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BJP National President Shri JP Nadda addressing "Parivartan Sankalp Yatra" in Sawai Madhopur, Rajasthan on 02 September, 2023



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda while launching the "Meri Maati Mera Desh" programme in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh on 02 September, 2023



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda welcoming PM Shri Narendra Modi at Palam Airport, New Delhi on 26 August, 2023 after the successful landing of Chandrayan 3 on Moon's surface



Union Home & Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah addressing "Parivartan Sankalp Yatra" in Dungarpur, Rajasthan on 03 September, 2023



Union Home & Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah launching "Jan Ashirwad Yatra" in Mandla, Madhya Pradesh on 05 September, 2023



Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh addressing a massive 'Jan Ashirwad Yatra' in Neemuch, Madhya Pradesh on 04 September, 2023

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### @Narendramodi

The inclusion of @AfricanUnion in the G20 underscores its pivotal role in global progress. We stand ready to further collaborate and boost our shared aspirations. We will keep working closely for global well-being.

(10 September, 2023)



### @JPNadda

After successfully landing on moon, India heads towards the sun! Heartiest congratulations to @isro on the successful launch of PSLV-C57/Aditya-L1, India's first space based mission to study the Sun. We are proud of our scientists and engineers, who personify excellence through their exceptional talent and determination. Under the leadership of Hon. PM Shri @narendramodiJI, our scientific community and space sector have received the necessary support to allow us to further our understanding of space. (2 September, 2023)



### @AmitShah

Expressing unanimous support for PM @narendramodi Ji's vision of 'One Earth One Family One Future,' the G20 leaders made a historic decision today (9 September) by including the African Union as a permanent member of this prestigious global organization. This decision will ensure that no one is left behind on humanity's journey toward global peace, equity, and the building of an inclusive society.

(9 September, 2023)



### @Rajnathsingh

Our Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi has also played a pivotal role in taking India's space programme to higher heights. His inspiring guidance has helped Team ISRO to strive for greater goals and achievements.

(2 September, 2023)



### @Piyush Goyal

The adoption of the #NewDelhiLeadersDeclaration at #G20India with 100% global consensus is a testament to the success of PM @NarendraModi ji's call to action for human-centric globalisation. With 112 outcomes, India's G20 Presidency is the most ambitious ever. It has successfully harmonised developmental aspirations for a sustainable future. India's G20 leadership under PM Modi has further cemented our rising stature in the world.

(9 September, 2023)



### @BSanthosh

PM Shri @narendramodi has officially passed on the ceremonial gavel to President @LulaOfficial of Brazil, passing on the leadership for the upcoming #G21 Presidency. PM has raised the bar for upcoming summits & left a lasting legacy of admitting Africa Union to G21. #G20India 9

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**SHRI NARENDRA MODI JI**

*a Very Happy  
Birthday!*  
(17th September)





## MOMENTS OF GLORY FOR EVERY INDIAN

While the Delhi G20 summit will be remembered for its theme of manifesting an all-encompassing vision, its elaborate arrangements, grandeur, and Indian hospitality along with its meaningful outcomes will be remembered for a long time to come. As the shadow of deep divisions in the bitterly polarised world loomed large over the summit, India, under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, rightly deserves the credit for forging consensus and drafting an all-acceptable New Delhi Declaration, which was adopted at the very outset of the event. It was a huge achievement acknowledged by everyone in the given situation, when the world appears divided on various contentious issues. In addition to this, the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC) and the Global Biofuel Alliance are other landmark initiatives that are going to create new horizons in the world trade, creating new opportunities while opening the doors of countless possibilities. The G20 summit and its bilateral engagements have produced the Green Development Pact, Action Plan on Sustainable Development Goals, High Level Principles on Anti-Corruption, Support for Digital Public Infrastructure, and Reform of Multilateral Development Banks, which are going to pave the way for new dimensions of bilateral and multilateral engagements. The summit will be remembered for its remarkable initiatives and path-breaking achievements.

The grand success of the G20 Summit came along with the incredible success of Chandrayaan-3 and the launch of India's first solar mission, Aditya-L1. The successful landing of Chandrayaan-3 on the south pole of the moon's surface, where no other nation has landed so far, is globally celebrated as a huge achievement for India. While the Prime Minister congratulated the ISRO scientists for their unforgettable and unprecedented achievement, he said such historical events have become part of the national consciousness. While saying that the mission is not an achievement of India alone but of the entire human race, he reiterated India's commitment to a human-centric approach to serving humanity. The success of the Chandrayaan-3 mission represents the spirit of India, which believes in constant endeavour, faith in science and technology as the harbinger of a bright future, and the aspirations of the Indian people to touch new horizons in every sector and realise the dream of 'Viksit Bharat' in the 'Amrit Kaal'. The BJP National President, Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, while congratulating the nation and ISRO scientists on the exceptionally successful mission, also emphasised the fact that out of 89 launch missions by ISRO since its establishment in 1969, 47 have been under the Modi government in the last nine years.

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The inclusion of the African Union as a permanent member of the G20 is a major achievement for which India took initiative under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, who feels that the voice of African nations and the global south should be given importance at the global level. It is to be noted that in the post-Covid world, while India has emerged successful in converting challenges into opportunities, the world is still reeling under its aftermath. In such a scenario, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has rightly laid emphasis on the resilience and reliability of the global supply chain and the need to boost multilateralism through the reform of global institutions. The G20 Summit, while highlighting the democratic ethos of India, also presented the ancient Indian culture, with a Nataraja statue gracing the Bharat Mandapam for G20 delegates in Delhi and Nalanda University's image as a backdrop at the greeting area for the President's dinner for delegates. The G20 summit, Chandrayaan-3 and Aditya L-1 are moments of glory for every Indian. ■



## G20 SUMMIT, NEW DELHI

# INDIA INVITES ENTIRE WORLD TO TRANSFORM GLOBAL TRUST DEFICIT INTO GLOBAL TRUST AND CONFIDENCE: PM MODI

The two-day G20 summit was held under the presidency of India in New Delhi on 9th and 10th September, 2023. India had taken over the presidency of the G20 in Indonesia in Bali last year. On September 9, leaders and heads of delegations arrived at the summit venue, Bharat Mandapam.

On the first day, two sessions were held under the themes of 'One Earth' and 'One Family', respectively. On the second day, the third session took place under the theme 'One Future'. In his opening remarks at the G20 Summit, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said as the President of the G-20, India invites the entire world to come together, first and foremost, transform this global trust deficit into global trust and confidence. On the sidelines of the summit, the leaders held bilateral meetings separately. Before participating in the third session, the leaders also paid a visit to Rajghat, where they laid a wreath on Mahatma Gandhi's Samadhi.

In his remarks in G20 session one, Prime Minister Shri Narendra said, "India is a land of diversity of faith, spirituality, and traditions. Many major religions in the world were born here, and every religion in the world has found respect here. As the 'Mother of Democracy,' our belief in dialogue and democratic principles has been unwavering since

time immemorial. Our global conduct is rooted in the fundamental principle of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam,' which means the world is one family." Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi proposed the G20's leadership declaration, which was agreed upon by all members. The declaration was thematically divided into eleven themes.



## INDIA HAS MADE IT PEOPLE'S G20 SUMMIT: PM MODI

**P**rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in his opening remarks at the G20 Summit said that as the President of the G-20, India invites the entire world to come together and, first and foremost, transform this global trust deficit into global trust and confidence. The text of the remarks is as follows:

Before starting the formal proceedings, on behalf of all of us, I would like to express my heartfelt condolences to the people affected by the earthquake that occurred in Morocco a moment ago. We pray that all the injured people get well soon. The entire world community is with Morocco in this difficult time, and we are ready to provide them all possible assistance.

Your Highnesses,  
Excellencies,

As the President of the G-20, India extends a warm welcome to all of you. At the place where we are gathered today, just a few kilometers away from here, stands a pillar that is nearly two and a half thousand years old. Inscribed on this pillar in the Prakrit language are the words:

**'हेवम लोकसा हितमुखे ति,  
अथ इयम नातिसु हेवम'**

Meaning,

'The welfare and happiness of humanity should always be ensured.'

Two and a half thousand years ago, the land of India gave this message to the entire world.

Let us begin this G-20 Summit by remembering this message.

The 21st century is a time that has the potential to give a new direction to the entire world. It's a time when years old challenges demand new solutions from us. Therefore, we must move forward by fulfilling all our responsibilities with a Human Centric approach.

Friends,

After Covid-19, a huge crisis of lack of trust has come in the world. Conflict has deepened this trust deficit.

Just as we can overcome COVID, we can also overcome this crisis of mutual trust.

Today, as the President of the G-20, India invites the entire world to come together and, first and foremost,



transform this Global Trust Deficit into global trust and confidence.

This is a time for all of us to walk together, and the mantra of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, and Sabka Prayas' can become a guiding light for all of us.

Whether its a turbulent global economy, or the North-South divide, or the distance between East and West, Management of Food, Fuel, and Fertilizer, Or dealing with Terrorism and Cybersecurity, Or ensuring Health, Energy, and Water Security, We must move towards concrete solutions for these challenges, not just for the present but also for future generations,

Friends,

India's G-20 presidency has become a symbol of inclusion, both within the country and beyond, representing the spirit of 'Sabka Saath'.

It has become a 'People's G-20'. Millions of Indians have engaged with it.

Over 200 meetings have been held in more than 60 cities across the country.

It was in the spirit of 'Sabka Saath' that India proposed permanent membership for the African Union in the G-20. I believe that we all agree on this proposal.

With your consent, before we proceed with further proceedings, I invite the Chairperson of the African Union to take their place as a permanent member of the G-20. ■

# G20 NEW DELHI LEADERS' DECLARATION

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi lauded the adoption of the New Delhi Leaders' Declaration and expressed his gratitude to all fellow G20 members for their support and cooperation.

