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Face Reader

There are numerous examples of people who have benefited through this exact science though it may have been in varying degrees. Dr. Paresh Dani has encountered hundreds of thousands of people over the last thirty-five years, each having a unique and exclusive problem or desire – And he can proudly claim to have help them with almost a cent-percent success rate.

This ancient science originated in India and since then have travelled outside to place where people are known to have progressed by actually incorporating aspects into their daily lives. Three are numerous cases and as many factors for each case. Dr. Dani has met people from all over the world where each country with it's own socio-economic scenario may have posed a different problem to its inhabitant, but nonetheless each one has been sorted our ownig to Dr. Dani's thorough and comprehensive knowledge of this ancient science.

Dr. Dani has successfully used this science even in areas like drug awareness and rehabilitation along with having helped numerous people round the globe change their life-style by giving up meat and alcohol. The kind of people who have gained from Dr. Dani's contribution range from different place of origin to World's statesmen and silver stars and from the high-flying to the nottoo-well-knowman on the street.















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Snehi Shree Pareshbhai,

Saprem Namaskar.

I am extremely overwhelmed to learn that you are preparing a special book on our esteemed Prime Minister Shri Narendrabhai Modi which will be published through Globe Gaze Academy.

Positive and result oriented success has been achieved through many works and schemes for the welfare of the people during his tenure in office. Various issues and problems touching the common men and the nation and their solutions as the result of the untiring efforts from Hon'ble PM have been highlighted in your book.

Hon'ble the PM has led the glory of India to the apex height among the world level politics and inspired many countries to oppose the Terrorism, towards better health by Yoga and Swachchh Bharat Abhiyan. Many records were broken by initiatives like Aayushman Bharat, Mudra Bank and Jandhan Yojana. The entire world was amazed by his novel tribute to Shri Sardar Patel by the Statue of Unity. This book is throwing light on the works and life of Shri Narendrabhai from a novel angle. Shri Narendrabhai has thrown open the doors towards development, only within the span of four and half years. I, hereby, extend my heartiest best wishes for the success of the book.

(Vijay Rupani)

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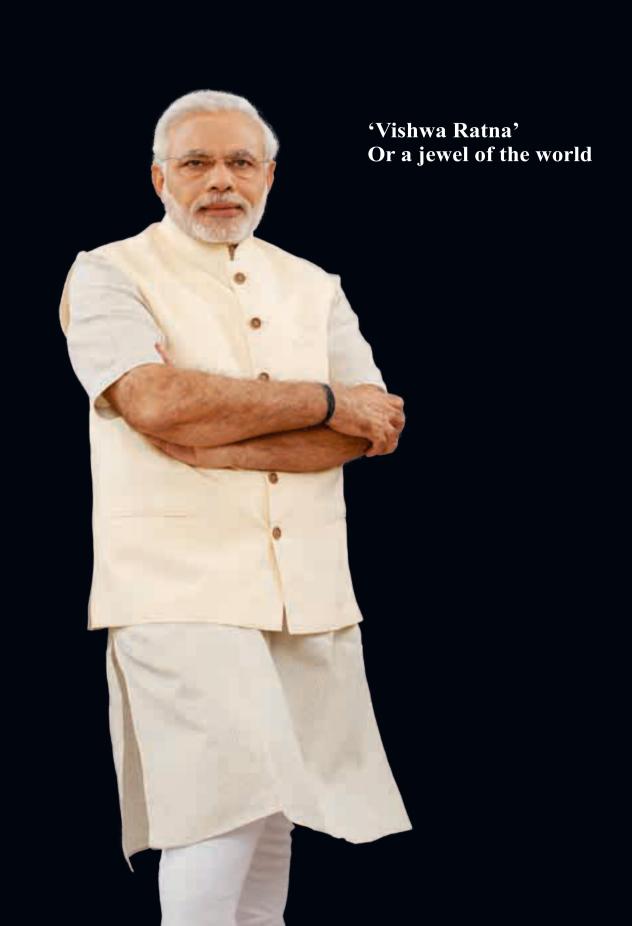














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WORDS FROM CHAIRMAN

We are proud to launch the January 2019 issue of Globe Gaze. It was launched in the 90s to fulfil the void of global reporting in respect to its impact on India. Without limiting ourselves to any genre, we provided wholesome news from across the globe that has shaped our country and contributed towards our success.

In all these years, we have covered myriad topics ranging from Politics to Business. Globe Gaze also serves as a platform to explore the role played by astrology and other vedic sciences in the key areas of our life.

This issue celebrates the reign of our Honourable Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi and applauds his dedication and his unending desire to serve the nation. Due to his continuous efforts, India is recognized global-

ly as one of the largest and most progressive democracies in the world. He has worked tirelessly to improve our growth and to place us in an elevated pedestal.

All this name and fame is a result of the work undertaken by Shri Narendra Modi. His progressive vision is what helps us grow every day. We have covered his most prominent meetings with the world leaders and their positive outcomes. As our bi-lateral ties get reinforced, our nation climbs one step towards world peace and harmony.

We have also tried to highlight the philanthropic schemes introduced by our Prime Minister, which deal with the upliftment of the poor, provision of employment, enforcing general cleanliness and several other issues that have plagued our nation for years. With the successful enforcement of these schemes, we have grown by leaps and bounds.

As the coverage and the impact of our magazine grew, we established Globe Gaze Academy, which apart from delivering content also consistently works towards other goals. We serve to assist people without the outlook of any monetary gain. Presently, we are grooming the upcoming wards of the business world in tackling challenges and being humble in victory too. We aspire to indulge ourselves in social work and to see progress among our youth in the society. All the results that one witnesses are a result of an amalgamation of science and religion. We have also started presenting "Lifetime Achievement Awards" to eminent personalities who are an inspiration to all the generations that follow.

We look forward to great love and support from our readers.

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NARENDRA MODI-A BORN LEADER

In the recent years, the entire world has witnessed the greatness of our Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi. His journey to this esteemed position has not been an easy one. Modiji, an enigma whom we look up to hails from a humble background.

Shri Narendra Modi is an inspiration to several people because he was a commoner who has risen due to sheer hard work and goodwill. He has faced countless challenges in both professional and personal life and has battled all of them to conquer politics today. He has guided our nation towards growth and prosperity while his words are echoed across continents with admiration.

Although Modiji is so eminent today and reckoned to be a powerful force, that was not always the case. Eighteen years ago, even before Bharatiya Janata Party recognized his prowess, a humble and proficient face read proficient face reader from Gujarat had predicted that Shri Modiji will reach the heights of governance.

Their conversations were no co-incidence. It was the astute knowledge and prowess of Paresh Dani which set course for a two-decade

long dialogue where he impressed Modi with his accuracy and impact of his predictions. Mr. Dani first encountered Modiji in 2001 in a small school located in the outskirts of Ahmedabad in the presence of a mutual friend. During that meeting, Mr. Dani studied the palms and forehead of Modiji, and predicted all the greatness that he would bestow on the country in the coming years. He not only provided a general discourse of success that India would witness because of Modiji, but also forecasted his successful career as a leader. As per Samudhrik Shastra, a part of vedic tradition, a person who bears thirty-two lakshana or characteristics would be a Chakravarti Samrat or in laymen terms a leader who will rule the entire world ethically and benevolently. Mr Dani believes that Modiji has 32 lakshanas, a clear indication of a world leader.

His precise prediction at that times that Shri Narendra Modi will become the Chief Minister of Gujarat in the upcoming few months and following the same path, he set a course for Modiji's destiny saying he would become the Prime Minister in 14 years. At that time, Modiji couldn't consider the predictions with seriousness as he considered his background and the pedestal of such a position. But on 7th October

2001 he proudly took oath as the Chief Minister of Gujarat. This incident formed a unique bond between the two. On the eve of the grand victory he acknowledged the prediction by Dani and expressed his ecstatic wonder. An alliance which was formed in the past decade became stronger as time grew, and once again, history repeated itself when Paresh Dani expressed his firm conviction after reading Modi's future that he would become the Prime Minister and would continue to be in that position for 20 more years, during which India would witness its most glorious days. Once again, Modi's scepticism was won over by the acute truth in his predictions when he was sworn in as the Prime Minister of India at the Rashtrapati Bhavan and he became the first PM to be born after independence.

Today as we stand in at a crucial juncture where we face the 2019 elections with trepidation. Although there is an undercurrent of anxiety owing to the results, Paresh Dani assuages all the worries. He has once more reviewed Shri Narendra Modi's horoscope in detail and he firmly assert that Modi will be victorious in the coming elections and will play the most

prominent role in taking India to great heights. Just as people remember Gandhi, in the coming times, Modi will be regarded with an equally high reverence. He will be proclaimed as 'Vishwa Ratna' or a jewel of the world.

Paresh Dani's prediction which will be emblazoned in stone in coming times is, "Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India was born on September 17th, 1950. His future is bright and thriving. According to my face reading, he will govern India for the next 20 years at least. Along with making India powerful and prosperous during this period, he will make India's name prestigious (Maha-Satta) worldwide by achieving heights of economic growth. He will embellish our country's name in every corner of the world. India will be known and recognized for its governance and the talent it holds, a recognition that is long overdue. His leg journey between 64 to 89 will be his golden period."

These words can be related and revered by every Indian who aspired for the good of their nation. Paresh Dani has proved his mettle by being part of this glorious revolution.





Astrologer Dani's predictions 14 years ago about Navendra Modi's political currer have come true.

Astrologer Dani predicts Modi will rule India for 20 years

Ahmedabad: Dr. Paresh C. Dani, an Ahmedabad-based astrologer, who claims that he had in 2001 predicted that Narendra Modi would be Chief Minister of Gujarat, now predicts that Modi will govern India at least for the next 20 years.

During these 20 years, Dr. Dani says, Modi will make India strong, powerful and prosperous He will achieve worldwide popularity, and India, under his governance, will become a world leader. The world will recognize India's potential and praise Narendra Modi as Lishwamma.

Dr. Dani says that for Modi, who was born on September 17, 1950, the journey of his life from the age of 64 to 89 will be his golden period. The whole world remembers

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Modi Premiership Predicted Before He Became Chief Minister

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hile the best Indian and foreign experts. not to mention the Bharatha Janata Party itself, were getting it quite wrong less than a month ago, a humble face-reader in Gujarat, Paresh C. Dani, had predicted to Modi in mid-February 2001 in the presence of two witnesses that he would become not only the chief minister within six to eight months but eventually prime minister in 14 years. He had just been introduced to the then school administrator, by Ithailal Patel, vice prevident at Parikh Worldwide Media. His email to Bhailal of May 20 to remind everyone of his predictions has been paraphrased below.

