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**PM VISITS AYODHYA, UTTAR PRADESH**

**CAMPAIGN OF 'VIKSIT BHARAT' IS GETTING  
NEW ENERGY FROM AYODHYA: PM**





BJP National President Shri JP Nadda along with Haryana CM Shri Manohar Lal Khattar & others at a grand Road show in Panchkula, Haryana on 06 January, 2024



Himachal BJP welcoming BJP National President Shri JP Nadda with a massive Road show in Solan on 05 January, 2024



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda along with UP CM Yogi Adityanath, BJP State President Shri Bhupendra Singh and others at the Mahila Half Marathon Daud in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh on 31 December, 2023



On the occasion of Veer Bal Diwas, BJP National President Shri JP Nadda & Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah praying at Gurudwara Bara Sikh Sangat, in Kolkata, West Bengal on 26 December, 2023



Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah at the Telangana State BJP Mandal Presidents meeting in Ranga Reddy, Hyderabad on 28 December, 2023



Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh attending an event organised to support the families of India's braveheart Jawans in Surat, Gujarat on 30 December, 2023

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**@Narendramodi**

India creates yet another landmark. India's first solar observatory Aditya-L1 reaches its destination. It is a testament to the relentless dedication of our scientists in realising among the most complex and intricate space missions. I join the nation in applauding this extraordinary feat. We will continue to pursue new frontiers of science for the benefit of humanity. (06 January, 2024)



**@JPNadda**

The Union Cabinet under the chairmanship of Honorable PM Shri Narendramodiji has approved the proposal to develop Ayodhya Airport and name it 'Maharishi Valmiki International Airport, Ayodhyadham'. This will provide a new dimension to the tourism and prestige of this place along with the global spread of the universal life values of Lord Shri Ram. Thanks to Modi ji for this decision dedicated to the global spread of our precious Sanatan culture. (05 January, 2024)



**@AmitShah**

Congratulations to our sisters and brothers in Lakshadweep on the inauguration and foundation stone laying of development projects worth ₹1200 crore by PM @narendramodi Ji. The projects will ensure that the people of the Dweep Kshetra avail state-of-the-art amenities like the citizens in other parts of the country and walk shoulder to shoulder to make Bharat the foremost nation in the world during the Amrit Kaal. (03 January 2024)



**@Rajnathsingh**

The Union Government is developing a strong base of domestic defence industrial ecosystem to make India a strategic economy. New India no more tolerant to 'let it be' mindset and now believes firmly in 'let's do it' approach.

(31 December, 2023)



**@Nitin Gadkari**

Under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi Ji, the Union Cabinet has granted approval for the expansive PRITHvi Vigyan initiative by the Ministry of Earth Sciences, allocated a budget of Rs. 4,797 crore. This pioneering scheme is poised to comprehensively tackle all five components of the Earth system, aiming to elevate the understanding of Earth System Sciences to new heights. (05 January, 2024)



**@B L Santhosh**

Mesmerising visuals of New terminal building of Tiruchirappalli international airport being inaugurated by PM Sri @narendramodi today . A civilisation is reinventing its glory in every forward step.

(02 January, 2024)



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**OVER 1 CRORE**

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**Jai Hind!!!**

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wishes a very happy  
**REPUBLIC DAY** (26 JANUARY)  
to all of its readers



## NATION DRAWS INSPIRATION FROM ITS GLORIOUS HERITAGE

As the entire nation and millions of devotees abroad eagerly await the inauguration of the grand Shri Ram Temple in Ayodhya, the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, has gifted several projects to the holy city, aiming to make it one of the best pilgrimage centres in the world. While Maharishi Valmiki International Airport, a state-of-the-art airport is equipped to handle more than ten lakh passengers annually; the redeveloped Ayodhya railway station, new Amrit Bharat trains, and Vande Bharat trains will facilitate the comfortable journey of thousands of passengers daily. The Ayodhya Dham, the birthplace of Ramlala, held in high esteem by devotees across the world, is today becoming one of the most modern cities, representing a glorious ancient legacy and the cleanest among them all, and thus becoming a proud symbol of Indian civilizational heritage. It also represents the indefatigable civilizational spirit, centuries of struggle, and the unshakable faith of the masses in the ancient maxim of 'Satyamev Jayate'. The inauguration of the grand Shri Ram Temple in Ayodhya is set to inspire the nation with a new resolve and dynamism to move ahead in Amrit Kaal with the mantra of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Viaks, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas', while realising the vision of the 'Viksit Bharat'. It is a historic moment that would transform the vision into reality and ignite millions of minds while setting them forth on a glorious journey towards a bright and prosperous future.

The nation observed the martyrdom of Sahibzaades Baba Zorawar Singh ji and Baba Fateh Singh ji, two younger sons of Guru Gobind Singh ji, as 'Veer Bal Diwas' on December 26, 2023. It is to be noted that

on January 9, 2022, the day of Prakash Purab of Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji, the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, announced that December 26 would be observed as 'Veer Bal Diwas', to mark the martyrdom of the sons of Shri Guru Gobind Singh for their supreme and unparalleled sacrifice at the tender age of 9 and 6 years, respectively, to defend the dignity and honour of the nation. The courage and resolve displayed by Veer Sahibzades are crucial in highlighting that the younger generation refuses to succumb to cruelty and remains steadfast in defending the nation's morale. This underscores the significant role of the youth in shaping a nation and its destiny, making Veer Bal Diwas even more meaningful. While the entire nation joined in observing 'Veer Bal Diwas' in various places, the Government of India observed the 'Veer Bal Diwas' on a large scale, and Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi was Chief Guest on the occasion at a commemorative function at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. He has rightly said that Veer Sahibzaades, along with numerous youth icons like Nachiketa, Abhimanyu, Dhruv, Mauryan

Emperor Chandragupta, Eklavya, Khudiram Bose, Kanaklata Barua, Rani Gaidinliu, Baji Raut, and many others, continue to inspire the younger generation to build a strong and vibrant India.

While India moves ahead with a newfound confidence and immense hope for the future under the dynamic and charismatic leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the efforts towards reclaiming the glorious national heritage and its restoration and revival have given the entire nation new energy and dynamism. There is no doubt that a nation draws its inspiration from its glorious heritage, and its civilizational centres are its lifeline. In the Amrit Kaal, while the nation aims to remove all signs of colonial slavery, the celebration of a glorious legacy and deepening of the nation's roots are prime prerequisites for realising the vision of 'Viksit Bharat'. While the inauguration of the grand Shri Ram Temple reinforces the energy and dynamism emanating from civilizational centres, the observance of 'Veer Bal Diwas' ensures that tradition of indomitable courage and sacrifice will continue to inspire the younger generation to perform their duty by shouldering responsibilities and contributing to the national reconstruction process. ■

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# PM MODI GETS ROUSING WELCOME IN AYODHYA



## LIGHT SHRI RAM JYOTI ON 22ND JANUARY IN EVERY HOUSEHOLD: PM MODI

### PM INAUGURATES AND LAYS FOUNDATION STONE OF PROJECTS WORTH 15,700 CRORE

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi was accorded a rousing welcome on his arrival at the holy city of Ayodhya in Uttar Pradesh on 30 December, 2023. Shri Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of multiple development projects worth 15,700 crore at Ayodhya. These include projects worth about 11,100 crore for development of Ayodhya Dham and its surrounding areas and projects worth about 4600 crore related to other projects across Uttar Pradesh.

Earlier, PM Shri Modi inaugurated the redeveloped Ayodhya Railway Station and flagged off new Amrit Bharat trains and Vande Bharat trains. He also dedicated several other railway projects to the nation. After that, he also inaugurated the newly built Ayodhya Airport. The airport has been named Maharishi Valmiki International Airport.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi was accorded a grand welcome on his arrival at Maharishi Valmiki international airport in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh on 30 December, 2023. The Prime Minister last visited the holy city of Ram Nagri during Deepotsav last year. Shri Modi led an impressive road show after leaving the airport, receiving an unprecedented

welcome from the people of Ayodhya.

Many dignitaries were present upon his arrival, including Governor Smt. Anandi Ben Patel, UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Union Ministers Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia and Shri VK Singh, Deputy Chief Ministers Shri Keshav Prasad Maurya and Shri Brajesh Pathak, and BJP State President Shri





### PM inaugurates Maharishi Valmiki International Airport at Ayodhya Dham

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the newly built Ayodhya Airport. The airport has been named Maharishi Valmiki International Airport.



Chaudhary Bhupendra Singh. After the grand Road Show the Prime Minister inaugurated several projects in Ayodhya.

Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister, while expressing delight to be in Ayodhya Dham, noted the fervour and enthusiasm in the holy city during his roadshow. The Prime Minister said that “the world is eagerly waiting for 22nd January. I am a devotee of every particle and person of India, I too am eager” for the day of Pran Pratishtha at the upcoming Ram Temple.

The Prime Minister noted the significance of 30th December as Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose unfurled tricolour on this day in Andaman in 1943. “On such an auspicious day associated with the freedom movement, today we are carrying forward the resolve of the Amrit Kaal”, he added. He said that the campaign of Viksit Bharat is getting new energy from Ayodhya and congratulated the people of Ayodhya for the development projects. He emphasized that these projects will re-establish Ayodhya on the national map.

### Taking care of the heritage

Shri Modi stressed that taking care of the heritage is an integral part of scaling new heights of development. “Today’s India is moving while incorporating both ancient and modern” he said and elaborated the point by juxtaposing grand temple of Ram Lala with pucca houses for 4 crore poor citizens; renovation of places of faith with strides in Digital India; Kashi Vishwanath Dham with more than 30,000 panchayat bhawans; revamping of Kedar Dham with more than 315 medical colleges; Mahakaal Mahalok with Har Ghar Jal; achievements in space and ocean with bringing back heritage artifacts from abroad.

He continued, referring to the upcoming Pran Pratishtha, and said ‘today here is celebration of progress, after some days there will be festival of tradition, today we see grandeur of development, after some days we feel the divinity of the heritage. This collective strength of development and heritage will take India forward in the 21st century.’ Referring to the ancient glory of Ayodhya as described by Maharishi Valmiki himself, the Prime Minister reiterated the desire to bring that grandeur back by linking it with modernity.

