



TAMIL ASHMITA

(THE GLORY OF TAMIL NADU)

IN MAAN KI BAAT

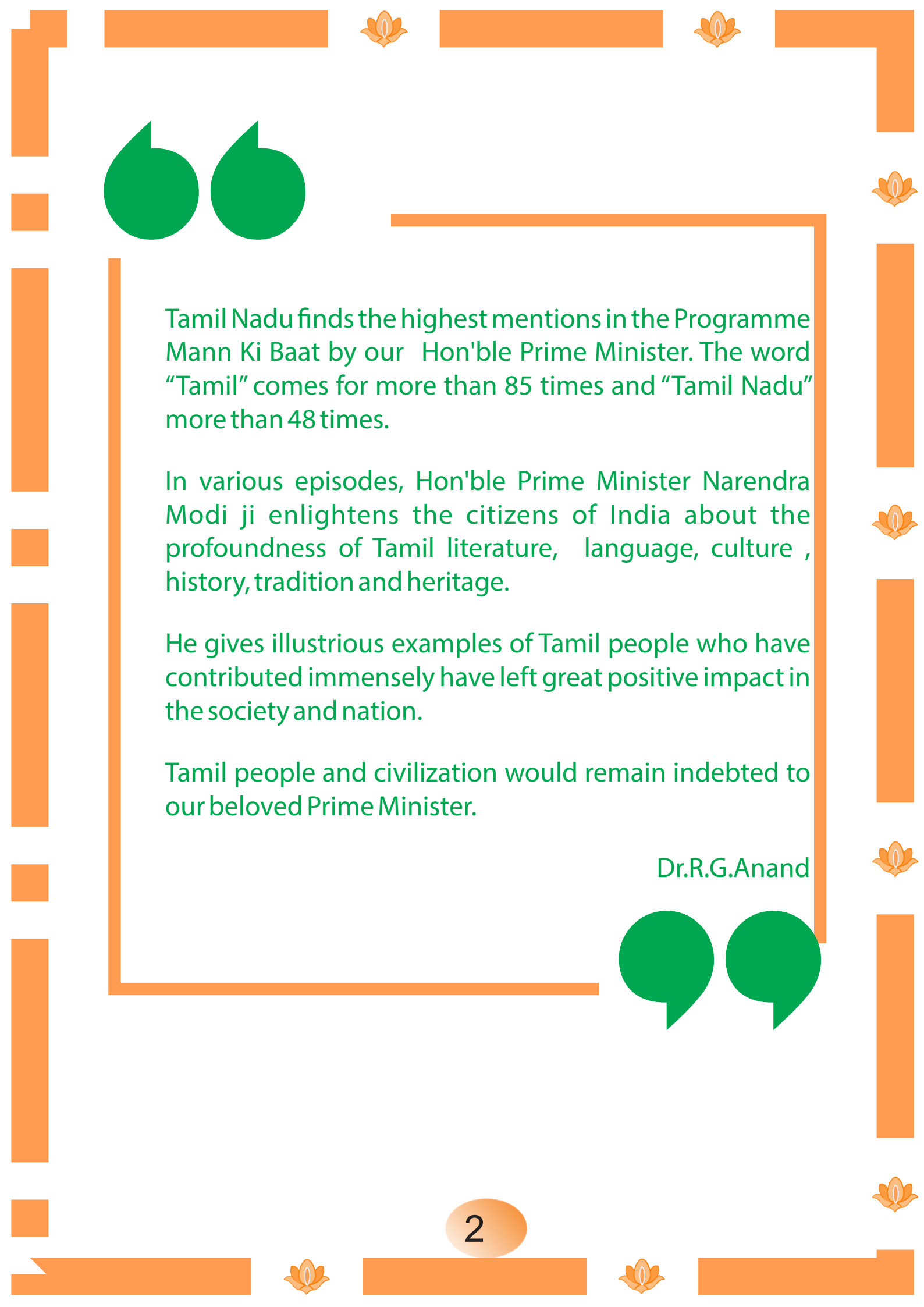
Tamil Nadu- The State given highest place in Mann Ki Baat

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A narrative of love of Beloved Prime Minister for Tamil Nadu citing its glorious history, oldest language, rich literature, culture, heritage, enterprises, role models and strength of common man.



Tamil Nadu finds the highest mentions in the Programme Mann Ki Baat by our Hon'ble Prime Minister. The word “Tamil” comes for more than 85 times and “Tamil Nadu” more than 48 times.

In various episodes, Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji enlightens the citizens of India about the profoundness of Tamil literature, language, culture , history, tradition and heritage.

He gives illustrious examples of Tamil people who have contributed immensely have left great positive impact in the society and nation.

Tamil people and civilization would remain indebted to our beloved Prime Minister.

Dr.R.G.Anand

PROFILE OF Dr. R. G. ANAND

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As a Member of NCPCR, Dr. R. G. Anand has conducted more than 250 health camps for orphanage children across Tamil Nadu & Puducherry. He has travelled length & breadth of the country covering 26 States/UTs, 275 districts for the welfare of children and strengthening institutions working for the welfare of children. During COVID19, he interacted with more than 15,000 children encouraging them for safe behavioral practices and building their confidence in the time of Covid – 19 pandemic. He conducted several district level meetings with the district authorities including Child Protection and Child Development officials to ensure proper care and protection of children especially vulnerable and inmates of shelter homes.

He launched 'Samvedana', a toll-free tele-counseling to help children relieve stress caused by COVID-19. He is a dedicated selfless person with humble background serving the society for the past 22 years with an aim to improve the lives of common people especially children. Dr. R.G. Anand has personally supported thousands of people with food, care & support to improve their life & livelihood. His relentless service in the field of Child Psychology and Sociology has made him a well-known figure across the country. He is particularly known for his contribution in improving the lives of children with respect to their mental, emotional and social development.

He has been recognized and awarded by various National and International organizations for his service to the people in the field of HIV/AIDS including PARTON Award, Certificate of Appreciation by LEPRO Society, UNICEF, Indian Association of Preventive & Social Medicine, Rotary International of Chennai and many others. Dr. Anand is a qualified medical doctor having advance degrees in MD (Preventive & Social Medicine, Community Medicine/Public Health) along with FHM., MHA., PDCR., BDCP., BSS. He also holds degree of Bachelor of Legislative Laws (LLB).

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PREFACE

Mann Ki Baat – is a knowledge hub for New India that showcase the tradition with scientific temperament, heritage and innovation, rich history and peoples movement. Moreover, it is the most popular radio programme by our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Damodar Modi- highlighting issues of national importance, drawing pathways for nation building, way to fight calamities , inspiring citizens to innovate and become self-reliant (Atma Nirbhar), to build our future on the ground of our own culture, tradition and heritage shows his commitment and personal involvement as pradhan sevak in making a New India and Viswaguru of the world.

“TAMIL ASHMITA” – THE GLORY OF TAMIL NADU IN MANN KI BAAT is a special compilation based on MANN KI BAAT programme. It is a narrative of love of Beloved Prime Minister for Tamil Nadu citing its glorious history, oldest language, rich literature, culture, heritage, enterprises, role models and strength of common man of the State.

Being born and brought up with a simple family with a value system in a small city of Pudukkottai in Tamil Nadu, I feel privileged and blessed being a Member (for the 2nd Term) of the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR)- a statutory body of Government of India that plays a crucial role in ensuring the rights of the children as enshrined in the Constitution of India as well as United Nation's Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). I feel proud for many reasons including for my State Tamil Nadu with a great tradition of political, cultural history and heritage.

The way our beloved Prime Minister has acknowledged and highlighted the greatness of Tamil Nadu, none of the national leader has done it so far. Since, Mann Ki Baat has been my favourite programme where I learn so much about the country got awe stroked with the fact that he Tamil Nadu has found its righteous place in the Mann Ki Baat programme. Out of all states, Tamil Nadu finds maximum mentioned in the programme as well as its great sons and daughters like Sir C.V.Raman, Srinivas Ramanujan, Poet Subramanya Bharti, Dr. S.Radhakrishnan, Dr.APJ Kalam , Poet Avvaiyar etc.

During Covid Pandemic, I have visited all the districts of Tamilnadu to ensure the children are protected and communities receive their essential items for survival. That experience has enriched me in developing deeper understanding about the State. This special compilation is intended to share with as much people as possible. This would help work as a bridge between our beloved Prime Minister and people of Tamil Nadu. I firmly believe this compilation is being accepted and loved by the people, youth and children.

I would like to acknowledge and thank my seniors and mentors for who have been inspiring me to do more and more. I take this opportunity to thank my personal advisors and creative team helping conceiving and preparing this special edition.

JayHind!!

Dr.R.G.Anand
Member, NCPCR

MESSAGE

The love of culture, tradition and value system is the essential ingredient in shaping human personalities. Being Tamils parents and grandparents; it has been our ultimate goal and objectives to instill the value system in our children and make them aware of our culture, heritage and great tradition. The way our beloved Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji has given Tamil Nadu the highest place in "Mann Ki Baat" by giving examples and reminding us about our own heritage is a matter of great pride for all Tamil people. His love for our culture, tradition and language is reflected in the programme that is a mirror for us to look ourselves. Now our Tamil glory is known to the citizens of the country and the world.

It is also a matter of great pride and privilege to mention that our son Dr.R.G.Anand has understood the sentiments echoed not only the Mann Ki Baat programme but also various other initiatives of our Hon'ble Prime Minister including establishing Sengol in the New Parliament during its inauguration. We are delighted that Dr.Anand has brought out this special curated publication. Our best wishes and blessings are always with him. We firmly believe this document would be useful showcasing the glory of Tamil Nadu- Tamil Ashmita .

Jai Hind!!

Shri AVCC Ganesan & Smt. Malika Ganesan (Parents of Dr.R.G. Anand)

Shri.AVCC Ganesan and Smt. Malika Ganesan hail from Pudukottai, Tamil Nadu. Shri.AVCC Ganesan was born to Mr.Ramaiah-Pushpam couple in the lineage of Great Maruthu Pandiyar Kings who are known as India's first freedom fighters. In 1976, he started a training center for higher education for poor pupils in the name of AVCC which earned a name and fame among the public. Henceforth he has been titled as AVCC GANESAN .Shri AVCC Ganesan worked in the Department of Rural Development, Government of Tamil Nadu and retired as Project Director, DRDA in 2013.



Being deeply impressed by the leadership and personality of Shri Narendra Modi; he joined as a member in Tamil Nadu Bharatiya Janata Party on 26 January 2014. He worked sincerely and tirelessly for the party as Zilla President-Education Cell, State Secretary-Industrial Cell, and BJP Zilla Vice President. Currently, he holds the position of Zilla General Secretary-Pudukkottai. During COVID 19 pandemic lockdown, they served the people especially needy and poor by providing them food, medicines, rice, vegetables, groceries and even cash to the worth of 60 lakh rupees for 72 consecutive days. In addition, they are active in various religious activities; ceremonies and welfare activities in the area.

MESSAGE

It is a blessing being born in Tamil Nadu and take pride of its culture, heritage, innovations, traditions, history and enterprising spirit. The people are wonderful and we all love our cultural identity. I feel proud in learning about this special edition being compiled by my husband Dr.R.G.Anand who is a nationalist in spirit with deep rooted sense of Tamil culture and tradition. I would also like to express my joy being married into the family of great Maruthu Pandiyar Kings lineage.

The glory of Tamil Nadu must be shared with the world and I firmly believe that this specially curated document would inspire and educate people. At least it would inspire my own children and all young people who are future of the state and our great nation.

With best wishes and prayer

Dr.Latha Maheswari

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Dr.Latha is associated with various religious and social services activities in Pudukottai and various other parts of the State of Tamil Nadu including in

Abourvaaadhi Anna Prashad that feeds 300-400 people in Pudukottai every day. During COVID 19 pandemic, she contributed in various initiatives to help feeding and supplying emergency basic medicines and ration to women from backward communities whose families had lost their regular source of income.)



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**I am among the
Tamil people, for whom
I have great affection.**

I love the Tamil language,
Tamil culture and the vibe of Chennai.

PM Modi on 125th Anniversary of Ramakrishna Math, Chennai, 8 April 2023



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**महान चोल साम्राज्य में सेंगोल को,
कर्तव्यपथ का, सेवापथ का,
राष्ट्रपथ का प्रतीक माना जाता था।**

राजाजी और आदीनम् के संतों के मार्गदर्शन में
यही सेंगोल सत्ता के हस्तांतरण का प्रतीक बना था।

नए संसद भवन के लोकार्पण पर पीएम मोदी, 28 मई 2023



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ऐतिहासिक अवसर पर,
कुछ देर पहले
संसद की इस
नई इमारत में
पवित्र सेंगोल
की भी स्थापना
हुई है।

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Tamil Nadu - Fort of Indian Nationalism

The world's oldest language Tamil is in India and every Indian should be proud that we have such a significant heritage of the world.....

