

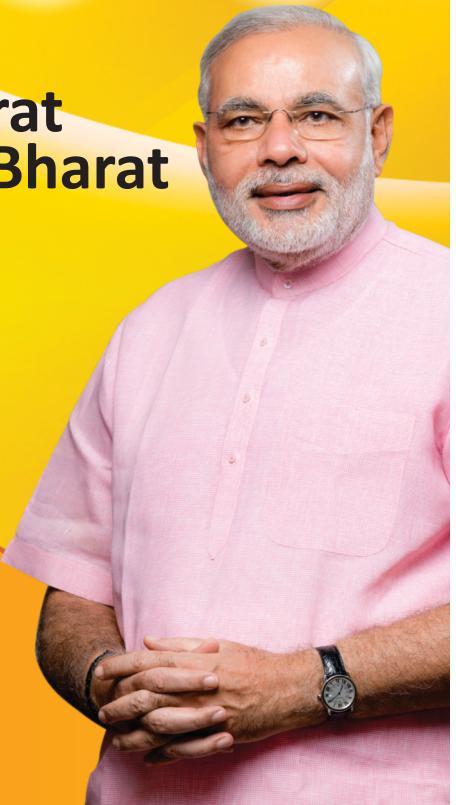


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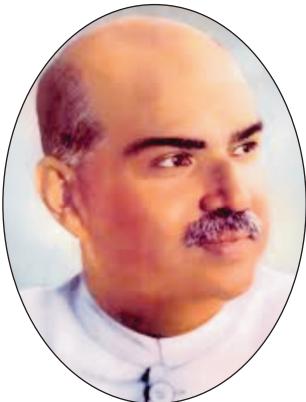
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"I will like to make three promises in my individual capacity. I will spare no effort to fulfill the party's promises, will not do anything for my personal gain or act out of ill-will."

- Shri Narendra Modi



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# BJP MANIFESTO 2014

## (AN ABRIDGED VERSION)



Today, India is blessed with the rare capacity and opportunity of **Democracy, Demography and Demand**. If we are able to consolidate and harness them, we will be able to reach the heights which India deserves. The biggest reason for a sorry state of affairs is bad intentions on the part of those who have ruled the country for sixty years. And that is where we would show the first difference. For BJP, the goal of the policies and practices would be: **Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat!** The path would be: **Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas**. This is our commitment to the Nation and to the People.

Dr. (Prof.) Murli Manohar Joshi  
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### ATTEND THE IMMINENT

Decade under the UPA - I and II can rightly be summed in one line, the 'Decade of Decay', in which India had a free fall on all fronts - be it governance, economy, diplomacy, foreign policy, border safety, etc. At the same time, corruption, scams and crime against women have reached to unacceptable levels. There has been gross misuse and total denigration of government and institutions. There has also been erosion of authority of the office of the Prime Minister. The Government dithered by each passing day, casting gloom and doom on the country that was once under the NDA regime called the 'Emerging Superpower'. In 2004, NDA left the Government with a near double digit growth. The Congress led UPA could not even maintain that growth and mismanaged the country so badly, that the growth rate declined to 4.8%, resulting the country falling in a deep mess. We have lost a wonderful opportunity and have pushed the country 20 years behind and rendered millions of men and women jobless.

Critical and urgent challenges facing the nation have been left unaddressed. Beyond impacting the immediate short-term, this is corroding the long-term potential of the nation. People feel frustrated and have lost hope in the system. Things must change, and they must change now. BJP will take immediate and decisive action to address these issues on a priority basis.

### PRICE RISE

Runaway food inflation has crippled household budgets and contributed to the overall inflationary trend under the Congress-led UPA's watch. Even worse, the food and nutritional security of millions is threatened. However, the Congress-led UPA government has remained insensitive and indifferent to the plight of the people; tying itself into knots with short-term, mis-directed steps. The committee of Chief Ministers, headed by Shri Narendra Modi, has already submitted a report on food inflation in 2011.



The report was unfortunately not acted upon by the Congress-led UPA Government.

The BJP-led NDA Government's record of holding the prices is a demonstration of our commitment to break the vicious cycle of high inflation and high interest rates. Our immediate task will be to rein in inflation by several steps, such as:

- **Special Courts** to stop hoarding and black marketing.
- Setting up a **Price Stabilisation Fund**.
- **Unbundle FCI** operations into procurement, storage and distribution for greater efficiency.
- Leverage on technology to disseminate **Real time data**, especially to farmers.
- Evolve a single '**National Agriculture Market**'.

#### **EMPLOYMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

The country has been dragged through 10 years of **Jobless Growth** by the Congress-led UPA Government. Under the broader economic revival, BJP will accord high priority to job creation and opportunities for entrepreneurship. We will:

- Strategically develop **Labour-intensive manufacturing** (viz. textile, footwear, electronics assembly, etc.) and **Tourism**.
- Strengthen the traditional employment bases of **agriculture** and allied industries, and **retail** - through modernization as well as stronger credit and market linkages.
- The upgradation of **infrastructure** and **housing**, for its job generating potential.
- Encourage and empower our youth for **self-employment**.
- Initiating a multi-skills development programme. Focus will be on job creation and entrepreneurship, in both rural and urban areas.
- Transform our **Employment Exchanges** into **Career Centres**.

#### **CORRUPTION**

Corruption is a manifestation of poor Governance. Moreover, it reflects the bad intentions of those sitting in power. All pervasive corruption under the

Congress-led UPA has become a 'National Crisis'.

We will establish a system, which **eliminates the scope for corruption**. We will do this through:

- **Public awareness**.
- **Technology enabled e-Governance**.
- **System-based, policy-driven governance**.
- **Rationalization and simplification of the tax regime**.
- **Simplification of the processes and procedures at all levels**.

#### **Black Money**

By minimizing the scope for corruption, we will ensure minimization of the generation of black money. BJP is committed to initiate the process of tracking down and bringing back black money stashed in foreign banks and offshore accounts. We will set up a Task Force for this purpose and to recommend amendments to existing laws or enact new laws. We will also proactively engage with foreign Governments to facilitate information sharing on black money.



#### **DECISION AND POLICY PARALYSIS**

The country has suffered a decade of maladministration and scams in addition to decision and policy paralysis; thus bringing growth and development to a grinding halt leading to a 'Governance deficit'. This situation will be changed and the engine of Government will be ignited again with strong willpower and commitment to public interest. We will also encourage the bureaucracy to take right decisions and contribute their might in building a modern India.

