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#### "India Will Always Speak in Support of Peace, Security and Prosperity": Prime Minister Modi's Address to the 75th Session of UNGA



Addressing the 75th session of the UN General Assembly through video-links on 26 September, Prime Minister Modi affirmed that India will always speak in support of peace, security and prosperity, and will not hesitate in raising its voice against enemies of humanity, including terrorism. Stressing that stability in the United Nations and empowerment of the world body are essential for the welfare of the world, he asked how long will India, the world's

largest democracy and home to 1.3 billion people, be kept out of the decision-making structures of the United Nations. He asserted that reform in the responses, processes and in the very character of the global body is the "need of the hour." He also assured the global community that India's vaccine production and delivery capacity will be used to help humanity in fighting COVID-19. Prime Minister Modi described the vision of "Self-reliant India" as a force multiplier for the global economy.

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#### A Call for Reformed Multilateralism to Address Contemporary Challenges

On the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of United Nations on 22 September, Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) through video conferencing. Speaking on the occasion, PM Modi said seventy-five years ago an institution was created for the entire world for the first time in human history and a new hope arose from the horrors of war. He added being a founding signatory of the UN Charter, India was part of that noble vision which reflected India's own philosophy of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' which sees all creation as a family.



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#### A Watershed Moment in the History of Indian Agriculture- PM Modi



On 20 September, Parliament passed The Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill, 2020 and The Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement of Price Assurance and Farm Services Bill, 2020. Prime Minister Modi wished farmers on the passage of farm bills in Parliament and called it a watershed moment in the history of Indian agriculture. He said that it will ensure a complete transformation of the agriculture

sector as well as empower crores of farmers. These bills will add impetus to the efforts to double income of farmers and ensure greater prosperity for them. Now, with the passage of the bills, our farmers will have easier access to futuristic technology that will boost production and yield better results. This is a welcome step.

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Digital Services in villages to improve: Online ticket booking

- Digital education
- Digital health consultations
- eGovernance services Digital legal advice services
- Digital payment

With recent announcements by PM Modi on 15th August 2020, connectivity is to be taken up to all more than 6 Lakh villages within 1000 days. As a first step towards this goal, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the "Internet Facility through OFC in Every Village" project on 21 September for connecting all 45,945 villages of Bihar for providing high-speed internet. Objective of the Project is to convert Village into Digital Villages, enhance Digital empowerment/awareness and to bridge digital divide and bringing digital windows at doorstep. It will lead to inclusive socio-economic growth for rural masses. **READ MORE** 

#### Let Us Strive to Make Jammu and Kashmir a Paradise on The Earth, A Bright Jewel on The Crown of Mother India: President Kovind



My dream is to see Jammu and Kashmir emerge as a centre of knowledge, enterprise, innovation and skill development, said the President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind while addressing a Conference on implementation of National Education Policy in Jammu and Kashmir on 20 September. Appreciating the scholarly pursuits of the region, the President said that determined efforts should be made to make this paradise a hub of knowledge, innovation and learning by implementing NEP in letter and spirit. The President extended his greetings to the youth of Jammu and Kashmir to fulfill the objectives of this policy and a peaceful and prosperous future.

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#### Labour Reforms Will Ensure Wellbeing of Workers and Boost Economy

Prime Minister Narendra Modi hailed the passage of Labour reforms bills by Parliament on 23 September. PM Modi said, "Long due and much awaited Labour reforms have been passed by Parliament. The reforms will ensure well-being of our industrious workers and give a boost to economic growth. They are also shining examples

of 'Minimum Government,



Maximum Governance.' The reforms will contribute to a better working environment, which will accelerate the pace of economic growth. These reforms will ensure 'Ease of Doing Business.' These are futuristic legislations to empower enterprises by reducing compliance, red-tapism and 'Inspector Raj.' The reforms also seek to harness the power of technology for the betterment of the workers and industry both."

# Fit India Dialogue focuses on the fitness interests of every age group and brings into play different dimensions of fitness





Prime Minister Modi launched the Age Appropriate Fitness Protocols on the occasion of the first anniversary of the Fit India Movement, via virtual conferencing. PM interacted with various sports persons, fitness experts and others during the Fit India Dialogue event organised on the occasion. PM highlighted the fact that there is a high amount of mobilization in the country towards fitness, after the launch of the Fit India movement. Awareness on health and fitness has been increasing continuously and activeness has also increased. He expressed happiness that Yoga, Exercise, Walking, Running, healthy food habits, healthy lifestyle has

become a part of our consciousness. He said the Fit India movement has proved its influence and relevance in this corona period despite the restrictions.