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MARCH 2023

Kashi –Tamil Sangam , Saurashtra- Tamil Relations

My dear countrymen, in our country, with the passage of time, according to the situation and circumstances, many traditions develop. These traditions increase the strength of our culture and also give it new vitality daily. A few months ago, one such tradition started in Kashi. During the Kashi-Tamil Sangamam, the centuries-old historical and cultural ties between Kashi and the Tamil region were celebrated. The spirit of 'Ek Bharat-Shreshtha Bharat' gives strength to our country. When we know and learn about each other, this feeling of oneness strengthens. With this spirit of unity, 'Saurashtra-Tamil Sangamam' will be held in different parts of Gujarat next month. The 'Saurashtra-Tamil Sangamam' will run from April 17 to 30. Some listeners of 'Mann Ki Baat' must be wondering, what the relation of Saurashtra in Gujarat with Tamil Nadu is? Let me tell you, centuries ago many people from Saurashtra had settled in different parts of Tamil Nadu. These people are still known as 'Saurashtri Tamil'. Even today, some glimpses of Saurashtra can be found in their food habits, lifestyle and social rituals. Many people from Tamil Nadu have written appreciative letters to me regarding this event. Jayachandran ji, who lives in Madurai, has written something very poignant. He said that – “After a thousand years, for the first time someone has thought about the Saurashtra-Tamil relations, and brought to the fore the people who settled in Tamil Nadu from Saurashtra.” Jayachandran's words are the expression of thousands of Tamil brothers and sisters.

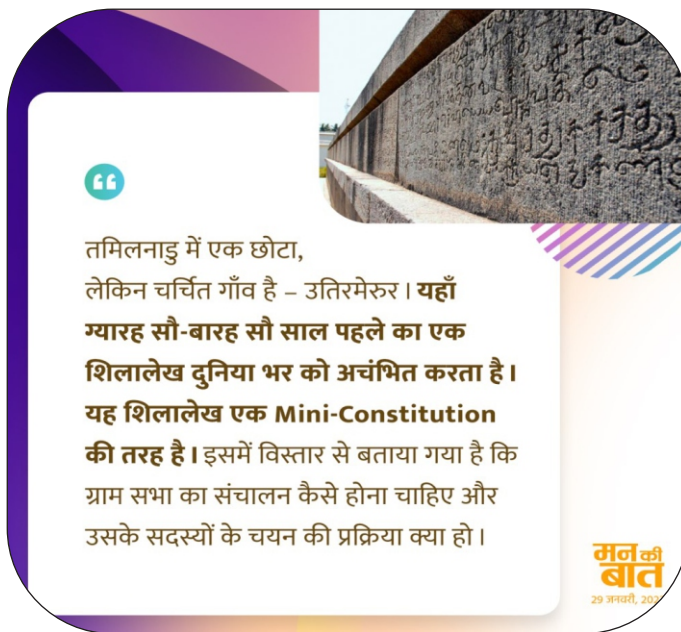




JANUARY 2023

Uthiramerur Rock-Edict – A Mini-Constitution

Friends, today when we are discussing our Republic Day during the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, I will also mention an interesting book here. A very interesting subject has been discussed in this book which I received a few weeks ago. The name of this book is India – The Mother of Democracy and it has many excellent essays. India is the largest democracy in the world and we Indians are also proud of the fact that our country is also the Mother of Democracy. Democracy is in our veins, it is in our culture – it has been an integral part of our work for centuries. By nature, we are a Democratic Society. Dr. Ambedkar had compared the Buddhist monks union to the Indian Parliament. He described it as an institution where there were many rules for Motions, Resolutions, Quorum, Voting and counting of votes. Babasaheb believed that Lord Buddha must have got inspiration from the political systems of that time.



There is a small but famous village in Tamil Nadu – Uthiramerur. Here an inscription of 1100-1200 years ago surprises the whole world. This rock-edict is like a mini-constitution. It has been explained in detail how the Gram Sabha should be conducted and what the procedure for selection of its members shall be. Another example of Democratic Values in the history of our country is the Anubhav Mandapam of

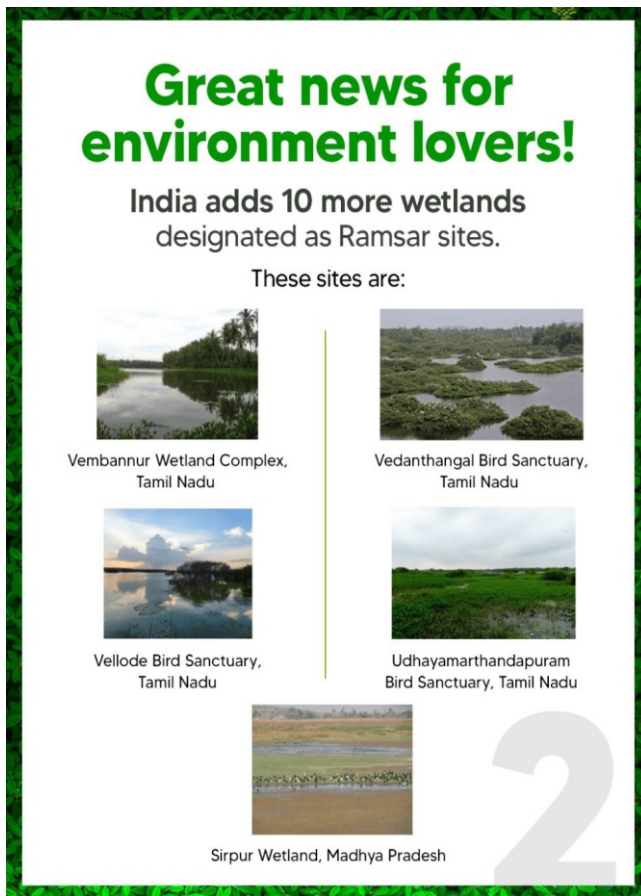
Lord Basaveshwara of the 12th century. Here, free debate and discussion were encouraged.

Vedanthangal of Tamil Nadu Declared a Ramsar Site in 2022

My dear countrymen, today there is a lot of talk about climate change and conservation of Biodiversity all over the world.

A few days later, on February 2, it is World Wetlands Day. Wetlands are very important for the existence of our earth, because many birds and animals depend on them. Along with enriching Biodiversity, they also ensure Flood control and Ground Water Recharge. Many of you must be knowing that Ramsar Sites are such wetlands which are of International Importance. Wetlands may be there in any country; but they have to fulfill many criteria; only then are they

declared as Ramsar Sites. Vedanthangal of Tamil Nadu was declared a Ramsar Site in 2022. The entire credit for preserving the bird population here goes to the farmers in the neighbourhood.



OCTOBER 2022

Thiru K. Ezilon- A Farmer in Kancheepuram, Beneficiary of PM Kusum Yojana

This blessing of Sun God is – 'Solar Energy'. Solar Energy is a subject today, in which the whole world is looking at its future and for India, the Sun God has not only been worshiped for centuries, but has also been the focus of our way of life. Today, India is combining its traditional experiences with modern science, that is why, today, we have become one of the largest countries to generate electricity from solar energy. How solar energy is changing the lives of the poor and middle class of our country is also a subject of study.

In Tamil Nadu, there is a farmer in Kancheepuram, Thiru K. Ezilon. He took the benefit of 'PM Kusum Yojana' and got a solar pumpset of ten horsepower installed in his farm. Now they do not have to spend anything on electricity for their farm. They are not even dependent on the government's electricity supply for irrigation in the field any more.

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India is harnessing solar energy and transforming the lives of the poor and middle class of our country”

PM Modi in Mann Ki Baat | 30 October 2022

Thiru K. Ezilon, a farmer from Kancheepuram, TN installed a solar pump in his farm under 'PM Kusum Yojana', he no longer spends on electricity

Kamal Meena from Bharatpur, Rajasthan, another beneficiary installed a solar pump in his field, which has reduced his expenses & generate employment



Eco-Friendly Terracotta Tea Cups for Export- A Brilliant Effort by a Team of Tribal Women in Anaikatti, Coimbatore

My dear countrymen, sensitivity towards the environment is embedded in every particle of our society and we can feel it all around us. There is no dearth of people in the country who spend a lifetime in the protection of the environment.

Friends, today more awareness is being seen among people about Eco-friendly living and Eco-friendly products than ever before. I also got a chance to know about one such interesting endeavor from Tamil Nadu. This is a brilliant effort by a team of tribal women in Anaikatti, Coimbatore. These women crafted ten thousand Eco-friendly Terracotta Tea Cups for export. The amazing thing is that these women themselves took up the entire responsibility of making the Terracotta Tea Cups. From Clay Mixing to Final Packaging, they did all the work themselves. They had also taken training for this. Whatever praise is showered on this wonderful effort is little.



JULY 2022

Freedom Fighter Vanchinathan Ji- Vanchi Maniyachchi Junction in Thoothukudi

Friends, in this very July an interesting endeavour has been undertaken, named Azadi Ki Railgadi Aur Railway Station. The objective of this effort is to make people know the role of Indian Railways in the freedom struggle. There are many such railway stations in the country, which are associated with the history of the freedom movement. You too will be surprised to know about these railway stations. Gomoh Junction in Jharkhand is now officially known as Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Junction Gomoh. Do you know why? Actually at this very station, Netaji Subhash was successful in dodging British officers by boarding the Kalka Mail. All of you must have heard the name of Kakori Railway Station near Lucknow. The names of bravehearts like Ram Prasad Bismil and Ashfaq Ullah Khan are associated with this station. The brave revolutionaries had displayed their might to the British by looting the treasury of the British being carried by train. Whenever you talk to the people of Tamil Nadu, you will get to know about Vanchi Maniyachchi Junction in Thoothukudi district. This station is named after Tamil freedom fighter Vanchinathan ji. This is the same place where Vanchi, 25 years of age then, had punished one British collector for his actions.



MAY 2022

People's Padma- Sridhar Vembu Ji : A successful Entrepreneur Grooming other Entrepreneurs

Friends, behind this success of the country, the youth-power of the land, the talent and the government here, all are putting in efforts together... everyone is contributing. But, another thing that is important in the world of Start-Ups is, right mentoring, that is, right guidance. A good mentor can take a start-up to new heights... can guide the founders in every way toward the right decision. I am proud that there are many such mentors in India who have dedicated themselves to promote Start-ups.

Sridhar Vembu ji has recently received the Padma Award. He himself is a successful entrepreneur, but now he has also taken up upon himself the task of grooming other entrepreneurs. Shridhar ji has started his work from a rural area. He is encouraging the rural youth to do something in this area, staying in the village itself.



Thragaigal Kaivinai Porutkal Virpanai Angadi & Self-Help Group from Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu

Friends, a few days ago I found an interesting and attractive thing which is full of colours of the creativity of the countrymen and their artistic talent. It is a gift sent to me by Self-Help Group from Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu. This gift bears the fragrance of Indianness and the blessings of Matri-Shakti – a glimpse of her affection for me. This is a special Thanjavur Doll, which also has a GI Tag. I offer special thanks to the Thanjavur Self-Help Group for sending me this gift imbued in the local culture. In a way, friends, this Thanjavur Doll besides being beautiful that it is, is also scripting a new saga of women empowerment. Women's Self-Help Groups stores and kiosks are also opening up in Thanjavur. Because of this, the lives of many poor families have changed. With the help of such kiosks and stores, women are now able to sell their products directly to the customers. The initiative has been named "[Tharagaigal Kaivinai Porutkal Virpanai Angadi](#)". The special thing is that 22 Self-Help Groups are associated with this initiative. You would also be happy to know that these stores of Women Self Help Groups have opened at very prime locations in Thanjavur. Women themselves are taking full responsibility of their upkeep as well. Apart from GI products like Thanjavur Doll and Bronze Lamp, these women Self Help Groups, also craft toys, mats and artificial jewellery. Due to such stores, the sales of GI products as well as handicraft products have seen a significant rise. Through this campaign, not only have the artisans got a fillip, but the women are also getting empowered by a rise in their income.





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FEBRUARY 2022

Retrieving of Lord Anjaneyaar, Hanuman Ji that was stolen from Vellore in Tamil Nadu

My dear countrymen, Namaskar!

Welcome to 'Mann Ki Baat' once again. Today we will commence 'Mann Ki Baat' mentioning India's success. In the beginning of this month, India has been successful in bringing home an invaluable heritage of hers from Italy. This heritage is the over one thousand years old idol of Avalokiteshvara Padmapani. This idol was stolen a few years ago from Kundalpur temple, Devi Sthan of Gaya ji in Bihar. But after innumerable efforts, India has now got this idol back.

