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Chennai, October 16 2021: Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi performed the Bhoomi Poojan ceremony of Hostel Phase-1 built by Saurashtra Patel Seva Samaj in Surat via video conferencing.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister praised the spirit of people of Gujarat and said that it is a matter of pride for him that in the tasks of social development, Gujarat has always taken a lead. He remembered Sardar Patel on the occasion and quoted the great leader to emphasize that caste and creed should not be allowed to hinder the task of national development. "We are all sons and daughters of India. We all should love our country, make our destiny with mutual affection and cooperation", the Prime Minister quoted Sardar Patel.

The Prime Minister said India is currently in its 75th year of independence. Along with new resolutions, this Amrit Kaal inspires us to remember those personalities who played a big role in



a w a k e n i n g p u b l i c consciousness. It is very important for today's generation to know about them, he added.

The Prime Minister talked about Vallabh Vidyanagar. He said this place was developed so that education can be spread, village development works can be accelerated. He continued about his experience of serving Gujarat as Chief Minister and said that a person like him with no caste-base in politics was blessed by the people to serve the state in 2001. He praised the strength of the blessings of the people that enabled him to continue serving the state and later, the entire country for more than twenty years without any break. He said

"what is the power of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas', I learnt this from Gujarat itself" recalling that earlier, there was a lack of good schools in Gujarat, there was a shortage of teachers for good education. The Prime Minister narrated how he connected people to solve this problem

The Prime Minister said in the new National Education Policy, the option of teaching professional courses in the local language has also been given. Now studies are not limited to degrees, but studies are being linked with skills. The country is now connecting its traditional skills with modern possibilities.

Referring to the robust recovery in the wake of the pandemic, the Prime Minister said that the whole world is full of hope about India with the speed with which the economy has made a comeback after the difficult times of Corona. He also made reference to a world body assertion that India is again going to be the fastest growing economy in the world.

The Prime Minister praised the Gujarat Chief Minister and noted his connect with technology as well as ground realities. "His experience of working at different levels is going to be very useful for the development of Gujarat", The Prime Minister added.

"MCKINGSTOWN" Men's Grooming inaugurated by Madhu Saran & Chinnamma Jacob at Shenoy Nagar

Chennai, October 16, 2021: "A brand is no longer what we tell a customer it is - it is what customers tell each other it is."

The Maker of McKingstown-Darren Rodrigues along with the Franchise Partner, Roshini Hannah Abraham, Guest of Honor Madhu Saran launched new McKingstown branch at Shenoy Nagar.

McKingstown contemporary salon designed only for men, reinvents Chennai Men's grooming scene to best in class service, artistry and innovative trend mixed with modern full-service European retro barber shop.

"MCKINGSTOWN" Men's Grooming Salon is a beautiful amalgamation that will raise quality and men pampering European standards.

Whether for business or relaxation come experience



Our doors are open to men who desire to look their best at all times, Here men Whether need a haircut, shave or facial, "MCKINGSTOWN" offers Hygiene, professionalism and personal attention in addition offering a wide range of bespoke male grooming services tailored

to their needs. McKingstown conveniently located in Shenoy Nagar with highly skilled staff elevates the traditional barbershop experience to suit the sophistication of the modern man, moving beyond basic grooming strives to offer premium quality and

experience at a reasonable price that can be afforded by the every day man.

"MCKINGSTOWN" located at No. 1/1, Shop - A Shenoy Nagar, 7th Cross Street, Shenoy Nagar - CHENNAI 600030 landmark opposite to skating park

NLCIL Talabira Project commences supply of coal to NTPC Darlipali Power Station

Chennai, October 16 2021: NLC India Limited, a Navratna Company under the administrative control of the Ministry of Coal is operating Talabira II&III coal mines (20 MT annual capacity) in Odisha State.

Talabira II&III OCP has commenced production from the financial year 2020-21 and supplying coal to its End Use plant, NTPC, Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu. Further to meet the requirement of country's coal supply, the excess coal quantity after fulfilling the requirement of end use plant, selling the coal to open market



through E-auction with due permission from the Coal Ministry.

The Ministry of Coal has

taken all efforts to augment coal supplies to the power sector and decided to divert and augment the supplies to power sector from captive

coal blocks. The Ministry offered coal supply from Talabira II&III mines to NTPC for their Power plant.

In this connection, both the companies worked together to commence the supply of coal from Talabira II&III OCP to NTPC (Darlipali & Lara Power Plants). With timely support and necessary coal delivery permits from the Department of Mines, Govt. of Odisha, the coal delivery to the Darlipali Power station has been commenced yesterday, within 24 hours from the directives from the Ministry of Coal.

Seven new defence companies, carved out of OFB, dedicated to the Nation on the occasion of Vijayadashami

Chennai, October 16 2021: Seven new defence companies, carved out of Ordnance Factory Board (OFB), were dedicated to the Nation at a function organised by Ministry of Defence on the occasion of 'Vijayadashami' in New Delhi on October 15, 2021. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi delivered a video address during the event. Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh presided over the ceremony at Kothari Auditorium, DRDO Bhawan.

