anecdote from the year 1997-98 when Shri Narendra Modi was incharge of Madhya Pradesh BJP and he was visiting Ujjain for a party meeting.

Shri Tej Bahadur Chauhan, BJP leader in Madhya Pradesh recalls



his interaction with Shri Narendra Modi in Ujjain.

Shri Modi asked him about his responsibilities and the works he has been assigned by the party. Shri Chauhan replied that he distributes party flags and pamphlets, go to every household, meet people across the city and persuade the voters to vote for the BJP.

Shri Modi then asked him about his native place and enquired about the number of flags he distributes across the city. Shri Chauhan replied that he was a resident of

Nagda comprising approximately 15 thousand houses and he distributes 2500-3000 flags in the city.

Listening to his reply Shri Modi asked him whether auto rickshaws operate in his city. A little surprised over Shri Modi's question, Shri Chauhan replied in yes.

Then Shri Modi suggested him that you work hard to distribute 3000 party flags but may not get the desired result. While, if you can put up 50 party flags on different auto rickshaws in the city, they will wander throughout the city and give more access to party flags among the people rather than 3000 party flags put up on the houses.

Shri Chauhan was taken aback with Shri Modi's suggestion. He later admitted that it was a simple thought process but it never struck him. He says that Shri Modi's suggestion helped him work smart and yielded better results for the party. ■

TEJAS FIGHTER COMPLETES 7 YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE INDIAN AIR FORCE

India's home-grown Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) completed seven years of service in the Indian Air Force (IAF) on 30 June, 2023. Christened Tejas in 2003 by former Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee, the fighter aircraft is a multi-role platform that is steadily making a name as one of the world's premier light fighters.

Designed by the Defence Research &



Development Organisation (DRDO), the multi-role Tejas fighter can perform the roles of air defence, maritime reconnaissance and strike, switching between roles with the press of a button.

Tejas is built to be an inherently unstable fighter, with a sophisticated quadruplex flight control system. This allows the pilot carefree handling and enhanced manoeuvrability. ■



THE LOTUS SHALL BLOOM

- Atal Bihari Vajpayee

India must show Moral Strength

In the fast deteriorating international situation, India can play a meaningful role only if it expressed itself clearly and unhesitatingly against any encroachment upon the freedom of nations, any violation of frontiers and any interference in the internal affairs of other peoples. India should show some moral strength even in international realtions.

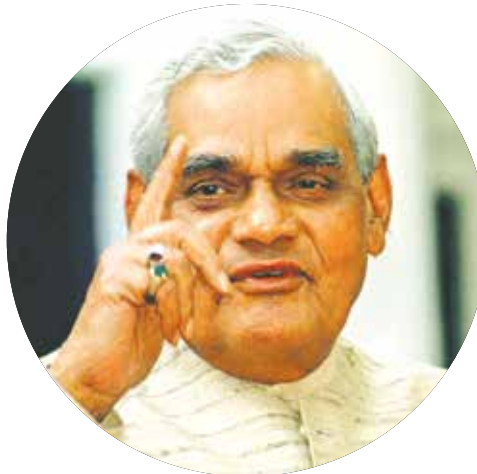
In search of Excuses

To cover up its dismal failure on all fronts, the Government is resorting to ever new excuses. The first six months were whiled away with the refrain that the train of administration had been derailed and ploughed into earth during the 28 months of the Janata rule and that it would take time to put it back on the rails. The next six months are being passed with the alibi that the Opposition with its disruptionist tactics, is not allowing the Government to function.

Those who raised a hue and cry at some stray incidents of chain-snatching in Delhi during the Janata days are now indulging in legal hair splitting to prove daylight dacoities as mere robberies. Those who hurled stones at me as a protest against delay in the arrest of Billa and Ranga, are now mum over the failure of the police to trace the murderers of Jaisinghani, uncover the mystery of Mrs. Purnima Singh's death and haul up all the criminals

responsible for the murder of the Nirankari Baba.

The incidents of Pipra and Parasbigha in Bihar were no less painful than that of Belchi. But the Prime Minister did not care to go there even in a helicopter whereas she went riding on an elephant to Belchi. She dismissed the UP Government on the issue



of Naraipur but she refused to accept the resignation of her own Chief Minister whose Government had failed to prevent the killing of hundreds at Moradabad. Today, she is never tired of blaming the opposition for making political capital out of every incident. But she seems to have conveniently forgotten what she had herself said at Naraipur that, if the Government commits a mistake, why shouldn't the opposition exploit it.

Kisan Struggle

The present wave of mass

agitations in various parts of the country is in fact a spontaneous phenomenon. The Assam agitation against infiltration of foreigners, which is more than a year old now, has surpassed even the independence struggle in point of its sweep and the mass support and cooperation that it enjoys. It is a national endeavour expressive of the determination of the youth force to protect the territorial integrity of India and the identity of Assam. It has nothing to do with political parties or partisan politics.

The movements being run by the Kisans in Karnataka, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh etc. to get their demands accepted, are also not inspired by political parties. Kisans belonging to all parties, including the ruling party, are participating in this fight.