Similarly, a few years ago the idol of Lord Anjaneyaar, Hanuman ji was stolen from Vellore in Tamil Nadu. This idol of Hanuman ji was also 600-700 years old. Earlier this month, we retrieved this in Australia; our Mission has received it.

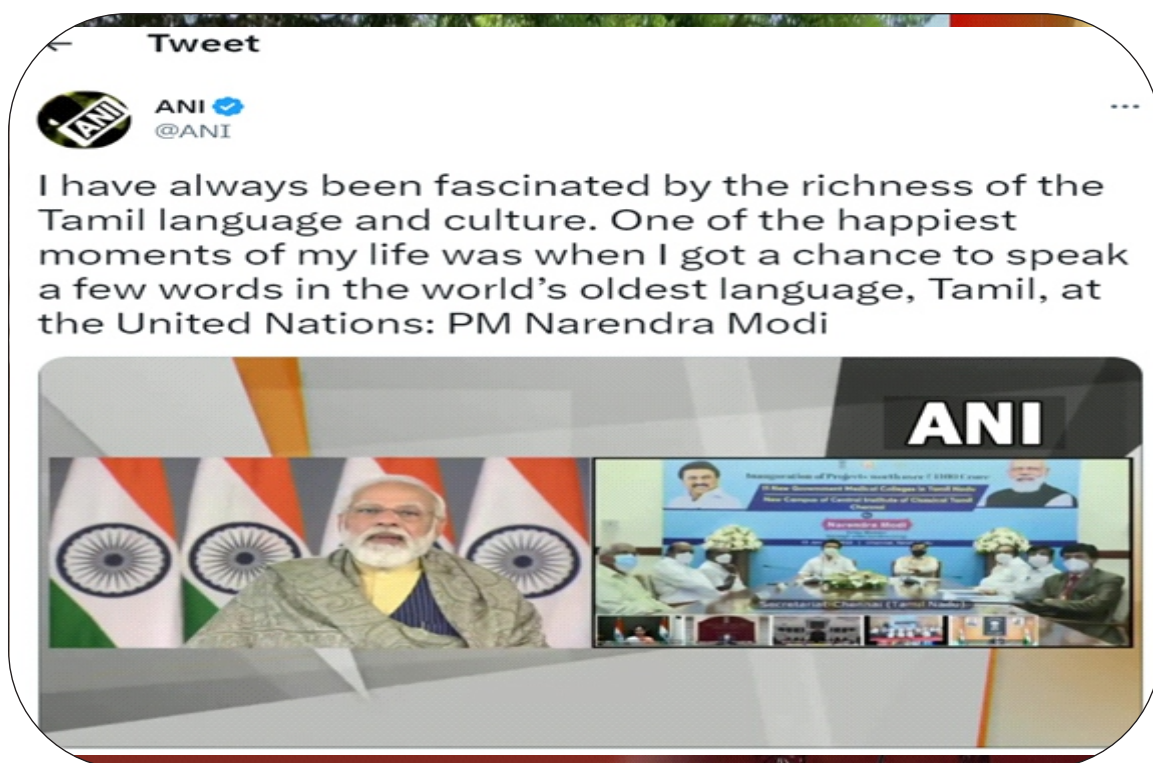
Friends, in our history of thousands of years, idols, one better than the other were always being made in various parts of the country; it also comprised reverence, capability, skill and was full of varied diversity. And the history of each of our idols also depicts the influence of their respective times. Not only were they a wonderful artistic example of Indian sculpture; our faith was also connected with them.



...bringing these idols back to the country is a "responsibility towards mother India" as they are "part of India's soul and faith".

The world's oldest language Tamil is in India and every Indian should be proud of that

Friends, even after 75 years of independence, some people are facing a mental dilemma due to which they have reservations with regard to their language, their dress, their food and drink, whereas, it is not like this anywhere else in the world. It is our mother tongue; we should speak it with pride. And, our India is so rich in terms of languages that it just cannot be compared. The biggest beauty of our languages is that from Kashmir to Kanyakumari, from Kutch to Kohima, hundreds of languages, thousands of dialects which are different from each other but are mutually integrated...many languages – one expression. For centuries, our languages have been evolving whilst learning from each other and have been refining themselves, developing each other. **The world's oldest language Tamil is in India and every Indian should be proud that we have such** a significant heritage of the world. In the same way, many ancient scriptures are also there; their expression too is in our Sanskrit language. The people of India are proud to be associated with 121 forms of mother tongues and 14 of these languages are spoken by more than 1 crore people in everyday life. That is, many European countries do not have a total population than the people who are associated with 14 different languages in our country. In the year 2019, Hindi was ranked third among the most spoken languages of the world. Every Indian should be proud of this too.



JANUARY 2022

Taimmal Ji donation to Chinnaveerampatti Panchayat Union Middle School, Udumalpet, Trippur for Infrastructure Exemplifies the Sentiment Towards Education -A TOUCHING STORY

My dear countrymen, India has been the sacred land of education and knowledge. We have not confined education to bookish knowledge, but have seen it as a holistic experience of life. The great personalities of our country have also had a deep relationship with education.

I am happy that the same vibrant spirit of taking the light of education to the people continues in India even today. Do you know what is the most beautiful thing about this feeling? That is, this awareness about education is visible at every level in the society. The example of Taimmal ji living in Udumalpet block of Trippur district of Tamil Nadu is very inspiring. Taimmal ji does not have any land of her own. For years, her family is making a living by selling coconut water. The financial condition may not be good, but Taimmal ji had left no stone unturned to educate her son and daughter. Her children studied in Chinnaveerampatti Panchayat Union Middle School. One day in the meeting with the parents in the school, it was raised that the condition of the classrooms and school should be improved; the school infrastructure should be fixed. Taimmal ji was also in that meeting. She heard everything. In the same meeting, the discussion again came to a halt on the paucity of money for these works. After this, no one could have imagined what Taimmal did. Taimmal ji, who had accumulated some capital by selling coconut water, doanted one lakh rupees to the school.

Indeed, it takes a big heart, a sense of service, to do this. Taimmal ji says that in the school that is there has classes till 8th standard. Now when the infrastructure of the school improves, classes till higher secondary education will be held. This is the same sentiment I was talking about regarding education in our country.



NOVEMBER 2021

Thoothukudi district of Tamil Nadu sets example on disaster mitigation

My dear countrymen,

when we conserve nature, in return nature also gives us protection and security. We experience this in our personal life as well and one such example has been presented by the people of Tamil Nadu on a large scale. This is the example of Thoothukudi district of Tamil Nadu. We know that coastal areas are many a time prone to land submersion. There were many such small islands and islets in Thoothukudi too, which were increasingly in danger of submerging in the sea. The people here and the experts found the mitigation from this natural disaster through nature itself. These people are now planting Palmyra trees on these islands. These trees stand firm even in cyclones and storms and give protection to the soil. Through this now a new confidence has arisen in saving this area.



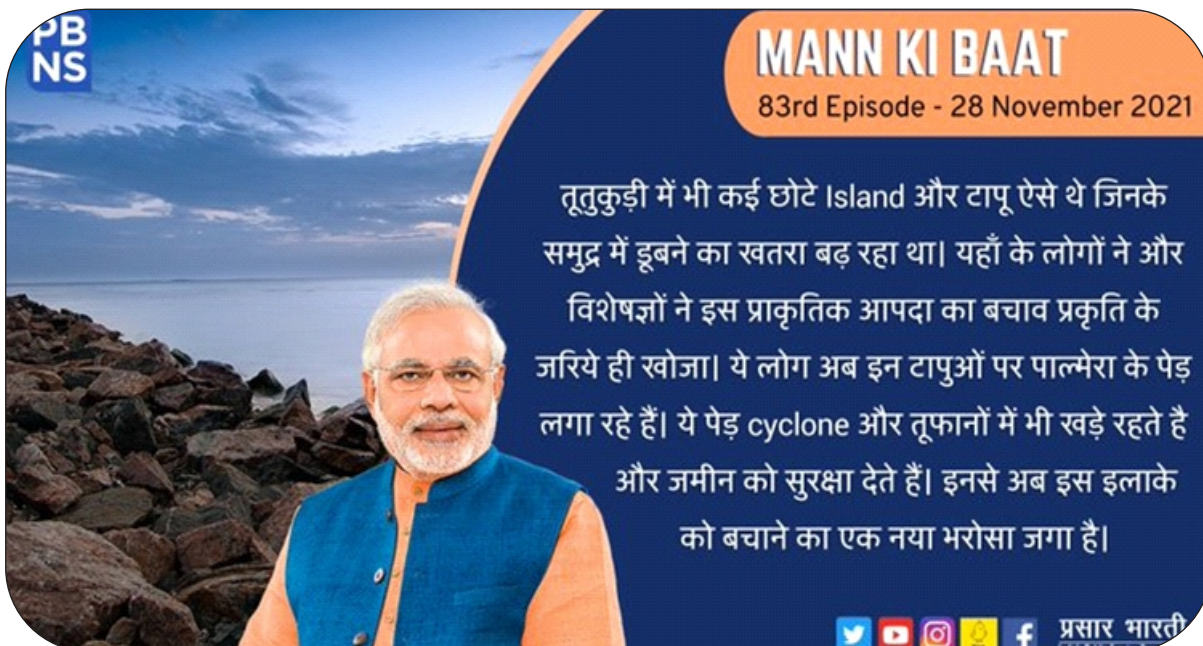
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तूतुकुडी में भी कई छोटे Island और टापू ऐसे थे जिनके समुद्र में डूबने का खतरा बढ़ रहा था। यहाँ के लोगों ने और विशेषज्ञों ने इस प्राकृतिक आपदा का बचाव प्रकृति के जरिये ही खोजा। ये लोग अब इन टापुओं पर पाल्मेरा के पेड़ लगा रहे हैं। ये पेड़ cyclone और तूफानों में भी खड़े रहते हैं और जमीन को सुरक्षा देते हैं। इनसे अब इस इलाके को बचाने का एक नया भरोसा जगा है।

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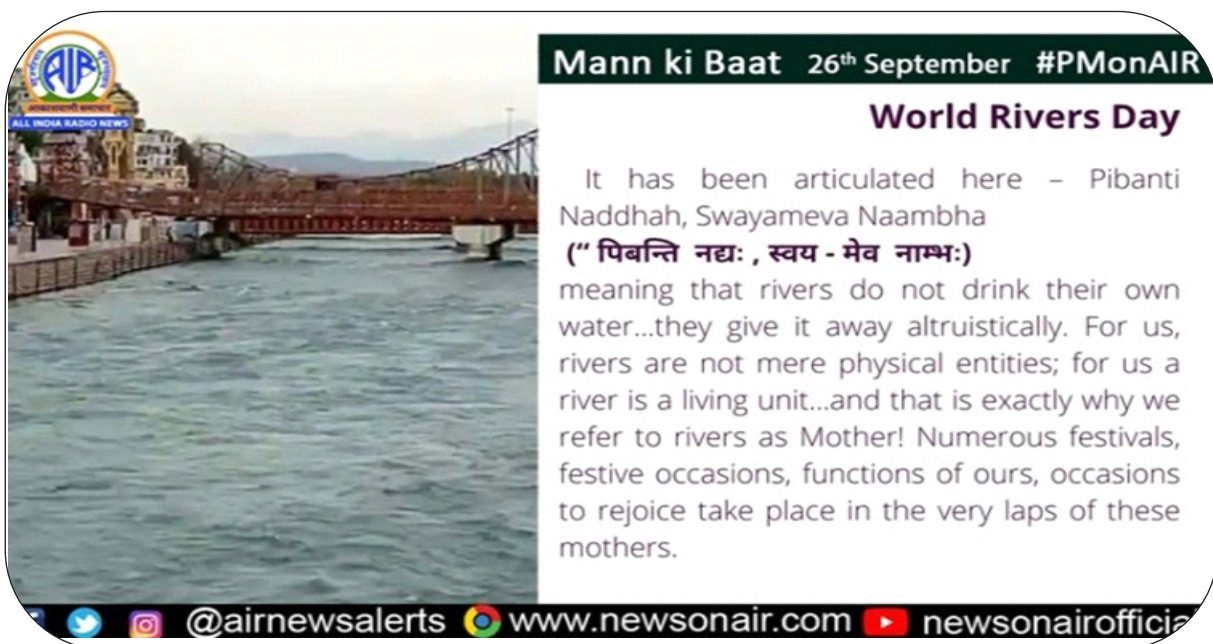
Rejuvenation of Naagnadi River by Womenfolk of Vellore and Thiruvannamalai districts of Tamilnadu

My dear countrymen,

Routinely, we do remember a lot of days; we even celebrate myriad Days...and if you ask young sons-daughters at home, they are likely to furnish out an entire list of Days of the year with their chronological relevance! But, there is one more day that all of us must remember; this day is one that is immensely congruent to the traditions of India. It's one that connects us with our traditions that we have been following for centuries. That is – World Rivers Day.

