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Smt. Droupadi Murmu, President of India



The achievements that are visible today are the outcome of the endeavors of last 10 years. Since childhood, we have been hearing the slogan of 'Garibi Hatao'.

Now, for the first time in our lives, we are witnessing eradication of poverty on a massive scale.

According to NITI Aayog, in the last one decade of my Government, about 25 crore countrymen have been lifted out of poverty. This is something that instills great confidence among the poor.

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## PREFACE

The interim budget session of the parliament may be said to be exceptionally remarkable in many ways. While the customary address to the joint sitting of parliament by President Smt. Draupadi Murmu highlighted the amazing achievements of India, the sincere efforts made by members during discussions in both houses of parliament reinforce the people's faith in the Indian democratic system. The discussions on the motion of thanks on the presidential address has enriched the understanding of the people about India's rapid stride in the last ten years. While stabilising the economy and setting it on a path of recovery and growth, the discussions emphasised the need to address the challenges left behind by the UPA government. The overwhelming mandate given to the BJP-led NDA under the visionary and dynamic leadership of Shri Narendra Modi in the 2014 and 2019 Lok Sabha polls not only reflected the nation's desire for solutions of the economic and fiscal challenges faced by the country during Congress-led UPA misrule but also a result of people acknowledging the successes in overcoming challenges while emphasising the continued journey ahead into a glorious and bright future.

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi replied to the motion of thanks on the President's Address to Parliament in the Lok Sabha on 05 February, 2024 and in Rajya Sabha on 07 February, 2024. He thanked the Members of the House for contributing their thoughts and ideas to the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address.

We are publishing the edited transcripts of his speeches in the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha. Along with this, we are grateful to BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, for accepting our request to write the 'Foreword' of this booklet. We hope that our readers will benefit from this booklet.

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## FOREWORD

The Hon'ble President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu delivered her first address in the new Parliament building at the beginning of the Budget session of Parliament on 31st January 2024. At the outset, she appreciated the magnificence of the new Parliament which is a testimony to India's culture & civilization and highlighted the massive success of welfare schemes of the Modi government which have drastically changed the life of the common people in the country.

Replying to the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address in Lok Sabha on 05 February 2024 and in Rajya Sabha on 7 February 2024, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said the President's address is a huge document based on facts that gave an indication of the speed and scale of India's progress and also drew attention to the fact that the nation will become developed faster only if the four pillars of Nari Shakti, Yuva Shakti, the poor and the Annadata are developed and strengthened. He rightly said the address illuminates the path for the nation to become 'Viksit Bharat' by strengthening these four pillars. In his reply, the Prime Minister urged the Members to come forward shoulder to shoulder for the development of the nation. He said, "I ask for your support in the development of 'Maa Bharti' and its 140 crore citizens".

As we know before 2014, democracy in India was under the clutches of corruption, casteism, and nepotism. However, after the inception of the Modi government, under the visionary and dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the government has prioritized politics of performance over corruption, nepotism, and appeasement. Inspired by the Mantra of 'Nation First', which guides the policies of the BJP-led NDA government, the Modi Government today stands for 'Viksit Bharat', and Aspiration of people and the nation. From welfare schemes to cultural rejuvenation and internal security to a robust economy, India has experienced an unparalleled transformation in the last 10 years and the position of the nation has remarkably enhanced at the comity of nations.

While opening the doors of new opportunities for the people, the Modi Government today is fulfilling its aspirations by creating an atmosphere of immense possibilities. In addition to providing political stability to the country, it has given a new direction to the nation with novel ideas and new initiatives. This Government has provided gas cylinders to around 11 crore poor households, made provisions for toilets in 12 crore households, and provided piped water to 15 crore houses under Har Ghar Jal scheme.

The Modi government has transferred around 3 lakh crore rupees into the Bank accounts of 11 crore farmers, waived the entire cost of healthcare facilities for 50 crore people up to a limit of five lakhs, and for the prosperity of farmers, has purchased the maximum amount of paddy on maximum MSP. On top of all this, a record 25 crore people moved out of multidimensional poverty during this period.

Likewise, it took internal security as a priority after the Modi government assumed office at the center, and apart from the settlement with ULFA, it made peace settlements with Bodo groups, the United People's Front (UPF), and Kuki National Organisation in Manipur, the Karbi Anglong groups in Assam, National Liberation Front of Tripura, and the Karbi Longri N.C. Hills Liberation Front, etc. During this period, it took the historic decision of abrogation of Article 370, the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization Amendment Bill, 2023, and the Jammu and Kashmir Reservation Amendment Bill, 2023, among others. This Government has made many such epoch-making decisions during the past 10 years which have been recorded in history in golden words.

Owing to all of these ground-breaking achievements, today, Shri Narendra Modi is the most popular leader in the world. He has led to a long-term vision for the country with many measures that are propelling India to the forefront globally. In this scenario, there is not even an iota of doubt, that the third term of the Modi government will witness monumental decisions. The Prime Minister rightly said, "I want to see the country prospering and reaching the pinnacle of success for the next thousand years. The third term will be dedicated to laying a strong foundation for the 1,000 years".

This booklet is published by the BJP Publication Department and focused on the insightful addresses of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi given in the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address in both houses of the parliament. In this booklet, readers can understand how the Modi government has taken several historic decisions for the well-being of the 140-crore people, to strengthen the Internal security of the country and how, under the energetic leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, today, India is registering immense progress in all most all sectors and seen as an achiever in the eyes of the global community.

**Jagat Prakash Nadda**  
National President  
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### 'President's address indicates the speed and scale of India's progress'

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi replied to the motion of thanks on the President's Address to Parliament in the Lok Sabha on 05 February, 2024. The Prime Minister began his address to the House by referring to the 'Sengol' that led the procession with pride and respect as Rastrapati Ji arrived in the new House to deliver her address and the rest of the Parliamentarians followed her lead. Shri Modi underlined that this legacy increases the dignity of the house manifold and said the 75th Republic Day, the new Parliament House, and the arrival of the 'Sengol' was a very impactful event. He thanked the Members of the House for contributing their thoughts and ideas to the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address.

Following is the full text of the PM's reply :

**H**on'ble Mr Speaker Sir, I stand here in support of the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address. When the Hon'ble President addressed all of us in this new building of the Parliament, and the way Sengol was leading the entire procession with dignity and respect, we all were following behind it ... When this new tradition in the new House becomes a reflection of that sacred moment of Bharat's independence, the dignity of democracy goes up manifold. The 75th Republic Day followed by the new parliament building and led by the Sengol ... the entire scene was very impressive. When I was participating in the entire program from there, we don't see that grandeur from here, but when I saw the President and the Vice President with their dignified presence in the new House from there ... I will always cherish that moment which was very impressive. I express my gratitude to more than 60 Hon'ble members for expressing their thoughts on the Motion of Thanks on the President's

Address with humility.

I especially commend the resolution taken by the Opposition. Each and every aspect of their speech has strengthened my and the nation's conviction that they have resolved to stay there (in the opposition benches) for a long time. You sat here (in the treasury benches) for many decades, but now you have resolved to sit there (in the opposition benches) for many more decades. And the people are like the form of God. The way you all are working hard these days, I firmly believe that the divine form of people will surely bless you. And you will definitely reach even higher heights than you are right now and will be seen in the Visitors' Gallery after the next elections. Adhir Ranjan (Chowdhury) ji, have you awarded them the contract

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this time? You have facilitated these things.

I can see that many of you have also lost the nerve to fight the elections. Many people changed their seats (to contest elections) last time, and I have heard that this time

too they are eager to change their seats. And I have heard that many people now want to go to the Rajya Sabha instead of the Lok Sabha. They are trying to find their own way of assessing the situation.

### **'Nari Shakti'-'Yuva Shakti'**

The President's Address is, in a way, a document based on facts and realities, which the President has presented before the nation. And if you look at this entire document, the Hon'ble President has attempted to encapsulate the realities, which depict the pace at which the country is progressing and the scale of expansion of activities. While keeping in mind Bharat's bright future, the Hon'ble President has drawn our attention to four strong pillars. Her precise assessment is that the stronger and more developed these four pillars of the country are, the more prosperous our country will be, and it will progress rapidly. While mentioning these four pillars, she discussed the country's 'Nari Shakti' (women power), the country's 'Yuva Shakti' (youth power), our poor brothers and sisters, and the country's farmers, fishermen and our livestock breeders. The Hon'ble

President has clearly stated the direction to achieve the goals of a 'Viksit Bharat' (developed India) through the empowerment of these four pillars. You may not consider the fishermen, livestock breeders, farmers, women and the youth as minorities ... What has happened to you Dada (Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury)? Is this what you talk about the youth of this country? All sections of society are not equal. Is this what you should talk about the women of the country that they are not equal? How long will you keep thinking about divisions, how long will you keep dividing society? Limit your words, limit your boundaries, you have fragmented the country too much.

It would have been good if there were at least some positive aspects in this discussion before they make their way out. It would have been good if some positive suggestions would come up, but as always, all of you have disappointed the country a lot. The country understands the limit of your thinking. It repeatedly hurts to see this situation that this is their condition and the limit of their thinking.

The leaders may have changed, but the tape recorder is still playing the same tune.

The same old themes, nothing new comes up. The same old rhetoric and the same old tune continue from your side. It is the election year. You could have worked a bit harder, brought forward some new issues, and conveyed a message to the public, but even in that, you failed. Ok, let me teach you this as well.

**The Congress got a great opportunity to become a good opposition, and 10 years is not a short period. But they completely failed to fulfil that responsibility in those 10 years. There are also capable people in the Opposition (Congress party), but when their (leaders) failed, they did not allow the competent people in their party to rise**

## **Congress failed to fulfill responsibility of the Opposition**

The Congress party is mostly responsible for the present condition of the Opposition. The Congress got a great opportunity to become a good opposition, and 10 years is not a short period. But they completely failed to fulfil that responsibility in those 10 years. There are also capable people in the Opposition (Congress party), but

when their (leaders) failed, they did not allow the competent people in their party to rise because it could then lead to complications. And that's why they did the same thing and repeatedly subdued those talented people in the opposition. There are many young and enthusiastic Members of Parliament in our House. They have enthusiasm and energy. But if they speak up, their image might rise, and perhaps someone else's image might get affected. With that concern in mind they did not allow the House to function to deny this young generation an opportunity to speak. In a way, they have inflicted such a big loss to themselves, the Opposition, the Parliament, and the country as well. And that's why I always believe that the country needs a healthy and effective Opposition. The country has suffered enough due to dynastic politics, and the Congress itself has paid the price for it. Now, even Adhir Babu is paying the price. We can see Adhir Babu's condition now. Otherwise, this was the time to stay in Parliament. But one has to serve the dynasty.