#### **POOR DELIVERY**

Wherever we go, we encounter bottlenecks on a daily basis - in government offices for even the simplest of public services, in our courts



buried in high pendency and so on. This reduces the pace of our performance and results into wastage of time, money and energy. This has to be attended to on a priority basis. Whatever we do and provide for, the whole chain has to be kept in mind. With this in mind, we will:

- **Remove bottlenecks and missing links** in all sectors, activities and services.
- **Focus on proper planning and execution for right outcomes.**
- **Strive for scale and speed** with futuristic vision.
- **Build institutions for today and tomorrow.**

#### CREDIBILITY CRISIS

The biggest challenge that India faces today is to restore the credibility of, and trust in the Union Government. In recent years, the Union Government has lost every semblance of credibility. Its intentions, integrity and initiatives, all are questionable. The Congress party has not only lowered the dignity of the Government, but also the dignity of India. This is what is driving recent adversities like the falling rupee and countries riding roughshod over us. The BJP will work for restoring the trust and credibility of the Government. We will also ensure that the chain of responsibility and accountability is built in the system.

#### STRENGTHEN THE FRAMEWORK

##### TEAM INDIA

###### Centre-State Relations

The genuine grievances of every state will be addressed in a comprehensive manner.

- We will place Centre-State relations on an even keel through the process of consultation and strive for harmonious Centre-State relations.
- We will evolve a model of **national development**, which is **driven by the states**.
- Team India will also include Chief Ministers and other functionaries as equal partners.
- Ensure fiscal autonomy of States



- Create 'Regional Councils of States'.
- We recognize the special needs and unique problems of the hill and desert states. In consultation with the Governments of these states, state-specific developmental priorities/ models will be evolved.
- Given the unique status of Union Territories (Uts), they will receive special attention.
- Tourism will be promoted, tribal welfare, infrastructure and coastal area development will be given top priority.
- We reiterate our commitment to the protection and integrated development of our island territories.
- Forums like 'National Development Council' and 'Inter-State Council' will be revived and made into active bodies.
- Involve the state Governments in the promotion of foreign trade and commerce.

#### INTEGRATING THE NATION - ITS VASTNESS AND VOICES

We have to keep the Nation at the forefront of our thoughts and actions. Any activity, which disrupts the integrity of the nation, cannot be in the interest of any segment of the society or any region of the country.

- Presently, we see that there is a vast regional disparity between different regions of the country.
- We shall give the highest priority towards bringing the eastern parts of the country on par with the western parts.
- Government will play the role of an enabler and a facilitator to the rapid progress of the states.

**Regional aspirations:** BJP has always stood for greater decentralization through smaller States.

**Northeast :** Resource rich North-Eastern states are lagging behind in development due to poor governance, systemic corruption and poor delivery of public services. NDA government had initiated concrete steps to address the issue of development of Northeast by setting up the Ministry of North-Eastern Region. We will empower this Ministry with a broader charter and non-lapsable funds for the rapid development of the region.

BJP will:



- There will be special emphasis on massive infrastructure development, especially along the Line of Actual Control in Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim.
- Address the issue of Flood control in Assam and river water management.
- Address the issue of infiltration and illegal immigrants in the Northeast region on a priority basis.
- Complete all pending fencing work along the India-Bangladesh and India-Myanmar border, stepping up border security.
- Take measures for the safety of North-Eastern students studying across the country including setting up Hostels for North-Eastern students at various educational centres.
- Deal with Insurgent groups with a firm hand.

**Jammu and Kashmir :** Jammu and Kashmir was, is and shall remain an integral part of the Union of India. The territorial integrity of India is inviolable. BJP will pursue an agenda of equal and rapid development in all the three regions of the state - Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh.

- The return of Kashmiri Pandits to the land of their ancestors with full dignity, security and assured livelihood will figure high on the BJP's agenda.
- The long pending problems and demands of refugees from Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (POK) will be addressed.
- BJP reiterates its stand on the Article 370, and will discuss this with all stakeholders and remains committed to the abrogation of this article.

**Seemandhra and Telangana :** BJP is committed to do full justice to Seemandhra, and address the issues of development and governance of Seemandhra and Telangana.



## DECENTRALIZATION AND PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION

### From Representative to Participatory Democracy

BJP has always stood for greater decentralization through devolving of powers to the states.

- **People's Participation:** a people's movement - of Jan bhagidari.
- **People's Engagement:** Through Pro-active, Pro-people Good Governance.
- We will further evolve the Public Private Partnership (PPP) model into a **People-Public-Private Partnership (PPP)** model.
- BJP is committed to strengthen **self-Governance** at the local level and we will empower **Panchayati Raj Institutions** with extensive devolution of the **3 Fs - Functions, Functionaries and Funds**.
- Good performers amongst the Panchayats will be rewarded with additional developmental grants.
- Strengthen the institution of the **Gram Sabha**, respecting their inputs and initiatives for development process.

## REFORM THE SYSTEM

### GOOD GOVERNANCE: TRANSPARENT, EFFECTIVE, INVOLVING AND ENCOURAGING

#### India First

BJP believes in India being one country, one people and one nation. India constitutes of all its' people, irrespective of caste, creed, religion or sex. It constitutes of all the communities - ethnic, social and cultural groups and also our culture, which is defined by tolerance and co-existence. The hallmark of India is "Unity in Diversity". It constitutes of each and every inch of our land, its natural resources and mental and physical energy we possess. It constitutes of all the institutions made in the past and present. India First simply means nurturing and protecting all the elements, which India is made of.

For BJP:

- The only philosophy and religion of a Government should be India First.
- The only epic of a Government should be India's Constitution.
- The only power of a Government should be the power of the people.
- The only prayer of a Government should be the welfare of its people.



- The only way of a Government should be 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas'.

### **Open Government and Accountable Administration**

Administrative reforms will be a priority for the BJP. Hence, we propose to implement them through an appropriate body under the PMO. The objective will be to bring in transparency in Government's decision making process. We will set-up an effective Lokpal institution. Corruption at any level will be dealt with firmly and swiftly.

Following specific action will be initiated:

- Digitization of Government records will be taken up on top priority so that they are easily accessible.
- Performance review, social and environment audit would be mandated for all Government schemes and programmes.
- Open up Government to draw expertise from the industry, academia and society into the services.
- Government will be redefined by elimination of whatever is obsolete in laws, regulations, administrative structures, practices and would be purposive.
- We will generate '**Kartavya Bhavna**' among public servants as lives and productivity of people is dependent on the quality and efficiency of public services.

On the whole, hallmarks of our Governance model would be:

- **People-centric**
- **Policy driven**
- **Time bound delivery**
- **Minimum Government, Maximum Governance**

### **E-GOVERNANCE: EASY, EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE**

BJP believes that IT is a great enabler for empowerment, equity and efficiency. This will be a high priority area for BJP that IT touches the lives of ordinary men and women. BJP aims to nurture a Digital India -making every household and every individual digitally empowered.

