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PM interacts with beneficiaries of various social security schemes across the country through video bridge

New Delhi, June 27.

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today interacted with the beneficiaries of various social security schemes from across the country, through video bridge. The interaction covered four major social security schemes namely Atal Bima Yojana, Pradhan MantriJeevanJyoti Yojana, Pradhan MantriSurakshaBima Yojana and VayaVandana Yojana. This is the eighth interaction in the series by the Prime Minister through video conference with various beneficiaries of Government schemes.

Expressing happiness in interacting with people who fought adversities and emerged much stronger, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said that Social security schemes empower people. He added that these social security schemes of the present Government not only help people effectively deal with the uncertainties of life, but also empower them to rise over the financially difficult

situations of the family. Prime Minister outlined the various aspects pursued by the Government to ensure and the vulnerable. They are opening the doors of the banks for the poor- banking the unbanked; ensuring access to capital for small business and budding entrepreneursproviding social security cover for the poor and vulnerable - financially securing the unsecured.

Interacting with beneficiaries Prime Minister said that the total number of 28 crore bank accounts opened under Pradhan MantriJan Dhan Yojana during the period 2014 – 2017 is nearly 55% of the total bank accounts opened in the world. He also expressed happiness that more women have bank accounts in India now and that number of bank accounts in India has reached 80% from 53% in 2014.

Listening to the adversities faced by people, Prime Minister said that even though the loss of a person can never be compensated, the Government has always strived to ensure economic security to the affected family. He said thatmore than five crore people have benefitted from Pradhan MantriJeevanJyoti Yojana, by paying a very low premium of around Rs. 300.

Talking about the accidental insurance coverage scheme, Pradhan MantriSurakshaBima Yojana, Prime Minister said that more than 13 crore people have availed the scheme. Under Pradhan

MantriSurakshaBima Yojana people can claim accidental insurance coverage of upto Rs. 2 lakh by paying premium

of just Rs. 12 per year. During the interaction, Prime Minister summarized various initiatives of the government

in taking care of the old and elderly. He said that about three lakh elderly people have benefitted from the three lakh elderly people have benefitted from the VayaVandana Yojana started last year, under which citizens above 60 years get 8 % fixed return for 10 years. In addition Government also increased the basic limit of income tax, from Rs. 2.5 lakh to Rs. 3 lakh for senior citizens. He emphasized that the government is committed to the wellbeing of the elderly population.
Reiterating Government's

commitment to provide social security coverage to all, Prime Minister noted that over 20 crore people have been brought under the three major social security schemes (P r a d h a n (P r a d h a n MantriSurakshaBima Yojana, Pradhan MantriJeevanJyoti Yojana, Atal Pension Yojana) in the last three years.Prime Minister also ensured the beneficiaries that the government will continue its efforts of ensuring welfare of all its citizens, especially the poor and vulnerable, and empower them in the best way possible.

possible. Interacting with the Prime Minister, beneficiaries of various social security schemes explained how these schemes helped them during the times of great need. They also thanked the Prime Minister for the various schemes he introduced andpointed out that most of the schemes have been a life changer for

President Inaugurates Udyam Sangam-2018 to mark UN SME Day

New Delhi, June 27,

President of India, Ram NathKovind, said that the MSME sector is leveraging the demographic dividend of the countryand promoting inclusive growth in rural and backward areas. He said that MSME sector accounts for around60% employment in India. He said that there are 6.5 crore MSME units across the country employing over 11 crore people and contributing over 10% growth which is higher than heavy industrial units. The President inaugurated the Udyam Sangam-2018 in New Delhi today. Referring to UdyamSakhi portal of the MSME Ministry, he said that it will empower women and weaker sections by providing training to 80 lakh women.

The President appreciated the work done ArunachalamMuruganatham in promoting women's hygiene by manufacturing low-cost sanitary napkins. Entrepreneurs in more than 100 countries are now trying to replicate this. A film documenting his struggle has been made. The President desired that many more such films documenting the contributions of innovative Micro and Small Micro and Small Entrepreneurs should be

produced. The President of India launched the Solar Charkha Mission today which will cover 50 clusters and every cluster will employ 400 to 2000 artisans. The Mission has been approved by the Government of India for which the MSME Ministry will disburse subsidy of Rs. 550 crores to the artisans.He further said that the Solar Charkha Mission will generate employment in rural areas and contribute to the

green economy.
The President also referred to the special relief given to the MSME sector under Insolvency and Bankruptcy Codewhich will allow promoters to bid for an enterprise undergoing Insolvency Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process. Shri Ram NathKovind mentioned that micro and small units are producing parts for Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) and Tejas fighter aircraft. He expressed hope that deliberations at the conclave today will throw new solutions so that micro and small entrepreneurs may be

small entrepreneurs may be able to occupy a space at the global level.

A portal of the Ministry of MSME called "Sampark" was also unveiled by the President. This portal will act as a bridge between the talent pool and those enterprises seeking trained man power.