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Now, look at the situation, our (Mallikarjun) Kharge ji has shifted from this House to another House, and Gulam Nabi (Azad) ji has even shifted from the party. All of this is the result of dynastic politics. In the pursuit of launching the same product repeatedly, the Congress shop is now facing the prospect of being closed. And we're not talking about this shop (Mohabbat Ki Dukan), you're saying it. You say you've opened a shop, you say it everywhere. Now, such a situation has developed that there is a need to put a lock on the shop. Here, our Dada (Adhir Ranja Chowdhury) cannot give up his habit; he is sitting there and commenting on dynastic politics. Let me explain a bit today. Pardon me, Mr Speaker Sir, I am taking a little more time today. What is the dynastic politics that we talk about? We have never opposed dynastic politics if more than one person progresses in the political field with public support in any family. We

talk about dynastic politics when a party is run by a family, which prioritizes party members from the family and when all decisions of the party are made by family members. That is dynastic politics. Neither Rajnath (Singh) ji nor Amit Shah ji have their own political parties. Therefore, where two parties of one family are mentioned, it is not appropriate in a democracy. In a democracy, it is not wrong if ten people from one family come into politics. We want young people to come. We also want this issue to be discussed. It's not just my concern; it's our concern for the democracy of the country, the politics of family dynasties and the politics of family parties. That's why if two people from one family progress, I welcome it; if ten people progress, I welcome it. The more new generations and good people come into the service of the nation, the better. The question is that families run parties. It's certain that if somebody is not the president then his or her son will be the president. This is a

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danger to democracy. Thank you Dada (Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury)! Generally, I never speak about this topic, but I spoke about it today. Efforts are being made to repeatedly launch the same product.

The Congress has become entangled in one family, they can't see the aspirations and achievements of millions of families, they can't see, they are not prepared to see beyond their own family. And a 'cancel culture' has developed in the Congress, anything - cancel, anything - cancel. The Congress has become stuck in such a cancel culture. If we say Make in India, Congress says cancel it, if we say 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat (Self-reliant India), Congress says cancel it, if we say Vocal for Local, Congress says cancel it, if we say Vande Bharat Express, Congress says cancel it, if we talk about the new building of Parliament, Congress says cancel it. I am surprised. These are not Modi's achievements; these are the achievements of the country. How long will you nurture so much hatred? And because of that, you have also negated the successes of the country, the achievements of the country.

## Roadmap for 'Viksit Bharat'

The Hon'ble President discussed the economic aspects in detail while speaking about the roadmap for 'Viksit Bharat'. She discussed the foundational pillars of the economy intricately. Bharat's robust economy is being praised worldwide today; the entire world is impressed by it. And when the world is going through a crisis, naturally, she feels even better when Bharat is progressing. During the G20 Summit, all countries have seen what the world thinks about Bharat, what the world says about Bharat, and what the world does for Bharat. Based on the experiences of these ten years in office and seeing the strong economy of today's Bharat developing at a rapid pace, I confidently say that Bharat will become the world's third-largest economic power in our third term, and this is Modi's guarantee.

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Were they not given the opportunity earlier? Everyone has been given a chance,

right!

When will we emerge as the world's third-largest economic power, some of our colleagues in the Opposition make a strange argument! They say, "What's the big deal? It will happen on its own. What's your contribution, what is the contribution of Modi? It will happen on its own." I want to explain through this House what the role of the government is, especially to the youth of the country. I want to tell the youth of the country how things happen and what is the role of the government.

Ten years ago, when the Interim Budget was presented in February 2014, you know who was ruling, and the country knows too. When the Finance Minister of that time presented the Interim Budget ten years ago, what he said at that time is of great significance. I am quoting him word by word. When you say that Bharat will automatically reach the third position, they should understand. What did they say? "I now wish to look forward and outline a vision for the future, vision for the future." The greatest economist of the universe was saying, "I now wish to look forward and outline a vision for the future." He further said, "I wonder how many have noted the fact that the economy of

the country in terms of size of its GDP is the 11th largest in the world." Imagine the pride when we reached 11th position in 2014. Today we have reached the 5th position, and what is happening to you now?

I am reading further. (Gaurav) Gogoi ji, thank you, you said it well. I am reading further, listen carefully, colleagues, listen carefully. He said, "It is the 11th largest in the world". It was a matter of great pride. Then he went on to say, "There are great things in the store. There is a well-argued view that in the next three decades, the nominal GDP will take the country to the 3rd rank after the US and China." At that time, this great economist of the universe was saying that we will reach the third position in thirty years, and then he said, "This is my vision." There are many people who live with these notions; he is the greatest economist of the universe. They were saying this in 2014, and what vision they see, that by 2044 Bharat will be the third-largest economy. This is their vision, this is their limit. They had lost the ability to dream; determination was a distant thing for them.

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They offered the youth of my country to wait for thirty years. But today, we stand before you with confidence, standing in this august House. And I assure you that we will not take 30 years - this is Modi's guarantee. In my third term, the country will become the third-largest economic power in the world. I feel sorry for them for how they set goals and how far their thinking went. And you (the Congress leaders) were proud to be at 11th position, whereas, we have brought the economy of the country to fifth position. But if the country reaching the 11th position made you happy, then you should also be happy about the country reaching the fifth position. The country has reached 5th position, you should be happy. Where are you stuck?

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The saying goes, and this is often used in Uttar Pradesh: नौ दिन चले अढ़ाई कोस and I believe this saying perfectly defines the Congress party. The sluggish pace of the Congress has no comparison. The

speed at which work is being done in the country today is something a Congress government could never even imagine.

#### **4 crore houses built for rural poor**

For the rural poor, we have built 4 crore houses. And for the urban poor, 80 lakh pucca houses have been constructed. If these houses had been built at the pace of the Congress (government), I calculate what would have happened. If the pace of the Congress (government) had been as it was, it would have taken 100 years to accomplish this much work. Five generations would have passed.

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In the last 10 years, electrification of 40,000 kilometers of railway tracks has been completed. If the country had been running at the pace of the Congress (government), it would have taken 80 years to

accomplish this task. In a way, four generations would have passed.

We have provided 17 crore additional gas connections and this is my account for 10 years. If we had followed the Congress (government's) pace, it would have taken another 60 years to provide these connections, which is equivalent to three generations spending their lives cooking over smoke.

During the term of our government, sanitation coverage has reached from 40 per cent to 100 per cent. If the Congress (government's) pace had been followed, this task would have taken another 60-70 years to accomplish, and at least three generations would have passed, but still there would be no guarantee whether it would have been achieved or not.

The mentality of the Congress has caused a lot of damage to the country. The Congress has never trusted the capabilities of the nation. They always considered themselves rulers and continuously underestimated the people, diminishing their importance.

#### **Congress always placed its trust solely in one family**

I know how they thought about the citizens of the country. They would feel a little pricked if I took his name. The first Prime Minister

of Bharat, Jawaharlal Nehru, made a statement from the Red Fort on August 15th, which I will now read: "The habit of working hard is not common in India. We do not work as much as the people of Europe, Japan, China, Russia, or America do." Nehru ji made these remarks from the Red Fort. "Do not think that these nations became prosperous by magic; it was through hard work and intelligence." He was giving certificates to them, undermining the people of Bharat. Nehru ji's perception of Indians was that they were lazy. Nehru ji's perception of Indians was that they were less intelligent.

Indira (Gandhi) ji's mindset wasn't much different from Nehru's. On August 15th, Indira ji said from the Red Fort, "Unfortunately, our habit is such that when a good deed is completed, we become complacent, and when difficulties arise, we become hopeless. Sometimes it feels like the entire nation has embraced a sense of defeatism." Looking at the Congress members today, it seems that while Indira ji may not have accurately assessed the (capabilities of the) people of the country, but she had made a precise assessment of the Congress party itself. The members of the Congress's royal family viewed my country's people in the same light because they themselves were like that. And even today, we see the same kind of thinking from them.

The Congress party has always placed its trust solely in one family. They can neither think independently nor see beyond that family. They recently formed 'Bhanumati Ka Kunba' (I.N.D.I.A alliance), but then started 'Ekla Chalo Re' (walking alone). The Congress members have learned the new trade of motor mechanics, so they must have understood what alignment means. But what I see is that the alignment of the (I.N.D.I.A) alliance itself has gone awry. When they don't have trust in each other within their own alliance, how can they have faith in the country? We have faith in the capability of our nation, and we trust in the power of the people.

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## Laid the foundation of 'New Bharat'

When the people of the country first gave us the opportunity to serve, we spent a considerable amount of time and energy during our first term, filling the potholes that existed during the time of the previous UPA government. We kept filling those potholes during our first term. In our second term, we laid the foundation of a new Bharat, and in our third term, we will accelerate the construction of 'Viksit Bharat'. In our first term, we advanced numerous public welfare initiatives such as Swachh Bharat, Ujjwala, Ayushman Bharat, Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao, Sugamya Bharat, Digital India... We transformed many pro-people projects into campaigns. We made the tax system

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easier with decisions like GST. The public supported us wholeheartedly upon seeing these initiatives. They blessed us with even more support than before. Then, our second term began. The second term was about fulfilling promises and commitments. In our second term, we witnessed

the completion of achievements that the country had been waiting for a long time. We all saw the abrogation of Article 370. With the power of the votes of Hon'ble MPs, Article 370 was abolished. The Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam, a law empowering women, was enacted in the second term.

From space to the Olympics, from powerful forces to Parliament, the echo of 'Nari Shakti' (women's power) is being heard. Today, the country has witnessed the empowerment of 'Nari Shakti'.

