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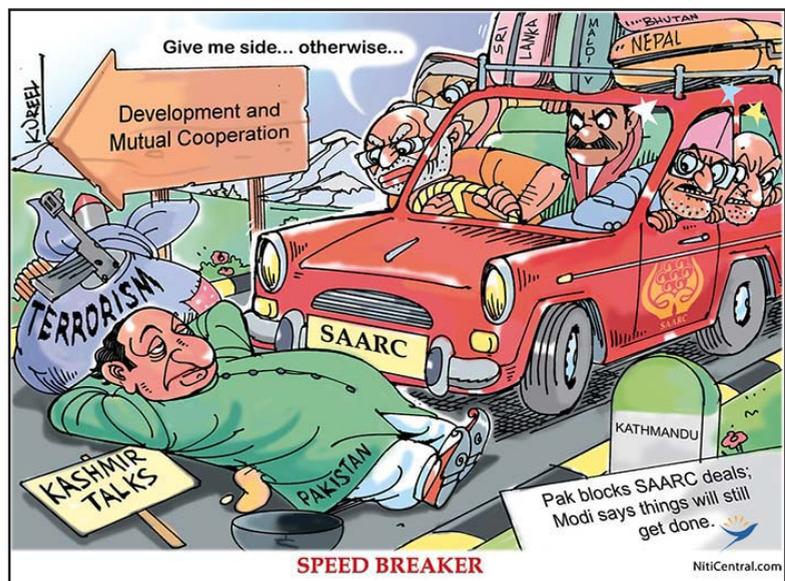
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*From anger arises delusion; from delusion, confusion of memory; from confusion of memory, loss of reason; and from loss of reason one goes to complete ruin.*

– (Bhagavadgita : Ch.-II, 63)

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“Connectivity is essential for the Northeast. Good connectivity to the Northeast will bring the entire nation here.”

-Narendra Modi



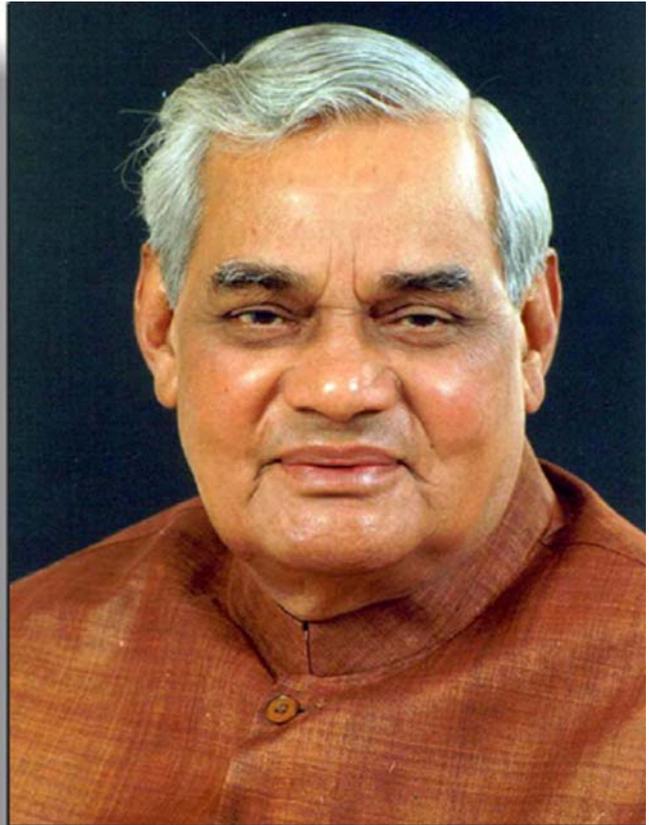
“Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar ji liberated,empowered & integrated millions of Indians in mainstream. My tributes to him on his Mahaparinirvana Diwas.”

-Amit Shah

## “Jeevem Shardah Shatam”

### Atal Bihari Vajpayee’s Birthday : December 25

All the BJP leaders and Karyakartas led by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, National President Shri Amit Shah, Senior BJP leaders Shri L.K Advani and Dr. M M Joshi, Union Ministers including Shri Rajnath Singh, Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Shri Arun Jaitley, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu and Shri Nitin Gadkari, National General Secretary (Organization) Shri Ram Lal and Editor, Kamal Sandesh and National Vice-President Shri Prabhat Jha and Kamal Sandesh Parivar join the nation in wishing their Margdarshak and former Prime Minister *Adarniya* Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee a very happy birthday and pray for his long life to continue to guide the Party and the nation for long.





## Atal ji's birthday to be observed as *Sushashan Divas*

**B**haratiya Janata Party is going to observe the birthday of Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee as *Sushashan Divas*. *Sushashan* or good governance has been the hallmark of BJP government wherever it came to power, whether at Centre or in States. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi should be congratulated for choosing the occasion to redeem party's faith in good governance. The decision was announced in the BJP Parliamentary Party by Narendra Modi himself who asked all BJP MPs and government officials to make the day symbolic of good governance. To mark the Good Governance Day all the party MPs have been asked to spend an hour on December 25 in their constituency to work for cleanliness as part of the Swachh Bharat programme. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that he will himself spend an hour in his constituency on December 25 to work for Swachta (cleanliness).

It's going to be the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of former Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee. Atalji as he was popularly known still rules the hearts of the millions of people. Who can forget his speech in UN when Hindi was echoed for the first time there? The nation still remembers his tenure as foreign minister in the Janata Party government. A towering figure in Indian politics known for moderation and liberal approach yet firm in conviction and unmoved when determined. The nation still remembers the Pokhran-II test and the subsequent international sanctions. A proud India stood firm in its conviction and overcame the difficult days of sanctions with determination. India emerged victorious in Kargil war under his leadership. He was liberal with Pakistan in friendship and stern with it in war. The nation saw his tough side when parliament was attacked. Atalji's personality gave a new dimension of Indian politics and his statesmanship gave a new direction to international relations and diplomacy.

People wanted to see Atalji as Prime Minister of the country. Whatever came in the way of this dream of people of India got swept away by the growing tide of people power until he became the Prime Minister. The time he assumed office India was in crisis on almost every front. The economy was sinking. But Atalji converted challenges into opportunities and rescued the country from the crisis. He was the harbinger of 'Good Governance' and praised as 'Vikash Purush'. It was for the first time that the politics of development was brought to the fore - people were connected through the development works of the government. Golden Quadrilateral, National Highways under Pradhan Mantri Bharat Jodo Pariyojana, Pradhan Mantri Grameen Sadak Yojana, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Sagarmala project, Sampurna Grameen Rozgar Yojana, Antyodaya Anna Yojana and many more such projects initiated an era of Good Governance and the politics of development.

Atalji's leadership and oratory enthralled the nation for decades. His mark was felt in the parliament for the first time when he was elected to Lok Sabha in 1957. He always stood for principles and ethics throughout his public life. His speeches are inspiration for the people of India. He was successful in shifting the axis of politics from power-centric opportunism to development-centric politics creating opportunities for millions of people. By observing *Sushashan Divas* or Good Governance Day on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday the message of development and good governance will go to the masses. It is time to redeem our pledge towards good governance. It is due to the inspiration of Atalji that all the BJP ruled state governments have been able to create history in the field of good governance. Today Atalji is not well, he is ailing. He is not in the public life also. But he continues to inspire us and his vision will keep on guiding the nation. We pray to the almighty to give good health to Atalji. ■

# I have come to uproot Trinamool Congress : Amit Shah

*An attempt was made to murder democracy in West Bengal. The West Bengal government refused to give permission to BJP to hold rally in Kolkata citing flimsy ground. It was unheard of in a democracy where opposition party was forced to approach court to get its right to hold a rally or public meeting in the state. The decision to refuse permission to BJP was clearly made at the behest of the ruling Trinamool Congress and Chief*



*Minister Mamata Banerjee. But democracy and justice prevailed as the Kolkata High court allowed BJP to hold the rally after the municipal corporation, police and fire department refused permission after inspecting the venue. The court ruled the party could hold its rally. The ruling TMC in West Bengal is trying in all possible way to stop BJP spread its wings in the state, but its designs were defeated by the Honourable High Court. Mamata Banerjee who is scared of Modi wave spreading in West Bengal is trying every trick in the book. BJP's one-seat victory in Lok Sabha elections and one-seat victory in assembly bye-elections have unsettled political equations in West Bengal. It is not just one-seat victory but the massive swing of votes towards BJP and people joining BJP in large numbers. The massive support which BJP is getting in the state is unnerving Mamata Banerjee who is even talking of allying with Left and Congress to defeat BJP. Trinamool has developed cold feet in West Bengal. And if the rally of BJP National President Shri Amit Shah is any indication the days of Mamata didi are numbered. People have made up their mind to uproot Trinamool which has become synonymous with corruption, scam, regressive policies, lawlessness, assault on women and misgovernance.*

**Sunday,  
November 30, 2014.**

The day in Kolkata started with a new fervor and enthusiasm. A large number of people started moving towards Victoria House to attend the rally of BJP National President Amit Shah. A new hope, enthusiasm and aspirations filled the people who are now looking at BJP to get rid of the misrule of

TMC. Earlier they uprooted Left for its anti-people and regressive rule. But their hopes were belied by Trinamool which is more eager to protect scamsters under a culture of goondaism.

