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Modi begins 3rd term as Prime Minister

Five allies get one Cabinet berth each ● Sonowal, Rijiju and Pabitra Margherita from NE find place in Cabinet

NEW DELHI, June 9: Narendra Modi was sworn-in as Prime Minister on Sunday for a record-equalling third term, heading a Cabinet that emphasised continuity and experience while also rewarding partners in the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance government.

Along with Modi, senior BJP leaders including Rajnath Singh, Amit Shah, Nitin Gadkari, Nirmala Sitharaman and S Jaishankar, all ministers in Modi 2.0 Cabinet, took oath as cabinet ministers at the Rashtrapati Bhavan.

President Droupadi Murmu administered the oath of secrecy and office to Modi and 30 Cabinet ministers.

Dressed in a white kurta and churidar with a blue chequered jacket, Modi, 73, took the oath in the name of God. Modi became only the second prime minister after Jawaharlal Nehru to secure a third consecutive term.

In the recently concluded Lok Sabha elections, the BJP failed to win a simple majority, making it dependent on allies whose MPs also took the oath of office as



Cabinet ministers -- JD(S) leader H D Kumaraswamy, HAM (Secular) chief Jitan Ram Manjhi, JD(U) leader Rajiv Ranjan Singh 'Lalan', TDP's K Ram Mohan Naidu and LJP-RV leader Chirag Paswan. Each of these five allies got one cabinet berth each. Kumaraswamy and Manjhi are former chief



ministers of Karnataka and Bihar respectively. BJP Party president J P Nadda returned to the cabinet after five years, while former Madhya Pradesh chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and ex-Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar were the fresh faces in the Modi cabinet. BJP leaders Piyush Goyal, Jyotiraditya Scindia, Dharmendra Pradhan and Bhupender Yadav, who were earlier in the Rajya Sabha but have now been elected to the Lok Sabha, were among those retained as ministers. Former Assam CM Sarbananda

sworn in as Cabinet ministers. Congress president and Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge was present, even as several opposition leaders skipped the ceremony.

Ahead of the oath taking ceremony, Modi had a pep talk with the minister-designates, saying people have huge expectations and everyone will have to deliver, sources said.

Be humble as common people love those who are humble and never compromise on probity and transparency, he told the minister-designates.

Those present on the occasion included Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud, TDP president Chandrababu Naidu and JD(U) chief Nitish Kumar.

Bollywood actors Shahrukh Khan and Rajinikanth, and industrialists Mukesh Ambani and Gautam Adani were among those who attended the swearing-in ceremony. Modi's third term, which always appeared inevitable, did not come with the massive mandate he had (CONTD. ON PAGE-2)

Plea in SC seeks Centre, SEBI to submit report into June 4 stock market crash

NEW DELHI, June 9: A plea has been filed in the Supreme Court, seeking directions to the Centre and the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to submit a detailed report into the stock market crash on the day of election results on June 4, when investors lost billions of rupees.

The plea, filed by advocate Vishal Tiwari, also sought direction to the government and the SEBI to submit a status report on the orders given on January 3 for considering (CONTD. ON PAGE-2)

NCP turns down MoS rank in Council of Ministers, opts to wait for Cabinet rank

NEW DELHI, June 9: The NCP on Sunday turned down the BJP's offer to accommodate Praful Patel as a minister of state with independent charge in the new NDA government and said it was assured that "remedial measures" would be taken.

Patel, the working president of BJP ally NCP, argued that since he had already served as a Cabinet minister in the Union government, assuming office as a minister of state with independent charge would be a "demotion" for him.

"We have conveyed this to the

BJP leadership and have been asked to wait for some days till it takes remedial measures," Patel told reporters here on a day when Narendra Modi would be sworn in as prime minister. As per the power-sharing arrangements, the NCP was offered one post in the Council of Ministers of the NDA government led by PM Modi.

BJP leaders Devendra Fadnavis and Vinod Tawde called on Patel, who was reportedly upset at the "demotion" in the Union government.

The NCP has two members in the Parliament -- Patel in the Rajya

Sabha and Sunil Tatkare in the Lok Sabha. The NCP is likely to increase its tally in the Rajya Sabha by two in the next few months.

Fadnavis said the BJP had decided on a criteria for handing out ministerial berths to coalition partners on the basis of their strengths in the Parliament.