From north to south, east to west, people have witnessed decades-old and stalled projects being completed in a timely manner.

We have progressed from archaic laws under British rule, which were punitive in nature, to the modern justice system. Our government has abolished hundreds of such laws that had become irrelevant. More than 40,000 compliances have been eliminated by the government.

Bharat has envisioned the future progress through initiatives like "Amrit Bharat" and "Namo Bharat" trains.

The villages and the millions of people across the country have witnessed the 'Sankalp Yatra' of 'Viksit Bharat', and the effort put behind achieving saturation, ensuring that everyone receives what they rightfully deserve, and making efforts to reach out and provide at their doorstep is something the country is witnessing for the first time.

Lord Ram not only returned to his home but a great temple was constructed that will rejuvenate Bharat's great cultural heritage with new energy.

### **NDA will cross 400**

Now, the third term of our government is not too far away. There are about 100-125 days left. And this time, the Modi government, the entire country is saying, "This time, it's the Modi government," even Kharage ji is saying, "This time, it's the Modi government." But, I usually don't get caught up in numbers and statistics. But I can see the mood of the nation; it will ensure that the NDA (National Democratic Alliance) crosses the 400-mark. However, the Bharatiya Janata Party will surely get 370 seats. BJP will get 370 seats and NDA will cross 400.

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Our third term will witness monumental decisions. I had said it from the Red Fort, and I reiterated it during the consecration ceremony of the Ram Temple. I said - I want to see the country prospering and reaching the pinnacle of success for the next thousand years. The third term will be dedicated to laying a strong foundation for the 1,000 years.

### **25 crore people moved out from multidimensional poverty**

I have great confidence for the people of Bharat and their future. I have immense faith in the capabilities of our 1.4 billion citizens. Over the past 10 years, 25 crore people have moved out from multidimensional poverty, which demonstrates this capability.

I have always said that if the poor are provided with tools, resources and dignity, our poor people have the capability to overcome poverty. We have chosen that path, and my poor brothers and sisters have demonstrated their ability to overcome poverty. With this mindset, we have provided them with tools, resources, dignity, and self-respect. Today, 50 crore poor people have bank accounts, something they could never have imagined before. About four crore poor families have a solid roof over their heads, which gives them a new sense of dignity. More than 11 crore families have access to clean drinking water through taps. Over 55 crore poor people have received Ayushman Bharat cards. If there is any illness in the family, they will not fall back into poverty. They have faith that no matter what illness

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strikes, Modi is there for them. Free grain facilities have been provided to 80 crore people.

Modi took care of those whom no one had ever cared before. For the first time in the country, consideration was given to the street vendors. Through the PM SVANidhi scheme, they have now come out of the cycle of interest, taking loans from banks

and expanding their businesses. For the first time in the country, consideration was given to the skill of hands, which have the capability to build the nation as well, my fellow Vishwakarma friends. We have provided modern tools, modern training, financial assistance to them and also helped open up the global market for them. For the first time in the country, we have also thought about the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG), our brothers and sisters who are extremely marginalized, whose numbers are very few, and who are not noticed in terms of votes. But we are beyond the vote, we are connected by hearts. That is why, for the PVTG communities, the PM JANMAN Yojana has been initiated to work towards their welfare. Moreover, the villages at the border, which were left untouched as the last villages, we have transformed those last villages into the first villages and completely changed the direction of development.

When I repeatedly advocate for Millets, I talk about Millets in the world and serve it with pride in front of the leaders of the G-20 countries. Behind it and in my heart are more than 3 crore small farmers who cultivate Millets, and their well-being is something we are connected to.

## Vocal for Local

When I advocate for Vocal for Local, when I talk about Make in India, I think about the welfare of millions of families connected to it, including crores of household industries, small industries, and cottage industries.

The Congress party had forgotten Khadi, (previous) governments had forgotten it. Today, I have successfully moved forward in empowering Khadi because the lives of millions of weavers are associated with Khadi. I am concerned about their welfare.

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The Congress party, the UPA government, have not done any justice to the OBC (Other Backward Classes) community; they have committed injustice. These people have left no stone unturned in insulting OBC leaders. A few days ago, when Bharat Ratna was awarded to Karpoori Thakur ji, we honoured him. But think about the treatment meted out to Karpoori Thakur, the great man from the OBC community. How he was treated unjustly. When he became the Chief Minister of Bihar in 1970, what kind of games were played to remove him from office. What was not done to destabilize his government?

The Congress party did not tolerate leaders from the extremely backward classes. In 1987, when the Congress party's flag was

flying high across the country and they were in power everywhere, they refused to accept Karpoori Thakur as the opposition leader and gave the reason that he could not respect the Constitution. The same Karpoori Thakur who dedicated his entire life to the principles of democracy, who stood firm for the ideals of the Constitution, was insulted by the Congress party.

These days, our Congress colleagues express a lot of concern about the number of people from the backward classes in the government, where they are positioned, and constantly keep track of it. But I am surprised they don't seem to notice the biggest OBC. They close their eyes to it.

Let me tell those who rake up these issues. During the time of the UPA, an extra-constitutional body was created, in front of which the government had no say. Just check the National Advisory Council, was there any OBC in it? Just take a look. Such a powerful body was created, and they were making appointments there.

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### **10 crore sisters are connected with Women Self Help Groups**

In our rural economy, our 10 crore sisters are connected with Women Self Help Groups and are engaged in economic activities. They are providing new strength to the rural economy, and I am happy to say that as a result of these efforts, nearly one crore sisters have become 'Lakhpati Didis' in our country today. When I talk to them and see their self-confidence, I am firmly convinced that in our upcoming term, we will witness 3 crore 'Lakhpati Didis' in our country. You can imagine how significant a change will occur in the rural economy.

The perception regarding daughters in our country, which used

to be deeply ingrained in society and minds, is changing rapidly today. If we look closely, we will realize how significant and positive this change is. In the past, when a daughter was born, discussions revolved around how to manage the expenses, how to educate her, and what her future would be like. It was seen as a burden, and such discussions were common. Today, when a daughter is born, the question is asked whether a Sukanya Samriddhi Account has been opened for her or not. This change is remarkable.

Earlier, the question used to be whether a woman could continue working after getting pregnant. It was believed that once pregnant, she wouldn't be able to work. Today, the scenario has changed. Now, it is said that you can take a 26-week paid leave, and even after that, if you need more time off, you will get it. This is a significant change. Previously, society would question why a woman wanted to work despite being married.

Questions would arise about whether her husband's salary was insufficient, and so on. Today, people are asking, "Madam, your start-up is doing so well. Can I get a job there?" This change is remarkable.

Once upon a time, the question was asked, "Your daughter is getting older, when will she get married?" Today, the question asked is, "How well does your daughter balance both personal and professional responsibilities? How does she manage it?"

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### **'Viksit Bharat' in the 'Amrit Kaal'**

Once upon a time, it was asked in the household whether the head of the household was present or not. "Call the head of the family", it used to be said. Today, when you visit someone's home, the bills for electricity, water, and gas come in the name of the woman of the house. It's my mothers and sisters who have taken on the role of the head of the family. This change has been brought about. And this

change is part of our resolve for the development of 'Viksit Bharat' in the 'Amrit Kaal', and I am witnessing the emergence of this as a great force, and I am seeing the manifestation of that power.

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### **Attempt made by Congress to make farmers fool**

The Congress party (government) had purchased rice and wheat from farmers worth 7 lakh crore rupees during its 10-year tenure. In our 10 years, we have purchased rice and wheat worth nearly 18 lakh crore rupees. The Congress government hardly purchased lentils

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and sesame seeds, if at all. We have purchased lentils and sesame seeds worth more than 1.25 lakh crore rupees. Our Congress colleagues made fun of the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme, and when I launched this scheme in my first term, I remember the false narrative which was spread. They used to visit

villages and say "Don't take Modi's money. When he wins the election once, he will ask for all the money back with interest." Such a lie was spread. An attempt was made to make the farmers fool.

We sent Rs. 2 lakh 80 thousand crore under the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme. Rs. 1.5 lakh crore has been given to my farmer brothers and sisters as against the premium of Rs. 30,000 rupees under the PM Fasal Bima Yojana. During the Congress rule, there was never any recognition or concern for fishermen or livestock farmers. For the first time in this country, a separate ministry was created for fishermen; a separate ministry for animal husbandry was created. For the first time, a farmer credit card was given to livestock farmers and fishermen, so that they could get money from the bank at a low interest rate and expand their business. For the

farmers and fishermen, this concern is not only for animals, it is an important part of life. These animals also play a very important role in running the economic cycle. We have administered more than 50 crore vaccinations to save our animals from Foot and Mouth Disease, which was never thought of before.

Today, there are more new opportunities for youth than ever before in the country. The entire vocabulary has changed; words that were never heard before are now commonplace in conversations around the world. Today, the buzz of start-ups is everywhere, and unicorns are being discussed. Digital creators form a significant group today. The discussion today revolves around the green economy. This new vocabulary of the new Bharat is

on the lips of the youth. These are the new environments of the new economic empire, a new identity. These sectors are creating millions of new opportunities for employment for the youth. Before 2014, the size of the digital economy was negligible, and it was hardly discussed. Today, Bharat

leads in the world's digital

economy. Millions of youths are connected to it, and in the coming times, the Digital India Movement will bring numerous employment opportunities for the country's youth and various professionals.

Today, Made in India phones are reaching the world. We have become number 2 in the world. On one hand, there is the availability of cheap mobile phones, and on the other hand, there is cheap data. Because of these two factors, there has been a huge revolution in the country and the world. At the price at which we are providing these mobile phones and data to our youth today, this has become a reason for this revolution. Today, the country is witnessing the Make in India campaign, record manufacturing and record exports. These are the jobs that bring the most employment opportunities for our youth, creating the most job opportunities.