## Highlights of the 37-page declaration are as follows:

- Concerning the war in Ukraine, while recalling the discussion in Bali, we reiterated our national positions and resolutions adopted at the UN Security Council and the UN General Assembly (A/RES/ES-11/1 and A/RES/ES-11/6) and underscored that all states must act in a manner consistent with the Purposes and Principles of the UN Charter in its entirety. In line with the UN Charter, all states must refrain from the threat or use of force to seek territorial acquisition against the territorial integrity and sovereignty or political independence of any state. The use or threat of use of nuclear weapons is inadmissible.
- Reaffirming that the G20 is the premier forum for international economic cooperation, and recognizing that while the G20 is not the platform to resolve geopolitical and security issues, we acknowledge that these issues can have significant consequences for the global economy. It called for a cessation of military destruction or other attacks on food and energy infrastructure and flagged concerns about high levels of volatility in food and energy markets.
- The member countries committed to a "phasedown" of coal "in line with national circumstances". With major fossil fuel producers including Saudi Arabia, Russia and Australia – and coal-dependent nations such as India and South Africa – at the table, the G20 also pledged to triple renewable energy sources by 2030.
- Developing countries need \$ 5.8 to \$ 5.9 trillion in the pre-2030 period for their climate goals, while the world would need another \$ 4 trillion per annum investment by 2030 to help reach net-zero carbon emission goal by 2050.
- The New Delhi Declaration also called for reforming of international financial institutions, managing debt vulnerabilities of low and middle-income countries and the start of exchange of tax-relevant information on crypto assets by 2027.

- The global leaders stressed that central banks remain strongly committed to achieving price stability in line with their respective mandates. "With notable tightening in global financial conditions, which could worsen debt vulnerabilities, persistent inflation and geo-economic tensions, the balance of risks remains tilted to the downside. We, therefore, reiterate the need for well-calibrated monetary, fiscal, financial, and structural policies to promote growth, reduce inequalities and maintain macroeconomic and financial stability," it added.
- The document welcomed the initial steps taken by the Financial Stability Board, Standard Setting Bodies and certain jurisdictions to examine what lessons can be learned from this recent banking turbulence and encourage them to advance their ongoing work. It further added that they recognized the importance of supply-side policies, especially policies that increase labor supply and enhance productivity to boost growth and alleviate price pressures.
- The Group of 20 top world economies welcomed the African Union as a member at their annual summit.

## Sharing the digital copy of the New Delhi Leaders' Declaration, the Prime Minister posted on X:

"History has been created with the adoption of the New Delhi Leaders' Declaration. United in consensus and spirit, we pledge to work collaboratively for a better, more prosperous, and harmonious future. My gratitude to all fellow G20 members for their support and cooperation."

The leaders who attended the summit were US President Joe Biden, UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, Argentinian President Alberto Fernandez, Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Chinese Premier Li Keqiang, European Council President Charles Michel, French President Emmanuel Macron, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, Indonesian President Joko Widodo, Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, Japanese Prime



## INDIA-MIDDLE EAST-EUROPE ECONOMIC CORRIDOR LAUNCHED

### Corridor to be a beacon of cooperation, innovation and shared progress: PM

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and other world leaders on 9 September launched the India-Middle East-Europe connectivity corridor at the G20 Summit. The connectivity corridor will connect data, trains, ports, energy networks, and hydrogen pipes between the three regions.

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has hailed the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor. He said that it promises to be a beacon of cooperation, innovation, and shared progress charting a journey of shared aspirations and dreams.

The Prime Minister posted on X: "Charting a journey of shared aspirations and dreams, the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor promises to be a beacon of cooperation, innovation, and shared progress. As history unfolds, may this corridor be a testament to human endeavour and unity across continents."



## AFRICAN UNION INCLUDED AS FULL MEMBER OF G20

### PM Modi proposed the inclusion

In his opening remarks at the 18th G20 Leaders' Summit on September 9, PM Shri Narendra Modi invited the African Union, represented by Azali Assoumani, to take a seat at the table of G20 leaders as a permanent member.

The African Union chairperson expressed his gratitude to the G20 member countries for the historic inclusion of the bloc in the G20 family.

The proposal was made in a letter to G20 leaders from Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in June of this year, when he suggested that the African Union receive "full membership" at the upcoming G20 summit in Delhi.

Assoumani took to his official handle on 'X' to post, "The G20 has just ratified, through the voice of the Prime Minister of India, @narendramodi, the admission of the @\_AfricanUnion into its fold. On behalf of the African continent, I sincerely thank all the member countries of the @g20org for this historic admission."

On September 10, Prime Minister Shri Modi held a meeting with Assoumani, congratulating him on the African bloc joining the G20 family.



Minister Fumio Kishida, Mexican Foreign Secretary Marcelo Ebrard, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed

bin Salman, South African President Cyril Ramaphosa, South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. ■

## GLOBAL BIOFUEL ALLIANCE LAUNCHED

On the sidelines of the summit, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi along with the leaders of Singapore, Bangladesh, Italy, USA, Brazil, Argentina, Mauritius and UAE, launched the Global Biofuel Alliance in New Delhi.

The Global Biofuel Alliance (GBA) is an initiative by India as the G20 Chair. The Alliance intends to expedite the global uptake of biofuels through facilitating technology advancements, intensifying utilization of sustainable biofuels, shaping robust standard setting and certification through the participation of a wide spectrum of stakeholders. The alliance will also act as a central repository of knowledge and an expert hub. GBA aims to serve as a catalytic platform, fostering global collaboration for the advancement and widespread adoption of biofuels.



## INDIA-BRAZIL-SOUTH AFRICA-USA JOINT STATEMENT

We, the Leaders of India, Brazil, South Africa, and the United States, met on the margins of the G20 Leaders' Summit in New Delhi to reaffirm our shared commitment to the G20 as the premier forum for international economic cooperation to deliver solutions for our shared world.

As the G20's current and next three Presidencies, we will build on the historic progress of India's G20 Presidency to address global challenges. In this spirit, together with the World Bank President, we welcome the G20's commitment to build better, bigger, and more effective multilateral development banks. This commitment underscores what we can



do, by working together through the G20, to support our people toward a better future.

## PM MODI HANDED OVER G20 PRESIDENCY TO BRAZIL

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ceremonially handed over the G20 presidency to Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva during the conclusion of the G20 Summit in Delhi on 10 September, 2023.

In the closing remarks on 10 September Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said "We pledge our unwavering support to Brazil and firmly believe that, during their leadership, the G-20 will further advance our common objectives. I congratulate President of Brazil and my friend, Lula da Silva. With that, I pass on the presidency gavel to him."



## LEADERS OF G20 NATIONS PAY HOMAGE TO MAHATMA GANDHI AT RAJGHAT

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi along with the leaders of G20 member nations paid homage to Mahatma Gandhi at the iconic Rajghat in Delhi. He underlined that Gandhi Ji's timeless ideals guide the collective vision for a harmonious, inclusive and prosperous global future.

The Prime Minister posted on X: "At the iconic Rajghat, the G20 family paid homage to Mahatma Gandhi - the beacon of peace, service, compassion and non-violence.

As diverse nations converge, Gandhi Ji's timeless ideals guide our collective vision for a harmonious,



inclusive and prosperous global future."

### @Dr. S. Jaishankar

The G20 Summit and its bilateral meetings concluded today (10 September) in New Delhi. The New Delhi Declaration shows that our Presidency was able to table ideas, shape global issues, bridge divides and forge consensus. We kept the focus on Global South. We showcased our civilizational heritage even as we highlighted contemporary achievements. Landmark initiatives launched included the Global Biofuel Alliance and the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC).

Key 5 outcomes:

1. Green Development Pact
2. Action Plan on Sustainable Development Goals
3. High level principles on Anti Corruption
4. Support for Digital Public Infrastructure
5. Reform of Multilateral Development Banks

The G20 membership of the African Union was a major achievement.

PM @narendramodi's vision gave the Summit a clear direction for growth and development in the years ahead.

## G20 SUMMIT A BIG SUCCESS: US

The US lauded India for hosting the G20 summit, calling it a big success and hailing the landmark 'India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor' which will usher in a new era of connectivity from Europe to Asia and will stimulate economic growth across the two continents.

During a press briefing on 11 September, 2023 the US State Department spokesperson Matthew Miller told reporters, "It was a landmark India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC) that we believe will usher in a new era of connectivity from Europe to Asia that will



stimulate economic growth, economic development across the two continents, as well as cooperation on energy and digital connectivity."

"The memorandum of understanding is among the United States, India, Saudi Arabia, the UAE, EU, and other G20 partners to explore a shipping and rail transportation corridor that will enable the flow of commerce, energy, and data from India, the Middle East, and Europe," he said.

Miller said that the recently concluded G20 Summit in New Delhi was a big success. "We absolutely believe that it was a success," he said. ■



# HUMAN-CENTRIC GLOBALISATION: TAKING G20 TO THE LAST MILE, LEAVING NONE BEHIND

**‘Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam’ – these two words capture a deep philosophy. It means ‘the world is one family’. This is an all-embracing outlook that encourages us to progress as one universal family, transcending borders, languages, and ideologies. During India’s G20 Presidency, this has translated into a call for human-centric progress. As One Earth, we are coming together to nurture our planet. As One Family, we support each other in the pursuit of growth. And we move together towards a shared future - One Future - which is an undeniable truth in these interconnected times**



**NARENDRA MODI**

The post-pandemic world order is very different from the world before it. There are three important changes, among others.

First, there is a growing realisation that a shift away from a GDP-centric view of the world to a human-centric view is needed.

Second, the world is recognizing the importance of resilience and reliability in global supply chains.

Third, there is a collective call for boosting multilateralism through the reform of global institutions.

Our G20 Presidency has played the role of a catalyst in these shifts.