- Phase 1 of the state-of-the-art airport is developed at a cost of more than Rs 1450 crore. The airport’s terminal building will have an area of 6500 sqm, equipped to serve about 10 lakh passengers annually.
- The facade of the Terminal Building depicts the temple architecture of the upcoming Shri Ram Mandir of Ayodhya.
- The interiors of the terminal Building are decorated with local art, paintings & murals depicting the life of Bhagwan Shri Ram.
- The terminal building of Ayodhya airport is also equipped with various sustainability features like insulated roofing system, LED lighting, rain water harvesting, landscaping with fountains, water treatment plant, sewage treatment plant, solar power plant and many other such features have been provided to meet GRIHA - 5 star ratings.
- The airport will improve connectivity in the region, leading to a boost in tourism, business activities and employment opportunities.

### **PM meets the 10 crore beneficiary of Ujjwala Gas Connection**

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi also narrated his experience of visiting the house of the 10 crore beneficiary of Ujjwala Gas Connection.

He expressed happiness that Ujjwala Scheme, started on 1st May 2016 in Ballia district of UP has helped so many women from the smoke and transformed their lives.

He said that 18 crore gas connections including 10 crore free connections have been provided in the last 10 years as compared to just 14 crore connections in the 50-55 years before that. The



Prime Minister reiterated his commitment to serve the people with all his might.

“Nowadays some people ask me why Modi’s guarantee has so much strength. Modi’s guarantee has so much power because Modi does what he says. Today the country has faith in Modi’s guarantee because Modi puts in all his efforts to fulfill the guarantees he gives.

This city of Ayodhya is also a witness to this. And today, I will once again assure the people of Ayodhya that we will leave no stone unturned in the development of this holy place”, he concluded

### **Ayodhya will give new direction to the development**

“Not only Awadh region, but Ayodhya will give new direction to the development of the entire Uttar Pradesh”, said PM Modi. He pointed out the

projected increase of pilgrims and tourists coming to the holy city in the wake of the grand temple and said that infrastructure is being revamped to meet the demand.

### **Ayodhya Airport after Maharishi Valmiki**

The Prime Minister expressed happiness on naming Ayodhya Airport after Maharishi Valmiki. He said Maharishi Valmiki’s Ramayana is the path of knowledge which connects us to Shri Ram. Maharishi Valmiki International Airport in modern India will connect us to Ayodhya Dham and the divine-grand-new Ram temple.

In the first phase the airport can handle 10 lakh passengers annually and after the second phase, Maharishi Valmiki International Airport will cater to 60 lakh commuters annually. Ayodhya Dham Railway Station handles 10 thousand people now this will reach 60 thousand after revamping will be complete, he informed. Similarly, he informed that with Ram Path, Bhakti Path, Dharm Path and Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Path, car parkings, new medical colleges, preventing pollution of Saryu ji, transformation of Ram ki Pedi, upgradation of the ghats, renovation of ancient kunds, Lata Mangeshkar Chowk are giving new identity to Ayodhya and creating new avenues of income and employment in the holy city.

### **‘Amrit Bharat’ trains after Vande Bharat**

The Prime Minister informed about the new train series ‘Amrit Bharat’ trains after Vande Bharat and Namo Bharat and expressed delight that the first Amrit Bharat train is going through Ayodhya. He congratulated people of UP, Delhi, Bihar, West Bengal and Karnataka for getting these trains today. The Prime Minister highlighted the sense of service to the poor that underlie modern Amrit Bharat trains. “People who often travel long distances due to their work, and those who do not have that much income, are also entitled to modern facilities and comfortable travel. These trains have been designed keeping in mind the dignity in the life of the poor”, he added.

The Prime Minister also highlighted the role that Vande Bharat trains are playing in linking development with heritage. “The country’s first Vande Bharat Express train ran from Kashi. Today Vande Bharat Express trains are running on 34 routes in the



# PM inaugurates Ayodhya Dham Junction Railway Station

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the redeveloped Ayodhya Railway Station and flagged off new Amrit Bharat trains and Vande Bharat trains on 30 December, 2023. He also dedicated several other railway projects to the nation.

Phase I of redeveloped Ayodhya Railway Station - known as Ayodhya Dham Junction Railway Station - is developed at a cost of more than Rs 240 crore. The three-storey modern railway station building is equipped with all modern features like lifts, escalators, food plazas and shops for puja needs, cloak rooms, child care rooms, waiting halls. The station building will be 'accessible for all' and 'IGBC certified green station building'.

## Flagged off two new Amrit Bharat trains

The programme at Ayodhya Dham Junction Railway Station witnessed the Prime Minister flagging off a new category of superfast passenger trains in the country - the Amrit Bharat Express.

The Amrit Bharat train is an LHB push pull train with non air-conditioned coaches. This train has locos at both ends for better acceleration. It provides improved facilities for rail passengers like beautiful and attractive designed seats, better luggage rack, mobile charging point with suitable mobile holder, LED lights, CCTV, public information system, among others.

The Prime Minister flagged off two new Amrit Bharat trains viz Darbhanga-Ayodhya-Anand Vihar Terminal Amrit Bharat Express and Malda Town-Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminus (Bengaluru) Amrit Bharat Express.

The Prime Minister also interacted with school children travelling in the inaugural journey of the Amrit Bharat Trains.

## Flagged off six new Vande Bharat Trains

The Prime Minister also flagged off six new Vande Bharat Trains. These include Shri Mata Vaishno Devi



Katra-New Delhi Vande Bharat Express; Amritsar-Delhi Vande Bharat Express; Coimbatore-Bangalore Cantt Vande Bharat Express; Mangalore-Madgaon Vande Bharat Express; Jalna-Mumbai Vande Bharat Express and Ayodhya-Anand Vihar Terminal Vande Bharat Express.

The Prime Minister also dedicated to the nation three railway projects worth Rs 2300 crore to strengthen rail infrastructure in the region. The projects include the Rooma Chakeri-Chanderi third line project; Jaunpur-Tulsi Nagar, Akbarpur-Ayodhya, Sohawal-Patranga and Safdarganj-Rasauli sections of the Jaunpur-Ayodhya-Barabanki doubling project; and doubling and electrification project of the Malhaur-Daliganj railway section.

country. Vande Bharat connects Kashi, Katra, Ujjain, Pushkar, Tirupati, Shirdi, Amritsar, Madurai, every such big center of faith. In this series, today Ayodhya

has also got the gift of Vande Bharat train", said PM Shri Modi.

The Prime Minister listed ancient traditions of



'yatras' in all parts of the country and said the facilities being created in Ayodhya Dham will make the Yatra of devotees to the Dham more comfortable.

The Prime Minister asked all the 140 crore Indians to light Shri Ram Jyoti. "This historical moment has very fortunately come into the lives of all of us. We have to take a new resolution for the country and fill it with new energy", PM Modi said.

### **"We waited for 550 years, wait for some more time"**

Keeping in mind the desire of everyone to be present for Pran Pratishtha, the Prime Minister also requested everyone to plan their visit to Ayodhya only after the programme of 22nd January as it is important from the point of view of security and arrangements. He asked everyone to plan their visit after 23rd January. "We waited for 550 years, wait for some more time", he requested.

### **Make Ayodhya the cleanest city of the country**

Preparing the people of Ayodhya for innumerable visitors in future, the Prime Minister reiterated his emphasis on cleanliness and asked them to make Ayodhya the cleanest city of the country." For the grand Ram temple, a huge campaign of cleanliness should be launched at the pilgrimage sites across the country from 14th January, the day of Makar Sankranti", the Prime Minister called upon the citizens of India.

## **DETAILS OF THE PROJECT**

### **Improved civic infrastructure in Ayodhya**

To enhance accessibility to the upcoming Shri Ram Mandir, the Prime Minister inaugurated four newly redeveloped, widened and beautified roads in Ayodhya - Rampath, Bhaktipath, Dharampath, and Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Path.

The Prime Minister also inaugurated and dedicated to the nation a number of projects that will strengthen

the civic infrastructure and beautify the public places in and around Ayodhya. These inaugurated projects include Rajarshi Dashrath Autonomous State Medical College; four-lane road connecting Ayodhya-Sultanpur Road-Airport; four-lane road till Tedhi Bazaar Shri Ram Janmabhoomi via NH-27 bypass Mahobra Bazaar; several beautified roads across the city and the Ayodhya bypass; Jagdishpur-Faizabad section of NH-330A; widening and strengthening of Maholi-Baragaon-Deodhi road and Jasarpur-Bhaupur-Gangaraman-Sureshnagar road; ROB at Badi Bua Railway Crossing on Panchkosi Parikrama Marg; solid waste treatment Plant in village Pikhrauli; and new buildings and classrooms in Dr. Brajkishore Homoeopathic College and Hospital, among others. The Prime Minister also inaugurated works related to Mukhyamantri Nagar Srijan Yojana work and five parking and commercial facilities.

### **Foundation stone of new projects in Ayodhya**

The Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone of new projects which will further help in the revamp of civic facilities in Ayodhya while also strengthening the rich cultural heritage of the city. These include conservation and beautification of four historical entrance gates in Ayodhya; new concrete ghats between Guptar Ghat and Rajghat and rehabilitation of pre-built ghats; development and beautification of tourist facilities from Naya Ghat to Laxman Ghat; construction of a visitor gallery for Deepotsav and other fairs at Ram Ki Paidi; strengthening and renovation of pilgrim path from Ram Ki Paidi to Raj Ghat and Raj Ghat to Ram Temple.

The Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of a greenfield township in Ayodhya being developed at a cost of more than Rs 2180 crore and Vashishtha Kunj Residential Scheme to be developed at a cost of about Rs 300 crore.

Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone of



a NH-28 (new NH-27) Lucknow-Ayodhya section; strengthening and modification of NH-28 (new NH-27) existing Ayodhya bypass; establishment of the CIPET center in Ayodhya, and construction work of Municipal Corporation Ayodhya and Ayodhya Development Authority office.

### Other projects across Uttar Pradesh

During the public programme, the Prime Minister inaugurated and dedicated to the nation other significant projects across Uttar Pradesh. These include the four-lane widening of Gosain Ki Bazar Bypass-Varanasi (Ghaghra Bridge-Varanasi) (NH-233); strengthening and upgradation of Khutar to Lakhimpur section of NH-730; capacity increase of LPG plant in Trishundi of Amethi district; Sewage Treatment Plant of 30 MLD in Pankha and 130 MLD in Jajmau, Kanpur; interception and diversion of drains and sewage treatment work in Unnao district; and CETP for Tannery Cluster at Jajmau in Kanpur.

