

Bharatiya Janata Party

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Salient Points of the speech of BJP National President Shri Amit Shah addressing launching event of BJP's 'Sankalp Patra' for Odisha in Bhubaneswar

The national president of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Shri Amit Shah today released party's manifesto named 'Sankalp Patra' for the Odisha elections 2019 at Bhubaneswar and reiterated the commitment to develop Puri as the cultural capital of the country. He assured that the party will work towards the formation of a 'New Odisha' by prioritising on poverty alleviation, creation of jobs, women empowerment, education, industrialisation, corruption-free state, farmers' issues, healthcare and overall cultural development. Senior leader of the party Vishav Bhushan Harichandan ji (the manifesto for Odisha was drafted under his supervision), Union Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Party's national vice president Shri Baijayant Panda, State in-charge Shri Arun Singh, Jua Oram and other party leaders were present on this occasion here on Sunday.

It's for sure that Bharatiya Janata Party will get the majority in Odisha. Change is eminent in the state. No can stop the upliftment of Odisha. Today, only one voice is being heard across the country and it is - Modi...Modi...Modi. Once again Modi government is going to be formed at the Centre too with full majority.

People of Odisha had resigned themselves their fate and future to BJD with a hope for change. But, they are now feeling deceived. The BJD government's lust for power, lack of farsightedness, lackadaisical attitude and corruption has led the state to a disastrous position.

People of Odisha must vote for such a government in the state which does not lock horns with Modi government, not act as a speed-breaker in implementation of pro-poor schemes, its sole agenda must be development and poverty alleviation. And, only Bharatiya Janata Party government can realize this dream come true.

Our manifesto is based on nine key points which are the nine pillars of the party's vision for the development of 'New Odisha'. Time has come to build a prosperous and culturally rich state of Odisha. Now, there must not be any further delay to achieve this.

After the formation of Bharatiya Janata Party government in Odisha, the chief minister will attend 'Janata Darbar' every Wednesday for two hours to address the public grievances and disposal of their problems will be ensured in just 30 days. The party will ensure capital punishment for rape convicts.

If Bharatiya Janata Party's votes to power, recruitment of the vacant seats at various departments will be filled within two years of the formation of the government. The government will also arrange to provide free education to all the poor students from pre-primary to post-graduation level. Two-wheelers to exceptional students will be provided who complete class 12th examination.

Farmers will be given loans at zero percent interest to ensure that they are not burdened by it. In the irrigation sector, the BJP will invest over 1 lakh crore. We will give over Rs 300 per month pension to the small and medium farmers above the age of 60.

If the BJP is voted to power in the state, the land patta of the tribal people will be taken care of within five years in a phased manner. Uninterrupted power supply of eight hours to farm lands, 1.5 time minimum support price (MSP) for all agricultural produce and benefits of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) Yojana to eligible farmers will also be ensured. New centres will be set up to purchase forest products at MSP rates. The refund of the GST being levied on Tendu Patta will also be ensured.

Odisha will be placed in one of the top five states in the country within five years as far as 'Ease of Doing Business' is concerned. It will be developed as a destination of investment. 15 new smart cities will be developed with a budget allocation of Rs 1500 crore.

New mission will be launched for complete eradication of malnutrition from Odisha. A medical college will be established in every district. Unified Emergency Response hotline 112 will also be set up. 2000 new ambulance service will be launched for the pregnant women.

Cuttack-Bhubaneswar metro train project will be launched. 15 new ports will be constructed and railway line connectivity to all the 30 districts in the State will be developed.

A memorial of global repute will be set up in the honour of great freedom fighter Bakshi Jagabandhu and his idol will be placed there so that the generation next may take inspiration from him.

The land of Lord Jagannath, Puri will be developed as the cultural capital of the country. We will come up with 'Pujari Bandhu Yojana' under which every priest of Odisha will be given a monthly stipend of Rs 1000. BJP will push Rs 2000 crore 'Odisha Tourism Skill' fund which will create about five lakh jobs. At least 15 new Tourism Circuits will be developed in Odisha.

If BJP is voted to power then accused in the the chit fund issue will not be spared. They will be brought to book, will be forced to face the law and will be put behind the bars. The new Odisha will also be free of corruption and the party will end the evil of percentage commission (PC) culture in the State. 'Gundaraj' and mining mafia will be dealt with iron hand while a Special Investigation Team will probe the chit fund issue.

By keeping all the rules at bay in the allotment of mines, allowing corruption in chit fund, snatching the rights of people's representatives and handing over the keys of power to babus, Navin babu has insulted the democracy. Actually, the mask of Navin babu is at forefront, while babus are governing the state.

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