

# 'Aadhar-linked DBTs save govt ₹50,000 cr'

Scheme plugged leaks, removed middlemen and ghost beneficiaries, says Shah

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**T**he direct benefit transfer programme has resulted in ₹50,000 crore savings for the government in the last three years as funds were directly transferred to 32 crore needy people, BJP President Amit Shah has said.

The Aadhaar-linked DBT scheme, he said, has helped in plugging leakages, removing middlemen and eliminating ghost beneficiaries.

As many as 32 crore people received funds in form of subsidies directly into their bank accounts resulting in savings of nearly ₹50,000 crore to the exchequer over the last three years, Shah said.

Citing various achievements of the Narendra Modi-led government, Shah said, both direct and indirect taxes have witnessed a growth rate of 20 per cent, which is unprecedented in the history of independent India.

"On the economic front, the BJP-led government has performed very well. We are the fastest growing nation in the world and inflation by and large is under control,"

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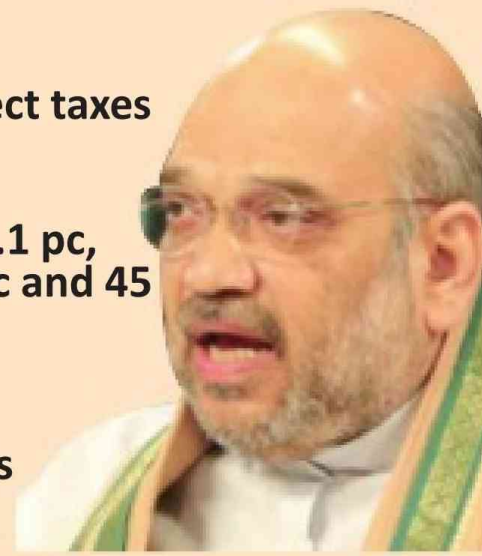
■ 32 crore people received funds via Aadhar-linked direct benefit transfer scheme, says Shah

■ Per capita income increased by ₹10,000 to cross ₹1-lakh mark

■ Both the direct and indirect taxes grew at 20 pc

■ Industrial growth up by 5.1 pc, agriculture growth gained pc and 45 pc rise in FDI inflows

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BJP national president said.

Listing out government's high points during 2016-17, Shah said, there were many like "highest urea production, largest gas connection distribution, record coal and power production, highest national highway and rural road construction, vehicle manufacturing, biggest ever software export and highest ever forex reserve".

He further added that interest rates have been reduced remarkably and fiscal deficit has been reined in

at 3.9 per cent in 2015-16.

It was under NDA regime, that India saw a 5.1 per cent industrial growth and 4 per cent agriculture growth, also 45 per cent rise in FDI inflows, Shah said adding that exports also surged after registering a slowdown. As a result, he said, per capita income has increased by ₹10,000 to cross ₹1-lakh mark at ₹1.03 lakh.

On soaring markets, Shah said both key indices Sensex and Nifty touched their record highs, triggered by the positive sentiment.

MSP 43pc higher than production cost, says Shah

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The Modi government has fulfilled its poll promise of giving farmers a support price that is 50 per cent more than cost of production of a crop, BJP President Amit Shah has said.

The minimum support price (MSP) paid to farmers for their crops is now 43 per cent more than the cost of production if the cost of land is excluded from price calculation, he said.

No government, he said, can meet the Swaminathan formula for calculating the cost of production as it includes cost of land, which is mostly inherited by farmers. "There is a dispute on one issue. Swaminathan calculated the formula (on MSP) by including the land price, which can never be possible to implement," said the BJP president.

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