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Hon'ble President Smt. Droupadi Murmu addresses the Nation on the eve of the 77th Independence Day



My Dear Fellow Citizens,

My heartiest greetings to all of you on our 77th Independence Day! It is a glorious and auspicious occasion for all of us. I am overjoyed to see that festivity is in the air. It is a matter of delight as well as pride for us to see how everyone – children, youth and the elderly, in cities and villages, everywhere in India – are excited and preparing to celebrate this festival of our freedom. The people have been celebrating 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' with great enthusiasm. Independence Day celebrations also remind me of my childhood days. We could not contain our excitement of participating in the Independence Day celebrations in our village school. When the tricolour was hoisted, we felt an electrifying energy pass through us. With our hearts full of patriotic pride, we saluted the national flag and sang the national anthem. Sweets were distributed and patriotic songs were sung, which kept playing in our minds for many days. I was fortunate in having an opportunity to re-live these experiences when I became a school teacher.

When we grow up, we may not remain as expressive of our joy as children are, but I am sure that the intensity of the patriotic feeling associated with the celebration of national festivals is not diminished at all. Independence Day reminds us that we are not merely individuals, but we are part of a great community of people. It happens to be the biggest and the greatest community of its kind. It is the community of the citizens of the world's largest democracy.

Dear Citizens,

Independence Day is an occasion to reconnect with our history. It is also an occasion to assess our present and reflect about our way forward. Looking at the present, we see that India has not only regained its rightful place on the world stage, but it has also enhanced its standing in the international order. During my visits and interactions with the members of the Indian diaspora, I have observed a new confidence in the India story. India is playing a crucial role in promoting developmental and humanitarian goals around the world. It has also assumed leadership of international forums, especially the presidency of G-20.

As the G-20 represents two-thirds of the world population, this is a unique opportunity to help shape global discourse in the right direction. With the G-20 presidency, India can nudge decision-making in trade and finance towards equitable progress. Beyond trade and finance, matters of human development too are on the agenda. There are many global issues that concern all humanity and are not limited by geographical boundaries. I am confident that with India's proven leadership in dealing with global issues, member-nations will be able to advance effective action on these fronts.

What is notable in India's presidency of G-20 is the way this diplomatic activity has been taken to the grassroots. There has been a first-of-its-kind campaign to encourage people's participation. It is delightful to see, for example, students enthusiastically participating in diverse contests organised in schools and colleges touching upon the themes of G-20. All the citizens are enthusiastic about events related to G-20.

Dear fellow citizens,

I am happy to note that along with economic growth, human-development-concerns have also been accorded high priority. Having been a teacher also, I have realised that education is the greatest tool of social empowerment. The National Education Policy of 2020 has started making a difference. From my interactions with students as well as educationists at various levels, I gather that the learning process has become more flexible. The visionary policy, which aims to merge ancient values with modern skills, will bring in unprecedented changes in the education sector over the years, leading to a great transformation of the nation.

The aspirations of the new India have infinite dimensions. The Indian Space Research Organisation keeps scaling new heights and setting higher benchmarks of excellence. This year, ISRO launched Chandrayaan-3, and its lander named 'Vikram' and its rover named 'Pragyan' are slated to land on the moon in the next few days. It will be a proud moment for all of us and I look forward to it. But the mission to the moon is only a stepping stone for our future space programmes. We have to go far ahead.

For their work in space and also on earth, our scientists and technologists are bringing laurels to the country. To foster the spirit of research, innovation and entrepreneurship, the Government is setting up the Anusandhan National Research Foundation, with an amount of Rs. 50,000 crore for next five years. The foundation will seed, grow and promote research and development in our colleges, universities and research institutions.

Dear fellow citizens,

Our country has entered the 'Amrit Kaal' with new resolutions and we are moving forward towards making India an inclusive and developed nation by the year 2047. Let us all take a pledge to perform our fundamental duty to strive towards excellence in all spheres of individual and collective activity so that the nation constantly rises to higher levels of endeavour and achievement.

Our Constitution is our guiding document. Its Preamble contains the ideals of our freedom struggle. Let us move forward with the spirit of harmony and brotherhood to realise the dreams of our nation-builders. On the eve of Independence Day, I once again extend my greetings to you, specially to our soldiers guarding the borders, jawans of the forces and the police providing internal security and to the members of our diaspora living in every part of the world. I convey my best wishes to you all.

