

## PM interacts with Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar awardees

**“Sacrifice of Sahibzadas of Guru Gobind Singh Ji for India's civilization, culture, faith and religion is incomparable”**

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi interacted with Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar (PMRBP) awardees today via video conference. Digital certificates were conferred on PMRBP awardees for the years 2022 and 2021 using Blockchain Technology. This technology was used for the first time for giving certificates to awardees. Union Women and Child Development Minister Smt Smriti Zubin Irani and Dr. Munjpara Mahendrabhai, Minister of State were among those present on the occasion.

Interacting with Master Avi Sharma of Indore, Madhya Pradesh the Prime Minister enquired about the secret of his prolific output with regard to various aspects of Ramayana. Master Avi Sharma said that he got the inspiration from the government's decision of broadcasting the serial Ramayana during the lockdown. Avi also recited some couplets from his creation. The Prime Minister narrated an incident when he went and heard Sushri Uma Bharti Ji when, as a child, she showed immense spiritual depth and knowledge in a programme. He said there is something in the soil of Madhya Pradesh that gives rise to such precocious talent. The Prime Minister told Avi that he is an inspiration and

an example of the adage that you are never too young to do big things.

Interacting with Kumari Remona Evette Pereira from Karnataka, the Prime Minister discussed her passion for Indian Dance. He inquired about the difficulties she faced in pursuing her passion. The Prime Minister complimented her mother for ignoring her own adversities to realise her daughter's dreams. The Prime Minister said that Remona's achievements are much bigger than her age and told her that her art is a way of expressing the strength of the great country.

Interacting with Kumari Puhabi Chakraborti of Tripura, the Prime Minister enquired about her COVID related innovation. She also informed the Prime Minister about her fitness app for sportspersons. The Prime Minister asked about the support she receives from the school, friends and parents in her endeavour. He asked about her method of balancing her time for sports as well as developing innovative apps.

Interacting with Master Dhiraj Kumar from West Champaran, Bihar, the Prime Minister asked about the incident where he saved his younger brother from a crocodile attack. PM asked about the brave boy's state of mind while saving his younger brother and how he feels now after becoming famous. The Prime Minister praised his courage and presence of mind. Dhiraj told the Prime Minister that he wants to serve the country as an Army soldier. Interacting with Master Meedhansh Kumar Gupta from Punjab, the Prime Minister enquired about his achievement of creating an app for COVID issues. The Prime Minister said that in children like Meedhansh he feels that



the government efforts to promote entrepreneurship are bearing fruit and a tendency to become job providers instead of being job seekers is becoming more pronounced.

Interacting with Kumari Tarushi Gaur from Chandigarh, the Prime Minister enquired about her opinion on the balance between sports and studies. The Prime Minister asked why Tarushi idolises Boxer Mary Kom. She informed the Prime Minister that she likes her because of her commitment to excellence and balance that she strikes as a sportsperson and as a mother. The Prime Minister said that the government is committed to providing all the facilities to the sportspersons and creating a mindset of winning at every level. Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister noted that these awards become all the more significant in the light of the fact that they have been conferred during the important period when the country is celebrating Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. He said this is the time to draw energy from the past and dedicate oneself to

achieving great results in the coming 25 years of the Amrit Kaal. He also greeted the daughters of the country on the National Girl Child Day. The Prime Minister remembered the glorious history of the Freedom Struggle and the contribution of Birbala Kanaklata Barua, Khudiram Bose and Rani Gaidinilu. "These fighters had made the country's freedom the mission of their lives at a very young age and had dedicated themselves to it" the Prime Minister noted.

The Prime Minister also recalled his visit to the Nowshera sector of Jammu and Kashmir on Diwali last year where he met Baldev Singh and Basant Singh who had played the role of child soldiers in the post-independence war. They helped the army at such a young age without caring about their life. The Prime Minister paid tribute to the bravery of these heroes.

The Prime Minister cited examples of the bravery and sacrifice of the sons of Guru Gobind Singh Ji. He pointed out that the Sahibzadas had sacrificed themselves with



immense valour at a very young age. Their sacrifice for India's civilization, culture, faith and religion is incomparable. The Prime Minister asked the youngsters to know more about the Sahibzadas and their sacrifice.

The Prime Minister remarked that a digital statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose has also been installed near India Gate in Delhi. "We get the biggest inspiration from Netaji i.e. duty of the nation first. Taking inspiration from Netaji, you have to proceed on the path of duty for the country", Shri Modi added. The Prime Minister said that in any sector, policies and initiatives are keeping youth at the centre. He cited initiatives like Start Up India, Stand Up India, Digital India, Make in India along with Jan Andolan of Aatmnirbhar India and creation of modern infrastructure. This, he said, is in sync with the speed of the youth of India who are leading this new epoch both in India and outside. The Prime Minister underlined the growing prowess of India in the innovation and start-up sphere. He

conveyed the nation's pride in the fact of major global companies being led by Indian young CEOs. "Today we feel proud when we see the youth of India excelling in the world of startups. Today we feel proud when we see that the youth of India are innovating, taking the country forward", the Prime Minister said.