We will:

- Focus on increasing the penetration and usage of broadband across the country. Deployment of broadband in every village would be a thrust area.

- Leverage technology for e-Governance and engage proactively with the people through social media for participative governance and effective public grievance redressal mechanism.

- Generate IT based jobs in rural and semi-urban areas.
- Make technology enabled products affordable for students.
- Use technology to reduce the burden of books on children.
- Digital learning and training to be used extensively.
- Pursue a mission mode project under the 'National Rural Internet and Technology Mission' for use of telemedicine and mobile healthcare for rural healthcare delivery; use of IT for agriculture for real time information; Self Help Groups; retail trade and SMEs; and rural entrepreneurs, etc.
- Initiate a National e-Governance Plan to cover every Government office from the centre to the panchayats. The '**E-Gram, Vishwa Gram**' scheme in Gujarat to be implemented nationwide.
- Promote e-Bhasha - National Mission for the promotion of IT in Indian Languages.
- Focus to bring SC/ST, OBCs and other weaker sections of the society within the ambit of IT enabled development.
- Deploy IT to protect India's priceless cultural and artistic heritage, which includes digitization of all archives and museology.
- promote 'open source' and 'open standard' software.
- Mandate digitization of all government work to reduce corruption and delays.
- Set up High-speed digital highways to unite the nation.
- Use technology to reduce Transmission and distribution losses.
- Use mobile and e-Banking to ensure financial inclusion.

### **INSTITUTIONAL REFORM - ADMINISTRATIVE, JUDICIAL, POLICE AND ELECTORAL**

#### **Administrative**

Our administrative set up should be people-centric, responsive and result-oriented. we are committed to bring the following reforms:

- The administration and its members will be made truly **accountable** to their tasks as well as the people through rigorous **evaluation** process.



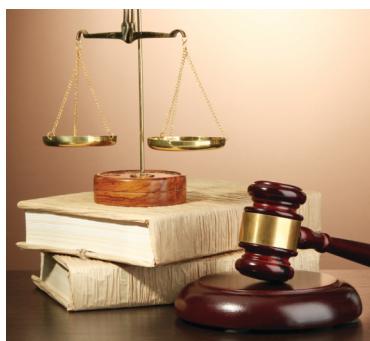
- Good performance will be **rewarded**; non-performers will be given opportunities and training support to improve.
- **Rationalization and convergence** among the Ministries, departments and other arms of the Government will be ensured to **focus on delivery**.
- Open up government to draw expertise from the industry, academia and society.
- Services of youth in particular will be tapped to contribute in governance with **Fellowship** and **Internship** programmes launched at various levels.

#### **Judicial**

BJP is committed to ensure **Justice for All** - justice which is prompt and accessible.

We will:

- Accord high priority to judicial reforms to address the issue of appointment of judges, filling the vacancies, opening new courts, setting up a mechanism for speedy clearance of the backlog of cases at various levels in the judiciary.
- Initiate a mission mode project for filling the vacancies in the judiciary and for doubling the number of courts and judges in the subordinate judiciary.
- Set up a National Judicial Commission for the appointment of judges in higher judiciary.
- Create a fund for modernization of courts to improve the operational efficiency of courts.
- Set up a separate class of courts for cases involving specified commercial laws which fast track the litigation process.
- Reform the criminal justice system.
- Extend fast track courts to all layers of the judiciary.



- Expand alternative dispute redressal mechanisms through Lok Adalats and Tribunals.
- Implement the National Litigation Policy in letter and spirit.
- Review and reduce significantly the number of cases, in which the Government is a litigant in the next five years.
- Periodically review and refine / scrap outdated laws.
- Create courts specially equipped to deal with IPR cases.
- Give special emphasis to the development of **Alternate Dispute Resolution mechanisms** - like Lok Adalats, Arbitration and Conciliation centres.
- Set up a comprehensive **National e-Library**, empowering Lawyers.
- Aim to enhance the number of women in the Bar as well as Bench, reducing the gender gap in judiciary.
- Evolve a national network of **specialized universities** having expertise in complementary domains - like Forensics, **Arbitration**, IPR, International Law, etc.
- Develop India into a Global Hub for **Arbitration** and **Legal Process Outsourcing**.
- Make legal information open and freely accessible.
- Run **legal awareness** programmes and introduce in school curriculum

#### **Police**

We will work with the states to empower them with the authority, independence and resources necessary to deliver:

- Roll out a comprehensive strategy for bringing the Indian Police at par with international standards.
- Facilitate **training** and capacity building of Police forces.
- **Modernize** the police force.
- Strengthen **Investigations** and Develop specialized expertise in investigation.
- Modernize our **Prison system** with technology and infrastructure
- Train and technologically enable the police to track, pursue, as well as prevent **Cyber Crime**.
- Bring Coastal States together on a common platform to discuss issues of **Marine Policing**.
- Give special emphasis for improving the **working conditions** and welfare of police personnel.



## **Electoral**

BJP is committed to initiate electoral reforms to eliminate criminals. The BJP will seek, through consultation with other parties, to evolve a method of holding Assembly and Lok Sabha elections simultaneously. Apart from reducing election expenses for both political parties and Government, this will ensure certain stability for State Governments. We will also look at revising expenditure limits realistically.

## **WIDEN THE PLATFORM**

It is the duty of the government to enable every Indian to realize his or her full potential, ensuring equitable growth and development. We are committed towards this end, and will ensure the same by:

- Empowering each and every Indian through health and education.
- Increasing Opportunities by making Job creation central to our economic model.
- Ensuring a basic level of Infrastructure to all - Home, Electricity, Water, Toilets and Access.

## **POOR AND MARGINALIZED - BRIDGE THE GAP**

**Our Government will be a government of the poor, marginalized and left behind.** The fruits of growth and development must reach the weakest, most deprived and remotest of people. With firm belief in the concept of Antyodaya - uplifting the poorest of the poor - **Extreme Poverty** and malnutrition will be treated as a National priority, and will be addressed on Mission Mode.

We will:

- Strengthen Delivery of poverty alleviation programs.
- Identify 100 most backward districts of the country to bring them at par with other districts.
- Aim to gainfully employ rural poor in agriculture and allied activities.
- Facilitate partnership across all levels of government, civil society, academic and financial institutions in this national mission of poverty alleviation.

## **Food Security**

BJP has always held that 'universal food security' is integral to national security. BJP will take steps to ensure that the benefits of the scheme reach the common man and that the right to food does not remain an act on paper or a political rhetoric. BJP will review all the laws and schemes, in consultation with the states, to ensure a corruption-free efficient implementation of food security, which would be a priority.

