

India continues to move ahead as world’s fastest-growing major economy: President Murmu

NEW DELHI, Aug 14: Highlighting India's economic resilience, President Droupadi Murmu on Friday said the country continues to move ahead as the world's fastest-growing major economy, with its growth rate projected to be more than double the global average.

Addressing the nation on the eve of the 80th Independence Day, President Murmu noted that warfare and instability prevailing in several parts of the world are affecting every country.

She emphasised that despite such trying circumstances, initiatives like Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan ('Self-Reliant India initiative') have further



strengthened the bedrock of the country's economic progress and national security.

The President's remarks on global turmoil come at a time when the crisis in the Middle East, marked by expanding regional conflicts, military instability, and heightened maritime secu-

riety risks across crucial shipping corridors, continues to disrupt global energy supply chains and inflate trade costs worldwide.

Highlighting India's commitment to sustainable growth, she said that while advancing on the path of modern development, the country is playing a leading

role at the global level in protecting the environment. She added that India has achieved several Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) targetted for 2030 ahead of schedule, with the development of renewable energy gaining unprecedented momentum over the past few years.

Highlighting the country's technological and physical transformation, the President said India has developed the world's largest and most advanced digital infrastructure, with digital payments now becoming commonplace even among street vendors and in small rural shops.

She said that India currently accounts for more

than half of the world's real-time digital transactions, adding that the collective efforts of the people and the government have presented a model digital revolution to the global community. Technology, she said, has enabled the government to deliver the benefits of welfare schemes directly to citizens in a transparent manner. The President also spoke about an unprecedented expansion across highways, waterways, railways, and airways over recent years and said this rapid development is creating new business opportunities, generating employment, and significantly boosting investor confidence across the country. (PTI)

Partition redrew India’s borders, divided its 1000-year-old civilisation: V-P

NEW DELHI, Aug 14: Vice-President C P Radhakrishnan on Friday said the 1947 Partition did not merely redraw India's borders but also divided its thousand-year-old civilisation, and called upon the younger generation to remember the suffering and sacrifices of those affected by it.

Radhakrishnan, who is also the Chancellor of Delhi University, was speaking as the chief guest at an event organised by the Centre for Independence and Partition Studies (CIPS), University of Delhi, in collaboration with the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) to mark the Partition Horrors Remembrance Day.

The event, held at the Multipurpose Hall of Delhi University's Sports Complex, focused on the "Story of India's Partition (1947)" and the theme "The Partition of India — A Saga of Displacement, Separation and Resettlement".

"Partition did not merely redraw our borders; it also divided our thousand-year-old civilisation," Radhakrishnan said, adding that the day marked "one of the most tragic and dehumanising chapters" in the country's history.

He said the division along religious lines fragmented India's cultural and civilisational heritage, with the Sindhu river and places such as Kartarpur Sahib, Nankana Sahib, ancient Shakti Peethas, Harappa

and Mohenjo-daro falling on the other side of the new border. The Vice-President said the suffering endured by people during Partition should be remembered not to reopen old wounds but to learn from history and ensure that such a "horror" is never repeated.

"It is just one day before we celebrate our Independence Day; we must remember that the joy of freedom must never be separated from the sufferings that our elders endured in 1947," he said. "No great achievement can come without a cost. The sufferings borne by our elders made India a free country," he added.

Radhakrishnan also stressed the responsibility of citizens to safeguard the country's unity and respect its diversity. "It is the prime duty of all of us to maintain the integrity of this nation," he said, adding that

pride in one's mother tongue should not translate into hatred for another's language. He urged students to place the nation first, remain connected with India's civilisational history and contribute to the country's development.

During the event, the Vice-President also honoured Partition survivors present at the programme. Delhi University Vice-Chancellor Yoges Singh, who presided over the event, said around 1.1 million people were forced to leave their homes during Partition, while the exact number of those killed remains unknown. "This is a day to ask questions and learn from our mistakes. Why did Partition of India happen?" Singh said. (PTI)

‘Incorrect, misleading’: Govt dismisses allegations of tribal families displaced without compensation in Ken-Betwa project

NEW DELHI, Aug 14: The government on Friday dismissed as "incorrect and misleading" allegations that tribal families were being displaced without compensation in certain areas of Madhya Pradesh due to the Ken-Betwa Link Project.

The Jal Shakti Ministry said reports about symbolic protests such as "chita andolan", "fanshi pradarshan" and "jal satyagraha" against the project were misleading.

"The allegations that affected families have not

been compensated or rehabilitated are incorrect and misleading. Most eligible families have received full compensation and rehabilitation benefits, and only procedural formalities remain in a few cases," it said.

The ministry's statement comes amid protests by tribal communities and farmers in Madhya Pradesh's Panna and Chhatarpur districts over rehabilitation and compensation under the Ken-Betwa Link Project.

Several videos purportedly showing the protests

have also been widely shared on social media.

Protesters have used symbolic forms of protest, including "chita andolan", "fanshi pradarshan" and "jal satyagraha", and have raised concerns over the identification of beneficiaries and the project's impact on the Panna Tiger Reserve.

