

English rendering of PM's address at the laying of foundation stone, inauguration of development works in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh

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UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath Ji, Deputy CM Keshav Prasad Maurya Ji, Brajesh Pathak Ji, Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan Ji joining us from Patna, all the respected Chief Ministers joining us from different parts of the country, Governor Shri, Ministers, Ministers of UP Government, UP BJP President Bhupendra Singh Chaudhary Ji, all MLAs and public representatives, and my dear farmer brothers and sisters, and especially my master the public of Kashi!

Today we are connected with lakhs of farmers across the country from Kashi. It is the month of Sawan, a holy place like Kashi and there is an opportunity to connect with the farmers of the country. What can be a greater fortune than this? Today I have come to Kashi for the first time after Operation Sindoor. When there was a terrorist attack in Pahalgam on April 22, 26 innocent people were killed so brutally, the pain of their families, the sorrow of those children, the pain of those daughters, my heart was filled with immense pain. Then I was praying to Baba Vishwanath to give courage to all the affected families to bear this sorrow. My masters of Kashi, the promise I made to take revenge for the sindoor of my daughters has also been fulfilled. This has been possible only with the blessings of Mahadev. I dedicate the success of Operation Sindoor at his feet.

Friends,

These days, when we get the opportunity to see the pictures of Shiva devotees carrying Gangajal in Kashi, and especially on the first Monday of Sawan, when our Yadav brothers used to go out to perform Jalabhishek of Baba, a group of Yadav brothers carrying Gangajal on their shoulders from Gauri Kedareshwar, what a beautiful sight it is. The sound of Damru, the noise in the streets, an amazing feeling is created in the world. I also had a great desire to visit Baba Vishwanath and Markandeya Mahadev in the holy month of Sawan! But so that my going there does not cause inconvenience to the devotees of Mahadev and their darshan is not hindered, I am paying my obeisance to Bholenath and Mother Ganga from here today. We are paying our obeisance to Baba Kashi Vishwanath from this stage of Sevapuri. : , !

Friends,

A few days ago, I was in Tamil Nadu. I visited a thousand-year-old historical temple there, Gangai-Konda Cholapuram Temple. This temple is an ancient center of the Shaiva tradition of the country. This temple was built by the great and famous king of our country, Rajendra Chola. Rajendra Chola connected the North to the South by bringing Ganga water from North India. A thousand years ago, through his devotion to Shiva and Shaiva tradition, Rajendra Chola proclaimed 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat'. Today, through efforts like Kashi-Tamil Sangamam, we are making a humble effort to take it forward. And when I went to Gangai-Konda Cholapuram recently, it was a matter of great satisfaction for me that after a thousand years, with your blessings, I also went there with Gangajal. With the blessings of Maa Ganga, the puja was performed there in a very sacred atmosphere. I got the privilege of performing Jalabhishek there with Gangajal.

Friends,

Such opportunities in life give a lot of inspiration. The unity of the country awakens a new consciousness in every matter and that is why Operation Sindoor is successful. The unity of 140 crore countrymen became the strength of Operation Sindoor.

Friends,

Operation Sindoor was that moment of valour of the soldiers and today is an opportunity to salute the farmers. Today a huge Kisan Utsav is being organised here. 21 thousand crore rupees have been sent to the accounts of 10 crore farmer brothers and sisters of the country in the form of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi. And when money goes from Kashi, it automatically becomes Prasad. 21 thousand crore rupees deposited in the accounts of farmers.

Friends,

Today, development projects worth more than Rs 2 thousand crores have been inaugurated and foundation stones have been laid. With the blessings of Baba, the uninterrupted flow of development in Kashi is moving forward along with Maa Ganga. I congratulate all of you, the farmers of the country. Just a few days ago, the MP Tourist Guide Competition was also organised in Kashi. That is, skill development through competition, skill development through self-effort, many experiments of this are happening in the land of Kashi today. In the coming days, many more events are going to be organised including Kashi MP Photography Competition, MP Employment Fair. I here publicly congratulate all the government employees and all the officers of the government, so that they can create such wonderful programs by connecting the young generation with public participation and take it forward successfully. All the officers involved in this work also deserve many congratulations. I also wish all the best to those who are taking part in this competition.

Friends,

Our government is continuously working for the prosperity of farmers. In the previous governments, it was difficult to fulfill even a single announcement made in the name of farmers. But the BJP government does what it says! Today, PM Kisan Samman Nidhi has become an example of the government's firm intentions.