"We cannot twist the criteria for one party. The NCP will be accommodated in the future whenever their will be an expansion of the Cabinet as they had requested for a Cabinet rank in the Council of Ministers," (CONTD. ON PAGE-2)

Shah, Shivraj, Scindia, Paatil: New ministers among top 10 with highest victory margins

NEW DELHI, June 9: Amit Shah, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Jyotiraditya Scindia, and C R Paatil are among the newly inducted Cabinet Ministers who figured in the list of top 10 leaders who won the Lok Sabha polls with a considerable margin.

Former Madhya Pradesh CM and six-time Vidisha MP Chouhan won from his constituency by a margin of 8.21 lakh votes. Shah, who was the home minister in Modi 2.0 won from Gandhinagar by a margin of more than 7.44 lakh votes.

Scindia, who was the aviation minister in the previous Modi gov-

ernment, won from Guna in Madhya Pradesh by more than 5.40 lakh votes. BJP's C R Paatil recorded a victory margin of 7.73 lakh from Navsari in Gujarat.

The previous record for the highest winning margin was held by Pritam Munde, also from the BJP, who won a bypoll in October 2014 from Beed in Maharashtra by more than 6.96 lakh votes.

Paatil, a three-term MP from Navsari, held the record for the second-highest victory margin of 6.89 lakh votes in 2019. He broke his own record in the 2024 polls.

Narendra Modi was sworn in as prime minister at the Rashtrapati Bhavan here on Sunday, becoming only the second PM after Jawaharlal Nehru to secure a third consecutive term.

Along with Modi, who took oath in the name of God, senior BJP leaders Rajnath Singh, Amit Shah, Nitin Gadkari, Nirmala Sitharaman and S Jaishankar were sworn in as cabinet ministers, indicating the Prime Minister's emphasis on continuity and experience as they also held senior positions in his second term. (CONTD. ON PAGE-2)

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

A guilty conscience needs to confess. A work of art is a confession. -Albert Camus

RaGa poised to take LoP Post in LS

The familiar drama of Congress leaders urging Rahul Gandhi to accept a prominent position has resurfaced. This time, the appeal is for Gandhi to become the Leader of Opposition (LoP) in the Lok Sabha.

Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, the last Congress LoP, lost his seat from Behrampore in West Bengal, creating a vacancy. Gandhi's potential ascension to this role is seen as timely.

Congress leaders are eager for a swift appointment, ideally before Modi's next swearing-in as Prime Minister. They maintain that Modi lacks the mandate to continue as Prime Minister.

A big hike in govt expenditure is imperative for generating jobs for the youth

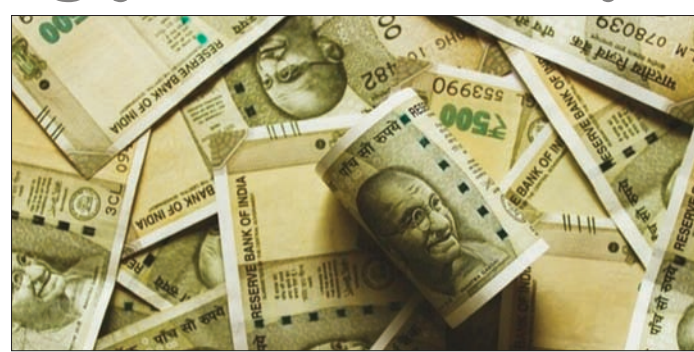
A distinction is drawn in economics between demand-constrained systems and resource-constrained systems (which for simplicity and symmetry we shall call supply-constrained systems).

Capitalism normally, that is, except in war times, is a demand-constrained system, while socialism that existed in the Soviet Union and in Eastern Europe was supply-constrained.

This distinction is important to keep in mind at present in India when unemployment has become a serious social issue, when its acuteness has been a major factor behind the BJP's humbling in the recent elections.

Since there has been substantial deliberate curtailment of employment in the service sector including government services, where shortage of fixed capital stock has played no role, we cannot hold any capacity constraint responsible for the current level of unemployment.

Foodgrains too have not been in short supply, as is evident from the fact that even the Modi government, which debunks transfers to the poor as "freebies", has been using up existing stocks to acquire some electoral goodwill by providing 5 kg of foodgrains per person per month to a large number of beneficiaries.



national and domestic big capital; it must re-acquire, and act on, its resolve to serve the people.

In a demand-constrained system larger government spending even if it is financed by a fiscal deficit, then, in effect, it puts the ₹ 100 in the hands of the capitalists through its spending.