Nearly three thousand delegates from Ministries and Departments of Central Government, State and Union Territories, Autonomous

Bodies, MSME Associations, Non-Banking Financial Corporations, Private Sector Financial and Public Sector Banks, Venture Capitalists. Entrepreneurs and Self Help Groups are participating in the day long conclave. They will be deliberating upon a range of issues that include MSME Credit, entrepreneurship of aspirational groups andregions, agri-business enterprises, challenges before Services, Knowledgeand Manufacturing Sectors, women entrepreneurs, development and strengthening of access to market and health care and Ayush enterprises.In order to

also be held. The purpose of the Conclave is to encourage dialogue and partnerships among various stakeholders of the MSME stakenoiders of the MSME ecosystem for promoting innovation and knowledge sharing on MSME related issues. It is also aimed at creating awareness about the MSME Sector at the national

develop a system for creating

awareness about Government schemes, a session on

communication and media will

level and assuring through declaration of specific measures for knowledge, marketing, technical and financial handholding by the Government of India of the MSME Sector at the grassroot level.

"UdyamSangam2018" is a step forward towards consolidating the convergence and synergy of all the government initiatives relating to MSME Sector. The UN General Assembly in

its 74th Plenary held on the 6th April, 2017 declared 27th June as Micro, Small and Mediumsized Enterprises Day, recognizing the importance of Micro, Small and Mediumsized Enterprises in achieving sustainable development goals and in promoting innovation, creativity and sustainable work for all. On this occasion, Minister of

On this occasion, Minister of State (I/C), Ministry of MSME, Giriraj Singh, Secretary, MSME, Dr. Arun Kumar Panda, Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development & Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Dr. K. P. Krishnan and other senior officials were present at the inaugural session.

Army Chief General Bipin Rawat rejects UN report on J&K

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Army Chief General Bipin Rawat today slammed the UN human rights report on Kashmir and said it is motivated. General Rawat said the Army is above board in

Gen Rawat also emphasised on Cyberwarfare and said, it is an emerging field with huge potential and that the army must exploit it to its advantage. He said India needs to remain ahead of its adversaries in cyber field. He said if China

"indian Army's human rights record absolutely above board"-Rawat

has gone well beyond technology it is high time we realise and strengthen our cyber skills. He said, there is a need to

exploit technology amongst our young technocrats and young budding minds who can help us develop the technology to fight a

cyberwar. The General said terrorists are tech savvy and therefore the army needs to be ahead of them if we really wish to fight terrorism.

Speaking on Cyber Attacks in past, the General said a regular Cyber Auditor has been appointed to cneck intools are being used. pointed to check how cyber

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IMD forecast rains in Gujarat

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India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast heavy rain in Gujarat region for the next two days. It has also predicted heavy rain for this entire week in Konkan and Goa, Coastal Karnataka, West Bengal, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura. Ministry of Water Resources in a statement said, due to this warning, there is likelihood of rise in water levels in various river basins. It said, there may be rapid

rise in water level in Damanganga basin in Nasik district of Maharashtra, Valsad district of Gujarat and Daman during the next 48 hours. It said, rivers having source in Western Ghats and flowing into Arabian Sea may witness flash floods

Bangladesh anti-drug operation leads to dozens of deaths

Courtesy BBC Dhaka, June 27.

More than 70 people have been killed by security forces in Bangladesh as part of a government government anti-drug operation launched this month, officials say. Authorities said that largescale raids have taken place in the capital, Dhaka.

Up to 100 people were detained on Saturday and several others suspected of involvement in the illegal drug trade were shot in overnight clashes.

Activists have compared the crackdown to Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte's

President Rodrigo Duterte's deadly war on drugs.
Since the operation was launched in Bangladesh, several thousand people have been detained, while hundreds of drugs users have received fines, according to Bangladesh police and the country's



Rapid Action Battalion (RAB)

In the latest incidents, a number of suspected drugs traffickers were killed in exchanges of fire when they were either approached by RAB forces or during raids in a number of districts, officials

The campaign was announced by Bangladeshi Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina with the aim of cracking down on drugs traffickers.

Sheikh Hasina said the operation would equal efforts to tackle Islamist militancy in the country, which has led to the deaths of dozens of suspects in recent years during raids on militant hideouts by Bangladesh police and paramilitary forces. Leading human rights groups have denounced the latest move as "illegal". Dhakabased human rights activist Pinaki Bhattacharya said security forces were creating an "atmosphere of terror", the Guardian reported.

"These are nothing but extrajudicial killings extrajudicial killings amounting to a serious level of human rights violation. The forces have a free hand and are acting as judge, jury and executioner," he said. The campaign group Human Rights Watch (HRW) has said

the killings need to be investigated.

The comparison with Mr Duterte's crackdown in the Philippines has concerned activists.

More than 7,000 people are said to have been killed since Mr Duterte launched a war on Mr Duterte launched a war on the drugs trade in July 2016. Mr Duterte has said that his campaign to kill tens of thousands of people would not only target traffickers but that he also aimed to "slaughter addicts"

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