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**I AM WORKING DAY AND NIGHT
TO EMPOWER THE POOR: PM**





BJP National President Shri JP Nadda and Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh welcome PM Shri Narendra Modi before unveiling the statue of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay in New Delhi on 25 September, 2023



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda paying floral tributes at Khadi Store and purchased Khadi clothes on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti at Connaught Place, New Delhi on 02 October, 2023



Bihar BJP welcomes BJP National President Shri JP Nadda at Kailashpati Mishraji's Janm Shatabdi Samaroh in Patna on 05 October, 2023



BJP President Shri JP Nadda participated in 'Swachhata Hi Seva' campaign in New Delhi on 01 October, 2023



Union Home & Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah taking the greetings of people in a public meeting at Jhanjharpur, Bihar on 16 September, 2023



Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh participating in the 'Swachhata Hi Seva' campaign in New Delhi on 01 October, 2023

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The setting up of the Sammakka Sarakka Central Tribal University will be a game changer for the youth of Telangana. It will also deepen understanding of tribal culture as well as encourage innovation.

(5 October, 2023)

@JPNadda



Every karyakarta of BJP can proudly assert that BJP offers solutions for development at regional and national levels. Today, our government led by Hon. PM Shri @narendramodi Ji has empowered every section of the society.

(6 October, 2023)

@AmitShah



Concern for the poor families of the country has been the priority of PM Modi. Modi government is providing relief to poor families at every step. Today again to increase the happiness of the beneficiaries of Ujjwala Yojana, Modi ji has decided to increase the LPG subsidy from 200 to 300. With this, now the beneficiaries of Ujjwala Yojana will get domestic cylinder for only 600.

(4 October, 2023)

@Rajnathsingh



Security considerations have elevated the Indo-Pacific's strategic significance. The region also faces a complex web of security challenges, including boundary disputes, piracy etc. The need to comprehensively deal with these security challenges has led to the full involvement of the states in the region, with all their organisations, including their Armies.

(26 September, 2023)

@Nitin Gadkari



A historic milestone in Indian sports! Team India shines brighter than ever, clinching a record-breaking 107 medals at the Asian Games. This exceptional achievement showcases our nation's sporting prowess and dedication. A chapter of glory etched in history!

(5 October, 2023)

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All regional parties who entered promising development & fulfil regional aspirations have become absolutely corrupt & family oriented. @BJP4India under the guidance of PM Sri @narendramodi is the only party which is fulfilling regional aspirations- Sri @JPNadda at Hyderabad.

(6 October, 2023)

MAKING TURMERIC FARMERS' LONG-STANDING REQUEST A REALITY

The establishment of the **National Turmeric Board** notified

- Increase awareness and consumption of turmeric
- Develop new markets internationally to increase exports
- Promote Research and Development of new products

Cabinet Decision

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wishes a very happy

VIJAYADASHAMI

(24 OCTOBER)

to all of its readers



ASPIRING FOR HIGHER GOALS

As the poll schedule for the five election-bound states has been announced by the Election Commission, political activities have further intensified in these states. In the coming month of November, people are going to vote in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Telangana, and Mizoram to elect their governments. While Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, BJP National President Shri JP Nadda, and Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah have been addressing massive rallies in these states, the support for the BJP can be seen increasingly on the ground. The people are looking forward to extending their support to the BJP as they experience transformational change in their lives in the last nine years of the Modi government, which has catapulted the nation onto the global stage. The Prime Minister's call for 'Viksit Bharat' based on the resolve of 'panch pran' is inspiring the nation, which is moving forward with the mantra of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas'. The dream of 'Viksit Bharat' can be realised when state governments too march ahead with the same vision, in the same direction, and with similar resolve, which is only possible under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the BJP governments in these states.

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The historic performance of India in the Asian Games has once again made every Indian proud. As India won 107 medals, including 28 gold, 38 silver, and 41 bronze, it secured medals in three digits for the first time, scripting a tale of remarkable achievements. It once again proves that when the policy, intention, and endeavour are all right, success is bound to follow. It shows the newfound confidence that powers the youth of today to aim higher and higher while achieving what appeared unimaginable a few years ago. It also points to the fact that if talents in India are given opportunities and facilities, they will always prove their mettle in any international competition. This was exactly done by 'Khelo India' programs, which, while offering competition, gave exposure at various levels and even financial support to the aspiring youth. Its various verticals like state-level Khelo India centres, annual sports competitions, talent search and development, sports for women, support to national, regional, and state sports academies, promotion of sports among persons with disabilities, promotion of rural and indigenous/tribal games, and physical fitness of school-going children are now taking Indian sports to a new level of competitiveness and professionalism. There is a massive change in the sporting culture, which now not only focuses on nurturing promising talents at the grass-roots level but also aims to end nepotism, bribery, and corruption in the game. While the performing youth are not bereft of funds as required financial support, infrastructural facilities, and other requirements are in place, the talents in every department of sports are being promoted and encouraged. It is the result of the grand vision of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi that a huge transformation in the work culture is witnessed in every sector, with a strong urge for reform that has rejuvenated the entire system. The increasingly high performance of India's youth in various national and international sporting events is a result of an improved work culture that identifies the best talents, nurtures, supports, and encourages them, and creates an atmosphere where their hard work pays off.

While the nation is celebrating the outstanding performances of the sportspersons in the recently held Asian Games in Hounghou, China, the mood is still upbeat in the country due to the successful launch of Chandrayan-3, Aditya L-1, and the grand success of the G-20 Summit. While India is marching ahead under the dynamic and charismatic leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the people of India are aspiring for higher goals, powering the urge to become a developed country. ■

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**Election Commission of India announces poll dates****Stage set for electoral battle in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Telangana, Chhattisgarh and Mizoram**

The Election Commission of India announced the schedule for assembly polls in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Telangana, Chhattisgarh and Mizoram on 09 October, 2023. However, prior to the announcements of election dates and commencement of Assembly election process, the BJP intensified its election campaign in all these polls bound states. Addressing several massive rallies, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is leading the election campaigns from the front. The BJP National President Shri JP Nadda and other senior leaders are also addressing huge rallies and carrying out road shows. Earlier, PM Shri Modi held as many as eight rallies in six days till October 6, and has launched various projects and public welfare schemes during his visits to these polls bound states.

In the runoff to the assembly elections, PM Shri Modi visited Bilaspur in Chhattisgarh to attend the concluding ceremony of 'Parivartan Yatra' of the Bharatiya Janata Party and also addressed the 'Parivartan Mahasankalp' rally. The PM also addressed a huge public meeting in Jagdalpur. PM Shri Narendra Modi visited Mahabubnagar in Telangana, where he laid the foundation stone of multiple developmental projects. He also addressed a gigantic public meeting in Nizamabad district on October 3. On October 2, the Prime Minister visited Madhya Pradesh for a day where he addressed two public meetings in Gwalior and Jabalpur. Later, the PM also visited Jodhpur to address a massive public meeting. Likewise, the BJP National President Shri JP Nadda also addressed several rallies and launched roadshows.

PM'S RALLY AT BILASPUR, CHHATTISGARH**Chhattisgarh steeped in corruption, misrule and scam: PM Modi**

Speaking at a massive 'Parivartan Maha Sankalp Rally' in Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh on September 30, 2023, PM Shri Narendra Modi said, "The visible enthusiasm here is a declaration of a desire for change. The people of Chhattisgarh, troubled by the atrocities of the Congress government, are ready for a transformation. Presently, Chhattisgarh grapples with widespread corruption and ineffective governance. Employment opportunities have been marred by scams, and corruption is prevalent in every government initiative. Therefore, Chhattisgarh is ready to remove the Congress government and bring in the BJP."

The PM emphasized that the BJP has a history



of understanding Chhattisgarh's potential and aspirations, with Atal Bihari Vajpayee creating the state. He highlighted the establishment of the High

Voting will start on November 07 and counting on December 03

BJP National President welcomes the decision

The Election Commission of India (ECI) on 09 October, 2023 announced the schedule for assembly polls in five states— Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Telangana, and Mizoram. The announcement entailed details of the electoral process dates including filing of nominations, polling days and result declaration for all five states.

As per the information, Mizoram, the smallest of the poll-bound states with 40 seats, will vote on November 7. Elections in Chhattisgarh, which has a 90-member assembly, will be held in two phases on November 7 and 17. Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Telangana will go to the polls on November 17, 23 and 30, respectively.

ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS 2023		
	RAJASTHAN (200 seats)	November 23
	CHHATTISGARH (90 seats)	Nov 7, Nov 17
	MADHYA PRADESH (230 seats)	November 17
	TELANGANA (119 seats)	November 30
	MIZORAM (40 seats)	November 7
RESULTS ON December 3		

Nearly 16 crore voters would be eligible to cast their votes in these elections, Chief Election Commissioner said at a press conference while asserting that strong measures are being put in place to make these polls inducement-free. While the BJP is in government in Madhya Pradesh, the Congress is in government in Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh, Telangana is ruled by Bharat Rashtra Samithi and Mizoram by Mizo National Front (MNF). During the press conference, the Chief Election Commissioner said these five states will have 1.77 lakh polling stations, of which 1.01 lakh will

'BJP will win all 5 states': JP Nadda

Bharatiya Janata Party President Shri JP Nadda on 09 September, 2023 said BJP would secure a victory in the upcoming



assembly polls in five states, as he welcomed the announcement of the poll schedule by the Election Commission.

Shri Nadda said that the BJP, under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, would form the government in all the states with a majority. "The BJP will form a government in all states with a big majority under the respected Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's leadership and will work with commitment to fulfil people's aspirations in the next five years," he said in a social media post hours after the election schedule was announced.

