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BJP National President Shri JP Nadda addressing the participants in the inaugural session of 'Regional Panchayati Raj Council' held at Surajkund, Haryana on 7 August, 2023



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BJP National President Shri JP Nadda chairs the BJP National General Secretaries Meeting at BJP HQ, New Delhi on 28 July, 2023



Tamil Nadu BJP welcomes Union Home & Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah during the inauguration of "En Mann En Makkal" Yatra in Ramanathapuram on 28 July, 2023



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508 railway stations to be developed with an estimated budget of ₹ 25000 Cr . Tomorrow PM Sri @narendramodi will laying foundation stone for redevelopment . Just imagine the scale & impact . This was the very same system which struggled to deliver few years back. *(5 August, 2023)*



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DREAM OF VIKSIT BHARAT A REALITY NOW

As Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi transferred the 14th installment of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi, amounting to Rs. 17,000 crore, directly to the bank accounts of 8.5 crore farmers, the commitment of the Modi government to empower small and marginal farmers got further reinforced. It is to be noted that since the inception of this scheme, more than Rs. 2.6 lakh crore has been transferred directly to the farmers' accounts, meeting their cash needs during agricultural seasons. The Modi government always had a special focus on farmers, agriculture, and the rural sector right from the beginning, aiming to enable and empower them by starting a large number of innovative schemes on the one hand and by providing a number of reliefs on the other. It is an example of PM Modi's sensitiveness to the farmers' needs that today, when the price of fertilisers is skyrocketing in the international market, India has maintained a stable price regime for its farmers by providing unprecedentedly huge subsidies. While the agricultural sector is experiencing a huge transformation, the manner in which MSP has been increased by one and a half times the investment and procurement is witnessing manifold expansion, and with a new range of crops on the list, farmers across India are now getting profitable returns on their crops.

The monsoon session of parliament, which opened under the shadow of misleading propaganda by the Congress-led Opposition and attempts to block its functioning, saw some crucial bills sail through both the houses. The bills like the Biological Diversity (Amendment) Bill, 2021, the Mediation Bill, 2021, the

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Multi-State Cooperative, Societies Bill, 2023, the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Third Amendment) Bill, 2022, the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2022, the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2022; and the Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Bill, 2023, are aimed at addressing many issues that were being discussed and debated in the public domain. While the Mediation Bill, 2021, proposes facilitating and promoting the mediation process in India and recognises and encourages community, institutional, and online mediation as viable and cost-effective options for settling disputes, the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2023, aims to amend certain enactments for decriminalising and rationalising minor offences to further enhance trust-based governance for ease of living and doing business. At the same time, the National Capital Territory of Delhi Bill outlines several key provisions aimed at defining the administrative framework in the National Capital Territory of Delhi (NCT) and granting rule-making power to the Central Government, enabling it to regulate the appointment and conditions of service

for officers and employees of the Delhi Government. It goes to the credit of the Modi government that despite disruptions, a negative approach, and the insistence of the Congress-led opposition to block the functioning of parliament, many bills were passed in the interest of the people. While the parliament is still in session, the opposition will do well to listen to the voice of the people and cooperate with the government to restore the smooth functioning of the parliament.

In a historic move, the Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone for the redevelopment of 508 railway stations across the nation. The redevelopment plan, along with massive expansion and electrification of railways, freight corridors, Vande Bharat trains, and many more novel initiatives, have completely changed the face of Indian railways, making it the most competent and professional organisation in the world. It was the vision, leadership, and strong resolve of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi that made what was seen as a liability into an invaluable asset for the nation today. While a New India is taking shape, the dream of 'Viksit Bharat' in the 'Amrit Kaal' seems a reality now. ■

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PM'S VISIT TO SIKAR, RAJASTHAN

Government at the centre understands the pains and needs of farmers: PM

RELEASES 14TH INSTALMENT AMOUNT OF ABOUT RS 17,000 CRORES UNDER PM-KISAN

DEDICATES MORE THAN 1.25 LAKH PM KISAN SAMRIDDHI KENDRAS

In a significant move Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi released the 14th instalment amount of about Rs 17,000 crores under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) to 8.5 crore beneficiaries and dedicated to the nation various development projects in Sikar, Rajasthan on 27 July, 2023. The PM also dedicated to the nation more than 1.25 lakh PM Kisan Samridhhi Kendras (PMKSKs), launched the Urea Gold- a new variety of Urea coated with Sulphur, onboarded 1600 Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) on Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC), inaugurated 5 new medical colleges, laid the foundation stone for 7 medical colleges in the state. PM Shri Narendra Modi also addressed a massive rally in Sikar, Rajasthan on the same day.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister paid tributes to the crores of farmers that have joined the program from numerous places in the country. He expressed gratitude for getting the opportunity to initiate various development programs and mentioned the direct transfer of the instalment under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) to crores of farmer-beneficiaries.

1.25 lakh PM Kisan Samridhhi Kendras

Speaking about the dedication of more than 1.25 lakh PM Kisan Samridhhi Kendras in the

country, the Prime Minister said that it would directly benefit crores of farmers at the village and block level. He also mentioned the onboarding of Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) on Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) and said that it would make it easier for the farmers to take their produce to the market from any part of the country. He also mentioned the launch of Urea Gold, new medical colleges and Eklavya Model Schools. The Prime Minister congratulated the people of India as well as crores of farmers for today's development projects.



From seed to market

The Prime Minister said that the current government at the centre understands the pains and needs of the farmers. The Prime Minister explained how, from seed to market (Beej se Bazaar tak) new systems have been created in the last 9 years. He recalled that the Soil Health Card scheme was launched in Suratgarh in 2015. Through the scheme, crores of farmers are making optimal decisions based on the knowledge about the health of the soil. He said 1.25 PM Kisan Samridhi Kendras (PMKSKs) will pave the way for the prosperity of the farmers. These Kendras are being developed as one-stop shops for the needs of the farmers. These centres will also provide advanced modern information on agriculture-related issues to the farmers. The Prime Minister informed that an additional 1.75 lakh PM Kisan Samridhi Kendras (PMKSKs) will be established before the end of the year.

PM Kissan Samman Nidhi

The Prime Minister said that the present Government is working in all earnest to reduce the expenses of the farmers and support them in their time of need. Referring to PM Kissan Samman Nidhi, the Prime Minister said that it is the largest scheme in the world where funds are directly transferred into the bank accounts of farmers. He informed that more than 2 lakh 60 thousand crore rupees have been directly transferred to the bank accounts of farmers so far if today's 14th instalment is to be included which has been beneficial to the farmers in covering various expenses. He said that the price of urea in the country is an example of the government saving the farmers' expenses. Speaking about the prices of fertilizers, the Prime Minister informed that the bag of urea which costs Rs 266 in India costs about Rs 800 in Pakistan, about Rs 720 in Bangladesh, about Rs 2100 in China and about Rs 3000 in USA. "The government will not let the urea prices bother our farmers", Shri Modi said.

Branding millets as Shree Anna

The Prime Minister talked about the promotion of millet and measures like branding millets as Shree Anna. He said that through the promotion of Shree Anna, its production, processing and export are

increasing. He recalled the presence of millets in the Official White House dinner during his recent visit.

Good schools and education in the villages

For decades, the Prime Minister said that the villages and the poor were also left behind due to a lack of good schools and education in the villages and lamented that the children of backward and tribal societies had no means to fulfil their dreams. Shri Modi mentioned that the present government increased the budget and resources for education and opened Eklavya residential schools which have hugely benefited the tribal youth.

"Success becomes big only when the dreams are big", the Prime Minister said. Shri Modi stated that the Government is investing in infrastructure and developing facilities related to tourism which will result in new opportunities for Rajasthan as well.

Governor of Rajasthan, Shri Kalraj Mishra, Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Minister for Jal Shakti, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Law and Justice, Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, and Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Shri Kailash Choudhary were present on the occasion among others.

Highlights

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- Releases 14th instalment amount of about Rs 17,000 crores under PM-KISAN.
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- Launches Urea Gold - Sulphur Coated Urea.
- Inaugurate 5 new medical colleges and lays foundation stone for 7 medical colleges.
- Government at the centre understands the pains and needs of the farmers.
- The government will not let the urea prices bother our farmers. When a farmer goes to buy urea, he has the belief that there is Modi's guarantee.
- India can be Viksit only with Viksit villages.
- It is our priority to create modern infrastructure in Rajasthan. ■



Congress Government has only established a state of loot, falsity and lies: PM Modi

PM Shri Narendra Modi addressed a massive rally in Sikar, Rajasthan on 27 July, 2023. Shri Modi said, “The excitement of the people showcases the fact that the mandate is with the BJP”. He added, “The people have decided that our Party’s Lotus symbol will emerge victorious and that the Lotus will bloom again.”

Congress has only tried to stall the development

The Prime Minister said, “Over the 9 years the BJP Government at the Centre has enabled the creation of infrastructure in the state in terms of its roadways and highways.” He added, “We have enabled an efficient devolution of funds to the state enabling its development. “But the Congress Government has only tried to stall the development of the state of Rajasthan”, he said. He emphasized, “The same can be seen in the Jal Jeevan Mission, where various states have been provided with piped drinking water, but the state of Rajasthan still significantly lags behind”.

BJP devoted towards serving the people

Commenting on the Congress Government, Shri Modi said, “The Congress Government has only indulged in the politics of blame-game and intra-party

politics that have taken the state of Rajasthan towards ruin”. “On the other hand, the BJP Government at the Centre has remained devoted towards serving the people of India enabling the promotion of basic necessities among the people”, he added.

“The Congress Government’s endeavour in the state has led to complete lawlessness”. He said due to this, people and especially the youth of the state have suffered. Various threats in the form of Gangwars, Paper-leaks, and Drug Abuse have created ample threats to destroy the youth of this prestigious state of Rajasthan. The rampant abuse of the downtrodden, especially the women and Dalits have gone out of hand, with many of them undergoing systemic exploitation under the Congress regime, the PM said. “But, now enough is enough, the people of Rajasthan have now risen and will resent this exploitation under the Congress regime”, said Shri Modi.

During Congress regime anti-India agenda flourished

On the Congress Party, the PM said, “Today, the Congress party has been rendered direction-less, its constant mechanisms at changing names showcases how the Congress Party’s UPA is simply interested in tricking the people to forget the various scams and atrocities committed by it”, said PM Modi. “Using the

acronym 'INDIA' the Congress Party yet again with its allies intends to loot the country" he said. "It was during the same Congress regime that organizations like the SIMI and the PFI with anti-India agenda have flourished", said PM Modi.