### Highlights

- Ayodhya and its surrounding areas to benefit from development projects worth more than Rs 11,100 crore
- "Campaign of Viksit Bharat is getting new energy from Ayodhya"
- "Today's India is moving incorporating both ancient and modern"
- "Not only Awadh region, but Ayodhya will give new direction to the development of the entire Uttar Pradesh"
- "Maharishi Valmiki's Ramayana is the path of knowledge which connects us to Shri Ram"
- "Sense of service to the poor underlie modern Amrit Bharat trains"
- "For security and logistics reasons, plan your visit to Ayodhya only after 22nd January once the ceremony is over"
- "Celebrate the grand Ram temple with a huge campaign of cleanliness at the pilgrimage sites across the country from 14th January, the day of Makar Sankranti"
- "Today, the country has faith in Modi's guarantee because Modi puts in all his efforts to fulfill the guarantees he gives. Ayodhya is also a witness to this". ■



### BJP NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S HIMACHAL PRAVAS

### NOT A SINGLE PROMISE FULFILLED BY CONGRESS GOVT YET IN HIMACHAL: JP NADDA

BJP National President Shri JP Nadda criticised the Congress-led Himachal government and said that not a single promise has been fulfilled by the Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu government in the state. "We won in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh. Not even a single promise was fulfilled in a year in Himachal Pradesh by them (opposition). Politics cannot be done by lying and deceiving people," Shri JP Nadda said while addressing a huge rally in Solan on 5th January, 2024.

Before addressing the huge rally, the BJP National President held a mega roadshow in Solan district. He was escorted by a huge crowd of supporters, dancing and cheering in his motorcade. After the roadshow Shri Nadda also addressed the core group meeting of BJP Himachal Pradesh in Shimla.

He said the Congress got wiped out in Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan and this has happened because of the unwavering faith of the people towards Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. "Within no time, the Congress got wiped out in Chhattisgarh, all records were broken in Madhya Pradesh and lotus blossomed in Rajasthan, too. This is the unwavering faith of the public towards PM Modi who changed the culture of Indian politics," he said.

The BJP National President hit out at the former Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan CMs and said that both the Chief Ministers did not fulfil the promises they made in their state. "Bhupesh Baghel suspended central government schemes given to the poor, hence the people of Chhattisgarh suspended him and his government. People in Rajasthan had understood that Ashok Gehlot's government is a government that oppresses women, is a government that does injustice to the youth. The paper was leaked 19 times, and no recruitment took place, so the people of the state made him sit at home," he said. ■

## Work with utmost dedication in upcoming elections to ensure BJP's victory: JP Nadda



With an attempt to chalk out the BJP strategy for the upcoming Lok Sabha election and energizing the party organisation, BJP National President Shri JP Nadda and Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah arrived in Kolkata, West Bengal on 26 December, 2023 and held several meetings with BJP's State leadership. During their day-long visit, the leaders set a goal of securing 35 seats in Bengal for the 2024 polls. The BJP National President set up a core committee drawn from State and central BJP leaders.

Shri Nadda and Shri Shah also held a meeting with IT and Social Media teams at the National Library. Both the leaders told the social media teams to focus on nationalism and love for our country. They asked them to focus on corruption of Trinamool Congress, 'Parivaarbaad', appeasement politics and unemployment in the state.

Around 1,500 plus social media volunteers, were

present at the meeting. Earlier, Shri Nadda and Shri Shah offered prayers at Gurdwara Bara Sikh Sangat on Jorasanko in Kolkata on the occasion of 'Veer Bal Diwas'. They also did pujas at Kalighat Temple, Kolkata ahead of the strategy meeting.

Addressing the meeting of IT and social media Team in Kolkata Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda said, "Our social media volunteers play a vital role in taking our ideology and works to the people, as well as countering the falsehoods that are peddled against us.

In Bengal, they also have the important responsibility of making people aware of the blatant corruption of TMC and the hindrance they have been causing to central government's developmental work. I am confident that our social media volunteers will work with utmost dedication in the upcoming elections to ensure BJP's victory".

He said Karyakartas in Bengal have made the



## BJP is the future of Telangana: Amit Shah

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah held a meeting of Mandal Presidents in Hyderabad, Telangana on 28 December, 2024, and said BRS was a sunken ship and the Congress was a sinking ship. He said BJP is the future of Telangana.



In a tweet he said "Chaired a meeting with the Mandal Presidents of BJP Telangana Unit. The booth and mandals are our pillars of strength that carry our party and government to the doorstep of every citizen. The Mandal Presidents of the Telangana pledged in the meeting to infuse more strength to the party at the grassroots".

During the meeting he said, "You have to work hard. The BJP is being seen as the state's future. You have to ensure that at least lotus should bloom on 10 seats here in the upcoming Lok Sabha."

Shri Shah also offered prayers at the Bhagyalakshmi temple near the historic Charminar and said, "Jai Maa Bhagyalakshmi! Fortunate to have offered puja at Bhagyalakshmi Temple in Hyderabad. Prayed to the Maa Lakshmi for the well-being and prosperity of every citizen".

He said the BJP is slowly making inroads in Telangana. Earlier this year, the party won the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation elections. In the assembly elections, it doubled its vote share to 14 percent and won 8 seats.

After the meeting, BJP OBC Morcha National President and Rajya Sabha MP Shri K Laxman said Shri Amit Shah drew up an action plan for Telangana BJP to win over 10 seats with a vote share of 35 per cent in the next Lok Sabha polls in Telangana. The party had won four of the 17 Lok Sabha seats in 2019. ■

biggest sacrifices and even attained martyrdom. We did not have a single MLA here but now we have 77 in Bengal and 18 Lok Sabha members. If we can achieve 77 seats from 0, then we can form a government with two-third majority also.

### I GUARANTEE THAT MODI JI WILL MAKE SONAR BANGLA: AMIT SHAH

While addressing the meeting of the West Bengal BJP social media workers at the National Library, Shri Amit Shah urged that the leaders remain prepared to contest the upcoming Lok Sabha election. He reiterated that the BJP would win over 35 seats in West Bengal in the 2024 election.



The Union Home Minister said, "In the 2019 general elections, the BJP had set a target and bagged 18 seats. This time BJP is targeting to win 35 out of the 42 Lok Sabha seats in West Bengal in the coming polls".

"In West Bengal the BJP's electoral success hinges on its social media strength. This is because the regional media does not carry our message for fear of Didi," he told the gathering.

Urging the party workers to give 35 seats from the land of Jana Sangh founder Syama Prasad Mookerjee, he said, "I guarantee that Modi Ji will make Sonar Bangla [Golden Bengal]."

Shri Shah added that when Ms. Banerjee ousted the communists in Bengal, people were happy and had hoped that conditions in the State would improve. "But what she gave instead was worse than that.... Forming a BJP government in West Bengal will mean the end of infiltration, cow smuggling, and the citizenship to religiously persecuted people through CAA". ■

## **INDIA WILL BECOME WORLD'S THIRD-LARGEST ECONOMIC POWER BY 2027: JP NADDA**

**B**JP National President Shri JP Nadda accompanied by Haryana Chief Minister Shri Manohar Lal Khattar and state BJP State President Shri Nayab Singh Saini held a grand roadshow at Panchkula in Haryana on 06 January, 2024. The roadshow in Panchkula, a politically significant town as it shares its boundaries with Himachal Pradesh, Chandigarh and Punjab was started at the Red Bishop Tourism Centre and concluded at Bella Vista Chowk Panchkula. A large number of people and BJP Karyakartas lined the route of the roadshow, which was dotted with party flags, and showered flowers on the BJP National President's vehicle.

Addressing on the occasion Shri JP Nadda said India is currently ranked 5th in the world in terms of the economy and is progressing at a pace that it will become the third-largest economic power by 2027. He expressed gratitude for the overwhelming welcome received in Haryana after the BJP's victories in three states. He expressed confidence that the Bharatiya Janata Party would sweep all the 10 Lok Sabha Seats in Haryana in the upcoming general



elections.

### **PM has changed the culture of politics**

Shri Nadda said, "The PM has changed the culture of politics in the country which was earlier based on caste and creed, divisive politics and vote bank politics were practised for a long time until PM Shri Modi gave a new message of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas', and said that the country can move ahead with this Mantra."

The BJP National President said PM Shri Modi has ended vote bank politics and connected everyone with the politics of development. After BJP's victory in the Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh Assembly polls, the BJP National President told the gathering, this enthusiasm shows, you want to take the country and the state forward and make Shri Narendra Modi the Prime Minister for the third time.

When he asked how many of the 10 Lok Sabha seats in Haryana will the BJP win, the crowd replied, "Dus ki Dus (all 10)". Shri Nadda then said we will surely win all 10 seats in Haryana in the upcoming election.





## The Chinese media is praising India's progress

Praising PM Shri Modi's leadership, Shri JP Nadda, during the roadshow, said, "He is the country's and the world's most popular leader and we are proud that he is a leader of the BJP." "We have to make the country strong and stable and you will see it becoming a developed nation before your own eyes," he added.

He said, even the Chinese media is praising India's progress. It has been said that earlier, India used to balance but now, it works according to its interest. He cited an article in the Global Times, a prominent state-run Chinese media outlet, that said India has become more strategically confident and proactive in creating and developing a "Bharat narrative".

Shri Nadda also mentioned several welfare schemes and initiatives of the Modi government, particularly for the underprivileged sections, saying they have benefitted from the policies and programmes of the Centre. The PM has ensured the empowerment of the deprived, he said.

At the Panchkula roadshow, Shri Nadda praised the welfare schemes of the Khattar government and said its flagship 'Parivar Pehchan Patra' (family ID) scheme has brought a big change in society. Today, people don't have to run to government offices, they only have to mention their details on a portal and the government reaches their doorsteps, he said.

## BJP National President addresses the BJP Chandigarh unit

# 'WORKERS ARE THE PARTY'S BACKBONE'

BJP National President Shri JP Nadda also addressed a gathering of party workers and leaders from BJP Chandigarh unit while in the evening, he met newly appointed District Presidents of the party's Haryana unit in Panchkula.

Addressing the Chandigarh unit in Panchkula, Shri JP Nadda said the workers are the party's backbone and urged them to gear up for the impending electoral battle.

Highlighting Prime Minister Shri Modi's special connection with Chandigarh, Shri Nadda commended the workers and expressed confidence in their ability to further the development initiatives initiated by the Prime Minister.