BJP National President Shri Amit Shah addressed a huge rally in front of Kolkata iconic Victoria House. Lacs of people thronged to Victoria House to attend the rally

organized as 'Vijay Divas'. Addressing the rally Shri Amit Shah said "I have come to uproot the Trinamool Congress!" Amit Shah blasted Mamata Benerjee over the issues of Saradha, the Burdwan blast and illegal immigrants at the mammoth rally. "I am a small worker of the BJP and I have come to uproot the Trinamool Congress from West Bengal,"

thundered Shri Amit Shah as he tore into the home turf of West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.

Next year it will be 'Patan Divas' for TMC

Shri Shah Said, "You must have seen that 'Didi' (Mamata Banerjee) did not want to give us permission to hold this rally. She forced authority to restrict the size of the stage so that less people can sit. Didi, you can restrict the size of the stage but you cannot take BJP out of heart of the people of West Bengal. The presence of the large number of people at this rally shows that countdown for TMC's departure has begun. West Bengal Unit of the BJP celebrate November 30 as 'Vijay Divas' every year, I am participating second time in this function. But I want to assure you that next year November 30 will be the 'Patan Divas' of TMC. It is certain. If a government restrict the feelings of the people it cannot continue long which ever government it is. That government always sees its downfall.

Shri Shah told that West Bengal today is on a historical crossroad. After the 27 year regime of communist era people have elected TMC government with great hope. People elected them with vision and hope of development of Bengal, employment in villages, provisions for drinking water and developmental works but after three and half years

## Huge crowd gather at Amit Shah rally in Kolkata

Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) supporters, including many monks, started pouring in large numbers since morning to listen to BJP President Shri Amit Shah's speech at Esplanade in Central Kolkata. By mid-day lacs of supporters gathered in front of the stage erected in front of the landmark Electric Supply Corporation building. While officially Shri Shah was in Kolkata to mark BJP's Vijay Divas (Day of Victory), it resulted in building up more pressure on ruling the All India Trinamool Congress (AITC), which is facing a multi-level probe by central agencies in the State. "Trinamool has to be removed and we expect Amit Shah to set the course in his speech," said Sukumar Baba, a priest from Haridwar in Uttarakhand. He came to attend the rally to support "Modi's developmental model," he claimed. Many supporters came from north Bengal's Uttar Dinajpur and south's Purulia district.



West Bengal remained at the same position and became more backward. He further said that MPs of TMC go to the Parliament draping black shawl with black umbrella. They protest against black money. I want to ask Mamataji that the money involved in Sharada chit fund scam is black or white and why she is protecting people involved in the scam.

Mamta protecting Sharda chit fund scamsters

Shri Shah told that Mamata Banerjee called the movement of Singur and was on fast unto death when the

land of only 1200 people was on stake but in Sharada and other chit fund scams money of more than 17 lakh People is involved and on stake but she is not coming for protest on the issue. He asked if she cares and have any responsibility for the people whose money is at risk. He said that earlier it seems but now it is proved that chit funds are run with the help of the leaders of TMC.

Shri Shah told Mamata is accusing CBI for embroiling the TMC leaders but I challenge her that if she has guts to say that the people

arrested or interrogated by CBI are innocent. He told that Mamata is protecting the people involved in embezzlement of lakhs of rupees. Who is Sujoy Ghosh, Kunal Babu and who has bought her painting. He asked why she stopped the commission of Shyamal sen. He told that people of West Bengal know the changes very well.

Shri Shah told that Mamata Banerjee is also playing with the security of the country. She tried to protect the accused involved in Bardhman bomb blast. He asked that Mamata Banerjee is doing vote bank politics when NIA is investigating the October 2 Bardhman bomb blast case.

She is protecting the Bangladesh intruders. He told that she cannot rule West Bengal with the support of Bangladeshi intruders. The people of West Bengal have elected her the CM of West Bengal not the intruders of Bangladesh but if she wanted to save TMC with the support of Bangladeshi infiltrators then I will say without any hesitation that her countdown has begun.

Shri Shah told that RDX was caught in Bardhman blast case and NIA is investigating the matter but to stop NIA the federal structure question is being raised. He accused that the TMC leaders are involved in Bardhman bombings and Mamataji will have to answer people in the

coming election about the matter. He also told that CBI is enquiring the matter if money of chit fund scam is used in the Bardhman bomb blast.

Vote for Development in West Bengal

Shri Shah told that West Bengal will see political changes in the coming time. He appealed the voter of West Bengal to vote for development of West Bengal. He told that BJP won in Haryana and Maharashtra after its victory in general elections.

BJP will also win in Jharkhand, J&K, Delhi and Bihar. But for the real and true victory of BJP will only be when the BJP will form its Government in West Bengal. He asked the people to make the slogan of Modi of Congress free India and TMC free West Bengal a success.

Emphasizing the disparity in development of eastern and western regions of the country Shri Shah told that the development of east is possible only with the development of West Bengal. For the development of east he told that it is necessary that development of Bengal in the sectors of employment, education and health. He also called for the provisions of irrigational facilities to the farmers of West Bengal.

Shri Shah told that people of Bengal have given the chance to communists and TMC but development did not happened. Today country is

developing under the leadership of Modiji but West Bengal is retreating back under TMC governance. I say that in five years BJP will make West Bengal prosperous as western states and the no.1 state of the country.

Elect BJP in KMC

Discussing about the achievements of the Modi government Shri shah told that under the leadership of Shri Modi the price of petrol lowered and subsequently the inflation is curbed. He told that the price of petrol was never lowered under the regime of UPA whom TMC supported. Discussing Pradhan Mantri Jan dhan Yojana he told that Mamata government is not supporting central government for the execution of the plan because of which accounts of crores of people in the region are not opened.

Shri Shah requested the people of Kolkata to elect BJP with majority in the Kolkata Municipal Corporation elections to be held in May next year. He also asked to initiate the development of West Bengal with the development of Kolkata. On this occasion Shri Siddharthnath Singh, BJP National Secretary and in-charge West Bengal, Senior BJP leader SS Ahluwali and Chandan mitra along with West Bengal Unit leaders were also present. A large number of people took membership through mobile phone in presence of Shri Shah. ■

## A prosperous SAARC needs strong foundation of a secure South Asia : Narendra Modi



**O**n 25th November, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi reached Kathmandu to attend the 18th SAARC Summit. The theme of this SAARC summit was 'Deeper integration for peace, prosperity. In his inaugural speech Shri Narendra Modi emphasized the need to shrink the distance among South Asian countries. In the summit, India initiated three major SAARC connectivity projects. On the concluding day of the two days summit, one pact on electricity trade was finalized. The heads of SAARC (South Asian Association of Regional Cooperation) countries decided other two pacts on road and rail network would be sorted out in three months by SAARC transport ministers. Other two could not be

finalized because of Pakistan's internal problems. Pakistan expressing its inability to sign the pacts as its internal processes was not complete.

SAARC came into existence in 1985 when the heads of government of Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka met for their first summit in Dhaka. In 2007, Afghanistan joined the group expanding the membership to eight. Unlike Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) & European Union, SAARC has been far lagged behind in its motto of economic integration.

The first day of the summit, Pakistan was not ready to ink the three proposed agreements on road, rail and a power grid linking the region. Anyhow

heads of government of SAARC countries managed a breakthrough on the second day of the summit and thus the one agreement on power could be signed.

Facilities for SAARC nations

In the inaugural session Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said that India will provide immediate medical visa for the patient and an attendant for treatment in the country. Shri Modi also said that India will now give business visa for 3-5 years for SAARC nations. Identifying health as a major sector for cooperation among the member countries, Shri Modi said India will support monitoring and surveillance of polio-free countries, and provide vaccines where it might reappear. "In the area

of health, India will meet the shortfall in funds to establish the SAARC Regional Supra Reference Laboratory for TB and HIV. We offer the five-in-one vaccine for the children of South Asia," he said. Shri Modi added, "India will now give business visa for 3-5 years for SAARC. Let's make it even easier for our businesses through a SAARC Business Traveller Card." Shri Modi said information technology has removed all barriers to quality education and India was prepared to connect the South Asian students through online course and E-libraries. "When we set up India's National Knowledge Network, we will be happy to extend it to the SAARC region. "The dream of a South Asian University has become a reality in New Delhi. But, to be truly South Asian, it must also have partnerships with at least one university in each SAARC country," he said.

"We will also host a conference in India for all South Asian partners next year, to strengthen our collective ability to apply space technology in economic development and governance. And, we plan to launch our satellite by the SAARC Day in 2016," he said.

"As neighbours, we should also be together in good and bad times," he said.

The Prime Minister also offered India's capability and expertise in disaster management saying it will

always be available to South Asia.

Collective efforts urgently required

"A prosperous SAARC needs the strong foundation of a secure South Asia. If we are sensitive to each other's security, and the lives of our people, we will deepen friendships, spur cooperation and advance stability in our region," he said.