The Prime Minister said in areas where daughters were not even allowed earlier, daughters are doing wonders in them today. This is the new India, which does not hold back from innovating, courage and determination are the hallmarks of India today.

The Prime Minister appreciated that the children of India have shown their modern and scientific thinking in the vaccination program as well. Since January 3, in just 20 days, more than 40 million children have got the corona vaccine. He also lauded them for their leadership in the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. The Prime Minister appealed to them to be an ambassador for Vocal for Local and lead the campaign of Aatmnirbhar Bharat.

## Now tricolor combination becomes special in republic day festival trend

While fashion gives a new style to the youth, it creates looking young and different in the elderly. Age does not dominate fashion but makes a new way of living. Be it any social function or festival in society, a glimpse of technique is seen in the people during the rituals. Be it the festival of independence or the occasion of Republic Day, rarely the sway of fashion is not seen in the tricolor form.

Be it the occasion, fashion is a term that is popular among youngsters, senior citizens, or kids alike. Be it a social function or Independence Day, the sparkle of fashion is created in every age on such an occasion. This is the reason that whether it is a day to celebrate independence or even in the ceremony of commemorating the republic ceremonially, the glimpse of fashion has started appearing in a big way.

Unique style of fashion in patriotism

From the dress-up to the expression of the tricolor on the face, along with the patriotism in mind, it also underlines the unique style of fashion. This feeling of patriotism connects people with the mind and strengthens the desire to celebrate independence or a republic. Whether it is a person wearing saffron, white, and green colored clothes, or the line of these three colors on the face, it reveals the feeling of patriotism. The school celebrates republic Day, college, or other educational institutions or any organization. The atmosphere colored in the tricolor shows that we have got a chance to express our feelings somewhere. Teachers and students wear the same dress on this day, whether a three-colored clothing or a white uniform with saffron and green bandage in their hands. Women and girls often wear a white-colored sari or salwar suit and saffron or green colored chunni or shawl to make



them feel the tricolor, while children do not miss to engrave the tricolor on their cheeks.

Veneer display for tricolor combination in the showroom

The art of displaying the veneer in the tricolor in the clothes showroom is made on sight. T-shirts that appeal to youth are also displayed in saffron-white-green color T-shirts or other attire. Be it the day of independence or the urge to celebrate Republic Day, the message of being successful in giving a direction is given behind the display of clothes colored in tricolor colors. Whether it is a woman or a man, not only in social functions but also at national festivals want to stand out, it is common for women and girls to wear attractive lehenga in three colors during the special occasion of Independence and Republic Day.

Tricolor range prepared by fashion designers

In today's fashion era, well-known designers of the country create new ranges, keeping in mind the social occasion and the national festival. For a special event, now along with colorful dress up, clothes with tricolor color combinations become the center of attraction. The tricolor embroidery done by hand on the white silk gown makes the gown more attractive, while the border can be added to the gown's look by creating it in a partial style.

Wearing designer clothes is the pastime of women and girls.

Young men and women want to look different and beautiful in marriage and other functions. Women often wore only saris or lehenga at festivals, but the trend has changed with time. The combination of modernity in traditional attire has started speaking loudly. Along with lehengas and saris, designer gowns have also joined the choice of women. Well-known designers of the country are also preparing a range of attractive gowns along with saree-lehenga. The gown is being designed according to the occasion. Along with the social function, wearing designer clothes adorned with tricolor colors has become a pastime of women and girls according to their choice.

Fashion-show marketing

Fashion shows are now taking place in India in a big way. The festival season and a variety of attractive costumes are also being displayed through the patriotic fashion show. A range of attractively designed apparel through well-known models has started appearing on the ramp in the form of tricolor wear. In fashion shows in the country, dresses by JJ Balia, Manish Arora, Rohit Gandhi, Naam Khan, Anita Dongre, Seema Khan, etc., can be seen on the ramp by beautiful models dressed in time. Miss India Ritu Khosla also believes that designers have been making special dresses, especially at the festival, whether it is the celebration of independence or the fashion shows to be held on the eve of Republic Day.

Attracts Tricolor Combination of Garments:

Color has its importance in the clothes worn at the national festival. It is common to wear white, orange and colored clothes on such an occasion. With time, in the festive season, the combination of three colors and dark blue color is also being liked in the new trend.

Students are preparing fashionable dresses.

The students of the Department of Fashion Technology and Designing, Mohanlal Sukhadia University, are preparing apparel keeping in mind the festival season and fashion and the study of fashion designing. Be it Republic Day or Independence Day; they have been preparing attractive clothes not only for themselves but on orders according to the demand of young men and women.

