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Message from the President's Desk



Greetings to all the members of ASSOCHAM,

As the newly elected President of this esteemed 103-year-old trade body, I would like to extend my gratitude to all the members for their support and trust in me. It is an honor to take up this role at a time when India is on the verge of unparalleled growth and development.

The theme for this year's Annual Session of ASSOCHAM was 'Bharat@100: Paving the Way for Inclusive and Sustainable Global Growth'. This theme aligns with our government's vision of a New India, where every citizen has access to basic amenities, opportunities for growth and development, and a clean and sustainable environment.

I am heartened to note that despite the challenges posed by the global economy, India is on a path of steady growth. Our high-frequency indicators show that our economic activity is robust enough to achieve a 7 percent GDP growth in the current fiscal year. This is a testament to the hard work and resilience of our people, as well as the government's well-planned policies.

As the driving force behind numerous initiatives aimed at enhancing the global competitiveness of Indian businesses, ASSOCHAM has played a pivotal role in India's economic growth story. ASSOCHAM has been an active partner with the central government, providing valuable suggestions and recommendations on key policies.

The Chamber has organised conferences, seminars, and workshops across the country, and brought out reports on key issues of national importance. I am committed to continuing this tradition and taking the industry body to greater heights.

At the Annual Session 2023 of ASSOCHAM, we have had the privilege of interacting with eminent personalities such as our Hon'ble Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah; Hon'ble Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food, and Public Distribution and Textiles- Shri Piyush Goyal; Hon'ble Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Labour and Employment - Shri Bhupender Yadav and Hon'ble Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways- Shri Nitin Gadkari. Their insights

into the state of our economy and their vision for the future of the country has been inspiring.

Mr. Shah lauded the efforts taken by our Chamber. He emphasised that the entire nation must work together to achieve all-inclusive growth, stating that the population of 130 crores presents a huge market rather than a burden. He stressed that efforts from every corner of the country are necessary for India's development to move forward.

Mr Goyal spoke about India's achievements in various sectors and emphasised the importance of global competitiveness of Indian businesses. He highlighted the need to focus on innovation, sustainability, and inclusiveness for India to emerge as a global leader.

Mr Gadkari has given assurance that the high logistics cost of the country will be reduced to 9% by the end of 2024, which will bring it in line with or even better than the logistics costs of developed economies around the world. He has stated that the government is working towards achieving this target.

Mr. Yadav talked about India's commitment to fulfilling the energy needs of the country and bringing about a change in the lives of the common man. He emphasised the importance of sustainable development and the need to strike a balance between economic growth and environmental protection.

I believe that India has the potential to be a global leader in innovation, manufacturing, and exports. We must work together to harness our strengths, address our challenges, and build a more prosperous and sustainable future for all our citizens.

Lastly, I would like to thank all the members of ASSOCHAM for their continued support and commitment to our shared vision of a better India. Let us work together to realise this vision and make India a global powerhouse.

Thank you.

Ajay Singh
President, ASSOCHAM

Message from the Secretary General



Dear Esteemed Members,

I am delighted to extend my warmest greetings to you all on behalf of ASSOCHAM and share some of the key highlights from our Annual Session 2023. Our theme this year was Bharat@100: Paving the Way for Inclusive and Sustainable Global Growth.

It's worth noting that the theme of this year's ASSOCHAM Annual Session, Bharat@100, aligns with the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Sampurna Viskit Bharat, or 'Fully developed India', till the country's 100th anniversary in 2047. This vision entails achieving economic, social, and environmental sustainability, which is in line with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. India's projected growth rate of 6-7% for FY 2024 would position it as the best among other emerging market countries ASSOCHAM's commitment to supporting India's critical objectives of self-reliance and sustainable growth is a crucial step towards realising this vision.

The session's discussions and insights from esteemed guests provide a blueprint for driving inclusive and sustainable global growth while positioning India as a global leader in various sectors. It provided us with an exceptional opportunity to exchange ideas and discuss strategies for driving sustainable growth. In today's challenging global economic climate, this has never been more important. We were fortunate to have a distinguished line-up of guests, including the Hon'ble Union Home Minister- Shri Amit Shah; Hon'ble Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways- Shri Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food, and Public Distribution and Textiles- Shri Piyush Goyal and Hon'ble Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Labour and Employment, Shri Bhupender Yadav and, who shared their insights and perspectives on various issues.

ASSOCHAM is committed to supporting India's critical objectives of self-reliance and sustainable growth. We are working closely with the government to enhance the ease of doing business in the country and help India achieve the milestone of \$1 trillion in exports. Our core values of sustainability, empowerment, entrepreneurship, and

digitization will guide us in our efforts to make India a global leader in addressing climate change, building energy security, strengthening the digital ecosystem and leading inclusive growth.

Our various initiatives, such as conferences, seminars, and reports on key issues of national importance, aim to augment the global competitiveness of Indian businesses. The ASSOCHAM Annual Session 2023 was another significant step in this direction.

The Hon'ble Home Minister- Shri Amit Shah informed during the session that India aims to become a fully developed nation by 2047 and a \$5 trillion economy by 2025. The progress made in this direction is impressive, with total merchandise exports reaching \$421 billion and over 70,000 start-ups, including 116 unicorns.

Shri Nitin Gadkari, the Hon'ble Minister of Railways, Road and Transport thanked ASSOCHAM for saving 5 thousand crores in the Zoji-La Tunnel project, the project cost of which was estimated at 12 thousand crores.

The Hon'ble Minister of Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food, and Public Distribution and Textiles- Shri Piyush Goyal highlighted the healthy growth in both the merchandise and service sectors in India, which is commendable given the global economic recession, high inflation rates, and shooting interest rates. This performance fills us with pride and gives us hope for the future.

The Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Labour and Employment- Shri Bhupender Yadav talked emphasised India's commitment to pursuing a sustainable growth agenda and reducing carbon emissions. India's ambitious goals to achieve 50% capacity in renewable energy production by 2030 and strong advocacy for the common but differentiated responsibilities (CBDR) principle on the global stage are praiseworthy.

Thank you

Deepak Sood,
Secretary General, ASSOCHAM

Bharat@100: Paving the way for Inclusive and Sustainable Global Growth



Change size and scale, seize opportunity

Shri Amit Shah
Union Minister for Home Affairs and Cooperation, Government of India



ASSOCHAM leadership welcomed the chief guest Shri Amit Shah, Hon'ble Minister of Home Affairs and Cooperation at the ASSOCHAM Annual Session 2023, Bharat@100: Paving the way for inclusive and sustainable global growth.

“The Prime Minister Narendra Modi has set a target before us: ‘Sampurna Viksit Bharat’. I want to tell the industry through ASSOCHAM: Change the size and scale”, he said, addressing the captains of the Indian industry.

“This is an opportunity. Under Modiji’s leadership, it is time for the Indian industry to change size and scale. Be bold, Move ahead and take India forward. Modiji has set the 2047 target (making India a developed nation) for us, we should all achieve this”.

Organisations like ASSOCHAM bring about synergies between the government and the industry for implementation of the stable and bold policies brought about by the government under leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

Emphasising the importance of the all inclusive development of the country, the Home Minister said, India can progress only when the entire nation contributes towards the goal . “Unless we go in for all-round progress, we would not be able to take the leap of development which we want to take. People like me consider India’s population of 130 crore as a market of 130 crore people, not as a burden as some would think so”

He said Prime Minister Mr Modi is implementing pro-people policies on the ground through the ‘Whole of Government and ‘Team Bharat’ approach for an all round, all inclusive growth.

The results of this approach in the last nine years are visible. “A unique synergy

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is visible, you feel a similar kind of excitement and energy throughout the country.”


Citing an example of G20 , he said while several other countries had held meetings at not more than 4 places. during their presidency. India has held meetings in 59 places in different states and Union Territories, leading to new awakening and consciousness as the country hosts the G20 presidency. He said the world took notice of the way India handled the Covid 19 situation , using technology and innovation to fight the pandemic. Vaccination certificates were issued instantly with the help of state of the art technology.

Listing various initiatives, policies and programmes of the government, Mr Shah said it was realised that it would not be possible to make Indian industry competitive without reducing the cost of infrastructure and logistics. With a foresight to strengthen the competitiveness of the Indian industry, the Home Minister said the government has prepared a detailed plan to reduce the logistics cost to 7.5 per cent of GDP from 13 per cent, in the next five years.

The Home Minister enumerated several sets of data showing how India has moved forward in the last nine years, be it digital transactions, increase in the number of airports, electrification of railway, capacity expansion of major and minor ports and expansion in the highways network. Through the Digital India programme, a total of 8840 crore digital transactions took place in 2022 with the UPI claiming a share of 52 per cent . Total value of these transactions was Rs 126 lakh crore.

India has 82 crore broadband connections as in September, 2022 against 6.1 crore in 2014. He said financial inclusion of 60 crore of unbanked people has brought them in the mainstream of the Indian economy with several positive spin offs like direct transfer of government subsidies and benefits into their accounts. He said the Modi Government has added a critical human touch to the economic metrics like GDP.