This is easily seen if we break up the economy into three mutually exclusive and all-exhaustive parts: the government, the working people, and the capitalists (let us for simplicity abstract from all external transactions by assuming a closed economy).

Since the working people generally consume whatever they earn, their deficit (or surplus) is zero, if the government runs a deficit then it must automatically create an equivalent amount of surplus with the capitalists without their doing anything consciously about it.

The pre-eminent requirement for alleviating unemployment is that the State must shake off its thralldom to the caprices of inter-

extended to urban areas and wages must be fixed at appropriate levels, well above the pitance currently being paid.

This itself will generate demand for a whole range of goods in the economy which will be met partly through a greater utilisation of existing capacity and hence through greater employment, and partly through the setting up of new capacity, including above all in the small-scale sector (for which appropriate arrangement of loans must be made).

As discussed above, this entire increase in State spending will have to be financed through larger taxes on the capitalists and the rich in general. Such taxes can be on their flow incomes or on their stocks of wealth; of the two however a tax on their wealth, which includes real estate and cash balances that earn no significant direct income, is preferable.

Of course, any wealth taxation must be accompanied by inheritance taxation to prevent evasion of the former. What is shocking is that India has virtually no wealth or inheritance taxation, even when wealth inequality in the country has skyrocketed during the neoliberal era.

An increase in government expenditure financed by larger wealth and inheritance taxation provides the easiest and most direct route to the generation of larger employment in the economy. It will kill several birds with one stone: provide larger employment, keep wealth inequality in check which is essential for democracy, and improve the state of education and healthcare in the country from the abysmal levels to which they have sunk. (IPA Service)

DEGREE OF THOUGHT Prabhat Patnaik

Vivekananda's vision: Modi's spiritual journey and India's path forward

By: Dipak Kurmi

PM Narendra Modi, following his highly publicized meditation at the Vivekananda Rock Memorial in Kanniyakumari, reflected, "Swami Vivekananda, a torchbearer of spiritual renaissance, has been my guiding light, my source of vigor, and the cornerstone of my spirituality."

Established by Vivekananda and his companions, the Ramakrishna Mission was founded to disseminate the profound teachings of their revered masters, Ramakrishna Paramahansa and Sarada Maa. Over the years, the mission has diligently propagated their spiritual legacy.

At the inauguration of the Parliament of Religions, Vivekananda eloquently encapsulated his profound understanding of Hinduism. He hailed Hinduism as the "mother of religions," expressing pride in belonging to a faith that champions tolerance and universal acceptance.

By extensively quoting Swamiji's address, I aim to underscore the timeless relevance of his message amidst our polarized era. In emphasizing tolerance and the acceptance of all religions as true, Swamiji elucidates the core tenets of Hinduism. It logically follows that every Hindu should embody these principles without tethering them to the beliefs of other faiths.



able departure from the path of tolerance and acceptance, albeit in part. It's imperative for the political class to deliberate on how to uphold these values even amidst the fervor of campaigning. A model or moral code of conduct can only hold true if these principles remain intact throughout the electoral process.

In a recent article, Modi reflected on his meditation at the rock memorial, noting that amidst the serene surroundings, the cacophony of political debates and verbal skirmishes faded into insignificance.

Swamiji vehemently rejected sectarianism, bigotry, and fanaticism, traits that transcend religious boundaries. Similarly, the Constitution unequivocally mandates equality for all Indians, emphasizing the need for political leaders to uphold this foundational principle in governance.

It's undeniable that ideological conflicts will persist in India. Over the past decade, Modi and the Sangh Parivar have strived to leave their imprint on the nation. In his post-election address to party members, Modi affirmed his commitment to advancing India's greatness.

However, these transformations are inconsequential as long as India's public culture embodies the values espoused by Swami Vivekananda in his Chicago address. This necessitates extending tolerance and acceptance to all faiths and their followers in India—a crucial element lamentably absent in some of Modi's campaign rhetoric.

Congress leadership in a depression in Bengal after Lok Sabha results

By: Tirthankar Mitra

The debacle of the Congress in the Lok Sabha elections in West Bengal was not at all unexpected. With only Malda (South) Lok Sabha constituency in Congress kitty out of 42 seats in the state, the Grand Old Party is a faint shadow of its former self in West Bengal.

The functioning of the state Congress unit in the 1990s when Mamata Banerjee, then a Kolkata (South) MP and heading the youth wing of the party launched successive agitations sans PCC nod against the CPI(M)-led Left Front government.

