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PM Shri Narendra Modi at the Oath Taking Ceremony of Shri Nyab Singh Saini at Panchkula in Haryana on 17 October, 2024



BJP National President and Union Minister Shri JP Nadda welcoming PM Shri Narendra Modi to the NDA Chief Ministers' Council Meeting in Chandigarh, Haryana on 17 October, 2024



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi along with BJP National President and Union Minister Shri JP Nadda, Union Ministers Shri Rajnath Singh and Shri Amit Shah, NDA Chief Ministers and Deputy Chief Ministers attending the NDA Chief Ministers' Council Meeting in Chandigarh on 17 October, 2024



Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah addressing the Legislature Party Meeting at Panchkula in Haryana on 16 October, 2024



Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh worshipping weapons on the occasion of Vijayadashami at 33 Corps Headquarters in Sukna, Darjeeling on 12 October, 2024

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**@Narendramodi**

21st century needs stability, sustainability and solutions. India is making significant efforts in these areas, powered by the active participation of our people.

*(21 October, 2024)*

**@JPNadda**

The Union Cabinet led by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri @narendramodiji has approved the increase in the 'Minimum Support Price' on 6 Rabi crops in the marketing year 2025-26. The welfare of farmers has been the priority of the Modi government and the government is continuously taking welfare measures in this direction. This important decision will enable the farmers to get maximum profit on their produce, and it will also encourage crop diversity. I congratulate my farmer brothers and sisters and express my gratitude to the Prime Minister for this decision which realises the resolve of farmer welfare and self-reliant India.



*(16 October, 2024)*

**@AmitShah**



In the #8YearsOfUDAN, the initiative driven by PM Shri @narendramodi Ji's vision has not only connected the underserved regions of the nation through airways but also has given flight to India's ambitions in the new era. Igniting the growth engines scattered across the nooks and corners of the nation and making air travel affordable for everyone, Modi Ji has unlocked India's growth potential, proving yet again what our nation can achieve when given the right facilities.

*(21 October, 2024)*

**@Rajnathsingh**

Artificial Intelligence or AI has the potential to revolutionize military operations, from predictive analytics to autonomous decision-making systems. You will be the leaders, who will have to decide where and how to leverage this technology. Whether you will deploy this technology to enhance situational awareness, or to optimize resource allocation, or to improve decision-making in real-time, that will have to be decided.



*(19 October, 2024)*

**@Manohar Lal Khattar**



Under PM @narendramodi Ji's chairmanship, the Union Cabinet approved the construction of the Varanasi—Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya multitracking project, which includes a new rail-cum-road bridge across the Ganga River. The project with an estimated cost of Rs 2,642 crore will ease operations and improve logistical efficiency thereby resulting in streamlined supply chains and accelerated economic growth.

*(16 October, 2024)*

**@B L Santhosh**

Whole social media timeline is filled with #SaveRahulGandhi movement tweets. Hundred of logics. Thousands of tweets. Enjoying the moment. Common voters of Haryana have created a storm by exercising their Democratic right diligently.



*(13 October, 2024)*

**A DECADE OF TRANSFORMING HEALTHCARE...**

Since 2014, the average medical expenditure for every citizen has reduced by **25%**



**80%** discount on medicines at Jan Aushadhi Kendras



**7.5 CRORE+** patients benefitted under Ayushman Bharat Yojana

Source: GoI



**KAMAL SANDESH PARIVAR**  
wishes a very happy  
**GURU NANAK JAYANTI (15 NOVEMBER)**  
to all of its readers

# NDA COMMITTED TO PRO-PEOPLE, PRO-ACTIVE AND GOOD GOVERNANCE

**A**s Shri Nayab Singh Saini takes oath as Chief Minister along with 11 cabinet ministers and two ministers of state in a grand ceremony, the BJP government in Haryana rededicates itself to the service of the people. A history was created when the BJP government was blessed by the people for the third time in a row, and that too with increased seats and votes showing the increasing faith of the people in its programmes and policies. It is to be noted that people's support for the politics of performance and development is winning hearts everywhere in the country and receiving immense blessings from the people. The dynamic and visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has changed the entire political landscape of the nation, with BJP governments getting elected and re-elected on the basis of their performance and commitment to serve the people. The mantra of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas' is powering the nation towards realising the goals of 'Viksit Bharat' with remarkable achievements in every sector. Not only the BJP governments are getting blessed again and again from centre to various states, but people are blessing the BJP to form governments in the states where it never formed government. It is a magic that is emanating out of hard work, dedication, and commitment to serve the people.

BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda has given a befitting reply to Congress President for his extremely irresponsible and shocking comment against BJP. The Congress President Mallikarjuna Kharge's appalling statement that the BJP is a terrorist party was strongly condemned and rejected by every sane citizen of India. The BJP National President has rightly pointed out that such abusive language by Mallikarjun Kharge shows the ideological bankruptcy and frustration of Congress, which is continuously piling up due to repeated defeats. The frustration of the Congress can be understood from the fact that its obsession with power-centric politics has led it to pursue unprincipled politics and its divisive agendas mindlessly, even at the cost of the country's unity and integrity. It has never shown qualms in shamelessly backing the urban naxals, terrorist and separatist elements, and even Pakistan and China's positions on various occasions while trying to justify their acts against India. The Congress leader Rahul Gandhi is repeatedly trying to belittle India's remarkable achievements on foreign land while portraying the nation in negative light. It is highly unfortunate that he continues to target people of India as highly intolerant and pitted against each other while speaking in foreign lands. While

Rahul Gandhi's lack of understanding of India's glorious culture, traditions, and ethos gets exposed in his utterances, Mallikarjun Kharge's statements have been repeatedly causing embarrassments to the party. The duo has not only been creating huge embarrassments for the Congress but is repeatedly letting down the country while shamefully trying to degrade India. Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda has rightly advised them to introspect themselves before levelling charges against the BJP.

While the NDA meeting, which was held immediately after the oath taking ceremony in Haryana, reaffirmed its commitment to pro-people, pro-active, and good governance, the meeting emphasized the NDA's pledge for smooth governance, fast decision-making, and transparency in governance to attract investments in NDA governed states. The Prime Minister has called for healthy competition among NDA governed states for the cleanest tourist destinations, cleanest hospitals, cleanest panchayats, etc. As the resolve of 'Viksit Bharat' resonates across the nation, people are blessing the vision of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to build a stronger, prosperous, and glorious India. ■

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## OATH-TAKING CEREMONY IN HARYANA

# BJP FORMS GOVERNMENT FOR THIRD CONSECUTIVE TIME IN HARYANA

## Nayab Singh Saini takes oath for second time as Chief Minister

- **Prime Minister attends the grand ceremony organized at Panchkula**
- **11 Cabinet and 2 Ministers of State also take the Oath**

In a grand and glittering ceremony attended by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Shri Nayab Singh Saini took oath as the new Chief Minister of Haryana at Dusshera ground in Panchkula on 17 October 2024. The governor of Haryana Shri Bandaru Dattatraya administered him the oath of office and secrecy. Union Ministers and Chief Ministers of BJP and NDA ruled states also remained present on this occasion.

The governor of Haryana Shri Bandaru Dattatraya also administered the oath of office and secrecy to 11 Cabinet Ministers and two Ministers of State. The new Cabinet Ministers include Shri Anil Vij, Shri Krishan Lal Panwar, Shri Rao Narbir Singh, Shri Mahipal Dhanda, Shri Vipul Goyal, Dr Arvind Kumar Sharma, Shri Shyam Singh Rana, Shri Ranbir Gangwa, Shri Krishan Kumar Bedi, Smt. Shruti Choudhry and Kumari Arti Singh Rao. Apart from these, Shri Rajesh Nagar and

Shri Gaurav Gautam took oath as Minister of State (Independent Charge).

Apart from Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, BJP National President and Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilisers Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh, Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah, Road Transport and Highways Minister Shri Nitin Gadkari, Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Shri Manohar Lal, Education Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Food Processing Industries Minister Shri Chirag Paswan, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Minister Shri Jitan Ram Manjhi, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Minister Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh also attended the ceremony. Besides this, Union Ministers of State, Rao Inderjit Singh, Shri Krishan Pal, Shri Ramdas Athawale, Shri



Shukla, The governor of West Bengal Shri C. V. Anand Bose, Lieutenant Governor, NCT of Delhi Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena also graced the occasion. Haryana Chief Secretary Dr T.V.S.N. Prasad conducted the oath-taking ceremony.

The Chief Ministers and Deputy Chief Ministers of BJP & NDA ruled states also attended the ceremony. The Chief Ministers of Uttar Pradesh Yogi Aditya Nath, Assam Shri Himanta Biswa Sarma, Gujarat Shri Bhupendra Patel, Madhya Pradesh Shri Mohan Yadav, Chhattisgarh Shri Vishnu Deo Sai, Odisha Shri Mohan Charan Majhi, Goa Shri Pramod Sawant, Uttarakhand Shri Pushkar Singh Dhimi, Arunachal Pradesh Shri Pema Khandu, Andhra Pradesh Shri N. Chandrababu Naidu, Maharashtra Shri Eknath Shinde, Manipur Shri Nongthombam Biren Singh, Meghalaya Shri Conrad Sangma, Nagaland Shri Neiphiu Rio, Sikkim Shri Prem Singh Tamang (Golay) and Tripura Dr. Manik Saha also attended the oath ceremony. Besides this, Deputy Chief Ministers of BJP-ruled states also attended the swearing-in ceremony.

Hours before the ceremony, CM Shri Saini visited the Valmiki Bhawan and offered prayers at a gurdwara and the Mansa Devi temple in Panchkula.

Jayant Chaudhary, Smt. Anupriya Patel, and Sh. Satya Pal Singh Baghel attended the oath ceremony.

The governor of Punjab Shri Gulab Chand Kataria, The governor of Gujarat Shri Acharya Devvrat, The governor of Himachal Pradesh Shri Shiv Pratap

### **This team will take the state's development to new heights: PM Modi**



Leaders from across the political spectrum hailed CM Shri Nayab Singh Saini for taking the oath for a second time in Haryana.

At the oath-taking ceremony in Panchkula, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi congratulated Shri Nayab Singh Saini on taking oath as the Chief Minister of Haryana. Shri Modi also congratulated the entire Haryana Assembly cabinet. Shri Modi remarked, "This team is a wonderful amalgamation of good governance and experience, which will take the state's development to new heights, along with realising the dreams of the people here. I am confident that the double-engine government will leave no stone unturned in serving the poor, farmers, soldiers, youth, and women, as well as every section of society."

### **Create new dimensions of good governance in Haryana: JP Nadda**



BJP National President and Union Minister Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda congratulated Shri Saini and said, "Congratulations and best wishes to Shri @NayabSainiBJP ji and his entire cabinet on taking oath as the Chief

Minister of Haryana. For the third consecutive time, the people of Veer Bhoomi Haryana have given their support and blessings to the development politics of the BJP.

In the last 10 years, the double-engine government has set new standards in every field of the state. I have full faith that under the leadership of the respected Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi ji, all of you will continue the development journey of the state with full dedication and create new dimensions of good governance and welfare of the poor".