Shri Modi said, "Congress has always served as an anti-India propaganda machine, allowing the meddling of foreign interests in sabotaging the real interests of India". It is the same party, that has questioned the surgical and the air-strike, the same party that shamed the soldiers of Galwan, the PM said. For the Congress Party, divisive and appeasement politics take precedence over the national interests of India, retorted the PM.

Arrogance of the Congress will lead to its defeat

The Prime Minister said, "The arrogance of the Congress Party will lead to its defeat and the way Gandhiji had remarked 'Quit India' that caused the British to leave India, in the same way the people today are remarking, 'Quit Corruption, Appeasement and Dynastic Politics' that will once again ensure the defeat of the Congress and its allies".

Third largest economy in the world

In conclusion, PM Shri Modi said that the BJP Government has a roadmap in mind to make India the third largest economy in the world in the next five

HIGHLIGHTS

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years and to also develop the state of Rajasthan, according the due recognition to the aspirations and hope of the people of Rajasthan. ■

BJP National Kisan Morcha thanks the PM for dedicating 1.25 lakh Kisan Samridhi Kendras

BJP Kisan Morcha National President Shri Rajkumar Chahar on behalf of BJP Kisan Morcha and all the farmers of the country thanked the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for dedicating 1.25 lakh Kisan Samridhi Kendra to the nation, for launching Sulfur Coated Urea (Urea Gold) and transferring 17000 crore rupees directly to the bank accounts of 8.5 crore farmers under the 14th instalment of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi on 27 July, 2023 in Sikar, Rajasthan.

In a press release he said along with this, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi also dedicated sales



centres under one roof for the farmers across the country, which will be known as Kisan Samridhi Kendra, in which farmers can get seeds, fertilizers, manures, pesticides, and new techniques. All arrangements will be available for information and information about the schemes of the Government of India and to connect with the schemes of the Government of India.

Shri Rajkumar Chahar said for the last 9 years, under the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi, many schemes have been launched to make farmers of the country self-reliant, for their empowerment and for their prosperity. ■

Take benefits of Panchayat Raj system to the last person of society: PM

BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, along with Haryana Chief Minister Shri Manohar Lal Khattar, inaugurated a two-day conference of the BJP Kshetriya Panchayati Raj Parishad meeting in Surajkund, Haryana on August 7, 2023. The event was graced with the virtual presence of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. The Prime Minister also addressed the gathering on the occasion. The conference discussed and deliberated on key issues relating to regional governance and the role of Panchayat Raj institutions.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the 'Kshetriya Panchayati Raj Parishad' meeting on August 7, 2023. Addressing the gathering, Shri Modi said, "Today, the country is moving forward with full enthusiasm to fulfil the resolutions of Amrit Kaal and to build a developed India. He said, "District Panchayats hold tremendous potential to drive significant transformations in various sectors. In this context, your role as representatives of the BJP becomes exceptionally vital."



Congress failed to implement Panchayati Raj

Criticizing the Congress party, Prime Minister Shri Modi highlighted that for four decades after Independence, the Congress failed to grasp the importance of implementing the Panchayati Raj system in villages. Consequently, the District Panchayat system, established later, was neglected during the Congress rule. As a result, two-third of the country's population living in villages were left longing for basic necessities like roads, electricity, water, banks and houses, becoming their unfortunate fate. This negligence is the very reason why, even after seven decades of independence around 18,000 villages in the country still lacked access to electricity.

Farmers' welfare schemes

Talking about the farmers' welfare schemes, Shri Modi iterated, "In the last 9 years, such a system has been created for the farmers from seed to market, which reduces the cost of farming and increases the income. Under the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi, 2,60,000 crore rupees have been directly deposited

in the accounts of the farmers. The urea which our farmers are getting for less than Rs.300, costs up to Rs.3000 in many countries. Farmers have also received compensation of more than 1,30,000 crore rupees through the PM Fasal Bima Yojana."

Economic condition of rural women

He also talked about the positive impact of many of central schemes that improved social and economic condition of rural women. He said, "In the last 9 years, bank accounts of about 50 crore people were opened under the Jan Dhan Yojana. Most of the beneficiaries of this scheme are women. Mudra loans, increased financial assistance to self-help groups have given village women a new means of self-employment."

The Prime Minister said in the next 5 years, multipurpose PACS, Primary Fisheries Societies, Dairy Cooperatives will be formed in 2 lakh villages.

Corruption, dynasty and appeasement

Furthermore, Prime Minister Shri Modi launched a fierce critique against the opposition bloc 'INDIA,'

Schemes of Modi government given strength to villages, poor, dalits, women, youth and farmers: JP Nadda

inaugurating the Kshetriya Panchayati Raj Parishad, BJP National President Shri JP Nadda extended a warm welcome to all the delegates, including the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Chief Minister of Haryana Shri Manohar Lal Khattar, other dignitaries and Karyakartas.

Shri Nadda emphasized the importance of such conferences, highlighting that last year, all mayors across the country were provided with comprehensive training and valuable insights.

Shri JP Nadda said continuing their efforts this year, the conference has been divided into three groups. "The first group, comprising 182 delegates, will focus on the northern states of North India from 7th to 8th August. Simultaneously, another group of 134 delegates will convene in Howrah, West Bengal, on 12th and 13th August to address the region's specific challenges and opportunities".

Moreover, the conference will extend its scope to include the eastern states of East India and North-Eastern regions, where district-level leaders will participate in their respective sessions.

Shri Nadda said, "Lastly, the third conference will cater to the western, central, and southern regions of the country. This session is expected to see a substantial gathering of delegates and will be instrumental in providing them with comprehensive training."

The BJP National President expressed his confidence in the success of these conferences, as they provide a unique platform for knowledge sharing and capacity building. The dedication of the BJP leadership to strengthen the grassroot governance through Panchayati Raj institutions is evident in their endeavours, he said.

The BJP National President said the manner in which Panchayati Raj has been strengthened under the leadership of Prime Minister

Shri Narendra Modi inspires us and also gives us an opportunity to learn. The way Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has done economic empowerment of the three-tier Panchayati Raj while maintaining its autonomy, was never seen before, he said.

The Prime Minister brought transparency in the implementation of schemes using Digital India and JAM portal. Through transparency, the Panchayati Raj Institutions have got a lot of economic power, due to which the schemes have been implemented properly.

Shri Nadda said the implementation of the schemes of Modi government has given strength to the villages, poor, deprived, exploited, oppressed, Dalits, women, youth and farmers. In the last nine years, several schemes have been implemented. In this way, the three-tier Panchayati Raj has been completely strengthened under the leadership of the Prime Minister. ■

asserting that the public is saying now "Quit India" to all the ills of the country, such as "corruption, dynasty and appeasement". He eloquently emphasized the stark difference between India before and after 2014, highlighting the remarkable development initiatives undertaken in the past nine years.

'Where there is a lotus sign, there is welfare of the poor'

Addressing the BJP representatives, PM Shri Modi said, "You have to remain humble and work in coordination with the people of the organization and the Karyakartas. Today, such an image of BJP has

been created in the country in which the poor believe that 'Where there is a lotus sign, there is welfare of the poor'. 'Where there is a lotus sign, there will definitely be help to the poor. Where there is a lotus sign, no poor person will have to wander there. You have to make the identity of your office like this. Service should be your biggest priority.'

The Prime Minister emphasized the importance of humility and cooperation with both the organization and the Karyakartas. He highlighted the positive image the BJP has acquired in the country, with the perception among the poor that "Where there is a lotus sign, there is welfare for the poor." ■

BJP WILL SWEEP RAJASTHAN ASSEMBLY ELECTION: JP NADDA

Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri JP Nadda on July 29, 2023 said BJP will sweep this year's Assembly election in Rajasthan because people of the state have extended unprecedented support to BJP following the failure of the Congress government in the state on all fronts. Shri Nadda said the Congress had lost people's faith because of the rampant corruption and crimes against women. The BJP National President was on a day's visit to Jaipur to preside over a meeting of the BJP state core committee.

Addressing a press conference after the meeting, Shri Nadda said women were at the receiving end in Rajasthan, with 18 to 19 rape cases being reported every day. While 19,500 farmers had received notices for confiscation of their land, the promised farm loan waiver was nowhere in sight. "The Ashok Gehlot government is synonymous with loot and atrocities. People have made up their mind to get rid of it," he said.

Shri Nadda said the policies of the Narendra Modi government had empowered the poor, farmers, Dalits, youths and women. "The people of Rajasthan are not only going to give a one-sided blessing to the BJP in the Assembly elections, but they will also ensure a clean sweep of our party in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections," he said.

The BJP National President criticised the State government for not utilising the Central funds for important schemes as a trick to level allegations of discrimination against Opposition-ruled States. In addition to corruption in all segments of the government, there was a marked injustice against the youths in the instances of recruitment, exam paper leaks and discrimination against Dalits, he said. Shri Nadda said the secretariat will be gheraoed in Jaipur on August 1 against the Gehlot government on the burning issues of paper leak, women atrocities,



corruption, Dalit atrocities etc. In true sense, the people of Rajasthan are not ready to tolerate the Gehlot government even for a minute, he added.

"I am sure that in the upcoming Rajasthan Legislative Assembly elections, the people of the state will give one-sided blessings to the Bharatiya Janata Party and the BJP government will be formed with a huge majority. Along with this, in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections also, the public will give a clean sweep once again in favor of the BJP", Shri Modi Said.

The core committee meeting deliberated on the preparations for the Assembly election, which included the formation of the poll-related committees and the schedule and routes of 'Parivartan Yatras' to be taken out in different parts of the State. The party National President also reviewed the progress of the ongoing 'Nahi Sahega Rajasthan' campaign.

Union Minister and BJP's election in-charge for Rajasthan Shri Pralhad Joshi, Union Minister Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, BJP National Vice-President and former Chief Minister Smt. Vasundhara Raje, BJP State President Shri C.P. Joshi and other leaders of the party attended the core committee meeting. ■

CONGRESS GOVT. DIDN'T DO ANYTHING FOR THE POOR: AMIT SHAH

Addressing a massive 'Vijay Sankalp Sammelan' of BJP workers in Indore, Madhya Pradesh on 30 July 2023, Union Home & Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah said the Congress-led dispensation which was in power for 70 years did not do anything for the poor people in the country. Today, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is known as the messiah of the poor across the country due to the welfare works done for the poor people, Shri Shah said.

