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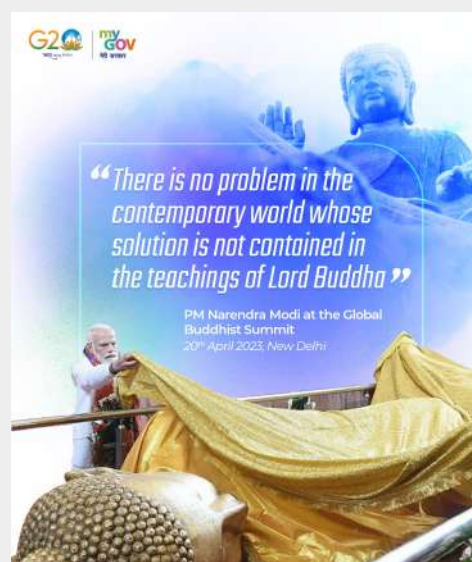
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Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi addresses inaugural session of Global Buddhist Summit



Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi addressed the inaugural session of the Global Buddhist Summit in New Delhi on 20th April 2023 (Photo Courtesy : MyGov Portal. Govt. of India)

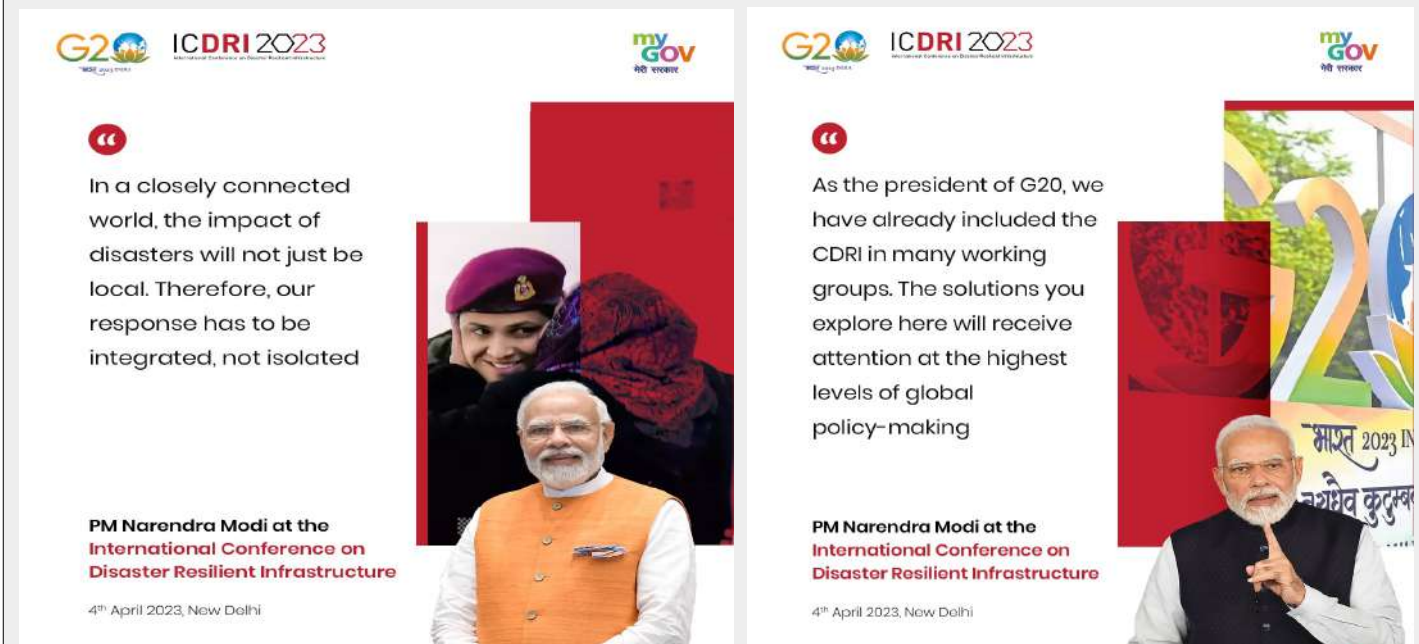
Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister welcomed everyone from different corners of the world to the inaugural session of the Global Buddhist Summit. He underlined that 'Atithi Devo Bhava' i.e. guests are equivalent to God, is a tradition of this land of Buddha and the presence of so many personalities who have lived through Buddha's ideals makes us feel the experience of Buddha being present himself around us. "Buddha is beyond the individual, it is a perception", the Prime Minister said. The Prime Minister said that Buddha is a sensation that transcends the individual, he is a thought that transcends form and Buddha is a consciousness beyond manifestation. "This Buddha consciousness is eternal", he said. He said the presence of so many people from diverse areas represents the expansion of Buddha that binds humanity in a single thread. He also underlined the strength of the collective will and

