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Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha National Vice President, Bharatiya Janata Party on his Organisational & Parliamentary Work July 2016 - June 2017



A QUICK GLANCE AT THINGS AHEAD

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PREFACE

In Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), right since Jan Sangh days, there is a tradition of releasing a report to the Electorate. Many like Late Sh. Rambhau Mhalgi, - in whose memory Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini was established, wherein I had the privilege of being it's first functionary - and others including Sh. Ram Naik, Sh. Nitin Gadkari, etc. have had continued with this tradition. In tune with the same, a very brief activity report has been prepared by me and is presented herewith.

Multiple responsibilities came to me in the period between, July 2016 to June 2017. They mainly include, National Vice-President of BJP, Vice-Chairman of Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini and National In-Charge of Good Governance and Policy Research Departments. As expected, Parliament and parliamentary responsibilities also kept me busy. Every position in public life bestows upon you some responsibilities and it also makes you answerable to those who repose their confidence in you. It is in this backdrop that this report has been prepared, to provide a glimpse into the multifarious activities that I have participated in and the projects or assignments undertaken.

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I. Training sessions, meetings & campaigns



- 1) The History and Contribution of the BJP: A BJP MLA's Training Session at Guwahati on July 12th, 2016.
- 2) The Core Philosophy of the BJP: A state training camp in Raipur on July 29th, 2016.
- 3) The Politics of Untouchability: A Look at Leftist and Pseudo Progressive Strategies at Work at the Young Writer's Meet, held by the SP Mookerjee Foundation in New Delhi on July 30th, 2016.
- 4) The BJP Chief Minister's Conference on Good Governance in New Delhi on August 28th, 2016.
- 5) Observance of Sewa Diwas (PM Sh. Narendra Modi ji's birthday) with cancer patients at Nana Palkar Smriti in Mumbai on September 17th, 2016.
- 6) The BJP National Council Meeting in Kozhikode on September 22th, 2016.
- 7) The Maharashtra State Executive Council in Mumbai on October 6th, 2016.
- 8) A Digital Transactions Campaign with BJP's Yuvraj Morcha at Vegetable Mandi in Thane on December 3rd, 2016.
- 9) BJP Karyakarta: A Public Conduct and Our Mindset-BJP Whole Timers Training Camp in Guwahati on December 19th, 2016.



- An Inaugural Speech at the Madhya Pradesh State BJP Training Programme: Indore on December 20th, 2016.
- II) A Whole Timer's Training Camp on BJP's History and Contribution to Indian Polity in Kolkata on January 3rd, 2017.
- 12) The BJP National Executive Meet in Delhi on January 6th and 7th 2017.
- 13) An Inaugural Speech at the BJP Madhya Pradesh State Executive Meeting in Saugar, Bundelkhand on January 11th, 2017.
- 14) The Maharashtra BJP State Executive Meeting in Thane on January 12th, 2017.
- 15) The BJP National Executive Meeting in Bhubaneswar on April 14th and 15th, 2017.
- 16) The Deendayal Upadhyay Centenary Vistarak Yojana at the Rajasthan Pradesh Vistarak Training Session in Jaipur on April 27th, 2017.
- 17) The Party's National Media Workshop on Good Governance in New Delhi on May 21st, 2017.
- 18) Booth Committee Meetings and Door-to-Door Meetings in Hajuri, Bhopal during Pt Deendayal Upadhyay Jan Sampark Abhiyaan on May 22nd, 2017.

- 19) A Media Workshop for Maharashtra BJP on the eve of the 3rd anniversary of the Government in Mumbai on May 25th, 2017.
- 20) Booth Committee and District Functionary Meetings in Saunsar, Dist Chhindwara, Madhya Pradesh on May 27th, 2017.
- 21) Shivar Samvad Sabha A Dialogue with Farmers and Farm Laborers at Govalkot, Chiplun in Ratnagiri on May 28th, 2017, as part of the Maharashtra BJP campaign.