He also expressed his anxiety on progress of SAARC. He said "In the last few months, I have travelled around the world. From the middle of the Pacific, to the southern coast of Atlantic Ocean, I see a rising tide of integration.

And, negotiations on major trade agreements such as Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, the Trans Pacific Partnership and the Trans Atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership. Because the barriers of boundaries inhibit progress; international partnerships add speed to it. Because, in the life of an individual or a nation, a good neighbourhood is a universal aspiration."

"Nowhere in the world are collective efforts more urgent than in South Asia; and, nowhere else is it so modest. Big and small, we face the same challenges- a long climb to the summit of development. But, I have great belief in our boundless potential; and, confidence - that comes from the many inspiring stories of innovation

and initiative in each of our countries. There is much to learn from each other; even more - to do together. That was the vision and aspiration that brought us together as SAARC 30 years ago. We have travelled a long distance together since then. We have an agreement, an institution or a framework of cooperation in every field. We also have many successes."

He said, Today, less than 5% of the region's global trade takes place between us. Even at this modest level, less than 10% of the region's internal trade takes place under SAARC Free Trade Area. Indian companies are investing billions abroad, but less than 1% flow into our region. It is still harder to travel within our region than to Bangkok or Singapore; and, more expensive to speak to each other.

South Asia is coming together

He added "South Asia is slowly coming together. India and Bangladesh have deepened their links through rail, road, power and transit. India and Nepal have started a new era of cooperation in energy; and, India and Bhutan are making those ties stronger by the day. With Sri Lanka, we have transformed trade through a Free Trade Agreement. We will soon launch a new arrangement to meet Maldives' need for oil. Distance and difficulties have not held back India and Afghanistan. And, bus and

train sustain contacts between people in India and Pakistan We have given five South Asian partners duty free access to 99.7% of their goods and prepared to do more with others." For India, it has been a privilege to provide assistance of nearly 8 billion U.S. dollars in South Asia over a decade. Each of us has taken our own initiatives. However, as SAARC we have failed to move with the speed that our people expect and want. Some argue that it is because of the region's development gap. But, that should actually spur us to do more. Is it because we are stuck behind the walls of our differences and hesitant to move out of the shadows of the past? He added "It won't resolve our differences, but will certainly deprive us of opportunities". ■

## PM's bilateral engagements on the sidelines of the SAARC Summit

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on November 26 had five bilateral meetings on the sidelines of the SAARC Summit in Kathmandu. These were with the Prime Minister of Bhutan Mr. Tshering Tobgay, the Prime Minister of Bangladesh Ms. Sheikh Hasina, the President of Afghanistan Dr. Ashraf Ghani, the President of Sri Lanka Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa and the President of Maldives Mr. Abdulla Yameen. A large part of the discussions centred around the statements made and events at the SAARC Summit.

During the bilateral meetings, various heads of Government complimented the Prime Minister for his statement at the SAARC Summit and his forward looking vision. The Prime Minister was also complimented for his initiative of the SAARC satellite. Some countries also shared what they look forward to from such a satellite.

The Prime Minister's emphasis on solar energy was also greeted with enthusiasm during these meetings. Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Maldives reiterated their invitations to the Prime Minister, and the Prime Minister emphasized that engagement with SAARC nations is a priority for him. The Prime Minister invited Mr. Tshering Tobgay, the Prime Minister of Bhutan to visit India in January, and also be part of the Vibrant Gujarat summit.

The Prime Minister also invited the President of Afghanistan Dr. Ashraf Ghani to visit India. The National Security Advisor will travel to Sri Lanka and Maldives next month. Maritime security shall be on the agenda during these visits. The Prime Ministers of India and Bangladesh had a detailed exchange of views on matters relating to security and terrorism which impact both countries. ■

## Amendment in the Motor Vehicle Act for relaxation in norms for e-Rickshaws and e-Carts

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on December 5 gave its approval for proposal to remove difficulties in granting license to the drivers of the e-rickshaws and e-carts by amending the Section 7 (1) of Motor Vehicle Act, 1988, and adding the definition of e-rickshaw and e-cart under the Act. E-Rickshaws and e-Carts provide affordable and clean last mile connectivity in the transport system. The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has notified rules under the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988, to bring the e-Rickshaws and e-Carts within the legal framework ensuring tests for approval of prototype for safety standards before registration of the vehicles. Such vehicles have been allowed limited power and speed. Under the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988, no person can be granted a Learner's License to drive a transport vehicle, unless he has held the Driving License for a period of at least one year. As most of the e-rickshaws and e-carts drivers do not have any license, the existing provision will debar them from operating e-Rickshaw / e-Cart for the next one year. In order to remove this difficulty, and facilitate plying of e-rickshaw and e-carts, the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has proposed to amend Section 7(1) of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, which will give relaxation to e-rickshaw and e-cart drivers only. In addition, the definition of e-rickshaw and e-cart has been included under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988. ■

# Prime Minister and his team have achieved phenomenal success : Amit Shah



*BJP led NDA government has completed six months in office on 26th November 2014 under the charismatic leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. Apart from many remarkable achievements the government has been able to give a new hope and vision to the country. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visits to different countries have given a new image of a confident, bold and emerging India. There are good news from every sector and it can be said that the era 'acche din' has started unfolding itself. BJP National President Shri Amit Shah issued a statement on six months' achievements of BJP led NDA government on 27th November 2014. We are publishing the edited text of his statement for our esteemed readers:*

**B**JP led NDA Government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has completed six month on November 26,2014. The government has taken several steps to fulfill the promises made to the people during the Lok Sabha elections by the Bharatiya Janta Party .In a short span of six months the NDA Government has achieved many historical achievements. Due to the efforts of government not only the life of common man has become easier but the foundation of a strong India has been laid down. The main achievements in the last six months are mentioned as below:

## **Inflation controlled**

Government has established a Price Stabilization Fund of Rs. 500Cr. while taking financial and administrative measures to contain inflation. Minimum export price increased so that supply of onion and potato could be increased. State governments were asked to establish Special Courts to speedily clear cases of hoarding and black marketing. Due to this Inflation has come down tremendously. Stock inflation has come down at lowest level in last five year.

Inflation based on Stock Price Index has

slipped to a mere 1.77% in October 2014 while this was 7.24% in October 2013 and 6.18% in May 2014 during the rule of UPA. Similarly Inflation related to Consumer Price Index reduced to 5.52% in October 2014 while it was 10.17% in October 2013 and 8.28% in may 2014. Petrol and diesel have also become cheaper. In New Delhi Petrol prices were Rs71.45 per litre on June1, 2014 and it has come down to Rs64.27 per litre in Nov2014 after the NDA government came to power. Petrol prices have decreased at different ratios in various states. Diesel price was Rs57.28per litre on June 1, 2014 in New Delhi which got reduced to Rs53.28 per litre after the NDA came to power. Price of diesel decreased in various states in different ratios.

## **Creation of Jobs and Top priority to Entrepreneurship**

Separate ministry created for the skill development of the youth. 'Make in India' programme was started to speed up the area of infrastructure. In coming years crores of youth will be able to get Jobs due to the steps taken by Modi Govt in last six month.

## **Priority to abolish corruption**

E-revolution project initiated to abolish

corruption in a transparent way while using Information Technology and Rs one lakh crore will be spent in coming years for the same. Digital India Programme is launched to implement E-Revolution Project.

Special Task Force created to bring back Black Money from abroad

The first meeting of the cabinet, held on May 27, 2014 under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi constituted Special Investigation Team. Soon after, the Finance Ministry sent a high level delegation to Switzerland. Identification of 427 people holding account in foreign banks was established and 250 people have accepted of possessing accounts.

### **Policy paralysis removed**

Group of Ministers created during the rule of UPA was dismantled. The Prime Minister encouraged to directly consulting with secretaries and bureaucracy to take decisions. This resulted in better coordination in different departments and ministries and helping the decision making process.

### **Worked like Team India**

The concept of taking all states along was formalized. In cases of natural disasters like heavy flood in Jammu and Kashmir and heavy storm in Orissa and Andhra Pradesh, the Central Government worked closely with states. Direct communication was established before starting different programmes. This has helped to provide relief in time to the affected people.

### **Creation of 100 Smart Cities has begun**

Rs7,060 Cr. was allocated in the general budget for 100 smart cities. This has helped in identification of 100 smart cities the work for which has already started in many cities.

### **Clean India by 2019**

Government has launched clean India movement and created a clean India fund. This has turned into a movement for cleanliness and people are associating themselves from all walks of life.

### **National Judicial Commission established for the appointment of Judges of Higher Courts**

The Government has ensured the passage

of National Judicial Commission Bill 2014 in Parliament. With this Judiciary appointment process will be more transparent and fast.

### **Providing urban facilities in rural area have begun**

Government has started 'Saansad Aadarsh Gram Yojna' and under the programme Members of Parliament have been adopting villages. Along with this work has started for urban areas.

### **Efforts made for welfare of Senior Citizen**

The government has started 'Jeevan Pramaan Yojna' and announced to provide financial aid to senior citizen for usage of unclaimed money lying in saving schemes. As a result pension holders will not have to go to govt. offices to give proof of life every year in the month of November. Their life will become more convenient after getting financial help.