It has been articulated here – Pibanti Naddhah, Swayameva Naambha...meaning that rivers do not drink their own water...they give it away altruistically. For us, rivers are not mere physical entities; for us a river is a living unit...and that is exactly why we refer to rivers as Mother! Numerous festivals, festive occasions, functions of ours, occasions to rejoice take place in the very laps of these mothers.

In India, it has been customary to chant a Shlok while bathing:



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World Rivers Day

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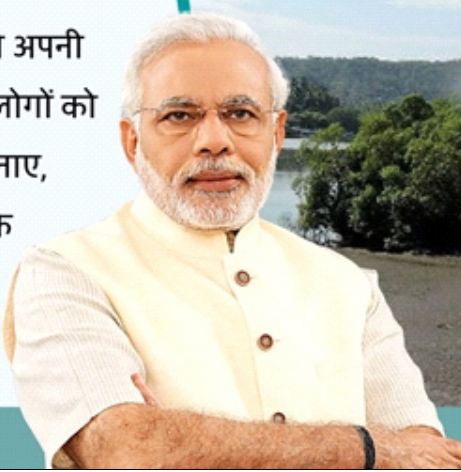
Friends,

in order to rejuvenate rivers throughout the country; in order to cleanse waters, the government and social service organizations keep undertaking one endeavour or the other. And this is not about the present day; it is going on for decades now. There are some people who have dedicated themselves to these causes. And it is this very tradition, this very endeavour, this very faith that has saved our rivers. Whenever such news come to my notice, from any corner of India, it evokes immense respect in my heart for people who embark upon such tasks...and I also feel like sharing that with you. Take a look at Vellore and Thiruvannamalai districts of Tamilnadu, whose example I wish to cite. A river named Naagnadi flows there. Years ago, the Naagnadi had all dried up. Because of that, the water level there had terribly gone down. But, the womenfolk there took up the cudgels to rejuvenate their river. And then...lo and behold – they got people connected, dug up canals through public participation, constructed check dams and recharge-wells. Friends, you too would be glad to know that today, the river is brimming with water. And truly, when a river is full of water, it lends such tranquility to the mind...I have actually, witnessed the experience...

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तमिलनाडु के वेल्लोर और तिरुवन्नामलाई जिले में एक नदी है, नागानधी। अब ये नागानधी बरसों पहले सूख गई थी। लेकिन, वहाँ की महिलाओं ने बीड़ा उठाया कि वो अपनी नदी को पुनर्जीवित करेंगी। फिर क्या था, उन्होंने लोगों को जोड़ा, जनभागीदारी से नहरें खोदी, चेकडैम बनाए, री-चार्ज कुएँ बनाएँ। आप को भी जानकर के खुशी होगी साथियों कि आज वो नदी पानी से भर गई है।



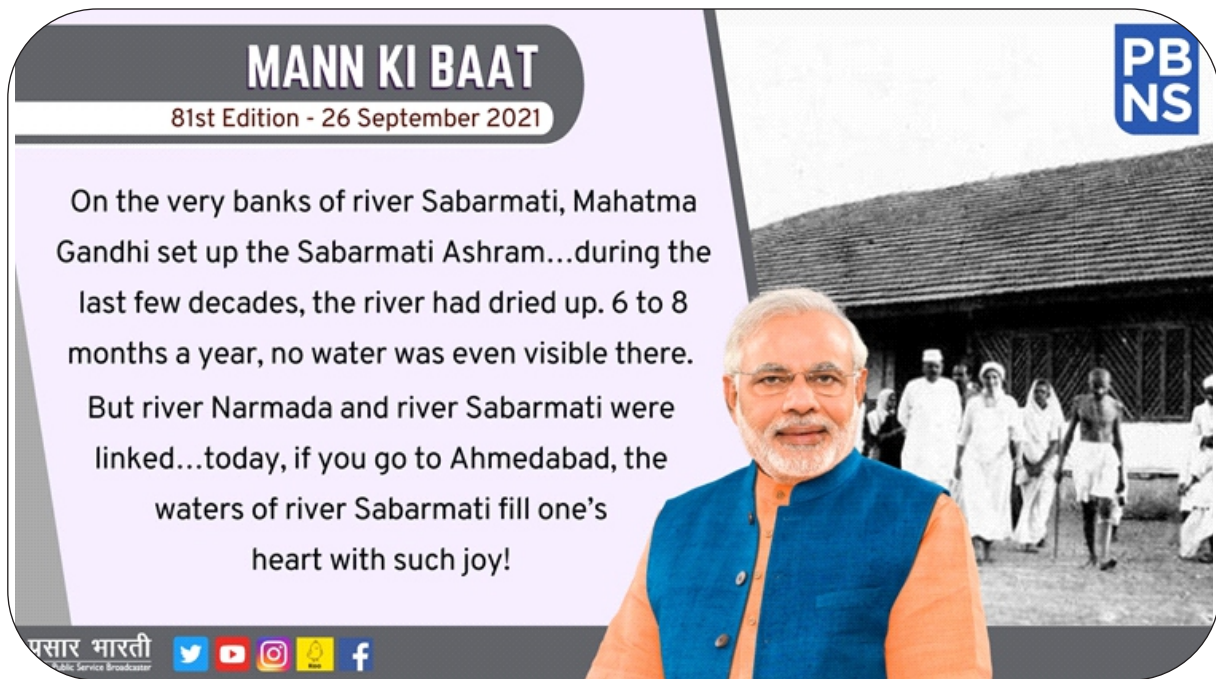
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Many of you might be aware that on the very banks of river Sabarmati, Mahatma Gandhi set up the Sabarmati Ashram...during the last few decades, the river had dried up. 6 to 8 months a year, no water was even visible there. But river Narmada and river Sabarmati were linked...today, if you go to Ahmedabad, the waters of river Sabarmati fill one's heart with such joy! Similarly, our sisters from Tamilnadu are undertaking myriad such tasks...many such tasks are being done in various corners of the country. I know for sure that many of our saints, our gurus associated with our religious traditions are doing a lot for the sake of water and rivers, along with their spiritual pursuits...many of them are running campaigns to plant trees along riverbanks...at places, dirty water is being prevented from flowing into rivers.

Friends,

when we are celebrating 'World River Day' today, I praise and greet all dedicated to this work. But to all people living near every river; to countrymen I will urge that in India in all corners at least once in a year a river festival must be celebrated.



AUGUST 2021

Electricity is generated from Garbage : Kanjirangal Gram Panchayat of Sivaganga district

My dear countrymen, Namaskar.

I appeal that every panchayat of the country should also think of doing something like this in their respective villages. And friends, when we set out with a goal, it is certain that we achieve the results. Now look at our Kanjirangal Panchayat of Sivaganga district in Tamil Nadu. See what this small panchayat has done, here you will get to see another model of wealth from the Waste. Here the Gram Panchayat along with the local people has started an indigenous project to generate electricity from waste in their village. The garbage is collected from the entire village, electricity is generated from it and the residual products are also sold as pesticides. The capacity of this village power plant is to dispose of two tonnes of waste per day. The electricity generated from this power plant is utilized for streetlights and other needs of the village. The money saved by the Panchayat through this scheme is being used for other developmental works. Now tell me, a small panchayat in Sivaganga district of Tamil Nadu inspires all of us countrymen to do something or not? They have achieved wonders, haven't they?





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generates electricity from garbage,
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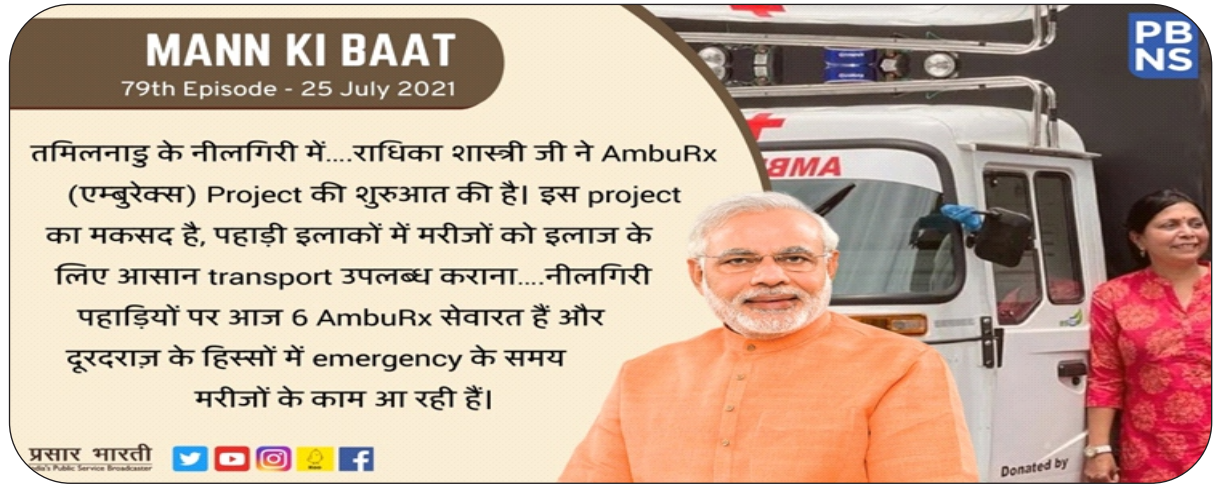
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JULY 2021

AmbuRx (Amburex) Project- Easy Transport to the Patient of Nilgiri hills by Radhika Shastriji

Friends, I would like to discuss another such work today. This effort is being attempted in Nilgiri of Tamil Nadu. Here Radhika Shastriji has started the AmbuRx (Amburex) Project. The purpose of this project is to provide easy transport for the treatment of patients in hilly areas. Radhika runs a cafe in Coonoor. She raised funds for AmbuRx from her cafe colleagues. Today six AmbuRx are serving in the Nilgiri hills and are coming to the aid of patients in remote parts during the time of emergency. An AmbuRx is equipped with a Stretcher, Oxygen Cylinder, First Aid Box and other things

Friends, whether it is Sanjay ji or Radhika ji, their examples demonstrate that we can render service while doing our routine work, our business or job.



MARCH 2021

Giving Sapling Free of Cost : Inspirational work by Shri Marimuthu Yoganathan- a Bus Conductor in Coimbatore

Friends, in Endeavour's of these kinds, if we involve the society, great results accrue. For example, there is Marimuthu Yoganathan who works as a bus conductor in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu. Yoganathanji while issuing tickets to the passengers of his bus also gives a sapling free of cost. In this way, Yoganathanji has got planted of innumerable trees! Yoganathanji has been spending a big chunk of his salary towards this work. Now after listening to this story, who as a citizen will not appreciate the work of Marimuthu Yoganathan? I heartily congratulate his efforts, for his inspirational work.



A campaign in rejuvenating public wells in their vicinity that had been lying unused for years- Thiruvannamalai, Tamilnadu

My dear countrymen,

Namaskar. Yesterday was the festival of Magh Poornima. The month of Magh is regarded related especially to rivers, lakes and water sources. It has been mentioned in our scriptures: MAGHE NIMAGNAAHA SALILE SUSHITE, VIMUKTAPAAPAAHA TRIDIVAM PRAYAANTI – meaning, in the month of Magh, a bath in any holy water body is considered sacred. In every society of the world, invariably, there is one tradition or the other with respect to a river. Many civilizations have evolved along the banks of rivers. Since our culture is thousands of years old, the spread of this phenomenon is more evident here. There must not be a single day in India, when there is no festival connected with water in some corner of the country or the other.



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Thiruvannamalai, Tamilnadu.

Here, local people have been running a campaign for the conservation of their wells. These people are rejuvenating public wells in their vicinity that had been lying unused for years.

Friends,

possibly there is another reason to associate the month of Magh with water – after this, winters come to an end and summers start knocking. Hence, for the conservation of water, we should begin efforts right away. A few days later, just on the 22nd of the month of March, it's World Water Day.

Aaradhya from U.P. has written to me that millions of people in the world spend a major part of their lives in overcoming water shortage. It has not been said without reason, 'BIN PAANI SAB SOON' – without water, everything comes to a naught! In order to solve the water crisis, Sujit ji of North Dinajpur has sent me a very nice message. Sujit ji has written that Nature has bestowed upon us a collective gift in the form of Water; hence the responsibility of saving it is also collective. It is correct that just as there is a collective gift, there is a collective accountability too. Sujit ji's thought is absolutely correct. River, lake, pond or ground water – all of these are for everyone.