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In his Mann ki Baat address, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that during the COVID crisis, the farmers of the country have shown tremendous resilience. PM said that if the agriculture sector is strong, then the foundation of Atmanirbhar Bharat will remain strong. He noted that in the recent past, the sector has liberated from many restrictions and has tried to break free from many myths. PM shared many examples of progressive farmers of country. Prime Minister noted that through innovations and application of new techniques, agriculture will progress further.



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#### 'Need, Not Greed' Has Been India's Guiding Principle, Says PM



Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the Climate Action Summit's opening ceremony organized by the UN Secretary General on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly. Speaking on the occasion, PM said that the respect for nature, the judicious use of resources, reducing our needs and living within our means have all been important aspects of both our traditions and present-day efforts. He added that Need not Greed has been our guiding principle. And therefore, India today has come not just to talk about the seriousness of this issue, but to present a practical approach and a roadmap. We believe that an ounce of practice is worth more than a ton of preaching.

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#### Women Officers in Helicopter Stream of Indian Navy



For the first time in the history of Indian naval aviation, two women officers Sub. Lt. Kumudini Tyagi and Sub. Lt. Riti Singh have been selected to join as "Observers" (Airborne Tacticians) in the helicopter stream. They would in effect, be the first set of women airborne combatants who would be operating from warships. Earlier, entry of women was restricted to the fixedwing aircraft that took off and landed ashore. Speaking on the

occasion, Rear Admiral Antony George while complementing the graduating officers highlighted the fact that it is a landmark occasion wherein for the first-time women are going to be trained in helicopter operations which would ultimately pave way for the deployment of women in frontline warships of Indian Navy.

#### Successful Flight Test of ABHYAS -High Speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT)



On 22 September, the DRDO achieved a milestone with the successful flight test of ABHYAS - High Speed Expandable Aerial Target (HEAT) from ITR Balasore. This can be used as a target for evaluation of various Missile systems. Abhyas is designed & developed by Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE), DRDO. The vehicle is programmed for fully autonomous flight. The checkout of air vehicle is done using laptop-based Ground Control Station (GCS).

#### India's First CRISPR Covid-19 Test Approved for Use in India

The Tata CRISPR test, powered by CSIR-IGIB (Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology) FELUDA, received regulatory approvals from the Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) for commercial launch, as per ICMR auidelines, meetina hiah auality benchmarks with 96% sensitivity and 98% specificity for detecting the novel coronavirus. This test uses an indigenously cutting-edge developed, CRISPR technology for detection of the genomic sequence of SARS-CoV-2 virus. CRISPR is a genome editing technology to diagnosing diseases.



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#### Government of India Extends Development Assistance for Water Resource Management in Vietnam's Mekong Delta Region



Seven MoUs were signed between Government of India and four southern Provinces of Vietnam — Ben Tre, Hau Giang, Kien Giang and Tien Giang — at a ceremony held on 23 September 2020 in Can Tho city, in the presence of Ambassador Pranay Verma by the Consul General of India at Ho Chi Minh City, Dr. Madan Mohan Sethi and officials of the four beneficiary Provinces, to implement India's development assistance for water resource management projects in Vietnam's Mekong Delta Region.







#### Vietnam, India Cooperate in Supply Chains Post COVID-19

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Vietnam and India boast huge potential for trade cooperation across spheres, particularly in technology, mechanics, machinery, and joining the global supply chains following the COVID-19 pandemic, heard a conference on September 22. The conference was held online by the Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VCCI) and the Engineering Export Promotion Centre (EEPC) of India. Speaking on the occasion, Ambassador Pranay Verma highlighted that the two-way trade has yet to match the two countries' potential and suggested the two countries should enhance their collaboration in mechanisation, machinery and agriculture, especially during the post-COVID-19 period.

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#### Kashmir Valley- A Heavenly Abode

Kashmir valley is a heavenly abode in India. The pristine Dal Lake, nights on the houseboat, eloquence of the Himalayas with white shiny peaks contribute to the enamoring beauty of the union territory. Take a trip to Kashmir to indulge in the mystic aura of the Himalayas. The natural eloquence will definitely keep you spellbound! Explore more about Jammu And Kashmir at our Incredible India's website.

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#### Medical Sector- Fostering Innovation for Improved Health

India is the 4th largest market for medical devices in Asia. India is among the top-20 markets for medical devices in the world. The medical devices industry in India consists of large multinationals as well as small and medium enterprises (SMEs) growing at an unprecedented scale. 100% FDI is allowed under the automatic route for both brownfield and greenfield setups. Strong FDI inflows reflect the confidence of global players in the Indian market.