He also appealed to the BJP workers to ensure the party's victory in all 29 Lok Sabha seats from Madhya Pradesh to make Narendra Modi India's PM again.

Speaking to the BJP workers, Shri Amit Shah said, "I visited the entire country, but the party organisation in Madhya Pradesh is the best".

He said, "The people of Madhya Pradesh ensured the BJP's win in 27 Lok Sabha seats from the State in 2014. In 2019, the people gave 28 out of the 29 Lok Sabha seats in the state to the BJP and he appealed to the people to give all the 29 seats to Modi ji in 2024".

The BJP government in Madhya Pradesh turned the state into a developed state from its BIMARU status during the previous Congress government and said the BJP will retain power with a majority in Madhya Pradesh after the State Assembly polls, due in November this year.

The Congress nurtured Article 370 (in Jammu and Kashmir) like its own child for 70 years. During the UPA regime from 2004-2014, Pakistani terrorists used to carry out bomb blasts in India, but the BJP replied suitably with surgical strike under PM Shri Narendra Modi's leadership, he said.

The Union Home Minister said PM Shri Modi saved India from the COVID-19 pandemic by offering vaccines to 130 crore people. ■

UNION HOME MINISTER LAUNCHES 'EN MANN, EN MAKKAL' PADYATRA IN TAMIL NADU

Union Home Minister and cooperation Shri Amit Shah inaugurated Tamil Nadu BJP President Shri K Annamalai's 'En Mann, En Makkal (my land, my people)' Padyatra from Ramanathapuram, Tamil Nadu on 28 July, 2023. Shri Shah hailed the Padyatra as a political pilgrimage aimed at spreading Tamil culture worldwide, exposing DMK's alleged corruption and promoting Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's achievements in the state.

"This 'En Man, En Makkal' is not a mere political Padyatra". "It aims to take the legacy of Tamil all over the world, to annihilate family dynasty politics, to save Tamil Nadu from corruption, and to reinforce the law-and-order system in the state", Shri Shah said.

Shri Annamalai's foot march is expected to cover 700 km, touching upon 234 constituencies. Shri Shah emphasised that the Padyatra's purpose was to strengthen Tamil culture and convey the messages of PM Shri Modi. He praised Shri Modi's promotion of Tamil language, recalling several instances such as his reference to Tamil in the UN General Council, and releasing Thirukkural in the local language of Papua New Guinea.

"Do we need liberation from terrorism? When PM Shri Modi initiated surgical strikes against terrorists, these were the same UPA parties which criticised it. At the same time, these are the same UPA parties who facilitated the killing of Tamils in Sri Lanka too. This entire Opposition gang in India works for their own families, not the country," Shri Shah said.

Wherever the Opposition goes for votes, people will be reminded of the massive corruption you have committed, Shri Shah said. He cited the Commonwealth Games, the 2G scam, submarine and helicopter scams as instances that the electorate would remember. Throughout his speech, the union home minister promoted the Padyatra as a journey of cultural and political revival, and one that embodies the BJP's commitment to Tamil Nadu's future. ■



NEW LIST OF BJP NATIONAL OFFICE BEARERS RELEASED

Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri JP Nadda appointed the new national office bearers of the party on 29 July, 2023. The list is as follows;

NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT		STATE
1.	Dr. Raman Singh, MLA	Chhattisgarh
2.	Smt. Vasundhara Raje, MLA	Rajasthan
3.	Shri Raghubar Das	Jharkhand
4.	Shri Saudan Singh	<i>Kendra-Chandigarh</i>
5.	Shri Bajjayant Jay Panda	Odisha
6.	Sushree Saroj Pandey	Chhattisgarh
7.	Smt. Rekha Verma	Uttar Pradesh
8.	Smt D.K. Aruna	Telangana
9.	Shri M. Chuba Ao	Nagaland
10.	Shri Abdulla Kutty	Kerala
11.	Shri Laxmikant Bajpai	Uttar Pradesh
12.	Sushree Lata Usendi	Chhattisgarh
13.	Shri Tariq Mansoor, MLC	Uttar Pradesh
NATIONAL GENERAL SECRETARY		STATE
1.	Shri Arun Singh, MP	Uttar Pradesh
2.	Shri Kailash Vijayvargiya	Madhya Pradesh
3.	Shri Dushyant Kumar Gautam	Delhi
4.	Shri Tarun Chugh	Punjab
5.	Shri Vinod Tawde	Maharashtra
6.	Shri Sunil Bansal	<i>Kendra-Delhi</i>
7.	Shri Sanjay Bandi, MP	Telangana
8.	Dr. Radha Mohan Agarwal, MP	Uttar Pradesh

NATIONAL GENERAL SECRETARY (ORG)		
1.	Shri B.L. Santhosh	<i>Kendra-Delhi</i>
JT. GEN. SECRETARY (ORG.)		
1.	Shri Shiv Prakash	<i>Kendra-Mumbai</i>
NATIONAL SECRETARY		
1.	Smt Vijaya Rahatkar	Maharashtra
2.	Shri Satya Kumar	Andhra Pradesh
3.	Shri Arvind Menon	Delhi
4.	Smt. Pankaja Munde	Maharashtra
5.	Dr. Narendra Singh Raina	Punjab
6.	Smt. (Dr.) Alka Gujar	Rajasthan
7.	Dr. Anupam Hazra	West Bengal
8.	Shri Omprakash Dhurve	Madhya Pradesh
9.	Shri Rituraj Sinha	Bihar
10.	Smt. Asha Lakra	Jharkhand
11.	Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa, MP	Assam
12.	Shri Surendra Singh Nagar, MP	Uttar Pradesh
13.	Shri Anil Antony	Kerala
TREASURER		
1.	Shri Rajesh Agarwal	Uttar Pradesh
JOINT TREASURER		
1.	Shri Naresh Bansal	Uttarakhand

BJP fact-finding committee submits report on WEST BENGAL POLL VIOLENCE

The BJP fact-finding committee constituted by BJP National President JP Nadda to probe the West Bengal poll violence presented its report on July 26, 2023. The committee reported that West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and her TMC party and "their alliance with criminal hooligans, biased administration, and colluding police created a conspiracy to ensure the victory of TMC."

It stated that "Rural Bengal is now highly terror-driven, primarily instigated by the Trinamool Congress local goons and supported & buttressed by a complicit West Bengal Police."

The ruling party...forcibly stopped non-TMC candidates, especially BJP candidates in filing nominations. If candidates



After receiving the report, BJP National President Shri JP Nadda in his twitter message said, "Received the report by the BJP Fact Finding Team, constituted to inquire about the incidents of violence during the Panchayat Election in West Bengal. The state government's arrogance and utter disrespect for democratic processes are dismaying. The BJP will continue to fight for the people's voice in West Bengal in a democratic way".

succeeded in filing nomination, they were threatened or compelled to withdraw the nomination.

If the candidates did not withdraw then an open threat

was issued saying that no campaigning should be done by those candidates. If they campaigned, the children and women at their homes would be abducted and their houses would be attacked or ransacked, and it was apparent in many places that such an attack actually happened, the BJP fact-finding report stated.

Moreover, the report stated that during the election, the candidates supported by the opposition party were attacked and many BJP supporters were killed or brutally injured on the morning of polling day to scare the voters. Furthermore, those who voted for a BJP-supported candidate were attacked, their houses were damaged and were physically assaulted, the report said. ■

BJP NATIONAL PRESIDENT FORMS COMMITTEE TO LOOK INTO RAJASTHAN RAPE & MURDER CASE

BJP National President Shri JP Nadda on 04 August, 2023 constituted a four-member committee of women MPs of the party to probe the heinous incident of rape and murder in a coal furnace of a minor girl in Bhilwara district of Rajasthan.

The party said in a statement that BJP National Vice President Sushri Saroj Pandey will be the convener of the committee and its other members are Smt. Rekha Verma, Smt. Kanta Kardam and Smt. Lockett Chatterjee.

Shri Nadda has strongly condemned the brutal incident and expressed concern over rising cases of crimes, especially against women in Rajasthan, it said. The committee will visit the crime spot and submit a report to Shri JP Nadda. ■

New General Secretary (Org.) of Haryana, Assam & Tripura and Andaman Nicobar appointed

The Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri JP Nadda on 29 July, 2023 appointed Shri Phanindra Nath Sharma, Shri GR Ravindra Raju and Shri Vivek Dadhkar as the new General Secretary (Organisation) of Haryana, Assam & Tripura and Andaman Nicobar state units respectively. ■

PM LAYS FOUNDATION STONE FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF 508 RAILWAY STATIONS

It is the beginning of a new chapter in the history of Indian Railway: PM

In a historic move, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for the redevelopment of 508 Railway Stations across the country on 06 August, 2023. Redeveloped at a cost of more than Rs 24,470 crores, these 508 stations are spread across 27 states and union territories, including 55 each in Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan, 49 in Bihar, 44 in Maharashtra, 37 in West Bengal, 34 in Madhya Pradesh, 32 in Assam, 25 in Odisha, 22 in Punjab, 21 each in Gujarat and Telangana, 20 in Jharkhand, 18 each in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu, 15 in Haryana, 13 in Karnataka among others.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister remarked that the new India which is fast moving towards the goal of Viksit Bharat is on the onset of Amrit Kaal. "There is new energy, new inspirations and new resolutions", the Prime Minister said underlining that it is the beginning of a new chapter in the history of Indian Railway. He informed that almost 1300 prime railway stations in the country will now be redeveloped with modernity as 'Amrit Bharat Stations' and will get a new lease of life.

The Prime Minister underlined the growing stature of India in the world and highlighted the growing global interest in India. He credited two major factors for this. First, the election of a stable full majority government by the people of India and, second, the government took ambitious decisions and worked relentlessly for the development of the people in accordance with their aspirations. He emphasized that Indian railways too symbolizes this.

The Prime Minister said that the modernization of so many stations will create a new atmosphere for development in the country as they will create a good first impression among the visitors. Upgraded stations will not only increase tourism but will also give a push to economic activities in the nearby areas. He said the 'One Station One Product' scheme will help the artisans and will help in the branding of the district.

