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India grows 'with world, not at anyone's cost': Modi

supply chains, energy, critical minerals, payment systems and technology were increasingly becoming instruments of geopolitical pressure, making reliable partners and resilient economic systems more important.

"They are all becoming tools for coercion and for exerting pressure," he said.

The remarks come as India seeks to attract investment, expand its role in global supply chains and deepen economic partnerships with emerging markets.

Modi pitched the country's growth not only as a domestic economic achievement but also as a potential source of technology, talent and solutions for other economies.

He highlighted India's digital public infrastructure, startup ecosystem, expanding clean-energy capacity and improving macroeconomic indicators to argue that the country's rise offered a model of inclusive growth amid geopolitical tensions, supply-chain disruptions and growing competition over critical technologies and resources.

"Power is to empower," he said, arguing that the true measure of economic and technological strength lay in how effectively it could improve lives, expand opportunities and help other countries address shared challenges.

The remarks came as India seeks to consolidate its position as a major growth engine and an alternative manufacturing and technology hub amid an increasingly fragmented global economy.

Modi said India wanted to deepen international partnerships by sharing its expertise in digital payments, digital identity and public infrastructure, particularly with countries in the Global South.

The prime minister also highlighted the expansion of India's startup ecosystem and renewable-energy capacity, arguing that technology and innovation should benefit people across income groups and geographies. He cited India's COVID-19 vaccine supplies to more than 100 countries as an example of using domestic capabilities to meet global needs.

Warning that supply chains, energy, critical minerals, payments and technology were increasingly becoming instruments of geopolitical pressure, Modi called for greater international cooperation on climate change, public health, artificial intelligence and economic security.

Make sure terror networks don't find haven in region: Shah

strengthened by the belief that the security arrangements of each member country should contribute to the security of the other members.

Shah called for a collective resolve to prevent terrorist networks from finding shelter, establishing bases and training facilities, mobilising resources or conducting activities against other member countries.

He also urged all members to cooperate in mutual legal assistance and extradition in accordance with their national laws and applicable agreements, saying such cooperation will strengthen efforts to bring criminals to justice.

Highlighting counterterrorism and law enforcement as key areas of cooperation, the minister called for exchange of actionable intelligence through existing nodal agencies and greater coordination to combat terrorist financing and organised crime.

The timely exchange of verified and actionable information about terrorists, their associates, criminal networks, financial channels and cross-border activities can strengthen collective security, he said.

"India has always adopted a 'zero tolerance' policy against terrorism. The trust in our cooperation is strengthened by the sense that the security mechanism of every member country becomes helpful in the security of other member countries. Our mutual resolution should be to ensure that there is no scope or space for harbouring, recruiting, training, procuring resources, or carrying out activities against neighbouring nations in any part of the region," he said.

On the problem of narcotics smuggling, Shah said it cannot be stopped through the efforts of one country alone.

"We must adopt a whole-of-region approach. The illegal proceeds from drugs provide financial strength to organised crime and are also used for terrorist financing. The diversion of precursor chemicals and transactions through the dark web make this challenge even more complex," he said.

The minister stressed that cooperation was necessary to tackle the links between drug trafficking, organised crime and terrorist financing.

The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) is a regional grouping comprising seven countries: Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

The grouping aims to promote economic and technical cooperation among countries bordering the Bay of Bengal and in its neighbourhood.

Searches launched in Majalta, Billawar woods

pected terrorists so far, officials said.

On September 17, two Pakistani terrorists were killed by security forces in an encounter in Majalta area of Udhampur.

2 landmines found, destroyed

landmines have been detected in the area and defused by the Army during the past week.

Mining deptt officers get 'more' powers

MinorMineral Concession, Storage, Transportation and Prevention of Illegal Mining, Rules, 2016,the Government of Jammu & Kashmir hereby authorises the

officers of the department for making complaints in writing for the purpose of the said rule before the special courts designated vide notification SO 302 of November 27, 2025," says an official order.

