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**'HARYANA WILL PROSPER AND
JAMMU & KASHMIR WILL THRIVE'**



BJP National President & Union Minister Shri JP Nadda, Union Ministers Shri Rajnath Singh, and Shri Amit Shah garlanding and welcoming the PM Shri Narendra Modi to the dais during the victory celebrations at BJP HQ in New Delhi on 08 October, 2024



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, BJP National President & Union Minister Shri JP Nadda, Union Ministers Shri Rajnath Singh and Shri Amit Shah are at the dais during the victory celebrations at BJP HQ in New Delhi on 08 October, 2024



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda along with other leaders participating in the 'Swachhata Abhiyan' near Lodhi Colony Road, in New Delhi on 02 October, 2024



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda while inaugurating Sirmour District party Office & Unveiling Dehra BJP Office in Himachal Pradesh on 05 October, 2024

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@Narendramodi

The election results of Haryana and Jammu and Kashmir have made it clear that Congress has completely become a parasitic party.

(8 October, 2024)

@JPNadda

The victory that we achieved in Haryana and our vote share increased in Jammu and Kashmir is the result of the public's faith in the leadership of Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi ji.

(8 October, 2024)



@AmitShah

In Jammu and Kashmir, where under the Congress rule, there was only reign of terror and democracy was being murdered every day, under the BJP rule, the great festival of democracy was celebrated with full pomp and peace. The people of Jammu and Kashmir remember the 1987 assembly elections very well, when the Congress made a mockery of democracy by openly rigging the elections. Democracy has now been revived in the same Kashmir valley. People elected their representatives without any terror and panic. Heartfelt gratitude to Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi ji for this unprecedented change. *(8 October, 2024)*



@Rajnathsingh

Our government cherishes and celebrates India's rich history and culture. We have also been unwavering in our commitment to popularising regional languages. I am extremely glad the Cabinet has decided that Assamese, Bengali, Marathi, Pali and Prakrit will be conferred the status of Classical Languages! Each of them are beautiful languages, highlighting our vibrant diversity. Congratulations to everyone.. *(03 October, 2024)*



@Nitin Gadkari

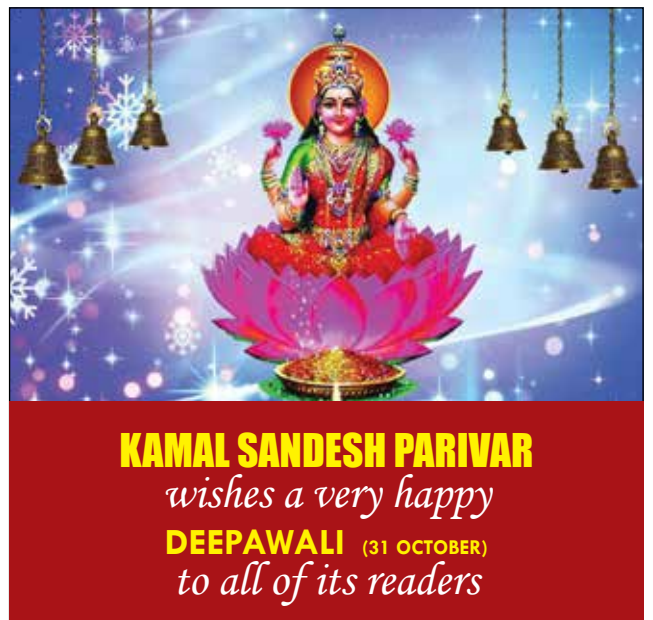
Heartiest congratulations and best wishes to the world's most popular leader and India's successful Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi ji on completing 23 years in constitutional post and public life. Hon'ble Prime Minister's entire life has been dedicated to national interest and public service. In these 23 years he dedicated himself to the service of the poor, labourers, farmers and the country, his popularity and dignity has been constantly increasing along with that of India in the world. We all have been witnesses to his life journey dedicated to the countrymen as a nation builder. *(7 October, 2024)*



@B L Santhosh

In Haryana, @BJP4India is the first party to form Govt third time in a row. After 10 years, BJP is returning back with 8 seats more. Let that sink in. sink perfectly.

(8 October, 2024)





PEOPLE BLESS POLITICS OF PERFORMANCE AND DEVELOPMENT

The results of the recently held assembly elections are historic. These results are remarkable in many ways and hold far-reaching significance for the nation. The people of Haryana have not only shown immense faith in the dynamic and charismatic leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi but also supported the vision of Viksit Bharat. It's for the first time in Haryana since its formation that a government has been voted back for a third consecutive term, that too with increased seats and vote percentage. The formation of the BJP government for the third consecutive time is a record that shows the power of politics of performance and development. While the BJP government in Haryana was able to end the Congress regime of open loot of public money, corruption in jobs and other spheres of governance, misrule, and divisive politics, the unprecedented welfare work done earlier under former chief minister Shri Manoharlal Khattar and later by chief minister Shri Nayab Singh Saini created a new saga of performance and development in the state.

The journey of the last ten years has completely transformed the entire state, catapulting it to the forefront of development and social change. There was a time when the state used to make news for all the wrong reasons under Congress rule, but now the same Haryana is marching ahead by making the entire nation proud with its fabulous achievements. The state is also a huge beneficiary of the Modi government's innovative schemes for the poor, farmers, deprived, exploited, oppressed, women, and youth of the society, leading to their empowerment.

The increased MSP for increased number of crops, PM-Kisan Samman scheme, crop insurance, and advanced methods of farming have all made the farmers of Haryana proud contributors in the nation's food grain exports. The massive infrastructure, sports facilities, AIIMS, IIT, and many such initiatives have opened the gate to a bright future for youth. The focus on women has not only seen improved sex ratio but also seen the emergence of large numbers of Lakhpati Didis in the state. It was the all-round development that is visible everywhere in the state, which has resulted in people blessing the BJP for a 'Nonstop Haryana'.

The results of the Jammu & Kashmir assembly elections will begin a new chapter of development in the state. While the National Conference, along with its alliance partners, is set to form the government, the BJP has not only emerged as the highest vote-getter but also increased its tally significantly from the last elections. As the BJP feels encouraged by the blessings it received from the people and by its performance on many seats in the valley,

the elections are in fact a vindication of its long-held policy on Article 370 since Jansangh days. The successful and peaceful conduct of elections, huge participation of people in the elections, and enthusiasm of the people in the democratic process further reinforce the strength of Indian democracy. As Jammu & Kashmir comes out of the era of terrorism, separatism, and alienation, the abrogation of Article 370 has ensured the dawn of true democracy and paved the path of development and good governance in the state. While results are encouraging, the entire democratic exercise is heartening.

While the people of Haryana and Jammu & Kashmir have spoken their minds, the divisive politics of Congress stands exposed and defeated. It's highly unfortunate that Congress and its allies refuse to read the aspirations of people and learn from their defeats. The Congress leadership is not only in constant denial of their irrelevance but keeps resorting to their old tactics of lies and rumour mongering mixed with their divisive politics of deceit. As their attempts to take country back to their failed agenda of 70s have been rejected umpteen times by the people, they regale in ridiculously celebrating their defeats. As Congress continues its regressive journey backward, people bless politics of performance and development. ■

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Proving all poll pundits and exit polls wrong, the recently concluded Assembly Elections in Haryana and Jammu & Kashmir gave a resounding mandate to the Bharatiya Janata Party on 08 October 2024. Under the charismatic and visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the double-engine BJP government in Haryana registered a massive victory, comfortably retained power in the state, and routed the opposition Congress. In a big boost for the party, the BJP secured a historic hat-trick by winning 48 seats in the 90-member Legislative Assembly for the first time in the history of Haryana. The party improved its performance by winning eight more Assembly seats than it had in the outgoing Assembly while securing around 40 percent vote share.

By obtaining victory in 48 constituencies, the BJP got a clear majority in the 90-member Haryana Assembly. This is BJP's best electoral performance in the Haryana Assembly polls yet, the last best was 47 seats in 2014. The Congress was able to win only 37 seats, resulting in a huge setback to the party.

This massive victory of the BJP in Haryana was undoubtedly a victory of the unwavering faith of farmers,

the poor, the backward, the women and the youth in the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. Whether it is the Lok Sabha election for the third consecutive time at the Centre or the repeated formation of the BJP government in Haryana, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, and other states, it shows that the public has unshakable faith in the new era of Politics of Performance that the BJP led by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has started in Indian politics. However, first in the Lok Sabha elections and now in Haryana, the people have completely rejected the Congress which made false and empty promises to get votes.

As per the Election Commission of India data, in the Haryana assembly, the BJP won 48 of the total 90 seats in the House leaving the Congress a distant second with 37 seats. The Indian National Lok Dal – INLD bagged two seats and the Independents got three seats. Whereas, the Aam Aadmi Party and Jannayak Janata Party have drawn a blank and lost deposits in almost all seats in the state.

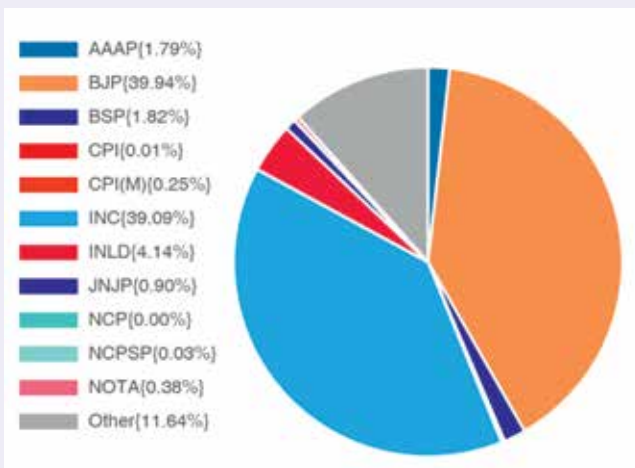
Following BJP's hat-trick victory, Haryana Chief Minister Shri Nayab Singh Saini gave all credit of the victory to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. In a social

HIGHLIGHTS OF HARYANA ELECTION RESULTS

- Polling for 90 seats of the Haryana Assembly was held on 05 October 2024, and the counting of votes was held on 08 October 2024.
- The main contenders in the Haryana Election 2024 were the BJP, the Congress, the AAP, the JJP, and the INLD.
- The BJP secured a historic hat-trick victory by winning 48 seats in the 90-member Legislative Assembly and this happened for the first time in the history of Haryana.
- With 48 seats, the BJP has given its best electoral performance in the Haryana Assembly polls yet, the last best was 47 seats in 2014.
- With around 40 percent vote share the BJP improved its performance by winning 08 more Assembly seats than it had in the outgoing Assembly.
- The main opposition Congress was able to win only 37 seats, resulting in a huge setback to the party.
- Among others, Indian National Lok Dal-INLD bagged 2 seats, the Independents got 3 seats. Whereas, the Aam Aadmi Party and Jannayak Janata Party have drawn a blank and lost deposits in almost all seats in the state.

