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President Pranab Mukherjee's Address on the eve of the 66th Republic Day

Jan 25: President Pranab Mukherjee addressed the Nation on the eve of the 66th Republic Day of India on January 25, 2015.

Explaining the significance of the day he explained how Gandhiji "organized nationwide celebrations on January 26, 1930 as Independence Day. Exactly twenty years later, in 1950, we adopted our charter of modernity, the Constitution. The framework of a constitution that has made India a role model for today's world was constructed out of Gandhi's philosophy, based on four principles: democracy; freedom of faith; gender equality; and an economic upsurge for those trapped in the curse of dire poverty."

The President noted that the past year had been particularly remarkable because, after three decades the people had voted to power a

single party with majority for a stable government, and in the process freed the country's governance from the compulsions of coalition politics. It was a vote, he said, for clean, efficient, effective, gender-sensitive, transparent, accountable and citizen-friendly governance. President said that economic progress was also a test of democracy, with 2015 being a year of hope.

Addressing the problem of terrorism he said that India cannot afford to be complacent about adversaries who will stop at nothing to disrupt our progress towards a prosperous and equitable India and the world must join India in fighting the menace of terrorism.

President urged the citizens to strive for highest quality in our educational institutions so that we can take our place, within a visible



future, among the knowledge leaders of the 21st century. He said that Indians must be a creative people and our youth must lead the way to mastery of technology and communication. The 21st century was within India's grasp, he said.

For full report please visit: <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/erelease.aspx>

President Obama's historic visit gives impetus to a broad vision for India-US friendship

President Obama was warmly welcomed by PM Modi on his three day visit to India during January. Mr. Obama was Chief Guest at the 66th Republic Day celebrations on January 26, an occasion which celebrated the values shared by the world's two largest democracies. Mr. Obama is the first US President to visit India twice while in office and this reflects both the transformation in the US-India relationship and President Obama's personal commitment to the partnership. PM Modi spoke of the responsibility of the global partnership, highlighting its importance for progress and for advancing peace, stability and prosperity worldwide, especially in Asia, the Pacific and the Indian ocean regions. PM Modi said the civil nuclear cooperation is at the heart of the

two countries' transformed relationship. Defence cooperation had reached a new level, and there would be enhanced bilateral security cooperation against terrorist groups. "

On his part, President Obama thanked Prime Minister Modi for his 'incredible hospitality'. President Obama welcomed reforms to facilitate US business in India and praised the "breakthrough" understanding on issues of civil nuclear cooperation, and increased defence and security cooperation, which will allow joint development of new defence technologies. He thanked Mr Modi for India's counter-terrorism cooperation. Mr. Obama also emphasized America's support for UNSC reform, highlighting India's key role in ensuring international security and meeting

shared challenges. A Joint Vision Statement for Asia-Pacific region and Indian Ocean region and Delhi Declaration of Friendship was signed during the visit.



PM Modi invites global manufacturers to "Make in India"

Pune, Feb 14: Inaugurating new plant of General Electric in Chakan, Prime Minister Narendra Modi stated that India has become the fastest growing economy in the world with the GDP growth rate of 7.4%. He extended an open invitation to the global manufacturers to join the government's Make in India initiative. PM said that India has been the focus of the world for its speedy development records in the past few months.

PM Modi pointed out that the procedures to set up new industries have been drastically simplified and norms to set up industries

reduced.

PM said the world was stunned to learn that India managed to build and send a spacecraft to Mars at less than the cost of a Hollywood movie.

He said India is now in a position to supply defence equipment to the developing and third world countries at a much lower rate and both sides could benefit immensely from this. He said "Pune, the academic hub, can start defence related courses to cater to this requirement. We have the talent and skills that can attract technology from all over the world. The youth are

the central focus of our development activities,".

The Prime Minister called for exploring shipbuilding industry in view of huge coastline bordering India, which could create immense job opportunities for the coastal states and compete at a global level. He also emphasized that the Railway sector could become an engine of economic growth, and offered huge possibilities .