- 22) Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan Celebrations in Chiplun, Maharashtra marking the 3rd anniversary of the Modi Government on June 15th, 2017.
- 23) The Deendayal Upadhyay Janmashatabdi Vistarak Yojana National Meet in New Delhi on June 19th, 2017



2. An ear to the ground



- I) A visit to Datiya in MP accompanying the Party President and a visit to Katni and Umbria to campaign for the Lok Sabha by-election of Shahdol in Madhya Pradesh on Nov 6th,7th and 8th, 2016.
- 2) A Review Meeting of the UP BJP Media Department in Lucknow during the UP Assembly Elections on Jan 23rd, 2017.
- 3) An Election Committee Meeting for the Thane Municipal Corporation Elections on January 30th, 2017.
- 4) Campaigning in Diva for the Thane Municipal Corporation Elections in Thane on February 11th, 2017.
- 5) An area-wise manifesto release and an interaction with citizens and traders during the Pune Municipal Corporation Elections in Pune on February 5th, 2017.
- 6) Campaigning in slum areas during Thane Municipal Election Campaign on February 18th and 19, 2017.
- 7) Extensive campaigning and Campaign Management Supervision at Ballia, during the Uttar Pradesh Assembly Elections between February 23rd and March 5th, 2017.
- 8) Campaigning and Supervision of Campaign Management during the Delhi Municipal Corporation Elections between March 17th and April 23rd, 2017.





3. Special party assignments: short-term Working Groups & Committees



- 1) The BJP Committee to probe innocent killings in Kandhamal, Odisha on July 15th and 16th, 2016.
- 2) Committee meetings on the Garib Kalyan Agenda in Bhopal on September 12th and October 17th, 2016.
- 3) An on-the-spot assessment of the political violence in Kerala on February 13th and 14th, 2017.
- 4) Presence as Party
 Observer for the
 Legislature Party
 Leader in Manipur and
 participation in the
 swearing-in at Imphal
 from March 13th to
 15th, 2017.



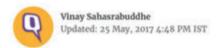
Power of the pen



Through a slew of schemes started in 2014, PM Modi has delivered on the front of governance. (Photo: Rhythum Seth/ The Quint)

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Debate I Doing Things Differently Has Been PM Modi's Mainstay















(As PM Narendra Modi completes three years



Deendayal Upadhyaya, with his philosophy of integral humanism, focused on the all-round development of people. (Photo: Lijumol Joseph/ The Quint)

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With Focus on Vikas, **Deendayal Went Beyond Public vs Private**



In the lap of the lush-green Western Ghats, at

- I) 'First Week in the Rajya Sabha, From Within' in Loksatta on July 24th, 2016.
- 2) 'Crisis of Purpose Haunting India's GOP, the Congress Party' in The Quint on August 8th, 2016.
- 3) 'What the Nation Says', on the situation in Jammu and Kashmir and how the nation perceives this, in The Indian Express on August 17th, 2016.
- 4) 'Let's follow Maharashtra's Dharma of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and Maintain Social Harmony' in LiveMint on September 23rd, 2016.
- 5) "He Led People, and Refused to be Led by Them!" – an article on Pt Deendayal Upadhyay in The Quint on September 24th, 2016.
- 6) 'Politician as Social Reformer!' on the Modi government championing gender justice in Mint on October 21st, 2016.



- 7) 'Bangladesh Visit during Awami Party's Triennial Conference' in The Hindu on October 30th, 2016.
- 8) 'A gender audit of textbooks necessary to prevent commodification and instil gender sensitivity' in The Hindu on November 12th, 2016.
- 9) '28 Months of Modi Sarkar' in The Quint on November 22nd, 2016.
- 10) 'Demonetisation will Boost an Essentially Garib Kalyan Economy' in The Quint on December 28th, 2016.
- 11) 'Modi Government's Performance' in Divya Marathi daily on March 19th, 2017.
- 12) 'Charisma of Credibility: How and why Narendra Modi connects with masses and particularly youths' in Mint on March 29th, 2017.
- 13) 'Doing Things Differently has been the Mantra of Modi Govt' in The Quint on May 24th, 2017.
- 14) 'Beyond symbolism, commitment to Samrasta. It's enrichment, and not outreach' in the Times of India on June 29th, 2017.

