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India's G20 presidency to promote the UNIVERSAL SENSE OF ONE-NESS- PM Modi



The previous 17 presidencies of the G20 delivered significant results for ensuring macro-economic stability, rationalising international taxation, relieving debt burden on countries, among many other outcomes. We will benefit from these achievements, and build further upon them.

However, as India assumes this important mantle, I ask myself, can the G20 go further still? Can we catalyse a fundamental mindset shift, to benefit humanity as a whole?

I believe we can.

Our mindsets are shaped by our circumstances. Through all of history, humanity lived in scarcity. We fought for limited resources, because our survival depended on denying them to others. Confrontation and competition – between ideas, ideologies and identities – became the norm.

Unfortunately, we remain trapped in the same zero-sum mindset even today. We see it when countries fight

over territory or resources. We see it when supplies of essential goods are weaponised. We see it when vaccines are hoarded by a few, even as billions remain vulnerable.

Some may argue that confrontation and greed are just human nature. I disagree. If humans were inherently selfish, what would explain the lasting appeal of so many spiritual traditions that advocate the fundamental oneness of us all?

One such tradition, popular in India, sees all living beings, and even inanimate things, as composed of the same five basic elements – the panch tatva of earth, water, fire, air and space. Harmony among these elements – within us and between us – is essential for our physical, social and environmental well-being.

India's G20 presidency will work to promote this universal sense of oneness. Hence our theme: "One Earth, One Family, One Future."

This is not just a slogan. It takes into account recent changes in human circumstances, which we have collectively failed to appreciate.

Today, we have the means to produce enough to meet the basic needs of all people in the world.

Today, we do not need to fight for our survival – our era need not be one of war. Indeed, it must not be one!

Today, the greatest challenges we

face – climate change, terrorism, and pandemics – can be solved not by fighting each other, but only by acting together.

Fortunately, today's technology also gives us the means to address problems on a humanity-wide scale. The massive virtual worlds that we inhabit today demonstrate the scalability of digital technologies.

Housing one-sixth of humanity, and with its immense diversity of languages, religions, customs and beliefs, India is a microcosm of the world.

With the oldest-known traditions of collective decision-making, India contributes to the foundational DNA of democracy. As the mother of democracy, India's national consensus is forged not by diktat, but by blending millions of free voices into one harmonious melody.

Today, India is the fastest growing large economy. Our citizen-centric governance model takes care of even our most marginalised citizens, while nurturing the creative genius of our talented youth.

We have tried to make national development not an exercise in top-down governance, but rather a citizen-led "people's movement."

We have leveraged technology to create digital public goods that are open, inclusive and inter-operable.

These have delivered revolutionary progress in fields as varied as social protection, financial inclusion, and electronic payments.

For all these reasons, India's experiences can provide insights for possible global solutions.

During our G20 presidency, we shall present India's experiences, learnings and models as possible templates for others, particularly the developing world.

Our G20 priorities will be shaped in consultation with not just our G20 partners, but also our fellow-travellers in the global South, whose voice often goes unheard.

Our priorities will focus on healing our "One Earth," creating harmony within our "One Family" and giving hope for our "One Future."

For healing our planet, we will encourage sustainable and environment-friendly lifestyles, based on India's tradition of trusteeship towards nature.

For promoting harmony within the human family, we will seek to depoliticise the global supply of food, fertilisers and medical products, so that geo-political tensions do not lead to humanitarian crises. As in our own families, those whose needs are the greatest must always be our first concern.

For imbuing hope in our future generations, we will encourage an honest conversation among the most powerful countries – on mitigating risks posed by weapons of mass destruction and enhancing global security.

India's G20 agenda will be inclusive, ambitious, action-oriented, and decisive. Let us join together to make India's G20 presidency a presidency of healing, harmony and hope. Let us work together to shape a new paradigm – of human-centric globalisation. ■

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NEPALESE GENERAL ELECTION 2022

Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba-led Nepali Congress on 7 December 2022 emerged as the single largest party in the House of Representatives with 89 seats after the election commission allocated seats to all the political parties under proportionate voting system. Seven political parties have got the recognition of the national party in the election though 12 political parties have won parliamentary seats.

This is good news for India. In fact, if the NC had not emerged as the largest single party to triumph in the polls, it would have further tempted China to unite all the communist parties leading to the emergence of a new government led by the Communist Party of Nepal-Unified Marxist Leninist (CPN-UML), backed by a few smaller parties or independents.

While Nepal's results are expected to suit India, New Delhi, nevertheless, has its task cut out in the Himalayan state. It includes deepening people-to-people ties, which means

engaging with some of the new faces and influencers thrown up by the polls, and structurally integrating Kathmandu in India-centred sub-regional connectivity projects.

After Nepal, India's next geopolitical challenge would be to pushback Chinese inroads in Bangladesh and the Indian Ocean Region (IOR). Bangladesh goes to the polls next year. In the IOR, China has made it plain that it would contest India's influence in these waters. China International Development Cooperation Agency (CIDCA), a government agency headed by former vice foreign minister and Chinese ambassador to India, invited 19 countries including all countries from South Asia sans India for the virtual event. During the meeting, China proposed to set up a marine disaster prevention and mitigation cooperation mechanism—a fig leaf for anchoring its geopolitical influence in the IOR. ■

1st G20 SHERPA MEETING



The 1st Sherpa Meeting of India's G20 Presidency, chaired by G20 Sherpa Shri Amitabh Kant, is commencing on 4 December 2022 in the historic city of Udaipur. The four-day gathering of the Sherpas of G20 Members, invited countries and International Organizations, will set the stage for important conversations on some of the most pressing issues of our time, including technological transformation, green development and LiFE, spotlighting women-led development, accelerating implementation of the SDGs, facilitating inclusive and resilient growth, and multilateral reforms.

The first G20 Sherpa Meeting under



India's Presidency sets the tone and agenda for future meetings, during which, India will have the opportunity to convene discussions on shared global priorities with G20 Members and Guests. The Sherpa meeting in Udaipur will work towards building consensus on a diverse range of global issues in various G20 Workstreams, and bring the focus to key global priorities.

The Meeting will have a panel discussion on accelerating implementation of the SDGs. Formal Sherpa discussions will be spread over five sessions and will be held on 5-6 December 2022. During these

sessions, India will introduce the broad priorities of all the Working Groups and also hear the views of the G20 countries, guests and International Organizations. An informal session for free-flowing discussions among G20 Sherpas without any set agenda is also being planned.