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Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi addresses the Nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort on the 77th Independence Day

Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi addressed the Nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort on the 77th Independence Day on . Following are the highlights from his speech:

My dear 140 crore family members, the world's largest democracy and now many people are of the opinion that we are number one in faith even from the point of view of population. Such a huge country, 140 crore countrymen, my brothers and sisters, my family members are celebrating the festival of Independence today. I extend many best wishes to crores of people of the country and the world who love India, who respect India, who are proud of India, on this great holy festival of Independence.

This is the first year of Amritkal, what we will do in this period, the steps we will take, the sacrifices we will make, the penance we will do, the golden history of the country for the coming one thousand years is going to sprout from it.

The trinity of demography, democracy and diversity has the potential to make every dream of India come true. It is a period of great pride that today our population under the age of 30 is the highest in the world. In the youth below 30 years of age, my country has millions of arms, millions of brains, millions of dreams, millions of determination, with which my brothers and sisters, my family members can achieve the desired results.

Today, my youth have given India a place in the world's first three start-up Eco-systems. The youth of the world is wondering, seeing this power of India. Today the world is technology driven and the coming era is going to be influenced by technology and then India's talent in technology is going to play a new role.

In the last one year, the way G-20 events have been organized in every corner of India, it has made the world aware of the potential of the common man of the country. The diversity of India has been introduced and showcased to them.

Today India's exports are increasing rapidly and based on different parameters, the experts of the world are saying that now India is not going to stop. Any rating agency of the world would be making India proud.

I can clearly see that after Corona, a new world order, a new global order, a new Geo-political equation is progressing very fast. All interpretations of the geopolitical equation are changing, definitions are changing. Today, my 140 crore countrymen, your ability to shape the changing world is visible. You are standing at a turning point. And the way India has taken the country forward during the Corona period, the world has seen our potential.

Today India is becoming the voice of the Global South. India's prosperity and heritage is becoming an opportunity for the world today. Now the ball is in our court, we should not let the opportunity go, we should not miss the opportunity. I congratulate my countrymen in India also because my countrymen have the ability to understand the roots of the problems and therefore in 2014, after 30 years of experience, my countrymen decided to form a strong and stable government.

We have created a separate skill ministry, it will not only fulfill the needs of India, it will also have the ability to fulfill the needs of the world. We created the Ministry of Jal Shakti, which is laying emphasis on ensuring that pure drinking water reaches each and every countrymen of our country, water sensitive systems should be developed to protect the environment. Holistic health care is the need of the hour. We created a separate Ministry of AYUSH and today Yoga and AYUSH have become shining examples in the world.

Cooperative movement is a big part of the economy of the society, to strengthen it, to modernize it and to strengthen one of the biggest units of democracy in every corner of the country, we have created a separate Cooperative Ministry. We have adopted the path of prosperity through cooperation.

The result of all the efforts we have made is that today, 13.5 crore of my poor brothers and sisters have come out in the form of new middle class by breaking the chains of poverty. There can be no greater satisfaction in life than this. 50 thousand crore rupees have been sent for the street vendors from the PM Swanidhi. In the coming days, we will further implement a program on the coming Vishwakarma Jayanti. On this Vishwakarma Jayanti, we will give about 13-15 thousand crore rupees to the people who live with traditional skills, who work with tools and with their own hands, mostly from the OBC community. We have deposited 2.5 lakh crore rupees from the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi directly into the accounts of the farmers of my country. We have spent two lakh crore rupees under the Jal Jeevan Mission to ensure that pure water reaches every household.

We have started the Ayushman Bharat scheme so that the poor can get rid of the troubles they used to go to the hospital due to illness. He should get medicines, he should be treated, the operation should be done in the best hospital, we have spent 70 thousand crore rupees under the Ayushman Bharat scheme. The country remembers that if we spent 40 thousand crore rupees on Corona Vaccine, we have spent about 15 thousand crore rupees for vaccination of livestock to save them.

We gave the medicines which are available for Rs.100 in the market from Jan Aushadhi Kendra for Rs.10, Rs.15, Rs.20 that saved about 20 crore rupees of people who needed these medicines. Now, from 10,000 Jan Aushadhi Kendras in the country, we are going to work in the coming days to attain a target of 25,000 Jan Aushadhi Kendras.

Today, the country is moving forward with many capabilities, ably working in renewable energy, on green hydrogen, the country's capacity in space is increasing as well as the country is moving ahead successfully in the Deep Sea Mission. Rail is becoming modern in the country, Vande Bharat, Bullet Train also working in the country today. Today internet is reaching every village, so the country also decides for quantum computer. Nano Urea and Nano DAP are being worked on. On the other hand, we are also emphasizing on organic farming. We want to build semiconductors as well.