RBI will continue efforts to keep rupee stable: FM

rupee had reached a low against the US dollar, and the RBI was taking efforts through its regulatory powers to ensure the domestic currency stays stable.

"They are not trying to fix the rupee. They are trying to stop the volatility. And for that, there is a lot of effort from the RBI side. So, these efforts from the RBI... will continue not to...fix the rupee. We would appreciate it if the rupee finds its own (value)," the minister said.

The Reserve Bank over the weekend announced a slew of measures to stem rupee fall.

The central bank announced the creation of a special window for oil marketing companies, which will take the dollar demand away from the spot market and tightened rules governing forex derivatives trades to curb speculative bets against the rupee.

It also asked banks to create a 20 per cent reserve for dollar purchases of over USD 2 million.

Sitharaman said the latest measures by the RBI supported the rupee as its value surged one per cent on Monday. On Tuesday, it appreciated to Rs 94.96 in the early trade.

"I'm sure there are efforts which the RBI would take further to make sure that the rupee doesn't become too volatile," Sitharaman said, adding that India's fundamentals are fine, with sound foreign exchange reserves.

The minister said most of the rupee's volatility is stemming from external challenges, while the government is ensuring that macroeconomic fundamentals remain sound within the country.

"... fiscal discipline is not going to be a matter which should worry investors. But as regards the rupee, and as regards the way it is reacting to the ups and downs with the dollar, yes, that's where the challenge is, and we will be attending to it," Sitharaman added.

Saxena chairs Advisory Council meeting

itage conservation, Pashmina development, promotion of sea buckthorn, major infrastructure initiatives, and administrative reforms, among others.

The LG underscored the administration's commitment to ensuring water security in Ladakh through innovative interventions such as Project Him Sarovar, which envisages the creation of water storage ponds to harness glacial and snowmelt runoff. He urged the Advisory Council members to come up with out-of-the-box and innovative ideas, aimed at strengthening climate resilience, promoting tourism and creating new local employment avenues.

On the Pashmina sector, he reiterated Ladakh's resolve to safeguard and promote its globally renowned heritage. He informed the members that the Administration has extended a 25 per cent subsidy to Pashmina wool growers and is targeting an increase in the Pashmina goat population to 4 lakh by next year.

He emphasised that the administration was prioritising Pashmina development to ensure sustainable livelihoods for Changpa herders and position Ladakh as a leading producer of premium-quality Pashmina.

Addressing the promotion of sea buckthorn, Saxena noted that a Sea Buckthorn Conclave was successfully organised earlier this year, reflecting the Administration's commitment to harnessing the potential of this unique resource.

He informed that Ladakh has achieved a production of 2,200 tonnes of sea buckthorn this year, and that a dedicated processing plant is coming up in Nubra to add value and expand market opportunities.

The LG also drew attention to the urgent need for glacier protection in view of the challenges posed by global warming, which he described as a global phenomenon requiring collective action. He stressed that Ladakh, with its fragile ecology, must adopt proactive measures to safeguard its glaciers and ensure long-term climate resilience.

He expressed appreciation for the constructive suggestions put in by the members of the Advisory Council and assured that the administration will continue to work on basic issues affecting the people of Ladakh.

He announced that the Advisory Council will meet again soon to review progress and chalk out the way forward.

The meeting was attended by Dr Mohammed Jaffer Akhon, CEC LAHDC Kargil; Shri Mohammed Hanifa Jhaan, Member of Parliament, Ladakh; Sheikh Nazir Mehdi, President Jamiat Ul Ulama IsnaAshariya Kargil; Syed Ahmad Razvi, representative of Anjuman-e-Sahib-Zaman Kargil; Shri C. Phuntsog, IAS (Retd.); Shri Tsewang Namgyal, IFS (Retd.); and senior officers of the UT Administration, including the Chief Secretary and the Director General of Police. Shri Sunil Sethi and Shri Jai Prakash Tomar, members of the Advisory Council from different specialised fields, also attended the meeting virtually.

