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PM Modi says Republic Day parade pays tribute to India's great social, cultural heritage & strategic strength



rime Minister Narendra Modi has said that the Republic Day parade pays tribute to India's great social, cultural heritage, as well as the strategic strength and bows to the Constitution that gives life to the world's largest democracy. Interacting with NCC and NSS cadets and Tableaux artists at his residence who will participate at the Republic Day Parade, Mr Modi said, when they parade on the Rajpath with zeal, every countrymen is filled with enthusiasm and energy. He said, when they show a glimpse of the rich art, culture, tradition and heritage of India, the

The Prime Minister said, during the preparations for Republic Day, they must have realized the diversity of India. He said, there are many languages, dialects, different foods and drinks, but India is one. Mr Modi said, we did not get an opportunity to sacrifice our everything for the independence of the country, but the country has definitely given us the opportunity to give our best. He said, we should keep doing what we can to make the country stronger.

The Prime Minister said, India means the collective power of blood, sweat, aspirations, and expectations of the common people. He said, vocal for local is to respect and encourage the things that are being built around their locality.

Mr Modi said, the spirit of vocal for local will be strengthened when it is empowered by the spirit of Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat. He said, there should be more awareness about the traditions and festivals of different states and in particular, the country can learn a lot from the rich tribal traditions, art and craft. The Prime Minister said, the Ek Bharat-Shreshtha

Bharat campaign is helping a lot in taking it forward. He said, looking at the importance of skills, in 2014, a separate Ministry was formed for skill development and so far, about 5.5 crore youth have been trained in different arts and skills. Mr Modi said, India will not be self-reliant just by saying. He said, it will be done by actions of the youth and they can do it in a much better way when they have the necessary skill set. He said, this skill focus is evident in the new National Education Policy where application of knowledge is stressed upon. He added that flexibility in choosing subject of one's choice is a key aspect of the policy. The Prime Minister said, the policy marks the first serious effort to bring vocation education into the mainstream of education. He said, from class 6 onwards, student will have the option of selecting a course in line with their interests and local needs and business. Later also, at middle level, integration of academic and vocational subjects is proposed.

Mr Modi urged the youth to come forward to help the country in COVID-19 vaccination. The Prime Minister said, they have to provide the right information to the poor and the general public and defeat every system spreading misinformation and rumours.

Mr Modi pointed out that this year, India is entering 75th years of independence and this year we celebrate 400th Prakash Purab of Guru Teg Bahadur ji. Also, this year marks the 125th birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose which has been declared as Parakram Diwas. He said, these events inspire us to rededicate ourselves to the cause of our country. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda, Youth Affairs Minister Kiren Rijuju and Minister of State for Tribal Affairs Renuka Singh Saruta were present on the occasion.

India's Fight Back Story

mbracing the new normal of life, people have proved yet again that they are flexible to changes. Having lived under unique and uncertain circumstances during most of the last year, it can be said that people can deal with anything that comes as a surprise.

Nobody had thought that between two republic day celebrations - 71st and 72nd, we would have a year of events. India has been the leader from the outbreak of the pandemic to the world's biggest vaccination drive. People adapted to the circumstances pretty quickly and fought a war against an invisible enemy. While we were able to make the right decisions at the right time, we also got our infrastructure ready in record time. This win against the most challenging enemy proved that the country is much stronger than it ever was. Of course, our ability to set the infrastructure up in a record time was commendable. People's staying prepared was terrific to

watch. While the world's developed countries struggled to cope with the pandemic and surprises it threw every other day. India. a

developing nation, showed the way. People stayed home and followed the social distancing correctly. An alert citizen not only saves their life, but they also spread the light of awareness. This is precisely what the Indians did and conquered over the Covid - 19 pandemic.

Editorial

While the citizens did everything needed to keep a check on the pandemic's spread, the frontline warriors fought with it head-on. It was their spirit that keeps the virus at bay, and eventually, we were able to bring life back on track. With a strong defense by the warriors across the country, our scientists worked tirelessly to prepare and launch our attack. Today, we have two vaccines available, and both have been successful. As India steps into the future, the south Asian country is all set to lead the world. There's no bullying around, no invasions into any territory, but its rich culture and ability to fight hard against all odds are in the DNA of every Indian. And that's why India leads by example that the world can follow for a prosperous life.

- Prashant shrivastava







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Padma Award - 2021

Padma Awards for 119 achievers including S P Balasubramaniam, Ram Vilas Paswan and former Japanese Premier Shinzo Abe

The Government announced the Padma Awards . Seven persons will get Padma Vibhushan. They include former Japan Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, sculptor Sudarshan Sahoo and Islamic scholar Maulana Wahiduddin Khan. Eminent Singer late S P Balasubramaniam will be awarded the 2nd highest civilian award posthumously. Ten persons will get Padma Bhushan. They include former Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan, Singer K S Chithra, prominent poet Chandrashekhara Kambara and retired Civil Servant Nripendra Misra. Former Gujarat Chief Minister late Keshubhai Patel, Former Assam Chief Minister late Tarun Gogoi and Former Union Minister late Ram Vilas Paswan will be honoured with Padma Bhushan posthumously.102 persons will get Padma Shri. They include Social Worker Sindutai Sapkal, Musician Bombay Jayashri, British film director Peter Brook and Greek Indologist Nicholas Kazanas. Former Governor of Goalate Mridula Sinha, Spanish-Indian Jesuit priest and author late Father Vallés will be given the award posthumously.

The list includes many unsung heroes of the country.

Congratulating the Padma Awardees, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, we are proud of all those who have been conferred the Padma Awards. In a tweet, Mr Modi said, India cherishes their contribution to the nation and humanity at large. He said, these exceptional individuals from different walks of life have brought qualitative changes in the lives of others.





Seven persons across different fields have been nominated for the Padma Awards from West Bengal. On the eve of 72nd Republic Day, the names of the Padma Shri awardees were announced for the year 2021.

Novelist Namdeo.C.Kamble hailing from Washim district in Vidarbha is awarded Padmashri for his contribution to the field of literature. Earlier, he had received the 1995 Sahitya Akademi Award for his novel 'Raghavvel'. He has written 8 novels, 2 collections of stories, 4 collections of poems, 2 collections of ideological books. He has recently written a book on Gandhi-Ambedkar ideological writing.

