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India overshoots export target Achieves USD 417.8 billion Exports in 2021-22

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Delhi Merchandise exports from India have reached USD 417.8 billion in the current financial year. This figure excludes the figures from non-EDI Ports and adding that, it is likely to exceed \$418 billion, an all-time high in India's export history.

India has achieved highest monthly value of merchandise export in March 2022 amounting USD 40.38 billion, an increase of 14.53% over USD 35.26 billion in March 2021 and an increase of 87.89% over USD 21.49 billion in March 2020.

The exports have witnessed a significant growth in non-petroleum goods also in April 2021-March 2022 which was USD 352.76 billion, an increase of 32.62% over USD 266.00 billion in April 2020-March 2021 and an increase of 29.66% over USD 272.07 billion in April 2019-March



2020.

Addressing a press conference here today, Minister of Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and Textiles, Shri Piyush Goyal said that India had truly gone from 'local to global' in response to the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's call.

The Minister said that every Indian should be proud of the pace at which India is achieving 'atmanirbharta' while ensuring that every Indian benefits from this progress. He added that India has been able to achieve this spectacular target under the leadership of the Prime Minister.

Expressing confidence that India's economy is poised to break a number of records, Shri Goyal said that PM Modi had set lofty goals for India and that our nation is extremely capable of achieving such immense goals. To make possible the impossible, tirelessly strive for it and collectively work towards it, he added.

Shri Goyal said the 'never say die' spirit of our exporters, the relentless effort by EPCs and Industry Association, the coordination among different GOI Departments and state governments reflecting the 'whole of government approach' has resulted in this

stupendous achievement.

Every sector of the economy, every farmer, every entrepreneur, every MSME and state governments worked together to achieve this lucrative goal, he said.

India's diversified export portfolio in 2021-22 show India's manufacturing abilities as well as growth in hi-tech goods, electronics and agricultural products.

Exports of major commodity that recorded a positive growth during April 2021-March 2022 over April-March 2020-21 are Petroleum Products (152.1%), Cotton Yarn/Fabrics/Madeups, Handloom Products Etc.

(55.1%), Other Cereals (52.2%), Gems and Jewellery (49.6%), Man-Made Yarn/Fabs/Madeups Etc. (46.9%), Engineering Goods (45.5%), Coffee (49%), Electronic Goods (40.5%), Jute Mfg. Including Floor Covering (36.2%), Leather and Leather Manufactures (32.2%), Organic & Inorganic Chemical (32.0%), Plastic and Linoleum (31.1%), Marine Products (30.0%), Rmg Of All Textiles (29.9%), Handicrafts Excl. Hand Made Carpet (22.0%) and Cereal Preparations and Miscellaneous Processed Item (21.9%) recorded a positive growth of, and 21.9% respectively over April 2020-March 2021.

Apart from diversified range of merchandise goods exported during 2021-22, India's merchandise exports have also seen a significant increase to different countries, especially, developed countries. Exports to USA, UAE, Bangladesh, Netherlands, Singapore, Hong Kong, UK, Belgium and Germany grew by 46.4%, 66.9%, 64.5%, 90.5%, 26.8%, 7.8%, 28%, 90.4% and 21.1% respectively over April 2020-March 2021.

Shri Goyal said, notwithstanding the challenges posed

by successive waves of Covid (2nd and 3rd wave), India's merchandise trade performance has shown impressive growth and exports remained above USD 30 billion for twelve consecutive months during April 2021 to March 2022.

The Prime Minister called for 'local to global' and today India's products are in great demand all over the world. This is a testament to the strength of leadership. PM now focuses extensively on 'whole of nation approach', he said.

One of the impressive growth has been seen in Agriculture sector and especially during the pandemic India emerged as a major global supplier of food / essential agriculture products. Agriculture exports buoyancy is driven by commodities such as rice (both basmati and non-basmati), marine products, wheat, spices and sugar, among others, recording the highest ever agricultural products export in 2021-22.

Higher agricultural exports signify the ability of Indian farmers to meet the requirement of 1.35 billion population and yet produce a surplus to export to rest of the world. Integration into global market will allow our farmers to be

more competitive, quality conscious and at the same time realize better prices for their produce.

When we set a target of \$50 billion exports of Agriculture produce, then few imagined this would be possible. But today I want to congratulate our farmers who have grown more produce despite the Covid-19. The exports growth has helped farmers and labour intensive sectors and MSMEs. The government places special emphasis on these sectors, Shri Goyal said.

The Minister also assured that India will step up wheat supplies to countries hit by the Ukraine War.

"We will continue to export wheat in a big way to meet needs in countries who are not getting supplies from conflict areas. We are likely to exceed our wheat exports over 10 million tonnes in 2022-23. Our farmers are focused on increasing production," he said.

The government has been working around the clock to provide a conducive environment and infrastructure for our industry and exporters to enhance their export performance. Policies and schemes aligned with the goal are being introduced and implemented

for their benefit. The smooth roll out of RoDTEP and ROSCTL even in the midst of the pandemic reflects the strong resolve of the government to walk the talk. The Interest Equalisation Scheme has been extended to exporters and is likely to benefit a large number of MSME exporters.