Friends,

there was a time when in villages, people would collectively look after wells and ponds. Now one such effort is underway at Thiruvannamalai, Tamilnadu. Here, local people have been running a campaign for the conservation of their wells. These people are rejuvenating public wells in their vicinity that had been lying unused for years.



Machine to make Ropes from Waste of Banana by Murugesan ji from Madurai

Friends,

Many experiments of creating wealth from agricultural waste too are being run successfully in the entire country. Like, Murugesan ji from Madurai made a machine to make ropes from waste of banana. This innovation of Murugesan ji will solve the issues of environment and filth too, and will also pave the way for additional income for the farmers.



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Friends, the purpose of talking about so many people to the listeners of 'Mann Ki Baat' is that we all should get motivated by them. When every citizen of the country will spread the spirit of science in his life and in every field, avenues of progress will also open up and the country will become self-reliant too. And I do believe that every citizen of the country can do this.

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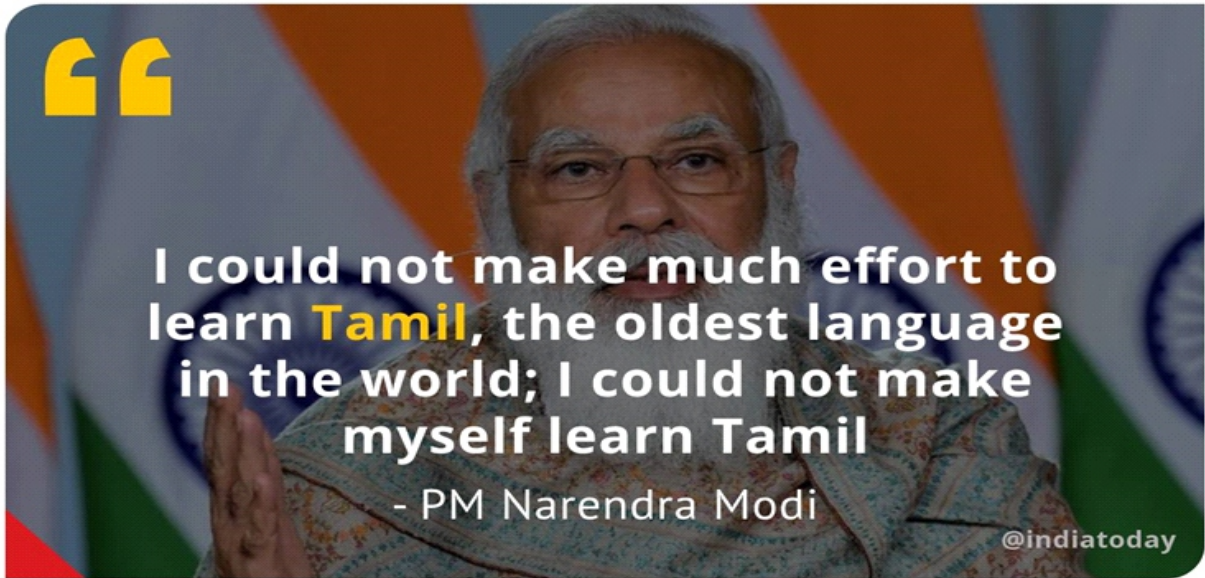
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**Prime Minister
Shri Narendra Modi**





*“One of my shortcomings was that I could not make much effort to learn Tamil, the oldest language in the world ; It is such a beautiful language, which is popular all over the world”- **The Love of our Hon'ble Prime Minister for Tamil language***

Friends, sometimes even a very small and simple question rankles the mind. These questions are not very long ; they are very simple, yet they make us think. A few days ago Aparna Reddy ji of Hyderabad asked me one such question. She said “You have been PM for so many years and were CM for so many years. **Do you ever feel that something is missing?**” **Aparna ji's question seems simple but is equally difficult. I pondered this over and told myself that one of my shortcomings was that I could not make much effort to learn Tamil, the oldest language in the world ; I could not make myself learn Tamil! It is such a beautiful language, which is popular all over the world. Many people have told me a lot about the quality of Tamil literature and the depth of the poems written in it. India is a land of many languages, which symbolizes our culture and pride.**

Regret that I could not make myself learn Tamil, 'world's oldest language': PM Modi

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"In the run-up to Mann Ki Baat, I was asked if there was something I missed out on during these long years as chief minister and prime minister. I feel - it is a regret of sorts that I could not make enough efforts to learn the world's oldest language Tamil. Tamil literature is beautiful," PM Modi said.

DECEMBER 2020

Wheel Chair for a Suffering Dog- A heart-touching effort by Gayatri and her Father, Coimbatore

Friends,

I read about a heart-touching effort at Coimbatore in Tamilnadu. You too must have seen visuals of this on social media. We have seen wheelchairs for humans, but daughter Gayatri in Coimbatore, along with her father, made a wheelchair for a suffering dog. This sensitivity is inspiring and can happen only when a person is filled with kindness and compassion towards all life forms.



When I see the youth of India, I feel delighted and assured. Delighted and assured because the youth of my country has the 'Can Do' approach and the 'Will Do' spirit in them. No challenge is too big for them. Nothing is out of reach for them. I read about a teacher from Tamil Nadu. Her name is Hemalata N. K., and she teaches the oldest language of the world Tamil at a school in Viddupuram. Even the Covid 19 pandemic could not create hurdles in her teaching work. Yes! Challenges definitely were there but she found out an innovative way. She recorded all the 53 chapters of the course, created animated videos, put them in a pen drive and distributed that amongst her students. Her students got a lot of help from this; they understood the chapters visually. Along with this, she kept interacting with her students telephonically. Thus, studies became quite interesting for the students. All over the country during this corona time, the innovative methods that the teachers have adopted, the course material they have creatively prepared, is invaluable in this period of online studies.

Inspiring story of Shri T. Srinivasacharya Swami ji – A Scholar in Sanskrit & Tamil who learns computer and softwares at the age of 86

My dear countrymen,

The very first mantra of Vedanta is – 'Athaato Brahm Jigyasa', that is, come, let us inquire about Brahm. That is why we talk about the inquest of even Brahm, the ultimate creator! Such is the power of inquisitiveness. Curiosity constantly inspires you to learn something new. In childhood, we learn only because we are curious. That is, we are alive as long as there is curiosity in us. As long as there is curiosity, the process of learning something new continues. No age, no circumstance, matters at all in this. I came to know of an example of such energy of inquisitiveness, about Shri T. Srinivasacharya Swami ji, an elderly person from Tamil Nadu! Shri T Srinivasacharya Swami Ji is Ninety-Two years old. Even at this age, he is writing his book on the computer; that too, typing himself. You must be thinking that writing a book is fine.... but in the times of Srinivasacharyaji, there were no computers. So, when did he learn the computer? It is right that there was no computer during his college days. But, there still is as much curiosity in his mind and self-confidence as it was in his youth. In fact, Srinivasacharya Swamiji is a scholar of Sanskrit and Tamil. He has written about 16 spiritual books so far. However, with the advent of the computer, when he realized that the method of writing and printing books had changed, he learned the computer and necessary software at the age of 86... yes, at the age of eighty-six. Now he is completing his book.



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Friends,

Shri T Srinivasacharya Swamiji's life is a living example of the fact that life remains full of energy, as long as the curiosity in life, the desire to learn, does not die. Hence, we should never think that we lagged behind; we missed. "Only if... we too had learnt this!" We should not even think that we cannot learn, or cannot move forward.

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The Scholar Who Learned Computer at the Age of 86

Shri T. Srinivasacharya Swami ji, a 92-year-old scholar of Sanskrit & Tamil from TN is now writing his own books on the computer

With the advent of newer technologies, he realized that the method of writing & printing books had changed

This motivated him to learn computer & other necessary software at the age of 86 to enable him to type his own books

He has showcased that as long as there is curiosity, the process of learning something new continues despite age & circumstances

SHRI T. SRINIVASACHARYA SWAMI JI

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OCTOBER 2020

Library in Salon by Pon Mariyappan, Thoothukudi

My dear countrymen,

It is said that learning is growing. Today in Mann ki baat I will introduce you to a person who has a novel passion. This is the passion of sharing the joys of reading and writing with others. He is Pon Mariyappan from Thoothukudi in Tamil Nadu. Thoothukudi is also known as the Pearl City. Once it was an important centre of the Pandyan Empire. My friend from this town Pon Marriyappan is associated with the profession of hair cutting and runs a salon. A very small salon. He has done an exemplary and an inspiring piece of work. He has converted a small portion of his salon into a library. If a customer, while waiting for his turn, reads something from the library and writes on that, PonMarriyappan, offers him a discount.....isn't it intresting?

Come lets go to Thoothukudi ...lets talk to PonMariyyapan ji

P.M. PonMarriyyapan ji Vannakaam, How are you?

Pon : Respected Prime Minister, Vanakkam

P.M: Vanakkamvanakm, how did you get the idea of this library?

PonMariyappan: I have studied up to class 8th. I could not further my studies beyond that due to family circumstances. When I see educated people, I feel something amiss in me. So, I thought why not establish a library, which would benefit many people, this became an inspiration for me.

Prime Minister: Which book do you like a lot ?

PonMariyappan: 'Thirukkural' is very dear to me.

Prime Minister: I felt very happy talking to you. Best wishes to you.

PonMariyappan: I too am feeling extremely happy while talking to respected Prime Minister.

Prime Minister: Best wishes

PonMariyappan: Thank you Prime Minister Ji.

Prime Minister: Thank you.

We just spoke to PonMariyappan ji. See how he dresses people's hair, he gives them an opportunity to dress up their lives too. It felt nice to learn about the popularity of Thirukkural. All of you too heard about the popularity of Thirukkural. Today, Thirukkural is available in all languages of India. Given an opportunity, one must read it. In a way, it is a guide for life.



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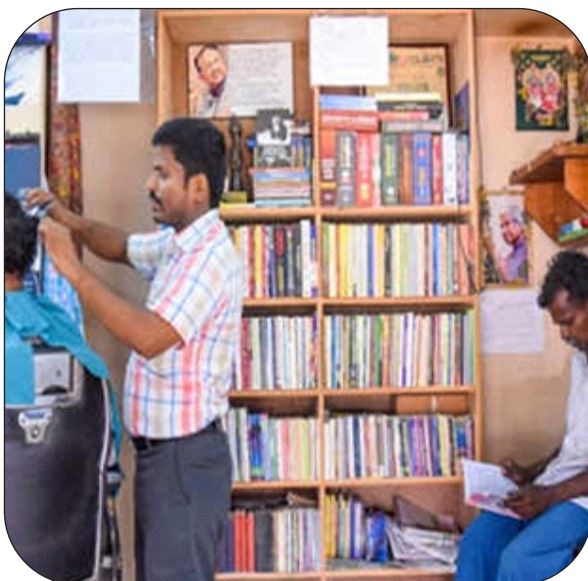
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SEPTEMBER 2020

'Villupaat' of Tamilnadu- A fascinating confluence of story and music

My dear countrymen, Namaskar.

Friends, the history of stories is as ancient as the human civilization itself. 'Where there is a soul, there is a story'. Stories express and bring to the fore, the creative and sensitive facets of human beings. If the power of stories is to be felt, one has to just watch a mother telling a story to her little one either to lull her to sleep or while feeding her a morsel. I spent a major part of my life as a Parivrajak, an ascetic. Wayfaring was my life. Every day it used to be a new place and people, new families. But whenever I went to a family, I would make it a point to speak to the children.

In Tamilnadu and Kerala, there is a very interesting style of storytelling. **It is called 'Villupaat'**. It comprises a fascinating confluence of story and music. India has had a vibrant tradition of Kathputli, that is puppetry. These days, stories and storytelling based on science and science-fiction are gaining popularity. I am noticing people who are taking commendable initiatives in promoting the art form of Qissagoi.



Farmer Produce Company

Friends,

About three or four years ago fruits and vegetables were excluded from the purview of APMC in Maharashtra. An example of how this reform changed the state of farmers growing fruits and vegetables in Maharashtra is provided by Sri Swami Samarth Farm Producer Company limited – a Farmer Producer's Organization. Farmers in Pune and Mumbai are themselves running weekly markets. In these markets, the produce of about four and a half thousand farmers, of nearly 70 villages, is sold directly without any middleman! The rural youth are directly involved in the process of farming and selling to this market. This directly benefits the farmers and the youth of the village are gainfully employed.

Another example is from then district of Tamil Nadu, here the Tamil Nadu Banana farmer produce company; This Farmer Produce Company is a company just in name; in reality, these farmers together have formed a collective. It has a very flexible system, and that too has evolved five-six years ago. This Farmer Collective purchased hundreds of metric tons of vegetables, fruits and Bananas from nearby villages during the lockdown, and supplied a vegetable combo kit to the city of Chennai.