In December 2022, when we took over the Presidency from Indonesia, I had written that a

mindset shift must be catalysed by the G20. This was especially needed in the context of mainstreaming the marginalized aspirations of developing countries, the Global South and Africa.

The Voice of Global South Summit, which witnessed participation from 125 countries, was one of the foremost initiatives under our Presidency. It was

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an important exercise to gather inputs and ideas from the Global South. Further, our Presidency has not only seen the largest-ever participation from African countries but has also pushed for the inclusion of the African Union as a permanent member

of the G20.

An interconnected world means our challenges across domains are interlinked. This is the midway year of the 2030 Agenda and many are noting with great concern that the progress on SDGs is off-track. The G20 2023 Action Plan on Accelerating Progress on SDGs will spearhead the future direction of the G20 towards implementing SDGs.

In India, living in harmony with nature has been a norm since ancient times and we have been contributing our share towards climate action even in modern times.

Many countries of the Global South are at various stages of development and climate action must be a complementary pursuit. Ambitions for climate action must be matched with actions on climate finance and transfer of technology.

We believe there is a need to move away from a purely restrictive attitude of what should not be done, to a more

constructive attitude focusing on what can be done to fight climate change.

The Chennai HLPs for a Sustainable and Resilient Blue Economy focus on keeping our oceans healthy.

A global ecosystem for clean and green hydrogen will emerge from our presidency, along with a Green Hydrogen Innovation Centre.

In 2015, we launched the International Solar Alliance. Now, through the Global Biofuels Alliance, we will support the world to enable energy transitions in tune with the benefits of a circular economy.

Democratising climate action is the best way to impart momentum to the movement. Just as individuals make daily decisions based on their long-term health, they can make lifestyle decisions based on the impact on the planet's long-term health. Just like Yoga became a global mass movement for wellness, we have also nudged the world with Lifestyles for Sustainable Environment (LiFE).

Due to the impact of climate change, ensuring food and nutritional security will be crucial. Millets, or Shree Anna, can help with this while also boosting climate-smart agriculture. In the International Year of Millets, we have taken millets to global palates. The Deccan High Level Principles on Food Security and Nutrition is also helpful in this direction.

Technology is transformative but it also needs to be made inclusive. In the past, the benefits

of technological advancements have not benefited all sections of society equally. India, over the last few years, has shown how technology can be leveraged to narrow inequalities, rather than widen them.

For instance, the billions across the world that remain unbanked, or lack digital identities, can be financially included through digital public infrastructure (DPI). The solutions we have built using our DPI have now been recognised globally. Now, through the G20, we will help developing countries adapt, build, and scale DPI to

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unlock the power of inclusive growth.

That India is the fastest-growing large economy is no accident. Our simple, scalable and sustainable solutions have empowered the vulnerable and the marginalised to lead our development story. From space to sports, economy to entrepreneurship, Indian women have taken the lead in various sectors. They have shifted the narrative from the development of women to women-led development. Our G20 Presidency is working on bridging the gender digital

divide, reducing labour force participation gaps and enabling a larger role for women in leadership and decision-making.

For India, the G20 Presidency is not merely a high-level diplomatic endeavour. As the Mother of Democracy and a model of diversity, we opened the doors of this experience to the world.

Today, accomplishing things at scale is a quality that is associated with India. The G20 Presidency is no exception. It has become a people-driven movement. Over 200 meetings will have been organised in 60 Indian cities across the length and breadth of our nation, hosting nearly 100,000 delegates from 125 countries by the end of our term. No Presidency has ever encompassed such a vast and diverse geographical expanse.

It is one thing to hear about India's demography, democracy, diversity and development from someone else. It is totally different to experience them first-hand. I am sure our G20 delegates would vouch for this.

Our G20 Presidency strives to bridge divides, dismantle barriers, and sow seeds of collaboration that nourish a world where unity prevails over discord, where shared destiny eclipses isolation. As the G20 President, we had pledged to make the global table larger, ensuring that every voice is heard and every country contributes. I am positive that we have matched our pledge with actions and outcomes. ■

**(The Writer is Prime Minister of India)**

# INDIA SCRIPTS HISTORY

## CHANDRAYAAN-3 successfully lands on Moon's surface

Scripting history, the Chandrayaan-3 Mission of India successfully soft-landed on the moon's south pole on 23 August, 2023 and with this, India has become the fourth country after the US, China and Russia – to have successfully landed on the moon's surface. It has also earned a place in record books as the first country to touchdown on the south pole of the moon. On that occasion, PM Shri Narendra Modi joined the ISRO team via Video Conferencing to witness the landing of Chandrayaan-3 on the Moon's surface. Immediately after the successful landing the Prime Minister addressed the ISRO team and the jubilant nation and congratulated them for the historic achievement of India. Later, after his successful foreign visit the PM has personally visited ISRO, Bangaluru, addressed and congratulated the team ISRO.

**THIS DAY WILL INSPIRE ALL OF US TO MOVE TOWARDS A BRIGHT FUTURE: PM**

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi addressing the ISRO team and the nation as family members said that such historic events become the eternal consciousness of a nation. "This moment is unforgettable, unprecedented. It is the moment of the clarion call of 'Viksit Bharat', a victory call for India, this is a moment of crossing the ocean of difficulties and walking on the 'Chandrapath' of victory. This is a moment of the capability of the 140 crore heartbeats and the confidence of the new energy of India. This is a moment of invoking the rising fortune of India", the Prime Minister told a jubilant nation. "In the first light of 'Amrit Kaal' this is 'Amrit Varsha' of success", a visibly elated Prime Minister added. The Prime Minister quoted the scientists and said, "India is now on the moon!" He stated that we have just witnessed the first flight of the new India.

### My mind was focussed on Chandrayaan 3

The Prime Minister informed that he was currently in Johannesburg attending the BRICS Summit but his mind was also focussed on Chandrayaan 3 like every other citizen. He said that every Indian has immersed themselves in celebration and it is a day of festivity for every family as he is connected with every citizen with enthusiasm on this special occasion. The Prime Minister congratulated Team Chandrayaan,

ISRO and all the scientists of the country who have worked tirelessly for years and also congratulated the 140 crore countrymen for this wonderful moment filled with enthusiasm, joy and emotion!

### 'Chanda Mama ek tour ke'

"India has reached the South Pole of the Moon where no country in the world could reach to date with the dedication and talent of our scientists", Shri Modi remarked. He underlined that all the myths and stories related to the Moon will now change and the proverbs will find a new meaning for the new generation. Referring to the Indian folklore where the Earth is considered 'Maa' and the Moon, 'Mama', the Prime Minister said that the Moon is also considered very distant and referred to as 'Chanda Mama dur ke', but the time is not far when the children would say 'Chanda Mama ek tour ke' i.e. the moon is only a tour away.

### This mission is not India's alone

The Prime Minister, addressing the people of the world, every country and region, said "India's successful moon mission is not India's alone. This is a year in which the world is witnessing India's G-20 presidency. Our approach of 'One Earth, One Family, One Future' is resonating across the globe. This



human-centric approach that we represent has been welcomed universally. Our moon mission is also based on the same human-centric approach. Therefore, this success belongs to all of humanity. And it will help moon missions by other countries in the future.” Shri Modi added. “I am confident that all countries in the world, including those from the Global South are capable of achieving such feats. We can all Aspire for the moon and beyond.”

### Take India’s flight beyond lunar orbits

The Prime Minister expressed confidence that the achievements of Chandrayaan Maha Abhiyan will take India’s flight beyond the lunar orbits. “We’ll test the limits of our solar system, and work to realize the infinite possibilities of the universe for humans”, Shri Modi asserted.

### ‘Aditya L-1’ mission

The Prime Minister highlighted setting ambitious goals for the future and informed that ISRO is soon going to launch the ‘Aditya L-1’ mission for a detailed study of the Sun. He also touched upon Venus being one of ISRO’s goals. “India is proving again and again that the sky is not the limit”, the Prime Minister said as he highlighted Mission Gaganyaan where India is fully prepared for its first human space flight mission.

PM Shri Narendra Modi emphasized that science and technology are the basis of the bright future of the country. He said that this day will inspire all of us to move towards a bright future and will show the way to the realization of resolutions. “This day signifies how victory is achieved from the lessons of defeat”, the Prime Minister concluded wishing all the success to the scientists in all their future endeavours.



### Highlights

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- India is proving again and again that the sky is not the limit. ■

# 'Moment of touchdown is one of most inspiring moments of this century'

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi visited the ISRO Telemetry Tracking and Command Network (ISTRAC) in Bengaluru after his arrival from Greece and addressed Team ISRO on the success of Chandrayaan-3. The Prime Minister met and interacted with ISRO scientists involved in the Chandrayaan-3 mission where he was also briefed about the findings and progress in the Chandrayaan-3 Mission.

Addressing the scientists, the Prime Minister



expressed great delight in being present at the ISRO Telemetry Tracking and Command Network in Bengaluru and said that such an occasion is extremely rare when the body and mind get filled with such happiness. Referring to the few special moments in everyone's lives when impatience starts to dominate, the Prime Minister noted that he experienced the exact same emotions during his tour to South Africa and Greece and said that his mind was focussed on the Chandrayaan 3 Mission at all times. Observing the inconvenience caused to the scientists at ISRO due to his impromptu plans to visit the ISTRAC, a visibly emotional Prime Minister said that he was eager to visit and salute the scientists for their diligence, dedication, courage, devotion and passion.

The Prime Minister said that this is not a simple success. He said this achievement heralds India's scientific power in infinite space. An elated Prime Minister exclaimed, "India is on the Moon, we have our national pride placed on the Moon". Highlighting this unprecedented achievement, the Prime Minister said

"This is today's India that is fearless and relentless. This is an India that thinks new and in a novel way, the one that goes to the dark zone and spreads light in the world. This India will provide solutions to the big problems of the world in the 21st century."