### **Wish Shri Nayab Saini a successful tenure: Rajnath Singh**



Congratulating the new Chief Minister Shri Nayab Saini and team Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh in a social media post said, “Hearty congratulations to Shri @NayabSainiBJP for taking oath again as the Chief Minister of Haryana.

I am confident that with the inspiration of Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi, Team Haryana under the leadership of Saini ji will be successful in fulfilling the aspirations of the people of the state and taking development to new heights.

I wish Shri Nayab Saini a successful tenure”.

### **Under Nayab Saini ji, Haryana will continue to move forward: Amit Shah**



Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah on X said, “Many congratulations to Shri @NayabSainiBJP ji on taking oath as the Chief Minister of Haryana again and best wishes to all the ministers who took oath as ministers in the Haryana government.

Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi ji has taken a pledge of welfare of farmers, youth, women and poor by taking all sections together. I am confident that under the leadership of Nayab Saini ji, Haryana will continue to move forward in the direction of realizing it. All of you will take the work done by the BJP government in the last decade for the prosperity and good governance of the people of Haryana to even greater heights”.

### **LIFE SKETCH**

- CM Shri Nayab Singh Saini was born in the small village of Mizapur Majra near Ambala, Haryana on 25 January 1970.
- He is a law graduate and did his LLB degree from Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh, and did his B.A from B. R. Ambedkar University, Muzaffarpur, Bihar.
- Coming from a humble family background, Shri Saini joined the Bharatiya Janata Party Ambala unit and steadily rose through the ranks.
- He became the General Secretary of Haryana BJP Kisan Morcha.
- In 2014, Shri Saini contested the Haryana state elections from Naraingarh Assembly constituency in Ambala District as a BJP candidate and won the MLA election by 24,361 votes to become a member of the Haryana Legislative Assembly from 2014 to 2019.
- He served as the Minister of State, Government of Haryana from 2015 to 2019.
- In the 2019 National General Election he was elected as Member of Parliament from Kurukshetra.
- He was appointed as the Bharatiya Janata Party State President of Haryana from 2023 to 2024.



- For the first time Shri Saini, assumed the charge of Chief Minister of Haryana on 12 March 2024.
- In October 2024, he won the Haryana Assembly Election from Ladwa seat in Kurukshetra District and also led the party to secure a historic third-term victory in the state.
- Shri Saini, 54, was unanimously elected as the leader of the BJP Legislature Party in a meeting held at the party office in Panchkula on October 16, 2024.
- Shri Nayab Singh Saini took oath of office on 17th October 2024 and became the Chief Minister of Haryana for the second consecutive time.



## Nayab Singh Saini elected as BJP legislature party leader

Shri Nayab Singh Saini was unanimously elected as the leader of the BJP legislature party in Haryana on 16 October 2024. In the presence of central observers Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah and Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Mohan Yadav, the meeting of the BJP legislature party at the Panch Kamal party office in Panchkula was attended by all the 48 elected legislators of the party.

The name of Shri Saini was proposed by Shri Krishan Kumar Bedi MLA from Narwana after which Ambala



Cantt MLA Shri Anil Vij endorsed it and all MLAs unanimously backed the choice.

Declaring Shri Saini as the BJP legislature party leader in Haryana Union Minister Shri Amit Shah said, "There was only one proposal moved by Narwana MLA Shri Krishan Bedi and it was seconded by Ambala

Cantonment MLA Shri Anil Vij in favor of Shri Saini".

After becoming the BJP legislature party leader, Shri Nayab Singh Saini also met Governor Shri Bandaru Dattatraya at Haryana Raj Bhavan in Chandigarh to stake claim to form the government.

### BJP government will work towards taking Haryana forward: Nayab Singh Saini

Interacting with reporters Shri Nayab Singh Saini said that the new BJP government will work towards taking Haryana forward at a rapid pace under the leadership of PM Modi. The people of Haryana have shown faith in the Modi government's policies.

Replying to a question, Shri Saini said the BJP's 'Sankalp Patra' will be fully implemented. "Look at our 2014 Sankalp Patra and 2019 Sankalp Patra,

we implemented them completely and now this Sankalp Patra will also be implemented by our government," he said.

Noteworthy, in the recently concluded assembly polls, the BJP secured an unprecedented third term in Haryana, winning 48 seats in the 90-member assembly. Three Independents have also extended support to the party. CM Shri Nayab Singh Saini was unanimously elected as the leader of the BJP legislature party in a meeting held at the party office in Panchkula on 16 October 2024. ■





# NDA HAS SECURED THE TRUST AND SUPPORT OF ALL SECTIONS OF SOCIETY: PM

Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi attended the NDA leaders meeting held in Chandigarh on 17 October 2024. The Prime Minister complimented the gathering describing it as the largest group of non-Congress political parties post 1975. 17 Chief Ministers and 18 Deputy Chief Ministers participated in this conclave. The PM suggested that such meetings should be held twice every year. The meeting started immediately after the swearing-in ceremony of the newly elected BJP government in Haryana.

Calling the victory in Haryana significant and historic, Shri Narendra Modi said that NDA has secured the trust and support of all sections of society. He also highlighted how the Opposition tried to portray false narratives of the NDA being anti-farmer whereas it was the farmers who came out in large numbers to bless the NDA! He thanked the people of Haryana for rejecting the negative politics of opposition and giving them a clear message that they stand with progress and good governance agenda of the NDA.

### **NDA government fulfilling the rising aspirations of the common citizens**

Shri Modi said today, the NDA government is fulfilling the rising aspirations of the common citizens and it has been the distinction of the NDA government to ensure last mile delivery which has helped in building the trust in public towards the government since 2014.

Highlighting the fact that Good governance ultimately means finding solutions to people's problems, Shri Modi said that solution-centric

governance with a focus on grievance redressal is a distinctive identity of all NDA State governments.

### **Received 4.5 crore letters in the last 10 years**

While comparing with the UPA government, the Prime Minister said that he has received 4.5 crore letters in the last 10 years as compared to 5 lakh letters in 10 years of UPA government, which reflects the trust of people in NDA government.

Smooth Governance, Fast Decision Making, and Transparency in governance helped in attracting investors and investment in NDA states, said Shri Modi.

Maharashtra CM Shri Eknath Shinde moved a resolution congratulating PM Shri Narendra Modi on BJP's victory in Haryana assembly elections, which was seconded by Nagaland CM Shri Neiphiu Rio and Goa CM Shri Pramod Sawant.

### **'Samvidhan ka Amrut Mahotsav'**

Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh moved a resolution on the subject of the Celebration of 75 years of the making of the Constitution of India as

'Samvidhan ka Amrut Mahotsav.' Adding to this and highlighting the restoration of the dignity of the Constitution, the Prime Minister said that for the first time in the history of Jammu and Kashmir, the swearing-in of the new government was conducted as per the provisions of the Constitution of India.

## 50th year of Murder of Democracy

Union Home & Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah moved a resolution to observe the year 2025 as the 50th year of Murder of Democracy.

The leaders, in three other resolutions, also resolved to celebrate the 150th birth anniversaries of Bhagwan Birsa Munda and Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel and the Birth Centenary of Atal Bihari Vajpayee in the year 2025.

Andhra Pradesh CM and senior NDA leader Shri N. Chandrababu Naidu initiated the discussion on the concept of Aatmanirbhar Bharat. He appreciated the actions taken under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to strengthen the Indian economy and bringing pride to India globally. He specifically emphasised the need for collaboration among States.

## Pro-people pro-active good governance or P2G2

Shri Modi elaborated on the concept of pro-people pro-active good governance or P2G2. He emphasized the need for greater interaction between all NDA States, as also Ministers and MLAs from these States and connect with each other through social media.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, while stressing on Jan Bhagidari, said that the participation of people in governance has reduced the burden of the government. He also appreciated the NDA government's direct connection with the youth of the nation and engaging them in the journey towards Viksit Bharat.

## Work unitedly towards TB MukT Bharat

The PM also urged the leaders to work unitedly towards TB MukT Bharat, promoting natural farming, waste management, making big cities growth engines of states, boosting tourism and adopting an 11-point programme of welfare and development.

Shri Modi suggested to NDA leaders to have

## Together, we are dedicated to realizing our collective vision of a 'Viksit Bharat': JP Nadda

After attending the NDA Chief Ministers and Deputy Chief Ministers meeting, BJP National President and Union Minister Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda posted on X, "Attended the NDA Chief Ministers and Deputy Chief Ministers meeting, presided over by Hon'ble PM Shri @narendramodiji in Chandigarh.

Under the esteemed leadership of PM Modi ji, the NDA government is firmly committed to the principles of 'Pro People, Pro Active, and Good Governance.' Together, we are dedicated to realizing our collective vision of a 'Viksit Bharat,' where every citizen thrives and contributes to building a prosperous and inclusive nation".

## Highlights

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi attended NDA Leaders meeting in Chandigarh.
- PM complimented the gathering describing it as the largest group of non-Congress political parties post-1975.
- Solution-centric governance with a focus on grievance redressal is a distinctive identity of all NDA State governments.
- Smooth Governance, Fast Decision Making, and Transparency in governance helped in attracting investors and investment in NDA states.
- Six resolutions passed by leaders during the meeting.
- While stressing on Jan Bhagidari, the PM said that the participation of people in governance has reduced the burden of the government.
- PM also appreciated the NDA government's direct connection with the youth of the nation and engaging them in the journey towards Viksit Bharat.
- Shri Modi suggested to NDA leaders to have competitions among cities of NDA-ruled states for cleanest tourist destinations, cleanest hospitals, cleanest Panchayats.

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# PM MODI LAUNCHES BJP SAKRIYA SADASYATA ABHIYAN, BECOMES FIRST 'ACTIVE MEMBER' OF PARTY

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi became the first Active Member of the Bharatiya Janata Party as he launched the party's "Sakriya Sadasyata Abhiyan" or Active Membership Campaign on 16 October 2024.

Noteworthy, to be an Active Member, a Karyakarta has to register 50 members either at a single booth or in a Vidhan Sabha seat. Such Karyakartas will be eligible to contest elections for a Mandal Committee and above. At the same time, they will get many opportunities to work for the party in the times to come. The BJP launches a fresh membership drive every six years. Every existing BJP member must enrol him/herself afresh, and new members are also added.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi renewed his membership in the presence of BJP National President and Union Minister Shri JP Nadda and BJP National General Secretary Shri Vinod Tawde, who is also the convener of the nationwide membership drive.

PM Shri Narendra Modi wrote on X, "A unique initiative to create active workers through active membership campaign! I am very proud that today as a party worker, I became the first active member of @BJP4India and started this campaign".

He said the movement will further strengthen the party at the grassroots and ensure the effective contribution of Party Karyakartas for national progress. "The active membership campaign will give new energy to all party workers to work for the country. Only by becoming an active member will you get the opportunity to serve at the Mandal, district and national level. I appeal to the workers across the country to also become active members of the BJP and strengthen this campaign," he added.