Confident that people of these states will bless BJP with a majority: Amit Shah

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah also reacted to the poll dates announcement, showing confidence in BJP's win. He said, "Assembly



elections have been announced in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Mizoram and Telangana. Welfare of the poor, good governance and development have been the hallmarks of BJP rule. I am confident that the people of these states will bless BJP with a majority under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji".

have a webcasting facility. More than 8,000 polling stations will be managed by women, he said. ■

PM dedicates multiple development projects worth 27,000 crore in Jagdalpur, Chhattisgarh

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone and dedicated to the nation multiple development projects worth about Rs 27,000 crore in Jagdalpur, Bastar, Chhattisgarh on 3 October. The projects include the dedication of NMDC Steel Ltd's Steel Plant at Nagarnar in Bastar district worth more than Rs 23,800 crores along with multiple railway and road sector projects. He also flagged off the Taroki – Raipur DEMU Train Service.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister remarked that the dream of a Viksit Bharat will come to fruition only when every state, every district and every village of the country becomes developed. He said that the projects of today worth about 27,000 crores have been initiated to accomplish these resolutions and congratulated the people of Chhattisgarh for the development projects. The Prime Minister said for Viksit Bharat Physical, social and digital infrastructure should be as per the needs of the future. ■

Court in Bilaspur and the South East Central Railway headquarters, both significant developments during BJP's governance. He pledged to spare no effort in fulfilling the dreams of the people of Chhattisgarh.

The PM also talked about the Pradhan Mantri Vishwakarma Yojana, a Rs 13,000 crore scheme aimed at benefiting Vishwakarma families. Thousands of individuals from Chhattisgarh are expected to benefit from the scheme, which includes training opportunities, a Rs 15,000 grant for modern equipment purchase, and access to affordable loans in the lakhs to support their work and businesses.. ■

'Passage of Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam had established the spirit of Shakti Puja'

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone and dedicated to the nation, multiple developmental projects worth more than Rs 13,500 crore in Mahbubnagar, Telangana on 1st October. The development projects include important sectors like road, rail, petroleum and natural gas and higher education. During the programme, the Prime Minister also flagged off a train service through video conferencing.



Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister underlined the advent of the festive season and said that the passage of Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam in the Parliament had established the spirit of Shakti Puja before the onset of Navratri.

The Prime Minister announced the formation of the National Turmeric Board by the Central Government for the benefit of turmeric farmers of Telangana. He underlined that the National Turmeric Board will focus on value addition to the supply chain and help in infrastructure improvement for the farmers. Prime Minister Shri Modi congratulated all the turmeric-growing farmers from Telangana and the entire nation on the formation of the National Turmeric Board. ■

PM Dedicates 800 MW Unit of Telangana Super Thermal Power Project in Nizamabad

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone and dedicated to the nation multiple development projects worth more than Rs 8000 crores in important sectors like power, rail and health in Nizamabad, Telangana on 3 October. The projects include the dedication of 800 MW Unit of phase 1 of Telangana Super Thermal Power Project of NTPC, rail projects including the new Railway Line connecting Manoharabad and Siddipet; and the electrification project. ■

'Congress does not care about the problems of women in Rajasthan'

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed a public meeting at Jodhpur in Rajasthan on 05 October, 2023. The PM began his address by saying that he had already prepared a special gift from Delhi. He said, "Only yesterday the BJP government has decided that now the beneficiary sisters of Ujjwala will get gas cylinders from the central government for only Rs 600. Before Dussehra and Diwali, Ujjwala cylinders have been made cheaper by Rs 100 more."

"This decision of the BJP government will benefit 70 lakh families of Rajasthan. This decision will also strengthen the BJP government's campaign to make kitchens smoke-free," he added.

Healthcare initiatives of the center

Shedding light on the healthcare initiatives of the center, PM Shri Modi said, "BJP government prioritized the health of citizens and provided free treatment for low-income families through the Ayushman Bharat Scheme and the construction of modern hospitals." He inaugurated a 350-bed Trauma Center and Critical Care Block in AIIMS, Jodhpur with plans to establish more critical care blocks in Rajasthan. Additionally, he inaugurated the IIT Jodhpur campus and emphasized efforts to develop Rajasthan as a hub for higher education.

In line with boosting the image of Rajasthan as a state, the PM said, "BJP's resolve is to make Rajasthan the number one state in tourism. The BJP central government is also running the Vibrant Village Programme. We will continue to bring development to every corner of Rajasthan. That's why Rajasthan is saying that BJP will come, it will bring prosperity in Rajasthan."

Atrocities against women and Dalits

PM Shri Modi said, "Congress has taken Rajasthan to the top in the country in terms of corruption and riots during its misrule in last 5 years. Congress has made Rajasthan number-1 in terms of atrocities against women and Dalits. How Congress has given free hand to the drug trade is also in front of all of us. Is that why you voted for Congress? That's why



Marwar is saying – Bhajpa ko Layenge, Rajasthan ko Bachayege."

Congress' misrule

PM Shri Modi highlighted the issues that prevail in Rajasthan and talked about the hidden secrets of Congress' misrule. He said, "People say that Lal Diary contains every black act of Congress's corruption. Should the dark secrets of this red diary be revealed or not? Will the Congress government allow the secrets of Lal Diary to come out? Congress, which promised unemployment allowance at the time of elections, has handed over the youth here to the paper leak mafia. Therefore, it is necessary to form a BJP government here. The BJP government will take the strictest action against every such paper leak mafia."

India has landed its Chandrayaan

Mentioning the achievements that India as a nation achieved recently, the PM said, "No one could have even imagined the scale on which India is working. India has landed its Chandrayaan on a part of the Moon where no one has reached before. India has become the first country in the world to do so. Paying tribute to Gandhiji through cleanliness, on October 1, more than 9 lakh programs took place across the country. And in these programs, about 9 crore people came directly and did the cleaning."

In his concluding remarks, the PM said, "I am working day and night to empower the poor and improve the standard of living of the poor. Your dream is Modi's resolve. We have to develop Rajasthan. For this we will have to offer lotus at every booth. The more the lotus blooms, the more Rajasthan will bloom." ■

'BJP transformed Madhya Pradesh from being a 'Bimaru Rajya' to one of the top 10 states'

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 2nd October laid the foundation stone and dedicated to the nation various development projects worth around Rs 19,260 crores in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh. The projects include the dedication



of Delhi-Vadodara Expressway, Grih Pravesh of over 2.2 lakh houses built under PMAY and dedication of houses constructed under PMAY - Urban, laying the foundation stone for Jal Jeevan Mission projects, 9 health centers under Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission, dedication of academic building of IIT Indore and laying the foundation stone for hostel and other buildings on campus and a Multi-Modal Logistics Park in Indore.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister underlined that the land has produced many revolutionaries for the country as well as those who serve in the armed forces. He emphasized that the land of Gwalior has shaped the policies and the leadership of the ruling party and gave examples of Rajmata Vijaya Raje Scindia, Kushabhau Thakre and Atal Bihari Vajpayee. "The land of Gwalior is an inspiration in itself", the Prime Minister said as he underlined that sons of the soil sacrificed their lives for the country's sake.

Prime Minister Shri Modi said that just before Dussehra Diwali and Dhanteras about 2 lakh families are doing Grih Pravesh and many projects of connectivity are being presented. He said Vikram Udyogpuri in Ujjain and the Multi-Modal logistics park will give a push to the industrial growth of Madhya Pradesh.

The Prime Minister credited the efforts of the

double-engine government for all development projects. In the last few years, the Prime Minister emphasized that the government has transformed Madhya Pradesh from being a 'bimaru rajya' (backward state) to one of the top 10 states in the country. "From here on", he said, "the government aims to take Madhya Pradesh to the top 3 states in India.". He urged everyone to cast their vote as a responsible citizen which will drive Madhya Pradesh to the position of the top 3 states. ■

PM Performs bhoomi poojan of 'Veerangana Rani Durgavati Smarak aur Udyaan' in Jabalpur

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone and dedicated to the nation development projects in sectors like road, rail, gas pipeline, housing and clean drinking water worth more than Rs 12,600 crore in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh on 5th October. Shri Modi performed 'bhoomi poojan' of 'Veerangana Rani Durgavati Smarak aur Udyaan' in Jabalpur in line with the 500th birth centenary celebrations of Rani Durgavati. The projects include the inauguration of more than 1000 houses constructed under the Light House Project in Indore, laying the foundation stone of multiple Jal Jeevan Mission projects in Mandla, Jabalpur and Dindori districts and dedication of Jal Jeevan Mission project in Seoni district, laying the foundation stone and dedication of multiple projects worth more than Rs 4800 crore for improving road infrastructure in Madhya Pradesh, dedication of rail projects worth more than Rs 1850 crore, Vijaipur - Auraiyan-Phulpur Pipeline Project and a new bottling plant in Jabalpur, and laying the foundation stone of Nagpur Jabalpur section (317 km) of Mumbai Nagpur Jharsuguda Pipeline Project.

The Prime Minister took a walkthrough of the exhibition showcased on the occasion and paid floral tributes to the statue of Veerangana Rani Durgavati. ■

‘Apno Rajasthan - Sujhav Aapka-Sankalp Hamara’ campaign launched

PM’s report cards transformed political culture: JP Nadda

BJP National President Shri JP Nadda on 04 October, 2023 said the BJP had transformed the culture of politics with Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi’s report cards. Promises made were fulfilled. “Whatever we said, we have done. We have also delivered what we did not pledge,” he said.



Shri Nadda was addressing a huge gathering of BJP Karyakartas at B.M. Birla Auditorium in Jaipur before the launch of party’s ‘Apno Rajasthan- Sujhav Aapka Sankalp Hamara’ campaign seeking suggestions from people for the party’s manifesto for the upcoming Assembly election in Rajasthan.

The Congress promoted a culture of making attractive promises, forgetting them after elections and then contesting the next polls with a new set of promises, Shri Nadda said, affirming that all of this had changed under the BJP’s rule at the Centre. Report card politics had ensured people’s welfare in the true spirit, he added.