### Highlight of the speech

- The Prime Minister said the moment of the touchdown has become immortal in the consciousness of the nation.
- The moment of touchdown is one of the most inspiring moments of this century. Every Indian took it as his or her own victory.
- "Our 'Moon Lander' has firmly set its foot on the Moon like 'Angad... On the one side is the valour of Vikram then there is bravery of Pragyan on the other".
- Entire world recognizes India's scientific spirit, technology and temperament.
- The success of Chandrayaan 3 is not just India's alone but it belongs to all of humanity", the Prime Minister remarked and underlined that the explorations of the mission will open new doors of possibilities for moon missions of every country.
- The Prime Minister once again congratulated every scientist, technician, engineer and all members associated with Chandrayaan 3 Mission.
- The point where the moon lander of Chandrayaan-3 landed will now be known as 'Shiv Shakti'.
- The Prime Minister stated that the point where Chandrayaan 2 left its footprints will now be called 'Tiranga'.
- Successes of Mangalyaan and Chandrayaan and preparation for Gaganyaan have given a new attitude to the young generation of the country. Your big achievement is awakening a generation of Indians and energizing that.
- The Prime Minister declared that 23rd August, the day of the soft landing of Chandrayaan 3 on the Moon will be commemorated as 'National Space Day'.
- New opportunities are constantly opening up for you in India ■



## An extraordinary achievement for our country: JP Nadda

Shortly after the Chandrayaan-3 successfully landed on the south pole of moon's surface, Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri JP Nadda said the achievement is an extraordinary one for the country.

In a video message on 23 August, 2023 Shri Nadda hailed the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and said that the country is creating a unique identity for itself in the space sector.

The BJP National President said, "I congratulate all scientists associated with this mission and



the people of the country. Under PM Modi's leadership, India is creating a unique identity for itself in the space sector. This is proving

the mantra of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' true. With this successful landing mission, India has become the first nation to reach the south pole of the Moon. This is an extraordinary achievement for the country..." Shri Nadda said. The BJP chief also took a swipe at the previous UPA government led by Congress and said, "Out of 89 launch missions by ISRO since its establishment in 1969, 47 space missions have been under Modi government in the last 9 years. This is double the number of missions launched in the UPA regime..." he said. ■

### India has added a golden chapter: Rajnath Singh

Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh posted on X, "With the soft landing of Vikram Lander on Moon's South Pole, India has added a golden chapter in the history of space exploration. It is a landmark achievement and momentous occasion for 1.4

billion people as India becomes the first country in the world to land on Moon's South pole. This success is a testimony to India's prowess in space technology". ■



### Heartiest congratulations to the 140 crore people: Amit Shah



Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah hailed the historic landing of Chandrayaan 3's Vikram lander on the south pole of the lunar surface. In his message he said, "I extend my heartiest congratulations to the 140 crore people on this big achievement in the space sector in this Amrit Kaal. I also congratulate Team Chandrayaan as their hard work has made India proud...PM Modi brought in a new space policy, under which 55 spacecraft missions were launched in the last decade..." ■

## International Media

**The Daily:** "It is a marvellous achievement for India's space program- and symbolic of an important moment in geopolitics".

**The New York Times:** "The Chandrayaan-3 mission makes India the first country to reach the lunar south polar region in one piece and adds to the achievements of the country's homegrown space

program".

**The BBC:** This achievement a 'massive moment for India' and 'it bumps them up the space superpower list.

**The Guardian:** 'The successful landing marks India's emergence as a space power'.

# World leaders congratulate India on successful Moon landing

Many world leaders congratulated India on the successful Moon landing of Chandrayaan-3. The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has also thanked each of the leaders for their wishes.

## @VladimirPutin (The President of Russian)

“Please accept my heartfelt congratulations on the successful landing of India’s Chandrayaan-3 space probe on the Moon near the South Pole. This is a long stride in the exploration of outer space and, of course, evidence of the impressive progress made by India in science and engineering”.

## @KamalaHarris (The US Vice President)

“Congratulations to India for the historic landing of Chandrayaan-3 on the southern polar region of the moon. It is an incredible feat for all the scientists and engineers involved. We are proud to partner with you on this mission and space exploration more broadly.”

## Comrade Prachanda @cmprachanda (The Prime Minister of Nepal)

I congratulate Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji and ISRO team of India on successful landing of Chandrayaan-3 in the surface of the moon today and unleashing of a historic achievement in science and space technology.

## Pedro Sánchez @sanchezcastejon (The Prime Minister of Spain)

India’s achievement opens up new horizons for humanity. This mission is another proof of the power of science and of the great opportunities it offers us to keep promoting scientific progress and research. Congratulations, @narendramodi!

## Nikol Pashinyan @NikolPashinyan (The Prime Minister of Republic of Armenia)

My warm congratulations to Prime Minister @NarendraModi on the successful landing of Chandrayaan-3 on Moon’s South Pole. This is indeed a big achievement for humanity that will further advance science and technology.

## @MohamedBinZayed (The President of United Arab Emirates)

The successful lunar landing of India’s Chandrayaan-3 spacecraft represents a significant leap for collective scientific progress. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Prime Minister @narendramodi and the people of India for this historic achievement in service of humankind.

## HH Sheikh Mohammed @HShkMohd (The Vice President of United Arab Emirates)

Congratulations to our friends in India for the successful landing on the moon. Nations are built through perseverance; India continues to make history.

## Ursula von der Leyen @vonderleyen (The President of EU Commission)

Congratulations to @narendramodi for the successful landing of Chandrayaan-3. A historic milestone and proud moment for the Indian people. India has become a true pioneer in space exploration. This Indian success will benefit researchers all over the world.

## @BillNelson (NASA Administrator)

“Congratulations ISRO on your successful Chandrayaan-3 lunar South Pole landing! And congratulations to India on being the 4th country to successfully soft-land a spacecraft on the Moon. We’re glad to be your partner on this mission!”

## US National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan

“Congratulations to ISRO and the people of India for the Chandrayaan-3’s historic landing on the South Pole of the Moon. We look forward to deepening our partnership with India on space exploration in the years ahead”. ■

# 23rd August would be celebrated as “National Space Day”



The Union Cabinet joins the Nation in celebrating the historic success of the Chandrayaan-3 Mission to the Moon. The Cabinet on 29 August also appreciates the monumental achievement of our scientists. This is not just a victory for our space agency but is a bright symbol of India's progress and ascent on the global stage. The Cabinet welcomes that 23rd August would be celebrated as the “National Space Day”.

The Cabinet congratulates the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) for its efforts. Thanks to our scientists, India is the first country to land near the Moon's south pole. Landing on the moon, with predicted accuracy, in itself is a momentous achievement. Landing near the South Pole of the Moon, overcoming the arduous conditions, is a testament to the spirit of our scientists, who since centuries have sought to push the boundaries of human knowledge. The wealth of information being sent by 'Pragyan' rover from the Moon will advance knowledge and pave the way for ground-breaking discoveries and insights into the mysteries of the moon and beyond.

The Cabinet firmly believes that in an era defined by rapid technological advancements and the quest for innovation, India's scientists stand as shining beacons of knowledge, dedication and expertise. Their analytical prowess, combined with a fervent commitment to inquiry and exploration, has constantly propelled the nation into the forefront of global scientific achievements.

The Cabinet is proud to see that a large number of women scientists have contributed to the success of Chandrayaan-3 and India's space programme in general. This will motivate several aspiring women scientists in the years to come.

The Cabinet also congratulates Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for his visionary and exemplary leadership, and his unwavering commitment to India's space programme for human welfare and scientific progress. His faith in the capabilities of our scientists and his constant encouragement have always fortified

their spirit. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has always encouraged science and innovation. In the last 9 years, a series of reforms have been ushered which have made research and innovation easier.

### ShivShakti Point

The Cabinet welcomes the naming of two points on the moon as Tiranga Point (footprint of Chandrayaan-2) and ShivShakti Point (Chandrayaan-3's landing spot). These names beautifully capture the essence of our past while embracing the spirit of modernity. These names are more than just titles. They establish a thread that intricately links our millennia-old heritage with our scientific ambitions.

### “Jai Vigyan, Jai Anusandhan”

The success of Chandrayaan-3 is one of the greatest testimonies to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's clarion call of “Jai Vigyan, Jai Anusandhan.” The space sector will now further open up to Indian home-grown start-ups and MSMEs and generate lakhs of job and give scope for new inventions. It will open up a world of possibilities for the youth of India.

The Cabinet believes that India's advancements in the space sector are more than just monumental scientific achievements. They represent a vision of progress, self-reliance, and global leadership. This is also a symbol of rising New India. We urge our fellow citizens to leverage these strides to create more opportunities across industries, from satellite communication and meteorology to agriculture and disaster management.

This Cabinet commends and appreciates every individual who has contributed to this landmark mission, acknowledging that Chandrayaan-3 is a glowing testament to what India can achieve with passion, perseverance and unwavering dedication. The Cabinet also expresses its confidence that the people of the country, their hearts brimming with joy and pride, shall rededicate themselves to build Bharat into a Developed Nation by 2047. ■

# ISRO SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHES **ADITYA L-1** MISSION TO UNRAVEL SECRETS OF THE SUN

In a significant milestone for India's space exploration, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully launched its first solar observatory mission dedicated to study the Sun, Aditya-L1, on 02 September, 2023.

The launch took place at 11:50 am IST from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh. The spacecraft separated from the fourth stage of the rocket nearly an hour after launch, making it one of the longest missions of the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle.

Aditya-L1 is India's pioneering mission to study the Sun and its dynamic activities. The spacecraft will



travel approximately 1.5 million kilometres from Earth to position itself in a halo orbit around the Lagrange point 1 (L1) of the Sun-Earth system. This strategic location will allow the satellite to continuously observe the Sun without any eclipses, providing real-time data on solar activities and their effects on space weather.

