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Founder : Late Shri Ramgopal Maheshwari
Inspiration: Late Shri Prafulla Kumar Maheshwari

EDITORIAL

Barren to Fertile

Prime Minister Mr.Narendra Modi told the United Nations Body to combat at desertification session that in the coming 11 years till 2030 India would convert the 2.6 crores hectares of barren land into fertile land.

Besides deforestation the plastic is another cause of damaging the fertility of land and making it barren. The UN Body's main agenda to combat desertification to create a Global Water Action Agenda, which is central to land degradation neutrally strategy.

Mr.Modi told the UN Conference (COP-14) that the time has come for the entire world to say goodbye to single use of plastic. He said the India would put an end to single waste plastic in the coming years. India is committed to the development of environment friendly substitutes and also an efficient plastic collection and disposed method, desertification affects over two third of countries of the world.

There is a compelling case for action on land front combine this with the water crisis facing the world. Efforts with full zeal be made to augment the water supply, water recharge and slowing down water run-off and retaining moisture in the soil. The India Government has launched a programme to double the income of farmers by increasing crop yield by various measures. This including land restoration and micro irrigation with motto of per drop more crop and focus on zero budget natural

farming. But in India there is a peculiar situation, while we are talking about the increasing the income of farmer by double by increasing the farm yield at the same time when there bumper crops of foodgrains like wheat, rice and vegetables like potato, tomato, onion, garlic etc. the price crash and farmers even could not get cost of production and go under heavy loss.

Under such situation how the income of farmers can be doubled by increasing yield, when bumper crops are proving disaster. There is vast difference between 'Barren' and 'desert' land. A rocky land is barren for agriculture purpose but it a valuable as open stone quarry. The stone is of great use in our life. It is an essential commodity. It is said in Nature nothing is waste and useless.

The desert land of Arab nations productive land of petro crude. It is monopoly of desert. The desert are fertile in petro crude produce. Desert are natural creation and cannot be converted o fertile land

In India sand has become 'Yellow gold' and its exploitation damaging our river bids. Like deforestation of forest, it is desandation of river beds. We have desert in Rajasthan and Gujarat. Possibility and method should be explored to supply sand from the desert land like supply of salt from sea coast of Gujarat and Tamil Nadu.

The barren land can be put to other use as economic venture.

Millets can enhance nutrition profile of mid-day meals

By Nikhil Vyas

Millets, the high fibre, protein-rich smart foods, can help to enhance the nutrition profile of mid-day meals in schools, said the Akshaya Patra Foundation.

Talking to UNI, Arjunnath Dasa, Head Communication of Akshaya Patra Foundation-Vrindavan, said the Mid-Day Meal (MDM) Programme has been traditionally dominated by rice and wheat, and while these grains have undeniably been a blessing for millions of children across the country, the time has come to look beyond them, to enhance the nutrition profile of mid-day meals.

He said Millets can help in achieving this objective and the Foundation has recently initiated the 'Integration of Millets in Mid-Day Meals,' in partnership with the Government of Karnataka, as a pilot initiative.

According to Mr Dasa, the initiative covers 1,622 beneficiaries across 10 schools in Bengaluru, Karnataka, at present.

He said, 'In Hyderabad, with the support of the Government of Telangana, ready-to-consume millet-

'The purpose of integrating millets as part of the MDM Programme is to contribute to the enhancement

'This will be done by creating recipes that cater to cultural and local palates of the regions where we serve,' he said.

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As of FY 2017-18, the Rice Fortification Programme has been initiated in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh; Ahmedabad, Gujarat; and Mangaluru, Karnataka. In the near future, we plan to extend the benefits of fortified rice to all our beneficiaries across India,' he added.

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Consequently, we aim to maintain beneficiaries' interest in the mid-day meals and continue to ensure their proper growth and development,' said Mr Dasa.

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of nutritional status and health of the beneficiaries, by providing them diversified and nutrient-rich meals.

Believing not only in tolerance

By- E. Rajesh Pathak

World religious parliament held in Chicago was started in 11th September and continued up to 27th September, 1893. In the parliament came together the greatest of proponents of different religions world over in order to present the tenets of their respective faiths.

