

English rendering of PM's speech at laying of foundation stone and inauguration of development works in Bikaner, Rajasthan

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Governor of Rajasthan Haribhau Bagde Ji, the popular Chief Minister of this state Shriman Bhajan Lal Ji, former Chief Minister sister Vasundhara Raje Ji, my colleagues in the Union Cabinet Ashwini Vaishnav Ji, Arjun Ram Meghwal Ji, Deputy Chief Minister of Rajasthan Diya Kumari Ji, Prem Chand Ji, other ministers of the Rajasthan government, my colleague in Parliament Madan Rathore Ji, other MPs and MLAs, and my dear brothers and sisters.

All of you have come here in such large numbers, and in such extreme heat. And today, through this programme, lakhs of people from 18 states and union territories of the country have joined us online. Governors, Chief Ministers, Lieutenant Governors and other public representatives of many states are with us today. I congratulate all the dignitaries and the public from across the country.

Brothers and sisters,

I have come here among you with the blessings of Karni Mata. With the blessings of Karni Mata, our resolve to build a developed India is getting stronger. A short while ago, the foundation stone and inauguration of development projects worth Rs 26 thousand crores was done here. I congratulate the countrymen and my brothers and sisters of Rajasthan for these projects.

Friends,

In order to make India developed, a huge Mahayagna is going on to build modern infrastructure in the country. To make our roads modern, our airports modern, our railways and railway stations modern, work has been done at an unprecedented pace in the last 11 years. You can imagine, today the country is spending 6 times more money on these infrastructure works than it used to spend earlier, 6 times more. Today the world is also surprised to see these development works happening in India. If you go to the north, people are surprised to see constructions like the Chenab Bridge. If you go towards the east, Sela Tunnel of Arunachal and Bogibeel Bridge of Assam welcome you. If you come to Western India, you will see the Atal Bridge built over the sea in Mumbai. If you look in the far south, you will find the Pamban Bridge, which is the first bridge of its kind in the country.

Friends,

Today India is also modernizing its train network. These Vande Bharat trains, Amrit Bharat trains, Namo Bharat trains, reflect the new momentum and new progress of the country. Currently, Vande Bharat trains are running on about 70 routes in the country. This has brought modern rail to even the far-flung areas. In the last 11 years, hundreds of road over bridges and road under bridges have been constructed. More than thirty-four thousand kilometers of new railway tracks have been laid. Now, unmanned crossings on broad gauge lines have become history, they are over. We are also rapidly completing the work of separate special tracks for

goods trains, Dedicated freight corridor. Work is underway on the country's first bullet train project. And along with all this, we are also simultaneously modernizing more than 1300 railway stations in the country.

Friends,

The country has named these modernizing railway stations as Amrit Bharat stations. Today, more than 100 of these Amrit Bharat Stations have been completed. People are also seeing on social media what was the condition of these railway stations earlier, and how their picture has changed now.

Friends,

Development as well as heritage, this mantra is clearly visible at these Amrit Bharat railway stations. These are also new symbols of local art and culture. Just as the great Rajasthani art and culture will be visible at the Mandalgarh railway station in Rajasthan, the holy temple of Maa Thawewali and Madhubani painting will be depicted at the Thawe station in Bihar. You will feel the aura of Lord Ram at Orchha railway station in Madhya Pradesh. The design of Srirangam station is inspired by the temple of Lord Sriranganath Swami Ji. Dakor station of Gujarat is inspired by Ranchhodrai Ji. Tiruvannamalai station is designed according to Dravidian architecture. At Begumpet station, you will get to see the architecture of the Kakatiya Empire. This means that at every Amrit station, you will also get to see thousands of years old heritage of India. These stations will also become a medium to promote tourism in every state and will provide new employment opportunities to the youth. And I would request the citizens of those cities, the passengers traveling by railways, you are the owners of all this property, there should never be any dirt there, this property should never be damaged, because you are its owners.

Friends,

The money that the government spends to build infrastructure also creates jobs and boosts business. The thousands of crores of rupees that the government is investing are going into the pockets of the workers. This is being given to the shopkeepers, and to the people working in the shops and factories. The truck-tempo drivers who carry sand-gravel-cement also benefit from it. And once this infrastructure is ready, then there are many more benefits. The farmer's produce reaches the market at a lower price, and wastage is reduced. Where there are good roads, new trains arrive, new industries are set up, tourism gets a big boost, that is, every family, especially our youth, benefits the most from the money spent on infrastructure.

Friends,

Our Rajasthan is also getting great benefits from the work being done on infrastructure. Today, good roads are being built in every village of Rajasthan. Excellent roads are also being built in border areas. For this, about 70 thousand crore rupees have been spent in Rajasthan alone in the last 11 years. The central government is also going to spend about 10 thousand crore rupees this year for the development of railways in Rajasthan. This is 15 times more than before 2014. Just a while ago, a new train was flagged off from here to Mumbai. Today itself, foundation stones and inaugurations of schemes related to health, water and electricity have been done in many areas. The aim of all these efforts is that the cities and villages of Rajasthan can move towards rapid progress. The youth of Rajasthan can get good opportunities in their city itself.

Friends,

The double engine government is also working rapidly for the industrial development of Rajasthan. Bhajan Lal ji's government has issued new industrial policies for different sectors. Bikaner will also benefit from these new policies, and you know, when it comes to Bikaner, the taste of Bikaneri Bhujia and the sweetness of Bikaneri Rasgullas will make and expand their identity across the world. The work of the refinery in Rajasthan is also in its final stage. This will make Rajasthan a major hub of petroleum based industries. The 6-lane economic corridor which is being built from Amritsar to Jamnagar is passing through Sriganganagar, Hanumangarh, Bikaner, Jodhpur, Barmer and Jalore in Rajasthan. The work of Delhi-Mumbai Expressway has also almost been completed in Rajasthan. This connectivity campaign will take industrial development in Rajasthan to new heights.