Ladakh integral part of India, China's denial can't change fact: MEA

In what read like a possible reference to Aksai Chin and the naming of several features by India on October 2, Mao said such moves by the Indian side were illegal and null and void, and cannot alter the fact that the western section of the China-India boundary area had always belonged to China.

She made the remarks in response to a question at Tuesday's press briefing in Beijing after the Government of India

said it had identified 28 locations in Ladakh by standard names on an official map.

Crucially, Mao's words come two years after the militaries of both sides pulled back from a four-year-long military stand-off along the disputed Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh. There were a series of clashes along the un-demarcated LAC, notably at Galwan in June 2020.

The UT of Ladakh was carved out of the state of Jammu and Kashmir more than seven years ago, in August 2019, when two UTs were created - J&K and Ladakh.

The LAC, some 832 km in eastern Ladakh, is not demarcated on the ground, with both sides having overlapping claims.

Murugan resigns, sparks speculation of imminent cabinet reshuffle

units respectively in recent months, continue to dis-charge both the responsibilities.

"I requested our Prime Minister to relieve me from the Council of Ministers and the Rajya Sabha because I want to go to Tamil Nadu to strengthen our party. In my letter to the Prime Minister, I stated that I want to strengthen our party by going to villages, streets and everywhere else, and prepare the ground for the 2029 parliamentary elections," Murugan said.

In his letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Murugan, Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting and Parliamentary Affairs, said it was the "greatest honour" of his life to serve "Bharat Mata" and Tamil Nadu under his leadership.

"With humility and grateful heart, I therefore request you to relieve me of my responsibility as MoS and permit me to relinquish my membership of the Rajya Sabha, so that I may dedicate full time to strengthening the party in Tamil Nadu," he said.

Murugan said that from being the son of daily wage labourers to serving in the Union Council of Ministers under the leadership of PM Modi has been the greatest privilege of his life.

"Now, I wish to return to the grassroots, stand with our 'karyakartas' and dedicate myself full-time to strengthening the BJP in Tamil Nadu ahead of the 2029 Lok Sabha elections. Nation First, Party Next, Self Last," he said.

The BJP leader from Tamil Nadu said everything he had received from the party and from Modi's leadership had deepened his sense of responsibility. He said the prime minister's dedication to India, Tamil Nadu and the BJP made him feel that he must now give more time to the party.

"I want to go to every village and every street, meet our people, stand beside our 'karyakartas' (workers) and help expand the party's presence in every part of the State. I want to carry your message of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwaas' to every person, and help every family see its place in the journey towards 'Viksit Bharat'."

Murugan said the love and hope he witnessed during the prime minister's recent visit to Tamil Nadu have strengthened his conviction that there is much more the party can achieve in Tamil Nadu.

"I wish to devote my full time and energy to preparing the party for the 2029 Lok Sabha elections, working towards another term under your leadership, this time with a landslide contribution of seats from Tamil Nadu.

"I make this request with profound gratitude for the honour of serving in your government for the past five years. The trust you placed in a son of daily wage labourers will remain the greatest privilege of my life. I now seek your blessings to repay that trust through tireless work among our people and our party workers," he said in the letter.

Terrorist hideout busted

was being used by terrorists as their hideout, officials said.

The search of the hideout led forces to the recovery of an AK rifle, a magazine, 30 rounds, six hand grenades and some medical supplies, officials said.

The hideout was later destroyed by the forces, the officials added, saying that searches were continuing in the woods when reports last came in.

Omar reviews arrangements for Darbar Move to Jammu

would be staying.

The meeting was informed that medical assistance would be available along the convoy route, with doctors, paramedics and ambulances deployed in both Kashmir and Jammu divisions.