You just think, how many youth did they employed, and the interesting fact is that, due to absence of middlemen, not only the farmer profited but the consumer also benefited.

JULY 2020

Prime Minister congratulates Kaniga from Namakkal

Come! Let us again go far south. Will speak to our daughter Kaniga from Tamilnadu, Namakkal and talk with Kaniga is very inspirational.

Modi ji- Kaniga ji, Vanakkam !

Kaniga- Vanakkam sir

Modi ji – How are you

Kaniga- Fine sir

Modi ji- First of all I would like to congratulate you for your great success.

Kaniga- Thank you sir.

Modi ji- When I hear of Namakka I think of the Anjaneyar temple

Kaniga- Yes sir.

Modi ji- Now I will also remember my interaction with you.

Kaniga- Yes sir.

Modi ji- So, Congratulations again.

Kaniga- Thank you sir.

Modi ji- You would have worked very hard for exams, how was your experience while preparing.

Kaniga- Sir, we are working hard from the start so, I didn't expect this result but I have written well so I got a good result.

Modi ji- What were your expectation?

Kaniga – 485 or 486 like that, I thought so

Modi ji- And now

Kaniga- 490

Modi ji- So what is the reaction of your family members & your teachers?

Kaniga- They were so happy and they were so proud sir.

Modi ji – Which one is your favourite subject.



Kaniga- Mathematics

Modi ji- Oh! And what are your future plans?

Kaniga – I'm going to become a Doctor if possible, in AFMC sir.

Modi ji- And your family members are also in a medical profession or somewhere else?

Kaniga – No sir, my father is a driver but my sister is studying in MBBS sir.

Modi ji- That's great! so first of all I will do Pranaam to your father who is taking lot of care of your sister and yourself. It's great service he is doing.

Kaniga- Yes sir

Modi ji- And he is an inspiration for all.

Kaniga- Yes sir

Modi ji- So my congratulations to you, your sister and your father and your family.

Kaniga- Thank you sir.

MAY 2020

Generosity of Shri K.C.Mohan who runs a salon in Madurai who spends hard earned money in serving needy and underprivileged during the difficult times.

Friends,

I have often referred to the spirit of service on part of our doctors, nursing staff, sanitation workers, police personnel and media persons. I have touched upon this in 'Mann Ki Baat' too. There are innumerable people who are willing to give their all in the service of others. One such gentleman is K.C. Mohan of Tamilnadu. Shri Mohan ji runs a salon in Madurai. Through sheer hard work, he had saved five lakh rupees for his daughter's education. But he spent the entire amount in the service of the needy and the underprivileged in these difficult times.



FEBRUARY 2020

**Poetess Avvaiyar writes: Kattat Kemaavoon Kalladaru
Udgadvu, Kaddat Kamiyan Adva Kalladar Olaaadu.
(What we know is but just a handful of sand; what we do
not know is like a universe in itself)**

My dear countrymen,

our country is bestowed with great traditions. The legacy that we inherited from our ancestors, the knowledge & values that have permeated entail compassion toward each & every living being and boundless love for nature. All this is a part of our cultural heritage. And to partake of this culture of hospitality in the Indian ethos, every year, numerous species of birds from across the world come to India. Throughout the year, India is home to many migratory species. We are told that more than 500 varieties of birds fly in from varied regions. Recently, Gandhinagar was host to the COP- 13 convention, where this phenomenon was mulled over, discussed and deliberated. India's efforts concerning the subject were lauded too. Friends, it is a matter of pride for us that for the next three years, India will chair the COP convention on migratory species. Do send in your suggestions on lending more substance to this opportunity, making it more useful.

While discussing the COP convention with you, an important piece of information connected with Meghalaya drew my attention. Very recently, biologists have discovered a new species of fish whose habitat is within the caves of Meghalaya. It is believed that this fish is the largest among aquatic species found under the surface of caves. It lives in deep, dark underground caves, with little chance of light reaching in. Scientists are perplexed at the ability of this large fish to survive in such deep caves. It is a matter of joy that our India, and especially Meghalaya is home to a rare species. It lends a new facet to India's bio-diversity. We are surrounded by many such mysteries, which are still undiscovered. To discover such a phenomenal enigma calls for fierce detective passion.

The Tamil Poet Avvaiyar



The great Tamil poetess Avvaiyar writes: Kattat Kemaavoon Kalladaru Udgadvu, Kaddat Kamiyan Adva Kalladar Olaaadu.

This means, what we know is but just a handful of sand; what we do not know is like a universe in itself. Similar is the case with the biodiversity of this country. The more you know, the more you realize the magnitude of what you do not know. Our biodiversity too is a unique treasure for the entire human kind. We have to preserve it, conserve it & explore further.



JANUARY 2020

Yogananthan's daughter Purnashree won everyone's heart by bagging the Gold Medal in Weight Lifting.

My dear countrymen and especially all my young friends,

Today, through the forum of 'Mann Ki Baat', I congratulate the Government and the people of Assam for being the excellent hosts of 'Khelo India'. Friends, on 22nd January, the third 'Khelo India Games' concluded in Guwahati. These games had around 6 thousand players from different states participating. You will be surprised to know that 80 records were broken during this grand sports festival. And I am proud that of these 80 records, 56 were broken by our daughters. These laurels have been recorded in the name of our daughters! I along with all the winners, congratulate all the participants. I also thank all the people, coaches and technical officers associated with 'Khelo India Games' for organising them successfully.

It is very pleasant for all of us to learn that the participation of athletes in 'Khelo India Games' is on the upsurge year after year. And this also tells you about the increasing inclination towards sports in our school children. I wish to tell all of you that in 2018, when 'Khelo India Games' were instituted, thirty-five hundred players took part, but in just three years the number of players has increased to more than 6 thousand, which translates to the fact that it has almost doubled. Not only this, in just three years, through 'Khelo India Games', thirty-two hundred gifted children have emerged on the sporting horizon! Many of these children grew up amidst dearth and poverty. The stories of the patience and determination of these children who participated in 'Khelo India Games' as well as their parents will inspire every Indian. Now take the example of Purnima Mandal of Guwahati, a sanitation worker in Guwahati Municipal Corporation! But whereas her daughter Malvika showed her mettle in football, one of her sons Sujit represented Assam in Kho-Kho, while the other son Pradeep did the same in hockey.

Somewhat similar is the story of Yogananthan of Tamil Nadu which fills you with great pride! Yogananthan makes beedis in Tamil Nadu, but his daughter Purnashree won everyone's heart by bagging the Gold Medal in Weight Lifting.

KHELO INDIA YOUTH GAMES 2020



Purnashree,
Weightlifting

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DECEMBER 2019

Impact of 'Himayat Programme'

My dear countrymen,

It would gladden you that under the aegis of this programme, during the last two years, eighteen thousand youths, have been trained in seventy seven different trades. Out of these, around five thousand people are working somewhere or the other, and many have moved towards self-employment. The success stories of lives which have changed under the aegis of the 'Himayat Programme', truly touch the heart!

Parveen Fatima has become a Supervisor-cum-Coordinator following a promotion in a Garment Unit in Tirupur, Tamil Nadu. Until a year ago, she was living in a small village in Kargil. At present, her life has undergone a major change, she has become confident – she has become self-reliant and has also brought an opportunity for prosperity for her entire family! Like Parveen Fatima, the 'Himayat Programme' has changed the fate of other daughters and residents of Leh-Ladakh region and all of them are working in the same firm in Tamil Nadu today.



Mann Ki Baat

December 2019

“The ‘Himayat Programme’ is a perfect example of a great synergy between the government, training partners, job providing companies and the people of Jammu and Kashmir. This program has given a new found confidence to the youth in Jammu and Kashmir, and shown them a way to forge ahead.”



NOVEMBER 2019

Mother India has 30 crore faces, but one body. She speaks 18 languages, but thinks as one- Mahakavi (Great Poet) Subramanya Bharati-

Friends,

Another important thing to note is that the United Nations has declared 2019 as the "International Year of Indigenous Languages". That means, efforts are being made to conserve those languages which are on the verge of extinction. Hundred and fifty years ago, the father of modern Hindi Bharatendu Harishchandra had also said.

"The progress of one's language, is the source of one's overall progress

All progress is meaningless if one's mother tongue is neglected"

That means, no progress is possible without the knowledge of one's mother tongue. This initiative of the Rang community, thus, is sure to be showing the path to the rest of the world. If you too, have been inspired by this story, then start using your language or dialect from today. Inspire the society and your family to do so.

Towards the end of the 19th century, Mahakavi (Great Poet) Subramanya Bharati had said, and he had said in Tamil.

मुप्पदु कोडी मुगमुडैयाळ-
उयिर् मोइम्बुर ओंदुडैयाळ-
इवळ सेप्पु मोळी पधिनेट्टुडैयाळ
एनिर्सिन्दनैओंदुडैयाळ

And he said it back then, I am referring to the second half of the 19th century. And he said that Mother India has 30 crore faces,






19वीं शताब्दी के आखरी काल में महाकवि सुब्रमण्यम भारती जी ने कहा था और तमिल में कहा था। वो भी हम लोगों के लिए बहुत ही प्रेरक है। सुब्रमण्यम भारती जी ने तमिल भाषा में कहा था -

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और उस समय ये 19वीं शताब्दी के ये आखरी उत्तरार्ध की बात है। और उन्होंने कहा है भारत माता के 30 करोड़ चेहरे हैं, लेकिन शरीर एक है। यह 18 भाषाएँ बोलती हैं, लेकिन सोच एक है।

'मन की बात' में प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी, 24 नवंबर 2019

OCTOBER 2019

The Mudaliar Brothers from Chennai who undertake a mission in annexing Lakshadweep

Friends, all of us know that as India's first home minister, Sardar Patel undertook the colossal, historic task of integrating Princely states. Scrutinizing the minutest of events closely was his rare quality. On the one hand, he concentrated on Hyderabad, Junagarh and other States; on the other, he was watching



far flung Lakshadweep intently. Actually, when we refer to Sardar Patel's endeavour, his role in the unification of just a few notable States is discussed. He played a far more significant role, when it came to a small region such as Lakshadweep too. Lakshadweep is one of the most beautiful landscapes in India. Soon after Partition in 1947, our neighbour had cast an eye on Lakshadweep; a ship bearing their flag was sent there.

When Sardar Patel was informed of this, he wasted no time in initiating stern action. He urged the Mudaliar brothers, Arcot Ramaswamy Mudaliar and Arcot Laxman Swamy Mudaliar to immediately undertake a mission with people of Travancore to Lakshadweep and take the lead in unfurling the Tricolour there. Following his orders, the Tricolour was promptly unfurled there and the nefarious dreams of the neighbour of annexing Lakshadweep were decimated within no time.

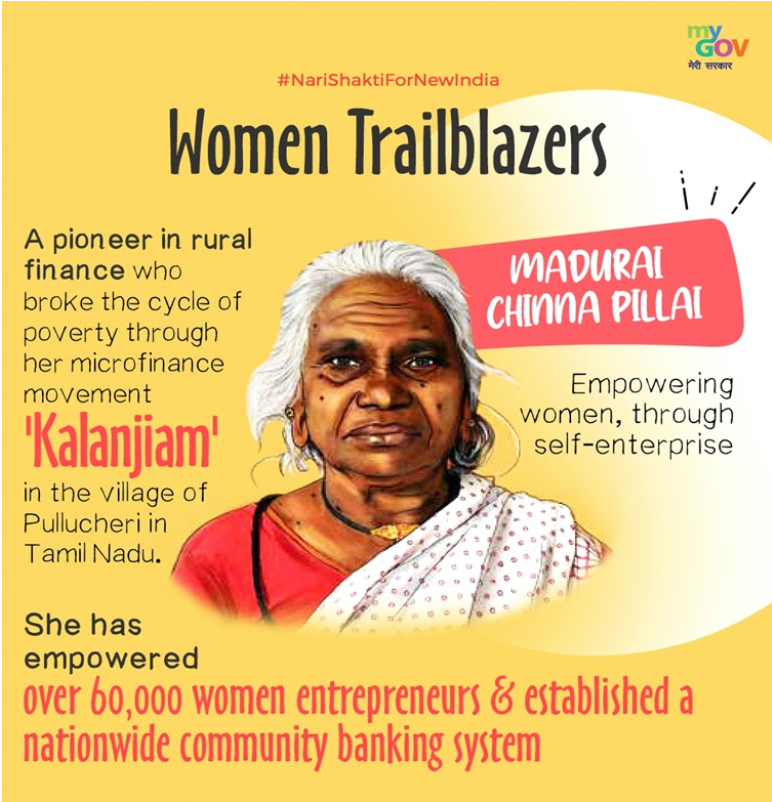
After this incident, Sardar Patel asked the Mudaliar brothers to personally ensure all assistance for development of Lakshadweep. Today, Lakshadweep is contributing significantly in India's progress. It is an attractive tourist destination too. I hope you get the opportunity to visit the picturesque islands and its pristine beaches.