The mission carries seven scientific instruments designed to investigate various aspects of the Sun's behavior. These include the Visible Emission Line Coronagraph (VELC), Solar Ultraviolet Imaging Telescope (SUIT), Aditya Solar wind Particle Experiment (ASPEX), and a Plasma Analyser Package for Aditya (PAPA). These instruments will provide multi-wavelength observations of the Sun's atmosphere, from the photosphere to the corona, enabling scientists to trace the flow of energy and matter between different layers.

One of the key objectives of the Aditya-L1 mission

## **PM Modi congratulates ISRO for the successful launch of India's first Solar Mission**

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 2 September scientists and engineers of ISRO for the successful launch of India's first Solar Mission, Aditya -L1.



In a X post, the Prime Minister said; "After the success of Chandrayaan-3, India continues its space journey. Congratulations to our scientists and engineers at @isro for the successful launch of India's first Solar Mission, Aditya -L1. Our tireless scientific efforts will continue in order to develop better understanding of the Universe for the welfare of entire humanity."

The Aditya L-1 space probe, designed to explore the outer region of the Sun, was successfully launched by the PSLV C-57 rocket on September 2. ■

## **Country is proud of our scientists and their extraordinary achievements: JP Nadda**

"I heartily congratulate the scientists of ISRO for the successful launch of Aditya L-1 and I also congratulate our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji for his foresight and vision for the country and humanity.



Entire country is proud of our scientists and their extraordinary achievements. India's Aditya L-1 mission is the amalgamation of faith and science. I offer my best wishes for the future journey of the Aditya L-1 mission."

is to unravel the mystery of the Sun's corona, which is significantly hotter than its surface. By closely examining the behaviour of the corona, scientists hope to understand the mechanisms responsible for heating this outer layer of the Sun. ■

## BJP National President launches 'MERI MAATI, MERA DESH' campaign in Ghaziabad

# 'PLEDGE TO TRANSFORM INDIA INTO A DEVELOPED NATION'

The BJP National President, Shri JP Nadda launched the 'Meri Maati, Mera Desh' programme in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh on 02 September, 2023. He inaugurated the campaign by placing soil from Major Mohit Sharma's home in Ghaziabad into an earthen pot. These pots will be collected at the block level and brought to Delhi.

Addressing the Karyakartas at the launch of 'Meri Maati, Mera Desh' campaign, the BJP National President said with the Chandrayaan mission, India has become the first nation to land a spacecraft on the South Pole region of the Moon.

He said India has experienced significant growth in the field of infrastructure adding that over the past nine years, India has risen to the fifth position, surpassing the United Kingdom, to become the fifth-largest economy.

Shri Nadda further urged people to visit villages and panchayats with the aim of 'Amrit Kaal' and take a pledge to transform India into a developed nation by August 15, 2047. "I request you all to go to villages, panchayats with the objective of 'Amrit Kaal' and take the resolve to make India a developed nation by August 15, 2047".

"I have taken a pinch of soil from five households along with two granules of rice and we'll collect it from every ward in a vessel. This vessel will reach the Municipal Corporation or Committee and from there it will reach the state's capital Lucknow. Our Chief Minister will welcome it and our workers will carry 8000 vessels from 7500 blocks and 500 municipalities to Kartavya Path in Delhi at the end of October. All the BJP workers there will take an oath of the 'Desh ki Maati' that they will take care of the safety and security of the nation and will not leave any stone unturned in making India a developed



### "Meri Maati Mera Desh"

Noteworthy, "Meri Maati Mera Desh" is a nationwide and people led "Jan Bhagidari" initiative to commemorate 75 years of India's independence. It is the finale of "Azaadi ka Amrit Mahotsav" programme. 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' celebrates the many achievements of the nation. It involves paying tribute to the 'Veers' who protect our nation. The ceremonies would be conducted at the village, Panchayat, Block, Urban Local body, State and National level. Soil from the villages of India will be collected at block level and then finally brought to the National Capital along with volunteers from each block who would assemble at Kartavya Path. An 'Amrit Vatika' would be planted in the Capital and the Hon'ble Prime Minister would administer the 'Panch Pran' pledge to volunteers.

nation in the Amrit Kaal," he added.

Criticising the third meeting of the Opposition's I.N.D.I.A. alliance, BJP National President said that the leaders who had gathered in Mumbai want to take their own families forward, whereas Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi aims to take the country forward. ■

## People of Rajasthan will teach the state Government a lesson: JP Nadda

**B**JP National President Shri JP Nadda flagged off the 'Parivartan Sankalp Yatra' from Sawai Madhopur in Rajasthan on 02 September, 2023. Before the yatra, a huge public meeting was organised at Dussehra ground in Sawai Madhopur. The BJP National President started his address by congratulating ISRO and then made a scathing attack on Congress government in Rajasthan. He said, "There is free rein for corruption under Gehlot rule and the general public is troubled by the misgovernance of government here. Therefore, BJP workers should gear up to end this misgovernance."

Shri Nadda said, "This government means 'red diary'. The minister who raises voice against it is dismissed. Such a government should be overthrown," he added. "The Opposition gathered in Mumbai yesterday and were talking about removing Shri Narendra Modi. We are saying that the country has to be taken forward by strengthening PM Shri Modi. They want to remove Shri Modi because they want to save the family. There can be no nepotism under PM Shri Modi.

He said Congress is not worried about the country but about Rahul 'Baba'. Lalu is worried about Tej Pratap and Tejjashwi. He is not worried about the country but about his sons. Mamta Banerjee is not worried about the country but about her nephew. Sharad Pawar is worried about Supriya. Karunanidhi's son Stalin has come to save his family. They are not worried about the country.

Attacking the Rajasthan CM, Shri JP Nadda said, "4.5 crore people are getting foodgrains in Rajasthan. India's extreme poverty has reduced to less than one per cent. Shri Gajendra Singh (Shekhawat) wants to install taps in every house and the Gehlot government wants to do a scam of Rs 20,000 crores in Jal Jeevan Mission. We are delivering water and they are doing scam."

The BJP National President said, "The incident of Dhariyawad in Pratapgarh is highly shameful. Be it the story of Alwar, Barmer, Churu, heinous crimes are taking place everywhere. Innocent girls are being raped. Should this be allowed to continue in Rajasthan? If it is not allowed to continue, then changes will have



to be made. Crime Records Bureau figures show that Rajasthan is number 1 in cases of atrocities and rape against women. Should the image of Rajasthan remain like this? If this image of Rajasthan is to be changed, then Gehlot government will have to be changed," he said.

"It's no wonder the issue of women's safety is being completely ignored in the state. Every single day, there is an instance of harassment against women. The people of Rajasthan will teach the state Government a lesson," Shri Nadda said.

Earlier, former CM Smt. Vasundhara Raje addressed the 'Parivartan Sankalp Yatra' from the stage. She said, "In 2003, we started Parivartan Yatra by visiting Charbhujia temple. After this, for the first time BJP got 120 seats. Even today, when I have come here, I have brought the blessings of Charbhujia." On Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project (ERCP), Smt. Raje said that the Congress government is misleading the public. "During my tenure, we had made a plan keeping in mind the drinking water and irrigation problems of these 13 states. But the government is not making the proposal and sending it, whereas we had made the proposal on 50% dependence," she added.

Nadda, Union Minister Prahlad Singh Patel, former state president Satish Poonia, Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, among other leaders of the state gathered in Sawai Madhopur for the yatra. A large number of people from various districts of Rajasthan have come for Parivartan Sankalp Yatra. ■

## Congress government fails in ensuring women's safety: Amit Shah

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah criticising the Ashok Gehlot led Congress government in Rajasthan said it has failed on the law-and-order front, especially in ensuring safety for women in the state. "Daily, almost 19 cases of crimes against women are reported and when it comes to rape cases, 22 per cent of the country's cases comes from Rajasthan alone," Shri Shah said in his address at the launch of BJP's second 'Parivartan Sankalp Yatra' in Dungarpur on 3 September, 2023.

Criticising the Gehlot government of not cooperating with the Narendra Modi government at the Centre Shri Amit Shah said, "Gehlot ji is a magician, he makes many things disappear. In Rajasthan, Gehlot made the electricity disappear. Jadugar saheb made the health services, employment for youth, and women safety disappear too".

The Union Home minister said by doing politics of appeasement, they have created an environment of insecurity in Rajasthan. Referring to various incidents, he said, "Kanhaiyalal was beheaded in Udaipur, there were prohibitions on Hindu festivals post Karauli violence, Path Sanchalan was prohibited during Vijayadashami, 300-year-old Shiv temple in Alwar was razed."

Shri Shah also asked Chief Minister Gehlot what did Rajasthan get when the UPA was in power at the Centre. "Hisab dena chahiye, ke nahi dena chahiye? He won't give but Gehlot ji, I have come with the Hisaab. You won't tell but I will". During UPA's 10 years, Rajasthan got only Rs 1.60 lakh crore. But in his nine years, PM Shri Narendra Modi gave Rs 8.71 lakh crore to the people of Rajasthan.

Apart from this, Rs 57,000 crore was given for railways, Rs 43,000 crore for roads, Rs 6,000 crore for a new airport in Kota, several new medical colleges and solar parks in Bikaner, Jaisalmer were set up. 80 lakh farmers of Rajasthan were given Rs 16,000 crore directly in their accounts. And 1.10 crore homes are being given water connections, of which 43 lakh have already been given connections, he said. ■

## 'Baghel-led Congress government is neck-deep in corruption'

The Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah launched an 'Aarop Patra' against the Bhupesh Baghel-led Congress government in Chhattisgarh on 2 September, 2023 and addressing on the occasion said that the Congress government was deeply entrenched in corruption, dynastic politics and casteism.

Accusing the State government of indulging in scams, abetting religious conversions and committing atrocities, Shri Shah said, "The people of Chhattisgarh have to decide whether they want the Baghel-led government that indulges in corruption to the tune of thousands



of crores or the BJP government which is going to lead them on the path of development. The people of Chhattisgarh have to decide whether they want the government that came to power on the promise of protecting tribal rights but allowed a wave of religious conversions to be unleashed," he said.