The Home Minister said India, which has emerged as the fifth largest economy of the world, would become a strong USD 5 trillion economy by 2025 , following progressive policies of the government. He said the Modi Government has provided internal and external security in the last nine years. A strong environment of national security has been created in the country which has developed a favourable environment for industrial development from Northeast to Kutch in Gujarat and J&K to Kanyakumari.

A photograph of Shri Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India. He is shown from the chest up, wearing a dark blue kurta with a patterned border. He is looking slightly to his right with a neutral expression. In front of him are two microphones on stands. A nameplate is visible on the podium, partially obscured by the microphones. The background is plain white.

Govt. aims to bring down logistics cost to a single digit at 9% by the end of 2024

Shri Nitin Gadkari

*Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways
Government of India*

“ To accomplish this, the government is focusing on improving both roadways and railways. We are building green highways and industrial corridor with focus on reducing the distance between major cities and hubs. ”



L-R: Vineet Agrawal, Past President; Balkrishan Goenka, Past President; Ajay Singh, Incoming President; Shri Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Union Minister of Home Affairs GOI; Sumant Sinha, Outgoing President; Sanjay Nayyar Vice President; Deepak Sood Secretary General ASSOCHAM

The main challenge in the Indian industry, trade and business is the high cost of logistics which is currently at 16%, whereas in European countries and America it is 12% and in China it is 8%. By the end of 2024, the aim of my ministry is to bring down logistics to a single digit at 9% which in turn will help us increase export, said Shri Nitin Gadkari, Minister of Road Transport and Highways, GoI. He was speaking at the ASSOCHAM Annual Session 2023 held at Delhi.

“To accomplish this, the government is focusing on improving both roadways and railways. We are building green highways and industrial corridor with focus on reducing the distance between major cities and hubs.” He further added.

Talking about some of the key national highway projects Shri Gadkari said, “After completion of the Delhi-Mumbai expressway, people can travel between Delhi and Mumbai in just 12 hours; Nagpur Mumbai in 5 hours and Nagpur Pune in 6 hours. This will help reduce the logistics cost. We are building tunnels in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh and

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these are going to reduce the distance drastically. For example from Manali to Rohtang pass it us to take a travel time of 3 ½ hours and now with Atal Tunnel, one can cross the tunnel in just 45 minutes and reach in 8 minutes after coming out of the tunnel.”

Discussing about saving fuel cost by focusing on alternative fuel Shri Gadkari said, “Our focus should be on converting waste to wealth. For example, Delhi has three mountains of solid waste. Within next two years this waste will be used in road construction, flattening the waste fields. We are focussing on developing outer-outer ring road which passes over 13 railways lines. Roadmap has been prepared to shift wholesale markets and warehouses to designated zones around this zone. This will decongest Delhi-commercial vehicles will bypass entry into Delhi, reducing pollution problem.”

Giving more insights, he said, Delhi NCR suffers from the problem of rice straw (parli) burning causing high level of pollution. “Central Road Research Institute in collaboration with Central Road Research Institute has developed technology to convert rice straw (parli)



into bitumen which will be used for road projects. This will not only help in reducing pollution but also save on the import cost of bitumen. With the help of technology rice straw (parli) is also being converted in bio ethanol and considered as alternative fuel. Our focus has also shifted towards hydrogen as alternative fuel. There are three types of hydrogen namely brown hydrogen from petroleum, black hydrogen from coal and green hydrogen from water. Indian Chemical Research Institute is already engaged in developing technology to build up biomass, which biotechnologically will yield methane and consequent green hydrogen without using power for electrolyzing water.”

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Acknowledging ASSOCHAM’s contribution to nation’s growth, the minister said “I would like to thank

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Earlier, Shri Sumant Sinha President ASSOCHAM, while delivering the welcome address said, “Policy interventions on green hydrogen can catapult India into a major green economy. It can create value changes that can help us leapfrog to a clean-energy future. Commending the Hon’ble Minister, Shri Nitin Gadkari for his vision, focus on innovation and emphasis on timely completion of projects that are becoming key drivers towards making India a \$5 trillion economy by 2025 he also said, “Empowering India’s youth in Amrit Kaal will take us on the way to becoming a developed nation in the next 25 years and ASSOCHAM’s vision of Bharat@100 will play an important role.”





India crossed \$750 billion in exports, on track to achieve \$2 trillion target

Shri Piyush Goyal

*Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs,
Food and Public Distribution and Textiles
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“ The domestic market is growing steadily, we have grown from being the 10th largest economy to the 5th largest economy in \$ GDP terms. In 4 or 5 years from now we will be the 3rd largest economy in the world. The past few years has been about building the foundation blocks which are necessary for an economy to have many years of uninterrupted and sustainable growth. ”



ASSOCHAM Leadership with Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Releasing the Report titled Indian Cuisine at Crossroads,

“We’ve had a record run of FDI over the last decade with an all-time high every year until March 2022. Exports at about \$500 billion in 2021 saw a phenomenal 35% jump to \$676 billion last year. We have crossed \$750 billion in exports with growth in both goods and services exported. I am sure we can achieve \$2 trillion – a trillion each in goods and services respectively” said Shri Piyush Goyal Hon'ble Minister of Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and Textiles at ASSOCHAM annual session 2023.

Shri Goyal said, “The domestic market is growing steadily, we have grown from being the 10th largest economy to the 5th largest economy in \$ GDP terms. In 4 or 5 years from now we will be the 3rd largest economy in the world. The past few years has been about building the foundation blocks which are necessary for an economy to have many years of uninterrupted and sustainable growth. There is rarely an economy that has become developed purely on the back of the domestic market. Along with a large domestic market, we have a whole wide world in

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front of us where we have the potential to grow our international business. Out of \$32 Trillion international trade, our share is miniscule therefore the delta of possibilities is huge. The kind of new ideas and new products that India has developed in the last few years, our handling of the Covid pandemic are all reflective of the new spirit that Bharat has. Our ranking in the global innovation index has now improved to 40th rank, ease of doing business ranking has improved to 63rd by 2019.”

“As we go forward, growth will not be measured in just economic growth, it will be measured in social progress, human development indicators and with growth across regions. Growth will have to be sustainable and inclusive, we will have to focus on ESG commitments. The world sees India as a leader in all these fronts as we see more people coming out of poverty and the basic needs of more families being met. We have a new aspirational Bharat where the youngsters are charged to work hard, aim higher and demand better. This is going to be the defining moment as we work together to meet these aspirations.” He adds.

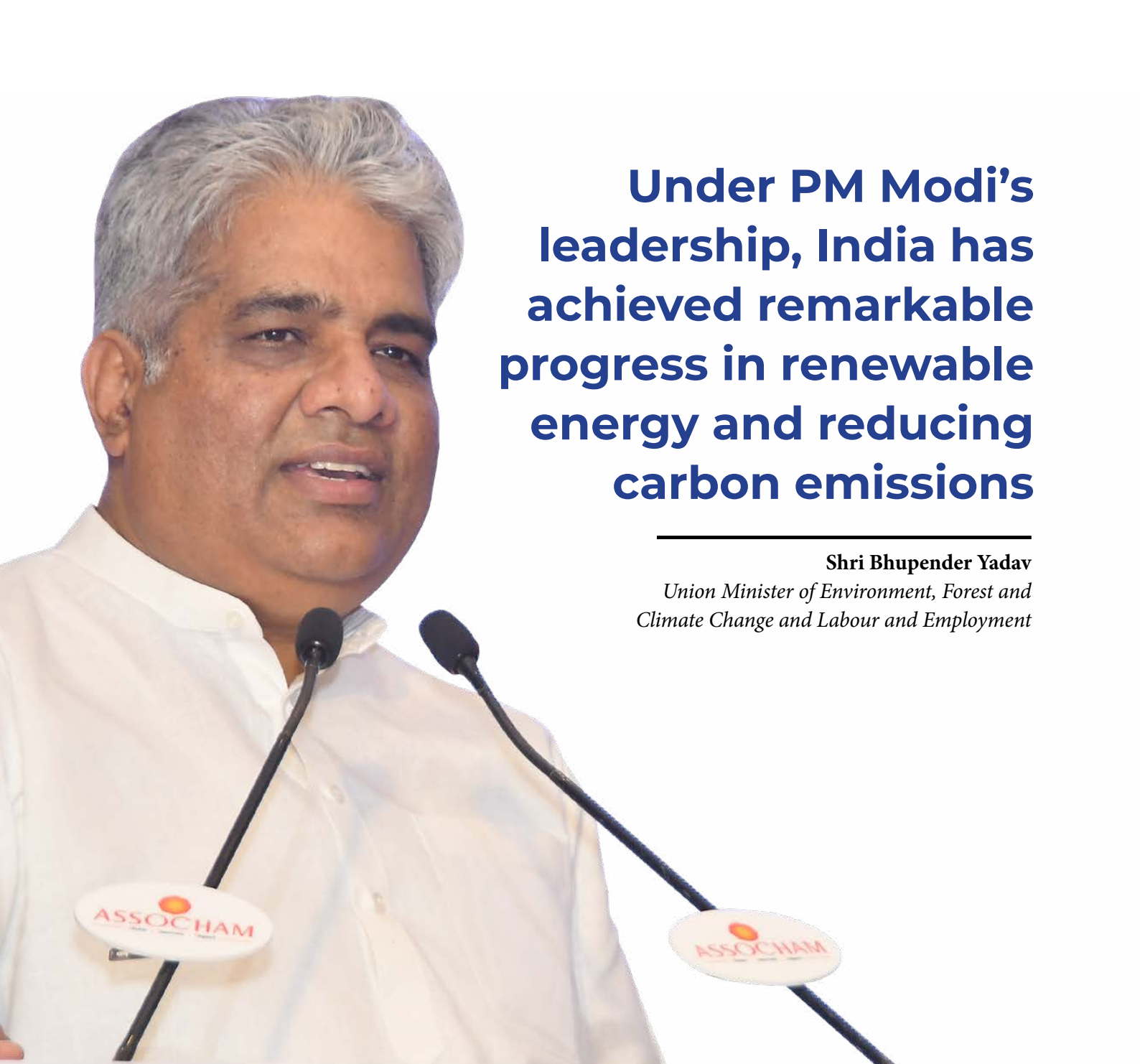
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Urging policy makers to look at the entire value chain and find where we can have an edge, Shri Goyal commented, “Renewable energy is an area where India is becoming a global leader and as we move up the value chain, if we are able to get into hydrogen and then green ammonia in India, we can not only

