

Modi: with Students, tribals, sportsmen; Agriculture, UCC, Vitasta

July 1, 2023

July 1, 2023: **Modi in the Tribal Village of Madhya Pradesh (MP):** In **Pakaria village** of **Shahdol** (MP), Prime Minister Narendra Modi discussed how to bring facilities of modern life to the tribal villages before 2047 (when India would have completed 100 years of independence).



Modi at Pakaria, Shahdol, MP State: Discussing Development with Tribals

PM Modi also met the women, who are successfully running the millionaire Self-Help Group. He said that, since 2014, his government had been continuously working to save and enrich the tribal pride in the country.

At a public meeting in the tribal area, Modi asked the tribal families to take advantage of the Health Insurance Program, available to 500 million Indians (the poorer ones out of 1450 million Indians) on 23rd September 2018. The Health Insurance program is called “Ayushman” and it provides an insurance cover of Rs 500,000 to a family per year. He also talked about his government ‘s resolve to eradicate the sickle cell anemia disease, which was prevalent in the area.

July 1, 2023: **Modi commends recent successes of the Indian sportsmen:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated Neeraj Chopra for finishing at the top of the table in **Javelin Throwing** at **Lausanne Diamond League**.



Neeraj Chopra, the Indian Javelin Thrower

PM Modi also congratulated the Indian Kabaddi team on clinching their 8th Asian Kabaddi Championship title, through their remarkable team effort and their true spirit of sportsmanship.



Indian Kabaddi Team

June 30, 2023: **Centenary Celebrations of University of Delhi (DU):** Prime Minister Narendra Modi was the Chief Guest at the Centenary Celebrations. **Modi travelled to DU by Metro** so that he could **inter-act with students.**



Modi talked about the policies of his government for transforming the quality of education at Indian Universities and for making it competitive with the best in the world.



The Prime Minister also talked about the work of his government for strengthening the Start-Up movement since 2015.

June 28, 2023: **Green Agriculture: Prime Minister Programme for Restoration, Awareness, Nourishment and Amelioration of Mother Earth (PM PRANAM)** has been introduced for incentivizing States to reduce the use of Chemical Fertilisers by promoting usage of alternative fertilizers and use of scientifically balanced use of chemical fertilizers. This can reduce the subsidy on Chemical Fertilisers, which has increased from Rs 1.62 lakh crore in 2021-22 to Rs. 2.25 lakh crore in 2022-23.

June 28, 2023: **Urea Gold:** Government of India will be making available **Sulphur-coated Urea** to reduce the shortage of Sulphur in agricultural land.

June 28, 2023: **Promotion of Organic Fertilizers:** Union Government of India has approved a **Market Development Assistance (MDA)** subsidy of Rs 1500 per tonne of Organic Fertilizer. A total amount of Rs. 1,451.84 crores has been allocated for the purpose.

June 27, 2023: **Modi:** India needs a **Uniform Civil Code (UCC)**: Narendra Modi said that India could not run with the dual system of “separate laws for separate communities”. He was addressing booth-level workers of the BJP in Bhopal. The

Bhopal session was livestreamed through interactive sessions with one million workers of the party in other parts of India.

A BRIEF NOTE on the History of UCC in India: Article 44 of the Indian constitution says: "The state shall endeavour to secure for the citizens a uniform civil code throughout the territory of India." Those who wrote the constitution envisioned there would be a uniform set of laws that would replace the personal laws of every religion. (The constituent assembly began framing the Indian constitution at 11 AM on 9 December 1946. The Assembly approved the constitution on 26 November 1949.)

However due to opposition by the Islamic community, the laws for UCC have not yet been framed. The Muslims continue to have up to 4 wives. The Muslim women can be married even when they are in early teens. Their rights for divorce, maintenance amount and rights on children after divorce and rights on property of their parents and husbands are governed by the ancient rules of the Shariat.

PM Modi said that his political opponents had not bothered about the well-being of the 'Pasmanda' Muslims. (Pasmanda Muslims are the poorer Muslims, who had converted from the poorer Hindus, during the period of Muslim rule.) He added that if his political opponents were true well-wishers of the Muslims, they would have updated the family laws, which govern the Muslims by bringing in a common UCC for all Indian citizens.

He noted that the Supreme Court of India has said time and again that the Parliament should enact UCC, as stated in the **Directive Principles of the Constitution**, which was promulgated on January 26, 1950.

Note: Please see "UCC in India: Send Opinions to Law Commission" at <https://diginews360.com/ucc-in-india-send-opinions-to-law-commission/>

June 27, 2023: **Vitasta Programs:** These programs were organized to take the rich **art, culture, literature, craft and cuisine of Kashmir** to the whole country. The series of these programs, which started from Chennai, passed through Pune and ended in Srinagar. The youth at every place showed enthusiasm to know about the Kashmiri culture.



Many workshops, art and craft camps, seminars, craft exhibitions were organized by #Vitasta, in which people participated and got acquainted with the **culture of Kashmir** and the **influence of Buddhist traditions on Kashmir**.