Shri Goyal said the Government is now working on rolling out the District Export Hub Initiative to strengthen the export infrastructure, logistics at district level to facilitate exports.

"We have succeeded in creating awareness about exports in every district through ODOP and PLIs," he said.

Rigorous efforts for domestic capacity enhancement for deepening integration in the Global Value Chains are being made by working in close partnership with the industry to identify areas where India's competitive advantages lay. The Government is working on strengthening our capabilities and create for the world on the lines of Make in India. Production Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes for 13 key sectors of manufacturing starting from FY 2021-22 have been announced.

AMBIKA MATA MANDIR, JAGAT

Jagat Ambika Mandir can be reached through Debari Sakroda Kurawad road. It can also be approached via Jhamarkotda that is a bit shorter route.

According to an inscription on a pillar, it was built during the beginning of 10th century A.D. It is said that it was renovated during the reign of Allata, a king of Mewar. It was then a hub of commercial activity. According to another inscription, a minister of Maharawal Singhgad Dev of Vagad offered a Dhvajadand and gave village Runija in charity for the maintenance of the temple. Generally, Devi temples are

built at a height but strangely this one is below the level of the village.

There were two temples of Shakta cult but one of them has been ruined. The temple is dedicated to goddess Mahishasura Mardini but locally it is famous as Ambika Mata Mandir. It is pentagonal in shape and is enclosed by a massive rampart that shows its importance during the reign of Allata.

Besides the main idol of Mahisasur Mardani in the sanctum the temple has a large number of sculptures of Navdurga, Veendharini Saraswati, Ganapati, Vam,



Kuber, Vayu and Indra with musicians, dancers and singers of the heavenly court. All these are elegant and show

that the sculptors were very well acquainted with intrinsic knowledge of iconography. In certain sculptures, the background

is also decorated with the branches of creepers and flowers and in some the sky with clouds is also shown.

The exterior of its Sabhamandap and sanctum present a vivid view of cult of Durga in various forms. The temple is famous for its Pravesha Mandap, Sabha Mandap, Garbhagriha, the pillars inside and idol of dancing Ganesh. The main idol of the Mandir is made of white marble. It is said that it is not the original one and was set up later on. Every stone, big or small, placed anywhere has beautiful carvings of Devis and Devas.

The Mandir is famous for

its erotic and voluptuous sculpture of couples who are drinking, dancing and engaged in sexual acts. No wonder, the temple is also known as mini Khajuraho of Mewar.

There used to be wells and Baoris with stairs, Talabs and garden. Ambika Mata is the Kuldevi of film star Kangana Ranaut. Some time ago the family took the Jyot of the Devi to the place where it lives in Himachal Pradesh now and built her temple there.

The Mandir is a jewel of Mewar temple architecture
-Ashok Mathur
(Source: Dr. Lalit Pandey and others)

Pacific Premier League trophy launched



Udaipur: The trophy of the Pacific Premier League, the favorite cricket competition of the players of the Udaipur division, was unveiled. The fourth season trophy was launched by Rajasthan Assembly Leader of Opposition Gulabchand Kataria, Trustee of Maharana Mewar Charitable Foundation Lakshyaraj Singh Mewar Rajsamand MLA Dipti Kiran Maheshwari, PPL Founder Aman Agarwal. The matches of this competition to be held for the under 25 age group will start from May 15.

Chief guest Gulab Chand Kataria said that organizing PPL will prove to be a big platform in the future to bring forth the players' talent. Many players in the Udaipur division have played cricket at the national level; in some time, an international level cricket ground will also be ready.

Lakshyaraj Singh Mewar said that the game of cricket teaches the management and team to move towards victory by taking them along. Dipti Maheshwari said that competitions like PPL boost the morale of the players from time to time.

PPL Founder Aman Agarwal said that registration for the competition has started; this time, there will be matches between 8 teams in the season. Forms for registration are available on PPL's website, through which players will be able to register themselves till April 8.

There will be a trial of the registered players, after which they will be selected on the basis of performance, and the best performing players will be divided into ten teams. T

he matches of the competition will start on May 15. Udaipur Cricket Association President Manoj Bhatnagar, Founder Manoj Choudhary, and Joint Secretary Dr. Prakash Jain were also present during a trophy unveiling ceremony.

Poster competition organized in Bhupal Nobles PG College

Udaipur (Dr. Munesh Arora): On the occasion of the 100th anniversary of Bhopal Noble Institute, a poster competition was organized on Rajasthan Day by the Department of Visual Arts, operated at Bhupal Nobles PG College. On this occasion, special guest Dr. Kuldeep Singh Gaur appreciated the artifacts of Rajasthan, and College Dean Dr. Renu Rathore said that under the guidance of Dr. Kanchan Ranawat, Associate Professor of Visual Arts, a high-level poster competition was prepared to give excellent performance. On this occasion, the Dean Dr. Rajendra Singh Shaktawat, Dr. Sangeeta Rathore, Dr. Mohan Singh, Dr. Pradeep Purohit, Dr. Hemendra Singh, and Dr. Ajit Singh Solanki, Dr. Manisha were encouraged to participate in such upcoming competitions. The students who participated in the competition were Sonali Ranawat Preksha Khangarot Juhi Seth, Deepak Salvi, Suyash Sharma, Deepak Bhoi, Jayesh, Kanchan Rawat, Karan Meghwal, Ishwar Surendra Singh Harish Bhoi, etc.