Arrangements for essential services, food, hospitality and other facilities were also reviewed. The divisional commissioner, Jammu, was asked to examine traffic management within the city, particularly around major residential areas, and identify suitable locations along the convoy route for food and public convenience facilities, including washrooms, for employees and officials undertaking the journey.

The meeting also reviewed arrangements for the functioning of the winter secretariat in Srinagar, which will operate with minimal staff presence. Omar directed GAD to issue monthly rosters for ministers and administrative secretaries to be stationed at the winter secretariat, beginning November.

He directed that special casual leave be granted to Kashmir-based employees moving to Jammu in connection with the Darbar Move. It was informed that an order in this regard would be issued shortly.

Emphasising the significance of the Darbar Move as a distinctive administrative tradition of Jammu and Kashmir, the chief minister called for meticulous planning, effective interdepartmental coordination and adequate arrangements for the safety and convenience of employees.

He directed all the departments to work in close coordination to ensure that the Darbar Move was completed smoothly and the official work of the government commences seamlessly in Jammu.

Among others, the meeting was attended by the deputy CM, chief secretary Atal Dulloo, additional Chief Secretary (Estates) Shaleen Kabra, additional Chief Secretary (PDD) Ashwini Kumar, additional Chief Secretary (to CM) Dheeraj Gupta, administrative secretaries, IGP, Traffic, J&K, divisional commissioners of Kashmir & Jammu, deputy commissioners of Srinagar & Jammu, director information and other senior officers.

Jammu-based officers attended the meeting via video conferencing.

2 Maldivian pilots held over plot to down Flydubai aircraft

UAE authorities regarding the allegations against the detained Maldivian nationals or the status of the investigation into their possible involvement.

The arrests came as UAE authorities widened their investigation into the September 30 incident involving flydubai co-pilot Hammam al-Hammami, an Omani national accused of attacking the flight's pilot, Machchhar, with an axe in an alleged attempt to take control of the aircraft and carry out a "terrorist attack".

According to a report, the two male pilots were believed to have interacted with al-Hammami at their workplace and lived in the same building as him.

However, authorities have not officially revealed the nature of their alleged links to the incident or disclosed details of the evidence against them.

The two are among the six Maldivian nationals working as pilots for flydubai and are reportedly the airline's most recent recruits from the Maldives, news portal edition.mv reported.

The flight FZ1073, which was carrying 174 passengers and crew members, was travelling from Dubai to Tel Aviv when the alleged attack took place.

During the flight, the co-pilot allegedly stabbed Machchhar in an attempt to hijack and crash the plane. Though the pilot was seriously injured in the assault, he resisted the attacker and unlocked the cockpit door. This allowed crew members and passengers to rush inside, overpower the co-pilot, and assist in stabilising the aircraft.

The aircraft made an emergency landing at Tabuk airport in Saudi Arabia.

The UAE has described the incident as an attempted terrorist attack and identified the accused co-pilot as 29-year-old al-Hammami.

The UAE authorities have also said he was suspected of supporting extremist ideologies and that Omani authorities had previously barred him from obtaining a pilot's licence.

An investigation is underway into how al-Hammami was recruited by flydubai despite the reported restriction, as well as the motive behind the alleged plot.

The UAE Attorney General has said a comprehensive investigation is being conducted in coordination with regional security agencies to establish the circumstances of the incident and determine whether the accused had links with other individuals or groups.

India's anti-terror National Investigation Agency (NIA) last week registered a case to probe and unearth the larger conspiracy behind the mid-air attack on Machchhar.

The case was registered under the Anti-Hijacking Act and the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) earlier said that Machchhar was responding well to treatment following an operation at a hospital in Abu Dhabi.

The Indian Embassy in the UAE is in regular contact with Machchhar's family, doctors, hospital officials and local authorities to monitor his condition.