We had resolved to make 75 thousand Amrit Sarovar in the Amrit Mahotsav of independence. Today, the work of construction of about 75 thousand Amrit Sarovar is going on. This in itself is a huge task. This Janshakti (Human Resources) and Jalshakti (Water Resources) are going to be useful in protecting India's environment. Providing electricity to 18 thousand villages, opening bank accounts of the masses, building toilets for daughters, all the targets have been accomplished with full force before time.

The world was surprised to know that India administered 200 crore (2 billion) vaccination doses during COVID. My country's Anganwadi workers, our Asha workers, our health workers have made this possible. My country is the fastest in the world to roll out 5-G. We have reached more than 700 districts till date, and now we are preparing for 6-G also.

The target we had set for renewable energy by 2030 got completed in 21-22. We had talked about 20 percent blending in ethanol, that too we achieved five years ahead of time. We had talked about exports of 500 billion dollars, that too was achieved before time and it increased to more than 500 billion dollars. We decided, which was being discussed in our country for 25 years, that a new parliament should be in the country, it is Modi who has made the new Parliament ahead of time, my dear brothers and sisters.

For the coming 25 years, we should follow only one mantra, this should be the pinnacle of our national character- the message of unity. India's unity gives us strength, be it north, be it south, be it east, be it west, be it village, be it city, be it man, be it woman; We want to have our country as a developed India in 2047 then we have to live the mantra of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, we have to characterize.

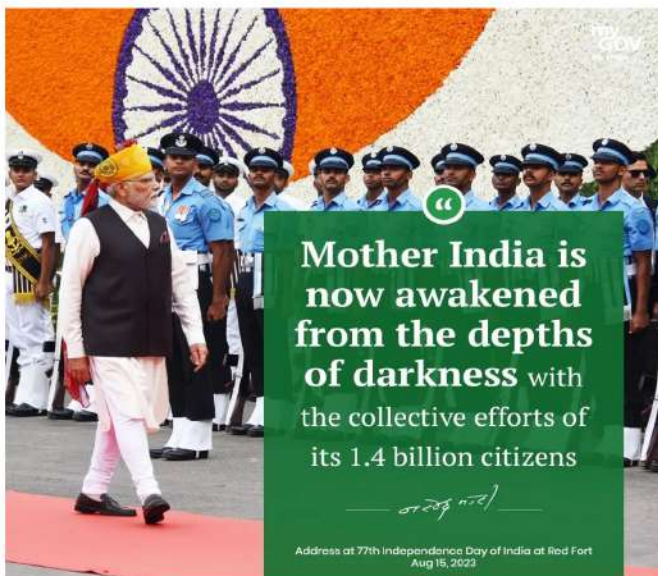
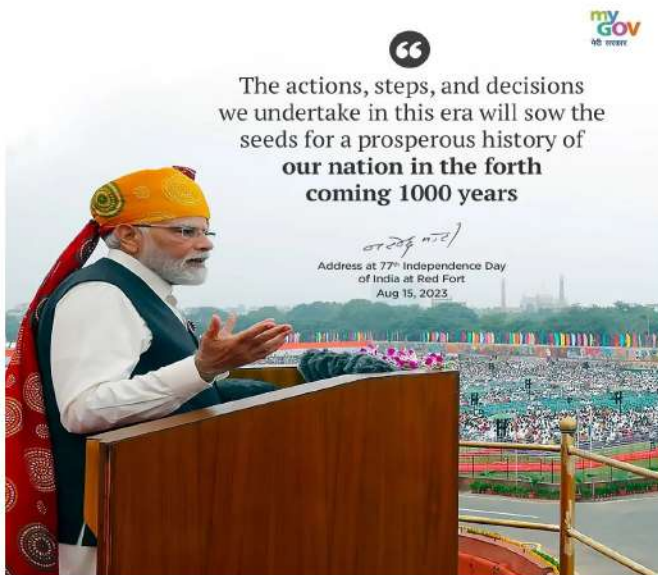
Today the country is moving towards modernity. Be it Highway, Railway, Airway, I-Ways (Information Ways), Water Ways, there is no area in which the country is not working towards progress. In the last 9 years, we have given a lot of emphasis on development in the coastal areas, in the tribal areas, in our hilly areas.

The dreams are many, the resolution is clear, the policies are clear. There is no question mark on my Niyat (Intention). But we have to accept some realities and to solve them, my dear family members, today I have come to seek your help from the Red Fort, I have come to seek your blessings from the Red Fort. In the Amritkaal, in 2047, when the country will celebrate 100 years of independence, at that time the tricolor of India in the world should be the tricolor flag of developed India. We should not stop, nor hesitate and transparency and fairness are the first strong requirements for this.