FEBRUARY 2019

Padma Award to Madurai Chinna Pillai for “Kalanjiam”- Micro-finance movement in the village of pullucheri

My beloved countrymen,

This year too, there was a great buzz about the Padma award. Today as we head towards a new India, in which we want to honour those who are doing their work at the grass-root level without any care for a reward. They, by their diligence, are powering positive changes in the lives of others in myriad ways. In reality they are true 'Karmyogis,' who are selflessly engaged in public service, social service and, above all, in the service to the nation. You must have been a witness yourself to the curiosity in the air when the Padma awards are announced, and people are inquisitive about the awardees. In a way, I consider this to be a huge pat on the back because these are people who are not on the front page of a Magazine or Newspaper or on our TV screens. They are far removed from the world of glitter and glare, and are people who do not care about name or fame but simply believe in toiling at the proletarian level.



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Women Trailblazers

A pioneer in rural finance who broke the cycle of poverty through her microfinance movement **'Kalanjiam'** in the village of Pullucheri in Tamil Nadu.

MADURAI CHINNA PILLAI

Empowering women, through self-enterprise

She has empowered **over 60,000 women entrepreneurs & established a nationwide community banking system**

Among the recipients of the Padma award, Shabbir Sayyed of Marathwada is known as the servant of Gau-Mata. The manner he has spent his entire life in the service of Gau-mata, is unique in itself. Madurai Chinna Pillai is the same person who at first tried to empower the downtrodden and the exploited through the Kalanjiyam movement in Tamil Nadu and initiated community based microfinancing.

DECEMBER 2018

'Makkal Maaruthuvar' Dr. Jayachandran of Chennai

My dear countrymen, this December we had to bear the loss of some extraordinary, exemplary countrymen. On the 19th of December, Dr. Jayachandran passed away in Chennai. People fondly called him 'Makkal Maaruthuvar' since he had a special place in their hearts. Dr. Jayachandran was known for his efforts of making the most economical treatment possible available to the poor. People tell us that he would be ever ready & eager, when it came to treatment of patients. In the case of elderly patients, he would even bear the cost of their travelling to and fro. On the betterindia.com website, I have read about many of his endeavours that serve as an inspiration to society.



APRIL 2018

In many temples of Tamil Nadu carvings on stone depicting irrigation system, water conservation methods and drought management are found

My dear countrymen,

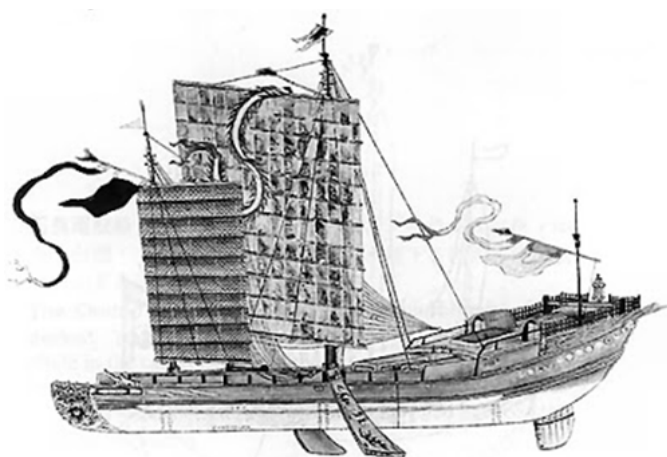
We often hear that in, times to come, the world will face a war because of water. Everyone talks about this but do we not have any responsibility towards conservation of water? Do we not feel that water conservation must be a social responsibility? This must be a collective responsibility. How can we conserve each single drop of rain water? And, we all know this. And, water conservation is not a new topic for us; it is neither a part of the academic curriculum nor a part of our languages. Our forefathers have lived this as a way of life for centuries together. They gave due priority and importance to each single drop of water. They found out newer methods in order to conserve every single drop of water. Those of you who might be getting a chance to visit Tamilnadu might have noticed that in some temples in the state, there are carvings on stone depicting irrigation system, water conservation methods and drought management. There are vast stone inscriptions in these temples and devotees get a chance to read these educative messages. May it be Mannarkovil, Chiran Mahadevi, Kovilpatti or Pudukottai – you will get to see massive stone inscriptions to this effect. Several baolis (stepwells) are famous as tourist spots but please do not forget that these are the living symbols of the water conservation campaigns which our forefathers had accomplished.



NOVEMBER 2017

The Chola Navy

My dear countrymen, we shall observe Navy Day on the 4th of December. Indian Navy secures and protects our maritime boundaries. I congratulate all those who belong to the Navy. All of you must be knowing that our civilization developed along river banks. Be it the Indus, the Ganges, the Yamuna or the Saraswati – our rivers and seas are both economically and strategically important. These are our gateway to the whole world. This country, our land has an unbreakable bond with oceans. And as we peep into our history, we come to know that about 800 to 900 (eight to nine hundred) years ago, during the rule of the Cholas, the Chola Navy was considered one of the strongest navies. This navy had a big role in the expansion of the Chola-rule and in making it an economic super power. Numerous references of voyages and expeditions of the Chola-Navy are found even today in “Sangam – literature”. Very few people might be aware that most navies of the world allowed women on their warships pretty later. But in the Chola Navy, a large number of women played leading roles and that too about eight to nine hundred years ago; to the extent that women actively took part in battles. The Chola rulers possessed a very rich and sound knowledge of ship building. When we talk of navy, who can ignore Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and the capabilities & might of his navy. Konkan coast, where the sea has a significant role, was under Shivaji Maharaj's realm. Many forts associated with Shivaji Maharaj like Sindhu Durg, Murud Janjira, Swarn Durg, etc were either situated on the sea coast or were encircled by sea.



The security of these forts was the responsibility of the Maratha Navy. There was a combination of large ships and small boats in the Maratha Navy. His naval forces were very efficient and skilled in attacking the enemy and in defending their attacks. And how can we refer to the Maratha Navy and not remember Kanhoji

Aangre! He took the Maratha Navy to newer heights and established Maratha Naval Bases at a number of places. After Independence, our Indian Navy showed its valour on various occasions; be it the liberation struggle of Goa or the Indo-Pak war. When we talk of the Navy, we see only war but the Indian Navy has come forward in humanitarian ventures as well. In June this year when Cyclone Mora hit Bangladesh and Myanmar, our naval ship INS SUMITRA rendered a big help in rescue operations; many fishermen were rescued from the sea and handed over to Bangladesh.



JUNE 2017

Arulmozhi Sarvanan, a housewife from Madurai, Tamil Nadu who sets an example in taking benefit of Government E Marketplace (GEM) portal

My dear countrymen, as Prime Minister, there are numerous tasks to be handled. I have to remain deeply absorbed in files, but for my own self, I have developed a habit of reading daily, at least a few of the letters I receive and because of that I get a chance to connect with the common man. I get a variety of letters, written by all sorts of people. Recently, I had the opportunity to read a letter, which I feel, I should share with you. From the far south, in Madurai, Tamil Nadu, Arulmozhi Sarvanan, a housewife, sent me a letter. And what was in that letter? She wrote, that she thought about engaging in some economic activity keeping in mind her responsibilities such as children's education, to lend some financial assistance to her family. She got some money from the bank, under the 'Mudra' Scheme and commenced working towards procuring some items from the market for sale. Then she came to know of the 'Government E-Marketplace' system initiated by the government. She tried to find out the details, and asked people about it. And then she registered herself for the scheme. Here I want to tell my countrymen, that if you get the opportunity, you should also visit, the E-G-E-M, E-GEM website on the Internet. This is a great new system. Whoever wants to supply any item to the government, small things such as electric bulbs, dustbins, brooms, chairs and tables, they can register themselves. They can mention the quality of the goods, the rate at which they sell, and it is compulsory for the government departments to visit the site and see whether the supplier can supply the goods at reasonable prices without compromising on the quality. And then the orders can be placed. That is how the middlemen can be removed from the system. The entire process becomes transparent. There is no interface. Everything is done through technology. So, when people register in E-GEM, all the government departments become aware of them. As there are no middlemen, the goods are available at very reasonable rates. Now whatever goods Arulmozhi Madam could supply, she got all those registered on this government website. And the best part is, what she has written in this letter is very interesting. She has written that she got the money from the 'Mudra' Scheme and started her business,

then she registered the inventory of all her products on the E-GEM website, and then she got an order from the Prime Minister's Office. It was news to me also, I wondered what the PMO would have ordered. She wrote that the PMO had ordered two thermoses, and she was paid Rupees 1600/-. This is empowerment. This is an opportunity for encouraging entrepreneurship. Had Arulmozhi not written to me I wouldn't have realised that because of E-GEM, a housewife living far away and running a small business can have the items on her inventory purchased directly by the Prime Minister's Office. This is the nation's strength. This has transparency, this has empowerment, this has entrepreneurship too. Government E-Marketplace – GEM. I would certainly like that whoever wishes to sell their products or business items to the government, should increasingly get connected with this website. I believe that this is an excellent example of Minimum Government and Maximum Governance, and it's objective is Minimum Price and Maximum Ease, Efficiency and Transparency.



APRIL 2017

Salute to Saint Ramanujacharya

My dear countrymen, I maintain time & again that we should keep revisiting the annals of our history, traditions and culture. That lends us energy and inspiration. This year, we the hundred & twenty five crore countrymen are celebrating the thousandth birth anniversary of Saint Ramanujacharya. For one reason or the other, we confine ourselves to celebrating and observing centenaries of events mostly. For other countries of the world, a century may be of immense significance. But India is such an ancient Nation that we are the proud inheritors of thousands and thousands of years of heritage, knowledge and civilized existence and have an opportunity to observe and celebrate a memorial heritage of over thousand years. Just try and imagine it. Even today breaking the shackles Social orthodoxy is so difficult. How would society be a thousand years ago? What kind of a mindset would be prevalent then? Not many would know that Ramanujacharya relentlessly struggled against rampant social evils such as the class divide, the chasm between touchable and untouchables and the caste system. Through his own conduct, he embraced those who were ostracized by society. A thousand years ago, he launched an agitation allowing their entry into temples and succeeded in facilitating the same. We are indeed fortunate that in every era, for eradicating social evils, noble souls, great men were born in this society itself. Now that we are celebrating the 1000th birth anniversary of Ramanujacharya, we should gain inspiration from him in our endeavour to foster social unity, to bolster the adage 'unity is strength'.

In memory of Saint Ramanujacharya, the government of India is releasing a stamp tomorrow, the 1st of May. I respectfully salute Saint Ramanujacharya and pay tributes to him

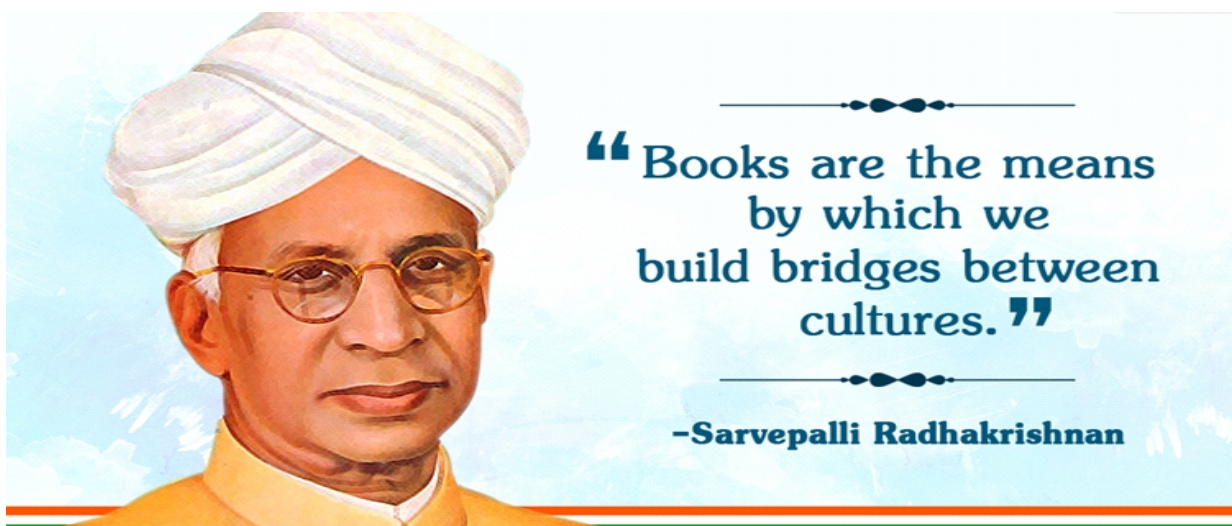


AUGUST 2016

Remembering India's former President Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan ji and wishing audience for Teacher's Day

My dear countrymen, 5th September is 'Teachers Day'. For many years, I have been spending a lot of time with students on Teachers Day and that too as a student myself. I used to learn quite a lot from those young children. For me, 5th September was Teachers Day as well as an Education Day. But, this time I have to leave for G-20 Summit and so felt in my heart that I should express my feelings in this regard in 'Mann Ki Baat' today.

