

PM Modi coins slogan 'Jai Anusandhan'

Calls for strong research ecosystem in universities and colleges

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday added Jai Anusandhan to former prime minister Lal Bahadur Shastri's famous slogan of Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan and Atal Bihari Vajpayee's Jai Vigyan.

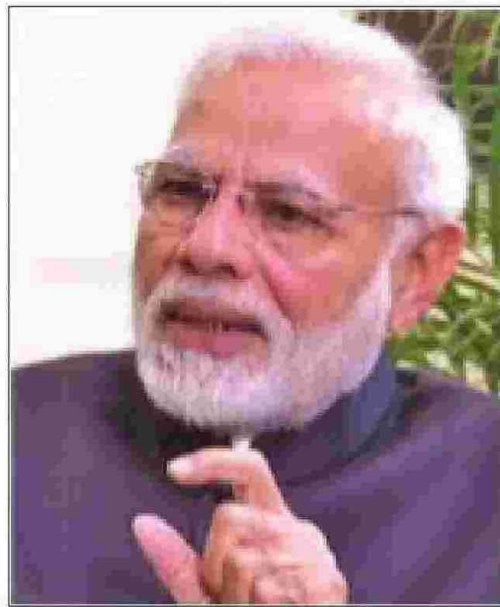
He was speaking on Future India: Science and Technology at the 106th Indian Science Congress in Jalandhar.

The Prime Minister said the life and works of Indian scientists are a compelling testament of integration of deep fundamental insights with technology development and nation building.

"Today's new slogan is Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan, Jai Vigyan and Jai Anusandhan. I would like to add Jai Anusandhan to it," he said.

He further said that it was through science that India was transforming its present and working to secure its future.

"2018 was a good year for Indian science. Our achievements this year include production of aviation grade biofuel, Divya Nayan -- a



machine for visually impaired, inexpensive devices for diagnosis of cervical cancer, TB, dengue and a real-time landslide warning system," he said.

"We need strong pathways to commercialisation that leverage our research and development achievements, through industrial products," he said. He also said that the future is about convergence and connected technologies. "We should catalyse, harness and manage change for the nation's prosperity. Our strengths in R&D are built on the backbone of our national laboratories, central universities, IIT, IISc, TIFR & IISER. However, over 95 per cent of our students go to state uni-

versities and colleges," he said. Modi also said that a strong research ecosystem must be developed in these universities and colleges. "I call upon the Prime Minister's Science, Technology and Innovation Council to discuss these issues in detail and formulate an action plan in consultation with the Ministry of Human Resource Development to boost research in our colleges and state universities."

Modi slams Congress

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday accused the Congress of protecting those involved in the 1984 anti-Sikh riots, saying such leaders were even rewarded with the chief minister's post. The jibe, apparently directed at Kamal Nath, the new Madhya Pradesh CM, came during a rally where he also charged the Opposition party of deceiving farmers with loan waiver promises. "Congress ne desh ko 'gharibi hatao' ke naare ke saath thaga, vo ab desh ko karzmaafi ke naam par thag rahi hai (After the slogan of remove poverty, Congress is trying to fool the nation with loan waivers)".