This event proved to be one of transforming the views regarding India, its antiquity, its ancestors, its religion in the eyes of the people outside and as well as inside the country. By joining the event one that succeeded in doing all by alone this seemingly impossible task was none other than Swami Vivekanand. In participating in the religious-parliament Vivekanand saw many missions to be fulfilled at one place at one time. Actually this was the time when having studied in Church sponsored mission schools and colleges Indian youths began to feel low about everything concerning 'self'. In the words of Swami Vivekanand-"When child is sent to school the first thing he learns that his father is fool; second, his grandfather crazy; third, his all religious masters fraud, and fourth that all of his scriptures are false and useless." These were the youths who were not ready to accept anything unless it came out of the

mouths of Englishmen. And, most of all, no matter the declared purpose of the event at Chicago had been of bringing harmony among different religious faiths, Christian church was looking this as an opportunity when once knowing the tenets of Christianity the followers of all the

could save from its spell. Then 10-12 speeches that he gave in later days they all were now kept at last only so that to hear him the audiences could be made to stay in the auditorium till the end of the event of the day. Seeing this many of the Newspapers then filled with his praise.

comes to me- no matter from which of the ways- I get to meet him."

Explaining this message of Krishna in Gita, when Vivekanand told that Hindus not only believe in tolerance but earnestly hold every religion true, for the audiences there this idea was something that appeared to have come to them from some alien world.

Vivekanand went only to attend Religious parliament but the response that he received there made him change his plan of returning India soon. In the words of Rashtrakavi Ramdhari Singh Dinkar-"Enthused with Religious-parliament, Swamiji stayed for three years in Europe and England, and living there spread the essence of Hinduism all over Europe and America.

It was difficult to convince Hindu intellectuals who were deluded with learning English, but when they saw the men and women of Europe and America themselves being turned the disciples of Swamiji and got to engage in the service of Hindutva, their minds came to sense. Thus, the storm in the form of English language, Christianity and European intellectualism that brewed up to swallow Hindutva that went back colliding with Himalaya-like gigantic tree of Vivekanand." [Sanskriti ke chaar adhaya]

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faiths would concede the supremacy of it [Christianity] and grow excited to come under it. For they were of belief that it was only due to their ignorance of Christianity that the people of the world forgetfully embraced to their chests their respective faiths.

Against this backdrop when Swamiji attained the Religious-parliament he had to wait to the last to deliver his speech. But when he began to speak then before the splendor of his discourse composed of all-inclusive Hindu philosophy none

The New York herald wrote- "In religious parliament the greatest personality is Vivekanand.

After hearing his discourse all of a sudden a question raises how foolish is the idea of sending religious missionaries to reform such country of wisdom." World that had got to be habitual of seeing bloodshed in the name of crusade and jihad to that the discourse of Vivekanand composed of Gita's philosophy of religious co-existence and mutual harmony were beyond imagination- "Whoever

Satire



Sheikh Hasina longest serving female leader in world: Survey

By Mir Afroz Zaman

The name of Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has been placed in the list of longest serving famous female world leaders. Hasina has crossed the records of famous female heads of governments in states, including Indira Gandhi of India, Margaret Thatcher of Britain and Chandrika Kumaratunga of Sri Lanka.

Hasina is now an icon of resurrection of women, according to a recent survey by WikiLeaks.

Dame Pearllette Louisy, Governor General of Saint Lucia, is the longest serving female head of the state. She remained in power from September 11, 1997 till December 31, 2017. That is to say, she ruled the country for 20 years and 105 days. But, she is not very famous in the world politics.

Vigdís Finnbogadóttir of Iceland remained the head of the state from August 1, 1980 till August 1, 1996. She was also not a familiar name in the world politics.

Dame Uzenin, as Prime Minister of Domenika, ruled her country for 14 years and 328

days, from July 21, 1980 till June 14, 1995. Mary McAleese was the female President of Ireland, for 13 years and 364 days.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel is on the top of female heads of states in the world. Assuming power on November 22, 2005, she is still running the country.

Hasina is now performing the duty of Prime Minister for the fourth time, including thrice at a straight.

