

English rendering of PM's address during the launch of various projects at Karakat, Bihar

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Greetings to all of you, the self-respecting and hardworking brothers and sisters of Bihar.

Governor of Bihar Mr. Arif Mohammad Khan Ji, our popular Chief Minister Mr. Nitish Kumar Ji, my colleagues in the Union Cabinet Mr. Jitan Ram Manjhi Ji, Lallan Singh Ji, Giriraj Singh Ji, Chirag Paswan Ji, Nityanand Rai Ji, Satish Chandra Dubey Ji, Rajbhushan Chaudhary Ji, Deputy Chief Minister of the state Mr. Samrat Chaudhary Ji, Vijay Kumar Sinha Ji, other ministers present, public representatives and my dear brothers and sisters of Bihar!

Today I have had the privilege of giving new impetus to the development of Bihar on this holy land. Projects worth more than Rs. 50 thousand crores have been dedicated and foundation stones have been laid here. You all have come in large numbers to bless us, your affection, this love of Bihar, I always hold it in high esteem. And today the arrival of such a large number of mothers and sisters in Bihar is in itself the most spectacular event of all my programs in Bihar. I pay my special respects to mothers and sisters. I express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you, the people.

Friends,

This land of Sasaram has Ram in its name, Sasaram. The people of Sasaram know the tradition of Lord Ram and his clan, 'Ram'. That is, the promise once given, is always fulfilled. This tradition of Lord Shri Ram has now become the policy of the new India. Recently there was a terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, so many of our innocent citizens were killed. A day after this heinous terrorist attack, I came to Bihar and from the land of Bihar, I had made a promise to the country, on the land of Bihar, looking into the eyes, we had said that the hideouts of the masters of terror will be razed to the ground. On this land of Bihar, I had said that they will get a punishment worse than imagined. Today when I have come to Bihar, I have come after fulfilling my promise. Those people who sat in Pakistan and destroyed the sindoor of our sisters, their hideouts have been turned into ruins by our army. Pakistan and the world saw the power of the sindoor of Indian daughters. The terrorists who considered themselves safe under the protection of the Pakistani army, our army brought them to their knees in one stroke. We destroyed the airbases of Pakistan, their military hideouts, in a few minutes, this is the new India, this is the power of the new India.

My dear brothers and sisters of Bihar,

This Bihar is the land of Veer Kunwar Singh. Thousands of youths from here sacrifice their youth in the army, in the BSF for the security of the country. In Operation Sindoor, the world has also seen the unprecedented valor and indomitable courage of our BSF. The brave BSF soldiers deployed on our borders are an impenetrable rock of security, the protection of Mother India is paramount for our BSF soldiers. And while performing the sacred duty of serving the motherland, BSF Sub Inspector Imtiaz was martyred on the border on May 10. I pay my respectful tribute to this brave son of Bihar. And today, I want to reiterate from the soil of Bihar that the enemy has seen India's strength in Operation Sindoor, but the enemy should understand that this is just one arrow of our quiver. India's fight against terrorism has neither stopped nor halted. If the hood of terrorism rises again, India will pull it out from its hole and crush it.

Friends,

Our fight is against every enemy of the country, whether it is across the border or within the country. The people of Bihar are witness to how we have eliminated those who spread violence and unrest in the past years. Can you recall, what was the situation in Sasaram, Kaimur and the neighbouring districts till a few years

back? How Naxalism was dominant, everyone was afraid of when and where the Naxalites would come out on the streets wearing masks and guns in their hands. Government schemes used to come, but they never reached the citizens. There was neither a hospital nor a mobile tower in the Naxal-affected villages. Sometimes schools were burnt, sometimes people building roads were killed. These people had no faith in Baba Saheb Ambedkar's constitution. Nitish ji tried his best to bring development here even in those circumstances. After 2014, we worked rapidly in this direction. We started punishing the Maoists for their deeds. We also brought the youth into the mainstream of development. Today the country has started reaping the fruits of 11 years of strong commitment. Before 2014, more than 125 districts in the country were Naxal-affected, now only 18 districts are left Naxal-affected. Now the government is also providing roads and employment. The day is not far when Maoist violence will be completely eradicated, peace, security, education and development will reach every village without any hindrance.

Friends,

Only when there is security and peace, new avenues of development open up. When the Jungle Raj government was removed under the leadership of Nitish ji, Bihar also started moving ahead on the path of progress. Broken highways, bad railways, limited flight connectivity, that era has now become history, it is being left behind.

Friends,

Once upon a time, Bihar had only one airport – Patna. Today, Darbhanga airport has also started. Now from here one can get flights to cities like Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru. There was a long-standing demand of the people of Bihar that the terminal of Patna airport should be modernized, now this demand has also been fulfilled. Yesterday evening, I had the privilege of inaugurating the new terminal building of Patna airport. This new terminal can now handle 1 crore passengers. An investment of Rs 1400 crore is also being made on Bihta airport.

Friends,

Today, a network of four-lane and six-lane roads is being laid everywhere in Bihar. Work is progressing rapidly everywhere, from Patna to Buxar, Gayaji to Dobhi, Patna to Bodh Gayaji, Patna-Ara-Sasaram Greenfield Corridor. New bridges are being built on all major rivers including Ganga, Son, Gandak, Kosi. Such projects worth thousands of crores are creating new opportunities and possibilities in Bihar. These projects will provide employment to thousands of youths. Both tourism and business will benefit here.

