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Operation Sindhu

NATION STANDS WITH ITS PEOPLE DURING DISASTERS

During the time of crisis, evacuation missions, be it Operation Sindhu or Operation Ganga, the Indian government saved its people through many such missions and also made the world realize the growing power of the nation...

95 CRORE INDIANS COVERED UNDER THE SOCIAL SECURITY NET



Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Mann Ki Baat' radio programme, aired on the last Sunday of every month, has transformed into 'Jan Ki Baat'. It is more than just a rhetoric; it embodies a deep connection and trust with the people. The dialogue and the resolutions in this program inspire every Indian. From sharing development stories to inspiring a sense of hope PM Modi covers various such aspects. On 29th June, PM Modi discussed many issues including Kailash Mansarovar Yatra, International Day of Yoga, Emergency, World Environment in the 123rd episode of 'Mann Ki Baat'. Here are the excerpts...

- **Kailash Mansarovar:** After a long time, the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra has been started again. In every tradition, be it Hindu, Buddhist, or Jain, Kailash is considered to be the centre of faith and devotion. Just a few days ago, we also saw the Rath Yatra of Lord Jagannath. When we complete our religious journey with devotion, complete dedication, and complete discipline, then we get its fruits.
- **Trachoma Free India:** The World Health Organisation has declared India trachoma free. This is the result of the hard work of millions of people who tirelessly fought this disease. This is the success of our health workers. The Swachh Bharat Abhiyan also helped a lot in eradicating it.
- **Social security benefit:** Recently a very important report of the International Labour Organisation – ILO has come out. It has been mentioned in this report that more than 64% of the population of India is now availing some social protection benefit or the other. Today, around 95 crore people of the country are getting the benefit of some or the other social security schemes; whereas, till 2015, the government schemes were reaching less than 25 crore people.
- **Unity and hope:** Bodoland today is undergoing transformation. The energy and confidence of the youth here is most visible on the football field. The Bodoland CEM Cup is being organized in the Bodo Territorial Area. This is not just a tournament; it has become a celebration of unity and hope.
- **Fitness and obesity:** If we have to expand our capability, first of all we have to focus on our fitness and wellbeing. Do you remember one of my suggestions for fitness, for reducing obesity? Reduce 10% oil in food, reduce obesity. When you'll be fit, you will be more super hit in life.
- **Eri Silk :** Eri Silk of Meghalaya received the GI Tag a few days ago. Eri Silk is like a heritage for Meghalaya. The tribes here, especially the people of the Khasi community, have preserved it for generations and have also enriched it with their skills.
- **New direction of society:** The mantra of 'Women Led Development' is ready to create a new future for India. Today, our mothers, sisters, and daughters are lending a new direction not only for themselves but for the entire society. You will also feel good when you come to know about the success of the women of Bhadrachalam in Telangana. These women once worked as labourers in the fields. They used to work hard all day for their livelihoods. Today, the same women are making biscuits from Shree Anna.
- **Gratitude towards India:** Recently, many people from Vietnam sent me their messages through various mediums. There was reverence and intimacy in every line of these messages. Their sentiments were heartwarming. They were expressing their gratitude towards India for letting them see the sacred relics of Lord Buddha.
- **Power of collective resolve:** The carbon-neutral panchayat 'Patoda' of Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar district of Maharashtra has set a great example. In this village, no one throws garbage outside their house. Dirty water is treated. When small habits become a collective resolve, a big change is certain.



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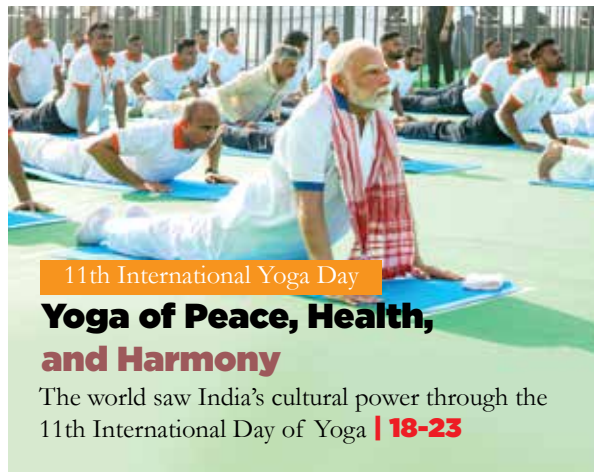
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NEW INDIA IS COMMITTED TO THE SAFE RETURN OF EVERY INDIAN

Greetings!

In the last decade, India has not only proved its economic and diplomatic strength but has also demonstrated the guarantee of the safety of its citizens in times of crisis. Because the Indian diaspora settled in any country of the world is not only a nation's 'Rashtradoot' but is also an invaluable asset to the country. The concern for Indians living in other countries, their welfare, and security is at the heart of the foreign policy of the new India today. This is the reason that, whether there is a natural disaster or instability due to internal-external conflict, the new India has given a clear message by bringing its citizens back home safely—every Indian is important.

The central government is committed to the safe return of every Indian to the country. The Government of India has once again displayed its commitment to the safe return of Indian students and citizens stranded in the Israel-Iran due to the conflict. It may be recalled that even before this, during the Russia-Ukraine war, more than 20 thousand people were safely brought back by running a life-saving mission 'Operation Ganga' for Indian citizens living in Ukraine. India has also adhered to international commitments while following its traditions, and whenever a disaster has struck, India has stood by the affected people. This is the reason why today, the confidence of Indian

citizens towards the leadership of New India has increased. There is a strong belief among the diaspora that wherever they are in the world, they are safe because they are citizens of India. How New India goes the extra mile to protect its citizens has become the cover story of this issue.

Apart from this, a special article by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on a decade of Digital India, decisions of the Union Cabinet, special content on the completion of 5 years of National Education Policy 2020, celebrations organized on International Yoga Day on 21 June, the journey of Shubhanshu Shukla, who created history by setting foot on the International Space Station with the Axiom-4 mission and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's conversation with him, as well as the Prime Minister's fortnight-long programs have been included. Also, in the personality section, read about the Indian hockey legend Dhanraj Pillay.

Mann Ki Baat on the inside page, and National Broadcasting Day, celebrated on 23 July, has been included on the back cover.

Keep sending us your suggestions.



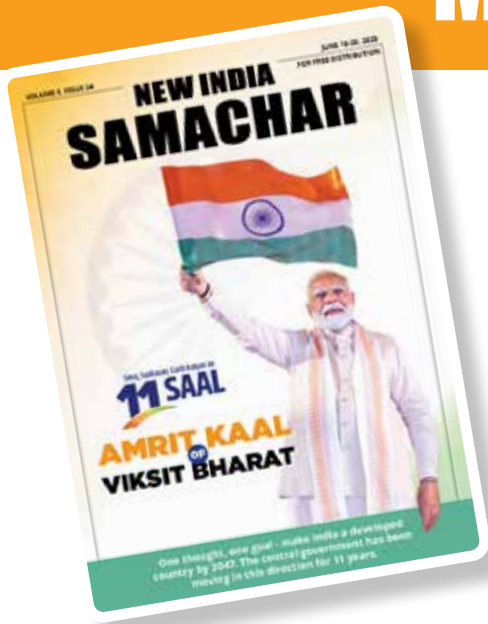
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MAIL BOX



New India Samachar keeps us abreast with current events

Many thanks to the editorial team for the esteemed publication of New India Samachar Magazine. It keeps me updated with current events. Also, its language is easy to understand. I have read this magazine online. I like this magazine very much.

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New India Samachar is an excellent magazine

I have received the fortnightly magazine New India Samachar that you sent me. This magazine was sent in the Hindi language. It is an excellent magazine. The information published in it is very useful and provides us with information about the events going on in the country.

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It is helping a lot in preparing for competitive exams

I have been reading the New India Samachar magazine for a long time. This magazine is helping a lot in preparing for competitive exams. In-depth information about government schemes, as well as interesting information on personalities, are some of the features that make it unique. There is always curiosity about its upcoming editions.

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New India Samachar is an inspiration for every Indian

I read all the issues of the New India Samachar magazine, as each issue strengthens the feeling of patriotism. The articles published by the magazine foster the feeling of service and loyalty towards the country! New India Samachar magazine is doing a great service to the soldiers stationed at the far-flung border areas, the farmers of the country, the youth, and the mothers and sisters, along with the elderly.

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New India Samachar magazine is very impressive

Recently, I came to know about the government's fortnightly New India Samachar magazine and could understand its importance. I found the content, current affairs writing, and printing of the magazine quite impressive. The magazine specially publishes the government's plans and policies. The magazine creates confidence about India's progress.

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Tripura became the 3rd in the country to achieve full literacy

Following the implementation of the National Education Policy 2020, encouraging news has come for the Northeast region. After Mizoram and Goa, Tripura has now become the third fully literate state in the country. A key contributor to this achievement is the Ullas scheme, introduced under the policy to provide basic literacy, mathematical calculations and important life skills to non-literate youth and individuals above the age of 15. Tripura, which had a literacy rate of just 20.24% in 1961, has now impressively reached 95.6% literacy. As per the national standard of 95 per cent literacy among persons aged 15 years and above, they have been recognised as fully literate. The state has been given the status of full literacy under the 'Ullas-Nav Bharat Saksharta Program'.

'Navya' will empower adolescent girls

To empower adolescent girls and achieve the goal of Viksit Bharat by 2047, the Ministry of Women and Child Development in collaboration with the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has launched the 'Navya' (Nurturing Aspirations through Vocational Training for Young Adolescent Girls) initiative. The aim of the Navya programme is to provide vocational training to adolescent girls aged 16-18 years for employment mainly in non-traditional and emerging sectors. In the pilot phase, Navya is being launched in 27 aspirational districts of the Northeast and 112 aspiring districts covering 19 states. Under the programme, it has been decided to train adolescent girls in skills such as graphic design, telecommunications, financial services, smartphones, drone assembly, solar PV, CCTV installation and hand embroidery. Training centres have been set up in each participating district to provide job-role-specific vocational courses according to the needs of adolescent girls.



Railways to finalise reservation charts 8 hours ahead of train departure



Keeping in view the convenience of passengers travelling by train across the country, Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw has taken an important decision. The Railway Minister has directed the railway board to implement the initiative of preparing reservation charts eight hours before the departure of the train in a phased manner. This arrangement will reduce the uncertainty of passengers with waiting list tickets. Also, in case the ticket is not confirmed on the waiting list, passengers will get more time to make alternative arrangements. It has been said that the chart for trains departing before 2 pm should be prepared by 9 pm on the previous day. The ticketing system should be smart, transparent, smooth, and efficient. Railways is taking several steps to make ticket booking easier.

Now annual fast tag for three thousand rupees

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has announced a major relief for commuters. It has introduced an annual FASTag pass for travel on national highways, priced at just Rs 3,000. This new initiative will be implemented nationwide from August 15, providing a more convenient and cost-effective option for highway users. This decision will be implemented across the country from August 15. Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Jairam Gadkari said that the price of the annual FASTag will be three thousand rupees. With this, 200 trips can be made in a year (one toll is equal to one trip). He said that with this decision, people travelling in their own vehicles on the national highway will save at least Rs 7,000 a year. After this decision, an average toll of 15 rupees will have to be paid at a toll.

This facility will be only for the national highway. It will not be applicable on the state highway.

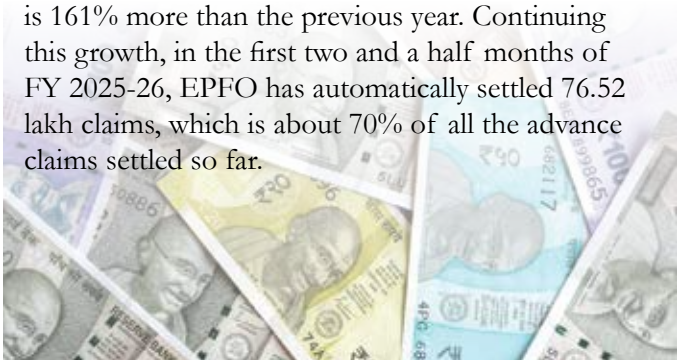


EPFO increases settlement limit from ₹1 lakh to ₹5 lakh

The Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has taken an important decision for member employees. EPFO has decided to increase the auto-settlement limit for advance claims from the existing Rs 1 lakh to Rs 5 lakh. This move will help lakhs of EPFO members to get quick funds, especially in times of urgent need. In FY 2024-25, EPFO successfully settled a record 2.34 crore advance claims through auto-settlement, which is 161% more than the previous year. Continuing this growth, in the first two and a half months of FY 2025-26, EPFO has automatically settled 76.52 lakh claims, which is about 70% of all the advance claims settled so far.

Unified Pension Scheme opting deadline extended by 3 months; new deadline is 30 September

The Unified Pension Scheme (UPS), aimed at providing stability, dignity, and financial security to government employees, can now be opted for until 30 September 2025. Previously, the deadline was 30 June 2025. After the request from various stakeholders to extend the cut-off date, the Ministry of Finance has decided to extend it by 3 more months. Under UPS, a fixed pension is provided to the central government employees after retirement. It was started on 24 February 2024. Now the cut-off date for opting for UPS has been extended for existing eligible employees, former retired employees and legally married spouses of deceased former retired employees.



A DECADE OF DIGITAL INDIA

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



A decade ago, we dreamt of what seemed impossible... to make India a digital power. It was not just technology; it was a thought that every citizen, wherever they may be, can become empowered by connecting with technology. Today, Digital India is a movement that is taking India to new heights, from thought to system, from rural to global...



Today, more than 42 lakh kilometers of optical fiber cable is laid in the country, which is 11 times more than the distance between the Earth and the Moon

Ten years ago, we embarked on a bold journey into uncharted territory with great conviction. While decades were spent doubting the ability of Indians to use technology, we changed this approach and trusted the ability of Indians to use technology. While decades were spent thinking that use of technology will deepen the gap between the haves and the have-nots, we changed this mindset and used technology to eliminate the gap between the haves and the have-nots.

When the intent is right, innovation empowers the less empowered. When the approach is inclusive, technology brings change in the lives of those on the margins. This belief laid the foundation for Digital India: a mission to democratise access, build inclusive digital infrastructure, and opportunities for all. In 2014, internet penetration was limited, digital literacy was low, and online access to government services was scarce. Many doubted whether a country as vast and diverse as India could truly go digital.