5. Exchanging ideas and building engagement with media

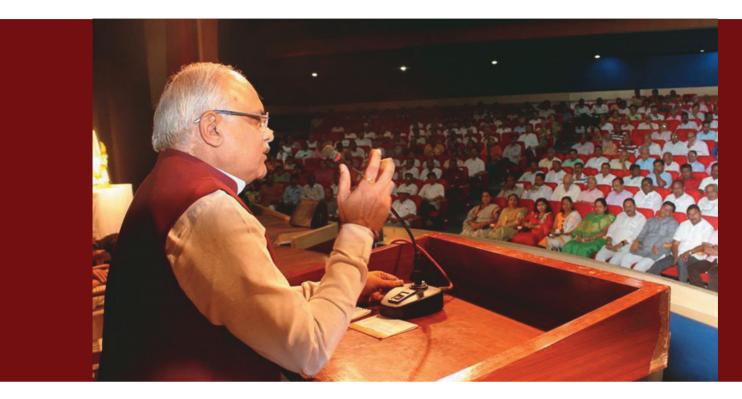


- 1) Samvad Sabha of Editors, Writers, Publishers and Journalists, for a discussion on 'Cyber literature and the Future of Printed Literature' organized in RMP on July 2nd and 3rd, 2016.
- 2) The Jai Maharashtra Channel Newsroom visit and team interaction on Jan 11th, 2017.
- 3) A Constructive Media Lecture at the Workshop for media persons from Odisha at the Media Persons' Orientation Programme by the Bureau of Parliamentary Studies and Training, Delhi on February 7th, 2017.



- 4) Gudi Padva Milan for journalists at Feroz Shah road residence on March 28th, 2017.
- 5) Samvad Sabha of media persons, writers, editors and readers for the year 2017 in RMP on June 10th and 11th, 2017.

6. Speeches delivered, ideas discussed



- I) The Janmanchi Gowri Shankar Memorial lecture on 'Indian Nationalism' at an ABVP function in Hyderabad on August 20th, 2016.
- 2) 'Innovative measures by PM Modi away from Business as Usual' at a book launch in JNU, Delhi on September 15th, 2016.
- 3) 'Public Policy and Advocacy in the Context of the Modi Government' a conclave amongst PR representatives organized by the Public Affairs Association of India in Delhi on September 16th, 2016.
- 4) 'Role of Think Tanks in Emerging India' at a youth gathering in Aurangabad on September 20th, 2016.
- 5) 'Cultivating Democracy at the Grassroots' a keynote address at the BRICS Conference on Participatory Budgeting in Kochi on November 3rd, 2016.
- 6) Lok Manthan, Conclave of Nation First Thinkers in Bhopal on November 12th, 13th and 14th, 2016.
- 7) Chairing of a Panel Discussion at the "Laureates and Leaders for Children Summit" at the Rashtrapati Bhawan on December 10th, 2016.
- 8) A special address at the Conference of Physical Training Teachers organized by the Physical Education Foundation in New Delhi on December 16th, 2016.
- 9) 'Student Centric Education' Orientation Programme at the NDTF, in Hansraj College, Delhi University on December 14th, 2016.