In another post, Shri Modi noted that active members will be eligible to contest elections for a 'Mandal Committee' and above. At the same time, they will get many opportunities to work for the party in the times to come, he added.

Shri Modi said, "Adding momentum to our



endeavour of making a Viksit Bharat! As a @BJP4India Karyakarta, proud to become the first Sakriya Sadasya and launch the Sakriya Sadasyata Abhiyan today in the presence of our national President, Shri @JPNadda Ji. This is a movement which will further strengthen our Party at the grassroots and ensure effective contribution of our Party Karyakartas for national progress.

## BJP National President becomes Sakriya Sadasya



The next day on 17 October 2024, BJP National President and Union Minister Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda renewed his membership as an active member.

He tweeted, "Today I am proud to renew my membership as an active member under the nationwide 'Active Membership Campaign' of the

Bharatiya Janata Party. This campaign started under the leadership of the respected Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi ji, will reach the divisional, district and national level and will provide opportunities to millions of workers to do social service with the resolve to build a 'developed India'. I appeal to all the workers to become a part of the campaign as active members and strengthen the organization”.

Meanwhile, Union Minister Shri Rajnath Singh, Shri Amit Shah, BJP senior leader, Bharat Ratna and former Deputy PM Shri LK Advani also renewed their membership under the nationwide 'Active Membership Campaign' of the party.

### **Defence Minister becomes Active Member of BJP**



After becoming an active member Union Minister Shri Rajnath Singh said, “Today, under the active membership campaign, the active membership of @BJP4India was renewed. Active membership of BJP gives every Karyakarta an opportunity to work for the development of the country and society.

Join this campaign of nation building under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi ji and become an active member of the party”.

### **Union Home and Cooperation Minister becomes Active Member**

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah after becoming an active member of the party said, “Yesterday Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi ji started the 'Active Membership Campaign' by becoming the first active member of BJP. I also took active membership of BJP under this campaign.

BJP workers can become active members by registering 50 new members in their booth or assembly constituency. This campaign will not only give more



momentum to the BJP membership campaign, but through this, active members who make nation first the aim of their life will also come forward.

This campaign is going to play an important role in making BJP the strongest party in the world by highlighting its hard-working, capable and dedicated workers”.



Noteworthy, Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched the Rashtriya Sadasyata Abhiyan 2024 at the BJP Central Office in New Delhi on 02 September 2024. BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda addressed outlined the phases of the campaign and reaffirmed the target of the membership drive. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi was the first to take membership of BJP under this campaign through a missed call.

As per the programme, the First phase of the BJP's membership drive, started with the blessings of the Prime Minister and run until September 25. The second phase was commenced on October 1 and continued until October 15. The active membership campaign was started from October 16 to continue until October 31. ■

# PM GATI SHAKTI

## TRANSFORMING INDIA'S INFRASTRUCTURE AND CONNECTIVITY

On the 75th Independence Day, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi announced the 'PM Gati Shakti' initiative during his address to the nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort. The National Master Plan for Multi-modal Connectivity, launched on October 13, 2021, is set to celebrate its third anniversary on 13 October. This digital platform is designed to bring various Ministries, including Railways and Roadways, to ensure integrated planning and coordinated execution of infrastructure projects. The initiative aims to provide seamless and efficient connectivity for the movement of people, goods, and services across various modes of transport, thereby enhancing last-mile connectivity and reducing travel time. PM Gati Shakti incorporates the infrastructure schemes of various Ministries and State Governments such as Bharatmala, Sagarmala, inland waterways, dry/land ports, and UDAN. PM Gati Shakti incorporates the infrastructure schemes of various Ministries and State Governments such as Bharatmala, Sagarmala, inland waterways, dry/land ports, and UDAN

### Gati Shakti: Central Ministries and State Participation

The PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan (NMP) has onboarded 44 Central Ministries and 36 States/UTs and a total of 1,614 data layers have also been integrated. To ensure data accuracy, key infrastructure ministries have finalised Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for a three-tier system. SOPs for 8 infrastructure ministries and 15 social sector ministries have been notified, with development continuing for other ministries and States/UTs. A 'Compendium on PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan' on data management, prepared by DPIIT, outlines the stakeholder responsibilities.

A 'Compendium of PM Gati Shakti Volume I and Volume II' has been developed and launched, that highlights the success stories of PM Gati Shakti. A milestone of assessing 208 big-ticket infrastructure projects worth Rs. 15.39 lakh Crores, of various Ministries adhering to PM Gati Shakti principles has been achieved. Additionally, 434 projects under three economic corridors of the Ministry of Railways have been evaluated and shared with the PMO and they are Energy, Mineral, and Cement Corridors, High Traffic Density Corridors and Rail Sagar.

### District-Level Integration

A District Master Plan (DMP) portal is being developed to extend PM Gati Shakti to the district level.

This portal will aid district authorities in collaborative planning, infrastructure gap identification, and scheme implementation. A beta version of this portal has already been created for 28 aspirational districts, and user accounts were provided to these districts on September 18th, 2024. Trial runs of the portal are ongoing, with orientation programs in October 2024. The DMP portals for all the country's districts will be developed in a phased manner and completed by March 31, 25.

### Key Accomplishments under PM GatiShakti National Master Plan (NMP)

The PM GatiShakti NMP has resulted in numerous achievements across various sectors, significantly improving project planning, speed, and execution.

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) planned over 8,891 km of roads using NMP, while the Ministry of Railways (MoR) used NMP to plan more than 27,000 km of railway lines. MoR also accelerated the completion of Final Location Surveys (FLS), completing 449 FLS in FY '22 compared to 57 in FY '21.

The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG) streamlined the process for Detail Route Survey (DRS), reducing the time required to create reports from 6-9 months to just one day using electronic DRS (eDRS).

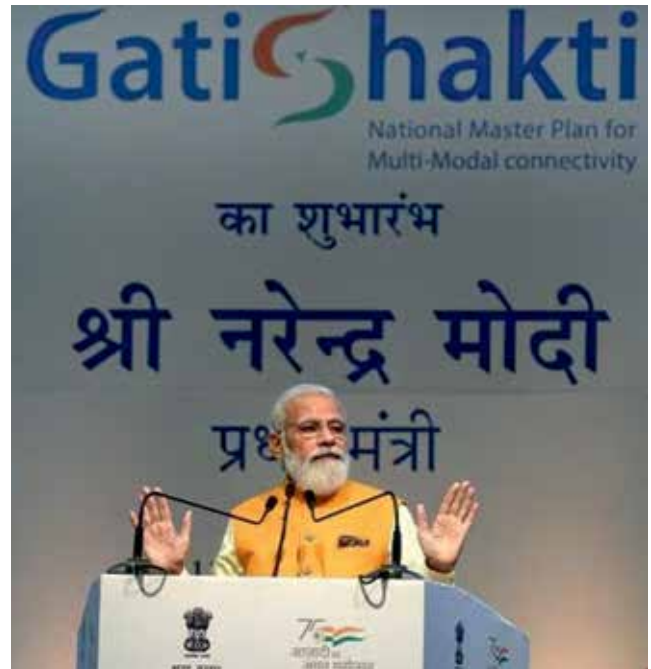
Using NMP principles, a 13 GW renewable energy

project from Leh (Ladakh) to Kaithal (Haryana) achieved optimal alignment of the 'Green Energy Corridor' for inter-state transmissions.

- Goa used the NMP platform to develop a disaster management plan for flood-prone areas along the Amona River.
- The Uttar Pradesh government employed the State Master Plan (SMP) portal to identify locations for new schools in underserved areas via the Pahunch Portal.
- Gujarat planned its 300 km coastal corridor using NMP, which reduced the number of NoC permissions required for clearance from 28 to 13, enhancing connectivity between four districts while boosting tourism.
- The Department of School Education and Literacy used the NMP portal to link PM Shri Schools with local industries for district-specific skill training.
- The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare identified internet shadow areas and mapped sites for new healthcare facilities using NMP.
- The Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship utilized NMP to identify suitable locations for new training institutes near economic clusters.
- The Ministry of Rural Development integrated schemes such as PMGSY and PMAY-G for better asset planning and implementation.
- The Ministry of Tribal Affairs identified infrastructure gaps for Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) using the PM JanMan portal.
- These accomplishments highlight the NMP's broad utility in improving planning, efficiency, and collaboration across various ministries and sectors.

## National Logistics Policy (NLP) 2022: Progress and Key Initiatives

The National Logistics Policy (NLP) was launched on 17th September 2022 to boost India's economic growth by creating an integrated, efficient, and cost-effective logistics network. The policy aims to reduce logistics costs, improve India's Logistics Performance Index (LPI) ranking to be among the top 25 countries by 2030, and promote data-driven decision-making. Implementation is driven by the Comprehensive Logistics Action Plan (CLAP), focusing on areas such as digital logistics systems, asset standardization, human resource development, state engagement, and



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EXIM logistics.

The policy emphasizes training and capacity-building efforts in collaboration with the Capacity Building Commission (CBC). Training modules are integrated with Central and Administrative Training Institutes through webinars, workshops, and digital platforms.

**State Logistics Plans (SLPs):** 26 States and Union Territories have aligned with the National Logistics Policy (NLP) by notifying their State Logistics Policies to enhance focus on logistics in public policy.

**LEADS Survey:** The fifth edition of the Logistics Ease Across Different States (LEADS) report was launched in December 2023, with the sixth edition released in January 2024. LEADS assesses logistics ease based on infrastructure and services across States and UTs.

**Unified Logistics Integrated Platform (ULIP):** ULIP integrates 33 logistics-related systems across 10 Ministries, promoting innovation. Currently, over 930

private companies are registered, with 95 applications made live and 185 companies signing NDAs. ULIP also integrates GST data for end-to-end cargo tracking.

**Logistics Data Bank (LDB):** For tracking and tracing 100% of India's containerized EXIM cargo, the Logistics Data Bank (LDB), has been developed. LDB uses RFID technology through the Internet of Things (IoT), Big Data and Cloud-based solutions to provide real-time tracking of EXIM container movement in India. It is a single window, cloud-based logistics visualization solution which provides container movement tracking using only the container numbers; from the Ports to Inland Container Depot's/ Container Freight Stations; and across the port associated Parking Plazas, Toll Plaza & Railways.

### Improving LPI Rank

A dedicated LPI Action Plan has been created, involving multiple ministries (MoRTH, MoR, MoPSW, MoCA) to address logistics challenges across six LPI parameters. Continuous engagement with the World Bank has resulted in discussions on logistics efficiency, reforms, and LPI methodology, along with a national workshop held in February 2024.

The policy incorporates global best practices, collaborating with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Korea's LPI improvement strategies. A round table with the World Bank was held in the U.S. in March 2024 to discuss innovative approaches and logistics improvements for India.

Through these efforts, NLP is driving India towards a more efficient logistics ecosystem while enhancing global competitiveness.

### Gati Shakti Sanchar Portal

Universal and equitable access to Broadband services across the country, especially in the rural areas- is one of the most important visions of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. In line with the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan, "Gati Shakti Sanchar" portal was launched for Centralised Right of Way (RoW) approvals

on May 14, 2022.