There has been an unprecedented leap in the tourism sector in the last 10 years. In our country, tourism is such a sector that

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offers employment opportunities to maximum people with minimal capital investment. Even an ordinary person has the opportunity to find employment in this sector. The tourism sector holds the highest potential for self-employment. In the last 10 years, the number of airports has doubled. Bharat has not just built airports; it has become the world's third-largest domestic aviation sector, the third-largest in the world. We should all be happy; the Indian airlines have placed orders for 1,000 new aircraft, 1,000 new aircraft in the country! And when so many airplanes are in operation, how vibrant all the airports will be. How many pilots, crew members, engineers, ground service personnel will be needed—meaning, new areas of employment are opening up. The aviation sector has emerged as a very big new opportunity for Bharat.

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### **Strengthen the economy by taking strong steps**

We are striving to strengthen the economy by taking strong steps. We want youth to find jobs and also have social security. Based on these two aspects and on

our own principles, we make decisions. In the EPFO (Employees' Provident Fund Organisation), there have been about 18 crore new subscribers in the past 10 years, without any fake names involved. There are 8 crore people among those who have obtained Mudra loans, who have started their business for the first time in their lives. And when they take a Mudra loan, they not only secure employment for themselves but also provide employment to one or two more people because of the nature of their work. We have supported millions of street vendors. There are 10 crore women connected to such occupations. And as I said, we will soon see three crore 'Lakshpati Didis' within our country.

There are some figures that only an economist understands, it is not like that. An ordinary person can comprehend them too. In the 10 years before 2014, the budget for infrastructure construction

was approximately 12 lakh crore rupees. In those 10 years, it was 12 lakh crore rupees. In the past 10 years, the budget for infrastructure construction has been 44 lakh crore rupees. This indicates how employment increases. One can understand from this figure.

You can estimate the number of people who have found employment due to this amount. We are making Bharat a hub for manufacturing, research, and innovation, encouraging the country's youth in this direction. We are developing systems, creating economic assistance programs.

We have always been dependent on the energy sector. There is a need to do a lot in the direction of self-reliance in the energy sector, especially towards green energy and hydrogen, where we are moving forward in a significant way with unprecedented investment. Another sector where Bharat needs to lead is semiconductors. Previous governments made efforts, but not much success was achieved. Now, in the situation we are in, I confidently say that despite the setbacks of the past three decades, the future belongs to us. I see unprecedented investment in the semiconductor sector, and Bharat will make a significant contribution to the world. For all these reasons, Sir, the possibilities of quality jobs are going to increase significantly, and that's why we have established a separate Skill Ministry so that the youth of the country can acquire skills and get such opportunities. We are working towards advancing in the direction of Industry 4.0, preparing the manpower for it.

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A lot has been said about inflation here. I definitely wish that some truth should come before the country. History bears witness, whenever Congress comes to power, inflation follows. I want to say something in this House today. I do not want to criticize anyone, but those who do not understand what we say; they should try to understand the voice of their own leaders. It was said sometime and by someone, I will tell you his name later. "Because the price of everything has increased, trouble has spread, and the common people are stuck in

it." Whose statement of fact is this? This was said by our Pandit Nehru ji from the Red Fort at that time. "Because the price of everything has increased, trouble has spread, and the common people are stuck in it," this statement is from that time. He acknowledged from the Red Fort that inflation has increased everywhere. Now, after 10 years of this statement, after 10 years of Nehru ji's statement, let me present another quote before you. I'm repeating the quote. "You are still facing some difficulties, problems, because of inflation. There is some helplessness; the situation is not completely under control, although it will be under control soon". Even after 10 years, the same song of inflation was sung, and who said this again? It was Nehru ji who said it during his tenure as the Prime Minister of the country. He had been

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the Prime Minister for 12 years by then, but inflation was not coming under control. "You are facing difficulties because of inflation", this was the song they kept singing.

Now I am reading another part of the speech. "When the country progresses, to some extent prices also rise, we also

need to see how to control the prices of essential commodities." Who said this? It was said by Indira Gandhi ji. When she had locked all the doors in the country, people were put in jail in 1974; there was 30 per cent inflation, 30 per cent!

What she said in the speech will astonish you. She said, "If there is no land, meaning if there is no land for cultivation, then grow vegetables in your pots and containers." Such advice was given by people occupying high positions. There were two songs about inflation that became super hits at that time in our country. They were sung everywhere. One was 'Mehngai Mar Gayee' and the other was 'Mehngai Dayain Khaye Jaat Hai'. And both of these songs came during the Congress regime.

During the UPA's tenure, inflation was in double digits, this cannot be denied. And the UPA government's argument was ... insensitive! It was said that if you can afford to eat expensive ice cream, then why are you crying about inflation? This was said; whenever Congress

came to power, it only strengthened inflation.

Our government has consistently kept inflation under control. Despite the two wars and the biggest crisis (in the form of Corona) in 100 years, we have managed to control inflation, and we have succeeded.

A lot of anger was expressed here. As much as possible, the anger was expressed in strong words. I understand their pain. I understand their frustration and anger because the arrow has hit the target. Agencies are taking action on corruption. There is so much anger regarding that, and certain words are being used.

### **10 years ago the house was dedicated to discussed on scams**

What used to be discussed in our Parliament 10 years ago? The entire time in the House was dedicated to discussions on scams. The debate used to be on corruption. There was a constant demand for action. The House kept demanding action, action and action. That era was a stain on the country. The news related to corruption was everywhere, and it used to be every day. And today, when action is being taken against corrupt individuals, people create a ruckus in their support.

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During their time, agencies were only used for political purposes. They were not allowed to do any other work. Now, look at what happened during their regime. Under the PMLA Act, we have registered more than double the number of cases compared to before. During the Congress era, the Enforcement Directorate seized assets worth 5,000 crore rupees. During our tenure, the ED has seized assets worth 1 lakh crores rupees. This loot of the country's wealth has to be returned. When so many assets are seized, stacks of currency notes are seized ... Adhir Babu comes from Bengal, he has seen the stack of currency notes. From whose houses these seizures were made, from which states the assets were seized? The country is shocked to see these stacks of currency notes. But now you cannot fool the people, the people are watching. There was

a talk of corruption worth 10-15 lakh crore rupees during the UPA government.

We have exposed scams worth lakhs of crores, and we have put all that money to work for the poor, for the welfare of the poor. Now, it has become very difficult for middlemen to loot the poor. We have recognised the power of the Direct Benefit Transfer, Jan Dhan accounts, Aadhaar, and Mobile. We have directly transferred more than 30 lakh crore rupees into people's accounts. And a Prime Minister of the Congress had said that if one rupee is sent from the Centre, only 15 paise reach the beneficiaries. If I calculate according to that statement, then the 30 lakh crore rupees that we have sent ... if that era had prevailed, how much money would have been embezzled, calculate that. Only 15 per cent of this amount would have reached the people. Where would the rest of the money have gone?

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We have removed 10 crore fake names. Now people ask why the numbers have decreased. You had created such a system under your administration that even if a daughter was not born, she would receive a widow's pension from your office. And the trouble that exists now, it is because of these things. Their daily income has stopped.

We have saved nearly 3 lakh crore rupees from falling into the wrong hands by removing these fake names, by preventing them from going into the wrong hands. We have devoted our lives to saving every penny of the country's taxpayers and investing it in the right work.

All political parties need to think and should be concerned about those in society. It's unfortunate for the country that in the past, if someone stole or copied in the classroom, they wouldn't show their face to anyone for at least 10 days. Today, those who have been accused of corruption and who have served time in jail and are now out on parole, are being glorified in public life. Where do you want to

take this country? Those who have been punished ... I understand that you can have doubts about the allegations against them, but for those who have been proven guilty, who have served or are serving their sentences, you glorify them. What culture is this and what inspiration do you want to give to the future generations of this country? What kind of compulsion is leading you to do this? Those people are being glorified and touted as great people. Where the rule of the Constitution prevails, where there is democracy, such things cannot go on for long. These people should keep that in mind. Those who are glorifying such people are signing their own end with their own hands.

### **Fight against corruption will continue**

Investigation is the job of the agencies. Agencies are independent, and the Constitution has kept them independent. The job of judging is that of the judges, and they are doing their job. And Mr Speaker Sir, I want to reiterate in this august House once again, no matter how much oppression is inflicted upon me, the fight against corruption will continue. Those who have looted the country will have to return the money. I promise

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this to the nation from this august House. Make allegations against whosoever you want, but the country will not be allowed to be looted, and those who have looted will have to return what they have taken.

The country is realizing the importance of security and peace. Compared to the last decade, today the nation is truly fortified in the realm of security. Terrorism and Naxalism have been largely contained. In fact, Bharat's policy of zero tolerance towards terrorism is now compelling the entire world to follow suit. The prowess of Bharat's armed forces, from the borders to the seas, is evident today. We should take pride in our army's valour. No matter how hard some politicians try to undermine their morale, I have faith in my armed forces. I have seen their capabilities. Some politicians may speak lightly of the armed forces, but I believe my country's armed forces

will not be demoralized. Those who dream of dividing the country, using language that aims to break the morale of our soldiers ... The country will never accept such attempts. What satisfaction do you find in breaking the country into pieces? You have already broken the nation into so many fragments, and yet you want to continue doing so. How long will you keep breaking it?

If there used to be discussions about Kashmir in this very House, there used to be concern, there would be accusations and counter-accusations. Today, there is talk of unprecedented development in Jammu and Kashmir, and it is being celebrated with pride. Tourism is continuously increasing. When there is a G20 summit held there, the entire world now praises it. Article 370 was kept alive, creating chaos. The way the people of Kashmir have embraced the abrogation of Article 370 ... who had created this problem? Who had thrust this problem to the nation? Who had created such a rift within the Indian Constitution?

**I want your cooperation to make the lives of 140 crore citizens prosperous and happy. But if you cannot support me directly, and if your hands are tied to just throwing stones, then write it down, I will use every stone of yours to strengthen the foundation of a 'Viksit Bharat'**

If we mention Nehru ji's name, they feel bad, but the problems Kashmir had to endure, the root of it was his thinking, and the consequence of it had to be borne by this country. The people of Jammu and Kashmir, the people of this country have had to pay a

very big price for Nehru ji's mistakes.