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## Voters: The Dominant Face of Democracy



The assembly elections of five states have been announced, but the biggest irony which is being seen every time is that these elections are issueless and the situations of changing the parties are a common thing. From Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand to Goa, Manipur and Punjab, now the fortune of political parties and leaders are in the hands of the voters. Like every time in these elections also, the main issue is casteism, communal bigotry and attempts to woo voters are weakening the roots of democracy. At present, money and power are becoming dominant traits in elections, politics was once a means of service, but today it is becoming a business, it is a matter of concern and it is weakening the roots of democracy.

In the elections of these five states, the voter will have to play a dual role - as the owner of the house and also as the watchman of the house. As a proprietor, it will be his duty to try and see those who are called contractors of public interest and as the watchman of the house; it becomes his duty not only to stay awake but also to be constantly alert. It is the need of this awareness and caution that he weighs the words and deeds of those who want to sit in power on the scales of conscience. Since he is the one to lose the most and gain the most, he also has the greatest responsibility. Voters should fulfill this responsibility at the individual level as well - by asking themselves what would be the basis for their voting. The first decision the voter has to make is whether he has to vote. Then it has to be decided that he will not vote in favour of the 'wrong'. When every voter uses his vote very thoughtfully, then only democracy will be strong and only then a strong India can be built.

Ahimsa Vishwa Bharti is running a voter awareness campaign to make voters aware. The main purpose is to force the voter to think

that how criminals get our vote? How do the corrupt that play with the wealth of the nation become our ideals? Why do we vote for the corrupt, opportunists and criminals and then they rule us? We accept these conditions silently. But for how long? How long will we keep being cheated? For how long will we continue to watch the nation being looted as a mute spectator?

Change can take place in society only by the collective improvement of the individual and the system. Unless the hands that govern the law are holy, even changing the law will be insufficient. To strengthen democracy, it is necessary to choose the right candidate. Just as criteria are necessary in various examinations, in the same way the criteria of eligibility should be fixed in politics. Vote for those who are honest, free from destruction, free from casteism obsession and communal fanaticism and believe in national unity, human values and social harmony. Just as a person thinks while handing over his daughter's hand, in the same way while casting his vote, he should cast his vote after considering it.

Political parties have started preparing for the elections in their own way. There was no talk of alliances; the strategies for alliances were being prepared. Defection is happening. Various political parties have started manipulating the equations. There is a ruckus in some national parties, while for some regional political parties; these elections remain a question



of prestige. Amidst these situations, the voter also has to be aware. Voters should present their role in such a powerful way in the coming election that the political party cannot dare to ignore it after the election. Even political parties should learn

that today's voter is not a puppet of their hand although a strong component of this election system.

This system of kings and rulers is a universal truth of the world. Methods keep changing. Earlier the king was born from the queen's womb and now he is born from the 'ballet box'.

That is why the most important aspect in democracy is elections. It is a reflection of the national character. To maintain healthy values in democracy, the health of elections and the active participation of common voters are essential. Voters have to wake up before political parties. All political parties publish their manifestos - will make the people rich in five years, every hand will get work, there will be houses for all, roads, schools and hospitals, now there will be competition to provide electricity and water for free. In the newly emerging political culture of freebies people keep taking sweet dreams. How many five year elections were held and so many five year plans were completed but it is the eighth wonder of the world that no goal was achieved in its totality. Every time the voter was cheated, misled. Why don't his eyes open yet?

There was an era when emperors, kings and rulers used to protect their kingdom and subjects by fighting with the strength of their arms and sacrificed their lives for this duty and ideal. Today the fight is being fought with slogans and notes, elections are being fought - to get power. The one who can give an alluring slogan, who can spend as much money, can only mislead the voter today. That is why not only the political parties have to prepare for the elections; the voters also have to do it. But do we make any preparations? Or are you preparing? The games of political manipulation and distribution of freebies should be happy only to the political parties, but only the awareness of the voter can give pure breath to the nation and democracy and for this the voter will also have to strategize. Why should anyone get my vote? Has the one I voted for lived up to my expectations? Wasn't the wrong thing



influencing my decision to vote? The one I didn't vote for, has he tried to correct his shortcomings? These and many more are questions that voters will have to constantly ask themselves. Our misfortune is that voter apathy and neglect is the biggest cause of political corruption and criminalisation.

The truth is that the job of a voter is not only to vote judiciously, but also to constantly check whether his vote is being used properly or not. The question is not only of the interests of the political parties, it is a question of the frequent betrayal of the voter. And what is the voter doing to make himself eligible for democracy?

Despite the huge budget in the name of development, why do conditions of drought, illiteracy, unemployment, inflation, malnutrition have to be seen? A long chain of such questions should arise in the mind of the voter. The question is also why political interests often outweigh the interests of the society and the country? The question is also why do situations like demonetisation come into the country? The question is also that when a strong atmosphere is being created in front of the parties which have been raising slogans on corruption and black money for a long time, then why were these parties stealing their faces from this campaign? Will they remove the worries of the poor people in the country who do not even have time to overcome the worries of maintaining their power? Will such political parties build a corruption-free strong moral nation, which is being accused of corruption every day? The biggest control in democracy should be public opinion, not politics.

- Acharya Dr. Lokeshmuni