Soaring Prices

In fact, the economic condition of the peasantry has deteriorated over the years. The costs of inputs like fertilizers, irrigation, electricity, diesel, seeds, etc. have gone up, but the income from the produce has not increased proportionately. The soaring prices of non-agricultural goods have also hit them badly because they are consumers also..

Rural Indebtedness

The figures of rural indebtedness are startling. Only a few years ago, the overdue debts amounted to Rs. 750 crore. Now they have risen to 6000 crore. Moreover, 85 percent of

the agriculturists are in debt.

The Bharatiya Janata Party considers the farmers' demand of remunerative prices for agricultural commodities as completely justified and supports it fully.

As long as a proper ratio is not established between the prices of sugarcane and sugar, cotton and cotton textiles, groundnut and vanaspati oil, jute and jute manufactures, etc., the exploitation of producers of raw materials will continue and the manufacturers of industrial goods will go on making exorbitant profits.

Fall in Cotton Prices

The price of cotton cloth has trebled in the last few years, but the price of cotton has gone down. The famous 'Varlakshmi' cotton of Andhra which fetched Rs. 1200-1500 per quintal, has now slumped to Rs. 500. The cost of jute production is Rs. 192 per tonne whereas the officially fixed price is only Rs. 150 per tonne.

The Andhra Government had fixed the paddy support price at Rs. 105 per quintal but the farmers had to sell it off at Rs. 75 per quintal for lack of proper purchase arrangements by government agencies. This situation holds good at other places and for other crops as well.

Cost of Agricultural Produce

The Agricultural Prices Commission has failed in its purpose. It should be disbanded and a new body set up in its place to determine the cost of agricultural produce by taking into consideration the prices of industrial goods as well as the soaring cost of living of

the Kisans and their needs.

Awakening Among Farmers

The farmer has now risen from centuries of sloth and ignorance to claim his due. He should be given credit for making the country self-sufficient in foodgrains and saving foreign exchange worth billions. The attempt to create a rift in the Kisan movement on the basis of big and small farmers or between the rural producer and the urban consumer will not succeed. The awakening created by the movement in the countryside will also benefit the landless labourers.

Increase Foodgrain Production

The Government should take the farmers into confidence and chalk out a timebound programme to double the foodgrain production. The world is likely to suffer from food shortage for a long time. However, India has the capacity to become a leading exporter in this respect. This potential should be fully utilised.

Assam Movement

Assam is burning. A conflagration has been raging there for the last one year. The people of Assam are becoming strangers in their own State because of large scale infiltration of foreign citizens. This process has been going on for decades. I recall having drawn the Government's attention to this matter in 1957 after being elected to the Lok Sabha for the first time. I had then warned that the situation would take an explosive turn if no effective remedial steps were taken to prevent such infiltration. But the Government failed to realise the seriousness of the problem.

The magnitude of the foreigners' problem is not small, as the powers-that-be try to depict it. In 1978, during the Janata rule, in Mangaldoi Lok Sabha constituency alone, 47,600 names of foreigners were detected in the voters' list. Between 1957 and 1970, there has been an increase of 12 lakh names in the voters' list of Assam, but between 1970 and 1979, the increase has been to the order of 28 lakh new voters.

Future of Foreigners

Due to the attitude of the Central Government during the last twelve months, the Assam problem has become more complicated. Sometimes the Government tries to give it the colour of Assamese versus non-Assamese and sometimes it resorts to the policy of bringing about a confrontation between the Assamese and the Bengalis. Yet again, it tries to make it a Hindu-Muslim question. But it always refuses to see the foreigners' problem in the state in its real form.

Assam is a frontier province. It has its geographical importance and from the military point of view it is the gateway of India. Full of scenic charm, it is rich in oil, minerals, vegetation, water and springs. It has a rich cultural heritage. But today's Assam is poor, disregarded, exploited and cursed. Assamese people blame the Centre for their backwardness. They also complain of callous attitude towards their language and heritage. ■

To be continued...

(Presidential address of Shri Atal Bihari Vajpeyee at BJP National Council, Bombay, 28-December, 1980)

RAJYA SABHA MP HARDWAR DUBEY NO MORE

President and PM condole the passing away

BJP leader and Rajya Sabha MP from Uttar Pradesh, Shri Hardwar Dubey passed away on 26 June. He was 74.

President Smt. Droupadi Murmu, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath condole the demise of the leader.

President Smt. Droupadi Murmu expressing grief over the demise said, "The news of the demise of Rajya Sabha MP and former minister of Uttar Pradesh government Shri Hardwar Dubey is saddening. He remained dedicated to public service. My deepest condolences to the bereaved family members and supporters."

"Deeply saddened by the demise of hardworking BJP MP Hardwar Dubey ji. He was such a grassroots leader, who will always be remembered for his important contribution in the development journey of Uttar Pradesh. May God give strength to his family and admirers in this hour of grief. Om Shanti!," PM Shri Modi said in a tweet.

The BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda expressing condolence said in a tweet: "The news of the demise of senior BJP leader and Rajya Sabha MP from Uttar Pradesh Hardwar Dubey ji is extremely sad. His entire life was devoted to public service and organization. His departure is an irreparable loss to the organization. I express my deepest condolences to the bereaved family members. I pray to God to give strength to the family members and give place to the departed soul at the Shri feet. Om Shanti!"

In a tweet BJP National General Secretary (Organization) Shri B.L. Santhosh expressing condolence said, "Shri Haridwar Dubey, 74 years, Rajya Sabha MP from UP breathed his last today after a brief period of illness. He was known for his integrity & compassion towards society. Pray god for eternal peace to departed soul & strength to near & dear ones to bear the loss. Om Shanti."



Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath also expressed grief, saying Shri Dubey's death is very saddening. "My condolences are with the bereaved family members. May Lord Shri Ram grant the departed soul a place at his holy feet and give strength to the bereaved family members to bear this immense sorrow. Om Shanti," Yogi Adityanath said in a tweet. Shri Hardwar Dubey is given the credit for establishing the roots of Jansangh and BJP in Agra.

Shri Hardwar Dubey was born on July 1, 1949, in Hussainabad, Ballia, Uttar Pradesh. He worked as Organizational Secretary of the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) in Agra. He was married to Professor Kamla Pandey.

Shri Hardwar Dubey contested on a BJP ticket in 1989 from Agra Cantonment and was victorious. He had defeated Dr. Krishnaveer Singh Kaushal, a strong leader of the Congress. He became MLA again in 1991 and was made Minister of State for Finance in Kalyan Singh's government. In 2013, he was given the responsibilities of Vice President and Spokesperson of the BJP in Uttar Pradesh. He was sworn in as a Rajya Sabha member on November 26, 2020. ■

India's bio-economy soars to \$100 bn

Union Minister Shri Jitendra Singh on 08 July, 2023 said India's bioeconomy jumped from \$8 billion in 2014 to \$100 billion and the country now targets \$150 billion by 2025.

The Minister said "India's bioeconomy was just about \$8 billion in 2014 and now under PM Shri Narendra Modi we have at least awakened to the merits of biotechnology and bioeconomy. It has grown up to \$100 billion, now we are targeting \$150 billion by 2025. This is going to be the 'future value addition' to India's economy in the years to come...We rank 12th in the world, 3rd in the Asia Pacific as far as bioeconomy is concerned and rank one in vaccine production." ■

Rajasthan is a centre of immense potential and possibilities: PM



BIKANER, RAJASTHAN

'BJP aims to decisively outperform both the BRS and Congress in Telangana'



WARANGAL, TELANGANA

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed a mega rally in Bikaner, Rajasthan on July 8, 2023. Shri Modi said, “Unprecedented work has happened over the past 9 years with respect to the road connectivity in Rajasthan, which never happened before”.

The PM reiterated, “Development of a state happens only when the Governments at the centre and the state work together. In the past 4 years the Congress Government has made sure that the affairs of the state are utterly neglected. Provision of drinking water has been one of the top priorities of the Central Government, but the Congress Government in Rajasthan has prevented the state to avail this benefit depriving its people of adequate drinking water. Even the Congress understands that it has created a sorry state of affairs in the state.”

PM dedicates projects worth 24,300 crore

Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone and dedicated the nation to development projects worth over Rs 24,300 crore in Bikaner, Rajasthan. The projects include the dedication of the six-lane Greenfield Expressway section of the Amritsar - Jamnagar Economic Corridor at a cost of around Rs 11,125 crores, Phase-I of the Inter-State Transmission Line for Green Energy Corridor worth around Rs 10,950 crores, Bikaner to Bhiwadi Transmission Line to be developed by Power Grid at a cost of around Rs 1,340 crores. He laid the foundation stone for the redevelopment of the Bikaner Railway Station at a cost of around Rs 450 crores. ■

Speaking at a massive gathering in Warangal, Telangana on July 8 2023, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi emphasized the significant role of the state in the growth of the BJP. He proudly declared that the BJP is now the largest political party worldwide and commended Telangana for contributing to its success. The PM expressed his delight in witnessing the continuous expansion of the BJP in the region, evident from the party’s impressive performance in the 2021 Municipal Corporation Elections.

With the upcoming assembly elections, the Prime Minister confidently stated that the BJP aims to decisively outperform both the BRS and Congress parties, thereby solidifying its influence in the state.

Shri Modi cautioned the people of the state about the ruling family in Telangana, which he accused of being embroiled in scams and facing ongoing investigations. He urged the crowd to remain vigilant and not fall prey to their tricks.