resolution of crores of followers of Lord Buddha globally to make for the welfare of the world. Noting the occasion, the Prime Minister expressed confidence that the inaugural Global Buddhist Summit will create an effective platform for the efforts of all nations and thanked the Ministry of Culture and International Buddhist Confederation for this momentous event.

Remembering the Buddhist path of theory, practice and realization, the Prime Minister elaborated on India's adoption of all three points in its journey in the last 9 years. He said that India has worked with dedication for the propagation of Lord Buddha's teaching with a sense of dedication. He talked about the development of Buddhist circuits in India and Nepal, the renovation of Sarnath and Kushinagar, Kushinagar International Airport, and India International Center of Buddhist Heritage and Culture at Lumbini in collaboration with the IBC. Prime Minister credited the teachings of Lord Buddha for an inherent empathy in India for the issues of humanity. He mentioned peace missions and India's whole-hearted efforts in rescue work for disasters like the earthquake in Turkiye. "This emotion of 140 crore Indians is being seen, understood and accepted by the world", he said. Platforms like IBC, he continued, are giving the opportunity to like-minded and like-hearted countries to spread Buddha Dhamma and peace. Concluding the address, the Prime Minister stressed the need to come out of the definitions of materialism and selfishness and imbibe the feeling of 'Bhavatu Sab Mangalan' i.e. Buddha should not only be made a symbol but also a reflection. He remarked that this resolution will be fulfilled only when we remember the words of the Buddha of not turning back and always moving forward. The Prime Minister expressed confidence that resolutions will become successful with everyone coming together.

Read more : <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1918196>

Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi addresses 5th International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure



(Photo Courtesy : MyGov Portal, Govt. of India)

Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi addressed the 5th International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (ICDRI) 2023 on 4th April 2023. Prime Minister said that CDRI arose from a global vision that in a closely connected world, the impact of disasters will not just be local. Therefore, “our response has to be integrated not isolated”, he said. He noted that in just a few years, over 40 countries from advanced and developing countries, large or small or from global South or Global North have become part of the CDRI. He found it encouraging that apart from governments, global institutions, private sectors and domain experts are also involved.

The Prime Minister outlined some priorities for discussion for disaster resilience infrastructure in the context of this year's theme of ‘Delivering Resilient and Inclusive Infrastructure’. The Prime Minister said “Infrastructure is not only about returns but also about reach and resilience. Infrastructure must leave none behind and serve the people even during times of crisis.” The Prime Minister stressed the need for a holistic view of infrastructure as social and digital infrastructure are as important as transport infrastructure.

Along with quick relief, the Prime Minister emphasized the need to focus on early restoration of normalcy too. “Resilience is built in the times between one disaster and another. Studying past disasters and learning lessons from them is the way”, he added. He underlined the intelligent use of local knowledge of building infrastructures that can with-stand disasters. Modern technology with local insights can be great for resilience. Further, if documented well, local knowledge may become a global best practice, the Prime Minister said.

The Prime Minister noted the inclusive intent of some of the CDRI initiatives. He mentioned the Infrastructure for Resilient Island States initiative or IRIS benefitting many island nations. He remarked on the Infrastructure Resilience Accelerator Fund that was announced last year. This 50 million dollar fund has generated immense interest among developing nations. “The commitment of financial resources is key to the success of initiatives”, the Prime Minister emphasized.