Party Wise Results in Haryana

Party	Total
Bharatiya Janata Party - BJP	48
Indian National Congress - INC	37
Indian National Lok Dal - INLD	2
Independent - IND	3
Total	90

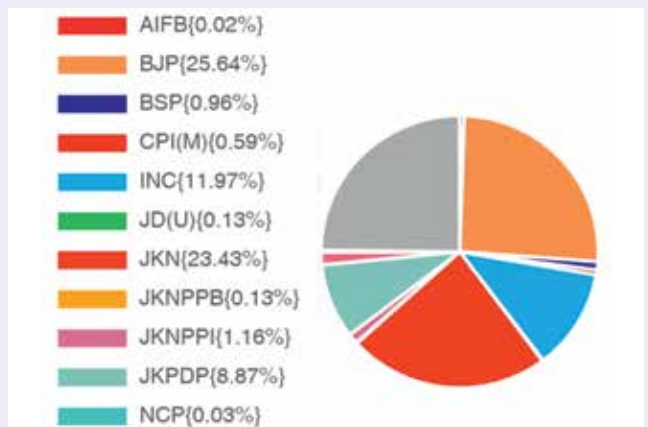


HIGHLIGHTS OF J&K ELECTION RESULTS

- The Jammu-Kashmir assembly election for 90 constituencies was held over 3 phases on September 18, September 25 and October 1 respectively and the counting was held on 08 October 2024.
- This is the first Assembly election for Jammu-Kashmir after the abrogation of Articles 370 and 35(A) under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.
- The BJP bagged 29 seats with 25.64 percent votes in the 90-member house of the Union Territory.
- With 25.64 percent, the BJP secured the highest vote share in Jammu-Kashmir.
- In a historic and commendable performance, the BJP improved both the vote share and seat tally in Jammu and Kashmir.
- Among other parties the National Conference got 42 seats with 23.43 percent vote share, the Congress got six seats, the Jammu & Kashmir Peoples Democratic Party got three seats, Independents won seven seats, Jammu & Kashmir People Conference, CPI(M), and AAP got one seat each.

Party Wise Results in J&K

Party	Total
Jammu & Kashmir National Conference	42
Bharatiya Janata Party - BJP	29
Indian National Congress - INC	6
Jammu & Kashmir Peoples Democratic Party	3
Jammu & Kashmir People Conference	1
Communist Party of India (Marxist)	1
Aam Aadmi Party - AAAP	1
Independent - IND	7
Total	90



This mandate gives us the strength to take bold decisions for making India even more secure: PM Modi

Following the resounding victory of the BJP in the Haryana Assembly election for the third straight time and laudable performance in Jammu & Kashmir, grand celebrations took place at the BJP headquarters in New Delhi and other States of the country. Among the chanting of 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai', 'Modi Modi....' and 'Vande Mataram' by a massive gathering of Karyakartas and supporters Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi arrived at the Party headquarters along with BJP National President & Union Minister Shri JP Nadda. With flower petals and crackers, thousands of Karyakartas extended a splendid welcome to the Hon'ble Prime Minister and the BJP National President. Senior BJP leaders, including Union Ministers Shri Rajnath Singh, and Shri Amit Shah garlanded and welcomed the Prime Minister to the dais.



Highlights

- The BJP is not just the largest party; it is the one closest to the people's hearts.
- In Haryana, development has triumphed over lies.
- Congress aims to weaken India by sowing discord among its people, inciting farmers and Dalits against the BJP.
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- Some said Kashmir would burn after Article 370's removal, but instead, it blossomed.
- We've restored the true spirit of the Constitution in J&K—what better tribute to Dr. Babasahab Ambedkar than this?
- Haryana will prosper, and Jammu & Kashmir will thrive.

Addressing a massive gathering at the BJP headquarters in New Delhi following a remarkable victory in the assembly election, PM Shri Narendra Modi stated, "Haryana, the land of milk and honey, has once again worked its magic, turning the state 'Kamal-Kamal' with a decisive victory for the Bharatiya Janata Party. From the sacred land of the Gita, this win symbolizes the triumph of truth, development, and good governance. People from all communities and sections have entrusted us with their votes."

He said, "In Haryana, development has triumphed over lies. This unprecedented mandate will echo far and wide, marking a new chapter in Haryana's political history!"

Jammu & Kashmir saw peaceful elections

"After decades, Jammu & Kashmir saw peaceful elections, with results marking a victory for India's Constitution and democracy. While the National Conference gained more seats, the BJP emerged

as the largest party by vote share," PM Shri Modi shared as he extended his congratulations to all

winners in Haryana and J&K, appreciating the dedication of BJP Karyakartas. “Development triumphed over falsehoods, marking a new chapter in the state's political history,” he added, referring to Haryana’s win.

PM Shri Modi said, “The BJP is not just the largest party; it is the one closest to the people's hearts. Haryana has given us a historic hat-trick, choosing development over Congress’s misrule. With support in Gujarat, MP, UP, and beyond, wherever the BJP governs, the people stand by us. Meanwhile, Congress struggles, with no second terms in years—its time is up!”

Congress sees power as its birthright

The PM launched a scathing attack against the opposition and reprimanded, “Congress sees power as its birthright, becoming a fish out of water when not in government. Desperate to return, they’ve resorted to spreading divisive caste politics, pitting the poor against each other. In Haryana, Congress rejected Dalit and OBC participation and openly threatened to end reservations. Their game is clear: trade the rights of the marginalized for votes.”

Congress aims to weaken India

The PM warned further, “Congress aims to

weaken India by sowing discord among its people, inciting farmers and Dalits against the BJP. Attempts to undermine our army and youth have also failed, as Haryana’s youth rejected these divisive tactics. The message is clear: anti-national politics will not prevail. Despite ongoing conspiracies against India’s democracy, economy, and social fabric, Haryana has responded decisively. We must all commit to thwarting these schemes and keep India on the path of development. In the Lok Sabha too, most of Congress’s wins came due to allies. Wherever allies trusted Congress, they sank. Congress has now become a liability, dragging down its own partners,” he strongly emphasized.

Shri Modi reminded the audience how, before the Lok Sabha results, Congress created chaos, constantly questioning the Election Commission's integrity. “They even dragged matters to the Supreme Court. Congress's aim has always been to cast doubt on our institutions' impartiality and mislead the public. This has been their habit for years,” PM Shri Modi condemned the opposition’s agenda.

Restored true spirit of Constitution in J&K

The PM Shri Modi returned to Kashmir’s chapter and questioned, “Some said Kashmir would burn after Article 370’s removal, but instead, it blossomed.

The massive voter turnout was heartening. For the first time, from MLAs to BDCs and DDCs, elected representatives are now shaping the future. We’ve restored the true spirit of the Constitution in J&K—what better tribute to Dr. Babasahab Ambedkar than this?”

In the concluding remarks, PM Shri Narendra Modi reassured and reiterated, “You have empowered every commitment aimed at lifting millions out of poverty. This mandate gives us the strength to take bold decisions for making India even more secure. I assure you that the next five years will witness rapid development. Haryana will prosper, and Jammu & Kashmir will thrive.” ■



BJP's victory in Haryana and increase in vote share in J&K reflect the trust of people in PM Modi: JP Nadda

Following the massive victory in Haryana and the increase in vote share in Jammu & Kashmir assembly elections, BJP National President and Union Minister Shri JP Nadda addressed a huge gathering of party Karyakartas at the Abhinandan & Abhaar Karyakram at the BJP headquarters in New Delhi on 08 October, 2024. Praising Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for the party's grand success in the Haryana Assembly elections he attributed the BJP's continued victory in the state to the trust the people have in PM Shri Modi's visionary leadership.

Shri Nadda highlighted the party's achievement stating, "BJP's victory in Haryana and increase in vote share in J&K reflect the trust bestowed by people in PM Shri Modi." He further said, "Today under the PM's leadership, Haryana has become BJP's bastion, and we are going to successively form the government there for the third time."

Where there is Congress, there is corruption, commission

Criticising the Congress, Shri JP Nadda accused the opposition party of spreading misinformation, only to be rejected by the people. "When the Congress was engaged in spreading lies in every way, at that time the people did not listen to them and again formed the BJP government in Haryana".

"Congress has been promoting casteism and 'bhaibhatijawad' and is leaving no stone unturned to divide people on the basis of caste. Where there is Congress, there is corruption, commission, and criminalization. These are the 3Cs of Congress," he said.

AAP- A hard-core corrupt entity

Shri Nadda also criticized the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), which failed to secure any seats in the Haryana elections. Without naming the party directly and calling it a hard-core corrupt entity he said, "There is a hard-core corrupt party which contested on all the 90 seats, but they lost their deposits on all of them."

Referring to AAP, the BJP National President



Highlights

- Under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the people of Haryana made BJP victorious and the people of Jammu and Kashmir have blessed the party by giving highest votes.
- Congress started spreading lies among the public to mislead the public, but the people of Haryana formed the government in Haryana for the third consecutive time under the leadership of Honorable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.
- The mood of the Nation including Haryana is 'Modimay'. Today everyone will agree that 'Modi Hai Toh Mumkin Hai.'
- In Jammu and Kashmir, Bharatiya Janata Party has won more seats than last time and the vote share of the party has also increased.
- There is also a 'Kattar Beimaan' party, which contested all 90 seats in Haryana but their deposits were forfeited on all the seats.



said, "We also have a 'Kattar Beimaan' party here; they contested all 90 seats in Haryana and lost their deposits in all 90 seats.

BJP's vote share improved in Jammu-Kashmir

The BJP National President further added that the BJP's vote share and seat tally had improved in Jammu and Kashmir as well. "In Jammu and Kashmir, we have won more seats than last time, and our vote share has also increased", he added.

Highlighting PM Shri Narendra Modi's political career, Shri Nadda lauded his long-standing commitment to public service. "Yesterday, PM

Shri Modi completed 23 years as a public servant. Thirteen years as the Chief Minister and 10 years as the Prime Minister, you served as the Pradhan Sevak," Shri Nadda said, adding that the Prime Minister's dedication had changed the political landscape of the country.