Referring to the recent money laundering case related to the Mahadev online betting app, he asked whether the people of Chhattisgarh wanted a government that was pushing youth to online betting or a BJP government that ensured the welfare of youths.

The Baghel-led government had broken all records of corruption, he said, adding that the BJP would win the Assembly election due later this year. He termed the government an "ATM for Delhi Durbar".

The Union Home minister also targeted the State government over unfulfilled promises. CM Baghel made 36 big promises and 19 of them remain unfulfilled. Among the smaller promises, 316 still remain unfulfilled. Let them publish the list of unfulfilled promises. Even if they don't, we have published the complete list of your false promises in our 'Aarop Patra', Shri Shah said. ■

**GOVERNMENT CONSTITUTES 8-MEMBER COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE 'ONE NATION ONE ELECTION'**

The Union Law Ministry issued a notification on the 'One Nation One Election' committee on 02 September, 2023. The committee has former President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind as chairman and seven other members which includes Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah, Senior Congress leader Shri Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad, Shri NK Singh, Shri Subhash C. Kashyap, Shri Harish Salve and Shri Sanjay Kothari.



The Union Law Minister Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal will attend the meetings of the committee as a special invitee, while Legal Affairs Secretary Shri Niten Chandra will be secretary to the panel.

The committee will examine and recommend specific amendments to the Constitution, the Representation of the People Act and any other laws and rules which would require amendments for the purpose of holding simultaneous elections.

It will also examine and recommend, if the amendments to the Constitution would require ratification by the States.

The committee will also analyse and recommend possible solutions to scenarios such as hung House, adoption of no-confidence motion, or defection or any such other event in case of simultaneous elections.

The committee will hear and entertain all persons, representations and communications which in its opinion can facilitate its work and enable it to finalise its recommendations. ■

**MODI GOVT SLASHES LPG CYLINDER PRICES BY RS 200**

In a move that will bring respite to households across the nation, the Government on 29 August, 2023 has announced a substantial reduction in the

price of cooking gas. According to a government statement, the decision will be effective from August 30, 2023 and the price of a 14.2 Kg LPG cylinder will be reduced by Rs 200 in all markets across the country,

In Delhi for instance, the decision will bring down the cost of a 14.2 Kg cylinder from the existing Rs 1103 per cylinder to a more affordable Rs 903 per cylinder. This across-the-board reduction is in addition to the existing targeted subsidy of Rs 200 per cylinder to PMUY (Ujjwala) households, which will continue.

For PMUY households, therefore, the effective price in Delhi after this reduction will be Rs 703 per cylinder. To clear pending PMUY applications and to provide deposit-free LPG connections to all eligible households, the government will shortly start distribution of PMUY connections to 75 lakh women from poor households who do not have an LPG connection. This will increase the total number of beneficiaries under PMUY from 9.6 crore to 10.35 crore, the government statement said

Announcing the decision, Information and Broadcasting Minister Shri Anurag Thakur said the move is aimed at providing relief to households. Also, the government will provide an additional 75 lakh Ujjwala connections, which will take the total PMUY beneficiaries to 10.35 crores.

It is not known how much the decision would cost the exchequer but Shri Thakur said the Rs 200 per cylinder subsidy provided to Ujjwala consumers would cost Rs 7,680 crore in the current financial year ending March 31, 2024 (April 2023 to March 2024). While Ujjwala beneficiaries are only 9.6 crore, there are some 31 crore domestic cooking gas users in the country. ■

**AT 7.8% YEAR ON YEAR, INDIA'S GROWTH RATE TOWERS ABOVE THE GROWTH RATE IN SEVERAL OTHER LEADING ECONOMIES**

Dr. V. Anantha Nageswaran, Chief Economic Adviser (CEA), Ministry of Finance, said that at 7.8% year on year, India's growth rate towers above the growth rate in several other leading economies. India's economic growth maintained the strong momentum witnessed in the final quarter of FY23, he added.

The CEA was briefing media on 31st August



## GOVERNMENT'S ACHIEVEMENTS

after the release of the estimates of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for the April-June quarter (Q1) of 2023-24, both at Constant (2011-12) and Current Prices, by the National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation in New Delhi today evening.

The biggest positive for Indian economy is that the private sector capital formation is well underway. This augurs well for future employment and income growth of Indian households, the CEA said. He further highlighted that the new Investment projects announced by the Private Sector have been highest in Q1 of FY2023-24 in 14 years. ■

### COMBINED INDEX OF EIGHT CORE INDUSTRIES INCREASES BY 8.0%

The combined Index of Eight Core Industries (ICI) increased by 8.0 per cent (provisional) in July 2023 as compared to the Index of July 2022. The production of Coal, Steel, Natural Gas, Cement, Electricity, Refinery Products, Fertilizers and Crude Oil increased in July 2023 over the corresponding month of last year. Details of annual and monthly indices and growth rates are provided at Annex I & II respectively. ■

### UPI TRANSACTIONS CROSS 10 BILLION MARK

Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions crossed the 10 billion mark in August, the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) said. UPI is an instant payment system that allows users to instantly transfer money to any bank account. According to the NPCI data, the UPI transactions on August 31 stood at 10.58 billion in August. In value terms, the transaction had totalled Rs 15.76 lakh crore. The total transaction amount increased 47 per cent year-on-year.

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 1 September hailed the crossing of 10 billion UPI transactions in August 2023.

In reply to a post by NPCI, the Prime Minister posted on X

"This is exceptional news! It is a testament to the people of India embracing digital progress and a tribute to their skills. May this trend continue in the times to come." ■

### PM DISTRIBUTES MORE THAN 51,000 APPOINTMENT LETTERS UNDER ROZGAR MELA



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 28 August distributed more than 51,000 appointment letters to newly inducted recruits via video conferencing. The Rozgar Mela was held at 45 locations across the country. Through this Rozgar Mela event, Ministry of Home Affairs is recruiting personnel in various central armed police forces (CAPFs) such as Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), Border Security Force (BSF), Shashtra Seema Bal (SSB), Assam Rifles, Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) and Narcotics control Bureau (NCB) as well as Delhi Police. The new recruits, selected from across the country, will be joining the various positions such as Constable (General Duty), Sub-Inspector (General Duty) and Non-General Duty Cadre Posts in various organisations under the Ministry of Home Affairs. ■

### RS. 1,59,069 CRORE GROSS GST REVENUE COLLECTED DURING AUGUST 2023; RECORDS 11% GROWTH

The gross GST revenue collected in the month of August, 2023 is Rs. 1,59,069 crore of which CGST is Rs. 28,328 crore, SGST is Rs. 35,794 crore, IGST is Rs. 83,251 crore (including Rs. 43,550 crore collected on import of goods) and Cess is Rs. 11,695 crore (including Rs. 1,016 crore collected on import of goods). The revenues for the month of August, 2023 are 11% higher than the GST revenues in the same month last year. During the month, revenue from import of goods was 3% higher and the revenues from domestic transactions (including import of services) are 14% higher than the revenues from these sources during the same month last year. ■



*PM Modi story*



## World will get to know Modi better through G20

**By: Tony Abbott**

As India hosts G20 this year in Delhi and PM Shri Narendra Modi welcomes delegates for the event, the world is looking at India with greater hopes to lead the free world ahead. India under the leadership of PM Shri Modi has emerged as the ray of hope for the world for a better future.

Former Australian Prime Minister Mr. Tony Abbott provides insights into the pivotal role of India under the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi in the 21st century.

Shri Narendra Modi had a great reputation from his time in Gujarat as someone who could get things done. So, I was very keen to make the most of my opportunities to get close to Shri Modi ji. I think we did actually get quite close on that first trip when he came to Australia for

the G20 meet in 2014. We were quite like-minded on China, we were quite like-minded on trade and then of course he came for

was an American century, there is every reason to hope that the 21st century will be an Indian century.



As per Mr. Tony Abbott, if the 19th century was a British century and the 20th century was an American century, there is every reason to hope that the 21st century will be an Indian century

the G20 in 2014 and he didn't just come for the G20, he then stayed for a state visit where Shri Modi got an absolute rockstar welcome everywhere he went, recalls Mr. Abbott.

As per Mr. Tony Abbott, if the 19th century was a British century and the 20th century

sure, the more they serve and the more impressed they'll be. I certainly hope that Shri Narendra Modi is there for a long time to come," says Abbott hoping that India will lead the world ahead with the vision of PM Shri Modi taking the nation ahead. ■

He says that this will be a lot better than a Chinese century.

"I often say that if there is to be a leader of the Free World in 50 or 100-years' time, it's at least as likely to be the Indian Prime Minister, as it is to be the US President", says Mr. Abbott.

"G20 event will be an opportunity for the rest of the world to get to know Shri Modi better. I am

# India-Saudi Arabia Innovation Bridge launched, 45 MoUs signed to enhance bilateral investments

At the invitation of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia visited India from September 9-11, 2023. During this visit, he attended the G20 Summit continued his stay in India on September 11, 2023 for the State visit. He was accompanied by a high-level delegation, including Ministers and senior officials.

The Saudi leader was accorded a ceremonial welcome at Rashtrapati Bhavan before he and PM Shri Narendra Modi co-chaired the first meeting of the Strategic Partnership Council, the apex body to oversee bilateral ties that was set up in 2019. Both the leaders also discussed the regional and international issues of mutual interest.

## Saudi Arabia is one of the most important strategic partners for India: PM Modi

At the meeting, PM Shri Modi said, "Saudi Arabia is one of the most important strategic partners for India. As the world's two largest and fastest growing economies, our mutual cooperation is vital for the peace and stability of the entire region."

"We together made a historic beginning to establish an economic corridor between India, West Asia and Europe," Shri Modi said.