Economic reformation, growth rate increased

Many financial steps were taken to implement the pending economic reforms so that the investment cycle could restart. Rules for FDI in Railway, Defence, and Construction were simplified. This has resulted in improvement of growth rate. First quarter of financial year 2014-15 saw growth of 5.7% in GDP. While during the rule of congress lead UPA government, it was 4.7% in first quarter (April- June) and 4.6% in last quarter (January-March). Similarly industrial the growth index has gained momentum. The efforts made by NDA government have resulted in improvement in industrial production index which was seen negative in the past. Industrial production has increased by 2.5% in September 2014.

### **Stress on fulfillment of aspiration of middle class and new middle class**

Government has increased the tax relief from Rs.2 lakh to Rs.2.5 lakh and this relief extended from Rs.2.5 lakh to Rs.3 lakh for senior citizens. Due to the decrease in inflation and relief in income tax, middle class and lower middle class may be able to invest for its future.

## **Steps taken to make agriculture profitable**

Government has encouraged the 'Pradhan Mantri Krishi Seenchai Yojana', soil testing laboratories and MSP. Decrease in diesel prices will make agricultural cost cheaper. The steps taken by the government will have long lasting effects.

## **BJP is committed for a clean Ganga**

Government has created separate ministry for Ganga and announced a project of Rs. 2,037 Cr. for 'Namami Gange' in general budget. With this, the program has started to make a pollution free Ganges and all industries have been directed to install sensors by March 2015 for the same. This will help to prevent waste dumping in the Ganges.

## **Protection of cows**

Government has started 'Rashtriya Gokul Mission' and allocated Rs. 500 cr for several programs for the protection of cows.

## **OTHER HISTORICAL ACHIEVEMENTS**

### **Bank account of poor opened under 'Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana'**

The Prime Minister announced this program from Red Fort on August 15, 2014 and it was launched at national level on August 28, 2014. Nearly 7.73cr bank accounts were opened under 'Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana' till Nov 22, 2014. Out of this 4.58cr bank account opened in rural area and 3.14 cr bank account opened in urban area. According to the census of 2011, nearly 40% families did not hold any bank account.

### **Beginning of Make in India**

Prime minister has launched Make in India movement on Sep 25, 2014. The FDI limit in Defence sector was increased upto 49% to make this movement successful. Besides this, the FDI in many other sectors has been simplified. These efforts may yield creation of jobs for youth.

### **Big success achieved on diplomatic front**

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has achieved great success on foreign policy front. Pakistan has been given befitting replies on

the issue of firing on the LoC. The great felicitation of Prime Minister in America, Japan and Australia has boosted the pride of Indians. Indians were safely evacuated from Iraq, who were held up due to crisis over there. Head of state of SARC countries were invited on oath taking ceremony to improve relation and friendship with neighbouring countries.

## **Interest of Farmers and Poor protected in WTO**

India has refused to sign on simplification of business agreement of WTO in July 2014. India made it clear that first of all its concern regarding food security and agricultural subsidy should be clarified. Due to this stern stand of NDA govt. America was compelled to support the Indian view. This is the biggest achievement of India in WTO.

## **Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Shrameva Jayate Programme**

The government started this programme in October 2014 for the welfare of employees and Labourers. With this minimum pension of Rs1000 was fixed. Along with this universal number in PF was started and accordingly Employees can operate their account from any place. The unclaimed Rs 27,000 cr lying in Employees Provident Fund Organisation will be used for welfare of labourers.

## **Drastic change in working of the government**

There is a drastic change in the working of the government under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. The decision making process in government has gained momentum. During the rule of UPA government the process of policy related decisions were almost stalled. Regarding this the most important decision was taken to abolish group of ministers established in the UPA regime. Besides this for the attendance of government employees <http://attendance.gov.in/> is started so that, all employees reach office on time.

## **FDI limit increased in defence sector, the process of purchase for defence was speeded up**

While implementing the economic reforms

the government has increased the FDI limit in Defence sector from 26% to 49%. At present India imports 70% of its Defence material. This decision will help in the manufacturing of Defence equipment in India itself. Government has approved the purchase of Defence equipment worth Rs. 80,000 cr. UPA government has compromised on the security of the country while not taking any decision in this regard. Along with the defence sector the FDI limit in railway and infrastructure has also increased.

### **24 hours electricity**

Modi government has approved 'Deen Dayal Upadhyay Gram Jyoti Yojana' worth Rs.43,000cr to fulfill the promise of providing electricity for 24hrs. Besides this several major reforms in power sector have been initiated.

With this the NDA government, under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has effectively started to make "Ek Bharat, Shreshth Bharat" within six month time while pursuing the policy of "Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas". Many more people welfare programs will be started in the coming days. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and his whole team deserve to be commended for this. On the other side exhausted leaders of

Congress Party are making meaningless statements. They are asking the report card of 6 months governance of NDA government. A party that has ruled over the country for 60 years and did not allow the progress of country, compelled crores of people to live in poverty, deprived the youth of jobs, tried to end democracy, is asking the report card of six months rule. A party like this does not have the right to ask for the same. The people of the country have punished Congress Party in Lok Sabha elections of 2014 for its misgovernance and corruption. Thereafter they have been punished in assembly elections of Haryana and Maharashtra.

Now the people of Jharkhand and Jammu & Kashmir are ready to give a befitting reply to the Congress. Anyone can understand the mental status of the leaders of Congress who are completely depressed. Due to this only the Congress is not able to see the achievements of the NDA government.

Overall the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and his team have achieved phenomenal success. When the government will produce its report card of 60 months to the public, definitely the list of its achievement will be much longer. ■

## **BJP sweeps Rajasthan civic polls**

Rajasthan's ruling BJP swept the civic bodies polls in the state, winning in 27 of the 46 civic bodies where elections were held on November 22. Out of the six municipal corporations, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) won on 5. In Jaipur Municipal Corporation, BJP candidates won 64 of the 91 wards. The Congress was able to win only 18 wards, while independents won the remaining nine. Similarly in Jodhpur, after a gap of 15 years, the BJP won the polls. The party's candidates were declared elected on 39 of the 65 wards, while the Congress was able to win only on 19 wards. In Udaipur, where BJP is going to rule for the fifth time, the Congress was able to win only on three wards out of the total of 55, with a whopping 49 going BJP's way. In Kota Municipal Corporation, BJP candidates won 53 of the 65 wards. The Congress was able to win only six. In Bikaner, BJP secured 35 of the 60 wards while the Congress was able to win only 16 wards. However, for Bharatpur Municipal Corporation, the independents won on majority of wards. Of the 50 wards, independents won on 20, the BJP on 18 and the Congress on 11. Of the remaining 40 municipal councils and municipalities, the BJP got absolute majority on 22 and on another nine the party emerged as single largest party. "I thank the people and the party workers for the win in the polls," Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje said in a statement. The Congress only won a majority in four, while in two – Tonk and Barmer – it has emerged as single largest party. ■

## 'Darkness will be dispelled, the Sun will rise and the Lotus shall bloom'



The nation is going to celebrate 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of Atalji on 25<sup>th</sup> December 2014. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has declared that his birthday will be observed as Sushashan Divas or Good Governance Day across the nation on 25<sup>th</sup> December. Atalji became the first President of Bharatiya Janata Party at the time of its formation on 6<sup>th</sup> April 1980. The circumstance that led to the formation of BJP and that necessitated the parting ways from the then Janata Party were unique and offered a challenge to the members of erstwhile Jansangh who had earlier decided to merge with Janata Party in the national interest. Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee led the party to face the challenges of the time and restarted the process of building the new party. The

Presidential Speech delivered by Atalji in the National Council meeting held in Bombay (now Mumbai) on 28-30 December 1980 set tone for the new spirit of the party and announced the new found resolve of the karyakartas of erstwhile Jansangh to rededicate themselves in the service of Maa Bharati. It was a historic speech.

In this speech Atalji had said that "The Lotus shall bloom". The Lotus bloomed in 1996, 1998, 1999 when BJP led NDA government was formed at the Center. Today, the Lotus has bloomed fully with BJP given full majority for the first time in Lok Sabha elections 2014 under the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi. Atalji was right in foreseeing the future, he was a visionary and a statesman. Lotus is blooming now with full fervour.

We are publishing the Presidential Address of Atalji for our esteemed readers in a series. The first part of the series is published below:

*Mr. Chairman of the Reception Committee, Brother and Sister Delegates and Friends,*  
An Opportunity and a Challenge

We are meeting here today for the first National Convention of the Bharatiya Janata Party. I feel extremely grateful to you for the affection and confidence you have bestowed on me by electing me President of the Party. I am conscious of how onerous a burden this is. In fact, in this hour of crisis, it is no easy matter to undertake the leadership of any political party. So far as the Presidentship of the Bharatiya Janata Party is concerned, this is certainly not an ornamental decoration. It is really not a post; it is a responsibility. No doubt, it is an honour; but even more than that, it is a test. It is at once an opportunity and a challenge. May God give me strength and understanding to measure up to this trust.

