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PM Delivers Keynote Address at IIT-2020 Global Summit



On 4th December, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi delivered the keynote address at the IIT-2020 Global Summit, organised by PanIIT USA, through a video conference. PM Modi said that the Government is fully committed to the principle of "Reform, Perform, Transform". He stressed that there is no sector left out from the ambit of reforms. He listed many path-breaking reforms brought in by the Government in various sectors. He highlighted that even in these testing times of COVID-19, India has got record investment and much of this investment has come in the tech sector. He said our actions today will shape our planet's tomorrow. He stressed that the post Covid-19 order will be about: Re-learning, re-thinking, re-innovating and re-inventing. This, along with a series of economic reforms in almost every field is what will re-energise our planet. He said this will ensure 'Ease of Living' and positively impact the poor as well as marginalised.

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PM Addresses India Mobile Congress 2020

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi delivered inaugural address at the virtual India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2020 on 8 December through video conference. The theme for IMC 2020 is "Inclusive Innovation - Smart, Secure, Sustainable". It aims to align to the Prime Minister's vision to promote 'AatmaNirbhar Bharat', 'Digital Inclusivity', and 'Sustainable development, entrepreneurship & innovation'. It also aims to drive foreign and local investments, encourage R&D in the telecom and emerging technology sectors. Addressing the event, the Prime Minister gave a call to work together to make India a global hub for telecom equipment, design, development and manufacturing. He cautioned, due to technological upgradation, we have a culture of replacing handsets and gadgets frequently. He asked the delegates to ponder whether the industry can form a task-force to think of a better way of handling the electronic waste and create a circular economy. He urged to work together to ensure a timely roll-out of 5G to leapfrog into the future and empower millions of Indians.



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PM Lays Foundation Stone of New Parliament Building



On 10 December, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the New Parliament Building. The new building is an intrinsic part of the vision of 'AatmaNirbhar Bharat' and will be a landmark opportunity to build a peoples' Parliament for the first time after independence, one which will match the needs and aspirations of 'New India' in the 75th anniversary of independence in 2022. Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister said today is a milestone in India's democratic history, filled with the idea of Indianness. He added that the start of the construction of Parliament House of India is one of the most important stages of our democratic traditions. He gave a call to the people of India, to build this new building of the Parliament together. He said it can't be more beautiful or more pure than the new building of our Parliament witnessing when India celebrates 75 years of its independence.

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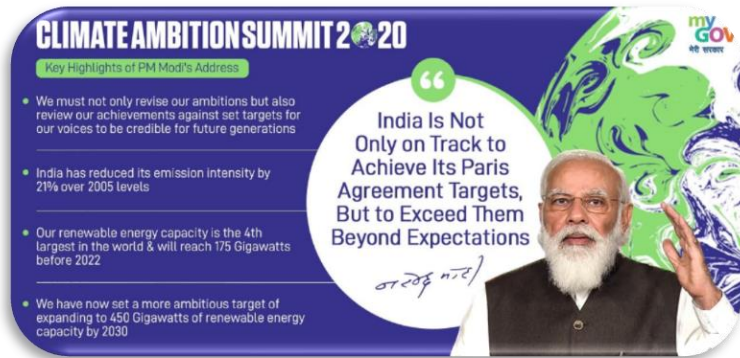


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India Will Not Only Achieve Paris Agreement Targets But Exceed Them: PM Modi



India was not only track to achieve its Paris Agreement targets but also to "exceed them beyond expectations," Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on 11 December. "We have reduced our emission intensity by 21% over 2005 levels," PM said while addressing the Climate Ambition Summit 2020. The summit was held to mark the fifth anniversary of the landmark Paris Agreement. India's solar capacity had grown from 2.63 GW in 2014 to 36 GW in 2020, he pointed out, adding that the country's renewable energy capacity was the fourth largest in the world. "It will reach 125 GW before 2022," PM Modi said. India had now set an ambitious target of 450 GW of renewable energy capacity by 2030, PM added. He also pointed out that India had pioneered two major initiatives on the world stage - the International Solar Alliance (ISA) and the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI).

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PM Delivers Inaugural Address at FICCI's 93rd Annual General Meeting



The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi delivered the inaugural address at FICCI's 93rd Annual General Meeting and Annual Convention on 12 December via video conferencing. The Prime Minister complimented the Indian private sector for not only meeting the domestic needs but also for its capability to establish strong brand India globally. Commitment of every citizen towards Aatmnirbhar Bharat is an example of the country's faith in its private sector, he said. PM Modi told the gathering that our industry needs bridges not walls. By removing the walls separating various sectors of the economy there will be new opportunities for everyone, especially the farmers who will get new options. Investment in technology, cold storage and the agri-sector will benefit farmers. He complimented the Industrialists and entrepreneurs for their contribution in the robust rebound from the Covid shock.

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PM Interacts with Industries, Startups and Academia from Space Sector



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi interacted with key industries, startups and academia from the Space sector via video conferencing to encourage their participation in space activities. The Union Cabinet led by the Prime Minister took the historic decision in June 2020 to open up the Space sector and enable the participation of Indian private sector in the entire gamut of space activities. With the creation of Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACe), the reforms will provide a level playing field for private companies and start-ups. PM Modi said that through these reforms, the endeavour is not only to ensure that India becomes a competitive space market, but also to ensure the benefits of the space programme reach out to the poorest. He said that it is his firm belief that just like Indian talent has been able to attain worldwide fame in the IT sector, it will be able to do so in the Space sector as well.