On the sidelines of the State Visit, Al Saud participated in the Leaders' Summit of the bilateral Strategic Partnership Council, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry of India and the Saudi Ministry of Investment organized an India-Saudi Arabia Investment Forum 2023 ("The Forum") in



New Delhi on 11 September.

The Forum witnessed the attendance of more than 500 companies from India and Saudi Arabia. This is the first such formal investment symposium between India and Saudi Arabia and it comes as a follow-up to the announcement made, previously, by the Saudi Crown Prince to invest approximately \$100 Billion in diverse sectors of the Indian economy.

The Ministerial Session of the India-Saudi Investment Forum 2023 was co-chaired by the Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Textiles, Shri Piyush Goyal and the Minister of Investment, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, H.E. Mr. Khalid A. Al Falih.

Jointly addressing the business gathering, the two Ministers discussed, inter-alia, ways and means of expanding bilateral collaboration in various domains including start-ups, digital infrastructure development, increasing collaboration between the business and investor ecosystems of the two countries including through closer cooperation between the investment promotion agencies of the two countries and through setting up of investment promotion offices, encouragement of Saudi Sovereign Wealth Funds to consider direct investments into India in addition to the current inflow of investments through funds, and possibility of joint projects.

Earlier in the day, more than 45 Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) were concluded between the two sides, in G2B and B2B formats. These MoUs are expected to further deepen the economic engagement between the two sides and are also likely to accelerate investment flows between the two sides. ■



# 'Meri Maati-Mera Desh' will honour our soldiers and instill a sense of patriotism in the populace

Under the direction of the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the Indian government has launched a unique and inspiring campaign "Meri Maati-Mera Desh" in an effort to preserve the memory of the nation's martyrs and freedom fighters and to inspire common citizens to feel respect and gratitude for these brave men and women. We applaud the Indian government for this initiative. This campaign will honour our soldiers and also instill a sense of patriotism in the populace and a drive to turn India into a developed nation



SHIV PRAKASH

It has been 75 years since the nation gained its independence. The country will complete 100 years of independence after 25 years. This period of 25 years is being addressed as 'Amrit Kaal'. The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has set an ambitious goal for the nation: a developed India by the time Amrit Kaal is complete. Economically, India should be strong, so our military power should be comparable to that of the most leading militaries in the world, mutual harmony and brotherhood should be developed in society by forgetting mutual differences, women should be respected, the poor, backward, scheduled tribes, scheduled castes, urban areas, and rural areas should all equally participate in the upliftment of the country, making the country proud of its culture and heritage, and it should be the resolve of every Indian to build such an India. Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri

Narendra Modi has given a call to take the oath of 'Panchpran' for the whole country to stand with this resolve.

The campaign for "Meri Maati Mera Desh" will be completed in stages. The soil from each home's courtyard will be used to fill one

All pots from the village will come to the development block. After the development block, the program will be completed by a mass program and construction of Amrit Vatika in Delhi on October.29-30

pot in each town. Roli-Akshat will be collected from families who lack access to soil to express their devotion. By gathering in the village, we have to prepare a mass programme, put up a plaque of the freedom fighters in the school, take the oath of Panch Pran, and prepare Amrit Vatika by planting 75 trees. All pots from the village will come to the development block. After the development block, the program will be completed by a mass program and construction of Amrit Vatika in Delhi on

October.29-30 The Ministries of Youth, Sports, Culture, Education, and Environment will jointly organize the program. Countless karyakartas of Bharatiya Janata Party will participate in the success of the program under the leadership of BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda. Under the direction of the Hon'ble Prime Minister, many social and religious organizations will help create an atmosphere of patriotism across the country through their participation.

Many movements took place under the leadership of our great leaders to connect the common people with the country's freedom movement. Celebrating Rakshabandhan collectively to end the partition of Bengal in 1905, called 'Bang-Bhang', was a similar movement. Movements like Jungle Satyagraha, Quit India, Charkha, and Swadeshi started by Mahatma Gandhi played an important role in connecting society with independence movement. Due to which every son of India became ready with all its might to achieve the independence of the country. Attaining independence became the goal of every citizens of the

country. Unfortunately, after independence, the leadership of our country did not set any goals for the future before the next generation, and we became directionless. The uniqueness of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is that he gave the country the goal of a developed India. To achieve the goal, programmes like Tiranga Yatra and Meri Maati-Mera Desh were started, due to which the entire country became active in achieving the goal. The result of which is visible in all fields, including economic, educational, scientific, and sports.

Any country moves forward only by taking inspiration from

**This is our Maa Bharati, who unites 140 crore Indians, who will live for this and will die for this; this campaign will inculcate the same feeling in the citizens of the country**

its culture, its great men, and its immortal fighters who sacrificed their lives for their country. The holy soil of our country has fragrance of the sacrificial lives of those martyrs. Every particle of it is sacred. The great men who gave glory to this country have grown up playing in it. The blood and flesh-muscles inside our body are made of the holy

grain cultivated in this soil. We get vital breathing air from this soil. This is what sustains us. That's why great poets have worshipped soil by saying Sujalan, Sufalan, Durga, Saraswati, and Lakshmi. The wrestler in the arena purifies himself with this soil. Former Prime Minister Bharat Ratna, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee ji, has described every particle of it as Shankar. This is our Maa Bharati, who unites 140 crore Indians, who will live for this and will die for this; this campaign will inculcate the same feeling in the citizens of the country. Let us all take a pledge to make India a developed country by taking part in this campaign. ■

**(The writer is BJP National Jt. General Secretary (Org.))**

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## SHRI P V CHALAPATHI RAO

**S**hri Pokkala Venkata Chalapathi Rao, who was popularly known as P. V. Chalapathi Rao joined the RSS as a bal swayamsevak in 1948. From 1950 to 1954, he started ABVP units in various colleges and universities in and around Visakhapatnam. He organized numerous activities under the guidance of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay to strengthen Jana Sangh in his district in 1953. Due to his constant efforts, four councillors were elected to Anakapalli Municipality. In 1955, he participated in the Goa liberation movement. Shri P V Chalapathi Rao organised agitation against Chinese aggression in Uttarandhra region and collected funds to help the soldiers. He was the State

secretary for the Lok Sangharsh Samithi during emergency period. He organised underground activity for 19 months & created awareness against the emergency. He signed the legislative council meetings by escaping from police. The Andhra Pradesh government failed to apprehend him and he finally willingly surrendered himself to the government. His various feats of jumping from trains and disguising himself to avoid police during the underground

movement were well publicised in the Uttarandhra region. ■



**Shri P V Chalapathi Rao**

Date of Birth	26/06/1935	Gender	male
State	Andhra Pradesh	District	Visakhapatnam
Town/City	Visakhapatnam	Level	State
Post in Organisation	State President	Active years	1980-1986



## PM Modi participates in 20th ASEAN-India Summit and 18th East Asia Summit

**PM presents a 12-point proposal for strengthening India – ASEAN cooperation**

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi attended the 20th ASEAN-India Summit and the 18th East Asia Summit (EAS) in Jakarta on 7 September, 2023. At the summit, he held extensive discussions with ASEAN partners on further strengthening of ASEAN-India Comprehensive Strategic Partnership which charting its future course. The Prime Minister reaffirmed ASEAN centrality in the Indo-Pacific and highlighted the synergies between India's Indo-Pacific Ocean's Initiative (IPOI) and ASEAN's Outlook on the Indo-Pacific (AOIP). He also emphasized the need to complete the review of ASEAN-India FTA (AITIGA) in a time bound manner.

The Prime Minister presented a 12-point proposal for strengthening India – ASEAN cooperation covering connectivity, digital transformation, trade and economic engagement, addressing contemporary challenges, people-to-people contacts and deepening strategic cooperation, as follows:

• Called for collectively raising issues being faced by Global South in multilateral fora.

• Establishing multi-modal connectivity and economic corridor that links South-East Asia-India-West Asia-Europe

• Offered to share India's Digital Public Infrastructure Stack with ASEAN partners

• Announced ASEAN-India fund for Digital Future focusing on cooperation in digital transformation and financial connectivity

• Announced renewal of support to Economic and Research Institute of ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) to act as knowledge partner for enhancing our engagement.

### India announces decision to establish an Indian Embassy in Timor Leste

At the ASEAN-India Summit in Jakarta on 7 September 2023, Prime Minister announced a decision to establish an Indian Embassy in Dili, Timor-Leste. The decision is a reflection of the importance India attaches to ASEAN, and its relations with Timor Leste. This decision was warmly welcomed by Timor Leste and ASEAN Members. Timor Leste joined ASEAN in 2022 as an Observer, before becoming its full Member.

and Research Institute of ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) to act as knowledge partner for enhancing our engagement.

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# PM ATTENDS BRICS SUMMIT

Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi was on a four days visit to South Africa and Greece from 22 to 25 August, 2023. He attended the 15th BRICS Summit in Johannesburg. The summit was held under the theme 'BRICS and Africa'. Prime Minister participated in the BRICS Business Forum Leaders Dialogue. He also attended the BRICS Leaders Retreat and deliberated on global developments with other leaders of the five-member bloc. This is the first in-person BRICS Summit after three consecutive years of virtual meetings because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

In his address to the BRICS Business Forum, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi highlighted several key aspects. He said that the BRICS Business Forum is one of the key pillars of intra-BRICS partnership among the BRICS countries. He also highlighted the significance of India's growth story.

In the summit he also emphasized, that BRICS should also be a voice for Global South. And he also stated what has always been one of the driving impulses of India's policy, which is a close partnership with Africa and to be a very strong, reliable, and dependent partner of Africa's development journey.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi participated in the BRICS-Africa Outreach and BRICS Plus Dialogue, on 24 August, 2023. The meeting saw participation from the guest countries of Africa, Asia and Latin America, along with the leaders of the BRICS countries. During his intervention, Prime Minister called for the BRICS to be the voice of the Global South. He underlined India's close partnership with Africa and reaffirmed India's commitment to support Africa in its development journey under Agenda 2063.