Today, that question has been answered not just in data and dashboards, but in the lives of



44 lakh crore rupees transferred through DBT, middlemen removed, leakage of Rs 3.48 lakh crore saved

140 crore Indians. From how we govern, to how we learn, transact, and build, Digital India is everywhere.

BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

In 2014, India had around 25 crore internet connections. Today, that number has grown to over 97 crores. Over 42 lakh kilometres of Optical Fibre Cable equivalent to 11 times the distance between Earth and the Moon now connects even the most remote villages. India's 5G rollout is among the fastest in the world, with 4.81 lakh base stations installed in just two years. High-speed internet now reaches urban hubs and forward military posts alike including Galwan, Siachen, and Ladakh.

India Stack, which is our digital backbone, has enabled platforms like UPI, which now handles 100+ billion transactions a year. Around half of all real time digital transactions happen in India. Through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT), over ₹44 lakh crore has been

transferred directly to citizens, cutting out middlemen and saving ₹3.48 lakh crore in leakages.

Schemes like SVAMITVA have issued 2.4 crore+ property cards and mapped 6.47 lakh villages, ending years of land-related uncertainty.

DEMOCRATISING OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

India's digital economy is empowering MSMEs and small entrepreneurs like never before. ONDC (Open Network for Digital Commerce) is a revolutionary platform which opens a new window of opportunities by providing a seamless connection with huge market of buyers and sellers. GeM (Government E-Marketplace) enables the common man to sell goods and services to all arms of the government. This not only empowers the common man with a huge market but also saves money for the Government.

Imagine this: You apply for a Mudra

loan online. Your creditworthiness is assessed through an account aggregator framework. You get your loan and start your venture. You register on GeM, supply to schools and hospitals, and then scale up via ONDC. ONDC recently crossed 200 million transactions, with the last 100 million in just six months. From Banarasi weavers to bamboo artisans in Nagaland, sellers are now reaching customers nationwide, without middlemen or digital monopolies. GeM has also crossed ₹1 lakh crore GMV in 50 days, with 22 lakh sellers including 1.8 lakh+ women-led MSMEs, who have fulfilled orders worth ₹46,000 crore.

DIGITAL PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE: INDIA'S GLOBAL OFFERING

India's Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) from Aadhaar, CoWIN, DigiLocker, and FASTag to PM-WANI and One Nation One Subscription is now studied and adopted globally. CoWIN enabled the world's largest vaccination drive, issuing 220 crore QR-verifiable certificates. DigiLocker, with 54 crore users, hosts 775 crore+ documents, securely and seamlessly. Through our G20 Presidency, India launched the Global DPI Repository and a \$25 million Social Impact Fund, helping nations across Africa and South Asia adopt inclusive digital ecosystems.

STARTUP POWER MEETS AATMANIRBHAR BHARAT

India now ranks among the top 3 startup ecosystems in the world, with over 1.8 lakh startups. But this is more than a startup movement, it is a tech renaissance. India is doing extremely well when it comes to AI skill penetration and AI talent concentration among our youth. Through the \$1.2 billion India AI Mission, India has enabled access to 34,000 GPUs at globally unmatched prices at less than \$1/GPU hour making India not just the most affordable internet economy, but also the most affordable compute destination. India has championed humanity-first



AI. The New Delhi Declaration on AI promotes innovation with responsibility. We are establishing AI Centres of Excellence across the country.

THE ROAD AHEAD

The next decade will be even more transformative. We are moving from digital governance to global digital leadership, from India-first to India-for-the-world. Digital India has not remained a mere government program, it has become a people's movement. It is central to building an Aatmanirbhar Bharat, and to making India a trusted innovation partner to the world.

To all innovators, entrepreneurs, and dreamers: the world is looking at India for the next digital breakthrough.

Let us build what empowers.

Let us solve what truly matters.

**Let us lead with technology that unites,
includes, and uplifts. ●**

AN INDIAN IN SPACE AFTER A 41-YEAR GAP



India's space journey started with a sounding rocket launch from a village in Thumba, Kerala. At that time, hardly anyone would have thought that one day the country would be able to achieve such spectacular success, which was unimaginable at that time. An important milestone in this journey of success came in 1984, when Wing Commander Rakesh Sharma stepped into space with the Soviet Union's Soyuz T-11 mission. Now, 41 years later, fulfilling the dream of 140 crore Indians, Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla created a new history by stepping on the International Space Station with the Axiom-4 mission...

Just before India's first indigenous human space flight, Gaganyaan, Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla became the first Indian to step on the International Space Station with the Axiom-4 mission on June 26. This mission was launched on June 25 at around noon Indian time from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida, USA. All the astronauts flew in the Dragon capsule attached to SpaceX's Falcon-9 rocket. This spacecraft docked to the International Space Station on June 26 at 4:30 pm after about 28.5 hours. Axiom Mission-4 (AX-4) is a private space mission that is being conducted in collaboration with NASA, ISRO, and SpaceX.

Group Captain Shubhanshu is its mission pilot. According to ISRO, this experience of Shubhanshu will be useful in India's Gaganyaan mission. This is India's first human space mission, which aims to send Indian astronauts to the lower orbit of the Earth and bring them back safely. Along with him, former NASA astronaut and mission commander Peggy Whitson of America, Sławosz Uznańsk of Poland, and Tibor Kapu of Hungary also became a part of the mission. As soon as the mission was launched, Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated and said that Indian astronaut Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla is on this mission with the wishes, hopes, and aspirations of 1.4 billion Indians.

NEW DIRECTION TO INDIA'S EXPERIMENTS IN SPACE

The mission's research portfolio includes about 60 scientific studies and experiments related to

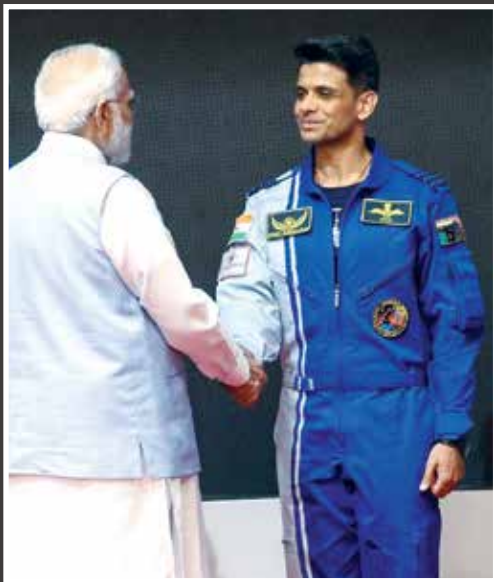


Shubhanshu reached space, said- This is the beginning of India's human space program

In the Axiom-4 mission, Group Captain Shubhanshu put the tricolor on his shoulder. After lifting off, while giving a message in Hindi from the Dragon spacecraft, he said, "Hello dear countrymen, it was an amazing ride. The Tiranga (Tricolor) on my shoulder tells me that I am with all of you. This is the beginning of India's human space program. I want all of you to be a part of it. Your chest should also swell with pride. Jai Hind, Jai Bharat.

The path to Gaganyaan will open

According to media reports, India has spent more than Rs 500 crore on the Axiom mission. This mission is very important for India's first human space mission, Gaganyaan. Group Captain Shubhanshu is one of the four astronauts selected for this. With the success of this mission, India will become the fourth country, along with America, Russia, and China to do so. Sending Shubhanshu on this mission is a part of India's plan.



PM Modi himself congratulated Group Captain Shubhanshu on joining the Gaganyaan mission team.



Group Captain Shubhanshu's father, Shambhu Dayal Shukla, mother Asha Shukla, and sister Nidhi Shukla watching the Axiom-4 mission launch live. Tears of joy flowed, tricolor was waved.

30 countries. According to Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh, Group Captain Shukla has taken with him indigenous experiment kits, which have been developed by leading Indian institutions like IIT, IISc, and the Department of Biotechnology (DBT). With the help of these kits, Shubhanshu's part in the mission is to undertake experiments related to farming in space, moss, fossil protection in difficult conditions,

muscle weakness of astronauts in zero gravity, the effect on eyes, the use of cyanobacteria in urea and nitrate, and the quality of different crops. All the experiments to be conducted by Shubhanshu Shukla have been indigenously developed by Indian institutions. The results obtained from these experiments will be shared with the rest of the world.

REFORMS STRENGTHENED SPACE JOURNEY

India on the path to scripting a new history in space

"When an Indian rocket goes into space, it takes with it not only the payload but also the dreams of 140 crore countrymen."

These words of Prime Minister Narendra Modi are a symbol of India's commitment to the space development program, which got a new momentum in 2014. India created new history by reaching Mars at a cost less than the auto journey and also became the first country to reach the South Pole of the Moon with Chandrayaan-3.

- During the last ten years, from January 2015 to December 2024, a total of 393 foreign satellites and 3 Indian customer satellites have been launched on a commercial basis on ISRO's PSLV, LVM3, and SSLV launch vehicles.
- 'India has so far launched 34 countries' satellites, including those of developed countries since 2014- United States (232), United Kingdom (83), Singapore (19), Canada (8), Korea (5) Luxembourg (4), Italy (4), Germany (3), Belgium (3), Finland (3), France (3), Switzerland (2) Netherlands (2), Japan (2), Israel (2), Spain (2), Australia (1), United Arab Emirates (1), Austria (1), others (8).
- 'On 15 February 2017, ISRO launched 104 satellites in a single mission- a world record, which has not been broken to date.
- 'India launched its first solar mission with Aditya L-1 in February 2017.
- India's goal includes establishing the Bharatiya Antariksh Station (BAS) in space by the year 2035 and landing on the moon with an Indian crew by 2040.



India's first indigenous human spaceflight

The Gaganyaan program has been approved with a financial outlay of about Rs 20,193 crore. India's first indigenous human spaceflight initiative. It aims to send Indian astronauts to low Earth orbit (LEO), which will lay the foundation for more advanced missions. Four pilots of the Indian Air Force have been selected for this mission. These include Group Captain PB Nair, Group Captain Ajit Krishnan, Group Captain Angad Pratap, and Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla. If everything goes well, this first human spaceflight of India will be launched in the first quarter of 2027.

The reforms started in the space sector after 2014 have contributed significantly to establishing India as a strong player in space. Under this, the way was opened for 100 percent foreign direct investment in the space sector. The budget of India's space program was increased three times by 2025-26 as compared to the year 2013-14. In 2020, with the establishment of IN-SPACe, the space sector was opened to private companies, and India's future goals were set with the

Indian Space Policy 2023. This created a new path for innovation. As a result of this, more than 328 space startups have emerged in recent years.

India's space program is at a historic turning point where it is turning into a mission of leadership instead of just research. The Axiom-4 mission is an important part of this journey, which reflects India's emerging capabilities and global position in space science. ●



SHUBHANSHU TOLD PM MODI

INDIA LOOKS GRAND FROM SPACE

Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself spoke directly to Group Captain Shubhanshu about the Axiom-4 mission, which has become a new symbol of India's scientific capability in space and its strong participation in global space research. In this conversation held on June 28, PM Modi congratulated Shubhanshu and also said that today you are far away from the motherland, from the land of India, but you are closest to the hearts of Indians. Shubhanshu also shared his experience of seeing India from space. Here are edited excerpts of the conversation...

Prime Minister: There is auspiciousness in your name, and your journey is also the beginning of a new era. At this time, we two are talking, but the sentiments of 140 crore Indians are also with me. I extend my heartiest congratulations and best wishes to you for hoisting the flag of India in space. I am not taking much time, so first of all tell me, is everything fine there? Are you feeling well?

Shubhanshu Shukla: Yes, Prime Minister Ji! Thank you very much for your wishes and the wishes of my 140 crore countrymen. I am absolutely fine and safe here. Because of your blessings and love... I am feeling very good. This is a very new experience. When I was young, I could never imagine that I could become an astronaut. But I believe that today's India under your leadership provides this opportunity and also gives a chance to realize those dreams. So, this is a great achievement for me and I feel very proud that I am able to represent my country here.

Prime Minister: Well, what was the first thought that came to your mind after seeing the vastness of space?

Shubhanshu Shukla: Prime Minister ji, to be honest, when we reached the orbit for the first time, reached space, the first view was of the Earth and the first thought after seeing the Earth from outside, the first thought that came to mind was that the Earth looks completely uniform, I mean no boundary line, no border is visible from outside. India really looks very grand, looks very big. It is much bigger than what we see on the map and the feeling of oneness, the feeling of oneness of the earth, which is also our motto that unity in diversity, its importance is understood in such a way when seen from outside that it seems that no border exists, no state exists, no countries exist, finally we all are a part of humanity and the earth is our home and all of us are its citizens.

Prime Minister: Shubh, you are out in space, where gravity is next to nothing, but every Indian is seeing how down-to-earth you are. Did you feed the Gajar ka halwa you carried with you to your friends?

Shubhanshu Shukla: Yes, Prime Ministerji! I had brought some food items from my country, like Gajar ka Halwa, Moong Dal Halwa and Aam Ras and I wanted my other friends, who have come from other countries, to also taste it and experience the rich culinary heritage of India. So, we all sat together and tasted it, and everyone liked it very much.

Prime Minister: Shubh, Parikrama is a centuries old tradition of India. You have got the good fortune of doing Parikrama of Mother Earth. Which part of the Earth will you be passing over right now?

Shubhanshu Shukla: Yes, Prime Minister Ji! I don't have that information right now, but a little while ago I was looking out the window, we were passing over Hawaii, and we orbit 16 times a day. We see 16 sunrises and 16 sunsets from orbit and this entire process is very amazing. In this orbit, at this fast speed, we are moving at the speed of about 28000 kilometers per hour

Prime Minister: Shubhanshu, You have worked very hard. You have gone through a long training. Now you are in a real situation, you are actually in space, how different are the conditions there? How are you adapting?