Victories in upcoming elections

Looking ahead, Shri JP Nadda emphasised the BJP's ambition to secure victories in upcoming elections. "...Now we have to win Maharashtra, Jharkhand and Delhi also," he declared, reiterating the party's focus on expanding its influence across the country.

The BJP National President also said, these results prove once again that 'Modi Hai Toh Mumkin Hai.'"

Shri Nadda then called on BJP members to maintain unity and work towards securing the party's success in the forthcoming state elections in Maharashtra, Jharkhand, and Delhi. ■

HISTORIC VICTORY OF BJP IN HARYANA: RAJNATH SINGH

Congratulating the people and Karyakartas, Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh said that the landslide hat-trick victory in Haryana is due to the charismatic leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and people's trust in the BJP. In a social media post on X Shri Singh said, "Many congratulations to Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi and all the party workers for the historic victory of BJP in the Haryana assembly elections. By scoring a spectacular hat-trick electoral victory in Haryana, the BJP has proved that the public has faith in the strong and capable leadership of Modiji and the politics of good governance and development.

Along with Modiji's inspiration, this victory is due to the



organisational skills of the BJP National President Shri @JPNadda, the tireless hard work of the workers @BJP4Haryana under the leadership of the Chief Minister Shri @NayabSainiBJP and the State President @MohanLal_Badoli.

Today every section of the society is appreciating the BJP's

policies of development and welfare of the poor. The public has once again given its support to the positive politics of development by rejecting negative politics".

BJP will keep working towards strengthening the development trajectory of J&K

Thanking everyone who supported BJP in Jammu and Kashmir Assembly polls, Shri Rajnath Singh said, "I thank everyone who supported @BJP4JnK in the Assembly polls. Under the leadership of PM Shri @narendramodi the BJP will keep working towards strengthening the development trajectory of the state. I am also thankful to our party Karyakartas for their hard work and perseverance". ■

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media post, Shri Saini said, "I want to thank 2.8 crore people of Haryana who have reposed faith in the policies of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. This is the victory of Haryana's farmers, the poor, women, and youth. People have voted for PM Modi's work for Haryana. It is a historic victory. We have succeeded in Haryana for the third time with the blessings of Modi ji".

Victory of the politics of development and good governance: PM Modi

After the thrashing victory of the BJP in Haryana, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has expressed gratitude to the people of Haryana for bringing the BJP back with its biggest mandate ever. In a post on the X, the PM said, "Heartfelt gratitude from Haryana! I salute the people of Haryana for giving a clear majority to the Bharatiya Janata Party once again. This is the victory of the politics of development and good governance. I assure the people here that we will leave no stone unturned to fulfil their aspirations.

My heartiest congratulations to all my party workers who have worked tirelessly and with full dedication for this great victory! You have not only served the people of the state to the fullest, but have also taken our agenda of development to them. This is the result of which BJP has got this historic victory in Haryana.

Haryana rejected the divisive and appeasement politics of Congress: JP Nadda

Congratulating the Haryana BJP, Karyakartas, and the people, BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda said, "This consistent victory of the Bharatiya Janata Party in the Haryana Assembly elections is a reflection of the people's unwavering faith in the welfare policies implemented by the double-engine government led by the dynamic Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi ji. This mandate shows that the people of Haryana have completely rejected the divisive and appeasement politics of the Congress.

For the first time in the state, a political party has set a new record by winning the election for the third consecutive time. This hat-trick of victory is the people's overwhelming support for Modi ji's welfare, development, and good governance. I congratulate the Chief Minister Shri @NayabSainiBJP Ji, State President Shri @MohanLal_Badoli Ji and the Karyakartas of @BJP4Haryana and express my gratitude to the public".

Similarly, in the first assembly election held after the abrogation of Articles 370 and 35(A) in Jammu and

Kashmir under the dynamic leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the BJP's performance was also historic and commendable. As per the Election Commission of India data, the BJP bagged 29 seats with 25.64 percent votes in the 90-member house of the Union Territory. The BJP's vote share and seat tally had improved in Jammu and Kashmir as well, while the Jammu & Kashmir National Conference got 42 seats with 23.43 percent vote share.

Among other parties, the Congress got six seats, the Jammu & Kashmir Peoples Democratic Party – JKDPDP got three seats, Jammu & Kashmir People Conference – JPC, Communist Party of India (Marxist) - CPI(M) and Aam Aadmi Party got one seat each and Independents won seven seats in the recently concluded election.

Proud of BJP's performance in Jammu-Kashmir: PM

Complimenting every person in Jammu & Kashmir for participating in the very special election, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in a post on X said, "These elections in Jammu and Kashmir have been very special. They were held for the first time after the removal of Articles 370 and 35(A) and witnessed a high turnout, thus showing the people's belief in democracy. I compliment each and every person of Jammu and Kashmir for this. I am proud of the BJP's performance in Jammu and Kashmir. I thank all those who have voted for our Party and placed their trust in us. I assure the people that we will keep working for the welfare of Jammu and Kashmir. I also appreciate the industrious efforts of our Karyakartas. I would like to compliment JKNC for their commendable performance in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly elections".

BJP committed to all-round development of Jammu and Kashmir: JP Nadda

Accepting the mandate received in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly elections and congratulating the people, BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda in his X post said, "We accept the mandate received in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly elections. Violent incidents have been curbed in Jammu and Kashmir since the abolition of Article 370. There was a time when the voting percentage was very low, but the huge number of voters in this election reflects the unprecedented enthusiasm of the people in the festival of democracy.

The Bharatiya Janata Party is committed to the all-round development and public welfare of Jammu

Haryana completely rejected the negative and divisive politics of Congress: Amit Shah

Following the huge victory in Haryana, Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah hailed the people of the state and slammed Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for "doing negative politics".

In a series of tweets, Shri Shah said, "The people of Veerbhoomi Haryana have completely rejected the negative and divisive politics of Congress which divides people on the basis of caste and region, and have chosen the 10 years' track record of development and poor welfare of BJP".

"Haryana, the land of farmers and soldiers, has taught a lesson to those who go abroad and insult the country for their vote bank." The Congress today, suffered an unexpected defeat at the hands of the BJP, which had been written off in Haryana. However, the BJP, which bagged just 40 seats in the last polls, has succeeded in getting the majority on its own. The party is set to win 48 of 90 seats, 8 up from last time's tally.

He said this massive victory of the party in Haryana was a victory of the unwavering faith of farmers, the



poor, the backward, the soldiers, and the youth in the BJP government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "I express my heartfelt gratitude to the people of Haryana for giving BJP the opportunity to serve the state for the third consecutive time. The BJP government at the Centre and in the state under the leadership of Modiji will fulfil all your aspirations and hopes."

Shri Shah said whether it is the election of Prime Minister Modi for the third consecutive time at the Centre or the repeated formation of the BJP government in Haryana, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, and other states, "it shows that the public has unshakable faith in the new era of

Politics of Performance that the BJP led by Modiji has started in Indian politics". "First in the Lok Sabha elections and now in Haryana, the people have completely rejected the Congress which made false and empty promises to get votes and are standing like a rock with the BJP which is delivering on the ground," he said.

Peaceful and fair elections in Jammu-Kashmir

Congratulating everyone for the peaceful conduct of the Jammu and Kashmir elections, Shri Amit Shah said, "Modi Ji had promised the people of the country that we will conduct peaceful and fair elections in Jammu and Kashmir. I am extremely happy that for the first time since the advent of terrorism in the 80s, the people of Jammu and Kashmir witnessed such a transparent and peaceful election and participated in the elections in large numbers. I heartily congratulate the Election Commission, Jammu and Kashmir Administration, security forces and the people of Jammu and Kashmir for these successful and historic elections". ■

and Kashmir. We will continue to raise every issue of development and public interest of the state. Congratulations to all the workers of @BJP4Jnk and thanks to the public".

The election results show Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's visionary leadership, enduring popularity, corruption-free governance, timely implementation of development projects of the double engine government combined with the central government's welfare schemes for every section of the society and addressing local concerns were Key factors for BJP's victory. The stunning victory

in Haryana coupled with BJP's best-ever show in Jammu and Kashmir is bound to boost the morale of the party ahead of elections in other major states like Maharashtra, Jharkhand, and Delhi. However, on the other hand, these results were a massive downer for the Congress, which was hoping to gain public support with anti-BJP, anti-India propaganda and weakening India by sowing discord among the people. The electorate also rejected these divisive tactics of the Congress and taught a lesson that will reverberate for a long time to come. Lastly, the victory will echo far and wide, adding a new chapter in the political history of the BJP. ■

GRAND CELEBRATIONS



NEWSPAPERS ON BJP's VICTORY





BJP NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S HIMACHAL PRAVAS

Inaugurates the newly constructed BJP district offices in Sirmour and Dehra

commencement of renal transplant services at AIIMS Bilaspur marks a notable milestone in the history of the institute and will fill a long-standing void in the availability of transplant services in Himachal Pradesh. He said with this life-saving therapy available inside the state for those in need of kidney transplants, an initial grant of Rs. 2 crore has been sanctioned which will immensely help the poor and needy who lack resources for such costly treatment. The Union Health Minister noted that the facility is also available under PMJAY and HimCare health insurance schemes. The facility will act as a catalyst for the establishment of multiorgan and bone marrow transplantation services in the near future. During his visit, Shri Nadda visited different facilities of the institute and enquired about availability of various patient care services and their functioning.

On the second day, Shri Nadda inaugurated the newly constructed building of the BJP district offices in Sirmour and Dehra in Kangra district and addressed BJP Karyakartas. ■

BJP National President and Union Minister Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda visited Himachal Pradesh on October 4 and 5, 2024. BJP State President Shri Rajeev Bindal, Ex-Chief Minister and Leader of the Opposition Shri Jai Ram Thakur, former Union Minister Shri Anurag Thakur, and other senior leaders accompanied Shri Nadda in every programme during his visit.

On the first day of the visit, the BJP National President visited AIIMS, Bilaspur, and interacted with the officials. During his visit he interacted with the first renal transplant recipient who had recently undergone transplant surgery and the donor and enquired about their health; both are recovering well.

Shri Nadda expressed happiness in starting the transplant services at AIIMS Bilaspur within a short period of its operationalization. He stated that the

BJP National President Meets PM of Jamaica

BJP National President and Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilisers Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda met Prime Minister of Jamaica H.E. Dr. Andrew Michael Holness on 1st October 2024 at New Delhi as part of the 'KNOW BJP' initiative.