change our source of energy in India but we can do that for the rest of the world and offer goods and services produced with the least amount of carbon impact making us even more attractive. This is the right time and if we miss the right time, history and our kids will never forgive us for having failed them in leaving behind a better country, more progressive and developed than the one we inherited.”

Delivering the welcome address, Shri Sumant Sinha, President, ASSOCHAM said, “FDI in India has gone up dramatically in the last few years, we are one of the leading countries as far as being the recipients of FDI is concerned. Interestingly, more and more countries are coming to India to explore how they can participate in India’s growth story. A lot of work has been done by the Ministry of commerce and Shri Piyush Goyal Ji in the area of free trade agreements.”

Other eminent dignitaries on the dais were Vineet Agarwal, Immediate Past President ASSOCHAM and Ajay Singh, Sr. Vice President ASSOCHAM.



Under PM Modi's leadership, India has achieved remarkable progress in renewable energy and reducing carbon emissions

Shri Bhupender Yadav

Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Labour and Employment



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Bhupendra Yadav, Hon'ble Union Minister of Labour and Employment, Environment, Forest and Climate Change addressing the ASSOCHAM Annual Session on Pursuing a sustainable growth agenda

India has achieved two significant milestones under the leadership of Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi in the field of renewable energy and carbon emission reduction stated Shri Bhupendra Yadav, the Hon'ble Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Labour and Employment at the 2023 annual session of Bharat@100: Paving the Way for Inclusive and Sustainable

Global Growth. The annual session was organised by the apex industry body, the Associated Chambers of Commerce, and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM).

He explained, "Nine years ago, India had set a target of achieving 165 gigawatts in renewable energy production and reducing carbon emission intensity by 40% by 2030, which has been successfully accomplished. India has also increased carbon sink from 2.5

percent to 33 percent through increase in forests cover.

While addressing the session - Pursuing a sustainable growth agenda, Shri Yadav informed that "India has been a strong proponent of the common but differentiated responsibilities (CBDR) principle adopted worldwide to continue development while setting national targets to reduce carbon emissions. India has submitted its NDCs under the Paris



Agreement and has set ambitious goals to achieve 50% capacity in renewable energy production by 2030.”

The hon'ble Union minister also informed that India has also presented three quantitative and five qualitative targets related to renewable energy and circular economy before the world. “One of India’s qualitative targets is called mission life, which emphasises the importance of the circular economy. The circular economy is not only essential commercially but also socially, ethically, and morally. India’s Ministry of Environment has been continuously working on regulations related to the rubber industry, used oil, EPR, and plastic. More than 16 departments of the Indian government have been engaged in the circular economy, realising that it is not only essential for progress and advancement but also for the earth,” he added.

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Shri Yadav suggested that all citizens and businesses take steps to adopt circular economy practices and reduce waste generation. He said, “Renewable energy and circular economy are two big mediums that can help India move forward sustainably. Together, let’s build a cleaner and greener India.”

The hon'ble Union Minister also highlighted the issue of land desertification, which is a major cause for concern in India as 26 million hectares of land have been subject to constant chemical degradation. He mentioned that India has committed to restoring this land and improving 100 million hectares of land under the leadership of the Prime Minister in the last nine years.

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Hon'ble Minister of Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Textiles



Shri Bhupender Yadav
Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Labour & Employment

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Bharat@100: Paving the way for inclusive and sustainable and global growth

Shri Amit Shah
Hon'ble Minister of Home Affairs & Cooperation

Facilitating socio-economic growth through infrastructure

Shri Nitin Gadkari
Hon'ble Minister of Road Transport and Highways

Strengthening India's competitiveness

Shri Piyush Goyal
Hon'ble Minister of Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Textiles

Pursuing a sustainable growth agenda

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MSME ministry is working towards making the sector the largest employment provider in the country

Shri B. B. Swain
*Secretary Ministry of MSME
Government of India*



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Secretary Ministry of MSME B.B. Swain with eminent dignitaries at the 9th MSME Excellence Awards and Summit

We are relentlessly working towards ensuring a conducive environment for MSMEs. The ministry of MSME and SIDBI has been working together to launch a formalisation project in January this year to address the challenge of formalisation of the informal micro enterprises. About 13 lakh informal micro enterprises have already been brought into the formal ambit through the project. The project also facilitates access to affordable credit and benefits of priority sector lending. The number of registered MSME have now reached 1.64 crore generating 10.73 crore employment in the process, said Shri B. B. Swain, Secretary Ministry of MSME, Govt. of India at the 9th MSME Excellence Awards organised by ASSOCHAM.

“We are looking beyond formalisation of these micro units to make this sector the highest employment provider in the country. The figure of 10.73 crore employment generated is based on self-declaration by MSMEs and the sector is surely on its way to becoming the largest employment provider in the country. Working closely with ministries, departments, state governments, industry bodies and other stake holders to provide an enabling environment to the MSMEs such as access to credit, low cost of finance, equity infusion, technology upgradation, access to green

Digitalisation is very important for MSMEs to enhance efficiencies. Digitisation or digitalisation in isolation doesn't serve a purpose unless the entities who are on the digitalisation path interact with each other digitally. It is not enough for the buyer and seller to interact digitally but each entity that is a part of the supply chain have to be on the same page and that requires a platform.

technology, enhanced procurement, domestic and international market access among others. The reduction of guarantee fees for MSMEs will be started from 1st April 2023. The reduction will likely be to the tune of 50% below 1 crore. The new PM VIKAS program for artisans and craftsman will strengthen the MSME sector in the country.” He added.

“We are committed towards working for the welfare of the MSME sector and we shall continue to do so,” He reiterated.

Earlier, welcoming attendees at the summit, Mrs. Sushma Paul Berlia, Chairman, ASSOCHAM National Council on Business Facilitation and Global Competitiveness and Chairman, Apeejay Stya Group said, “MSMEs are





bringing about significant change in their domains and setting the benchmarks of equality and performance. MSMEs contribute 30% to the country's GDP, offer livelihood to 11 crore people and account for 40% of the country's total exports. The entire nation is looking at the MSMEs to play a crucial role in the vision of building an atmanirbhar bharat and establishing India as a USD 5 trillion economy. MSMEs are the nurseries of entrepreneurs, to make them globally competitive and gain a foothold in global value chain the central

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and state governments have been taking several initiatives, certifications and ECLGS to not only strengthen MSMEs but to also enhance their environmental consciousness. There is a fine balance between looking at sustainability and being sustainable, for MSMEs to be truly sustainable linkages between sustainability and profitability needs to be firmly established.

Speaking at the summit, Shri Ramachandran Venkataraman, Director & Chief Operating Officer, V Guard





Industries Ltd said, “The MSME sector is presented with a unique

opportunity to envision the future of India. We must work to create an ecosystem that is conducive of growth and success of MSMEs by focussing on four key areas which will be instrumental to helping us get there. Building and strengthening a culture of entrepreneurship, the nature of entrepreneurship has changed and we must be able to evolve appropriately. Competition has gone global and there are no natural boundaries. Lowering the barriers to entry and encouraging start-ups is critical. The government has been supportive with policies making access to capital and credit a lot easier. Going forward there is a need to improve access to education and training, reduce regulatory barriers and incentivise the entry of young and budding entrepreneurs. The digital revolution is already here and it is transforming the way we do business. MSMEs must quip themselves to adopt technology and expertise for the rapidly emerging marketplace. It is also important to build efficient framework and infrastructure to empower MSMEs to grow and succeed. With the right


support, MSMEs can power the growth of India.