The first Sherpa meeting will also offer the delegates a unique 'Indian experience' through cultural performances, art exhibitions, and excursions to various destinations including locations such as the Kumbhalgarh Fort - a UNESCO World Heritage site, and the Ranakpur Temple Complex.

In keeping with our G20 Presidency motto "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" and the theme "One Earth. One Family. One Future", the discussions will focus on finding holistic and harmonious solutions to prevailing challenges. ■

FIRST MEETING OF THE G20 DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP

The first meeting of the Development Working Group (DWG) under India's G20 Presidency is taking place in Mumbai from December 13-16, 2022. G20 Members, Guest countries and invited International Organizations would be attending the meeting in person.

On December 13, 2022, the Indian Presidency will hold two side events - on "Data for Development: Role of G20 in advancing the 2030 Agenda" and "Infusing new LiFE into Green Development" - before the official meeting of the Working Group.

The Development working meeting will be held on December 14-15, 2022, with a focus on India's key priorities relating to accelerating progress on the SDGs, Lifestyle for environment and data for development.

India's G20 Presidency lies at a crucial midpoint of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted in 2015. Review of SDG progress and G20's efforts to achieving the SDG targets would be discussed at the DWG meeting. In the context of Green Development, focus areas would include climate finance and technology, as well as just energy transitions for developing countries. Understanding that the issue of climate change cuts across industry, society, and sectors, the concept of LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment), a behaviour-based movement that draws from our country's rich, ancient and sustainable traditions, to nudge consumers, and in-turn markets, to adopt environmentally-conscious practices, would be deliberated upon. LiFE ties closely with India's G20 motto 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' and theme "One Earth One Family One Future". With our human-centric approach to technology, tech-enabled development in sectors ranging from agriculture to education would also be discussed. Women empowerment and representation, including efforts to bring women to the fore, and in leading positions, in order to boost socio-economic development and achievement of SDGs, would be highlighted. ■

'UNIVERSITY CONNECT' STUDENT ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMME BEGINS AS INDIA TAKES OVER G20 PRESIDENCY

As G20 presidency was passed on to India on 1 December 2022, Prime Minister's principal secretary P K Mishra termed the occasion as a great honour and responsibility as this came during the 'Amritkaal', and the government seeks to scale up the presidency with participation of educational institutions and students. Addressing the "University Connect: Engaging Young Minds Programme," Mishra said that it is our responsibility to showcase the country in "the most rightful ways befitting her stature and glory.

Interacting with students, Union Minister of External Affairs, S Jaishankar said that India students will also be ambassadors of our country in showcasing to the visiting G20 members the rapid, inclusive developmental progress that India is going through. Through the University Connect programme, students from universities across India were engaged in order to create awareness for the G20 summit, its

presidency and how India can emerge as a role model for the globe.

Holding the meeting at 56 different locations in the country will ensure that the pan-India nature of the event is truly showcased, Mishra said, adding that every state government, union territory and citizen is a stakeholder in the process of India's presidency. "India has as much uniqueness as it has diversity. We have a responsibility to bring out the best traditions of India before the world," adding such students can then be a part of organising meetings and in guiding foreign delegates, he said. Apart from places of historical, economic and cultural importance, there could be immersive experiences like nature walks, village visits, visits to weekly and local markets, the official told the audience comprising university students in large numbers.

UGC chairperson M Jagadesh Kumar also said that universities too

will create awareness on the importance of G20. "During India's G20 presidency, students of several universities will create awareness about the importance of the G20 presidency and how India can be a role model for the rest of the world through its G20 Presidency of healing, harmony, and hope," said Kumar.

Noting that the G-20 presidency has been passed onto India during its "Amritkaal", a term used by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to define the period leading to the country's independence centenary, he said the related events related to the exercise should showcase a glimpse of our tradition of "Atithi Devo Bhavah" (guests are Gods). He noted that PM Modi has stressed the importance of forward-looking actions but with firm roots in our culture and recalled the launch of 'Mission Lifestyle for Environment' in the presence of the UN secretary general. ■

RACHNA SINGH, THE FIRST SOUTH ASIAN WOMAN BECAME EDUCATION MINISTER IN BRITISH COLUMBIA



A native of Punjab and a three-time MLA from Surrey Green Timber, Rachna Singh (49), created history by becoming the first South Asian woman to become Education and Childcare Minister of British Columbia province in Canada. She is the second Punjabi after Moe Sihota to handle the portfolio. Her parents Raghbir Singh and Mother Sulekha, besides sister Sirjana are teachers.

Rachna Singh said, "I'm really excited to take on this role and work with school boards, teachers and stakeholders to ensure all students have the support they need to be successful." She further said, "I am proud to be a part of the government that listens and cares for the people. We are committed to free and accessible education to all." "We are committed to make sure all children receive a high quality education in safe classrooms. We have done a lot, but there is more to do.

Rachna, who earlier worked as parliamentary secretary for racism in the Cabinet, continues to take part in anti-racism drives as well. Prior to her election to the legislature, she worked as a psychologist and drug and alcohol counsellor. She became active in her local labour union and eventually became a national representative (staff) for the Canadian Union of Public Employees representing workers through advocacy in grievance handling and labour arbitration. She moved to Canada along with her husband and children in 2001 and worked with CUPE as a social worker before being nominated as candidate for Surrey-Green Timbers by the NDP. ■

S JAISHANKAR VISITED US TO PRESIDE OVER 2 HIGH-LEVEL MINISTERIAL EVENTS AT UNSC



External Affairs Minister Dr. S Jaishankar is presiding over two High-Level Ministerial signature events of India's ongoing Presidency of the United Nations Security Council in New York.

The High-Level Ministerial Open Debate is currently underway on the theme of "New Orientation for Reformed Multilateralism and the High-Level Briefing tomorrow is on Global Approach to Counter Terrorism - Challenges and Way Forward. Both these themes have been key priorities for India during its

current tenure at the UN Security Council. Dr Jaishankar emphasized the need to increase stakeholder and enhance the effectiveness and credibility of multilateralism. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar while addressing the meeting on 15 December said that multilateral platforms are being misused to justify and protect perpetrators of terrorism. He said, even as the world is coming together with more collective responses to the challenge of terrorism, multilateral platforms are being misused to protect perpetrators. Dr Jaishankar was apparently referring to China, which has placed holds and blocks on bids by India and the US on many occasions to blacklist Pakistan-based terrorists like Jaish-e-Mohammed chief Masood Azhar. Dr Jaishankar also slammed Pakistan for raking up Kashmir issue at the UN gathering to discuss the issue of multilateralism. He said, this is not the

first time Pakistan has used the UN stage meant for multilateral agenda to discuss its bilateral issues.