Shri Nadda welcomed the Jamaica PM Dr. Andrew Michael Holness on his maiden state visit to India. He also extended his heartfelt sympathy to the people of Jamaica impacted by Hurricane Beryl. During the meeting, the leaders reflected on the significant progress in bilateral relations between India and Jamaica over the past decade.

They discussed the potential for further collaboration, particularly in the areas of health, pharma, and Traditional medicine. Shri Nadda also explained organisational structure and activities of the Bharatiya Janata Party. Both leaders agreed to strengthen party-to-party relations by facilitating exchanges between the Bharatiya Janata



Party and Jamaica Labour Party, thereby fostering a deeper partnership and mutual understanding. Shri Nadda was accompanied by BJP Foreign Affairs department In-charge Dr Vijay Chauthaiwale during the meeting.

H.E. Dr. Andrew Michael Holness is on a state visit to India as Prime Minister of Jamaica at the invitation of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, marking the historic first bilateral visit by a Jamaican Prime Minister to India. ■



BJP National President participates in Swachhata Abhiyan and purchases Khadi products

'SEWA PAKHWADA' CONCLUDES

PM MODI TURNED GANDHI'S CALL FOR CLEANLINESS INTO MASS MOVEMENT: JP NADDA

On the occasion of the Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and the concluding day of 'Sewa Pakhwada' on 02 October 2024, BJP National President and Union Minister Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda participated in the 'Swachhata Abhiyan' near Lodhi Colony Road, New Delhi. The 'Sewa Pakhwada' was commenced by the BJP National President from 17th September to 2nd October and during the programme the party launched an awareness drive for the general public and party Karyakartas to increase participation in the 'Swachhata Abhiyan'.

Addressing the occasion, the BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda greatly appreciated the charismatic leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for making the cleanliness campaign a mass movement of the country. After this, he went to Khadi Bhandar at Connaught Place in New Delhi, paid floral tributes to the statue of Mahatma Gandhi there and purchased Khadi products.

The BJP National President said Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi turned Mahatma Gandhi's call for cleanliness into a mass movement in the last decade.

Shri Nadda along with Delhi Unit BJP leaders, including BJP Delhi President Shri Virendra Sachdeva, MP Bansuri Swaraj and others participated in the 'Swachhata Abhiyan' at Lodhi Colony in the national capital.

Shri Nadda said, "Shri Narendra Modi after becoming the Prime Minister adopted cleanliness and it became a mass movement. We know the call for cleanliness was given by the father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi but Prime Minister Shri Modi has changed it into a mass movement".

Under PM Shri Modi's leadership this mass movement, to create awareness among the people to maintain personal hygiene and avoid littering as well as encouraging the society towards cleanliness has been continuing for the last 10 years Shri Nadda added.

Stating the BJP is actively involved in speeding

this movement in the future, he said cleanliness is not only a matter of one day but also should be maintained every day throughout the year.

The BJP observes 'Sewa Pakhwada' every year, engaging people in the cleanliness campaign on Gandhi Jayanti, Shri Nadda said. He called on people and the party Karyakartas to join the campaign whenever possible.

The BJP National President also urged people to make cleanliness and khadi garments part of their lives. The Prime Minister has given special attention to the khadi industry through 'Local For Vocal' and 'Khadi For Nation, For Fashion and For Transformation' campaigns, leading to a jump in its sales, he said.

- Mahatma Gandhi had called for cleanliness, the successful Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has done the work of making it a mass movement.
- Cleanliness campaign is not a one-day programme, rather it is continuous work.
- Mahatma Gandhi united the countrymen for the independence of the country through Khadi, but after independence, Khadi was continuously neglected.
- PM Shri Narendra Modi paid special attention to Khadi industry through 'Vocal for Local' and 'Khadi for Nation'.
- Make cleanliness and Khadi clothes an integral part of life, make it a ritual of life. ■

'Journey of Swachh Bharat Mission is a symbol of the unwavering commitment of crores of Indians'

Marking the completion of 10 years of the launch of one of the most significant mass movements for cleanliness - the Swachh Bharat Mission, the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 2nd October participated in Swachh Bharat Diwas 2024 program on the occasion of 155th Gandhi Jayanti in Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. Shri Modi launched and laid the foundation stone for several sanitation and cleanliness projects worth over Rs. 9600 crore including projects under AMRUT and AMRUT 2.0, National Mission for Clean Ganga and GOBARdhan Scheme. The theme for Swachhata Hi Seva 2024 is 'Swabhav Swachhata, Sanskaar Swachhata'.

Addressing the occasion, the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi paid tributes to Pujya Bapu and Lal Bahadur Shastri ji on their birth anniversaries.

The Prime Minister said he is filled with a sense of duty yet he is emotional at the same time on the 2nd of October. Marking the completion of 10 years of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, the Prime Minister said,

NGOs and the media among others in transforming the Swachh Bharat Mission into a huge public movement.

He informed that crores of people have taken part in the Swachhata hi Seva program in this edition of Swachhata Pakhwada, he said in the 15 days of Seva Pakhwada, more than 27 lakh programs were organized all over the country witnessing the participation of 28 crore people. Stressing the need for continuous efforts to keep India clean, the Prime Minister expressed gratitude towards every citizen of India.

Marking today's important milestone, the Prime Minister highlighted that projects worth about Rs. 10,000 crore related to cleanliness have been started. He added that as part of 'Mission Amrit', water and sewage treatment plants would be set up in many cities. The Prime Minister underlined that be it the Namami Gange or the GobarDhan project of converting organic waste to biogas, will propel Swachh Bharat Mission to new heights. "The more successful the Swachh Bharat Mission is, the more our country will shine", exclaimed Shri Modi.

Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs, Shri Manohar Lal Khattar, Union Minister for Jal Shakti, Shri C R Patil, Union Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs, Shri Tokhan Sahu and Union Minister of State for Jal Shakti, Dr Raj Bhushan Choudhary were present on the occasion.

During the programme, the Prime Minister launched and laid the foundation stone for several projects related to sanitation and cleanliness, worth over Rs 9600 crore. ■



"The journey of Swachh Bharat Mission is a symbol of the unwavering commitment of crores of Indians." He highlighted the high public support garnered by this movement in the last 10 years and said that every citizen of the country made it their own mission - a part of their lives. On the milestone of 10 years of Swachh Bharat, the Prime Minister praised the efforts of safaimitras, religious leaders, athletes, celebrities,

10 Years of Swachh Bharat Mission: A Report

Swachhta Hi Seva Campaign Wraps Up on Swachh Bharat Diwas

On the occasion of the 155th Gandhi Jayanti on 2nd October 2024, the Swachh Bharat Diwas marked the conclusion of the Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) 2024 campaign. To commemorate this, Union Minister for Jal Shakti, Shri C.R. Patil, had urged citizens to participate in 'Shramdaan for Swachhata' between 9 and 10 am on 2nd October, contributing to the cleanliness efforts under the SHS campaign.

The SHS campaign, running from September 17 to October 2, 2024, focused on three key pillars: reviving neglected areas, encouraging public participation, and improving the welfare of sanitation workers. It culminated in the celebration of Swachh Bharat Diwas on Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary. From streets and markets to parks and waterways, communities are coming together to clean, restore, and embrace the spirit of collective action. Through small yet meaningful steps, the SHS campaign reminds us all that cleanliness is not just a task but a shared duty, a way of life that impacts the health and dignity of everyone.

Swachh Bharat Diwas 2024

On October 2, 2024, marking the completion of 10 years since the launch of one of the most significant mass movements for cleanliness—the Swachh Bharat Mission—Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi participated in the Swachh Bharat Diwas 2024 program at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, at around 10 AM, coinciding with the 155th Gandhi Jayanti.

During the program, the Prime Minister launched and laid the foundation stone for several projects related to sanitation and cleanliness, with a total worth exceeding Rs 9,600 crore. This includes over Rs 6,800 crore aimed at enhancing urban water and sewage systems under the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) and AMRUT 2.0. Additionally, there will be 10 projects worth over Rs 1,550 crore focused on improving water quality and

waste management in Ganga basin areas under the National Mission for Clean Ganga. Furthermore, 15 Compressed Biogas (CBG) Plant projects worth over Rs 1,332 crore will be initiated under the GOBARdhan Scheme.

On the same day, several special initiatives were also taken, including special Gram Sabhas for Swachhata, celebrations of transformed Community Toilet Units (CTUs), and the felicitation of Safai Mitras and other state champions. Awards will be presented to the best performers of the Swachhta Hi Seva 2024 campaign, along with the inauguration and foundation of community toilets, public toilets,

solid waste management projects, sewage treatment plants, faecal sludge treatment plants, and other related initiatives.

**“On the 2nd of October, the Swachh Bharat Mission is completing 10 years. This is an occasion to commend those who turned it into such a big mass movement in Indian history. It is also a befitting tribute to Mahatma Gandhi”
~ PM Shri Narendra Modi**

Campaign Overview

On August 15, 2014, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi delivered a powerful message from the ramparts of the Red Fort, calling for cleanliness to become a national priority and urging citizens to join in this mission. This led to the launch of the Swachh Bharat Mission on 2nd October 2014, which embraced a 'whole-of-government' approach to make sanitation the responsibility of all. The nation united to create the world's largest movement for cleanliness.

Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) is a pivotal campaign under the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM), officially launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2017. This campaign is a significant annual event aimed at mobilizing the citizens of India towards enhanced cleanliness and sanitation. The initiative underscores the essence of civic participation in fostering a cleaner, healthier environment across the nation. Conceptualized as a tribute to Mahatma Gandhi on the occasion of his 150th birth anniversary, SHS aims to galvanize widespread engagement in the Swachh Bharat Mission. Over the years, the campaign has evolved significantly, each year focusing on a specific

theme to address various aspects of cleanliness and sanitation.

Since 2017, the Swachhata Hi Seva campaign has promoted volunteerism and collective action for cleanliness. This year is particularly significant as the Government of India marks the 10th anniversary of the Swachh Bharat Mission.

The Swachhata Hi Seva campaign 2024, observed from 17 September to 1 October, is themed “Swabhav Swachhata, Sanskaar Swachhata,” culminating in the celebration of Swachh Bharat Diwas on 2 October. The campaign emphasized three core objectives: transforming neglected areas with health and hygiene risks, encouraging active public participation in cleanliness activities, and improving the welfare of sanitation workers. The campaign aims to foster a cleaner, healthier India for all through these initiatives.