Empower the poor

The BJP National President said Congress rule was synonymous with “loot, appeasement and corruption”, while his party intended to empower the poor and destitute, protect women, secure the future of the youth and spread prosperity amongst farmers. The BJP was serving the people with good governance and honest service, he said. The purpose of soliciting people’s opinion was to set a target for the future through the election manifesto, rather than presenting it just as a political document, Shri Nadda said before flagging off the Rathis which will collect suggestions from the public.

To collect suggestions from the public

Fifty-one trucks converted into chariots will visit the tehsil headquarters in all districts to get suggestions. A toll-free telephone number and a dedicated web portal for collecting suggestions were also launched on the occasion. The Rathis will visit the tehsil headquarters in all districts to get suggestions.

Hundreds of saffron-colour bikes were given to the party workers to travel along with the Rath with each vehicle annexed with a box in which the public can put their written opinions. This is BJP’s fourth campaign after Jan Aakrosh Yatra, Nahi Sahega Rajasthan, and Parivartan Sankalp Yatra to connect voters from far-flung areas of the state.

Rajasthan will become stronger with your suggestions

Speaking to party workers Shri Nadda further said, “Rajasthan will become stronger with your suggestions. This resolution letter is not a document at all. This is our goal, which we have to accomplish. Congress ruled for a long time. The culture of Congress was that their leaders would apply lime in the forest and tell the public that a road would emerge from there. The innocent public accepted it in elections only to feel cheated later,” he observed.

Criticizing the Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot’s “Mission-2030” whose posters and banners are displayed on city roads, Shri JP Nadda categorically said, “Gehlot Saheb, 2023 comes before 2030. Have you forgotten the count? Gehlot Saheb, you will get Gulati.” Union Minister and convener of the BJP’s manifesto committee, Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, explained the process of getting ideas and suggestions from different sections of society and incorporating them into the document.

Among others, BJP in-charge for Rajasthan Shri Arun Singh, BJP State President Shri C.P. Joshi, former Chief Minister Smt. Vasundhara Raje, Leader of Opposition Shri Rajendra Rathore and Deputy Leader of Opposition Shri Satish Poonia joined Shri JP Nadda during the flag-off ceremony. ■

Union Home Minister addresses rally in Adilabad, Telangana

KCR never worked for the poor: Amit Shah

Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhara Reddy never worked for the poor but only concentrated on how to make his son K T Rama Reddy the CM of the state, in the past 10 years of his rule, Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah said on 10 October, 2023.

Addressing a huge public rally in Adilabad, Telangana Shri Shah said the BRS government in the state did not fulfill the poll promises such as double bedroom housing for tribals.

"KCR's aim is only to make his son as CM. But the BJP's aim is to ensure that every tribal of Adilabad gets education, jobs and also water for the farmers," Shri Shah said.

"You have two choices. One is the KCR government which thinks of his son and daughter and on the other hand you have Prime Minister Narendra Modi who thinks of Dalits, poor and adivasis," he said.

Telangana needs a double engine government. That means the Modi government at the Centre as well as in the state. He exuded confidence that under



the leadership of PM Modi, BJP will form the government in Telangana, apparently after the November 30 Assembly polls.

The Union Home Minister said Telangana has become number one in farmers' suicides and crime against women and children.

He said AIMIM chief and Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi has the 'steering' of KCR's car, which is the election symbol of the ruling BRS party. He accused that KCR government is being run on the directions of Majlis (AIMIM).

"Do you want Telangana to run on the directions of Majlis," Shri Amit Shah asked the public and appealed them to dethrone the KCR government and elect a BJP dispensation.

The Congress government had earlier dragged the construction of Ram temple in Ayodhya. However, PM Shri Narendra Modi took the initiative to construct the shrine and the grand temple will be ready by January, 2024, Shri Amit Shah added. ■

INDIA STANDS FIRMLY WITH ISRAEL : PM Modi

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's statement on the Israel-Hamas crisis and the consequent terrorism that unfolded since 07 October, 2023 was unequivocal. Shri Narendra Modi on 10 October, 2023 said that he received a phone call from his Israeli counterpart Mr. Benjamin Netanyahu, who apprised him of the ongoing situation in Israel. Thanking Mr. Netanyahu for giving an update on the situation, PM Shri Modi said that people of India stand firmly with Israel in this difficult hour and India strongly and unequivocally condemns terrorism in all its forms and

manifestations Shri Modi added.

In a message on X Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said, "I thank Prime Minister @netanyahu for his phone call and providing an update on the ongoing situation. People of India stand firmly with Israel in this difficult hour. India strongly and unequivocally condemns terrorism in all its forms and manifestations".

Earlier, reacting to the unprecedented multi-front attack carried out by Hamas on Israeli cities, PM Shri Modi said that he was deeply shocked by the news.

In a tweet PM Shri Modi said,

"Deeply shocked by the news of terrorist attacks in Israel. Our thoughts and prayers are with the innocent victims and their families. We stand in solidarity with Israel at this difficult hour".

Noteworthy, there are about 18,000 Indian nationals living and working in Israel and so far, there have been no untoward incidents reported involving them. The Indian mission in Tel Aviv and the Representative Office of India in Palestine on 07 October issued advisories asking Indian nationals on respective sides to remain vigilant and directly contact the Office in case of an emergency. ■



PM Modi interacts with Indian Athletes who participated in Asian Games

India's Asian Games campaign concludes with historic records

ASIAN GAMES-2023

This time India started the 19th Asian Games campaign in Hangzhou with a slogan, “Is baar sau paar” or this time we will cross 100 and as per the target the Indian contingent successfully breached the target and won 107 medals, including 28 gold, 38 silver and 41 bronze. This is the best-ever performance of the Indian contingent and a big jump from its previous best of 70 in the 2018 Jakarta Asian Games. From shooting to canoeing, Indian athletes won medals in overall 22 disciplines.

Noteworthy, the first edition of the Asian Games was held in 1951, and this year it was the 19th edition of the quadrennial event. If we talk about India, the nation has won 779 medals in these 19 editions. The last time in the 2018 Asian Games India also registered a record-breaking performance with 70 medals, with a contingent of 570 athletes, this time India sent a strong group of 655 athletes. Out of these 107 medals, 55 medals were won in individual events and 52 medals were won in team events.

Entire country overjoyed for outstanding performance of our athletes: PM

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi addressed the contingent of Indian athletes who participated in the Asian Games 2022 at Major Dhyan Chand Stadium in New Delhi on October 10, 2023. He also interacted with the athletes. The programme is an endeavour by the Prime Minister to congratulate the athletes for their outstanding achievement at the Asian Games 2022 and to motivate them for future competitions. The program was attended by the athletes of the Indian contingent for the Asian Games, their coaches and officials.

Addressing the contingent, the Prime Minister welcomed them on behalf of every citizen and congratulated them for their success. It is a pleasant coincidence, the Prime Minister recalled, that the inaugural edition

of the Asian Games took place in this very stadium in 1951. The Prime Minister underlined that the courage and determination shown by the athletes have taken every nook and corner of the nation into a celebratory mood.

Noting the labour put behind to achieve the target of 100 plus medals, the Prime Minister emphasized that the entire nation is experiencing a feeling of pride. He also congratulated the coaches and trainers and praised the physios and officials for their contributions. The Prime Minister bowed before the parents of all athletes and highlighted the contributions and sacrifices made by the families, the PM said.

The PM said, “You have created history. Figures of this Asian Games are witness to India's success. This

is the best performance of India in the Asian Games to date. It is a matter of personal satisfaction that we are moving in the right direction.”

BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda said, Our players showcased remarkable passion, skills, and dedication on their way to give India its best ever performance at these games. Their commitment to bring glory to the nation is exemplary. This historic achievement is the result of the unwavering support and guidance provided by PM Modi Ji to our sports sector over the past 9 years. Today, we are making rapid progress in strengthening our sports ecosystem, and our athletes are making a name for themselves on the world stage”. ■

PM MODI LEADS 'SWACHHATA HI SEVA' CAMPAIGN ON THE EVE OF GANDHI JAYANTI

The 'Swachhata Hi Seva' campaign, which kicked off on 15 September, 2023 reached its culmination on the eve of father of the nation Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary on 01 October, 2023. This nationwide initiative was led by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and garnered widespread participation from citizens across the country. The campaign was not just a standalone effort but a precursor to the grand celebration of 'Swachh Bharat Diwas' or 'Swachhta Diwas,' observed on 02 October each year.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's call for cleanliness and sanitation resonated with millions of Indians. The day after concluding the mega cleanliness drive, India observed 'Swachh Bharat Diwas' on 02 October, marking the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, who was a staunch advocate for cleanliness and sanitation.

Unity in Cleanliness

The 'Swachhata Hi Seva' campaign witnessed participation from people from all walks of life. Various ministries, government departments, and social organizations actively contributed to the campaign. It was a moment of unity, where politicians, students, government officials, and ordinary citizens came together to work towards a cleaner India. This collective effort showcased the power of community participation in driving change.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi led the nationwide cleanliness drive as part of the 'Swachhata Hi Seva' on the eve of Gandhi Jayanti in New Delhi. Wielding a broom, the Prime Minister took part in an hour-long "Shramdaan" along with fitness influencer



Ankit Baiyanpuriya.

Noteworthy, in a recent episode of his monthly radio broadcast 'Mann ki Baat', the Prime Minister had appealed for "one hour of Shramdaan for Swachhata" on October 1 by all citizens, saying it would be a "Swachhanjali" to Mahatma Gandhi on the eve of his birth anniversary.