All of us have a duty, every citizen has a duty and this Amritkaal is Kartavyakaal. We cannot back down from our duty, we have to make the India which was the dream of revered Bapu, we have to make the India which was the dream of our freedom fighters, we have to make the India which belonged to our martyrs, who gave their lives for the motherland.

This Amrit Kaal is a time of duty for all of us. This Amrit Kaal is the time for all of us to do something for Maa Bharti. The resolution of 140 crore countrymen has to be converted into achievement and when the tricolor is hoisted in 2047, then the world will be praising a developed India. With this belief, with this determination, I wish all of you many, many best wishes. Many many congratulations.

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Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi addresses Team ISRO on success of Chandrayaan-3



Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi visited the ISRO Telemetry Tracking and Command Network (ISTRAC) in Bengaluru and addressed Team ISRO on the success of Chandrayaan-3 on 26 August 2023. The Prime Minister met and interacted with ISRO scientists involved in the Chandrayaan-3 mission where he was also briefed about the findings and progress in the Chandrayaan-3 Mission.

Addressing the scientists, the Prime Minister expressed great delight in being present at the ISRO Telemetry Tracking and Command Network (ISTRAC) in Bengaluru and said that such an occasion is extremely rare when the body and mind get filled with such happiness. Referring to the few special moments in everyone's lives when impatience starts to dominate, the Prime Minister noted that he experienced the exact same emotions during his tour to South Africa and Greece and said that his mind was focussed on the Chandrayaan 3 Mission at all times. Observing the inconvenience caused to the scientists at ISRO due to his impromptu plans to visit the ISTRAC, a visibly emotional Prime Minister said that he was eager to visit and salute the scientists for their diligence, dedication, courage, devotion and passion. The Prime Minister said that the moment of the touchdown has become immortal in the consciousness of the nation. "The moment of touchdown is one of the most inspiring moments of this century. Every Indian took it as his or her own victory", he said. The Prime Minister credited the scientists for this grand success.

"The success of Chandrayaan 3 is not just India's alone but it belongs to all of humanity", the Prime Minister remarked and underlined that the explorations of the mission will open new doors of possibilities for moon missions of every country. He stated that the mission would not only unravel the secrets of the moon but also contribute to overcoming the challenges on Earth. The Prime Minister once again congratulated every scientist, technician, engineer and all members associated with Chandrayaan 3 Mission.

Emphasizing that India has become only the 4th nation to have a successful touchdown on the surface of the Moon, the Prime Minister said that the feat becomes more immense when we consider the humble beginnings of India's space program. He recalled the times when India was considered a third-world country and did not have the required technology and support. Today, the Prime Minister said, India has become the 5th largest economy in the world and it is now among the first-world countries be it trees or technology. "In the journey from 'third row' to 'first row', institutions like our 'ISRO' have played a huge role", the Prime Minister exclaimed as he highlighted its contributions and said that they have taken Make In India to the Moon today.

The Prime Minister underlined that guidance for future generations is a necessity and it is them who will further the important missions of today. He said that scientists are their role models and their research and years of hard work have proved that anything can be accomplished if you set your mind to it. Concluding the address, the Prime Minister said that the people of the country have faith in the scientists, and when the blessings of the people are bestowed, India will become a global leader in science and technology with the dedication shown towards the country. "Our same spirit of innovation will make the dream of a developed India come true in 2047", Prime Minister said.

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Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi addresses G20 Ministerial Conference on Women Empowerment



Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi addressed the G20 Ministerial Conference on Women Empowerment held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat on 2nd August 2023. “When women prosper, the world prospers”, the Prime Minister remarked as he noted that their economic empowerment fuels growth and their access to education drives global progress. He further added that their leadership fosters inclusivity and their voices inspire positive change. The Prime Minister underlined that the most effective way to empower women is through a women-led development approach and India is making huge strides in this direction.

The Prime Minister highlighted the pivotal roles played by women as the backbone of rural agricultural families and as small traders and shopkeepers. Underlining their close association with nature, the Prime Minister said that women hold the key to innovative solutions to climate change. He recalled how women led the first prominent climate action in India in the 18th century when the Bishnoi community of Rajasthan led by Amrita Devi started the ‘Chipko Movement’ to prevent unregulated logging. The Prime Minister informed that she along with several other villagers laid down her life for the cause of nature. “Women in India have also been brand Ambassadors for ‘Mission LiFE - Lifestyle for Environment’”, the Prime Minister said as he highlighted their traditional wisdom to reduce, reuse, recycle, and re-purpose. Under various initiatives, the Prime Minister added, women are actively getting trained in making solar panels and lights. He mentioned the ‘Solar Mamas’ initiative that has been successful in collaborating with partner countries in the Global South. Concluding the address, the Prime Minister lauded the focus of the Ministerial Conference on women's entrepreneurship, leadership and education and expressed delight at the launch of the ‘Tech-Equity Platform’ to enhance digital and financial literacy for women. He also mentioned that under India's G20 Presidency, a new Working Group on ‘Women Empowerment’ is being established.