Why a New Party

I do not propose to go into the details of the circumstances in which the Bharatiya Janata Party was launched. But I would like to assert that it was not with any happiness that we parted company with the Janata Party. From beginning to end, we kept exerting in order to preserve the unity of the Party. We were conscious of the pledge we had taken at Rajghat in the presence of Lok Nayak Jaiprakash to maintain the unity of the Party. But by converting the non-issue of dual membership into an issue, a situation was created in which it became impossible for us to continue in the party with any honour and self-respect. There is no point in trying to unravel

the intentions of those who created such a situation. But it is noteworthy that even among those who had nothing to do with the RSS, there were quite a few who regarded this dual membership issue as a bogey raised for ulterior ends. Many of these are among the founder members of the Bharatiya Janata Party.

**Growing Popularity of the Party** The enthusiastic support received by the Bharatiya Janata Party throughout the country during the past 9 months is in itself ample justification for our decision to launch a separate party. Today the Bharatiya Janata Party has a membership of over 25 lakh. A large section of these entrants were not connected with the former Jana Sangh. Nevertheless, some of our opponents, prominent among them being our Prime Minister, keep repeating that the Bharatiya Janata Party is only a new name for the former Jana Sangh. They feel disturbed over the growing popularity of the Party in all parts of the country and all sections of society, and think that by saying so they can curb the immense potential that the Party has for future growth.

**Pursuing the Unfinished Task** The Janata Party, formed because of the inspiration of Lok Nayak Jaiprakash, has disintegrated. But his vision of a glorious India, is still with us. We shall not allow it to be obliterated. His dreams, his labours, his struggles and his unflinching commitment to certain basic values are part of an invaluable legacy that we have inherited. The Bharatiya Janata Party is pledged to pursuing his unfinished task.

**Multi-Dimensional Crisis** Today, our country is facing a multi-dimensional crisis. Mounting inflation, deteriorating law and order situation, scarcity of essential commodities, increase in the number and intensity of communal incidents, aggravation of social tensions and violence, oppression of Harijans, tribals, women and other weaker sections, the explosive situation in the north-east—these are some of the dimensions of this crisis.

#### A Moral Crisis

Those charged with the responsibility of finding a solution to these problems have no time for it. They are busy manipulating their pawns and planning their moves on the chessboard of politics. I believe that the country's crisis is essentially a moral crisis. The biggest curse of our public life is that moral values have given way to self-seeking and power-lust, and politics has become a pure power game.

#### Degeneration of Public Life

In its last phase, this degeneration of public life can be traced to the year 1969 when the Prime Minister herself after filling the nomination papers of her party candidate, conspired to have him defeated by resorting to all kinds of unethical means. In the years that have followed, this disregard of ethics and norms has only grown more acute. The emergency declared in 1975 had no relation to any threat to national security, internal or external; it was an unvarnished attempt to cling on to power. The disturbances created in courts during the Janata regime, encouragement given to such serious crimes as hijacking, the constant recourse to intimidation and coercion, the plot to promote defections on a mass scale—all these are facets of the same process. The present ruling party's naked collusion with anti-social elements during the 1980 election and its shameless incitement of communal, casteist and regional feelings in order to pander to vote banks also should be understood in the same light.

#### Double Standards

Yet another evidence of this process of degeneration is the double standards of morality maintained by Government. There is one standard for those who are their proteges or their relations and another standard for the rest. When, prior to the Janata regime, allegations were made against relatives of the Prime Minister, she dismissed them in utter disregard of the Santhanam Committee's recommendations. In contrast, Prime Minister Shri Desai referred the allegations against his son to judicial scrutiny. It is only during the 28 months of the Janata rule

that some efforts were made to stem this rot of moral decay.

It is not only the rulers or the political parties who are corroded by this decay. It really affects the entire society, the bureaucracy, the industry and the trade. Even the common man is afflicted by it. Self-seeking becomes the order of the day. The nation thus suffers an erosion of moral strength and loses its capacity to face difficulties.

#### Restoration of Moral Values

If we want to overcome the present crisis, the first and foremost condition is that moral values must be restored to their place in public life. To identify these values we do not have to look outside the country. Irrespective of caste, creed, language and region, an average Indian cherishes deep respect for values like tolerance, contentment, simple living, hard work and brotherhood. Let us strengthen these values and build a new society on that basis. Of course, the modern context has to be kept in view. Pandit Nehru emphasised the use of science and technology for development. The nation has progressed on that account, but large sections of the population have not been the beneficiaries of the prosperity achieved. Inequalities have grown. The chasm between the rich and the poor has widened. These distortions have to be corrected. We can do this if we accept Indian cultural values as the basis for progress, and regard the individual, particularly the weakest individual, as the focal point of our developmental endeavours. Gandhiji, Jaiprakash and Upadhyay had all stressed this approach. It was acceptance of this approach which during the Janata regime gave birth to schemes like *Antyodaya* and Food for Work.

Building a society of this kind, free from exploitation and discrimination and based on certain values, is a challenging task. Merely invoking Gandhiji's name or making pompous declarations is not going to help. An arduous struggle is called for. We have to consciously organise the poor peasantry, workers, the Harijans, the tribals and other exploited sections of the population to this end. It is the organised strength of these sections that can really bring about this new society. Mahatma Gandhi's struggle against the foreign government derived considerable strength from the success he achieved in mobilising these sections.

#### Party with a Difference

We can organise the people only if we are able to establish our credibility in their minds. The people must feel convinced that here is a party different from the crowd of self-seekers who swamp the political stage, that its aim is not somehow to sneak into office and that its politics is based on certain values and principles.

#### Gandhian Socialism

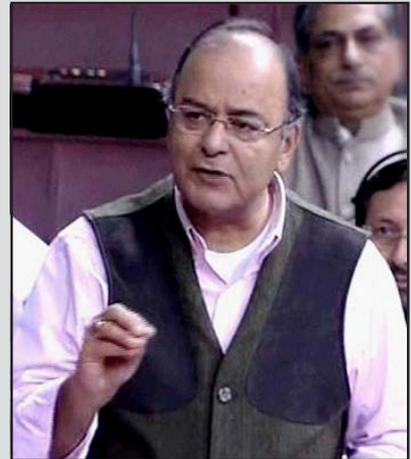
The Bharatiya Janata Party has accepted the concept of Gandhian Socialism after due deliberation. Gandhiji did not propound any 'ism' as such. But his views revealed an integrated approach to life and even to modern problems.

Gandhiji did not regard man only as an economic being. Like all our ancient seers, Gandhiji wanted man to strive for the fulfilment of not only his material but also his spiritual needs. Earlier, we had Swami Vivekananda speak in terms of a spiritual socialism. The Bhagwad Gita refers to *Samya Yoga*. When the *Ishavasya Upanished* remonstrates against casting covetous eyes on another's wealth, it is only commending a society based on *aparigraha* (non-accumulation). The adage, 'All land belongs to Gopal' (सबै भूमि गोपाल की) also reflects the same spirit. Every *aahuti* (offering) at the *yajna* is followed by the chant *idam-na-mama* (This is not mine). Here too, it is the same non-accumulative idea that is stressed.

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# Soon people having black money abroad will be punished : Arun Jaitley

*In the current session of parliament the issue of Black Money was discussed. Congress which had not ever acted even in the face of Supreme Court orders to constitute SIT unabashedly tried to raise fingers at the BJP led NDA government at the centre. Prime Minister Narendra Modi on assuming office immediately constituted SIT on black money under the chairmanship of Justice MB Shah. Not only this many other steps have been initiated to bring back black money stashed abroad. PM has raised this issue in the G-20 forum and showed his commitment to retrieve black money with continuous efforts and persistence. Minister of Finance, Corporate Affairs and Minister of Information and Broadcasting Shri Arun Jaitley replied on the issue of black money in Lok Sabha on 27th November 2014. We are publishing the synopsis of the speech for our esteemed readers:*



In this debate, which continued for two days, many hon. Members expressed their views. The problem of black money is a serious issue, both within the country and outside. When the rate of tax is higher in that case its collection would never increase. This happens because the economy weakens and the manufactured goods become expensive and selling out these goods in the markets of the country as well as worldwide becomes very difficult. People want to buy goods, they do not want to buy taxes. There were days when individual taxation in country was 70-80 per cent and in certain cases it was even more than 20% but then

our tax base used to be very limited and our growth rate was 1 ½, 2, 2 ½ percent. Economists of the other countries used to joke on us saying that our growth rate was the Hindu rate of growth. Today, I would like to say that those who have to pay taxes must pay taxes. Our tax system has to be friendly to the tax payer and that is exactly what we are trying to do.

Situation under UPA govt.