Several Union ministers, including Shri Rajnath

@JPNadda "Today, many BJP workers and countrymen are celebrating Swachhta Pakhwada and Seva Pakhwada. This is not just a day or week; it is a campaign to bring permanent change in our lifestyle. On the call of respected Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi ji, today participated in the cleanliness campaign in Seva Basti located in Jhandewalan, New Delhi and donated labour."

@narendramodi "Today, as the nation focuses on Swachhata, Ankit Baiyanpuriya and I did the same! Beyond just cleanliness, we blended fitness and well-being also into the mix. It is all about that Swachh and Swasth Bharat vibe!"

BJP PRESIDENT PARTICIPATES IN 'SWACHHATA HI SEVA' ABHIYAN IN NEW DELHI

BJP Karyakartas are making the cleanliness campaign a mass movement: JP Nadda

BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda on 01 October, 2023 participated in the cleanliness campaign under 'Swachhata Hi Seva' Abhiyan at Seva Basti, Jhandewalan in New Delhi. In this program, along with him, Union Minister Smt. Meenakshi Lekhi, BJP Delhi State President Shri Virendra Sachdeva, BJP national Media In-charge Shri Anil Baluni and hundreds of Karyakartas swept the Seva Basti and picked up garbage. After collecting the garbage, they put it in the garbage van.

During this occasion, the BJP National President also talked to the sanitation workers of Delhi Municipal Corporation and expressed his gratitude to them. He said by working tirelessly the sanitation workers make an important contribution in keeping Delhi clean. Shri Nadda also offered prayers at the temple in Jhandewalan.

After participating in the 'Swachhata Hi Seva' Abhiyan, the BJP National President also interacted with the people regarding cleanliness. He said that Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi had dreamed of cleanliness and Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has made it a reality. He said we will take this cleanliness campaign forward more strongly.

The BJP National President said Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had called for a cleanliness campaign from the ramparts of the Red Fort. On that call, crores of citizens of the country are contributing



in the cleanliness campaign. He said lakhs of BJP Karyakartas are also making their respective areas clean by doing Shramdaan across the country.

He said BJP Karyakartas are making the cleanliness campaign a mass movement and also simultaneously running a public awareness campaign in the country. The public awareness campaigns are intended to inculcate the values of cleanliness in people's day to day life.

This program is not for one day, nor for one week. The cleanliness program is a life-long mass movement. Every person should participate enthusiastically in this mass movement, he added.

The BJP National President also called upon the people of the entire nation to give cleanliness an important place in their life. ■

Singh, Shri Amit Shah, Shri Piyush Goyal, Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Shri RK Singh and almost all other ministers participated in the mega drive. Bollywood actors like Akshay Kumar and Suniel Shetty, and cricketers Virat Kohli

and Rohit Sharma also took part in the cleanliness drive. According to the Union housing and urban affairs ministry, more than 920,000 sites across the country were adopted for the mega drive. People from all walks of life participated in the campaign.

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah said, "Modi ji has made many problems of the society a mass movement, in which cleanliness ranks the first. By infusing 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' with the power of public participation, Modi ji has implemented Gandhi ji's mantra of 'cleanliness is service'. With his inspiration, every Indian is making an important contribution in the development of the country by making cleanliness an integral part of the lifestyle," he wrote on X.

Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh participated in "shramdaan" activities, including a cleanliness drive, beautification of the common area and a plantation drive, at the premises of the Controller General of Defence Accounts in Delhi Cantonment.

In a post on X, the Defence Minister Shri Singh said that "in recent years, awareness towards cleanliness has increased throughout the country and become a mass movement". ■

'THIS STATUE WILL INSPIRE THE VISION OF 'INTEGRAL HUMANISM' GIVEN BY DEENDAYAL JI'

PM inaugurates Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya's 72-ft tall statue and pays floral tribute on his Jayanti

Addressing the BJP Karyakartas after inaugurating Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya's 72-ft tall statue in Delhi on his Jayanti in New Delhi on 25 September, 2023, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said, "I am honoured to inaugurate his statue at 'Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya Park' in Delhi, and it's truly remarkable that we are witnessing this wonderful and happy coincidence. On one side, we have Deendayal Upadhyaya Park, and right across stands the headquarters of the Bharatiya Janata Party. Today, the BJP has grown into a formidable banyan tree, all thanks to the seeds he sowed."

The statue has been erected in Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya park opposite to the BJP headquarters on Deendayal Upadhyaya Marg in the national capital.

"This statue of Deendayal ji will become a symbol of the pledge of 'Nation First'. This statue will inspire the vision of integral humanism given by Deendayal ji. This statue will remind us of our Antyodaya resolve. This statue will also become a symbol of the fact that we have to always keep political purity alive in the country," he said after paying floral tribute to the 72-ft tall statue of Deendayal Ji.

PM Shri Modi said in the last nine years, we have worked towards the upliftment of those in the lowest rung of the society.



This statue will stand as a symbol of honesty in politics and will remind people of the need to ensure transparency and probity in public life. He urged people

to take some time out to visit the memorial of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya in Rajasthan.

When BJP was in power in Rajasthan, we had built a

PM Modi has implemented the inspiration received from Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay ji: JP Nadda

On the birth anniversary of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay ji, a 72 feet high grand statue of Deendayal ji was unveiled and inaugurated by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji in the presence of BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda at Deendayal Park in New Delhi on 25th September, 2023. Union Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh along with all senior party office bearers, MPs, MLAs and a large number of public and party karyakartas were present in the programme.

Addressing the programme, the BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda said that today is an important day because on this day Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay ji initiated struggle in Bhopal to strengthen the Jan Sangh and give it recognition at the all-India level, and also on this very auspicious day, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji guided more than 5 lakh devtulya karyakartas.

Shri Nadda said that it is a matter of good fortune for us that today, on the auspicious occasion of the birth anniversary of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi also participated in the programme at his birthplace, Dhankya (near Jaipur). Very rarely, leaders like Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay, who possess all the qualities of leadership and live a simple life, risk everything for Maa Bharati. Referring to the personality of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay, he said that along with being a thinker, he was also a skilled organisational leader.

BJP National President said that according to Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay ji, our economic



policies should be such that their benefits can reach even those standing at the bottom of society. Pandit Upadhyay ji also gave the mantra of 'Integral Humanism'. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi worked to take this forward and implemented it through 'Antyodaya' and 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas'.

Shri Nadda said that the policies of the BJP-led government at the Centre, under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, are focused on villages, the poor, the deprived, women, farmers, and youth. Focused on moving forward by including the deprived Dalit class in the mainstream of society. He said that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has implemented the inspiration received from Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay ji in the country. He assured us that we will all continue to follow the path shown by Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay under the guidance of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. ■

memorial of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya. I had the privilege to spend some time there today and would urge all of you to take some time out to visit the place, he told the Karyakartas.

Speaking about the principles of Pt. Deendayal Ji, PM Shri Modi remarked, "I consistently

encourage our dedicated Karyakartas to incorporate Deendayal Ji's seven sutras into their lives. Today, let us once again reflect upon these sutras. These sutras are service, balance, restraint, coordination, positivity, compassion and communication."

He went on to emphasize, "In all the schemes running in the country today, the spirit of service, coordination and compassion of our Karyakartas can further increase their impact. If our Karyakartas wholeheartedly connect with the joys and sorrows of the people through a spirit of

service, it will provide new vigor to the expansion of these schemes.”

Speaking to the Karyakartas, Shri Modi brought up the historic passage of the Women’s Reservation Bill in Parliament, saying, “There cannot be democratic integration without the involvement of women in politics. The passage of the women’s reservation Bill marks the victory of the BJP’s ideology,” the PM said.

The Prime Minister also invoked the success of the G20 summit and the country’s lunar landing mission, Chandrayaan-3.

Shri Modi said, “Today, India is shedding its colonial legacy and changing its global image by showcasing its capabilities. After the success of Chandrayaan-3, leading nations across the globe lauded the country’s strides in the field of science and marvelled at the ability of the common Indians. Also, the global praise that our country earned after the successful hosting of the G20 summit filled the hearts of all fellow citizens with pride. It has further enhanced the prestige of all fellow countrymen in the eyes of the world”.

PM Shri Modi said to achieve this position, India did not have to change its identity and its values. Rather, we presented Indian culture to the world with full pride. This is the dream of Deendayal ji, which we are fulfilling today. “When a government sets big goals and takes everyone along in achieving them, the scale of the success is that much more. The success of the people makes us more proud than individual success,” he added.



Concluding his speech, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi remarked, “It is now our duty to elevate our efforts to their pinnacle during this Amrit Kaal. It is our solemn responsibility to construct the golden future for India, a vision cherished by stalwarts like Upadhyaya Ji.”

Highlights

- PM Shri Modi pays floral tribute to the 72-ft tall statue of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Ji on his birth anniversary in Delhi
- It is our solemn responsibility

to construct the golden future for India, a vision cherished by stalwarts like Deendayal Upadhyaya Ji

- Consistently encourage our dedicated Karyakartas to incorporate Deendayal Ji’s seven sutras into their lives.
- After Chandrayaan-3’s success, people in foreign countries are congratulating the common Indians.
- After the G20 too, the manner in which India was appreciated has increased the respect that every Indian gets. ■

ORGANISATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

BJP National President appoints new State Party Presidents of Meghalaya, Nagaland and Puducherry

Bhartiya Janata Party National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda appointed new State Unit Presidents in Meghalaya, Puducherry and Nagaland on 25 September, 2023. While party leaders Shri Rikman Momin and Shri Benjamin Yephthomi were appointed in Meghalaya and Nagaland respectively, BJP MP Shri S Selvaganabathy was named the new President of the party’s Puducherry unit. An official Press Release on the new appointees was issued by BJP National General Secretary Shri Arun Singh on 25 September, 2023 and as per it these appointments come into effect immediately. ■

'Meri Maati, Mera Desh' is a program to create public awareness towards the unity and integrity of the nation: JP Nadda

BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, during his one-day pravas to Mumbai and Pune, participated in the Amrit Kalash compilation programme at Lahuji Ustad Memorial, Pune on September 26, 2023. He also addressed the 'Meri Maati, Mera Desh' programme at Pune. He inaugurated Amrit Vatika and also planted saplings. Earlier, he had worshipped Lalbaugcha Raja Ganapati.