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Minister of India, was born on
Sunday, Sept. 17, 1950. His future
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Face reader Paresh, C.Danit, center, and Bhattat Patel, right, with Navendra Modi in Lebruary 2001.

growth. The world will recognize and praise Modi as its precious jewel (vishwa-ratna). His life-journcy from the age of 64 to 89 will be his golden period turvarra-kala). The whole world remembers Mahatma Gandhi for his great works. Modi will be remembered and praised even more than that for his superior achievements. In

February 2001, when Shree Bhailalbhai Patel of Chicago and I visited Modi at his Sarakardham school on the outskirts of Ahmedahad, I told Narendrabhai in the presence of Naten Shah, that he will gain the Chief Minister's seat within 6-8 months and that after 14 years be would definitely become the Prime Minister of India. Today the day has come! Whatever I had predicted has come 100% true today. India has been blessed with the leadership of a person around, whom our epoch will turn (yaga-

purushai. I give Narendrobhai Modi my hearry congratulations and best wishes."

Modi had turned to Bhailal at the time and asked if the man was drunk.







NARENDRA MODI: The Man, His Words & Works.

India, being a nation known for its diversity in culture and opinion, often stands united only on two fronts – Tea and Narendra Modi. The juxtaposition of these two has been overwhelming and inspiring at the same time. The fact that our Hon'ble Prime Minister has risen from the lowest rungs of the ladder has indeed taken away the excuse of incessant nepotism and unending barriers that one held against politics in this country. The PM much like our beloved tea has become something we can't start our mornings without. He is here and here to stay.

On May 26th, 2018 the Modi Government completed four glorious years in office. As a human, we have always learnt to measure something by comparison, wondering if the grass is greener on the other side. The current Government similarly had their scale cut out for them and they have quite literally broken it. India now holds the record for the fastest growing economy in the world, surpassing China by at least a year in timeline. Economists believe that the same would hold true for the coming days as well. One life-changing reform after the other, Narendra Modi is the man who has indeed brought the world to India's feet.

Sensex being on an all-time high with the constantly dropping fiscal deficit; he has really left no room for complaints. We were in dire need of rescue after a decade of UPA's corrupt and ineffective practices. The Government has not only pulled us back up from that hole but, is pushing us further to a brighter future.

With the motto of Make in India at its heart, domestic industries are striding in from all across the country. To boost the internal growth, facilities like e-Nam (National Agriculture Market) and GeM (Government e-Marketplace) have been introduced thus, eliminating the middlemen and increasing the profit potential of the real manufacturers of a product. The policies that have been formed are a clear indication of the Government's support towards the idea of flourishing business practices in the country. The World Bank has since ranked India thirty places higher for ease of doing business in the short period from 2016 to 2017. The introduction of Goods and Service Tax was another stroke of brilliance to take control of a failing system. One Nation One Tax has presented a unified tax regime that we shall benefit from for many years to come. There have undoubtedly been some hindrances in its implementation but, nevertheless it's a change that has given immense clarity on the direction India is heading towards.

Narendra Modi's foreign expeditions have



never been something that was hidden from the naked eye. While some blatantly have categorized him as an NRI Prime Minister, others do see the impact this has made on the country's relations. For the first time in the history of this democracy, India holds a seat at the United Nations Security Council. It is due to his efforts that we find unwavering allies in superpowers

like the United States of America and Russia. Tourism has increased manifold. Starting September 2019, the curse of black money being stashed away in Swiss Bank Accounts shall be lifted from India. One

of the key promises made by him in his electoral campaign was the eradication of black money and it's safe to say that he has delivered on those promises by bringing in the changes like the demonetization of thousand and five hundred rupee notes. It was a vicious 'surgical strike' on terrorism funding and money laundering that has been prevalent in the country for many decades.

While conquering the world, the PM has also made some radical advancement within the state. The Swachh Bharat Mission is a step towards making the environment a much better place for us to live in. It is in the face of authoritarians who believed India could never be as clean or sophisticated a country as some of its European counterparts. There has been a growth of over 25000 MW of electricity, giving even the most remote areas, a ray of hope. As per his speech, on their office anniversary meet

with BJP, thousands of kilometers of highways are being built every single day. Innumerous length of railway track has been laid down to aid the infrastructure and trade. It's in light of this growth that the Modi Government has come up with the Smart Cities mission wherein hundred cities across the country shall be given 1000 crores each for further development making them more citizen-friendly and sustainable. There have been efforts from all ends of the spectrum under the Modi Raaj.

The leadership of one man can only be gauged by the grit and resolve of the people under him. The Cabinet serving under the stern guidance of the Prime Minister is the best example of this statement. The work done by Mr. Arun Jaitley, the finance minister on changing the tax land-scape of the country and the inclusion of buttermilk in mid-day meals provided to children by then Human Resource Minister Mrs. Smriti Irani are only small instances of how the Government has uplifted every niche society that we represent. In fact, the handling of external affairs by Mrs. Sushma Swaraj is a prime example of Narendra Modi's exceptional selec-

tion of the frontrunners for this country.

In the words of former American Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis, "If we desire respect for the law, we

must first make the law respectable." Maybe it's paying heed to this socially relevant quote that the legislature has undergone some major rectifications and updates. The Government is no longer ready to follow rules set in ancient times with no ratification in the present scenarios. A little over 1500 laws have been repealed

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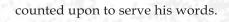
by the Central Government which no longer relate to the justice regime required in modern India. With another 2000 laws identified as outdated with the assistance of the Law Commission, the Government intends to reach a record-breaking standard. Introduction of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 has fine-tuned the loan structure in our economy, helping the banks and financial institutions weed out the dead assets and make way for new investments. The formation of National Institution of Transforming India (NITI Aayog) in replacement of the Planning Commission has drawn a



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Our major concerns as a military power and a united nation have always been where the state of Jammu and Kashmir stands. Whether that be a day spent at Siachen, announcing a 570 crore relief package for the flood-hit territory in 2014 or his recent visit to Gurez where he spent Diwali with the Indian soldiers pronouncing them as his family; Modi has always taken a vearning step towards J&K and protecting its feeling of inclusivity in the country. Furthermore, the issues touched upon by the PM have never been addressed by any of his previous office bearers. An open discussion on the problem of addiction and substance by the man himself was unseen of. In 2016, Delhi recorded the highest number of drug seizures in the country. It's in the wake of these developments that the office of the Prime Minister has taken an even sturdier stand towards drug trafficking and distribution over the years.

As the times go by, we have fast-forwarded into an era where there is free-flowing and endless information. Every answer, opinion, event and movement is capable of being tracked down to the very second it took place. Complete accountability is the term used by economists and financial gurus alike. The Cabinet has in sync with this technological advancement come up with the idea of Digital India. The Government to ensure that its services are freely available to every citizen is constantly improving the online infrastructure and internet connectivity in every State and Central Department. A Digital Locker System to digitize the physical documents and reduce the use of paper, National Scholarship Portal for the end to end process from application to disbursal, installation of Wi-Fi hotspots on public transports and increment of access to digital literacy are some of the provisions made to ensure a complete transformation of India into a digitally empowered society. The crucial applications of the Aadhar Card are being routed through the same scheme. The Government tends to eradicate the duplicity of documents needed for mere identification of an individual. It would ensure equality in terms of subsidies and grants alike with no signs of partiality that has reigned in from the earlier conventional structures.



The core reason for Narendra Modi's popularity though seems to be his desire to balance the scales of economies between the different classes of the society today. The case in point being the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojna (PMUY) whereby the Government has beaten it's projections by months and provided free-of-cost LPG connections to crores of families that are Below Poverty Line; all while asking the other citizens to give up their allocated subsidy and be a part of this nation-building process. To safeguard the interest and lives of the underprivileged, Accident and Life insurance policies have been introduced by the Government that requires a payment of as meagre as 90 paise per day thus,

attempting to bring into its ambit every single individual that is a part of this Republican state. Under the Housing for All Scheme by the PM, 20 Million affordable houses are being built for the urban poor along with even more so in the rural areas. By announcing the Jan Dhan Yojna, he has made sure that everyone gets on the train to complete modernization. Narendra Modi isn't the man who is looking for the fastest road to success; he is the one who is making sure everyone feels successful before he does so.

No matter who you ask the first word that resonates with the name of Narendra Modi is Mitron. Such is the prominence of the best spokesman this country has ever seen. People hail from all the different states just to hear the man speak in his dynamic and monolingual voice. The All India Radio program named Mann Ki Baat, hosted by the PM himself every month is another star to his already stellar record. It's his sole control of the masses that a position of utmost respect is upheld even on the worst days. We as a nation are now accustomed to believe that no matter what happens; Modi shall take care of it. The only question that now remains is what will he do next? And maybe someday very soon, he shall take a moment out of his 18-hour workday and enlighten you with the same.





TAKING INDIA GLOBALLY

One man, four years, forty-one international trips, six continents and fifty-nine countries. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's frequent foreign trips after assuming office have always made headlines. Since the day of his election, the propaganda around PM Modi has bantered around a singular topic - International Visits. The reasons for the visits are hardly emphasized on a public platform though. Bilateral and multilateral summits stand of utmost prominence for a place that is being hailed as an "Emerging and Powerful Nation". They cement a country's stand on the global stage time and time again. There are now endless possibilities that were created through these very visits.

In the area of global trade, India's contribution has amplified. During his last address concerning the trade and growth trajectory of the nation, PM Narendra Modi vocalized his aims for doubling the trade contribution to augment the current GDP. Due to the superior relationship with Japan, they have agreed to invest thirty billion dollars in DMIC (Delhi-Mumbai Investment Corridor). Similarly, China signed an agreement to contribute twenty billion dollars to India's infrastructure. In view of his cabinet's Act East policy, he has highlighted the

trade routes and improved relations with countries in ASEAN. Nuclear development has been established through France, Australia and Canada. With state visits to various nations, Modi has forged a friendship and an alliance that the country shall profit from in the many decades to come.

India has been looking to expand partnership in the form of investments within the region since the Nehru era. The Prime Minister met with top business heads abroad, especially those with disruptive business ideas such as CEOs of Tesla, Uber, Facebook, Twitter and others to shape an environment that's mutually beneficial in India. Such meetings have garnered more funds for infrastructural and economic development within the country. This further supports the administration's Make in India policy which boosts the domestication of industries. In the last two years, more MNCs have started manufacturing in India which includes products ranging from electronic gadgets to metro rail coaches. While he has dispensed the social baggage of his predecessors, his well-scripted meetings have bought both him and Indian businesses greater lead to change the landscape on a global scale.