The Supreme Court gave its decision on 4th July, 2014 stating that under the Chairmanship and Deputy Chairmanship of two retired judges a SIT may be constituted which would be responsible to monitor the course of action of the

Government. The SIT couldn't be constituted within these three years. When the general elections were being held in May 2014, the Supreme Court gave its second decision on a writ petition of the Government and stated that in Liechtenstein, which is tax haven, 28 persons are having accounts there. Germany had provided this information to India. Then the Government passed on the information to the petitioner and this information became public through the petitioner during the UPA Government. On this, Germany lodged its protest with India claiming that it had violated the grounds on which the proofs were handed over. In future, if we violate the agreement

then other countries may or may not help us. About 20-22 years back, there was a law under which it was accepted that whatever money is deposited outside the country if it is illegally earned, then India may request the other country, to provide information and if it was considered a crime in both countries then they would provide the information. Thereafter an issue arose

need to gather evidence, file a case against the guilty in the Court and during the proceedings of the case, the information can become public from there. But prior to it, the Government makes the information public then it is considered violation of the law or the treaty. After Constitution of SIT in June 2014, we provided all the details we had received about the account holders within

18 persons who are holding accounts illegally but by the time the process could conclude, during the UPA Government, people continued withdrawing the money.

We have initiated income tax proceedings against those 18 persons and thereafter criminal cases have been filed in India against all of these 18 persons. Besides, an employee of HSBC Bank, which is a multinational Bank at Geneva became a whistle-blower and took away the software from there. Then, he handed over that software to France Government. Since, we had a treaty with France, we got the information that there were accounts of 627 persons in the HSBC bank in Switzerland between 2005-2007. This information might have been received in 2008 and 2009 or 2010. In the treaty which we had signed with Switzerland did not have a clause that Switzerland would share such information with us. In 2011, we entered into another agreement. By that time, from 2007 to 2011, such account holders got time to withdraw their money. This is the status by when we came to the power.

We sent a delegation to Switzerland and asked them to cooperate and enter into an agreement. In October, we entered into an agreement enabling a clause for penal action against such persons, even after withdrawal of the money by them.

**We have identified 427 names out of the total 627 and served notices to all of them and they are being prosecuted. We are trying that tax assessment should be completed by 31st March. The criminal cases will be filed against the persons found guilty of holding illegal accounts. Out of total 427 persons, 250 have confessed that they have bank accounts abroad. This action is being taken under SIT jurisdiction.**

about the money which was diverted for tax evasion or illegally kept, then the countries started cooperating. But for seeking cooperation we needed to enter into an agreement with that country or a law existed there. With the advancement of the technology, new entire banking and commercial transactions are easily available on the Internet through computers. Steps taken by BJP led NDA govt.

It is an irony that all the tax treaties India has signed, the laws of the other countries have a confidentiality clause. It does not mean that such information would never come out. However, after getting the information, we

these weeks of formation of our Government. Several hon. Members have asked about the status as on date, if the black money would be brought back to the country or not. I would like to share those facts with you. Firstly, there are accounts of 28 persons. People stack such money in Liechtenstein, which is a tax haven. Germany reminded the information about those accounts. As India had entered into a treaty with Germany, Germany provided us that information. We had to examine it and collect the evidence. In the evidences, we found that some person were NRI's who enjoy the privilege of having such accounts then nothing can be done in such cases. There are

Agreement with Switzerland

We had entered into an agreement with the Switzerland on four issues. Firstly, to provide help only on the basis of documents and verify the same for their genuineness. It was also provided therein that we must initiate a dialogue for future and there should be automatic transformation of information about any account opened or transaction made by any Indian in Switzerland. We have identified 427 names out of the total 627 and served notices to all of them and they are being prosecuted. We are trying that tax assessment should be completed by 31st March. The criminal cases will be filed against the persons found guilty of holding illegal accounts. Out of total 427 persons, 250 have confessed that they have bank accounts abroad. This action is being taken under SIT jurisdiction. We have reached agreements with 92 countries and signed agreements with 93 countries under 'Double Taxation Avoidance Treaty' and discussions are going on with seven other countries on this issue.

Govt. treading correct legal path

At present, our tax information Exchange Agreement already exists with 15 countries. We have entered into agreement with two other countries. There are another 29 countries where black money is stashed and

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we are trying to reach an agreement with them also. We are trying to reach an Automatic Transmission Agreement with all such countries of the world where people may stash black money in near future. Information will be shared if any Indian stashes black money abroad or any foreigner stash money in India. Hon. Prime Minister made efforts for it in G-20 Summit held in Brisbane and the matter also came up at OECD. The most important information is that the 'PATAKA' law enacted by the USA makes it mandatory for each and every country to sign an agreement for sharing information of such accounts. It provides that thirty percent amount will be deducted from the money received from any exporter or FDI received or

money sent by NRI to his family, if the Automatic Transmission of Information Agreement is not signed. There is also a confidentiality clause in it. It does not say that information will not be made public in any circumstances. In case any name is reported and after enquiry it is found that money is illegal and there are substantial proofs, then the person will be prosecuted and information will be made public. The persons, who plead to make the information public without any proof, are in turn helping such account holders.

I honestly admit that there is a loophole in our law which is silent on the issue of bringing back the stashed money in case it is detected and we have to remove it. I have studied the Money Laundering Act, and we have to amend it. There should be a provision to attach the property equal to the money found stashed abroad. In its verdict of year 2011, the Supreme Court stated that this confidentiality clause is incorrect. The world says that we will not help without the confidentiality clause. We are trying to plead to the Supreme Court to respect, these treaties and it has left this issue to the SIT. I assure the House that the Government is treading on the correct legal path and soon such people will be punished and they will be forced to bring back the black money. ■

# Modi's *mantra* of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas' isolates Pakistan

By Dr. Shiv Shakti Bakshi

**U**S President Barack Obama is going to be the chief guest on India's Republic Day 2015. On the evening of 21<sup>st</sup> November 2014 as soon as Prime Minister Modi received the official confirmation he posted a message on Twitter to say, "This Republic Day, we hope to have a friend over...invited President Obama to be the 1st US President to grace the occasion as Chief Guest." The US National Security Council twitter account responded, "@invite of @narendramodi, President Obama will travel to #India in Jan 2015 to participate in Indian Republic Day celebration as Chief Guest." The White House Press Secretary on the official website noted in a statement that this would "mark the first time a U.S. president will have the honour of attending Republic Day." Obama's gracing the Republic Day as chief guest is seen as a mega event in diplomacy and Indo-US bilateral relations.

India has maintained a tradition of hosting heads of different nations on its Republic Day since 1950. But it was for the first time that a US President is going to be the chief guest on the occasion. After his US visit in

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September this year, Narendra Modi met Obama for the second time in six weeks during G-20 Summit in Myanmar where both had a brief interaction during which the US President called him a "Man of Action". It is significant that Modi has been able to strike a good personal rapport with Obama and both are moving more resolutely towards improving Indo-US bilateral relations while trying to engage in many multilateral negotiations. An example for the result of improving ties between the two countries is breaking the deadlock over WTO where Indian concerns have been suitably addressed. Obama's

accepting Modi's invitation has been described as 'diplomatic coup' by various experts who have been keenly watching the Indo-US relationship for a long time. It also signals shifting priorities in the international arena and growing importance of India at global level.

While experts are looking at the growing warmth between Modi and Obama as an act to balance China by US, the issue regarding Pakistan remains the least discussed topic in the diplomatic circles. The question now being asked as to whether Pakistan has not been considered as a factor by the US establishment which has hitherto tried to link Pakistan with India in its policy towards South Asia. During the recent United Nation's General Assembly (UNGA) session Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharief tried to unsuccessfully rake up Kashmir issue which was completely ignored by the international community as the hall was virtually empty when he spoke. In contrast India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi's address drew a large number of delegates who were enthralled by his ideas of

peace, harmony and development. Modi was warmly received by the Washington and addressed huge gatherings of Indians there and was able to make mark of an emerging India on the US establishment. Editor of the Pakistan Today, Arif Nizami writes, "The case in point is Pakistan's increasing isolation both internationally as well as in the region. The newly inducted Indian Prime

network'."

The 18<sup>th</sup> SAARC summit which recently concluded in Kathmandu saw Pakistan attempting to block its advance in meeting the aspirations of the people of this region. It's not a new tactic; Pakistan has been doing it since the inception of SAARC trying to render the forum ineffective by converting it into a platform of India-Pakistan duel. But this time Prime Minister

expressed his willingness to prioritize SAARC as a vehicle of removing poverty and speeding up development in the region. It was a victory of sorts for India when SAARC members signed a framework agreement on energy cooperation and gave their transport ministers a 90-day timeline to finalise two other important framework agreements—SAARC Motor Vehicles Agreement for the Regulation of Passenger and Cargo Vehicular Traffic and SAARC Regional Agreement on Railways — for approval during the 19<sup>th</sup> summit, due in Islamabad in 2016. Indian played smartly and what was hitherto seen as a platform plunged in India-Pakistan disputes became a platform of regional aspirations and hopes. Pakistan found itself further isolated as its blocking tactics saw the mood of rest of SAARC vs Pakistan emerging in the summit.