Addressing the summit, Shri Bhadrash Pathak, Business Head, L&T-SuFin said, “Digitalisation is very important for MSMEs to enhance efficiencies. Digitisation or digitalisation in isolation

The government has been supportive with policies making access to capital and credit a lot easier. Going forward there is a need to improve access to education and training, reduce regulatory barriers and incentivise the entry of young and budding entrepreneurs. The digital revolution is already here and it is transforming the way we do business. MSMEs must quip themselves to adopt technology and expertise for the rapidly emerging marketplace.

doesn't serve a purpose unless the entities who are on the digitalisation path interact with each other digitally. It is not enough for the buyer and seller to interact digitally but each entity that is a part of the supply chain have to be on the same page and that requires a platform. Digital platforms remove the need for manual efforts for buyers and sellers on the platform making the entire process more efficient. The same is true also for payment systems. We have a huge population, a demographic dividend which gives us an advantage. Internet penetration is one of the biggest in the world and digital payments are also going up exponentially. We need to capitalize on this because the world is increasingly looking at India to become the manufacturing hub for the world because of the geopolitical situation. The B2B e-Commerce business in China is 4.24 trillion USD, in US it is 1.53 trillion USD. In India, it is 11 billion USD which clearly indicates the impact of digitization.

The 9th MSME Excellence awards was another highlight of the summit where best performing MSMEs in various categories were honoured.

A photograph of Shri. Arun Baroka, IAS, speaking at a podium. He is wearing a white shirt and a light-colored vest. The podium has a microphone and a logo that says "ASSOCHAM". In the background, another man is visible, and there are logos for "Bharat" and "IN LOG ST".

Chemical sector in India is set to grow to \$250 billion by 2040

Shri. Arun Baroka, IAS
*Secretary, Department of Chemicals &
Petrochemicals, Ministry of Chemical & Fertilizers
Government of India*

“Integrating the country into global supply chain with strong enablers like PCPIR and strong government policies is likely to propel the sector forward.”



A joint knowledge report titled *Indian Speciality Chemicals- Reacting for explosive growth* was released by ASSOCHAM-KPMG among eminent dignitaries.

Chemical including the petrochemical industry makes an important factor in India's growth story as the government is committed to provide a conducive environment for sustainability, safety, and growth, stated Shri. Arun Baroka, IAS, Secretary, Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals, Ministry of Chemical & Fertilizers, Government of India, at India's Specialty Chemicals Conclave - "Making India Self Reliant & Local to Global." The conclave was organised by the Associated Chambers of Commerce & Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) to deliberate on key topics such as Import substitution, Academia & Industry Collaborations, Expanding Exports, and Integrating India into the global supply chain.

"The department of chemical and petrochemical is collaborating and creating an interface with various other departments of the government, particularly the Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Minister of Commerce, and the Ministry of Labour to build the communication path that will help in resolving short term and long-term issues," said Shri Baroka.

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The Secretary also stated that the country is perched with strong enablers such as PCPIR and other policy support from the government enabled with ease of doing business (EoDB), feedstock security, and support of PLI scheme to various companies to achieve the growth target. He added that while India is a net importer of petrochemical intermediates and bulk chemicals, India is a net exporter of a diverse range of speciality chemicals globally.





“The growth rate of speciality chemical sector is much more than the GDP growth rate of the normal chemical sector. The growth rate, if we continue to do well can actually go up. I’m quite confident that from the existing number of about \$30 billion, I think it should be touching, not less than \$200 to 250 billion by 2040,” he quipped.

Mr. Sagar Kaushik, Chairman, ASSOCHAM National Council on Chemicals & Petrochemicals & President Global Corporate & Industry Affairs, UPL in his welcome address said “India’s chemical industry should focus on the strategy of China plus 1 as the expectation from global customers is different from India than what they expect from China.” There should be a deeper collaboration of science and tech in the field and a shift towards sustainable value is extremely important, he added.

Mr. Nilesh A Kulkarni, Co-Chairman, ASSOCHAM National Council on Chemicals & Petrochemicals & Director – Commercial, Gharda Chemicals Ltd stated that “there is a strong need to

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boost domestic production and bridge the gap between import and exports. Industry-Academia interface is required to improve the sector.” To strengthen Indian Specialty chemicals, he also concentrated on leveraging new trends, infrastructure, skill set requirements, and collaboration.

Mr. Susanta Kumar Purohit, Joint Secretary (Chemicals), DCPC shared India is poised to emerge as a global chemical and petrochemical manufacturing hub. “The Government of India has launched various flagship programmes such as Make in India and PLI. India should expand its global market in R&D competence, production capabilities, and sustainability with the Triple Helix model,” he stressed.

The conclave also included key speakers Dr. Sangeeta Srivastava, Executive Director, Godavari Biorefineries Ltd and Prof. Aniruddha B. Pandit, Vice-Chancellor, Institute of Chemical Technology (ICT, Mumbai) who deliberated on building relationship between industry and academia.

Awareness Summit on 'Illness to Wellness'



Knowledge report titled 'Illness To Wellness: Health & Hygiene Awareness Program 2022-23' was released at Awareness Summit on Illness To Wellness

- *Need to strengthen quality of healthcare workers, especially the nursing staff*
- *Focus on women's health key to the growth of the community and the nation*
- *Integration of modern and traditional medicine to facilitate the illness to wellness journey*

ASSOCHAM Foundation for CSR, under the aegis of Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM), one of the apex trade associations of India, kick-started the first edition of the Awareness Summit on 'Illness to Wellness' in New Delhi. The key objective of the two-day summit is to initiate a dialogue on promoting and building a 'New India-Healthy India'.

The first session on day one of the summit saw a panel of distinguished experts discuss the possible ways to strengthen the healthcare workforce

with the objective to ease the healthcare burden of the country.

In his address during the inaugural session, the Guest of Honour Shri Bhubaneswar Kalita, Chairperson, Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health and Family Welfare, Government of India said, "Making healthcare affordable, accessible and available to all can help us attain the Sustainable Development Goal of ensuring healthy life and promoting well-being for all age groups. Our main challenge is the lack of a diversified and qualified workforce

and we must work towards improving the status quo as workforce is the soul of our healthcare system. There should also be a focus on improving women's health for larger interest of families, communities and nation in order to reduce the burden on public healthcare infrastructure and spending."

Sharing his thoughts during the inaugural session, Mr. Anil Rajput, Chairperson, ASSOCHAM National CSR Council, said, "India is at the cusp of an exciting and transformative time as it aims to reach \$26 trillion



Guest of Honour Bhubaneswar Kalita, Chairperson, Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health and Family Welfare, GoI addressing the Illness to Wellness Summit

in economic prosperity in its Amrit Kaal. I strongly believe that when the workforce is healthy and capable, our nation can achieve its full potential across all domains. The Government of India has also accorded topmost priority to it, making it a fundamental pillar for a 'Swastha and Samruddha Rashtra'. It is my firm conviction that India's determined strides in the economic sphere can gain even greater momentum if the health of its citizenry remain sound. This will ensure that the wealth follows and our dream of a healthy and wealthy nation can become a reality."

I am deeply concerned about the shortage of trained nurses in the country. Policies should be in place to ensure decent pay packages and respect for these crucial healthcare workers. Besides this, it is also important to reduce the healthcare burden of the country by allowing euthanasia.

Dr. G. C. Khilnani, Chairman, PSRI Institute of Pulmonary, Critical and Sleep Medicine and Former Professor & Head, Pulmonary, Critical Care & Sleep Medicine, AIIMS, New Delhi, said, "The preparedness of our health infrastructure got exposed during the Covid pandemic. Despite having 95000 ICU beds and 48000 ventilators, which seems like a reasonable number, India suffered greatly during the pandemic. Although ramping up the infrastructure is important, outcomes will not improve if adequate attention is not paid to enhancing the quality of health workforce, especially the staff





nurses. Healthcare workers also matter if we wish to improve the outcome. The Indian healthcare system has improved a lot but more needs to be done for the workforce.”

Joining the session virtually, (Padma Bhushan) Dr. S. K. Sarin, Senior Professor, Department of Hepatology & Director, Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences, New Delhi, said, “Creating a healthier generation is not doctors’ effort alone; it is a team effort. Instead of following a pyramid structure, we should adopt a bottom-up approach, starting from villages. We should utilize ASHA workers to better document and understand the healthcare needs of our citizens.”

(Padma Bhushan) Dr. T. S. Kler, Chairman, Fortis Heart and Vascular Institute, Fortis Memorial Research Institute, Gurugram & Fortis Hospital, Vasant Kunj, said, “I am deeply concerned about the shortage of trained nurses in the country. Policies should be in place to ensure decent pay packages and respect for these crucial healthcare workers. Besides this, it is also important to reduce the healthcare burden of the country by allowing euthanasia. Introducing policies related to mandatory insurance, minimum health curriculum in schools and

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decreasing reservation should also be considered.”

The inaugural edition of the ASSOCHAM Awareness Summit has a goal to promote widespread knowledge about various health-related concerns for the betterment of everyone’s well-being. The summit will feature more than 60 distinguished physicians, specialists, and wellness professionals from both India and abroad, who will share their insights on various topics across nine sessions. These sessions will delve into a range of areas, including healthcare workforce strengthening, nutrition, women’s health, mental health, sickle cell diseases, Ayush, elderly care and the digital healthcare landscape.