He has inculcated a feeling of inclusivity among the NRIs and people of Indian origin who are settled abroad. On nearly every state visit, the Prime Minister has addressed the Indian community residing in that country. He even brought forward the proposition that allows NRIs to be a part of the vote bank, making them equally invested in the well-being of our nation. To give an example of the impact the "Modi Effect" has had on the world, Diwali was celebrated for the first time at the United Nations, with the world body's head-

quarters being illuminated in view of the Hindu festival of lights. This can certainly be accumulated to our global footprint that has formed due to the consistent efforts of the PM.

There are several such instances which can be quoted illustrating what the Prime Minister has achieved through his international initiatives. The work done by him resonates in India's stature and intensifies its position with every passing moment.





A CHIEVING GREATNESS TOGETHER

Narendra Modi has been a busy man around town. The town literally being the whole globe in this scenario. With forty-one trips to his credit entailing a total of fifty-two countries in only four years, he has turned out to be an international figure. The most iconic of these visits in recent times would be the three-legged Portugal – United States of America – Netherlands tour that began on the 24th of June, 2017. More prominently, the Indian Prime Minister's first meeting with U.S. President Donald Trump.

PM Narendra Modi landed in the U.S. on the 25th of June, 2017 for his fifth visit to the country. The day of his arrival exemplified his regime's prime objective of giving a boost to the economy through constant foreign collaborations. A roundtable held amongst the top CEOs of the country including the tech mammoths like Apple, Microsoft and Google succeeded by his interaction with the Indian diaspora at Virginia stand proof of his undying dedication towards bringing overseas investments into the country. "Innovation, technology & talent are crucial in this day and age. If you want to give back to India, this is the best time to do so. Make sure that coming generations continues ties with India", was the Prime

Minister's verbatim to the Indian-American community residing in the suburb.

On the following day, the Modi-Trump summit took place where the President and First Lady greeted our Prime Minister personally upon his arrival at the White House. The American President and our Prime Minister later delivered a joint statement named as "United States and India: Prosperity Through Partnership" at the Rose Garden in the White House. As is common knowledge, President Donald J Trump has never been a man of few words. He termed both him and the PM as world leaders in social media. He further brought up the fact that India is the world's fastest growing economy at the moment with America playing catch up for those kinds of numbers. If such is the demeanor of who is called the Leader of the Free World, there is no denying our country's significance on the global stage now.

PM Narendra Modi spoke of peace, stability and security within the Indo-Pacific region whereby he concurred on the destruction of terrorists and their safe havens in any part of the world. He further voiced his opinion on the erratic scheme of events in Afghanistan, committing India towards rebuilding of the country in distress. In tune with the on-going foreign policies of the current Government, talks of multiple bilateral agreements were held which the PM addressed as a crucial moment in the long-standing co-operation between the two nations. His focus on trade, commerce, investment as well as technology, innovation and knowledge were made clear. The President, as a result, has shaken on working closely for boosting maritime trade in the area. Furthermore, President Trump lauded an Indian airline for its order of a hundred American planes which in turn would generate many-fold jobs in the democratic country of America. Donald Trump also expressed his plans for increased exports of U.S. energy to India in sync with the growth in our economy including the trade of LNG in the future.

The objective of the meeting was to convince an America-First President of the importance that our nation holds in today's date. The PM as has on many other occasions seems to have achieved the same and much more. The presence of Ivanka Trump for the GES in November 2017 and her statements on the strongly held friendship between the Government and the White House further supports this train of thought. Hope that this partnership further benefits our ever increasing global prominence is in everyone's thought.

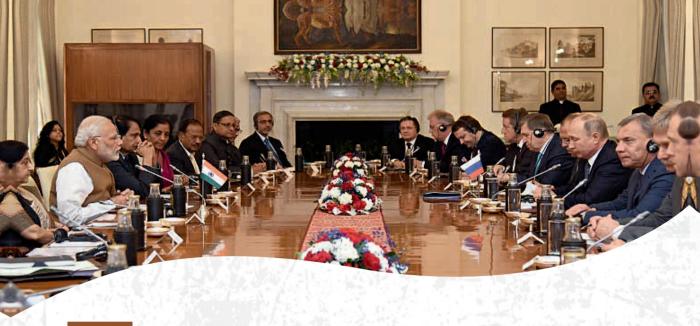












RUSSIAN NEXUS

There is a certain familiarity that comes in hand with being informal. Hence, when Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited the seaside city of Sochi to have an informal summit with the Russian President Vladimir Putin, it laid a robust foundation for a friendship that perpetuated over time. PM Modi landed in Russia on the 21st of May, 2018 for a day-long visit. This was his first visit to Russia in the year. Both the national leaders had multiple telephonic con-

versations beforehand. The format of this meeting helped them set up an additional level of exchange and define strategies in line with their joint responsibility of maintaining global peace.

Narendra Modi following the footsteps of former Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee has been working endlessly to craft indispensable ties with the nation. The summit which lasted for more than three hours was termed as stonework for a "special privileged strategic partnership" by the Russian President. Narendra Modi said the informal summit had added a new aspect to the bilateral relationship. He in his statement emphasized upon

their co-operation towards the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC) and BRICS. Over the period of the Modi Government, there has been a steady growth in trade turnover between the two countries. Both India and Russia share a similar worldview, based on a multipolar order. This has resulted in a superior economic relationship. The ties which were rather strained due to a number of factors earlier have been revitalized in the past two years.

There had been speculations of the Russian policymakers favoring India's adversaries, this summit addressed and outright dismissed the same.

Following this, President Putin visited India in October 2018 for the annual Indo-Russian Summit. A series of eight pacts were signed between the two economies. The agreements ranged from human resource development, trade and investment to technology. India inked a 5.43 billion dollar deal to buy S-400 Triumf missiles from Russia. This came in the wake of restrictive sanctions imposed by US on Russia thus, continuing to hold an ally in the state. PM Modi suggested that India would be open to the establishment of a dedicated

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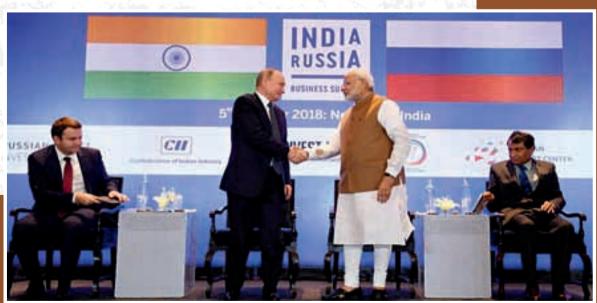
Russian defense industrial park. Unarguably, the utmost crucial agreement was for the co-operation and support to be provided by Russia in India's first manned space mission named Gayanyaan. Both the nations harmonized on the development of six Russian designed nuclear plant projects in India. In the year 2017-18, the India-Russia trade rose by 20 percent.

Since the very beginning of his prime ministerial journey, Narendra Modi has been rooting for Russia. During December of 2015, he made a state visit to Moscow and signed sixteen agreements in areas of helicopters, localization of manufacturing in nuclear reactor units, counter-terrorism, railways, solar energy, heavy engineering and hydrocarbons. Following the summit-level talks, Modi and Putin jointly addressed chief executives of Indian and Russian companies and focused on issues that require special attention in the changing global landscape.

The defense ties between India and Russia have strengthened over the regime of the current Government, making the country further militarily capable. With persistent bilateral communication among the two nations, India now stands as an emerging power among the world leaders.









I NDO-CHINA TIE-IN

The relations between the two emerging superpowers – India and China have been dynamic since our Independence and yet there has never been a greater stability in the Sino-Indian ties than under the current regime. There have been a total of eleven meetings between the Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi and President of the People's Republic of China Xi Jinping over a period of four years. While his predecessors had always underplayed the bilateral operations among the nations in consideration of the stringent implications at the border; Narendra Modi has banished those views to be exceptionally vocal and candid about the present scenarios.

For instance, the very first visit of the President Xi Jinping to India in 2014 was feted at a public reception. A matchless gesture in six decades for any Chinese leader. The countries then concurred on an array of twelve pacts including one that assured a twenty-billion-dollar investment by China into India's infrastructure. Consecutively, the Prime Minister held a state visit in May 2015 where he became the first world leader to hold bilateral talks in the President's hometown Xian. While the summit addressed heavy-duty concerns relating to boundary disputes and terrorism, the frontrunners were

seen walking hand in hand and chatting harmoniously. Apart from this, both the leaders have met annually on the sidelines of several multilateral conferences such as BRICS, SCO and G-20 Summit. Although, 2016 was a difficult year for Indo-Chinese relations with China's unrelenting veto against India's entry into NSG (Nuclear Suppliers Group); by the end of it, productive discussions took place to rectify the bitterness between the two nations. The following year nevertheless involved one of the most intense standoffs at Doklam since the 1962 war. The issue got resolved through diplomatic channels and a bilateral meeting at Xiamen after seventy-three days of the conflict. At BRICS Summit that followed this, China participated in decisions favorable towards India and its allies.

In 2018, an attempt to invigorate the connection between China and India was made by President Xi Jinping. He invited PM Modi to the city of Wuhan for an informal conversation to which the Prime Minister corresponded positively. It was held just a month before the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Summit considering the leaders wouldn't have had ample time on its sidelines. The meet marked a new chapter in the India-China bond. President



Xi in the "heart to heart" discussion with the Prime Minister underscored peace and tranquility in the region. They decided to initiate an economic project in the war-torn state of Afghanistan in coordination with one another. Additionally, PM Modi discussed the importance of bilateral trade along with the need to promote cultural and people to people relations. Imperative proposals involved moving ahead on spirituality, terms on building ties in films, and betterment of the environment. Areas that need strengthening in the fields of tourism, holistic health, agriculture, technology, energy and sports were highlighted. In light of the informality of the summit, there were no agreements or announcements made. In the PMO's address back in India, it was stated that PM Modi proposed a five-point agenda for bilateral ties - common vision, better communication, strong relationship, shared thought process and a shared resolve. In the end, both the leaders expressed their support for the work of the Special Representatives on the India-China Boundary and urged them to intensify their efforts to seek a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable settlement.

The month of July in the same year saw the President and Prime Minister paying separate visits to Rwanda, pledging over \$300 million in loans to the tiny, landlocked African country. With mutual efforts to mend and advance the Indo-Chinese relations, the leaders have been aligning their interests to reach a consensus on global cooperation and peace.