They may have made mistakes, but our efforts to rectify those mistakes will continue even after enduring hardships. We are not going to stop. We are people who have set out to work for the country. For us, the nation comes first.

### **There is nothing greater than the country**

I would like to appeal to all the leaders of political parties, all Hon'ble members, that a significant opportunity has come for Bharat. In the global context, a great opportunity has arisen for Bharat, an opportunity to move forward with new self-confidence. Politics has its place, allegations and counter-allegations have their place, but there

is nothing greater than the country. Therefore, let's come together, shoulder to shoulder, and move forward for the development of the nation. While politics has its role, there is no hindrance to progressing in nation-building even while being in politics. Do not abandon this path. I am seeking your support, seeking your support for the well-being of Mother India. I am seeking your support to harness the opportunities that are in the world. I want your cooperation to make the lives of 140 crore citizens prosperous and happy. But if you cannot support me directly, and if your hands are tied to just throwing stones, then write it down, I will use every stone of yours to strengthen the foundation of a 'Viksit Bharat'. I will put in every effort to strengthen the foundation of the dreams of 'Viksit Bharat' that we are carrying forward, and we will lead the country towards prosperity. Throw as many stones as you want, I will use every stone of yours in the work of developing the dreams of Bharat, prosperous Bharat, and 'Viksit Bharat'. I assure you this too.

I understand the difficulties of my (opposition) friends. But whatever they say, I don't get upset, nor should I. Because I know they are entitled to speak, while we are the ones who work. And it's only natural for workers to listen to those who only speak. So let them say whatever they want, they have the inherent right to speak, and we workers have to listen. We will continue to listen and strive to lead the country forward.

You've given me the opportunity to reply to the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address in this august House. With gratitude towards the Motion of Thanks for supporting the Hon'ble President's Address, I now conclude my speech.



## Rajya Sabha

### **'Rashtrapati Ji's address emphasises India's burgeoning confidence, promising future, and immense potential of its people'**

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi replied to the Motion of Thanks on the President's address to Parliament in Rajya Sabha on 07 February, 2024. Addressing the Rajya Sabha Shri Narendra Modi said, "Rashtrapati Ji's address emphasized India's burgeoning confidence, promising future and the immense potential of its people". He said, "India has come out of the days of 'Fragile Five' and Policy Paralysis to the days of being among the top 5 economies. Last 10 years will be known for the historic decisions of the government and Modi 3.0 will leave no stone unturned to strengthen the foundations of Viksit Bharat". Shri Modi said, "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas" is not a slogan. It is Modi's guarantee". Following is the full text of PM Shri Narendra Modi's reply to the Rajya Sabha:

**H**on'ble Mr Chairman Sir, I am here to participate in the discussion of the Hon'ble President's Address. I extend my heartfelt thanks and congratulations to the Hon'ble President for her address.

This 75th Republic Day is in itself a significant milestone. The address by the Hon'ble President at this crucial stage of the journey of the Constitution holds historical importance. In her address, she has spoken about Bharat's self-confidence, expressed confidence in Bharat's bright future, and presented the potential of millions of Indians to the nation through the Parliament in a very concise but magnificent manner. I express heartfelt gratitude for this inspiring address by the Hon'ble President and for providing direction to the nation, and for empowering Bharat's resolution towards 'Viksit Bharat'.

During the discussion, many Hon'ble members expressed their views and made efforts in their own ways to enrich the discussion. I express heartfelt gratitude and congratulations to all the esteemed colleagues who made efforts to enrich this discussion. Criticism by some colleagues, speaking harsh words, was their compulsion, and I also express my sympathies towards them.

### **You cannot suppress my voice**

I couldn't say it that day, but I express special thanks to (Mallikarjun) Kharge ji. I was listening very attentively to Kharge ji, and I was thrilled ... It's very rare. Sometimes you get this thrill in the Lok Sabha, but nowadays he is busy somewhere else, so there's not much entertainment. But the lack of entertainment we were feeling in the Lok Sabha, you compensated for it that day. And I was pleased that Hon'ble Kharge ji spoke for quite a long time and in a very calm manner. He also took a very long time. I was

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wondering how he got the freedom to speak so much. I was thinking about this, but later I noticed that the two special 'commanders' weren't present that day. They are not present nowadays. And therefore, Hon'ble Kharge ji took great advantage of freedom. And I think Kharge ji must have heard a film song that day, 'Aisa Mauka Phir Kahan Milega' (where else will you get such an opportunity). Now that Kharge ji is no longer an umpire and a commando, so he was enjoying hitting boundaries and sixes. But one thing was very pleasing. I respectfully accept the blessing that he gave to the NDA for 400 seats. Now if you want to take the blessing back, you can, because we have returned (to power).

I vividly remember an incident from last year. We were sitting in that House (Lok Sabha) and there was a concerted effort to drown out the voice of the Prime Minister of the country. With great patience and humility, we listened to each and every one of your words. And even today, you have come prepared not to listen, but you cannot suppress my voice. The people of the country have empowered this

voice. The voice is emanating from the blessings of the people of the country, and that's why this time I have also come fully prepared just like last time. I thought that perhaps someone like you who came to the House will abide by the norms, but you meted out great injustice to me for an hour and a half or so. And despite that I did not transgress any boundaries during my reply.

I have also made a prayer. One can pray, and I keep praying. The challenge that has come to you from West Bengal (Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee) that the Congress won't be able to cross 40 (seats in this year's elections), I pray that you manage to save 40.

You (Kharge ji) said a lot about us and we heard. You have the right to speak in a democracy, and it is our responsibility to listen to you.

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And whatever discussions that have taken place today, I should present them in front of the country, and therefore, I will make a genuine effort.

When I heard this, heard it there (Lok Sabha) and here (Rajya Sabha) too, my belief

has firmed up that the (Congress) party has become outdated not just in its thinking but in its functioning as well. And when the thought process becomes outdated, they (Congress members) have also outsourced their work. In no time, such a big party, a party that ruled the country for decades, is facing such a downfall, such a decline. We are not happy, we have sympathies towards you. But what will a doctor do, when the patient himself doesn't know (what he is suffering from). What more should I say?

It's true that today they (Congress members) talk a lot, but they have lost the patience to listen. However, I will definitely present my views in front of the country. The Congress party, which had openly strangled democracy in its greed for power, the Congress which had repeatedly dismissed democratically elected governments dozens of times overnight, the Congress which had (imprisoned several leaders behind bars) in complete disdain of democracy, the Congress which even tried to lock newspapers, has now developed a new hobby of building narratives to break the country. Not satisfied with that, now statements are being made to divide north-south? And

this Congress is giving us lectures on democracy and federalism?

### **Congress left no stone unturned in dividing the country**

The Congress party, which left no stone unturned in dividing the country in the name of caste and language, the Congress, which allowed terrorism and separatism to flourish for its own benefit, the Congress, which pushed the North-East into violence, separatism, and backwardness, the Congress party, which left the country facing a huge challenge of Naxalism during its rule, the Congress, which handed over large swathes of the country's land to enemies, the Congress, which prevented the modernization of the country's armed forces, is today lecturing us on national security and internal security? The Congress party, which has been confused since independence itself, spent its time in the same confusion whether industrialisation or farming is necessary, unable to decide whether to nationalize or privatize, remained confused. The Congress, which in its 10 years of rule brought the economy from 12th to 11th position, from 12th to 11th position in 10 years! And it doesn't take much effort to go from 12th to 11th as you progress. Through our efforts, we brought it to the 5th position in 10 years. And the Congress is giving us long lectures on economic policies here?"

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The Congress party, which has no guarantee of its own leader,

no guarantee of its policies, they are questioning Modi's guarantee?

There was a complaint here, and they wonder why we say such things, why we see such things. Why did the country and the world perceive their 10-year tenure in such a way, why did the country become angry, why did so much anger develop in the country? Hon'ble Mr Chairman Sir, not everything has happened because of our words, the consequences of one's actions are now evident. They don't happen in another lifetime, they happen in this very life.

We do not speak ill of anyone, why should we? When people have said so much to them, what need is there for me to say anything to them? I want to present a kind of statement before the House. I am reading the first quote – Members know, this is a quotation. Members

**Look at the 10-year history of the Congress. The country was called a Fragile Five Economy in the world then. It was not me, but the world was calling it Fragile Five**

know it. "Our growth has slowed down and fiscal deficit has increased, inflation has been rising continuously for the past 2 years. The current account deficit has exceeded our expectations." I have read this quote. This is not a quote from any BJP leader, neither

this quote is mine.

The then Prime Minister Shri Manmohan Singh ji during his 10-year tenure in the UPA government said this. He described this situation.

Now I read the second quote. "There is widespread anger in the country over the misuse of public office". How the institutions were misused then. I did not misuse the institutions at that time. This was said by the then Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh ji. At that time, the whole country was protesting on the streets due to corruption, protests were going on in every corner. Now I will read the third quote - There are some lines of an amendment, listen to this too. "There is corruption in tax collection, and therefore, GST should be introduced. There is leakage in the ration scheme, which affects the poorest of the poor in the country the most. Measures need to be taken to stop this. There is doubt about the government contracts being given." This was also said by the then Prime Minister Respected Manmohan Singh ji. And before him, another Prime Minister (of the Congress

party) said that one rupee goes from Delhi, only 15 paise reaches (the beneficiaries). The problem was known to them, but there was no preparation to fix it. And today big statements are being made by them. Look at the 10-year history of the Congress. The country was called a Fragile Five Economy in the world then. It was not me, but the world was calling it Fragile Five. Policy paralysis had become their identity. And our 10 years will be remembered for being in the Top Five Economy. Our 10 years will be remembered for big and decisive decisions. We have worked very hard to bring the country out of crises. This country is not blessing us for nothing.

### **Who was inspired by the British?**

The British were eulogised in this House. The kings and maharajas had a close relationship with the British at that time. So now, I want to ask, who was inspired by the British? I won't ask who gave birth to the Congress party; I won't ask that. Even after independence, who promoted the mentality of slavery in the country? If you were not influenced by the British, then why didn't you change the Penal Code put together by the British?