In terms of bilateral engagements on the sidelines of the BRICS Summit, Prime Minister met with President Ramaphosa. He also held bilateral meetings with leaders from Ethiopia, Senegal, Iran, and the last one was Mozambique.

A major outcome of the BRICS Summit was the decision of the BRICS leaders to expand its membership to include six new members. These six members are, as was announced, Argentina, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, and UAE. Prime Minister has said, India has been fully supportive of the BRICS expansion based on whatever consensus is arrived



at between the BRICS member countries. We would like to believe that expansion of the BRICS would make it stronger, will bring in the value proposition of the six new members to the functioning and to the engagement, intra-BRICS engagement.

## PM'S VISIT TO GREECE

After attending the BRICS summit, PM Shri Narendra Modi visited to Greece on 25 August. In Athens, the capital of Greece, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi paid tributes at the 'Tomb of Unknown Soldier' in Athens. The Prime Minister laid a wreath at the 'Tomb of Unknown Soldier'. He thereafter, inspected a ceremonial Guard of Honour.

## PM Modi meets PM Kyriakos Mitsotakis in Athens

The two leaders held discussions in one-on-one and delegation-level formats. The Prime Minister expressed his condolences for the loss of life and property lives in the tragic incidents of forest fires in

## Prime Minister conferred with the Grand Cross of the Order of Honour

During his visit to Greece, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi was conferred with the Grand Cross of the Order of Honour by H.E. Katerina N. Sakellariopoulou, President of Greece on 25 August 2023. He is the first foreign Head of Government to receive this honour. Prime Minister, on behalf of the people of India, thanked President Sakellariopoulou and the Government



and people of Greece for this special honour. The award ceremony took place at the Presidential Mansion in Athens.

Greece. Prime Minister Mitsotakis congratulated Prime Minister on the success of the Chandrayaan mission, terming it as a success for humanity. The discussions covered various dimensions of the bilateral partnership, including trade and investment, defense and security, technology, infrastructure, digital payments, shipping, pharma, agriculture, migration and mobility, tourism, skill development, culture, education and people to people ties. They also discussed regional and multilateral issues, including the EU, Indo-Pacific and the Mediterranean. They called for respect of international law, sovereignty and territorial integrity. Both sides agreed to elevate their relationship to a 'Strategic Partnership'.

In Athens, he interacted with Indian community and academicians of Greece. ■

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- Invited ASEAN countries to join Global Centre for Traditional Medicine being established by WHO in India
- Called for working together on Mission LiFE
- Offered to share India's experience in providing affordable and quality medicines to people through Jan-Aushadhi Kendras
- Called for collective fight against terrorism, terror financing and cyber-disinformation
- Invited ASEAN countries to join Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure
- Called for cooperation in disaster management
- Called for enhanced cooperation on maritime safety, security and domain awareness

Two Joint Statements, one on Maritime Cooperation, and the other on Food Security were adopted.

In addition to India and ASEAN Leaders, Timor-

Leste participated in the Summit as Observer.

At the 18th East Asia Summit, Prime reiterated the importance of EAS mechanism and reaffirmed our support to further strengthening it. Prime Minister underlined India's support for ASEAN centrality and called for ensuring a free, open and rules based Indo-Pacific.

Prime Minister highlighted synergies of visions for Indo-Pacific between India and ASEAN, and underscored that ASEAN is the focal point of Quad's vision.

Prime Minister also called for a cooperative approach to address global challenges including terrorism, climate change and resilient supply chains for essential items including food and medicines, and for energy security. He highlighted India's steps in the area of climate change and our initiatives such as ISA, CDRI, LiFE and OSOWOG. ■



# India's Mission Chandrayaan is a live example of woman power: PM

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said in his 104th episode of 'Mann Ki Baat' on August 27 that India's Mission Chandrayaan is also a live example of woman power. He added that many women scientists and engineers have been directly involved in this entire mission. We are publishing brief highlights of the address for our esteemed readers:



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

- India's Mission Chandrayaan is also a live example of woman power. Many women scientists and engineers have been directly involved in this entire mission.
- Heads of 40 countries and many Global Organizations are coming to the capital Delhi to participate in this event. The African Union also joined the G-20 on India's invitation and the voice of the people of Africa reached this important platform of the world.
- Friends, Our Presidency of the G-20 is a People's Presidency, in which the spirit of public participation is at the forefront.
- A few days ago the World University Games were held in China. India displayed her best ever performance in these games this time. Our players won 26 medals in all, out of which 11 were Gold Medals. You will be pleased to know that even if we add all the medals won in all the World University Games that have been held since 1959, this number reaches only 18. In all these decades just 18 whereas this time our players won 26 medals.

**India's Mission Chandrayaan is also a live example of woman power. Many women scientists and engineers have been directly involved in this entire mission**

- This time on 15th August, the country saw the power of 'Sabka Prayas'. The efforts of all the countrymen turned the 'Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan' into a 'Har Man Tiranga Abhiyan'. Many records were also made during this campaign. The countrymen purchased tricolors in crores.
- At present, the campaign to evoke the spirit of patriotism 'Meri Mati, Mera Desh' is in full swing in the country. In the month of September, there will be a campaign to collect soil from every house in every village of the country. The holy soil of the country will be deposited in thousands of Amrit Kalash urns. At the end of October, thousands will reach the country's capital Delhi with the Amrit Kalash Yatra. Amrit Vatika will be built in Delhi from this soil only. I am sure, the efforts of every countryman will make this campaign successful.
- At the time of celebration of festivals, we also have to remember the mantra of Vocal for Local. This campaign of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' is the every countryman's own campaign. And during the festive atmosphere, we have to keep holy places and their vicinity clean; albeit for all times. Next time we will again have 'Mann Ki Baat', shall meet with some new topics. We will discuss to our heart's content, some of the new efforts of the countrymen and their success. Till then I take leave of you. Thank you very much. ■

# Over 52 million formal jobs created under EPFO and NPS in four years: SBI Ecowrap

According to the State Bank of India's latest Ecowrap release on 13 September, 2023 which cited payroll data from the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) and the National Pension Scheme (NPS), India created 52 million formal jobs in the last four years, 47% of which were first jobs.

As per the analysis of the EPFO payroll data for the previous four years, there were 48.6 million net new EPF members added during FY20 to FY23, whereas 3.1 million new NPS subscribers were added over the same time period.

The report states that during the four-year period under consideration, the actual net new payroll under EPFO was 22.7 million, while the second job (or those who exited EPFO and re-joined and re-subscribed) was 21.7 million, during the four-year period ended FY23.



The report suggested using bank sakhis engaged under the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) as banking correspondents to enable the increase of women in the labour force, citing the 27% share of women in the payroll data. ■



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PM Shri Narendra Modi's remarks at G20 Summit on 'One Earth' at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi on September 09, 2023



PM Shri Narendra Modi and G20 leaders paying tribute at the Samadhi of Mahatma Gandhi at Rajghat in New Delhi on September 10, 2023



PM Shri Narendra Modi in a group photograph during the BRICS Leaders Meeting in Johannesburg, South Africa on August 22, 2023



PM Shri Narendra Modi meets with the President of Indonesia, Mr. Joko Widodo during his arrival at 20th ASEAN-India Summit in Jakarta, Indonesia on September 07, 2023



PM Shri Narendra Modi meets the Prime Minister of Greece, Mr. Kyriakos Mitsotakis in Greece on August 25, 2023



PM Shri Narendra Modi at the Indian Community event at Athens, Greece on August 25, 2023



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### India's G20 Presidency creates history

For the first time, the focus shifts from Women-development to Women-led Development

G20 New Delhi Leaders' Declaration 2023 has incorporated the **Chair's Statement** which was adopted at the **G20 Ministerial Conference for Women Empowerment in Gandhinagar** on 2-4 August 2023

Leaders of the G20 agreed to the creation of a **Working Group on empowerment of women** to support the G20 Women's Ministerial which will convene its first meeting during the Brazilian G20 Presidency



### INDIA'S G20 PRESIDENCY

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Key Takeaways of the G20 Sessions I & II

- African Union inducted as the new permanent member of G20 (now G21)
- A comprehensive rail and shipping connectivity network announced linking US, India, Saudi Arabia & Gulf and Arab states, and the European Union
- G20 New Delhi Leaders' Declaration adopted with China and Russia in agreement
- PM Modi announced the launch of Global Biofuel Alliance to boost the use of cleaner fuels

### INDIA'S G20 Presidency

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Country	Outcomes (Line of Effort)	Annexed Documents*	Total
India 2023	73	39	112
Indonesia 2022	27	23	50
Italy 2021	36	29	65
Saudi Arabia 2020	22	8	30
Japan 2019	13	16	29
Argentina 2018	12	21	33
Germany 2017	8	14	22

\*Annexed Documents: Non-binding Declarations and Action Plans, Working Group Outcome Documents

- RECOGNITION** Share your work with other party members and be recognized
- EMPOWERMENT** Realize your potential by executing task effectively and efficiently
- NETWORKING** Connect with other party members who are doing great work
- PARTICIPATION** Leverage collective power of ideas and efforts powering inclusive growth

- पहचान** अपने काम को पार्टी के अन्य सदस्यों के साथ साझा करें और अपनी पहचान बनायें।
- सशक्तिकरण** कर्मों को प्रभावी ढंग और कुशलता से पूरा करने अपनी क्षमता का अनुभव करें।
- नेटवर्किंग** पार्टी के अन्य सदस्यों के साथ जुड़ें जो अच्छा काम कर रहे हैं।
- सहभागिता** समान्यता विकास को शीघ्र प्रदान करने वाले विचारों और प्रयासों की समुहिक शक्ति का लाभ उठाएं।



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