The Prime Minister emphasized that the country has also taken the resolution to take pride in one's heritage in the Azadi Ka Amrit Kaal. "These Amrit Railway stations will be a symbol of taking pride in one's heritage and



instil pride in every citizen", Shri Modi said. The Prime Minister said that the Amrit Stations will present a glimpse of India's cultural and local heritage.

Talking about the railway extension in the Northeast, the Prime Minister said, work is going on rapidly on doubling of the lines, gauge conversion, electrification and new routes.

Shri Modi informed that in the last 9 years more than 2200 km dedicated freight corridors have been constructed leading to a reduction in the travel time of the goods train. Now goods reach western ports from Delhi NCR in 24 hours, a task that used to take 72 hours.

Highlight

- Redeveloped at a cost of more than Rs 24,470 crores, these 508 stations are spread across 27 states and union territories
- Today the eyes of the whole world are on India. World's attitude towards India has changed.
- Modernization of so many stations will create a new atmosphere for development in the country.
- These Amrit Railway stations will be a symbol of taking pride in one's heritage and instil pride in every citizen.
- Our emphasis is on making Indian Railways modern as well as environment friendly.
- Now it is our responsibility to connect the rail with a better identity and modern future.
- In New India, development is giving way to new opportunities for the youth, and the youth are giving new wings to the development of the country. ■

GOVERNMENT'S ACHIEVEMENTS

GOVERNMENT E-MARKETPLACE REGISTERS HIGHEST EVER GROSS MERCHANDISE VALUE OF MORE THAN Rs. 2 LAKH CRORE

In Financial Year 2022-23, Government e-marketplace (GeM) registered its highest ever Gross Merchandise Value of Rs. 2,01,113 crore.

Time and again, multiple studies have pointed out the impact created by GeM in terms of procurement savings to government buyers, including those by the World Bank and the National Economic Survey. A World Bank study in 2020 estimated an average of 9.75% cost savings via GeM and noted a significant increase in participation of sellers.

The Economic Survey 2021-22 included a cost comparison of offer prices for 22 common use goods listed on GeM versus listings on popular online platforms like Amazon and Flipkart. Prices on GeM were observed to be 9.5% lower in comparison with other online platforms for 10 out of 22 commodities. ■

GOVERNMENT INTRODUCES A NEW CATEGORY OF AYUSH VISA FOR FOREIGN NATIONALS

Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India on August 2 notified the creation of a new category of Ayush (AY) visa for foreign nationals for treatment under Ayush systems/Indian systems of medicine. The introduction of Ayush Visa fulfills the proposal for introduction of a special visa scheme for foreigners visiting India for treatment under Ayush systems/Indian systems of medicine like therapeutic care, wellness and Yoga.

A new chapter i.e. chapter 11A – Ayush Visa has been incorporated after Chapter 11 - Medical visa of the Visa Manual, which deals with treatment under the Indian systems of medicine and accordingly necessary amendments has been made in various chapters of the Visa Manual, 2019. ■

JULY COAL PRODUCTION GOES UP BY 14.11% TO 68.75 MILLION TONNE

The Ministry of Coal has achieved a substantial surge in overall coal production during the month of July 23, reaching 68.75 Million Tonne (MT), surpassing the figures of 60.25 MT of the month July 22, representing an increase of 14.11%. The

production of Coal India Limited (CIL) has increased to 53.63 MT in the month of July 23 as compared to 47.29 MT in July 22 with the growth of 13.41%. The cumulative coal production (up to July 23) has seen quantum jump of 292.12 MT (Provisional) in FY 23-24 as compared to 265.94 MT during the same period in FY 22-23 with a growth of 9.84%. ■

108 PROJECTS WORTH RS.2273.44 CRORE HAVE BEEN SANCTIONED UNDER NESIDS

Under the North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS) projects are sanctioned from the sectors relating to water supply, power, connectivity and specially the projects promoting tourism and social sector of primary and secondary sectors of education and health. A total of 108 projects worth Rs.2273.44 crore have been sanctioned under NESIDS during the period from 2019-20 to 2022-23.

This information was given by Union Minister for Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region Shri G. Kishan Reddy in a written reply in Lok Sabha on 31st July. ■

NHAI LAUNCHES 'RAJMARG YATRA' A UNIFIED MOBILE APPLICATION FOR NATIONAL HIGHWAY USERS

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) takes a significant stride towards improving the highway user experience with the launch of 'Rajmargyatra,' a citizen-centric unified mobile application. This user-friendly app is now available for download on both Google Play Store and iOS App Store, empowering travelers with comprehensive information on Indian National Highways while also offering an efficient complaint redressal system. The app is currently available in Hindi and English.

Android link: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.nhai.rajmargyatra&hl=en_US
iOS link: <https://apps.apple.com/in/app/rajmargyatra/id64449488412> ■

PM DEDICATES RAJKOT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, GUJARAT TO THE NATION

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 27 July dedicated to the nation, Rajkot International

2.86 CRORE HOUSEHOLDS HAVE BEEN ELECTRIFIED UNDER SAUBHAGYA

The Union Minister for Power and New & Renewable Energy on 2nd August informed about the status of implementation and coverage of the Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana - "SAUBHAGYA" in the country.

The Minister informed that the Government of India launched Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana – SAUBHAGYA in October, 2017 with the objective of achieving universal household electrification, by providing electricity connections to all un-electrified households in rural areas and all poor households in urban areas in the country. Under the aegis of SAUBHAGYA, as on 31.03.2019, all households were reported electrified by the States, except 18,734 households in Left Wing Extremists (LWE) affected areas. A total of 2.817 crore households were electrified since the launch of SAUBHAGYA, up to 31.03.2021. ■

THE WORLD'S LARGEST FOOD/GRAIN STORAGE PLAN HAS BEEN LAUNCHED AS A PILOT PROJECT

Construction has started at five PACS

The Union Cabinet, in its meeting held on 31 May 2023, has approved the "World's Largest Grain Storage Plan in Cooperative Sector", to be rolled out as a Pilot Project. The Plan entails creation of various agri infrastructure at Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) level, including warehouses, custom hiring center, processing units, Fair Price Shops, etc. by leveraging the 'whole-of-Government' approach. The Plan is being implemented by utilizing the approved outlays of the following Government of India (GoI) schemes for creation/ modernization of infrastructure facilities at PACS level:

In order to monitor the implementation of the pilot project and to ensure seamless integration of the plan with the existing policies/ programmes at State level, States/ Union Territories have also constituted State Cooperative Development Committee (SCDC) at State level and District Cooperative Development Committee (DCDC) in each District under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary and District Collector respectively. The SCDC/ DCDCs also have members drawn from

Airport and multiple development projects worth over Rs 860 crores in Rajkot, Gujarat. The projects include Sauni Yojana Link 3 Package 8 and 9, upgradation of Dwarka Rural Water Supply and Sanitation (RWSS), conservation, restoration & development of Uparkot Fort Phase I & II; construction of a water treatment plant, sewage treatment plant, and flyover bridge among others. The Prime Minister also took a walkthrough of the terminal building of the newly inaugurated Rajkot International Airport.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister said that today, is a huge day not only for Rajkot but the entire Saurashtra region. He also mentioned that the central government is providing every possible support to the state government. ■

STUDY IN INDIA (SIID) PORTAL LAUNCHED IN NEW DELHI

In line with Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of re-establishing India as a global hub of education, Union Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan and Union External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar jointly launched Study in India Portal in New Delhi on 03 August. Minister of State for Education Dr Subhas Sarkar; Minister of State for Education, Smt Annpurna Devi; Minister of State for Education and External Affairs Shri Rajkumar Singh; Member of Parliament, Dr Mahesh Sharma; senior officials of Ministry of Education and Skill Development and Ambassadors of more than 10 countries attended the event.

Study in India Portal is a dedicated website that will provide comprehensive information about the Indian Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). The website will illustrate academic programs covering but not limited to undergraduate (UG), postgraduate (PG), Doctoral level programs as well as courses in Indian Knowledge System like Yoga, Ayurveda, classical arts etc. The website-portal will present information about the academic facilities, research support, and related information. The new website will now have the provision for students to apply in more than one institute/course of their choice. The new portal will provide an integrated one-stop solution for student registration and visa application process. ■

PM INAUGURATES INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION-CUM-CONVENTION CENTRE COMPLEX AT PRAGATI MAIDAN IN NEW DELHI

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi dedicated the International Exhibition-cum-Convention Centre (IECC) complex at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi on July 26, 2023. He also unveiled the G-20 coin and G-20 stamp. The Prime Minister also witnessed the naming ceremony of the Convention Centre as 'Bharat Mandapam' carried out via drone and a cultural program that was showcased on the occasion. Visioned by the Prime Minister and developed as a national project at a cost of about Rs 2700 crores, the new IECC complex at Pragati Maidan will help in promoting India as a global business destination.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister initiated his speech with a poem to indicate the new enthusiasm and mood of the nation. He said, "Bharat Mandapam is a call for India's capabilities and new energy of the nation, it is a philosophy of India's grandeur and willpower."

The Prime Minister recalled felicitating the Shramiks this morning and said that the entire nation is impressed after witnessing their hard work and dedication. He



congratulated the people of Delhi as well as every Indian for Bharat Mandapam.

The Prime Minister said, "This Bharat Mandapam is a beautiful gift by us Indians to our democracy as we celebrate the 75th anniversary of Independence". He said the entire world will witness India's strides and growing stature from here when the G20 Summit takes place in a few weeks from now at the venue.

Highlights

- International Exhibition-cum-Convention Centre (IECC) complex named 'Bharat Mandapam'

- In the 21st century, we will have to have construction suitable for the 21st century.
- India is moving ahead with the principle of 'Think Big, Dream Big, Act Big'
- Development journey of India is unstoppable now.
- In the third term of the government, India will be among the top three economies of the world. This is Modi's guarantee, said the PM.
- We took the G-20 meetings to more than 50 cities in the country showcasing India's diversity through this.
- Today, India is witnessing a revolution of rebuilding as in the last 9 years, 34 lakh crore rupees were spent on the creation of infrastructure.
- Today, 6 Km long Metro line is being laid every month. The country has 7.25 km long rural roads compared to just 4 lakh km in 2014.
- The number of airports increased from about 70 to about 150.
- City Gas distribution too reached 600 cities compared to just 60 in 2014. ■

other departments such as Revenue, Agriculture, Horticulture, etc. and representatives of NABARD, StCB, FCI, WDRA, CWC, SWC. The committees will, inter-alia, examine the storage gap including existing storage facilities, their capacity utilization etc.

