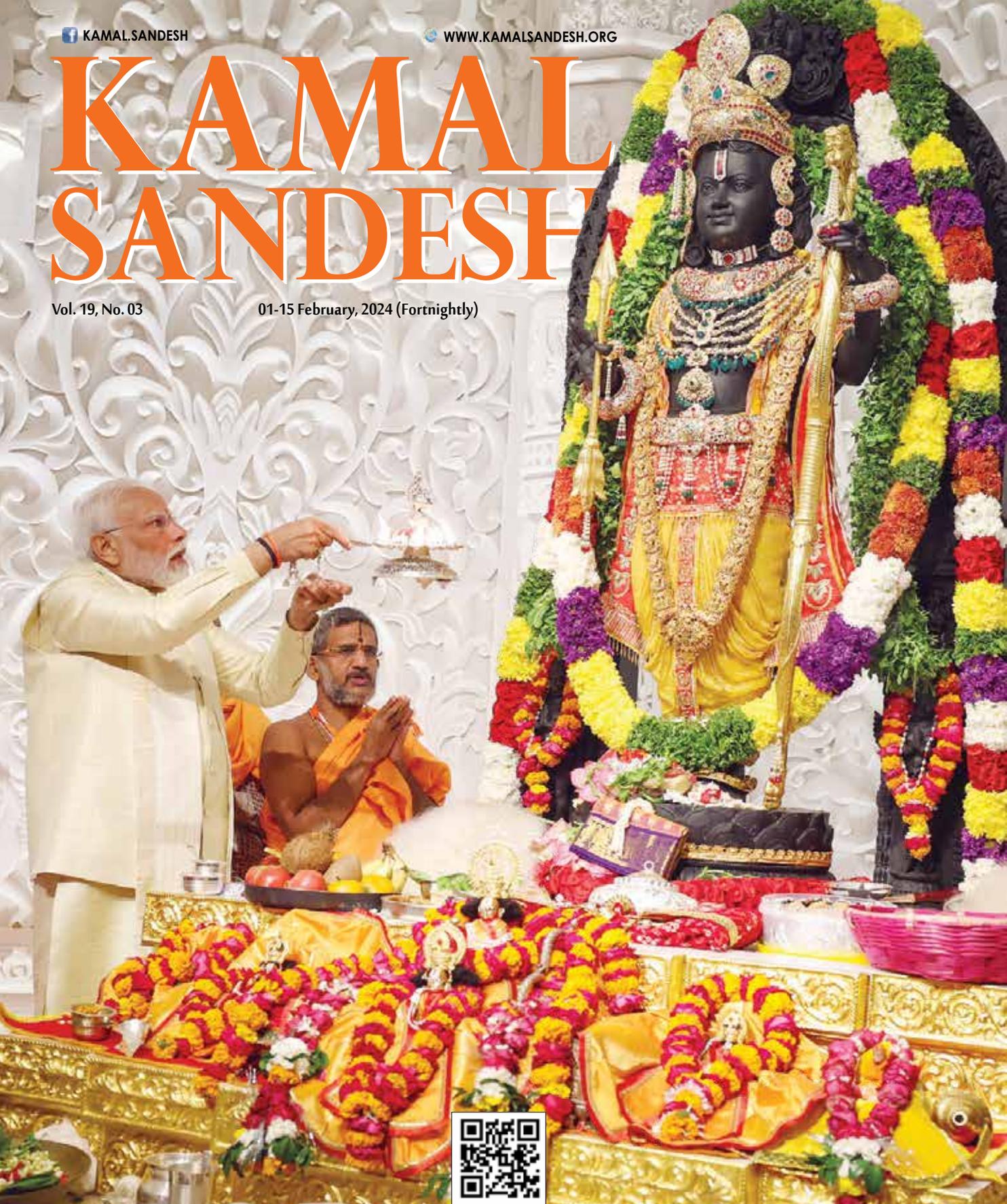


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(13 January, 2024)

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By deciding to award Karpoori Thakur with Bharat Ratna, Modi ji has honoured crores of poor and underprivileged. In the Congress government, only leaders close to the family were honoured, Modi ji has done the work of honoring Jan Nayak. (24 January, 2024)



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With the construction of the grand temple of Lord Ram in Ayodhya Dham, the country has entered a new era of history. Now we have to work to build a prosperous, self-reliant and developed India. Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi has placed this goal before all Indians. (22 January, 2024)



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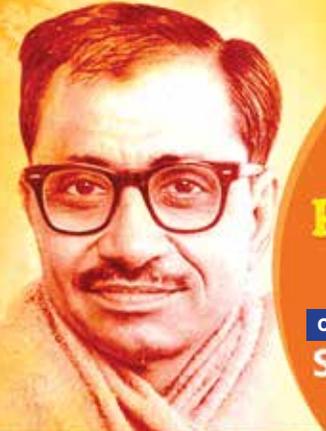


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Time for the establishment of Ramrajya for a thousand years has come

As the entire nation celebrated with full festive fervour the 'Pran-Pratishtha' of Bhagwan Ram Lalla in the grand Shri Ram temple in Ayodhya, the joy of this historic moment spread across the world, filling the hearts of millions of Rambhaktas with reverence and gratitude. The long wait cutting across centuries for this momentous occasion found its expression in deep emotions overwhelming millions of hearts and spiritually connecting humanity with passions and enthusiasm of unprecedented scale. The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, in his address soon after the consecration ceremony beautifully echoed the boundless sentiments of the millions, which found their expression after a long wait of centuries and now power the nation towards its larger goals in the future. As the 'Pran-Pratishtha' ceremony was underway in Ayodhya, the entire nation, while witnessing the occasion, in fact wholeheartedly participated in every nook and corner of the country, observing the divine occasion through puja and havan and celebrating the ceremony like a national festival. It was on the call of the Prime Minister that the cleanliness campaign, which began a week ago, was carried out in every temple across the country as Swachhthirtha Abhiyan, and the day was observed as a glittering Diwali with the lighting of diyas in every home. The grandeur of Shri Ram Temple radiated through the world as the splendour of the consecrated idol of Bhagwan Shri Ram Lalla now remains etched in the hearts of the millions of devotees. The entire nation, from village

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to village, from town to town, and from city to city, with a divine feeling in the heart, finds a dream fulfilled in the temple of Bhagwan Shri Ram Lalla, who has arrived in Ayodhya, having found the divine place in the grand temple and now illuminating humanity with radiance and glory. A dream carried from centuries to centuries, a struggle having no parallel in the entire world, finds its fulfilment in the divine grace of Bhagwan Shri Ram.

It is highly unfortunate to note that the Congress and its allies could not understand the civilizational significance of the 'Pran-Pratishtha' ceremony of Bhagwan Ram Lalla in Ayodhya. As the entire nation stood united in celebrating the occasion, its significance, and the glory of Bhagwan Ram, the Congress and its allies preferred to stay away with an eye towards its unprincipled politics. The Congress, blinded by its vote-bank politics, never backed national issues and always opposed any initiative to instill a sense of pride and glory among the people. It not only created roadblocks in the movement to build the temple of Bhagwan Shri Ram in Ayodhya, it went to the extent of denying even the existence of Prabhu Ram. While it may still be ruing its failure in destroying the Ramsetu, the building of the grand Shri Ram Temple in Ayodhya is unbearable

for it. As the people watch the opportunistic and vote-bank politics of Congress and its allies, there is no chance that it will be forgiven by the people.

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SCAN to listen the historic and inspirational speech of PM Shri Narendra Modi after 'Pran Pratishtha' of Shri Ramlala in Ayodhya





PM PARTICIPATES IN PRAN PRATISHTHA OF SHRI RAM JANMBHOOMI TEMPLE IN AYODHYA

OUR RAM HAS FINALLY ARRIVED: PM MODI

After centuries of patience, uncountable sacrifices, renunciation and penance, finally Lord Ram has arrived at the newly constructed grand and magnificent temple in Ayodhya. Amid elaborate arrangements and celebrations, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi participated in the historic Pran Pratishtha ceremony of Shri Ramlalla at the Shri Ram Janmbhoomi temple in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh held at 12:30 pm on 22 January, 2024. Dressed in a golden kurta and a cream Dhoti, Patka, Prime Minister Shri Modi actively participated in the rituals and took Sankalp for the Pran Pratishtha ceremony. During the ceremony, Army helicopters showered flower petals on the newly constructed temple. The premises of Shri Ram Temple echoed with 'Jay Shri Ram', Shri Ram chants and Bhajans as excited devotees filled every part of the holy city on this momentous day.

Folk artists were seen performing outside the temple. After concluding the Pran Pratishtha, PM Shri Modi addressed the distinguished invited dignitaries and said the Pran Pratishtha of Shri Ram Lalla is not only a moment of triumph after a prolonged struggle but also one of humility. Later, Shri Modi interacted with the Shramjeevis who played a pivotal role for the construction of the grand Shri Ram Janmbhoomi temple and also personally showered flower petals on the workers in their respect.

Along with the Prime Minister, Uttar Pradesh Governor Smt. Anandiben Patel, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, RSS Sarsanghchalak Shri Mohan Bhagwat and President of Shri Ram Janmbhoomi Teertha Kshetra Trust, Shri Nritya Gopal Das were present at the sanctum sanctorum of the temple during the ceremony. Among others, thousands of Saints, host of dignitaries, guests and celebrities were also present at the courtyard of the temple on the occasion.

The historic Pran Pratishtha ceremony witnessed the participation of representatives of all major spiritual and religious sects of the country and people from all walks of life including representatives of various tribal communities

Addressing the distinguished gathering, the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi exclaimed that our Ram has finally arrived after centuries. "After centuries of patience, uncountable sacrifices, renunciation and penance, our Lord Ram is here", PM Shri Modi remarked and congratulated the citizens on the occasion. The Prime Minister said that experiencing the divine consciousness inside the 'Garbh Grih' (inner sanctum) cannot be put into words and his body is pulsating with energy and the mind is devoted to the moment of Pran Pratishtha. "Our Ram Lalla will not reside in the tent anymore. This divine temple will be his home now", the Prime Minister said expressing confidence and reverence that the events of today

can be experienced by Ram Bhakts all around the country and the world. "This moment is supernatural and sacred, the atmosphere, environment and energy signify the blessings of Lord Ram upon us", Shri Modi said.