The Gati Shakti Sanchar portal is a major reform brought in to facilitate faster rollout of telecom infrastructure. It is a Centralised Right of Way (RoW) Portal that enables applicants such as Telecom Service Providers/Infrastructure Providers / Internet Service Providers (TSP/IP/ISPs) to apply for RoW approvals. As on October 11, 2024, 2.11 lakh applications have been approved.

The portal is integrated with all 36 States /UTs and with relevant central ministries viz. Ministry of Railways (MoR), Ministry of Road, Transport and Highways (MoRTH), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) and Ministry of Defence (MoD).

5G services were launched in India on 1st October 2022. More than 13 Cr subscribers have begun to use 5G services, making it the fastest roll-out of 5G anywhere in the world. To further improve telecom connectivity in the country,

Government is implementing various schemes.

A total of 41,160 mobile towers have been sanctioned with an outlay of Rs. 41,331 Cr to provide 4G connectivity to about 55 thousand villages. Scope of BharatNet program has been expanded to connect all inhabited villages with an outlay of 1.88 Lakh Cr.

### Conclusion

The PM Gati Shakti initiative represents a transformative approach to infrastructure development in India, aiming to create a seamless and efficient multimodal transportation network. By integrating the efforts of various ministries and leveraging advanced technologies, this initiative seeks to enhance connectivity and reduce logistics costs across the nation. The Gati Shakti Sanchar portal further supports this vision by streamlining the Right of Way approvals process, accelerating telecom infrastructure rollout, and facilitating the rapid deployment of 5G services across the country. With these combined efforts, India is well-positioned to achieve its ambitious goals of Aatmanirbharta. ■

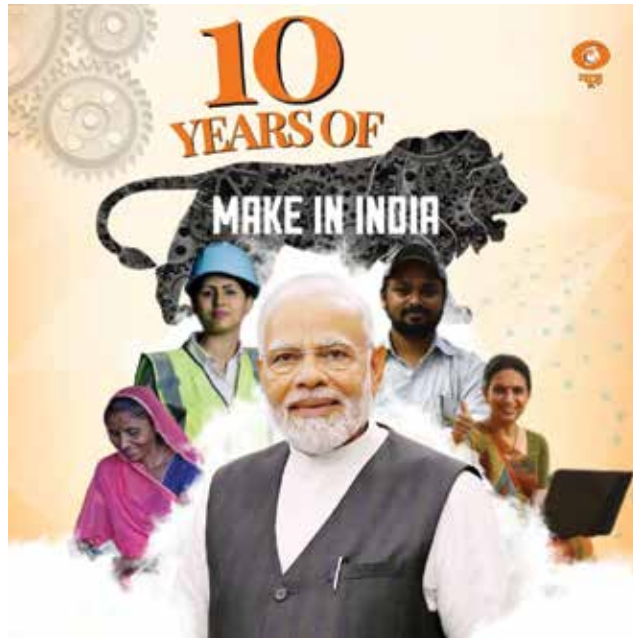
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# A DECADE OF TRANSFORMATIONAL GROWTH

## INDIA'S MANUFACTURING REVOLUTION GATHERS MOMENTUM WITH FOCUS ON INNOVATION, INVESTMENT, AND SELF-RELIANCE

The 'Make in India' initiative, launched on 25th September 2014, completes a landmark decade of empowering India to become a global manufacturing hub. Under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the program has played a pivotal role in boosting domestic manufacturing, fostering innovation, enhancing skill development, and facilitating foreign investment.



Rs. 1.32 lakh crore (USD 16 billion) in investments and a significant boost in manufacturing output of Rs. 10.90 lakh crore (USD 130 billion) as of June 2024. Over 8.5 lakh jobs have been created directly and indirectly due to the initiative.

### 10 Years of Impact: A Snapshot

**Foreign Investment (FDI):** Since 2014, India has attracted a cumulative FDI inflow of USD 667.4 billion (2014-24), registering an increase of 119% over the preceding decade (2004-14). This investment inflow spans 31 States and 57 sectors, driving growth across diverse industries. Most sectors, except certain strategically important sectors, are open for 100% FDI under the automatic route. FDI equity inflows into the manufacturing sector over the past decade (2014-24) reached USD 165.1 billion, marking a 69% increase compared to the previous decade (2004 -14), which saw inflows of USD 97.7 billion.

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the World Bank's Doing Business Report. Over 42,000 compliances have been reduced, and 3,700 provisions has been decriminalized. The Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Act, 2023, passed by Lok Sabha on 27th July 2023 and Rajya Sabha on 2nd August 2023, which has decriminalized 183 provisions across 42 Central Acts.

### Key Reforms

Semiconductor Ecosystem Development:

**Exports & Employment:** India's merchandise exports surpassed USD 437 billion in FY 2023-24. Exports have surged, with an additional Rs. 4 lakh crore generated due to the PLI schemes, while total employment in the manufacturing sector increased from 57 million in 2017-18 to 64.4 million in 2022-23.

**Ease of Doing Business:** India's commitment to improving business conditions is evident in its sharp rise from 142nd rank in 2014 to 63rd rank in 2019 in

Semicon India Program, worth Rs. 76,000 crore, aims to provide an impetus to semiconductor and display manufacturing by facilitating capital support and technological collaborations. India has developed policies to support every segment of the semiconductor ecosystem, not just focusing on fabs but also including packaging, display wires, OSATs, sensors, and more.

#### **National Single Window System (NSWS):**

Launched in September 2021, this platform simplifies the investor experience, integrating clearances from 32 Ministries/ Departments and 29 States/UTs, facilitating rapid approvals.

**PM Gati Shakti:** PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan (NMP), a GIS based platform with portals of various Ministries/Departments of Government, was launched in October, 2021. It is a transformative approach to facilitate data-based decisions related to integrated planning of multimodal infrastructure, thereby reducing logistics cost.

#### **National Logistics**

**Policy (NLP):** Aimed at reducing logistics costs

and increasing efficiency, the NLP, launched in 2022, is key to making Indian products more globally competitive.

**Industrial Corridors & Infrastructure:** The development of 11 industrial corridors under the National Industrial Corridor Development Programme has seen the approval of 12 new projects with a projected investment of Rs. 28,602 crore. These corridors enhance India's competitiveness by providing world-class infrastructure.

**One-District-One-Product (ODOP):** Promoting indigenous products and craftsmanship across India, the ODOP initiative has fostered local economic development, with Unity Malls being set up in 27 states to provide platforms for these unique products.

**Startup India:** The Government with intent to build a strong ecosystem for nurturing innovation and encouraging investments launched the Startup India initiative on 16th January 2016. Sustained efforts

by the Government under the Startup India initiative have led to an increase in the number of recognised startups to 1,40,803 as on 30th June 2024, which have created over 15.5 lakh direct jobs.

Government of India has undertaken a comprehensive and multi-faceted approach to boost both domestic and foreign investments, fostering a robust and dynamic economic environment. From landmark reforms such as the Goods and Services Tax (GST) and the reduction in corporate tax, to far-reaching measures aimed at improving ease of doing business and streamlining FDI policies, every step is geared towards creating a more investment-friendly ecosystem. Initiatives like the Phased Manufacturing Programme (PMP), public procurement orders, and

Quality Control Orders (QCOs) are focused on driving domestic manufacturing and enhancing product quality.

The Government's proactive response to the challenges posed by COVID-19, through the Atmanirbhar Bharat packages and targeted investments under the National Infrastructure

Pipeline (NIP) and National Monetization Pipeline (NMP), has turned adversity into an opportunity for growth. Tools such as the India Industrial Land Bank (IILB), Industrial Park Rating System (IPRS), and the National Single Window System (NSWS) further streamline processes for investors. Additionally, Project Development Cells (PDCs) in various Ministries ensure that investment proposals are fast-tracked, making India a more attractive destination for global and domestic investors. These efforts collectively reinforce India's position as a burgeoning hub for manufacturing and innovation.

As India moves into its next decade of growth, Make in India 2.0 focuses on furthering sustainability, innovation, and self-reliance. With strategic interventions in renewable energy, green technologies, and advanced manufacturing, the initiative is ensuring that Indian products meet the highest global standards. ■

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## 75 Infrastructure projects built by BRO worth 2,236 crore inaugurated

Defence Minister, Shri Rajnath Singh on 12 October virtually inaugurated and dedicated 75 Border Roads Organisation road and bridge projects to the nation at a cost of Rs 2,236 crore.

These include 7 road and 12 bridge projects in Jammu & Kashmir worth Rs 731.22 crore virtually today. Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Dr. Jitendra Singh, who is also Lok Sabha MP from J&K also joined the inauguration function virtually.

The J&K road projects are Bishnah-Kaulpur-Khojipur (Km 0.0 to 24.328) worth Rs.73.26crore, Basoli-Bani-Bhaderwah (Km 70.00 to 89.00) Rs.97.76 crore, Basoli-Bani-Bhaderwah (Km 89.00 to 102.00) Rs81.42 crore, Galhar-Sansari(Km 0 to 10) Rs.37.69 under Project Sampark of BRO. Bandipur-Gureizin Rs.230.54 crore, Mohura-Baaz Rs.134.99 and Tutmarigali-Kaiyan Bowl Rs24.35 crore under Project Beacon of BRO.

In addition, 12 bridges at Sawan, Sanu, Naigarh, Channani, Nantoo, Korga, Sewa-II, Biyalu, Dersu,

Nirunar, Gurai and Garjun were constructed at the cost of Rs 51.21 crore in different areas of J&K. Overall, these Projects have been constructed in 11 border States/UTs of the country, including Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

The ceremony was organised by the Border Roads Organisation at Sukna in West Bengal. The Defence Minister inaugurated 22 Roads, 51 Bridges and 02 other miscellaneous projects. These Infrastructure Projects have been constructed under challenging weather conditions at places with most inhospitable terrain.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Rajnath Singh lauded BRO's commitment towards establishing connectivity in far-flung areas by ensuring timely completion of these roads & bridges. He mentioned that in the last five years BRO had completed 450 infrastructure projects with a cost of more than Rs16,000 crore and this year, in 2024 with these 75 infra projects BRO has dedicated a record 111 infrastructure projects to the Nation. ■

## EPFO Adds 18.53 Lakh Net Members During August 2024

### 9.3 Lakh New Members Enrolled with EPFO during August 2024

The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) on 20 October released provisional payroll data for August 2024, revealing a net addition of 18.53 lakh members in the month of August 2024. This represents a 9.07% year-on-year growth compared to August 2023, signifying increased employment opportunities and heightened awareness of employee benefits, bolstered by EPFO's effective outreach initiatives.

#### New Membership:

EPFO enrolled around 9.30 lakh new members in August 2024, representing an increase of 0.48% in the new members from the previous year in August 2023. This surge in new memberships can

be attributed to growing employment opportunities, increased awareness of employee benefits, and EPFO's successful outreach programs.