Mentioning India's G20 presidency, the Prime Minister informed about inclusion of the CDRI in many working groups. ‘The solutions you explore here will receive attention at the highest levels of global policy-making’, he said. Referring to the scale and intensity of the recent disasters like the earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria, the Prime Minister concluded by underlining the importance of CDRI's work and its importance.

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Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi inaugurates 6th Edition of One Earth One Health – Advantage Healthcare India 2023

Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi inaugurated and addressed One Earth One Health - Advantage Healthcare India - 2023 at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi on 26th April 2023. Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister extended a warm welcome to the Health Ministers from across the world, and delegates from West Asia, SAARC, ASEAN and the African regions. Quoting an Indian scripture that translates to 'May everyone be happy, may everyone be free of diseases, may good things happen to everyone, and may no one suffer from sadness', the Prime Minister highlighted the nation's inclusive vision and mentioned that India's vision for health was universal even when there were no global pandemics thousands of years ago. He underlined that One Earth One Health follows the same set of beliefs and is an example of the same thought in action. "Our vision is not restricted to just humans. It extends to our whole ecosystem. From plants to animals, from soil to rivers, when everything around us is healthy, we can be healthy", the Prime Minister said.

Concluding the address, the Prime Minister stressed that the global response to healthcare challenges cannot be isolated and it is now time for an integrated, inclusive and institutional response. "This is one of our focus areas during our G20 presidency. Our goal is to make healthcare accessible and affordable, not only for our citizens but for the whole world", the Prime Minister remarked as he underlined that India's priority is reducing disparity, and serving the unserved is an article of faith for the country. The Prime Minister expressed optimism that this gathering will strengthen global partnerships in this direction, and sought the partnership of other nations on the common agenda of 'One Earth-One Health'.

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Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi addresses World Bank Event - 'Making it Personal: How Behavioral Change Can Tackle Climate Change'



Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi addressed the World Bank Event titled 'Making it Personal: How Behavioral Change Can Tackle Climate Change' on 15th April 2023. The Prime Minister acknowledged his personal connection with the theme and expressed happiness that it is becoming a global movement. *(Photo Courtesy : MyGov Portal, Govt. of India)*

Quoting Chanakya, the Prime Minister underlined the importance of the small deeds and said "by itself, each good deed for the planet may seem insignificant. But when billions across the world do it together, the impact is huge. We believe that individuals making the right decisions for our planet are key in the battle for our planet. This is the core of Mission LiFE."

Talking about the genesis of the LiFE movement the Prime Minister remembered that in 2015 at the United Nations General Assembly he spoke about the need for behavioural change and in October 2022, the UN Secretary General and he launched Mission LiFE. He mentioned that the preamble to the outcome document of CoP-27 also speaks about sustainable lifestyle and consumption. If people understand that it is not just the government but they too can contribute, the Prime Minister pointed out that "their anxiety will turn into action." He elaborated "climate change cannot be fought from conference tables alone. It has to be fought from the dinner tables in every home. When an idea moves from discussion tables to dinner tables, it becomes a mass movement. Making every family and every individual aware that their choices can help the planet can provide scale and speed. Mission LiFE is about democratising the battle against climate change. When people become conscious that simple acts in their daily lives are powerful, there will be a very positive impact on the environment."