In successive elections, the electoral success of the fledgling breakaway TMC continued to rise and fall. But it emerged as the principal Opposition outfit in the state even as the UPA government continued to receive support from the Left. Maintaining friendly ties with the Left at the Centre while opposing it in West Bengal led to erosion of Congress's credibility.

The TMC leadership went about successive elections basing their campaign on the charge that Congress being hands in glove with CPI(M). By doing so, it thinned both the influence as well as votes cast in favour of Congress nominees.

The voting percentage of Congress in



West Bengal has dropped to 4.72 per cent in this election from 5.3 per cent in 2019 Lok Sabha polls. The indication of a dwindling voting percentage in Congress's favour surfaced in 2021 Assembly when it failed to win in a single Assembly constituency. This time however, the analysis shows that in the 294 assembly segments under 42 Lok Sabha constituencies, the Congress got 11 seats, as against only one by the CPI(M), 90 by the BJP and 190 by the Trinamool Congress.

The political honeymoon was short-lived and the Congress ministers soon resigned. With TMC enjoying a majority, the government did not collapse but both the parties reached started to act as rivals TMC was in the offensive. As a result many Congress leaders and grass roots workers joined TMC.

Behrampore MP and PCC chief Adhir Ranjan Choudhury himself was a stumbling block to any proximity to TMC leadership led by Mamata. Their political difference descended almost to a

personal level arising from factional feud from their days in the state Congress. Choudhury's verbal salvos targeted at Banerjee continued even during the election campaign.

Earlier, Choudhury is learnt to have conveyed to Congress chief Kharge and other senior AICC leaders that only a change of state Congress chief would trigger a cordial political relation with the TMC and its supremo. But the national leadership of his party chose not to change on the eve of the elections knowing well it would demoralise the rank and file.

Both Choudhury and other Congress contestants read the writing on the wall. The national leadership seeks working relations with the TMC supremo. This was apparent as top Congress leaders did not attend any rally in Behrampore. The leader of the Congress in Lok Sabha, was left to fend for himself.

Lok Sabha elections are won and lost on the strength of the votes polled in the Assembly segments constituting the parliamentary constituencies. All the assembly segments including Behrampore were sans a Congress legislator leaving Choudhury, a five time MP sans any support to swing an electoral battle which was a desperate one even in 2019 elections. (IPA Service)



India doesn't support 'Cannes kind' of cinema, says Anurag Kashyap

MUMBAI, June 9: India didn't have any moment at Cannes, says filmmaker Anurag Kashyap, stressing that the victory of independent filmmakers at the European gala is theirs alone and the government doesn't support that kind of award winning cinema.

India won an unprecedented three awards at the 77th edition of the Cannes Film Festival last month Payal Kapadia became the first ever director from India to win the Grand Prix for her movie "All We

Imagine As Light", Anasuya Sengupta was awarded best actress in the Un Certain Regard strand for "The Shameless", and FTII student Chidananda S. Naik earned the best short film award at the La Cinf section for "Sunflowers Were the First Ones to Know". "I get very upset when it's said 'India@Cannes'. This is a boost... a shot in the arm for a lot of independent filmmakers but their victory is their own," Kashyap told PTI in an interview here.

"India didn't have any moment at Cannes, not a single of those films are Indian. We need to address it the way it should be addressed. India has stopped supporting such cinema, the kind of cinema that was at Cannes," he said.

He said Kapadia's "All We Imagine as Light", which was

also the first film from India in 30 years to feature in the main competition at Cannes known for giving a platform to new voices, received funding from a French company. The Malayalam-Hindi feature, which earned the second highest award at Cannes after Palme d'Or, is an Indo-French co-production between Petit Chaos from France and Chalk and Cheese Films from India.

There were several films at Cannes with either India-set stories or Indian talent at the helm, but most were co-productions with banners from other countries.

Indian-British filmmaker Sandhya Suri's "Santosh" and Karan Kandhari's "Sister Midnight" were funded by the UK, while Konstantin Bojanov's "The Shameless" was almost self-funded. However, Chidananda's "Sunflowers..." is a production of the TV Wing One-year programme under the Film and Television Institute of India.

"India just likes to take credit for a lot of things, they do not support these films, and they don't even support these films to have a release in cinema," Kashyap said.

In 2021, Kapadia had won an award at Cannes for the documentary "A Night of Knowing Nothing" but that is yet to be released in India.

"Stop taking credit for it. Let's stop this fake celebration... Even if the film is released, no one will go to watch it in the theatre," the 51-year-old said.

