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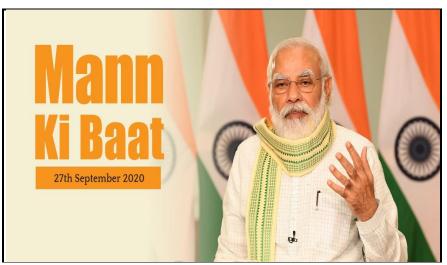
<u>A Report on Mann Ki Baat</u> <u>Conducted on 27-09-2020</u>

KL Deemed to be University (Koneru Lakshmaiah Foundation) Engineering and Non-Engineering National Service Scheme (NSS) Volunteers has participated in the Honorable Prime Minister's Sri Narendra Modi Mann Ki Baat on 27th September, 2020 at 11:00 AM. We must have realized, how significant the mores and conventions set by our ancestors are, even today how their dearth can be deeply felt! And, as PM said, one such form is the art of **Storytelling**. Friends, the history of stories is as ancient as the human civilization itself. 'Where there is a soul, there is a story'.

"Agriculture sector, our farmers, our villages are the foundation of Aatmanirbhar Bharat" Stories express and bring to the fore, the creative and sensitive facets of human beings. If the power of stories is to be felt, one has to just watch a mother telling a story to her little one either to lull her to sleep or while feeding her a morsel.

- Honourable PM Sri Narendra Modi on Sunday addressed the nation through his radio programme 'Mann Ki Baat'.
- It's 69th Edition of 'Mann Ki Baat'
- Honourable PM Sri Narendra Modi talked about storytelling in India, Hitopadesha and panchatantra.
- ➢ Farmers were also talked about.
- > The anniversary of the surgical strikes was also mentioned.

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Srividya Veer Raghavan of Chennai is also engaged in popularizing and disseminating stories related to our culture, while two websites named, Kathalaya and The Indian Story Telling Network, are also doing commendable work in this field.

Geeta Ramanujan has focussed on stories at kathalaya.org, whereas a network of story tellers from various cities is being created through the Indian Storytelling Network.

Vikram Sridhar in Bengaluru, who is very enthusiastic about stories related to Bapu. Many more such people must be working in this field. You must share about them on social media.

And finally there is a conservation between PM and Aparna Athare and other members of the Bengaluru Storytelling Society. The Agriculture sector of the country, our farmers, our villages, is the foundation of self-reliant India. If they remain strong then the foundation of Aatma nirbhar Bharat will remain strong. In the recent past, these areas have liberated themselves from many restrictions and tried to break free from many myths. In today's situation, the more modern methods we apply to agriculture, the more the sector will flourish. PM also mentioned few examples of farmers. PM remembers the Shaheed Veer Bhagat Singh, an icon of courage and valour among all the countrymen.

Bhagat Singh was as much a fighter as he was a scholar, a thinker. Bhagat Singh along with his revolutionary friends, without caring for their own selves, carried out such

daring acts, which had a huge bearing in the country attaining Freedom. Another appealing aspect of Shahid Veer Bhagat Singh's life is that he appreciated the importance of teamwork. The love Bhagat Singh had for his country, the drive and motivation he had to do something for his country certainly resides in all our hearts. PM said that we countrymen will remember many great personalities who have made an indelible contribution in the making of India. 2nd of October is an auspicious and inspirational day for all of us. This day, we remember two great sons of Ma Bharati – Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri.



PM finally concluded by saying My dear countrymen, in this Corona time-period, I would once again remind you – Always wear a mask and do not venture out without a face shield. Social distancing will protect you and your family. These few rules are the weapons in our fight against Corona, a powerful resource to save the life of every citizen. And let us not forget, till the time we have any vaccine, we will not let up in our efforts. You stay healthy, your family stays healthy.

"Merciless criticism and independent thinking are the two necessary traits of revolutionary thinking." - Bhagat Singh.

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