

# Modi gives 'reduce, reuse & recycle' mantra; says climate change goes beyond policy-making

KAVADIA (Gujarat), Oct 20:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today gave the mantra of 'reduce, reuse and recycle' for sustainable development and reaffirmed India's commitment to tackle the menace of climate change. He said people are experiencing the ill-effects of climate change and maintained the issue goes beyond the realm of policy-making. The PM, who is on two-day Gujarat visit, and United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres launched 'Mission LiFE', a global plan of action aimed at saving the planet from the disastrous consequences of climate change.

The launch of the mission, aimed at encouraging people towards sustainable living, comes ahead of next month's mega UN climate meet in Egypt. The action plan - a list of ideas on lifestyle changes that can be taken up as climate-friendly behaviour - along with the logo and tagline for Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment) were jointly launched by Modi and Guterres at Kevadia in Gujarat.

Speaking on the occasion, Modi asked people to adopt the concept of 'reduce, reuse and recycle' and circular economy and said India is committed to tackling the menace of climate change. Circular economy is a model of production and consumption, which involves sharing, leasing, reusing, repairing, refurbishing and recycling existing materials and products as long as possible.

It entails markets that give incentives to reusing products, rather than scrapping them and then extracting new resources. Modi said Mission LiFE will strengthen the concept of a pro-people planet and signifies "lifestyle of the planet, for the planet and by the planet".

Mission LiFE aims at following a three-pronged strategy for changing people's collective approach towards sustainability. This includes nudging individuals to practice simple yet effective environment-friendly actions in their daily lives (demand), enabling industries and markets to respond swiftly to the changing demand (supply), and to influence Government and industrial policy to support both sustainable consumption and production (policy).

Modi said the prevailing notion that climate change is an issue only related to policy



Environment'. The mission will connect the people's power for the protection of the earth, and teach them to utilise its resources in a better way.

"Mission LiFE inspires us to do all that can be done in our everyday life to protect the environment. Mission LiFE believes that the environment can be protected by making changes in our lifestyle," he said.

For example, a person goes to a gym on a vehicle that runs five kms on per litre (fuel). If the person goes there on a bicycle, then both the goals of protecting the environment and achieving personal fitness will be met, Modi said.(PTI)

# Army to procure 1000 surveillance copters for LAC

NEW DELHI, Oct 20:

The Indian Army today began the process to procure 80 mini remotely piloted aircraft systems and 1,000 surveillance copters to bolster its overall surveillance apparatus along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China.

Officials said the mini remotely piloted aircraft is an ideal multi-sensor system to carry out day and night surveillance and target detection in high-altitude regions.

The last date for submission of bids for the remotely piloted aircraft programme is November 16.

"The system will be able to provide high resolution imagery to enable target detection, recognition, identification and accurate location of adversary's

location as well as build up of troops," said an official.

According to the request for proposal or initial tender, the select supplier will have to supply the platforms within 12 months of signing the contract.

The mini remotely piloted aircraft systems are being procured under the 'buy' (Indian) category.

The Army's procurement of 1,000 surveillance copters through fast track procedure under emergency procurement process is also aimed at boosting surveillance along the frontier with China.

Officials said the current dynamic volatile situation along the Northern borders warrants seamless surveillance.

"For surveillance needs of the Indian Army, expeditious

procurement of surveillance copters for meeting urgent operational requirements is an operational imperative, where undue/unforeseen delay is seen to be adversely impacting the capacity and preparedness of the Indian Army," according to a brief on the programme.

It said the surveillance copter will provide aerial surveillance capability and sustained point surveillance to the Indian Army.

Surveillance Copter is an ideal multi sensor system to carry out day and night, real time reconnaissance and surveillance.

"The system will provide high resolution imagery to enable target detection, recognition, identification and accurate location of adversaries' build up," said an official.

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