BJP will:

- Review the successful PDS models, and incorporate the best practices to revise the existing PDS, for benefitting the common man.
- Address the issue of under-nutrition and malnutrition.
- Encourage the production of cereals, pulses and oils.
- Radically transform the Food Corporation of India (FCI).

## **SCs, STs, OBCs AND OTHER WEAKER SECTIONS - SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT**

The BJP is committed to bridge the gap, following the principles of **Samajik Nyay** (social justice) and **Samajik Samrasata** (social harmony). This social justice must be further complemented with economic justice and **political empowerment**. Steps will be taken to create an **enabling ecosystem of equal opportunity** - for education, health and livelihood. We will accord highest priority to ensuring their security, especially the prevention of atrocities against SCs & STs.

- BJP is committed to the eradication of untouchability at all levels.
- BJP is committed to eliminate manual scavenging.
- Special focus would be on the children, especially the girl child, with regards to health, education and skills development.

Tribal development will be one of the focus areas. The Governments of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh have successfully implemented the tribal welfare and development schemes and their model would be used for tribal welfare and development.

BJP will initiate a 'Van Bandhu Kalyan Yojna' at the national level to be overseen by a 'Tribal Development Authority'. This scheme will focus on:

- Setting up the entire education network for tribals.



- Upgrading housing, water and health facilities.
- Electrification of tribal hamlets and provision of all-weather roads.
- Promoting tribal haats.
- Ensure that the tribal land is not alienated, access to minor forest produce and creating a network of rural haats (markets).
- Establishing the National Centre for Tribal Research and Culture to preserve the tribal culture and languages.
- Enhancing the funds for tribal welfare and development.

#### **MINORITIES - EQUAL OPPORTUNITY**

BJP believes that in India's 'Unity in Diversity' lies India's biggest strength. BJP is thus committed to the preservation of the rich culture and heritage of India's minority communities; alongside their social and economic empowerment.

It is unfortunate that even after several decades of independence, a large section of the minority, and especially Muslim community continues to be stymied in poverty. Modern India must be a nation of equal opportunity. BJP is committed to ensure that all communities are equal partners in India's progress.

We will:

- Ensure that the young, and the girl child in particular get education and jobs without discrimination.
- Strengthen and modernize minority educational systems and institutions. National **Madrasa modernization** programme would be initiated.
- Augment traditional craftsmanship and entrepreneurial skill
- Empower **Waqf Boards** in consultation with religious leaders; taking steps to remove encroachments from and unauthorized occupation of Waqf properties.



- Curate their rich **heritage** and **culture** - maintenance and restoration of heritage sites; digitization of archives; preservation and promotion of Urdu.
- Facilitate the setting up of a permanent **Inter-faith Consultative mechanism** to promote harmony and trust, under the auspices of religious leaders.

#### **NEO-MIDDLE CLASS - MEET THEIR ASPIRATIONS**

India has a large middle class with immense understanding, talent and purchasing power. In addition, a whole new class has emerged. The 'neo middle class'. needs proactive handholding. Having moved out of poverty, their aspirations have increased. Particular attention will be paid on government providing:

- Educational scholarships and educational facilities.
- Medical insurance and quality healthcare services.
- Middle-income housing.
- Efficient public transport systems.

#### **RURAL AREAS - HIGH PRIORITY**

A full-fledged programme for 'Rural Rejuvenation' will be made and implemented which will comprise of integrated strategies for personal, economic and social well being of the villagers. Through the idea of **Rurban**, we will bring urban amenities to our rural areas, while retaining the soul of the village.



#### **URBAN AREAS - HIGH GROWTH CENTRES**

- We will look at urbanisation as an Opportunity rather than a Threat.
- **Major steps** will be undertaken in **Transport** and **Housing** for '**Urban Upliftment**' in India.
- We will initiate building **100 new cities**.



- The approach to urban development will be based concepts like **Twin cities** and **Satellite towns**.
- **Cleanliness** and **Sanitation** will be given priority **Model towns** will be identified for rolling out integrated waste management infrastructure.
- **Wi-Fi** facilities will be made available in public places and commercial centres.
- Urban poverty alleviation scheme would be a key thrust area.

## LEAP FORWARD

### SOCIAL SECURITY - A CARING GOVERNMENT, PASSIONATE SOCIETY

It is in our culture to help the aged, the weak and the helpless. The social security schemes of the Governments have to be made more meaningful.

#### Children - the Future of the Nation

BJP is committed to address the issues related to children and will take the following steps to ensure survival, development, participation and protection of children:

- Lay special emphasis on vulnerable children and especially those belonging to the vulnerable communities like SCs, STs, OBCs, migrants, slum dwellers, street dwellers and those with disabilities.
- Ensure effective implementation of the Right to Education, Right to Food Security Act.
- Review, amend and strengthen the Child and Adolescent Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 2012 and Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS).
- Focused efforts will be made to address issue of anaemia.



#### Senior Citizens

BJP is committed to the welfare of senior citizens, especially their security and health care.

BJP will:

- Provide financial support, exploring ideas like additional tax benefits and higher interest rates.

- Invest in setting up and improving old-age homes.
- Harness their experience in the National Interest. Devise schemes and programs to engage the senior citizens as volunteers / part time workers in various development programmes of the government, in urban and rural areas.

#### Specially Abled

The welfare and rehabilitation of disabled people is integral to our vision of a caring society and that of a responsive government. The BJP commits to:

- Enact the 'Rights of the Persons with Disabilities bill' (RPWD).
- Use technology to deliver low cost quality education to specially-abled students 'in-home' - through **E-learning**.
- Identify each and every special needs person across the country - establishing a web based disability registration system to issue **universal ID** for all applicable government benefits (healthcare, transportation, jobs, education etc).
- Support and aid voluntary organizations working for the care of the disabled.
- Provide a higher tax relief for the family member taking care of the disabled.

#### YOUTH - MAKING INDIA UNSTOPPABLE

We commit to review and revise policies to seek participation of youth in decision-making and nation building process and actively get the youth to participate in decision-making bodies.

- We will initiate the 'Young Leaders programme' in all sectors, to recognize, reward and involve these exceptionally talented youth to serve as role models and mentors for others.
- Set up the National Youth Advisory Council.
- BJP will initiate nation-wide 'district level incubation and accelerator programme' for encouraging innovation and entrepreneurship.
- Procedure to avail Student's loans will be simplified and loans made affordable.
- Set up neighbourhood Children's/ Youth Parliament across India that leads to vibrant student committees.
- Will launch a programme, 'Youth for Development'.



## Promotion of Sports

BJP recognizes the importance of sports in society and for all age groups.

