

English rendering of PM's address during groundbreaking ceremony of India Chip Limited via video conferencing

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Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Yogi Adityanath ji, my colleague in the Union Cabinet Ashwini Vaishnaw ji, Jitin Prasada ji, all ministers of the Uttar Pradesh government, President of Foxconn's Semiconductor Business Group Bob Chen, Chairperson of HCL Technologies Roshni Nadar ji, industry leaders present in the program, other dignitaries, ladies and gentlemen!

Today India is working at a very fast pace on the goal of becoming developed. And I have also said from the Red Fort that India does not have time to stop or pause. From the beginning of the year 2026 itself, India has further increased its pace. On January 12, lakhs of youth of the country joined the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue; on January 16, we celebrated National Startup Day, giving new energy to India's startup revolution; in January itself, at the India Energy Summit, India attracted the world's attention with its potential. Then came the budget giving new momentum to Viksit Bharat, and now this week is also proving to be historic for India. At the Global AI Impact Summit, heads of state from many countries of the world, stalwarts of the technology world, all gathered in Delhi. In this summit, the world saw India's AI potential, understood and appreciated our vision.

Friends,

This summit ended only yesterday, and now we are becoming a part of such a big program related to India's semiconductor ecosystem here.

Friends,

In the processing power needed to run the modern world, India is now trying to come along with the top countries of the world. That is, India is working on both aspects, software and hardware, simultaneously. And it is a matter of pride for all of us that Uttar Pradesh is also going to become a big center of India's semiconductor ecosystem. This new factory of HCL and Foxconn will further strengthen the new identity of UP as a technology power-house. As a Member of Parliament from Uttar Pradesh too, this is a moment of great pride for me. Because of this semiconductor factory, the youth of Uttar Pradesh and the youth of the country will get employment in large numbers. Because where a semiconductor unit comes, design houses come there, R&D centers come, startup ecosystems are formed. And all this is now going to happen in UP as well. I congratulate the Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath ji and his entire team, and the people of UP very much.

Friends,

I often say one thing, that this decade is India's Techade. Whatever India is doing in the field of technology in this decade will become the foundation of our potential in the twenty-first century. Whether it is green energy, whether it is space tech, whether it is digital technology, whether it is manufacturing

technology, or artificial intelligence, India today is making unprecedented investments in every technology that determines the future of humanity. The development of a strong semiconductor ecosystem in India is also an excellent example of this. Although India may have started its journey in the semiconductor sector late, today we are moving forward at a very fast pace. Under its Semiconductor Mission, India has so far approved 10 semiconductor fabrication and packaging projects. Out of these, four units are going to start their production very soon.

Friends,

You all know, in the twentieth century, the country that had oil gained both prosperity and power. In the twenty first century, this same power lies with a small chip, and in the skill and material associated with it. During the Corona pandemic, we have seen how weak the supply chain of a small chip has been. During that time, as soon as the brake was applied to the supply of chips, factories in the world stopped, and economies began to crumble. India also learned from that crisis and started the effort to turn it into an opportunity. We decided that India has to be made self-reliant in chip manufacturing. For this, a semiconductor ecosystem has to be built in India. Today's program is a reflection of this very vision.

Friends,

The creation of Viksit Bharat will happen only when India is self reliant. And for this, it is very important to have a Made in India chip. Because when India's chip is Made in India, we will not have to look towards others for the manufacturing of our modern equipment. Digital India, AI, 5G-6G, Electric Vehicles, Defence, today the soul of every necessary item is the semiconductor, the chip. When we have our own chip, India's speed in every sector will continue without interruption.

Friends,

Today, the coming of giant companies like Foxconn to India and cooperating in chip manufacturing also carries a global message. A democratic country like India is a reliable partner of the world. India's increasing participation in any value chain will also increase the resilience of that value chain. Therefore, India's identity as the factory of the world is like a win-win situation for India and other countries of the world.

Friends,

Today the world is looking at India as the center of the tech future. A big reason for this is also India's talent. India is not only expanding its pool of chip designing talent but is also giving great emphasis on other skills related to semiconductors. The Government of India has started the Chip to Startup program. Its objective is to prepare more than 85 thousand industry-ready professionals in semiconductor design. In this year's budget, the second phase of the India Semiconductor Mission has also been announced. That is, a complete support system is being developed in India itself for all types of Fabs, advanced packaging, and R&D. Rare earth minerals are also very essential for semiconductor and battery manufacturing. India is taking big steps for self-reliance in this as well. It has been announced in this year's budget that Rare Earth Corridors will be built in the country. This is also a huge encouragement for the semiconductor sector.

Friends,

In the past 11 years, India has shown repeatedly that whatever we resolve to do, we achieve it. A few years ago, when the country took the resolution of Make in India, some people had expressed doubts and apprehensions. But today, Make in India has emerged as a strong brand. In the last 11 years, electronics manufacturing in India has increased about six times. Electronics exports have also reached about eight times. In this too, mobile manufacturing has increased more than twenty-eight times. And in our mobile phone exports, there has been an increase of more than a hundred times.

Friends,

I have the satisfaction that UP is emerging as a strong pillar in India's manufacturing success. If I talk about mobile phone manufacturing itself, more than half of the country's mobile phones are being made in Uttar Pradesh today. In the coming time, this potential of UP is going to increase further. Because here, along with the semiconductor ecosystem, electronic components, i.e., small parts, are also going to be made here. This will also create new employment opportunities in very large numbers here.

Friends,

Today Uttar Pradesh is being discussed for manufacturing. Uttar Pradesh is in the news for the investment of thousands of crores of rupees coming here, and for the new factories being set up here. But until about a decade ago, the name of Uttar Pradesh was being tossed around for the wrong things. Migration and scarcity, lack of facilities and crime - it seemed as if this had become the misfortune of the largest state in the country. I am very proud that the trust the people of UP placed in the double-engine government and the blessings they gave repeatedly, their results are constantly visible. Today, Uttar Pradesh has become a state of Expressways. UP is discussed for the Defence Corridor. People of the country and the world are making Uttar Pradesh a favorite tourism destination today.

Friends,

Investors from all over the world are coming to UP today because they know that a grand return on their investment in UP is certain. Modern connectivity like the Dedicated Freight Corridor and Jewar International Airport is taking this entire region to new heights of development. And tomorrow itself, coming tomorrow Sunday, I am going to inaugurate the Delhi-Meerut Namo Bharat train corridor. Where such excellent work is happening, that Uttar Pradesh will certainly become developed. I once again express my gratitude to HCL and Foxconn. I am confident that this semiconductor unit will further accelerate the pace of development of Uttar Pradesh.

My best wishes to all of you again.

Thank you very much.

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