It is the origin of a new 'kaal chakra'

He underlined that the morning Sun of 22nd January has brought a new aura along with it. "22nd January 2024 is not a mere date on the calendar, it is the origin of a new 'kaal chakra'", the Prime Minister said emphasizing that the joyous and festive mood of the entire nation was on a constant rise since the 'Bhoomi Pujan' of Ram Janmbhoomi Temple and the progress



KEY FEATURES ABOUT SHRI RAM JANMBHOOMI TEMPLE

- The mesmerizing idol of Shri Ram was crafted by the skilled hands of sculptor Shri Arun Yogiraj from Mysuru, Karnataka.
- The 51-inch-tall idol, captures the image of a five-year-old Lord Ram standing gracefully on a lotus, all meticulously carved from a single block of stone.
- The magnificent Shri Ram Janmbhoomi Mandir is constructed in traditional Nagara style.
- Its length (East-West) is 380 feet; width 250 feet and height is 161 feet; and is supported by a total of 392 pillars and 44 doors.
- The pillars and walls of the temple showcase intricately sculpted depictions of Hindu deities, gods, and goddesses.
- In the main sanctum sanctorum on the ground floor, the childhood form of Bhagwan Shri Ram (the idol of Shri Ramlalla) has been placed.
- The main entrance to the Mandir is situated on the eastern side, which can be approached by ascending 32 stairs through the Singh Dwar.
- There are total five Mandaps in the Mandir - Nritya Mandap, Rang Mandap, Sabha Mandap, Prathana Mandap and Kirtan Mandap.
- A historic Well (Sita Koop), is present near the Mandir is dating back to the ancient era.
- The foundation of the Mandir has been constructed with a 14-meter-thick layer of roller-compacted concrete, giving it the appearance of artificial rock.
- No iron is used anywhere in the Mandir.
- For protection against ground moisture, a 21-foot-high plinth has been constructed using granite.
- The Mandir complex has a sewage treatment plant, water treatment plant, water supply for fire safety and an independent power station.
- The Mandir has been constructed employing the country's traditional and indigenous technology.
- The ancient temple of Bhagwan Shiv located on the Kuber Tila in the Ram Janmabhoomi temple complex, has been renovated and restored by the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust.
- Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust has installed a huge statue of Jatayu in the Ram Janmabhoomi premises. After the Pran Pratistha ceremony, PM Shri Narendra Modi also unveiled the statue of Jatayu.
- The main temple of Ayodhya is surrounded by four temples dedicated to Sun God, Goddess Bhagwati, Lord Ganesha and Lord Shiva.
- Other proposed temples in the premises will be dedicated to Maharishi Valmiki, Maharishi Vashishtha, Maharishi Vishwamitra, Maharishi Agastya, Nishadraj, Mata Shabari and Rishipatni Devi Ahilya.

of the developmental works enthused new energy into the citizens. "Today, we have received the heritage of centuries of patience, today we have got Shri Ram's temple", the Prime Minister said. He underlined that the nation that breaks the shackles of the mindset of slavery and derives inspiration from the experiences of the past is the one which writes history. Shri Modi said that today's date will be discussed after thousands of years from now and it is by the blessings of Lord Ram that we are a witness to this momentous occasion unfolding itself. "Days, directions, skies and everything are brimming with divinity today", the Prime Minister said, stating that this is not an ordinary time period but an indelible memory path being imprinted on time.

Surely, Shri Ram will forgive us

Speaking about the presence of Shri Hanuman in every work of Shri Ram, the Prime Minister bowed to Shri Hanuman and Hanuman Garhi. He also bowed to Lakshman, Bharat, Shatrughan and Mata Janki. He acknowledged the presence of divine entities over the event. The Prime Minister apologized to Prabhu Shri Ram for the delay in seeing today's day and said that as today that vacuum has been filled, surely, Shri Ram will forgive us.

Recalling, Sant Tulsidas's return of Shri Ram in 'Treta Yug', The Prime Minister recalled the happiness that Ayodhya of the time must have felt. "Then the separation with Shri Ram lasted for 14 years and was still so unbearable. In this age Ayodhya and the countrymen suffered the separation of hundreds of years", he said. Shri Modi continued, despite Shri Ram being present in the original copy of the Constitution, a prolonged legal battle was fought after the independence. The Prime Minister thanked the Judiciary of India for "keeping the dignity of justice intact. Embodiment of justice, Shri Ram's temple was constructed through just means", he emphasized.

Entire nation is celebrating

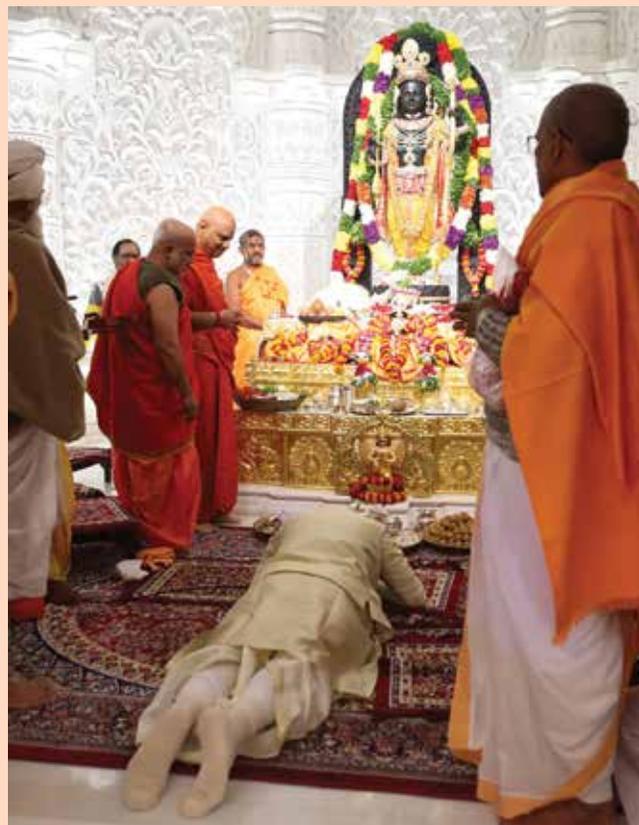
The Prime Minister informed that the entire nation including small villages is witnessing processions and cleanliness campaigns are being carried out in temples. "The entire nation is celebrating Diwali today. Every household is prepared to light up the 'Ram Jyoti' in the evening", Shri Modi said. Recalling his visit to Arichal Munai, the starting point of Ram

Setu, yesterday, the Prime Minister said that it was the moment which altered the 'Kaal Chakra'. Drawing an analogy to that moment, the Prime Minister said that he got the belief that today's moment will also be the one to alter the circle of time and move forward.

Ram resides in the hearts of Indians

Shri Modi informed that during his 11-day Anushtan, he attempted to bow before all the places where Lord

PM PERFORMS 'DANDVAT PRANAM'



After the Pran Pratishtha ceremony, PM Shri Narendra Modi performed the 'Aarti' of the Ram Lalla. He performed the 'parikrama' of the deity and did 'dandvat pranam'. This act of devotion, characterized by prostrating fully with one's forehead touching the ground, is a mark of utmost reverence and humility in Hindu tradition.

PM Shri Modi also met the 'sadhus' who were present at the temple and took blessings from them. He completed his 11-day fast by taking Charanamrit from the hands of Swami Govind Dev Giri Maharaj after the Pran Pratishtha ceremony.

PRESIDENT DRAUPADI MURMU PENS LETTER TO PM AHEAD OF RAM TEMPLE PRAN-PRATISHTHA

On the eve of the Ram Temple consecration ceremony in Ayodhya, President Smt. Droupadi Murmu wrote a letter to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi congratulating him for the Pran Pratishtha ceremony set to take place on 22 January, 2024.



She also applauded PM Shri Modi for performing the supreme 11-day-long rigorous Anushthan before taking part in the ceremony at Shri Ram Janmabhoomi temple. "The 11-day Anushthan that you have undertaken is not only a sacred ritual but also a supreme spiritual act of sacrifice and submission to Prabhu Shri Ram," the President of India wrote in her letter.

Referring to the nationwide celebration of the Ram Temple ceremony, President Murmu called it an "uninhibited expression of the eternal soul of India".

Her letter also found the mention of Mahatma Gandhi who was an ardent follower of the principles of Lord Ram. "Mahatma Gandhi ji derived strength from Ramanama till his last breath."

"Though my reason and heart long ago realised the highest attribute and the name of God as Truth, I recognise Truth by the name of Rama. In the darkest hour of my trial, that one name has saved me and is still saving me," President Smt. Murmu quoted Mahatma Gandhi in her letter.

Highlighting the importance of Lord Ram in the lives of millions of people, the President said that Lord Ram signifies the best aspects of India's cultural and spiritual heritage and represents "the good which is in constant battle with evil."

PM thanks President for her wishes for Pran Pratishtha

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has expressed gratitude to the President Smt. Droupadi Murmu for her wishes for Pran Pratishtha scheduled for 22 January, 2024 at the Shri Ram Temple at Ayodhya Dham. He expressed the hope that this historic moment will take India's development journey to new heights along with enriching the heritage and culture of the nation.

The President had written a letter to the Prime Minister on the eve of the Pran Pratishtha.

Ram had set foot. Mentioning Pancwati Dham in Nashik, Thriprayar Temple in Kerala, Lepakshi in Andhra Pradesh, Shri Ranganathswamy Temple in Srirangam, Shri Ramanathaswamy Temple in Rameswaram and Dhanushkodi, the Prime Minister expressed gratitude for the journey from the sea to river Sarayu. "From the sea to the Saryu River, the same festive spirit of Ram's name is prevalent everywhere", he continued, "Lord Ram is connected to every particle of the soul of India. Ram resides in the hearts of Indians". He further added that the feeling of oneness can be found within everyone's conscience anywhere in India and there could not be a more perfect formula for collectiveness.

Recalling his experience of listening to Shri Ram Katha in many languages, the Prime Minister said that Ram is there in the memories, festivals of traditions. "In every age, people have lived Ram. They have expressed Ram in their style and words. This 'Ram Ras' is continuously flowing like the flow of life. Ram Katha is infinite and Ramayana too is endless. Ideals, values and teachings of Ram are the same everywhere".

Temple of Ramlalla-A symbol of peace, patience, mutual harmony and coordination

The Prime Minister expressed gratitude for the sacrifice of the people who made today's day possible. He paid tributes to Saints, Kar Sewaks and Ram Bhakts. The Prime Minister said "Today's occasion is not only a moment of celebration, but at the same time it is also a moment of realization of the maturity of Indian society. For us, this is not only an occasion of victory but also of humility." Explaining the knots of history, the Prime Minister pointed out that the outcome of a nation's struggle with its history is seldom happy. "Still, he

said, “the gravity and sensitivity with which our country has opened this knot of history shows that our future is going to be much more beautiful than our past.” Remembering the doomsayers, the Prime Minister said that such people did not realize the piousness of our social ethos. “The construction of this temple of Ramlalla is also a symbol of peace, patience, mutual harmony and coordination of Indian society. We are seeing that this construction is not giving birth to any fire, but to energy. Ram Mandir has brought inspiration to every section of the society to move forward on the path of a bright future”, he said. He continued “Ram is not fire, he is energy, he is not conflicts but solution, Ram does not belong only to us but to all, Ram is not just present but is infinity”

The Prime Minister emphasized that the whole world is connected with the Pran Pratistha and the omnipresence of Ram can be witnessed. He said that similar celebrations can be seen in many countries

and the festival of Ayodhya has become a celebration of the global traditions of Ramayana. “Ram Lalla’s respect is the idea of ‘Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam’”, he added.

Temple of national consciousness

PM Shri Modi underlined that it is not just the Pran Pratishtha ceremony of Shri Ram’s idol but also the consecration of the unwavering faith in Indian culture manifested in the form of Shri Ram. He said that it is the embodiment of human values and the highest ideals, which is the need of the hour of the entire world. The Prime Minister said that the resolutions of welfare for all have taken the shape of Ram temple today and it is not just a temple but India’s vision, philosophy, and direction. “This is a temple of national consciousness in the form of Ram.

Lord Ram is India’s faith, foundation, idea, law, consciousness, thinking, prestige and glory. Ram

PM Modi followed a strict 11-day ‘Anushthan’

PM Shri Narendra Modi followed a strict 11-day ‘anushthan’ and slept on the floor and had coconut water before the ceremony in Ayodhya on January 22. He also visited several temples across India ahead of the ‘Pran Pratishtha’ ceremony of the Ram Mandir and took a holy dip at the Rameswaram ‘Angi teerth’ beach.