He also cited the example of Shaunak Sen's documentary "All that Breathes", which won the Golden Eye award at Cannes 2022, that didn't release on Indian screens and

went straight to a streamer. Then there were independent films such as "Jaggi" and "Pokhar Ke Dunu Paar" that won awards at festivals that will eventually find home in streamers.

Kashyap was also critical of the spotlight on influencers on the famed red carpet.

"This obsession India has with Cannes... More than Cannes, it's about the red carpet. That's on another level. I get more angry when I hear these things... Geetanjali Rao got three awards at Cannes in 2003, I wrote an article on it, but it was not recognised, rarely anyone wrote about that here. There's no support system here."

Days after her win, Kapadia, also an FTII graduate, penned an open letter in which she pushed for a government fund for women filmmakers and under-represented sections to foster independent filmmaking while praising the Kerala government for starting a similar initiative.

Kashyap, whose films such as "Gangs of Wasseypur", "Ugly", and "Kennedy" have screened at Cannes over the years across sections like Director's Fortnight and Midnight Screenings, said he was also surprised when former FTII chairperson Gajendra Chauhan took credit for Kapadia's win.

Back in 2015, Kapadia was one of the students who protested against the appointment of "Mahabharat" actor-BJP politician Chauhan as FTII head. Kapadia was among the 35 students charged under various Indian Penal Code sections for offences related to unlawful assembly, criminal intimidation, and rioting. (PTI)

Amitabh Bachchan to have cameo in Gujarati film 'Fakt Purusho Maate'

MUMBAI (MAHARASHTRA), June 9: Megastar Amitabh Bachchan will be seen in a cameo role in the upcoming sequel 'Fakt Purusho Maate.' The Gujarati film is a sequel to the 2022 film 'Fakt Mahilao Maate', which was directed by Jay Bodas and produced by Anand Pandit and Vaishal Shah.

'Fakt Purusho Maate' is a family drama that focuses on gender equality and conflicts between two generations. Big B will play the role of a God in the sequel.

Film producer Anand Pandit shared pictures with Big B on his Instagram handle.

While talking about the film, Pandit said in a statement, "We shot with Mr Bachchan on June 6 and everyone on the set was awestruck by his energy, dedication, legendary professionalism and his larger-than-life presence."

The ace producer shared that Big B is an important part of the film.

"He was a very special part of 'Fakt Mahilao Maate' as well and to be honest, it is hard for me to imagine a project without him. Anyone who has worked with him once wants to work with him again and again," he added.

Producer Vaishal Shah also spoke about the role of Amitabh Bachchan and shared, "Mr Bachchan plays a very interesting role in this sequel to 'Fakt Mahilao Maate' and is in a way central to the way the story unfolds. His enduring stardom is a phenomenon that cannot be put in words and this film will once again show why he continues to be a legend."

'Fakt Purusho Maate' is produced by Anand Pandit and Vaishal Shah and is written and directed by Jay Bodas and Parth Trivedi.

Apart from Amitabh Bachchan, it also features Yash Soni, Mitra Gadhvi, Esha Kansara and Darshan Jariwala.

'Fakt Purusho Maate' is expected to be released around Jan-mashtami, 2024. (AGENCIES)



Marshalls again partners with Priyanka Chopra for community-based initiative to support women

HOUSTON, June 9: Leading American off-price family retailer Marshalls has reunited with Indian actor-producer Priyanka Chopra Jonas to play an integral role in designing the Good Stuff Social Club programming and building awareness through her personal story and powerful platform. Marshalls is partnering with Priyanka for the second consecutive year. They are collaborating again to design impactful sessions on how to help find financial stability, how to embrace your self-worth and achieve your ambitions for a better life, how to turn connections into valuable community, and how to style with purpose and confidence.

According to a press release,

the brand is taking its Good Stuff Social Club nationwide, starting from Monday, Atlanta, followed by Chicago later this year with more cities to be announced soon.

"I was honoured to be invited to keynote at the first ever Good Stuff Social Club and what I loved most about the experience is that it fostered a supportive community where women could network and access incredible experts and their life-changing advice, tools, and resources, but also peers, and new friends. It was the sense of community and togetherness that was so powerful," Priyanka said in the release.