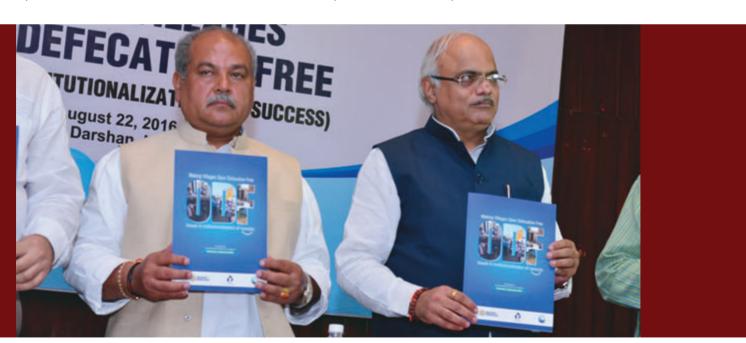


- 10) An orientation programme on 'Challenges before Higher Education' for Teachers by Delhi University on December 15th, 2016.
- II) A Chaturang (Cultural Organisation) event of the Jeevan Gaurav Award to honour eminent museologist Sadashiv Gorakshkar at Dombivli on December 18th, 2016.
- 12) 'Good Governance in Healthcare' at the ESIC Medical College, Sanathnagar in Hyderabad on December 31st, 2016.
- 13) A Shiv Smarak Bhumi Pujan Public Meeting in Bandra on December 24th, 2016.
- 14) A discussion on 'Democracy in India and Reforms Required' at the MIT School of Government in Pune on January 8th, 2017.
- 15) An address on Leadership Development at the National Youth Festival in Rohtak on January 15th, 2017.



7. Activities of BJP Policy Research Department and the Public Policy Research Centre (PPRC)

- 1) 'Socio-Economic Development and Security Scenario: A case study of Rajasthan Border' (June 2016)
- 2) 'Contours of Indian Entrepreneurial Ecosystem Perspectives from Pune and NCR' (January 2017)
- 3) 'Review of Health Insurance Scheme: Case Study of Rajasthan' (October 2016)
- 4) 'Performance Analysis of MP and UP Govt on Socio-Economic and Governance Indicators' A Decadal study' (December 2016)
- 5) 'The Question of Media-Justice: Examining Objectivity and Non-partisan Character of Media While Covering Atrocities against Scheduled Castes (Dalits) and Minorities'. (March 2017)
- 6) 'Gareeb Kalyan under the Modi Government From Welfare to Self-Sustenance: With reference to MGNREGA reforms'. (April 2017)
- 7) 'Antyodaya Inspired Development Excerpts from Achievements of the Modi Govt' (September 2016)
- 8) 'Jahan Kamal Vahan Susashan' (December 2016)
- 9) 'Modi Sarkar Susashan ke dhai varsh' (December 2016)



- 10) 'Hamne Kaha Tha, Hamne Kiya Hai' (April 2017)
- 11) 'Good Governance Reforms under Modi Govt' (April 2017)
- 12) Discussion on the findings of the Rajasthan Border Study, Madhukar Gupta Committee(August 2016)
- 13) Discussion on findings of the Rajasthan Border Study and submitting the policy recommendations with Deputy NSA (September 2016)
- 14) Report Release of 'Making Villages Open Defecation Free: Issues in Institutionalization of Success' at the hands of Hon'ble MoRD Shri N.S Tomar (August 2016)
- 15) Discussion Session on "Demonetisation" with Dr. Narendra Jadhav (MP, Rajya Sabha) Facebook live chat session (December 2016).
- 16) Briefing of research findings on development backlog in Uttar Pradesh during the BJP Spokesperson Meet (January 2017)



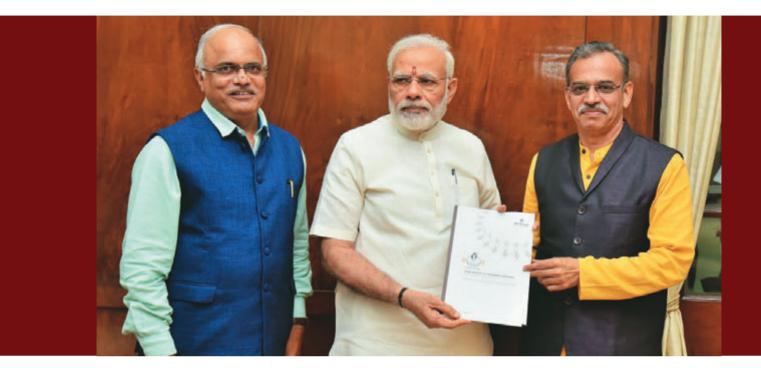
8. Activities of BJP Good Governance Department