4th ASSOCHAM's Beauty, Wellness and Personal Care Conference cum Excellence Awards



Winners of Beauty, Wellness and Personal Care Awards

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At the 4th ASSOCHAM's Beauty, Wellness and Personal Care Conference cum Excellence Awards, Shri. Aseem Sahu, Deputy Drugs Controller (I), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Govt. of India gave his keynote address and shared the scope of innovation, formulation and technology advancement that are the important tools for sustainable growth of the beauty and wellness industry. It is clear

that the industry is growing at 6.32 percent CAGR, he stated.

The industry has seen a lot of new innovation, and the government has made reforms for improved regulations. He stated, “The beauty and wellness industry has just adopted a new idea of cosmeceuticals.” He continued that a push for the development of the MSME sector is required to redefine the industry’s growth. It is necessary

to have a transparent mechanism for cosmetic products as well as a regulatory framework.

Dr. Vaishali Gode, Head - Packaging, Advanced Technology, and Product Development Marico India Ltd in her industry address talked about the new trends going on in beauty and wellness industry and moisturization of skin being the latest one. She explained the science of oiling and how scalp, hair and



skin oil is essential to maintain. Oiling acts as a healthy intact skin barrier. She conveyed the audience to follow a proper regime of cleaning, face wash and applying moisturizer to keep skin healthy.

Ms. Monica Bahl, CEO Beauty Wellness Skill Sector Council shared that With the rise in awareness about holistic wellbeing among people in India, the spending on beauty and wellness products and services has increased. The aim is to focus on establishing an effective and efficient ecosystem for developing and imparting skills in the Beauty and Wellness industry, she added.

Dr. Blossom Kochhar, Co-Chair ASSOCHAM Empowerment Council, Chairperson Aroma Magic Pvt. Ltd shared her success story and showcased the sustainable beauty standards from the industry.

Ms. Neelam Pratap Rudy, Renowned Golf Player and Social Activist highlighted the importance of wellness and how it can lead to productivity and reduced health risks. The rapid growth of the Beauty and Wellness Industry, along with the entry of many small and large companies, has led to a huge demand for trained personnel or beauty therapists, she added.

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Padma Shri Dr. D S Rana, Chairman, ASSOCHAM National Wellness Council & Chairman, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital gave his concluding remarks and said It contributes a lot to the country's economic growth and is gradually becoming a leading employer.

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Go for size and scale

Shri Amit Shah calls upon India Inc at **ASSOCHAM Annual Session** to seize the opportunity



“The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi ji has set a target before us: ‘Sampurna Viksit Bharat’... Under Modi ji’s leadership, it is time for the Indian industry to change size and scale. Be bold, move ahead and take India forward. Modi ji has set the year 2047 as the target (to make India a developed nation) for us, and we should all achieve this.”

Shri Amit Shah
Hon’ble Minister of
Home Affairs & Cooperation



Shri Nitin Gadkari, Hon’ble Minister of Road Transport and Highways



Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon’ble Minister of Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Textiles



Shri Bhupender Yadav, Hon’ble Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Labour & Employment



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Shah: Modi govt gave political stability, never took populist decisions

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Home minister Amit Shah on Tuesday said the Narendra Modi government had given political stability to the country and created a strong environment of national security that enabled industrial development from the north-east to Kutch in Gujarat and from Jammu & Kashmir to Kanyakumari.



"The government under the leadership of PM Modi never took decisions which are liked by the people and votebank, but took decisions for the good of the people...with foresighted approach and without the greed of votebank..." Shah said while addressing Assocham's annual session based on the theme "Bharat@100: Paving the Way for Inclusive and Sustainable

Global Growth'.

He said this approach has yielded amazing results, including rise in India's share in global GDP from 2.6% in 2014 to 3.4% and also in its share in global FDI inflow from 2.1% in 2014 to 6.7% in 2022.

Shah also referred to the increase in per capita income of the country to Rs 1.72 lakh at present from Rs 68,000 in 2014. He said the government is working to bring down logistics cost to GDP to 7.5% from current 13%.

Shah said the government has tried to grow the economy on the four pillars of tough decisions, formulation of precise policies, strict implementation and complete removal of corruption. He also credited Modi for giving a humane face to dry GDP numbers through social schemes which is a "first in the world".

Govt. policy conducive for investment in J&K, says Amit Shah at ASSOCHAM

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah told an industry body on Tuesday that the law and order situation and government policy was conducive to invest in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K).

Mr. Shah made the remarks at the annual session of the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry (ASSOCHAM).

He said the government was working to bring down the logistics cost to GDP to 7.5% from the current 13% and added that without the development of the country's infrastructure and reduction of logistics costs, development was not possible.

The minister said the Narendra Modi government planned to invest



Ease of business: Amit Shah with ASSOCHAM president Sumant Sinha during annual session, in New Delhi on Tuesday. ANI

₹100 lakh crore in infrastructure with some mega projects such as the doubling of railway lines, dedicated freight corridors from Mumbai to Delhi and Amritsar to Kolkata, and 11 other industrial corridors.

Taking a dig at former Union Finance Minister P. Chidambaram, Mr. Shah said that when Mr. Modi was giving details of the Digital India scheme in Par-

liament in 2017, the Congress leader questioned how small amounts would be paid to a street vendor in a village and whether villages would have electricity and broadband to enable those transactions.

"Wherever you go you will find UPI is being used by almost every business. UPI contributed 52% of the 8,840 crore digital transactions in 2022," he said.

Exports at record \$750bn, may top \$760bn in FY23

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: India's goods and services exports have for the first time crossed \$750 billion and are on course to go past \$760 billion by Friday, commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal said on Tuesday. Exports of \$760 billion would result in an increase of 12.4% compared to last year's level of \$676 billion.

The government had set a target of \$750 billion for the year and is upbeat, given that it has been achieved despite a slowdown on the goods side in recent months, and has been scaled with a few days of the financial year left.

Goods exports have

shrunk during three of the last five months but are expected to reach a new record, although they will be lower than initial government projections of \$470-480 billion. Imports have fallen for three straight months.

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helping lower the trade deficit. But, services exports have remained buoyant.

Addressing the annual session of industry chamber Assocham, Goyal said India is performing well at a time when large parts of the world are facing recession, high inflation and elevated interest rates.

He said several countries are keen to enter into free trade agreements (FTAs) with India to deepen ties, seeking to tap into the opportunity that is on offer. The minister said trade deals with the UAE and Australia, which have been welcomed by the industry, showed the speed with which treaties were finalised did not come at the cost of compromising on quality of agreements, which were finalised after extensive stakeholder consultation.

Leveraging on the G20 Presidency and the edge India has today, the need of the hour is speedy and aggressive outreach to global markets with focus on investment, trade, technology and tourism, the Goyal said.

भारत की 130 करोड़ आबादी भार नहीं, बड़ा बाजार: शाह

भरोसा

नई दिल्ली, 10 अप्रैल: केंद्रीय गृह मंत्री अमित शाह ने सोमवार को कहा कि भारत की 130 करोड़ की आबादी भार नहीं बल्कि बड़ा बाजार है। देश का विकास तभी हो सकता है जब पूरी आबादी इसके लिए निरंतर प्रयत्न करे। उन्होंने कहा कि शाह ने सोमवार को ASSOCHAM की वार्षिक बैठक में भाग लेते हुए कहा कि भारत को विश्व का सबसे तेजी से बढ़ते हुए देश बनाने के लिए हमें निरंतर प्रयत्न करना चाहिए। उन्होंने कहा कि भारत को विश्व का सबसे तेजी से बढ़ते हुए देश बनाने के लिए हमें निरंतर प्रयत्न करना चाहिए। उन्होंने कहा कि भारत को विश्व का सबसे तेजी से बढ़ते हुए देश बनाने के लिए हमें निरंतर प्रयत्न करना चाहिए।



लॉजिस्टिक्स लागत को कम करेंगे

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सरकार ने कभी लुभावने फैसले नहीं किए, सियासी अस्थिरता खत्म की : शाह

कहा-पीएम मोदी के दो लक्ष्य-विकसित देश और पांच ट्रिलियन अर्थव्यवस्था को मिलकर करेंगे पूरा

नई दिल्ली। केंद्रीय गृह मंत्री अमित शाह ने कहा, कुछ लोग देश को 130 करोड़ की अर्थव्यवस्था को बढ़ा सकते हैं, लेकिन मैं इसको एक बड़ा बाजार बनाऊंगा। पीएम मोदी ने विदेशों को नहीं देखा है, जो बड़ा भारत के लोगों-कोई भी विकास का प्रयास नहीं करे, वह एक देश नहीं बन सकता।



भारत सरकार के प्रधानमंत्री श्री नरेन्द्र मोदी और गृह मंत्री अमित शाह को राष्ट्रीय विकास डेवट प्रशिक्षण करने वाले एसोचैम के प्रिजेंट सुनील सिन्हा और पूर्व प्रिजेंट वरकृष्ण मोहनदास।

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वर्ष के डिजिटल लेनदेन में 52% वृद्धि हुई की हिस्सेदारी