'Meri Maati, Mera Desh'

While congratulating and wishing the countrymen on Ganpati Pujan, Shri Nadda said that today, I feel proud to participate in the 'Meri Maati, Mera Desh' programme at the College of Engineering (CoEP). Today, vice chancellors, faculty, deans, professors, students, and volunteers from 22 universities have gathered here. They have brought soil and plants from their respective campuses and homes, from which Amrit Vatika has been created. 'Meri Maati, Mera Desh' is a programme to create public awareness about the unity and integrity of the nation. We are fortunate to be participating in this historic event. Bringing soil from every house, every village, and every municipality; planting 75 trees in every district and every panchayat; honouring the martyrs; installing plaques in their honour in every village; building Amrit Vatika—this is a programme that is directly related to patriotism and connects people emotionally. This programme will reach from the district to the state level and then to Delhi. A tree plantation programme also took place in every village.

Shri Nadda said that the 'Meri Maati, Mera Desh' programme has also been linked to the environment. During this programme, 75 saplings are being planted in every village, every block, and every district. Today, the brave woman Sadhna ji is present among us with a feeling of patriotism. Just a few days ago, a mountain of sorrows had fallen upon her. We all salute such brave women. Our effort is that no martyr should be left behind in any village; they should be given due respect, whether they have sacrificed their lives for



the security of the country while in the army or have sacrificed their lives while being in the paramilitary or for the welfare of the society while in the police. Martyrs are being honoured in every village, and plaques are being installed in their honour so that the coming generations can learn from their bravery and join hands in nation building. More than 8,000 Amrit Kalash from 7500 blocks and 500 municipalities will reach Delhi and Amrit Vatika will be built there.

Goal of Developed India

The BJP National President said that we have come out of Amrit Varsh and have reached Amrit Kaal. Under the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi, we have set out with the aim that in 2047, when the country will be celebrating the hundredth anniversary of independence, then India will be a 'Developed India'. You all are fortunate that you will witness India moving from 'developing to a developed' nation. Our every moment, every minute should be spent developing the country.

Shri Nadda said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, India is setting new records of success in every field.

Shri Nadda said we are fortunate that we have the opportunity to participate in the 'Meri Maati, Mera Desh' programme. Let us all come together to make it successful and work dedicatedly towards the goal of 'Developed India'. ■

PM SVANidhi achieves target of covering 50 Lakh Street Vendors

The Prime Minister Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) scheme, an initiative under the aegis of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), has achieved a momentous milestone by extending its support to more than 50 lakh street vendors across the nation. Street vendors have long played an integral role in the urban informal economy, providing essential goods and services to urban residents. The PM SVANidhi scheme has been instrumental in bringing them into the formal economic fold, presenting fresh avenues for upward mobility.

The PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbharNidhi (PM SVANidhi) Scheme, launched on June 1, 2020, is a micro credit scheme for urban street vendors that aims to provide collateral-free working capital loans up to 50,000. Under the scheme regular repayments are incentivized with a 7% interest subsidy and digital transactions are rewarded with cashback up to 1,200 per year. The scheme employs Aadhaar-based e-KYC, utilizes an end-to-end IT platform, and employs SMS-based notifications for application status updates. All



lending institutions, including NBFCs/MFIs and DPAs, have partnered with the aim to alleviate urban poverty in India.

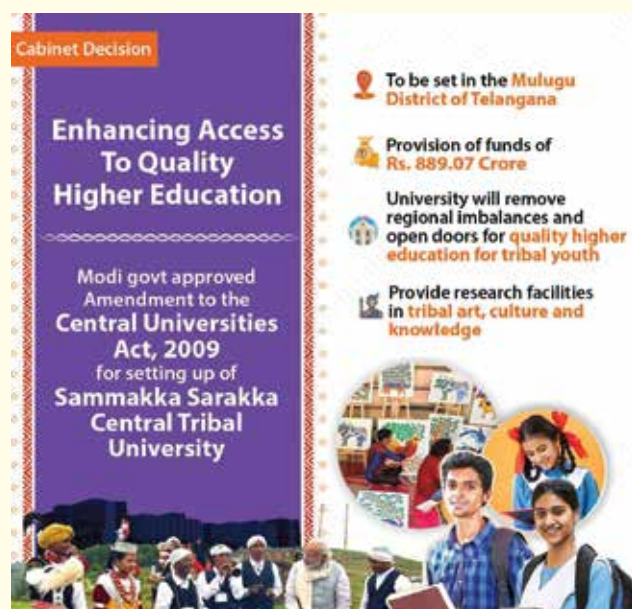
PM hails landmark of 50 lakh beneficiaries of PMSVANidhi Scheme

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has hailed the landmark of 50 lakh beneficiaries of PMSVANidhi Scheme. The Prime Minister underlined that PMSVANidhi has not only made the lives of street vendors easier but has also given them an opportunity to live with dignity. ■

Cabinet approved the setting up of Sammakka Sarakka Central Tribal University in Telangana

The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 4 October gave its approval for introduction in Parliament, a Bill, namely, the Central Universities (Amendment), Bill, 2023 further to amend the Central Universities Act, 2009 for setting up of Sammakka Sarakka Central Tribal University at Mulugu District in the State of Telangana as provided in the Thirteenth Schedule to the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014 (no. 6 of 2014).

There would be provision of funds of Rs. 889.07 crore. The new university will not only increase access and improve the quality of higher education in the State but also promote avenues of higher education and advance knowledge by providing instructional and research facilities in tribal art, culture and traditional knowledge system for the benefit of the tribal population in the State. This new university will also create additional capacity and will strive to remove regional imbalances. ■



SALE OF KHADI AND VILLAGE INDUSTRIES PRODUCTS CREATES HISTORY

On the appeal of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the people of Delhi have set a new record in the purchase of Khadi and Village Industries products. On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, the flagship Khadi Bhawan at Connaught Place in the heart of New Delhi witnessed the highest ever sale of Khadi and Village Industries products worth Rs.1,52,45,000. In the 'Mann Ki Baat' programme on 24th September 2023, the Prime Minister had appealed to the countrymen to buy some or the other Khadi products on the day of Gandhi Jayanti. This appeal created a huge impact on the public. It is the effect of his appeal that every year in the past, a new record has been set for the sale of Khadi and Village Industries products on the day of Gandhi Jayanti, which shows that people have a special attachment towards India's heritage cloth viz; Khadi.

According to the latest sales data, in the last financial year 2022-23, on the day of Gandhi Jayanti, Khadi Bhawan in Connaught Place, Delhi, the sale was Rs.1,33,95,000, this time it has reached the figure of Rs.1,52,45,000.

CITIZENS CAN NOW BECOME DRONE PILOTS WITH ANY GOVERNMENT ISSUED IDENTITY AND ADDRESS PROOF

Exercising the power bestowed upon it by section 5, sub-section 2 of section 10 and sections 10A, 10B, and 12A of the Aircraft Act, 1934 (22 of 1934), the Ministry of Civil Aviation has notified the new Drone (Amendment) Rules 2023 for drone pilots.

After the amendment, it has now been made clear that a government issued proof of identity and a government issued proof of address i.e. Voter ID, Ration Card or Driving License can now be accepted to apply for a Remote Pilot Certificate if the drone pilot does not have a passport.

The prerequisite of having a passport was becoming a hurdle for aspiring drone pilots especially in the agricultural sector across rural India. This effort is to further liberalise, promote and facilitate drone operations across the country and make India a global drone hub by 2030. The rule is effective from the 27th of September 2023. ■

INDIAN RAILWAYS ACHIEVES 758.20 MT FREIGHT LOADING IN FIRST TWO QUARTERS OF 2023

On cumulative basis from April –September 2023, freight loading of 758.20 MT was achieved against last year loading of 736.68 MT, an improvement of approximate 21.52 MT over last year's loading for the same period. Railways have earned Rs 81697 crore against Rs 78991 crore over the last year which is an improvement of approx Rs 2706 Crores as compared to the same period of the last year.

During the month of September 2023, originating freight loading of 123.53 MT has been achieved against loading of 115.80 MT in Sept. 2022, which is an improvement of approx 6.67% over the last year. Freight revenue of Rs. 12956.95 Crores has been achieved in Sept 2023 against Rs 12332.70 Cr freight earnings in September 2022, thereby showing an improvement of about 5.06% over the last year. ■

OVER 1.36 CRORE SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY PARTICIPATE IN VEER GATHA PROJECT 3.0

More than 1.36 crore school students from all 36 States and UTs participated enthusiastically in the 3rd edition of the Veer Gatha Project. The students sent poems, paintings, essays, videos, etc. to honour the acts of bravery and sacrifice of the officers/personnel of the Armed Forces.

Project Veer Gatha was instituted under Gallantry Awards Portal (GAP) in 2021 with the aim to disseminate the details of acts of bravery of the Gallantry Awardees and the life stories of these brave hearts among the students so as to raise the spirit of patriotism and instill amongst them values of civic consciousness. Project Veer Gatha deepened this noble aim by providing a platform to the school students to do creative projects/activities based on gallantry award winners.

Two editions of the Veer Gatha Project (i.e. Edition-I and Edition-II) have been conducted in 2021 and 2022 respectively. Under the Veer Gatha Project 3.0, following activities have been conducted till date: ■

TWIN SEATER LCA TEJAS HANDED OVER TO INDIAN AIR FORCE

Raksha Rajya Mantri Shri Ajay Bhatt said that the LCA Tejas symbolizes India's journey towards self-sufficiency in defence manufacturing.