Friends,

The condition of railways in Bihar is also changing rapidly now. Today, world class Vande Bharat trains are running in Bihar, railway lines are being doubled and tripled, work is going on at a fast pace in areas like Chhapra, Muzaffarpur, Katihar. Multitracking work is underway between Son Nagar and Andal, which will speed up the movement of trains. More than 100 trains now stop at Sasaram. That is, we are solving old problems and also modernizing the railways.

Brothers and sisters,

These works could have been done earlier also. But those who were responsible for providing modern trains to Bihar, have looted your land in the name of recruitment in railways, got the land of the poor registered in their name, these were their methods of social justice, looting the poor, looting their rights, taking advantage of their helplessness, and then enjoying the royal life. It is very important for you people of Bihar to remain cautious of the lies and deceits of the people of Jungle Raj, even further.

Friends,

Development is incomplete without electricity. When there is electricity, there is industrial development, when there is electricity, life becomes easier. And the 21st century is a century driven by technology. Therefore, electricity is going to be needed at every step. In the past years, a lot of emphasis has been laid on power generation in Bihar. Today, the power consumption in Bihar has increased 4 times compared to 10 years ago. A big NTPC power project is being built in Nabinagar, 30 thousand crore rupees will be spent on it. This will provide 1500 MW of power to Bihar. New thermal power plants will also be started in Buxar and

Pirpainti.

Brothers-sisters,

Now our focus is on the future. We have to take Bihar towards green energy. And therefore, a solar park is also being constructed in Kajra. Under the PM-Kusum scheme, farmers are being given earning options from solar energy. The farms are getting electricity from renewable agriculture feeders. The result of our efforts is that the lives of people here have improved. Women are feeling safe.

Friends,

When modern infrastructure comes to the state, the villages, poor, farmers and small industries benefit the most. Because, they are able to connect with big markets of the country and abroad. When new investment comes to the state, new opportunities are created. You see, in the Bihar Business Summit held last year, a large number of companies came forward to invest here, when industry comes to the state, people do not have to migrate for labour, farmers also get new options. With the improvement in transport facilities, their produce can also be transported to far off places.

Brothers-sisters,

Our government is continuously working to increase the income of the farmers of Bihar. Here more than 75 lakh farmers are getting financial assistance under PM Kisan Samman Nidhi. Our government has announced the Makhana Board. We gave GI tag to Makhana of Bihar, this has benefited the Makhana farmers a lot. In this year's budget, we have also announced a National Institute for Food Processing in Bihar. Just two-three days ago, the Cabinet approved increasing the MSP of 14 crops including paddy for the Kharif season. With this, farmers will get better prices for their crops and their income will also increase.

Friends,

The people who cheated Bihar the most, during whose rule the poor and deprived sections of Bihar had to leave Bihar, are today the same people who are telling lies about social justice to gain power. For decades, the Dalits, backward classes and tribals of Bihar did not even have toilets, for decades these brothers and sisters of ours did not have bank accounts, entry for them was closed in the banks, they were not even allowed to enter the door. Most of the people from Dalit and backward classes used to live in slums, they did not even have a proper house, they were homeless, crores of people did not even have a roof over their head. I ask you, this plight of the people of Bihar, this pain, this suffering, was this the social justice of Congress and RJD? Friends, there cannot be a greater injustice than this, that people are used to making policies to force the poor to live in such a helpless condition. Congress and RJD people never cared about the sufferings of Dalits and backward people. These people used to bring foreigners around to show them the poverty of Bihar. Now when the Dalit, deprived and backward society have abandoned the Congress because of its sins, they are recalling the talk of social justice to save their existence.

Brothers-sisters,

A new dawn of social justice has been seen in Bihar and the country during the NDA era. We have provided basic amenities to the poor. We are working to provide these amenities to 100% beneficiaries. Four crore new houses, mission to make 3 crore sisters Lakhpati Didi, tap connection in more than 12 crore houses, free treatment up to Rs 5 lakh to every elderly person above 70 years of age, free ration facility every month, our government stands with every poor and needy person.

Friends,

We want that no village should be left out; no entitled family should be deprived of the government schemes. I am happy, with this thought the Bihar government has started Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Samagra Seva Abhiyan. In this campaign, the government is reaching every village and locality by bringing 22 important schemes together. Our aim is to reach directly to the home of every Dalit, Mahadalit, backward and extremely backward poor person. I have been told that till now more than 30 thousand camps have been set up, lakhs of people have joined this campaign. When the government itself reaches out to the beneficiaries, there is no discrimination and no corruption. And only then true social justice happens.

Friends,

We have to make our Bihar the Bihar of the dreams of Baba Saheb Ambedkar, Karpoori Thakur, Babu Jagjivan Ram and JP. Our goal is- Developed Bihar, Developed India! Because, whenever Bihar has progressed, India has reached the top in the world. I am confident that together we will further accelerate the pace of development. I once again congratulate all of you for these development works. Raise both your hands, close your fists and say with me-

Bharat Mata ki Jai.

The voice should reach far and wide. Our soldiers standing at the border should feel proud.

Bharat Mata ki Jai. Bharat Mata ki Jai.

Bharat Mata ki Jai. Thank you very much.

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