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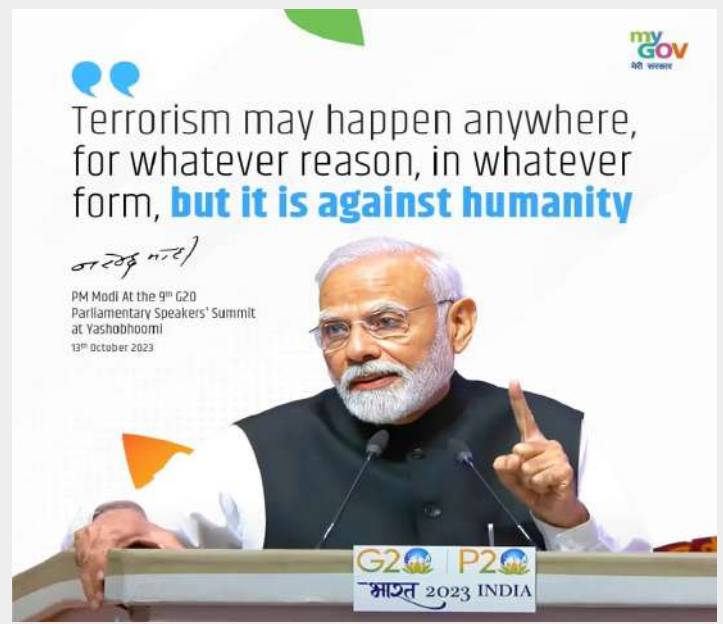
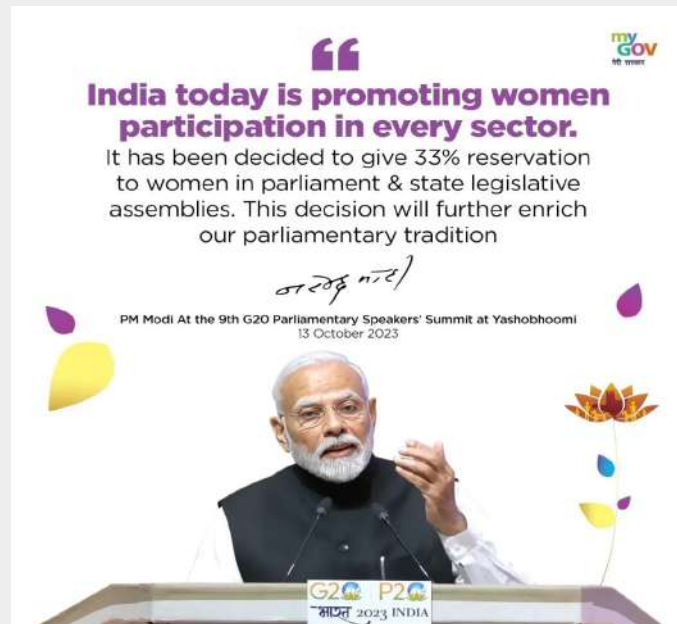
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Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi addresses 9th G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit



Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi inaugurated the 9th G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit (P20) at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi on 13th October 2023. The summit was hosted by the Parliament of India under the broader framework of India's G20 Presidency with the theme of 'Parliaments for One Earth, One Family, One Future'. Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister welcomed the dignitaries to the G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit on behalf of 140 crore citizens of India. "The Summit is a 'Maha Kumbh' of all Parliamentary practices from across the globe", the Prime Minister remarked. Underlining that all the delegates present today hold the experience of the Parliamentary framework from different countries, Prime Minister expressed great satisfaction with today's event.

The Prime Minister emphasized that the P20 Summit is taking place on the land which is not only known as the mother of democracy but is also the largest democracy in the world. As representatives of different Parliaments from around the world, the Prime Minister underlined the importance of debates and deliberations as he mentioned accurate examples of such debates from history. He informed that assemblies and committees have found a mention in the five-thousand-year-old Vedas and scriptures of India, where collective decisions were made for the betterment of society. Speaking about Rigveda, India's oldest scripture, the Prime Minister recited a Sanskrit shloka which means 'We must walk together, speak together and that our minds must be conjoined'. He informed that issues related to the village level were resolved by indulging in debates which became a source of great amazement for the Greek ambassador Megasthenes who wrote about it in great detail. The Prime Minister also touched upon a 9th-century inscription in Tamil Nadu which elaborates upon rules and codes of village legislatures. "The 1200-year-old inscription also mentions the rules for disqualification of a member", Prime Minister added. Speaking about the Anubhav Mantappa tradition which



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has been going on since the 12th century in India, and years before the Magna Carta came into existence, the Prime Minister informed that discussions were encouraged where people from every caste, creed and religion were free to express their thoughts. “The Anubhav Mantappa initiated by Jagatguru Basweshwara makes India proud even today”, the Prime Minister remarked as he underlined that the journey of India from 5000-year-old scriptures till today is a heritage of Parliamentary traditions not just for India but the entire world.