This programme has been a shining example of commitment to reduce country's dependency on foreign aircrafts, and it serves as a beacon of hope for a self-reliant India. He was speaking at the handing over ceremony of LCA Tejas Twin Seater to the Indian Air Force in Bangalore on 04 October, 2023.

RRM further said that the LCA Tejas program has been an inspiring saga of relentless dedication and innovation. The inception of the LCA Tejas aircraft was rooted in the dream of equipping our Indian Air Force with a world-class indigenous fighter aircraft. It was a dream that many believed was too ambitious at the beginning of the programme, but the men and women at Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, the Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA), DRDO Labs, CEMILAC, DGAQA, PSUs, IAF and countless other institutions and individuals who contributed to this programme proved that nothing is impossible when the country's interest comes first and all institutions come together for completion of this important cause.

The HAL's first Series Production twin seater of LCA Tejas is decked with state-of-the-art technology, agility, and versatility, It will provide suitable training to the Pilots of IAF. The IAF has already placed an order for 83 LCAs with HAL. ■

RUPAY DOMESTIC CARD SCHEME AGREEMENT BETWEEN INDIA AND THE UAE

NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), has entered into a strategic partnership agreement with Al Etihad Payments (AEP) for Domestic Card Scheme (DCS) Implementation in UAE. AEP is an indirect subsidiary of the Central Bank of UAE (CBUAE). As per the agreement, NIPL and AEP will work together to build, implement, and operationalize UAE's national domestic card scheme. The DCS will aim to facilitate the growth of e-commerce and digital transactions in the



UAE, bolster financial inclusion, support the UAE's digitization agenda, increase alternate payment options, reduce the cost of payments, and enhance the UAE's competitiveness and position as a global payments leader. The partnership aligns perfectly with NIPL's mission to offer its knowledge and expertise to assist other countries in establishing their own cost-efficient, and secure payment systems. ■

UAE-INDIA MOU TO DRIVE INVESTMENT AND COLLABORATION IN INDUSTRY AND ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES

The UAE and India will cooperate more closely in sustainable industrial development following a memorandum of understanding (MoU) signed on 5th October at Emirates Palace. The MoU was signed by His Excellency Dr. Sultan Al Jaber, UAE Minister of Industry and Advanced Technology and His Excellency Shri Piyush Goyal, India's Minister of Commerce and Industry, with the presence of His Highness Sheikh Hamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Member of the Abu Dhabi Executive Council.

Focusing on facilitating industrial investments, technology transfer and enabling the deployment of key technologies in industries, the MoU will benefit both countries through joint industrial and technological developments. ■

1,62,712 CRORE GROSS GST REVENUE COLLECTED DURING SEPTEMBER 2023; RECORDS 10% YEAR-ON-YEAR GROWTH

The gross GST revenue collected in the month of September, 2023 is Rs. 1,62,712 crore out of which CGST is Rs. 29,818 crore, SGST is Rs. 37,657 crore, IGST is Rs. 83,623 crore (including Rs. 41,145 crore collected on import of goods) and cess is Rs. 11,613 crore (including Rs. 881 crore collected on import of goods).

The government has settled Rs. 33,736 crore to CGST and Rs. 27,578 crore to SGST from IGST. The total revenue of Centre and the States in the month of September, 2023 after regular settlement is Rs. 63,555 crore for CGST and Rs. 65,235 crore for the SGST.

The revenues for the month of September, 2023 are 10% higher than the GST revenues in the same month last year. ■

PM condoles the demise of Dr. MS Swaminathan

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has expressed deep sorrow over the death of eminent agriculture scientist, Dr. MS Swaminathan whose "groundbreaking work in agriculture transformed the lives of millions and ensured food security for our nation."

The Prime Minister posted a thread on X: "Deeply saddened by the demise of Dr. MS Swaminathan Ji. At a very critical period in our nation's history, his groundbreaking work in agriculture transformed the lives of millions and ensured food security for our nation."

Beyond his revolutionary contributions to agriculture, Dr. Swaminathan was a powerhouse of innovation and a nurturing mentor to many. His unwavering commitment to research and mentorship has left an indelible mark on countless scientists and innovators. I will always cherish my conversations with Dr. Swaminathan. His passion to see India progress was



exemplary.

His life and work will inspire generations to come. Condolences to his family and admirers. Om Shanti."

Dr. M. S Swaminathan, the renowned agricultural scientist known as the Father of India's Green Revolution, passed away at his residence in Chennai on September 28 at the age of 98. The Padma Vibhushan awardee was Director General of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and headed the International Rice Research Institute in the Philippines. He was the first to

get the World Food Prize and used the proceeds from the prize to establish the renowned MSSRF non-profit trust.

The BJP National President Shri JP Nadda expressing grief over demise of the renowned agriculture scientist said "Deeply saddened by the passing away of Dr. MS Swaminathan, the Father of India's Green Revolution. Dr. Swaminathan was a multifaceted personality whose invaluable contributions to the fields of agricultural research and innovation changed the course of history.

He played an instrumental role in furthering India's agricultural capabilities and pulling millions out of the clutches of hunger, leading to a transformational shift in the lives of our people. His commitment to advancing India's scientific progress and innovation will continue to inspire our scientific community. My heartfelt condolences to his family members and well-wishers. "Om Shanti." ■

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SRI BADDHEVOLU NARAYANA REDDY

Sri Baddhevolu Narayana Reddy joined RSS at the age of 10 years and worked as a swayamsewak. He actively participated and coordinated RSS activities that were conducted in the Nellore District. At the age of 26, he joined Bharatiya Jana Sangh soon after it was formed and became its active member. Due to his dedication towards the

party, he held significant positions in the party. During Emergency, as the BJS President of Nellore District and with the help of party workers, he carried out underground activities to educate people and protect the party cadre. In 1978, he was actively involved in the victory of Shri Venkaiah Naidu Ji, an MLA candidate from Udayagiri constituency. ■



Sri Baddhevolu
Narayana Reddy

Date of Birth
15/06/1940

State
Andhra Pradesh

Town/City
Veerampalli Village

Post in Organisation
District President

Gender
male

District
Nellore

Level
District

Active years
1966-2005



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NARENDRA MODI

A few days ago we lost Professor M.S. Swaminathan. Our nation lost a visionary who revolutionised agricultural science, a stalwart whose contribution to India will always be etched in golden letters. Prof. M.S. Swaminathan loved India and wanted our nation, and our farmers in particular, to lead a life of prosperity. Academically brilliant, he could have chosen any career but he was so impacted by the Bengal famine of 1943 that he was clear that if there is one thing he would do, it would be to study agriculture.

At a relatively young age, he came in contact with Dr. Norman Borlaug and followed his work in great detail. In the 1950's, he was offered a faculty position in the US but he rejected it because he wanted to work in India and for India.

I want you all to think about the challenging circumstances

in which he stood as a colossus, guiding our nation towards the path of self-sufficiency and self-confidence. In the first two decades since Independence, we were dealing with immense challenges and one of them was food shortages. In the early 1960s, India was grappling with the ominous shadows of famine and it is then that Prof. Swaminathan's unyielding commitment and foresight ushered a new era of agricultural prosperity. His

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pioneering work in agriculture and specific sectors like wheat breeding led to a significant increase in wheat production, thus turning India from a food-deficient country into a self-sufficient nation. This tremendous achievement earned him the well deserved title of, "Father of the Indian Green

Revolution."

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Over the years, he undertook pioneering research in combatting parasites affecting potato crops. His research also enabled potato crops to withstand cold weather. Today, the world is talking about Millets or Shree Anna as super foods but Prof. Swaminathan had encouraged discourse around millets since the 1990's.

My personal interactions with Prof. Swaminathan were extensive. They began after I took over as Chief Minister of Gujarat in 2001. During those days, Gujarat was not known for its agricultural prowess. Successive droughts and a super cyclone and an Earthquake had impacted the growth trajectory of the state. Among the many initiatives we launched, was the Soil Health Card, which enabled us to understand the soil better and

address problems if they arose. It was in the context of this scheme that I met Prof. Swaminathan. He appreciated the scheme and also shared his valuable inputs for the same. His endorsement was enough to convince those who were sceptical about the scheme which would eventually set the stage for Gujarat's agricultural success.

Our interactions continued during my Chief Ministerial tenure and also when I took over as Prime Minister. I met him at the International Agro-Biodiversity Congress in 2016 and the next year in 2017, I launched a two-part book series written by him.

The Kural describes farmers as the pin that holds the world together because it is the farmers who sustain everyone. Prof. Swaminathan understood this principle very well. A lot of people call him a "Krishi Vaigyanik" – an Agricultural Scientist. But, I have always believed that he was even more. He was a true "Kisan Vaigyanik" – a Farmers' Scientist. In his heart there was a farmer. The success of his works is not restricted to their academic excellence; it lies in the impact they have had outside the laboratories, in the farms and the fields. His work narrowed the gap between scientific knowledge and its practical application. He consistently advocated for sustainable agriculture, emphasising the delicate balance between human advancement and ecological sustainability.

Here, I must also note Prof. Swaminathan's special emphasis on improving the lives of the small farmers and ensuring they also enjoy the fruits of innovation. He was particularly passionate about improving the lives of women farmers.

There is another aspect about Prof. M.S. Swaminathan which is remarkable - he stands tall as a paragon of innovation and mentorship. When he won the World Food Prize in 1987, the first recipient of this prestigious honour, he used the prize money to establish a not-for-profit research foundation. Till

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date, it undertakes extensive work across various sectors. He has nurtured countless minds, instilling in them a passion for learning and innovation. In a rapidly changing world, his life reminds us of the enduring power of knowledge, mentorship, and innovation. He was an institution builder as well, having to his



credit many centres where vibrant research takes place. One of his stints was as Director, International Rice Research Institute, Manila. The South Asia Regional Centre of International Rice Research Institute was opened in Varanasi in 2018.