गृह मंत्री ने कहा, अब लगभग हर व्यवसाय में यूएआई का इस्तेमाल किया जा रहा है। 2022 में 8,840 करोड़ डिजिटल लेनदेन में वृद्धि हुई की हिस्सेदारी 52 फीसदी यानी 1.26 लाख करोड़ रुपये है। अगर मैं बताऊँ कि इनमें से कितने हैं जो बैंक के विद्यार्थियों को खाते में डिजिटल लेनदेन के माध्यम से करते हैं, तो मैं आपको बता दूंगा कि यह 12 फीसदी है।

सरकार का लॉजिस्टिक्स लागत को 2024 के अंत तक 10 फीसदी तक कम करने का लक्ष्य है। शाह ने कहा कि प्रत्येक वर्ष 100 करोड़ डॉलर के अंतर तक नई रोजगार सृजन करने का लक्ष्य है। सरकार का लॉजिस्टिक्स लागत को 2024 के अंत तक 10 फीसदी तक कम करने का लक्ष्य है, जिसमें रोजगार को भी प्रोत्साहित किया जा रहा है। देश के उद्योग और परिवहन के सभी लॉजिस्टिक्स को कम करना शुरू करने हैं। अभी यह 16 फीसदी है। उन्होंने कहा कि यदि मैं नया लॉजिस्टिक्स लागत आउट प्रिजेंट है, तो अर्थव्यवस्था और वृद्धि दर में यह 12 फीसदी है।

मोदी का दौर राजनीतिक स्थिरता के कालखंड के रूप में जाना जाएगा
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परिवर्तन के लिए जिम्मेदार देश भारत के विकास को नहीं रोक सकते : यादव

भाषा। नई दिल्ली



केंद्रीय पर्यावरण मंत्री भूपेंद्र यादव ने मंगलवार को कहा कि भारत अपने लोगों को जहाँ जरूरतों को पूरा करने को लेकर अपने संसाधनों का इस्तेमाल करने के लिए स्वतंत्र है और जलवायु परिवर्तन के लिए ऐतिहासिक रूप से जिम्मेदार देश इसके विकास को रोकने के लिए नहीं कह सकते हैं।

यादव ने भारतीय वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंडल (एसोचैम) की ओर से आयोजित एक कार्यक्रम को संबोधित करते हुए यह बात कही।

उन्होंने कहा कि भारत हमेशा से ही जलवायु को लेकर न्यायसंगत व्यवस्था का पक्षधर रहा है, जिसका अर्थ है कि गरिमापूर्ण जीवन जीने के लिए सभी के पास संसाधनों की पहुँच है।

केंद्रीय पर्यावरण मंत्री ने कहा, जब हम जीवाश्म ईंधन के उपयोग को रोकने की बात करते हैं। हम कहते हैं कि भारत नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा की ओर बढ़ रहा है। लेकिन, इसका मतलब

को पूरा करना चाहता है और उनके जीवन में बदलाव लाना चाहता है।

उन्होंने कहा, हम किसी को अंधेरे में नहीं रखना चाहते हैं। हमारे पास यह तय करने की शक्ति और स्वतंत्रता है कि हम अपने ऊर्जा संसाधनों का उपयोग कैसे करें। यह हमारा निर्णय है। जलवायु परिवर्तन के लिए जिम्मेदार लोग हमें यह नहीं बता सकते कि हमें क्या करने की जरूरत है।

मंत्री ने कहा कि भारत सिर्फ जलवायु परिवर्तन की बात नहीं करता बल्कि इस चुनौती से निपटने के लिए कार्रवाई भी करता है।

भूपेंद्र यादव ने कहा, हम उन देशों में से एक हैं जिन्होंने अपने राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर निर्धारित योगदान (एनडीसी) को अद्यतन किया है। हमने अपने दो जलवायु लक्ष्यों को प्राप्त किया— पहला, सकल घरेलू उत्पाद की उत्सर्जन तीव्रता को कम करना और दूसरा नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा लक्ष्य— 2015 में निर्धारित समय से पहले प्राप्त किया।

यह नहीं है कि अतीत में अपने विकास के लिए ग्रीनहाउस गैसों का उत्सर्जन करने वाले देश हमसे अपने विकास को रोकने के लिए कहें। हम जलवायु परिवर्तन के अलावा जलवायु को लेकर न्यायसंगत व्यवस्था के भी पक्षधर रहे हैं।

उन्होंने कहा कि जलवायु परिवर्तन के लिए ऐतिहासिक रूप से जिम्मेदार देश यह तय नहीं कर सकते कि भारत अपनी आबादी की ऊर्जा जरूरतों को पूरा करने के लिए अपने संसाधनों का उपयोग कैसे करे।

केंद्रीय मंत्री ने कहा कि भारत अपनी पूरी आबादी की ऊर्जा जरूरतों

Goods, services exports to cross \$760 bn in FY23: Goyal

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Tuesday said the country's merchandise and services exports were estimated to cross \$760 billion in the current fiscal ending March 31. Exports grew to \$676 billion in 2021-22 from \$500 billion. Speaking at the annual session of ASSOCHAM, Goyal said at a time when the whole world was facing recession, high inflation and rising interest rates, India was performing well. **SHREYA NANDI**



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New Delhi: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday said the Modi government never took populist decisions for vote bank politics and instead worked for the betterment of people through its "all-inclusive" schemes and by providing political stability in the country.



Modi govt worked for betterment of people through its 'all-inclusive' schemes, Shah added

Addressing the annual session of industry body ASSOCHAM, he said development is possible in a vast country like India only through the "whole of government

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coupled with logistics, technological advancement, or the PM GatiShakti, he said. He also said the performance of India's global trade has proved the necessity of having a country with great pride, happiness, and thanks to all your efforts that India has crossed in its 75th year of independence, as

we speak today USD 760 billion of exports," he said, adding the financial year is expected to end with a total exports (merchandise and services) of about USD 760 billion. The minister also said the FTAs (Free Trade Agreements) with the UAE and Australia have been welcomed by the industry. The speed of India's FTAs did not come at the cost of compromising the quality of agreements and it was done after extensive stakeholder consultation, he noted. "We have a string of countries from across the globe wanting to engage with India today to expand and deepen ties," Goyal said and added the world recognises the delta of opportunities that India offers. Leveraging on the G20 Presidency and the edge India has today, the need of the hour is speedy and aggressive outreach to global markets with focus on investment, trade, technology and tourism, the minister said.

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"This is why good results have come from every field in the last nine years. When we take decisions, we have before us the betterment of the country or a sector. We have before us

Gadkari: Put boards to inform users of court stay on NH-48 work

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New Delhi: Union road transport minister Nitin Gadkari on Tuesday said that he has asked NHA officials to put a hoarding on the Delhi-Jaipur stretch of NH-48, mentioning it was unable to replace the non-performing contractor due to a stay order from the Delhi high court. The highway stretch in Rajasthan is in a shambles as the current contractor has stopped the work and challenged the NHA's termination notice in court.

"We hardly get people who ask us to take up new work. But there are several, who always try to stop the work. Now, commuters are blaming us for the current state of affairs on the Delhi-Jaipur highway...I have directed NHA officials to put a hoarding mentioning that the honourable high court has put the stay order and they can't float a new tender for the remaining work. The NHA seeks apology from people for the inconvenience they are facing. By doing this, we will show our respect to the court and al-

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केंद्रीय सड़क परिवहन एवं राजमार्ग मंत्री नितिन गडकरी ने मंगलवार को देश में लॉजिस्टिक लागत में कमी लाने की जरूरत बताई। उन्होंने कहा कि सरकार का इसे 2024 के अंत तक सकल घरेलू उत्पाद (जीडीपी) के मौजूदा 16 प्रतिशत से घटाकर नौ प्रतिशत पर लाने का लक्ष्य है। उन्होंने यहां उद्योग मंडल एसोसिएशन के सालाना सत्र में यह भी कहा कि श्रीनगर-लेह राजमार्ग पर 6.5 किलोमीटर जेड-मोड सुरंग का उद्घाटन अगले महीने किया जाएगा। साथ ही एशिया की सबसे बड़ी सुरंग जोजिला के 2024 में पूरा होने की उम्मीद है। गडकरी ने कहा, देश के उद्योग और कारोबार के समर्थ लॉजिस्टिक की उम्मीदें लागत बढ़ी चुनौती है। अभी यह जीडीपी का 16 प्रतिशत है। हमने इसे 2024 के अंत तक नौ प्रतिशत पर लाने का लक्ष्य रखा है। उन्होंने कहा कि चीन में जहां लॉजिस्टिक लागत आठ प्रतिशत है, वहीं अमेरिका और यूरोपीय संघ में यह 12 प्रतिशत है। गडकरी ने कहा, अगर हम लॉजिस्टिक लागत को कम कर नौ प्रतिशत पर ला सकें, तो हमारा निर्यात 1.5 गुना बढ़ जाएगा। उन्होंने कहा, इसे हासिल करने के लिए सरकार सड़क मार्ग और रेलवे दोनों