At first, she became the Prime Minister from 1996 till 2001, then she returned to power in 2008. In a national election held on December 30, 2018, her party got maximum seats in Parliament. She took oath as the Prime Minister for three consecutive years, on January 7, 2019.

She has already completed 15 years as the Prime Minister and now, she is into one year of her fourth term.

Sheikh Hasina is the lone head of the government, who crossed the records of Margaret Thatcher of Britain.

Thatcher ruled Britain for 11 years and 208 days from May 4, 1979 till November 28, 1990.

Science Fact

'Extreme male brain' does not cause autism, a lost Maya city, and disappearing sharks

Of the many proposed triggers for autism, one of the most controversial is the "extreme male brain" hypothesis. The idea posits that exposure to excess testosterone in the womb wires both men and women to have a hypermasculine view of the world, prioritizing stereotypically male behaviors like building machines over stereotypically female behaviors like empathizing with a friend. Now, a study is raising new doubts about this theory, finding no effect of testosterone on empathy in adult men.

After repeated attacks by Spanish soldiers, hundreds of Lacandon Maya retreated deep into the Mexican jungle more than 400 years ago. There, they built a new city named Sac Balam, or "the white jaguar."

When the Spanish finally found Sac Balam in 1695, they forcibly removed its people, and it faded back into the forest; to this day, no one knows exactly where its ruins lie. But that may soon change, as archaeologists, accompanied by its citizens, set out into the Montes Azules Biosphere Reserve to find the lost city. Sightings of white sharks have crashed this year in False Bay near Cape Town, South Africa—one of the best-known hot spots of the predators in the world—and scientists aren't sure why.



Spiritual

Rumi

Jalal ad-Din Muhammad Rumi - also known as Jalal ad-Din M u h a m m a d B a l k h i , Mevlânâ/Mawlana ("our master"), Mevlevî/Mawlavi ("my master") and more popularly simply as Rumi - was a 13th-century Persian poet, jurist, Islamic scholar, theologian and Sufi mystic who lived in Konya, a city of Ottoman Empire ('Today's Turkey). His poems have been widely translated into many of the world's languages, and he has been described as the most



popular poet and the best-selling poet in the United States.

His poetry has influenced Persian literature, but also Turkish, Ottoman Turkish, Azerbaijani, Punjabi, Hindi, and Urdu, as well as the literature of some other Turkic, Iranian, and Indo-Aryan languages including Chagatai, Pashto, and Bengali.

Speak



Boosting ties with Nepal! Inaugurating first ever cross-border petroleum products pipeline in South Asia

Narendra Modi



To secure the future of girl child financially, Department of Posts has opened 6.50 Lakh Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana accounts in last 100 days. With this total number of such accounts opened by the Department has reached 1.49 Crore.

Ravi Shankar Prasad



I dedicate this to all those women who are walking towards path of being recognised n to my leader Modiji who gave me a platform where I could serve the deprived part of society

Pankaja Gopinath Munde

Letter to editor

Article 371

Union Home Minister Amit Shah's statement that the Central Government is not going to touch Article 371, which is the special provision for the north-eastern states in the Constitution, is indeed welcome and it really expels the gripping apprehensions in many of the people's minds over this hot issue. He said, "There is a vast difference between Article 370 and Article 371. Article 370 was clearly temporary in nature while Article 371 is about special provisions in the northeast. I had clarified in the Parliament, and I assure everyone in the presence of the Chief Ministers of the region that the Centre will never touch or dilute Article 371."

Following the abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir, people of north-eastern states were highly apprehensive of the Centre's move to abrogate Article 371 and with the Home Minister's statement, this fear

is gone. But he regretted that after the abrogation of Article 370 in J&K, there have been attempts to misinform and misguide the people in the Northeast that the Centre would also scrap Article 3671.

In his first remark on the just concluded process of updating the National Register of Citizens in Assam, Amit Shah said, "A phase of updating the NRC has come to an end within the stipulated time frame.

Many people are raising various questions, but I want to make it clear that not a single infiltrator would be allowed to live in Assam by the government of India. I want to say this much only on the NRC today."

Thus, the Centre is very adamant on sending away all those infiltrators in Assam by the strength of the NRC. But the minister was of the opinion that North-eastern states have registered a drastic fall in terrorism and unlawful activities.

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