To enhance functional autonomy, efficiency and unleash new growth potential & innovation, Government had decided to convert OFB from a Government Department into seven 100 per cent Government-owned corporate entities as a measure to improve self-reliance in the defence preparedness of the country. The seven new Defence companies are: Munitions India Limited (MIL); Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited (AVANI); Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Limited (AWE India); Troop Comforts Limited (TCL) (Troop Comfort Items); Yantra India Limited (YIL); India Optel Limited (IOL) and Gliders India Limited (GIL). These companies have commenced business from October 01, 2021.

In his video address, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi noted the auspicious occasion of Vijayadashami today and the tradition of worshipping arms and ammunition on the day. He said, In India, we see power as a medium of creation. He remarked that with the same spirit, the nation is moving towards strength.

Shri Narendra Modi also paid tributes to Dr APJ Abdul Kalam and said that Dr Kalam dedicated his life to the cause of a strong nation and said that Restructuring of Ordnance Factories and creation of seven companies will give strength to his dream of strong India. New Defence companies are a part of the various resolutions which the nation is pursuing to build a new future for the country during this Amrit Kaal of India's independence, he added.

The Prime Minister said that the decision of creating these companies was struck for a long time and expressed a belief these 7 new companies would form a strong base for the military strength of the country in the times to come. Noting the glorious past of Indian Ordnance factories, the Prime Minister commented that upgradation of these companies was ignored in the post-independence period, leading to the country's

dependence on foreign suppliers for its needs. "These 7 defence companies will play a major role in changing this situation", he said.

Shri Narendra Modi also mentioned that these new companies would play an important role in import substitution, in line with the vision of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat'. An order book of more than Rs 65,000 crore reflect the increasing confidence of the country in these companies, he added.

The Prime Minister recalled the various initiatives and reforms undertaken in the recent past that have created Trust, Transparency and Technology driven approach in the defence sector like never before. Today, private and public sector are working hand in hand in the mission of national security, he added. He cited Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu Defence Corridors as examples of the new approach. He noted as new opportunities are emerging for the youth and MSME the country is seeing the result of policy changes in the recent years. "Our defence export has increased by 325 per cent in last five years", he added.

Shri Narendra Modi mentioned that it is our target that our companies not only establish expertise in their products but also become a global brand. He urged that while competitive cost is our strength, quality and reliability should be our identity. He further mentioned that in the 21st century, growth and brand value of any nation or any company is determined by its R&D and innovation. He appealed to the new companies that Research and innovation should be a part of their work culture, so that they just don't catch up but take lead in future technologies. This restructuring would provide more autonomy to the new companies to nurture innovation and expertise and the new companies should encourage such talent, he added. He urged the start-ups to become a part of this new journey through these companies to leverage the research and expertise of each other.

The Prime Minister mentioned that the Government has given these new companies not only a better production environment but also complete functional autonomy. He reiterated that the Government has also ensured that the interests of the employees are fully protected.

Describing the decision to convert OFB into seven defence companies as historic, Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh, in his address, said the

move reflects the Government's resolve of achieving 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat'. He said, this decision will provide autonomy to these companies and improve accountability & efficiency in the functioning of 41 factories under them. He exuded confidence that the new structure will help in overcoming various shortcomings in the existing system of OFB and provide these companies incentive to become competitive and exploring new opportunities in the market including exports, while safeguarding the interests of the employees.

"The objective of this restructuring is to transform Ordnance Factories into productive, and profitable assets; improve expertise in product range; increase competitiveness; improve quality; enhance cost-efficiency and ensure self-reliance in defence preparedness", he said.

Shri Rajnath Singh hoped that in the times of come, these new companies would not only play an important role in the defence manufacturing ecosystem but would also be engines of growth for the Indian economy. He added that restructuring is a continuing process, not an end in itself.

Saying that the new companies have full potential for growth, Shri Rajnath Singh said, if required, the government will provide support initially through financial and non-financial interventions.

Reiterating the Government's commitment towards protecting the interests of OFB employees, Shri Rajnath Singh stated that all employees of OFB (Group A, B & C) belonging to production units will be transferred to corporate entities on deemed deputation for a period of two years without any change in their service conditions as Central Government employees.

Termining production of defence items as key for achieving 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat', the Raksha Mantri voiced the Government's resolve of making India a defence manufacturing hub and net exporter through active participation of the private sector, joint ventures and setting up of defence manufacturing units. He said, since 2014, all efforts have been made to bridge the gap between age-old business methods and modern-day practices that are needed to make way into the global market, expressing satisfaction that the country is making giant strides towards achieving 'Make in India,

Make for the World' vision of the Prime Minister.

"The country's defence sector has scaled greater heights due to the reforms taken by the Government in the past few years. We have created a conducive ecosystem for exports and FDI with focus on manufacturing products indigenously," said Shri Rajnath Singh. He added that Ministry of Defence has set a target of achieving a turnover of Rs 1.75 lakh crore in aerospace and defence goods and services by 2024, including exports of Rs 35,000 crore.