National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) with the support of NABARD, NABARD Consultancy Services (NABCONS), Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC), Food Corporation

of India (FCI), etc. is implementing the Pilot Project in 24 PACS of 24 different States/ UTs. Construction has started at five PACS, one each in the States of Tripura, Haryana, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh. Detailed Project Reports are under preparation for the remaining PACS.

This was stated by the Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah in a written reply to a question in the Lok Sabha on 1st August. ■



MADAN DAS JI A BEACON OF INSPIRATION FOR FUTURE GENERATION

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NARENDRA MODI

A few days ago, when we lost Shri Madan Das Devi Ji, lakhs of Karyakartas, including myself, were saddened beyond words. It's a challenging reality to grapple with – the idea that a personality as impactful as Madan Das Ji is no longer among us. Yet, we are consoled by the knowledge that his influence will live on. His teachings and principles will continue to serve as a beacon of inspiration and guidance in the journey ahead.

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man, and I, too, spent a substantial time working in the organisation. So, it is natural

that aspects relating to organisational development and growth of Karyakartas featured regularly in our conversations. During one such conversation, I asked him where he originally belonged. He told me that while he is from a village near Solapur in Maharashtra, his ancestors were from Gujarat. But he was not aware of the exact place they were from. I told him that I had a teacher with the surname Devi and that teacher belonged to Visnagar. Later on, he even visited Visnagar and Vadnagar. Our conversations also took place in Gujarati.

Among the many specialties of Madan Das Ji, one of them was his ability to go beyond words and understand the emotions behind those words. Soft-spoken and always smiling, he could also summarise hours-long discussions in just a few sentences.

Madan Das Ji's life journey illustrates the wonders that can be achieved when the self is put on the back burner and the collective is given prominence. A Chartered Accountant by training, he could have led a

comfortable life, but his calling lay elsewhere – in shaping minds and working towards India's development.

Madan Das Ji had unwavering faith in the youth of India. He could connect with youngsters across the length and breadth of India. No wonder, he immersed himself in strengthening the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad. One of his key influences in this journey was Yashwantrao Kelkar Ji. He was deeply inspired by him and would often talk about him. Madan Das Ji always emphasised involving more girl students in the working of the ABVP and empowering them with a platform to contribute to social welfare. He often said that when girl students are involved in any collective effort, that effort will always be more sensitive. For Madan Das Ji, affection for students was above everything else. He would be among students all the time but, like a lotus in the water, he would never involve himself in university politics.

I can think of several leaders who owe their rise in public life to the mentoring received from Madan Das Ji during their younger days. But it was never in his nature to make tall claims about it.

Nowadays, the concepts of people management, talent management, and skill management are extremely popular. Madan Das Ji was an expert at understanding people and mapping their talents onto organisational goals. He was special because he understood

people's capabilities and assigned work based on that. He never agreed with the premise that people must be moulded as per his requirements. That is why if any young Karyakarta had a new idea, Madan Das Ji was the obvious sounding board. That is also why a lot of people who worked with him were self-motivated to leave a mark based

He was also blessed with a sound understanding of economics and policy matters. He envisioned an India where no person was dependent on others and where each individual could stand on their own feet, empowered by opportunities for self-improvement and growth

on their own respective strengths. Therefore, organisations grew massively under his leadership and yet remained cohesive and effective even as they became bigger in scale and scope.

Needless to say, Madan Das Ji had a packed travel schedule. Beyond his duties, he was selective when it came to meeting people and was always well-prepared for a meeting. But his programmes were always simple and not heavy, never a burden on any Karyakarta. This trait remained integral to him until the very end. He braved long illnesses, but when I would ask him about it, he would talk about it only after multiple enquiries. He

would remain happy despite the physical pain. Even in illness, he used to continuously think about what he could do for the country and society.

Madan Das Ji had a brilliant academic record and this also shaped his meticulous way of working. A voracious reader, whenever he read something good, he would send it to the person working in that domain. I have been fortunate to receive such things very often. He was also blessed with a sound understanding of economics and policy matters. He envisioned an India where no person was dependent on others and where each individual could stand on their own feet, empowered by opportunities for self-improvement and growth. Madan Das Ji envisioned an India where self-reliance was not just a goal but a lived reality for every citizen, with a society rooted in the principles of mutual respect, empowerment, and shared prosperity. Now, as India becomes more and more self-reliant in various domains, nobody would be happier than him.

Today, when our democracy is vibrant, youth is confident, society is forward-looking, and the nation is brimming with hope and optimism, it is important to remember people like Shri Madan Das Devi Ji, who dedicated their entire lives to service and towards putting the nation on such an upward trajectory. ■

(The writer is Prime Minister of India)

MADAN DAS DEVI JI IS NO MORE

Rastriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) Akhila Bharatiya Karyakarini Sadasya and former Sah-Sarkaryavah Shri Madan Das Devi is no more. He passed away in Bengaluru on 24 July, 2023.

Shri Madan Das Devi was born in the Solapur district's Karmala tehsil. He held the positions of organisation secretary for the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP), and Sah-Sarkaryavah (joint general secretary) of RSS. He succumbed to his illness in Bengaluru's Rashtrothhan Hospital after a protracted illness. His final rites were performed on 25 July in Pune. BJP National President Shri J.P. Nadda, Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah, RSS Sarsanghchalak Shri Mohan Bhagwat, Maharashtra Chief Minister Shri Eknath Shinde, Deputy Chief Ministers Shri Devendra Fadnavis and Shri Ajit Pawar and several other leaders attended the final rites.

He dedicated his entire life to the service of the nation: Narendra Modi

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in his message said, "Deeply saddened by the demise of Shri Madan Das Devi ji. He dedicated his entire life to the service of the nation. I not only had a close association with him, but always got to learn a lot from him. May God give strength to all the workers and their families in this hour of grief. om Shanti!"

He ensured that the ideology is taken forward: JP Nadda

Addressing the gathering at the crematorium, BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda praised Shri Devi's dedication and commitment to the RSS's ideology and his efforts in keeping activists connected despite limited communication resources in the past. "He remained connected with activists despite the unavailability of communication resources in the past. He ensured that the ideology is taken forward," he said. Shri Mohan Bhagwat, in his condolence message, highlighted the Madan Das Devi's significant contributions, not only to the RSS but also to fostering connections among people.

He spent his whole life in the service of the nation and the society: Rajnath Singh

Union Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh



expressing the condolence said, "I am deeply saddened by the demise of Shri Madan Das Devi, a senior Pracharak of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh.

He spent his whole life in the service of the nation and the society. His life inspires everyone to serve the society selflessly. His passing is an irreparable loss to the society. My condolences to his bereaved family in this hour of grief. Om Shanti!"



He dedicated his life to making 'Youth Power' into 'Rashtra Shakti': Amit Shah

After paying tributes to the departed soul in Pune, Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah said, "Madandas Devi Ji had such a personality that he used to leave an indelible mark with his high principles in the lives of whoever he met. Following the ideals of Shri Gurujji, he dedicated his life to making 'Youth Power' into 'Rashtra Shakti'. He nurtured the ABVP like a banyan tree and contributed significantly to its expansion. Crores of workers are mourning by his death. Millions of salutes to such a loyal volunteer who lived for the country and ideology." ■



MADAN DAS DEVI JI created world's largest students organisation: JP Nadda

The Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda on 31 July, 2023 paid tributes to Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh senior Pracharak and great social worker Shri Madandas Devi ji at a condolence meeting held in New Delhi. Rich tributes were paid on behalf of the entire Bharatiya Janata Party.

Speaking at the condolence meeting, Shri Nadda said the presence of so many people at the condolence meeting which include three generations of our party workers speaks volume about his great personality, his works and sacrifices, his contributions to the country and society.

Shri Nadda said lakhs of people have dedicated themselves in the service of the nation and society inspired by the great personality and social work of Shri Madandas ji. This was the philosophy of the great RSS functionary. He was very soft, easygoing and helpful to others, but for himself he was very strict and disciplined. The time he worked among students, that was not very appropriate time and there were hostilities. To set up students' movement and work towards students activism, to dedicate his life in the service of lakhs of workers, and to take movement forward during tough times particularly during Emergency, this was his greatest achievement and contributions.

The BJP National President said Shri Madandas had great skill to understand the capabilities and qualities of a person. He used to judge the capability and nature of a person and accordingly would give him task and engage in various works. This was the exceptional quality of Shri Madandas. We all learnt from him how to take collective decisions and work hard without any wish to come to limelight or take credit. This quality we all have inculcated after working under him and learning from his life.

Shri Madandas Devi set goals in the lives of crores of workers. Planning in advance, planning in detail, think globally - act locally, these are some philosophies which helped in making an important and strong organisation. All these reflects from his



teachings and works.

The BJP National President said Shri Madandas had a very sharp acumen for judgement and understanding. To do night stays and how to strengthen the organisation from this night stays, he has taught us this art of organisational skills.

Shri Nadda said today, we can proudly say that Akhil Bharatiya Vidhyarthi Parishad is the world's largest organisation, and behind this there is three decades of hard work and dedication. And behind all this is the hard work and perseverance, planning and execution of Shri Devi. It was Shri Madandas ji who created the world's largest students organisation.

Shri Nadda said we still remember 1985 was National Youth Year and we all had gathered at Rajghat in Delhi. In that programme 10774 delegates had gathered, making it world's largest conference. During that time a Youth Conference took place in Russia where just 3500 delegates had gathered. Shri Madandas Devi had established Vidhyarthi Parishad and later how while fulfilling all his responsibilities for the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh he dedicated his entire life for the Vidhyarthi Parishad. To remain in touch with people, to care for workers, this was the exceptional quality of Shri Devi.

The true tribute to Shri Madandas Devi would be that we all should dedicatedly follow the path shown by him. We should all follow his philosophy and principles to strengthen and expand our organisation. ■



PM Modi story



Narendra Modi's Respect for Every Karyakarta

By: Hitesh Thakker

From 'Sauno Sath, Sauno Vikas' in Gujarat to 'Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas' at the Centre, PM Shri Narendra Modi is an epitome, the perfect example of how a leader should lead. However, an important part of all these leadership qualities comes from 'Sabka Samman' which is less talked about but plays a pivotal role in Shri Modi's leadership.