PM lays foundation stone of development projects worth 6,100 crores

Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for several crucial infrastructure development projects in Telangana worth around Rs 6,100 crores in Warangal, Telangana. The development works include 176 km long National Highway Projects worth over Rs 5,550 crores and a Railway Manufacturing Unit in Kazipet to be developed at a cost of over Rs 500 crores. The Prime Minister also performed darshan and pooja at Bhadrakali Temple. ■

'GOVERNMENT STARTED DIALOGUE AND INTERACTION WITH BENEFICIARIES'



VARANASI, UTTAR PRADESH

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of multiple development projects worth more than Rs 12,100 crores in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh on July 7, 2023. The projects include the dedication of Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya Junction - Son Nagar railway line of Dedicated Freight Corridor, three railway lines whose electrification or doubling has been completed, four-lane widening of Varanasi-Jaunpur section of NH-56, and multiple projects in Varanasi. The Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone for multiple railway projects.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister noted that thousands of Shiva devotees are turning up to Varanasi to offer 'Jal' and said that it is certain that the city will witness a record number of pilgrims. "Those coming to Varanasi always return with a happy feeling", the Prime Minister said as he highlighted the hospitality of the citizens. He praised the people of Kashi for welcoming the delegates of G20 and keeping the premises of places of worship clean and grand.

PM flags off two Vande Bharat Trains

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi flagged off two Vande Bharat Express trains from Gorakhpur Railway Station in Uttar Pradesh. The two Vande Bharat trains are Gorakhpur – Lucknow Vande Bharat Express and Jodhpur – Ahmedabad (Sabarmati) Vande Bharat Express. The Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone for the redevelopment of Gorakhpur Railway Station at the cost of around Rs. 498 crores and inspected the model of the proposed Gorakhpur Railway Station. ■

'CHHATTISGARH GOVERNMENT HAS BECOME A MODEL OF CORRUPTION AND MISRULE'



RAIPUR, CHHATTISGARH

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on July 7, 2023 addressed a huge public meeting in Raipur, Chhattisgarh. Shri Modi said, "The formation of Chhattisgarh saw a significant contribution from the BJP. We possess a profound understanding of the people of Chhattisgarh and are well-aware of their requirements. Consequently, the government of BJP in Delhi is fully committed to propelling the rapid progress of Chhattisgarh."

Criticizing the Congress party for failing to deliver on their commitments, The Prime Minister remarked, "Among the thirty-six promises made by the Congress to Chhattisgarh was the pledge to impose a prohibition on liquor in the state. However, rather than implementing a ban, the Congress has been involved in a liquor scam worth thousands of crores in Chhattisgarh. This indicates that the Congress party has betrayed the trust of the mothers and sisters of Chhattisgarh as well as the state itself."

He said, "Today the Government of Chhattisgarh has become a model of corruption and misrule of the Congress. That's why today, only one voice is being raised from Chhattisgarh all around – 'Badalbi, Badalbo, ... Ae Dari Congress Ke Sarkaarle Badalbo'."

PM dedicates projects worth 7500 crores in Raipur

PM Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone and dedicated to the nation various development projects worth around Rs 7500 crores in Raipur, Chhattisgarh. He dedicated and laid the foundation stone for 5 National Highway projects worth around Rs 6,400 crores. Further, the Prime Minister initiated the distribution of 75 lakh cards to the beneficiaries under the Ayushman Bharat. ■

PM chairs 23rd Summit of the **SCO Council** of Heads of State

India, under its first ever presidency of Shanghai Cooperation Organization, hosted the 23rd meeting of the SCO Council of Heads of State on 5 July.

The Summit was held in the virtual format. The meeting was chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and was attended by the Presidents of Kazakhstan, China, Kyrgyzstan, Russia,



Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, and Prime Minister of Pakistan. Heads of State of SCO Observers namely Iran, Belarus, and Mongolia and Turkmenistan participated as guest chair. Heads of two permanent standing bodies of the SCO, Secretary General of SCO and Director, SCO Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure, RATS, plus Heads of international and regional organizations including the UN Secretary General; Heads of CICA, that is Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia; CSTO, Collective Security Treaty Organization; CIS, Commonwealth of Independent States, and Eurasian Economic Commission, they also attended the meeting.

PM highlights India's contribution to SCO

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi underlined India's contribution to SCO, especially in the last six years as Member State, highlighted the new spheres of cooperation introduced and nurtured by India in the SCO, especially in the field of startup and innovation, traditional medicine, youth empowerment, digital inclusion, and shared Buddhist heritage of SCO Member States, need to work together to eliminate the menace of terrorism in the region and globally, in consistency with Article 1 of the SCO Charter, unequivocally condemn terrorism and eliminate safe havens, flow of finance to such activities, fight against terrorism as the basic mandate of SCO still remains a central goal of SCO, something that was underlined and emphasized by the Prime Minister and also echoed in the room by other countries. All the leaders welcomed the completion of procedure for Iran to join as the organization's full Member State. Prime Minister also congratulated President Raisi on this occasion. The leaders also

welcomed the decision on signing the Memorandum of Obligation of Belarus to join the organization as a Member State. The process of Belarus membership

will be completed by 2024 SCO Summit next year.

As the outcome of the Summit, the leaders adopted the New Delhi Declaration and two thematic joint statements – one

on cooperation in countering radicalization, leading to separatism, extremism, and terrorism, and the second one on cooperation in the field of digital transformation.

5 initiatives proposed by India, adopted in SCO

The five initiatives that were proposed by India and adopted at these Ministerial level meetings under India's presidency. The first was on the concept of the development of digital public infrastructure, DPIs, for the promotion of digital technologies among the population, in particular, digital inclusion and innovation. This is something which found mention and was echoed by almost all the leaders in the summit proceedings.