Stressing the need for reforms in the United Nations, Dr Jaishankar said the question before us is how best they can be reformed, particularly as the need to reform is less deniable with each passing year. He said recent concerns over food, fertilizer, and fuel security were not adequately articulated in the highest councils of decision-making. Much of the world was therefore led to believe that their interests did not matter. We cannot let this happen again, he said.

Dr Jaishankar said that when it comes to climate action and climate justice, the state of affairs is no better. Instead of addressing the relevant issues in the appropriate forum, we have seen attempts at distraction and diversion, he said. ■

MAHATMA GANDHI'S SCULPTURE UNVEILED AT UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS



United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said that Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi was an uncompromising advocate of peaceful co-existence, non-discrimination and pluralism. Guterres made the remarks while unveiling a bust of Gandhi at the United Nations headquarters in New York on 14 December 2022. India's External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar

[Guterres](#) said that Gandhi recognised India's diversity as one of its greatest assets and strove for harmonious relations between religions, cultures and communities. "His legacy is everywhere, including in the daily work of the United Nations around the world for equality, solidarity and empowerment," he said. "I hope the

was also present during the inauguration. The bust, a gift from India to the United Nations, was designed by sculptor Ram Sutar, who also made the Statue of Unity in Gujarat.

installation of his bust here will remind us of the values Gandhi upheld, and to which we remain committed."

[Jaishankar](#) said that Gandhi's bust is a gift from 1.3 billion people of India to the United Nations. "Gandhi is a symbol of non-violence, truth and compassion," Jaishankar said. "He is a symbol who reminds us of our duty to make the world a better place for future generations." He added that as the world grapples with violence, armed conflicts and humanitarian emergencies, the ideals of Gandhi must guide our actions to ensure peace and stability. "I sincerely hope that the sculptural presence of Mahatma Gandhi in these hallowed premises will inspire the United Nations to live up to its founding ideals," he said. ■

62ND KNOW INDIA PROGRAMME (KIP)



On Thursday, 17 November 2022 Diaspora Research and Resource Centre (DRRC) – Antar Rashtriya Sahayog Parishad (ARSP) hosted 40 participants of 62nd KIP batch from 14 countries- Guyana, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, New Zealand, Mauritius, Reunion Island, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, South Africa, Israel, Malaysia, Austria, Portugal and Fiji.

This time the programme was divided into two parts: In the first half, KIP participants were taken for an interactive session with the students of **Shri Ram College of Commerce (SRCC)**, Delhi University. This session was organised at the seminar room of SRCC. And in the later half, they had an interactive session at Pravasi Bhawan.

The KIP batch were enthusiastically received and felicitated by faculty and students of SRCC. There were cultural performances by the students which were really enjoyed by the delegates. The KIP delegates were also briefed about the social welfare initiatives taken up by the students of the college. The main objective of this session was to offer a wider networking opportunity to the KIP batch. **Prof. Simrit Kaur**, Principal, SRCC also addressed the delegates and gave them an overview about the socio-economic perspectives of India.

Amb. Virendra Gupta, President, Prof Gopal Arora, Secretary, Shri Narayan Kumar, Hon. Director and Dr Ruchi

Verma, Research Fellow, DRRC-ARSP were also present during this event.

Amb. Virendra Gupta in his remarks mentioned about the important role played by ARSP in establishing people to people relations. He also added that ARSP-DRRC is trying to bring the youth from diaspora and from India in the same platform so that they can discuss and share their vision and dreams, since the best ideas and practices emerged through these kind of discussion and interactions.

The programme at SRCC ended with a tour of the college.

In the interactive session held at Pravasi Bhawan, **H.E. Dr Roger Gopaul**, High Commissioner of the Republic of **Trinidad & Tobago**, **H.E. Mr Charrandass Persaud**, High Commissioner of the Co-operative Republic of **Guyana**, **Mr Elia Sevutia** Second Secretary, Fiji High Commission and **Mr Louis O'Brien**, Second Secretary, New Zealand High Commission were graciously present. **Mr. Amardeep Barnwal**, Under Secretary, OIA-II, MEA also attended the event.

Prof. Gopal Arora, Secretary, ARSP introduced the works of ARSP and its linkages with diaspora for nearly five decades. He briefed about the diaspora related activities organised by DRRC especially for youth. He also informed the participants about

the short term course introduced by DRRC on Indian diaspora in the academic institutions to sensitise the Indian youth about diaspora in various aspects. He also mentioned about the online database of various national and international diaspora organizations maintained and regularly updated by DRRC.

Shri Shyam Parande, Secretary General, ARSP, mentioned that youth are a very important part of the ARSP's vision and objectives. He said that India is a very diverse country but still it is united and so is the Indian diaspora. Every diaspora feels for its country. He urged the participants to remain connected with India and with ARSP.

Heads of Mission and diplomatic representatives briefed the participants, especially from the view point of their respective countries, about the strengths of Indian economy, higher education, technology and the democratic institutions.

H.E. Mr Charrandass Persaud, High Commissioner of Guyana, emphasized that Indian diaspora importance is widely recognised and the strength of Indian diaspora especially in the Girmitya countries is incredible. He further added that initiatives such as Know India Programme, help the youth to gain exposure and knowledge. He asked the participants to spread awareness about this programme so that more



diaspora youth can benefit from this scheme.

H.E. Dr Roger Gopaul, High Commissioner of Trinidad & Tobago, appealed to the KIP participants to embrace their traditional culture and values and looking rather towards the west, try to find the solutions within the core values of pluralism, diversity and unity of Indian civilization.

Mr. Elia Sevutia, from Fiji High Commission mentioned about the strong bilateral relations between India and Fiji and inform about the World Hindi Conference to be organized in February 2023 in collaboration with Indian government, which will be hosted by

Fiji. He also mentioned about the popularity of Hindi language in Fiji.

Mr. Daniel O'Brien, from New Zealand High Commission suggested the KIP participants to use this KIP platform as a foundation to connect with diaspora youth as people to people connections are very important for any country's successful bilateral relations. This is a great opportunity to engage and connect with India. He asked them to cherish these memories and share their wonderful experiences with others.