BJP attacking rights of poor while invoking Lord Ram, alleges Cong

vika Mission (Gramin) Act, or the VB G RAM G Act, came into force across the country from July 1, replacing the two-decade-old Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), introduced by the Congress-led UPA.

Truck falls off NH; 1 killed, 1 injured

where the driver was declared dead, while the conductor was undergoing treatment, officials said.

The dead was identified as Sadiq Khanof Barmer in Rajasthan, while the injured was identified as Sikandar, also a resident of Barmer.

Police had taken cognizance of the incident.

Kavinder performs Navratri Havan, prays for state's prosperity

that Himachal Pradesh would continue to advance rapidly on the path of development.

Emphasising the importance of values and character-building among young people, Gupta said that values play a vital role in shaping the future of individuals and society.

He called upon parents and teachers to inculcate good values, discipline and a sense of responsibility among children from an early age.

The governor said the youth of today would be the driving force behind the vision of Viksit Bharat. He stressed the need to inspire young people with a strong sense of purpose, positive values and a commitment to contribute to the nation's progress.

Later, the governor distributed prasād among devotees attending the bhandaraorganised at Lok Bhavan on the occasion.

Shubman Gill wins record 5th ICC Player of the Month award, Shafali claims women's honour

NEW DELHI, OCT 13: India captain Shubman Gill was on Tuesday named ICC men's Player of the Month for a record fifth time following his outstanding performance in the ODI series against the West Indies, while opener Shafali Verma claimed the women's honour for her impressive show in the Asia Cup and the Asian Games.

Gill emulated West Indies captain Haley Matthews, who has also been the ICC Player of the Month on five occasions. The 27-year-old was previously honoured for the months of January and September in 2023, and February and July in 2025.

"It feels fantastic to win my fifth ICC Player of the Month award, and I am grateful to the panel for this honour," said India's Test and ODI captain, who struck a fine 110 in the first ODI against the West Indies in Thiruvanan-

thapuram.

then smashed the quickest double-century ever, his 223 off 133 balls helping his team chase down a huge 406-run target with eight wickets in hand and 39 balls still left.

"It was immensely satisfying to score those runs and even more special to be part of successful run chases in front of our home fans, whose support always gives us an extra boost," Gill said.

Yuvraj Singh appointed Delhi Capitals batting coach in IPL'

"The pace of ODI cricket has gone up significantly, and you must think on your feet, assess the conditions quickly and adapt to the demands of the pitch and the target.

Verma, who had won the award in November last year following her match-winning knock in the World Cup final against South



Africa in Navi Mumbai, was once again in the spotlight for her performances in big matches.

The aggressive opener was the highest run-scorer for her team as India won the Women's Asia Cup.

She aggregated 360 runs at a strike-rate of 184.61 and chipped in with six wickets during this period. At the Asian Games, she struck 100 not out against Bangladesh in the semi-final and 48 in the final against Sri Lanka.

"It is an incredible honour to win the ICC Player of the Month award again.

It was immensely satisfying to play my part in our victories at the Asia Cup and the Asian Games, and winning this award makes those triumphs even more special," the 22-year-old said.

"I am excited about the months ahead and determined to keep performing at my best, with the ICC Women's Champions Trophy in February next year another tournament to look forward to.

"The memory of winning the World Cup is still so fresh and special, and I can't wait to be

back on the field for an ICC tournament on home soil. It promises to be an unforgettable experience!"

This is the fifth time players from the same national board have swept the men's and women's awards in a month, with Indian cricketers achieving the feat on two previous occasions.

Jasprit Bumrah and Smriti Mandhana won the honours in June 2024. Abhishek Sharma and Mandhana were the picks for September 2025.

The short-lists for Tuesday's awards featured a host of standout performers, with Abhishek and Zimbabwe captain Sikandar Raza in contention for the men's award.

Sri Lanka captain Chamari Athapaththu and India left-arm spinner Sree Charani were also in the reckoning for the women's honour.