#### Growth in Female Membership:

Gender-wise analysis of payroll data unveils that out of the new members added during the month, around 2.53 lakhs are new female members. This figure exhibits year-over-year growth of 3.75% compared to August 2023. Also, the net female member addition during the month stood at around 3.79 lakh. It reflects a year over year growth of 10.41% compared to August 2023. The surge in female member additions is indicative of a broader shift towards a more inclusive and diverse workforce. ■

**CABINET APPROVES ADDITIONAL INSTALMENT OF 3% OF DA TO CENTRAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND DEARNESS RELIEF TO PENSIONERS**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 16 October approved an additional instalment of Dearness Allowance (DA) to Central Government employees and Dearness Relief (DR) to pensioners w.e.f. 01.07.2024 representing an increase of three percent (3%) over the existing rate of 50% of the Basic Pay/Pension, to compensate against price rise.

This increase is in accordance with the accepted formula, which is based on the recommendations of the 7th Central Pay Commission. The combined impact on the exchequer on account of both DA and DR would be Rs.9,448.35 crore per annum. This will benefit about 49.18 lakh central government employees and 64.89 lakh pensioners. ■

**PM MODI INAUGURATES SAHARANPUR, REWA AND AMBIKAPUR AIRPORTS UNDER RCS-UDAN**

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 20 October inaugurated three airports, developed under the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) – UDAN (Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik), from Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh. These airports are: Rewa in Madhya Pradesh, Ambikapur in Chhatisgarh and Saharanpur in UP. Flights under RCS-UDAN will begin from these airports shortly.

The RCS- UDAN, a government-backed initiative to improve infrastructure and connectivity in India, especially in remote and underserved regions, completes seven years. It is a vital component of India's National Civil Aviation Policy (NCAP) 2016, launched by the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) on October 21, 2016, with a 10-year vision.

The first RCS-UDAN flight was inaugurated by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on April 27, 2017, connecting Shimla to Delhi. The scheme focuses on improving unserved air routes in underserved regions of the country and fulfilling the aspirations of the common citizens.

So far, the RCS-UDAN has facilitated travel of more than 144 lakh passengers, demonstrating its success in enhancing air travel accessibility. ■

**CABINET APPROVES DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL MARITIME HERITAGE COMPLEX AT LOTHAL, GUJARAT**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on October 9 approved the development of National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) at Lothal, Gujarat. The project will be completed in two phases.

The Cabinet also accorded in-principle approval for Phase 1B and Phase 2, as per master plan by raising funds through voluntary resources/ contributions and their execution after raising of the funds.

Construction of Light House Museum under Phase 1B will be funded by Directorate General of Lighthouses and Lightships (DGLL). Around 22,000 jobs are expected be created in development of NMHC project, with 15,000 direct employment and 7,000 indirect employments.

The implementation of NMHC will boost growth and immensely help the local communities, tourists and visitors, researchers and scholars, government bodies, educational institutions, cultural organisations, environment and conservation groups, businesses. ■

**CABINET APPROVES MSP INCREASE FOR RABI CROPS FOR MARKETING SEASON 2025-26**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 16 October approved the increase in the Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for all mandated Rabi Crops for Marketing Season 2025-26.

Government has increased the MSP of Rabi Crops for Marketing Season 2025-26, to ensure remunerative prices to the growers for their produce. The absolute highest increase in MSP has been announced for Rapeseed & Mustard at Rs.300 per quintal followed by Lentil (Masur) at Rs.275 per quintal. For gram, wheat, safflower and barley, there is an increase of Rs.210 per quintal, Rs.150 per quintal, Rs.140 per quintal and Rs.130 per quintal respectively. ■

**CABINET APPROVES ROAD CONSTRUCTION IN BORDER AREAS OF RAJASTHAN AND PUNJAB**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 9 October approved

## GOVERNMENT'S ACHIEVEMENTS

construction of 2,280 km roads in border areas of Rajasthan and Punjab at an investment of Rs 4,406 crore emphasizing development of infrastructure in border areas.

The project is a result of a change in mindset that has accorded a special focus on development of border areas with facilities similar to other parts of the country.

This decision will have a major impact on the road and telecom connectivity, and facilities of water supply, health and education. It will also enhance rural livelihood, ease travel, and ensure connectivity of these areas with rest of the highway network. ■

### INDIGENOUS 'SAMARTHAK' LAUNCHED

The first ship of the two Multi-Purpose Vessel project, being built by L&T, Shipyard for the Indian Navy, was launched on 14 Oct 24 at L&T, Kattupalli. In keeping with the maritime traditions, the ship was launched. The ship has been named 'Samarthak' which means 'Supporter' and is synonymous to the multi-dimensional role envisaged from the platform.

The contract for building two Multi Purpose Vessel was signed between the Ministry of Defence and L&T Shipyard on 25 Mar 22. These Multi Purpose Vessels will be capable of towing ships, launch and recover various targets, operate uncrewed autonomous vehicles and act as a trial platform for various indigenous weapons and sensors under development. The Multi Purpose Vessels can achieve a maximum speed of 15 knots and are 106 m long and 16.8 wide.

The Indian Navy remains steadfast in its efforts towards indigenous shipbuilding. The launch of this vessel by private Indian shipyard showcases Indian Navy's strides in indigenous shipbuilding, in consonance with Govt of India vision for 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' and 'Make in India' initiative. ■

### NAMAMI GANGE MISSION 2.0: COMPLETION OF 4 MAJOR SEWERAGE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN UTTAR PRADESH AND BIHAR

Under Namami Gange Mission 2.0, Ministry of Jal Shakti completed of four key projects in the second quarter of the financial year 2024-25. These projects, located in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, are specifically aimed at preventing sewage from entering



the river, improving water quality, and rejuvenating the rivers. This initiative will help in maintaining the sanctity of the Ganga and its tributaries, a crucial step for the country.

These projects have been developed at a total cost of Rs 492 crore, aimed at enhancing waste water treatment in various regions. In Patna-Danapur, Bihar a 25 MLD Sewage Treatment Plant (STP), along with an I&D network, has been completed at a cost of Rs.103 crore. Similarly, in Patna -Maner, Bihar an STP with a capacity of 6.5 MLD, along with I&D network, completed at a cost of Rs.70 crore.

In Kairana, Uttar Pradesh a 15 MLD STP along with I&D network has been completed, at a total cost of Rs.78 crore. This project, located on the Yamuna River, follows the Design, Build, Operate, and Transfer (DBOT) model. Additionally, in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, a major project to rejuvenate the Gomti River led to the successful completion of a 39 MLD STP at a total cost of Rs.241 crore.

Agreement has been signed for development of a Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh project approved under Namami Gange-II with financial assistance from the World Bank. A tripartite agreement has been signed for the conservation of the Hindon River's tributaries—Pawandhoi and Dhamola—in Saharanpur. This agreement was signed between the NMCG, Uttar Pradesh Jal Nigam (Rural), and M/s EIEL Infra Engineers (Saharanpur) Pvt Ltd (a consortium of M/s Enviro Infra Engineers Ltd, M/s Bhugan Infracon Pvt Ltd, and M/s Micro Transmission Systems SPV).

This projects includes construction of 135 MLD STP, sewage pumping stations, and interception structures, with a total cost of Rs.344 crore. The project will operate on a Hybrid Annuity PPP Model and include a 15-year O&M provision. ■



## PM Modi Story

# “Gujarat’s GIFT City idea may have taken shape in Modi’s mind during a visit to the USA, three decades back”

(Narrated by: CK Patel, NRI- USA)

PM Shri Narendra Modi always had the idea of setting up a vibrant economic hub in India – which he realised as the Gift City in Gujarat. One of his colleagues relate a visit of his to US in the 1990s as a referral point for this project.

According to Shri CK Patel, a businessman from Gujarat based in the US, Shri Modi was very curious about the central business district of Los Angeles, when he travelled to US in the 1997. “One night, I took him to Downtown Los Angeles. During that walk, the vision for Gift City began to take shape. As we explored the area, Narendrabhai said ‘Downtown is a concentrated area with skyscrapers. This is where the economy thrives, with banks, corporate offices, and large institutions driving the city,’ Shri Patel added.

What Shri Narendra Modi saw in the US likely sowed the seeds for what would later become the Gift City in Gujarat, according to Shri Patel. He said when he accompanied Shri Modi to the seashore in Los Angeles, Shri Modi saw high-rise buildings, tourists, and bustling



restaurants. He asked him, “Why can’t we develop (Gujarat) in the same way. It too has a vast coastline like here”.

“It was fascinating to see how Shri Modi connected everything he saw in the US to the potential development of India. Whenever he saw something new, he would ask questions, and link it to how it could be beneficial back home,” Shri Patel

said.

There was another incident that Shri Patel recalls while they were driving. Shri Narendra Modi heard a weird sound when the car moved slightly offside. “Curious, he asked me, ‘What is that sound? It’s similar to the noise you hear during a flat tyre. Why is it happening?’”.

“I explained to him that there were no issues with the tyres. In the US, roads are built in a way that the vehicles start making a sound when they start drifting off the road,” Shri Patel said. Shri Modi has always been very curious about new technologies and wanted to know how those roads were built. ■

## KAMAL PUSHUP

Sahyog, Samarpan  
Aur Sanskar

## HARINARAYAN ARORA



Shri Harinarayan Arora, a Swayamsevak from Port Blair, was instrumental in establishing the Hindi Sahitya Kala Parishad in 1962. He promoted Hindi classes, and annual Hindi fortnight by getting annual grants from the administration. He also organized several events to promote Hindi throughout the entire A & N Islands.

In 1975, Shri Harinarayan Arora was at the forefront of

establishing the Vishwa Hindu Parishad in these islands. Due to his devotion, a branch of V.H.P. was opened at Port Blair for the propagation of Hindu Culture and unity amongst all Hindus on the basis of Hindu philosophy and values. He has been also the President of the Parishad for about six years. Shri Harinarayan Arora was always ahead in social services and providing help to the poor and needy. ■



### HARINARAYAN ARORA

Date of Birth  
10/12/1927

Gender  
male

State  
Andaman And Nicobar  
Islands

District  
South Andaman  
District

Town/City  
Port Blair

Level  
State

Post in Organisation  
State President

Active years  
1999-2004



# LET'S FOCUS ON TOURISM!

## Honouring Our Maritime Legacy at Lothal

Situated near Ahmedabad, Lothal, the world's oldest dockyard, was once a vibrant melting pot of civilizations, ideas, and, of course, goods. Excavations have pointed to Lothal's role as an important maritime center



NARENDRA MODI

I am very happy to write about a remarkable development that has recently unfolded. Last week, the Union Cabinet approved the creation of a National Maritime Heritage Complex in Lothal! Now, you might ask—why am I posting about it here? Let me tell you why.

Situated near Ahmedabad, Lothal, the world's oldest dockyard, was once a vibrant melting pot of civilizations, ideas, and, of course, goods. Excavations have pointed to Lothal's role as an important maritime center. The docks, built thousands of years ago, highlight the spirit of ingenuity our ancestors possessed. Its advanced engineering and urban planning leave modern observers in awe, offering a window into the brilliance of our past.

Regrettably, in the decades following independence, we allowed many aspects of our history—and many of our historical sites—to fall into neglect, with our rich past fading from memory. However, the last ten years have seen a change in this trend.