Shubhanshu Shukla: Everything is different here Prime Minister Ji, we did training for the last one year, I knew about all the systems, I knew about all the processes, I knew about the experiments. But as soon as I came here, suddenly everything changed, because our body gets so used to living in gravity that everything is decided by it, but after coming here, since gravity is microgravity and is absent, even small things become very difficult. Right now, while talking to you, I have tied my legs, otherwise I would go up and the mike too, these are small things, that is, even if I leave it like this, it keeps floating like this. Drinking water, walking, sleeping is a big challenge, you can sleep on the roof, you can sleep on the walls, you can sleep on the ground. The training is good, but the environment changes,

so it takes a day or two to get used to it.

Prime Minister: India's strength lies in both science and spirituality. You are on a space journey, but the journey of India must also be going on. India must be running inside you. Do you get the benefit of meditation and mindfulness in that environment?

Shubhanshu Shukla: Yes, Prime Minister Ji, I completely agree. I believe that India is already running and this mission is just the first step of that big race and we are definitely moving ahead and we will have our own stations in space and many people will reach there and mindfulness also makes a lot of difference. There are many situations during normal training or even during launch, which are very stressful and with mindfulness you are able to keep yourself calm in those situations and if you keep yourself calm, you are able to take good decisions.

Prime Minister: You are doing many experiments in space. Is there any experiment that will benefit the agriculture or health sector in the future?

Shubhanshu Shukla: Yes, Prime Minister Ji, I can say with great pride that for the first time Indian scientists have designed 7 unique experiments, which I have brought with me to the station and the first experiment that I am going to do, which is on Stem Cells. Along with this, the other experiment is on the growth of microalgae. These microalgae are very small but very nutritious.

Prime Minister: Shubhanshu, after the success of Chandrayaan, a new interest in science was born among the children and youth of the country, the passion to explore space increased. Now this historic journey of yours is further strengthening that resolve. Today children do not just look at the sky, they think, I too can reach there. This thinking, this feeling is the real foundation of our future space missions. What message would you give to the young generation of India?

Shubhanshu Shukla: first of all I will tell you that in the direction in which India is moving, we have seen very bold and very high dreams and to fulfil those dreams, we need all of you, so to fulfil that need,

I would say that there is no one path to success that sometimes you take one path, sometimes someone takes the other path, but one thing that is common in every path is that you should never give up trying, Never Stop Trying. If you adopt this basic mantra that no matter what path you are on, where you are, but you will never give up, then success may come today or tomorrow, but it will definitely come.

Prime Minister: I am sure that the youth of the country will like these words of yours. Whenever I talk to anyone, I always give them homework. We have to take Mission Gaganyaan forward, we have to build our own space station, and also have to land Indian astronauts on the moon. Your experiences will be very useful in all these missions.

Shubhanshu Shukla: While undergoing the training and experiencing this entire mission, the lessons that I have received, the learnings that I have gained, I am absorbing them all like a sponge and I am sure that all these things will prove to be very valuable, very important for us when I come back and we will be able to apply these lessons effectively in our missions and complete them as quickly as possible.

Prime Minister: Shubhanshu, I am sure that this message of yours will inspire. All your family members are equally emotional and full of enthusiasm. I know you have a lot of work and you have to work at a speed of 28000 kilometers, so I will not take much of your time. Today I can say with confidence that this is the first chapter of the success of India's Gaganyaan mission. This historic journey of yours is not just limited to space; it will give speed and new strength to our journey towards Viksit Bharat. India is going to open the doors of new possibilities in space for the world. Now India will not just fly, it will prepare the platform for new flights in the future. If you express the feelings that are in your mind, the countrymen will listen, the young generation of the country will listen, then I myself am very eager to hear some more things from you.



Shubhanshu Shukla: It is a personal accomplishment for me, but somewhere I feel that this is a very big collective achievement for our country. And I want to give a message that if you try and you make your future well, then your future will be good and the future of our country will be good and keep only one thing in your mind, that sky has never the limits, neither for you, nor for me, nor for India.

Prime Minister: I wish you and all your colleagues the very best for the success of your mission. We are all waiting for your return. Take care of yourself, keep raising the respect of Maa Bharati. Many many best wishes, best wishes of 140 crore countrymen and I thank you very much for working so hard and reaching this height. Bharat Mata ki Jai!

Shubhanshu Shukla: Thank you, Prime Minister, thank you and thank you to all 140 crore countrymen and Bharat Mata Ki Jai for everyone from space! ●



HOCKEY'S TORNADO

A hockey ground in the Khadki neighbourhood close to Pune where children gathered every day with gleaming hockey sticks. Among them was a boy from a poor family who didn't even have the money to buy a new stick... When he came out to play for the first time by joining some broken sticks with a sack rope, no one had any idea that later on he would establish himself as the best striker along with the greatest captains of the Indian hockey team. This is the story of Dhanraj Pillay, who was called the 'Toofaan' (Tornado) of Indian hockey due to his exceptional speed on the field...

Born: 16 July 1968

Dhanraj Pillay, a member of the Indian hockey team, is regarded as a powerful player who is passionate about the sport. In the nineties, Dhanraj, the hero of the Indian hockey team, became known for his wrist work and speed. By the time the players of the opposition team tried to understand his strategy, he would score a goal.

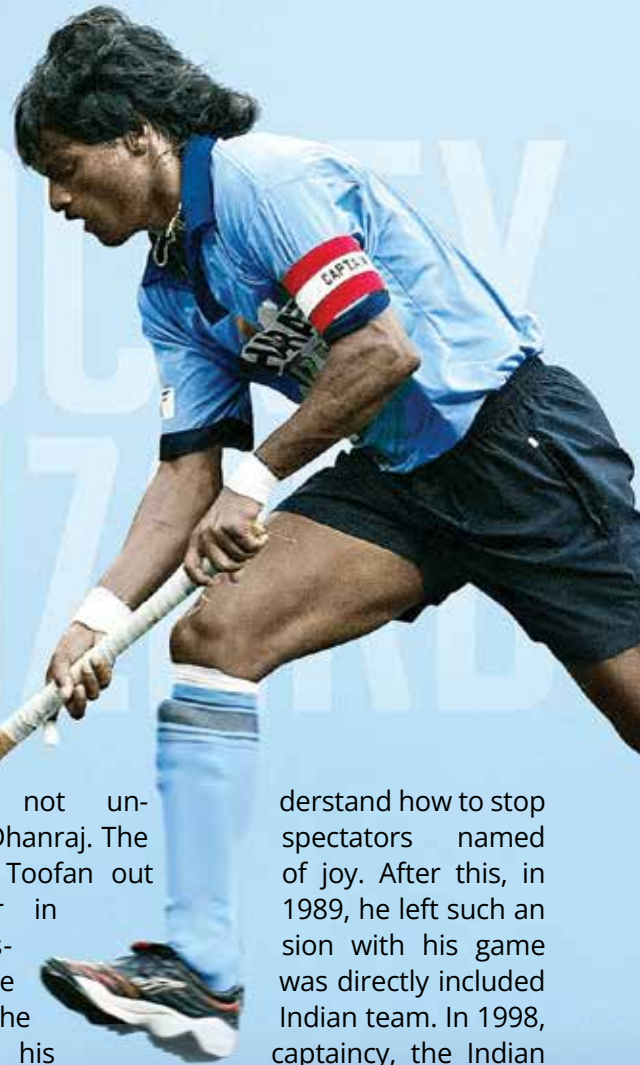
Dhanraj Pillay was born on 16 July 1968. His childhood was full of difficulties. Thinking that the son would remove the poverty of the house, the family members named him Dhanraj. He was the youngest of five brothers. Due to the family's dire financial situation, Dhanraj was always given his older brother Ramesh's broken and worn-out stick. Ramesh became well-known as a hockey player. He brought Dhanraj to Mumbai as well.

While practising with his brother, one day he also joined his team. The year was 1987; Delhi's hockey ground was about to witness a historic match. Dhanraj entered the ground with his team. But people were looking intently at Rajinder, who was the best player of that era. Suddenly, a tall and thin boy, Dhanraj Pillay, caught everyone's attention in the match. Dhanraj's speed was such that he snatched the ball from Rajinder's clutches and scored a brilliant goal. The opponent team could

not understand Dhanraj. The captain named him Toofan out of Gwalior in 1989. It was an impressive performance that he showed in the match under his leadership. The Indian hockey team won the Asian Games gold medal after 32 years.

In 2003, he also won the Asia Cup title for India. Dhanraj is the only player who represented India in 4 Olympics, 4 World Cups, 4 Asian Games and 4 Champions Trophies. Dhanraj, who served Indian hockey for 15 years and finally retired in 2004, is among the top five highest goal scorers from India. Dhanraj, who scored a total of 170 goals in 339 international matches in his career, was awarded the Padma Shri in 2000.

On 28 October 2018, in the 49th episode of the Mann Ki Baat programme, Prime Minister Narendra Modi remembered Dhanraj Pillay. He said that whenever hockey is discussed in the world, the story of hockey will remain incomplete without these great players of India. The whole world is familiar with hockey magician Major Dhyan Chand. After that, hockey has come a long way from Balwinder Singh Senior, Leslie Claudius, Mohammad Shahid, Udham Singh to Dhanraj Pillay. ●





...So that no Indian is ever deprived of medical treatment !

Gyanendra from Bihar got a new life from Ayushman Bharat

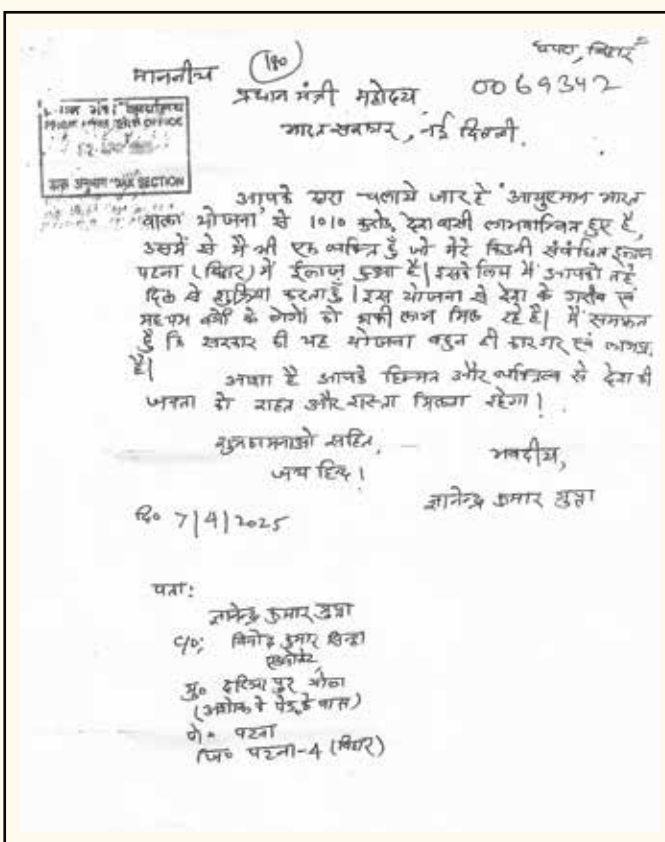
PM Modi wrote a letter and said- 'Your health, our resolve'

"Crores have benefitted from the Ayushman Bharat Yojana, and I am one of them. I was diagnosed with a kidney ailment, and under this scheme, I received treatment in Patna, Bihar. This scheme is greatly benefitting the poor and middle-class sections of the country. It is indeed an effective and beneficial initiative."

These words, filled with contentment for the accessible medical treatment and the relief of receiving care free of cost, are from Shri Gyanendra Kumar Gupta of Bihar, whose kidney treatment was made possible at no charge through the Ayushman Bharat scheme. After his recovery, Gyanendra wrote a heartfelt letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to express his gratitude.

Thanks to this transformative scheme, crores like Gyanendra—who, just a decade ago, might have fallen below the poverty line due to the crushing burden of healthcare expenses—have been able to access essential medical care. In this context, the revolutionary initiative of providing free treatment up to Rs 5 lakh has proved to be a blessing for 55 to 60 crore Indians, particularly those from economically weaker sections, the middle class, and the elderly.

Although universal healthcare had been discussed in the country before, it is



for the first time that a government has provided the world's largest healthcare facility, with free treatment up to Rs 5 lakh. That is why the sentiments of beneficiaries naturally overflow with gratitude. When Gyanendra expressed his emotions in a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Prime Minister too responded with warmth and empathy, reflecting his deep connection with the citizens.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi wrote a letter to Gyanendra Kumar Gupta, a resident of Patna, Bihar, conveying his heartfelt wishes for his continued recovery. The Prime Minister's letter is a clear reflection of his sensitive and sincere commitment to the welfare of the people of the country. He wrote in his letter, *"I am truly delighted to learn about your improved health... The information you shared in your letter about the successful kidney treatment under the Ayushman Bharat scheme has brought immense satisfaction to my heart."* In his letter, Gyanendra had written, *"Your (PM Modi's) courage and persona continue to offer relief and guidance to the people of the nation."* In response, the Prime Minister too could not help but pour his emotions into words. He wrote, *"We have witnessed how the entire life savings of families are wiped out in an instant due to medical expenses. Often, people would avoid seeking treatment altogether due to these costs. Today, Ayushman Bharat is ensuring that no Indian is deprived of healthcare. This scheme has demonstrated how proper treatment can give new hope and direction to a person's life."*

PM Modi further wrote about how essential a Swastha Bharat (healthy India) is for building a Viksit Bharat (developed India). A healthy individual not only supports their own family but also plays an active role in the nation-building process. Accordingly, in his letter to Gyanendra, the Prime Minister wrote, *"It is said— शरीरमाद्यं खलु धर्मसाधनम्," meaning the body is the foremost instrument for fulfilling all duties and responsibilities. When citizens are healthy, only then can the nation become strong and capable."*