Pillars of SHS 2024

Cleanliness Target Units (CTUs): A Cleanliness Target Unit (CTU) refers to severely neglected, high-risk areas like garbage points or dumpsites that pose significant environmental and health risks, often overlooked during routine cleanliness drives in various regions. The campaign aims to transform these target units in a time-bound manner, contributing to the broader goal of achieving overall cleanliness.

Safai Mitra Suraksha Shivirs: Single-window health and welfare camps for Safai Mitras for preventive health care treatment and linkages with various welfare schemes of Central and State Government

Swachhata Mein Jan Bhaagidari: Widespread engagement with citizens, communities, and organisations to raise awareness and trigger involvement through various activities.

Key Achievements

The Swachhata hi Seva campaign achieved remarkable milestones during its nationwide cleanliness drive, engaging millions of citizens in collective action. Focusing on transforming neglected areas and fostering public participation, the campaign saw extensive efforts across various sectors, from residential areas to market spaces and roadsides. These efforts were further complemented by environmental initiatives such as mass tree plantation and widespread Swachhata pledges,

making the campaign a significant step toward a cleaner and healthier India.

Key achievements as of October 1, 2024

- A total of 29.21 lakh events were planned, with 26.44 lakh successfully completed.
- Public participation reached an impressive 26.25 crore individuals.
- Transformation efforts focused on 3.10 Lakh residential areas across the country.
- 2.11 lakh areas along the roadside, including national highways, state highways, and local roads, were cleaned and revitalised.
- Market spaces saw the transformation of 56,526 locations.
- Surrounding public and private offices, 48,418 areas were improved as part of the campaign.
- Over 61 lakh trees were planted during the campaign period.
- Citizens took a total of 3.04 Lakh Swachhata pledges.
- A total of 15,710 Swachh Food Streets were established to promote hygiene in public eating spaces.
- Across the country, 76,837 Swachh Bharat Cultural Fests were organized to celebrate and raise awareness about cleanliness.

Conclusion

As India commemorates a decade of the Swachh Bharat Mission, the nationwide efforts under the Swachhata Hi Seva campaign, which concluded on October 2nd, Swachh Bharat Diwas, reflect the profound impact of collective action in fostering a cleaner and healthier environment. The accomplishments highlighted in this report demonstrate significant strides made through community engagement, volunteerism, and innovative projects aimed at improving sanitation and hygiene across the country. The Swachh Bharat Diwas 2024 not only marks a milestone in this monumental movement but also serves as a reminder of the ongoing commitment needed from every citizen to sustain and enhance these efforts. Together, through shared responsibility and dedication, India can continue to build on this legacy, ensuring that the dream of a cleaner and more sustainable future becomes a reality for all. ■

13,822 JAN AUSHADHI KENDRAS ESTABLISHED ACROSS THE COUNTRY

Under the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana, as of September 30, 2024, a total of 13,822 Jan Aushadhi Kendras have been established across the country. Notably, in September 2024, these Kendras achieved record sales of Rs 200 Crores - the highest monthly sales in the history of the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana.

For comparison, in September 2023, sales were Rs141 Crores, highlighting a significant 42% growth on year to year basis. This remarkable increase reflects the programs success in providing affordable and accessible healthcare solutions to the masses. Overall up to September 2024, there has been 31.20% of total annual growth as sales target of Rs. 913.30 Cr. has already been achieved. Almost 10 lakh people daily purchase medicines from Jan Aushadhi Kendras.

Under Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP), in last 10 years, sale of



medicines worth Rs. 6100 crores have been done through Kendras, which has led to estimated savings of Rs. 30,000 Crores for the citizens as compared to the branded medicines.

Under the PMBJP, a medicine is priced on the principle of a maximum of 50% of the average price of the top three branded medicines. The price of Jan Aushadhi Medicines, surgical devices and nutraceutical products are cheaper at least by 50% and in some cases, by 80% to 90% of the market price of branded medicines available in the market. PMBI has already been progressing at very fact pace towards achieving the target of 25000 Jan Aushadhi Kendras in India. ■

DRDO successfully flight-tests 4th Generation Very Short-Range Air Defence System

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully conducted three flight-tests of the 4th Generation, technically-advanced miniaturised Very Short Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS) at the Pokhran Field Firing Ranges in Rajasthan on October 03 & 04, 2024. The tests were carried out against high-speed target, demonstrating very critical parameters of maximum range and maximum altitude interception. These development trials showcased repeatability of hit-to-kill capability of the weapon system in various target engagement scenarios covering approaching, receding and crossing modes.

The development of VSHORADS missiles has been completed and two production agencies have been engaged in the Development cum Production Partner (DcPP) mode. In these trials, the missiles realised through DcPPs have been successfully used, thus paving the way for early User trials and Production in a short time span in line with Prime Minister Shri Narendra



Modi-led Government's vision of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat'.

VSHORADS is a Man Portable Air Defence System designed and developed indigenously by Research Centre Imarat (RCI) in collaboration with other DRDO laboratories and DcPPs. The three Services have been associated with the project right from the beginning and participated during the developmental trials.

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh has congratulated DRDO, Armed Forces and the Industry involved in the successful development trials. This new missile equipped with modern technologies will give further technological boost to the Armed Forces against aerial threats, he said. ■

CLASSICAL LANGUAGE STATUS TO MARATHI, PALI, PRAKRIT, ASSAMESE AND BENGALI LANGUAGES

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 3rd October 2024, approved to confer the status of Classical Language to Marathi, Pali, Prakrit, Assamese and Bengali languages.

The Classical Languages serve as a custodian of Bharat's profound and ancient cultural heritage, embodying the essence of each community's historical and cultural milestone. ■

INDIA'S IMPRESSIVE LEAP IN THE GLOBAL INNOVATION INDEX 2024

India has achieved a significant milestone in the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2024, securing the 39th position among 133 global economies. This leap in ranking reflects India's commitment to fostering a robust innovation ecosystem that is underpinned by strong policies, investment in research and development (R&D), and a collaborative environment for startups and industries. The country's growing innovation potential has been supported by government initiatives that prioritize technological advancement, ease of doing business, and entrepreneurship.

This impressive achievement is a clear indication of India's emergence as a global innovation leader, a feat that also underscores its rapid transformation from a developing economy into a hub of cutting-edge technological and scientific breakthroughs. ■

CABINET APPROVES PRODUCTIVITY LINKED BONUS FOR 78 DAYS TO RAILWAY EMPLOYEES

In recognition of the excellent performance by the Railway staff, the Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 3rd October approved payment of PLB of 78 days for Rs. 2028.57 crore to 11,72,240 railway employees.

The amount will be paid to various categories, of Railway staff like Track maintainers, Loco Pilots, Train Managers (Guards), Station Masters, Supervisors, Technicians, Technician Helpers, Pointsman, Ministerial staff and other Group C staff. The payment of PLB acts as an incentive to motivate the railway employees for working towards improvement in the performance of the

Railways.

Payment of PLB to eligible railway employees is made each year before the Durga Puja/ Dusshera holidays. This year also, PLB amount equivalent to 78 days' wages is being paid to about 11.72 lakh non-gazetted Railway employees.

The maximum amount payable per eligible railway employee is Rs.17,951/- for 78 days. The above amount will be paid to various categories, of Railway staff like Track maintainers, Loco Pilots, Train Managers (Guards), Station Masters, Supervisors, Technicians, Technician Helpers, Pointsman, Ministerial staff and other Group 'C' staff.

The performance of Railways in the year 2023-2024 was very good. Railways loaded a record cargo of 1588 Million Tonnes and carried nearly 6.7 billion Passengers. ■

CENTRAL GOVERNMENT INCREASES MINIMUM WAGE RATES FOR WORKERS

In a significant move to support workers, particularly those in the unorganized sector, the Central Government on 26 September announced an increase in minimum wage rates by revising the Variable Dearness Allowance (VDA). This adjustment is aimed at helping workers cope with the rising cost of living.

Workers engaged in various sectors, including building construction, loading and unloading, watch and ward, sweeping, cleaning, housekeeping, mining, and agriculture within central sphere establishments, will benefit from the revised wage rates. The new wage rates will take effect from October 1, 2024. Last revision was done in April 2024.

The minimum wage rates are categorized based on skill levels—unskilled, semi-skilled, skilled, and highly skilled—as well as by geographical area—A, B, and C.

After revision, minimum wage rates in area "A" for workers in construction, sweeping, cleaning, loading & unloading for unskilled work will be Rs 783 a day (Rs 20,358 per month) for semi-skilled Rs 868 a day(Rs 22,568 per month) for skilled, clerical and watch & wards without arms Rs 954 a day(Rs 24,804 per month) and for highly skilled and watch & ward with arms Rs1,035 a day(Rs 26,910 per month)

The Central Government revises the VDA twice a year, effective from April 1 and October 1, based on the six-month average increase in the Consumer Price Index for industrial workers. ■



SECURING THE HEALTH, WELL-BEING OF PEOPLE

The Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) is a moment of immense pride and reflection. Launched in September 2018 under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi, AB-PMJAY has grown to become one of the largest health care initiatives in the world. It represents the government's commitment to providing equitable health care access for all citizens, especially the most vulnerable



**JAGAT PRAKASH
NADDA**

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This scheme has touched millions of lives, offering hope, healing, and, in many cases, life-saving treatment. AB-PMJAY's journey has been a testament to what can be achieved when a nation comes together with the shared goal of improving the health and well-being of its people.

The core mission of Ayushman Bharat is simple but profound: To ensure that no Indian is denied health care because of

their financial status. With an annual coverage of Rs 5 lakh per family to cover secondary and tertiary hospital care, AB-PMJAY has provided the means for economically disadvantaged families to receive quality medical care at some of the best hospitals in the country, free of cost.

The recent decision to expand its benefits to all senior citizens aged 70 years and above, irrespective

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of their socio-economic status, is a nuanced step to account for the changing demographic situation in our country. As of today, more than 55 crore people are eligible for health care services under the scheme, and over 7.5 crore treatments worth over Rs 1 lakh crore have been successfully provided. Families that were once pushed into poverty due to catastrophic health expenses

now have a financial shield that protects them from such crises. Testimonials from beneficiaries — from farmers to daily wage labourers — describe how the scheme saved them from financial ruin. In this sense, Ayushman Bharat has indeed delivered on its promise.