He underscored the global recognition of India's social justice initiatives under PM Shri Modi's leadership. He also highlighted the fast progress that the country is making on the economic front and other fronts, including steel production, automobile industry, pharmaceutical sector, petrochemicals, road network, railways, and waterways. ■

## On the Jayanti of Atal ji (25 December)



PM Shri Narendra Modi and BJP National President Shri JP Nadda paying floral tributes on the Birth Anniversary of Former Prime Minister Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee ji at 'Sadaiv Atal' in New Delhi on 25 December, 2023

# MEMORANDUM OF SETTLEMENT SIGNED WITH ULFA



## Settlement with ULFA paves the way for lasting progress in Assam: PM

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 29 December said that signing of memorandum of settlement with ULFA paves the way for lasting progress in Assam.

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah posted, informing that the Government of India and the Government of Assam have signed a memorandum of settlement with the oldest insurgent group of the state, ULFA. The insurgent group has agreed to abjure the path of violence, surrender all arms and ammunition, join the peaceful democratic process as established by the law and uphold the integrity of the country.

PM Shri Modi posted in reply on X, "Today marks a significant milestone in Assam's journey towards peace and development. This agreement, paves the way for lasting progress in Assam. I commend the efforts of all involved in this

landmark achievement. Together, we move towards a future of unity, growth, and prosperity for all."

In presence of Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah a Memorandum of Settlement was signed between Government of India, Government of Assam and representatives

of United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA), in New Delhi on 29 December. The Agreement is a significant milestone to fulfil Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of a peaceful, prosperous and insurgency-free Northeast and bringing everlasting peace, prosperity and all-round development of Assam. Assam Chief Minister, Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma and senior officials of the Ministry of Home Affairs and Government of Assam were also present during the signing of the MoU.

### 9000 cadres have surrendered

The Union Home Minister said that on record more than 9000 cadres have surrendered and the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) has been lifted from 85 percent area of Assam. He said that due to the tripartite agreement being signed today between the Government of India, the Government of Assam and ULFA, the Modi government

**When the Modi government came to power in 2014 and took internal security as a priority, apart from settlement with ULFA, earlier it made peace settlements with Bodo groups, the United People's Front (UPF) and Kuki National Organisation in Manipur, the Karbi Anglong groups in Assam, National Liberation Front of Tripura, and the Karbi Longri N.C. Hills Liberation Front, among others.**



has achieved success in eliminating all the violent groups in Assam. He said that today's agreement is very important for peace in Assam and the entire Northeast. He said that under today's agreement, ULFA representatives have agreed to abjure path of violence, lay down all their arms and ammunition and disband their armed organisation. Apart from this, ULFA has also agreed to vacate all camps occupied by its armed cadres, engage in the peaceful democratic process established by law and maintain the integrity of the country.

Shri Amit Shah said that in ULFA conflict, about 10 thousand people from both sides were killed, who were citizens of this country, but today this problem is being completely resolved.

### **Violent incidents in Assam decreased by 87%, deaths by 90% and kidnappings by 84%**

He said that Government of India has agreed to provide a huge package and several big projects for all round development of Assam. He said that the Modi government will comply with all provisions of the agreement. Shri Shah said that after formation of Modi government in 2014, violent incidents in Assam

decreased by 87%, deaths by 90% and kidnappings by 84%. He said that so far 7500 cadres have surrendered in Assam alone, which will have addition of 750 more today, thus the surrender of over 8200 cadres in Assam alone is the beginning of a new era of peace.

The union Home minister said that the Modi government has signed NLFT agreement in 2019, Bru and Bodo in 2020, Karbi in 2021, Adivasi agreement in 2022, Assam-Meghalaya border agreement, Assam-Arunachal border agreement and agreement with UNLF in 2023 and today, with ULFA. He said that with this agreement today, a new era of peace is going to begin for the entire Northeast and especially Assam.

Shri Amit Shah said that a time-bound program will be made by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, to fulfill the demands of ULFA and a committee will also be formed for its monitoring. He said that in all the agreements signed after 2019, the Modi government is ahead of time and efforts have been made to fulfill all the conditions. Home Minister said that this would not have been possible without Prime Minister Modi's broader vision of an insurgency-free Northeast. ■

## **Ministry of Home Affairs declares 'Muslim League Jammu Kashmir (Masarat Alam faction)'/MLJK-MA as 'Unlawful Association'**

The Government of India has declared 'Muslim League Jammu Kashmir (Masarat Alam faction)'/MLJK-MA as an 'Unlawful Association' under Section 3(1) of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) 1967.

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah in his post on 'X' said that "This organization and its members are involved in anti-national and secessionist activities in J&K supporting terrorist activities and inciting people to establish Islamic rule in J&K".

Home Minister said that "The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi government's message is loud and clear that anyone acting against the unity, sovereignty, and integrity of our nation will not be spared and face the full wrath of the law".

Muslim League Jammu Kashmir (Masarat Alam faction)'/MLJK-MA has been involved in anti-

national activities and its members have been indulging in secessionist activities in the Jammu and Kashmir and supporting terrorist activities in India. The members of this organization, by inciting the people, wants to establish Islamic rule in Jammu and Kashmir, which is prejudicial to the sovereignty, security and integrity of India. Many criminal cases have been registered against this organization under various sections of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act 1967, IPC 1860, The Arms Act 1959 and Ranbir Penal Code 1932.

Following the policy of zero tolerance against terrorism under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and guidance of Home Minister Shri Amit Shah, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has declared four organizations as 'Terrorist Organizations', six individual as 'Terrorist' and two organizations as 'Unlawful Association' in 2023. ■

## PM EXPRESSES HAPPINESS OVER SUCCESSFUL LAUNCH OF XPOSAT SATELLITE

India sent its XPoSat X-ray observatory into orbit on 1st January. A Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) lifted off from the Satish Dhawan Space Center at 9:10 a.m. Indian Standard Time on Jan. 1 (0340 GMT,



or 10:40 p.m. EST on Dec. 31). The X-ray Polarimeter Satellite (XPoSat) entered a 404-mile-altitude (650 kilometers) orbit 22 minutes later, according to the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi expressed happiness over the successful launch of XPoSat satellite by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). He extended his best wishes to ISRO scientists along with the space fraternity for taking India to heights.

The Prime Minister posted on X: "A great start to 2024 thanks to our scientists! This launch is wonderful news for the space sector and will enhance India's prowess in this field. Best wishes to our scientists at ISRO and the entire space fraternity in taking India to unprecedented heights." ■

## INS IMPHAL COMMISSIONED INTO NAVY

**Induction of INS Imphal into the Indian Navy shows India's self-reliance in the defence sector**

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 26 December expressed pride as INS Imphal was commissioned into Indian Navy.

Hailing India's growing self-reliance in defence, the Prime Minister posted on X: "Proud moment for India as INS Imphal has been commissioned into our Navy, a testament to India's growing self-reliance in defence. It epitomises our naval excellence and



engineering prowess. Compliments to everyone involved in this milestone for Aatmanirbharta. We shall keep securing our seas and strengthening our nation."

INS Imphal was commissioned into the Indian Navy in Mumbai on December 26. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said the commissioning of INS Imphal will boost India's maritime power. He said the induction of INS Imphal into the Indian Navy shows India's self-reliance in the defence sector. ■

## FIRST ALL-GIRLS SAINIK SCHOOL INAUGURATED AT VRINDAVAN, UP

Terms it as a beacon of light for girls who aspire to join the Armed Forces & protect the motherland

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh inaugurated Samvid Gurukulam Girls Sainik School at Vrindavan in Mathura, Uttar Pradesh on January 01, 2024. The first all-girls Sainik School, with a strength of approx. 870 students, has been inaugurated under the initiative of establishing 100 new Sainik Schools in partnership mode with NGOs/Private/State Government Schools in all State/Union Territories, of which 42 have been set up. These are in addition to the existing 33 Sainik Schools already functioning under the erstwhile pattern.

Speaking on the occasion, the Raksha Mantri described Samvid Gurukulam Girls Sainik School as a beacon of light for girls who aspire to join the Armed Forces and serve the motherland.

The objectives behind the vision of setting up of 100 new Sainik Schools are to provide quality education to the students in tune with the National Education Policy 2020 and give them better career opportunities, including joining the Armed Forces. It also gives an opportunity to the private sector to work hand-in-hand with the Government towards



nation building by refining today's youth to become responsible citizens of tomorrow.

Chief Minister Shri Yogi Adityanath and senior officials of the state government were among those present during the inauguration of Samvid Gurukulam Girls Sainik School, Vrindavan. ■

### **CONSTRUCTION OF NEW 4.56 KM LONG, 6-LANE BRIDGE ACROSS RIVER GANGA CONNECTING DIGHA AND SONEPUR IN BIHAR APPROVED**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, on 27 December gave its approval for the Construction of



New 4556 m long, 6-Lane High Level/ Extra Dosed Cable stayed Bridge across River Ganga (Parallel to Western Side of Existing Digha-Sonepur Rail-Cum Road Bridge) and its approaches on both sides in the Districts of Patna and Saran (NH-139W) in the State of Bihar on EPC mode.

This project is falling in Patna and will provide better connectivity to North Bihar and South part of the Bihar through State Capital. The Bridge will make the movement of vehicles faster and easier resulting in overall development of the region. The Economic analysis results have shown an EIRR of 17.6% in base case and 13.1% is worst case which may be attributed to the savings in distance and time travelled. ■

### **CABINET APPROVES THE MIGRATION AND MOBILITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN INDIA AND ITALY**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 27 December has given its ex-post facto approval to the proposal of Ministry of External Affairs to sign and ratify the Migration and Mobility Agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Italian Republic.

The Agreement would enhance people-to-people contacts, foster mobility of students, skilled workers, business people and young professionals and strengthen cooperation on issues related to irregular migration between the two sides. ■

### **INDEX OF EIGHT CORE INDUSTRIES INCREASE BY 7.8% IN NOV 2023**

Coal, Electricity, Fertilizers, Natural Gas, Refinery Products and Steel record positive growth in November 2023.

The combined Index of Eight Core Industries (ICI) increased by 7.8 per cent (provisional) in November 2023 as compared to the Index of November 2022. The production of Coal, Electricity, Fertilizers, Natural Gas, Refinery Products and Steel recorded positive growth in November 2023.

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 Eight Core Industries comprise 40.27 percent of the weight of items included in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP).