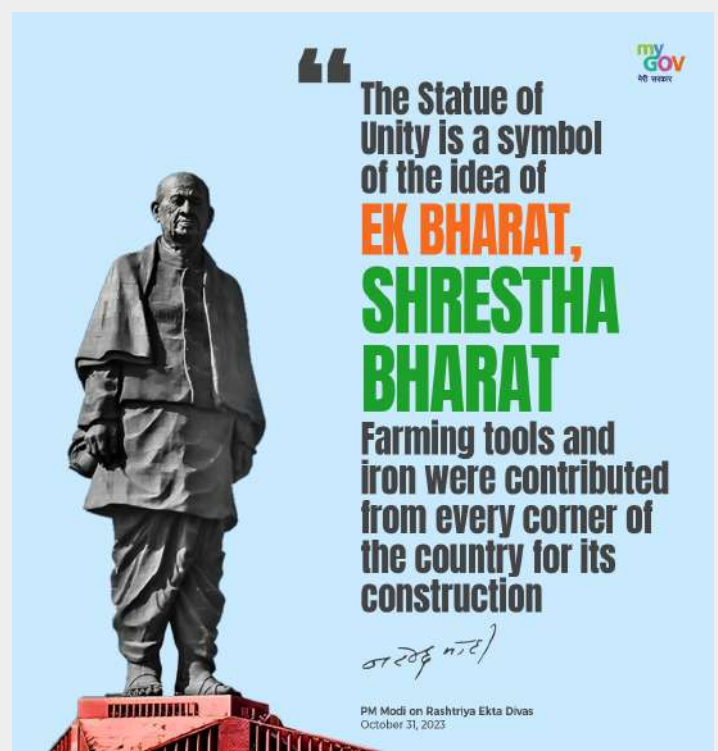
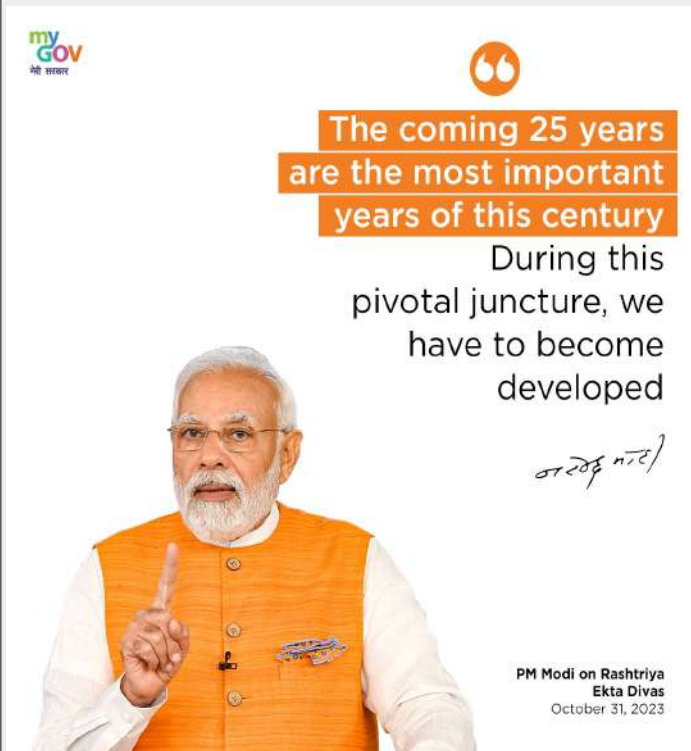
The Prime Minister also dwelled on the modernization of the election process. The use of EVMs since the last 25 years has brought transparency and efficiency to the election process as election results come within hours of the start of counting. He informed that 1 billion people will participate in the general election next year and invited the delegates to witness the elections.