The Raksha Mantri defined the present defence manufacturing scenario in the country as a synergy of the private and public sectors. "Public and private sectors are working hand-in-hand to enhance the preparedness of our Armed Forces," he said.

Shri Rajnath Singh urged the new management to not just depend on orders for the Services, but explore new opportunities in India and abroad. He also wished the Nation on 'Vijayadashami' and remembered former President APJ Abdul Kalam on his birth anniversary.

Raksha Rajya Mantri Shri Ajay Bhatt mentioned that the transformation of OFB could become a reality only because of the vision and leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. He expressed gratitude to the EGoM, led by the Raksha Mantri, which made it feasible to carry out such a huge reform, involving more than 75,000 employees, 41 production units and a number of non-production units spread over 10 States/UT in the country, having assets worth more than Rs. 79,000 crore and above all, legacy of more than 220 years.

National Security Advisor Shri Ajit Doval, Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal V R Chaudhari, Defence Secretary Dr Ajay Kumar, Secretary (Defence Production) Shri Raj Kumar, Secretary (Ex-Servicemen Welfare) Shri B Anand, Financial Advisor (Defence Services) Shri Sanjiv Mittal and other senior officers of Ministry of Defence and representatives from the Defence Industry Associations were also present.

In addition to the central programme, the ceremony was held in a federated manner with programmes and events held in all the seven new companies and their units located in various states. Several independent events were also organised at local level by these companies to commemorate the historic day. These programmes were connected to the central programme through video conferencing.

Mahindra announces Manoj Bajpayee as new Brand Ambassador for release of Krish-e Suite of Mobile Apps

Chennai, October 16 2021: Krish-e, Mahindra's new Farming as a Service (FaaS) business, today announced the release of Krish-e App & Krish-e Nidaan apps with the launch of its first ever digital video commercial (DVC) film. The new DVC is focused on the unique benefits of the Krish-e app and features Manoj Bajpayee, one of the country's most versatile actors with family roots in farming.

The DVC highlights the challenges a farmer faces when planning and executing his farming operations and is focused on

telling farmers about the unique benefits of the Krish-e app by bringing expert advisory and best farming practices across different crops and regions in multiple languages using audio & video content.

Launched in 2020, Krish-e is a new business vertical from Mahindra that provides technology driven services, which are progressive, affordable and accessible to farmers. With an omni-channel presence, Krish-e aims to increase farm income through physical as well as digital services across the complete crop cycle.

Through the new DVC, Krish-e will highlight the challenges a farmer faces when planning and executing his farming operations and how the new Krish-e apps helps farmers by bringing expert advisory and best farming practices across different crops and regions in multiple languages using audio & video content.

Speaking on the occasion, Hemant Sikka, President, Farm Equipment Sector, Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd. said, "With Krish-e's focus on improving farming outcomes, the release of our

apps today is in every sense a commitment to Mahindra's larger purpose of Transforming Farming & Enriching Lives. By putting the power of agronomy and data-driven farming in the hands of farmers we are helping farmers improve their income per acre. We are absolutely thrilled to have Manoj Bajpayee on board, an actor with a massive appeal given his family roots in farming. Manoj carries a superb balance of being authentic, bold and humble, qualities that perfectly fit with our brand values. With Manoj on board, we are confident of strengthening the Krish-e brand further."

Union Minister for Power, New and Renewable Energy visits NHPC Dulhasti Power Station and Dam site of Kishanganga power station

Chennai, October 16, 2021: Shri R. K. Singh, Union Minister for Power, New & Renewable Energy, visited Dam site of 330 MW NHPC Kishanganga power station at Gurez in Bandipora District of the UT of Jammu & Kashmir today



The Hon'ble Minister was accompanied by Shri S.K. G. Rahate, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Power, Shri A.K. Singh, CMD, NHPC and Shri Rohit Kansal, Principal Secretary, Power Development Department, J & K.

During his visit, the Minister inspected various components of Dam and Spillway. He also inspected

construction work of dam toe power house (0.8 X 3 = 2.4 MW) and was briefed about the progress of works. During the visit, the Hon'ble Minister also interacted with the representatives of the local p e o p l e .

Shri R.K. Singh, Union Minister for Power, New and Renewable Energy visited the Dam Complex of

Dulhasti Power Station. Yesterday, Shri S. K. G. Rahate, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Power, Government of India, Shri Rohit Kansal, Principal Secretary, PDD, J&K and Shri A.K. Singh, CMD, NHPC also visited the station with him.

Shri R. K. Singh and other dignitaries were welcomed by Shri Nirmal

Singh, General Manager (In-Charge), Dulhasti Power Station with bouquet on their arrival at the dam premises. Thereafter, all the dignitaries were accorded a grand welcome by other senior officers and employees of Dulhasti Power Station. Hon'ble Minister was accorded ceremonial Guard of Honor by Central Industrial Security Force personnel.

On this occasion, the Minister inspected the dam complex and took stock of the operation of the power station. Shri Nirmal Singh, General Manager (In-Charge), Dulhasti Power Station explained about the power station operation in detail to the Minister.