- BJP will promote all sports - traditional and modern.
- More funds will be allocated to sports.
- Steps would be taken to inculcate a culture of sports at the school level and making sports as a compulsory part of the school curriculum.
- Launch a 'National Sports Talent Search'.
- Attractive career path needs to be planned for sportspersons providing security of career through jobs in government, PSUs and private sector.
- Establish sports academies across the country.
- Special scheme would be devised for sportspersons to ensure social security.

## WOMEN - THE NATION BUILDER

BJP remains committed to give a high priority to Women's Empowerment and welfare. BJP will undertake the following for women welfare:

- Women's welfare and development will be accorded a high priority at all levels within the government, and BJP is committed to 33% reservation in parliamentary and state assemblies through a constitutional amendment.
- Launch a national campaign for saving the girl child and educating her - **Beti Bachao - Beti Padhao**.
- Structure a comprehensive scheme, incorporating best practices from past successes like Balika Samruddhi, Ladli Laxmi and Chiranjeevi Yojana.
- Program for **women healthcare** in a mission mode with emphasis on rural, SCs, STs and OBCs.
- Setting up dedicated Women ITIs and women wings in other ITIs.
- Strict implementation of laws related to women, particularly those related to rape.
- Fund for relief and rehabilitation of rape victims lies unused at the entre



as the Government has not worked out the modalities of dispensation. BJP will clear this on priority.

- Government will create an Acid Attack victims welfare fund to take care of the medical costs related to treatment and cosmetic reconstructive surgeries of such victims.
- Make police stations women friendly and increase the number of women in police.
- Set up an All Women Mobile Bank to cater to women.
- Set up a dedicated W-SME (Women Small and medium enterprises) cluster in every district.
- Review the working conditions and enhance the remuneration of Anganwadi worker's.
- Remove any remaining gender disparities in property rights, marital rights and cohabitation rights.
- Special adult literacy initiative would be started for women with focus on SCs, STs, OBCs, and slum residents.
- Will ensure that the loans to Women Self Help Groups would be available at low interest rates.

## EDUCATION - ENROLL AND EXCEL

BJP believes that education is the most powerful tool for the advancement of the nation and the most potent weapon to fight poverty. Highest priority would be given to address the acute shortage of teachers and researchers, quality of education and research, and also the employability factor associated with most of the courses.

Public spending on education would be raised to 6% of the GDP, and involving the private sector would further enhance this. Under the scheme of 'Quality education for all', BJP would take the following steps;

### School Education

- NDA's flagship program 'Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan'.
- Universalization of secondary school education and skills development through functional school shall be seriously pursued with particular focus on rural, tribal and difficult areas.
- Special pedagogy would be developed for differently-abled students.
- On priority, a national modernization programme for madrasa's would be started.



- Mid-day meal scheme would be revitalized in terms of management and delivery.
- Establish a national **E-Library** to empower school teachers and students.

#### **Higher and Professional Education**

Policy interventions would include:

- Optimum utilization of physical and manpower resources.
- A mechanism for close interaction between industry (including SME), academia and community would be instituted.
- Will provide autonomy with steps to ensure accountability for institutions of higher learning.
- Will raise the standard of education and research.
- The credibility of the regulatory bodies shall be restored. The procedures to make appointments to senior positions shall be made transparent and merit and ability shall be the sole criterion.
- UGC will be restructured and it will be transformed into a Higher Education Commission rather than just being a grant distribution agency.
- We will revisit the Apprenticeship Act to facilitate our youth to **Earn while they Learn**.



#### **Vocational Training**

- Would set up Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC) and virtual classrooms.
- Correspondence courses will be started in new domains for self-employment, family run businesses, entrepreneurship and innovation, and these courses would be provided free to women.

BJP will set up a National Commission on Education to report in two years on the state of education and the reforms needed. Based on the report, BJP will implement a National Education Policy.

#### **SKILLS - FOCUSING ON PRODUCTIVITY AND EMPLOYABILITY**

We have prepared the **World's Largest Workforce**. We also have to develop India as a **Knowledge Powerhouse**.

We will take up skill development on a **mission mode**, at an unprecedented scale.

- **Skill Mapping** - to help scientifically plan our national human resource.
- Launch a '**National Multi-skill Mission**' to ensure industry responsive manpower.
- We will also set up Centres of Excellence in various sectors.
- We will promote **vocational training** on a massive scale.
- Put emphasis on imparting **soft skills** to enhance employability including a national program on foreign languages.
- Launch a national programme for **digital empowerment** through computer literacy of the people, especially the youth.



#### **HEALTH SERVICES - INCREASE THE ACCESS, IMPROVE THE QUALITY, LOWER THE COST**

BJP accords high priority to health sector, which is crucial for securing the economy.

The overarching goal of healthcare would be to provide, 'Health Assurance to all Indians and to reduce the out of pocket spending on health care', with the help of state governments.

BJP would focus on the following reforms in healthcare:

BJP will initiate the New Health Policy.

- Initiate the '**National Health Assurance Mission**', with a clear mandate to provide universal healthcare that is not only accessible and affordable, but also effective, and reduces the OOP spending for the common man.
- Education and Training - High priority will be given to address the shortfall of healthcare professionals.
- Modernize Government hospitals, upgrading infrastructure and latest technologies.
- Reorganize Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and set up an AIIMS like institute in every state.



- We will start integrated courses for Indian System of Medicine (ISM) and modern science and Ayurgenomics and the Ayurvedic medicine.
- School health program would be a major focus area, and health and hygiene will be made a part of the school curriculum.
- Focus on Rural Health care delivery.
- Senior Citizens healthcare would be a special focus area.
- Universalization of emergency medical services-108.
- Programme for Women Healthcare with emphasis on rural, SC, ST and OBC in a mission mode.
- Mission mode project to eradicate malnutrition.
- Launch National Mosquito Control mission.



**Poor Hygiene and Sanitation** have a far reaching, cascading impact. We will ensure a '**Swachh Bharat**' by Gandhiji's 150th birth anniversary in 2019, taking it up in mission mode by converging resources and building around jan bhagidari:

- Create an **open defecation free India**.
- Set up modern, scientific sewage and **waste management systems**.
- We will introduce **Sanitation Ratings** measuring and ranking our cities and towns.
- Make potable **drinking water** available to all and making it automatically into Diarrhoea-free India.

### ECONOMIC REVIVAL

We will bring back credibility and trust in government, re-sowing confidence in the India story domestically as well as internationally. Through consistent, long-term policies, we will not just spur the process of **economic growth**, but also ensure that it is **stable** as well as **balanced**.

We will:

- Strictly implement **Fiscal discipline**, without compromising on funds

- availability for development work and asset creation.
- Allocate resources efficiently and effectively to re-energize the engines of growth.
- Re-visit the **policy framework** for investments both foreign and domestic to make them more conducive.
- Undertake **Banking reforms**.
- Encourage Savings.