The Prime Minister highlighted the unwavering faith of the citizens in the parliamentary traditions of India and credited its diversity and vibrancy. “We have people of every faith here. Hundreds of types of food, ways of living, languages, dialects”, the Prime Minister said. He informed that India has more than 900 TV channels in India in 28 languages to provide real-time information to the people, more than 33 thousand different newspapers are published in about 200 languages, and about 3 billion users on different social media platforms. Prime Minister emphasized the huge flow of information and the level of freedom of speech in India. “In this world of the 21st century, this vibrancy of India, unity in diversity, is our greatest strength. This vibrancy inspires us to fight every challenge and solve every difficulty together”, Prime Minister added.

Concluding the address, the Prime Minister underlined that there can be no better medium than public participation to deal with the world's challenges. “I have always believed that governments are formed by majority, but the country is run by consensus. Our parliaments and this P20 forum can also strengthen this sentiment”, the Prime Minister said and expressed confidence that the efforts to improve this world through debate and deliberations will definitely be successful.

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Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi participates in Rashtriya Ekta Diwas celebrations in Kevadia, Gujarat



Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi participated in the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas-related events on 31st October 2023. He paid homage to Sardar Patel at the Statue of Unity on his birth anniversary. Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister remarked that Rashtriya Ekta Diwas celebrates the strength of the unity of India's youth and its warriors. "In a way, I can witness the form of mini India ", the Prime Minister emphasized. He underlined that even though the languages, states and traditions are different, every person in the country is weaved in the strong thread of unity. "The beads are plenty, but the garland is one. Even though we are diverse, we are united", he said.

The Prime Minister reiterated that the next 25 years are the most important 25 years of this century for the nation as India is to turn into a prosperous and developed country during this period. He called for the same spirit of dedication for the country that was witnessed in the 25 years just before the Independence. He noted the growing profile of India in the world. "We feel proud as we are taking the stature of the biggest democracy to a new height", he said. He mentioned India's robust position in security, economy, science, indigenous defence production, and global corporate leadership being provided by Indians in key global companies and sports. Referring to the pledge of moving forward and abandoning the mentality of slavery, Prime Minister said that India is growing as well as preserving its heritage." He mentioned the removal of colonial insignia from the Navy Flag, weeding out unnecessary laws from colonial times, IPC being replaced and the Netaji statue adorning India Gate replacing colonial representatives.

Referring to the Iron Man Sardar Saheb's unwavering concern for internal security, the Prime Minister listed the steps taken in the last 9 years in this regard and how the challenges are being firmly met by depriving the forces of destruction with the success that they enjoyed earlier. He stressed the need to remain vigilant against the attacks on the unity of the nation.

The Prime Minister said that today's India is the new India where every citizen is brimming with confidence. He stressed ensuring that this confidence continues and the feeling of unity remains the same. He concluded the address by paying a humble tribute to Sardar Patel on behalf of the citizens and conveyed his best wishes on Rashtriya Ekta Diwas.

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Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi inaugurates Global Maritime India Summit 2023



Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi inaugurated the third edition of Global Maritime India Summit 2023 in Mumbai on 17th October 2023. The Prime Minister also unveiled 'Amrit Kaal Vision 2047', a blueprint for the Indian maritime blue economy. In line with this futuristic plan, the Prime Minister inaugurated, dedicated to the nation and laid the foundation stone for projects worth more than Rs 23,000 crores that are aligned with the 'Amrit Kaal Vision 2047' for the Indian maritime blue economy. The summit provides an excellent platform for attracting investment in the country's maritime sector.

Prime Minister reiterated that the India of today is working to fulfill the resolve of becoming a developed nation in the next 25 years. He underlined that the government is bringing about revolutionary changes in every sector and mentioned the work done to strengthen the maritime sector of India. In the last decade, the Prime Minister informed that the capacity of major ports in India has doubled, and turnaround time for big vessels has come down to less than 24 hours as compared to 42 hours in 2014. He also mentioned the construction of new roads to increase port connectivity and touched upon the SagarMala Project to strengthen the coastal infrastructure. These efforts, the Prime Minister said, are increasing employment opportunities and Ease of Living manifold. Concluding the address, the Prime Minister remarked that India is one of the few countries which has such a combination of Development, Demography, Democracy and Demand. "At a time when India is moving towards the goal of becoming a developed India by 2047, this is a golden opportunity for you", Prime Minister said and sent out an open invite to investors from all over the world to come to India and join the path of development.