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If you were not influenced by the British, then why did you continue with hundreds of laws from the British era? If you were not influenced by the British, then why did the culture of red beacons continue for decades? If you were not influenced by the British, then why did Bharat's budget come at 5 o'clock in the evening, because the British Parliament started in the morning? Why did you maintain the tradition of presenting the budget at 5 o'clock in the evening, which was convenient for the British Parliament? Who was inspired by the British? If you were not inspired by the British, then why were symbols of slavery still present on our military insignia? We are removing them one by one. If you were not inspired by the British, then why did the country have to wait for Modi to transform Rajpath into the Kartavya Path? If you were not influenced by the British, then

why were symbols of British rule still present in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands?

If you were not influenced by the British, then why couldn't you even build a War Memorial for the soldiers who sacrifice their lives for the country? Why was it not constructed? If you were not inspired by the British, why did you look down upon Indian languages? Why were you indifferent towards education in local languages?

If you were not inspired by the British, then who stopped you from calling Bharat the Mother of Democracy? Why didn't you realize? Hon'ble Mr Chairman Sir, I can provide hundreds of examples to show under whose influence you (the Congress) worked. And today the country is going to remember all these things after listening to it.

## Vocal for Local

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I want to give another example. The Congress spread narratives, and the result of that narrative was that people who respected Bharat's culture and values began to be seen with great disdain, considered backward. And in this way,

injustice towards our past has occurred. If you insult your beliefs, if you insult your good traditions, then you are considered progressive. Such narratives began to be built in the country. And the world knows well under whose leadership such narratives were spread. The glorification of importing from other countries and considering second class anything that was Indian... This status symbol was created. The products made in foreign countries were considered as a status symbol. These people still refrain from speaking up for Vocal for Local where the work for the welfare of the poor of my country happens. Today, they don't talk about 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' (self-reliant India). When someone advocates for Make in India today, they get uncomfortable. The country has seen all this and now understands, and you are also suffering the consequences of that.

In her speech, the Hon'ble President addressed in detail about

four major categories: youth, women, the poor, and our farmers. We know that their issues are mostly similar, their dreams are also similar, and if we want to find solutions, there might be a slight difference, but the path to solutions for these four categories is the same. Therefore, she has aptly guided the nation to strengthen these four pillars so that the country will move forward to become 'Viksit Bharat' at a rapid pace.

### **Mindset of the 20th century cannot prevail**

If we are in the 21st century and want to fulfil the dreams of 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047 in this century, then the mindset of the 20th century cannot prevail. The selfish agenda of the 20th century, the game of "me and mine," cannot make Bharat prosperous and developed in the 21st century. These days, the Congress is discussing a lot about caste once again. I don't know why they felt the need for it. However, if they feel the need, they should first introspect and they will know what they have done. The Congress has always been the biggest opponent of Dalits, backward classes, and tribal communities. And sometimes I wonder if there would have been reservation for SC/ST if Babasaheb Ambedkar had not been there. This question also comes up in my mind.

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I have evidence behind what I'm saying. Their mindset has not changed since then; I have evidence of that. I'm not here just to speak without evidence. And when such issues have been raised from there (the Congress), they should be prepared. And they have known me very well for the last 10 years. Of late, I remember (Jawaharlal) Nehru ji more often these days because our friends (in the Congress) expect me to speak about him (Nehru ji). Now, let me read out a letter written by Nehru ji. This letter was written by the country's Prime Minister Pandit Nehru to the chief ministers of the country at that time. It's on record. I'm reading the translation: "I do not like any kinds of reservations, especially reservations in jobs. I am against any step that promotes inefficiency and that

leads towards the second class." This is the letter written by Pandit Nehru ji to the chief ministers. And therefore, I say they are always opposed to reservations. Nehru ji used to say, if SC, ST and OBC communities get reservation in jobs, the standard of government work will deteriorate. And today, those who rattle the figures, the root of those is here. Because at that time, they stopped it (reservation), they said don't recruit. If their (SC, ST and OBC communities) recruitment had happened in the government at that time, and they had been promoted, they would have reached here today.

### **Congress deprived the rights of SC, ST, OBC in J&K**

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I'm reading this quote, you can verify. I'm reading a quote by Pandit Nehru. You know, what Nehru ji said is always a milestone for the Congress. Nehru ji's saying means a milestone for them. You can pretend to say anything, but your thoughts are evident from

many examples. I can give you countless examples, but I want to give one example for sure, and I want to give the example of Jammu and Kashmir. The Congress kept the SC, ST, OBC communities of Jammu and Kashmir deprived of their rights for seven decades. Article 370 ... I am not talking about how many seats we will win now. Article 370 was abolished, and only then, after so many decades, did SC, ST, OBC communities get the rights that the people of the country had been getting for years. The Forest Rights Act was not available to them in Jammu and Kashmir. The Prevention of Atrocities Act was not there in Jammu and Kashmir; we gave them these rights by removing Article 370. Even in our SC community, if anyone was left behind, it was our Valmiki society. Even after seven decades, our Valmiki families in Jammu and Kashmir, who were serving the people, were not given the right to domicile. And today I also want to make the country aware that the Bill for OBC reservation in Local Self-Governments in local bodies was passed in the Lok Sabha yesterday, on February 6th.

The increasing participation of the SC, ST and OBC communities

has always been a major concern for the Congress and its allies. They left no stone unturned to eliminate Baba Saheb's politics and thoughts. The statements are available; what was said during the elections is also available. They weren't even prepared to give Bharat Ratna to him. He was awarded the Bharat Ratna only with the support of the BJP and when the (V.P.Singh) government was formed. Not only that, Sitaram Kesri, belonging to the extremely backward caste and who was the president of the Congress party, was thrown out on the footpath. (Because he was) OBC! The video is available; the country saw what happened with Sitaram Kesri.

One of their influential figures is sitting in America, who became famous for 'Hua to Hua' comment during the last elections. And the Congress is closely associated with this family. He has recently made significant efforts to diminish the contributions of the architect of the Constitution, Baba Saheb Ambedkar.

### **We have always prioritized Dalits and Adivasis**

For the first time in the country, the NDA proposed an Adivasi daughter as a candidate for the post of President. One can understand if you had ideological opposition to us. I could have understood if you had put forth your own candidate if you had ideological opposition with us. But there was no ideological opposition. Why? Because the person you selected as a candidate (Yashwant Sinha) came from our ranks. Therefore, there was no ideological opposition; your opposition was for an Adivasi daughter. That's why when (P. A.) Sangma ji was contesting the election for the post of President, he was also an Adivasi from the Northeast. He was also meted the same treatment. And to this day, incidents of disrespect towards the Hon'ble President are not uncommon. It happened for the first time in this country. Such words have been spoken by responsible people (from the Congress) that would make one bow their head in shame. The language used for the President ... The unease felt in the heart always finds a way to manifest itself.

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We have had the opportunity to work for 10 years in the NDA. We first made Dalit (Ram Nath Kovind) and now Adivasi (Droupadi Murmu) as President. We have always prioritized Dalits and Adivasis.

When I talk about the performance of our government, I talk about the policies of the NDA that focus on the welfare of the poor. If you understand that society up close, who are the beneficiaries ultimately, who are these people? Who are these people living in slums, struggling for life? Which society do they belong to? They have to endure hardships, they have been deprived of facilities, which society is it? Whatever work we have done, it is for this society - the SCs, STs, OBCs, Adivasis. Providing proper homes to those living in slums has benefited my friends from this society. Previously, they struggled with diseases due to lack of cleanliness, now they have benefited from the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan under our initiatives, so that they can have a better life. Our mothers and sisters in these families were enduring health crises by cooking food over smoke, we gave them Ujjwala gas connections and they are from these

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very families. Whether it is free ration, or free healthcare, the beneficiaries are these very families. All our schemes are meant for these family members from this section of society.

The narrative being presented here, denying facts in this manner, who will benefit from it? By doing so, you are not only losing your credibility but also your integrity.

Here, misleading statistics related to education have also been presented. What kind of effort is being made to mislead? Over the past 10 years, the scholarships provided to SC and ST students have increased. In these 10 years, the enrolment numbers in schools and higher education have also significantly increased, and the dropout rate has decreased rapidly.

Ten years ago, there were 120 Eklavya Model Schools. Today there are 400 Eklavya Model Schools. Why do you deny these facts? Why do you do this? I don't understand this.

Earlier, there was one Central Tribal University, today there are two Central Tribal Universities. It is also true that for a long time, Dalit, backward, and tribal sons and daughters could not even see the doors of colleges. I remember when I became the Chief Minister in Gujarat, I was presented with a surprising analysis. Umargam to Ambaji is an entire belt of tribal majority areas in Gujarat. Our Digvijay Singh's son-in-law is also from that area. In that entire area, there was not a single school offering science stream. When I went there, I thought if there is no school for my tribal children in that area offering the science stream, then where would the question of engineering or medical studies arise? Such basic necessities... and what speeches are being given here?

I want to inform the House and the members should take pride in it. You are sitting in the House, where a government is talking to you about such changes where there has been a significant transformation. Boost the confidence of that society, boost their morale. Let them progress rapidly into the mainstream of the country, let us strive for that, make collective efforts. Look at the enrolment of our tribal, SC, ST students;

I want to present some figures. The enrolment of SC students in higher education has increased by 44%. The enrolment of ST students in higher education has increased by 65%. There has been a 45% increase in the enrolment of OBC students in higher education. And when

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the children of my poor, Dalit, backward, tribal, marginalized families go into higher education, become doctors and engineers, it will create a new environment within that society. Our effort is in that direction... Our effort is to solve the fundamental problems, even though it may take some time, but it should be done in a formidable manner. Therefore, we have put emphasis on education in this manner. If there is a lack of information, please let us know, we will provide you with the information. But do not create such narratives that diminish your dignity, weaken the power of your words. Sometimes, I feel

sorry for you.

### 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas'!

'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas'! This is not just a slogan; it is Modi's guarantee. And when so much work is being done... Someone sent me a poem. The poem is quite long, but it contains a line:

मोदी की गारंटी का दौर है,

नए भारत की भोर

*Out of warranty* चल रही दुकानें,

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खोजें अपनी शेर

(It's the era of Modi's guarantee,  
The dawn of New Bharat,  
Shops are running out of warranty,  
Shops are running out of warranty,  
Search for your strength.)