Brothers and sisters,

You must remember, when PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi was started in 2019, what kind of rumours were anti-development people, anti-development parties like SP-Congress spreading? They were misleading people, confusing farmers, someone used to say, Modi may have brought the scheme, but the 2019 elections will be held, all this will stop, not only this, the money that Modi has deposited now, he will also withdraw that. What kind of lies do they tell? And this is the misfortune of the country, that people with an opposition mentality, drowned in the depths of despair, are living with such false truths. They can only lie to the farmers and the people of the country. You tell me, was even a single installment ever stopped in all these years? PM Samman Kisan Nidhi is continuing without any break. Till date, 3.75 lakh crore rupees, remember the figure, 3.75 lakh crore rupees have been sent to the accounts of farmers. If you will tell me how much? 3.75 lakh crore. How much? How much? And this 3.75 lakh crore, so much money was deposited in whose account? In whose account was it deposited? It was deposited in the accounts of my farmer brothers and sisters. Here, about 2.5 crore farmers of Uttar Pradesh have also got its benefit. More than 90 thousand crore rupees have been sent to the farmers of UP under this scheme. Not only this, the farmers of my Kashi have also received about 900 crore rupees. You elected such an MP that 900 crore rupees have come to your account. And the biggest thing is that without any cut-commission, no middleman, no cut, no commission, no money manipulation, this money has reached the farmers' account directly. And Modi has made this a permanent system. There will be no leakage, nor will the rights of the poor be snatched away.

Friends,

Modi's mantra of development is- the more backward the country, the more priority it gets! The more backward the country, the more priority it gets! This month, the central government has approved another big scheme. Its name is- Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhanya Krishi Yojana. 24 thousand crore rupees will be spent on this scheme for the welfare of farmers, for the agricultural system, for agricultural development. Those districts of the country which lagged behind in the path of development due to the wrong policies of the previous governments, remained backward, where agricultural production is also decreasing, where the income of farmers is also low, hey, there was no one to ask, those districts will be the focus of Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhanya Krishi Yojana. This will benefit lakhs of farmers of UP too.

Friends,

To bring about a change in the lives of farmers, to increase their income, to reduce the expenditure on farming, the NDA government is working with full power, putting in all its efforts. We stand with the farmers from seed to market. To ensure that water reaches the farms, irrigation schemes worth lakhs of crores of rupees are being run in the country.

Friends,

The weather has been a big challenge for farmers, sometimes it rains too much, sometimes hail falls, frost falls! To protect farmers from this, PM Fasal Bima Yojana was started. Under this scheme, remember this figure, under this insurance scheme, till now more than 1.75 lakh crore rupees have been given to farmers as claims. 1.75 lakh crore rupees through insurance. How much will you tell? How much? 1.75 lakh crore rupees.

Friends,

Our government is also ensuring that you get the right price for your crop. For this, there has been a record increase in the MSP of crops. The MSP of major crops like paddy and wheat has also been increased. To ensure the safety of your produce, the government is also constructing thousands of new warehouses in the country.

Brothers and sisters,

Our focus is also on increasing the participation of women in the agricultural economy. We are running the Lakhpati Didi campaign. Our aim is to create three crore lakhpati didis in the country, three crore lakhpati didis. These SP people will run away with their bicycles after hearing these figures. Till now more than one and a half crore lakhpati Didis have been created. Half the work of the target of Rs 3 crore has been completed. One and a half crore of our sisters from poor families and farmers' families working in villages, one and a half crore sisters have become lakhpati didis, this is a great work being done. The government's Drone Didi Abhiyan has also increased the income of lakhs of sisters.

Friends,

Our government is also engaged in taking modern research related to agriculture to the fields. For this, a specially developed Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan was run in the months of May and June. With the mantra of Lab to Land, direct communication has been done with more than 1.25 crore farmers. In our country, it is believed and there is a system that agriculture is a state subject and it is right too, but despite that the Government of India, the NDA government, the Modi government felt that even if it is a state subject, the states should do it, whether they can do it or not, there are many states which cannot do it, so we decided that we will do something ourselves and directly communicated with crores of farmers.