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Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi addresses 16th Civil Services Day



Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi addressed Civil Servants on the occasion of 16th Civil Services Day, 2023 at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi on 21st April 2023. The Prime Minister also conferred the Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration and released the e-books 'Viksit Bharat - Empowering Citizens & Reaching the last mile Volume I and II. (Photo Courtesy : MyGov Portal, Govt. of India)

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister congratulated everyone on the occasion of Civil Services Day. The Prime Minister noted that the occasion of Civil Services Day this year becomes much more special as the nation has completed 75 years of its independence and is starting to move forward to achieve the goals and objectives of a developed India. He highlighted the contributions of those Civil Servants who joined the service 15-25 years ago and emphasized the role of young officers who will contribute towards nation-building in the next 25 years of Amrit Kaal. The Prime Minister expressed confidence that the young officers are extremely fortunate to serve

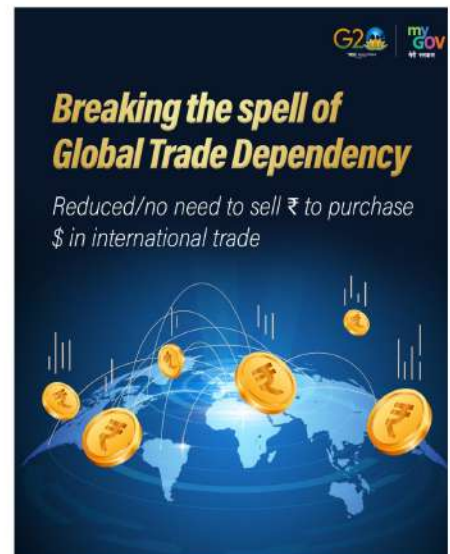
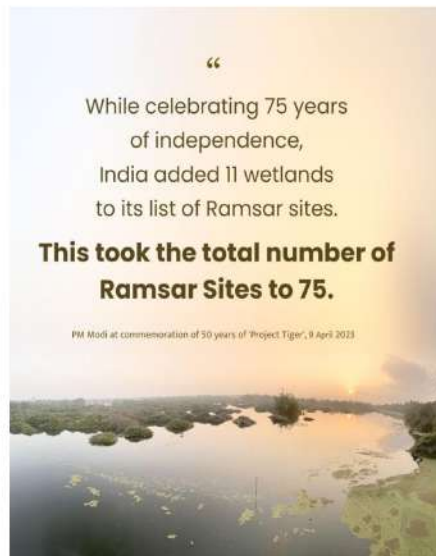
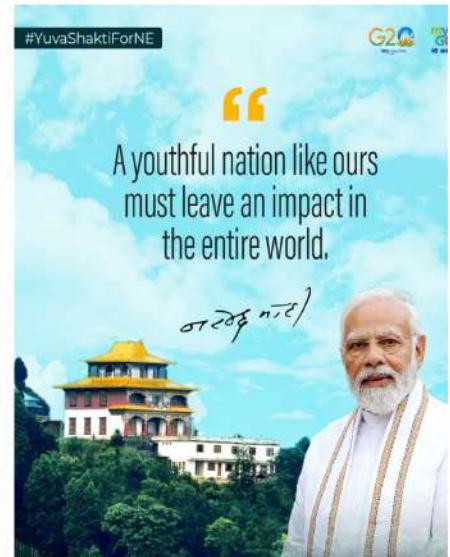
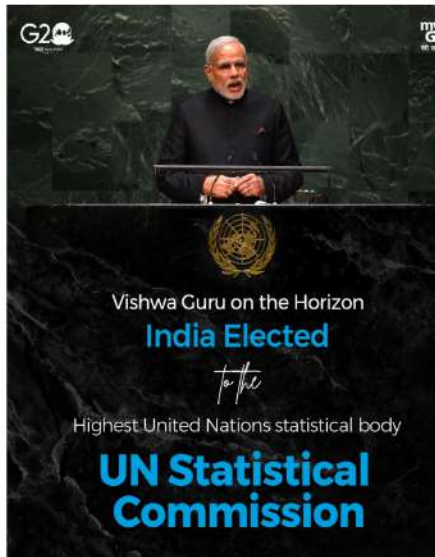
the nation in this Amrit Kaal. "The responsibility to accomplish the dreams of every freedom fighter of the nation lies upon every shoulder", the Prime Minister remarked as he pointed out the paucity of time but the abundance of potential and courage in the country.