During the interactive session the participants provided their views about India, based on their various

attachments, and also raised some issues for seeking clarification. The participants were quite impressed after witnessing what India had achieved in various spheres of socio, economic development and technology. They said that they felt proud of these achievements, especially the economic growth, higher education, technology and management of a complex and pluralistic democracy. They expressed that they are going back with rich experiences and lessons learnt for better addressing some of their own socio economic challenges.

Shri Narayan Kumar, Hon. Director, ARSP in his concluding remarks acknowledged that the youth are important pillar of any society. He said that he is hopeful that diaspora youth will play an important role in enhancing the image of India around the world.

Certificates were distributed to the KIP batch for their active participation. The programme ended with a vote of thanks presented by **Dr Ruchi Verma**, Research Fellow, DRRC. ■

INDIAN EXPATS TO SEND RECORD \$100 billion HOME IN 2022 - World Bank Report

India is likely to maintain its lead as the top recipient of remittances from expat workers in 2022 as well. According to a World Bank report, remittances to India are set to rise 12% in 2022 to a whopping \$100 billion, accounting for a bulk of \$163 billion in payments sent to all South Asian nations during the year. It is for the first time that any single county will receive \$100 billion in a year, said World Bank.

Overall global remittances to low and middle-income countries (LMICs) grew just 5% this year as compared to a 10.2% rise in 2021. Such payments are a vital source of household income in poor and middle-income countries. They alleviate poverty, improve nutritional outcomes, and are associated with increased birth weight and higher school enrollment rates for children in disadvantaged households, the World Bank said.

Remittances to India were enhanced by wage hikes and a strong labor market in the United States and other OECD countries. In the Gulf Cooperation Council destination countries, governments ensured low inflation through direct support measures that protected migrants' ability to remit. Sending \$200 to the region cost 4.1% on average in the second quarter of 2022, down from 4.3% a year ago.

"Migrants help to ease tight labor markets in host countries while supporting their families through remittances. Inclusive social protection policies have helped workers weather the income and employment uncertainties created by the COVID-19 pandemic. Such policies have global impacts through remittances and must be continued," said Michal Rutkowski, World Bank Global Director for Social Protection and Jobs. ■

'India is pharmacy of world' says VICE PRESIDENT DHANKHAR



Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar met a Zimbabwe parliamentary delegation on 8 December 2022 and extolled the contribution made by India's pharmaceutical sector during the pandemic adding, "India is the pharmacy of the world", according to the statement released by Rajya Sabha. While hailing India's pharmaceutical sector, Dhankhar said, "India is the pharmacy of the world".

A parliamentary delegation from Zimbabwe was led by Speaker of the National Assembly Jacob Francis Nzwidamilimo Mudenda. Welcoming the delegation, Dhankhar said that he shared a strong fraternal feeling as, like him, the leader of the visiting delegation is an Advocate by

profession and a former Governor of a Province. The Vice President also expressed hope that the visit of a parliamentary delegation from Zimbabwe will help strengthen the bilateral relations between the two countries, according to the statement. While presenting an

overview of the country's stature and profile in recent times, Dhankhar shared with the visiting delegation that India has taken a lead in addressing non-discriminatory global challenges like the Covid-19 pandemic and climate change. In particular, he mentioned the country's strides in managing the Covid-19 with the scientific and digital approach covering 1.3 billion people which constitutes 1/6th of humanity.

The Vice President informed the visiting delegation that India's G20 Presidency has come at an opportune time when India can provide effective leadership to address global concerns and showcase the country's great culture

and civilizational values to the world. Zimbabwe's National Assembly Speaker highlighted the historical links between the two countries and urged Dhankhar that during the G20 presidency, India should help strengthen the political will of the developed countries to address the global concerns of climate change, the statement read. He further said India, by virtue of its evolved diplomacy, is well poised to take a lead in finding lasting solutions to the ongoing conflicts between Russia and Ukraine.

Both leaders recognised that development needs to be inclusive, touching those who live on the margins of society. All efforts need to be made to improve the access of those who reside in the rural hinterland by improving physical and digital connectivity. The Speaker of the National Assembly of Zimbabwe complimented the efforts made by India in increasing digital penetration in rural areas, the statement added.

Both leaders expressed satisfaction that "our two Parliaments are pursuing the welfare of our respective people and are committed to improving their lives and livelihoods", it added. ■

INDIAN STUDENT INSPIRES 'PLOGGING' ACROSS UK



An Indian student and award-winning environmentalist from the University of Bristol in south-west England has inspired a trend of plogging, or jogging combined with litter picking, across various cities of the UK. Vivek Gurav, originally from Pune, was inspired by the Swedish concept of "plogging", which combines "jogga" (jogging) with "plocka upp" (a pick-up), to encourage people take pride in keeping the streets clean.

In India, he set up a plogging community known as "Pune Ploggers" back in 2018, with over 10,000 members who have collected over 1 million kilograms of rubbish and wanted to continue the trend when he took up his scholarship position at Bristol University in September last year. Since then, his university says he has covered over 420 miles on 120 plogging "missions" joined by volunteers from 180 countries and is now taking the

drive to 30 UK cities. He said, he decided to do a plogging challenge across 30 UK cities. he wants to set-up a UK-wide plogging community like he did in India. So, if he can go out plogging across the UK, orientate people, they can start their own groups. ■

MINUTES of Goodwill visit AND MEETING of MEMBERS of DEHRADUN AND UTTARAKHAND CHAPTERS ON 11th DECEMBER 2022



In the continuation of activities planned for the year 2022-23, Executive Committee decided to visit interior area of Dehradun and interact with locals. Shri Ashok Sharma, Treasurer of the Chapter suggested

to visit village-Dhalani, about 35 km away from town. ARSP Dehradun Chapter meeting was held at Mediation House on 11th December 2022. Following were present:-Shri S S Kothiyal, President, Smt Madhu Berry, Vice President, Shri Adesh Kumar Shukla, Secretary, Shri Ashok Sharma, Treasurer, Shri T R Uniyal, Executive Member, Shri Arun Shekhar Bahuguna, Executive Member, Shri Ajeet Singh Tomar, Executive Member along with 14 family members from Dehradun Chapter. From Uttarakhand Chapter, Shri Rajiv Berry, President, Shri D N Chandola, Joint Secretary and Shri Yogesh Kumar Aggarwal attended.