Friends,

Today I want to share important information with you so that the benefits of the central government schemes reach you all. And in that I need your help as well as the help of the people sitting here. You know that under the Jan Dhan Yojana, bank accounts of 55 crore poor people have been opened in the country. Accounts of 55 crore people who did not have the good fortune to see the doors of the bank, I have been doing this work since you gave Modi the opportunity to work, 55 crores. Now this scheme has recently completed 10 years. Now there are some rules in the banking sector, the rules say that after 10 years it is necessary to do KYC of bank accounts again. A process has to be completed. Now whether you go to the bank, do it or not, you have to do everything first. Now I have taken the initiative to reduce your burden a little. So, I told the bank people that people should come and do KYC, it is a good thing. We must keep the citizens always alert. But can we run a campaign? Today, I would like to whole-heartedly congratulate the Reserve Bank, all the banks of our country and all the people responsible for the banks. Today he has taken up such a task, which fills us with pride. The bank people should review the KYC of these 10-crore people and these 55-crore people after 10 years, so a huge campaign is going on across the country from July 1 to complete this work. Our banks are reaching out to every Gram Panchayat on their own. They organise fairs there. So far, banks have organised camps and fairs in about one lakh Gram Panchayats. Lakhs of people have also got their KYC done again. And this campaign is going to continue further. I would request every person who has a Jan Dhan account to get his KYC done again.

Friends,

Banks are organising special camps in Gram Panchayats; work is still going on in lakhs of Panchayats. I think that these camps should be taken advantage of. And there are many benefits of it, there is another benefit too, in these camps, registration of many schemes like Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, Atal Pension Yojana is also being done. And this insurance is such that it costs less than the cost of a cup of tea. These schemes help you a lot. Therefore, take full advantage of the big campaign that the banks have started, I tell the people of the whole country, you must definitely go to these camps. If you have not joined these schemes yet, then register for them and also get your Jan Dhan account KYC done. I would also like to ask all the BJP and NDA representatives to make as many people as possible aware of this campaign, talk to the banks, when and where the camp is going to be held? What help can we provide? We should come forward and help the banks in such a big task, help them and connect as many people as possible to this campaign wherever the camp is held.

Friends,

Today so much development and public welfare was done in the city of Mahadev! The very meaning of Shiva is, the very meaning of Shiva is – welfare! But Shiva has another form too, one form of Shiva is Kalyan, the other form of Shiva is - Rudra form! When there is terror and injustice, then our Mahadev takes the form of Rudra. During Operation Sindoor, the world has seen this form of India. Whoever attacks India will not survive even in the inferno.

But brothers and sisters,

Unfortunately, some people in our country are also having stomach ache over the success of Operation Sindoor. This Congress party and its followers, its friends, are unable to digest the fact that India has destroyed the terrorist hideouts of Pakistan. I want to ask the masters of my Kashi. Are you proud of India's strength or not? Are you proud of Operation Sindoor or not? Are you proud of destroying the hideouts of terrorists or not?

Friends,

You must have seen those pictures, how our drones, our missiles made precise strikes and destroyed the terrorist headquarters. Many air bases of Pakistan are still in ICU. Pakistan is sad, everyone can understand this, but Congress and SP are unable to bear this sorrow of Pakistan, on one side the master of terror cries, on the other side Congress-SP people cry seeing the condition of terrorists.

Friends,

Congress is constantly insulting the valour of our armed forces. Congress has called Operation Sindoor a tamasha. You tell me, can sindoor ever be a tamasha? Can it be? Can anyone call sindoor a tamasha? The valour of our armed forces, and the audacity and shamelessness of calling it a farce in revenge for the sindoor of our sisters.

Brothers and sisters,

Samajwadi Party is also not behind in this politics of vote bank and appeasement. SP leaders were saying in the parliament, why did you kill the terrorists of Pahalgam now? Now tell me. Should I call them and ask? Should I kill SP people or not? Someone please tell me brother, tell me with common sense. Should we wait to kill terrorists too? Should they be given a chance to escape? These are the same people who used to give clean chit to terrorists when they were in power in UP. The cases against terrorists who carried out bomb blasts were withdrawn. Now they are having problems when terrorists are killed. They are facing problems in the name of Operation Sindoor. I want to say this to these people from the land of Kashi. This is the new India. This new India worships Bholenath and also knows how to become Kalbhairav in front of the enemies of the country.

Friends,

During Operation Sindoor, the whole world has seen the power of India's indigenous weapons. Our air defence systems, our indigenous missiles, indigenous drones, have proved the strength of self-reliant India. Especially our Brahmos missiles, their terror has filled every enemy of India. If the sound of Brahmos is heard

anywhere in Pakistan, then sleep cannot be lost.