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Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi addresses G20 Anti-Corruption Ministerial Meet



Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi addressed the G20 Anti-Corruption Ministerial Meet held in Kolkata on 12th August 2023. “India has a strict policy of Zero Tolerance against corruption”, the Prime Minister remarked as he underlined that India is leveraging technology and e-governance to create a transparent and accountable ecosystem. He mentioned that leakages and gaps in welfare schemes and government projects are being plugged in. As a result, the Prime Minister said, hundreds of million people in India have received direct benefit transfers into their bank accounts amounting to more than 360 billion dollars and helping save over 33 billion dollars. The Prime Minister informed that the government has simplified various procedures for businesses and gave the example of automation and digitization of government services that have eliminated rent-seeking opportunities. “Our Government e-Marketplace, or

GeM portal, has brought greater transparency in government procurement”, he added. Speaking about the enactment of the Economic Offenders Act in 2018, the Prime Minister said that the government is aggressively pursuing economic offenders and informed about the recovery of assets worth over 1.8 billion dollars from economic offenders and fugitives.

Concluding the address, the Prime Minister urged the dignitaries to foster a culture of ethics and integrity in the value systems along with strengthening our administrative and legal systems. “Only by doing so, can we lay the foundation for a just and sustainable society. I wish you all a productive and successful meeting”, the Prime Minister concluded.

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Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi addresses B20 Summit India 2023



Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi addressed the B20 Summit India 2023 in New Delhi on 27 August 2023. B20 Summit India brings policymakers, business leaders and experts from across the world to deliberate and discuss the B20 India Communique. The B20 India Communique includes 54 recommendations and 172 policy actions for submission to G20.

Speaking about the B20 theme 'R.A.I.S.E.', the Prime Minister said that even though the 'I' represents innovation but he pictures another 'I' of inclusiveness. He informed that the same vision has been applied when inviting the African Union to permanent seats at the G20. Even in B20, the Prime Minister said that the economic development of Africa is identified as a focus area. "India believes that the inclusive approach of this forum will have a direct impact on this group", the Prime Minister said. He noted that the successes of the decisions taken here will have a direct impact in dealing with global economic challenges and

creating sustainable growth.

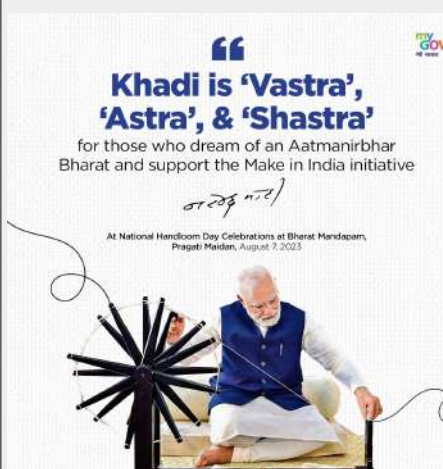
Expressing happiness that B20 has emerged as a robust platform among businesses of G20 nations, PM Modi stressed the need to focus on sustainability. He asked global business to move forward as sustainability, in itself, is an opportunity as well a business model. He elaborated this by giving an example of millet which is a superfood, environment friendly as well as good for small farmers making it a win-win model from the angle of both economy and lifestyle. He also mentioned the circular economy and green energy. India's approach of taking the world along is visible in steps like the International Solar Alliance.

The Prime Minister asked for a reconsideration of the traditional approach to business. He said that there is a need to go beyond brand and sales. He said, "As a business, we also have to focus on creating an ecosystem that will benefit us in the long term. Now, Due to the policies implemented by India in the past few years, 13.5 crore people have come out of poverty in just 5 years. These people are the new consumers. This neo middle class is also giving momentum to India's growth. That is, the net beneficiary of the work done by the government for the poor is our middle class as well as our MSMEs." The Prime Minister stressed that businesses should focus on improving the purchasing power of more and more people as a self centric approach will harm everyone. Referring to a similar challenge of uneven availability and universal need in critical material and rare earth metals, Prime Minister said, "If those who have them do not look at them as global responsibility then it will promote a new model of colonialism."