66th Republic Day Celebrations in Kazakhstan

The Embassy of India in Astana celebrated the 66th Republic Day of India on January 26, 2015. Flag hoisting ceremonies were held at Embassy residence in Astana and the Representative Office of India in Almaty on January 26, 2015.

The official Reception on the occasion of the Republic Day was held in Astana on January 26, 2015 and in Almaty on January 28, 2015. HE Mr Vladimir Shkolnik, Minister of Energy attended the reception as the Chief Guest. HE Mr Askar Mussinov, Deputy Foreign Minister, was the Guest of Honor. Over 175 people, including representatives of government, diplomatic community, commercial organisations, academia, think-tanks etc attended the reception in Astana. Over 150 people attended the

reception in Almaty, where Mr Arslan Dandybayev, Head of Foreign Office of Almaty was the Chief Guest.

In his address at the reception Ambassador highlighted the significance of Republic Day, recalled major achievements of India in 2014 and spoke on India-Kazakhstan bilateral relations.

He said, "this is the historic day on which the Constitution of India came into effect in 1950, securing justice, liberty and equality to all its citizens, by giving them the right to socio-economic and political justice, right to freedom of thought, expression, belief and faith, and right to equality of opportunity and status. We are proud that these values enshrined in our constitution have served us well in the last 65 years and would continue to guide us in the future."

He said, "Among the major events in 2014, the one which stands out most is the holding of general elections for the lower house of Indian parliament. A total of 553 million people cast their votes making a new record in the history of

It is the first time in the last thirty years that a single party won enough seats to govern the country without support of other parties.

India created another history by becoming first country



democracy. The National Democratic Alliance led by the Bharatiya Janata Party, won a sweeping victory and formed new government under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

to put a spacecraft, Mangalyaan, in the Mars orbit, in its maiden attempt. Another technological feat was achieved by India when Unit 5 of the Rajasthan Atomic -

Power Station became the longest running nuclear reactor in the world in the last 20 years. The reactor is based on India's indigenously developed Pressurised Heavy Water Reactor technology". Ambassador said, "India's nominal GDP crossed the US\$ 2 trillion mark in 2014. According to World Bank report on global economic prospects released this month, India registered a real growth of 5.6% in 2014, and is forecasted to grow at the rate of 6.4% in 2015 and 7% each in 2016 and 2017. The positive economic outlook is based on a series of economic reforms initiated by the new government coupled with a national programme, Make in India, launched in September 2014. He informed that India, this year, was celebrating 50 years of Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation Programme or ITEC in short. Kazakhstan has been India's ITEC partner since 1992. Ambassador said that over nine hundred

civilian and defence personnel from Kazakhstan have benefited under the programme in the last 23 years.

Speaking on India-Kazakhstan



relations, Ambassador noted that India and Kazakhstan share close and friendly relations, which have been growing steadily and were upgraded to the level of strategic partnership during the landmark visit of President Nazarbayev to India as the chief guest on the occasion of the 60th Republic Day of India in January 2009.

He said, "Kazakhstan is our

largest trade and economic partner in Central Asia. We achieved a significant milestone in 2014 with our bilateral trade crossing US \$ 1 billion. The inauguration of

Kazakhstan-Turkmenistan-Iran railway link last month is a major breakthrough in connectivity that will open new possibilities of further expansion of trade and economic ties between India and Kazakhstan."

HE Mr Vladimir Shkolnik, Minister of Energy of Kazakhstan in his address stated that, India is one of the rapidly growing economies and influen-

tial political centers in the world.

He said that strengthening of relations with the Republic of India is one of the priorities in foreign policy of the Republic of Kazakhstan. India and Kazakhstan enjoy significant complementary economic potential. For instance, trade turnover has increased in 2.3 times for 11 months of 2014 as against the same period of 2013 and amounts to 1.3 bln. dollars.

He said that Kazakhstan will continue to develop partnership with India for the benefit of our people and promotion of international stability and security.