Noteworthy, Hon’ble President Smt. Draupadi Murmu also applauded PM Shri Narendra Modi for performing the supreme 11-day-long rigorous Anushthan before taking part in the ceremony at Shri

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PM offers prayers at Kuber Tila Shiva temple & unveils statue of Jatayu

After ‘Pran Pratishtha’ ceremony and the idol was unveiled at the temple, PM Shri Narendra Modi performed the ‘aarti’ of Shri Ram Lalla inside the sanctum sanctorum. Then after, Shri Modi offered prayers at the ancient and famous Kuber Tila Shiva temple and



unveiled the statue of Jatayu. The ancient Shiv temple located on the Kuber Tila in the Ram Janmabhoomi complex was also renovated by the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust, which is constructing the Ram temple.

is flow, Ram is effect. Ram is Neeti. Ram is eternal. Ram is continuity. Ram is Vibhu. Ram is all-pervading, the world, the universal soul”, the Prime Minister said fervently. He said that the impact of Lord Ram’s Pratishta can be felt for thousands of years. Quoting Maharishi Valmiki, the Prime Minister said that Ram ruled the kingdom for ten thousand years which signifies the establishment of Ramrajya for thousands of years. “When Ram came in Treta Yug, Ramrajya was established for thousands of years. Ram had been guiding the world for thousands of years”, PM Shri Modi said.

‘Yahi Samay Hai Sahi Samay Hai’

The Prime Minister asked every Ram Bhakt to introspect about the path ahead after the realization of the grand Ram Mandir. “Today, I feel with a pure heart that the cycle of time is changing. It is a happy coincidence that our generation has been chosen as the architect of this critical path.” He underlined the importance of the current epoch and reiterated his line ‘Yahi Samay Hai Sahi Samay Hai’, This is the time, the right time. “We have to lay the foundation of India for the next one thousand years. Moving ahead from the temple, now all of us countrymen take an oath to build a strong, capable, grand and divine India from this very moment”, the Prime Minister exhorted the countrymen. For this, he said, it is important that Ram’s ideal should be there in the conscience of the nation.

Feeling of oneness will be the basis of capable, grand and divine India

The Prime Minister asked the countrymen to expand their consciousness from Dev to Desh, Ram to Rashtra - from deity to nation. He asked them to learn from Shri Hanuman’s service, devotion and dedication. “These feelings of devotion, service and dedication in every Indian will become the basis of a capable, grand and divine India”, he said. The Prime Minister continued and said that the spirit behind Mata Shabri’s trust that ‘Ram will Come’ is in every Indian’s heart and will be the basis of Grand capable and divine India. Referring to the depth and originality of Ram’s affection for Nishadraj shows that all are one and this feeling of oneness and cohesiveness will be the basis of capable, grand and divine India.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SPEECH

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- “We have to expand our consciousness from Dev to Desh, Ram to Rashtra - from deity to nation”.
- “This grand temple will be a witness to the rise of a magnificent India”.
- “This is India’s time and we are moving forward”.

RAM RAJYA IS COMING: MOHAN BHAGWAT

Addressing the gathering Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh Sarsanghchalak Shri Mohan Bhagwat said the pride of the country has been restored with the homecoming of Ram Lalla to his temple in Ayodhya. "Today, after 500 years, Ram Lalla has returned here and due to his efforts, we are seeing this golden day. We pay our utmost respect to him. The history of this era has so much power that whoever listens to the stories of Ram Lalla, all their sorrows and pains will be erased," Bhagwat said, addressing the gathering at Shri Ram Janmabhoomi temple premises after Ram Lalla's 'Pran Pratishtha'.

He said the opening of the Ram temple has become a symbol of the emergence of a "new India" that has the potential to save the world from all sorts of problems and tragedies. He described PM Shri Narendra Modi as a 'Tapasvi' who needs to be supported by every citizen. "Pradhan Mantri jine tap kiya ab humko bhi tap karna hai (The PM did penance. Now it is our turn)," he said.

Shri Bhagwat said Ram Lalla has returned home because of the penance of a lot of people and I salute their hard work and sacrifices. "But why did he (Ram) leave? He left because there were disputes (Kalah) in Ayodhya. Ram Rajya is coming, and we have to shun all the disputes and stop fighting among ourselves over petty issues. We will have to shun ego and stay united," he said.

"Knowing that there is Ram everywhere, we have



to coordinate among ourselves. To stay together is the first true practice of religion," he added. Compassion is the second step, Bhagwat said, asking people to keep the minimum of what they earn for themselves and give the remaining back to charity. "This is the meaning of compassion. You should keep your desires under check. While government schemes are providing relief to the poor, we also must bind society as everyone is our brother. Wherever you see sorrow and pain, serve there," he said.

He further asked people to lead a disciplined life and said that a common citizen during Ram Rajya had no 'ahankar (ego)' and always behaved with "dignity". "We need to behave in the same manner while maintaining close coordination with each other," he emphasised. That will help the country become a Vishwaguru," Bhagwat said.

The spirit of Sabka Prayas

The Prime Minister pointed out that there is no room for despair in the country today. Highlighting the story of the squirrel, the Prime Minister said that those considering themselves to be small and ordinary must remember the contributions of the squirrel and get rid of any hesitancy. He noted that every effort, big or small, has its strength and contribution. "The spirit of Sabka Prayas will become the basis of a strong, capable, grand and divine India. And this is the expansion of the consciousness of the country from God and the consciousness of the nation from Ram", the Prime Minister exclaimed.

Jatayu's integrity

Throwing light on the Jatayu's integrity who knew about his imminent defeat when he fought Ravan, the ruler of Lanka who possessed extreme knowledge and immense power, the Prime Minister said that the culmination of such duty is the basis of a capable and divine India. Shri Modi pledged to dedicate every moment of life to nation-building and said, "With Ram's work, Rashtra's work, every moment of time, every particle of the body will connect the dedication of Ram with the goal of dedication to the nation.

Continuing his theme of going beyond self, PM Shri Modi said our worship of Bhagwan Ram should be for

BJP National President worships at Jhandewalan Temple in New Delhi during Pran Pratishtha ceremony in Ayodhya

BJP National President Shri JP Nadda worshiped at Jhandewalan Temple in New Delhi during Pran Pratishtha ceremony in Ayodhya. In a message on X he said, "Today, on the occasion of the Pran Pratishtha of Lord Shri Ram in Shri Ayodhyadham, I had darshan and worship at Jhandewalan Temple in New Delhi and got the privilege of witnessing this historic moment with the devotees.

This holy moment is going to be a blessing for many followers of Sanatan culture. This auspicious opportunity, obtained after centuries of waiting, renunciation and sacrifice, has inspired us to discharge our duties by surrendering ourselves to the high ideals of God.

I express my gratitude to the many Ram devotees for fulfilling their resolve under the leadership of



respected Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi ji.

This dawn of cultural emergence of Maa Bharati will illuminate our glorious nation with the aura of global progress and prestige. Jai Siya Ram! ■

Congratulations to our respected PM for the realisation of our pledge: Yogi Adityanath

Addressing the gathering of saints and eminent citizens invited for the consecration ceremony in Ayodhya on 22 January, 2024 Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said the completion of the consecration ceremony at Ram Temple in Ayodhya reflects a cultural renaissance in India. "The pran pratishtha of Ram Lalla is a harmonious expression of our cultural conscience, marking a cultural renaissance in India. It is not merely a temple but the National Temple".

Yogi Adityanath said that the Ram Temple is most likely the first such case in the world, where the majority community of a nation had struggled for so long for the construction of a temple at the birthplace of their idol. He expressed satisfaction that the temple was constructed exactly where it was resolved to be built.

He further said that on the historic moment, "every village and town in the country had transformed into Ayodhya". "The day India had eagerly awaited for nearly five centuries has arrived. Many generations left this land for heaven with unfulfilled wishes, but the wait and the struggle continued," remarked Shri Adityanath.

In a reference to the 1990 police firing incident under the regime of the Samajwadi Party (SP), when more than a dozen kar sevaks died, the CM said the



streets of Ayodhya won't echo with gunshots anymore or witness curfew. "Bullets will not be fired in Ayodhya, Sarayu Maiya will not be stained with blood. Curfew will not cause havoc in Ayodhya," he said, adding the consecration of Ram Lalla heralds the proclamation of the establishment of Ram Rajya.

Expressing gratitude to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for the realisation of the pledge to build the grand Ram Temple at Ayodhya, the Uttar Pradesh CM said since 2014, the common people of India developed strong belief that they will meet Lord Ram. "Heartfelt gratitude and congratulations to our respected PM Shri Narendra Modi ji, for the realisation of our pledge, fulfilment of our resolution and bringing an end to our prolonged wait" he said. ■

the entire creation, from 'I' to 'us'. Our efforts, he said, should be dedicated to the creation of a Viksit Bharat.

India will reach the goal of prosperity

Referring to the ongoing Amrit Kaal and young demographics, the Prime Minister noted the perfect combination of factors for the nation's growth. The Prime Minister asked the young generation to take the support of their strong heritage and move ahead with confidence. "India will reach the goal of prosperity by following the path of both the purity of tradition and the infinity of modernity", the Prime Minister said.

This is India's time

The Prime Minister underlined that the future

is dedicated to successes and accomplishments and the grand Ram Temple will be a witness to the progress and rise of India. "This grand Ram temple will become a witness to the rise of Viksit Bharat", the Prime Minister said. Drawing lessons from the temple, the Prime Minister emphasized that a goal can be achieved if it is justified and born out of collective and organized power.

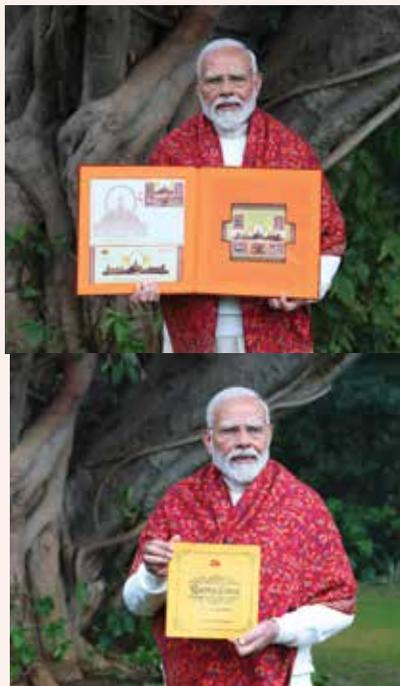
"This is India's time and India is going to move forward. After waiting for centuries, we have reached here. We all have waited for this era, this period. Now we will not stop. We will continue to reach the heights of development", the Prime Minister concluded paying his obeisance at the feet of Shri Ram Lalla and wishing the very best. ■

PM releases six commemorative postage stamps dedicated to Shri Ram Janmabhoomi temple

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 18 January released six special commemorative postage stamps dedicated to the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi temple along with an album carrying similar stamps related to Lord Ram issued earlier in different countries of the world was also released. He congratulated all the devotees of Lord Ram in Bharat and abroad on the occasion.

The Prime Minister said that we all know that these stamps are pasted on envelopes to send letters or important documents. But they serve another purpose as well. Postage stamps also act as medium to pass on historical events to the future generations. So, whenever you send a letter or object to someone with a postal stamp on it, you're also sending them a piece of history. These tickets are not just a piece of paper, but smallest form of history books, artefacts and historical sites.