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December 13 – A Horrible Reminder of Terror Threat to Civilization

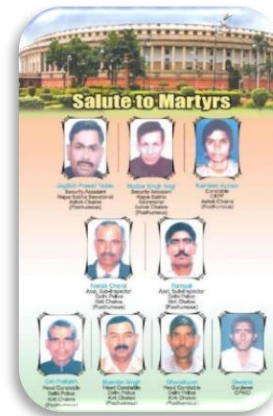


In a facebook post on anniversary of the 2001 terror attack on the Parliament, Mr Naidu said that 13 December is a stark reminder of the menace of terrorism and its professed antagonism to democratic values and economic aspirations. He said that terrorism is a serious threat to democracy, individual freedom and global economic advancement which are the core values of present day civilisation. Paying rich tributes to the security personnel who sacrificed their lives to defend the Parliament House, the Vice President said that their acts of sacrifice will forever be etched in the minds of the countrymen. Drawing attention to India's proposal for adoption of a UN Convention against Terrorism, the Vice President said that many countries from across different continents support India's voice in this regard.

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Nation Remembers Supreme Sacrifice of Brave Hearts Who Defended Parliament from Terrorist Attack in 2001

On Sunday, Nation paid tributes to the Martyrs who made supreme sacrifice and thwarted a cowardice attack on Parliament in 2001. President Ram Nath Kovind said, the nation gratefully remembers the brave martyrs who laid down their lives defending the Parliament on this day in 2001. Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu said, tributes to the brave men who made supreme sacrifice defending the temple of our democracy from terrorist attack on Parliament in 2001. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, we will never forget the cowardly attack on our Parliament on



this day in 2001. He said, we recall the valour and sacrifice of those who gave away their lives protecting our Parliament and India will always be thankful to them. On this day in 2001, five heavily-armed terrorists stormed the Parliament complex and opened fire indiscriminately. The attack lasted for about 30 minutes and all the five terrorists of Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammad were neutralised outside the building itself.

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United Nations Declares Invest India The Winner of the Investment Promotion Award 2020



The award ceremony took place on 7th December 2020 at UNCTAD Headquarters in Geneva. The award recognizes and celebrates the outstanding achievements and best practices of Investment Promotion Agencies (IPAs) across the globe. The evaluation was based on UNCTAD's assessment of work undertaken by 180 Investment Promotion Agencies. The response of IPAs to the pandemic became the basis for the evaluation of

the 2020 United Nations Investment Promotion Award. UNCTAD highlighted good practices followed by Invest India, such as the Business Immunity Platform, Exclusive Investment Forum webinar series, its social media engagement and focus COVID response teams (such as business reconstruction, stakeholder outreach and supplier outreach) created as a response to the pandemic, in its publications.

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14th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus



In a special gesture, Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh was invited by the Chair, Vietnam to deliver an address at the 10th Anniversary of the founding of the ASEAN Defence Minister Meet Plus (ADMM+) on 10 December 2020 held over videoconference. In his remarks, Raksha Mantri highlighted the importance of peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region. He appreciated the central role of ASEAN-led forums, including ADMM Plus in promoting dialogue and engagement towards a pluralistic, cooperative security order in Asia.

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International Conference on Women, Peace and Security



Shri Vikas Swarup, Secretary (West) delivered keynote address on "Future of Women in Peacekeeping" at the Women Peace & Security Conference organized by Vietnam. He underlined India's priorities & commitments in promoting the role of women in building inclusive & peaceful societies.

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Defence Manufacturing: Defending the World

India has the 5th largest defence budget in the world and having second largest armed forces in the world. India plans to spend \$130 bn on military modernization in the next 5 years, as achieving self-reliance in defence production is a key target for the Government of India. The Government has opened up the Defence industry for private sector participation to provide impetus to indigenous manufacturing. The opening up of the industry also paves the way for foreign original equipment manufacturers to enter into strategic partnerships with Indian companies. 100% FDI is allowed in Defence industry; wherein 74% is allowed under automatic route and beyond 74% through Government route.



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Dance Forms of India



Dance is an eloquent form of expression. From classical and traditional to folk and tribal, there are various dance forms in India. The most popularly recognized classical dance forms are eight, which find themselves steeped in a rich mythological and religious history and have been mentioned in the ancient Hindu text of Natya Shastra. These are Bharat Natyam (Tamil Nadu), Sattriya (Assam), Manipuri (Manipur), Kathak (northern and western India), Odissi (Odisha), Kuchipudi (Andhra Pradesh and Telangana), Kathakali (Kerala), Mohiniyattam (Kerala).

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Hanoi International Food Festival



India cares and stands with its neighbours- Indian stall in the International Food Festival organized by Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), Vietnam to help in raising funds for charity purposes.

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Indian Cinema

The hub of Hindi cinema and the powerhouse of Hindi film industry, Bollywood is based in Mumbai. Producing about 800 films a year, the industry ropes in almost 14 million national viewers annually. A beguiling Indian counterpart of the famous Hollywood industry, Bollywood invites actors and audiences from all over the country. Some of the best movies in the world have been given by Bollywood. These include highly venerated Pather Panchali by Satyajit Ray, Mother India by Mehboob Khan, Salaam Bombay by Miran Nair, Lagaan by Ashutosh Gowariker and many others. The industry boasts some of the most eloquent and talented artistes that have earned a name for themselves internationally. Besides, there are state-specific cinemas as well like Tollywood, which makes films in Telugu, and Bhojpuri that is centred around Bihar. Besides, National School of Drama (New Delhi), Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute (Kolkata), Asian Academy of Film and Television (Mumbai), Centre for Research in Arts, Film and Television (New Delhi), etc., are some of the prestigious centres where artistes are trained.



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