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Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi inaugurates 7th Edition of the India Mobile Congress (IMC)



Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi inaugurated the 7th Edition of the India Mobile Congress 2023 at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi on 27th October 2023. India Mobile Congress (IMC) is the largest telecom, media, and technology forum in Asia to be held from 27th to 29th October 2023 with the theme 'Global Digital Innovation'. The IMC 2023 aims to strengthen India's position as a developer, manufacturer, and exporter of key cutting-edge technologies. During the program, the Prime Minister awarded 100 '5G Use Case Labs' to educational institutions across the country.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister said that in the changing times of the 21st century, this event has the power to change the lives of crores of people. Underling the fast pace of technology, the Prime Minister said "The future is here and now". He praised the exhibition placed for the occasion to provide glimpses of the future in telecom, technology and connectivity. He mentioned the fields of 6G, AI, cyber security, semiconductors, drone or space sectors, deep sea, green tech or any other sectors and said, "The future is going to be entirely different and it is a matter of happiness that our young generation is leading the tech revolution".

Prime Minister drew attention to the important aspect of cybersecurity and the safety of network infrastructure and recalled the discussion on 'Global Threats of Cyber Security' at the G20 Summit.

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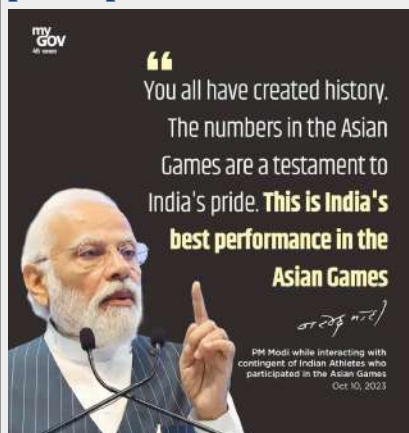
Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra launches India's first Regional Rapid Transit System

Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi inaugurated the priority section of Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut RRTS Corridor at Sahibabad RapidX Station in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh today. He also flagged off the Namo Bharat RapidX train connecting Sahibabad to Duhai Depot, marking the launch of the Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) in India. Prime Minister dedicated to the nation, two stretches of east-west corridor of Bengaluru Metro. Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister said that today is a historic moment for the nation as India's first Rapid Rail Service, the Namo Bharat Train is being dedicated to the people. Shri Modi recalled laying the foundation stone for the Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut RRTS Corridor four years ago and marked its operation today on the Sahibabad to Duhai Depot stretch. He reiterated the government's commitment to inaugurate the projects whose foundation stones are laid and expressed confidence that he will be present to inaugurate the completion of the Meerut stretch of RRTS after one and a half years. The Prime Minister reiterated his belief that India's development lies in the development of the states. He said that two stretches of Metro will further strengthen the connectivity at the IT hub of Bengaluru. He informed that about 8 lakh passengers are traveling by Metro everyday.

The Prime Minister stressed that Namo Bharat is a glimpse of India of the future and exemplifies the transformation of the nation with growing economic muscle. The Prime Minister said that this 80 km Delhi Meerut stretch is just the beginning as the first phase will see many areas of Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Rajasthan being connected with Namo Bharat Train. In the coming days, Shri Modi informed that a similar system will be created in the other parts of the country to improve connectivity and create new avenues of employment. The Prime Minister emphasized the need to reduce urban pollution. This is leading to a growing network of electric buses in the country. The Central government has started a scheme of providing 10,000 electric buses to the states. He informed that the Government of India is preparing to run more than 1300 electric buses in Delhi at an expense of Rs 600 crore. Out of these, more than 850 electric buses have already started plying in Delhi. Similarly, in Bangalore also, the Government of India is providing assistance of Rs 500 crore to run more than 1200 electric buses. "The Central Government is trying to promote modern and green public transport in every city, be it Delhi, UP or Karnataka", Prime Minister said.