The Prime Minister said that these commemorative stamps will also help our young generation in learning

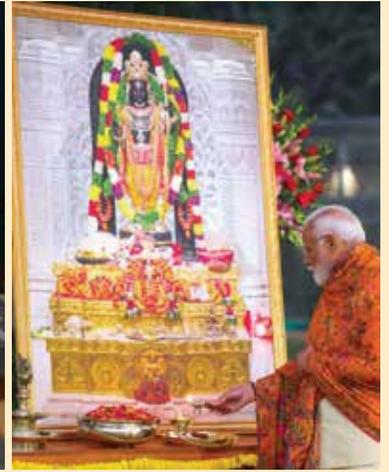


about Lord Ram and his life. He said devotion to Lord Ram has been expressed via artistic expression on these stamps and with the mention of the popular quatrain: 'मंगल भवन अमंगल हारी', a wish for the development of the nation has been made. The sun, the symbol of 'Suryavanshi' Ram, river 'Saryu' and internal architecture of the temple has also been depicted on these stamps.

He said the books that were launched today are the reflection of how proudly Lord Ram, Maa Sita and Ramayana are seen across the world. The Prime Minister said countries like America, Australia, Cambodia, Canada, Czech Republic, Fiji, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, New Zealand, Thailand, Guyana, Singapore are among the many

nations which have issued postal stamps with great interest on the life events of Lord Ram. He said the newly-launched album with all the information about Lord Shri Ram and the stories of Mother Janaki will give us an insight into their lives. ■

PM Modi lights 'Ram Jyoti' after 'Pran Pratishtha' ceremony



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 22 January, 2024 evening lighted 'Ram Jyoti' after the 'pran pratishtha' ceremony of Shri Ram Lalla in the newly-built Ram Temple in Ayodhya. Earlier, the Prime Minister had urged citizens to light the 'Ram Jyoti' on the auspicious occasion and welcome Shri Ram Lalla. The entire nation responded to the call of the Hon'ble Prime Minister positively and on the evening of 'pran pratishtha' ceremony every household of the

country lit 'Ram Jyoti' in their houses.

Giving his message on X, the Prime Minister wrote, "On this auspicious occasion, I request all the countrymen to light the Ram Jyoti and welcome Lord Ram in their homes. Jai Siya Ram!"

On that day, the city of Ayodhya was illuminated with the radiant glow of around 10 lakh diyas and transformed its landscape into a mesmerising spectacle.

Lighting the Ram Jyoti, BJP National President Shri JP Nadda said, "Ramo Vighrahan Dharmah' The opportunity of being seated in the new, divine and grand temple of Shri Ram Lalla in Shri Ayodhya is a joyous and thrilling one.



On the call of respected Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi ji, celebrated the festival by lighting Ramjyoti with the family today at my residence in New Delhi.

I wish that Shri Raghunandan, the center of faith, devotion and inspiration of millions of people, may provide progress to our nation, society and civilization. Infuse new enthusiasm and energy among the people all over the world.

Come, let us all greet the Lord on this historic moment by lighting the Ramjyoti in our homes. Jai Shri Ram!" ■



Lighting the Ram Jyoti, Union Minister of Home and Cooperation Shri Amit Shah said, "Today the whole of India is filled with joy on the arrival of Shri Ram Lala in his grand temple.

On the request of Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi ji, the entire country is celebrating Diwali by lighting the Ramjyoti. I also lit lamps with my family on the arrival of Lord Shri Ram." ■

GRAND CELEBRATION FOR 'PRAN PRATISHTHA' ACROSS THE COUNTRY

Ayodhya was in the grip of religious fervour as long-awaited Pran Pratishtha ceremony of Ram Lalla took place and devotees from across the world are also in a more pious and celebratory mood, awaiting the grand occasion in Ayodhya. The holy city witnessed an increased footfall of people from all over the world to attend the grand ceremony. Despite the huge crowd and tight security measures, a large number of devotees have reached Ayodhya to mark their presence on the premises of the temple.

The premises of Ram Temple echoed with 'Jay Shri Ram', Shri Ram chants and Bhajans as excited devotees filled every part of the holy city on this momentous day. Folk artists were seen performing outside the temple.

A large number of devotees were also seen gathered outside the temple on 22 January morning.

Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust announced a day before that the 'Pran Pratishtha' ceremony will be marked by a dazzling musical event titled 'Mangal Dhvani'. The celebration, featuring some of the biggest names in the world of music, staged their performance at 10 am.

Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh has been decked up with posters and flags of Lord Ram while cities across the country have been decorated with lights, huge cutouts of Lord Shri Ram and posters bearing religious slogans related to the Lord.

Vedic rituals for the Pran-Pratishtha ceremony of Ram Lalla in Ayodhya began on January 16, a week before the main ceremony.

Special guests from sports, film, politics, business, art, literature, culture and other fields and saints have also participated in the ceremony. ■





BJP NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S ASSAM PRAVAS

LOTUS WILL BLOOM ON ALL THE LOK SABHA SEATS IN ASSAM: JP NADDA

BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda visited Assam on 10 January, 2024 to take stock of the pre-poll preparations. During the visit Shri Nadda addressed the Assam State Executive Meeting of the party, met the office bearers and interacted with the natives inquiring about their well-being. The National President's Pravas to Assam was mainly focused on preparations for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. On his arrival, the BJP National President was received by Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma along with senior BJP office-bearers and party leaders. People and party Karyakartas came out in huge numbers to welcome the BJP National President during a road show in Kamrup. The roadshow was held from Koinadhara to Srimanta Sankaradeva Kalakshetra, Panjabari, in Guwahati. Cultural troupes from various tribes in the state performed dance and folk songs during the roadshow. Shri Nadda also offered prayers at the Maa Kamakhya temple. After holding the roadshow, Shri JP Nadda met with Assam Chief Minister Shri Himanta Biswa Sarma and state BJP President Shri Bhabesh Kalita during the party's Assam Pradesh Executive meeting.

Addressing the Assam State Executive Meeting of the party at Shrimant Shankardev Kalakshetra in Kamrup, BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda called the office bearers to make lotus bloom on all the Lok Sabha seats with the cooperation of the people in Assam under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

- Under the leadership of respected Prime Minister with the blessings of the people of Assam, lotus will bloom on all the Lok Sabha seats of the state. People have seen our track record that whatever BJP says, it delivers. This is Modi ji's guarantee. 'Modi hai to mumkin hai'.
- The I.N.D.I. Alliance only agrees on two things: saving black money and protecting family interests. This is not an I.N.D.I. Alliance, this is an alliance to protect family, property, and black money.
- The Congress party, which laid the foundation of injustice, has today set out on the so-called Bharat Jodo Yatra. Congress is not working to unite India but to break it. No one knows what agreement was reached between the Congress and the Communist Party of China.
- Congress is not capable of running the government

as well as running the Opposition. Congress does not realize that while opposing Modi ji, they start opposing the country.

- In 1984, when there was a massacre of Sikhs and thousands of Sikhs were killed, Rajiv Gandhi made a statement that 'When a big tree falls, the earth shakes.' Congress has not apologized for this statement and the riots till date. The people of Assam and the country should demand answers from Rahul Gandhi on the 1984 riots and want an apology from him.
- After independence, Prime Minister Shri Modi has visited the North-East the greatest number of times and has resolved all the issues there.
- The Bharatiya Janata Party and Bharatiya Jana Sangh have a special relationship with Assam, because of the fight of Dr Syama Prasad Mukherjee and Shri Gopinath Bordoloi for the unity and integrity of the country.
- Under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the government has vigorously pursued social change, social justice, and empowerment across the nation. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Modi, India has transformed into 'Bharat'. ■

All big disputes of North East have been settled under the strong leadership of PM Modi: JP Nadda

BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda visited Arunachal Pradesh on 11 January, 2024. He landed at Itanagar Airport where he was accorded a grand welcome by party leaders, senior office bearers and Karyakartas. During the day long Pravas, Shri Nadda attended the State Executive Meeting and chaired the State BJP Core Committee meeting in Itanagar and reviewed party's preparations for the Lok Sabha Election in the State. Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu, State Party President Shri Biyuram Wahge, Union Minister Shri Kiren Rijiju and other office bearers were present during the program.

The BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash addressed the Arunachal Pradesh State BJP Executive Meeting in Itanagar on 11 January and called the office bearers to make lotus bloom on all the Lok Sabha seats with the cooperation of the people in Arunachal Pradesh under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

Shri JP Nadda said today, I am glad to be present in the 'Land of the Rising Sun'. First of all, I thank you all for this warm and wonderful welcome. I must say that Arunachal Pradesh is a 'Land of Discipline'.

- He said Arunachal Pradesh thrives in a 3D framework - Decisive Leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Implementation by our Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu, and Doorstep Delivery of all the government schemes.
- Congress and the UPA did nothing except playing political games with you. Congress means 'Division'. Congress means 'Divide and Rule'. Congress means 'Vote-Bank Politics'.
- Congress does 'Rajneeti', but under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Modi, we do 'Rashtraneeti'! Our vision is to leave no one behind; our ultimate motto is 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas'.
- From the ULFA to Bodo Accord issue, all big disputes have been settled under the strong leadership of PM Shri Modi. Notably, the militants' havens in Northeast India have now chosen the path of peace; they have joined the mainstream.
- Under Prime Minister Shri Modi's leadership, BJP prioritises national welfare with the slogan 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabha Prayaas,' emphasising unity and development for all, regardless of caste or religion. Under him, the



North East has witnessed substantial development in roadways, highways, and infrastructure, with an allocation of 8,139.50 crore.

- Under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, 4 crore houses have been built nationwide, including 45,000 in Arunachal Pradesh. Shri Narendra Modi initiated the construction of 12 crore toilets nationwide, including 1.48 lakh toilets in Arunachal Pradesh, leading to 123 villages achieving ODF status.
- Shri Narendra Modi allocated approximately 4800 crores under the Vibrant Village Programme.
- We are members and Karyakartas of Bharatiya Janata Party, our commitment is guided by the principle that is 'Nation First, Party Next, Self-Last.' Our focus is on working with the country in mind, recognizing that the party exists to serve the nation. ■

Organisational Appointment CHANDRASHEKHAR APPOINTED AS NEW GENERAL SECRETARY (ORG.) OF TELANGANA

The BJP National President Shri JP Nadda has appointed Shri Chandrashekhara as the new State General Secretary (Organisation) in Telangana on 15 January, 2024. ■



BJP NATIONAL PRESIDENT PARTICIPATES IN SWACHH TEERTH ABHIYAN AND VIKSIT BHARAT SANKALP YATRA IN NEW DELHI

'MAKE INDIA A DEVELOPED NATION BY 2047'

BJP National President Shri JP Nadda took part in the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra programme at New Sanjay Amar Colony, Vishwas Nagar area in New Delhi on 18 January, 2024 and administered a pledge to the people to make India a developed nation by 2047.

On the occasion, he said Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has ensured that unprecedented work for public welfare is undertaken by giving top priority to the underprivileged in the policies of the BJP government. "A large number of people have benefited by participating in this campaign that has connected every person with the resolve of building a developed India," the BJP National President said.

Accompanied by other party leaders, Shri Nadda performed Shramdaan under "Swachh Teerth Abhiyan" at Pashupati Nath Temple in East Delhi.

Shri JP Nadda also listened to a live interaction

of Prime Minister Shri Modi with the beneficiaries of Central government schemes. Delhi BJP President Shri Virendra Sachdeva and many other national and state leaders were present on the occasion.