में सुधार पर ध्यान दे रही है। हम प्रमुख शहरों और केंद्रों के बीच की दूरी को कम करने पर ध्यान देने के साथ इलैक्ट्रिक राजमार्ग और ऑटोमैटिक परिवहन का विकास कर रहे हैं। कुछ राजमार्ग परियोजनाओं का निष्कासन शुरू गडकरी ने कहा, दिल्ली-मुंबई एक्सप्रेसवे के पूरे होने के बाद लोग केवल 12 घंटे में दिल्ली से मुंबई पहुंच सकते हैं। वहीं नागपुर से मुंबई पांच घंटे में और नागपुर से पुणे की यात्रा छह घंटे में हो सकेगी। इससे लॉजिस्टिक लागत कम करने में मदद मिलेगी। उन्होंने यह भी कहा, हम सोनमर्ग में जेड-मोड सुरंग बना रहे हैं।

इस सुरंग का उद्घाटन अगले महीने किया जाएगा। श्रीनगर-लेह राजमार्ग पर 6.5 किलोमीटर लंबी जेड-मोड सुरंग सोनमर्ग और गगनगिर के बीच है। यह सुरंग भारतीय-चीन संयुक्त सुविधा प्रदान करेगी। मंत्री ने कहा, हम एशिया की सबसे बड़ी सुरंग जोजिला में बना रहे हैं। जोजिला सुरंग का 65 से 70 प्रतिशत काम पूरा हो चुका है और इसका उद्घाटन 2024 में होगा। कुल 13.5 किलोमीटर लंबी जोजिला सुरंग का निर्माण 4,900 करोड़ रुपये की लागत से किया जा रहा है। यह श्रीनगर को लेह से जोड़ेगा। इससे हर मौसम में संपर्क सुविधा मिलेगी।

फिजलहल, सर्दियों के शुरू होने के बाद भारी हिमपात के कारण सड़क यात्रा के आवागमन के लिए बंद रहती है। गडकरी ने यह भी कहा कि उनका मंत्रालय जम्मू-श्रीनगर के बीच नौ सुरंगों पर काम कर रहा है। मंत्री ने वैकल्पिक ईंधन पर ध्यान देकर ईंधन की लागत कम करने की भी बात कही। उन्होंने कहा कि सरकार का ध्यान कच्चे को संपत्ति में बदलने पर होना चाहिए। उन्होंने कहा कि दिल्ली में ठेस कच्चे के तीन पहाड़ हैं और अगले दो साल के भीतर इस कच्चे का इस्तेमाल सड़क निर्माण में किया जाएगा।

CUTTING LOGISTICS COST
Amit Shah, home minister

We will have to remove the 8% and 13% gap. We have formulated a framework for the next five years. I can assure you that we will reach 7.5% logistics cost in the next five years.

Making bitumen from husk will save up to ₹30,000 crore in import bill: Gadkari

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Road and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari on Wednesday said that making bitumen from agricultural waste such as rice husk can help save up to ₹30,000 crore annually in import bills.

"India requires around 80 lakh tonnes (lt) of bitumen annually for road laying. Around 50 lt is from domestic crude oil refineries, and 25-30 lt is imported," Gadkari said at ASSOCHAM's 2023 annual session.



VALUE IN CROP RESIDUE. Nitin Gadkari, Road Transport and Highways Minister releasing a report, 'India Leading Global Digital Transformation Journey', with Sumant Sinha, President, ASSOCHAM (right); Ajay Singh, Sr V-P, ASSOCHAM KAMAL NARANG

BIO-BITUMEN

Recently, the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research and the Central Road Research Institute have developed tech-

nology to make bitumen from rice husk. Husk generates about 70 per cent bitumen and the rest is bio char or organic

carbon. Trials have been completed and machinery has also been developed, he added. "I want to open up 1,000

units in rural areas. One unit costs around ₹20 lakh. The Road Ministry will buy all this bitumen. This will completely do away with burning of husk or agri waste which leads to pollution. There is a project in Panipat for producing 1 lt bio-ethanol and 150 tonnes bio-bitumen daily. Farmers will benefit," the Minister noted.

WASTE TO WEALTH

Gadkari said, "Delhi has three mountains of solid waste. Within the next two years this waste will be used in road construction. We are focussing on developing the outer-outer ring road; wholesale markets and warehouses will be shifted to designated zones. This will decongest Delhi," he said.

Environment in UT conducive for investments: Shah to industrialists

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NEW DELHI, MARCH 28
Lauding the efforts of the J&K administration in formulating "right" policies and improved law and order situation, Union Home Minister Amit Shah today told industry leaders that business environment in the Union Territory was worthy of making investment. He asked industrialists to pay attention to it.

Addressing industry leaders at a function organised by ASSOCHAM, Shah said, "You should choose an area considering your market or profitability. I cannot have any suggestion or priority on that. You can invest anywhere in the country. But I would at least say that both the policies as well as the law and order in Jammu and Kashmir are worthy of investment. You must pay attention to this."

The Home Minister said the government's "all-encompassing" and "all-inclusive" schemes had led to the multi-faceted development of India, which has dazzled the world. "Our ideology has made the country safe," he noted.

Meanwhile, he exhorted industrialists to take advantage of the "policy certainty" under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, the government never took populist



ASSOCHAM Chief Sarbananda Boruah felicitates Amit Shah on his

NO POPULIST DECISION

According to the Union Home Minister, Amit Shah, the government never took populist decisions to serve vote bank, but worked for the betterment of people and ensuring job stability in the country.

"Otherwise, GST would have never come in this country. Development can't be done without the right policies," the Home Minister said.

OVERALL GROWTH

All-encompassing and all-inclusive schemes have led to the multi-faceted development of India.

Amit Shah, Home Minister on his

decisions to serve vote bank. It has worked for the betterment of people and ensuring political stability in the country," he said.

In a country like India, which is as large as a continent, development would be possible only through the whole of government approach and Prime Minister Narendra Modi implemented this vision of Team India on the ground and that good results have come from every field in the last nine years, he said.

"We don't take decisions considering vote banks. Otherwise, GST would have never come in this country."

We know there is a long army of people mocking the GST (Goods and Services Tax) as 'Gobbar Singh Tax'. But we never cared for such things," Shah said, adding that development cannot be done without the right policies, which need to be formed with far-sightedness and continuity.

The Union Home Minister also said the government had been working to bring down logistics cost to GDP to 7.5% from the current 13% against the global average of 6%. He also went on to add that without the development of the country's infrastructure and reduction of logistics costs, development is not possible. According to the Union Home Minister, Amit Shah, the Central Government, led by Narendra Modi, had laid a strong foundation for making India a global logistics hub by 2047 and a USD 5 trillion economy by 2025.

The Home Minister said the government had made a plan of its 100 lakh crore investments in infrastructure with some mega projects such as the doubling of railway lines, their widening, dedicated freight corridors from Mumbai to Delhi and Amritsar to Kolkata besides 11 other industrial corridors.

'Countries responsible for climate change cannot stall India's growth'

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INDIA is moving towards renewable energy but countries historically responsible for climate change cannot ask it to stop its development, Union Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav said on Tuesday. Addressing an event organised by trade association ASSOCHAM, he said India is free to use its resources to fulfil the energy needs of its people and historical polluters cannot decide what it needs to do. "When we talk about stopping the use of fossil fuels... We say India is moving towards renewable energy but countries historically responsible for climate change cannot decide how India uses its resources for their growth in the past ask us to stop our development. "We believe in both climate change and climate justice," Yadav said. Countries historically responsible for climate change cannot decide how India uses its resources to fulfil the energy needs of its population, he said.



The minister said India wants to fulfil the energy needs of the entire population and bring a change in their lives. "We do not want to keep anyone in the dark. We have the power and freedom to decide how we use our energy resources. It's our decision."

Those responsible for it (climate change) cannot be telling us what we need to do," he said. Yadav said India is home to 17 per cent of the global population but accounts for only 4 per cent of global carbon emissions. At COP27 in Egypt's Sharm El Sheikh, India blocked an

attempt by rich nations to focus on all top 20 greenhouse gas emitters during discussions on the 'Mitigation Work Programme'. Developed countries desired that all top 20 emitters, including India and China, and not just the rich nations discuss intense emission cuts.

The Earth's global surface temperature has risen by around 1.15 degrees Celsius as compared to the pre-industrial (1850-1900) average and the CO2 spewed into the atmosphere since the start of the industrial revolution is closely tied to it. Major damage had already been done before the 1990s when economists like India started to develop, reports suggest. According to the 'Global Carbon Budget Report - 2022', more than half of the world's CO2 emissions in 2021 were from three places - China (31 per cent), the US (14 per cent), and the European Union (eight per cent). Ranking at fourth, India accounted for 7 per cent of global CO2 emissions.

Z-Morh tunnel on Srinagar-Leh highway to be inaugurated next month : Nitin Gadkari

New Delhi, March 28 : The 6.5 km-long Z-Morh tunnel on the Srinagar-Leh highway will be inaugurated next month while work on Asia's

longest tunnel at Zojila is likely to be completed in 2024, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari said on Tuesday.

JK policies, law and order worthy of investment : Amit Shah to industrialists

New Delhi, Mar 28 : Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday lauded Jammu and Kashmir's policies and law and order situation are worthy of making investment and asked industrialists to pay attention to it. Addressing an event organised by industry body Assocham here, he said right policies of Prime Minister Narendra Modi have taken the country forward on the

path of progress. "You should choose an area considering your market or profitability. I cannot have any suggestion or priority on that. You can invest anywhere in the country.... But I would at least say that both policies and law and order in Jammu and Kashmir are worthy of investment. You must pay attention to this," he said in response to a question asked by an industrialist.