Noting the presence of the world's business leaders, the Prime Minister raised significant questions and said that the future of business and humanity will be decided by the answers to these questions. Regarding the answers, Prime Minister said that mutual cooperation is necessary to answer them. He underlined that issues like climate change, energy sector crisis, food supply chain imbalance, water security, cyber security etc. have a big impact on business, and stressed on increasing the efforts to counter this. He also touched upon issues that no one could have thought of 10-15 years ago and gave the example of challenges related to cryptocurrencies. The Prime Minister stressed the need for a more integrated approach in this matter and suggested creating a global framework where issues of all stakeholders can be addressed. He also spoke about a similar approach needed regarding artificial intelligence. Highlighting the buzz and excitement around AI, the Prime Minister drew attention to some ethical considerations regarding skilling and re-skilling, and concerns regarding algorithm bias and its impact on society. "Such issues have to be resolved together. Global business communities and governments will have to work together to ensure that Ethical AI expands", the Prime Minister asserted and stressed on sensing the potential disruptions in different sectors.

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Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi addresses National Handloom Day Celebrations



Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi addressed the National Handloom Day Celebration at Bharat Mandapam in Pragati Maidan, New Delhi on 07th August 2023 and launched the e-portal 'Bhartiya Vastra evam Shilpa Kosh - A Repository of Textiles & Crafts' developed by the National Institute of Fashion Technology. The Prime Minister also visited the exhibition showcased on the occasion and interacted with the weavers.

The Prime Minister emphasized that one's identity is related to the clothes they wear and highlighted the diverse clothing that can be seen on the occasion. He said that it is also an occasion to celebrate India's diversity through the clothes of different regions. "India possesses a beautiful rainbow of clothing", the Prime Minister said as he observed the diversity in clothing ranging from the tribal communities in far-fetched areas to people living in the snow-clad mountains, and from people in the coastal regions to those living in the desert as well as the clothing available in the markets of India. He recalled urging the need to enlist and compile the diverse clothing of India and expressed delight that it has come to fruition today with the launch of 'Bhartiya Vastra evam Shilpa Kosh'.

Concluding the address, the Prime Minister threw light on his interaction with the women who have dedicated themselves to weaving the Tricolour for years. He urged the citizens to hoist the Tricolour and celebrate the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' once again. "When the Tricolour is hoisted on the roofs, it also unfurls within ourselves", the Prime Minister concluded.

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Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi addresses G20 Health Ministers Meeting



Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the G20 Health Ministers' Meet held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat on 18th August 2023. The Prime Minister also recited a Sanskrit 'shloka' that meant: 'Health is ultimate wealth and with good health every task can be accomplished'.

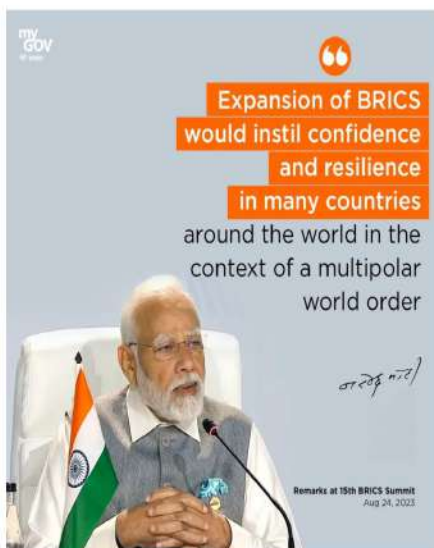
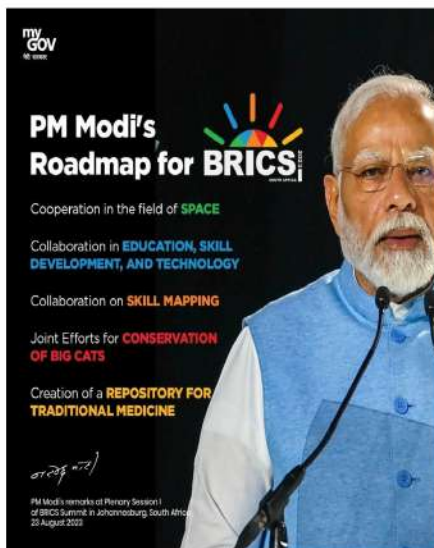
The Prime Minister underlined that the Covid-19 pandemic has reminded us that health should be at the center of our decisions. He said that time also showed us the value of international cooperation, whether in medicine and vaccine deliveries or in bringing our people back home.