I will again cite The Kural to pay tributes to Dr. Swaminathan. It is written there, "If those who have planned have firmness, they will attain what they have desired the way they have desired." Here was a stalwart who decided early on in his life that he wants to strengthen agriculture and serve farmers. And, he did it exceptionally innovatively and passionately. Dr. Swaminathan's contributions continue to inspire and guide us as we navigate the path of agricultural innovation and sustainability. We must also keep reaffirming our commitment to the principles he held dear, championing the cause of farmers and ensuring the fruits of scientific innovation reach the roots of our agricultural expanse, fostering growth, sustainability, and prosperity for generations to come. ■

(The Writer is the Prime Minister of India)



NO FULLSTOP FOR THE OTHER HALF

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AMIT SHAH

Bharat is a nation empowered by women. Their care, compassion, and ingenuity have not only shaped individuals and our society but also the edifice of our glorious cultural heritage.

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The strides made by women in science, space exploration, and healthcare have made the world look at India with admiration in the present era. More than 80% nurses

and midwives in India are women, who rendered unforgettable service as the first line of defence during the pandemic.

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political participation remains few and far between, globally. Bharat needs the unfettered contribution of women in policy and law-making to shape the nation the way PM Modi envisions in Amrit Kaal.

The role of the women's reservation bill comes into play

in this particular vision of the PM. The bill, which paves the way for reservation of 33% of seats for women in Parliament and state assemblies, will unleash a new era of inclusive governance undoing major hindrances to their participation.

However, the context of the bill has to be understood along with its historicity. Rather than an isolated step, it is part of a structured effort to empower women in every strata of society.

In the last nine years, PM Modi has been a vocal advocate and a proactive mover of women-led development. Initiatives like Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao have improved sex ratio at birth and increased enrolment of girls in educational institutions. Scholarships provided by the Modi government have also been integral in ensuring quality education for girls.

Schemes like Pradhan Mantri Sukanya Samridhi Yojana and Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana have significantly contributed to the financial security and inclusion of 30 crore women. Collateral-free loans through Mudra Yojana have empowered 40 crore women to capitalise on their entrepreneurship prowess.

In fact, the nine years of

the Modi government have been a tribute to womanhood. The dispensation has not only catered to socio-economic needs of women but also to their sensibilities by insulating them from the pangs of destitution through a well-structured welfare mechanism.

When families can't afford necessities like food, a home, medicines, and potable water, it is the woman in the family who is pained the most. The Modi government has shielded them from the scourge of poverty by providing 2.9 crore poor women homes, with proprietary rights, food grains to 80 crore poor, 11 crore water supply connections, and health insurance to 50 crore beneficiaries.

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With the Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Bill, 2017, the dispensation provided comforting relief to working women by increasing the maximum period of paid maternity leave to 26 weeks. Dismantling established gender stereotypes, the Modi government made women officers in the army eligible for permanent commission for the first time in history.

On account of these disruptive changes ushered in by the PM, today India has women fighter jet pilots for the first time in its history. It is also for the first time in our nation's history that 15% of seats

for pilots in cockpits of commercial flying machines are occupied by women, when the global record is merely 5%.

All such milestones reached in the last nine years in facilitating a transformative change in the lives of 50% of the nation's population remind me of the proverbial saying, 'Where there is a will, there's a way.'

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Sadly, glaring issues in the lives of this vast population hardly ever occupied centre stage in the nation's political discourse earlier. There was no dearth of seasonal lip service from Congress during electioneering. But the apathy was laid bare once election season was over. There was no reluctance on the part of Congress to walk out from Parliament when the fate of millions of women was being decided through the debate on triple talaq. The party's decision not to support the candidature of Droupadi Murmu in the last election for the highest constitutional post in India and rather attempting to foil her victory by throwing its support behind



the opposition candidate, was a clear enough hint that women empowerment was never on its agenda.

In stark contrast, the Modi government's success in converting the long-pending bill for women's reservation into legislation is a formidable example of its iron-willed commitment to the same.

Globally, the active participation of women in government has enhanced the legitimacy of emerging institutions, reduced corruption, and promoted consultative policymaking. Countries with high female representation in parliament, like the Nordic nations, have carved imitable paths in this direction. India, too, must prioritise gender equality and social inclusion through equal representation.

With the women's reservation bill, PM Modi has aptly laid the robust foundation of a more inclusive parliamentary democracy in Amrit Kaal where women are heard more, and their issues are debated with more vehemence. ■

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NARI SHAKTI IN NEW INDIA

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**NIRMALA
SITHARAMAN**

The Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam (Women's Reservation Bill) is a pivotal instrument for achieving political empowerment. When it comes to matters concerning women, our government refrains from doing politics. This is a matter of unwavering commitment for the Prime Minister, and as such, we have taken resolute actions whether it's regarding Article 370, Triple Talaq, or now the Women's Reservation Bill. Women, when given the same access and opportunities, can excel in the political arena just as our women scientists have excelled at ISRO.

Over the past nine years, under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India has pivoted towards a paradigm of 'women-led development'. The outcomes of these empowerment initiatives are evident, ushering in a transformative change in the nation's social fabric.

The Modi government's efforts to empower women through initiatives such as Ujjwala Yojana,

Swachhata Abhiyan, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, MUDRA Yojana, increasing maternity leave, and permanent commissioning of women in the Armed Forces are visible to all. Around 70 per cent of loans under the PM MUDRA Yojana have been sanctioned to women. These are loans up to Rs 1 million to support micro-level units and those self-employed. Similarly, 80 per cent of beneficiaries under Stand-Up India are women.

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Furthermore, with the success of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, countless women now have

access to toilets in their homes, easing concerns over their safety and preserving their dignity. Women got joint ownership of houses made under PM Awas Yojana (PMAY).

Over the past nine years under the Modi government, women have surged ahead with notable accomplishments. This progress is evident in the increased representation of female police personnel, accolades secured by our sportswomen on international platforms, and the rising enrolment of women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) disciplines. Since 2014, female participation in technical education, especially in the Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), has doubled. Remarkably, nearly 43 per cent of STEM graduates in India are women. About a quarter of space scientists in India are women whose dedication and hard work have been instrumental in the nation's flagship space missions, including Chandrayaan, Gaganyaan, and Mission Mars.

Today, more women are enrolling in higher education than men in India. We also have one of the highest numbers of women pilots in civil aviation. And female pilots in the Indian Air Force are now flying fighter aircraft. The Modi government has reserved posts for women in the CAPFs (Central

Armed Police Forces) and allowed the admission of girls in the premier National Defence Academy (NDA) and Sainik Schools. Women fighters now stand to serve as “Amrit Rakshaks” in the “Amrit Kaal” as envisioned by PM Modi.

The right to vote and contest elections was granted to women in India since the beginning. About 1.4 million, that is 46 per cent of elected representatives in rural local bodies in India, are women. Indian women and their empowerment are playing a big role in pushing the country's growth.

Our government recently convened a special session to inaugurate the new Parliament building — a symbol of a New India. We envisioned this Parliament embarking on its journey by addressing one of the most pivotal bills in its history. This auspicious start aligns with a building designed to serve the nation for the coming century. PM Modi has aptly stated that success cannot be achieved if 50 per cent of the population, which comprises women, remains confined to their homes. As India propels itself to become a dominant global economic force, the role of women in contributing to the nation's growth becomes increasingly indispensable with each passing day.

The Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam is historic legislation, which will further boost women's empowerment and enable even greater participation of women in our political and governance processes. With the enactment

of the legislation, India positions itself on the brink of a more radiant and inclusive tomorrow, with our Nari Shakti at the heart of this transformation. This transformative journey also signifies a paradigm shift in societal perceptions — where women are no longer merely beneficiaries but are active contributors and shapers of the nation's destiny.

The path has been challenging, the battle prolonged, but finally, Nari Shakti has emerged triumphant. In this moment of success, it's crucial to acknowledge former Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao's government for introducing 33 per

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cent reservation in the Panchayati Raj system. This initiative has led to an upsurge in women's participation, with many states even increasing the reservation to 50 per cent at the grassroots level.

This focus on women-led development is not a mere political strategy but a deeply embedded ethos. The government, under the leadership of PM Modi, has internalised the principle that a nation's growth is inextricably linked to the growth of its women. This commitment is reflected in the myriad of policies and initiatives

launched over the past nine years, and the results are profound.

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We must remember that empowering women means empowering a nation. When women thrive, societies prosper. As we stand at this significant juncture, it's not just about celebrating the milestones achieved but also about looking forward to the limitless possibilities that lie ahead. India is setting an example on the global stage, showcasing that with commitment, vision, and action, gender barriers can be overcome, making way for a more inclusive, prosperous, and balanced future.

The essence of the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam and similar initiatives signifies hope, progress, and a promise of a brighter future for all. It's a clarion call for the entire nation to rally together and ensure that the winds of change, set in motion, continue for generations to come. ■

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ARJUN RAM
MEGHWAL

In a democratic setup, a consensual decision carries a special significance for any remarkable change. It reflects the collective spirit of the transformational journey. Recently, Bharat has witnessed historic decisions of global resonance — one is the building of consensus on the Delhi Declaration as part of the G20 presidency, the other is the passing of Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam. At a time when global geopolitics is beset with multi-pronged turmoil, these are jewels in the crown of the mother of democracy.