CONFLUENCE OF MINDS

In all of seventy years of independence, there has never been a man at the helm of this country's political hierarchy who visited the Jewish state of Israel. Then again, there never has been a Prime Minister like Narendra Modi either. Hence, on 4th of July 2017, he did what none of his predecessors had even thought of. He met with his Israeli counterpart Benjamin Netanyahu in Tel Aviv. Forbes, the world's leading business journal wrote, "Modi has surpassed the foreign policy of hyphenation of previous Indian governments and propaganda of minority appeasement at home." India's ties with the democratic state have always been indispensable in light of their confluence of interests. The countries had been working together away from the public eye in consideration of the tender relations Israel shares with Palestine. The bilateral meeting in Israel proved to the world that India is now capable of having deferential focus with its foreign policies.

Since April 2017, the Indian Government has signed three strategic missile deals with Israel amounting to over \$2.6 Billion. The Modi-Netanyahu summit is said to be a burgeoning step towards the betterment of agricultural technology and the military modernization program of

the country. A total of seven bilateral co-operation agreements were signed during this visit by the Prime Minister. The accords accentuate the participation of both countries in different realms of space, water management, energy and agriculture. Further, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed to set up \$40 million worth India-Israel Industrial Research and Development (R&D) and Technical Innovation Fund. Two of the aforesaid agreements had co-operation on water conservation and state water utility reform in India at their nucleus. In addition to this, a three-year work program was set up to expedite processes within the agriculture sector. The arrays of concerns discussed in these meetings have laid a foundation for a technologically adept and futuristic India.

A major highlight of the foreign visit was the cementing of friendship between the two Prime Ministers. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu welcomed his Indian counterpart at the Ben Gurion Airport quoting, "Aapka swagat hai mere dost." Both the leaders were seen together on most occasions of the trip. They even visited the Dor Beach together for a walk. A candid picture from the walk was gifted by PM Nethanyahu to Modi signed with a person-

alized message. Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his second day in the state said, "(There shall always be) I for I which means India for Israel and Israel for India."

During his visit, PM Modi made stops at Danziger Flower Farm where he got a flower named after him, Yad Vashem, the Hall of Names to attend the memorial ceremony in the Hall of Remembrance and Mt. Herzl in Ierusalem to pay respect to the modern Zionism founder. On his last day in the country, he paid homage to the soldiers in Haifa by laying a wreath at the cemetery of Indian soldiers who died during World War I. As is his agenda with most foreign trips, the Prime Minister addressed the Indian-Israeli community. He promised that Israeli citizens of Indian origin would receive Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) cards even if they served in the Israeli Military. A proposition for building an Indian Cultural Centre in Israel was made as well.

After a ceremony at the Gurion Airport, the PM concluded his three-day visit to Israel leaving for the G-20 Summit in Germany next with a much stronger world reach and even better friendship.











I NDO-PHILIPPINES RELATIONS

On 13th November 2018, something truly historical took place. After an ever so long period of thirty-six years, a Prime Minister of the sovereign nation of India landed in Manila, Philippines for a bilateral meeting. It was the first visit of a PM of this country with this agenda to the Republican state since Indira Gandhi in 1981. While Philippines has been a traditional ally to the U.S.; it was about time progress was made to strengthen the affiliation with our nation. The 'Act East' policy of our current Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has been a major contributor to this change. With Philippines being the third largest economy in South-Asia and amassing a young population which in turn hold a statistically astounding 95% literacy rate, it was a stellar move by the Government to shape the future that lies ahead of us. Not to mention, its geostrategic location could do wonders as well.

India has been keen on building a counterterrorism, defence and economic partnership with the Philippines, one of the fastest growing economies in the region. It was also among the first countries to send aid to Manila during the recent terrorist siege of Marawi – a southern Philippines island – native place of President Rodrigo Duterte. The full trade potential between the two growing economies was never realized. Hence, the bilateral meet between the Prime Minister and President has been marked with utmost significance. It bridged the gap between an acquaintance and a friend to the country.

The meeting between the two leaders upshot the signing of four agreements including one to boost bilateral co-operation in the fields of defence and logistics. They also incorporated principle MoUs relating to agriculture, small and medium-sized industries and other related matters. Further, a pact between ICWA and FSI along with the establishment of ICCR chair in the University of Philippines was inked. The Filipino President communicated his interests in acquiring fast offshore patrol vessels and welcomed Indian pharmaceutical as well as infrastructural industries to explore opportunities in their mainland. PM Modi on the other hand, expressed his intrigue about the renewable energy sector. He even invited the President to join the Solar Alliance that was launched by him in November 2015.

The next day, the Prime Minister attended the 15th ASEAN-India summit and 12th East Asia summit in Manila. This was a major component



of the regime's foreign affairs policy to diversify co-operation with the South and South-Asian countries. Quoting the Prime Minister's speech at the summit, "The ASEAN Mentor-ship for Entrepreneurs launched at this Summit is a commendable initiative that addresses another felt need of entrepreneurs. Indeed, for the near future, South and South East Asia will be the growth engine of the world. Hence, building connectivity with ASEAN is a key objective for India." India-ASEAN trade in today's date accounts for more than one-tenth of our nation's total

foreign commerce. A boost to the economic and business relations with the participating countries has aided India's prosperity for the coming decade.

While in Philippines, Narendra Modi interacted with the Indian community based there, visited the Mahavir Pipelines Foundation Inc. and the International Rice Research Institute. The IRRI and its partners over the years have provided assistance to two lakh women farmers in Odisha. He talked about setting up a regional centre of the IRRI in Varanasi, the Prime Minister's constituency, to develop high-yielding rice varieties to help in utilizing the rich biodiversity of India.

The trip, in summary, was duly productive for both our present and future endeavours. The vision created during the same shall push us towards being a world leader furthermore.





WALKING TOGETHER SINCE AGES

PM Narendra Modi's maiden trip to the Gulf was a three-stop affair. The most crucial of which would be the first official visit of a sitting Prime Minister to the Arab state of Palestine. On February 9th, 2018 he landed in Ramallah to a ceremonial welcome in the compound of the Presidential Headquarters, also known as Mugata'a. The bilateral meeting planned was a part of balancing the Indian foreign policy in the Middle East. With this meeting at Ramallah, he successfully de-hyphenated the relations between Israel and Palestine. It was an earlier norm to hem both the countries into one matrix. This policy adopted by the Modi Government allowed India to enhance its military dominance in collaboration with the Israelis and continue backing Palestine as it has through the test of time.

On the day of his arrival to the state, PM Modi first met with the Palestinian Prime Minister Rami Hamdallah. Both the government representatives took a short tour of the Yasser Arafat Museum where our Prime Minister laid a wreath. This was followed by the bilateral meeting with President Mahmoud Abbas. In a joint statement issued post the meeting, the President was quoted saying, "We rely on India's role as an international voice of great

standing and weigh through its historical role in the Non-Aligned Movement and in all international forum and its increasingly growing power on the strategic and economic levels, in a way that is conducive to just and desired peace in our region." The Indian Government has always been a steady hand in the disruption between Israel and Palestine. While, both the Governments have facilitated to co-exist on a public platform, East Jerusalem remains to be given a clear stake in the peace process. Narendra Modi focused on the need to keep an open dialogue and forwarded India's efforts towards the establishment of an independent Palestinian state within a peaceful environment. India has since contributed immensely to Palestine's nation-building efforts, including infrastructure development and capacity building.

The agenda for the visit comprised of agreements in the areas of health, IT, tourism, youth affairs, sports and agriculture. Six agreements were signed in the presence of the Prime Minister at Ramallah which amounted to USD 50 million. The MOUs entailed construction of an India Palestine Centre for Empowering women at Turathi, an additional floor to Jawahar Lal Nehru for Boys at Abu Dees and a school in the villages of Muthalth Al Shuhada and Tamoon.



The Indian Government also accorded to set up a new National Printing Press at Ramallah and an India-Palestine Super-specialty hospital at Beit Sahour in Bethelehm Governorate at a cost of USD 35 million in total.

India has maintained a moral support for the Palestinians in view of their self-determination and grit for a place on the table. Consequently, the Government made a surprise vote at UN in favour of the country to deny recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel earlier in December 2017. There is a very thin line drawn between the two East Asian nations and yet, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has found a highway to expand and expend our relations on both the ends.



The PM later flew to the United Arab Emirates and Oman to complete his Gulf tour. While UAE is our exporter for more than half the oil in the country, close security ties have been built by the Indian Navy at Oman. The Gulf is home to nine million Indians who each year remit USD 35 billion home. This number has augmented since the visit.





4 SAAL KA SAATH AUR VIKAS

When thinking about the blissful 4 years spent by our Country with a man of the Shri Narendra Modi's Caliber at its helm, nothing else comes to mind.

The year 2014 had been a game changer in the broadest of sense as the Nation woke up to a new dawn, accentuated by a bearded face, representing the rising Sun. It was that of the illustrious PM. The people discovered in him a vision, never-before seen, a record cleaner than a whistle and the will to shoulder their aspirations, proven by his term as the Chief Minister of Gujarat, which transformed the state into a global Idol. However, the most important reasons for people to trust him, were his promises. Although lofty, the people realized that they can be achieved with proper co-operation. In order to fulfil these promises, and honor his word, the Prime Minister, like all great men, has worked tirelessly since his term began. The proof of these efforts is vividly conspicuous in the various schemes or yojanas under-taken by the central government in his tenure.

Hence it would be fitting to look in to the promises and the respective yojana launched for their fulfillment, to see how well the Government has performed in the recent years.

Before that, let us remember the major problems faced by the Nation, which were mentioned by the Hon. PM in his speeches, and the solution for which he has worked towards. A major problem for India, has been Unemployment. That is so, because Unemployment gives rise to Poverty in turn. It was absolutely necessary to take steps for curbing this Economic evil. Hence, Mudra Scheme was launched in this respect. It promotes self-employment, as opposed to creation of jobs by the Public sector, making people more responsible and independent. The second issue was a skewed balance of payments. There was a heavy reliance on Imports, leading to rising foreign debts. Hence, to counter this, the Stand-up India, and Start-up India Schemes were launched, which promote the production of goods and Services in our own Country, as well as loans to facilitate the same. Another major Economic Issue for us was the creation and use of Black-money, which led to rise in inflation and loss of income from taxes for the Government. To curb the same, we have seen various measures such as Demonetization, GST, and the Jan-Dhan Yojana. Along with this, the strengthening of Laws regarding defaulters, has led to the Extradition of fleeing businessman Vijay Mallya from England.

Mr.Modi's vision for the future includes great progress in terms of technology, as it is the need of the hour. To fulfil this mission, the Prime Minister has taken note-worthy steps. The most famous one being Smart-City Project, which aims to develop infrastructure in the selected cities, capable of supporting the latest technologies. We have seen substantial steps being taken in these cities, such as the Metro

the ewildly successful BRTS, and the famous high-speed Bullet train connecting Mumbai to Ahmedabad. To reduce dependence on Cash, and facilitate net-banking, the Government introduced BHIM UPI App, as well as the Digital India Movement.