Two, on the cooperation among the SCO Member States on emerging fuels. Three, on working together to combat the challenges of climate change, plastic pollution, marine plastic litter, air pollution, with focus on resource efficiency and circular economy. Related to that, but in a more action-oriented sequence, decarbonizing the transport infrastructure, promoting digital transformation and innovative technologies, again, for efficiency and higher sustainability through cooperation among the SCO Member States. And lastly, the first ever report on digital financial inclusion policies in the SCO Member States was taken. Besides, there was also a substantial segment of socio-cultural activities during India's presidency. This included SCO Millets Festival in Mumbai, SCO Film Festival, SCO Culture Showcasing at Suraj Kund Mela, SCO Tourism Mart, SCO Conference on Traditional Medicine. And all these initiatives and events held under India's presidency received quite remarkable and robust response from the SCO Member States. ■



Eradicating **SICKLE CELL DISEASE**, securing the future of India's tribal communities

We are envisioning an India where every Indian is concerned about having a life of quality. Continuous efforts are being made by the Government of India to ensure that the benefits of the country's advanced healthcare facilities reach every individual,



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India is a country of diversity, and unity in diversity is our identity. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given the mantra of "One India, Great India" to maintain this diversity. We are envisioning an India where every Indian is concerned about having a life of quality. Continuous efforts are being made by the Government of India to ensure that the benefits of the country's advanced healthcare facilities reach every individual, even those on the bottom rungs of the social ladder.

In India, there are approximately 706 different tribal communities, which constitute 8.6 per cent of the total population. Our tribal population is an integral part of our country's rich cultural heritage. PM Modi has said, "the past, present, and future of India will never be complete without the indigenous communities." The Government of India is fully committed to the health and development of the tribal population as a national priority, taking into account their ethical values, traditions, socio-economic conditions, and tribal organisations.

Sickle cell disease is a serious health challenge in India's tribal population. Sickle cell is a genetic disorder in which a person's red blood cells become distorted and take on a sickle-like shape. This disease is commonly found among tribal communities. It poses a significant threat to the future and existence of our indigenous

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populations, and it is imperative to prevent the spread of this disease. PM Modi has said, "the past, present, and future of India will never be complete without the indigenous indigenous populations, and it is imperative to prevent the spread of this disease in a timely manner. We have now decided to address this in a holistic manner.

I would like to express special gratitude to the Prime Minister who, in the central Budget for the financial year 2023-24, announced the launch of the national campaign "Sickle

Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission 2047" to eradicate this challenge of sickle cell.

Sickle cell disease exists in two forms within the human body. One is the Sickle Cell trait, in which the individual does not exhibit any disease or symptoms, and lives a normal life. The second form is characterised by the presence of symptoms related to sickle cell disease. In 13 states of the country, namely Rajasthan, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Odisha, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, and Maharashtra, there is a high prevalence of this disease, and in four states of the country, namely Bihar, Assam, Uttarakhand, and Uttar Pradesh, there is a partial prevalence of sickle cell disease.

A person suffering from Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) faces numerous health problems, including persistent pain, fatigue, and anaemia, which significantly impact their quality of life. Efforts are being made to eliminate Sickle Cell Anaemia through two approaches. The first approach focuses on prevention, ensuring that new cases are not born, while the second approach involves managing the treatment and providing adequate healthcare facilities for individuals already affected by the disease.

PM launches National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission in Shahdol, MP

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi launched the National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission in Shahdol, Madhya Pradesh on 1 July and distributed sickle cell genetic status cards to the beneficiaries. The Prime Minister also kickstarted the distribution of about 3.57 crore Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) cards in Madhya Pradesh. During the programme, the Prime Minister honoured Rani Durgavati the ruling queen of Gondwana in the mid-16th century.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister paid tributes to Rani Durgavati and said that the National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission inspired by her is being initiated today. He also mentioned that 1 crore Ayushman Cards are being issued to the people of Madhya Pradesh. The Prime Minister underlined that the biggest beneficiaries of the two major efforts are the people of Gond, Bhil and other Adivasi societies.



He congratulated the people and the double-engine government of Madhya Pradesh on the occasion.

The Prime Minister said that today, from the land of Shahdol, the nation is taking a big pledge of securing the lives of the people from the tribal communities, a resolution of freedom from Sickle Cell Anaemia and saving the lives of 2.5 lakh children and families that are affected by the disease. ■

A comprehensive ecosystem is being developed to address these aspects and ensure access to proper healthcare and management for Sickle Cell Anaemia patients.

If two individuals with Sickle Cell trait marry each other, there is a high probability that their child will have Sickle Cell disease. By screening individuals for Sickle Cell trait before marriage, the spread of the disease can be prevented. The Ministry of Health, in collaboration with the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and the states, has formulated a plan to screen approximately 70 million individuals aged 0-40 years belonging to tribal and other groups residing in nearly 200 districts of 17 states within the next few years. The goal is to eliminate Sickle Cell disease by the year 2047. After screening, individuals will be provided with smart cards in their local language, enabling prospective partners to easily determine whether their future children will be affected by Sickle

Cell disease or not.