The final growth rate of Index of Eight Core Industries for August 2023 is revised to 13.4 per cent. The cumulative growth rate of ICI during April to November, 2023-24 is 8.6 per cent (provisional) as compared to the corresponding period of last year. ■

### **OVERALL MINERAL PRODUCTION INCREASES BY 13 % IN OCTOBER 2023**

The index of mineral production of mining and quarrying sector for the month of October, 2023 (Base: 2011-12=100) at 127.4, is 13.1 % higher as compared to the level in the month of October, 2022. As per the provisional statistics of Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM), the cumulative growth for the period April- October, 2023-24 over the corresponding period of the previous year is 9.4 % per cent.

Important minerals showing positive growth during October, 2023 over October, 2022 include: Iron Ore (66.8%), Manganese Ore (33.1%), Gold (19.6%), Coal (18.5%), Limestone(14%), Zinc Conc. (10%), Natural gas (U) (9.9%), Magnesite (6.7%), Lead Conc.(4.7%) and Petroleum(crude) (1.3%)

and Other important minerals showing negative growth include: Lignite(-0.8%) Copper Conc.(-4.6%) , Bauxite (-13.3%), Chromite (-24.2%), and Phosphorite (-38.6%). ■

## 29 ROAD PROJECTS IN LADAKH WORTH RS 1170.16 CRORE SANCTIONED

Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Shri Nitin Gadkari on 29 December sanctioned in the Union territory of Ladakh an allocation of 1170.16 crore for 29 roads projects, encompassing state Highway, major and other District roads. In a post Shri Gadkari said additionally, 181.71 crore has been allocated for 8 bridges under the CRIF Scheme for the fiscal year 2023-24.

The Union Minister said Ladakh, the largest Union Territory in terms of area and the second least populous in India, will witness improved connectivity to its remote villages through the approved initiatives. He said this enhancement is expected to stimulate economic activities, particularly in agriculture and tourism, contributing to the overall infrastructural development of Ladakh. ■

## WITH 10.75% GROWTH, COAL PRODUCTION TOUCHES 92.87 MILLION TONNE IN DECEMBER, 2023

The Ministry of Coal has achieved a substantial surge in overall coal production during December 2023, reaching 92.87 Million Tonne (MT), surpassing the figures of 83.86 MT, the previous year, representing an increase of 10.75%. The production of Coal India Limited (CIL) has risen to 71.86 MT in the month of December 2023 as compared to 66.37 MT in December 2022 with the growth of 8.27%. The Cumulative Coal Production (up to December 2023) has seen quantum jump to 684.31MT in FY' 23-24 as compared to 608.34 MT during the same period in FY' 22-23. A growth of 12.47 %. ■

## CABINET APPROVES MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE FOR COPRA FOR 2024 SEASON

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval for the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for copra for 2024 season. In order to provide remunerative prices to the cultivators, government

had announced in the Union Budget of 2018-19, that MSPs of all the mandated crops will be fixed at a level of at least 1.5 times of all India weighted cost of production. The MSP for Fair Average Quality of milling copra has been fixed at Rs.11,160/- per quintal and for ball copra at Rs.12,000/- per quintal for 2024 season. This will ensure a margin of 51.84 percent for milling copra and 63.26 percent for ball copra, which are well beyond 1.5 times the all India weighted average cost of production. Milling copra is used to extract oil, while ball/edible copra is consumed as a dry fruit and used for religious purposes. Kerala and Tamil Nadu are major producers of milling copra, whereas ball copra is produced predominantly in Karnataka. ■

## INDIA'S STEEL SECTOR RECORDS REMARKABLE GROWTH, EMERGES AS THE 2ND LARGEST GLOBAL PRODUCER

The steel sector plays a pivotal role in crucial sectors such as construction, infrastructure, automobile, engineering and defence. Over the years, the steel



sector has witnessed tremendous growth and India has emerged as a global force in steel production and the 2nd largest producer of steel in the world.

### Production and Consumption

The production performance of the steel sector during the first eight months of the current fiscal year (April – November 2023) has been quite promising. The domestic finished steel production stood at 89.711 million tonnes against 78.498 million tonnes during the corresponding period last year (CPLY) which is 14.3% higher than CPLY. The domestic steel consumption stood at 87.066 million tonnes, which is 14.9% higher than CPLY of 75.765 million tonnes. Domestic crude steel production was 94.114 million tonnes, with a growth of 14.7 % when compared to the production of 82.072 million tonnes in the same period last year.

### Import and Export

During April – November 2023, finished steel imports increased from 3.751 million tonnes last year to 4.253 million tonnes in the current year, witnessing a growth of 13.4%. ■





*PM Modi story*



## Ram Mandir: PM Narendra Modi's special urge to the Saints

On January 22, 2024 Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will officially inaugurate the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya. This day will mark an end to the 500-year-old struggle of the Hindu nation which required the courage and determination to fight this long and hard battle for truth and justice. A battle for their Ram Lalla.

Within these struggles, there was one man whose faith was static, who always believed that Ram Mandir will be built on the same site where Bhagwan Ram was born. That person was Shri Narendra Modi.

Here is an anecdote from the time when members of Shri Ramjanmabhumi Tirth Kshetra went to meet PM Shri Narendra Modi to invite him for the grand event on January 22. Swami Govind Dev Giri, member of the Trust narrates this incident and calls it an epitome of humility from PM Shri Modi.

"We were given a time of 5.15 pm for the meeting and to everyone's surprise PM Shri Modi himself was standing at the door to welcome the trust members," says Swami Govind Dev Giri.

The discussion between Trust members and Shri Modi started after exchange of greetings. We informed Shri Narendra Modi that we were there to invite him for Ram

Mandir inauguration on January 22, 2024. We also expressed our view that we needed suggestions from him about the program. But PM Shri Modi said that Shri Ramjanmabhumi Tirth Kshetra is organizing this event and the Trust members are here to invite me for the program, therefore, only the saints will decide the programs to be organized at the event. Shri Modi also said that



he will only follow the instructions given by saints at the event, adds Swami Govind Dev Giri.

"Normally, we don't witness such humility from everyone. People suggest as per their convenience, but Shri Modi has this intuition to understand what the Ram Mandir Trust has decided for him," Swami Govind Dev Giri further added.

To expect such respect towards saints and this sort of humility from a person who is atop the political system of the country is very rare and this is why PM Shri Modi is loved by all,

adds Swami Govind Dev Giri.

There is another aspect that is worth mentioning here. There has been a constant urge from PM Shri Narendra Modi to make this Ram Mandir a centre of social inclusion.

"In one meeting, Shri Modi suggested that Maharshi Valmiki and Vashishth, Shabari, Nishadraj, Jatayu, Ahilya and others are integral part of Shri Ram's life and they must get a place within the Ram Mandir," says Swami Govind Dev Giri.

This vision by PM Shri Modi is a thought that would unite the nation as it includes every section of the society, opined Swami Govind Dev Giri.

PM Shri Modi was very particular about the access of Divyang people in the Ram Mandir. He had suggested for a system that would give such people hassle-free access to the temple.

Who would have the access to the Garbh Grih of the Ram Mandir was another concern that was raised by Shri Modi. He also suggested to have a system in place like Somnath Ji, where only priests are allowed inside the Garbh Grih.

All these suggestions came from Shri Modi himself, says Swami Govind Dev Giri. ■



# A TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN!

**Thiru Vijayakanth Ji was truly a Captain for everyone- a person who lived his life for the betterment of others, providing leadership and a healing touch to people in need. Personally, Captain was a very dear friend - someone with whom I closely interacted and worked with on several occasions**



**NARENDRA MODI**

A few days ago, we lost a greatly admired and respected icon, Thiru Vijayakanth Ji. He was truly a Captain for everyone- a person who lived his life for the betterment of others, providing leadership and a healing touch to people in need. Personally, Captain was a very dear friend - someone with whom I closely interacted and worked with on several occasions.

Captain was a multifaceted personality. In the world of Indian cinema, few stars have left an indelible mark as Vijayakanth Ji has. There is much to be inspired by in his early years and cinematic work. His journey from humble beginnings to the highs of Tamil cinema is not just a story of stardom but a chronicle of relentless effort and unwavering dedication. He did not enter the world of cinema for fame. His was a journey driven by passion and perseverance. Each film of his not only entertained but also echoed the societal ethos of its time, resonating deeply

with a wide cross section of the audience.

Captain's roles and how he played them highlighted his deep understanding of the common citizen's struggles. He often portrayed characters that fought against injustice, corruption, violence, extremism, terrorism and stood up for the underdog, qualities that he embodied in real life as well. It would be fair to say that his films were mirrors

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held up to society, reflecting its virtues and vices. This unique blend of entertainment and social messaging made him stand out.

Here, I want to specially highlight his love for rural life and culture. Even after attaining tremendous fame and travelling all over the world, his love for village life and traditional ethos remained. His films seemed to have closely followed his rural experience. He often made exemplary efforts to improve the

urban people's understanding of the rural milieu.

But Captain's impact was not limited to the silver screen. He entered the world of politics and wanted to serve society in a more extensive manner. His entry to the world of politics was an act of high courage and sacrifice. He entered the political arena when the politics of Tamil Nadu was dominated by two stalwarts - Amma Jayalalithaa

Ji and Kalaaignar Karunanidhi Ji. In such a context, to present a third alternative was unique but it was also vintage Captain- to do things on his own terms! His own emphasis on nationalism and social justice reflected in the ideology of the Desiya Murpokku Dravida Kazhagam (DMDK) which he founded in 2005. Whenever he spoke, one could not miss drawing parallels with his on-screen persona who often championed the cause of the downtrodden. In the highly bipolar and competitive polity of Tamil Nadu, he became the principal Opposition leader in 2011, in a relatively short time since his Party was formed.

I worked with Captain during the 2014 Lok Sabha elections when our parties fought in an alliance and got over 18.5% votes – the highest that any national





alliance without either of the main regional players got after 1989 elections! I fondly recall a joint rally we did in Salem- where I witnessed his fiery oratory and the connect he had with the people. When the NDA formed the government in 2014, he was among the happiest people. I can never forget his joy at the Central Hall, when NDA leaders met after the 2014 poll win.

Beyond his professional achievements, Vijayakanth Ji's life offers valuable lessons to the

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youth. Most notably - the power of resilience, a never say die attitude and to overcome any number of challenges through sheer dedication. Equally inspiring is his largehearted nature. He was known for

philanthropy- he used his fame and resources to give back to society in many ways. He was always keen that Tamil Nadu and the entire India become a leader in healthcare and education.