On the social front, the activities of Shri Narendra Modi have no less vigor. We have all seen the success of the Swacch- Bharat Mission, which was aimed at stopping defecation in the open, by promoting creation and use of toilets in each and every household of the Country. Since then, various cleanliness drives have been launched under it, leading to a cleaner and greener India. Another major social evil faced by the Country on the recent times was corruption. Modiji, himself being so vocal about it, has been quiet successful in curbing the same, by making the system more transparent. To help the poorest of the poor, LPG subsi-

dy scheme has been started, under which the subsidy given up by those who earn well, has been utilized to provide the much needed cooking gas to those who cannot, at even cheaper rates. Further, the valiant battle fought by him against tobacco use, such as the complete ban of Gutkhas, shows the deep understanding of social issues that our leader has.

The kind hearted person that our Prime Minister is, he has started various schemes for the benefit of the fairer sex. The most important among them was 'Save the girl child'. It is a movement under-taken by the government in order to end female feticide, and facilitate education of the Girls. A separate fund has been set up for compensating Acid-attack victims, including free plastic surgery of the affected



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part.

All of this shows how responsible our PM is, as a leader, and how well he works to fulfil his promises. However, it still does not justify the grand vision he has for this Country, and all that he has done to realize that till now. We shall be looking into major policies put forward by the government in the last 4 years that have given shape to the fate of this Country.







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S WACCH BHARAT ABHIYAN

It is a well-known fact that the birth Anniversary of the Father of our Nation falls on the 2nd of October every year. But it was in 2014 on this very day that the Hon. PM decided to honor his memory in a way, never thought-of before. Mr. Narendra Modi launched the Swacch Bharat Mission at the formers resting place, Raj Ghat, as a step towards achieving the dream that Mahatma Gandhi had many years ago, of seeing a clean and green India. Interestingly enough, the design for the logo of this project also represents the same. It is a picture of Clean India through the spectacles of Shri Mahatma Gandhi.

On the face of it, it is just a cleanliness drive. But what sets it apart, is the sheer size of this project. It aims to cover the streets and infrastructure of 4041 cities and towns across the length and breadth of the Country, including urban as well as rural areas. It started with the complete elimination of open defecation, manual scavenging and lack of toilets in the 4041 cities and towns. The mission called for campaigning heavily against the tradition of open defecation at all places, through education and awareness. It aims to provide sanitary public and household toilets, having a proper solid waste management system unlike the conventional latrine pits.





After the initial success of the mission, cleanliness drives are held annually by all who want to contribute towards making a by cleaning difference their surroundings. With due support from celebrities, and of course our PM, people turn out in huge numbers to show their support to this noble cause. According to the Quality Council of India's report, about 62.45% of the rural population access to the toilets, and 91.29% of them are using them correctly. 4.25 toilets







have been constructed since the launch of the mission, and 5 states have been declared open defecation free along with many other villages and districts.

The huge success of this mission can be attributed to our PM as he knew the right way to go about solving this problem was not just building toilets, but changing the attitude of people regarding cleanliness and sanitation. Hence this mission is an important one.





A YUSHMAN BHARAT YOJANA

For a Nation like ours, with a population exceeding 125 crores, it is a challenge for any Government to launch a comprehensive Health Scheme, owing to the number of beneficiaries. But of course our Prime Minister has never been the one to shy away from challenges. He is known to hold the bull by its horns and look him in the eyes, before forcing submission. That is just what he did with the National Health Protection Scheme, fondly called Modicare. It is recognized as the biggest health scheme in the World.

Launched in 2018, this scheme aims to provide healthcare assistance before (preventive), and after any illness or disease, thus addressing healthcare fully. The Scheme consists of 2 major parts, first one being a National Health Protection Scheme and the second one, establishment of health and wellness-centers in order to fulfil the first. To ensure smooth execution, and maximum benefits, Indu Bhushan has been appointed as the CEO for this task, and Dr. Dinesh Arora as the deputy CEO.

The salient features of this scheme is, it will cover over 10 crore families, who will get benefits of up to Rs.5 lakhs per year for Healthcare. These cashless benefits can be taken from any

public or private hospital across the Country, and include hospitalizations through most causes, barring only a few. Further, over 1.5 wellness centers are to be setup under this task. They shall include treatment for non-communicable diseases also, along with regular health services, as well as free diagnostic services and essential drugs.

There is no doubt that the scheme is a success because since its inception, more than one lakh people have already taken benefit of it till October. Almost 10 lakh e-cards have been generated and many hospitals have signed up to as partners. It is indeed another feather in the already loaded cap of our PM.





One of the most ambitious projects of Shri Narendra Modi, it is an umbrella initiative that covers various tasks, aimed at making our Country a 'digitally empowered Knowledge Economy'. It is the revision of the e-governance projects launched during 1990's which did not yield desired results. This scheme combines the available modern technology, and additional objectives. Launched on the 1st of July 2015, the scheme focuses on three areas. Firstly, providing digital infrastructure as a utility to everyone, providing governance and services on demand, and Digital empowerment of citizens. Hence, this scheme combines the modern technology available today with the grand vision of Shri Narendra Modi.

As mentioned earlier, it is an umbrella scheme, covering a variety of aims and objectives. Firstly, it aims to give all citizens free and safe access to high-speed internet, for fast delivery of public services, and giving each citizen a unique digital identity. Further, it aims to give a digital safe vault for storing personal information. Also, it will help turn India into a cashless Economy by promoting online payments and transfers. Lastly, it will help achieve the dream of digital literacy universal.

To achieve these lofty objectives, the scheme has nine key initiatives, such as high-speed fiber optic connectivity among all gram-panchayats, National Rural Internet mission, universal access to Mobile connectivity, e-governance, Electronic manufacturing, Training and job creation, e-kranti, and information for all. It is by no means a small step, especially for a Nation like ours. So our Prime Minister urged the leaders of top-companies in Silicon Valley, such as Tim Cook and Sundar Pichai, to partner with the Government under this initiative. As a result, Google is helping provide free Wi-Fi at 500 Railway Stations across the Nation, and Apple is considering opening a manufacturing plant here.

Thus, this project is indispensable for achieving the future imagined by Shri Narendra Modi, of a technologically advanced and developed Nation. It is an unprecedented effort on the part of the any Government so far, and deserves all the support it is getting locally and globally.



JAN DHAN YOJANA



On the 28th of August 2014, the newly elected people's Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi introduced Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana, proving to everyone what makes him so special. It was the vision attached to this step. The scheme was aimed at all households, urban as well as poor, with focus on the poorer sections, which could not afford to open a bank account. The idea was to open Bank Accounts for everyone, in a convenient manner, with minimum efforts on the side of the beneficiaries.

The salient features of this scheme were many. According to the Finance Ministry, an Account could be opened under this scheme with just 2 photographs. Each and every account opened under this scheme, which was linked to Aadhar and had been satisfactorily operated in the last



6 months had an over-draft facility of up-to Rs.5000. Further, these accounts were each provided with a RU-PAY Debit Card, in order to facilitate cashless spending. All these RU-PAY cards had an in-built Insurance cover provided by HDFC Ergo worth Rs.1 Lakh, and a Life Cover Provided by the LIC of India, worth up-to Rs. 30000. All of these benefits were increased a year later, to Rs. 10000 for Over-draft limit and Rs. 2 Lakh for Insurance cover.

But the optimum utility of this policy, with all its benefits, was still not realized, until the 8th of November 2016. It was the day of Demonetization. Our PM made had to take this drastic step for curbing the increasing Black-money deposits in our Country. Hence it was necessary that all cash lying with citizens was deposited in their Bank Accounts. In order to avoid last minute hassles of creating Bank A/c's on this very day, our Visionary leader had made sure with the PMJDY that everyone had a functional bank A/c linked to their Aadhar cards. Needless to say this scheme was a success as 21.87 crore Accounts have been opened, with deposits of Rs.37775 Crore made in them. This is the gall and vision that proves our PM is a breed apart.



MAKE IN INDIA



Ever since pre-independence era, our leaders sought to promote the concept of Swadeshi or self-made. It was an effort to curb the expensive imports dumped on us by the British and at the same time provide employment and demand for local businesses. Even after independence, we have had to rely heavily on imports. This policy has led to a deficit in the balance of payments, i.e. we owe more money internationally, than we earn. This is a problem because International debt has to be serviced using Foreign exchange, thus has a negative impact on our reserves. Our Prime Minister recognized this problem, and in order to address it, launched the revolutionary Make in India Scheme on the 25th of September 2014.

The basic aim of the Scheme is to transform India, and make it a Manufacturing hub for 25 key Industries. These include Power, tourism, Pharmaceuticals and Telecommunications among others. Steps are taken under this initiative to call on Companies of the World to invest and set up factories in India. They shall be able to use the skilled manpower available here, to make zero-defect products, for selling to the World. Like most other policies of our Leader, this one too has a multi-pronged approach. Firstly, 1000 skill development and certification

centers would be opened, to impart the necessary skills. An 'Invest India' unit is to be set up, which shall be able to solve the queries of Investors, and improve the ease of doing business.

The Government has decided to spend an amount of Rs.15000 Crore for the same, but not without the accruing benefits. The scheme is beneficial to the citizens, as it promotes skill development and employment generation, while at the same time increasing the GDP of the Nation by giving a boost to production. Lastly, it obviously helps us with Export-promotion and Import-substitution. Hence, it will again be a major contributor to the vision of our PM, of making India a developed Nation.





M UDRA BANK YOJANA

First announced in Budget speech for year 2015-16, by the Hon. Minister of Finance, Shri Arun Jaitley, Micro Units Development Refinance Agency (MUDRA) is a Bank launched by Shri Narendra Modi under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana. Touted as the Bank for 'funding the unfunded', this institution aims to provide finance for small business units involved in manufacturing, trading and providing services. Most of them being sole proprietorship, they find it difficult to obtain credit from the Private and Public Institutions functioning currently, due to the size of their operations. To facilitate them, the scheme was launched on 8th of April, 2015, with an initial corpus of Rs.20000 Crore.

The Prime Minister, through various reports observed that around 5.77 crore small businesses are being run by independent entrepreneurs, who can benefit from this step. It aims to encourage small-scale entrepreneurship, and help current small-business owners expand their operations, or reduce their debt. Hence, MUDRA Bank shall be providing them with loans up-to Rs.10 Lakh, while at the same time acting as a regulator of the Micro-finance institutions. Just like many others, this scheme also has multi-pronged benefits because of these

functions.