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However, their capability to spread despair is also dwindling. They cannot generate hope. Those immersed in despair themselves cannot offer hope. Those who are spreading despair everywhere across the country, playing this game of spreading despair while

denying the truth, will never be able to do any good to themselves or the country.

Every time the same song is sung. Statements are made without considering the facts just only to provoke certain sections of society. I want to present some realities before the country, and I believe the media should debate on such issues so that the truth can be revealed.

Here, various allegations were made against us regarding the government companies. What kinds of allegations are being made? There is no basis to such allegations. Now, let's remember the game

that was played with Maruti shares. It used to hog headlines during that time. What was happening with Maruti shares? I don't want to delve into the depths of it, or else they might drown in it and there might be a short circuit here. So, I don't want to delve deep into it. It is necessary for the country to know the truth!

I was born in independent Bharat. My thoughts are also independent, and my dreams are free too. Those who live with a slave mentality have nothing else but old papers to cling to.

The Congress said that we sold PSUs, we ruined PSUs, such kinds of discussions take place here, and I was hearing it from senior people. Remember who destroyed BSNL, MTNL? Which era was it when BSNL, MTNL were ruined? Recall the plight of HAL, how was it destroyed? And then they

set the agenda for the 2019 elections by giving speeches at HAL's gate. Those who destroyed HAL were giving speeches at HAL's gate. Who destroyed Air India? Who brought Air India to such a mess? The Congress party and the UPA cannot turn away

from its destruction. The country knows it well. Now, let me share some achievements from our tenure.

BSNL, which was struggling in the past due to you, has made significant progress in recent years. Today BSNL is moving towards Made in India 4G and 5G and is drawing the attention of the world.

There were so many myths spread about HAL. Today there is record manufacturing by HAL. HAL is generating record revenue. So many allegations were levelled against HAL and today HAL has become Asia's largest helicopter manufacturing company in Karnataka. Where did you leave it and where we have taken it to?

A commando, who is not here, would also give highly knowledgeable statements about LIC. This is what has happened to LIC, etc. etc. As much wrong things could be said about LIC, they said. And the method is the same to destroy something – spread rumours, spread lies, spread confusion. The same technique is used when someone desires a big mansion in the village but can't

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acquire it; then they spread rumours that it's a haunted house. They create such an atmosphere that no one is willing to buy it. When no one shows interest, they eventually grab it. What was done with LIC? I want to say this with pride, with my head held high. Today, LIC shares are trading at record levels. Why is that?

Now the propaganda is being spread that PSUs have been shut down, PSUs have been shut down. Now they probably don't even know what the truth is. Somebody just instigated them. In 2014, there were 234 PSUs in the country, in the 10-year era of the UPA. When they were voted out in 2014, this figure was 234. Today there are 254 PSUs. Now, which arithmetic do they know? They say we have sold out PSUs. If we have sold out PSUs, then how come there are 254 PSUs now? What are you all doing?

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Today, most PSUs are providing record returns, and investors' confidence in PSUs is increasing. Even those who know a little about the stock

market understand this. If you don't understand, ask someone. During the past year, there has been nearly a two-fold jump in the BSE PSU Index.

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Wherever they intervene, it is destined to sink. They had created such a state of affairs. We have worked hard and brought the PSUs out of that situation. You should be happy, do not spread illusions and do not spread such rumours in the market that confuse the ordinary investors of the country. You cannot do such a thing.

Their limit is such that now they have turned their prince into a

start-up. Right now, he is a non-starter. He is neither taking off nor launching. If you (the Congress members) had stayed this calm last time as well, it would have been so much fun. Congratulations! Congratulations! Congratulations! Congratulations to everyone!

It has been my privilege to serve the country and the people as the Chief Minister of a state for a long time. Therefore, I understand regional aspirations very well because I emerged from that process myself. Leaders like Digvijay ji, who is sitting here, naturally understands what it means for a state because we come from the same world. We have the experience, we know. Sharad Pawar ji knows, and people like Deve Gowda Sahab understand all these things. So, we understand the importance of it. We don't have to read about it in books; we have experienced it firsthand. And this is also the truth for everyone. For about ten years, the entire machinery

of the UPA government was focused on doing something or the other for Gujarat. You can't imagine. But I don't shed tears; it's not my habit to cry. But even then, despite facing numerous crises, despite enduring all kinds of atrocities, my problem was such that I

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couldn't even get an appointment with a minister here. They would say, "Brother, you know, I'm friends with you, I'll talk to you on the phone, but if there is a photograph of us (in any newspaper)..." They were so scared. Ministers were scared here. Well, anyway, I can understand their difficulties now. Once, a major natural disaster struck in my state. I made so many requests to the Prime Minister to come and see it for himself. His schedule was arranged. There was an advisory committee then, maybe the order came from there that someone should conduct an aerial inspection by helicopter. I could understand that. Suddenly, he changed the program and went to some other state in the south. I don't remember which one today. I was told "We will see from the airplane, we will not come to Gujarat." I was in Surat, he was about to come. I know what must have happened in the end. So, you can imagine, I have faced such difficulties even during natural disasters. But despite that, my mantra

then and even today is that the development of the state is crucial for the development of the country. The development of Gujarat is essential for the development of Bharat. And we all should follow this path. We will only be able to achieve the nation's development through the development of states. There can be no dispute about this, no dispute at all. And I assure you, that if a state takes one step, I am ready to take two steps forward. What is cooperative federalism? And I have always advocated about Competitive Cooperative federalism. Today, the country needs Competitive Cooperative federalism. There should be healthy competition among our states so that our country can progress rapidly. We need to move forward with a positive mindset. And even when I was in the state, I worked with these same principles. That's why I silently endured.

COVID is an example. It was the world's biggest crisis. During such

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a crisis, we held 20 meetings with the Chief Ministers of the states. We discussed every aspect, took everyone along, formed a team, and both the Centre and the states worked together. The world which could not tackle the crisis ... Together, we did everything possible to save this country. I will never credit just one person... Together, we did everything possible to save this country. States also have

the full right to take credit for it. And we worked in this spirit.

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each state exposure on the world stage. This was not a mistake; it was planned. For me, it's not about whose government it is. I don't run the country based on that. We all want to move the country forward together, and that's the role we've played.

When foreign leaders used to come to our country ... It is not that they are coming here after I became Prime Minister. They used to come earlier. And if foreign leaders come today, then I urge them to visit a state at least for a day. I take them to the states so that they understand that my country is not just Delhi. My country is also in Chennai. My country is also in Bengaluru. My country is also in Hyderabad. My country is also in Puri, Bhubaneswar. My country is also in Kolkata. My country is also in Guwahati. We are making efforts to ensure that the entire world gets the exposure of every corner of my country. We do not judge the support or opposition of the state government on this scale. With honesty and for the future of this country, we try to make the whole world aware of Bharat. Even after such a big event (Republic Day) on January 26, everyone knows, yet on the 25th, I was roaming the streets of Rajasthan with the President of France, letting the world know about Rajasthan.

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We have undertaken a very major program that is being discussed globally as a model - aspirational districts. The success of aspirational districts is largely attributed to the support of my states, accounting for 80 per cent. The support provided by the states indicates their understanding of my vision for aspirational districts. Today, I am receiving 80 per cent support from the states to further advance the aspirational districts program. I am getting the support from the district-level officers. And states that were lagging

behind the national average are now competing with it, districts that were once considered backward are now competing with the national average. All of this is possible with cooperation. Therefore, the structure of our programs is to move forward together and work together to build the future of the country. Today, every corner of the country, every family should reap the benefits of development; this is our collective responsibility, and we want to move in that direction. We also want to ensure that every state receives its due share. However, today I want to express my anguish on an important issue.

### **A nation is not just a piece of land for us**

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Just as a body has various limbs and organs, if a thorn pricks the foot, the foot doesn't say, "Why me?" The hand doesn't think "Why should I bother, the thorn has pricked the foot. The foot will do its job." In a moment, the hand reaches the foot and removes the thorn. When a thorn pricks the foot, the eye doesn't say, "Why should I cry?" Tears flow

from the eye. If there is pain in any corner of Bharat, everyone should feel the pain. If one part of the body is not functioning well, the entire body is considered disabled. Just as a body, if any part of the country, any region of the country, remains deprived of development, the nation cannot progress. Therefore, we should view Bharat as an integrated unit. We should not see it in fragments. The way language is being spoken these days, new narratives are being created to divide the country for political selfishness. An entire government has hit the streets and is engaging in divisive language. What could be a bigger misfortune for the country, you tell me?

If a tribal child from Jharkhand goes to the Olympics and wins a medal, do we think, "This is a child of Jharkhand," or does the whole country say, "This is a child of our nation"? When we see talent in a child from Jharkhand and the country spends thousands or lakhs

of rupees to send him to another country for better coaching, then should we think that this expenditure is for Jharkhand, or is it not for the entire country? What are we doing, what language are we beginning to speak? This affects the pride of the nation. When it comes to vaccines, crores of people are given vaccines. Will we say that the vaccine was developed in that particular place, therefore it is their right, not the country's. Can we think like that? If the vaccine was developed in that city, will other parts of the country not benefit from it? Will we think like that? Is this the kind of thinking we are adopting? It is very unfortunate if such thoughts develop in a national party.

I want to ask, If the Himalayas were to start saying, "These rivers flow from here. I won't give you water. The right to water is mine," what would happen to the country? Where would the country go? If the states with coal were to say, "You won't get coal, this is our property, go spend your life in darkness," how would the country function?

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During the COVID times, when the entire country needed oxygen, the possibilities of oxygen were in the industries of the eastern region. If, at that time, the people from the east had simply said, "We cannot provide oxygen, our people need it, the country will get nothing," what would have happened to the country? Despite enduring the crisis, they ensured that oxygen reached the country. What kind of effort is being made to fragment these sentiments within the country? Speaking in such a manner about "our taxes, our money" could pose a new threat to the country's future. Let's stop searching for new narratives to divide the country. The country has to move ahead. Let's strive to move the country forward together.