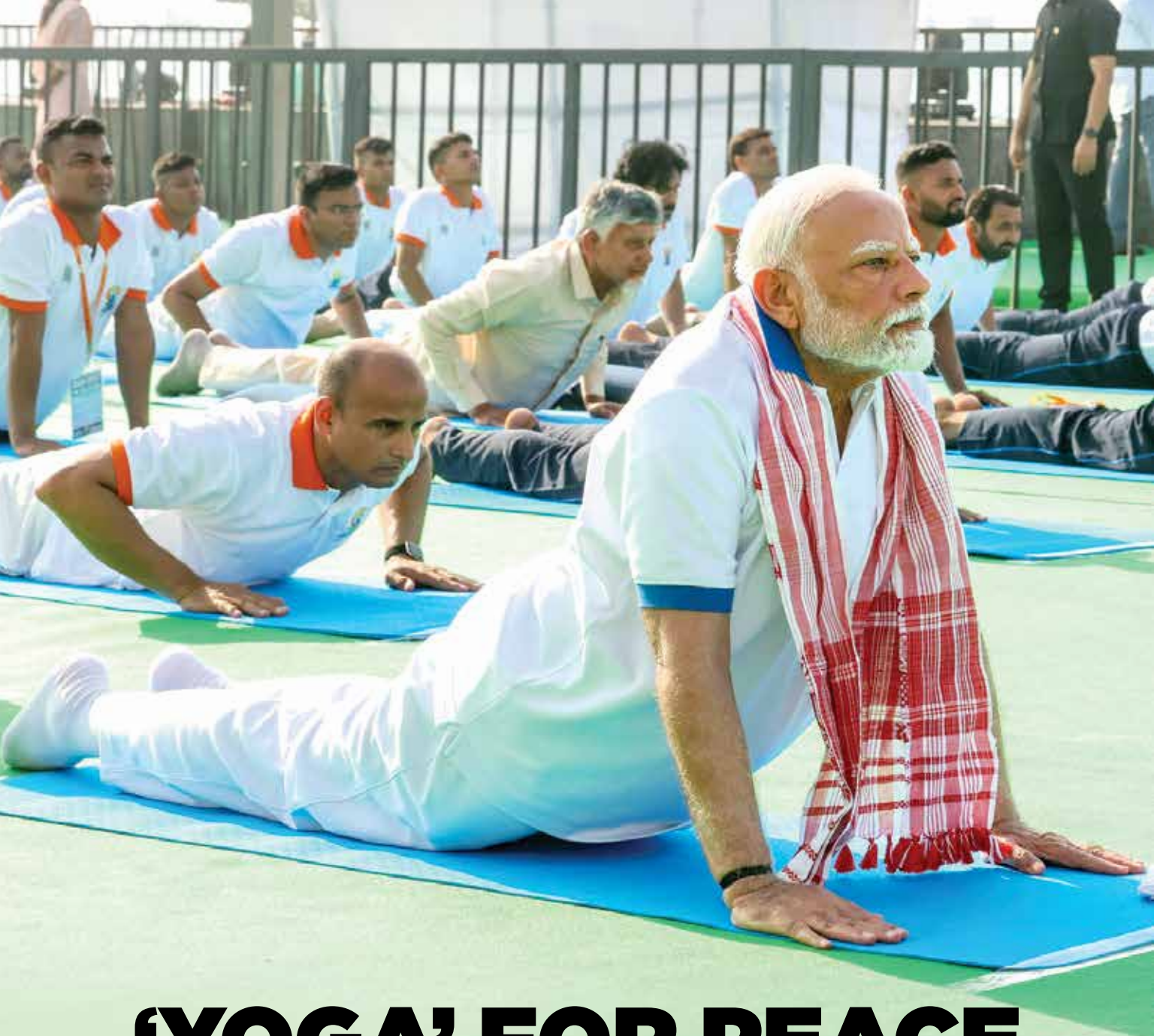
The Prime Minister noted that it is truly



gratifying to see that central government schemes are reaching ordinary citizens at the grassroots and bringing about real changes in their lives. He added, *"To witness people like you confidently moving forward in life once again after treatment is a significant achievement for us."*

In conclusion, the Prime Minister conveyed his best wishes for Gyanendra's good health and bright future.

Undoubtedly, the Ayushman Bharat scheme represents a healthcare revolution in pursuit of a Viksit Bharat. In fact, studies show that even a one-year increase in life expectancy, owing to improved healthcare, can boost GDP by up to 4%. In this context, the significance of the Ayushman Bharat scheme for a vast and diverse country like ours can be easily understood. ●



‘YOGA’ FOR PEACE

HEALTH, AND HARMONY

India's ancient civilization has always advocated knowledge, health, and harmony. From the discovery of zero to astronomy to surgery to contributions to philosophy, India has been enriching the world for centuries. A milestone in this ideal of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam also manifested in the form of yoga, when in the year 2014, on India's proposal, 177 countries of the world together approved to celebrate International Day of Yoga on 21 June every year. Now, once again on 21 June, through the 11th International Yoga Day, the world saw India's cultural power, and in the main event organized in Visakhapatnam, attended by PM Narendra Modi a world record for the largest event by doing yoga was created with more than 3 lakh participants...



As a symbol of India's soft power, yoga is promoting peace, well-being, and unity by reaching offshore. With this eternal gift of India for global harmony, this time Yoga Day was celebrated on the theme 'Yoga for one earth, one health' with more than 2,000 programs in about 1,300 places in 191 countries across the world. Referring to this spirit of unity through Yoga in the main program organized on the beach in Visakhapatnam, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the day when India proposed in the United Nations that 21 June should be recognized as International Day of Yoga, then in the shortest time 177 countries of the world stood with this proposal. In today's world, such unity, such support, is not an ordinary feat. This was not just the support of a proposal; it was a collective effort of the world for the welfare of humanity. Today, after 11 years, yoga has become a part of the lifestyle of crores of people around the world. It is a matter of pride when Divyang friends read yoga scriptures in Braille, scientists do yoga in space, and young friends participate in the Yoga Olympiad in every

Two world records were set in Visakhapatnam

Yoga on the world's highest bridge, too

From Ladakh to Kerala and Arunachal to Gujarat, events were organized across the country for the 11th International Day of Yoga.

- The Ministry of Tourism organized mass yoga programs at 40 tourist places with beautiful monuments and serene natural landscapes, while the Archaeological Survey of India organized mass yoga programs at 81 heritage sites, including Gujarat's Adalaj stepwell and Konark Sun Temple. Indian Army soldiers practiced yoga at the world's highest battlefield, Siachen Glacier.

Yoga sessions were organized in the Galwan Valley, located at an altitude of

15,000 feet

- For the first time, Indian Railways organized yoga sessions on the world's highest railway bridge - Chenab in Jammu and Kashmir, the first cable-stayed rail bridge - Anji Khad Bridge, and the country's first vertical-lift rail bridge - Pamban Bridge in Tamil Nadu.

On the other hand, two important Guinness World Records were also set in Visakhapatnam, which shows the growing popularity and wide acceptance of yoga.

1st Record

is the largest gathering of people for yoga practice at one place. Three lakh two thousand people practiced yoga there on the IDY.

2nd Record

is of the largest mass Surya Namaskar, when 22,122 tribal students participated in the Surya Namaskar event on June 20, 2025.

President Droupadi Murmu participated in the mass yoga in Dehradun

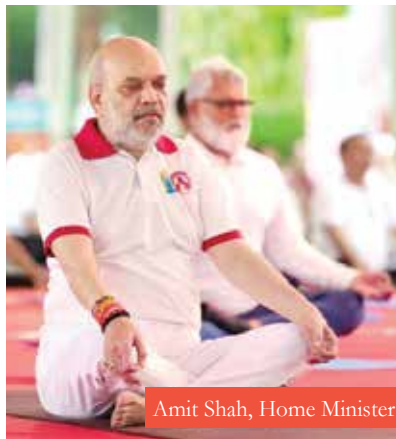
President Droupadi Murmu participated in the mass yoga demonstration at the Uttarakhand State Police Line Ground in Dehradun on International Yoga Day. President Droupadi Murmu said on this occasion that 'yoga' means 'to connect'. The practice of yoga connects the body, mind, and soul of a person and makes them healthy. Yoga can connect one person to another, one community to another, and even one country to another.



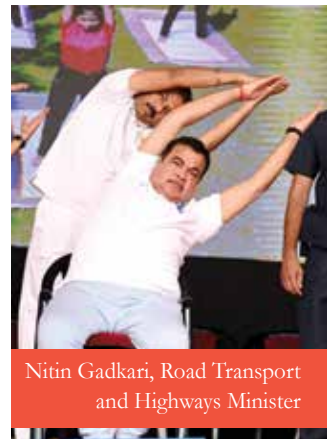
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Rajnath Singh, Defence Minister



Amit Shah, Home Minister



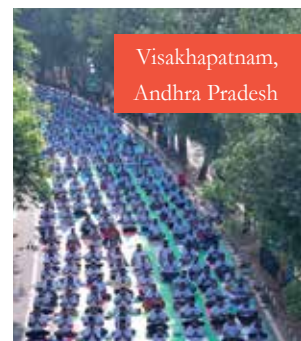
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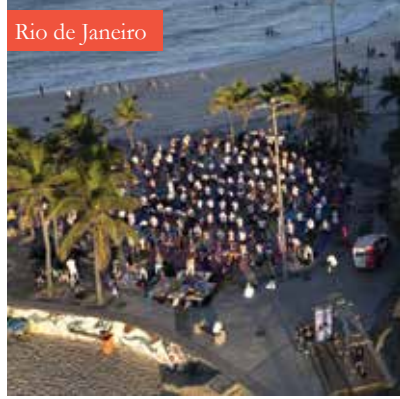
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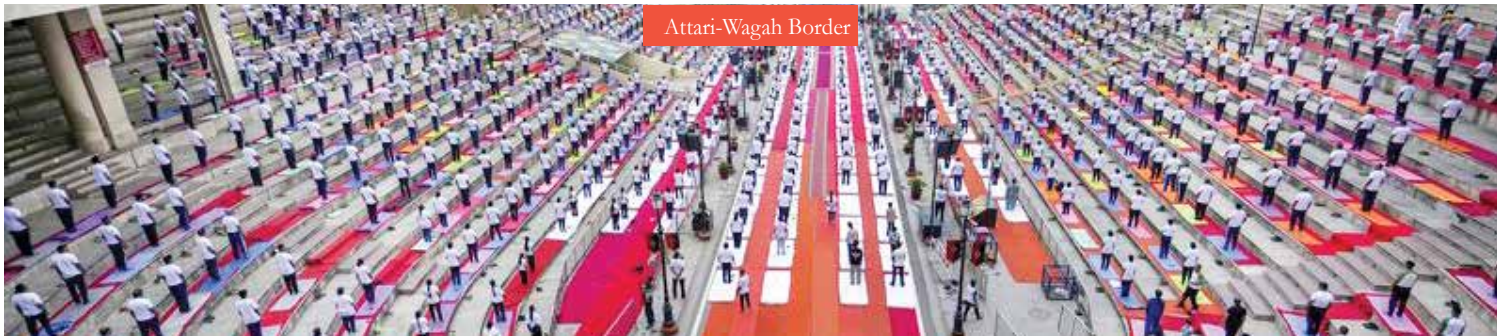
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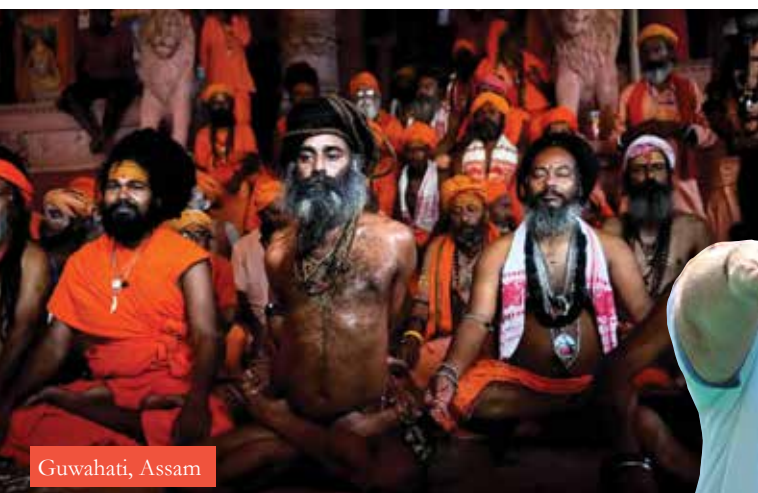
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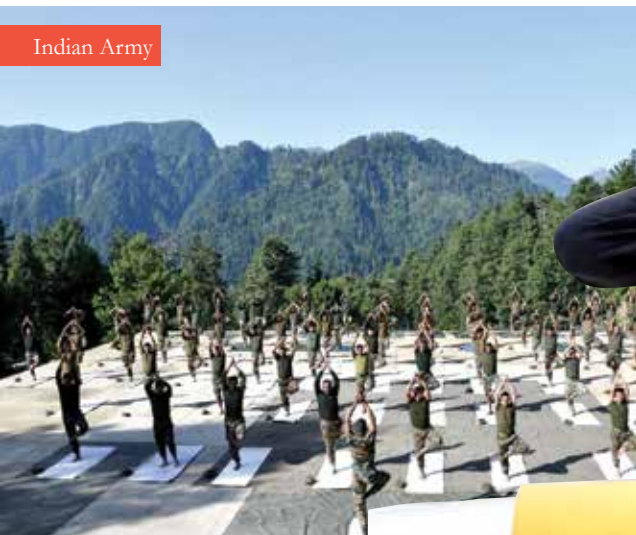