Pakistan evidently is not comfortable with Obama accepting India's invitation to become chief guest at its republic day function. Pakistan has been demanding equal diplomatic treatment from US so far presidential visits are concerned. Earlier visits of President Clinton and President Bush also saw them making a small visit to Pakistan. Obama who had broken this tradition in 2010 by not visiting Pakistan while coming to India also had to make a pledge to visit Pakistan in 2011 which could

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Minister Narindera Modi's just concluded visit to the US is one manifestation of this stark reality." He further says, "The manner in which Washington has endorsed New Delhi's stance on terrorism should be worrisome for our policy makers. The joint US-India statement issued at the end of Modi's visit to Washington directly implicates Pakistan. Using unusually strong language it spoke of 'joint and concerted efforts, including the dismantling of safe havens for terrorists and criminal networks, to disrupt all financial and tactical support for networks such as al Qaeda, Lashkar e Tiaba, Jaish e Mohammad, the D-Company and the Haqqani

Narendra Modi not only snubbed Pakistan but also gave a clear indication that India was willing to move forward with other members even if Pakistan keeps on playing spoiler's role. The last minute attempted backing out of Pakistan on the three crucial agreements when the deals were almost finalized may further see its isolation on this regional forum too. PM Modi has infused a new energy in SAARC first by inviting all the SAARC leaders to his swearing in ceremony and then touring Nepal and Bhutan and getting Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Maldives and Afghanistan on board on important issues of bilateral engagements. In many of his speeches he has

not take place in the face of Osama-bin-Laden's execution in Pakistan's Abbottabad. Peeved at the news of Obama's visit to India, Pakistan has once again sought to raise Kashmir issue citing a phone talk between Obama and Nawaz Sharief but the White House communiqué on the phone call has no mention of Pakistan and instead there are references to terrorism and extremism in the region and relations with Afghanistan. Pakistan which has been drawing diplomatic sustenance from Kashmir finds itself in a soup today for its overt and covert support to terrorism which was completely exposed when Osama-bin-Laden was found sheltered in Abbottabad.

The increasing isolation of Pakistan in the international arena may be seen as a victory of Modi diplomacy's consistent delinking of Pakistan from Indian interests. The strategy seems to be successful as India is gaining traction for its forward looking and development oriented policies. PM Modi has refused to take the name of Pakistan even in the face of extreme provocation from across the border. Indian forces have for the first time paid back Pakistan in its own coin by retaliating with unprecedented intensity, volume and ferocity. Invitation to SAARC leaders during swearing-in ceremony of PM Modi and Nawaz Sharief's subsequent visit to

India had created an environment of hope but Pakistan's talk to Kashmir separatists before India-Pakistan foreign secretary level talks has vitiated the atmosphere. Pakistan has remained unabashedly unapologetic since then stubbornly insisting on India to take the initiative for dialogue. PM Modi has

for India in international diplomacy. PM Modi by seeking to implement the mantra of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas' at global level made India's intention clear that it wants every nation to develop and prosper particularly in SAARC region. In his address to a Washington audience before coming to India US Secretary of State John Kerry

**It may be rightly said that the mantra of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas' is isolating Pakistan effectively in the changing dynamics of emerging international diplomacy and global politics.**

rightly refused to fall in its trap and distanced India from Pakistan at diplomatic level while retaliating to cross-border firing with greater resolve and determination. The people of Kashmir have also responded to Pakistan's design by voting in large numbers in J&K assembly elections where the elections have remained largely peaceful.

India is not only the largest democracy but a huge emerging economy in the world having the potential to take leadership role on various fronts at global level. The attempt by certain vested interests to club India with Pakistan is aimed at creating roadblocks in the path of India's emergence. The BJP led NDA government has consistently avoided this trap and has worked overtime to create an independent niche

said, "The new Indian government's plan, 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas', together with all, development for all - that's a concept, a vision that we want to support." The developmental agenda encompassing inclusive growth with a policy of non-interference in neighbour's internal matters is winning hearts everywhere and Nepal is a glowing example of this policy.

Pakistan, whose diplomacy is solely guided by opposing India on various forums, is now getting isolated as it has nothing to offer in the new era of developmental diplomacy. It may be rightly said that the mantra of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas' is isolating Pakistan effectively in the changing dynamics of emerging international diplomacy and global politics. ■

# Entire Northeast region a “Natural Economic Zone” : Narendra Modi

*Bharatiya Janata Party has always given importance to Northeastern region of the country and supported every effort for its development and greater integration with the rest of India. It has always worked for peace and prosperity of the region. When BJP led NDA government was formed in the centre under the leadership of Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee then for the first time a separate ministry and various councils exclusively for the region with separate budgetary provisions were created with the direction that all the departments should contribute 10 per cent of their budget for development of the north-eastern states and the funds for the region was made non-lapsable. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had promised to continue the Vajpayee policy vis-à-vis Northeast during his election campaigns and now working in the direction to fulfill his promise. Shri Narendra Modi recently went to Assam, Manipur, Nagaland and Tripura and reassured the people of increasing support to the region while charting out a new vision for development, peace and goodwill in the region. We are publishing brief report of his visit to the region for our esteemed readers:*

## Nagaland must capture part of global IT business : PM

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on December 1<sup>st</sup> attended the Nagaland Hornbill Festival at Kohima in Nagaland. Addressing the people on the occasion Shri Modi congratulated the people on the occasion of 51st anniversary of Nagaland's statehood."

Nagaland is 10-15 hours from Delhi, but it

took more than 10 years for a Prime Minister to come here," Shri Modi said.

The last official visit by a Prime Minister to Nagaland was in October 2003, when the then Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee had visited Kohima and said, "The government of India recognizes the uniqueness of Naga history." That line had helped the Nagas heal the wounds of insurgency.

Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's Kohima visit in February 2008 was not an official visit. He had come to campaign for Congress in the state assembly election.

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi described the entire Northeast region as a "Natural Economic Zone" - NEZ - whose potential had hitherto remained untapped. He said his priority is to nourish the NEZ for the benefit of the NE (Northeast). In his remarks at the inauguration of the Hornbill Festival in Kohima, the Prime Minister praised the rich cultural heritage of Nagaland and the sturdiness, honesty, simplicity, inherent strong character and hardworking attitude of the Naga people. He congratulated the Nagas for



organizing this festival which showcases the cultural diversity of the state.

The Prime Minister also greeted the people of Nagaland on their statehood day, and urged them to introspect and look back at what has been achieved over the last 50 years, and what ground remains to be covered.

The Prime Minister also mentioned the rich biodiversity, and youthful English-speaking population. He said these would ensure that tourism and investment would come to the state. He said the region must capture a part of the global IT outsourcing business.

The Prime Minister mentioned the potential of the state in the sports of boxing, archery, football and taekwondo, and said this must be realized.

He said it was a decade since former Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee had visited Nagaland. He assured the people of the state that they would not have to wait so long again for a Prime Minister to visit. He said he would come back to see that all he has mentioned becomes a reality.

The Prime Minister also highlighted the initiatives taken by his Government for the Northeast over the last 6 months. He mentioned the Ishan Uday special scholarships for 10,000 students from the Northeast, and the Ishan Vikas scheme for 2000 students and 500 faculty members from colleges of the Northeast to visit other parts of the country every year.

He said a modern apparel garment manufacturing centre would be set up in every state, beginning with Nagaland, Assam and Sikkim.

He said the Government has earmarked Rs 53000 crore in the Union Budget for development of Northeast. Rs 28,000 crore has been earmarked for construction of new railway lines to boost connectivity. Rs. 5000 crore has been earmarked for improvement

of intrastate power transmission systems and a similar amount for boosting 2G mobile connectivity.

A National Sports University will be established in Manipur and 6 new colleges of agriculture will be set up in the region.

### PM flags off the first train from Mendipathar, Meghalaya to Guwahati

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, has underlined the Government's resolve to accord priority to the development of the North-East. He was speaking at the flagging-off of the first train from Mendipathar, Meghalaya to Guwahati by remote, and unveiling the plaque for a new rail line from Bhairabi to Sairang, in Guwahati on November



29. He described this as an important occasion in the history of Indian Railways, when a state was being added to the rail network. He said that he has heard that according to Vastushastra, if the North-East corner of the house was maintained well, then the entire house could be taken care of. He said that all he knew was that if India has to be prosperous, then development of North-East was a priority. The Prime Minister said infrastructure is the first step towards development. Once infrastructure is developed, the people can themselves contribute a lot to development, he added. The Prime Minister gave the example of South Korea to show how infrastructure creation could spur growth and development. He said if good connectivity was established across the eight states of the North-East, the entire region would prosper, and tourism would flourish. He added that the first Union Budget of the new Government has committed Rs.

28,000 crore to the development of new railway lines in the North-East. He said that the whole world acknowledges that this century is Asia's century. Therefore the need of the hour is to extend the "Look East" policy to an "Act East" policy, and to connect the entire region with Myanmar and countries beyond. The Prime Minister said India now needs next-generation infrastructure – consisting of both highways and i-ways (information ways). He said there should be no digital divide, and the vision of Digital India also encompasses the North-East. Why should there not be a gas-grid, why should we not get electricity for all 24 hours, the Prime Minister asked, expressing confidence that next-gen infrastructure would be the key to building a modern India. He said a good optical fibre network would lead to immense opportunities for the North-East.

### PM inaugurates second unit of Palatana power project in Tripura

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on December 1 inaugurated the second unit of ONGC Tripura Power Company (OTPC) powered Palatana power project in Udaipur and dedicated it to the nation saying development would be ushered in the Northeast on the basis of a four-point revolution. Addressing a gathering at the inaugural ceremony, the Prime Minister said the Centre had a long-term project in mind for developing the region through modern connectivity in rail, road, air and waterways.