During a virtual interaction with beneficiaries of the 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra', the Prime Minister asserted that a transparent system, put in by the Central government, its honest efforts and emphasis on people's participation have led to nearly 25 crore people being lifted out of poverty in the last nine years.

BJP National President also administered a pledge to the beneficiaries of central government schemes and the BJP workers to extend their full support to make India a developed nation by 2047.

He also interacted with the people who visited the camp held for disseminating information about various central government schemes and encouraged them to avail maximum benefits of it. Many other leaders of the party attended the campaign in different parts of Delhi. ■

Delegation of South Africa's ruling party met BJP National President in New Delhi

A four-member delegation of South Africa's ruling party, the African National Congress, met with Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda on 16 January, 2024

During the discussion, Shri Nadda detailed BJP's organisational framework and grassroots initiatives. They explored strategies to strengthen inter-party engagement, with Shri Nadda providing insights into BJP's operations, vision, and contributions to India's advancement. Shri Nadda also recalled his visit to South Africa as the Minister of Health and Family Welfare in the year 2018.

- Mr. Fikile Mbulula, Secretary General of ANC led the delegation. The other members of the delegation were-
- Mr. Alvin Botes (Deputy Minister of IR and Cooperation & Member of National Executive Committee of ANC)



- Mr. Cheslyn Edward Moster (Deputy Campaign)
- Mr. Phillip Musekwa (Office Head at office of Secretary General)

The delegation visited India at the invitation of the 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. ■

PM releases first instalment to 1 lakh PMAY(G) beneficiaries under PM-JANMAN

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 15 January, 2024 released the first instalment to 1 lakh beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Gramin (PMAY - G) under Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN) via video conferencing. The Prime Minister also interacted with the beneficiaries of PM-JANMAN on the occasion

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM JANMAN) across the country, on 15 January, 2024. The beneficiaries who interacted directly with the PM belonged to Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra, which have major 'Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group' (PVTG) communities and population.

On the occasion, the Prime Minister also released the first instalment of Rs. 540 crores in bank accounts of PVTG beneficiaries across 19 States and UT, for construction of 1 lakh pucca houses under the rural housing scheme Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G).

Prime Minister Shri Modi in his address, mentioned that the PVTG communities were deprived of their benefits for past 75 years and now the government has finally through PM-JANMAN scheme is constantly working for providing them the basic amenities like pucca house, water, electricity, road and mobile connectivity, MMU, Aadhar card, Ayushman card, etc.

The Prime Minister also thanked the officers who have worked hard through outreach camps and helped in providing benefits of various schemes at the door step of persons residing in remotest locations. He also mentioned how different Ministries of Government of India are working together for the welfare of these most backward communities.

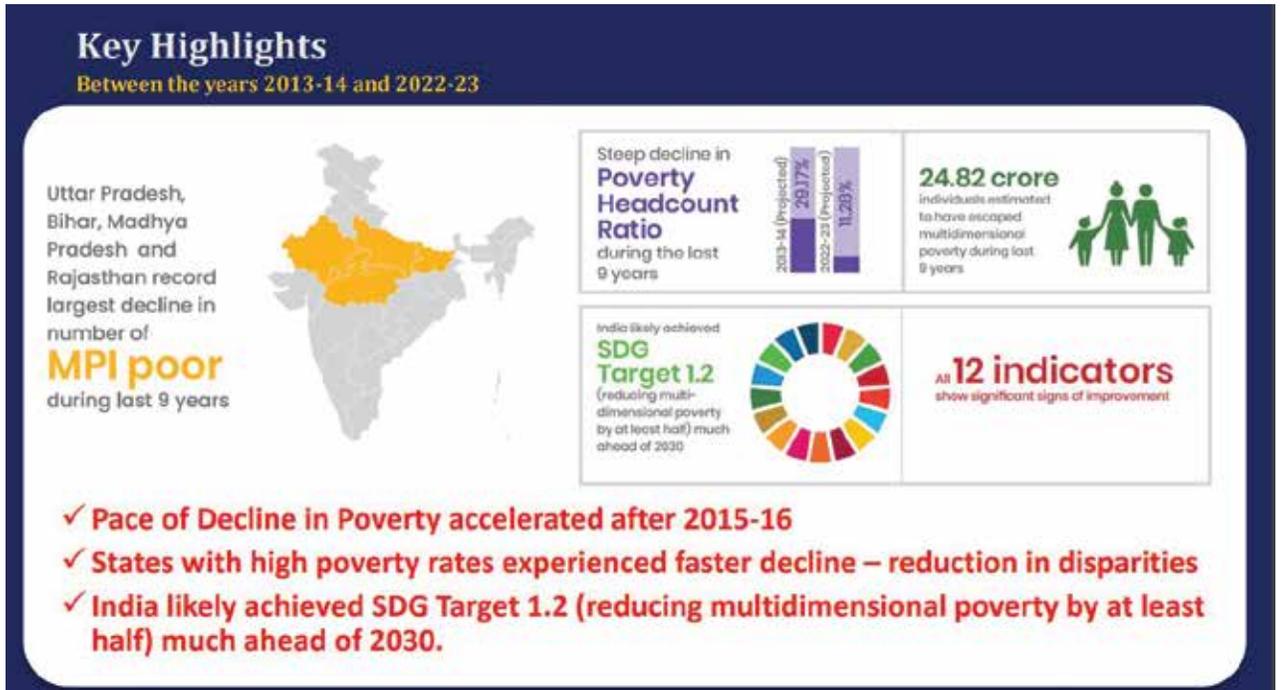
Addressing the gathering, Union Minister of Tribal Affairs, Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Shri Arjun Munda said that more than 8,000 camps were organized within 2 months in remote areas of the country, including mountainous and border areas. In these camps, benefits like issuance of Aadhar cards,



- In line with the Prime Minister's efforts towards the vision of Antyodaya to empower the last person at the last mile, PM-JANMAN was launched for the socio-economic welfare of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) on 15th November 2023, on the occasion of Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas.
- PM-JANMAN, with a budget of approximately Rs 24,000 crores focuses on 11 critical interventions through 9 Ministries and is aimed to improve socio-economic conditions of the PVTGs by saturating PVTG households and habitations with basic facilities such as safe housing, clean drinking water and sanitation, improved access to education, health and nutrition, electricity, road and telecom connectivity, and sustainable livelihood opportunities.

Ayushman Cards, PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana funds, Kisan Credit Card, Forest Rights Act leases, opening of PM Jan Dhan Yojana accounts, caste certificates and ration cards, among others, have been given to the most backward tribal populations in the country. ■

24.82 crore Indians escape Multidimensional Poverty in last 9 years



24.82 crore people escaped multidimensional poverty in last nine years. Findings of NITI Aayog's Discussion Paper 'Multidimensional Poverty in India since 2005-06' gives credit for this remarkable achievement to significant initiatives of the government to address all dimensions of the poverty between 2013-14 to 2022-23. The discussion paper was released on 15 January by Prof Ramesh Chand, Member, NITI Aayog in presence of Shri B. V. R. Subrahmanyam, CEO NITI Aayog. Oxford Policy and Human Development Initiative (OPHI) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) have provided technical inputs for this paper. The Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) is a globally recognized comprehensive measure that captures poverty in multiple dimensions beyond monetary aspects. MPI's global methodology

is based on robust Alkire and Foster (AF) method that identifies people as poor based on universally acknowledged metric designed to assess acute poverty, providing a complementary perspective to conventional monetary poverty measures. According to the Discussion Paper, India has registered a significant decline in multidimensional poverty in India from 29.17% in 2013-14 to 11.28% in 2022-23 i.e. a reduction of 17.89 percentage points. Uttar Pradesh registered the largest decline in the number of poor with 5.94 crore people escaping multidimensional poverty during the last nine years followed by Bihar at 3.77 crore, Madhya Pradesh at 2.30 crore and Rajasthan at 1.87 crore. The paper also shows that the pace of decline in poverty headcount ratio using exponential method was much faster between 2015-

16 to 2019-21 (10.66% annual rate of decline) compared to period 2005-06 to 2015-16 (7.69% annual rate of decline). All 12 indicators of MPI have recorded significant improvement during the entire study period. To assess the poverty levels in the year 2013-14 against the current scenario (i.e. for the year 2022-23), projected estimates have been used due to data limitations for these specific periods. Significant initiatives covering all dimensions of poverty have led to 24.82 crore individuals escaping multidimensional poverty in the last 9 years. As a result, India is likely to achieve its SDG target of halving multidimensional poverty well before 2030. The Government's persistent dedication and resolute commitment to enhancing the lives of the most vulnerable and deprived have been instrumental in this accomplishment. ■

PLI SCHEME WITNESSES OVER 1.03 LAKH CRORE OF INVESTMENT

Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Schemes witness over Rs. 1.03 lakh crore of investment till November 2023, which has led to production/sales of Rs. 8.61 lakh crore and employment generation (direct & indirect) of over 6.78 lakhs. PLI Schemes have witnessed exports surpassing Rs. 3.20 lakh crore, with significant contributions from sectors such as Large-Scale Electronics Manufacturing, Pharmaceuticals, Food Processing, and Telecom & Networking products.

As on date, 746 applications have been approved in 14 Sectors with expected investment of over Rs. 3 lakh crore. 176 MSMEs are among the PLI beneficiaries in sectors such as Bulk Drugs, Medical Devices, Pharma, Telecom, White Goods, Food Processing, Textiles & Drones. Several MSMEs are serving as investment partners/ contract manufacturers for large Corporates.

Incentive amount of around Rs. 4,415 crore disbursed under PLI Schemes for 8 Sectors viz. Large-Scale Electronics Manufacturing (LSEM), IT Hardware, Bulk Drugs, Medical Devices, Pharmaceuticals, Telecom & Networking Products, Food Processing and Drones & Drone Components. Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) increased by ~254% since the inception of the PLI scheme for LSEM.

Under the PLI Scheme for Food Processing, sourcing of raw materials from India has seen significant increase which has positively impacted income of Indian farmers and MSMEs. Sales of Organic Products increased and Indian brand visibility enhanced in the international market through Branding & Marketing abroad. The Scheme has also led to increased Millet procurement – from 668 MT (FY 20-21) to 3,703 MT (FY 22-23).

Keeping in view India's vision of becoming 'Atmanirbhar', PLI Schemes for 14 key sectors [with an incentive outlay of Rs. 1.97 lakh crore (over US\$26



- Due to the PLI Scheme, there has been a significant reduction in imports of raw materials in the Pharma sector.
- Unique intermediate materials and bulk drugs are being manufactured in India including Penicillin-G. Production of 39 Medical Devices have commenced such as CT-Scan, Linear Accelerator (LINAC), Rotational Cobalt Machine, C-Arm, MRI, Cath Lab, Ultrasonography, Dialysis Machine, Heart Valves, Stents, etc.

billion)] are under implementation to enhance India's Manufacturing capabilities and Exports.

PLI Scheme across these key specific sectors has started to make Indian manufacturers globally competitive, attract investment in the areas of core competency and cutting-edge technology; ensure efficiencies; create economies of scale; enhance exports and make India an integral part of the global value chain.

PLI Schemes have transformed India's exports basket from traditional commodities to high value-added products such as electronics & telecommunication goods, processed food products etc. ■

15.92 LAKH NEW WORKERS ENROLLED UNDER ESI SCHEME IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 2023

The provisional payroll data of ESIC reveals that 15.92 lakh new employees have been added in the month of November, 2023. Around 20,830 new establishments have been registered and brought under the social security umbrella of the Employees'

State Insurance Scheme in the month of November, 2023, thus ensuring coverage to more workers.