Prime Minister emphasized that when time is limited, it becomes very critical to decide the direction and working style. "Today's challenge is not about efficiency but in figuring out how to find and remove deficiencies", he said. He recalled the time when in the garb of deficiency even the small aspect was attempted to be controlled. Today, he continued, the same deficiency is being turned into efficiency and removing obstacles in the system. "Earlier, the thinking was that the government will do everything, now the thinking is that the government will work for everyone", said the Prime Minister highlighting the efficient use of time and resources to serve everyone. "Motto of the government is 'Nation First-Citizen First', today's government's priority is prioritizing the deprived", the Prime Minister remarked, informing that the government is going up to Aspirational Districts and up to Aspirational blocks. He said today's government is treating border villages as the first villages rather than the last villages. He said that for 100 percent saturation, we will need even more hard work and innovative solutions. He gave the example of departments asking for NoCs and information that is available somewhere in the system. He said for ease of living and ease of doing business we will have to find solutions for these.

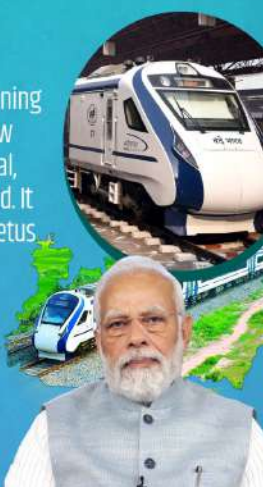
The Prime Minister said that 25 years of Amrit journey is considered a time of duty (Kartavya Kaal). "The century of independence will be the golden century of the country when we will give first priority to our duties. Duty is not an option for us but a resolution", the Prime Minister stressed. "This is the time of rapid change. Your role will also be determined not by your rights, but by your duties and their performance. The power of the citizens of the country has increased in the new India, the power of India has increased. You have got an opportunity to play an important role in this new emerging India.", he added.

Concluding the address, the Prime Minister stated that young civil servants have the opportunity to make a mark of prominence in history when the accomplishments of the nation will be evaluated after 100 years of independence. "You can say with pride that I have played a role in creating new systems for the country and also improving it. I am sure all of you will continue to expand your role in nation-building", Shri Modi concluded.

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Vande Bharat Express is a shining example of New India's potential, scale and speed. It also gives impetus to tourism and employment



PM Narendra Modi Flags off Vande Bharat Express in Bhopal
1st April 2023


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- Gets 13 Lynx-U2 Fire Control Systems for the Indian Navy

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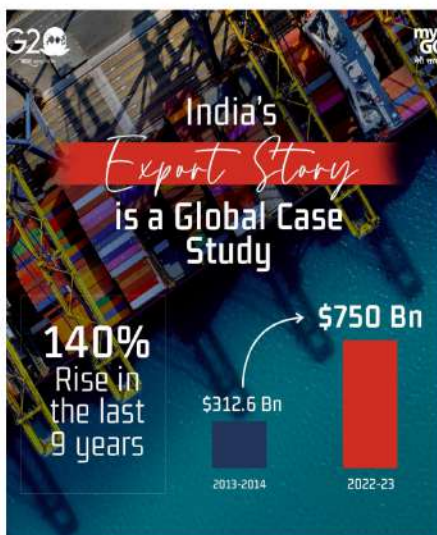
60%

rural households (11.66 Crore) with tap water at home



15th August, 2019 → 4th April, 2023

India's Export Story is a Global Case Study




140% Rise in the last 9 years

\$312.6 Bn → \$750 Bn

2013-2014 → 2022-23

INDIA'S HISTORIC TRANSLOCATION OF CHEETAH


World's first-ever wild-to-wild transcontinental translocation of Cheetah in 2022



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Banks from 18 countries permitted to open SVRAs* for settling payments in ₹

*Special Vostro Rupee Accounts



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HIGHEST Ever Defence Export of **₹15,920 CRORE**

Achieved In 2022-2023



India's Shipping Sector Achieves a Stellar Milestone

Delivers 'Ship on a Ship' 14000 kms Away

Made in India, MV Ma Lisha transported to Guyana, South America

Transported by another ship under the 'float-on float-off' operation



(Photo Courtesy : MyGov Portal, Govt. of India)

Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi addresses the 100th Episode of 'Mann Ki Baat (30 April 2023)



My dear countrymen, Namaskar. Today is the hundredth episode of 'Mann Ki Baat'. I have received thousands of letters from all of you, lakhs of messages ... and I have tried to read as many letters as possible, have a look at them and try to understand the messages a bit. Many a time while reading your letters, I got emotional, was filled with emotions, got carried away in emotions and then also composed myself. You have congratulated me on the 100th episode of 'Mann Ki Baat', but I say this from the core of my heart,...that in fact, all of you, the listeners of 'Mann Ki Baat', our countrymen, deserve congratulations. 'Mann Ki Baat' is the 'Mann Ki Baat' of crores of Indians, it is the expression of their feelings.

Friends, for me, 'Mann Ki Baat' has been like worshipping the qualities in others. I had a guide - Shri Laxmanrao ji Inamdar. We used to address him as Vakeel Saheb. He always used to say that we should worship the qualities of others. No matter who is face to face with you, be it your compatriot, be it your opponent, we should try to know about their good qualities and learn from them. This trait of his has always inspired me. 'Mann Ki Baat' has become a great medium to learn from the qualities of others. Imagine, some of our countrymen have been planting trees on deserted hills and barren land for 40 odd years, many people have been digging stepwells and ponds for water conservation for 30 odd years, cleaning them as well. Some have been teaching underprivileged children for 25-30 years, some are helping in the treatment of the poor. I have become emotional while mentioning them many a time in 'Mann Ki Baat'. Friends from AIR had to re-record it many times. Today, a lot from the past is coming in front of my eyes. These efforts of the countrymen have inspired me to continuously keep striving.

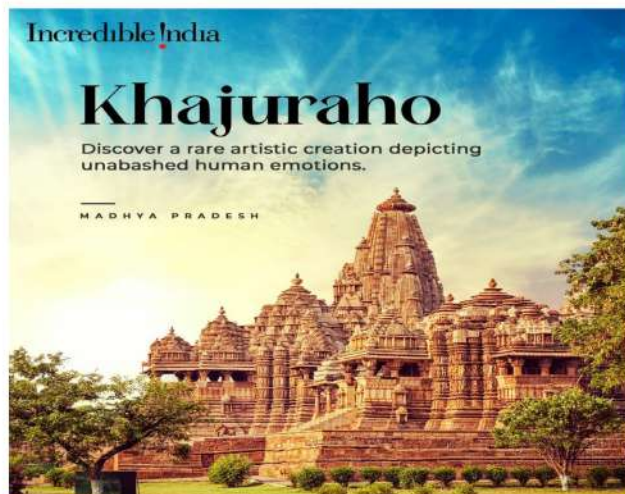
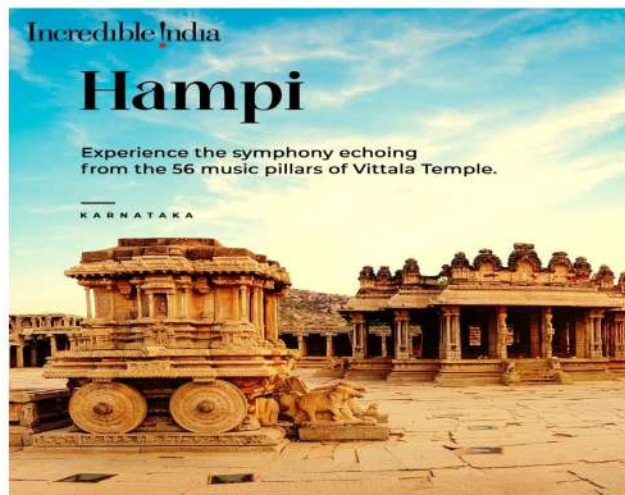
Friends, there are so many talented people in our country who have reached the pinnacle of success through their hard work. I remember, Venkat Murali Prasad ji of Visakhapatnam did an Atmanirbhar Bharat Chart Share. He had told us how he would make maximum use of Indian products only. When Pramod ji of Bettiah set up a small unit to make LED bulbs or Santosh ji of Garhmukteshwar started making mats, 'Mann Ki Baat' became the medium to bring their products in front of everyone. We have discussed many examples from Make in India to Space Start-ups in 'Mann Ki Baat'.