The ministry said the Centre, Madhya Pradesh government and the Ken-Betwa Link Project Authority remain committed to ensuring transparent, just and time-bound compen-

sation and dignified rehabilitation for all genuinely affected families.

The ministry also claimed that the names of individuals participating in recent protests do not appear in the list of project-affected families, land records or compensation registers.

"These activities are largely being conducted by external elements with the intent to circulate misleading and factually incorrect narratives regarding the project," it said.

The Ken-Betwa Link

Project, India's first major river-linking initiative under the National Perspective Plan, aims to transfer surplus water from the Ken River to the Betwa River to provide irrigation, drinking water and hydropower benefits to the Bundelkhand region of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh, the ministry said. The project will ensure irrigation for 10.62 lakh hectares, drinking water for nearly 62 lakh people and 103 MW of hydropower generation. (PTI)

Defence projects worth over Rs 8.75 lakh cr approved in last one year: Rajnath

NEW DELHI, Aug 14: Military projects worth over Rs 8.75 lakh crore have been approved in the last one year as the government is committed to modernise the armed forces to bolster India's combat capabilities, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Friday.

In a message to the armed forces on the eve of Independence Day, Singh also said that India has emerged as a major power in global defence manufacturing, with exports of military hardware surging to Rs 38,424 crore in 2025-26 driven by a significant push toward indigenous production.

"The government, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is according the highest priority to the modernisation of the defence forces driven by a self-reliant and future-ready defence sector," Singh said.



Highlighting the "transformative shift" in the defence sector in the last 12 years, Singh asserted that India has become a nation which is effectively catering to its own security needs, while emerging as a global defence manufacturing hub and a net defence exporter.

"India is no longer just a country that meets only its own security needs; rather, we have become an emerging power in the field of global defence manufacturing

and defence exports," he said. "Our efforts have given a new direction to defence production. We have reduced our dependence on imports and provided unprecedented momentum to indigenous manufacturing," he said. Along with modernisation of the armed forces, strengthening border areas is also the government's topmost priority, Singh said. "In the defence sector, the most impressive proof of India's self-reliance is our defence exports. From a mere

Rs 686 crore in defence exports in the year 2013-14, it has now reached Rs 38,424 crore in the financial year 2025-26," he said.

"That means, in about a decade, our defence exports have taken a leap of more than 5,500 per cent," he added. Singh also said that the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) has granted approval to projects worth more than Rs 8.75 lakh crore in the last one year as the government is determined to modernise the military. He listed the "fundamental reforms" undertaken in defence procurement to accelerate the modernisation process, including a two-fold increase in financial ceiling for field commanders to strengthen operational efficiency, and facilitation of procurement worth more than Rs 1.25 lakh crore through the revenue route to boost indigenisation. (PTI)

Bengal to roll out Ayushman Bharat scheme from Aug 16, says health minister

KOLKATA, Aug 14: West Bengal will implement the Ayushman Bharat health insurance scheme from August 16, with around 1.5 crore families, comprising nearly six crore people, expected to be covered, West Bengal health minister Sharadwat Mukherjee said on Friday, while promising a major overhaul of the state's healthcare system.

Stating that the day will be observed as 'Ayushman Diwas', Mukherjee said the launch would mark a "new chapter" for the state, alleging that people had been deprived of several central welfare schemes, including Ayushman Bharat, over the past 15 years.

The minister was referring to the public policies followed by the erstwhile Mamata Banerjee administration in the state.

Mukherjee said the launch of the scheme would bring the people of Bengal under the same health-security framework as the rest of the country. He further clarified that those who do not meet the

Centre's eligibility criteria for Ayushman Bharat would be covered by a state government's 'Mukhyamantri Swasthya Yojana', which would also be launched on the same day and provide an equal cashless health coverage of up to Rs 5 lakh per year as the central scheme.

"No resident of Bengal would remain outside the health-insurance safety net of the government," he said. No money will be charged for issuing Ayushman Bharat cards, he added. Seeking to allay concerns over the existing Swasthya Sathi scheme launched by the earlier TMC government, the health minister said it would not be discontinued immediately.

"For the next two to three months, Swasthya Sathi, Ayushman Bharat and the Mukhyamantri Swasthya Bima Yojana would operate simultaneously. Swasthya Sathi would be gradually withdrawn only after beneficiaries were shifted to the new schemes in phases and it was established that there

were no problems with the services," he said, adding that the government plans to review the functioning of the schemes over the next two months.

The minister said a total of 1,930 hospitals in the state – 1,303 private and 627 government facilities– have been brought under the scheme. "To prevent unreasonable billing, excessive package charges and other irregularities at private hospitals, a nodal team from the state Health Department would hold review meetings every fortnight. Agreements with private hospitals have also been finalised for the next 90 days," Mukherjee said. Addressing past concerns of hospitals turning away patients even when they carried Swasthya Sathi cards, Mukherjee issued a stern warning. He said, "No one can be turned away on the grounds that there are no beds. Let someone try turning a patient away!" Beneficiaries have been advised to carry their Aadhaar number when visiting hospitals. (PTI)

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