Data evidently reveals that more jobs have been generated for the youth of the nation as out of the total 15.92 lakh employees added during the month, 7.47 lakh employees amounting to 47% of the total registrations are up to the age group of 25 years.

Gender-wise analysis of payroll data indicates that net enrolment of female members has been 3.17 lakh in November, 2023. The data shows that a total of 58 transgender employees have also got registered under ESI Scheme in the month of November, 2023. It shows that ESIC is committed to deliver its benefits to every section of the society. The payroll data is provisional since the data generation is a continuous exercise. ■

CABINET APPROVES MoU BETWEEN INDIA AND EU ON SEMICONDUCTORS

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 18 January was apprised of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed on 21st November, 2023 between the Government of Republic of India and the European Commission on Working Arrangements on Semiconductors Ecosystems, its supply chain and innovation under the framework of EU-India Trade and Technology Council (TTC).

The MoU intends to strengthen cooperation between India and EU towards enhancement of semiconductor for the advancement of Industries and digital technologies.

The MoU shall come into effect from the date of signature and may continue until both sides confirm that the objectives of this instrument have been achieved or until one side discontinues its participation in this instrument.

Both G2G and B2B bilateral Cooperation to boost the resilience of the semiconductor supply chains and leverage complementary strengths to promote collaboration in the field of semiconductors. ■

INDIA POST PAYMENTS BANK CELEBRATES MILESTONE ACHIEVEMENT OF 8 CRORE CUSTOMERS

India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) proudly on 15 January announced the attainment of a significant milestone, with eight crore customers now benefiting from its innovative and inclusive financial services.

Since its inception, the IPPB has been dedicated to providing accessible and affordable banking solutions to every corner of the nation. This remarkable achievement of reaching eight crore customers reflects the trust and confidence placed in IPPB by the people of India. The establishment of India Post Payments Bank was a strategic move to bridge the

financial gap, empower the underserved population and drive financial inclusion through a combination of traditional and digital banking services.

- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) has been established under the Department of Posts, Ministry of Communication with 100% equity owned by Government of India.
- IPPB was launched on September 1, 2018. The bank has been set up with the vision to build the most accessible, affordable and trusted bank for the common man in India.
- The fundamental mandate of India Post Payments Bank is to remove barriers for the unbanked & underbanked and reach the last mile leveraging the Postal network comprising 155,000 Post Offices (135,000 in rural areas) and 300,000 Postal employees. ■

INDIA SIGNS AGREEMENT FOR LITHIUM EXPLORATION & MINING PROJECT IN ARGENTINA

Ministry of Mines, Government of India has achieved a significant milestone with the signing of an agreement between Khanij Bidesh India Limited (KABIL) and the state-owned enterprise of Catamarca province of Argentina CATAMARCA MINERA Y ENERGÉTICA SOCIEDAD DEL ESTADO (CAMYEN SE) at Catamarca, Argentina on 15th January, 2024.

This is the first ever lithium exploration and mining project by a Government Company of India. KABIL will start exploration and development of 5 lithium brine blocks viz 1. Cortadera-I, 2. Cortadera-VII, 3. Cortadera-VIII, 4. Cateo-2022-01810132 and 5. Cortadera-VI covering an area of about 15,703 Hectare, located in the Catamarca province of Argentina. KABIL is also preparing to set up a branch office at Catamarca, Argentina. The project cost is about 200 crores. This strategic move not only strengthens the bilateral ties between India and Argentina but also contributes to the sustainable development of the mining sector, ensuring a resilient and diversified supply chain for critical and strategic minerals essential for various industries. ■

OVERALL MINERAL PRODUCTION INCREASES BY 6.8% IN NOVEMBER 2023

The index of mineral production of mining and quarrying sector for the month of November,

GOVERNMENT'S ACHIEVEMENTS

2023 (Base: 2011-12=100) at 131.1, is 6.8 % higher as compared to the level in the month of November, 2022. As per the provisional statistics of Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM), the cumulative growth for the period April- November, 2023-24 over the corresponding period of previous year is 9.1 % per cent. ■

29 BRIDGES & 6 ROADS CONSTRUCTED BY BRO ACROSS SEVEN STATES/UTs INAUGURATED

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh dedicated to the nation 35 infrastructure projects of Border Roads Organisation (BRO), built at a cost of Rs 670 crore, during an event organised at Joshimath-Malari Road in Uttarakhand on January 19, 2024. In his address, the Raksha Mantri commended the BRO for strengthening the border infrastructure of the country and asserted that by constructing roads, bridges etc., the organisation is connecting the far-flung areas with the rest of the nation geographically, while also linking the hearts of the people residing in remote villages with the rest of the citizens. Out of the 35 projects inaugurated by Shri Rajnath Singh, 29 are bridges and six are roads. Eleven (11) of them are in Jammu & Kashmir; nine in Ladakh; eight in Arunachal Pradesh; three in Uttarakhand; two in Sikkim; and one each in Mizoram & Himachal Pradesh. These projects have been constructed under challenging weather conditions at the most inhospitable terrain. Uttarakhand Chief Minister Shri Pushkar Singh Dhama was also present during the event. ■

FOUNDATION STONE LAID FOR STATE-OF-THE-ART 'AYUSH DIKSHA' CENTRE IN BHUBANESWAR

The Union Minister of Ayush and Ports, Shipping & Waterways Shri Sarbananda Sonowal on 20 January laid the foundation stone for 'Ayush Diksha', a first of its kind centre for development of human resources for Ayush professionals of future here today. This state-of-the-art centre will be developed within the campus of Central Ayurveda Research Institute, Bhubaneswar.

Speaking at the event, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal said that Ayush movement has gained a lot of prominence in the last 10 years and we are moving towards an integrated medicine approach where an empowered Ayush system of medicine will also be used along with the modern medicine system. He said that as we begin the journey of Ayush Diksha

centre here today, this centre will enable the Ayush professionals to hone up their skills and upscale their dexterity in providing world class patient care services to the people of the country. He also said that it will prove as a catalyst to the powerful Ayush movement and its attempt at global movement towards a healthy and happy life experience. ■

GROUP (TERM) INSURANCE FOR CASUAL PAID LABOURERS ENGAGED BY BRO GETS APPROVAL

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh on 13 January approved a proposal to launch a Group (Term) Insurance Scheme for Casual Paid Labourers (CPLs) engaged by Border Roads Organisation/General Reserve Engineer Force for the ongoing project works. This scheme will provide the insured value of Rs 10 lakh as an insurance in any kind of death to CPLs family/Next of Kin. ■

INCOME TAX FILERS MORE THAN DOUBLE TO 77.8 MILLION IN 10 YEARS: GOVT DATA

The number of taxpayers filing income tax returns has more than doubled to 7.78 crore in the past 10 years, as per government data.



Releasing key statistics, the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) on 23 January, 2023 said the number of Income Tax Returns (ITRs) filed in FY23 stood at 7.78 crore, showing a 104.91 per cent increase as compared to the 3.8 crore ITRs filed in 2013-14.

During the same period, the net direct tax collections increased 160.52 per cent from Rs 6,38,596 crore in FY14 to Rs 16,63,686 crore in 2022-23, it said.

The government has budgeted to collect Rs 18.23 lakh crore from direct taxes (personal income tax and corporate tax) -- 9.75 per cent higher than Rs 16.61 lakh crore mopped up last fiscal.

According to CBDT data, gross direct tax collections increased 173.31 per cent to Rs 19,72,248 crore in FY23 from Rs 7,21,604 crore in FY14. At the same time direct tax-to-GDP ratio went up from 5.62 per cent to 6.11 per cent. ■



A TRIBUTE TO JAN NAYAK KARPOORI THAKUR JI

I never had the opportunity to meet Karpoori Ji but I heard a lot about him from Kailashpati Mishra Ji, who worked closely with him. He belonged to one of the most backward sections of society, the Nai Samaj. Overcoming numerous obstacles, he achieved a lot and worked for societal betterment



NARENDRA MODI

Today is the birth centenary of Jan Nayak Karpoori Thakur Ji, whose relentless pursuit of social justice created a positive impact in the lives of crores of people. I never had the opportunity to meet Karpoori Ji but I heard a lot about him from Kailashpati Mishra Ji, who worked closely with him. He belonged to one of the most backward sections of society, the Nai Samaj. Overcoming numerous obstacles, he achieved a lot and worked for societal betterment.

Jan Nayak Karpoori Thakur Ji's life revolved around the twin pillars of simplicity and social justice. Till his last breath, his simple lifestyle and humble nature resonated deeply with the common people. There are numerous anecdotes that highlight his simplicity. Those who worked with him recall how he preferred to spend his own money for any personal

matter including his daughter's wedding. During his tenure as Chief Minister of Bihar, a decision was taken to build a colony for political leaders but he himself did not take any land or money for the same. When he passed away in 1988, several leaders went to his village to pay tributes. When they saw the condition of his house, they were moved to tears- how can someone so towering have a

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house so simple!

Another anecdote of his simplicity dates back to 1977 when he just took over as CM of Bihar. The Janata Government was in power in Delhi and Patna. That time, Janata leaders had gathered in Patna to mark Loknayak JP's birthday. Among the galaxy of top leaders walked in Chief Minister Karpoori Thakur Ji, with a torn Kurta. In his own style, Chandrashekhar Ji asked

people to donate some money so that Karpoori Ji could purchase a new Kurta. But, Karpoori Ji was Karpoori Ji- he accepted the money but donated it to the CM Relief Fund.

Social justice was most dear to Jan Nayak Karpoori Thakur Ji. His political journey was marked by monumental efforts to create a society where resources were distributed fairly, and everyone, regardless of their social standing, had access to opportunities. He wanted to address the systemic inequalities that plagued Indian society.

Such was his commitment to his ideals that despite living in an era where the Congress Party was omnipresent, he took a distinctly anti-Congress line because he was convinced very early on that the Congress had deviated from its founding principles.

His electoral career began in the early 1950s and since then, he became a force to reckon with in the legislative chambers, powerfully voicing the struggles of the working class, labourers, small farmers and youngsters. Education was a subject very close to his heart. Throughout



given the representation and opportunities they deserved. His decision was met with heavy opposition but he did not bow to any pressure. Under his leadership, policies were implemented that laid the groundwork for a more inclusive society, where one's birth did not determine one's fate. He belonged to the most backward strata of society but he worked for all the people. He had no trace of bitterness in him, which is what makes him truly great.

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his political career he worked to improve education facilities for the poor. He was a proponent of education in local languages so that people from small towns and villages can climb the ladder and attain success. As CM, he took many measures for the welfare of senior citizens as well.

Democracy, debate and discussion were integral to Karpoori Ji's personality. This spirit was seen when he immersed himself in the Quit India movement as a youngster and it was again seen when he resisted the Emergency tooth and nail. His unique perspectives were greatly admired by the likes of JP, Dr. Lohia and Charan Singh Ji.