Thus, in that spirit, our Government has decided to build a vibrant National Maritime

Heritage Complex, which will improve our understanding of civilizational history. This new project will surely ignite enthusiasm among history buffs and tourists alike. The complex will bring ancient Lothal back to life as a mini-replica of the dock city. At the heart of this complex will stand an iconic lighthouse museum, soaring 77 meters high—set to be among the world's tallest of its kind. Various immersive galleries will make the experience even better.

Such an effort will boost the tourism economy, which I foresee as a major driver of growth in India. When tourism rises, incomes across the board rise. I urge you all, leading and respected professionals, to explore new opportunities in the tourism sector and also share your ideas with me on the same. This way, we will contribute to a stronger economy and at the same time, preserve our rich

Cabinet Decision: 09<sup>th</sup> October, 2024

### National Maritime Heritage Complex, Lothal

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Cabinet approves development of National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) at Lothal, Gujarat

- Construction of Light House Museum under Phase 1B at a cost of **Rs. 265.11 crore** will be funded by Directorate General of Lighthouses and Lightships
- Project will create **15,000 direct employment** and **7,000 indirect employment**
- NMHC will immensely help local communities, tourists and visitors, researchers and scholars, government bodies, educational institutions, cultural organisations, environment and conservation groups, businesses

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- Project to be completed in **two phases**
- Phase 1A** to be completed at estimated cost of **Rs. 1,238.05 crore** including Rs.209 crore from Major Ports, Rs.178.9 crore from M/o Defence (Indian Navy) and Rs.15 crore from M/o Culture
- Cabinet also in-principle approves **Phase 1B** and **Phase 2**, as per master plan by raising funds from voluntary resources/ contributions and their execution after raising of the funds

past for the coming generations. ■  
(The Writer is Prime Minister of India)



# INDIA'S SEMICONDUCTOR REVOLUTION

## NEW ERA OF TECHNOLOGICAL AND GEOPOLITICAL INFLUENCE

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Laid by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in March 2024, the Dholera plant will focus on sectors such as automotive, computing, communications, and AI, with the first batch of semiconductors expected by December 2026. This facility represents India's push to strengthen its semiconductor manufacturing capabilities and reduce dependence on imports.

### 3. India's First Indigenous Semiconductor Assembly and Testing Facility, Morigaon Assam:

In an effort to decentralize the semiconductor industry and bring development to new regions, Tata Electronics is setting up India's first greenfield semiconductor assembly and testing facility in Morigaon, Assam. With an investment of INR 27,000 crore, this facility will create over 27,000 jobs and serve as a critical hub for semiconductor assembly, testing, and packaging. The plant will focus on wire bond, flip chip, and integrated systems

packaging (ISP) technologies, with a capacity to produce 48 million chips daily. Operations are expected to commence by mid-2025, making this facility a cornerstone of India's semiconductor ambitions in the northeastern region.

### 4. CG Power's OSAT Facility, Sanand, Gujarat:

The Murugappa Group's C G Power, in partnership with Renesas

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Electronics Corporation from Japan and Stars Microelectronics from Thailand, is developing an advanced OSAT facility in Sanand, Gujarat. With a planned investment of INR 7,600 crore over five years, this facility will cater to industries such as automotive, consumer electronics, and 5G technology. This facility will produce a range of semiconductor products and is expected to create 5,000 jobs. Over the next three

years, the plant aims to scale up production to 1.5 crore units daily, further bolstering India's semiconductor manufacturing capacity.

### 5. Kaynes Semicon Plant, Gujarat:

In a significant move to expand India's semiconductor production capabilities, the Union Cabinet approved Kaynes Semicon's proposal to set up an OSAT unit in Sanand, Gujarat. With an investment of INR 3,307 crore, this facility is set to produce 6.3 million chips daily. The government is offering 50% capital investment support under the ISM's modified scheme, reinforcing India's efforts to offer a competitive alternative to China in the global semiconductor landscape.

### Inclusion of Youth, Academia and Industry:

Under Modi Govt's National Semiconductor Mission, Currently, 113 universities, academic institutions, and research organizations across India have incorporated semiconductor-focused courses, tailored in collaboration with industry leaders. These programs aim to align academic knowledge with real-world industry needs, ensuring that graduates are ready



to contribute to the semiconductor landscape.

For instance, the LAM Research's Semiverse program, running in 74 universities, has trained over 2,600 students this year alone. This initiative is expected to expand massively in the coming years. In another key development, AMD's Global Design Center in Bengaluru has opened, currently employing 5,000 engineers, with further expansions planned. These academic and industry linkages are setting the stage for India to become a major player in global semiconductor design and manufacturing.

India's existing strength in semiconductor design is another critical pillar of the Semiconductor Mission. The country already boasts over 300,000 engineers working in chip design across various companies, with 52,000 of them engaged in leading-edge, complex chip designs. This design capability has drawn international interest, and the government's support for the sector is evident. Thirteen design ecosystem partners have received financial assistance through the program, with several attracting venture capital interest, signaling strong growth potential in this area.

Recognizing the strategic importance of semiconductors, the Modi government has decided to enhance its chip manufacturing incentive policy, increasing the funding outlay for the second phase of the ISM to \$15 billion, up from \$10 billion in the first phase. This expanded financial

support is crucial for ensuring the successful establishment of these critical facilities and accelerating India's emergence as a global semiconductor hub.

### **Reshaping the Nation's Influence on the Global Stage:**

India's burgeoning semiconductor boom is set to redefine its geopolitical standing by enhancing strategic autonomy through reduced dependence on foreign imports and positioning the nation as a key player in the global semiconductor landscape. By fostering collaborations with

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major global powers like the US and Japan, India strengthens its national security, ensuring access to critical technologies for defense and infrastructure. This expansion allows India to emerge as a global supply chain alternative, diminishing China's dominance in the semiconductor space. With increased investments and advanced manufacturing capabilities, India is attracting strategic investments, further bolstering its geopolitical influence. This growth enables the nation to participate more assertively in global forums such

as the WTO and G20, leveraging its technological prowess. As part of the broader Indo-Pacific strategy, India's semiconductor sector fosters closer ties with allied nations, promoting economic diplomacy. Through semiconductor diplomacy, India is poised to shape trade agreements and partnerships favorable to its long-term strategic goals.

To sum up, Modi's National Semiconductor Mission stands as a pivotal initiative in India's technological and geopolitical landscape. By spearheading this mission, the Indian government is not only addressing the critical need for domestic semiconductor manufacturing but also reinforcing the country's strategic autonomy and global influence. The mission's emphasis on building a comprehensive semiconductor ecosystem—including fabrication plants, assembly units, and research facilities—positions India as a key player in the global supply chain, enhancing national security and economic stability. It fosters strategic partnerships with major economies, strengthens India's role in international forums, and counters the dominance of competitors like China. Ultimately, Modi's National Semiconductor Mission is instrumental in transforming India into a global semiconductor hub, driving technological innovation, and securing its position as a formidable force in the global economy. ■

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# AAP HAS BROUGHT **PUNJAB** TO A DARK AGE



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Punjab, once known as a golden land of prosperity, famous for its rich heritage and culture, is now crying for a new life. The state is beleaguered by crisis, all around, be it economic, industrial or agricultural. Once one of India's most prosperous states, it has become a laggard state today.

As the present AAP government has failed on all fronts we see that social unrest has plagued the state in an alarming manner. The people of Punjab aspire for better living standards, including better healthcare, education, employment, infrastructure, and law and order.

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government in Punjab, with CM Bhagwant Mann, has failed in performance since assuming office in March 2022. From day one, the CM has let down the expectations of the people of Punjab. The disrespect shown by removing the photo of Sher-e-Punjab Maharaja Ranjit Singh from the CMO has deeply hurt the sentiments of Punjabis. Maharaja Ranjit Singh is a great symbol of Punjab's pride, valor, and courage. This act of CM is still etched in the minds of Punjabis.

The administration has failed to deliver on many of its key promises, leading to insecurity among people. One of the most pressing issues is the instability within the government itself, with four cabinet reshuffles in

two and a half years, highlighting a lack of well-structured plan and direction. These frequent reshuffles have not converted into better governance or service delivery, a clear sign of deeper systemic issues within the administration. Frequent reshuffles speak of instability of the government and governance and lack of confidence within AAP leadership.

Despite being in power for two and a half years and completing half the term, the AAP government has failed to maintain basic infrastructure, provide civic amenities to citizens, and tackle pressing issues such as drug abuse and unemployment.

Financial mismanagement has emerged as a major critical concern during this tenure. Punjab is grappling with a staggering debt of Rs. 3.51 lakh crore, and the government's borrowing spree has only worsened the situation, the AAP government is reaching out to the central government for an additional borrowing limit of Rs 10,000 crore to meet its expenses over and above the sanctioned borrowing limit of Rs 30,464.92 crore. This financial strain has led to delays in salary and pension disbursements for state employees, raising questions about the government's fiscal responsibility. There is a lack of transparency and accountability in financial dealings. The AAP government lacks financial discipline; this is evident by the way the government is handling debt

and borrowing. The state is getting into a vicious loop by taking on new debt while still paying down part of its existing debt to pay for capital expenditures and debt payments. This leaves us with many unanswered questions. How does the state plan to manage its debt and what specific measures have been taken to reduce it since the CM assumed the office? With the current debt repayment obligations standing at Rs 69,867 crore for this fiscal year, how does the government justify seeking additional borrowing? The government needs to provide a detailed plan on how it intends to curb unnecessary spending and improve financial discipline. The AAP government needs to come out with answers to many such questions, and we demand a White Paper on the financial handling. This is nothing but a clear failure of AAP's government's policies, and the situation demands an urgent need for reforms. The AAP government has pushed Punjab into bankruptcy, and its rising outstanding debts year by year have caused great financial concern.

The government's promise to rejuvenate the mining sector and generate substantial revenue has also fallen flat, instead of the projected Rs. 20,000 crore during the 2022 assembly elections, actual revenue from mining activities has barely reached Rs. 300 crore annually. On top of this, there has been rampant illegal mining across Punjab under the AAP government rule, which speaks of the government being hand in

glove with the mining mafia. Having appointed the fourth mining minister in two and a half years of their term points out the AAP government's failure to manage critical sectors like mining.

The infrastructure development and basic civic amenities have not kept pace with growing demands from people across urban and rural Punjab. There is widespread dissatisfaction regarding inadequate public services and facilities. The government has failed to address these issues effectively.

Unemployment remains another critical challenge for the AAP government. Although it claims to have created jobs across various state departments, unemployment is still a major concern. Following this is a migration issue. What is the root cause of migration? Is it the lack of a better education system or lack of Job opportunities, or is it the drug menace that has gripped Punjab? The AAP Government does not seem to be finding solutions for these.