The scheme's scope is comprehensive, covering over 1,900 medical procedures, from complex surgeries like heart bypasses and joint replacements to treatments for diseases like cancer and kidney ailments. One of the hallmarks of AB-PMJAY has been its ability to create a robust network of health care providers. Today, more than 29,000 hospitals across India, including over 13,000 private hospitals, are empanelled under the scheme. This network spans rural and urban areas alike, ensuring that even those living in the most remote parts of the country can access quality health care services. The unique portability feature of the scheme has ensured that beneficiaries can avail treatment in hospitals across the country.

This vast network is supported

by a robust IT infrastructure that ensures transparency, efficiency, and speed in claim settlements. The implementation of Aadhaar-based biometric verification and paperless claim processing has drastically reduced fraud and inefficiency, which are often challenges in such large-scale public welfare schemes.

The success of Ayushman Bharat has also catalysed improvements in other parts of the health care ecosystem. The scheme's emphasis on quality health care has pushed public and private hospitals to upgrade their infrastructure and services. Additionally, it has fostered an environment of healthy competition, encouraging providers to enhance patient care.

Alongside AB-PMJAY, the government has also been working to strengthen primary health care services through the creation of Ayushman Arogya Mandir (AAM). These health care centres are focused on preventive health care, aiming to reduce the overall burden of disease in the population. So far, over 1.73 lakh AAMs have been established, providing free screening, diagnostics, and medicines for common ailments and chronic conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, and cancer.

These centres are at the heart of our effort to move toward a more comprehensive and holistic health care model. By promoting wellness and early diagnosis, we hope to reduce the need for hospitalisation and make health care more sustainable in the long run.

As we celebrate Ayushman



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Bharat's achievements, we must also acknowledge the challenges ahead. The scale of the scheme is enormous, and with that comes the responsibility to continually adapt, refine, and improve it. We are constantly working to expand the reach of the scheme, ensure timely payments to hospitals, and enhance the quality of care provided to every beneficiary.

Going forward, we will continue to strengthen Ayushman Bharat, ensuring that it remains at the forefront of India's journey towards holistic, affordable and quality health care. The government is committed to expanding the list of treatments covered under the scheme, further increasing the number of empanelled hospitals, and continuing to build on the success of the AAMs.

As the Union health minister, I firmly believe that the health of a nation is the foundation of its prosperity. A healthy population is better equipped to contribute to the country's growth, productivity, and innovation. Ayushman Bharat is central to this vision of a healthier, stronger and Viksit Bharat.

The success of the scheme thus far reflects the hard work, dedication, and collaboration between the government, health care providers, and the people. On AB-PMJAY's sixth anniversary, let us reaffirm our dedication to creating a health care system that is inclusive, accessible, and compassionate. Together, we will continue to build a healthier India for generations to come. ■

(The writer is National President of BJP and Union Minister)



WORLD WANTS TO MAKE IN INDIA AND 4D ADVANTAGE ENSURES A SMOOTH RIDE

It's been a remarkable 10-year journey, which gave renewed vigour to industrial sectors turning these into engines of growth, meeting domestic demand as well as contributing to exports



PIYUSH GOYAL

On September 25, the country observed 10 years of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's game-changing 'Make in India' initiative that is transforming India's industrial landscape by encouraging job-creating investments and giving many ordinary citizens the confidence to become wealth creators.

It's been a remarkable 10-year journey, which gave renewed vigour to industrial sectors turning these into engines of growth, meeting domestic demand as well as contributing to exports. The exciting journey began at a difficult time, when domestic investors were despondent because of the policy paralysis and poor governance by the indecisive Congress government. The economy was down, confidence was shattered, headlines were dominated by a regular dose of corruption scandals, inflation was soaring, interest rates were high and the rupee had an uncertain outlook.

To end the feeling of doom and gloom, the Indian voter decisively voted for PM Modi. Our Prime Minister came with a vision for India. He wanted to ensure that India becomes a global superpower. He wanted India to provide jobs and opportunities to the youth, recognising that manufacturing was critical to the country's success story. That is when the PM launched the 'Make in India' initiative.

Ten years has been a remarkable journey, but it would not have been possible but for the multidimensional and transformative changes done by the Modi government. Initiatives include GST, the Bankruptcy Code and a multitude of other reforms. To improve ease of doing business, as many as 42,000 compliance requirements were done away with and 3,700 provisions which provided for criminal penalties for

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minor offences were removed from various statutes to protect small businesses from harassment. India sharply improved its rank in World Bank's Doing Business report - from 142 in 2014 to 63 in 2019.

The government's Startup India initiative has encouraged many job seekers to become job creators. This has helped the number of recognised startups increase to 1,40,803 in June this year, bringing in investments and creating more than 15 lakh jobs. These startups are driving the innovation ecosystem in the country, working on solutions to pressing issues in areas such as sanitation, space navigation, reducing food wastage, improving access to healthcare and empowering women.

The development of 11 industrial corridors is another focus area. There are 20 industrial smart cities being developed under the programme, which would help make these corridors the backbone of India's manufacturing growth. Four of these smart cities have already become magnets of investment with infrastructure and clearances available to set up manufacturing units. Potential investments of Rs 1.7 lakh crore

are already committed which will provide direct employment to 80,000 persons and indirect to many more.

The government's PLI schemes focus on critical sectors such as electronics, pharmaceuticals, automobiles, textiles and medical devices to create the eco-systems for sustained growth and ensure their global competitiveness. The PLI schemes have resulted in Rs 1.32 lakh crore in investment and a significant boost in manufacturing output of around Rs 11 lakh crore. More than 8.5 lakh jobs have been created directly and indirectly through this initiative.

The PM's initiatives on infrastructure have been another shot in the arm for manufacturing. Apart from generating demand for goods and services, infrastructure development is a major facilitator of industrial activity. Today, India has a huge, and growing, network of expressways and highways.

New, world-class railway stations are being built, while new freight corridors are coming up.

India is increasingly being seen as a very attractive destination for investment. The country provides the 4D advantage - Decisive leadership of PM Modi; Demographic dividend of our youthful, talented, skilled Indians; Demand that 140 crore Indians generate in the economy; and Democracy that ensures the safety and security of investors, and the rule of law which will never allow discrimination against one or the other. The 4D is a very, very compelling case to attract manufacturers to India.

There is a flurry of activity in the investor community. A series of delegations is visiting India, hungry for opportunities to invest and participate in the Indian growth story. Foreign governments and global CEOs are eyeing opportunities in India.

Many countries are keen to sign trade deals with India.

The world is now looking at India as a manufacturing destination. And the key reason is India's own competitive advantage, and robust economic fundamentals. Today, inflation is under control, economic growth is strong and the Modi government is following strict fiscal discipline. This is all the more commendable in the current global situation marred by conflict and uncertainty.

The initiatives of PM Modi have helped India rise from the unenviable situation of being regarded as one of the "Fragile Five" in the world in 2014, to being one of the Top Five. In effect, PM Modi's initiatives like Make in India have contributed to making the last 10 years a transformational decade - a quantum jump over the lost decade of Congress rule. ■

(The Writer is Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, GoI)

Mithun Chakraborty honoured with Dadasaheb Phalke Lifetime Achievement Award

The BJP leader and Legendary actor Shri Mithun Chakraborty was honoured on 8 October with the Dadasaheb Phalke Lifetime Achievement Award for the year 2022.

Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Railways and Electronics & Information Technology, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw announced the award on 30 September in recognition of his remarkable contributions to Indian cinema. The Minister conveyed immense joy and pride in honouring one of the most cherished and iconic figures in the film industry who is known for his versatile performances and charismatic screen presence.

The prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke Lifetime Achievement Award not only recognizes Mithun Chakraborty's artistic prowess but also his enduring



legacy as a compassionate and dedicated individual who has made a difference in the lives of many. ■



INDIA'S SEMICONDUCTOR REVOLUTION

NEW ERA OF TECHNOLOGICAL AND GEOPOLITICAL INFLUENCE

PM Modi highlighted three pivotal factors driving the semiconductor sector's growth: the reform-oriented nature of the government, the expanding manufacturing base, and India's burgeoning aspirational market



ARUN SINGH

On September 11th, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Semicon India 2024, a three-day event, and conveyed a compelling message to the global semiconductor industry. He emphasized that the current climate in India is highly advantageous for investment, citing the government's stable policies and improved business environment. PM Modi highlighted three pivotal factors driving the semiconductor sector's growth: the reform-oriented nature of the government, the expanding manufacturing base, and India's burgeoning aspirational market.

To position itself as a global leader in the Fourth Industrial Revolution and achieve its \$5 trillion economy target, India must cultivate a robust semiconductor industry. Semiconductors are foundational to modern technology, fueling innovations in smartphones, computers, and advanced manufacturing systems. A strong domestic semiconductor sector is crucial

for supporting technological advancements, economic growth, and strategic autonomy. It would mitigate reliance on imports, enhance economic stability, and generate high-paying jobs. Additionally, semiconductors are essential for national security, underpinning defense and infrastructure systems and bolstering self-reliance. By advancing this industry, India will enhance its competitiveness

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in electronics, automotive, and telecommunications, attracting significant global investment. Ultimately, semiconductors are central to driving digital transformation and smart manufacturing, both pivotal to succeeding in the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

Semiconductor Industry: Powerhouse to the economic landscapes of the US, China, and Japan

In the United States, the

semiconductor sector generated around \$287 billion in revenue in 2022, accounting for nearly 50% of the global market. It also supports over 250,000 direct jobs and 1 million additional jobs across the supply chain, driving economic growth and innovation. The industry plays a crucial role in national security, with its advanced technologies being vital for defense systems and strategic applications.

Furthermore, for every dollar spent in the semiconductor sector, approximately \$3.50 is generated in the broader economy, demonstrating its multiplier effect across various industries like automotive and consumer electronics.

China's semiconductor industry has grown rapidly, fueled by over \$150 billion in investments in the past decade aimed at achieving self-sufficiency. In 2023, the industry was valued at around \$200 billion, with China striving to meet 70% of its semiconductor demand domestically by 2025. Investments in research and development have propelled growth in key sectors like 5G and AI, helping China move toward its goal of becoming a high-tech leader by 2035.

Japan's semiconductor

market, valued at \$48 billion in 2023, remains a significant player in global production and technological innovation, with companies like Sony and Toshiba leading the way. Japan exported \$30 billion worth of semiconductor products in 2022, strengthening its trade balance. With more than \$10 billion invested annually in semiconductor research and development, Japan continues to drive advancements in consumer electronics, robotics, and automation. Strategic international partnerships further enhance Japan's role in the global semiconductor supply chain.