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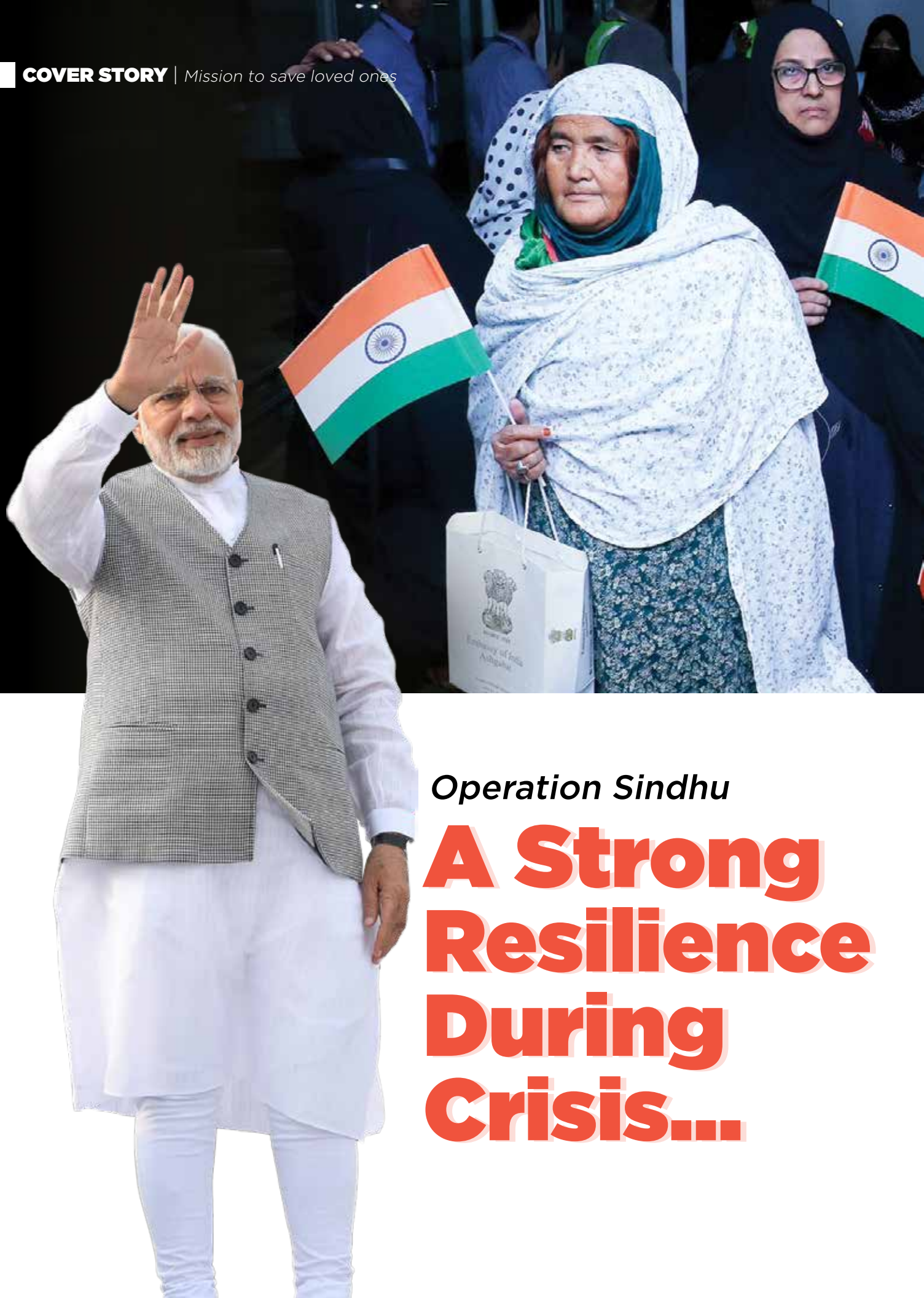
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village. Be it the steps of the Sydney Opera House, the peak of Everest, or the expanse of the ocean, the same message comes from everywhere - Yoga belongs to all and is for all.

Referring to the growing scope of yoga in the world and the continuous efforts being made by India for this, Prime Minister Modi said that India is further empowering the science of yoga through

modern research to spread yoga in the world. There is an effort to give a place to the scientific nature of yoga in the modern medical system. The mantra of yoga and wellness is also being promoted through the National Ayush Mission. Digital technology has also played a big role in this. Yoga is being organized in every corner of the country, which shows the growing scope of yoga. ●





Operation Sindhu

A Strong Resilience During Crisis...



An Indian living anywhere in the world is a 'Rashtradoot'. This thinking of New India has not only saved its people in every disaster, every crisis, but has also led the aid and relief efforts in every hour of crisis. In the last few years, the assertiveness and self-reliance in India's policy have shown the country's strength to the world in every disaster by setting aside the earlier 'defensive and dependent' mindset. This is the reason why, whether it is the lockdown under COVID-19 or the life-saving mission 'Operation Ganga' to bring Indians home safely during the Russia-Ukraine war, and now 'Operation Sindhu' during the Iran-Israel war, it has made us realize the power of the tricolour. Also, whenever there was a crisis in other countries like Afghanistan, Nepal, Sudan, Yemen, Indonesia, or in any part of the world, Indians needed help, the Government of India saved them through special operations. Also, it made us realize the growing power of India in the world. Today, the people of the country are feeling proud of this global achievement of India...



It feels great to be back home. We did not expect that we would be able to return. But the Government of India, the Ministry of External Affairs, and the Embassy made excellent arrangements, and we were able to return home. This is what Saba Rasool, a medical student studying in Iran, said, who returned safely to her home in Srinagar on 19 June.

Missiles were flying over our hostel, and the glasses were shaking. The Government of India and the Embassy had made full preparations to bring us back home, and we have returned to India without any trouble. Expressing gratitude to the Government of India, this is what Maryam Rose, a student who returned from Iran, said.

Almas Rizvi, a resident of Prayagraj, says, "The Indian Embassy had made all the arrangements for us. From the hotel to lunch and dinner, everything was taken care of. We never felt that we were in a war-like situation. I felt relieved to return to my country."

Elia Batool, who returned home from the war zone in Iran, says, "Ever since we got the news of the attacks, my family was very worried. Many thanks to the Indian government, for we were able to return home safely in this hour of crisis."



When Tajkia Fatima, who returned from Iran, met her family, she was overjoyed. She said that there was a situation of war there. We were wondering how we would get out, but we are thankful to the Indian government. They evacuated us very well.

Syed Mansoor says that when we returned to our country after leaving the war zone, the first thing we did was bow down and pay our respects to our land. The fact that we were able to reach home after coming out of a difficult situation shows the strength of India.

Mohammad Ali Kazim, who returned to India, while sharing his experience, said that he has returned from the city of Mashhad and is feeling very good after coming back home. He told that we had gone on a religious trip, but the situation there, especially in Tehran, is very bad. The Indian government helped us a lot, helped us cross the border, and made all the arrangements to bring us to India.

Mehboob Ali Musharraff, who was waiting to return home from Iran, became teary-eyed as soon as he reached Delhi airport. As soon as he arrived in India, he thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Indian government. Every moment there was very difficult...Hindustan Zindabad.

The feeling of relief on the faces of Indian students and citizens after returning home from the war-torn region has become a symbol of the resolve, where the safety of every citizen is the top priority of the current central government. The students who returned home under 'Operation Ganga' amid the Russia-Ukraine crisis had also realised the power of the Indian tricolor. Now, amid the Iran-Israel conflict, under 'Operation Sindhu', the Government of India has started a mission to bring back the Indian students and citizens trapped in Iran safely. Under this mission, the first plane brought 110 citizens safely from the war zone to India on June 19. Of these, 90 students were from Jammu and Kashmir.

Undoubtedly, this is a matter of pride for Indians. Whenever there was a crisis anywhere in the world and the way India conducted rescue operations, countless stories of Indians returning home tell us how the leadership of the new India stands with its people in every crisis and has the courage to bring them back home safely. This is the reason why, whether it is the current Iran-Israel crisis or the Russia-Ukraine conflict a few years ago, India has constantly given the same message to its citizens - this country is yours, this is your homeland... Do not be disappointed, do not lose hope, India is always standing with you. These efficient policies and management of the Government of India show the strength of the new India, in which the government does not rest until the safe return of every Indian to the country.

How important every Indian citizen is to the nation and its leadership can be understood from a tweet from 2017. On 8 June 2017, the then Foreign Minister Sushma Swaraj had replied to an Indian citizen's question about help, saying, "If you are stranded on Mars, the Indian Embassy there will help you." Whether it is 'Operation Sindhu' during the Iran-Israel conflict or 'Operation Ganga' during the Ukraine crisis in the past, it has proved that the leadership of the new India is not making tall claims but is determined to solve every problem. Whether it was 'Operation Devi Shakti' launched in 2021 to evacuate Indians trapped in Afghanistan or 'Vande Bharat Mission', 'Lifeline Udan Mission', 'Operation Samudra Setu' launched in 2020 to bring back loved ones amid Covid pandemic or 'Operation Sankat



We have shouldered the responsibilities of international commitments in keeping with our traditions. In times of disaster, we have led assistance and relief efforts. We were the first to respond during the earthquake in Nepal, the evacuation from Yemen, and crises in the Maldives and Fiji. We have also never hesitated in fulfilling our responsibility to maintain international peace and security.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

Mochan' in South Sudan in 2016, 'Operation Rahat' during the Yemen crisis in 2015, 'Operation Maitri' to bring back Indians during the Nepal earthquake in 2015 or 'Operation Samudra Maitri' launched during the earthquake-tsunami in Indonesia. India has always brought back its people to the country by adopting the mantra of "Every Indian is Important". Not only this, 'Operation Sahayata-19' during the storm in Mozambique played a critical role. During Covid India set an example of humanity by saving the citizens of other countries of the world - Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, China, America, Myanmar, Madagascar, South Africa etc. and providing assistance in times of crisis.

3,597

Indians were
brought back
from Iran
till June 30

Operation Sindhu

Another Successful Evacuation Mission

818

Indians were
brought back
from Israel
till June 30

19 special flights, including 3 IAF aircraft, were used. 14 OCI cardholders, 9 Nepali nationals, 4 Sri Lankan nationals, and 1 Iranian spouse of 1 Indian national were also evacuated from Iran.

- More than 10 thousand Indians live in Iran. About 6,000 of them are students. Because of the conflict with Israel, India wrote the script of Operation Sindhu on June 18. The purpose was to bring every Indian back to the country safely. For Indians living in Israel, the embassy also issued an advisory on June 19 and announced necessary help for those wishing to leave. A link was also issued for those Indian citizens who have not registered themselves with the embassy.
- The Ministry of External Affairs also set up a 24-hour control room in New Delhi to stay in touch with Indian citizens.
- Iran shares its border with 7 countries. These countries are Pakistan, Afghanistan, Turkmenistan, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Turkey, and Iraq. Apart from this, it has a maritime border with Oman.
- India chose the route of Armenia to evacuate its people. Under this, the route chosen was to bring people from Iran to the Armenia border by road and then from the capital, Yerevan, to Delhi by air.
- Iran also took a special step and opened its airspace to facilitate India's evacuation operation.

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**Indian students
arrived in Delhi on
the morning of 19
June aboard the
first plane.**



'OPERATION SINDHU': A LIFE-SAVIOUR

When someone gets trapped in a war-torn area, they go through a lot of hardships. When missiles were passing over the students' hostel during the Iran-Israel conflict, the kind of fear that they experienced can only be felt. What must be going on in the minds of Indian citizens and students can be understood very well from the examples of students returning to their homeland and their views coming through

various media platforms. Amidst the growing tension between Iran and Israel, the Government of India stated on June 19 that a campaign will be launched to bring back Indian citizens who wish to return from the conflict-torn area. For this, websites, control room numbers, e-mails etc. were issued. The Indian Embassy had already issued an advisory. The Government of India said in its statement that the situation is being constantly monitored so that Indian citizens

Operation Ganga

Prime Minister Modi, four Union Ministers and 'Super 30' wrote the success story of 'Operation Ganga'.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself is the leader in the success story of Operation Ganga, launched to bring back Indians stranded in Ukraine amid the war with Russia.

15 February 2022

The Indian Embassy in Kiev issued an advisory asking Indians to leave Ukraine. After this, 3 more advisories were issued asking Indians whose stay in Ukraine is not very important to leave Ukraine immediately on a temporary basis by informing the embassy.

16 February 2022

The central government asked the aviation authorities and airlines to increase the number of flights between India and Ukraine, and the aviation ministry removed all restrictions on these flights. The requirement of the RTPCR test was abolished.

1 March 2022

Union Ministers Jyotiraditya Scindia, VK Singh, Hardeep Singh Puri and Kiren Rijiju themselves reached Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Hungary and Moldova to monitor 'Operation Ganga'.

4, 6 March 2022

Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself reviewed the situation in a high-level meeting. Prime Minister Modi personally spoke to Russian President Vladimir Putin three times and Ukrainian President Zelensky twice and sought cooperation in getting Indians out of Ukraine.

can get all possible assistance.

INDIA'S 'OPERATION GANGA' BECAME AN EXAMPLE AMID THE RUSSIA-UKRAINE WAR

The 'Operation Ganga' mission was started with the vision of bringing everyone back safely. The Prime Minister himself had emphasized the safety and evacuation of Indian students in a high-level meeting. He had said, "The safety and evacuation of students stranded in Ukraine is a priority. Cooperation will be enhanced with the neighboring countries of Ukraine to expedite the evacuation of students." He had made it clear on the very first day that bringing Indians home in difficult times is his top priority. Therefore, on the very first day of the war, Prime Minister Modi paved the way for the safe return of Indians by talking to Russian President Vladimir Putin and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky on the phone.

The biggest difficulty of this mission was that the airspace of Ukraine was closed. In such a situation, India made Ukraine's neighboring countries - Romania, Hungary, Poland, and the Slovak Republic

- After talks with the prime minister, both the countries agreed to build a humanitarian corridor, while Russia even announced a ceasefire in Kharkiv and Sumi for the Indian students to leave. Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to the heads of state of Ukraine's neighbouring countries 12 times over the phone.
- After talking to Prime Minister Modi, Moscow-Kiev officials gave instructions to build a humanitarian corridor.

its transit center to bring back its citizens. To ensure that no Indian faces any difficulty and there is no hindrance in the campaign to bring everyone back home, Prime Minister Modi sent his four then Union Ministers - Hardeep Singh Puri, Jyotiraditya Scindia, Kiren Rijiju, and General V.K. Singh to these countries to ensure the safe return of Indians.

ALERT EVEN DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS

Be it 'Operation Sindhu' or 'Operation Ganga', being proactive and as a responsible nation, India completing the rescue work with alertness has become the


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Indian students were taken by bus from war-torn Sumy to Poltava in central Ukraine.

Along with India, citizens of Bangladesh, Nepal and Tunisia were also evacuated from there.

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Bangladeshi students

3

Nepali students

India rescued these students from Ukraine.

- India also evacuated its citizens stranded in Chernihiv, Sumy, Kharkiv and Mariupol.
- Prime Minister Modi himself spoke to the president of Poland as well as the president of the European Union. Neighbouring countries abolished the visa requirement for Indians coming from war-torn areas.
- External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar was in constant touch with the ambassadors of Russia and Ukraine as well as the administrations of Poland, Hungary, Romania, Moldova and Slovakia.
- A control room was set up in Budapest, the capital of Hungary, by forming a core team of 30 young officers of the Indian Foreign Service (IFS). More than 150 officers and technical assistants were fully engaged in providing every possible help.