The issue of drug abuse and drug trafficking continues to plague Punjab, with the state being labelled as one of the epicenters of drug abuse in India. Drug addiction has devastated many young lives across all social classes in both urban and rural areas. Despite Chief Minister Mann's commitment to making Punjab drug-free by the next Independence Day, drug-related deaths have surged since AAP came into power, and there are a large number of fatalities recorded. The establishment of de-addiction centers and government Outpatient Opioid Assisted Treatment (OOAT) clinics has not yielded significant results. The rural healthcare system is plagued by insufficient

infrastructure, persistent shortages of medicines, and understaffing.

The law-and-order situation in Punjab has completely collapsed. Gangsters make ransom calls from the jail, and there exists large-scale corruption among jail authorities. There is a serious sense of fear and panic among the people in the State. The Aam Aadmi Party in Punjab has failed to curtail ransoms, lootings, and killings. Day by day, there is an increased number of such reported incidents.

In terms of performance and governance, the AAP government has lost its credibility to effectively run the Chief Minister's office. As of today, scams and failures in various government departments are being exposed almost daily. The AAP government, under Bhagwant Mann as Chief Minister of Punjab, has failed miserably.

There is an urgent need for the revival of governance in Punjab. The AAP government must bring reforms to address these multifaceted challenges. The need for stable leadership in Punjab can only be fulfilled by a double-engine government, with the BJP holding the mantle of power in Punjab.

Today, the AAP government in Punjab has become infamous for its financial mismanagement. The government has driven Punjab into a financial mess by increasing VAT on diesel, petrol, and bus fares and, at the same time, creating a debt trap for the state. Failure to clear bills for hospitals preventing free healthcare for the poor under the Ayushman Bharat Health Scheme, recent mishandling of English teacher promotions, failure to regularise

teachers, a shortage of medical officers in the government hospitals, rollback of power subsidies, and failure to fill vacant posts in various government departments have all contributed to the state's failures. The presence of gangsters running the state and failure to make Punjab drug-free as promised in their manifesto reflects poor governance and a deteriorating law and order situation. The AAP government has failed to fulfill its promises to the people of Punjab and betrayed the mandate given to them.

The history of the Aam Aadmi Party has been full of hypocrisy in matters related to corruption. Since its inception, Arvind Kejriwal and the Aam Aadmi Party have made massive claims about removing corruption; however, reports of sand mafia, excise scams, and other financial irregularities suggest otherwise. The AAP came to power through false promises, and their manifesto remains an empty promise. Today, corruption is at its peak in Punjab. The corruption king, Arvind Kejriwal, might be out on bail from jail, but the legacy seems to be continued by AAP leaders, whether in Delhi or Punjab.

These are just a few of the burning issues that have created a sense of insecurity and fear in the minds of the people of Punjab. It is time for the Punjab CM to step down for his failure in running the state and to provide relief to the people. Punjab needs a capable leader, and the administration requires complete rehabilitation, with the BJP being the only party capable of providing stable and good governance for a prosperous Punjab. ■

**(The writer is BJP National General Secretary)**

## India taking the lead in providing direction to global future

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the NDTV World Summit 2024 in New Delhi on 21 October. Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister welcomed all dignitaries and said that discussions on a multitude of issues would take place at the Summit. He also acknowledged the presence of global leaders from different sectors who would put forth their views.



Highlighting the nation's shift in mindset, the Prime Minister emphasized that India is changing this approach and success is no longer measured by achievements but by course of the future's direction. The Prime Minister further remarked on India's forward-looking vision and said that India is now moving ahead with a future-focused approach. "Our goal of a Viksit Bharat by 2047 is not just a vision of the government but reflects the aspirations of 140 crore Indians. It's no longer just a campaign for public participation, but a movement of national confidence", Shri Modi remarked.

Talking about AI, the Prime Minister said this is the era of AI and the present and future of the world is linked to AI. He said India has the advantage of double AI power, the first AI, Artificial Intelligence and the second AI, Aspirational India. Shri Modi said when the power of Aspirational India and Artificial Intelligence combines then it is natural for the pace of development to be faster.

The Prime Minister emphasized the government's commitment to empowering India's youth to become a driving force for global growth and highlighted the government's focus on education, skill development, research, and employment.

Highlighting India's rising global prominence as a trusted friend, Shri Modi said India is taking the lead in providing direction to global future in several areas. Reflecting on the Covid-19 pandemic, Shri Modi said that India could have earned millions of dollars from its capacity of essential medicines and vaccines. ■

## Recognition of Pali as a classical language was a tribute to the great legacy of Lord Buddha: PM

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi addressed the ceremony in celebration of International Abhidhamma Divas and recognition of Pali as a classical language



at Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi on 17 October. Abhidhamma Divas commemorates the descent of Lord Buddha from the celestial realm after teaching Abhidhamma.

Addressing the occasion, the Prime Minister expressed gratitude for being present on Abhidhamma Divas and said that the occasion reminds people about making the world a better place with love and compassion. Shri Modi recalled participating in a similar event in Kushinagar last year and said that the journey of connecting with Lord Buddha began with his birth and continues today.

The Prime Minister expressed happiness that this year's Abhidhamma Divas was special as the language, Pali, in which Lord Buddha gave his sermons has been recognised and accorded the status of Classical language by the Government of India in this month itself. Therefore, he added, that today's occasion was even more special. The Prime Minister remarked that the honor accorded to Pali by recognition as a classical language was a tribute to the great legacy and heritage of Lord Buddha.

Shri Modi further added that Abhidhamma is contained in the Dhamma and to understand the true essence of Dhamma, it was necessary to have knowledge of Pali language.

The International Abhidhamma Divas celebration organized by the Government of India and International Buddhist Confederation witnessed the participation of academicians and monks from 14 countries and a significant number of young experts on Buddha Dhamma from various Universities across India. ■

# Top leadership of Congress is in shock due to continuous defeats: JP Nadda

With frustration and despair of continuous defeats, the Congress party is falling prey to ideological bankruptcy. When on the ground Congress is unable to compete with the welfare policies for the poor and the principle of 'Nation First' of the BJP government led by PM Shri Narendra Modi, its entire top leadership has started abusing the BJP and the Prime Minister while defaming the country, said BJP National President and Union Minister Shri JP Nadda in a press statement released on 13 October 2024.

While calling the Congress, a party of 'Urban Naxals', Shri Nadda in his statement said Mallikarjun Khargeji's statement that "the BJP a terrorist party" reflects the frustration and ideological emptiness of the Congress. It seems that the entire top leadership of the Congress is in shock due to the continuous defeats. The statement of the Congress President is not only baseless but it is also enough to characterise the Congress party. Shri Nadda further asked,

- **Congress should tell** - Who knocked on the door of the Supreme Court at midnight to stop the hanging of Afzal Guru, a dreaded terrorist convicted for attacking the Parliament?
- **Congress should tell** - Who shed tears in the night on the death of terrorists in the Batla House encounter?
- **Congress should tell** - On the death anniversary of terrorist Afzal Guru, who had supported these people in JNU where slogans like 'Bharat Tere Tukde Honge'- 'Insha Allah', 'Afzal Hum Sharminda Hain, Tere Katil Zinda Hain' were raised?
- **Congress should tell** - Who spread the rumor of saffron terrorism and was raised by the Home Ministers of which party?
- **Congress should tell** - Who raised questions on Surgical and Air Strikes?
- **Congress should tell** - Who told the American Ambassador that Hindus are a greater threat to this country than terrorists?
- **Congress should tell** - The leaders of which party called Naxalites martyrs and revolutionaries.



• **Congress should tell** - What is the connection of the Congress party with George Soros, the sympathiser of Naxalites and mastermind of anti-India conspiracies?

• **Congress should tell** - Who met people like Ilhan Omar on foreign land, who is known for anti-India activities?

- **Congress should tell** - Why is Pakistan, which hatches conspiracies against India every day, in favor of Congress?
- **Congress should tell** - When our soldiers were busy protecting their border in Doklam, who visited the Chinese embassy at midnight?
- **Congress should tell** - Why did it sign an MoU with China's ruling party? What is that MoU?
- **Congress should tell** - Which party's leaders sought help from Pakistan to remove Shri Modi?
- **Congress should tell** - From foreign soil, who demanded interference of foreign powers in Indian democracy?
- **Congress should tell** - Why were anti-India forces involved in the 'Bharat Todo Yatra'?
- **Congress should tell** - Who supported triple talaq in Parliament? Which party did not want the end of triple talaq?
- **Congress should tell** - About the urban Naxalites who conspired to assassinate Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. Who stood in support?
- **Congress should tell** - When Article 370 was abrogate, why did Congress stand against it?

Shri Nadda said, "I have some advice for the Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge Ji and other Congress leaders". They should introspect themselves before levelling any charge against the BJP.

The BJP National President said, "Kharge ji, instead of analysing the reasons for its defeat, the Congress has made it a habit and tradition to give special words like 'misguided', 'vote bank politics', 'conspiracy to defame the country', 'politics of casteism', 'politics of appeasement', 'politics of corruption', 'scam', 'politics of lies' after every defeat. I am saddened to see such a pitiable condition of the oldest party of the country". ■

# Maharashtra & Jharkhand Assembly Election Dates Announced

Election Commission of India (ECI) on 15 October 2024 announced the schedule of assembly elections to the state assemblies of Maharashtra and Jharkhand. Polls in Maharashtra will be conducted in a single phase, while it will be conducted across two phases in Jharkhand.

## Maharashtra elections

Elections to 288 seats in the Maharashtra legislative assembly will be held as follows. Among the 288 seats, 234 are general constituencies, 29 are reserved for Scheduled Castes (SC) and 25 are reserved for Scheduled Tribes (ST). Total voters in Maharashtra are 9.63 crores, among which there 4.97 crores male voters and 4.66 crores female voters. Young voters (age 20-29) are at 1.85 crores while first time voters (age 18-19) are at 20.93 lakhs.

Key poll events	Important Dates
Date of issue of Gazette notification	October 22, 2024 (Tuesday)
Last date for making nominations	October 29, 2024 (Tuesday)
Date for scrutiny of nominations	October 30, 2024 (Wednesday)
Last date for withdrawal of nominations	November 4, 2024 (Monday)
Poll day	November 20, 2024 (Wednesday)
Counting date	November 23, 2024 (Saturday)

## Jharkhand elections

Elections to 81 seats in the Jharkhand legislative assembly will be held as follows. Among the 81 seats,

44 are general constituencies, while 28 are reserved for Scheduled Castes (SC) and 9 are reserved for Scheduled Tribes (ST). Total voters in Jharkhand are 2.6 crores, among which there 1.31 crores are male voters and 1.29 crores female voters. Young voters (age 20-29) are at 66.84 lakhs while first time voters (age 18-19) are at 11.84 lakhs.