Friends, there has been another specialty of 'Mann Ki Baat'. Through 'Mann Ki Baat', many mass movements have come into being and gained momentum. For example, the very mission to re-establish our toys and our toy industry started with 'Mann Ki Baat'. The beginning of raising awareness about Indian breed dogs, our native dogs, was also started with 'Mann Ki Baat' only. We had started another campaign that we will not bargain with the poor small scale shopkeepers,... we will not haggle with them. Even when the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign started, 'Mann Ki Baat' played a big role in connecting the countrymen with this resolve. Every such example has become an agent of change in the society. Pradeep Sangwan ji too has taken up such a task to inspire the society. In 'Mann Ki Baat', we discussed Pradeep Sangwan ji's 'Healing Himalayas' campaign. He is with us on the phone line.

Friends, by the way, I have so much to say today that both time and words are falling short. But I am sure that you all will understand my expressions, understand my feelings. As a member of your family, I have been in your midst with the help of 'Mann Ki Baat', will remain in your midst. We will meet again next month. We will again celebrate the successes of the countrymen with new topics and new information, till then I take leave of you. Take good care of yourself and your loved ones.

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Incredible India



India is a majestic abode of timeless cultural heritage, adorned with 40 UNESCO World Heritage Sites. From the awe-inspiring ruins of Hampi, to the alluring sculptures of Khajuraho, the intricately designed Rani-ki-Vav, and the ancient rock-cut temples of Ellora Caves, the sites represent a rare combination of art and architecture unmatched anywhere in the world. A reminder of the exceptional artistic and technical skills mastered by our ancestors!

20 Zambian Diplomats participate in the 1st Special Course at Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service, New Delhi



20 Zambian diplomats attended the 1st Special Course at the Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi from 17-28 April 2023. The Special Course included sessions on geopolitics; global economic landscape; India's foreign policy; particularly with emphasis on India's relations with Africa; priorities of India's G20 Presidency; diplomatic protocol; negotiation skills etc. The Special Course also included thematic issues such as climate change, SDGs, food security and water security.



A Memorandum of Understanding on establishment of ICCR Chair of Indian Studies at University of Zambia signed on 3rd April 2023 between Indian Council for Cultural Relations and University of Zambia. High Commissioner Shri Ashok Kumar on behalf of ICCR and Prof. Anne Sikwibele, Acting Vice-Chancellor, University of Zambia signed the MoU.



A delegation from Zambia led by the Acting High Commissioner of Zambia visited IIPA on April 25, 2023. An interaction between IIPA management/faculty and the delegates took place in the noon.

UPCOMING BUSINESS EVENTS

47th Annual Conference of the International Manganese Institution

47th Annual Conference of the International Manganese Institution will be held in Bangalore from 06- 09 June 2023. For more details and registration please visit <https://www.manganese.org/events-overview/imni-2023-annual-conference/>

18th CII- EXIM Bank Conclave

18th CII-EXIM Bank Conclave on India- Africa Growth Partnership will be held in New Delhi from 14-16 June 2023. For more details and registration please visit <https://www.ciiximafrikaconclave.com>

1st PLEXCONNECT 2023 Exhibition

1st PLEXCONNECT 2023 Exhibition will be organized by The Plastic Export Promotion Council under the aegis of Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Govt of India from 15- 17 June 2023 at Mumbai. Registration Link: <https://www.plexconcil.org/plexconnect/buyer-info>

Industrial Innovation & Technology Expo (IITEX)-2023


Industrial Innovation & Technology Expo (IITEX)–2023 will be organized by Federation of Telangana Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FTCCI) and Government of Telangana from 28th to 30th June 2023 at Hyderabad.

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