Friends,

PM Surya Ghar Free Electricity Scheme is also progressing rapidly in Rajasthan. More than 40 thousand

people of Rajasthan have joined this scheme. Due to this, the electricity bill of the people has become zero, and people have also got a new way of earning by generating solar electricity. Today, the foundation stone and inauguration of many electricity related projects have been done here. Rajasthan will get more electricity from these too. The increasing production of electricity is also giving new impetus to industrial development in Rajasthan.

Friends,

This land of Rajasthan is the land of Maharaja Ganga Singh Ji who brought greenery to the sandy plains. Who knows better than this region how important water is for us. Water is very important for the development of many such areas of Bikaner, Sri Ganganagar, Hanumangarh, western Rajasthan. Therefore, on the one hand we are completing irrigation projects and at the same time, we are connecting rivers. Many districts of Rajasthan will benefit from the Parvati-Kalisindh-Chambal link project, the land here, the farmers here will benefit.

Friends,

This brave land of Rajasthan teaches us that nothing is greater than the country and its citizens. On 22nd April, the terrorists had destroyed the sindoor of our sisters' foreheads after asking about their religion. Those bullets were fired in Pahalgam, but those bullets had pierced the hearts of 140 crore countrymen. After this, every citizen of the country united and resolved that the terrorists will be wiped out and they will be given a punishment worse than imagination. Today, with your blessings and the valour of the country's army, we have fulfilled that pledge. Our government had given free hand to the three forces and together, the three forces created such a Chakravyuh that forced Pakistan to kneel down.

Friends,

In response to the attack on the 22nd, we destroyed 9 biggest hideouts of terrorists in 22 minutes. The world and even the enemies of the country have seen what happens when sindoor (vermilion) turns into gunpowder.

By the way, friends,

It is a coincidence that after the country carried out air strikes in Balakot 5 years ago, my first public meeting was held on the border in Rajasthan itself. It is the penance of Veerbhoomi that such coincidences happen. Now this time when Operation Sindoor happened, my first public meeting after that is again happening here on the border of Veerbhoomi, Rajasthan, in Bikaner among all of you.

Friends,

I had said in Churu, I had come after the air strike, then I had said - 'I swear on this soil, I will not let my country perish, I will not let my country bow down'. Today, from the soil of Rajasthan, I want to tell the countrymen with great humility, I tell the countrymen who are carrying out the Tiranga Yatras in every corner of the country - those who had set out to wipe off the sindoor (vermilion), those who had set out to wipe off the sindoor (vermilion), have been reduced to dust. Those who used to shed the blood of India, those who used to shed the blood of India, today they have paid the price for every drop. Those who used to think, those who used to think that India will remain silent, today they are hiding in their homes, those who used to be proud of their weapons, those who used to be proud of their weapons, today they are buried under heaps of rubble.

My dear countrymen,

This is not a game of attack and retaliation, this is not a game of attack and retaliation, this is a new form of justice, this is a new form of justice, this is Operation Sindoor. This is not just anger, this is not just anger, this is the fierce form of powerful India. This is the new form of India. Earlier, the attack was made by entering the house, earlier the attack was made by entering the house, now it is a direct attack on the chest. This is the policy, this is the way of crushing the hood of terrorism, this is India, this is the new India. Say-

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Friends,

Operation Sindoor has set three principles to combat terrorism. First, if there is a terrorist attack on India, a befitting reply will be given. The time will be decided by our forces, the method will also be decided by our forces, and the conditions will also be ours. Second, India is not going to be scared by the empty threats of the atom bomb. And thirdly, we will not see the masters of terror and the government that patronizes terror as separate; we will not see them as separate; we will consider them as one and the same. This game of Pakistan of state and non-state actors will not work anymore. You must have seen that seven different delegations from our country are reaching across the world to expose Pakistan. And these delegations include people from all the political parties of the country, experts of foreign policy, dignitaries, now the real face of Pakistan will be shown to the whole world.

Friends,

Pakistan can never win a direct war against India. Whenever there is a direct fight, Pakistan has to face defeat again and again. Therefore, Pakistan has made terrorism a weapon to fight against India. This has been going on for the last several decades after independence. Pakistan used to spread terror, kill innocent people, create an atmosphere of fear in India, but Pakistan forgot one thing, now Mother India's servant Modi is standing here with his head held high. Modi's mind is cool, it remains cool, but Modi's blood is hot, and now it is not blood but hot sindoor (vermilion) that is flowing in Modi's veins. Now India has made it clear that Pakistan will have to pay a heavy price for every terrorist attack. And this price will be paid by Pakistan's army and Pakistan's economy.

Friends,

When I came here from Delhi, I landed at Bikaner's Nal airport. Pakistan had tried to target this airbase too. But it could not cause even a bit of damage to this airbase. And just a little distance from here, across the border, there is Pakistan's Rahimyar Khan airbase, no one knows when it will open, it is lying in ICU. The precise attack of the Indian army has destroyed this airbase.

Friends,

There will be no trade or talks with Pakistan. If there will be any talks, it will be only about Pakistan occupied Kashmir, PoK. And if Pakistan continues to export terrorists, it will have to beg for every penny. Pakistan will not get India's rightful share of water, playing with the blood of Indians will now cost Pakistan heavily. This is India's resolve, and no power in the world can deter us from this resolve.

Brothers and sisters,

Both security and prosperity are necessary for building a developed India. This is possible only when every corner of India becomes strong. Today's programme is a great example of India's balanced development, India's rapid development. I once again congratulate all the countrymen from this brave land. Say with me, close both your fists, say with full strength-

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