Airlines and Air Force played key role

Along with airlines, large aircraft of the Indian Air Force, including C-17 Globemaster, were deployed to evacuate Indians.

23,000+

people were brought to India from Ukraine amid war conditions.

90

flights were operated under Operation Ganga.

✈ 76 civilian aircraft

✈ 14 Indian Air Force aircraft


147

citizens of 18 countries were also brought from Ukraine in Operation Ganga.





Your generation is fortunate in a way that it did not have to suffer the loss of the earlier 'defensive' and 'dependent' psychology. But if this change has come to the country, then the first credit for this also goes to all of you, to our youth. Now you see, for example, in the sectors in which the country did not even think of moving forward on its own earlier, India is now on the path of becoming a global leader in those sectors.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

new policy of the new India. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit the world in March 2020, the mission of the Government of India to bring back its citizens as well as the citizens of other countries safely to the country was appreciated all over the world. Amid the lockdown, India brought back its citizens to the country through 'Vande Bharat Mission' and 'Operation Samudra Setu' to bring back millions of Indians. Through this mission, not only were Indians evacuated from countries like China, Iran, Italy, and Japan, but India also safely evacuated citizens of more than 50 other countries. Not only this, whether it was sending essential medicines to more than 150 countries during the time of Covid or making the vaccine made to fight Covid available to other countries of the world, India always presented an exemplary example to the world. This is the reason why the President of Brazil called India Hanuman, and the United Nations and the World Health Organization also praised India. Due to India's humanitarian approach, the countries of the world did not hesitate to accept it as a global leader.

INDIA AS A RESPONSIBLE NATION

Due to strong leadership, India has now become a symbol of hope and trust. In the past years, wherever Indians have been in trouble in the world, India has

Mission Vande Bharat

The biggest mission so far to bring back our own people.

- During the biggest pandemic of the century, like Covid, when the whole world came to a standstill and India also had to impose strict lockdown, the central government, taking care of the Indians stranded abroad, started Mission Vande Bharat. This mission has been one of the biggest evacuation efforts globally.
- The entire action plan was prepared under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. On 5 May 2020, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar tweeted and asked Indians stranded in other countries to stay in touch with the embassy there. The Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Home Affairs, and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, along with various state governments, were included in it. On 7 May 2020, the historic and biggest mission so far started.
- Through the Vande Bharat Mission, the process of bringing back every Indian stranded in crisis by air and through the sea route through Operation Samudra Setu began. In the first phase, Indians were brought back from Gulf countries and then from more than 50 countries.

emerged as a troubleshooter by giving priority to its citizens. In the year 2015, 'Operation Rahat' was run from March to April 2015 to evacuate Indians from war-torn Yemen. In this, about 2 thousand foreign citizens were also rescued. At that time also, given the deteriorating internal situation in Yemen, advisories were issued on 19 and 25 March asking people to leave Yemen. Seeing the deteriorating situation, India worked on a rescue strategy, and Prime Minister Modi had a conversation with the King of Saudi Arabia. The Ministry of External Affairs of India arranged for a helpline and assistance. Air Force, naval ships, and commercial aircraft were also deployed in this mission. In this mission, India helped in evacuating not only its citizens but also people from 48 other countries.

The return of people trapped in Saudi Arabia is also



- During Operation Samudra Setu, Indian naval ships Jalashwa, Airavat, Shardul and Magar steamed more than 23,000 kilometres. Through this, 3,992 Indian nationals were successfully brought back.



- Under the Vande Bharat Mission, one of the largest missions in history, more than 2.97 crore people were brought back through 2.17 lakh flights between 7 May 2020 and March 2022. Both commercial and chartered flights under the air bubble arrangement ensured that stranded nationals could return to their homes.

Evacuation from China amid covid

At the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic in early 2020, India acted swiftly to evacuate 637 Indian citizens and 7 Maldivians from Wuhan, China. The early response helped prevent potential risks and demonstrated prompt crisis management.

an example. On June 19, 2019, the Modi government ensured the safe return of Indians trapped in Saudi Arabia. Hundreds of Indians were trapped in Saudi Arabia due to a fight between two companies. On the initiative of the Modi government, 1200 Indians were brought back to the country. The Indians who returned to the country thanked Prime Minister Modi for their return. The success in getting its 8 former naval personnel released after being sentenced to death in Qatar has given a new confidence to the common Indian.

Fulfilling the thinking of 'Neighbor is the first helper', India sent NDRF teams after the devastating earthquake in Nepal on 25 April 2015, which reached Nepal within 6 hours and also provided assistance of about 67 million dollars. 'Operation Maitri' was launched to evacuate the Indian people

trapped in Nepal due to the earthquake. In 2016, given the incidents of conflict in South Sudan, India launched 'Operation Sankatmochan' to bring back its people, in which 156 Indians and 2 Nepali citizens were evacuated safely. 'Operation Samudra Maitri' was launched for the victims of the earthquake and tsunami in the Republic of Indonesia, while during the 2019 storm in Mozambique, India provided humanitarian assistance and disaster relief and rescued more than 192 people. Similarly, in 2021, 'Operation Devishakti' was launched to safely evacuate Indians stranded in Afghanistan. After the terrorist attack in Sri Lanka on the occasion of Easter, Prime Minister Modi was the first world leader to visit that country. India's emergency ambulance service in Sri Lanka is still available in all 9 provinces of the country.

46 Indian nurses rescued from Iraq

June 2014

In June 2014, during the ISIS attacks in Iraq, 46 Indian nurses were taken hostage by terrorists in a hospital in Tikrit. Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a high-level meeting. The then Foreign Minister Sushma Swaraj worked at every level of contact. NSA Ajit Doval himself reached Iraq. Eventually, the nurses were brought to the city of Irbil by arranging buses. These nurses reached Delhi on July 5, 2014. Many stranded people from Kerala were also evacuated from war-torn Iraq.

Operation Sankat Mochan: 153 people rescued from Sudan

July 2016

In the year 2016, about 600 Indians got trapped in South Sudan, which was burning in the fire of violence. The Indian government started Operation Sankat Mochan to evacuate them. The then Minister of State for External Affairs, VK Singh, himself reached the capital, Juba, with a C-17 Globemaster. 153 people were airlifted back during this operation. These included 2 Nepali citizens. Some people returned on their own as soon as India's advisory was issued, while 300 people stayed there due to business.

Operation Devi Shakti

Indians reached home amid the Afghanistan crisis

- In the year 2021, when the situation in Afghanistan turned critical due to a sudden change in power, the world witnessed the chaos unfolding at Kabul airport. The Indian government launched Operation Devi Shakti to evacuate Indian citizens stranded in the country.
- PM Modi convened a high-level meeting and issued clear instructions to ensure the safe return of all Indians, as well as the evacuation of Hindus and Sikhs seeking refuge. The operation was carried out using 40 aircraft, reflecting the scale and urgency of the mission.
- In Operation Devi Shakti, 206 Afghan citizens and 448 Indian citizens were brought to India. 565 people, including 438 Indians, were brought to India in early August itself. Many of these people were first taken from Kabul to Dushanbe, the capital of Tajikistan. After this, Air India's and the Air Force's C-17 Globemaster airlifted them to India.



- The government also ensured the return of five holy saroops of Sri Guru Granth Sahib, which were brought back with great reverence on a separate flight.

INDIA IS ALSO READY TO HELP THE WORLD IN TIMES OF CRISIS

With the spirit of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, India provided financial assistance of 2 lakh dollars for immediate relief, rehabilitation, and reconstruction to Tonga affected by the tsunami and volcanic eruption. India stood firmly with Tonga even during the devastation caused by Cyclone Gita in 2018. India also helped the Maldives in times of crisis. China first caught the Maldives in a debt trap and then served notice for repayment of the loans. In such a situation, India provided financial assistance of 250

million dollars (1,840 crore rupees) to the Maldives to overcome the economic crisis. The then President Ibrahim Mohammed Saleh thanked India and Prime Minister Modi for this financial assistance. There was a global concern after 12 children and the coach of the Under-16 football team got trapped in the Tham Luang Nang Non, a cave in Thailand. In the world's most risky relief and rescue operation, many countries, including Britain, France, Japan, and America, sent their experts, but when nothing worked out, the Thai government requested the Indian government for help. The Indian government, without wasting

Operation Rahat in Yemen

When a phone call from PM Narendra Modi opened the way for the return of Indians



- 2,900 citizens were airlifted from Sanaa Airport using 18 special aircraft and C-17 Globemaster. The Indian Navy evacuated 1,670 people from Aden port as well as 349 people from another place.
- 5,600 people were rescued during this operation. These included 960 citizens of 41 countries, including 4,640 Indians.

In March 2015, Saudi Arabia and its allies started military intervention in Yemen, which has been burning in the fire of civil war for a long time. During this time, the Indian armed forces started Operation Rahat here to evacuate more than 4 thousand Indians and many foreign nationals trapped here. After a high-level meeting, on the instructions of Prime Minister Modi, the then Foreign Minister Sushma Swaraj and Minister of State for External Affairs General VK Singh took command. The entire story of this operation was narrated by Foreign Minister Sushma Swaraj herself during the ASEAN conference. She said that she went to Prime Minister Modi and suggested to him that his better relations with Saudi could be useful. The Prime Minister called Shah and asked him to stop the bombing for one week.

any time, instructed Indian engineers to help. On the orders of the Indian government, KBS's heavy flood pump was sent from the Kirloskar Group company located in the Sangli district of Maharashtra. After the heavy KBS floodpump reached Thailand from India, the water level in the cave was reduced. The divers' work became easy only after the water level decreased, and after three days of difficult operation, all the children and their coach were safely taken out. India has built and handed over more than a thousand houses under the housing scheme for the people of Indian origin working in Sri Lanka's tea gardens. This

is the largest housing project by India in any country. The Tamils of Indian origin living in Sri Lanka mostly work in tea and rubber plantations, and they lack proper housing. When a terrible earthquake struck Turkey, India launched a relief and rescue operation by launching 'Operation Dost'.

BASIS OF FOREIGN POLICY- NATION FIRST

In the last 11 years, the central government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has shaped a dynamic and transformational foreign policy. Its mantra is- Nation First, and vision is- Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas,

Operation Kaveri **More than 4 thousand Indians returned from Sudan**

When the conflict broke out in Sudan in 2023, India immediately launched Operation Kaveri.



18 Indian Air Force flights

20 Commercial flights

5 Indian Navy ships pressed into action.

136 foreign nationals were among 4,097 people who were brought back.



Under this operation, success was also achieved in evacuating 108 Indian citizens by land route from neighbouring countries like Chad, Egypt, Ethiopia and South Sudan.

Operation Ajay **More than 1,300 people evacuated from Israel**

Amidst the conflict in Israel in the year 2023, India once again took action.

1,343 People were brought back by six special flights.

► **1,309**
Indian citizens

► **20**
Nepali citizens

► **14**
Overseas Citizens of Indian Origin (OCI) cardholders



Sabka Vishwas, and Sabka Prayas. India's foreign policy is based on the policy of Neighborhood First. It has been strengthened by the Act East, Think West, and Connect Central Asia policies. Security and Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR) has been designed to strengthen relations with like-minded partners to promote the government's vision, law-based order in the Indo-Pacific region. New initiatives like the International Solar Alliance (ISA), Disaster Resilient Infrastructure Coalition (CDRI), Environmentally Friendly Lifestyle (LiFE), and International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) have strengthened India's multilateral relations with the world.

Significant efforts have also been made to increase

the number of missions, consulates, and representative offices across the world in keeping with the government's goal to expand India's global presence. India assumed the Presidency of the G-20 on 1 December 2022. The theme of India's Presidency was based on the concept of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam or One Earth, One Family, One Future, which has been widely appreciated. More than 200 meetings in 60 cities created an unprecedented environment for the G-20 event. As a result, India's G-20 Presidency became truly people-centric and emerged as a national effort. Through the use of e-governance-related methods, India's consular operations have been made the fastest, most transparent, and seamless

All eight former Indian Navy Sailors released from Qatar

On 12 February 2024, the Qatari court released all eight former Indian Navy sailors. Out of these, 7 naval personnel have returned to India.

8 Former naval personnel were accused of spying and were imprisoned in a Qatar jail.



They were also sentenced to death by the Qatari court, after which their release became difficult. When the Qatar court sentenced these former naval personnel to death on 26 October 2023, the whole country stood with the Modi government and prayed for their early release. Due to the diplomatic efforts of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, they were released on 12 February 2024.

Evacuation in Haiti with Operation Indravati

Civil unrest broke out in Haiti in March 2024. India immediately launched Operation Indravati to ensure the safety of its citizens.

Seventeen Indian citizens were safely evacuated to the Dominican Republic using helicopters, another success in India's people-centric foreign policy.



globally. India has signed social security agreements to protect the interests of Indian workers abroad. Agreements have been signed to increase the reciprocal visits of students, professionals. Also, agreements have been signed with many countries to prevent illegal migration.

The setting up of the Rapid Action Cell as a special division in the Ministry of External Affairs to coordinate efforts during humanitarian crises has made disaster protocols more sensitive. India has played an important role as the first nation to take action during humanitarian crises. With such efforts, India has carried out various relief and evacuation operations during the last 11 years,

while the country has shown commitment to go to any extent for the safety of citizens. The world saw a glimpse of this custom and policy of India through Operation Sindoor after the cowardly terrorist attack in Pahalgam on April 22 this year. At the same time, rescue operations undertaken from Sudan, Iraq, Afghanistan to Operation Sindhu in Iran have become a symbol of the strength of the new India. The world and Indians living across the globe have also now realized that they are safe in every crisis and can be brought back home safely, in the spirit of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam. India has also set an example of being a responsible nation by helping other countries of the world in times of crisis. ●



GOVERNMENT LAUNCHES ₹1 LAKH CRORE ELI SCHEME TO CREATE 3.5 CRORE JOBS

In the last 11 years, youth have been at the centre of the policies of the Government of India, so sectors like research, innovation, and sports, along with agriculture, have been among the top priorities. Now, once again, the Union Cabinet has approved the Employment Linked Incentive (ELI) Scheme for the first time to provide employment to 3.5 crore youth. Apart from this, the decisions of the cabinet include the Research Development and Innovation Mission with Rs 1 lakh crore, National Sports Policy-2025, the International Potato Centre for the food producers of the country, and many projects related to development work...