The function of providing credit has been classified under 3 heads, according to the stage of the business, and its credit requirement. First is the Shishu Scheme, for businesses which are in their initial stage. It will cover loans sanctioned for an amount up-to Rs.50000. The second is the Kishor Scheme, aimed for businesses which require credit above Rs.50000 and up-to Rs.5 Lakh. Lastly, the Tarun Scheme, is meant for businesses which require an amount upwards of Rs.5 Lakh, and up-to Rs.10 Lakh. Further, there is a special provision for focus on Women entrepreneurs and those from the poorer or backward sections.

Hence, it is another step in the direction of Economic Independence by the Peoples Prime Minister, which will help our Economy and its units prosper.

"Mind is never a Problem, Mindset is."





PERKS OF BRICS SUMMIT -2018

Around the end of the first decade of the 21st century, in the year 2009, the fastest growing economies of the World came together to form a group that would meet annually for promoting political and socio-economic co-ordination among its member countries for mutual benefits. Öriginally, it had 4 members, Brazil, Russia, India and China. Thus it was named BRIC, an acronym denoting their first letters. Later, in the year 2010, the Nation of South-Africa was invited to join, and thus the name changed to BRICS. Hence, today the group consists of 5 members that ably represent the World's emerging Economies, supporting 41% of the global population, and 22% of Global GDP.

India has been an important part of the body, right from its establishment to the last summit, held this year. This is because as much as India contributes to the Body, it also gets several advantages being a member. First and foremost, India gets a chance to be heard on the International Level, thereby making its presence felt all around the World. This helps us meet our long-term requirements such as a permanent seat on the UN Security Council, membership of the NSG etc. Further, it offers us an important strategic advantage, especially

with respect to our Relations with Immediate Neighbors. An example of this can be found in the instance when China agreed to back-down during Dokhlam Stand-off citing the BRICS Summit in near future. Another advantage of this alliance with China offers us valuable help while dealing with the perpetually hostile Neighbor, Pakistan. Also, this alliance helps India maintain a stronghold over the Indian Ocean, which is an important resource for trade and diplomacy.

The 2018 summit of BRICS countries was held in Johannesburg, South Africa. Held between 25th and 27th of July 2018, the 10th summit was themed BRICS in Africa: Collaboration for inclusive growth and shared prosperity in the 4th Industrial Revolution.

It was attended by the leaders of all 5 participating Countries, Modiji for India, Vladimir Putin for Russia, Michel Temer for Brazil, Xi Jinping for China, and the host, Cyril Ramaphosa for South-Africa. Apart from them, the guests of honor this year were the Presidents of Turkey and Argentina, Mr. Erdogan and Mr. Macri respectively.

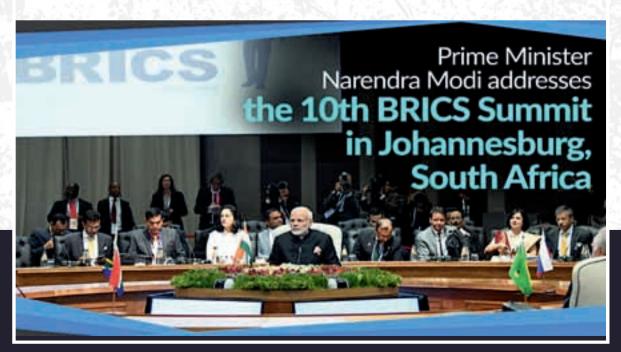
Although a number of important International

and regional issues of common concern were discussed, the highlight of this conference was the adoption of Johannesburg Declaration by consensus. The declaration re-affirms the principles of democracy and inclusiveness, while agreeing to fight unilateralism and protectionism.

Aptly represented by our dashing Prime-Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, India played a pivotal role in this conference. In his famous speech, our PM laid emphasis on how the fourth Industrial revolution offers both, challenges as well as opportunities to the Developing Economies. Certain disruptive technologies might prove harmful and thus the Nations should be vigilant about them. Further, he explained how the optimum benefits can be reaped from the Industrial revolution, i.e. by skill development and vocational training. We can already see the benefits from the same through Policies such as make in India and Skill India Mission. Future oriented vision of our Leader can clearly be understood from this. However, as always, this is not all Modiji did. He held bilateral talks on the sidelines of the summit with no less than 5 different Nations including China, South-Africa, Russia, Angola and Argentina. Working 18 hours a day certainly has benefits.

It is no secret how much our Prime-Minister values foreign relations, and rightly so, because of the benefits reaped by his endeavors abroad. Brics has always been an important agenda for him ever since he came into power. India hosted and Chaired the 8th BRICS Summit in Goa, 2 years ago. It also included a film-festival and U-17 football tournament. The PM smartly strengthened ties with Russia, after the latter recently held military exercises in Pakistan, by signing a weapons deal. In 2017, the summit was used to resolve the Doklam issue with China, as both countries agreed to withdraw their troops just a week before the conference. Further various bilateral talks were held by Modiji on the sidelines as always, with leaders of no less than 9 different countries.

Hence it is clear how important BRICS Summit can be to us as a Nation, thanks to the Hon. PM. He has worked tirelessly towards building a global community with India at the center. It is another opportunity that he has steered out country towards. With time these agreements and talks bear fruits, which stand as proofs of the foresight and unrelenting efforts of our beloved leader.



ARGENTINA 2018



DISCOURSE AT G-20 SUMMIT

The G20 (or Group of Twenty) is an international forum for the governments and central bank governors from 19 countries and the European Union. In addition to these members, representatives of several other international forums and institutions take part in the meetings. 30th November marked the beginning of its Summit of 2018. The thirteenth symposium of the twenty world leaders took place in Buenos Aires, hosted by the Argentinian President Mauricio Marci. The group has been the key to innumerable paradigm shifts since its inception in 1999. A report by the Asian Development Bank heralded that India would play an important role in the global economic governance creating a new world order through G-20.

The theme for the year was 'Building Consensus for a Fair and Sustainable Development' via three priorities in its agenda - the future of work, infrastructure for development and a sustainable food future. A constructive consideration was given to the emergence and movement of cryptocurrencies as well. Talks between the U.S. and China related to resolving the escalating 2018 China-United States trade war were a central issue of the summit.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his address highlighted the flagship policies like the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojna, MUDRA and Start-up India undertaken by his government to modernize the economy and promote inclusive growth at the opening session of the G-20 summit. The major takeaway from this summit though was the two trilateral meetings that took place on its sidelines. Prime Minister Modi, his Japanese counterpart Shinzo Abe and US President Donald Trump participated in what was the first meeting of its kind among the three. The Japan-America-India conference was dubbed as 'JAI' which the Indian Prime Minister rightly translated in Hindi as a synonym of success. The dialogue mainly hovered over the institution of a "free and open" Indo-Pacific region, an expanse for shared economic growth and common prosperity. Furthermore, areas such as connectivity, sustainable development, disaster relief, maritime security and unfettered mobility were also touched upon. A consensus was reached on an architecture in the Indo-Pacific region based on principles of mutual benefit and respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity. The leaders elucidated the need for such trilateral meetings at multilateral conferences and expressed their intent to hold such meetings more



frequently.

Shortly after the 'JAI' summit, the representatives of Russia, India and China (RIC) met on the G-20 sidelines. This was their second trilateral meeting in a period of twelve years. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin taking their cue from organizations like the UN and WHO decided to work harmoniously on the foundation of a multilateral trading system and an open world economy for global growth and prosperity. PM Modi articulated the reason for this meeting as a means to cement friendship and enhance world peace. With the United States of America being at direct odds



with our allies, they clarified that the summit was held in good faith to contribute to the global good and not vex against any other nation. With a single statement, the Indian Prime Minister averted any retaliatory pushback from the US.

To promote international and regional stability, the RIC leaders coincided on strengthening co-operation through the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa), SCO (Shanghai Cooperation Organisation) and East Asia Summits. The chief concerns of terrorism, disaster relief, climate change and humanitarian assistance were tackled head-on. While the significance of the RIC format was expounded, Chinese President Xi Jinping added the need of such ties was to, "advocate a new type of international relations, keep consolidating political mutual trust, establish partnerships instead of alliances, and strive for a virtuous cycle in major-country relations and win-win cooperation." Staying on course with their new-found alignment, the nations agreed to steer global economic governance over time.

At the second session at G20 summit on international trade, international financial and tax systems; PM Narendra Modi presented a 9-point program to take action against fugitive economic offenders. He enlarged the concept by coloring the issue as a contributor to economic instability within a country. Moreover, he emphasized upon three protocols to be



maintained for its prevention – freezing proceeds of crime, early return of the offenders and efficient repatriation of the proceeds of crime. By initiating this conversation, he undertook the responsibility to act in view of matters that are much closer to home.

The discussions at the G-20 Summit and the trilateral meetings were a direct product of the strides that the Indian PM has taken since his very first day in office. He aptly turned his words from the Shangri La Dialogue to action. At the summit in Singapore, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had explicated India's stand on the strategic Indo-Pacific region saying, "India does not see the Indo-Pacific Region as a strategy or as a club of limited members. Nor as a grouping that seeks to dominate. And by no means do we consider it as directed against any country. A geographical definition, as such, cannot be." The Russia-India-China and Japan-America-India summits gave his words the meaning they required.



Under his guidance, India's foreign and domestic policy has flourished diversely. Just before the G-20 Summit, the Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Argentina and told him about plans to scale up investments in tech, farm and energy sectors of India. With a view to being part of the growth story of the country, he offered to supply oil and petroleum products to India with its increasing energy demand.

India shall host the G-20 Summit in 2022 that marks the country's seventy-fifth year as an independent and sovereign nation.





S HAPING THE ECONOMY

The year of 2017, made every citizen of the India standstill as the Narendra Modi administration brought what can leniently be called the biggest overhaul in taxation since the country's Independence. As on 1st July of the year, the acronym GST came to life within the economy. A change characterized as a 'good and simple tax' by the Prime Minister was put in motion. One that shall define the Indian financial system for as long as it exists. GST or the Goods and Service Tax replaced a major chunk of the revenue model for the Central as well as State Government. More precisely, it eliminated twenty-three taxation laws and their ancillary cesses to become a singular driver for the levy of indirect tax. This implementation propelled the country's laws to be at par with its counterparts around the globe. A total number of one hundred and sixty countries including India have adopted GST till date.

GST has been rightly propagated as 'One Nation. One Tax.' It's a blanket law for every commercial transaction today. Earlier, the structure involved a complex hand down depending on the type of activity and location. The implications varied from state to state. Services, for instance, were subject to Service Tax while manufacture and its related matters

were handled under the Excise law. Being erratic, this provided avenues for tax evasion. The application of GST offered a simplified solution by gathering them all under its ambit. It completely eliminated any inter-state arbitrage, plugging the hole in revenue for the Government. GST is now levied on the supply of goods or services or both (composite supply) and is beneficial for all stakeholders viz. Citizens, Taxpayers, Industry and Government.