- 1) A National Meet of State Party Functionaries in preparation of the observance of Good Governance Day, at BJP HQ on November 16th, 2016.
- 2) Launching of 'Sushasan Darpan', a video-making competition to promote the Central Government's schemes and stories of beneficiaries marking Good Governance Day.
- 3) A National Meet of State In-Charge of Good Governance Departments at BJP Party HQ on January 13th, 2017.
- 4) BJP-ruled States' Cultural Ministers' Meet in New Delhi on June 6th, 2017.
- 5) A Good Governance Study Tour for journalists from New Delhi to Rajasthan and Maharashtra in April and May 2017.



9. At Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini (RMP)



- 1) The Annual General Meeting of RMP. Elected Vice-Chairman of the organisation in Pune on July 9th, 2016.
- 2) Launching the book 'Hypocrisy of the Left: Corruption, Violence and Autocracy' by Madhav Bhandari' organized by RMP in Pune on August 12th, 2016.
- 3) Launching a Solar-Equipped PHC with IFFCO, a CSR project by ISRN in Rudawal in Bayana, Rajasthan on August 17th, 2016.
- 4) Organizing a seminar on 'Demonetisation Objectives and Impact' by Bibek Debroy on November 30th, 2016.
- 5) RMP's Annual National Convention on 'Good Governance through People's Participation: Jan Gan Man' on January 24th and 25th, 2017 in Mumbai.
- 6) Launch of a monthly seminar 'Transforming India Dialogues' to highlight value additions done by various ministries of the Modi

Government, in association with the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library in New Delhi from January 2017.



- 7) The Smart India Hackathon 2017: Participated in a Valedictory Function in New Delhi on April 1st and 2nd, 2017.
- 8) 'Digital School Campaign: State Level 'Prerana Sabha' in Mumbai on May 4th, 2017.
- 9) Launching of a PG Programme in Leadership Politics and Governance under RMP's new institutional initiative, INDIAN Institute of Democratic Leadership (IIDL) in New Delhi on May 17th, 2017, in Bhopal on May 21st, 2017, in Mumbai on May 31st, 2017 and in Bangalore on May 31st, 2017.



10. Key interventions in the Rajya Sabha

- Took Oath as a Rajya Sabha Member from Bharatiya Janata Party on July 18, 2016
- 2) Delivered my Maiden Speech in Rajya Sabha on the Politicisation of Incidents of Dalit Atrocities on July 21, 2016
- 3) "Need for Evolving Development Tourism for Promoting 'Sense of Participation' in National Development" a Zero Hour mention on August 3rd, 2016.



- 4) Spoke during discussion on the Prevailing Situation in Kashmir Valley on August 10, 2016
- 5) Seconded the Motion of Thanks to the President and highlighted four unique features of Governance Philosophy of the Modi Government on February 2nd, 2017.
- 6) Violence in Kerala and crass violation of Human Rights under the CPI-M rule in State a Zero Hour mention on February 7th, 2017.
- 7) "Son Preference mindset driving couples to take Jadi-Buti causing ambiguous genitalia of foetus leading to multiple crises" a Zero Hour mention on March 21st, 2017.
- 8) An intervention in the debate on Electoral Reforms with focus on EVMs while vehemently countering the opposition's EVM on March 22nd, 2017.
- 9) Participation in a short-duration discussion on Aadhaar on April 10th, 2017.
- 10) Total No. of answers received to questions in Parliament Got answers to 128 Unstarred and 17 Starred questions through Rajya Sabha.