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Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi addresses contingent of Indian athletes participated in the Asian Games

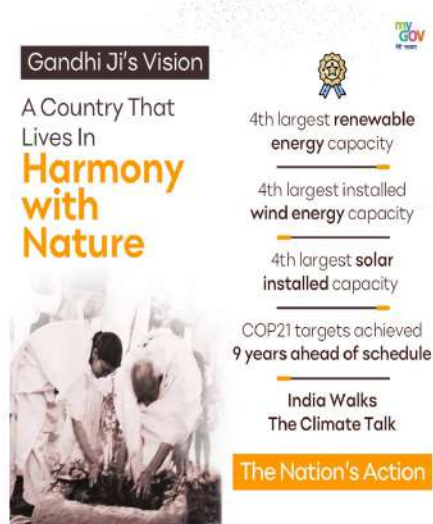


Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi addressed the contingent of Indian athletes who participated in the Asian Games 2022 at Major Dhyan Chand Stadium in New Delhi on 10th October 2023. He also interacted with the athletes. India won 107 medals including 28 gold medals in the Asian Games 2022 making this the best performance in terms of the total number of medals won in the continental multi-sport event. The Prime Minister said "You have created history. Figures of this Asian Games are witness to India's success. This is the best performance of India in the Asian Games to date. It is a matter of personal satisfaction that we are moving in the right direction." He recalled the doubts at the time of pursuit of Corona vaccine and said that when we succeeded in saving lives and helping 150 countries, the same feeling of moving in the right direction was experienced.

"The country has great confidence in all you players", the Prime Minister underlined as he noted the slogan of '100 Paar' that was chosen for this year's Asian Games. Prime Minister expressed confidence that this record will go much further in the next edition. Underlining that the Paris Olympics is right around the corner, the Prime Minister urged them to prepare diligently. He also consoled all those who did not achieve success this time and suggested they learn from their mistakes and make new efforts. Prime Minister extended his best wishes to all the players of the Para Asian Games which are set to begin from 22nd October.


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Snapshot on India's Economic Growth



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Snapshot on India's Economic Growth



Rising Influence on the Global Stage

India's G20 presidency culminated in unanimous New Delhi Declaration

India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor turning into reality

Travelling the **GREEN WAY**

Public Transportation Goes Electric

10 Lakh Electric Vehicles Sold under FAME India Scheme

Saved **2.87 crore** litres of fuel to date

5.65 crore kg CO2 reduction



INDIA AMONG TOP 5 IN GLOBAL ACADEMIA

Number of Indian Universities in THE WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2024

91

17 (2016) vs 91 (2023)

India becomes the 4th best represented nation in the World University Rankings 2024, marking a leap from 8th spot in 2023



“Hundreds of years ago, the Silk Route gave impetus to global trade and became the basis for the development of many countries of the world. Now the **India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor** will change the picture of regional and global trade



PM Modi At Maritime India Summit 2023
17 October, 2023


EASE OF TRAVEL

Expanding Metro Network Since 2014

20+ cities

Currently **Fifth-largest** metro network in the world

On our way to become **second-largest** metro network



INDIA AMONG THE FANTASTIC FOUR of Climate Change

Among the only **4 Major Economies** Set To Meet Paris Climate Goals

India, Indonesia, UK & Switzerland on track to meet the pledged targets for 2030



Digital Economy Like No Other

46% of the global real-time payments happening in India

India's payments **more** than the next 4 leading countries combined



Fiscal Discipline for a Strong Economy

Declining Fiscal Deficit to GDP ratio



FY22: 6.8, FY23: 6.5, FY24*: 5.9, FY25*: 5.2, FY26*: 4.5

Fiscal responsibility & economic stability can boost investor and consumer confidence

FROM LAGGY INTERNET TO ONE OF THE FASTEST

5G Launch Propels India 72 Spots in Mobile Download Speed Rankings

India's Rank in the Speedtest Global Index

47th rank

119th rank (Sep 2022) vs 47th rank (Aug 2023)



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Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi addresses the 106th Episode of 'Mann Ki Baat' (29th October 2023)



My dear countrymen, Namaskar. Welcome once again to Mann Ki Baat. This episode is taking place at a time when the entire country is enveloped in the fervour of festivities. Heartiest greetings to all of you on the occasion of the festivals.

Friends, amid the zeal of the festivities, I wish to commence Mann Ki Baat with a news from Delhi itself. At the beginning of this month, on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, Khadi witnessed record sales in Delhi. Here at Connaught Place, at a single Khadi store, in a single day, people purchased goods worth over a crore and a half rupees. The ongoing Khadi Mahotsav this month has broken all its previous sales records. You will be pleased to know of another fact that earlier in the country, whereas the sale of Khadi products could barely touch thirty thousand crore rupees; now this is rising to reach almost 1.25 lakh crore rupees. The rise in the sale of Khadi means its benefit reaches myriad sections across cities and villages. Benefiting from these sales

are our weavers, handicraft artisans, our farmers, cottage industries engaged in growing Ayurvedic plants, everyone is getting the benefit of this sale... and, this is the strength of the 'Vocal for Local' campaign... gradually the support of all you countrymen is increasing. Friends, today I would like to reiterate one more request to you, and insistently at that! Whenever you travel for tourism; go on a pilgrimage, do buy products made by the local artisans there. In the overall budget of your travel itinerary, do include purchasing local products as an important priority. Be it ten percent, twenty percent, as much as your budget allows, you should spend it on local and spend it only there.