Shri Modi identified the four-pronged strategy the Centre had in mind to develop the region – the second green revolution, the white revolution, the saffron revolution and the blue revolution. Stating that the NDA government held a positive approach to



developing the N-E region in the days ahead, Shri Modi said, "The N-E region holds huge potential in tourism, energy and natural resources that can't be matched with many other regions of the country". PM Minister also met Tripura Chief Minister Shri Manik Sarkar in Agartala on invitation of the CM.

### PM attends *Sangai Festival* in Imphal Entire northeast region had the potential to emerge as a hub for call centres : PM

A day before attending the Hornbill Festival in Nagaland, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi November attended the closing function of the Manipur Sangai Festival in Imphal on November 30.

On the subject of employment, the Prime Minister said the entire northeast region had the potential to emerge as a hub for call centres. The Prime Minister referred to the requests made by the Chief Minister for improving infrastructure such as roads and hospitals. He said he was happy that the Chief Minister looked forward to this Union Government delivering infrastructure.

He said Rs. 60,000 crore had been earmarked in the Union Budget this year for infrastructure in the North-East. He said he would look into each of the requests made and see what could be done about them. He said the Union Government wishes to take the entire Northeast region to new heights of development.

The Prime Minister also said that during his recent visit to Myanmar, a lot of attention had been given to improving connectivity between Imphal and Southeast Asia. He said a lot of initiatives had been taken for infrastructure, and the results of these initiatives would be visible in the coming days.

The Prime Minister said that by participating in the closing function of the Manipur Sangai Festival, he wants to give a message to the rest of the country about the immense tourism potential of the state. ■

## We will fight for the entire Dalit community : Amit Shah

*Welcoming the announcement of support for BJP in the Dalit Mahapanchayat National President said BJP connects every community with the message of social harmony by Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay. Pradesh BJP President assured the Valmiki Community of ending contract service system in Government offices.*

**A**khil Bharatiya Dalit Mahapanchayat announced its support to the BJP in a conference held on 2nd December on New Delhi. In this Mahapanchayat connected with the Valmiki Community under the Chairmanship of Shri Mor Singh about 3000 representatives joined BJP in the presence of National President Shri Amit Shah.

BJP National President Shri Amit Shah, Pradesh prabhari Shri Prabhat Jha, Pradesh President Shri Satish Upadhyay and MP Shri Vijay Goel addressed the conference and on this occasion independent Councilor from Trilokpuri, East Delhi Shri Kamal Beniwal also joined BJP.

President of the Mahapanchayat Shri Mor Singh said that traditionally Balmiki Community has been supporting Congress Party but it is irony that Congress Party has been neglecting this community and today the situation is that members of our community do not get permanent job. We get jobs under contract systems in which the members of our community are exploited.

Hence getting inspiration from the program of social upliftment by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, this Mahapanchayat of Valmiki Community has decided to support BJP.

BJP National President Shri Amit Shah welcomed the support from Valmiki Community and said that BJP establishes selfless relationship with every community. When we connect with

any new community, it is not meant for any electoral gain or loss but it is inspired by the message of social harmony by Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay. He assured that BJP Delhi Pradesh will fight for the entire Dalit Community not only for the Valmikis.

BJP Pradesh Incharge Shri Prabhat Jha said that BJP believes in cultural nationalism and Valmiki Community believes in strong nationalism and this Mahapanchayat has given new energy to BJP.

BJP Pradesh President Shri

Satish Upadhyay announced in the the Mahapanchayat that the BJP will give two categorical assurance to the entire Dalit Community in its Delhi Election Manifesto 2015 which will include confirmation of services of all the employees and provide



laptop to all the children of Dalit families pursuing post graduate studies.

Shri Upadhyay said that shortly we shall start cashless insurance scheme for the sanitation employees of all the three municipal corporations and free them from the contract system after coming to power in Delhi.

Similarly, we shall provide alternative employment to the next of kin of the employee who dies in any accident while cleaning the sewer system. ■

# Great Tamil poet Thiruvalluvar's Birth Anniversary to be celebrated nationally every year

From Our Correspondent

Union HRD Minister Smt. Smriti Irani has instantly accepted Shri Tarun Vijay's MP, BJP (Uttarakhand) demand to observe Tamil poet Thiruvalluvar's birth anniversary next year in North India schools and

introduce his teachings to students, in Rajya Sabha on November 28. Perhaps first time in Parliament history a rare solidarity was seen to observe a Tamil saint poet's birth anniversary and have his life and teachings introduced in North India

schools. The demand was raised by Shri Tarun Vijay, MP from Uttarakhand who said languages should build bridges not discord and North must not show arrogance but humbly come forward to adopt and respect South Indian languages, specially Tamil. He said Tamil is one of the greatest classical language having world wide footprints and in UNESCO's 'Register of Memory', Tamil was selected as first language from India.

Almost entire House in Rajya Sabha applauded the idea by thumping of the desks. Obviously Southern parties AIADMK and DMK leaders Shri A. Navaneeth Krishnan, Ms. Kanimozhi, S. Muthukuruppan. Tiruchy Shiva happily associated with Tarun Vijay's proposal, the biggest pat came from JD (U) leader Sharad Yadav, Pawan Varma, SP leader Ram Gopal Yadav, TMC and Congress leaders Ahmad Hassan Virendra Singh and EMS. Natchiappan. All BJP MPs fully supported the move and Smt.

Smriti Irani, HRD Minister, Immediately stood up in Rajya Sabha to assure she will have Thiruvalluvar anniversary celebrated in all schools through government orders. ■



*Thiruvalluvar is a celebrated Tamil Saint, poet and philosopher whose contribution to Tamil literature is the Thirukkural, a work on ethics. He was born in either Chennai or Kanyakumari in Tamil Nadu. Both Buddhists and Shaivites, also claim him as their own. Thiruvalluvar is thought to have lived sometime between the 3rd century BC and the 1st century BC. The famous Tamil poet Mamulanar of the Sangam period also mentioned that Thiruvalluvar was the greatest Tamil scholar and Mamulanar also mentioned the Nanda Dynasty of north which ruled until the 4th century BC. This estimate is based on linguistic analysis of his writings, as there is no archaeological evidence for when he lived. He is sometimes also called Theiva Pulavar ("Divine Poet"), Valluvar, Poyyamozi Pulavar, Senna Pothar, Gnana Vettiyan or Ayyan. The government of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry celebrate the 15th (16th On Leap Years) of January as (as Per Tamil Calendar) 'Thiruvalluvar Day' as part of the Pongal celebrations in his honour.*

# The Mysterious Cosmic Factor

By Shri Shri Anandamurti

Whatever we do not know, in order to conceal our limitations or hide our imperfections, we either say that it is non-existent, or we will say it is an abstract. In the universe, whatever comes within the scope of our senses or within the periphery of our perception, we say, "It is," and whatever is beyond the arena of the senses or jurisdiction of perception, we cannot say anything. Hence, our world functions within the limitations of our senses and perceptions.

We know in the realm of cosmic introvert or extrovert, in the first (extrovert) phase, "subtle" is transmuted into "crude", and in the returning phase of introvert, "crude" is metamorphosed into "subtle". In this progress, a semicircular approach, there may be subtler objects in the scope of matter - many objects subtler than electrons or protons, [neutrons] or positrons - but we find no alternative but to say that they are either electron or proton or positron or neutron. And similarly, in the psychic sphere there may be entities subtler than ectoplasm or its extra-psychic coverage, endoplasm.

There are entities which come within the realm of both physicality and psychic

expressions which are smaller or subtler than atoms, electrons or protons, and in the psychic realm may be subtler than ectoplasm. For such objects or entities I use the term "microvitum". Microvitum is the mysterious emanation of cosmic factor.

This microvitum, or in plural microvita, are not of protoplasmic order, and as such they have got little to do with carbon molecules or carbon atoms, which are treated as the initial points or initial stage of life in the universe. In psychical terms, the position of microvita is just between ectoplasm and electron, but they are neither ectoplasm nor electron. Due to our lack of knowing, we may say microvita is mysterious. Hence it is the mysterious emanation of cosmic factor. They are not of protoplasmic order, and hence the question of their protozoic or metazoic structure does not arise. It's a mystery.

Microvita are not of the same density or subtlety. Some of them may come within the range of a highly developed microscope; others, by their actional expression, faculty or



vibrations, they may come within the scope of our perception. They are of subtler order. There may be still more subtle forms of microvita which may not come directly within the scope of our perception but may come within the scope of a special type of perception which is actually the reflection of conception within the range of perception in a limited sphere.

So microvita may be broadly divided into three categories - those coming within the scope of a microscope; those coming within the scope of perception as a result of their expression or actional vibration; and those coming within the scope of a special type of perception which is actually the reflection of conception within the periphery of perception.

Special perception may be felt or realised by persons having highly developed, spiritual minds. By dint of our spiritual or physico-psychospiritual sadhana, our minds will develop in all strata, and the power of conception will also develop. And we will know the secrets of these microvita. ■

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