To implement this entire programme, monitoring mechanisms will be established at various levels to ensure participation and bring awareness on a large scale. Individuals identified with the disease through screening will undergo regular testing, receive treatment and medication, vaccinations for other diseases, get dietary support, and have access to timely counselling services. All of these provisions will be ensured.

The government has allocated a sufficient budget, utilised advanced technology, provided training to healthcare workers, ensured necessary infrastructure, and made efforts in social awareness and participation to combat this disease. These endeavours are the result of strong determination and policy decisions.

Through the Ayushman Bharat scheme, the country has established a network of 1.6 lakh Health and

Wellness Centres since 2018, which has played a crucial role in combating epidemics like Covid19. These centres will also play a significant role in eradicating sickle cell disease along with other diseases. We have trained healthcare workers in these centers to provide better treatment for sickle cell patients. PM Modi launched the Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission from Madhya Pradesh on July 1. This initiative will provide great strength to the fight against sickle cell anaemia. A web portal has been created using digital technology to track and maintain a complete record of sickle cell patients.

I believe that this mission will pave the way for the elimination of sickle cell anaemia by the year 2047, ensuring the preservation of India's tribal population, which has kept the country's heritage alive. ■

(The writer is Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilisers)



NEP-2020 IS TRANSFORMING THE FUTURE OF INDIA'S CHILDREN

Under the visionary leadership of the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, India has already set the wheels in motion to achieve a robust and self-reliant economy, powered by a highly-skilled workforce.



VISHNU DUTT SHARMA

Today, India has entered the Amrit Kaal, as the world's the biggest democracy. It is the ideal moment to take steps towards achieving our aspirations of becoming a global superpower. Under the visionary leadership of the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, India has already set the wheels in motion to achieve a robust and self-reliant economy, powered by a highly-skilled workforce.

Today, India is one of the fastest-growing economies in the world, and this is just the beginning! The Economic Survey of India 2023 estimates that India has over 26 crore students in schools. In the coming 25 years, these students will become the largest global workforce and play a crucial role in fulfilling the aspirations of India@100.

The formulation of a New Education Policy (NEP), which was tailored to meet the requirements of the contemporary world was even on the agenda of the Bharatiya Janata Party's 2014 General

Election manifesto. To create an education system, to empower our students with the right skills for the 21st century, and, after years of extensive consultation with lakhs of stakeholders across the sector, the NEP 2020 was launched on July 29th 2020, becoming India's third National Education Policy, launched after a period of 34 years.

What makes the NEP 2020

In the words of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji, it is the highest priority of the policy that "children must 'learn to read' by Grade 3 so that they can 'read to learn' after"

transformative?

As a policy, what sets the NEP 2020 apart from its predecessors is an emphasis on two facets of school education: improving the quality of education and changing the way children learn in classrooms. It also comprehensively talks about the capacity building of teachers, who are directly responsible for teaching our children, after all, Quality Education cannot

be imparted without quality teachers. The education policies released by the Congress-led Governments of the past primarily focused on the accessibility of schools for all children and getting them to school, but the NEP 2020's interventions are centered on improving the quality of education throughout all stages of a child's academic journey - from the foundational stage to the end of their school, to making them employable, well-rounded citizens.

In the words of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji, it is the highest priority of the policy that "children must 'learn to read' by Grade 3 so that they can 'read to learn' after". During Shikshak Parv 2022, the Hon'ble President of India Smt. Droupadi Murmu reiterated the Government's political will and commitment to providing the highest quality of education, stating, "At present, many students in the primary school stage face problems in achieving foundational literacy and numeracy (FLN) skills. That is why the foremost priority is placed towards attaining these by 2025". The launch of the NIPUN Bharat Mission in 2021 to provide FLN skills to all children is a 'paradigm shift' in the way

teaching and learning are done in the classroom, with a newfound focus on developing the essential skills of children instead of rote learning and memorization.

The introduction of a home language/ mother tongue for teaching subjects such as science, math, etc. is another critical transformation in the lives of our children. It will help them relate to their own cultures, perspectives, and history, lending a sense of belonging and pride to their local communities. Culture and values are fundamental to the dynamic NEP 2020, however, there is no doubt that it has been developed as a dynamic, contemporary policy.

As our children move across their academic journey, the NEP 2020 is aligned towards making India a 'hub' of entrepreneurship and innovation. Today, India has the 2nd largest start-up ecosystem in the world, and through policy measures such as 'Start-Up India', 'Kaushal Vikas Yojana', and

'Atal Innovation Mission' within the NEP 2020 our government has supported the upskilling of an exceptionally large talent pool. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi rightly said, our future generations should be the world's leading 'job creators'. In 2021-22, Indian start-ups raised a record 35 billion dollars, and in 2022-23 followed with 24 billion dollars of

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funding . This is a testament to the Indian youth and their appetite for creation and innovation, and a sign of things to come. They serve as a shining example of the

spirit of self-reliance which India's youngsters possess, and a zeal, drive, and hunger to become the best in the world.