My dear countrymen, during this festive season, at this time in the country, the flag of sports is also flying high. Recently, after the Asian Games, Indian Players also achieved tremendous success in the Para Asian Games. India has created a new history by winning 111 medals in these games. I congratulate all the athletes participating in the Para Asian Games.

Friends, whenever it comes to Swachh Bharat and 'Waste To Wealth', we see countless examples from every corner of the country. A school named Akshar Forum in Kamrup Metropolitan District of Assam is relentlessly performing the task of inculcating Sanskar & values and values of sustainable development in children. The students studying here collect plastic waste every week, which is used in making items like eco-friendly bricks and key chains. Here students are also taught to make products from recycling and plastic waste. This awareness towards the environment at an early age will go a long way in making these children dutiful citizens of the country.

My dear family members, that's all this time in 'Mann Ki Baat'. Every interaction with all of you fills me up with new energy. Hundreds of stories related to hope and positivity keep reaching me in your messages. I again urge you to emphasize on Aatma Nirbhar Bharat campaign. Buy local products, be Vocal for Local. Just as you keep your houses clean, keep your locality and city clean. And you know, on the 31st of October, the birth anniversary of Sardar Saheb, the country celebrates it as Unity Day; Run for Unity programs are organized at many places in the country. You too should organize the Run for Unity Programs on the 31st of October. You should also join in large numbers and strengthen the resolve of unity. Once again, I extend many best wishes for the upcoming festivals. I wish you all celebrate with joy, with your family; stay healthy, stay happy. And yes, at the time of Diwali, no such mistake should be made that any incidents of fire may occur. If someone's life is in danger then you must take care; take care of yourself, and also take care of the entire area.

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India- Zambia Relations : Glorious 59 Years of Strong Friendship

India was among the first few countries, which recognised the sovereign Republic of Zambia after its independence on 24th October 1964. The freedom struggle of India under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi had inspired many leaders of Africa, including the first President of the Republic of Zambia Late Dr. Kenneth David Kaunda. The relationship has been nurtured by successive leadership of both the countries and this tradition is not only continuing but also expanding in many areas of mutual interests.



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Congratulations to FM Stanley Kakubo and the Government and people of Zambia on their Independence Day.

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President of the Republic of India Hon'ble Smt. Droupadi Murmu congratulated President of the Republic of Zambia H.E. Mr. Hakainde Hichilema and the people of Zambia on the occasion of 59th Independence Anniversary of Zambia. Dr. S. Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister, Government of India also congratulated his counterpart Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Hon'ble Stanley K. Kakubo on 24th October. India - Zambia bilateral relations are historic, multi-faceted and deeply rooted in the spirit of South-South Cooperation. Among various facets of bilateral relationships, Development Partnership has become strong pillar of India-Zambia bilateral relationship encompassing various supports like lines of credit, grants, fully paid scholarship for capacity building under ITEC programme, online education through e-learning platforms etc.

India's approach to development support to Zambia is people centric and unconditional. Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Mr. Narendra Modi in his address to the Parliament of Uganda in July 2018, said, "Our development partnership will be guided by your priorities. It will be on terms that will be comfortable for you, that will liberate your potential and not constrain your future... We will build as much local capacity and create as many local opportunities as possible".