Highlighting Government of India's humanitarian initiative to provide COVID-19 vaccine to the world, the Prime Minister said under the Vaccine Maitri initiative, India delivered 300 million vaccine doses to more than 100 countries, including many in the Global South. Underlining that health and environment are organically linked, the Prime Minister said clean air, safe drinking water, sufficient nutrition, and secure shelter are major factors of health. He congratulated the dignitaries for the steps they have taken towards the launch of the Climate and Health Initiative. He said the steps taken to address the threat of Anti-Microbial Resistance (AMR) are also commendable.

Emphasizing the role of digital solutions and innovations in making healthcare accessible to all, the Prime Minister said they are a useful means to make our efforts equitable and inclusive as patients from far and wide can receive quality care through tele-medicine. He praised e-Sanjeevani, India's national platform, saying that it has facilitated 140 million tele-health consultations to date.

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Glimpses of Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi's visit to South Africa and Greece



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PM Modi Igniting India's Glory

15 Civilian Honours From Across the Globe

2023

-  Greece's Grand Cross of the Order of Honour
-  France's Grand Cross of the Legion
-  Egypt's Order of the Nile
-  Republic of Palau's Ebakl Award
-  Papua New Guinea's Order of Logohu
-  Fiji's Order of Fiji

2021

-  Bhutan's Order of the Druk Gyalpo

2020

-  US Government's Legion of Merit

2016

- Afghanistan's State Order of Ghazi Amir Amanullah Khan 
- Saudi Arabia's Order of King Abdulaziz 

2018

- Palestine's Grand Collar of the State of Palestine 

2019

- Bahrain's King Hamad Order of the Renaissance 
- Maldives' Order of Nishan Izzuddin 
- Russia's Order of St Andrew the Apostle 
- UAE's Order of Zayed Award 



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Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi addresses the 104th Episode of 'Mann Ki Baat' (27th August 2023)



My dear family members, Namaskar. A very warm welcome to you once again in the August episode of Mann Ki Baat.

My family members, on the 23rd of August, India and India's Chandrayaan have proved that some suns of resolve rise on the moon as well. Mission Chandrayaan has become a symbol of the spirit of New India, which wants to ensure victory, and also knows how to win in any situation.

Friends, there has been one aspect of this mission which I specially want to discuss with all of you today. You might remember this time I have expressed from Red Fort that we have to strengthen Women Led Development as a national character. Where the might of women power is added, the impossible can also be made possible. India's Mission Chandrayaan is also a live example of woman power. Many women scientists and engineers have been directly involved in this entire mission. They have handled many important responsibilities like project director, project manager of different systems. The daughters of India are now

challenging even the Space which is considered infinite. When the daughters of a country become so ambitious, who can stop that country from becoming developed!

Friends, we have accomplished such a lofty flight since today our dreams are big and our efforts are also big. Along with our scientists, other sectors have also played an important role in the success of Chandrayaan-3. Many countrymen have contributed in ensuring all the parts and meeting technical requirements. When everyone's efforts converged, success was also achieved. This is the biggest success of Chandrayaan-3. I wish that in future too our space sector will achieve innumerable successes like this with collective efforts.

Friends, with collective efforts today, our dairies are also moving forward with modern thinking. How Banas Dairy has also taken a step forward in the direction of environmental protection is evident through the Seedball tree plantation campaign. Varanasi Milk Union is working on manure management to increase the income of our dairy farmers. The effort of Malabar Milk Union Dairy of Kerala is also very unique. It is engaged in developing Ayurvedic Medicines for the treatment of animal diseases.

Friends, today there are many people who are diversifying by adopting dairy. You must also know about Amanpreet Singh, who is running a dairy farm in Kota, Rajasthan. Along with dairy, he also focused on Biogas and set up two biogas plants. Due to this, their expenditure on electricity has reduced by about 70 percent. This effort of his is going to inspire dairy farmers across the country. Today many big dairies are focusing on biogas. This type of Community Driven Value addition is very exciting. I am sure that such trends will continue throughout the country.

My family members, that's all today in Mann Ki Baat. The season of festivals has also arrived. Happy Raksha Bandhan as well to all of you in advance. At the time of celebration, we also have to remember the mantra of Vocal for Local. This campaign of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' is the every countryman's own campaign. And during the festive atmosphere, we have to keep holy places and their vicinity clean; albeit for all times. Next time we will again have 'Mann Ki Baat', shall meet with some new topics. We will discuss to our heart's content, some of the new efforts of the countrymen and their success. Till then I take leave of you. Thank you very much.