The NEP 2020 is truly a groundbreaking and visionary policy launched by the Modi Government, which is empowering the world's largest population of youth to harness their abilities. Furthermore, the vision and ambition for the education sector of India have been augmented by political will and execution, e.g., over 1.12 Lakh crore was allocated for the Education Sector in Union Budget 2023-24 , with the goal of making a 'meticulous' blueprint to transform India into a technology-driven and knowledge-based economy @100. As this groundbreaking policy completes the three-year milestone, it will no doubt prove to be a game-changer in India's development story. ■

(The writer is BJP State President, Madhya Pradesh)

Ajit Pawar takes oath as Deputy CM in NDA Govt. in Maharashtra

8 OTHER NCP LEADERS TAKE OATH AS MINISTERS

Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) senior leader Shri Ajit Pawar along with other eight leaders joined and took oath as ministers in the NDA government in Maharashtra. Maharashtra Governor Shri Ramesh Bais has given the oath at a simple ceremony held in the Raj Bhawan at Mumbai on 2nd July, 2023.

Shri Ajit Pawar joined the Eknath Shinde-led NDA government and was sworn-in as the Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra. Eight other NCP leaders took oath as ministers. Those who were sworn in as ministers are Shri Chhagan Bhujbal, Shri Dilip Walse Patil, Shri Hasan Mushrif, Shri Dhananjay Munde,



Aditi Tatkare, Shri Dharmarao Atram, Shri Anil Patil and Shri Sanjay Bansode. ■

PM addresses Valedictory Ceremony of Centenary Celebrations of University of Delhi

Lays foundation stone for Faculty of Technology, Computer Centre and Academic Block

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 30 June addressed the Valedictory Ceremony of Centenary Celebrations of the University of Delhi at the Multipurpose Hall of Delhi University Sports Complex today. He also laid the foundation stone of the building for the Faculty of Technology, Computer Centre and Academic Block, to be

built in the North Campus of the University. The Prime Minister released Commemorative Centenary Volume - Compilation of Centenary Celebrations; Logo Book - Logo of Delhi University and its colleges; and Aura - 100 Years of University of Delhi.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister asserted that he had firmly decided on taking part in the Valedictory Ceremony of Centenary Celebrations of University of Delhi and said that the feeling is like a homecoming. Referring to the short movie played before the address, the Prime Minister said that the contributions of the personalities which have emerged out of the University give a glimpse of the life of Delhi University.

The Prime Minister noted that the centenary celebrations of the University of Delhi are taking place at a time when India is celebrating the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav after completing 75 years of its independence. In the 100-year-old journey of DU, the Prime Minister continued, there have been many historic landmarks which have connected the lives of many students, teachers and others.

Underscoring the importance of knowledge, the Prime Minister noted that when India had vibrant universities like Nalanda and Takshila, it was at the peak of prosperity. "India's rich education system is the carrier of India's prosperity", he said, underlining the high Indian share in the global GDP of that time. Continuous attacks during the period of slavery destroyed these institutions leading to obstruction of the intellectual flow of India and bringing the growth



to standstill, he added.

The Prime Minister said that due to the futuristic educational policies and decisions, recognition of Indian universities is increasing. He informed that while in 2014, in the QS world ranking there were only 12 Indian universities, today this number has reached 45. He credited India's youth force as the guiding force for

this transformation.

Concluding the address, the Prime Minister emphasized the need to prepare our minds and hearts for a goal that we set for ourselves in life. He underlined that the responsibility of preparing the mind and heart of a nation has to be fulfilled by its educational institutions. The Prime Minister expressed confidence that Delhi University will fulfill these resolutions while taking this journey forward. Union Minister for Education, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan and Vice Chancellor of University of Delhi, Shri Yogesh Singh were present on the occasion. ■

PM TAKES A METRO RIDE TO REACH DU



PM Shri Narendra Modi took a metro ride to reach University of Delhi. He also interacted with the students during the journey. Upon arriving, the Prime Minister took a walkthrough of the exhibition - Journey of 100 Years. He also witnessed Saraswati Vandana and University Kulgeet presented by the Faculty of Music and Fine Arts. ■

Natural Farming is a key priority of government: PM

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi addressed the 17th Indian Cooperative Congress at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi on 1st July on the occasion of International Day of Cooperatives. The main theme of the 17th Indian Cooperative Congress is 'Amrit Kaal: Prosperity through Cooperation for a Vibrant India'. Shri Modi also launched E-Portals of e-Commerce website for Cooperative Marketing, and Cooperative Extension and Advisory Services Portal

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister congratulated everyone on the occasion and said that the country is working towards the goal of a 'Viksit and Atmanirbhar Bharat'. He reiterated the need for 'Sabka Prayas' (everyone's effort) in achieving these goals where the spirit of cooperation sends the message of everyone's effort.

The Prime Minister also elaborated on the ways of ensuring that farmers are not burdened by the increasing global fertilizer prices. He said that a farmer today pays about Rs 270 for a bag of urea whereas the same bag is priced at Rs 720 in Bangladesh, Rs 800 in Pakistan, Rs 2100 in China and Rs 3000 in the USA. "This shows what a guarantee looks like and what massive efforts are needed to change the lives of the farmers", he said. The Prime Minister informed that in the last 9 years, more than Rs 10 lakh crore have been spent on just fertilizer subsidies.