### NPAs

NPAs have increased sharply over the past few years and the trend continues. BJP will take necessary steps to reduce NPAs in Banking sector. Also, BJP will set up a strong regulatory framework for the non-banking financial companies to protect the investors.



### Taxation

BJP realizes the importance of having a Tax Policy Roadmap, so that people are aware of the future and plan accordingly. We will:

- Provide a non adversarial and conducive tax environment.
- **Rationalize and simplify the tax regime**.
- Bring on board all State governments in adopting **GST**, addressing all their concerns.
- Provide tax incentives for investments in research and development, geared towards indigenization of technology and innovation.

### Foreign Direct Investment

Barring the multi-brand retail sector, FDI will be allowed in sectors wherever needed for job and asset creation, infrastructure and acquisition of niche technology and specialized expertise. BJP is committed to protecting the interest of small and medium retailers, SMEs and those employed by them. The FIPBs (Foreign Investment Promotion Board) functioning shall be made more efficient and investor friendly.

### AGRICULTURE - PRODUCTIVE, SCIENTIFIC AND REWARDING

Agriculture is the engine of India's economic growth and the largest



employer, and BJP commits highest priority to agricultural growth, increase in farmer's income and rural development.

BJP will:

- Increase public investment in agriculture and rural development.
- Take steps to enhance the profitability in agriculture, by ensuring a minimum of 50% profits over the cost of production, cheaper agriculture inputs and credit; introducing latest technologies for farming and high yielding seeds and linking MGNREGA to agriculture.
- Put in place welfare measures for farmers above 60 years in age, small and marginal farmers and farm labours.
- Introduce soil assessment based crop planning and setting up mobile soil testing labs.
- Implement and incentivize the setting up of the food processing industry. We aim to set up 'agro food processing clusters'.
- Set up the 'Organic Farming and Fertilizer Corporation of India'.
- Implement a farm insurance scheme to take care of crop loss.
- Strengthen and expand rural credit facilities.
- Promote horticulture, floriculture, pisciculture, bee-keeping, fish farming, aqua culture and poultry.
- Create Cluster based storage systems.
- Reform the APMC act.
- Work with the states to set up seed culture labs and regional agriculture innovation Labs.

Genetically Modified (GM) foods will not be allowed without full scientific evaluation.

BJP will adopt a 'National Land Use Policy', which will look at the scientific acquisition of non-cultivable land to protect the interest of farmers and to keep in mind the food production goals and economic goals of the country. Its implementation would be monitored by the National Land Use Authority.



## INDUSTRY - MODERN, COMPETITIVE AND CARING

We should no longer remain a market for the global industry. Rather, we should become a Global Manufacturing Hub.

Economic freedom implies that Government will not get in the way of the freedom of individuals to start and operate legitimate businesses.

We will

- Ensure that a **conducive, enabling environment** is created making 'doing business' in India easy.
- Focus on **cutting the red tape**, **simplifying** the procedures and our attempt will be to move towards a **single-window system** of clearances.
- Ensure logistics infrastructure, including stable power.
- We will put in place a mechanism that will ensure that the Central and state governments work in close coordination.
- Decision-making on **environment clearances** will be made transparent as well as time-bound.
- We will set up World class **Investment** and **Industrial regions** as **Global Hubs of Manufacturing**.
- We will set up a task force to review and revive our **MSME** sector (Micro and Small Medium scale Enterprises).

### Manufacturing

A strong manufacturing sector will not only bridge the demand-supply gap leading to price stabilization, but also create millions of jobs and increase incomes for the working class. To give boost to manufacturing, BJP will:

- Take steps for Interest rate rationalization and have a clear tax policy.
- Take all steps like remove red-tapism and invest in logistics infrastructure, ensure power supply and undertake labour reforms.
- Increase the public spending on R&D and Incentivize R&D investments by the industry.
- We will facilitate setting up of software and hardware manufacturing units.

### MSMEs (Micro, small and medium enterprises)

BJP considers that the role of SME sector is crucial for the economic development of our country. The sector needs to be developed by providing international linkages for exports, availability of credit through a dedicated SME bank, supply chain efficiencies, adoption of IT, support in



R&D and innovation, and a policy support for enhancing the mandate to purchase from SME for large scale projects.

#### Cooperative Sector

BJP commits to review the existing laws with regards to the cooperative sector, and will amend the multi-state cooperative act to remove lacunae and anomalies.

#### Handicrafts

We will move up the value chain of the sector driven by a focus on Quality.

- Market linkages - both national and international.
- Access to credit and information and skills upgradation.

#### Artisans

Schemes will be drawn for skills upgradation and enhancement of business opportunities for artisans like smiths, weavers, carpenters, hair-dressers, shoe-smiths, and potters.

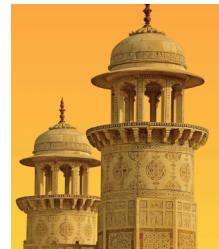
### SERVICES - DRIVEN BY QUALITY AND EFFICIENCY

#### Business and Trade

- Focus on **Zero defect products**.
- Build world class **Ports**; connecting them with roads and rail to the hinterland.
- Air Cargo facilities will be enhanced throughout the country.
- An **Export Promotion Mission** will be established integrating all stakeholders.
- Focusing on exports and reducing the dependency on imports.
- We shall work with the State governments to usher in the **GST** in an appropriate timeframe. A robust IT network system will be put in place for implementation.
- We will embark on the path of **IPRs** and Patents in a big way.
- Equip retailers, small traders and small vendors with the latest techniques and methods to modernize them and make them competitive.
- Ensure easy availability of institutional credit.
- Review obsolete and multiple laws to reduce and simplify them.

#### Tourism - Untapped Potential

Tourism plays a key role in socio-economic progress through creation of jobs, enterprise, infrastructure development, and foreign exchange



earnings. BJP commits to initiate a mission mode project to create 50 tourist circuits that are affordable and built around themes like: a.) Archaeological and Heritage, b.) Cultural and Spiritual, c.) Himalayan, d.) Desert, e.) Coastal, f.) Medical (Ayurveda and Modern Medicine), etc. Specialized course in tourism will be started for capacity development. Safety and Security of tourists would be accorded due priority.

### LABOUR FORCE - THE PILLAR OF OUR GROWTH

We will ensure that the interests of labour in the unorganized sector are protected.

For the organized labour, we propose to encourage industry owners and labour to embrace the concept of 'Industry Family'.

We will:

- Issue identity cards to the unorganized sector labourers, and provide them good quality health, training programs and education services.
- Extend access to modern financial services to labour - including considering the option of setting up a dedicated Workers Bank.
- Strengthen the **Pension** and **Health Insurance** safety nets for all kinds of labourers.