Perhaps one of Jan Nayak Karpoori Thakur Ji's most significant contributions to India was his role in strengthening the affirmative action apparatus for the backward classes, with the hope that they were

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Over the last ten years, our Government has walked on the path of Jan Nayak Karpoori Thakur Ji, reflecting in our schemes and policies that have brought transformative empowerment. One of the biggest tragedies of our polity has been that barring a few leaders like Karpoori Ji, the call for social justice was restricted to being a political slogan. Inspired by Karpoori Ji's vision we implemented it as an effective governance model. I can say with confidence and

to MUDRA Loans, it fulfills Karpoori Thakur Ji's vision of economic independence. Likewise, it was our government which had the privilege of extending SC, ST and OBC reservation. We also had the honour of setting up the OBC Commission (which was opposed by Congress, sadly), which is working on the path shown by Karpoori Ji. Our PM-Vishwakarma Scheme will also bring new avenues of prosperity for crores of people belonging to OBC communities across India.

As a person belonging to the backward classes myself, I have much to thank Jan Nayak Karpoori Thakur Ji for. Unfortunately, we lost Karpoori Ji at a relatively young age of 64. We lost him when we needed him the most. Yet, he lives on in the heart and minds of crores of people due to his work. He was a true Jan Nayak! ■

(The writer is Prime Minister of India)

Karpoori Thakur conferred nation's highest honour, **BHARAT RATNA**

Former Chief Minister of Bihar Karpoori Thakur will be conferred the nation's highest honour, Bharat Ratna, posthumously by the President of India Smt. Droupadi Murmu. He will be conferred the award after 35 years of his death -- Karpoori Thakur passed away on February 17, 1988.

Shri Thakur was born into a poor family to Gokul Thakur and Ramdulari Devi. His ascent from modest beginnings in Pitaunjhia hamlet, which is now known as Karpoorii Gramme, to the post of the Chief Minister of Bihar is evidence of his fortitude and commitment to public service. His tenure as the Chief Minister of Bihar during the 1970s was groundbreaking, particularly for the underprivileged segments of the population.

PM expresses happiness

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi expressed happiness over the decision of Bharat Ratna given to pioneer of social justice, Shri Karpoori Thakur posthumously.

Shri Modi said on the the occasion of Karpoori Thakur's birth centenary, this decision will make the countrymen proud. His unwavering commitment and visionary leadership for the upliftment of the backward and the deprived has left an indelible mark on the socio-political scenario of India.

The Prime Minister posted on X; "I am delighted that the Government of India has decided to confer the Bharat Ratna on the beacon of social justice, the great Jan Nayak Karpoori Thakur Ji and that too at a time when we are marking his birth centenary. This prestigious recognition is a testament to his enduring efforts as a champion for the marginalized and a stalwart of equality and empowerment.

His unwavering commitment to uplift the downtrodden and his visionary leadership have left an indelible mark on India's socio-political fabric. This award not only honours his remarkable contributions but also inspires us to continue his mission of creating a more just and equitable society."

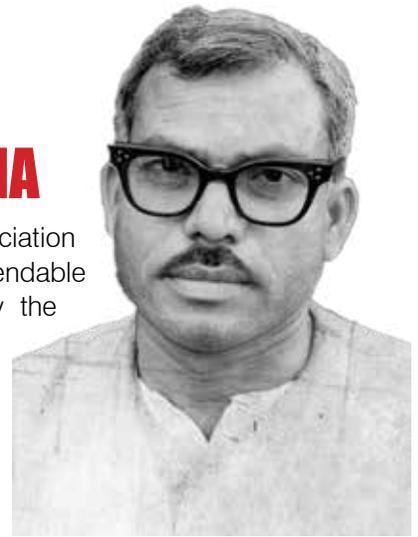
My deep appreciation for the commendable decision made by PM Modi: JP Nadda

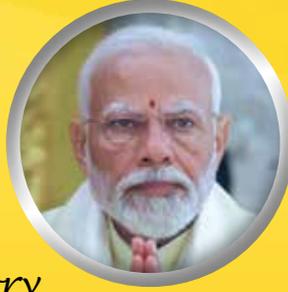
BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda welcoming on the decision said, "I would like to express

my deep appreciation for the commendable decision made by the Honorable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji, in conferring the Bharat Ratna upon Jannayak Karpoori Thakur Ji. Hailing from a

humble background, Karpoori Thakur's journey from a financially challenged family to his relentless struggle for social justice, culminating in his role as the Chief Minister of Bihar, deserves greater acknowledgement. The significance of this gesture cannot be overstated, as it underscores the valour and commitment of individuals who rise against adversity to champion the cause of societal well-being. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's decision to confer the Bharat Ratna upon the Karpoori Thakur can be interpreted as more than just an individual honor. It symbolizes a broader recognition and appreciation for individuals hailing from the Other Backward Classes and those marginalized in society."

Shri Nadda added, "Karpoori Thakur's life was consistently devoted to the well-being of the underprivileged. His tireless efforts for the people of his community stand as a testament to his unwavering commitment. Throughout his life, he made significant sacrifices in the pursuit of welfare for the less fortunate, never once straying from his core principles. His dedication to the upliftment of the impoverished remained steadfast, making his legacy one of selfless service and principled action. Throughout his political career, Karpoori Thakur consistently championed the cause of the people. He staunchly opposed the unfortunate practices undertaken by the Congress during their time in Bihar. On behalf of all marginalized individuals, I express gratitude for the efforts made by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. His actions, including the decision to honor Karpoori Thakur, are acknowledged as significant steps towards recognizing and uplifting the voices of the marginalized communities." ■





Ram Mandir: PM Modi's ideas during temple construction

PM Modi Story

India witnessed a historic event when Pran-Pratishtha of Ram Lalla was performed in the Garbhgrih of grand Ram Mandir in Ayodhya. PM Shri Narendra Modi was also present on this auspicious occasion.

PM Shri Narendra Modi was closely involved with every aspect of Ram Mandir. Ever since the start of the construction of Ram Mandir, Shri Modi provided his valuable suggestions regarding various aspects related to construction. Here are a few suggestions that PM Shri Modi provided during the construction of Ram Mandir.

Construction to stand thousands of years

Ram Mandir is located at the bank of Saryu River which has sandy land. There was a discussion on the foundation of the temple. Shri Modi suggested that the construction be such that the temple should last for thousands of years. Iron could not be used because it would have a lifespan of 100 years, even cement would only last for 250-300 years. In the wake of such a situation, under PM Shri Modi's guidance a committee of experts was formed for finding technical solution. Based on the recommendation of the committee, it was decided that several layers of materials be filled below and then a granite base will

be used in the foundation of Ram Mandir to give it a lifespan of at least thousand years.

Showcasing Indian temple architecture styles

Shri Modi was of the view that the devotees coming to Ayodhya should get a glimpse of various temple architecture styles of all the temples of India, thus a museum of temples was also made a part of Ram Mandir.

Surya Tilak on Ram Navami

Shri Ram was Suryavanshi. The PM suggested to construct the Ram Mandir in such a way that on the day of Ram Navami, sunrays bless Ram Lalla with Surya Tilak. CSIR explored on PM Shri Modi's suggestion and they got success. Now on every Ram Navami, Ram Lalla will be blessed with Surya Tilak.

Sapta Mandapam

Shri Ram's life is an epitome of social harmony and this should reflect in Ram Mandir. Towards this, the PM proposed the idea to have prominent importance given to all those who were integral part of Shri Ram's life. Therefore, dedicated spaces for Rishis like Valmiki, Vashishth and others like Shabari, Nishadraj, Jatayu, Ahilya and many others was included as Sapta Mandapam in the temple complex.

Sanctity of Garbha Griha

PM Shri Modi's detailed observation covered all aspects of the Ram Mandir. He talked about the sanctity of sanctum sanctorum of the Ram Mandir. Swami Govinddev Giri, member of Shri Ramjanmabhumi Teerth Kshetra recalls that the PM suggested to adopt the format of Somnath Temple, where only the priests are allowed inside the Garbh Grih. It helps in maintaining the sanctity of Garbh Grih.

Involvement of community in building the temple

The trustees of the Shree Ram Janmabhumi Teerth Kshetra recalls that PM Shri Modi has been always of the view that construction of the mandir should involve the whole people of the country. Thus, the Mandir was constructed with contributions from people across the nation.

Facilities for Divyang

Devotees in large numbers will throng to Ram Mandir to get a Darshan of Ram Lalla. In this scenario there should be appropriate arrangements for devotees, especially for the Divyangs. They must not be made to wait for too long and facilitated for Darshan of Ram Lalla. This idea was also proposed by PM Shri Modi at the start of the construction of Ram Mandir. ■

PM inaugurates new state-of-the-art Boeing India Engineering & Technology Center campus in Bengaluru

It is Boeing's largest such investment outside the USA

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 19 January, 2024 inaugurated the new state-of-the-art Boeing India Engineering & Technology Center (BIETC) campus in Bengaluru, Karnataka. Built with an investment of Rs 1,600 crores, the 43-acre campus is Boeing's largest such investment outside the USA.

The Prime Minister also launched the Boeing Sukanya Program which aims to support the entry of more girl children from across India into the country's growing aviation sector. The program will provide opportunities for girls and women from across India to learn critical skills in the science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) fields and train for jobs in the aviation sector. For young girls, the program will create STEM Labs at 150 planned locations to help spark interest in STEM careers. The program will also provide scholarships to women who are training to be pilots.

Shri Modi took a walkthrough of the Experience Center and interacted with Sukanya beneficiaries.

COO of Boeing Company, Ms Stephanie Pope lauded the Prime Minister's focus on the growth of the aviation sector in India and his instrumental role in making the Boeing Sukanya Program a reality

today. She expressed gratitude for the continued support and looked forward to working together to shape the future of aerospace. She credited the Prime Minister for his idea of the Sukanya program and lauded Boeing's efforts to create and accelerate opportunities in aviation for Indian women.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister said that Bengaluru is a city which links aspirations to innovations and achievements, and India's tech potential to global demands. "Boeing's new technology campus is going to strengthen this belief", the Prime Minister said, informing that the newly inaugurated campus is Boeing's largest facility located outside the USA. He underlined that its scale and magnitude will not only strengthen India but also the aviation market of the world.

The Prime Minister said this facility demonstrates India's commitment to drive global tech, research & innovation, design and demand. "This strengthens the 'Make in India-Make for the World' resolution", he said. "This campus reinforces the world's trust in India's talent", he added. He expressed the faith that one day, India will design aircraft of the future in this facility. ■

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GOPAL RAO TAGORE

Sri Gopal Rao Tagore came to Vijayawada from Maharashtra in 1940 as an RSS campaigner to spread the Sangh across the country. Gopal Rao ji worked hard to expand RSS in the state and faced problems while doing the same. He joined the Jana Sangh party and worked for its expansion. During 1952-54, he travelled extensively in Rayalaseema and Circar, meeting with people from all walks of life, identifying potential leaders, and establishing BJS units in several districts throughout Andhra Pradesh. He was a bachelor throughout his life and dedicated himself for strengthening the organisation from the grassroots level. He was also instrumental in bringing new people into the party and laid strong for foundation for Jana Sangh through his hard work, simplicity & generous nature. ■



**Sri Gopal Rao
Tagore**

Date of Birth 15/04/1912	Gender male
State Andhra Pradesh	District Krishna
Town/City Vijayawada	Level State
Post in Organisation State Jt. General Secretary (Org.)	Active years 1952-1979

VBSY a great medium of the last mile delivery: PM Modi

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 18 January, 2024 interacted with beneficiaries of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra via video conferencing. Thousands of beneficiaries of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra from across the country joined the event. The programme was also joined by Union Ministers, MPs, MLAs and local level representatives.