Read more : <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1952618>

High Commission celebrates India Week (09- 15 August 2023)

High Commission of India organised 'India Week' a week long celebrations from 09-15 August 2023 by organising various cultural and social events showcasing India's rich cultural diversity and achievements. India Week commenced with a plantation drive to create awareness about 'Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment)', followed by Indian film festival, quiz and painting competitions. The High Commission also supported a grand festival 'Utsav' organised by Lusaka Indian Ladies Association', which showcased various facets of Indian culture & cuisines. An exhibition showcasing 75 years of India's achievements, India-Zambia relations and Partition Horros Remembrance Day were also the part of 'India Week'. The India Week culminated with the celebration of 76th Anniversary of India's Independence on 15th August 2023.



(High Commissioner Mr. Ashok Kumar flagged off celebrations of 'India Week' by planting saplings. Uttar Bharat Sangh, Lusaka joined hands with the High Commission to organise a Plantation Drive on 09th August 2023 under Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi Ji's initiative of Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment))



(Few glimpses of painting and quiz competition organised on 10th August 2023)



Screening of Indian Movie 'Hindi Medium' on 11th August 2023 as part of India Week Celebrations at Zambia- Italian Cultural Centre in Lusaka. Mr. Kennedy Kalunga, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Information and Media graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour.



As part of India Week Celebrations, Lusaka India Ladies Association (LILA), a socio-cultural organization in collaboration with High Commission celebrated 'UTSAV- A glimpse of incredible India's Journey' on 12th August 2023. UTSAV, a cultural extravaganza, showcased India's rich, vibrant and diverse cultural heritage, authentic cuisines, costumes, dances etc. Mrs. Malinga D. Kabiba, Permanent Secretary, Gender Division, Office of the President of the Republic Zambia graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour. A Carnatic Cultural Troupe sponsored Indian Council For Cultural Relations performed at the event. LILA since its inception in 1979 has been supporting vulnerable and marginalized section of Zambian society through its various charity activities.



High Commissioner Mr. Ashok Kumar administered the Panch Pran Pledge and urged Indian community to celebrate Meri Matti Mera Desh campaign to pay tribute to the "Veers" who sacrificed their lives for the motherland. High Commission also celebrated 'Association Day' on 13th August 2023, during which various socio-cultural organisations presented cultural performances.



High Commission organised 'Exhibition Day' on 14th August 2023. Exhibition on India-Zambia Relations, India's achievements, Partition Horrors Remembrance and Indian products were displayed.



High Commission set up an One District One Product (ODOP) Corner during India Week Celebrations



An ICCR sponsored 'Carnatic Classical Music Troupe' led by Mr. Valayapatti S. Malarvannan visited Zambia and performed during India Week Celebrations.

High Commission celebrates 77th Independence Day



High Commissioner Mr. Ashok Kumar hoisted the Tricolour & read the Address of the Hon'ble President of India to the nation on the occasion of 77th Independence Day on 15th August 2023



Mr. Ashok Kumar, High Commissioner and spouse Dr. Raji K. P. hosted the reception to celebrate the 76th Anniversary of India's Independence. Guest of Honour Hon'ble Ms. Sylvia Masebo, Minister of Health, Hon'ble Dr. Situmbeko Musokotwane, Minister of Finance & National Planning, Hon'ble Mr. Rodney Sikumba, Minister of Tourism, Hon'ble Mike Elton Mposha, Minister of Water Development and Sanitation, Hon. Ms. Sheal S. Mulyata Minister of Lusaka Province and Hon'ble Mrs. Chileshe Kapwepwe, Secretary General COMESA along with senior bureaucrats, diplomats & members from Indian diaspora were in attendance. A special edition of Envoy Excellency 'India- Zambia – A Strong Partnership' was also launched

UPCOMING BUSINESS EVENTS

CII Conference on Water Neutrality

CII is organising a National Conference on Water Neutrality with the theme “*Water Neutrality – Enabler for Achieving SDGs, Decarbonization, Green Credits, Net Zero*” scheduled for 10th October 2023, at Silver Oak, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. The conference has been designed with the objective to create awareness on the recent guidelines on “*Water Neutrality for Indian Industry: Standardization of the definition and approach*” released by NITI Aayog. For registration, please visit <https://cam.mycii.in/ORNew/Registration.html?EventId=E000063205>

45th India Carpet Expo

Carpet Export Promotion Council under the aegis of the Government of India is organizing the 45th edition of India Carpet Expo, a sourcing platform for Handmade carpets and other floor coverings from 8-11 October 2023 at Bhaodhi Carpet Expo Mart, Uttar Pradesh. For more details please visit www.cepc.co.in

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 3 rd - 5 th 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.servicsepc.org/>



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