In the passing of Vijayakanth Ji, several people lost their most admired star and lots of people have lost their beloved leader. But I have lost a dear friend - a friend whose warmth and wisdom were remarkable. He leaves behind a void that cannot be filled. The Kural talks about how courage, generosity, wisdom, and zeal are four essential elements of a successful leader. Captain truly embodied these traits and that is why he was so widely respected. His legacy will continue to live on in the hearts of his fans, the annals of Tamil cinema, and the corridors of public service. And, we will keep working to realise his vision for progress and social justice for all. ■

**(The writer is the Prime Minister of India)**

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## PAIDA SUBBA RAMAYAA

Sri Paida Subba Ramayaa belonged to Nellore, Andhra Pradesh and was well known as a 'Hindu Kesari', a Hindu Mahasabha leader. He joined the RSS and later joined the Jana Sangh where he served as a District secretary in Nellore. Later, he joined the Bharatiya Jana Sangh and participated in the Jammu and Kashmir satyagraha. He continued to hold numerous positions at the state level in Jana Sangh.



**Sri Paida Subba  
Ramayaa**

Date of Birth  
**09/10/1889**

State  
**Andhra Pradesh**

Town/City  
**Nellore**

Post in Organisation  
**State Vice President**

Gender  
**male**

District  
**Nellore**

Level  
**State**

Active years  
**1952-1956**

## Hridaynath Singh no more

The BJP's senior leader, Sri Hridaynath Singh, passed away at the age of 82 on January 1 in Lucknow. He was Rashtriya Sanghthak of the BJP National Kisan Morcha. Since his student days, he was inclined towards the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, and after completing his studies, he joined the Sangh as a pracharak. His journey started as a tehsil pracharak from Akbarpur tehsil (present-day Ambedkar Nagar district) of the then Faizabad (present-day Ayodhya). Later on, he was entrusted with the responsibility of District Pracharak and Vibhag Pracharak. In the 1990s, he was made BJP General Secretary (Organization) of the Braj region. After this, he also worked as the General Secretary (organization) in different states. The BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh, UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Deputy Chief Ministers of the State Shri Kesav Prasad Maurya, Shri Brajesh Pathak, and other leaders of the party condoled the demise of the leader.



Shri JP Nadda posted on X "The demise of senior Pracharak of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, former regional organizing secretary of the Bhartiya Janata Party, Shri Hridaynath Singh ji, is extremely painful.

Your entire life was dedicated to public service and nation-building. Your efficiency and dedication to the organization is an inspiration to all of us. My condolences are with the bereaved family. I pray to God to grant the departed soul a place at His feet. Om peace!"

"I am deeply saddened by the demise of senior BJP leader Hridaynath Singh ji. I had long-term contact with him. Especially when I was the party president in Uttar Pradesh, I closely experienced his working efficiency and capability as the Regional Organization Secretary," the Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh posted on X on Tuesday. "His entire life was dedicated to the public interest and national interests. In this hour of mourning, I express my deepest condolences to his family and well-wishers. Om Shanti!" he added. ■

## BJP leader Surajit Datta passes away

The BJP leader and MLA of Ramnagar Assembly Constituency and former Cabinet Minister of Government of Tripura Shri Surajit Datta passed away in Kolkata on December 27, 2023. He was under treatment in a hospital in Kolkata. He was 69 years old.

The BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda said (via X) on the demise of the leader "Saddened by the passing away of BJP MLA from Ramnagar assembly constituency in Tripura, Surajit Dutta Ji. His passing has left behind a deep void in the state's political landscape, and he will be remembered for his commitment to public welfare. I extend my sincere condolences to his family members. May the almighty give them strength to bear this pain. Om Shanti."

BJP National General Secretary (Organization) Shri B.L. Santhosh posted a condolence message on X and said, Sri Surajit Datta, @BJP4Tripura MLA breathed his last after a brief period of illness. He was a senior leader of the party and a popular 7-term MLA from Ramnagar

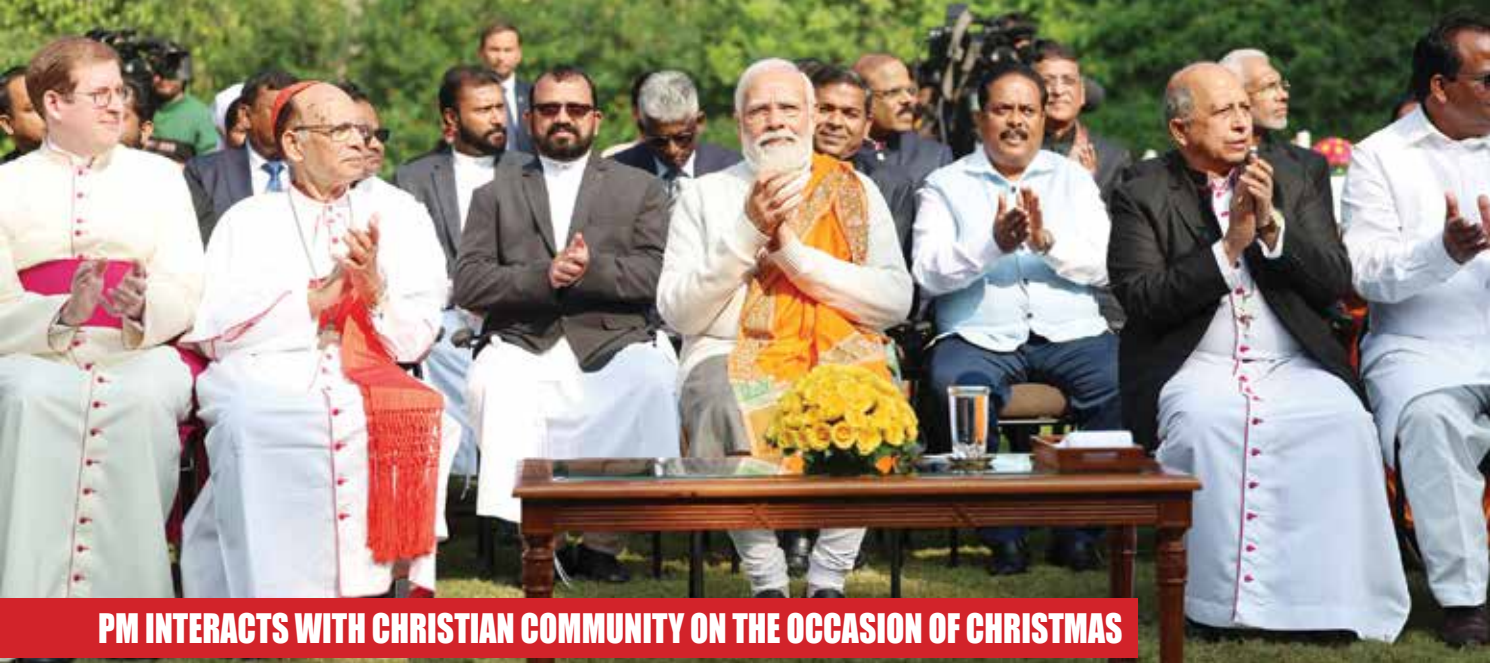


AC. Pray god to bless the departed soul with eternal peace and strength and to family & friends to bear the loss. Om Shanti"

Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha expresses deep condolences to the bereaved relatives. He said, "Saddened & pained by the demise of senior politician & sitting MLA of Bharatiya Janata Party Shri Surajit Datta (Sunu Daa) during treatment in a hospital outside the State. His demise is an irreparable loss in the State's political arena. May the departed soul find eternal peace! My deepest sympathy to the bereaved family. Om Shanti."

As a mark of respect, the government of Tripura announced a one-day State Mourning on 28 December.", Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha tweeted.

The former CM of Tripura posted on X "He was the brightest example of how to take a place in people's hearts. From the time I started working as the Tripura Pradesh BJP President, I was fortunate to have his guidance and affection as a guardian and, above all, a political mentor. You will be missed. Om Shanti". ■



## PM INTERACTS WITH CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY ON THE OCCASION OF CHRISTMAS

### CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY LEADERS THANK THE PRIME MINISTER AND HAIL HIS VISION FOR THE COUNTRY

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 25 December, 2023 interacted with the Christian community on the occasion of Christmas at 7, Lok Kalyan Marg, New Delhi. He also addressed the programme marking Christmas celebrations. School children also presented a choir performance.

Wishing everyone, especially people of the Christian community a Merry Christmas, the Prime Minister thanked everyone present for joining him on this very special and sacred occasion. He expressed delight in accepting the Indian Minority Foundation's proposal to celebrate Christmas together and thanked them for the initiative.

Throwing light on his close and very warm relations with the Christian community for a long time, the Prime Minister recalled holding frequent meetings with the Christian community and their leaders as Gujarat Chief Minister. Calling his interaction with The Holy Pope just a few years ago as a very memorable moment, the Prime Minister highlighted the discussions on issues such as social harmony, global brotherhood, climate change and inclusive development to make earth a better place.

The Prime Minister mentioned one of the Holy Pope's Christmas addresses where he prayed for blessings for those who are working for eradication of poverty. The Holy Pope, the Prime Minister said, believes in the notion of poverty harming the dignity of individuals. This, he said, resonates with the mantra of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and

Sabka Prayas. "Our government is ensuring that the benefits of development reach everyone and no one is left untouched", said the Prime Minister, informing that many people of the Christian faith, especially poor segments, are benefitting from the schemes of the government.

The Prime Minister said, "The nation proudly acknowledges the contribution of the Christian Community". Prime Minister Shri Modi praised the contributions of the Christian Community to the freedom movement and highlighted the various intellectual thinkers and leaders. Prominent persons from the Christian community from across the country participated in the interaction. ■



**BJP National President Shri JP Nadda visited the Sacred Heart Cathedral Catholic Church in Delhi on the occasion of Christmas**



## **This day reminds us that age does not matter when it comes to heights of bravery: PM**

**The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi addressed the program marking 'Veer Bal Diwas' at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi on 26 December, 2023. Shri Modi witnessed a recital and three martial arts displays performed by children. On the occasion, the Prime Minister also flagged off a march-past by youth in Delhi**

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi remarked that the nation is remembering the immortal sacrifices of Veer Sahibzada and deriving inspiration from them as a new chapter of Veer Bal Diwas unfolds for India in the Azadi Ka Amrit Kaal. The Prime Minister recalled the celebrations of the first Veer Bal Diwas celebrated on the same day last year when the tales of valor of the Veer Sahibzade left the entire nation electrified. "Veer Bal Diwas is a symbol of the never-say-die attitude for the protection of Bhartiayata",

PM Shri Modi emphasized, "This day reminds us that age does not matter when it comes to heights of bravery." Calling it a celebration of the heritage of the Sikh Gurus, the Prime Minister said that the courage and ideals of Guru Gobind Singh Ji and his four Veer Sahibzades embolden every Indian even today. "Veer Bal Diwas is a national tribute to the mothers who gave birth to bravehearts with unparalleled courage", the Prime Minister said as he remembered the sacrifices made by the family of Baba Moti Ram Mehra and the devotion of Diwan Todarmal. This true devotion towards the Gurus, the Prime Minister said, ignites the flames of devotion towards the nation.