Meeting commenced with silent prayer followed by address of Shri S S Kothiyal, President. He welcomed locals present with members and families in the meeting and briefed them with the activities of the Chapter. He asked maximum members with family and children to join on 24th December 2022, during visit to Dr S. Farooq's place at Turner Road, Dehradun. Shri Adesh Kumar Shukla, Secretary, informed about activities held during the year and gave out details about the Goodwill visit to Gujarat planned for 6-10 January 2023.



Shri Rajiv Berry, President Uttarakhand Chapter praised activities carried out by the Dehradun Chapter and desired to keep it continuing in future. He appreciated the suggestion of Shri Ashok Sharma to hold this meeting at his place and thanked for inviting locals for interaction. Shri DN Chandola, Vice President, Uttarakhand Chapter, briefed about the history of ARSP, its aims and functioning and organization in detail. He motivated locals present to join the Parishad and help in carrying out our various activities. ■

DAYS TO REMEMBER

in January, 2023

January 01 : New Year Begins

January 04 : Myanmar - Independence Day

January 06 : **Paush Purnima**

January 12 : National Youth Day-Swami Vivekanand Jayanti

January 13 : Lohri

January 14 : Makar Sankranti + Pongal

January 15 : Army Day

January 21 : **Amavasya**

January 23 : Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose

January 25 : National Tourism Day

January 26 : Republic Day of India

January 26 : Australia- Australia Day

PRESIDENTIAL SPEECH OF 10TH WORLD ROMA CONGRESS (INTERNATIONAL ROMANI UNION), RIGA

Let me congratulate you all on the 10th Congress of the International Roma Union (IRU), which I am pleased to host for the second time in a row in my native place Riga. This congress also has a special significance in a historical context since it is taking place after a worldwide pandemic and in a place where artillery is thundering and rockets are exploding a thousand kilometers away. Unfortunately, we cannot deny that we live in uncertain times, so we gather around us reliable people. I would like to believe that the IRU is a group of reliable people. One who believes in possibilities and who keeps hope despite hardship. We did not have the opportunity to meet when IRU celebrated its 50th anniversary, so I invite everyone today to unite in wishing our organization a long life!

This congress has a special significance, because this is the very last moment when we can hold all the 25 million Roma in all the different countries in one palm, find the strength to unite them and stand next to other nations on the geopolitical stage as equals.

We have gathered today at a crucial time for all civilizations! Since we last met seven years ago, man-made disasters, armed conflicts, cataclysms caused by global climate change, social upheaval and moral degradation have wreaked havoc, claimed lives and driven more and more people into poverty. The poor have become poorer while the rich have consolidated their wealth and power.

The pandemic claimed more than 6.6 million lives. None of us were ready for it. It deeply touched and influenced our nation as well. Today I cannot but mention the departed great spirits of our nation - Marcel Courthiade, Viktor Famulson, Raino Djuric, Kujtim Pacaku, Trajko

Petrovski and Estrefan Abdiezamanovski who supported the international Roma community and whose wit and wisdom we miss so much today. I am inviting all of us to honor their memory with a moment of silence.

Unfortunately, my speech today won't be full of joy. I want to touch on all the main issues and I will do it sequentially. There is a saying - if you want to see your worst enemy, look in the mirror. In my opinion, this is well said about all of us. We can point fingers at Europe, we can blame our municipalities, mock the concept of family and marriage, we can curse each other on social networks, and this will only contribute to the negative spiral that has divided our people and scattered them around the world in recent decades. Gone are the days when we greeted each other on the street because we recognized each other. Young people of a certain age no longer want to be associated with Roma. Our literature is being polluted, as are our language and traditions. It is regrettable that the law of kin or Romanipen, which our fathers and grandfathers kept sacred, is dying out nowadays. Globalization and Romaphobia have succeeded in dividing us, making us indifferent and apathetic. Western civilization has succeeded in forcing our faces to the ground and silencing our voices. The last century has done more harm to the Roma people than the last nine hundred years we have spent in exile. Today I am going to invite you to go back to your roots and start realizing your worth. But before that, let me crunch some numbers.

Recently, the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) published an extensive study on the living standards of Roma in ten European countries. Many spheres of life of more than 20,000 Roma families were carefully studied in comparison with other peoples living



☞ *Normunds Rudevics, President, International Romani Union*

in Europe. 8500 people were interviewed and the results can be called scary without exaggeration. More than 80% of our families in Europe are below the poverty line. The European average is 17%. 71% of European Roma do not have primary education. For other nationalities, this indicator is 10%. In Europe, 61% of Roma families live in inadequate conditions, often without basic amenities, and 22% of them do not even have running water. The average life expectancy of Roma women is 11 years less than the average in Europe - 71 years compared to 82 years for other nations. Not much better with men. Roma men live an average of 67 years, other men in Europe - 76 years. So, on average, we live ten years less than other nationalities. If that can't be called extinction, I don't know what can.

What I am about to say will sound unpopular, but it's nobody's fault but ourselves. In the 50 years since the International Roma Union has existed, no one, including me, has managed to make it an organization that is respected by the leaders of European countries and international organizations. We still do not have our own budget and an administration functioning according to all the principles of good governance. The very fact that you are here is a miracle, the IRU does not have any internal rules and regulations governing the manner in which we come together, apart from the internal agreement that congresses are held once every four



38 Delegates from 30 countries participated in 10th World Roma Congress (International Romani Union), Riga, Latvia

years.

Have we really not understood that the issues of education, social needs and poverty of the Roma people cannot be solved by anyone but ourselves? How long will we beg with an outstretched hand in Brussels and to the governments of our countries, which at best give us handouts? Who is to blame for the fact that the whole world knows about the Holocaust, but does not know about Samudaripen - the genocide against the Roma people? And what is to blame for the fact that we take for granted a situation in which European institutions allocate billions of euros to Roma issues, which never reach their intended recipients? I'll tell you straight - our indolence, laziness, envy and inability to work together in recent decades is to blame.

According to my calculations, in the last twenty years, the European Union has allocated more than 150 billion euros to Roma issues in various aid and integration programs. Have any of you, esteemed colleagues, felt even a small part of this 150 billion euros on your skin? This money has been mismanaged, distributed to their own, it has been paid to various officials who write glowing reports to Brussels, but the situation of the Roma does not change, it does not change. I have personally submitted 25 applications

to various European institutions and funds over the past six years, the purpose of which was to solve the problems mentioned above. Amounts requested ranged from 100,000 to 2 million. No one, and I repeat - no one - from our projects received support, considering that the best consultants worked on them. European officials are not interested in strong Roma organizations, because then they will be deprived of the opportunity to divide the funding meant for us among themselves and redistribute it in their own programs.