DECISION: Approval of Employment Linked Incentive (ELI) Scheme with Rs 99,446 crore

IMPACT: This scheme will focus especially on the manufacturing sector. The government believes that these schemes will increase employment opportunities in the country, strengthen the manufacturing sector, and also promote research. This scheme will have two parts. The first part will be for those who are starting employment for the first time. At the same time, the second part will be to support companies that provide continuous employment. The objective of this scheme is to create more than 3.5 crore new employment opportunities in the country in two years.

The benefit of the scheme will be applicable to jobs created between August 01, 2025, and July 31, 2027. The scheme has two parts, with Part 1 focused on first-time job seekers and Part 2 focused on employers. The ELI scheme was announced in the Union Budget 2024-25 as part of the Prime Minister's package of five schemes, which aims to provide employment, skills, and other

opportunities to 4.1 crore youth, with a total budget outlay of Rs 2 lakh crore.

Part 1: First-time workers will get one month's salary, up to Rs 15,000, in two instalments. Part A will benefit around 1.92 crore first-time workers.

Part 2 : This part will cover additional employment generation across all sectors, with a special focus on the manufacturing sector. Employers will get incentives with respect to employees with a salary of up to Rs 1 lakh. The government will give employers an incentive of up to Rs 3,000 per month for two years for each additional employee with continuous employment for at least six months. For the manufacturing sector, the incentives will also be extended to the third and fourth years.

DECISION: Approval of Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) scheme to promote research, development and innovation.

IMPACT: Under this, research will be encouraged

in the country. A budget of Rs 1 lakh crore has been fixed for this scheme. Before preparing this scheme to encourage research, development and innovation, the Anusandhan National Research Foundation studied the successful research models of many countries of the world. Learning from that, this new scheme has been prepared in India. The government believes that this will not only promote research in the country but will also strengthen new industries through innovation.

DECISION: Approval of National Sports Policy (NSP) 2025 to give a new shape to the sports landscape of the country.

IMPACT: The new policy will replace the existing National Sports Policy, 2001. It will also lay down a visionary and strategic roadmap to establish the country as a global sports superpower and a strong contender for excellence in international sporting events, including the 2036 Olympic Games.

DECISION: Approval to establish International Potato Centre (CIP)'s South Asia Regional Centre at Singna, Agra, Uttar Pradesh

IMPACT: The main objective of this investment is to increase food and nutrition security, farmers' income and employment generation by improving productivity, management and value addition of potato and sweet potato. This centre, which provides training to farmers from seed production to pest management, sustainable production and farmers, will also be helpful in adopting the best systems in the world. In the coming time, this centre will become a medium of prosperity and progress for potato farmers.

DECISION: Two corridors of the second phase of Pune Metro Rail Project approved.

IMPACT: This is an extension of the existing Vanaz-Ramwadi corridor under Phase 1. These two elevated corridors will span 12.75 km and will include 13 stations, connecting the fast-developing suburbs of Chandni Chowk, Bavdhan, Kothrud, Kharadi and Wagholi. The estimated cost of the project is Rs 3,626.24 crore.

DECISION: Approval of the revised Jharia Master Plan (JMP) to deal with issues related to fire, land subsidence and rehabilitation of affected families in the Jharia coalfield.

IMPACT: The revised JMP plan emphasises providing means of permanent livelihood to the rehabilitated

Pledge to preserve democracy

- On the occasion of the completion of 50 years of the imposition of the Emergency in the country, the Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, resolved to remember the repressive suffering and honour the sacrifice of countless individuals who opposed the Emergency and the undermining of the spirit of the Indian Constitution. In 1974, the then-government took the ruthless step of imposing an emergency to crush the Navnirman Movement and the Total Revolution Campaign.
- On 25 June, the Union Cabinet observed two minutes silence to pay tribute to those who were deprived of the democratic rights granted by the Constitution and had to face unimaginable horrors. The Union Cabinet paid tribute to their exemplary courage and brave resistance against the excesses of the Emergency.
- The Union Cabinet reaffirmed that the people of India have strong faith in the Indian Constitution and the democratic values of the country. It is important for the youth to take inspiration from those who strongly opposed dictatorial tendencies and stood firmly to protect our Constitution and its democratic framework. India, as the mother of democracy, is a shining example of protecting, preserving and safeguarding constitutional values. The Union Cabinet called upon us to reaffirm our resolve as a nation to uphold our Constitution and its democratic and federal spirit.

families. Special skill development and employment-oriented measures will be taken for the economic self-reliance of the rehabilitated families. The implementation of the revised plan will entail a total financial expenditure of Rs 5940.47 crore.

DECISION: Approval for construction of 4-lane Paramakudi-Ramanathapuram section (NH-87) in Tamil Nadu at a cost of Rs 1,853 crore.

IMPACT: The project will be developed in hybrid annuity mode with a total cost of Rs 1,853 crore. On completion of the project, the Paramakudi-Ramanathapuram section will play a vital role in regional economic development. ●



Launch of various development projects in Siwan, Bihar

PROSPERITY OF BIHAR LEADS TO PROSPERITY OF THE COUNTRY

Renowned as a hub of religion and spirituality as well as politics, Bihar has made a significant contribution to the Indian freedom struggle. At a time when the country is moving forward on the path of resolve to become a developed nation, the importance of Bihar increases further. Referring to this role of prosperous Bihar for a prosperous India, Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave development gifts worth more than Rs 5,200 crore in a program organized in Siwan on June 20...

Bihar, once known as a Bimaru (sick) state in India, is today moving ahead with a new resolve of development, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's determination also has an important contribution in this. Paying obeisance to Dr. Rajendra Prasad's holy land Bihar in his 51st Bihar visit after assuming the post of Prime Minister in 2014, PM Modi also mentioned these efforts of the central and state government. He said that the leaders of big, prosperous countries around the world are very impressed with India's





PM Modi gave many gifts of development projects to Bihar

- PM Modi inaugurated the new Vaishali-Deoria rail line project costing more than Rs 400 crore. Also, flagged off a new train service on this route.
- To boost connectivity in North Bihar, he also flagged off the Vande Bharat Express between Patliputra and Gorakhpur via Muzaffarpur and Bettiah.
- Carrying forward the vision of 'Make in India - Make for the World', he flagged off a state-of-the-art locomotive manufactured at Madhaura Rail Factory for export to the Republic of Guinea.
- In line with the conservation and rejuvenation commitment of River Ganga, the inauguration of six sewage treatment plants (STPs) under the Namami Gange project, costing more than Rs 1,800 crore.
- Laying the foundation stone of water supply, sanitation, and STPs costing more than Rs 3,000 crore in various cities of Bihar. It aims to provide clean and safe drinking water to the citizens of these cities.
- The foundation stone of a 500 MW capacity Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) in Bihar to boost power infrastructure in the region. Standalone Battery Energy Storage Systems are being installed at 15 grid substations in the state.
- PM Modi released the first installment to more than 53,600 beneficiaries of PMAY-Urban in Bihar.
- PM Modi also handed over the keys to some beneficiaries on the occasion of the Griha Pravesh ceremony of more than 6,600 completed houses.



Now, the engine made in Bihar will run the trains of Africa. This is a matter of great pride, I am sure that Bihar will become a big centre of Made in India. Makhana, fruits and vegetables from here will not only go abroad, but the goods made in the factories of Bihar will also reach the markets of the world.” - Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

rapid progress. They are seeing India becoming the third-largest economic superpower of the world, and Bihar is definitely going to play a very significant role in this. Bihar will prosper. It will also play a big role in the prosperity of the country. The reason for this confidence is the strength of all the people of Bihar. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in Siwan, Bihar, “I have come to give confidence to the people of Bihar, we may have done a lot, have been doing it, will continue to do it. But, Modi is not going to remain quiet by being satisfied with this. Now it is enough, enough has been done... no, I have to do a lot more for Bihar, I have to do it for you, I have to do it for every village here, I have to do it for every house here, I have to do it for every youth here.”

In the last 10-11 years alone, about 55 thousand kilometers of rural roads have been built in Bihar.

More than 1.5 crore houses have been connected to electricity. 1.5 crore houses have been given water connections. More than 45 thousand Common Service Centers have been built, and today, new startups are opening in small cities of Bihar. PM Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of projects worth thousands of crores of rupees. These projects will play a big role in making all the areas of Bihar, like Siwan, Sasaram, Buxar, Motihari, Bettiah, and Ara, flourish.

The biggest asset for every person living in Bihar is their self-respect. The people of Bihar work in the most difficult situations. They never compromise with their self-respect. PM Modi said in his address that in the last decade, a record 25 crore Indians have defeated poverty. World-renowned institutions like the World Bank are praising this great achievement of India. ●



ODISHA IS THE SHINING STAR OF INDIA'S RICH HERITAGE



Odisha has made a significant contribution to India's cultural and natural heritage, and it also plays a vital role in the vision of "Purvodaya to Bharat Uday" (Rise of the East to the Rise of India). Highlighting the state's role in India's development journey, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while unveiling projects worth over ₹ 18,000 crore in Bhubaneswar on June 20, described Odisha as a shining star of India's heritage...

The eastern part of India may be culturally and naturally rich, but it lags in industrial and infrastructure development, like the West or South India. The vision of Purvodaya to Bharat Udaya is an important step towards eliminating this gap, and the role of Odisha, the holy land of Lord Jagannath, is also very important in this. Referring to this in a programme organised in the capital, Bhubaneswar, on the completion of one year of the state government, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that Odisha has been enriching Indian civilisation and culture for hundreds of years. Therefore, today, when the mantra of development and

President Trump invited, PM Modi said- I have to go to the land of Mahaprabhu

Referring to the phone conversation with US President Trump during the G-7 summit in Canada, PM Modi said, I was in Canada for the G7 Summit, and President Trump of the United States called me. He said, "Since you're already in Canada, why not stop by Washington? We'll have dinner and talk." He extended a warm invitation. I thanked the President of the USA and said: "Thank you for the invitation, but it is essential for me to go to the land of Mahaprabhu."

Inauguration and foundation stone laying of SEVERAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN ODISHA

- In line with the commitment to the holistic development of Odisha, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of several development projects worth over Rs 18,600 crore.
- The projects cover key sectors including drinking water, irrigation, agriculture infrastructure, health infrastructure, rural roads and bridges, sections of national highways, and a new railway line.
- Expanding rail connectivity in Boudh district, PM Modi flagged off new train services.
- Flagged off 100 electric buses under the Capital Region Urban Transport System to promote clean energy and sustainable transport.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi released the Odisha Vision Document. This vision will outline an ambitious and future-ready roadmap for inclusive growth.
- Launch of the 'Baraputra Aitihya Gram Yojana' initiative, commemorating the contributions of eminent Odia people. It aims to promote museums, libraries, and cultural tourism while respecting the heritage of Odisha.

Honouring over 16.50 lakh Lakhpati Didis as a symbol of prosperity and self-reliance in the state, PM Modi honoured successful women from across the state.



heritage has become the basis of India's progress, the role of Odisha has become even bigger now.

In the last year, Odisha has imbibed the mantra of 'development as well as heritage'. PM Modi said that the development of 21st-century India will gain momentum from Eastern India. This is the period of Purvodaya. After the change of power in Odisha a year ago, this campaign has gained more momentum. Industrial areas are expanding from Paradip to Jharsuguda in Odisha. This is giving strength to the minerals and port-led economy in the state. Not only this, but the central government is spending thousands of crores of rupees on road, rail, and air connectivity in Odisha. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the establishment of a mega dual feed cracker and downstream unit in Paradip, a crude oil storage facility in Chandikhol, the construction of an LNG terminal in Gopalpur, and many such steps will establish Odisha as a big industrial

state. Industries related to petroleum, petrochemicals, textiles, and plastics will get a boost here. This will create a huge network of small and micro industries here, and it will bring lakhs of new employment opportunities for the youth.

PM Modi said that there are many schemes of the Centre, whose full benefits were not available to Odisha earlier. Today, people are getting the benefit of schemes of both the Central and State governments. Not only this, the guarantees given to mothers, sisters, farmers, and youth have been implemented at a fast pace. PM Modi said that a major achievement of the government has been the empowerment of the deprived. Unfortunately, in the past, the tribal society was constantly neglected; they had to face backwardness, Poverty. However, in the past years, we have worked to take the tribal society out of the environment of violence and take it on a new path of development. ●



Rise of India's global leadership in the G-7

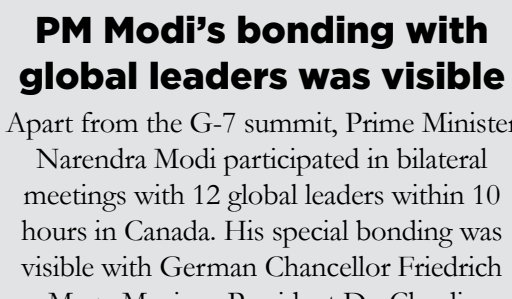
India's call to the world...

WORLD SHOULD UNITE AGAINST TERRORISM



In the challenging times of political instability around the world, India has emerged as a nation that has a more pragmatic vision than any other major power in the world and also has a special vision for solving global challenges. From BRICS to G-20 and COP to other global forums, India's role has also been endorsed. The world also saw this glimpse of Indian diplomacy in the G-7 summit held in Canada on 16-17 June, where Prime Minister Narendra Modi called for global unity against terrorism...