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This has been a 27-year-long journey to give women their due share in representative democracy. In a very simplistic manner, the existing minimal share of nari

shakti, which constitutes half the population, was a lacuna. Social dynamics had made women a mere decision-adherer rather than a decision-maker to some extent. Numerous exceptions are there to counter this view: Women have broken the glass ceiling and have made the nation proud in every sphere. Now, the Narendra Modi government has prioritised this moral choice and showcased a strong will to correct this historical lacuna. The gender justice proposed by the

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War to facilitate women's suffrage in the UK. Our forefathers were visionary and ensured women's voting rights immediately after Independence. Now, after the 75th year of Independence, marking the era of Amrit Kaal, Bharat has taken a forward leap from that right to vote to extend women's share of the right to represent in Parliament and legislative assemblies.

During the historic November 25, 1949, speech, Dr BR Ambedkar categorically asked how long one would continue to live a life of contradictions. He cautioned about social and economic inequalities. Over the last nine years, pro-poor and people-centric moves have resolved those contradictions. A testimony to this is the fact that more than 13.5 crore people have come out of poverty. The historic Nari Shakti Vandan Bill is another step to realise the spirit of one person, one vote and one value.

From another perspective, Indian philosophical values say that the perfect balance of feminine and masculine traits leads to a state of self-actualisation by bringing internal peace, harmony and individual fulfilment. It is up to us to utilise the natural potential of female sorority for the collective fulfilment and welfare of humanity.

Women's innate qualities of perseverance, creativity, sacrifice, dedication, resilience and trust make the best ingredients for a leadership role without even taking leadership course certification from top management schools and universities. Just letting them have their rightful space will lead to enormous capacity-building and be a perfect model for others to emulate.

The Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Amendment) Act is not a political step for the Modi government, but it is an article of faith. In July 2003, the BJP passed a resolution for women's reservation in Parliament and state legislature at its national executive committee meeting at Raipur. Later, the Party executed this at the organisation level, and included it in its manifesto. Now, it has become an instrument of change for the entire nation. Calling a special session of

Parliament and onboarding all political parties for a consensus-based decision was a Herculean task, which the government has done meticulously. For a few parties, who had opposed this noble cause earlier, their nod to it is not by choice but out of their political compulsion. The old Parliament building witnessed the Constitution-making exercise and transfer of power from the British, this new temple of democracy has marked further progressive sharing of that power under the umbrella of our Constitution.

The recently concluded G20 presidency has proved that Bharat matters a lot in amicably resolving global challenges. India is on the verge of becoming the third largest economy in the world and, parallelly, the nation will surpass the global average (26.7 per cent) of the percentage of women in national Parliament. Increasing their share from 15 per cent to

33 per cent will take it far ahead of many developed nations. Such profound measures will re-orient the nation's outlook to become a women-led 21st-century leader.

For the implementation of provisions of this Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam, the prerequisite constitutional obligation under Article 82 mandates prior census and delimitation exercise to identify women-led constituencies. The Modi government is committed to implementing it in accordance with this constitutional spirit. However, the pulse of change is being felt across the nation. The much-needed shift from a patriarchal mindset has gained currency. Let's embrace this brighter era of thriving nari shakti leadership for building a developed Bharat. ■

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA NOTIFIES ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL TURMERIC BOARD

The Government of India on 4 October notified the constitution of the National Turmeric Board. The National Turmeric Board will focus on the development and growth of turmeric and turmeric products in the country.

The National Turmeric Board will provide leadership on turmeric related matters, augment the efforts, and facilitate greater coordination with Spices Board and other Government agencies in development and growth of the turmeric sector.

The Board will leverage to further increase awareness and consumption, develop new markets internationally to increase exports, promote research and development into new products. The Board will also promote quality and food safety standards and adherence to such standards. ■

COMBINED INDEX OF EIGHT CORE INDUSTRIES INCREASES BY 12.1 PER CENT

The combined Index of Eight Core Industries (ICI) increased by 12.1 per cent (provisional) in August 2023 as compared to the Index of August 2022. The production of all Eight Core Industries (namely, Cement, Coal, Crude Oil, Electricity, Fertilizers, Natural Gas, Refinery Products and Steel) recorded positive growth in August 2023 over the corresponding month of last year.

The ICI measures combined and individual performance of production of eight core industries viz. Cement, Coal, Crude Oil, Electricity, Fertilizers, Natural Gas, Refinery Products and Steel. The final growth rate of Index of Eight Core Industries for May 2023 is revised to 5.2 per cent. The cumulative growth rate of ICI during April to August, 2023-24 is 7.7 per cent (provisional) as compared to the corresponding period of last year. ■

India proved the mettle of her leadership by making African Union a full member of G-20: PM

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on September 24 addressed the nation through 105th episode of his radio programme Mann Ki Baat. In his address he said, India has proved the mettle of her leadership by making African Union a full member of G-20. Here, we are publishing highlights of the address for esteemed readers:

- My family members, after the success of Chandrayaan-3, the grand hosting of G-20 doubled the joy of every Indian. Bharat Mandapam has turned out to be a celebrity in itself. People are taking selfies with it and also posting them with pride. In this summit, India has proved the mettle of her leadership by making African Union a full member of G-20. You must be aware that during the time when India was very prosperous, the Silk Route was a part of discourse in our country and in the world. This Silk Route was a major medium of business and trade. Now in modern times, India has suggested another Economic Corridor in G-20. This is the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor. This corridor is going to become the basis of world trade for hundreds of years to come, and history will always remember that this corridor was initiated on Indian soil.
- My family members, two days from now, the 27th September, is 'World Tourism Day'. Some people view tourism just as a means of touring and travelling, but a very big aspect of tourism is related to employment.
- The fascination towards India has risen a lot in the last few years and after the successful organization of G-20, the interest of the people of the world towards India has grown further.
- The Hoysala temples of Karnataka, which have been included in the UNESCO World Heritage List, are known for their excellent architecture of the 13th century. These temples getting recognition from UNESCO is also an honor to the Indian tradition of temple building.
- My dear family members, in our country education is always seen as a service. I have come to know about some youth of Uttarakhand, who are working for the education of children with the same



spirit. Some youth in Nainital district have started unique 'Ghoda Library' for children. The biggest feature of this library is that books are reaching children even in the most remote areas and not only this, the service is absolutely free. Till now 12 villages of Nainital have been covered through this. Local people are also coming forward to help in this noble cause related to children's education.

- Friends, it is true that today's era is of Digital Technology and E-Books, but still books always play the role of a good friend in our lives. Hence, we should motivate children to read books.
- My dear family members, this Azadi Ka Amrit Kaal is also the period of duty for every citizen of the country. Only by performing our duties can we achieve our goals and reach our destination. In Sambhal UP, the country has seen such an example of sense of duty, which I want to share with you too. Just imagine...more than 70 villages, population of thousands and all the people coming together and uniting to achieve one goal...this rarely happens, but the people of Sambhal have by walking on the path of duty, you too can become the medium of many such changes around you. ■



Breaking the Silos

By: Anandiben Patel

PM Modi Story

Shri Narendra Modi had always believed in the mantra of 'Sabka Prayas.' When he took over as Chief Minister of Gujarat in 2001, one of his primary concerns was that the officials worked in silos till then.

In one of his speeches addressing the bureaucrats, he had said, "I don't expect you to work in silos". Shri Modi then explained that you are presently here in one department, but tomorrow you may be in another department with one of your colleagues sitting next to you. So, if you interact with the fellow colleague and understand his challenges, tomorrow you can avoid facing those same challenges when you are there in that department. Quoting his example, Shri Modi said, "I don't work in silos and I expect the same from the officials too."

Smt. Anandiben Patel, Governor of Uttar Pradesh recall her days in Gujarat when she served as a minister. "I remember our first 3-day Chintan Shivir in Bharuch. We were supposed to work and prepare the blueprint for coming one year. All the ministers and secretaries were present in that shivir. Earlier, we were used



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to leave after the Chintan Shivir was over. But this time all the ministers were informed from the Chief Minister Office that they need to get together in the Gandhinagar Circuit House at 8 am on the following morning. All of us were supposed to carry our luggage and we had to travel together in a luxury bus and not by our personal cars. Ministers and secretaries were supposed to travel together."

All the ministers and secretaries travelled to Bharuch together and it took them around 3-4 hours. Surprisingly, all of them felt really good. Normally, ministers and secretaries never really got this much time and opportunity to interact with each other, but during that time they not only interacted but also got to know a lot about each other.

"So, this relationship that we developed holds a significant value as we get to know about the likes and dislikes of the people we are travelling with. Due to CM Shri Modi's idea, we got the chance to break free from protocols as we had to sit wherever we got seats in the buses," says Smt. Anandiben Patel. ■

LPG gas cylinder price cut for Ujjwala beneficiaries

Now LPG cylinder under the Ujjwala scheme will be available at Rs 603

Union minister Shri Anurag Thakur informed on 04 October, 2023 that the Union Government has raised the subsidy amount for Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) beneficiaries from Rs 200 to Rs 300 per LPG cylinder. He informed this during a briefing on Cabinet decisions.

Earlier, with a subsidy of Rs 200, the price of subsidised LPG cylinder was Rs 703. Now, with the subsidy being further increased by another Rs 100, the price for the subsidised LPG cylinder under the Ujjwala scheme would come down to Rs 603.

Informing this, Anurag Thakur



said, "During the past nine years, a lot of development work has been done for the welfare of women and the poor. Last month, on the eve of Rakshabandhan, when the prices of domestic LPG were reduced by Rs 200, it reached about Rs 900. However, for the Ujjwala beneficiaries, it was Rs 700," he added.

Ujjwala beneficiaries currently pay Rs 703 per 14.2-kg cylinder

as against the market price of Rs 903. After the decision of the Union Cabinet, they will now pay Rs 603. The Union Cabinet had in August cut LPG domestic gas cylinder prices by Rs 200 for all consumers.

The Union Government had last month approved the release of Rs 1,650 crore to oil marketing companies towards providing 75 lakh LPG connections under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana. With the provision for an additional 75 lakh Ujjwala connections, the total number of beneficiaries under the PMUY scheme has now increased to 10.35 crores. ■



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