### HOUSING - NO LONGER A MIRAGE

We will roll out a massive **Low cost Housing programme** to ensure that by the time the nation completes 75 years of its Independence, every family will have a pucca house of its own. Our proposed programme will further ensure that these houses are equipped with the basic facilities of toilet, piped water supply, electricity and proper Access. To do this we will amongst others:

- Leverage on land as a resource in urban areas and demand for unskilled labour in the rural areas.



- Simultaneously encourage the overall housing sector, through appropriate policy interventions and credit availability and interest subvention schemes.

#### **PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE - BETTER THAN THE BEST**

- Work on the **Freight Corridors** and attendant **Industrial Corridors** will be expedited.
- Remote states like those in the **Northeast** and **Jammu and Kashmir** will be connected with the best of India through world class highways and rail lines.
- National Highway construction projects will be expedited, especially **Border** and **Coastal highways**.
- Every village will be connected through all-weather roads.
- We shall modernize existing and operational Airports, and build new ones especially connecting smaller towns and all tourism circuits.
- We will evolve an economic model of Port-led development. We will modernize existing ports on one hand, and develop new ones on the other stringing together our **Sagar Mala** project.
- **Public Private Partnership** would be encouraged. An **institutional framework** would be established for the same while **regulators** would be given greater autonomy as well as accountability.

#### **Next Generation Infrastructure**

We will:

- Set up **Gas Grids** to make gas available to households and industry.
- Set up a National Optical-Fibre Network up to the village level and Wi-Fi zones in public areas.
- Harness our advanced and expertise for development.

#### **Transport**

We will:

- Create a public transport system, which can reduce the dependence on personal vehicles for transport.
- Launch an Integrated Public transport project.
- Develop waterways for passenger and cargo transport.
- Develop National logistics network for faster movement of goods.

#### **Railway**

- Hinterland will be connected to the ports through strategic new **Rail networks**.
- **Agri Rail network** will be established.
- **Tourist Rail** - including Pilgrimage Rail.
- Railways Modernization and equip all stations with requisite infrastructure and public utilities.
- Prioritize **Safety** and invest in long required overhaul of stressed infrastructure, strict norms and warning systems.
- Launch **Diamond Quadrilateral project** - of High Speed Train network (**bullet train**).

#### **WATER - MAKE IT REACH TO ALL HOMES, FARMS AND FACTORIES**

BJP remains committed to giving high priority to **water security**.

- Launch the 'Pradhan Mantri Gram Sinchayee Yojana' with a motto of '**har khet ko paani**'. We will launch multi-pronged '**water strategy**' for reducing farmer's dependence on monsoon. Increase **irrigated land** by completing the long pending irrigation projects on priority.
- Encourage efficient use, water conservation, recycling and rain water harvesting.
- Sewage treatment plants to prevent the pollution of rivers and desalination plants for drinking water supply in coastal cities.
- Inter-linking of rivers based on feasibility.
- Facilitate **piped water** to all households.



#### **ENERGY - GENERATE MORE, USE RATIONALLY, WASTE LESS**

We will:

- Come out with a responsible and comprehensive 'National Energy Policy'.
- Focus on development of energy infrastructure, human resource development and upgradation of technology.



- Take steps to maximize the potential of oil, gas, hydel power, ocean, wind, coal and nuclear sources.
- Set up small-hydro power generation projects to harness the hydropower.
- Take steps to increase the domestic coal exploration and production. Oil and gas explorations would also be expedited in the country.
- Give a thrust to renewable sources of energy and expand and strengthen the national solar mission.



#### **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - INDIA INNOVATES AND INDIA LEADS**

BJP recognizes the need to create an ecosystem for fundamental research and innovation, keeping the objective of science with a human face in the service of the common man.

BJP recognizes the central role of science and technology in raising the quality of life of the people of the country, particularly of the disadvantaged sections of society in creating wealth for all, in making India globally competitive, in utilizing natural resources in a sustainable manner, in protecting the environment and ensuring national security. We will also encourage and incentivize private sector investments - both domestic and foreign, in science and technology and in high-end research aimed towards innovation.

We will focus on the following:

- Ensuring food, agricultural, nutritional and environmental, wealth, health and energy security of the people on a sustainable basis, using science and technology.
- Encouraging research and innovation in areas of relevance for the economy and society, particularly by promoting close and productive interaction between private and public institutions. Sectors such as agriculture (particularly soil, water management, human and animal nutrition and fisheries), water, health, education, industry, energy including renewable energy, communication.

- Encouraging research and application to meet the challenges of climate change and for forecasting, prevention and mitigation of natural hazards, particularly floods, cyclones, earthquakes, drought and landslides.
- Promoting international science and technology cooperation towards achieving the goals of national development and security.
- Provide work environment and professional opportunities in fundamental scientific research, to make research careers more appealing.
- Build world class, regional centres of excellence of scientific research in the field of nanotechnology, material sciences, thorium technology and brain research.
- Create an ecosystem for multi-country and inter-disciplinary collaborative research, and establish an Intellectual Property Rights Regime.
- Achieving synergy between industry and scientific research. Autonomous technology transfer organizations will be created as associate organizations of universities and national laboratories to transfer the know-how generated by them to industry.
- Promotion of innovation by creating a comprehensive national system of innovation.
- Indigenous knowledge, based on our long and rich tradition will be further developed and harnessed.
- Establish Institutes of Technology for Rural Development.
- Establish a Central University dedicated to Himalayan Technology.
- Promote research and application of nuclear science in medicines, industry and agriculture.



#### **FLORA, FAUNA AND ENVIRONMENT - SAFEGUARDING OUR TOMORROW**

We will take Climate Change mitigation initiatives with all seriousness and



work with the global community and institutions in this regard.

We will:

- Encourage **Cleaner production**.
- **Cleaner fuels** will be promoted.
- The concept of pro-active '**Carbon Credit**' will be promoted.
- **Ecological Audit** of projects and **pollution indexing** of cities and townships will be done.
- **Pollution control** mechanisms will be set up.
- The wastelands of the country will be used for **social forestry**.
- R&D and Human Resource Development in **Environment Technology** will be promoted.
- Set up fool proof mechanisms for protection and preservation of wild life.
- Encourage citizen's participation in reforestation, agro-forestry and social forestry, through targeted programmes.
- Encourage and incentivize innovative garbage disposal and waste management practices.