The head of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, Professor Michael O'Flaherty, honestly states that many programs aimed at improving the lives of Roma people have been formally implemented for many years, but have not produced real results.

As I run for the presidency, I offer a clear strategy for Roma in India- a country that is ready to issue permanent residence permits to Roma. A few years ago, Roma relations with India reached an all-time high in our history. The Indian government recognized us as an equal diaspora of their country and that a thousand years ago the Roma were forcibly removed from the territory of North India where they originated from.

India today is in a unique situation. The oldest culture, millennial

traditions, a perfectly developed economy, the highest authority in the world and almost one and a half billion people. Thanks to these qualities and leadership wisdom, India has not allowed itself to be drawn into a bloody armed conflict and no less bloody economic and hybrid wars that are tearing the planet apart. India has carefully maintained its neutral status, friendly, cultural, economic and trade ties with all parties to the wars and conflicts that are tearing our land apart. India has not broken relations with anyone and even more - recently it has noticeably strengthened them. Money and goods move freely between India and any country irrespective of which side they are on.

In this critical situation, working shoulder to shoulder with the people of India, we can and must become ambassadors of goodwill and good intentions. We can help the people who are suffering from the brutal sanctions wars of feverishly closed borders. Scattered around the world, Roma are included in the highest political, business and financial circles of the countries in which we live. We know all their needs and problems. We have raised outstanding scientists, politicians, businessmen, intellectuals in the broadest sense, not to mention world-famous artists and musicians. Our greatest potential is in our youth. Boys and girls are brought up in the traditions of our people, knowing and respecting our history and culture. Many of them have received quality education. With the desire for higher self-realization characteristic of young people, they are ready to "play by the rules of the world around us" and raise their social status in it. We do everything we can to support these young people in their endeavors. We were confident then and we are confident today that more than 25 million Roma can adequately represent the interests of Mother India throughout the world. ■

BHUTAN'S FIRST UN PEACEKEEPING CONTINGENT LEAVES FOR CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC



Bhutan's first UN Peacekeeping Contingent boarded a special Drukair flight to Central African Republic (CAR) on 6th November 2022. His Majesty The King and Her Majesty The Gyaltsuen graced the departure ceremony at Paro Airport. A Guard of Honour was presented at the Ceremony.



Bhutan's contingent, which comprises of 180 Royal Bhutan Army Personnel, is part of the United Nations' Multidimensional Integrated Stabilisation Mission for the Central African Republic (MINUSCA).

The rear team of Bhutan's United Nations Peacekeeping Contingent was seen off in a ceremony at Paro Airport before they boarded a special Drukair flight to the Central African Republic on 10th November 2022.

As with the main contingent, His Majesty The King and Her Majesty The Gyaltsuen graced the ceremony, which included the offering of Marchang and Guard of Honour.

The Prime Minister, Foreign Minister, Chief Operations Officer of the Royal Bhutan Army, IMTRAT commandant, and senior government officials also attended the ceremony.

Bhutan's contingent is in the Central African Republic as part of MINUSCA- a UN peacekeeping mission to help protect civilians in the country, under Chapter VII of the UN Charter. The contingent, which is a Light Quick Reaction Force, is comprised of 180 personnel.



CONSECRATION OF WANGDUEPHODRANG DZONG



Ten years after a fire razed it to the ground, the Wangduephodrang Dzong once again adorns the fabled hill resembling the trunk of a sleeping elephant.

The historic Wangduephodrang Dzong, rebuilt to its former glory upon Royal Command, was consecrated on the auspicious occasion of 11th November.

His Majesty The King, His Majesty the Fourth Druk Gyalpo, Her Majesty The Gyaltshen, Their Royal Highnesses Gyalsey Jigme Namgyel and Gyalsey Ugyen Wangchuck, and Members of the Royal Family graced the Tashi Rabney (consecration) of the Dzong.



PROF. I.S CHAUHAN CONFERED LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2022



The Lifetime Achievement Award Committee of the Indian Sociological Society (ISS) decided to confer the Lifetime Achievement Award 2022 to Prof. I. S. Chauhan to appreciate his contributions in the field of sociology. The award will be given during the 47th All India Sociological Conference on 20th December 2022 to be held at the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya.

मीरा सिंह की पुस्तक भोजपुरी लोकगीत-“सोहर खिलौना” का लोकार्पण



अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सहयोग परिषद और वैश्विक हिंदी परिवार के संयुक्त तत्वावधान में अमेरिका की प्रवासी भारतीय लेखिका डॉ मीरा सिंह के सम्मान में आयोजित कार्यक्रम के दौरान उनकी पुस्तक भोजपुरी लोकगीत “सोहर और खिलौना” का लोकार्पण किया गया। अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सहयोग परिषद के मानद निदेशक श्री नारायण कुमार के सान्निध्य में आयोजित कार्यक्रम की अध्यक्षता केंद्रीय हिंदी शिक्षण मंडल के उपाध्यक्ष अनिल शर्मा जोशी ने की। कार्यक्रम में विश्व भोजपुरी सम्मेलन के अध्यक्ष अजीत दुबे बतौर मुख्य अतिथि उपस्थित रहे वहीं लोकगीतों को लेकर आयोजित पैनल चर्चा में स्वामी विवेकानंद सांस्कृतिक केंद्र फिजी के पूर्व निदेशक, संतोष कुमार मिश्रा, नागरी लिपि के महासचिव, हरि सिंह पाल तथा प्रवासी संसार पत्रिका के संपादक राकेश पांडे ने हिस्सा लिया। कार्यक्रम का संचालन श्री विनय शील ने किया।

दिल्ली के दीनदयाल उपाध्याय मार्ग स्थित प्रवासी भवन के सभागार में आयोजित कार्यक्रम में अपनी बात रखते हुए श्री जोशी ने कहा कि लोकगीत दो शब्दों लोग और गीत से मिलकर बना है। लोक तत्वों को सहेज कर, लोक मन की बात, लोकगीत के जरिए आम लोगों तक सदियों से पहुंचती रही है। अपने इर्द-गिर्द से उठाकर लोगों ने जो गाया वही