"After that experience, I wanted to expand the reach of the Social Club to women in different

cities. Every woman deserves to live the life they want, and it's refreshing to partner with a brand like Marshalls who has prioritized community-based initiatives like this to support women," she added. Marshalls has long upheld the belief that women should have access to the good stuff in life, said Sonya Cosentini, Vice President, Brand Marketing, Marshalls. "Last year, we made a great impact in helping provide women the tools and resources they need to make their ideal life a reality. It's evident, though, from our recent research that there is still work to be done. All women deserve the good stuff™ in life, but for so many reasons, the life they want to live can feel just beyond their grasp.

"By taking the Marshalls Good Stuff Social Club to two more cities, and making it accessible to all digitally, we are able to reach more women. And, in turn, help them get closer to the life they want to live," Cosentini said.

As part of Marshalls' mission, the brand will also donate USD 400,000 via the TJX Foundation to change-making organisations like MENTOR, Girls Inc, and Savvy Ladies, to sponsor programming that gives girls and women access to opportunities to grow and thrive nationwide. (PTI)

'Munjya' raises ₹ 11.61 crore on day two



NEW DELHI, June 9: Horror comedy "Munjya" has earned Rs 11.61 crore nett at the box office in two days of its release in the country, the makers said on Sunday.

Directed by Aditya Sarpotdar and produced by Maddock Films, the movie had collected Rs 4.21 crore nett on its opening day. It stars Abhay Verma, Sharvari, Mona Singh, and Sathyaraj.

Maddock Films shared the film's box office update on X.

"The love from our audience made #Munjya's second day unforgettable! #Munjya, a must-watch entertainer for families and kids, is in cinemas now!" the banner said.

According to the poster shared by the production house, "Munjya" earned Rs 7.40 crore on Saturday, following which its total box office collection (nett) in the domestic market stood at 11.61 crore.

Set in Pune and the Konkan region of Maharashtra, the film follows the story of the eponymous mythical creature which has its roots in Marathi folklore. It is reportedly set in the Maddock Films' horror comedy universe, comprising films such as "Stree", "Roohi", and "Bhediya".

"Munjya" also stars Suhas Joshi. (PTI)

Shah Rukh Khan, Kangana Ranaut, Rajinikanth attend Modi's swearing-in ceremony

NEW DELHI, June 9: Indian cinema personalities Shah Rukh Khan, Kangana Ranaut, Rajinikanth, and Akshay Kumar were among the dignitaries who attended the swearing-in ceremony of Narendra Modi as the prime minister for a third consecutive term on Sunday evening. Modi took the oath as the head of a coalition government at the ceremony, which was held at the Rashtrapati Bhavan here.

Also part of the event were actors Anil Kapoor, Anupam Kher, Raveena Tandon, Vikrant Massey, director Rajkumar Hirani and producer Mahaveer Jain.

While Shah Rukh was accompanied by his manager Pooja Dadlani, Rajinikanth

took part in the event with producer-wife Latha Rajinikanth.

Actor Ranaut, the BJP MP-elect from Mandi, had shared a series of videos of her getting ready for the ceremony on her Instagram Stories.

Rajinikanth, who flew in from Chennai for the function, had earlier told reporters that it was a "very historic event".

"I congratulate PM Modi ji for becoming the prime minister for the third consecutive time..." he added.

Hours before the ceremony, Kher said it would be his third opportunity to attend the swearing-in ceremony.

"This is indeed special. But the bigger and more special thing is that #SameToSame is the Prime Minister all three

times. The dialogue this evening will also be the same!!! I am Narendra Damodardas Modi!! Jai Ho! Jai Hind! #PrimeMinister @narendramodi," the actor alongside the photo of the invitation letter on X.

Actor and Jana Sena Party president Pawan Kalyan arrived at the venue with his wife Anna Lezhneva.

Manoj Tiwari, a former Bhojpuri cinema star-singer and BJP's candidate from North East Delhi, was also part of the event and so was actor-BJP politician Dinesh Lal Yadav, better known by his stage name Nirahua.

Earlier in the day, actors Ajay Devgn, Rajkumar Rao and Rishab Shetty congratulated Modi on social media.

"Congratulations to Prime Minister @narendramodi Ji on his re-election! Wishing continued success in guiding India towards prosperity and greatness with his wisdom and compassion," Devgn wrote on X.

"My heartiest congratulations to our esteemed PM Shri @narendramodi ji on this historic third consecutive win. May our country continue to flourish under your exemplary leadership. God bless you sir. @PMOIndia," wrote Rao.

"Kantara" star and director Shetty congratulated Modi on his third term as prime minister of India. "We deeply value your dedication towards the development, education, and national safety," he added. (PTI)