### **Veer Bal Diwas is now celebrated internationally**

The Prime Minister expressed happiness that Veer Bal Diwas is now being celebrated internationally as the USA, UK, Australia, New Zealand, UAE and Greece witnessed programmes related to Veer Bal Diwas. Recalling the incomparable history of the battles of Chamkaur and Sirhind, the Prime Minister said that this history can not be forgotten. He remembered how Indians faced cruelty and despotism with dignity.

The Prime Minister pointed out that the world keeps India among the foremost lands of opportunities. India, PM Modi emphasized, is playing a key role in global problems of economy, science, research,



sports and diplomacy. That is why, the Prime Minister reiterated his clarion call that he gave from the Red Fort "Yahi Samay hai Sahi Samay Hai".

The Prime Minister emphasized that India is going through a time period which comes in aeons. In this Amrit Kaal of Azadi, Shri Modi said that multiple factors have come together which would determine the golden period for India. He stressed on India's youth power and informed that the population of youth in the country today is way more than during the freedom struggle. and expressed confidence that the present generation of youth can take the country to unimaginable heights. He mentioned Nachiketa who broke all barriers in search of knowledge, Abhimanyu who at a young age took on the 'Chakravyuh',

Dhruv and his penance, Mauryan King Chandragupta who led an empire at a very young age, Eklavya and his dedication towards his Guru Dronacharya, Khudiram Bose, Batukeshwar Datt, Kanaklata Barua, Rani Gaidinliu, Baji Raut and various others national heroes who sacrificed their lives for the country.

### **Coming 25 years bringing huge opportunities for youth**

The Prime Minister was very clear when he stressed “The coming 25 years are bringing huge opportunities for our youth. The youth of India, irrespective of which region or society they are born in, have limitless dreams. To fulfill these dreams, the government has a clear roadmap and a clear vision.”



Highlighting the success of Indian athletes in recent international events, the Prime Minister noted that most of the athletes hail from middle-class families in rural areas. He credited their successes to the Khelo India campaign which provides better sports and training facilities near their homes and ensures a transparent selection process. This, the Prime Minister said, is a result of prioritizing the welfare of the youth.

Union Minister for Education, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Minister for Women and Child Development, Smt Smriti Zubin Irani, Union Minister for I&B Shri Anurag Singh Thakur were present on the occasion. ■



### **JP Nadda and Amit Shah offers prayer at Gurudwara Bara Sikh Sangat in Kolkata**

**B**haratiya Janta Party National President Shri JP Nadda and Union Home & Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah visited and offered prayers at Gurudwara Bara Sikh Sangat in Kolkata on the occasion of Veer Baal Diwas on 26 December, 2023.

On the day of the Prakash Purab of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji, on January 9, 2022, Prime Minister Modi announced that December 26 would be marked every year as 'Veer Bal Diwas', to mark the martyrdom of his sons Sahibzadas Baba Zorawar Singh Ji and Baba Fateh Singh Ji.

The day also marks the birth anniversary of Udham Singh, a great revolutionary, who avenged the Jallianwala Bagh massacre, Amritsar on Baisakhi in 1919 by killing General O'Dwyer, who ordered his forces to open fire on peaceful protesters, in March 1940. Shaheed Udham Singh was later hanged by the British in London.

In his message on X, BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda said, “Visited Gurudwara Bara Sikh Sangat in Kolkata along with HM Shri @AmitShah Ji.

It is truly a blessing for me to have offered prayers at this revered place, blessed by Guru Nanak Dev Ji and Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji, on the occasion of Veer Bal Diwas.

Today, we remember and bow to the immortal sacrifice of Veer Sahibzade, whose unwavering courage and devotion to faith are an inspiration to us all”.

In his message the Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah said, “Took blessings at Gurdwara Sri Badi Sangat Sahib in Kolkata. This historical Gurudwara is blessed with the company of Guru Nanak Dev Ji and Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji.

Today, on 'Veer Bal Diwas' it is a great privilege for me to listen to the Satsang here. The supreme sacrifice made by the Sahibzadas of Guru Gobind Singh Ji at a young age to save the religion and truth will continue to inspire us all for ages”. ■



# VEER BAL DIWAS-Symbol of the strength of young India

**Announcement of 'Veer Bal Diwas' to mark the martyrdom of Sahibzada Baba Zorawar Singh Ji, son of Sri Guru Gobind Singh; by Prime Minister Narendra Modi enhanced a feeling of respect for Prime Minister Modiji in the entire country. on this day we also remember the courage of Sahibzadas and Mata Gujri Ji and Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji**



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On 26th December 2022, when Veer Bal Diwas was celebrated in India for the first time, the whole country came to know about the great sacrifice Guru Gobind Singh Ji had to make for the protection of the country and Dharma. Announcement of 'Veer Bal Diwas' to mark the martyrdom of Sahibzada Baba Zorawar Singh Ji, son of Sri Guru Gobind Singh; by Prime Minister Narendra Modi enhanced a feeling of respect for Prime Minister Modiji in the entire country. on this day we also remember the courage of Sahibzadas and Mata Gujri Ji and Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji.

Guru Govind Singh Ji had four sons named Sahibzada Ajit Singh, Sahibzada Jujhaar Singh, Sahibzada Zorawar Singh, and Sahibzada Fateh Singh. It's heart rendering that all four Sahibzadas had to sacrifice their lives to protect our Dharma, which has been recorded as the supreme sacrifice.

It's pertinent to mention that Veer Bal Diwas is celebrated in honor of these four "Sahibzadas". This date was chosen to mark the sacrifice of the youngest Sahibzada, also the youngest son of Guru Gobind Singh, the last Sikh guru. 26 December was observed to mark the day of the sacrifice of Sahibzadas Zorawar Singh and Fateh Singh at the age of six and nine respectively. For the first time after the announcement

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by Prime Minister Modiji, a historic program was organized at Major Dhyani Chand National Stadium in Delhi to mark the "Veer Bal Diwas". By observing this historical day, and by spreading awareness amongst the younger generation about the story of the bravery of Sahibzadas, a message to feel proud of the courage and strength of the youth

and children of the country, was circulated in the masses.

The first 'Veer Bal Diwas' was a new beginning. On that day we are united in paying tribute to Sahibzadas for their sacrifice; which has been remembered for generations. Martyrdom Week and 'Veer Bal Diwas' bring a lot of emotions and infinite inspiration to the Sikh community. 'Veer Bal Diwas' inspires us and confirms the fact that age is no bar for

bravery. 'Veer Bal Diwas' tells us about all the ten Gurus and the sacrifice of Sikhs for self-respect and the country. 'Veer Bal Diwas', gives us the opportunity to recognize our past, and inspires us to build a powerful future for India. This day reminds us of the potential of India's young generation and tells us how India's youngsters have protected the country in the past. And how has our young generation brought India out of darkness? 'Veer Bal Diwas' will remain to be the epitome of supreme sacrifice and struggle in the country for the time to come.

Standing fearlessly alone in the face of cruelty and fear, Guru's brave Sahibzadas were neither afraid of any threat nor





did they bow before anyone. Zorawar Singh Sahab and Fateh Singh Sahab were bricked alive in the wall. On one hand, cruelty crossed all its limits, whereas on the other hand, patience, bravery, and fearlessness were at their zenith. Sahibzada Ajit Singh and Sahibzada Jujhaar Singh also set that example of ultimate bravery. These sacrifices have been inspiring us for centuries. A country that has such a heritage, history and culture, it is natural for it to possess the utmost self-respect and confidence.

Prime Minister Shri Modi Ji thought of celebrating 'Veer Bal Diwas' to free the country from the mentality of slavery, this holds a great message for us. Today, when the youth of the country have set out to take the country to new heights, then The role of Veer Bal Diwas that falls on 26 December has become even more important. The Sikh's Guru tradition is not just a tradition of faith and spirituality; it's also a source of inspiration for the idea of 'Ek Bharat! Shrestha Bharat!'.

The future of the following generations of India also depends

on the fact that they get inspired. The level of sacrifice made by the Sahibzadas cannot be compared with any of the examples from other countries in the world. New

In the 'Amrit Kaal', the country is making efforts to revive the history of the freedom struggle. We are making our all efforts to make the contributions of our freedom fighters, brave women, and tribal society reach the common people. A historical day 'Veer Bal Diwas' will also play the role of a guiding force in this direction

India now under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi is correcting old mistakes committed decades ago.

A nation is identified by its principles, values and ideals. We have seen in history, that when the values of a nation change, within a short time its future also changes. And, if these values remain safe, if the ideals of the past are clear to the present generation. The younger generation always needs inspiration and role models to move forward. The younger

generation needs to know the history of their own heroes and greats to learn and take inspiration.

In the 'Amrit Kaal', the country is making efforts to revive the history of the freedom struggle. We are making our all efforts to make the contributions of our freedom fighters, brave women, and tribal society reach the common people. A historical day 'Veer Bal Diwas' will also play the role of a guiding force in this direction.

We need to come together and take the message of Veer Bal Diwas to every nook and corner of the country so that the people of the country know the history of sacrifice, courage, and bravery of their ancestors. Therefore, the message of the lives of our four Sahibzadas should reach every child of the country and they should take inspiration from them and become dedicated citizens of the country. These ideals of ours will give us new energy to reach our goal of a stronger and a developed India.

**(The author is National General Secretary of BJP)**

## **PM inaugurates and lays foundation stone of multiple projects worth 20,000 crores in Tamil Nadu**

**T**he Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on January 2 inaugurated, dedicated to the nation and laid the foundation stone of development projects worth more than Rs 20,000 crores in Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu. The development projects include sectors such as rail, road, oil and gas, and shipping sectors in Tamil Nadu.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister said today's projects worth more than Rs 20,000 crores will strengthen Tamil Nadu's progress as he congratulated the people of the state for projects



spanning sectors of roadways, railways, ports, airports, energy and petroleum pipelines. He said that many of these projects would boost travel and also create thousands of employment opportunities in the state.

