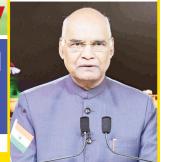
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PM addresses nation from ramparts of Red Fort on 72nd Independence Day



New Delhi: The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, addressed the nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort, on the occasion of the 72nd Independence Day. Asserting that India is today brimming with self-confidence, the Prime Minister mentioned developments such as the success of Navika Sagar Parikrama by six young women naval officers, and the achievements of young Indian sportspersons from humble backgrounds.

He mentioned the blooming of Neelakurinji flowers in the Nilgiri hills, a phenomenon that

occurs once every 12 years. He said that the recently concluded session of Parliament, was one dedicated to the cause of social justice. He noted that India is now the world's sixth largest economy.

The Prime Minister paid homage to the freedom fighters and martyrs. He saluted the jawans of the security forces and police forces. He recalled in particular, the martyrs of the JallianwalaBagh massacre, which happened on Baisakhi day in 1919. He offered condolences to people affected by floods in some

parts of the country. He quoted poet Subramaniam

Bharti to say that India will show the world the path to freedom from all kinds of shackles.

He said such dreams were shared by countless freedom fighters. And an inclusive Constitution was drafted by Babasaheb Ambedkar to achieve this dream of a nation where there is justice for the poor, and equal opportunities for all to move forward. He said that Indians are now coming together to build the nation. He gave examples of the pace of development in various fields

such as toilet construction, electricity reaching villages, LPG gas connections, house construction etc.

He said that the Union Government had taken decisions which had been pending for long, including higher MSP for farmers, GST, and One Rank - One Pension. He said this has become possible because the Union Government has kept national interest supreme.

The Prime Minister mentioned how international organizations and agencies were looking at India very differently today as compared to 2013 He said that from a time of "policy paralysis", India had moved to "Reform, Perform, Transform.

He said India is now a member of several important multilateral organizations, and is leading the International Solar Alliance.

The Prime Minister said that the North-East is today in the news for achievements in sports, for connecting the last unconnected villages with electricity, and for becoming a hub of organic farming.

The Prime Minister mentioned 13 crore loans being disbursed under the Mudra Yojana, and four crore loans out of this number, being disbursed to first time beneficiaries of such loans. The Prime Minister said that India is proud of its scientists. He announced "Gagan-Yaan" a manned space mission, to be undertaken by India by 2022, using its own capabilities. He said India would become the fourth nation in the world to do so.

Reiterating the vision to double farmers' incomes by 2022, the Prime Minister asserted that the aim is to accomplish tasks which seem extremely difficult.

He said initiatives such as UjjwalaYojana and Saubhagya Yojana are providing dignity to the people. He said organizations such as the WHO have appreciated the progress made in the Swachh Bharat Mission. Shri Narendra Modi announced the launch of the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Abhiyaan on 25th September this year - the anniversary of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay.

It is high time we ensure that the poor of India get access to good quality and affordable healthcare, he asserted. He said this scheme would positively impact 50 crore people. The Prime Minister explained how better targeting of government benefits has been achieved by weeding out about 6 crore fake beneficiaries.

The honest taxpayer of India has a major role in the progress of the nation, he said, adding that it is due to them that so many people are fed, and the lives of the poor are transformed.

The Prime Minister asserted that the corrupt, and those who have black money would not be forgiven.

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FIMI Appoints Sunil Duggal, CEO-HZL as its **New President**

Udaipur: The Federation of Indian Mineral Industries (FIMI) has appointed Sunil Duggal, the CEO of Hindustan Zinc, as its new President. The decision in this regard was taken by FIMI in their Annual General Meeting held on 14th August 2018. Sunil Duggal is also currently Vice Chairman of International Zinc Association, Co-Chair - FICCI Non-Ferrous Metals



Committee 2018 and President - Indian Lead Zinc Development Association. He has also been Co-Chair of CII National Committee on Mining for 2017-18 and Chairman of Skill Council An electrical engineering graduate and an Alumni of IMD,

Lausanne - Switzerland and IIM Calcutta, Sunil Duggal is driving Hindustan Zinc to achieve the metal production capacity of 1.5 million tonne and 1500 tonnes of silver within a span of 5 years. It is in his tenure that Hindustan Zinc has become a fully underground mining company and has been ranked 3rd in Environment and 11th overall in the Dow Jones Sustainability Index amongst mining and metal companies globally.

He is also the Chairman of the Vedanta Ethics Committee and anchors Vedanta HSE Council. With an extensive experience of 34 years, Sunil Duggal has embedded a strong safety culture in the Company and has adopted best-in-class mining and smelting techniques, state of art environment friendly technologies, mechanisation, digitalization and automation of operational activities into the business.

Being the only Zinc-Lead-Silver producer in India and global leader in metal production, Hindustan Zinc is recognized as 'Zinc of India' and has provided Zinc sufficiency to the country. As a market leader, Hindustan Zinc governs about 85% of growing Zinc market in India and produces 100% of India's integrated Silver.

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