लोकगीत है। उन्होंने कहा कि परिवार समाज की महत्वपूर्ण इकाई है। भारतीय समाज परिवारों की बुनियाद पर ही खड़ा है। हमारे यहां परिवार मुख्य रूप से प्रेम की भावना, परंपरा, संस्कृति और मान्यताओं से बनता है। एक परिवार अपने जीवन में जो कुछ भी अच्छा बुरा झेलता है उसे सरल एवम् सहज भाव से गीतों में व्यक्त करता रहा है। दरअसल अंधेरे से उजाले की यात्रा इन लोकगीतों में होती है।

स्वामी विवेकानंद सांस्कृतिक केंद्र फिजी के पूर्व निदेशक डॉक्टर संतोष मिश्रा ने हिंदी पट्टी में गाय जाने वाले सोहर की चर्चा की तथा कहा कि हिंदी इलाकों में जन्म से लेकर मृत्यु तक लोकगीत शामिल हैं।

नागरी लिपि परिषद के महासचिव डॉ. हरि सिंह पाल ने आकाशवाणी द्वारा संग्रह किए गए चार लाख लोकगीतों का जिक्र करते हुए कहा कि लोकगीतों पर व्यवस्थित कार्यक्रम आयोजित करने की जरूरत है। प्रवासी संसार पत्रिका के संपादक डॉ. राकेश पांडे ने अवध क्षेत्र में गाए जाने वाले सोहर छापक पेड़ छिहुलिया त पतवन गहबर हो सुनाकर सबको आकर्षित किया। इस दौरान वरिष्ठ पत्रकार आलोक कुमार ने लोक जीवन से कटने की बात को रेखांकित किया और कहा कि जो लोग गाँव छोड़कर शहरों में बस जा रहे हैं वे वहाँ कि परम्पराओं को भूलते जा रहे हैं।

कार्यक्रम के मुख्य अतिथि अजीत दुबे ने कहा कि भोजपुरी भाषा सबसे अधिक बोली जाने वाली भाषाओं में शामिल है। भोजपुरी सिनेमा बॉलीवुड से होड़ ले रहा है। हिंदीतर प्रदेशों के लोग भी भोजपुरी सिनेमा देखकर भोजपुरी जानने लगे हैं। श्री दुबे ने नई शिक्षा नीति में भारतीय भाषाओं को महत्व दिए जाने के लिए केंद्र सरकार की प्रशंसा की तथा भोजपुरी को आठवीं अनुसूची में शामिल करने की मांग की।

कार्यक्रम को सान्निध्य दे रहे श्री नारायण कुमार ने कहा कि लोकगीत का महत्व संस्कृति के माध्यम से अनेक रूपों में दिखाई देता है जो साधारण जनजीवन के रोज के व्यवहार तथा रोज के सुख दुःख को जोड़े रखता है। लोकगीतों पर भारतीय संस्कृति का आदिकाल से प्रभाव रहा है जो अब भी रचा बसा है। लोकगीतों कि उपयोगिता एवं विशेषता अलग – अलग प्रकृति तथा सामाजिक सांस्कृतिक रूपों में देखी जा सकती है।

मिथिला कुमारी वैदेही से जुड़े एक प्रसंग पर गाए जाने वाले सोहर का जिक्र करते हुए श्री कुमार ने कहा कि लोकगीत हमारी संस्कृति के गौरव और धरोहर के रूप में अपनी मान प्रतिष्ठा हमेशा से विकसित करती रही है।

तवांग मुद्दे पर अमेरिका भारत के साथ

भारत-चीन सीमा विवाद के संदर्भ में तवांग मुद्दे पर अमेरिका ने भारत का खुलकर समर्थन किया है। अमेरिका की ओर से व्हाइट हाउस, रक्षा विभाग, पेंटागन और विदेश मंत्रालय ने अलग-अलग बयान जारी कर अपना रुख स्पष्ट किया। पेंटागन ने स्पष्ट शब्दों में कहा कि चीन अमेरिका के सहयोगियों को उकसा रहा है।

पेंटागन स्थित रक्षा विभाग के अधिकारी ब्रिगेडियर जनरल पैट राइडर ने कहा कि भारत-चीन सीमा पर चल रहे घटनाक्रमों पर हमारी करीबी नजर है। उन्होंने कहा कि हम चीन सीमा पर स्थिति को नियंत्रित करने के लिए भारत के प्रयासों का पूर्ण समर्थन करते हैं। विदेश मंत्रालय के प्रवक्ता नेड प्राइस, अमेरिकी विदेश मंत्रालय के प्रवक्ता ने कहा, भारत अमेरिका का अहम कूटनीतिक साझेदार है और वह सीमा पर किसी भी हमले या झड़प की निंदा करता है। वास्तविक नियंत्रण रेखा पर सीमा पार से क्षेत्रा पर दावे के किसी भी एकतरफा प्रयास का हम कड़ा विरोध करते हैं।

व्हाइट हाउस की प्रेस सचिव कैरिन ज्यॉन्स-पियरे ने कहा हम इस बात से खुश हैं कि दोनों पक्षों ने झड़प रोक दी है।

उधर, संयुक्त राष्ट्र के महासचिव एंटोनियो गुटेरेस के प्रवक्ता स्टीफन दुजारिक ने कहा, हम दोनों देशों से यह सुनिश्चित करने की अपील करते हैं कि क्षेत्रा में तनाव को किसी भी स्थिति में बढ़ने न दिया जाए।

पूर्वोत्तर के छत्रपति शिवाजी थे लाचित



चौधरी चरण सिंह विश्वविद्यालय के विधि अध्ययन संस्थान व अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय सहयोग परिषद के संयुक्त तत्वावधान में पूर्वोत्तर भारत और दक्षिण पूर्वी एशियाई देशों को मुगल साम्राज्य से बचाने में लाचित बरफुकन का योगदान विषय पर संगोष्ठी का आयोजन किया गया। अनिल गुप्ता ने मंच का परिचय व विषय की रूपरेखा की जानकारी दी। मुख्य वक्ता श्री पदम ने बताया कि लाचित बरफुकन

का जन्म वर्ष 1671 में हुआ था। औरंगजेब की सेना को हराकर भारतीय संस्कृति व सभ्यता की रक्षा की तथा औरंगजेब के द्वारा किये जा रहे अत्याचारों को रोका और पूर्वोत्तर राज्यों को सुरक्षित किया। उन्होंने लाचित बरफुकन को पूर्वोत्तर राज्यों का छत्रपति शिवाजी बताया और कैसे उन्होंने बरफुकन की उपाधि प्राप्त की, इसकी जानकारी भी दी।

