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RESOLUTION

Ek Bharata! Atmanirbhar Bharata! Shreshtha Bharata Abhiyaan

The current government is actively pursuing its ambitious movement of 'Self-Reliant Bharat,' which comprises five pillars of strengthening Bharat, including but not limited to—a Vibrant Economy to convert Adversity into Advantage, Advance Infrastructure to accord a New Identity to Bharat, a Modernised System of Governance, a Democracy and the Creation of Overall Demand in the Market.

Bold reforms across all sectors will undoubtedly steer the country's thrust on self-reliance. However, to spur real growth and to build an actual Self-Reliant Bharat, the '*Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan*' needs to be understood and implemented in its true essence.

The true significance of being self-reliant will dawn upon us only when we discover our own potential: we must realize and manifest the 'Self' within us all, which is an amalgamation of our cultural values, our traditional heritage and our responsibilities towards our future generations.

The people of Bharat must inculcate faith in themselves and their traditions, and their collective abilities to leave an imprint on the world through their skills, creativity and integrity. They must also believe in and promote indigenous products and services rather than relying on foreign brands and products.

Citizens must live in harmony and support each other to provide impetus to the movement of Self-Reliant Bharata: a movement of the people, for the people and by the people. We should understand that our lives are connected with the development of our nation. Mahatma Gandhi has rightly observed: "Be the change that you wish to see in the world." In the twentieth century, our country has the potential to lead the path of change for the entire world.

'Make in India' has already set the stage for this change. The honorable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has initiated the dissemination of this slogan throughout the world. 'Make in India' is the new maxim of national development as well as international diplomacy. The devastation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic has already made us realize the significance of social integration and self-reliance. Despite insurmountable odds, we were successful in developing the COVID vaccine in record time which gave

India is a country traditionally based on the idea of human bonding: the notion of kinship, friendship, and sensitivity for humanity as well as the environment. In contrast to this, Bharat has become dependent on overseas markets and products over the last few decades because of the increasing influence of the market driven elite culture and modernism.

Therefore, it is high time that we decrease our dependence on foreign products and services in the name of modernity. We should endorse and promote the use of *Swadeshi* products. Our collective efforts will encourage and motivate Indian farmers, manufacturers and workers. We must aspire to become the biggest exporter in the world in all fields. A century ago, Sri Aurobindo in his book *The Renaissance in India* had rightly envisioned the future of India: “On the whole what we see is a giant Shakti who awakening into a new world, a new and alien environment, finds herself shackled in all her limbs by a multitude of gross and minute bonds . . . to cast abroad her spirit and set her seal on the world.” Through her Neo-Swadeshi movement, India is now set to embark on a new journey to realize her true potential. The realization of individual strength is also a means of national integration and welfare for the larger good of mankind.

The idea of self-reliance is not just related to the field of manufacturing indigenous. It is also related to social development. For instance, self-reliance also helps in generating employment for the common masses, supports the development of educational institutions like schools and colleges to nurture future citizens, eradicates social divisions and ensures the well-being of citizens, particularly the dispossessed and the marginalized by making them financially independent.

The need of the hour is to protect the Indian ethos, upholding the idea of equality in all the spheres of the society making our democracy self-reliant and vibrant. Our collective efforts should be geared towards making Bharat an egalitarian society.

The present conflict between Russia and Ukraine is expected to have world-wide ramifications. This conflict has reemphasized the significance and necessity of *Ek Bharata! Atmanirbhar Bharata! Shreshtha Bharata Abhiyaan.*

Resolutions

FANS appeals to the people to make India a self-reliant through the following resolutions:

1. In the uncertainty of globalisation, we must protect and promote MSMEs towards the realisation of the principle of ‘local for vocal’ outlined by Prime Minister Modi.
2. We require comprehensive legislation and significant changes in the legal system to protect India’s rich biodiversity and its indigenous knowledge system and traditional medicine.
3. We must create more awareness across the country about the sufferings by various local communities due to the issues of bio-piracy.
4. We must underscore the growing popularity of India’s ancient practices of Ayurveda and Yoga, as this knowledge and its practice inspires people to lead a healthy life style. India has already achieved a leading position in the world by successfully foregrounding the idea of International Yoga Day.
5. We must create awareness of the benefits of the revival of traditional water-harvesting systems to overcome the scarcity of water and frequent droughts. It must ensure that local communities be involved in better and sustainable water management systems.
6. To bring sustainable development in India, we need to emphasise on a comprehensive education model where vocational education should be given equal weightage along with modern education. It prepares the individual to understand social realities and to realise his own potential within the framework of economic development.