Zambia is among the most important beneficiaries of India's development cooperation programme. It includes EXIM Bank credit lines, flood relief grants, fully paid scholarships for various higher education courses, training programmes under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) and specialized capacity building programmes under India Africa Forum Summit. Some notable developmental projects undertaken in Zambia with India's assistance (LoC/Grant/Buyer's Credit) are as follows :

Lines of Credit for various development purposes

India extended an LoC worth US\$ 10 mn to Zambia in 2003 for general purposes including purchase of TATA buses, motor vehicles, motor cycles and supply of vocational tool kits. It also extended an LoC of

total US\$ 68 million for construction of 650 rural pre-fabricated health posts across Zambia in two instalments in 2013 and 2018. As on date 563 health posts have already been completed and are operational. The health posts have played a crucial role as primary health centres in the remote corners of Zambia and has helped to bring the health-care to the door-step of the people, even in the remotest part of Zambia. India has taken note of Zambia's ever growing needs of energy and partly financed 120 MW Itezhi Tezhi Hydropower Project by extending LoC worth US\$ 29 million. Itezhi Tezhi Power Corporation Limited (ITPC) is a joint venture between ZESCO Limited and The TATA Power Company Limited, incorporated on 17th August, 2007. It was commissioned in March 2016 and commenced commercial operations in May 2016. This is an example of first successful public private parthernship project in energy sector.



People in rural part of Zambia during handing over of one of the pre-fabricated health posts



Itezhi Tezhi Power Hydro power project

Buyer's Credit for Lusaka De-congestion Project

India supported the Lusaka City De-congestion Project through broadening of major roads and electrification with solar powered lights. The ground breaking ceremony of the project was jointly done by the then President of India Mr. Ram Nath Kovind and the then President of Zambia Mr. Edgar Chagwa Lungu on 12th April 2018 during State visit of the Indian President to Zambia. M/s Afcons, a subsidiary of M/s Shapoorji Pallonji group, completed the US\$ 289.5 million Lusaka City Road De-congestion Project without any time and cost over-runs. The project was financed by EXIM Bank of India under Buyer's Credit of US\$ 245.74 million. The remaining part was funded by the government of Zambia. The project has helped considerably in reduction of traffic congestion and is considered as one of the most significant contributions of India to Zambia in infrastructure sector. This project has been widely acknowledged by the Zambian leadership as well as the people of Zambia.



Munali flyover bridge in Lusaka built as part of Lusaka De-congestion Project



e-learning centre with 25 work stations at Mulungushi University, Kabwe for online education

Gifting of medicines worth US\$ 2 million and 1000 MT of non-Basmati rice

India gifted medicines worth US\$ 2 million to Ministry of Health, Government of Zambia in December 2019 and also gifted 1000 MT of non-Basmati rice in October 2020.

e-VidyaBharti and e-ArogyaBharti (e-VBAB) Network Project

To respond to the growing demands of advance courses through electronic platforms, India offered 15,000 scholarships for students and professionals in Africa to pursue courses offered by premier Indian institutions in emerging areas as part of the Third India-Africa Summit commitments under e-VBAB network project. Zambia is the second highest beneficiary of the scheme after Nigeria and 2074 students have been enrolled for the various online courses. An e-learning centre with 25 work stations has also been established at Mulungushi University, Kabwe, Central Province.

Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) programme

The ITEC training programme started in 1964, is one of the most successful programme largely catering to the capacity building needs of the friendly countries. Zambians working in various Government departments have been trained under ITEC programme in various prestigious Indian institutes. About 4000 Zambians have so far been trained. New modalities like e-ITEC, ITEC-Onsite and ITEC executive have been included in the bouquet of ITEC offerings from 2018 onwards. A total of 100 Zambians have so far been trained under these online programmes. ITEC Executive has been introduced with the aim to train senior government officials in specialized programmes.

Under the ITEC Defence scheme, several senior and current serving Defence personnel have undergone training at various Defence Training Institutes in India. An e-ITEC Defence courses is expected to be introduced soon, which would focus on Information Technology and Logistics for military personnel.

Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR)' Scholarship and other programmes

India has also provided scholarship to the Zambian student to study at higher learning institutes under ICCR's Scholarship Programme. 70 candidates from Zambia have benefited in the last 7 years. During the academic year 2023-24, 18 scholarships have been utilized by the Zambia. Prof. Chisale, Acting Vice Chancellor, Copperbelt University of Zambia under Academic Visitor Programme of ICCR visited India in March 2023 and he interacted with academicians at University of Delhi, Mumbai University and Savitribhai Phule Pune University.

To strengthen institutional relationships, an MoU to establish an ICCR Chair of Indian Studies at the University of Zambia (UNZA) was signed in April 2023 between ICCR and University of Zambia. A professor from India is soon expected to join UNZA.

India looks forward to further strengthen and expand the bilateral relations in the 60th Year of establishment of diplomatic relationship between India and Zambia and the years to come.