The Prime Minister reiterated that the Azadi Ka Amrit Kaal for the next 25 years will play a crucial role in India becoming a developed nation. He referred to both economic and cultural aspects when it comes to Viksit Bharat as he underlined that Tamil Nadu is a reflection of India's prosperity and culture.

Referring to the rich heritage of Tiruchirappalli, PM Shri Modi said that here we find the remnants of good governance models of dynasties like Pallava, Chola, Pandyas and Nayak dynasties. He said that he mentions Tamil Culture at any given opportunity during his travels abroad.

The Prime Minister informed about India's huge investments in sectors such as roadways, railways, ports, airports, homes for the poor and hospitals in the last 10 years as he underlined the government's emphasis on physical infrastructure. He also

mentioned India breaking into the top 5 economies of the world where it has become a ray of hope for the world.

Referring to the Sagarmala Yojna, the Prime Minister informed that ports in the country are being connected with better roads. ■

### **PM inaugurates projects worth 1150 crores in Lakshadweep**

**T**he Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 3rd January inaugurated, dedicated to the nation and laid the foundation stone of development projects worth more than Rs 1150 crores in Kavaratti, Lakshadweep. The development projects of today cover a wide range of sectors including technology, energy, water resources, healthcare and education. The Prime Minister handed out laptops to students under the Laptop Scheme and gave away bicycles to school students under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao. He also handed out PM Kisan Credit Cards to farmer and fishermen beneficiaries.

The Prime Minister indicated the long neglect of remote, border or coastal and Island areas. "Our government has made such areas our priority", he said. He congratulated the people of the area for the projects related to infrastructure, connectivity, water, health and child care.

PM Modi mentioned steps taken for the Haj Yatris that have benefited the people of Lakshadweep too.



**PM Shri Narendra Modi visits pris**

He noted the ease for Haj visa and digitalization of the process for visa and permission for women to go on Haj without 'Mehram'. These efforts have led to a significant rise in the number of Indians going for 'Umrah', he said.

- In a transformative move, the Prime Minister had resolved to overcome the challenge of slow internet speed in Lakshadweep by initiating the Kochi-Lakshadweep Islands Submarine Optical Fiber Connection (KLI - SOFC) project which was announced during the Independence Day speech at Red Fort in 2020. The project has now been completed and was inaugurated by the Prime Minister.
- The dedicated submarine OFC will ensure a paradigm shift in communication infrastructure in the Lakshadweep islands, enabling faster and more reliable internet services, telemedicine, e-governance, educational initiatives, digital banking, digital currency usage, digital literacy etc. ■

## The daughters of Kerala have shaped India's Freedom, Culture, and constitution: PM

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi visited Kerala on December 3. During his visit, he addressed the Sthree Shakti Modikoppam in Thekkinkadu, Kerala. He remarked, "Thrissur Pooram festival of Kerala is world-renowned and showcases the essence of Kerala".

Acknowledging the prominence of Nari Shakti, PM Shri Modi said, "Women like 'Velu Nachiyar & Savitribai Phule represents India's powerful Nari



Shakti". Speaking on the daughters of Kerala, PM Shri Modi said, "The daughters of Kerala have shaped India's Freedom, Culture, and constitution". He said that various daughters of Kerala, including Bhagirathi Amma, Anju Bobby George and PT Usha, among others, have brought great laurels to India.

Speaking on the prominence of 'Modi's guarantee' as a term, PM Shri Modi said, "India's Nari Shakti will ensure the 'Sankalp se Siddhi' of a Viksit Bharat". Lamenting the LDF-UDF, PM Modi said, "The politics of LDF-UDF has always been to weaken the Nari Shakti". He added that Modi guaranteed to empower Nari Shakti through the passage of the 'Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam' and the Act prohibiting 'Triple Talaq'. Reiterating his vision for a Viksit Bharat, PM Shri Modi said, "We intend to create a Viksit Bharat by developing an empowered force of Nari Shakti".

Speaking on the four castes in India, PM Shri Modi said, "Nari Shakti, Youth, Farmers and the Poor are the only four castes in India". He said that the government is striving for the empowerment of all.

PM Shri Modi said, "The LDF-UDF Governments in Kerala only intended to deprive its people of true development". He remarked, "Over the last ten years, the N.D.A. has only striven to ensure last-mile saturation of schemes, enabling the progress of all". ■



stine beautiful beaches at Bangaram, in Lakshadweep on January 03, 2024



# Our race is to take India forward under the leadership of PM Modi: JP Nadda

**B**haratiya Janata Party National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda participated in 'Vikasit Bharat Sankalp Yatra' in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh on 31 December, 2023. During this programme, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Deputy Chief Minister Shri Brajesh Pathak, Union Minister Shri Kaushal Kishore, BJP State President Shri Bhupendra Singh, State General Secretary (Organisation) Shri Dharampal Singh, Uttar Pradesh Finance Minister Shri Suresh Kumar Khanna, and other leaders were present.

On this occasion, strongly criticising the Indi-Alliance, the BJP National President said that the opposition is working as a force holding the country back. Today, there is a competition going on between those who are taking the country forward and those who are pulling the country backward. While the Indi-Alliance is trying to stop Modiji, our race is to take India forward under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

BJP National President said the vision of PM Shri



Narendra Modi is clear; if we have to move towards a developed India, then first of all, our villages should be prosperous, there should not be poverty in the country and youth should move forward, and women and farmers should be empowered. Therefore, we are ensuring that the villages, the poor, the deprived, the oppressed, the exploited, the tribal and scheduled caste community, women, youth, and farmers are not deprived of these schemes. The country will develop only through the empowerment of all these sections of society. ■

## BJP National President addresses Women's Half Marathon-2023

**B**JP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda addressed the Women's Half Marathon-2023 programme as the chief guest in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh on December 31, 2023 and mentioned the efforts for the empowerment of women under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda said this is a very historic time for today's young generation, some time ago, we celebrated the Amrit Mahotsav with the vision of Amrit Bharat. In the Amrit Mahotsav,



we remembered all those great people who contributed to the independence and strength of the country in the last 75 years.

Apart from this, the BJP National President, along with BJP Karyakartas listened to the 108th edition of PM Shri Narendra Modi's Mann Ki Baat programme. Shri

Nadda said that during the programme, the Prime Minister made a heartfelt call to the countrymen for a Self-Reliant India through very interesting and informative talks on various subjects like health, culture, literature, research, faith, spirituality etc. ■

# 'Mann Ki Baat' means an auspicious opportunity to meet you: PM

**Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, in his 108th episode of 'Mann Ki Baat' on December 31, said that Mann Ki Baat' means an auspicious opportunity to meet you. For him, it is like a meeting with family members. We are publishing highlights of the episode for our esteemed readers:**



**M**ann Ki Baat means an auspicious opportunity to meet you, and when you meet your family members, it is so pleasing... so satisfying. This is exactly what I feel after meeting you through 'Mann Ki Baat'. And of course, today, this is the 108th episode of our shared journey. For us the importance of the number 108 and its sanctity is a subject of deep study. This number 108 is associated with immense faith. That's why the 108th episode of 'Mann Ki Baat' has become all the more special for me. In these 108 episodes, we have seen many examples of public participation and derived inspiration from them. Now after reaching this milestone, we have to resolve to move forward afresh, with new energy and at a faster pace. And what a joyous coincidence it is that tomorrow's sunrise will be the first sunrise of 2024 - we would have entered the year 2024. Best wishes to all of you for 2024.

- Friends, when Nattu-Nattu won the Oscar, the whole country rejoiced with fervour. Who would not have been happy on hearing about the honour accorded to the 'The Elephant Whisperers'? Through them the world saw the creativity of India and understood our bonding with the environment. This year our athletes also performed marvellously in sports. Our players won 107 medals in Asian Games and 111 medals in Asian Para Games. Indian players won everyone's heart with their

Our players won 107 medals in Asian Games and 111 medals in Asian Para Games. Indian players won everyone's heart with their performance in the Cricket World Cup. The victory of our women's cricket team in the Under-19 T-20 World Cup is very inspiring

performance in the Cricket World Cup. The victory of our women's cricket team in the Under-19 T-20 World Cup is very inspiring. The achievements of players in many other sports added to the glory of the country. Now Paris Olympics will be held in 2024, for which the whole country is encouraging her players.

- A few days ago an experiment took place in Kashi, which I want to share with the listeners of 'Mann Ki Baat'. You know that thousands of people had reached Kashi from Tamil Nadu to participate in the Kashi-Tamil Sangamam. There I publicly used the Artificial Intelligence AI tool Bhashini for the first time to communicate with them. I was addressing from the stage in Hindi but through the AI tool Bhashini, the people of Tamil Nadu present there were listening to my address in Tamil language simultaneously. People who came to the Kashi-

Tamil Sangamam seemed very excited about this experiment. I would urge today's young generation to further explore AI tools related to Real Time Translation and make them 100% fool proof.

- In the changing times we have to save our languages and also promote them. I now want to tell you about a tribal village in Jharkhand. This village has taken a unique initiative to provide education to its children in their mother tongue. Children are being imparted education in Kudukh language in Manglo village of Garhwa district.

This language was gradually becoming extinct; to save it, this community has decided to educate children in their own language.

- In our country, many children used to leave studies midway due to language difficulties. The new National Education Policy is also helping in eliminating such hardships.
- The name of Rani Velu Nachiyar is also one among the many great personalities of the country who fought against foreign rule. My brothers and sisters of Tamil Nadu still remember her by the name of Veera Mangai i.e. brave woman. She relentlessly remained busy for many years in building an organization and raising an army with the Marudu Brothers i.e. her commanders. She started the war against the British with full preparation and fought with great courage and determination. The name of Rani Velu Nachiyar is included among those who formed an All-Women Group for the first time in their army.
- My family members, there is excitement and

enthusiasm in the entire country in connection with the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya. People are expressing their feelings in a multitude of ways. You must have noticed that during the last few days, many new songs and new bhajans have been composed on Shri Ram and Ayodhya. Many people are also writing new poems. There are many experienced artists in it and new emerging young artists have also composed heart-warming bhajans. I have also shared some songs and bhajans on my social media.

- It seems that the art world is becoming a participant in this historic moment in its own unique style. One thing comes to my mind... could we all share all such creations with a common hash tag? I request you to share your creations on social media with the hashtag Shri Ram Bhajan (#shriRamBhajan). This compilation will turn into a flow of emotions and devotion in which everyone will be immersively imbued with the ethos of Ram. ■



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