Over the past 10 years, the policies and programs have been aimed at showcasing the new direction of New Bharat. The direction we have embraced, the construction work we have undertaken, our entire focus over the past decade has remained on ensuring that basic amenities are provided.

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In the next 5 years, we are making concerted efforts to reach out to the Neo Middle Class, who have emerged from poverty, and to empower them to new heights. Therefore, we are further strengthening the 'Modi Shield' of social justice and providing more support to it.

**The country knows, and that's why I have guaranteed that the facility for treatment up to 5 lakh rupees for the poor will continue to be available in the future. This is my guarantee, Modi's guarantee. The medicines available at an 80% discount, which benefit the middle class and the poor, will continue to be available**

These days, when we say that 25 crore people have emerged from poverty, a fallacious argument is presented that if 25 crore people have come out of poverty, then why are we providing food and grains to 80 crore people.

We know that even if a sick person is discharged from the hospital, the doctor advises him to take certain precautions, to be careful with their diet, to rest, and to avoid certain activities, so that he does not end up in trouble again. Similarly, those who have emerged from poverty need to be taken care of more so that they don't slip back into poverty again if any crisis befalls them. That's why they need to be strengthened. At this time, we have made the poor stronger so that the Neo Middle Class does not fall back into that hell again. We provide Ayushman Bharat health insurance of 5 lakh rupees, and this has a purpose behind it. If an illness strikes a middle-class person's family, it doesn't take long for them to become poor. That's why it's as important to come out of poverty as it is to ensure that one doesn't accidentally slip back into poverty. That's why we provide grains, and we will continue to provide them. Whether someone likes it or not, 25 crore people have come out of poverty. They have become part of the Neo Middle

Class. But I understand, I have lived in that world. They need it more, and that's why our scheme will continue.

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This is Modi's guarantee that the Samman Nidhi being provided to farmers will continue, so that they can actively participate in the journey of development with strength.

My campaign is to provide permanent homes to the poor. If a family grows, a new family is formed, my program to provide permanent homes will continue. The piped water scheme, it's my firm commitment, and my guarantee is that we will continue to provide water through pipelines. If there is a need to build new toilets, then I guarantee that we will continue to do so. These works will progress rapidly because we do not want to slow down the path of development, the direction of development that we have taken, under any circumstances.

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The third term of our government is not far away. Some people call it Modi 3.0. Modi 3.0 will exert full force to strengthen the foundation of a 'Viksit Bharat'.

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### **Every eligible beneficiary will receive a PM Awas**

In the coming five years, every eligible beneficiary will receive a PM Awas (housing) unit, ensuring that no one is left behind. Additionally, over the next five years, solar power will be utilized to

bring down electricity bills to zero for millions of citizens. Through proper planning, individuals will have the opportunity to generate income by producing electricity at home and selling it. This is part of our program for the next five years.

Over the next five years, there will be a concerted effort to establish a comprehensive network for piped gas connections throughout the country.

In the coming five years, the world will witness the power of our youth. You will see our start-ups and the unicorns by the youth will number in the millions. And not only that, Tier 2, Tier 3 cities are going to emerge with a new identity through these new start-ups. This is the vision of the next five years that I can see.

You will see the impact of reserve funding on its growth. In the next five years, I foresee when the number of patents will break previous records, surpassing the patents filed in the past seven decades.

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Today, lakhs of middle-class children from my country go abroad for their education. I want to create a situation where my children can save lakhs of rupees. Dreams of the middle class in my country

should come true. The best universities should be in my country. The highest education should be available to them in my country, and that's why I'm saying this so that my children and their families can save money.

In the coming five years, you will see no international sports competition where the flag of Bharat is not flying high. I foresee the recognition of the power of the youth of Bharat in the world of sports over the next five years.

In the next five years, Bharat's public transport is going to undergo a complete transformation. Over the next five years, the facilities for affordable and luxurious travel will be readily available to both the poor and the middle class. These facilities will be easily and rapidly accessible. In the coming five years, the country will witness the introduction of bullet trains, as well as the expansion of the Vande

Bharat Express trains.

In the next five years, the Atmanirbhar Bharat (self-reliant India) campaign will reach new heights. The country will be seen as self-reliant in every sector.

In the coming five years, "Made in India" semiconductor technology will resonate worldwide. Every electronic device will contain a chip where some Indian's sweat will be involved.

In the next five years, the country will witness a new momentum in the global electronics market.

### **We are progressing rapidly in the world of ethanol**

Today, our country imports billions of rupees worth of oil. In the direction of becoming more self-reliant for our energy needs, we will work tirelessly, and I believe we will succeed in reducing the dependency on energy requirements. Not only that we are moving forward to entice the world market with the Green Hydrogen campaign. Our Green Hydrogen will have the capability to fulfil energy needs. We are progressing rapidly in the world of ethanol. By achieving a 20 per cent target, we will ensure cheaper transportation for our people.

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Due to chemical farming, our Mother Earth is suffering a lot of damage. In the coming five years, we will successfully lead the farmers of our country towards natural farming. It will be a work of

awakening, ensuring the protection of our Mother Earth.

The growth of natural farming will also increase the value of our products in the global market.

Through the UN, I launched a campaign for millets. We have given recognition to it in the form of 'Shree Anna'. I can see the day not far away when in the coming five years, millets grown in the small homes of my village will gain recognition in the world market as a superfood.

Drones are going to emerge as a new tool of power for farmers in fields. We have already launched the program of "15 Thousand Drone Didi Initiative". This is just the beginning; much success lies ahead.

We have been successful in implementing nanotechnology in agriculture so far. We have achieved great success with Nano

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urea. We have succeeded in the direction of Nano DAP. And today, the day is not far when a farmer carrying a sack of fertilizer will be able to work with just a bottle of fertilizer.

We have established a new ministry in the cooperative sector. The aim behind it is to revitalize the entire cooperative

movement with new vigour and it emerges according to the needs of the 21st century. We are also undertaking the task of setting up two lakh storage facilities, which will be completed within five years. This will provide small farmers with a place to store their produce. The farmer will decide at what price to sell or not to sell his produce in the market. The fear of wastage of his produce will be eliminated, and the economic strength of the farmer will increase. I confidently say that animal husbandry and fish farming are going to set new records. Currently, we have a good number of animals here, but milk production is low. We will change this trend. I also believe that we will rapidly develop in the world of fishing exports. We have started the program of forming Farmers Producer Organizations (FPOs), and the experience has been very good. Within five years, the power of a new organization of farmers and the value in agricultural production

will definitely be available to the farmers of my country.

### **World's attention has turned towards Bharat**

The success of the G-20 has made it clear. After COVID, we have seen the openness in the world, and the biggest benefit of this openness is that the world's attention has turned towards Bharat. Therefore, a very large sector of tourism is going to flourish in the coming days, which will provide the most employment. Today, there are many countries in the world whose entire economy depends on tourism. In Bharat too, many states can become such where the largest part of the economy will be tourism. And the day is not far when Bharat will become a very big tourist destination with the policies we are pursuing.

### **Bharat will dominate in the world of the digital economy**

It was not considered much before and people used to mock us when I talked about Digital India or FinTech. It seemed absurd to people and they thought I was talking 'out of work'. However, I can confidently say that in the coming five years, Bharat will dominate in the world of the digital economy. Bharat is going to become a new force. Today, digital systems are enhancing the capabilities of Bharat. The world believes that if any country has the capability to utilize AI the most, it will be Bharat. My country will utilize the latest technology to its fullest potential.

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Our country's name is shining in the world of space. The achievements of our scientists are becoming evident. As for the program for the coming five years, I do not wish to express it in words today. I firmly believe that our scientists will lead Bharat to astonish the world in the direction of space exploration.

There is a significant change happening in the grassroots level

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economy. Our 10 crore mothers and sisters are joining the self-help groups and three crore of our 'Lakshpati Didis'! They are writing the saga of excellence of our daughters in their own right.

There are many diverse areas where I see clear progress in the coming five years where Bharat used to be unheard of in such areas. There was a golden age, and I envision the day, not far from now, when over the next five years, we will establish a strong foundation, and by the time we reach 2047, this country will relive that golden age. With this belief, 'Viksit Bharat' is not just a play of words. It is our commitment, and for this, we are dedicated. Every breath of ours is committed for that work, every moment of ours is committed for that work and our every thought is dedicated to that work. With that same sentiment, we are marching forward, will continue to march, and the country will keep advancing. I assure you of that. The centuries to come will mark this golden era in history. This belief resonates within me because I understand the mood of the people of the country very well. The nation has witnessed the experience of change in the past 10 years. The rapid pace of change seen will bring about new heights, new strengths in every aspect of life. Achieving every resolution is part of our work ethic.

All of you presented your views in this House, and I have had the opportunity to speak the truth before the nation amidst the sanctity of this House. I believe that the nation cannot listen to those whose warranty has expired. Believing in the ideas of those whose strength of guarantee has been seen, the nation will move forward.

I once again express my heartfelt gratitude to the Hon'ble Chairman Sir, and extend my respectful greetings and thanks to the Hon'ble President for her address. With this, I conclude my remarks. Thank you very much.





Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, National President, BJP

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji, while replying to the motion of thanks to the address of the Hon'ble President in the Lok Sabha, expressed the commitment of our government towards the 'Viksit Bharat Nirnam'.

The huge support and unwavering trust that 'Vikas Bharat Sankalp Yatra' and 'Modi's Guarantee' are receiving from across the country are strengthening our efforts for national upliftment.

The welfare policies of the government dedicated to empowering youth, women, farmers and the poor have filled the people with confidence. BJP and NDA will get full blessings of the public. This time, beyond 400!

5 February, 2024



Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India

The President's Address is, in a way, a document based on facts and realities, which the President has presented before the nation. And if you look at this entire document, the Hon'ble President has attempted to encapsulate the realities, which depict the pace at which the country is progressing and the scale of expansion of activities. While keeping in mind Bharat's bright future, the Hon'ble President has drawn our attention to four strong pillars. Her precise assessment is that the stronger and more developed these four pillars of the country are, the more prosperous our country will be, and it will progress rapidly.

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