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INDIA'S GROWING STATURE: A RISING SUPERPOWER

There has been a **tremendous change in India's trajectory** over the last nine years.

India has **now entered the period of Kartavya Kaal**, which will provide a golden opportunity for India to achieve unprecedented levels of scientific, technological, economic, and social progress.

Today, India has emerged as a **Vishwa Mitra (global friend)**, a **Vishwa Guru (global teacher)** and a **Vishwa Vaid (global physician)**.

CHALLENGES IN FRONT OF THE WORLD

- Conflicts in Asia & Europe
- Shocks of the Covid 19 pandemic.
- Inefficient multilateral bodies.
- Supply disruptions of key essential commodities
- Global Warming

INDIA'S LEADERSHIP

It is at a key point of inflection in geopolitical tumult that **India has set an example** for the rest of the world through its **leadership of the G20**, its **values-based approach**,

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its **emphasis on global cooperation**, and a **human-centric vision of peace and progress for all**.

India has emerged as a leader on many fronts namely:

- Successfully promoting the ideals of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.
- Inclusion of African Union in G20
- Vaccine assistance to more than 100 countries.
- Environment conservation efforts like formation of ISA, CDRI, OSOWOG, Indo Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI)

CLIMATE CRISIS

Climate change and environmental degradation have emerged as **two of the world's greatest challenges**, with the potential to create unimaginably adverse consequences for future generations. It is here that India has **pointed to a different path** for ameliorating the situation, **beyond science, technology, and the exploitative mercantilism** that characterises the fissures between the **developed West and the distressed Global South**.

CONTRIBUTIONS BY INDIA:

- Mission LiFE
- Achievement of INDCs adopted in Paris in 2015 before time. (2030). India is the only G20 country to do so. India also have submitted its updated INDCs in 2021.

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CLEAN ENERGY

At the G7 summit in June 2022, PM Modi highlighted India's efforts towards clean energy.

- India has the **world's first fully solar-powered airport**.
- India's **big railway system** will become **net zero in this decade**.
- We achieved the **40 per cent energy capacity** target from **non-fossil sources nine years before time**.
- India is the **3rd largest producer of renewable energy** in the world now. (4th largest wind energy capacity & 5th largest solar energy capacity)
- Multilateral/Bilateral international agreements of India:
 - US-India Strategic Clean Energy Partnership (USISCEP).
 - EU and India Clean Energy and Climate Partnership (CECP).

SUPPLY CHAIN RESILIENCE

During & after the Covid 19 pandemic, **supply chain disruptions** were faced not only by India but many across the Globe. Especially for a New age product: semiconductor chips.

Following steps have been taken by India in this regard:

- In December 2021, the government announced a nearly \$10 billion **Production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme** to encourage chip manufacturing in India.

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- In March 2022, the union cabinet approved the **Semicon India programme** to develop the semiconductor and display manufacturing ecosystem.
- The **Trilateral supply chain resilience initiative**, launched in collaboration with **Australia and Japan**, is another significant step in addressing the supply chain crisis.

DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE

India has emerged as one of the **fastest-growing digital economies** in the world. There has been **rapid digitalisation in India** in the past few years. On **1 July 2015**, the Prime Minister launched **Digital India** to transform India into an empowered digital economy.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Technology adoption by the government has ensured a remarkable increase in **transparency in governance**.
- In 2021, **India reported 48 billion real-time digital transactions**, or 40 per cent of the global total. Interestingly, this is **nearly three times higher than China** and **seven times greater than** the combined real-time payments volume of the **world's leading economies**: the US, Canada, the UK, France, and Germany.

INDIA AS A VISHWA VAID

- India has traditionally excelled at contributing to the global good, as evident during the Covid-19 pandemic, when **it provided free vaccines to nearly 100 countries** and

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sent food aid and humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan, Ukraine, and several African countries.

- **Yoga** is also another major contribution of India to the world. The popularity of this practiced has been on the rise in the post Covid era.
- During Covid, the government promoted **Ayurvedic medicine** or simple home remedies to boost natural immunity. It is **not an alternative** to allopathic medicine, **but a complement to it.**

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF MILLETS

On the food security front, recognising the **potential of millets** to meet domestic and global nutritional needs, the Government of India proposed to the united nations that 2023 be declared the **International Year of Millets (IYoM- 2023)**.

This proposal garnered support from 72 countries, and on 5 March 2021, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) officially declared 2023 as the International Year of Millets.

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MERI MAATI MERA DESH

The **Meri Maati Mera Desh** campaign is a tribute to the **veers and veeranganas** who have made the **supreme sacrifice** for the country.

In the spirit of **Jan Bhagidari**, the campaign comprises **many activities and ceremonies** conducted across the country at Panchayat/village, Block, urban Local Body, state and national levels.

WHICH ACTIVITIES WERE PLANNED?

The activities included:

- The building of **Shilaphalakam (a memorial)** to express heartfelt gratitude to all the bravehearts who have made the supreme sacrifice;
- **'Panch Pran'** pledge taking by the people at shilaphalakam;
- **Planting of saplings** of indigenous species and developing **'Amrit vatika'** (vasudha vandhan), and
- **Felicitation ceremonies** for honouring the freedom fighters and the families of deceased freedom fighters (veeron ka vandan), among others.

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AMRIT KALASH YATRA

The **'Meri Maati Mera Desh'** campaign also includes the **Amrit Kalash Yatra**, which comprises a **collection of mitti (soil) and rice grains** from over **6 lakh villages in rural areas and from wards in urban areas, which is sent to block level** (where mitti of all villages in the block is mixed) and **then to the state capital**.

The **mitti from the state level** is sent to the **national capital**, accompanied by thousands of Amrit Kalash Yatris.

The **Amrit Kalash Yatra** witnessed all the states and UTs represented by their **respective blocks and urban Local bodies** putting mitti from their Kalash in one giant Amrit Kalash in the **spirit of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat'**.

HOW DID THE CAMPAIGN PERFORM?

The campaign became a **massive success**.

- With over **2.3 lakh shilaphalakams built** in 36 states/UTs;
- Nearly **4 crore Panch Pran pledge** selfies uploaded;
- **2 lakh plus 'veeron ka vandan'** programmes nationwide;
- **More than 2.36 crore indigenous saplings** have been planted;
- **2.63 lakh Amrit Vatikas** created under the vasudha vandan theme across the country.

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