उन्होंने कहा कि व्यक्ति के जीवन में देशभक्ति, शौर्य, साहस, पराक्रम, समर्पण आदि गुणों का होना आवश्यक है। यह गुण हमें राष्ट्र प्रेम के लिए प्रेरित करते हैं। जो देश अपने क्रांतिकारियों व महान विभूतियों का स्मरण नहीं रखता वह देश अपनी सभ्यता कहीं खो देता है। विशिष्ट अतिथि प्रो. वाई. विमला ने कहा कि जिन क्रांतिकारियों ने आजादी में योगदान दिया और जिन्हें इतिहास ने भूला दिया है उन क्रांतिकारियों पर इस तरह की संगोष्ठी का आयोजन किया जाना चाहिए। जिससे आज की युवा पीढ़ी को उनके जीवन और महान कार्यों से प्रेरणा मिल सके। प्रो. रूप नारायण ने कहा कि जिस देश के लोग अपनी संस्कृति व संस्कार को भूल जाते हैं तो वह देश पिछड़ जाता है। विज्ञान की उन्नति द्वारा ही हम आज सरस्वती नदी व राम सेतु के अस्तित्व को समझने में सफल हुए। इसलिए सभी के लिए यह आवश्यक है कि हम विज्ञान के साथ-साथ अपने इतिहास को भी स्मरण रखें। संस्थान के समन्वयक डॉ. विवेक कुमार ने धन्यवाद दिया।

UK, FRANCE AND UAE EXTEND SUPPORT FOR INDIA'S PERMANENT MEMBERSHIP AT UNSC

The UK, France, and UAE have extended their support for India's permanent membership at the United Nations Security Council (UNSC). India is holding the presidency of United Nations Security Council for the month of December 2022. The UK Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Dame Barbara Woodward, said, the Security Council must become more representative of the world today and the UK has long called for its expansion in both the permanent and non-permanent categories. She said, as the UK Foreign Secretary publicly reiterated this week, the country support new permanent seats for Brazil, Germany, India, and Japan.

Permanent Representative of France to the UN, Ambassador Nicolas de Riviere, has said that they support an expansion of the Security Council to take into account the emergence of new powers that have the world and the ability to shoulder the responsibility of a permanent presence on Security Council. He said, France thus supports the candidacies of Germany, Brazil, India, and Japan as permanent members.

The United Arab Emirates also reiterated its endorsement of India's bid for permanent membership of a reformed security council. Speaking at UNSC Open Debate on 'Maintenance of International Peace & Security: New Orientation for Reformed Multilateralism, UAE Minister Noura Bint Mohammed Al Kaabi' said, India's voice at this chamber is necessary and UAE reiterates its endorsement of country's bid for permanent membership of the reformed UNSC.

The UN Security Council is the premier global body for maintaining International peace and security. The Security Council, the United Nations' principal crisis-management body, is empowered to impose binding obligations on the 193 UN member states to maintain peace.



भारतीय स्वाधीनता के अमृत महोत्सव के अवसर पर विशेष



बिस्मिल अजिमाबादी (1901-1978)

बिस्मिल अजिमाबादी (1901-1978) पटना, बिहार से एक उर्दू कवि थे। 1921 में उन्होंने "सरफरोशी की तमन्ना" नामक देशभक्ति कविता लिखी थी। इस कविता को राम प्रसाद बिस्मिल ने, एक भारतीय महान क्रान्तिकारी नेता ने मुकदमे के दौरान अदालत में अपने साथियों के साथ सामूहिक रूप से गाकर लोकप्रिय बनाया। बिस्मिल अजिमाबादी ने इसे भारतीय स्वतन्त्रता संग्राम के नौजवान स्वतन्त्रता सेनानियों के लिये सम्बोधित-गीत के रूप में लिखा था।

सरफरोशी की तमन्ना भारतीय क्रान्तिकारी बिस्मिल अजिमाबादी द्वारा लिखित एक प्रसिद्ध देशभक्तिपूर्ण गजल है जिसमें उन्होंने आत्मोत्सर्ग की भावना को व्यक्त किया था। उनकी यह तमन्ना क्रान्तिकारियों का मन्त्र बन गयी थी।



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देखना है जोर कितना बाजु-ए-कातिल में है।

करता नहीं क्यों दूसरा कुछ बातचीत
देखता हूँ मैं जिसे वो चुप तेरी महफिल में है
ए शहीद-ए-मुल्क-ओ-मिल्लत में तेरे ऊपर निसार,
अब तेरी हिम्मत का चर्चा गैर की महफिल में है।

वक्त आने दे बता देंगे तुझे ऐ आसमां!
हम अभी से क्या बतायें क्या हमारे दिल में है?
खींच कर लायी है सब को कत्ल होने की उम्मीद
आशिकों का आज जमघट कूच-ए-कातिल में है
सरफरोशी की तमन्ना अब हमारे दिल में है।

है लिये हथियार दुश्मन ताक में बैठा उधर
और हम तैयार हैं सीना लिये अपना इधर
खून से खेलेंगे होली गर वतन मुश्किल में है
सरफरोशी की तमन्ना अब हमारे दिल में है।

हाथ जिनमें हो जुनूँ, कटते नही तलवार से
सर जो उठ जाते हैं वो झुकते नहीं ललकार से
और भड़केगा जो शोला-सा हमारे दिल में है
सरफरोशी की तमन्ना अब हमारे दिल में है।

हम तो निकले ही थे घर से बाँधकर सर पे कफन
जाँ हथेली पर लिये लो बढ चले हैं ये कदम
जिंदगी तो अपनी मेहमाँ मौत की महफिल में है
सरफरोशी की तमन्ना अब हमारे दिल में है।

यूँ खड़ा मकतल में कातिल कह रहा है बार-बार,
क्या तमन्ना-ए-शहादत भी किसी के दिल में है?
दिल में तूफानों की टोली और नसों में इंकलाब
होश दुश्मन के उड़ा देंगे हमें रोको ना आज
दूर रह पाये जो हमसे दम कहाँ मंजिल में है
सरफरोशी की तमन्ना अब हमारे दिल में है।

जिस्म वो क्या जिस्म है जिसमें न हो खून-ए-जुनूँ
क्या लड़े तूफाँ से जो कश्ती-ए-साहिल में है

सरफरोशी की तमन्ना अब हमारे दिल में है
देखना है जोर कितना बाजु-ए-कातिल में है।