For full speeches please visit: <https://www.indembastana.in/speech.php>

HINDI DAY CELEBRATION- Al-Farabi University, Almaty

Jan 28, Almaty: "Vishwa Hindi Diwas" was celebrated jointly by the Embassy of India and the Department of Turkic and Indian Studies, AlFarabi Kazakh National University, Almaty on January 28, 2015. The opening speech was made by Prof B.N. Jubatova, Dean, Faculty of Oriental Studies after which Ambassador highlighted the

rising importance of Hindi as a world language. Ms Aliya Mukatova, senior teacher of the department, spoke about the significance of the Republic Day of India. Ms Azhar Kalibekova, 3rd year student, spoke about the short history of the Hindi language and Ms Urbibi Eshmatova, 2nd year student spoke about Urdu

language. This was followed by



recital of couplets of Kabirdas and Mirza Ghalib by six students of the department and demonstration of "Karwa Chauth" festival. The event ended with a cultural programme performed by the students of the department. Ambassador presented books and other gifts to faculty members and students of the department.



Homage to Mahatma Gandhi, Father of the Nation

A wreath-laying and prayer ceremony was organized in Almaty on the death Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on January 30, 2015. The ceremony was attended by representatives of People of Goodwill Movement, Nippon Mehodzi order of Buddhism, Naib Mufti of Kazakhstan, prominent local Indians and ISKCON devotees. Mr Naveen Kapur from the Representative Office of India in Almaty attended the prayer ceremony. An evening prayer event was also held where the movie "Gandhi" with English sub-titles was screened.

Incredible India Destination: Goa



Goa, situated on the west coast of India, is one of the most delightful states in India. Panaji is the state's capital, while Vasco De Gama is the largest city. Formerly a Portuguese colony, it is endowed with a variety of attractions, like palm pronged beaches, miles of golden sands, lovely lakes and river, lush green

country-side and evergreen hills, an incredible mosaic of cultural heritage, magnificent churches, temples, forts and monuments and a unique cultural synthesis of the east and west, with a special Goan touch.

Goa has two World Heritage sites: the Bom Jesus Basilica and churches and convents

of old Goa. Goa also has a few museums, the two important ones being Goa State Museum and the Naval Aviation Museum.

Replete with impressive architecture, the city is known for its vibrancy that attains its pinnacle in the annual Goa Carnival festival.

Best time to visit: November to March



Places of attraction

Miramar Beach
Also known as Panaji Beach in popular parlance, Miramar Beach is located 1 kilometer ahead of the confluence of the Arabian Sea and Mandovi River. One of the most visited beaches in India, Miramar Beach is located on the way towards Dona Paula.

The beach is crowded with locals and tourists alike on most days. The Dhempe College of Arts and Science is located here and so is the memorial to Goa's first chief minister, the late Dayanand Bandodkar. A lovely golden beach of soft sand gridded

with palm trees facing the blue Arabian Sea, is the nearest to Panaji.

Basilica of Bom Jesus-
Situating in Old Goa, Basilica of Bom Jesus was built in 1605 AD. The basilica is home to the tomb and mortal remains of St Francis Xavier. St Francis Xavier came to Goa with a view to spread Christianity.

Dudhsagar Waterfalls
Located 60 km from Panaji and 10 km from Colem, the magnificent Dudhsagar Waterfall is perched in the high peaks of the Western Ghats and is a

sight to behold especially in the monsoons when it is in full and furious flow. From a distance, the waterfall appears like streams of milk rushing down the mountainside. The exuberant and spectacular waterfall is located in the Sanguem taluka.

Goa State Museum at Patto
A crucible of Christian art, Goa State Museum also, located in the EDC Complex in Patto, contains some of the finest specimens of Hindu and Jain sculptures.



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Flag hoisting at Embassy Residence

Republic Day Reception in Astana



Ambassador (second from left) & Smt. Vandana Jain
(fourth from left) with HE Mr Askar Mussinov, Deputy
Foreign Minister (second from right) & Mrs Zhanar
Mussinova (first from right)

Ambassador & Smt. Vandana Jain with Embassy officials &
staff



Ambassador & Mr Arslan Dandybayev, Head of Foreign
Office, Almaty on Republic Day reception in Almaty