Highlighting the seriousness of the government towards providing the right price to the farmers for their produce, the Prime Minister informed that the government bought the farmers' produce at an increased MSP and handed out more than 15 lakh crores to the farmers in the last 9 years. "On average, the Government is spending more than 6.5 lakh crores yearly on agriculture and farmers", Shri Modi said. "The government is making sure that every farmer in the country receives around 50 thousand rupees every year in some way or the other", he asserted.

Continuing with the farmer welfare approach of the government, Shri Modi, informed about the recent package of Rs 3 lakh 70 Thousand crore and fair and remunerative price for the sugarcane farmers of Rs 315 per quintal. This will directly benefit 5 lakh sugarcane farmers and people working in sugar mills.



The Prime Minister said that during the Amrit Kaal, the role of the cooperative sector in the growth of villages and farmers is going to be big. "Sarkar and Sahkaar (Government and cooperative) will together provide double strength to the dream of the Viksit Bharat", the Prime Minister emphasized.

The Prime Minister highlighted the Gobardhan Scheme where work is done all across the country to convert 'waste to wealth'. Union Minister for Home Affairs and Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, MoS for Cooperation, Shri B L Verma, and others were present on the occasion among others. ■

PM fulfilled the demand of cooperative sector: Amit Shah

In his address to 17th Indian Cooperative Congress, Ministry of Home and Cooperation Shri Amit Shah said that the cooperative movement is existing in India before independence and is about 115 years old. Since independence, the main demand of the workers associated with the cooperative sector was the formation of a separate Ministry of Cooperation.

He said earlier there were difficulties in expanding the cooperative sector, introducing timely changes, bringing transparency, and incorporating the global changes in cooperative sector in India. Shri Shah said that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has formed a separate Ministry of Cooperation and fulfilled the demand which was pending for last 75 years. He said that due to the formation of the Ministry of Cooperation and the guidance from the Prime Minister, many changes have become made possible in the cooperative sector.

GITA PRESS is not just a printing press but a LIVING FAITH: PM

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 7 July addressed the closing ceremony of the centenary celebrations of the historic Gita Press in Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh and released the Chitramaya Shiva Purana Granth. The Prime Minister also visited Leela Chitra temple in the Gita Press and paid floral tribute to the portrait of Lord Shri Ram.

On the occasion Prime Minister said, "Gita Press is not just a printing press but a living faith", the Prime Minister said as he remarked that the office of Gita Press is no less than a shrine for crores of people. He said that with Gita comes Krishna, with Krishna,



there is compassion and 'karma', and there is a sense of knowledge as well as scientific research. The Prime Minister said quoting the Gita, "Vasudeva Sarvam i.e. Everything is, from and in Vasudev."

The Prime Minister emphasized that the spiritual light that lit up in the form of Gita Press in 1923 has become the guiding light of the

entire humanity today. He thanked the good fortune for being able to witness the golden century of this humanitarian mission. On this historic occasion, the Prime Minister said, the government has conferred the Gandhi Peace Prize to Gita Press.

The Prime Minister underlined that an organization like Gita Press is not only associated with religion and work but also has a national character. The Prime Minister pointed out that it is no coincidence that Gita Press has completed its journey of 100 years at a time when the country is celebrating 75 years of its independence. ■



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PM Shri Narendra Modi launches National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission at Shahdol in Madhya Pradesh on July 1, 2023



PM Shri Narendra Modi flags off 5 Vande Bharat Express at Rani Kamalapati Railway Station in Bhopal, MP on June 27, 2023



PM Shri Narendra Modi interacting with people in Delhi Metro on his way to attend the Centenary Celebrations of University of Delhi in New Delhi on June 30, 2023



PM Shri Narendra Modi meeting with Egyptian President, Mr. Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, at President House, Cairo in Egypt on June 25, 2023



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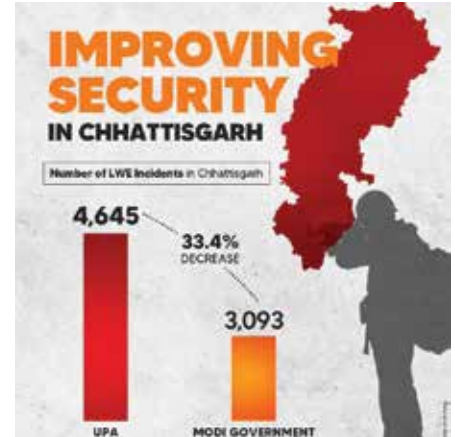
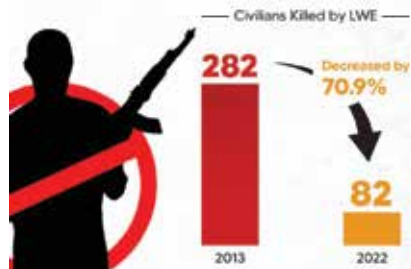
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