Speaking on the occasion the Prime Minister noted the completion of two months of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra and said that “Yatra’s Vikas Rath has turned into Vishwas Rath and there is trust that no one will be left behind.” Keeping in mind the huge enthusiasm and demand among the beneficiaries, the Prime Minister has directed the concerned authorities to extend the VBSY beyond 26th January and into February.

Calling VBSY a great medium of the last mile delivery, the Prime Minister informed that during the Yatra more than 4 crore health check ups were performed and 2.5 crore TB screening and 50 lakh sickle cell anaemia screenings were done. 50 lakh Ayushman cards, 33 lakh new PM Kisan beneficiaries, 25 lakh new Kisan Credit Cards, 25 lakh free gas connections and 10 lakh new SVANidhi applications were achieved during the course of the yatra so far. The Prime Minister said these may be mere figures for someone but for him every number is a life. Someone who was deprived of the benefits so far.

Shri Modi noted the new report on multidimensional poverty. Shri Modi said due to the efforts of the government in the last 9 years, 25 crore people have come out of poverty.

The Prime Minister said “India is changing rapidly. Today, people’s confidence, their faith in the government, and their determination to build a new India are visible everywhere.” Referring to his recent interaction with particularly vulnerable tribal groups,

- Since its launch on 15th November, 2023, Prime Minister has regularly interacted with the beneficiaries of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra all across the country.
- The interaction has happened five times through video conferencing (30th November, 9th December 16th December, 27th December and 8th January, 2024).
- Prime Minister interacted with Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra beneficiaries physically on two consecutive days (17th-18th December), during his visit to Varanasi last month.
- The number of participants in the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra has crossed 15 crores. This is a testimony of the success of Yatra in creating a profound impact on ground which is uniting people across the nation towards a shared vision of Viksit Bharat.

PM Shri Modi recalled the initiative of tribal women in even the most backward areas and praised their determination to educate their people to get their rights. Talking about the steps to empower Self Help Group movement, the Prime Minister talked about efforts to connect these groups with banks, increasing the collateral free loans ceiling to 20 lakh rupees from 10 lakh, resulting in 10 crore new women getting associated with SHGs. They received more than 8 lakh crore rupees assistance for new businesses. He also mentioned 3 crore women getting empowered as female farmers, and the plan of creating 2 crore Lakhpati Didi and Namu Drone Didi scheme. He expressed happiness that more than one thousand Namu Drone Didi have finished training.

Talking about the government’s priority of modernizing the rural economy and empowering farmers, the Prime Minister listed the steps to strengthen the small farmers. He mentioned 10,000 FPOs out of which 8 thousand are already in place and 50 crore vaccinations for foot and mouth disease resulting in 50 percent increase in the milk production.

He expressed happiness that youth is getting registered with the MY Bharat portal as volunteers. The Prime Minister concluded by reiterating the national resolution for a Viksit Bharat by 2047. ■

PM inaugurates new campus of NACIN at Palasamudram

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 16 January inaugurated the new campus of National Academy of Customs, Indirect Taxes & Narcotics at Palasamudram, Sri Sathya Sai District in Andhra Pradesh. He also took a walkthrough of the exhibition showcased on the occasion. The Prime Minister also interacted with Officer Trainees of the 74th and 75th batches of the Indian Revenue Service (Custom & Indirect Taxes) as well as officer trainees of the Royal Civil Service of Bhutan.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister congratulated everyone for the inauguration of the National Academy of Customs, Indirect Taxes & Narcotics at Palasamudram.

Highlighting the speciality of the region of Palasamudram, the Prime Minister said that it is associated with spirituality, nation building and good governance and represents the heritage of India. He mentioned Shri Satya Sai Baba's birthplace in Puttaparthi, the great freedom fighter Padma Shri Kallur Subba Rao, renowned puppetry artist Dalavai Chalapathi Rao and the good governance of the glorious Vijaynagar Empire as sources of inspiration from the region.

Noting Thiruvalluvar Day today, the Prime Minister quoted the great Tamil sage and underlined the role of revenue officers in collecting taxes that lead to people's welfare in a democracy.

PM heard the verses of Ranganatha Ramayan

PM Modi earlier visited Veerbhadra Temple in Lepakshi and heard the verses of Ranganatha Ramayan. The Prime Minister participated in Bhajan Keertan with the devotees. Noting the belief that Ram Jatayu Samvad took place nearby, the Prime Minister said he is undergoing an 11-day special anushtan before the Pran Pratishtha at the temple at Ayodhya Dham. He expressed gratitude for being blessed at the temple during this pious period. Acknowledging the atmosphere of Ram Bhakti pervading the country, the Prime Minister pointed out that Shri Ram's inspiration goes beyond devotion. He said that Shri Ram is such a great symbol of good governance that he can be a great inspiration for NACIN too. ■

Government is engaged in improving the strength of port cities: PM Modi

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 17 January inaugurated three major infrastructure projects worth more than Rs 4,000s crore in Kochi, Kerala. The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal joined the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi when these four projects were dedicated to the nation at CSL.



Emphasizing the role of every state in the journey of making India 'Viksit Bharat'

during the Amrit Kaal, the Prime Minister recalled the role of ports in India's erstwhile prosperity in earlier times and envisaged a similar role for ports now when India is taking new strides and becoming a major center of global trade. In such a scenario, the Prime Minister said that the Government is engaged in improving the strength of port cities like Kochi. He listed an increase in port capacity, investment in port infrastructure, and improved connectivity of ports under the Sagarmala Project.

The Prime Minister mentioned the country's largest dry dock that Kochi received today. Other projects like shipbuilding, ship repairing and LPG import terminal will also give momentum to development in Kerala and the southern region of the country. He also noted the honour of building 'Made in India' aircraft carrier INS Vikrant with the Kochi Shipyard. New facilities will enhance the capabilities of the shipyard many times.

The Prime Minister highlighted the reforms made in the ports, shipping and waterways sector in the last 10 years and said that it has brought new investments in India's ports and created new employment opportunities.

He informed that the reforms of rules related to Indian Seafarers led to an increase in the number of seafarers in the country by 140 percent. Within the country, the Prime Minister said that passenger and cargo transport got a major boost by making use of inland waterways. ■

PM inaugurates Atal Bihari Vajpayee Sewri-Nhava Sheva Atal Setu in Navi Mumbai

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated Atal Bihari Vajpayee Sewri-Nhava Sheva Atal Setu in Navi Mumbai on 12 January, 2024. Shri Modi took a walkthrough of the photo gallery and a showcase model of Atal Setu.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi also inaugurated, dedicated to the nation and laid the foundation stone of multiple development projects worth more than Rs 12,700 crore in Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra on the same day.



MTHL Atal Setu has been constructed at the cost of more than Rs 17,840 crores and is about a 21.8 km long 6-lane bridge having about 16.5 km length over the sea and about 5.5 km on the land.

The Prime Minister posted on X: "Delighted to inaugurate Atal Setu, a significant step forward in enhancing the 'Ease of Living' for our citizens. This bridge promises to reduce travel time and boost connectivity, making daily commutes smoother."

The Prime Minister was accompanied by the Governor of Maharashtra, Shri Ramesh Bais, Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Shri Eknath Shinde and Deputy Chief Ministers of Maharashtra, Shri Devendra Fadnavis and Shri Ajit Pawar.

PM lays foundation stone for 8 AMRUT projects worth around Rs. 2,000 crores in Solapur, Maharashtra

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of 8 AMRUT (Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation) projects worth around Rs. 2,000 crores in Solapur, Maharashtra. Shri Modi dedicated to the nation more than 90,000 houses completed under PMAY-Urban in Maharashtra and 15,000 houses of Raynagar Housing Society in Solapur, whose beneficiaries comprise thousands of handloom workers, vendors, power loom workers, rag pickers, Bidi workers, drivers, among others. He also initiated the distribution of 1st and 2nd instalments to 10,000 beneficiaries of PM-SVANIDHI in Maharashtra during the programme.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister said that the nation is in a mood for bhakti with the Pran Pratishtha at the Ram Temple at Ayodhya Dham on 22nd January. He congratulated the people of the region and entire Maharashtra on the projects that were launched today. He credited the hard work of the people of Maharashtra and the progressive state government's efforts for the glory of Maharashtra.

Atal Bihari Vajpayee Sewri - Nhava Sheva Atal Setu

- The Prime Minister's vision is to improve the 'ease of mobility' of citizens by strengthening urban transport infrastructure and connectivity.
- In line with this vision, the Mumbai Trans Harbour Link (MTHL), now named 'Atal Bihari Vajpayee Sewri - Nhava Sheva Atal Setu' has been built.
- The foundation stone of the bridge was laid by the Prime Minister in December 2016.
- Atal Setu has been constructed at a total cost of more than Rs 17,840 crore.
- It is about a 21.8 km long 6-lane bridge having about 16.5 km length over the sea and about 5.5 km on the land.
- It is the longest bridge in India and also the longest sea bridge in India.
- It will provide faster connectivity to Mumbai International Airport and Navi Mumbai International Airport and will also reduce the travel time from Mumbai to Pune, Goa and South India. It will also improve connectivity between Mumbai Port & Jawaharlal Nehru Port. ■

Union Home Minister inaugurates Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies new office building in New Delhi



Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah inaugurated the office building of the Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies (CRCS) in New Delhi on 17 January, 2024. On this occasion, Minister of State for Cooperation Shri B.L. Verma, Secretary of the Ministry of Cooperation Shri Gyanesh Kumar, Managing Director of the National Building Construction Corporation (NBCC) and representatives of Multi-State Cooperative Federation, Multi-State Cooperative Societies and Banks from across the country were also present.

In his address, Shri Amit Shah said that office of the Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies will strengthen Prime Minister Narendra Modi's resolve of 'Sahkar Se Samridhhi'. He said that today a new era has started in the cooperative sector with new laws, new offices and a new transparent system in the Modi government.

He said after 2 years of formation of the Cooperative Ministry by Modi ji, all the changes have been made as per the 98th Amendment in the Multistate Cooperative

Societies Act. He said that the Modi government has created a strong blueprint for transparent cooperation by enacting a law in 2023 to remove various types of anomalies in the operation of cooperative societies.

Shri Shah added that computerization of the Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies office is already done and CRCS is also getting a new office today. Shri Shah added that CRCS office has been built on an area of approximately 1550 square meters at a cost of around Rs. 175 crore. He said that modernization and smooth arrangement of offices is necessary for better work culture.

Shri Shah added that we are starting a new era after the steps taken in the last two years regarding the governance of Multi State Cooperative Societies. He said that in the journey of the last two years from July 06, 2021 till now, all the officers of the Ministry of Cooperation have done this work in a very short span of time. ■



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PM Shri Narendra Modi pays floral tributes to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose on the occasion of his Jayanti at Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan in New Delhi on January 23, 2024



PM Shri Narendra Modi pays floral tribute to Swami Vivekananda on his Jayanti at Nashik in Maharashtra on January 12, 2024



PM Shri Narendra Modi offers prayers at the starting point of Ram Setu - Arichal Munai (Dhanushkodi Beach) in Tamil Nadu on January 21, 2024



PM Shri Narendra Modi at Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple in Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu on January 20, 2024



PM Shri Narendra Modi interacts with Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar awardees 2024 in New Delhi on January 23, 2024



PM Shri Narendra Modi takes part at Pongal celebrations in New Delhi on January 14, 2024



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