The law is broadly bifurcated into three categories - CGST which accounts for the revenue attributable to the Central Government, SGST for the State Government and IGST that serves as a summation of the two. The Modi Government shaped this law keeping in mind the conflicts that have taken place with the earlier ones. Hence, on every levy, the tax collected from the consumers is divided uniformly between the Centre and the State. This has reduced the incentives for tax fraud making both inter-state and intra-state transactions equally favorable. Additionally, reforms were made to rectify inherent complications that came in its predecessors. There were endless cases filed that plundered the loopholes in the indirect tax regime; addressing the issue, the lawmakers created the new edifice leaving no

space for ambiguity.

The Goods and Service Tax law accentuated the ease of doing business within the country by forming a common national market. It further gave a boost to international transactions by marginally reducing an array of compliances that the earlier laws were privy to. GST is devised to be completely self-sufficient. It endears the concept of self-assessment through its common forms and formats. The Government additionally created a compliance interface through the GSTN portal as a step towards complete digitization. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has left no stone unturned to eradicate corruption that has been prevalent in the government departments. The implementation of a non-intrusive law was a breakthrough in that direction. Being processed through a digital format, no sign-offs or approvals are required to comply with the law. Consequently, a decrease in the movement of black money transactions has been perceived since.

The institution of GST meant an unforeseen change in the economy. Hence, it doesn't come as a surprise that the system wasn't exactly ergonomic. Since the entire notion was different, knowledge about the same was free-flown among the stakeholders. The Government took apt measures to educate the citizens and professionals alike for a smooth transition which lead to a more informed audience. In today's scenario, albeit the intricacies; a layman is aware of how the GST regime operates. By shaping an informed citizen, the Modi administration demonstrated a future that achieves cognizance of actions through the country's massive population.

Under GST, the average tax burden on the majority of goods came down, which lead to a reduction in prices. This, in turn, resulted in more consumption and less inflation for the country. A meteoric rise was seen in consumer confidence. A perceptible improvement in the sales of branded products leads as a direct indi-



cator of a better standard of living. A boost to the domestic demand engendered further opportunities for entrepreneurs. Job creation also turned out to be a consequential pro. It enhanced the 'Make in India' movement by making goods or services produced or provided in India competitive in the national and international markets. Exports were marked as zero-rated supplies, this meant even though no duty was payable, a supplier could claim the GST paid by him in the manufacture of the products as a refund. With this level of efficiency and synergy available, exports have become a further lucrative endeavor thus, benefitting the country's fiscal deficit.

In order to subsume the complications with implementation, the Prime Minister has time and time again been open to providing leeway within the law. Since, all sets of compliances were not feasible to be adhered to at once, for a long period of time, the number of forms to be filed were kept at a minimum. There have been multiple alterations to the rates of taxation as per the requirements of the industry as well. In a recent speech, PM Modi said that he intends to bring ninety-nine percent of products and services under the eighteen percent slab of GST while retaining the other higher percentages only for a few luxury products. Prompt adjustments to the control adverse retaliations have

been made.

The small and medium-sized enterprises in India account for around half of the exports from the country. The small taxpayers are hence, provided special benefits in GST with regard to compliance levels as well as payment of tax. A taxpayer having an aggregate turn-over of fewer than twenty lacs rupees need not be registered under the GST Act. Furthermore, a Composition Scheme was brought to light wherein, businesses with turnover under a predetermined threshold limit are given an option to pay a single low tax rate linked to the turnover and simplified compliance requirements (quarterly return).

Since July 2017, an additional number of fifty-five lacs businesses have registered under GST, nearly double of the cumulative registrations in earlier laws. On a quarter to quarter analysis, the introduction of GST has been of great assistance to the GDP. A revenue target of twelve trillion rupees has been set for the coming year. The projections and the current scenarios along with the administration's incessant efforts have made GST a truly nation binding embankment.





STATUE OF UNITY Pride of our Nation

Since the beginning of our Hon. Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modiji's term in the year 2014, it has become quite commonplace to hear the name of our great Nation all over the world, with awe and respect be it India's place in the ease-of-doing-business list, or the launch of the World's largest Healthcare scheme. However, the achievement that put India's name on everyone's lips most definitely, has to be the erection of the Statue of Unity. Standing (really) tall at 597 feet or 182 meters, the statue is twice as tall as lady liberty (including her torch), and exceeds the Spring-temple Buddha in China by 50 meters. It is the largest statue in the world, overshadowing all others, including Christ-the redeemer in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil).

The Bronze statue is a humongous depiction of the magnificent personality, our beloved 'Sardar' Vallabhbhai Patel was. The first Deputy Prime Minister of India, and the Iron-man of India.

Situated in the State of Gujarat, the home state of Narendra Modiji, at a distance of about 100 km from the Cultural City of Vadodara, on an Island in the River Narmada, over-looking the Sardar-Sarovar Dam in Kevadiya Colony, the statue has right-fully become a tourist attrac-

tion within less than a month of inauguration. The name of the Island it is located on is Sadhu Island, and it is 3.2 km downstream from the Sardar-Sarovar Dam.

The total height of the whole structure is 207 meters, with the statue alone at 182 meters, specifically to represent the number of seats in the Legislative Assembly of Gujarat. It includes a viewing gallery at a height of 153 meters, which can accommodate 200 people at a time. Inside the statue is an elevator that will take visitors up to the said gallery. It offers a panoramic and beautiful view of the Narmada River, which is the 5th largest in the Country, along with the nearby Vindhya and Satpura Mountain ranges. The 200 km reservoir of the Sardar-Sarovar Project can also be observed well from this platform.

Based on construction, the statue has been divided into 5 levels or zones, each of which fulfils a different purpose. Zone 1 which begins at the base of the statue, encompasses a museum cataloguing the life of Sardar Patel. It also has a gallery, which features an audio-visual presentation about Vallabhbhai Patel and about the tribal culture of the area. This zone also has a garden, for recreation and resting.

The legs, that are actually concrete towers, contain two elevators, which can take up-to 26 visitors at a time, reaching the top level in mere 30-seconds.

This colossal project was the brain-child of our Hon. PM, first announced in the year 2010, while serving as an exemplary Chief-Minister for the state of Gujarat. He wanted it to be "Gujarat's Tribute to the Nation". It is a fitting tribute as well.

Shri Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel was a prominent leader in the Indian National Congress. Born in Nadiad, on the 31st of December 1875, he went on to be a skilled Lawyer. He is known as the Iron-man of India because of a childhood incident in which, on developing a boil in his armpit, Vallabhbhai had it treated by applying a heated iron-rod. His age being tender, everyone was stunned by this display of fearlessness and will. In his youth, Mr. Patel was deemed unambitious by many, belonging to a farmer family, but he proved them all wrong by Passing the Bar exam, despite having study from borrowed books. He even had to let go of a ticket to England, which he had bought from his own savings, because his elder brother also had a desire to go. Nevertheless, Patel finally managed to fulfil his dream of going England at the age of 36. He came back and established a successful practice as a lawyer in Ahmedabad, quickly gaining reputation as one of the best in the business.

Later, after coming in contact with Mahatma Gandhi in Godhra, Shri Sardar Patel was a changed man. He joined the Father of our Nation to fight for the exemption of taxes in Kheda, at the time of Plague and Famine. Later, he joined the Non-Cooperation Movement, hiring volunteers from the west of India, and collecting Party fund. However, Nation-wide recognition for Sardar was observed after the Bardoli Satyagrah, after which he earned the said title. On the social front, Sardar was an active promoter of vegetarianism, banning alcohol consumption, abolition of caste system, and Women-empowerment.

All of these efforts, led to him being the first Deputy Prime-Minister of Independent India, as well as the first Home Minister. However, it was his work at the helm of the above-mentioned posts that has prompted out current Prime-Minister to declare his birth anniversary as the National Unity Day. He was responsible for the accession of more than 500 princely states into the largest democracy the World has seen. A skilled diplomat and cunning-strategist, he used saam, daam dand, bhed as and when required while dealing with those provinces, which were otherwise interested in going separate ways. Such a great contribution to Nation, deserves recognition, and our Hon. Prime Minister made sure of it by making the statue in his likeness.

> Staying true to his vision, Narendra Modi formed the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Rashtriya Ekta Trust for the purpose of making it a reality. To create awareness about this project, and garner public support, a drive was launched by the name of Statue of Unity movement. Under the same, several activities were undertaken. which were key to the success

of this venture. There was a need to create awareness about the contribution and achievements of the Iron man of India, and hence, 31st October, the birth anniversary of this eminent personality was rightly declared as the National Unity Day. After-all he is the one responsible for bringing together different states under one flag, and function as a Single Nation.

Under the same initiative, a marathon was organized in the City of Surat (Gujarat), named Run for Unity. Further, In order to avoid wasteful expenditure, Modiji appealed to farmers all over the Country to send in the metal scrap obtained from farm instruments that were not useful anymore, as donation to this noble cause.

Needless to say that a vision so bright, garnered support from everyone who came to know about it. As a result of this, by the end of 2016, over 130 tons of metal scrap was collected in the form of above-mentioned donations. It was processed further, and used in building the foundation of this monument. Only an influence such as that of our PM can garner such support and volunteering from a varied background of people, ranging from the farmers in the Villages, which are where our culture resides, to the urban folk who ran in the Marathon.

Now there was a need to find the design for this



behemoth, and for that, a team of historians and artists studied various statues of the Iron-man across our Country, finally settling on a design sent in by the celebrated sculptor, Ram V. Suthar. He is an artist famous for metal works, and has been the recipient of Padma Shri as well as Padma Bhushan, in 1999 and 2016 respectively. He has made over 50 monumental statues in the last 40 years of his career. Interestingly, the design for this statue is a replica of the one which is installed at the Ahmedabad International Airport, which is also named after Sardar Patel.

The statue, made completely out of bronze is a testament to the iron will and firm resolve of Shri Sardar Patel while contributing extensively to our struggle for independence, and later in unifying the fragmented pieces of this huge Nation, into the diverse but unique experience that it is today. The statue shows Sardar Patel having an austere expression, firm yet kind. There is a shawl casually wrapped around his shoulders, sandals on his feet, and Dhoti on his legs. His head is high, and arms are on the sides. According to the artist, his stature is that of being ready to walk at a moment's notice. His face justifies his personality. After the approval of this design, 3 models were created for 3D scanning, which is what the statue is modelled on.