The organizational skills of Shri Narendra Modi are widely known to everyone but the Sangathan gets its strength from its Karyakartas and Shri Narendra Modi is a leader who treats his Karyakartas well and make them feel that he is one among them.

Presenting here one such incident where Shri Modi's behaviour made a Karyakarta emotional even without meeting him in person.

This incident dates back to 2017, when PM Shri Narendra Modi visited Bhabhar city in Gujarat to address a public rally before Assembly elections in the state.

Shri Hitesh Thakker, a BJP Karyakarta from Gujarat was entrusted with the responsibility of arranging tea and breakfast for

PM Shri Modi when he reaches the helipad.

Though PM Shri Modi was supposed to reach the helipad at 12.30 pm, Shri Hitesh was asked to reach the helipad by 10 am due



As PM Shri Modi's helicopter landed, he left immediately for the rally site as many people were waiting for his speech there. Though, he was informed by his officials that a Karyakarta was waiting for him since morning

to security reasons. Shri Hitesh got tea and breakfast prepared from his home and reached the helipad sharp at 10 am.

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the rally site as many people were waiting for his speech there. Though, he was informed by his officials that a Karyakarta was waiting for him since morning with tea and breakfast.

On his return from rally, as PM Shri Modi reached the helipad, he asked his officials to call the karyakarta who was waiting for him since morning.

Since Shri Hitesh had gone to the rally spot, he could not return to the helipad due to security reasons.

PM Shri Narendra Modi then had the breakfast and tea brought by Shri Hitesh. He asked the officials that when the Karyakarta comes back to collect his thermos and other utensils, please inform him that Shri Modi had his tea and breakfast. He also said to inform that Shri Modi wanted to meet the Karyakarta also.

This behaviour by PM Shri Modi touched the heart of Shri Hitesh who says that even after such busy schedule and so much of time, Shri Modi had this in his mind that a Karyakarta was waiting for him. This is something which makes Shri Narendra Modi different from other leaders. ■



PM INAUGURATES SEMICONINDIA 2023 IN GANDHINAGAR

'India wants the whole world to benefit from its skill, capacity and capability'

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated SemiconIndia 2023 at Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar, Gujarat on 28 July. The theme of the Conference is 'Catalysing India's Semiconductor Ecosystem'. It showcases India's semiconductor strategy and policy which envisions making India a global hub for semiconductor design, manufacturing and technology development.

Industry leaders expressed their views on the occasion. President and CEO SEMI Shri Ajit Minocha said that for the first time in India's history, geopolitics, domestic politics and private sector capacities are aligned in India's favor to become a player in semiconductor production. He said investment by Micron is making history in India and will set the stage for others to follow. He said having leadership that understands the semiconductor ecosystem is what makes the present system different. He said India would be the next powerhouse in semiconductor in Asia.


Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister emphasized that events like Semicon are like software update where experts and industry leaders meet and share with each other. "It is important for the synchronization of our relationship," the Prime Minister said. Shri Modi who witnessed the exhibition set on the venue, expressed delight in the innovations and energy of the sector. The Prime Minister urged everyone, especially the younger generations to visit the ongoing exhibition and understand the power of the new technology.

Recalling the participation in the first edition of Semicon last year, the Prime Minister highlighted the questions raised at the time about investing in India in the semiconductor industry. He underlined that the questions have transformed over a period of one year from 'Why invest in India' to 'Why not invest in India'.

Referring to Moore's Law with exponential growth at its heart. He said that we are witnessing the same exponential growth in India's digital and electronic manufacturing sector. He informed that India's share in global electronic manufacturing has increased manifold. In 2014 India's electronic manufacturing was less than 30 billion dollars, which has crossed 100 billion dollars today. Shri Modi highlighted the crucial role of India in the semicon industry's target of exponential growth.

Reflecting on India's G20 theme of 'One Earth, One Family, One Future, the Prime Minister emphasized that the same spirit is applied behind making India a semiconductor manufacturing hub. He emphasized that India wants the whole world to benefit from its skill, capacity and capability. He stressed boosting India's potential for Global Good and a better world. The Prime Minister welcomed the participation, suggestions and thoughts in this venture and assured the industry leaders that the Government of India stands with them at every step. Concluding the address, the Prime Minister recalled his address from the Red Fort and said, "This is the time. This is the right time. Not just for India but the whole world." ■

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VELURI VENKATRAMAIAH

Shri Veluri Venkatramaiah from Rajahmundry, East Godavari district in Andhra Pradesh always had a great inclination towards RSS since his schooling days. This led him to join the Jana Sangh where he held numerous

positions at the district and state level. Veluri ji took part in the special Andhra movement between 1971-73. He contested for the Legislative council as Jana Sangh candidature for Graduates Constituency.



Sri Veluri Venkatramaiah

Date of Birth 03/08/1928	Gender male
State Andhra Pradesh	District East Godavari
Town/City Rajahmundry	Level State
Post in Organisation State Secretary	Active years 1959-1975



PM INAUGURATES AKHIL BHARTIYA SHIKSHA SAMAGAM IN DELHI

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 29 July inaugurated Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagam at Bharat Mandapam in Delhi. It coincides with the 3rd anniversary of National Education Policy 2020. He also released the first installment of funds under the PM SHRI Scheme. 6207 schools received the first installment with a total amounting to 630 crore Rupees. He also released education and skill curriculum books translated into 12 Indian languages. The Prime Minister also took a walkthrough of the exhibition showcased on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister underlined the primacy of education among the factors that can change the destiny of the nation. "Our education system has a huge role in achieving the goals with which 21st century India is moving", he said. Emphasizing the importance of the Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagam, the Prime Minister said that discussion and dialogue are important for education.

The Prime Minister pointed out that the biggest injustice to any student is judging them based on their language instead of their capabilities. "Education in the mother tongue is initiating a new form of justice for the students in India. It is also a very significant step towards social justice", the Prime Minister remarked. The Prime Minister underlined that subjects ranging from social science to engineering will now be taught in Indian languages.

The Prime Minister said that we have to create an energetic new generation in the next 25 years of Amrit Kaal. A generation free from the mentality of slavery, eager for innovations and ready to bring laurels in fields from science to sports, willing to skill themselves as per the needs of the 21st century, a generation filled with a sense of duty. "NEP will play a big role in this", he said. ■



PM INAUGURATES VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN PUNE

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 1st August flagged off metro trains marking the inauguration of completed sections of Pune Metro. He also handed over more than 1280 houses constructed under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana by Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation (PCMC) and more than 2650 PMAY houses constructed by Pune Municipal Corporation to the beneficiaries. He laid the foundation stone for around 1190 PMAY houses to be constructed by PCMC and over 6400 houses constructed by Pune Metropolitan Region Development Authority. The Prime Minister also inaugurated a Waste to Energy Plant under PCMC developed at a cost of about Rs 300 crores.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister said that August is the month of celebrations and revolutions. Highlighting the contributions of Pune city in the freedom struggle, the Prime Minister said that the city has given numerous freedom fighters to the country including Bal Gangadhar Tilak. He also informed that today is the birth anniversary of the great Anna Bhau Sathe who was a social reformer and was inspired by the ideals of Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar.

The design of some of the metro stations on the route draws inspiration from Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. The Chhatrapati Sambhaji Udyan Metro Station and Deccan Gymkhana metro stations have a unique design resembling the headgear worn by soldiers of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj - also known as 'Mavala Pagadi'. The Shivaji Nagar underground Metro station has a distinctive design which reminds of the forts built by Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj.

A unique feature is that the Civil Court metro station is one of the deepest metro stations in the country, having the deepest point at 33.1 m. The station roof is made in such a manner that direct sunlight falls on the platform. ■

Women entrepreneurs are significant contributors to global economy: PM

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi addressed the G20 Ministerial Conference on Women Empowerment held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat via video message on 2 August.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister welcomed the dignitaries to Gandhinagar highlighted the pivotal roles played by women as the backbone of rural agricultural families and as small traders and shopkeepers. Underlining their close association with nature, the Prime Minister said that women hold the key to innovative solutions to climate change. He recalled how women led the first prominent climate action in India in the 18th century when the Bishnoi community of Rajasthan led by Amrita Devi started the 'Chipko Movement' to prevent unregulated logging. The Prime Minister informed that she along with several other villagers laid down her life for the cause of nature. "Women in India have also been brand Ambassadors for 'Mission LIFE - Lifestyle for Environment'", the Prime Minister said as he highlighted their traditional wisdom to reduce, reuse, recycle, and re-purpose. Under various initiatives, the Prime Minister added,

women are actively getting trained in making solar panels and lights. He mentioned the 'Solar Mamas' initiative that has been successful in collaborating with partner countries in the Global South.

"Women entrepreneurs are significant contributors to the global economy", the Prime Minister said as he emphasized the role of women entrepreneurs in India. Decades ago, he said, in 1959 seven Gujarati women in Mumbai came together to create a historic cooperative movement-Shri Mahila Grih Udyog which has transformed the lives of millions of women and their families. Shri Modi highlighted their most famous product, Lijjat Papad, and said that it will probably be on the food menus in Gujarat! He also gave the example of the dairy sector and informed that there are 3.6 million women involved in this sector in Gujarat alone.

The Prime Minister lauded the focus of the Ministerial Conference on women's entrepreneurship, leadership and education and expressed delight at the launch of the 'Tech-Equity Platform' to enhance digital and financial literacy for women. ■

'Protecting and caring for Mother Earth is our fundamental responsibility'

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi addressed the G20 Environment and Climate Ministers' Meet in Chennai via video message on 28 July.

Welcoming the dignitaries to Chennai, the Prime Minister said, "Even the oceans will shrink, if the cloud that has drawn its waters up, does not give it back in the form of rain". Speaking about nature and its ways of becoming a regular source of learning in India, the Prime Minister quoted another Sanskrit Shlok and explained, "Neither rivers drink their own water nor trees eat their own fruits. Clouds also don't consume grains produced by their water".