II. Other important responsibilities in the Rajya Sabha



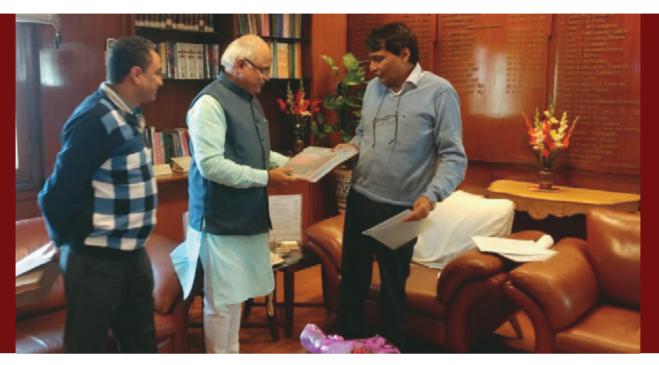
- I) Member, Department-Related Parliamentary Standing Committees on HRD as well as Information Technology
- 2) Member, Parliamentary Consultative Committee on Railways
- 3) Chairperson of FICCI's India-UK Forum of Parliamentarians
- 4) Elected to the Court of Delhi University by Rajya Sabha
- 5) Nominated as representative member of Rajya Sabha, to the COIR Board
- 6) Participated in
 - a) 17 meetings (out of 21) of Standing Committee on IT;
 - b) 16 meetings (out of 16) of Standing Committee on HRD;
 - c) 5 meetings (out of 5) of Consultative Committee on Railways;
 - d) 5 meetings (out of 8) of Joint Committee on Citizenship Amendment Bill;
 - e) I meeting (out of 3) of COIR board

12. Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana



- I) Adopted a predominantly Scheduled Tribe village, Vihigaon. near Thane as part of the Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana.
- 2) Regular meetings with Stakeholders including villagers, Collectors and other government officials.
- 3) Activated the Health Sub Centre, facilitated certificates and other revenue documents under the Maha Rajaswa Abhiyan.
- 4) Orientation of Farmers for use of organic manure for agriculture on February 6th, 2017.
- 5) Inaugurated the Animal Husbandry Training Programme for exposing new career avenues on February 15th, 2017.
- 6) Held meetings with the CEO, Zilla Parishad and Vihigaon representatives to discuss their issues on May 4th, 2017.
- 7) Worked towards achieving 100% coverage of the village under the Soil Health Card Scheme, achieved on May 10th, 2017.
- 8) Ensured water supply through the Central Vaitarana Dam on May 11th, 2017.

13. Issues taken up



- I) Meeting with Sh. Suresh Prabhu, Railway Minister, to seek Emergency Alternate Rail bookings for 370 Amarnath Yatris from Maharashtra who missed trains due to J&K violence on July 11th, 2016.
- 2) Meeting with Sh. Jayant Sinha, Civil Aviation Minister, to address the problems being faced by Air Traffic Control Engineers on November 26th, 2016.
- 3) Meeting with Sh. Ananth Kumar, Minister for Chemicals and Fertilisers, to discuss issues of employees of HOC, Panvel on December 14th, 2016.
- 4) Meeting with Sh. Suresh Prabhu, Railway Minister, to seek the early conduct of trial

run of 'Roll-On, Roll-Off' services in order to save Thane city from heavy traffic-related issues on January 3rd, 2017.

- 5) Meeting with the officials of the Department of Personnel to seek justice for a 100% visually-impaired UPSC-selected candidate Pranjal Patil. The demand was accepted on January 4th, 2017.
- Health Minister, to seek the withdrawal of the newly-imposed age limit by CBSE for NEET exams on February 14th, 2017.



14. Visits abroad

- I) Astana, Kazakhstan representing the Indian Government at the International Conference on 'Building a Nuclear Weapon-free World' on August 28th, 2016.
- Dhaka, Bangladesh representing the BJP at the Awami Party's Triennial Conference on October 22nd, 2016.