The construction began in October, 2014. Larsen and Toubro, which is among the largest infrastructure development firms of India was awarded the contract for construction and maintenance of this Wonder. It is after-all no small matter to build something so massive, and in the stipulated time of 42 months. Also, to maintain efficiency, no escalation on labor, fuel and material was to be allowed. Hence it was a challenging task.

The first job was of flattening the hillock on Sadhu Bet, the island on which the Statue stands. An area of 20000 sq. meters is estimated to be used by the project, and it is to be surrounded by an artificial lake of 12 sq. km. It was followed by the laying of foundation stone, at the hands of Shri Narendra Modi, then Chief Minister of Gujarat, on the 31st of October 2013. It was the 138th anniversary of Shri Sardar Patel. The next task was to build a bridge con-

necting the Island with Kevadiya town on the mainland, to facilitate construction. Finally, the construction began.

Over 3000 workers were employed by the Company during construction, along with 250 engineers, generating employment for many, especially in the nearby tribal areas. The statue itself, made in the TQ Art Foundry (China), utilized 1700 tons of Bronze Plates, and 1850 tons of Bronze cladding. The core of the monument, including the base used up over 210,000 cu. Mt. of Cement concrete, and 25000 tons of (structural and reinforced) steel. Further, keeping future in mind, the statue has been made to withstand earth-quakes of up-to 6.5 Richter scale, within a 12km radius and 10 km depth. Winds of up-to 220 km/hr. shall do no harm to the Structure. Even after all this requirements, the construction itself was completed within a span of 40 months, with 2 more months before complete handover of the project. Thus, it is truly a tribute to Indian Engineering.

However, such a great feat entails several responsibilities. The amount of money spent on

it had to be justified. But of course our Prime Minister, the meticulous planner that he is, thought of all these details before-hand. The Projects tender, awarded to Larsen and Toubro includes the cost of maintaining the statue for the next 15 years. Further, the statue has already set a record of sorts, with 1.28 lakh tourists visiting it in just 11 days after inauguration. Especially during the weekends, considering the proximity of the Statue, 50000 people visited. All of these tourists, and the expected rise in tourism, is not without earnings. In fact, the statue earned more than 2 crores in the first 10 days, and this number will only grow in the future as more people come to know about this crown-jewel of Indian Memorials.

In conclusion, this piece of Art is a master stroke by the Architect of our Nation's Future, Shri Narendra Modiji, both in terms of quantity and quality, and shall endure the test of time, as testament to both, the one it represents, and the one who envisioned it.





TIFE & TIMES OF NARENDRA MODI

In the year of 2014, India got its first Prime Minister who was born after the country's independence from the British Empire. The third child of Damodardas Mulchand Modi and Hiraben Modi, Narendra Modi was born on the 17th of September 1950. The Modi family belonging to the Modh-Ghanchi-Teli community was categorized as an Other Backward Class by the Indian government. Hence, to say the least, our Hon'ble PM came from a very humble background. It is now common knowledge that he in his adolescent years used to run a tea stall but, what isn't known is that his journey in the world of Indian politics began at the young age of only eight years. It was then, Modi discovered the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and began attending its training sessions. He joined Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad, the student wing of RSS where he was inducted as a junior cadet and met his political mentor Lakshmanrao Inamdar popularly known as Vakil Saheb.

Being a victim of child marriage, Narendra Modi was engaged while in high school. He rejected this notion at the time of his graduation which led to him leaving his home in 1967. Nevertheless, he is still seen visiting his mother on every special occasion in his life. Hiraben

Modi resides with her youngest son. The PM is known to meet her on his birthday every year and whenever his schedule allows. The relationship between the two has led the media and the citizens to have an endearing outlook on the PM over time.

After wandering around the country for a while, Modi was reunited with Inamdar during the Indo-Pakistani war of 1971, post which he became a full-time campaigner for the RSS. In June 1975, then PM Indira Gandhi declared a state of emergency within the country. This eventually lead to many opposition parties being banned including the RSS. Being the general secretary of an integral committee in the party, Modi was forced to go underground. During this period, he penned a book about his chronicles as a political fugitive named Sangharsh Ma Gujarat.

The coming years shaped what was a roller-coaster of a political career for Narendra Modi. He was soon after assigned to BJP where he planned various campaigns that lead to the party's victory. Under the presidency of L.K. Advani, Modi was elected organizing secretary of the BJP's Gujarat unit. The meteoric rise of his rank within the party came by helping orga-



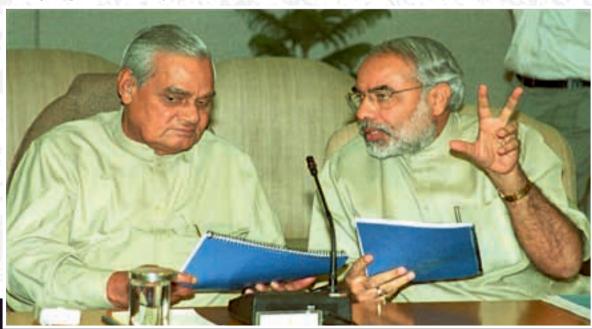




nize the party president's 1990 Ram Yatra. After this, he took a brief sabbatical of two years from electoral politics. He returned in 1994, to be appointed as the national secretary of BJP where he successfully helped settle internal leadership disputes, paving the way for further BJP election victories.

The most crucial milestone of his career took place in 2001 when he was appointed as a replacement for then Gujarat Chief Minister Keshubhai Patel. Narendra Modi had a very clear vision when it came to his growth in politics hence, it is said that he declined an offer to be Patel's deputy chief minister, telling Advani and Atal Bihari Vajpayee that he was "going to be fully responsible for Gujarat or not at all". In

October of that year, he was appointed the CM of Gujarat. He went on to be at the position for twelve years, crafting an alternative strategy that focused on privatization and small government. The Gujarat Government during his time as the CM brought electricity to every village in the state. Being a pioneer and master strategist, under his leadership, he changed the face of the state creating an average GDP growth rate that topped the one for the whole country. He later resigned from the post on being elected as the Prime Minister in 2014. Narendra Modi mastered the art of creating opportunities in the wake of adversity to become a pan India frontrunner. To this date, the central administration even though held by a complete majority under the BJP is termed as the 'Modi Government'.



BJP gave India two of its fourteen Prime Ministers, Narendra Modi and Atal Bihari Vajpayee who are now incessantly compared on an equal pedestal. Considered to be two peas of the same pod, the reforms brought forward by the visionaries have wrought India to what it is today. Both Prime Ministers who lead the Bhartiya Janta Party to victory are said to be silver-tongued orators who served the RSS in their days of political inception. While Vajpayee laid the foundation for BJP to be a driver of change within the country, Modi created a platform uplifting the party to the position it holds today. Modi was mentored by PM Vajpayee during his time as the Gujarat Chief Minister in 2002. They both took office promising economic progress and a resurgence in cultural pride for the country's Hindu majority. Vajpayee has often been characterized as an elitist in contrast to the origins of Narendra Modi which helped Modi achieve widespread popularity among the common classes. They shared cumulative ideologies even in view of India's tango with Pakistan. In his days as the Prime Minister, Atal Bihari Vajpayee presided over a mini-war against in the country and had an indispensable involvement in making India a nuclear-ready state. Similarly, PM Modi was the force behind India's first surgical strike that took place in retaliation of the Uri attack. At the time of Vajpayee's demise, PM Modi came forward to express his loss of a father-like figure. Even though the critics have found glaring differences between the two, there can always be seen a footprint of Vajpayee's dogmata in Narendra Modi's work as a Prime Minister.









"India grieves the demise of our beloved Atal Ji. His passing His passing away marks the end of an era. He lived for the nation and served it assiduously for decades. It was Atal Ji's exemplary leadership that set the foundations for a strong, prosperous and inclusive India in the 21st century. His futuristic policies across various sectors touched the lives of each and every citizen of India. Atal Ji's passing away is a personal and irreplaceable loss for me. I have countless fond memories with him. He was an inspiration to Karyakartas like me. I will particularly remember his sharp intellect and outstanding wit. It was due to the perseverance and struggles of Atal Ji that the BJP was built brick by brick. He travelled across the length and breadth of India to spread the BJP's message, which led to the BJP becoming a strong force in our national polity and several states. We have lost our inspiration. We have lost an 'Atal Ratna'. The personality of Atalji and the sadness due to his demise cannot be described in words. The void cannot be filled ever. I have lost a father figure today."

-Shri Narendra Modi Our Honourable Prime Minister



Modi will rule India for 20 yrs: Dani

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Mahatma Gandhi for his great
work. Narendra Modi will be
remembered and praised
even more than that for his
work and achievements," Dr.
Dani adds

Dr. Dani recalls that in February 2001 he met Narendra Modi and told him that he would be the Chief Minister of Gujarat in six to eight months, and after 14 years he would definitely become the Prime Minister of India. Those predictions have come true now. India has been blessed with the leader-

ship of Yugpurush Naremdra Modi.

Dr. Dani says that astrology, which is thousands of years old, is a logical science. "I studied very rare and old books and manuscripts of astrology and researched for over—three-and-a-half decades," he says and claims that he has in-depth knowledge in astrology, palmistry, face reading, numerology, vastu, Fengshui, Ayurveda, Yoga and Reiki.

Astrologer Dani can be reached by calling at 011-91-9426057449.





















about the Hon. PM Narendra Modi



I had seen the Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi from very closely, identified him with my heart. He is not an ordinary person.

He is adept of literature, music and art, mate of poor, he concentrates towards tinny things, possesses love for the workers. He is ocean of sentiments and love. He had provided warmth to crores

of people. He becomes the supporter of destitute persons.

He is soft by heart and owner of sharp intellectual.

He is involved in politics even though he remains sacred as white milk.

He is loving person.

He is holy.

He is priest of Indian culture. The pillars of his progress are spiritual and thoughtful attitude.

There is no any politician in the world who had directly reached at the highest post without fighting any election.

He became directly Chief Minister of Gujarat in 2002 and in 2014 he became directly Prime Minister without contesting any previous election of Parliament.

God have given one inspirational Prime Minister to India.

He would become the participatory of India. Dr. Pareshbhai Dani had forecasted his future looking to his horoscope and the works done by him as the Prime Minister that he would be definitely win the election of Loksabha in 2019. Dr. Pareshbhai Dani's forecast would be 100% proved true and he would become again Prime Minister.

We would see one day that he would manage the rank of India at top level in the world by his works. The obedient son of India is blessed by all.

I am sure that the book written by Pareshbhai Dani regarding him would become historical.

Dr. Mafatbhai Patel

Editor "Achla"