The Prime Minister emphasized providing for nature as nature provides for us. He said that protecting and caring for Mother Earth is our fundamental responsibility and today, it has taken the shape of 'Climate Action' as this duty was ignored by many for a very long time. Based on India's

traditional knowledge, the Prime Minister said that Climate Action must follow 'Antyodaya' which means ensuring the rise and development of the last person in the society.

The Prime Minister expressed pride in informing that India has led the way through its ambitious 'Nationally Determined Contributions'. He mentioned achieving the installed electric capacity from non-fossil fuel sources 9 years ahead of the target of 2030 and now setting the bar even higher through updated targets. He also mentioned that today India is one of the top 5 countries in the world, in terms of installed renewable energy capacity and informed that the country has set a target of attaining 'Net Zero' by 2070. Shri Modi expressed optimism as India continues to collaborate with its partners through alliances including International Solar Alliance, CDRI, and the 'Leadership Group for Industry Transition'. ■



FARMERS' PROGRESS IS POSSIBLE THROUGH CO-OPERATIVES



**RAJKUMAR
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Farmers' welfare and upliftment of the poor cannot be imaginable without the help of cooperatives. In the Amrit Mahotsav year of independence, fulfilling the 75 years' old demand, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for the first time formed the Ministry of Cooperation and Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah was given the responsibility to spread the cooperative movement in the nook and corner of the country. The mantra of the Ministry of Cooperatives is 'Sahakari Se Samridhhi' or 'Prosperity through cooperation'. The Ministry of cooperatives has been created only to strengthen cooperative institutions, to modernize them, to make them transparent and to keep them competitive.

Cooperative is not a borrowed idea for India. The cooperative movement in India could be traced from very ancient time. It is mixed in the nature of the people; so, the Cooperative movement has achieved phenomenal successes in India. The cooperative movement has strengthened the rural society and also created a new concept of social capital. Under the visionary guidance of PM Shri Narendra Modi and leadership of Shri Amit Shah the Ministry of Cooperation is making

very significant contributions in the development of the country. Connecting every village with cooperative, making every village prosperous with the mantra of 'Sahakari Se Samridhhi' and then making the country prosperous, is the role of cooperative for which the PM has been working day and night.

Cooperation is the culture of India

Since 1904, the cooperative sector has seen many ups and

IFFCO, Amul and Lijjat are signing examples of the cooperatives. IFFCO is giving a new direction to the Green Revolution whereas, Amul and Lijjat did what big corporates could not do in this country

downs. Cooperative banks work for the people without worrying about profits. Today, about 91% of the villages in the country are such where one or the other cooperative organization works. There will not be any country in the world where cooperatives are present in 91% of the villages. About 36 lakh families of the country are directly connected with cooperatives in one way or the other. Cooperative is for the development of poor, farmers and backward. For that whenever any calamity has befallen the cooperativ

have pulled the country out.

Rise of IFFCO, Amul and Lijjat

For the first time, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given the mantra of 'Sahakari Se Samridhhi'. As per the expectations of the Prime Minister, the cooperative sector is now contributing significantly to fulfil the goal of making the country a \$5 trillion economy. Through the Ministry of cooperatives, the work of giving a new direction to the sector and expediate the pace of development is going on consistently. IFFCO, Amul and Lijjat are signing examples of the cooperatives. IFFCO is giving a new direction to the Green Revolution whereas, Amul and Lijjat did what big corporates could not do in this country.

IFFCO, a society formed in 1967 with 57 cooperatives, is today, running with more than 36,000 cooperatives. About 5.5 crore farmers are getting its benefits. You can imagine that whatever a big company earns, it goes to its owner, but whatever income IFFCO earns, every penny of it is going to 5.5 crore farmers, this is called cooperative. Today, IFFCO bears almost the entire responsibility of fertilizers for the country.

Similarly, the rise of Amul was possible because of the vision and foresight of Iron Man of India Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. In 1946, when the British decided that farmers would have to give all their milk to a private company,

a movement started against it and Amul was formed. Today, the journey of Amul is in front of all of us. Amul's turnover has crossed 53 thousand crore in 2020-21. About 36 lakh farmers are associated with it directly. It has contributed enormously for the empowerment of rural women.

Crores of farmers and people of the country are benefitted from Amul likewise, lakhs of women have got support and employment from Lijjat Papad. If Lijjat is successful today, women have played a very pivotal role in it and they are the biggest beneficiaries.

Now, PM Shri Narendra Modi is doing an historic job by materialising the vision of Sardar Patel by taking this successful cooperative movement to the grassroot level of the country.

Cooperative societies in the country

Today, there are more than 8 lakh 55 thousand registered societies in the country. There are more than 8.5 lakh credit cooperative societies. The number of non-loan cooperative societies is more than 60 lakhs. There are more than 17 National Cooperative Societies. The number of state level cooperative banks are 33 and the number of district level cooperative banks are 363. About 63 thousand Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) are working. In a way, there is a PACS in every 10th village and it is a huge achievement. PACS is a powerful medium for the welfare of farmers, therefore, strengthening PACS is the biggest priority of the Modi government.

Today, 29% of agricultural

loans in the country are distributed through cooperative banks, 35% of fertilizers are distributed through them, 30% of cooperative institutions are producing fertilizers, 31% of the country's total sugar production happening through these committees. Cooperative societies are making 20% procurement and production of milk, 13% procurement of wheat, 20% procurement of money and 21% work in the field of fishermen. Now the time has come when the Ministry of Cooperatives is setting new targets by erecting a strong structure on it.

Importance of cooperation

- It provides agricultural credit and funding to areas where state and private sectors access is least.
- It provides strategic inputs to the agriculture sector, thereby meeting the needs of consumers at subsidized rates.
- It is an organization of the poor who want to collectively solve their problems.
- It reduces class conflicts and social distances.
- It reduces the evils of bureaucracy and political factionalism.
- It removes obstacles to agricultural development.
- It creates a favourable environment for small and cottage industries.

Cooperative and Farmers' welfare

Due to the cooperatives farmers got enormous benefits. The farmer has to pay around Rs 270 for a urea bag. Its price is Rs 720 in Bangladesh, Rs 800 in Pakistan and Rs 2100 in China. In the last 9

years, the BJP government at the centre has spent more than Rs 10 lakh crore on fertilizer subsidy. In the last 9 years, more than 15 lakh crore rupees have been given to farmers by purchasing their produce at MSP. The government is spending around Rs 6.5 lakh crore every year on agriculture and farmers. Every year, on an average, the government is providing 50 thousand rupees to every farmer.

Today, under the dynamic leadership of PM Shri Narendra Modi, our country is heading to become a developed and self-reliant country. The PM had told from the Red Fort that everyone's efforts- 'Sabka Prayas' is necessary to achieve our goal. If we are the largest producer of milk and sugar in the world, the credit should go to the dairy cooperatives and our PM's vision.

For the first time, the Modi government created a separate ministry, made provisions for a separate budget, strengthened the cooperative banks and to increase the strength of cooperatives also reduced the tax rates. Today, cooperatives are getting facilities like corporate sector. When it comes to the question of rapid development of the country or a self-reliant India or the welfare of farmers and rural India, PM Shri Narendra Modi always indicated towards the cooperatives and taken steps to strength the cooperatives. It seems, the vision of the Prime Minister will be materialised very soon and farmers' and rural India's progress will be possible through cooperatives. ■

(The writer is National President of BJP Kisan Morcha)

This bill is to ensure corruption-free and people-oriented governance in Delhi: Amit Shah

The Rajya Sabha passed the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Bill 2023 on 07 August, 2023. 131 MPs voted in favour of the bill, while 102 MPs voted against it. Earlier, the bill was passed in Lok Sabha on 3rd August. Answering in Rajya Sabha Union Home Minister said that the Problem is that Delhi Government wants to enjoy the rights of the state after contesting the elections for UT.

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah replied to the discussion on the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Bill, 2023 in the Rajya Sabha on 7 August. After discussion the house passed the bill by 131-102 votes.

Replying to the discussion, Union Home Minister said that the purpose of the bill is to ensure corruption-free and people-oriented governance in Delhi. He said that not a single provision of the bill will change the existing system. He added that Delhi is different from all the states in many ways because Parliament House, Constitutional Dignitaries, Supreme Court and Embassies are in Delhi and Heads of countries from all over the world come here, that's why Delhi was made a Union Territory.

Shri Shah said that the Delhi Government's problem with this Bill, is that they want to enjoy the rights of the state after contesting the elections for UT, He said that the solution to this problem is that they have to change their mindset. He said Assembly of Union Territory of Delhi is the only assembly in the country, which does not prorogue, from 2020 to 2023 and it has called only the budget session. Shri Shah said that they call very few cabinet meetings, had kept 13 permissions pending for institutions like AIIMS, IIT-Delhi, an act was enacted in 2016 to bring 5G technology, which was accepted by all the states of the country but they did not accept it

He said that from 1991 to 2015, there were many Chief Ministers of different parties in Delhi, but no one ever had any quarrel with the central government because all wanted development, not to capture the

power. He said during the discussion, it has been said that the central government wants to capture power, there is no need for the central government to capture power, the 130 crore people of India have themselves given the power to central government. He said the government has brought this Bill so that the encroachment of the centre's power by Delhi government can be stopped legally.

Shri Amit Shah said that Under Article 239 (AA)(3) (B), the Parliament has full power to make laws with respect to the Union Territory of Delhi or any part it and on any matter related to it.

He said that during emergency more than 3 lakh workers of political parties were sent to jail, censorship was imposed on newspapers, such people should not talk about democracy. Shri Shah said that Government is always ready to discuss Manipur issue in the House, and I myself

is ready to answer everything in the discussion, but opposition do not want discussion on Manipur.

He said that the Vigilance department was targeted by the Delhi government because the excise scam and illegal expenditure on the construction of the Chief Minister's new bungalow files were there. Shri Shah said that the Section 3A has been removed from the bill by the Government of India itself, now the Legislative Assembly of Delhi will also be able to make service rules, but that law should not be contradictory to the law made by the Centre.

Shri Amit Shah said that Since 1993, Delhi was running according to the rules, but these rules had to be made a part of the law because such a government has come which does not follow the rules. ■





BJP IN PARLIAMENT

48 GATI SHAKTI MULTI-MODAL CARGO TERMINALS COMMISSIONED

In order to boost investment from industry in setting up of cargo terminals, 'Gati Shakti Multi-Modal Cargo Terminal (GCT)' policy has been launched, wherein GCTs are being developed by non-railway agencies.