Key poll events	Phase 1 (43 seats)	Phase 2 (38 seats)
Date of issue of Gazette notification	October 18, 2024 (Friday)	October 22, 2024 (Tuesday)
Last date for making nominations	October 25, 2024 (Friday)	October 29, 2024 (Tuesday)
Date for scrutiny of nominations	October 28, 2024 (Monday)	October 30, 2024 (Wednesday)
Last date for withdrawal of nominations	October 30, 2024 (Wednesday)	November 1, 2024 (Friday)
Poll day	November 13, 2024 (Wednesday)	November 20, 2024 (Wednesday)
Counting date	November 23, 2024 (Saturday)	

Likewise, the Election Commission also announced the schedule for by-polls to 48 Assembly and two Lok Sabha seats. Except for Nanded Lok Sabha and Kedarnath Assembly seats, where votes will be cast on November 20, the remaining by-elections will be held on November 13. Results will be announced on November 23. ■

## Organisational Appointments

As per the decision of BJP National Executive Committee, National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda has appointed National Returning Officer and Co-Returning Officers for conducting the organisational elections of the Party on 15 October, 2024. The members are as following:

- Dr. K. Laxman, MP (National Returning Officer)
- Shri Naresh Bansal, MP (National Co-Returning Officer)
- Smt. Rekha Verma, National Vice President (National Co-Returning Officer)
- Dr. Sambit Patra, MP (National Co-Returning Officer)

This appointment comes into immediate effect. ■

## Organisational Appointment

BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda has appointed Shri Baijayant Panda, MP and BJP National Vice-President as Election In-charge for the forthcoming assembly elections of Delhi.

Shri Atul Garg, MP has been appointed as Co-Incharge for the forthcoming assembly election of Delhi. These appointments come into immediate effect. ■



## PM'S VARANASI, UTTAR PRADESH VISIT

# Development initiatives will significantly benefit the citizens, especially our Yuva Shakti: PM

**The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone and inaugurated multiple development projects in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh on 20 October 2024. The projects include multiple airport projects worth over Rs 6,100 crore and multiple development initiatives in Varanasi.**

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said today is a very auspicious occasion for Kashi as he mentioned inaugurating RJ Sankara Eye Hospital. He said that the Hospital would be very helpful for the elderly and children. Referring to the development projects, the Prime Minister mentioned the inauguration of new airport terminals in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh and Chattisgarh including Babatpur Airport and Sarsawa Airport of Agra and Saharanpur. He emphasized that development projects pertaining to Education, Skill Development, Sports, Healthcare and Tourism among other sectors have been presented to Varanasi today which would not only boost services but also create employment opportunities for the youth.

Shri Modi recalled participating in Abhidhamma Diwas a few days ago and mentioned inaugurating multiple development projects worth crores of rupees related to the development of Sarnath, the land of Lord Buddha's sermons. The Prime Minister highlighted the association of Sarnath and Varanasi With Pali and Prakrit languages and mentioned granting them the status of classical language recently.

### **Promise to work three times more**

Recalling his promise to work three times more when he was given the opportunity to serve the people of Varanasi, the Prime Minister remarked that in less than 125 days of the formation of Government, the work on various schemes and projects worth more than Rs. 15 lakh crore had already begun. He added that the maximum budget of these was dedicated to the poor, farmers and the youths.

The Prime Minister underlined that the government has initiated a huge campaign for infrastructural

development in the country in the last 10 years with two main objectives of improving services for the people and creating employment opportunities for the youth through investments.

Shri Modi highlighted that India's airports and their magnificent buildings with amazing facilities is a topic of discussion all over the world. Shri Modi said that in 2014, there were only 70 airports, while today, there are more than 150 airports along with the renovation work of the old airports.

The Prime Minister highlighted that today UP was known as 'state of expressways' as against the past when it was taunted for its dilapidated roads. He added that today UP was also known as a state with the most number of international airports with a grand international airport going to be built soon in Jewar, Noida.

### **Make Kashi and Purvanchal a huge center of trade**

The Prime Minister said that it is the Government's constant endeavor to make Kashi and Purvanchal a huge center of trade and business as he mentioned the construction of a new rail-road bridge over River Ganga a few days ago which would comprise a 6 lane highway and railway lines for several trains. He said that it would hugely benefit the people of Varanasi and Chandauli.

Prime Minister Modi said, "We have done our work with sincerity, implemented policies with good intentions and strive to improve the lives of every family in the country". He emphasized that the nation's continuous blessings are a result of the government's efforts as recently seen in Haryana, where the ruling dispensation secured its third consecutive government. He also noted the record number of votes received in Jammu and Kashmir. ■

# PM Modi participates in 21st ASEAN-India Summit and the 19th East Asia Summit

**The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi was on two days (10th & 11th October) visit of Vientiane in Lao PDR for the 21st ASEAN-India Summit and the 19th East Asia Summit at the invitation of Prime Minister Siphandone of Lao PDR. It was Prime Minister's 10th attendance at the ASEAN-India Summit**

The significance of this particular summit was that it was also the 10th anniversary of Prime Minister's Act East policy. Prime Minister along with other Heads of State and Government of ASEAN countries, reviewed the progress in the relations between India and ASEAN over this time. And they also planned the future direction of our relationship. ASEAN leaders especially very positively appraised India's cooperation in many areas of diverse collaboration as a result of India's 'Act East' policy and also, they appraised very positively India's leadership role in digital public infrastructure and the fact that ASEAN countries can benefit significantly from this.

Prime Minister congratulated Lao PDR on a very successful stewardship of ASEAN and related mechanisms throughout the year and he announced a 10-point special plan to strengthen connectivity and resilience with ASEAN. These involve a wide variety of initiatives that India is taking with ASEAN. They include, for example, celebrating next year as the ASEAN-India Year of Tourism. The ASEAN leaders all universally welcomed this as a very positive development. It was also announced that India will contribute \$5 million towards joint cooperative activities in this area. To mark this decade of 'Act East' policy, several people-to-people and people-centric initiatives were announced like Youth Summit, music festival of ASEAN bands with Indian bands, an Artist Camp, a Hackathon, Startup Festival, the Delhi Dialogue. The ASEAN-India Network of Think Tanks will also meet next month.

Another important initiative is the ASEAN-India Women Scientists' Conclave, which it has been decided to institutionalize, and it will be funded by the ASEAN-India Science and Technology Development Fund. The number of scholarships from Nalanda University will be nearly doubled for ASEAN students,



and we emphasized also that secure, resilient and reliable supply chains are an important aspect of our relations with ASEAN countries, and for that we will also expedite our discussions on the review of the ASEAN-India Free Trade in Goods Agreement by 2025.

India will also contribute \$5 million towards disaster resilience, and the National Disaster Management Authority and the ASEAN Coordinating Center for Humanitarian Assistance have a working relationship and an MoU, and they will work together on this. In the field of health, is also planning to institute a new Health Ministers' Track and also a Cooperative Framework for ASEAN countries to tap India's National Cancer-Grid 'Vishwam'. In digital and cyber resilience, India propose a regular mechanism for ASEAN-India Cyber Dialogue, and its first meeting is scheduled next week in Singapore, and the ASEAN-India Fund for the Digital Future has also been institutionalized and operationalized. We will also have a workshop on Green Hydrogen with ASEAN towards climate resilience. The Prime Minister invited ASEAN leaders to join the campaign to plant a tree for mother, 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam'.



The 21st ASEAN-India Summit adopted two declarations, two statements at the leader level. One was a Statement on the 'Act East' policy and its contribution to ASEAN-India relations, the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership that we have, and another on Advancing Digital Transformation in the region. As you know, Singapore has been our coordinator in ASEAN for the past three years and the Prime Minister appreciated Singapore's role in this and also welcomed the fact that Philippines will be our coordinator as we go forward for the next three years.

At the East Asia Summit Prime Minister conveyed India's support for ASEAN unity and centrality and ASEAN's importance as a central pillar of our own Indo-Pacific vision and of Quad cooperation, and that the East Asia Summit is an important pillar also of India's 'Act East' policy. The Prime Minister recalled the support that was received from the East Asia Summit states for revival of Nalanda University and briefed them that we have now operationalized this and the new campus of Nalanda University was inaugurated in June this year and he also took this opportunity to invite the East Asia Summit states for their Heads of Higher Education to participate in a conclave that will be held in Nalanda University.

Leaders exchanged views on regional and international matters that affect peace, stability and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region and beyond, and Prime Minister underlined the severe impact of these conflicts on countries of the Global South; and also highlighted that path of dialogue and diplomacy based on a humanitarian approach is the only way forward, and that he reiterated that there was no solution that can be found on the battlefield.

Prime Minister also had several bilateral meetings. Prime Minister had the bilateral meeting with the newly appointed Prime Minister of Japan, Mr. Shigeru Ishiba and he congratulated Prime Minister Ishiba on assuming his new role and wished him success in leading Japan to greater heights. Both leaders emphasized the importance of the bilateral relationship.

Prime Minister also had a meeting with the Prime Minister of New Zealand, Prime Minister Christopher Luxon on the sidelines and this was the first meeting between the two leaders, so Prime Minister used this

opportunity to congratulate him and the two Prime Ministers discussed ways to strengthen bilateral cooperation in a number of areas including agri-tech, dairy-tech, in defence and security, in education, climate change, sports cooperation, tourism, space and people-to-people ties.

With the Prime Minister of Lao PDR, Prime Minister Modi had a meeting. These talks covered the entire gamut of our bilateral relations. They held productive discussions on how to strengthen our civilizational and contemporary ties. Prime Minister congratulated Prime Minister Sonexay Siphandone on the very successful conduct of the ASEAN and related summits.

Six MOUs were signed, one on defence cooperation, another on customs facilitation, one on audio-visual cooperation and three Memoranda of Understanding on quick impact projects which were especially significant because they contribute towards the conservation of our common heritage. One is on the puppet theatre in Lao PDR that is based on the Ramayana, then one of them is on the restoration work in one of the monasteries and temples here in Lao PDR which has murals from the Ramayana, and a third on Lao Ramayana theater; and these initiatives were greatly appreciated by the Lao leadership.

Prime Minister also called on President Sisoulith and the President has been to India in the previous role as Prime Minister during the 2018 ASEAN-India Commemorative Summit, so he recounted his very positive impressions at that time and having met Prime Minister Modi at that time and Prime Minister invited him to visit India again as well.

Prime Minister also had a bilateral meeting with the new Prime Minister of Thailand, Ms. Paetongtarn Shinawatra and Prime Minister congratulated her on assuming this role and this was their first meeting and she extended her greetings to Prime Minister on his historic third term in office. They discussed bilateral relations as well as the very positive cooperation that we have under the BIMSTEC arrangement.

Prime Minister also had brief interactions with other world leaders such as President Marcos of the Philippines, the President of the European Council, Prime Minister of Malaysia and the Prime Minister of Australia. ■

# PM Modi congratulates RSS on its 100th year

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 12 October, 2024 greeted Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) on entering its 100th year. In a social media post, Shri Modi congratulated all the Swayamsevaks on the historic milestone. He also said that this resolve and dedication to Maa Bharati will inspire every generation of the country and will also fill new energy in realizing a 'Viksit Bharat'.

In a social post on X Shri Modi said, " The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), dedicated to the service of the nation, is entering its 100th year today. My heartfelt congratulations and infinite best wishes to all the Swayamsevaks on this historic milestone of their uninterrupted journey. This resolve and dedication for Maa Bharati will inspire every generation of the country and will also fill new energy in realising 'Viksit Bharat'. Today, on the auspicious



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