PM Modi inspires Dr Viswanath Karad to spread Bhagavad Gita message

Starting April 3, Educationist and UNESCO chair Prof Dr Viswanath D Karad and the man behind the world's largest World Peace Dome will begin the distribution of 1.25 lakh copies of Srimad Bhagavad Gita to students across India.

Honourable Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi had recently stated, "I have nothing more valuable to give to the world than the Srimad Bhagavad Gita and the world has nothing greater to take." Taking inspiration from the Prime Minister's statement, it has been decided to distribute 1.25 lakh copies and it will be launched on the inauguration of the World Peace Conference at MAEER's MIT World Peace University, Loni Kalbhori, Pune. Following this, the Bhagavad Gita will be distributed to students across various centres the nation over.



Says Prof Dr Vishwanath D Karad, Founder President, MAEER's MIT World Peace University, "There are multitudinous reasons why students should read, understand and implement the teachings revealed in Srimad Bhagavad Gita. The book is the essence of all Vedic knowledge that truth seekers will ever be able to gather. One witnesses the truths revealed in the Gita being verified very often by modern science. With a narrative between man and God as represented by Arjun and Sri Krishna on the verge of entering the fiercest battle of a lifetime at Kurukshetra, the Gita teaches students how to handle knowledge acquired in an unbiased perspective by observing and knowing yourself and the world. The Bhagavad Gita honours one's individual faith and choice and guides you to master knowledge and use it to elevate you in the highest achievable positions possible. Equipping students with the absolute knowledge not only increases their level of intellect, but helps them take on the world and do their duties diligently." The distribution of Bhagavad Gita also marks the opening of the World Peace Dome and the Srimad Bhagavad Gita Gyan Bhavan that define the true confluence of world religions, philosophy and science.

Interestingly, this volume of Srimad Bhagavad Gita being distributed by Dr Karad will also contain vital information of a few of the world's religions with their all-encompassing values underlining the true reflection of ancient wisdom, Vasudaiva Kutumbakam and Ekam Sat Vipa Bahuda Vadanti, making one realise the singular message of all world religions being world peace and harmony.

The world's largest peace hall is designed- Dr. Viswanath Karad himself, and is larger than the St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City. It houses statues of philosophers, saints and scientists. It has come to life with no blueprint, sketches or a professional architect, with help from local labourers. The structure will stand for world peace and has bronze structures weighing around 1.5 tonnes kilos each made by Ram Sutar. "I had wanted to create a peace monument. This tribute to Mother India developed over 13 years into a magnificent dome and now houses the world's largest peace library besides being the world's largest peace prayer hall. The memorial, which stands on the same land as the late actor Raj Kapoor's farmhouse, was purchased by Dr. Karad from Kapoor's family two decades ago, and he began working on the hall shortly thereafter.

Online Talk on Lord Rama, Ramayana and its Symbolism by Shri L Ramaswamy

Kolkata: Ramayana has remained an integral part of Indian lives for centuries and has found expression in every form of art like painting, sculpture, dance, drama, and poetry. The characters and stories teach us values which are eternal. The narratives guide us in making rational choices when faced with a dilemma. On the auspicious occasion of Shri Rama Navami we surrender to Lord Rama in devotion and attempt to explore a few episodes in Ramayana.

Lord Rama is pictured by Sage Valmiki as the epitome of perfection. The Lord unwaveringly walked on the path of Dharma as an extraordinary 'human being'. He was idealistic and discharged his duties to perfection in whatever role he played - as a son, husband, brother, friend or king. The epic Ramayana is considered to be the essence of Vedas. It symbolizes the relationship between an individual and the Supreme Self culminating in Self-Realization.

The one hour online talk will be conducted by Shri L Ramaswamy. Ramaswamy is a senior disciple of internationally eminent philosopher & spiritual guide Swami Parthasarathy. He devoted himself to intense study and research of Vedanta philosophy at Vedanta Academy.

Vedanta is an ancient philosophy that systematically and scientifically expounds the eternal principles of life. These principles enable one to combine dynamic action with mental peace. Thus ushering material prosperity as well as spiritual well being.

Furthermore, Vedanta bridges the gap between the known universe and the unknown Reality. It leads one to the ultimate experience of Self-Realization.

Shri L Ramaswamy is the Chief Events Coordinator for Vedanta Institute Kolkata, a charitable Trust. The primary objective of the Trust is to disseminate the timeless values of Vedanta through study classes, group discussion and workshops, public discourses etc.

Join us on Sunday, 10 April 2022, 9:00 am IST as we explore the glorious character of Lord Rama and other episodes. Ramayana has enriched human minds and will continue to be a perennial source of knowledge with invaluable treasures for the whole of mankind.