Upto 30th June, 2023, a total of 48 GCTS have been commissioned across the country, which include 05 GCTs (i.e. at Patratu, Sindri, Godda, Pakur and Thaparnagar) in Jharkhand.

As per the provisions of the GCT policy, private parties/agencies/companies come forward to setup terminals. Gati Shakti Cargo Terminal Operators are expected to complete the construction within twenty-four months from grant of 'In-Principle-Approval'.

This information was given by the Minister of Railways, Communications and Electronic & Information Technology, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw in a written reply to a question in Lok Sabha on 2nd August. ■

JAN VISHWAS (AMENDMENT OF PROVISIONS) BILL, 2023 PASSED

The Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2023 was passed in Lok Sabha on 27th June 2023 and Rajya Sabha on 2nd August 2023.

The Bill was first introduced in Lok Sabha on 22nd December 2022. Subsequently, it was referred to the Joint Committee of the Parliament. The Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill received overwhelming support and insightful suggestions from the Members of the Committee across parties. The Joint Committee on the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2022 held detailed discussions with all the 19 Ministries/Departments along with Legislative Department and Department of Legal Affairs.

Through The Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2023, a total of 183 provisions are being proposed to be decriminalized in 42 Central Acts administered by 19 Ministries/Departments. ■

MINES AND MINERALS (DEVELOPMENT & REGULATION) AMENDMENT BILL, 2023 PASSED

The Rajya Sabha on 2 August passed the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2023 for making amendments to the Mines and

Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (hereinafter referred to as 'the Act') today. The Bill was passed by the Lok Sabha on 28.07.2023 and with the passage of the Bill in Rajya Sabha, the Bill will be sent to the President of India for assent. ■

OFFSHORE AREAS MINERAL (DEVELOPMENT AND REGULATION) AMENDMENT BILL, 2023 PASSED

The Rajya Sabha passed the Offshore Areas Mineral (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2023 which seeks to make amendments to the Offshore Areas Mineral (Development and Regulation) Act, 2002 ('OAMDR Act'). The Bill was passed by Lok Sabha on 1st August. The Bill will now be sent to the President of India for assent.

Main features of the bill:

- Two types of operating rights to be granted to private sector through auction by competitive bidding, viz. production lease and composite licence
- Amendment to bring major reform in allocation of operating rights in Offshore Areas
- Renewal of production leases provision removed; Period fixed as 50 years similar to MMDR Act
- In case of Atomic Minerals operating rights only to PSUs ■

LOK SABHA PASSES INTER-SERVICES ORGANISATION (COMMAND, CONTROL & DISCIPLINE) BILL – 2023

The Lok Sabha has passed the Inter-Services Organisation (Command, Control & Discipline) Bill - 2023. The bill seeks to empower Commander-in-Chief and Officer-in Command of Inter-Services Organisations (ISOs) with all disciplinary and administrative powers in respect of the personnel serving in or attached to such organisations.

Introducing the Bill in the Lok Sabha, Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh termed it as part of a series of military reforms being undertaken by the Government, led by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, with the aim to empower the nation. He described the bill as an important step taken towards integration and jointness among the Armed Forces to face the future challenges in an integrated manner. ■

Bangladesh Awami League delegation meets BJP National President

A five-member delegation of Bangladesh Awami League met with Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda on 07 August, 2023. During the discussion, Shri Nadda elaborated on the party's organisational structure and its grassroots activities and shared with them BJP's functioning, vision, and contributions to India's progress. They also discussed ways to enhance party-to-party interaction. The delegation is visiting India on the invitation of Bharatiya Janata Party under the KNOW BJP initiative. The initiative was launched by BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda on the 43rd foundation day of BJP.

Dr. Md. Abdur Razzak MP, Minister of Agriculture and Presidium Member, Bangladesh Awami League Central Executive Committee is leading the delegation. The other members of the delegation



are: Dr. Hassan Mahmood MP, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and Joint-General Secretary, Ms. Aroma Dutta MP, Member of Parliament, Member, Advisory Committee, Mr. Sujit Roy Nandi, Organizing Secretary and Prof. Merina Jahan MP and Executive Member of Awami League. ■

Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist-Centre) delegation meets with BJP National President

A five-member delegation of the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist-Centre) met with Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda at the BJP HQ on 24 July, 2023 and discussed further strengthening the age-old traditional ties between India and Nepal. The delegation is visiting India on the invitation of Bharatiya Janata Party under the KNOW BJP initiative.

During the discussion the delegates appreciated various programmes and initiatives of BJP. Shri Nadda ji also elaborated on the party's organisational structure and its grassroot activities. He expressed hope that Nepal will chart the rapid path of development and the Indian Government under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will extend full cooperation through the government's neighbourhood first policy.



Ms. Pampha Bhusal, Vice Chairperson of CPN (Maoist-Centre) is leading the delegation. The other members of the delegation are - Mr. Chakrapani Khanal (Secretary), Ms. Satya Pahadi (Standing Committee Member), Mr. Rameshwar Ray Yadav (Central Committee Member) & Mr. Suresh Kumar Rai (Central Committee Member). ■

'More than 60 thousand Amrit Sarovars built during the 'Azaadi ka Amrit Mahotsav''

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the 103rd Episode of 'Mann Ki Baat on July 30. He underlined the importance of 'Saawan' and highlighted the Mission Amrit Sarovar's efforts at "water conservation" in the programme. "We are publishing a brief highlight of the address for our esteemed readers:



- Our capabilities and resources play a big role in dealing with any disaster - but at the same time, our sensitivity and the spirit of hand-holding is equally important.
- This phase of rain is equally important for 'tree plantation' and 'water conservation'. More than 60 thousand Amrit Sarovars built during the 'Azaadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' are increasingly radiating their glow.
- Many a time, when we hear words like Ecology, Flora, Fauna, Bio Diversity, some people think that these are specialized subjects; subjects related to experts. But it is not so. If we really love nature, we can do a lot even with our small efforts. Suresh Raghavan ji is a friend from Vadavalli in Tamil Nadu. Raghavan ji is fond of painting. You know, painting is a work related to art and canvas, but Raghavan ji decided that he would preserve the information about plants and animals through his paintings. He documents the information related to them by making paintings of varied Flora and Fauna. Till now he has made paintings of dozens of such birds, animals, orchids, which are on the verge of extinction. This example of serving nature through art is really amazing.
- My dear countrymen, the letters written by some mothers and sisters of Devbhoomi Uttarakhand to me are touchingly heart-warming. They have given many blessings to their son, their brother. They have written that - 'They had never imagined that our erstwhile cultural heritage 'Bhojpatra' could become a means of their livelihood.
- The state government has also started a campaign to preserve the rare species of Bhojpatra. The areas which were once considered as the last point of the land are now being developed considering them as the first villages of the country. Along with preserving our tradition and culture, this effort is also becoming a means of economic progress.
- The changes that have been made in the Haj Policy in the last few years are being highly appreciated. Our Muslim mothers and sisters have written a lot to me about this. Now, more and more people are getting the chance to go for 'Haj'.
- My dear countrymen, while talking about drugs and the young generation, I would also like to tell you about an inspiring journey from Madhya Pradesh. This is the Inspiring Journey of Mini Brazil.
- The journey of Bicharpur village to become Mini Brazil commenced two-and-a-half decades ago. During that time, Bicharpur village was infamous for illicit liquor,... it was in the grip of intoxication. Raees Ahmed, a former national player and coach, recognized the talent of these youngsters. Raees ji did not have many resources, but he started teaching football to the youth with full dedication. Within a few years, football became so popular that Bicharpur village itself was identified with football. Now a program called Football Kranti is also going on here. Under this program, youth are connected with this game and they are given training.
- In the midst of the ongoing reverberations of Amrit Mahotsav and the 15th of August round the corner, another great campaign is on the verge of being launched in the country. 'Meri Mati Mera Desh' campaign will be launched to honour our martyred braveheart men and women. Under this, many programs will be organized across the country in the memory of our immortal martyrs. ■

PM Modi conferred Lokmanya Tilak National Award in Pune

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi was conferred the Lokmanya Tilak National Award in Pune, Maharashtra on 01 August, 2023. The Award was constituted by Tilak Smarak Mandir Trust in 1983 to honour the legacy of Lokmanya Tilak. The Prime Minister donated the cash prize to the Namami Gange Project.

The Prime Minister paid floral tributes at the statue of Lokmanya Tilak after arriving at the venue. Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister paid tributes to Lokmanya Tilak on his Punya Tithi and said it is a special day for him. Highlighting his feelings for the occasion, the Prime Minister said that today marks the Punya Tithi of Lokmanya Tilak and the birth anniversary of Anna Bhau Sathe. "Lokmanya Tilak ji is the 'tilak' of India's freedom struggle", the Prime Minister said. He also underlined the extraordinary and unparalleled contributions of Anna Bhau Sathe towards the betterment of society. The Prime Minister paid tribute to the land of Chhatrapati Shivaji, Chapekar Brother, Jyotiba Phule and Savitribai Phule. Earlier the Prime Minister sought blessings at the Dagdusheth Temple.



The Prime Minister described the honour bestowed on him by the institution directly linked with the Lokmanya as 'unforgettable'. The Prime Minister said that when one receives an award, then the responsibilities come especially when the name of Lokmanya Tilak is attached to the award. The Prime Minister dedicated the Lokmanya Tilak Award to the 140 crore citizens of India. He assured them that the government will leave no stone unturned to help them achieve their dreams and aspirations. The Prime Minister also informed about his decision to donate the cash prize to Namami Gange Project. ■



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PM Shri Narendra Modi attends the inauguration of International Exhibition-cum-Convention Centre (IECC) Complex 'Bharat Mandapam' at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi on July 26, 2023.



PM Shri Narendra Modi lays foundation stone and dedicates to nation various development projects at Sikar in Rajasthan on July 27, 2023.



PM Shri Narendra Modi attends the inauguration of Semicon India 2023 at Gandhinagar in Gujarat on July 28, 2023.



PM Shri Narendra Modi interacting with children at Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagam, Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi on July 29, 2023.



PM Shri Narendra Modi conferred with the Lokmanya Tilak National Award at Pune in Maharashtra on August 01, 2023.



PM Shri Narendra Modi inaugurates multiple development projects at Rajkot in Gujarat on July 27, 2023.



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