The original deadline for the 11,000-foot high project is December 2026. At present, the road remains closed for vehicular traffic after the winter sets in, as the area sees heavy snowfall. The minister



also emphasised the need of reducing India's logistics cost from 16 per cent to 9 per cent of the GDP by the end of 2024. He pointed out that while the logistics cost in China is 8 per cent, the logistics cost in the US and European Union is 12 per cent. "If we can reduce our logistics cost to 9 per cent from, currently, 16 per cent, then our exports will increase by 1.5 times," Gadkari noted. Talking about other national highway projects, Gadkari said after the completion of the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway, people can

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मोदी सरकार ने कभी लोकलुभावन वादे नहीं किए : शाह

नई दिल्ली, (भाषा)। कोशिश गूगल मंत्री अमित शाह ने मोदी सरकार को कहा कि मोदी सरकार ने कभी लोकलुभावन वादे नहीं किए, बल्कि हमने जो वादों को भरोसा के लिए काम किया और देश में राजनीतिक परिवर्तन सुनिश्चित की। उनमें गठबंधन को वास्तविक सत्र को वास्तविक करने के लिए हमने जो वादे किए हैं, वे वास्तविक सत्र को वास्तविक करने के लिए हैं।



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longest tunnel at Zojila is likely to be completed in 2024, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari said on Tuesday. Addressing Assocham's Annual Day 2023, Gadkari further said that his ministry is also building 9 tunnels between Jammu and Srinagar. We are constructing the Z-Morh tunnel in Sonmarg. The tunnel will be inaugurated in

round-the-year. We are also building Asia's longest tunnel at Zojila. 65-70 per cent of work on the Zojila tunnel has been completed and it will be inaugurated in 2024. The 13.5-km-long Zojila tunnel, being built for Rs 4,900 crore, when ready, will play a key role in making the road (NH1) connecting Srinagar with Leh an all-weather one.

'संपूर्ण सरकार के दृष्टिकोण' से नेतृत्व कर रहे PM मोदी

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केन्द्रीय गृह मंत्री अमित शाह ने आज कहा कि प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी 'संपूर्ण सरकार के दृष्टिकोण' और 'टीम इंडिया' की भावना के साथ देश का नेतृत्व कर रहे हैं जिससे राजनीतिक स्थिरता आयी है। श्री शाह ने मंगलवार को यहां एसोचैम के वार्षिक सत्र को मुख्य अतिथि के तौर पर संबोधित करते हुए कहा कि प्रधानमंत्री ने पिछले नौ वर्षों में 'संपूर्ण सरकार के दृष्टिकोण' और टीम इंडिया की भावना के साथ देश का नेतृत्व किया है और इस कालखंड को भारत के लोकतांत्रिक इतिहास में 'राजनीतिक स्थिरता के कालखंड' के रूप में जाना जाएगा। उन्होंने कहा, "प्रधानमंत्री मोदी जी में देश का नेतृत्व करते हुए सभी संभावनाओं का दोहन करने का साहस और विज्ञान है जिससे देश तय किए गए लक्ष्य तक पहुंच सकता है।"



यह मोदी जी के नेतृत्व में देश के विकास के लिए भारत की इंडस्ट्रीज के साइज और स्केल बदलने का समय है।

केन्द्रीय गृह मंत्री ने कहा कि भारत के राजनीतिक मानचित्र का एनालिसिस करें तो देखते हैं कि एक केन्द्र सरकार, 28 राज्य सरकारें, 2 केन्द्र शासित सरकारें, 6 केन्द्र शासित प्रदेश, लगभग ढाई लाख स्थानीय निकाय 30-31 लाख चुने हुए जनप्रतिनिधि, 6 लाख 40 हजार गांव और उनकी पंचायतें, जिला पंचायतें, नगर निगम मिलकर प्रशासनिक ढांचे का निर्माण करते हैं।

BHUPENDRA YADAV SPEAKS

'NATIONS RESPONSIBLE FOR CLIMATE CHANGE CANNOT ASK INDIA TO STOP DEVELOPMENT'

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Addressing an event organised by trade association ASSOCHAM, he said India believes in climate justice which means everyone has access to resources to lead a dignified life. "When we talk about stopping the use of fossil fuels... We say India is moving towards renewables. But it does not mean that those who emitted greenhouse gases for their growth in the

past ask us to stop our development.

"We believe in both climate change and climate justice," Yadav said.

Countries historically responsible for climate change cannot decide how India uses its resources to fulfil the energy needs of its population, he said. The minister said India wants to fulfil the energy needs of the entire population and bring a change in their lives. "We do not want to keep anyone in the dark. We have the power and freedom to decide how we use our energy resources. It's our decision. Those responsible for it (climate change) cannot be telling us what we need to do," he said. "We are one of the countries which have updated their Nationally Deter-



Union Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav.

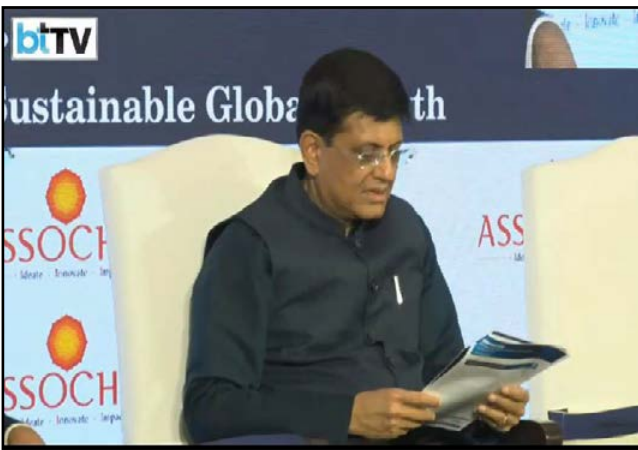
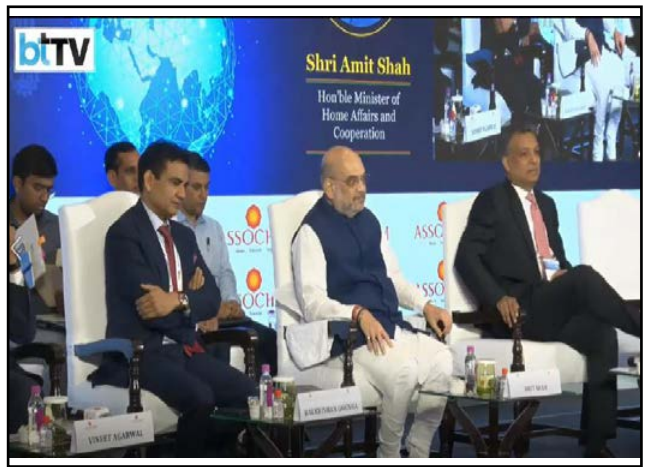
mined Contributions (NDCs). We achieved two of our climate goals - reducible emission intensity of GDP and renewable energy target - set in 2015 ahead of schedule," Yadav said.

NDCs means national plans and pledges made by

a country to meet the goal of maintaining global temperature increases to well below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels, while aiming for 1.5 degrees Celsius to avoid the worst impacts of climate change.

India updated its NDCs in August last year, promising to reduce emissions intensity of GDP by 45 per cent by 2030, from the 2005 level, and achieve 50 per cent cumulative electric power installed capacity from non-fossil fuel-based energy resources by 2030.

The country diligently worked to achieve the target of 175 GW renewable capacity set during the Paris climate conference in 2015 and has now set a target to increase renewable capacity to 500 gigawatts by 2030.



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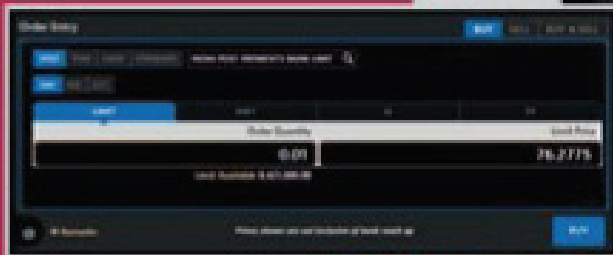
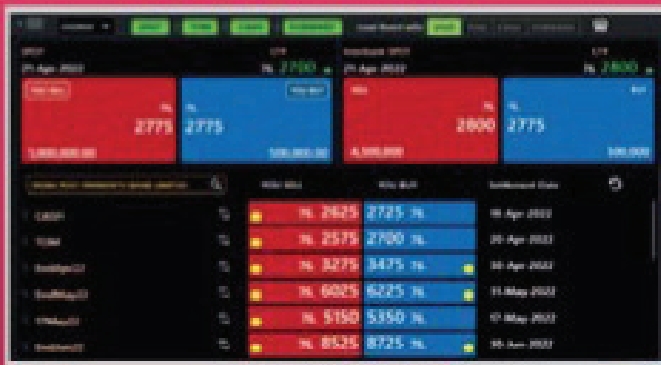
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