#### **The Himalayas**

BJP is committed to serious endeavors for creating a global awareness regarding the conservation of Himalayas and will take the following steps:

- Launch '**National Mission on Himalayas**' as a unique programme of inter-governmental partnership, in coordinated policy making and capacity building across states and sectors.
- Create a 'Himalayan Sustainability Fund'.
- Create a Central University dedicated to the Himalayan Technology.
- Give due importance to the programmes devised to arrest the melting of Himalayan glaciers.

#### **NATURAL & NATIONAL RESOURCES - USE WHEN REQUIRED, PROTECT WHERE NECESSARY**

- We will set in place **national policies** on critical natural resources like coal, minerals, spectrum, etc. - spelling out in black and white how much should be utilized at what time and pace; how this should be strategically phased out to ensure sustainability; who should be allotted

what responsibility of extraction and at what cost.

- State Governments will be taken into confidence for harnessing of these resources.
- We will implement **auction** of precious resources through efficient mechanisms including e-auction.
- **Resource mapping**, exploration and management will be undertaken through the use of technology.



#### **SECURE INDIANS - ZERO TOLERANCE ON TERRORISM, EXTREMISM AND CRIME**

Comprehensive national security is not just about borders, but in its broad terms includes military security; economic security; cyber security; energy, food and water and health security; and social cohesion and harmony.

India has a sensitive neighbourhood and there are internal security issues. This calls for a review and overhauling of the current system.

BJP recognizes the importance of identifying a clear roadmap to address the issue head-on, with radical systemic changes.

#### **Internal Security**

BJP will:

- Revive the anti-terror mechanism that has been dismantled by the Congress, strengthen the role of NIA and put a system in place for swift and fair trial of terror related cases.
- Reform the National Security Council to make it the hub of all sector-related assessments.
- Insulate intelligence agencies from political intervention and interference.
- Completely revamp the intelligence gathering system by modernizing the intelligence department.



- Provide the State governments with all assistance to modernize their respective police forces and equip them with the latest technology.
- Strengthen and expand the Civil Defence and Home Guards mechanism.
- Chalk a national plan in consultation and participation of the state Governments, to address the challenges posed by the Maoist's insurgency. Talks with the insurgent groups will be conditional and within the framework of the constitution.
- Take urgent steps for the safety of the migrant workers and communities from the Northeast and other states.



#### **External Security - Its Boundary, Beauty and Bounty**

BJP will:

- Address the issue of reforms with regards to defence equipment, support services, organizational reforms and other related matters.
- Address the increasing shortage of commissioned and non-commissioned staff in the defence forces.
- Implement one rank, one pension.
- Take measures to make Short Service Commission more attractive.
- Set up the National Maritime Authority.
- Modernize armed forces, and increase the R&D in defence, with a goal of developing indigenous defence technologies and fast tracking of defence purchases.
- Deal with cross border terrorism with a firm hand.
- Punitive measures will be introduced to check illegal immigration.
- Set up four dedicated defence universities to meet the shortage of manpower.
- Appoint a Veterans Commission to address the grievances of veterans.

#### **Defence Production**

BJP will strengthen the Defence Research and Development Organization

(DRDO); encourage private sector participation and investment, including FDI in selected defence industries and technology transfer in defence manufacturing will be encouraged to the maximum.



#### **Independent Strategic Nuclear Programme**

We will follow a two-pronged independent nuclear programme, unencumbered by foreign pressure and influence, for civilian and military purposes, especially as nuclear power is a major contributor to India's energy sector.

BJP will:

- Study in detail India's nuclear doctrine, and revise and update it, to make it relevant to challenges of current times.
- Invest in India's indigenous Thorium Technology Programme.

#### **FOREIGN RELATIONS - NATION FIRST, UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD**

We will revive Brand India with the help of our strengths of **5 T's: Tradition, Talent, Tourism, Trade and Technology**.

Guiding Principles of our Foreign Policy will be:

- Equations will be mended through pragmatism and a doctrine of mutually beneficial and interlocking relationships, based on enlightened national interest.
- We will champion uniform international opinion on issues like Terrorism and **Global Warming**.
- Instead of being led by big power interests, we will engage proactively on our own with countries in the neighbourhood and beyond.
- In our **neighbourhood** we will pursue friendly relations. However, where required we will not hesitate from taking strong stand and steps.
- We will work towards strengthening **Regional forums** like SAARC and ASEAN.
- We will continue our dialogue, engagement and cooperation, with



global forums like BRICS, G20, IBSA, SCO and ASEM. States will be encouraged to play a greater role in diplomacy.

- The NRIs, PIOs and professionals settled abroad are a vast resource that will be harnessed for strengthening Brand India.
- India shall remain a natural home for persecuted Hindus and they shall be welcome to seek refuge here.



#### CULTURAL HERITAGE

**Ram Mandir:** BJP reiterates its stand to explore all possibilities within the framework of the constitution to facilitate the construction of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya.

**Ram Setu:** Ram Setu is a part of our cultural heritage and also of strategic importance due to its vast thorium deposits. These facts will be taken into consideration while taking any decision on 'Sethu-Samudram Channel' project.

**Ganga:** BJP commits to ensure the cleanliness, purity and uninterrupted flow of the Ganga on priority. In addition, a massive '**Clean Rivers Programme**' will be launched across the country driven by people's participation.

**Cow and its Progeny:** The Department of Animal Husbandry will be suitably strengthened and empowered for the protection and promotion of cow and its progeny.

- Necessary legal framework will be created.
- A National Cattle Development board will be set up to implement a Programme for the improvement of indigenous livestock breeds.

**Heritage Sites:** We will provide appropriate resources for the maintenance and restoration of all national heritage sites, and to prevent their vandalisation in any form. The digitization of archives and archeological

and museological records would be initiated. A National Mission for beautifying and improving the infrastructure and amenities at pilgrimage centres of all faiths will be launched.

**Languages:** BJP would promote Indian languages, and put measures for the development of all Indian languages, so that they become a powerful vehicle for creating a knowledge society.



#### UNIFORM CIVIL CODE

Article 44 of the constitution of India lists Uniform Civil Code as one of the Directive Principles of state policy. BJP believes that there cannot be gender equality till such time India adopts a Uniform Civil Code, which protects the rights of all women, and the BJP reiterates its stand to draft a Uniform Civil Code, drawing upon the best traditions and harmonizing them with the modern times.

#### CONCLUSION - AMRITMAY BHARAT

We aim to build a modern, prosperous and vibrant India - **Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat**, based on our ethos and values. We have to convert ourselves into a knowledge based society and economy, powered by experience, tools of technology and energy of our people. BJP commits itself to this task and promises to work relentlessly towards this goal, for which we are seeking sixty months.

This is not the time to sit back. This is the time when each of us has to get up and contribute our might to bring the change.

Let's come together, vote BJP to make **Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat**.

**Jai Hind! Vande Mataram!**