My dear brothers and sisters,

I am an MP from UP. As an MP from UP, I am happy that those Brahmos missiles will also be made in our UP. Manufacturing of Brahmos missiles is starting in Lucknow. Many big defense companies are also setting up their plants in the UP Defence Corridor. In the coming times, weapons made in UP, weapons made in every part of India, will become the strength of the Indian forces. Tell me my friends, when you hear about this self-reliant military power, do you feel proud or not? Raise your hands with full strength and tell me, do you feel proud or not? Do you feel proud or not, say Har Har Mahadev. If Pakistan commits any sin again, then the missiles made in UP will destroy the terrorists.

Friends,

Today UP is developing industrially at such a fast pace, big companies of the country and the world are investing here, the development policies of the BJP government have a big role behind this. During the time of SP, criminals were fearless in UP and investors were even afraid to come here. But, under the BJP government, criminals are scared and investors are seeing confidence in the future of UP. I congratulate the UP government for this pace of development.

Friends,

I am satisfied that the Maha Yagya of development is continuing in Kashi. The rail over bridge started today, projects related to Jal Jeevan Mission, renovation work of schools in Kashi, construction of Homeopathic College, preserving the legacy of Munshi Premchand, all these works will accelerate the construction of grand Kashi, divine Kashi, prosperous Kashi and my Kashi. Coming here to Sevapuri is also a matter of good fortune. This is the gateway of Maa Kalka Devi. From here I pay my obeisance at the feet of Maa Kalka. I am happy that our government has beautified Maa Kalka Dham and made it more grand. Coming to the temple has also become easier. The history of Sevapuri has been the history of revolution. Many people from here participated in the freedom struggle. This is the same Sewapuri where Mahatma Gandhi's dream came true. Here, every household had a spinning wheel (Charkha) in the hands of men and women and look at the coincidence, now with projects like Chandpur to Bhadohi Road, the weavers of Bhadohi are also joining the weavers of Kashi. The weavers of Banarasi silk will also benefit from this, and the artisans of Bhadohi will also benefit from this.

Friends,

Kashi is a city of intellectuals. Today, when we are talking about economic progress, I want to draw your attention to the global situation as well. Today, the world economy is going through many apprehensions, there is an atmosphere of instability. In such a situation, the countries of the world are focusing on their respective interests. They are focusing on the interests of their respective countries. India is also going to become the third largest economy of the world. Therefore, India also has to be vigilant about its economic interests. The interests of our farmers, our small industries, and the employment of our youth, are of paramount importance to us. The government is making every effort in this direction. But as citizens of the country, we also have some responsibilities. And this is not just something that Modi, every person in India should keep saying in their heart every moment, should keep saying it to others, those who want the good of the country, those who want to make the country the third largest economy, be it any political party, be it any politician, leaving aside their hesitation, in the interest of the country every moment, every time, every place, they will have to awaken a feeling in the countrymen, and that is - let us take a pledge for Swadeshi! Now which things will we buy, with which scale will we weigh them.

My brothers and sisters, my countrymen,

Now, whatever we buy, there should be only one scale, we will buy those things which have been made by the sweat of an Indian. And something which is made by the people of India, made with the skills of the people of India, made with the sweat of the people of India. For us, that is Swadeshi. We have to adopt the Vocal for Local, Vocal for Local mantra. We should take a pledge that we will promote only Make in India products. Whatever new goods come to our house; I am talking about new goods. Whatever new goods come to our house, it will be Swadeshi, every citizen of the country will have to take this responsibility. And today I want

to make a special request to my brothers and sisters from the business world. I want to request my shopkeeper brothers and sisters, when the world is going through such an environment of instability, then we too, whether it is business, small shop, do business. Now we will sell only and only indigenous goods from our place.

Friends,

This resolution to sell Swadeshi goods will also be a true service to the country. The coming months are the months of festivals. Diwali will come, later the time of marriages will come. Now we will buy Swadeshi every moment. When I told the countrymen, we were in India. Now do not waste the country's wealth by going abroad and getting married. And I am happy that many youngsters used to write letters to me, saying that our family had decided to get married abroad. But after listening to you, we have now cancelled everything there, some expenses were also incurred. But now we will get married in India only. We also have very good places here, where marriage can take place. The feeling of Swadeshi in everything is going to decide our future in the coming days. Friends, and this will also be a great tribute to Mahatma Gandhi.

Friends,

The dream of a developed India will be fulfilled only with everyone's efforts. Once again, I congratulate you for today's development work and in the future if we buy Vocal for Local, we will buy Swadeshi, if we decorate our homes, we will decorate them with Swadeshi, if we improve our lives, we will improve them with Swadeshi. Let us move forward with this mantra. Thank you very much. Say Har Har Mahadev with me.

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