In our life, a teacher holds the same place which a mother does. We have also seen such teachers who care more for their pupils than for themselves. They devote their lives for their disciples, their students. These days, after Rio Olympics, Pulela Gopi Chand ji is being talked about everywhere. He is a player first but he has set up a glorious example of what a good coach, that is, a teacher should be. I see Gopi Chand ji today as an excellent teacher besides being a very accomplished player. And, on Teachers Day, I salute Pulela Gopi Chand ji for his hard work, his dedication towards sports and his manner of finding happiness in the success of his disciples. We always feel the contribution of our teachers in our lives. 5th September happens to be the birthday of India's former President Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan ji and the country celebrates this as Teachers Day. Whatever post he held in his life, he always tried to live like a teacher, an educator. Not only this, he always said that "a good teacher can only be one who keeps the student within always alive". Dr. Radhakrishnan ji showed this by living as a teacher and by keeping alive the student within him despite holding the highest office of the President.



JUNE 2016

Students from Satyabhama University of Chennai launched Satyabhama SAT

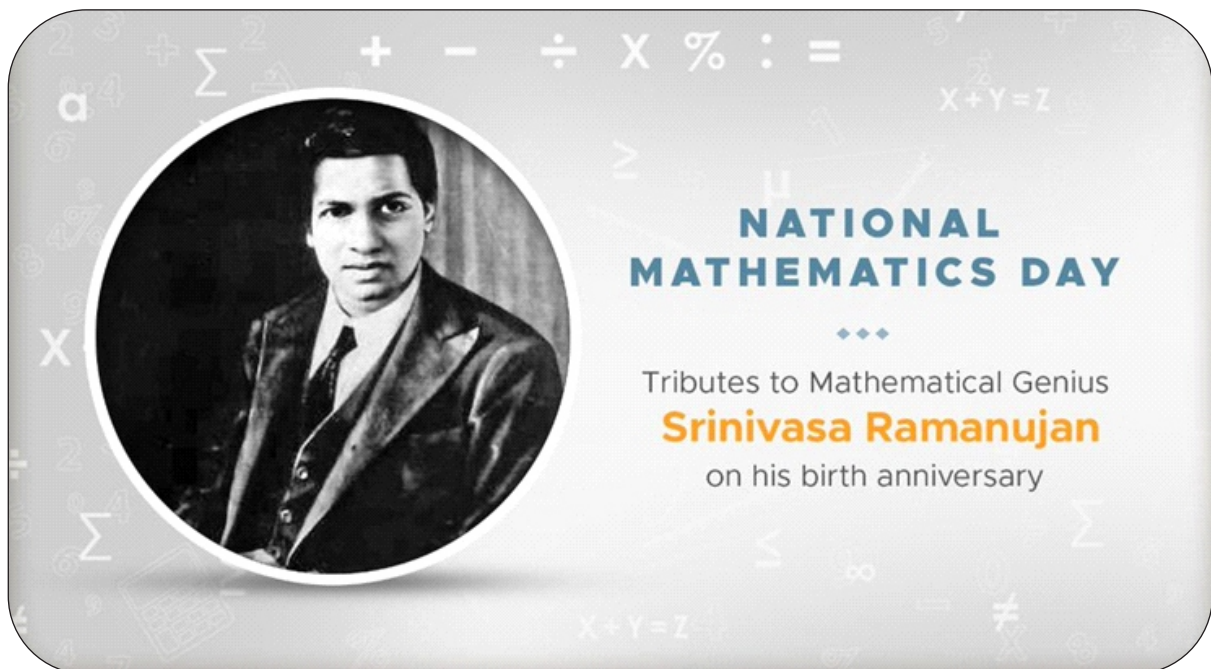
The students of Satyabhama University of Chennai in Tamil Nadu also created their satellite; and their SatyabhamaSAT has also been launched. We have been hearing these things since childhood, and every child wishes deep inside his heart to touch the sky and grab a few stars. Keeping this in mind, in my opinion, these two satellites made by the students and launched by ISRO, are extremely important and most valuable. All these students deserve hearty congratulations.



FEBRUARY 2016

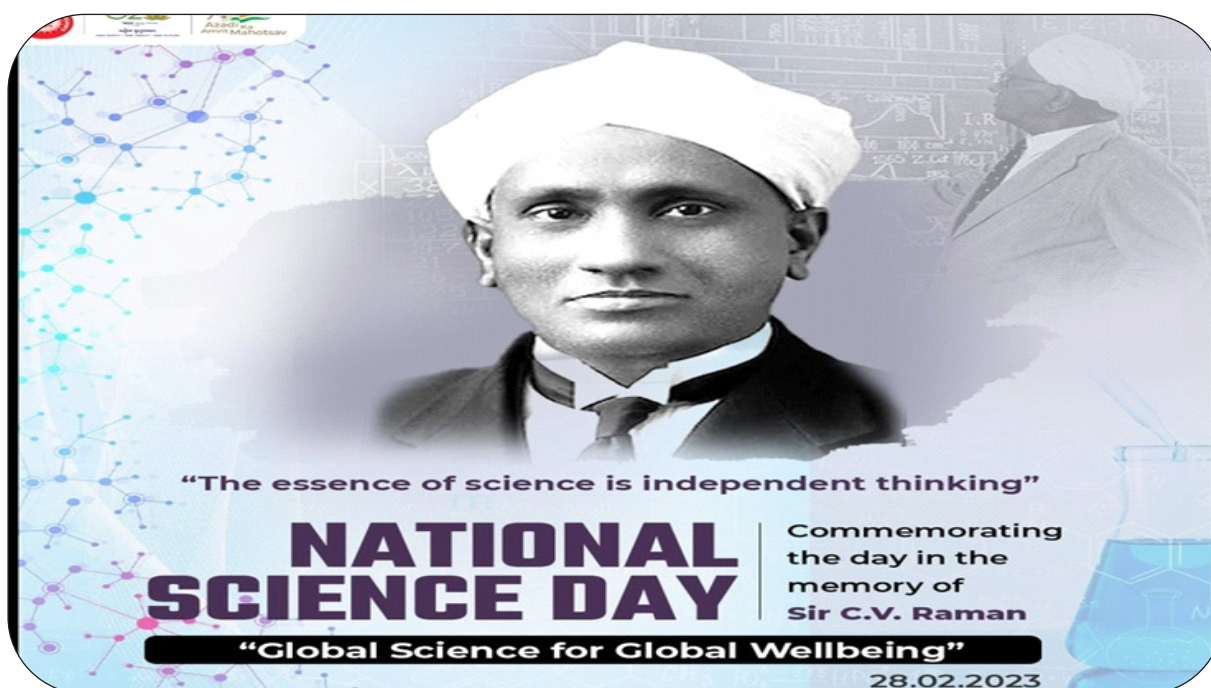
Srinivas Ramanujam- Greatest names among modern Indian mathematicians

Who doesn't know of Srinivas Ramanujam, one of the greatest names among modern Indian mathematicians? Do you know that he had no formal education in Mathematics? Yet he made a significant contribution to various topics like mathematical analysis, number theory, etc. He had a life riddled with difficulties. Despite that, he gave a lot to this world before passing away.



Sir C.V. Raman & National Science Day

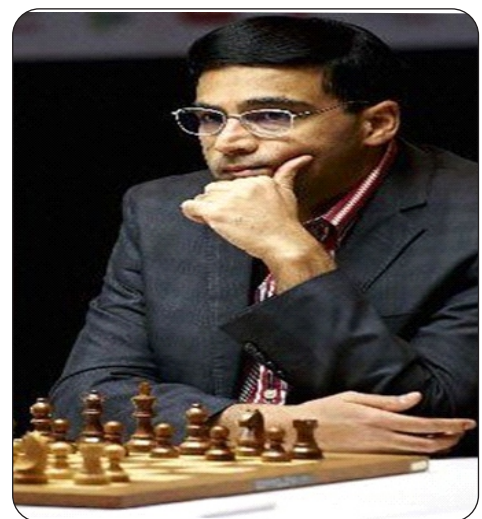
Friends, one thing is for sure, and I want to say this especially to my young friends, that our life has become very different from what it was for the previous generations. Every moment there is a new innovation, a new technology. We get to see new facets of science all the time. Its impact is overwhelming; we all want to link ourselves to science and technology. We also want to move ahead with the speed of science. I say all this because, friends, today is National Science Day, the festival of science in this country. Every year this day is observed on 28th February. On 28th February 1928, Sir C.V. Raman had declared his discovery of the “Raman Effect”. This was the discovery for which he received the Nobel Prize. And so the nation celebrates this day as National Science Day. Curiosity is the mother of science. Each person should have a scientific thinking, should be attracted to science. Each generation should lay stress on innovation. And innovation is not possible without science and technology. Today on National Science Day we should resolve that innovation should gain importance. Science, knowledge, technology... all these things should be a part of our journey to development. This year the theme for National Science Day is 'Make in India Science and Technology-driven Innovations'. I humbly pay my homage to Sir C.V. Raman and I appeal to you all to raise the level of your interest in science.



PM introduces Chess Champion Viswanathan Anand to the audience and Mr. Anand addresses the students appearing for exams.

Someone who can express this better than me is the person who is a master at checkmating others, who has checkmated some of the greatest minds in the world. He is chess champion Vishwanathan Anand and he will relate his experiences. Come, why don't you learn how to checkmate in exams from him!

"Hello, this is Viswanathan Anand. First of all, let me start off by wishing you all the best for your exams. I will next talk a little bit about how I went to my exams and my experiences for that. I found that exams are very much like problems you face later in life. You need to be well rested, get a good night's sleep, you need to be on a full stomach, you should definitely not be hungry and the most important thing is to stay calm. It is very, very similar to a game of Chess. When you play, you don't know, which pawn will appear, just like in a class you don't know, which question will appear in an exam. So if you stay calm and you are well nourished and have slept well, then you will find that your brain recalls the right answer at the right moment. So stay calm. It is very important not to put too much pressure on yourself, don't keep your expectations too high. Just see it as a challenge – do I remember what I was taught during the year, can I solve these problems. At the last minute, just go over the most important things and the things you feel, the topics you feel, you don't remember very well. You may also recall some incidents with the teacher or the students, while you are writing an exam and this will help you recall a lot of subject matter. If you revise the questions you find difficult, you will find that they are fresh in your head and when you are writing the exam, you will be able to deal with them much better. So stay calm, get a good night's sleep, don't be over-confident but don't be pessimistic either. I have always found that these exams go much better than you fear before. So stay confident and all the very best to you."



OCTOBER 2015

PM recognizes the organ donation movement in Tamil Nadu

By reducing the paper work, some of the states have made a good effort in speeding up the process involved in organ donation. Today, I can say that Tamil Nadu today ranks first in the field of organ donation. Many social organizations and NGO's are doing commendable job in this direction.



MAY 2015

PM quotes Dr. Kalam's Story to inspire people especially the students and youth

I am reminded of our nation's ex-President, Shri A. P. J. Abdul Kalam. In his book "My Journey-Transforming dreams into Action", he has mentioned an incident that took place in his life. He says that he always aspired to become a pilot. However, when he tried to become a pilot, he failed and could not clear his exams. Now, you can see that his failure gave him a great opportunity in his life. He became a great scientist of our nation. He became the President of India and his contribution stands unparalleled in the field of nuclear energy in India. Therefore, friends, please do not bend yourselves under the burden of failure. Failure is a kind of opportunity. Do not let the failure go without learning a lesson from it. Try to search for a hope and opportunity that lies hidden in your failure. This is my humble request to all my young friends, and also to their family members – if your son fails, please do not create an atmosphere which can force him to lose all hopes in his life. Sometimes, the children's failure is associated with their parents' dream which leads to various problems in future. It should not happen. Fighting with failures can provide us the strength to live our lives peacefully. I would once again like to congratulate all my young friends who have passed out with flying colours. I would also like to convey my thoughts to my young friends who have failed, but I congratulate them to have obtained opportunities to find a right path in their lives. Please try and strive to move forward with hope and trust in your lives.





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