High Commission celebrates 154th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi



High Commission celebrated the 154th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on 2nd October 2023. Hon'ble Mr. Gary Nkombo, Minister of Local Government and Rural Development, Republic of Zambia was the Guest of Honour. Hon'ble Mr. Gary Nkombo, High Commissioner Mr. Ashok Kumar and Indian diaspora paid rich tributes to Mahatma Gandhi. Hon'ble Minister also planted a tree at High Commission premises on the occasion. Favourite Bhajans of Gandhi Ji were rendered and a narration on Mahatma Gandhi by Dr. S. Radhakrishna was screened. The winners of competitions organised on Hindi Divas were also felicitated by the Hon'ble Minister and High Commissioner

High Commission celebrates 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day)



High Commission celebrated 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas' (National Unity Day) on 31st October 2023 to mark the 148th Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. High Commissioner Mr. Ashok Kumar, High Commission's officials and Indian diaspora offered floral tribute to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. High Commissioner highlighted role of Sardar Patel in India's national integration. A talk "Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel - A Luminary Leader & Integrationist Par Excellence" by Dr Shobhana Radhakrishna was screened. An exhibition on 'Sardar Patel -The Architect of Unification' was showcased and painting, essay & quiz competitions were also organised as part of celebration of event.

High Commission participates in the 3rd Diplomatic Fun Fair



High Commission participated in the 3rd edition of Diplomatic Fun Fair organised by the Ministry of Tourism, Republic of Zambia at Lusaka Show Ground on 14th October 2023. Ms Vivian Ndhlovu, Acting Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Tourism was the Guest of Honour. High Commission set up India Corner showcasing various facets of India's rich & vibrant culture viz. handicrafts, artefacts, dance cuisine etc . ODOP items, milltes, tourism material and Ayurveda products were also displayed.

Observance of 'Swachhta Hi Seva' Campaign



As part of Swachhta Hi Seva campaign, High Commissioner Mr. Ashok Kumar led cleanliness drive on 1st October 2023 at Chancery Premises along with Mission's officials and members of Indian community. High Commissioner administered Swachhta pledge and felicitated Swachhta warriors (Swachhta Mitra). Painting competition on Swachhta theme was also organised.

Lusaka Indian Ladies Association (LILA) donates K 250,000 for construction of National Centre of Autism in Kabwe, Central Province of Zambia



Lusaka Indian Ladies Association (LILA) donated K 2,50,000 towards the construction of National Centre of Autism in Kabwe. This donation brings LILA's total contributions to K 4,10,000 as LILA donated K 1,60,000 last year towards construction of the National Centre of Autism, which is spearheaded by the First Lady Ms. Mutinta Hichilema. First Lady Ms. Mutinta Hichilema thanked LILA and expressed confidence that the contributions from the organisations like LILA will help in expediting the construction of centre (9 Oct 2023).



High Commissioner Mr. Ashok Kumar administered Integrity Pledge to the officials of the High Commission as part of observance of the Vigilance Awareness Week (30 Oct 2023)

UPCOMING BUSINESS EVENTS IN INDIA

World Food India 2023

As part of International Year of Millets celebrations, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries is organizing a World Food India, 2023 during 3rd - 5th November 2023 in Pragati Maidan, New Delhi . The event will provide a unique platform to all stakeholders i.e. producers, food processors, equipment manufacturers, logistics players, cold chain players, technology providers, academia, start-up & innovators, food retailers etc. to interact and showcase their strength. For more details and registration please visit www.worldfoodindia.gov.in

Global Exhibition on Services (GES)

The 6th edition of the Global Exhibition on Services is being organised by Services Export Promotion Council (SEPC) under the aegis of the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India from 14-16th November 2023 at India Expo Centre and Mart, Greater Noida. For more details and registration please visit <http://www.servicesepec.org/>

Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2024

The tenth edition of Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit will be held from 10-12 January 2024. The themes of the summit include Industry 4.0, technology and innovation, transitioning towards sustainability as well as MSMEs . For more details please visit <https://www.vibrantgujarat.com/>

Ceramic & Bath Industry Show

Ceramic & Bath Industry Show will be held from 18th - 20th January 2024 at Indian International Convention Center (IICC), New Delhi, India. The platform will attract thousands of visitors, exhibitors, partners that will give you an opportunity to generate new business leads. The show will give you an opportunity to meet leading brands and discover new offerings from a global portfolio of bath and sanitary ware. For more details please visit <https://cbisexpo.com/about-cbis/>

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