India's Expanding Semiconductor Landscape

India has embarked on an ambitious journey to establish itself as a global semiconductor manufacturing hub. With the Modi government's strategic initiatives and the support of private-sector investments, the country is rapidly transforming its semiconductor landscape. Recent developments, including the approval of major semiconductor projects and the establishment of advanced facilities across India, signal the country's commitment to becoming a key player in the global semiconductor industry. The India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) has been pivotal in reshaping this landscape, creating opportunities for economic growth, innovation, and technological self-reliance.

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India a leader in the electronics manufacturing, semiconductor design, precision manufacturing & innovation. This vision of AtmaNirbharta in electronics & semiconductors was given further momentum by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Modi. The ISM, launched with the goal of building a robust semiconductor ecosystem, is now at the forefront of India's efforts to position itself as a global semiconductor powerhouse. India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) has approved five semiconductor units who will all receive central and state government subsidies under the programme for development

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of semiconductors and display manufacturing ecosystem in India with a total outlay of INR 76,000 crore.

Key Semiconductor Facilities Emerging Across India

India's expanding semiconductor landscape is being shaped by several critical facilities under construction across the country. These state-of-the-art projects not only symbolize India's growing technological prowess but also contribute to the country's ambition of achieving self-reliance in semiconductor manufacturing.

1. Micron's OSAT Facility, Sanand, Gurjat: One of the key players in India's semiconductor expansion is Micron Technology, an American chipmaker. The company is building an Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Testing (OSAT) facility in Sanand, Gujarat, with a total investment of \$2.75 billion. The project, approved in June 2023, is co-funded by the central and Gujarat governments, which are contributing 50% and 20% of the investment, respectively.

This facility will focus on assembling and testing DRAM and NAND products, catering to both domestic and international markets. Expected to produce the first made-in-India chips by mid-2025, Micron's plant will play a crucial role in India's efforts to integrate more deeply into the global semiconductor supply chain.

2. India's First Chip Fabrication Plant, Dholera, Gujrat: Another monumental step in India's semiconductor journey is the construction of the country's first chip fabrication plant in Dholera, Gujarat. This mega-fab is a joint venture between Tata Electronics and Powerchip Semiconductor Manufacturing Corporation (PSMC), one of Taiwan's leading chipmakers. With a massive investment of INR 91,000 crore, this facility aims to produce 50,000 wafers per month... ■ **To be continued...**

(The Writer is MP, Rajya Sabha & National General Secretary of BJP)

'PM MODI LIVING THE IDEALS OF MAHATMA GANDHI'

Granddaughter of Mahatma Gandhi reflects on her experiences with both Gandhi and PM Modi, highlighting the latter's dedication to national issues and development aligned with Gandhi's ideals. She argues that Modi's policies and actions embody the change Gandhi envisioned for India



SUMITRA GANDHI
KULKARNI

Mahatma Gandhi, or Bapuji as I call him, was my grandfather. I lived with him till I was 19. This year, I turn 95 and I feel an urgency to pen my thoughts on PM Modi and Gandhiji. Generations to come may want to know the views of a family member of Gandhiji who, as an adult, had the privilege of knowing both of them.

My association with Narendrabhai began during the challenging period of the Emergency. Narendrabhai was then a young, dynamic pracharak of the RSS. In the 1970s, sectarianism was eating away at the national fabric. As a Rajya Sabha member from Gujarat, I was deeply worried about the demographic change underway in the border districts due to heavy infiltration from Pakistan. The influx into Assam was even greater.

No one in my party, the Congress, took serious note of this issue. But I clearly remember how

Narendrabhai even at that young age cared about such matters. He was clearly committed to national issues and the politics of the moment didn't diffuse his focus.

Even in those days, he was fully seized with the challenges that women faced in rural Bharat, like personal hygiene, clean drinking water and primary health care for their families. Soon after becoming PM, he articulated the need for national cleanliness in his Independence Day speech. He launched the Swachh Bharat

My grandfather believed in 'Jan Andolan' - people's movement as a basis of sustainable social change. Narendrabhai's unwavering focus on the word 'Sab ka' -- as in 'Sab ka saath, sab ka vikas, sab ka vishwas', and Viksit Bharat -- is the same. These are not mere buzz words for him. They are his drivers

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His 'humanity first' leadership during Covid-19 pandemic did not stop at our borders, but embraced the entire world. Then again, he swam against the tide to free us from the choking yoke of Article 370. He is systematically completing the agenda that should have been completed after gaining independence. CAA is a case in point.

In this great land of Sanatan Dharma, political freedom was won by the spiritual force of many masters such as Sai Nath of Shirdi and Shri Ramana Maharshi. Gandhiji became the instrument to spearhead this. It is no coincidence that decades later, Narendrabhai has become the instrument to free us from the colonial mindset.

A second struggle of independence

My grandfather always said, 'Be the change you wish to see in the world'. Having closely witnessed Narendrabhai's journey from an RSS worker to PM of Bharat, I can say without a doubt he personifies the change we have all longed for in our beloved Bharat.



The most striking similarity between Bapuji and Narendrabhai is that their public lives are rooted in the spiritual core of Sanatana Dharma. They both are Sthithapragnya - unaffected by both bouquets and brickbats. Such a person knows that Truth eventually prevails and therefore waits patiently for that to happen. This would explain the characteristic silence of Narendrabhai against relentless onslaughts by his political opponents. This is a sign of a Raja Rishi.

As per our scriptures, before Dharma is restored, there is always a churning. Negativity is the first output of such a churning, and these negative forces oppose Truth. Even

national interests are compromised for political gains.

In such circumstances, it takes a person who has absolutely no interest in power, and is incorruptible, to put the interests of the poor and the nation above everything else.

Let me state without hesitation that had Bapuji been alive today, he would have been a great supporter of Narendrabhai. Bapuji would have been the first person to warn us about those who have usurped his name and who have made it their life's mission to misuse it to divide us for their political gains.

It will come as a surprise to the many detractors of my grandfather, and those of Narendrabhai, that he

has rejuvenated Gandhiji's ideals by actually integrating them into modern Bharat's development agenda. Directive principles of State policy have become State policy. By doing so he has ensured that Gandhiji's legacy continues to seep vigorously and ceaselessly into our nation's psyche.

Narendrabhai, just like my grandfather, will also have to stand the test of public scrutiny. But, as Lord Krishna told Arjuna, what matters is to do your job and leave the result to Truth - which will prevail eventually. I have faith that history will finally judge both Bapuji and Narendrabhai kindly. ■

(The writer is the granddaughter of Mahatma Gandhi)

PM condoles the demise of Ratan Tata

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 10 October condoled the passing of Shri Ratan Tata. Shri Modi said that Shri Tata was a visionary business leader, a compassionate soul and an extraordinary human being who endeared himself to several people with his humility, kindness and an unwavering commitment to making our society better.

In a thread post on X, Shri Modi wrote: "Shri Ratan Tata Ji was a visionary business leader, a compassionate soul and an extraordinary human being. He provided stable leadership to one of India's oldest and most prestigious business houses.

At the same time, his contribution went far beyond the boardroom. He endeared himself to several people thanks to his humility, kindness and an unwavering commitment to making our society better."

"One of the most unique aspects of Shri Ratan Tata Ji was his passion towards dreaming big and giving back. He was at the forefront of championing causes like education, healthcare, sanitation, animal welfare to name a few."

"My mind is filled with countless interactions

with Shri Ratan Tata Ji. I would meet him frequently in Gujarat when I was the CM. We would exchange views on diverse issues. I found his perspectives very enriching. These interactions continued when I came to Delhi. Extremely pained by his passing away. My thoughts are with his family, friends and admirers in this sad hour. Om Shanti."



Deeply saddened by the passing of Ratan Tata: JP Nadda

The BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda expressed grief via X. He said in the post on X, he was deeply saddened by the passing of Ratan Tata, Titan of Indian industries and a beacon of philanthropy.

"His remarkable contributions to industry and society have left an indelible mark on our nation and the world. He was not just a business icon but a symbol of humility, integrity, and compassion. In this moment of profound loss, we extend our heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, and to all those whose lives he touched. His legacy will continue to inspire generations to come. OM Shanti!" ■

PM launches Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan in Jharkhand

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 2nd October inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for various projects worth over Rs 80,000 crore in Hazaribag, Jharkhand.



In line with his commitment to ensure comprehensive and holistic development of the tribal communities across the country, the Prime Minister launched Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan with a total outlay of over Rs 80,000 crore. The Abhiyan will cover around 63,000 villages benefitting more than 5 crore tribal people in 549 districts and 2,740 blocks across 30 States and UTs. It aims to attain saturation of critical gaps in social infrastructure, health, education and livelihood through 25 interventions implemented by various 17 Ministries and Department of Government of India.

In order to boost the educational infrastructure for the tribal communities, the Prime Minister inaugurated 40 Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) and laid the foundation stone for 25 EMRS worth over Rs 2,800 crore.

The Shri Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for multiple projects under Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN) worth over Rs 1360 crore. It includes more than 1380 km of road, 120 Anganwadis, 250 multi-purpose centers and 10 school hostels. Further, he also unveiled a series of landmark achievements under PM JANMAN, which include electrification of more than 75,800 Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) households in around 3,000 Villages, operationalization of 275 Mobile medical units, operationalization of 500 Anganwadi centers, establishment of 250 Van Dhan Vikas Kendras and saturation of more than 5,550 PVTG Villages with 'Nal se Jal'. ■

Central Government conferred Classical Language status to Marathi: PM

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 5 October inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for various projects worth over Rs 32,800 crore in Thane, Maharashtra with a key focus on boosting urban mobility in the region.



Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister remarked that the Central Government has conferred Classical Language status to Marathi and emphasized that it is not just respect towards Maharashtra and the Marathi language but an ode to the tradition which gave India a rich culture of knowledge, philosophy, spirituality and literature. Shri Modi congratulated all Marathi speakers across the globe.

In a major push to boost urban mobility in the region, the Prime Minister inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of key metro and road projects. Shri Modi inaugurated the BKC to Aarey JVLR section of Mumbai Metro Line - 3 worth around Rs 14,120 crore. This section will have 10 stations, of which 9 will be underground. Mumbai Metro Line - 3 is a key public transport project that will improve commuting between Mumbai city and Suburbs. Fully operational line-3 is expected to cater to about 12 lakh passengers daily.

The Shri Modi laid the foundation stone of Thane Integral Ring Metro Rail Project to be constructed at the cost of around Rs 12,200 crore. The total length of the project is 29 km with 20 elevated and 2 underground stations. This ambitious infrastructure project is a key initiative to address the growing transportation needs of Thane, a major industrial and commercial hub in Maharashtra.

The Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone of Elevated Eastern Freeway Extension from Chheda Nagar to Anand Nagar, Thane worth around Rs 3,310 crore. The project will provide seamless connectivity from South Mumbai to Thane. ■

India is committed to "One Earth, One Family, One Future" as a guiding principle: PM

The Prime Minister on 23 September concluded his a very intense and successful visit to the United States. The visit was the bilateral, the plurilateral and the multilateral.

Multilateral meeting

On 23rd September Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed a multilateral meeting at the 'Summit of the Future' at the United Nations in New York. The theme of the Summit is 'Multilateral Solutions for a Better Tomorrow'. The Summit witnessed the participation of a large number of world leaders.

In his address, Prime Minister highlighted India's vision for shaping a sustainable world for future generations. He noted that he was speaking at the Summit on behalf of one-sixth of humanity which seeks global peace, development and prosperity. Calling for the primacy of a human-centric approach in our collective quest for a bright global future, the Prime Minister highlighted India's success at scaling sustainable development initiatives and, in this regard, noted that the country had lifted 250 million people out of poverty in the last decade. Expressing solidarity with countries of the Global South, he emphasized that India was privileged to share its development experience with them. He called for balanced regulations to promote safe and responsible use of technology, noting that India is open to sharing its digital public infrastructure for greater public good. He also underlined India's commitment to "One Earth, One Family, One Future" as a guiding principle.

Bilateral meeting

Insofar as the bilateral meetings are concerned, the meeting that took place with the Prime Minister of Nepal, this was the first time that the two Prime Ministers were



meeting after Prime Minister's own election for the third term, because Prime Minister Oli was not in office at that time and then Prime Minister Oli took office in Nepal. So, this was their first meeting in this particular phase, gave them the opportunity to reflect on the unique and close bilateral relationship between the two countries and their intention to make progress in all areas of bilateral relations including the development partnership, the cooperation on energy, on

power; on connectivity insofar as energy is concerned, physical connectivity, people to people connectivity, etc.

The Prime Minister's meeting with the President of Palestine, the Prime Minister referred to India's historic support for Palestine in the United Nations on the international stage as also the consistent and sustained humanitarian support that India has provided to Palestine in the fields of health, education, capacity building and others. He also expressed deep concern at the unfolding crisis in Gaza where the situation remains complicated and tensions remain high and reiterated once again that only a two-State solution can deliver sustainable peace in this area. The President of Palestine thanked the Prime Minister for the assistance that India had provided including on the political issues and hoped that India would continue to play its role for bringing peace in the region.

PM Modi addresses Indian diaspora in New York

The day of arrival on 22 September Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the Indian diaspora in New York, which was attended by over 15,000 people from across America on Long Island and called them India's brand ambassadors. Shri Modi also expressed his heartfelt gratitude to United States President Joe Biden for his warm hospitality during a visit to his home in Delaware. ■



PM Modi story

Modi's simple and spartan way of living

Narrated by: Gokul Kunnath, NRI-Atlanta, USA

From the early days of his journey, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has been known for his simple way of living. He believes in a minimalist lifestyle. This trait was evident even during his youth, especially on his travels.

In 1997, Shri Narendra Modi visited the US to attend some events organised by the Indian diaspora. Then, he was serving as BJP National General Secretary. During this trip, Shri Modi met Shri Gokul Kunnath, an NRI based in Atlanta.

Shri Kunnath had gone to pick Shri Narendra Modi up from the Atlanta airport. Like most people expecting a long stay, he assumed Shri Modi would carry plenty of luggage. However, to his surprise, Shri Narendra



Modi was carrying just a small briefcase-sized bag.

Shri Kunnath thought the rest of the luggage must still be coming from the airline. When he asked if the luggage was on the way, Shri Modi calmly responded, "There's no luggage. This is all I have for the trip."

This moment left a lasting impression on Shri Kunnath. It reflected Shri Narendra Modi's spartan lifestyle—one that goes beyond simplicity.

It showcased his humility and the discipline of a Pracharak, living without excess. This minimalistic approach continues to define Shri Narendra Modi's life, even today, as the Prime Minister of India, says Shri Gokul Kunnath. ■

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SHRI KAMMALA RAMAPPA

Shri Kammala Ramappa from Anantapur, worked in the RSS which led to him join the BJP. He took the party to the village level and to the masses and gained recognition among the elders of the party.

Shri Kammala Ramappa held many

Sri Kammala Ramappa

Date of Birth	17/07/1942	Gender	male
State	Andhra Pradesh	District	Anantapur
Town/City	Jakkasamudram, Gorantla	Level	District
Post in Organisation	District Secretary	Active years	1965-1975

key positions in the party and served twice as the District Secretary. ■

SMT. JUPUDI HYMAVATI

Smt. Hymavathi from Guntur, Andhra Pradesh joined the Bhartiya Jana Sangh and actively participated in all its programs.

She worked hard in expanding the Mahila wing of Bharatiya Jana Sangh in Andhra Pradesh. She held various positions in the party and contributed for the development of the region. She was an active

Smt. Jupudi Hymavati

Date of Birth	02/10/1934	Gender	female
State	Andhra Pradesh	District	Guntur
Town/City	Guntur	Level	State
Post in Organisation	State Vice President	Active years	1965-1994

participant in the special Andhra movement and worked as the State Vice President. ■

Listeners are real anchors of Mann Ki Baat: PM

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Modi's radio programme 'Mann Ki Baat' completed ten years on October 3, he thanked the listeners of the program for being the "real anchors". On 114th episode of 'Mann Ki Baat' on 29th September, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said that the listeners of Mann Ki Baat are the real anchors of this program. The brief highlights of the address is as follow:



The listeners of Mann Ki Baat are the real anchors of this show. A commonly held belief has become so ingrained that as long as there are no spicy or negative conversations, it does not receive much attention. But Mann Ki Baat has proved that how hungry the people of the country are, for positive information. People like positive stories, inspiring examples, encouraging stories very much. Just as there is a bird called Chakor about which it is said that it drinks only raindrops. In Mann Ki Baat we saw that like the Chakor bird, people too listen with great pride to the achievements of the country, the collective achievements of the people. The 10-year long journey of Mann Ki Baat has created a garland of sorts, in which, every episode encompasses new sagas, new records; new personalities get added. Whatever work is taking place in our society with a sense of collectiveness, it gets recognition through 'Mann Ki Baat'. My heart also swells with pride when I read the letters that come for 'Mann Ki Baat'.

Jal Saheli

You know that 'Jhansi' is in Bundelkhand, whose identity is linked with water scarcity. Here, in Jhansi, some women have given a new lease of life to the Ghurari river. These women are associated with a Self-Help Group and they have led this campaign by becoming 'Jal Saheli'. No one would have ever imagined the way these women have saved the dying Ghurari river. These Jal Saheli created a check dam by filling sand in sacks, stopped the rain water from getting wasted and filled the river to the brim with water. These women have enthusiastically contributed to the construction of hundreds of reservoirs and their revival. This has not only solved the water problem of the people of this area; Happiness too has returned to their faces.

Dhanyvaad Prakriti'

My dear countrymen, there is a border village 'Jhala' in Uttarkashi of Uttarakhand. The youth here have started a special initiative to keep their village clean. They are running a campaign, 'Dhanyvaad Prakriti' or 'Thank you nature' in their village. As part of this, the village is cleaned for two hours every day. The garbage scattered in the streets of the village is collected and dumped at a designated place outside the village. Due to this, Jhala village is also turning clean and people are becoming aware as well. Just imagine, if every village, every street, every locality in your area starts a similar 'Thank You' campaign, how much change can come about!

10 years of Make in India

My dear countrymen, this month marks the culmination of 10 years of another important campaign. The success of this campaign includes the contribution of the country's big industries as well as small shopkeepers. I am talking about 'Make in India'. Today, it gives me immense joy to see that the poor, the middle class and MSMEs are getting a lot of benefit from this campaign. This campaign has provided an opportunity to people of every class to showcase their talent. Today, India has become a manufacturing powerhouse and it is because of the youth power of the country that the whole world is looking up to us.

Spirit of 'Make in India'

In Bhandara district of Maharashtra, there is an old textile tradition of, 'Bhandara Tussar Silk Handloom'. Tussar Silk, is known for its colour, design and strength. In some areas of Bhandara, more than 50 'Self Help Groups are working to preserve it. Women have a huge participation in that. This silk is fast becoming popular and empowering local communities... and that is the spirit of 'Make in India'. ■

PM INTERACTS WITH CHESS OLYMPIAD CHAMPIONS

There should always be a hunger inside us to do something new : PM Modi



The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi interacted with the winners of the Chess Olympiad at his residence on 26 September 2024. Chef-de-Mission, Dibyendu Barua informed the Prime Minister that India won gold medals for the first time where the boys' team secured 21 out of 22 points and the girls' team secured 19 out of 22 points making a total of 40 out of 44 available points.

Replying to the questions of winners of the Chess Olympiad about taking many huge decisions and handling pressure at the same time, the Prime

Minister stressed the need to be physically fit and develop habits that aid performance. He said, "For good decision-making, you need a lot of information - both positive and negative. It's human nature to only want to hear what is pleasant, but that can lead to mistakes in decisions." He suggested analysing all types of information, understanding different perspectives and asking experts without hesitation. "You will find it easier to navigate challenges. Some things come with experience, and as I've said before, yoga and meditation have

real power", he added. The Prime Minister further added that one should never feel satisfied with anything because that's when complacency starts emerging. "There should always be a hunger inside us to do something new, to do more", he added.

Dibyendu Barua thanked the Prime Minister for his support and expressed happiness about the Prime Minister's announcement on India winning two historic gold medals. The Prime Minister concluded the interaction by conveying his best wishes for the future. ■



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PM Shri Narendra Modi attends a community programme in New York, USA on September 22, 2024.



PM Shri Narendra Modi receives warm welcome by Indian community in New York on September 22, 2024.



PM Shri Narendra Modi addressing at the inauguration of 3 Param Rudra Super Computing Systems and High-Performance Computing (HPC) System for weather and Climate on September 26, 2024.



PM Shri Narendra Modi at the inauguration of Banjara Virasat Museum at Washim in Maharashtra on October 05, 2024.



PM Shri Narendra Modi meets the President of Maldives, Dr. Mohamed Muizzu at Hyderabad House in New Delhi on October 07, 2024.



PM Shri Narendra Modi participates in 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti at Navyug School in New Delhi on October 02, 2024.



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