India's rising role in the meeting of G-7, a group of 7 important countries like America, France, Canada, Italy, Germany, Japan and Britain, which have the largest share in the world trade amounting to more than 28 percent in the global economy, can be gauged from the fact that Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the meeting for the sixth consecutive year. The 51st summit of the G-7 held in Kananaskis, Alberta province of Canada, began at a time when the world's eyes were fixed on the conflict between



12 meetings within 10 hours

PM Modi's bonding with global leaders was visible

Apart from the G-7 summit, Prime Minister

Narendra Modi participated in bilateral meetings with 12 global leaders within 10 hours in Canada. His special bonding was visible with German Chancellor Friedrich

Merz, Mexican President Dr. Claudia Sheinbaum Pardo, Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, South African President Cyril Ramaphosa, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, Japanese PM Shigeru Ishiba, Italian PM Giorgia Meloni, British PM Keir Starmer, Korean President Lee Jae-myung and Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese.

PM Modi raised some important questions to the international community



- ? Will countries understand the serious threat posed by terrorism only when they become its target?
- ? How can the perpetrators of terrorism and their victims be equated?
- ? Will global institutions remain silent spectators to terrorism?

High Commissioners will be reinstated soon between India-Canada

Amid the tension that has been going on for some time between India and Canada, the latter's stance has also changed after the change of power. In PM Modi's meeting with Canada's newly elected Prime Minister Mark Carney, an agreement was reached to reinstate the High Commissioners of both countries. Amidst the tension, both countries had recalled their High Commissioners. Also, both countries emphasized maintaining shared democratic values, respect for the rule of law, and the principles of sovereignty and territorial integrity. Both also emphasized the importance of resuming senior ministerial-level relations to restore trust.

Israel and Iran after the Russia-Ukraine war. Addressing the G-7 outreach session, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that uncertainty and conflicts in different parts of the world

have had a very bad effect on the countries of the Global South. Emphasizing security challenges, PM Modi called upon the countries to strengthen the global fight against



India has never accepted mediation, and will never accept it

PM Modi's conversation with US President Donald Trump

- Due to the US President Donald Trump returning early from the G-7 summit amid the Israel-Iran conflict, Prime Minister Narendra Modi did not have a direct conversation with US President Donald Trump. However, the two had a discussion on the phone for about 35 minutes. In this conversation, Prime Minister Narendra Modi clearly stated his policy on the issue of India's talks with Pakistan and said that India has never accepted any third-party mediation in this matter, nor does it accept it, and will never accept it in the future. He also said in clear terms that every bullet of Pakistan will be answered with a bomb, and Operation Sindoor is not over yet. PM Modi said this in a phone conversation with US President Donald Trump.
- Giving details of the conversation between the two leaders, India's Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri said that President Trump was told that after April 22, India had expressed to the world its determination to take action against terrorism. PM Modi said that on the night of 6-7 May, India had targeted only terrorist hideouts in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. India's actions were very measured, precise, and non-escalatory. Also, India had made it clear that India will respond to Pakistan's bullet with a bomb.
- According to Misri, on the night of 9 May, US Vice President JD Vance had called PM Modi, and Vance had said that Pakistan can launch a big attack on India. Then, PM Modi had told him in clear words that if this happens, India will give an even bigger response. On the night of 9-10 May, India gave a very strong response to Pakistan's attack and caused a lot of damage to Pakistan's army. Its airbase became unoperational in the attack. Due to India's befitting reply, Pakistan had to request India to stop military action.

terrorism. He said that the Pahalgam terrorist attack was not just an attack on India but on the entire humanity. He talked about taking strict action against the countries supporting

and promoting terrorism. At the same time, he gave a message to the world community in very clear terms that there should be no double standards in dealing with terrorism.

There was no talk on the **India-US trade deal** or mediation with Pakistan

According to the Foreign Secretary, PM Modi told President Trump that during this entire incident, at no time, at any level, there was any talk on issues like India-US trade deal or mediation by the US between India and Pakistan. The issue of stopping military action was resolved directly between India and Pakistan, through the existing channel of communication between both armies. It was done at the request of Pakistan. President Trump expressed support for India's fight against terrorism. PM Modi also made it clear that India now sees terrorism as a war, not a proxy war, and Operation Sindoor is still going on.

Did not go to America due to a pre-scheduled program

President Trump asked Prime Minister Modi if he could stop by America on his return from Canada. Due to pre-scheduled programs, Prime Minister Modi expressed his inability. Both leaders decided that they would try to meet in the near future. PM Modi invited President Trump to the next QUAD meeting, which he accepted. ,

Those who support terrorism should also not be rewarded. Talking in detail about India's human-centric approach to promote technology, PM Modi said that any technology should



Indian PM reached Cyprus for the first time in two decades

Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived on a visit to Cyprus from 15-16 June before participating in the G-7 summit. This is the first visit of an Indian Prime Minister to Cyprus in more than two decades. Cyprus President Nikos Christodoulides himself reached the airport to receive PM Modi. Earlier, PM Indira Gandhi had visited Cyprus in 1983, and PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee in October 2002. PM Modi and Cyprus President Nikos Christodoulides had a wide-ranging discussion on bilateral, regional, and global issues. The two leaders agreed on regular political dialogue between the two sides, support for each other for sovereignty and peace, security, defence, and cooperation during times of crisis, connectivity and regional cooperation, EU-India strategic partnership, innovation, technology, transport, tourism, and strengthening people-to-people contact. Cyprus also awarded PM Narendra Modi with the country's highest honour, 'Grand Cross of the Order of Makarios III'. President Nikos Christodoulides gave him this honor at the Presidential Palace.

Croatia can be India's gateway to Central and South-Eastern Europe

Prime Minister Narendra Modi reached Croatia on June 18 in the last leg of his foreign tour. This is the first visit of any Prime Minister of India to Croatia. PM Modi and Croatia's Prime Minister Andrej Plenkovic met in Zagreb. On this occasion, PM Modi said that Croatia can serve as India's gateway to Central and South-Eastern Europe. Both leaders agreed on the importance of improving connectivity through the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor. PM Modi suggested to the Prime Minister of Croatia that you can take advantage of India's skilled talent.

be connected to the lives of common people to make it effective. Having a secure and resilient supply chain of critical minerals is vital in the age of AI. ●



National Education Policy 2020

BUILDING VALUE BASED CITIZENS

It is said in Vedic scriptures – ‘सा विद्या या विमुक्तये’; that is, knowledge leads to liberation. But, for a long time in India, gaining knowledge was associated with only getting jobs, and attention was paid only to the theoretical education system. That is why there was a need for a policy that not only keeps in mind the current needs from school to higher education level, but also prepares skilled youth by introducing them to future requirements with education. Taking an important step in this direction, the Central Government approved the new National Education Policy on 29 July 2020, ending the long wait of more than 3 decades. The objective is to create an India that lays emphasis on our collective dreams by preparing skilled professionals, satisfied citizens, and employment-generating youth with values in education...

There has never been a lack of talent among the youth of India. But, unfortunately, such a system was created in the country in which education was job-centric. This disorder in education was created by the British during the period of slavery to fulfill their needs and to prepare a servant class for themselves. After independence, there were some changes from time to time, but a lot remained to be done. National Education Policy 2020 was approved keeping in mind that education should be practical and industry-oriented for the accomplishment of the resolutions of the Amrit Generation. According to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the basic foundation of the National Education Policy is to take education out of the confines of narrow thinking and connect it with the modern ideas of the 21st century.

India has taken many concrete steps towards implementing the National Education Policy in the last 5 years. Prime Minister



Review will be done again after 2030-40

A timeline as well as methodology has been set out for the implementation of the National Education Policy 2020. It has been provided that the entire education policy will be in operational mode in the decade 2030-40. After this, another comprehensive review will be done. This is the reason why the Ministry of Education, State Government, Education-related ministries and departments, schools-colleges etc. have taken initiative for the implementation of National Education Policy 2020 and have started working on it rapidly.



Changes which were necessary










Steps taken under the National Education Policy 2020

- 1** The National Curriculum Framework for Basic Studies, prepared by NCERT and the National Curriculum Framework for School Education, has been released by the Ministry of Education.
- 2** For the first time in India, an integrated national curriculum framework was prepared for children aged 3 to 8 years, which follows the 5+3+3+4 for school education suggested in the National Education Policy 2020. Under this, the educational structure i.e., the basic stage, includes 5 years, the initial and middle stages include 3-3 years, and the secondary stage includes 4 years.
- 3** In accordance with the National Curriculum, new textbooks have been published for classes 1 and 2 in July 2023 and for classes 3 and 6 in the academic session 2024-25.
- 4** The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has advised its schools to integrate the curriculum and teaching methodology with 21st-century skills.
- 5** CBSE has also included new subjects like Artificial Intelligence, Design Thinking, and Data Science.
- 6** To reduce the course load, CBSE has released its syllabus for the year 2022-23 with reduced content.
- 7** Under the education policy, more than 90 universities in the country have started NCC as an elective subject.
- 8** The National Education Policy is also going to play an important role in preparing the mindset required for technology. For this, a huge network of Atal Tinkering Labs and Atal Incubation Centers is being set up in the country.
- 9** The Samagra Shiksha Yojana 2.0 has been redesigned in line with the National Education Policy 2020, which will continue till 2025-26.

Narendra Modi himself has participated in more than 25 seminars related to this policy, and has talked to the Education Minister and educationists, as well as stakeholders, on this. Steadfast efforts are being made to achieve the 100% objectives of the National Education Policy. The


National Education Policy 2020 supports and envisages a substantial increase in public investment in education by the Central and State Governments to take it to 6% of GDP. Also, its budget, including the Ministry of Education, is being increased.


Several initiatives to boost the education system

-  **Bal Vatika:** It is a preparatory class for children entering class one. About 6 lakh schools have Bal Vatika.
-  **Vidya Pravesh:** A three-month play-based module for school readiness. It is part of the mandatory 12-week annual calendar. In the academic session 2024-25, one crore students from 8.94 lakh schools participated in the Vidya Pravesh program.
-  **Nipun Bharat:** National initiative for basic literacy and numeracy by the end of Class 2.
-  **PM eVidya:** An integrated platform for education efforts to make education digital, online, and on-air.
-  **Diksha:** One Nation-One Digital Platform with e-books and e-content. 7157 e-textbooks have been published on Diksha. The e-content is available in 126 Indian and 7 foreign languages.
-  **Swayam Prabha:** 12 DTH channels have been launched to reach out and help people without internet. These channels have been expanded to 200 channels with more than 88 thousand video content. More than 25 thousand hours of broadcasts have been done in 29 languages.
-  **Jaadui Pitara:** National Curriculum Framework for the foundation stage and play material designed for children aged 3 to 8 years.
-  **Parakh:** National Curriculum Framework - supporting the entire educational journey up to secondary level.
-  **Nava Bharat Saksharta Karyakram or ULLAAS:** Implementation of a




scheme targeting all those aged 15 years and above who cannot go to school.

-  **Primers:** Teaching material to promote language learning among young and adult learners. 104 primers have been launched by February 2025. These are available on the NCERT and Diksha portal.

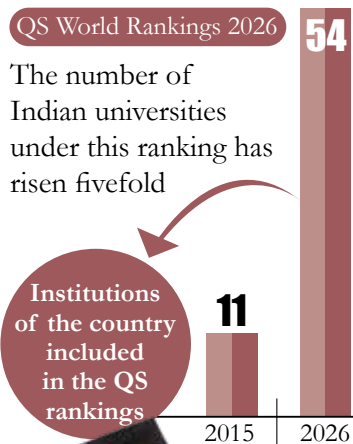
-  **NISHTHA:** A program to create a vibrant, inclusive, and future-ready education system by enhancing teacher competency, promoting innovative pedagogical practices, and integrating technology in education, as well as improving teaching quality. It has 12 training modules. More than 1.26 lakh master trainers have been certified in it.

-  **4-year Integrated Teacher Education Programme:** In the last two years, 64 institutes have been accredited under this programme with an intake of 6,100 students.

-  **The National Mentoring Mission (NMM)** Bluebook, focused on mentoring school teachers, was released on March 9, 2024.

Improvement in QS World Rankings

Since the implementation of the National Education Policy 2020, the level of higher education in India has improved drastically. This can also be seen in the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) Ranking, which evaluates universities around the world.



The number of Indian universities under this ranking has risen fivefold



- 8** Indian universities have been ranked under it for the first time, which is the highest for any country this year.

12 IITs are included in this

Of which IIT Delhi is ranked 123rd globally.



Emphasis on world class education

IIT

7 new IITs opened after 2014

IIM

8 new IIMs opened after 2014

AIIMS

13 new AIIMS opened from 2014 till now

Residential Schools

354 Eklatya Model Residential Schools started after 2014

Medical Colleges

157 new medical colleges approved, 131 already started

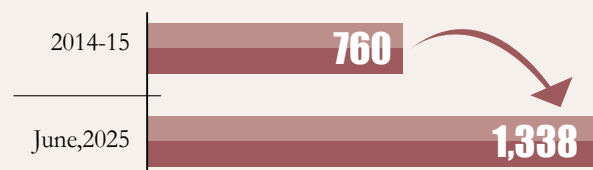
Schools

14,500 Prime Minister's Schools for Rising India (PM SHRI Schools) will be developed as exemplary schools.

MBBS seats almost doubled in 10 Years

Year	College	MBBS seats
2014	404	54,348
2025	780	1,18,190

558 universities established in a decade



Higher education institutions increased by about 35 percent



Promotion of Digital Education

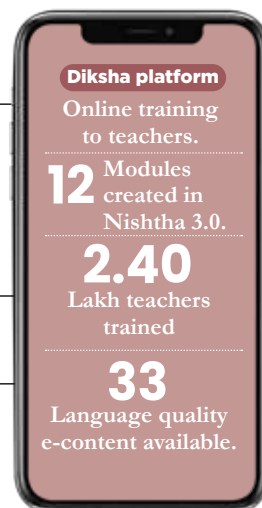
Initiative of online education facility through PM e-Vidya

377 NCERT books have been digitized and made available on the e-Pathshala mobile app



Textbooks with QR codes available for all grades

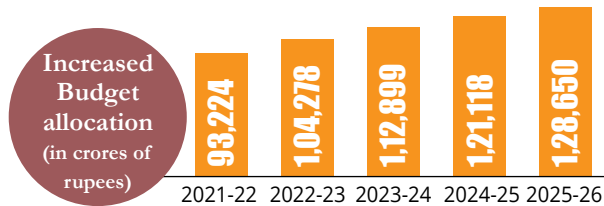
24x7 broadcast of education content on Swayam Prabha TV channels



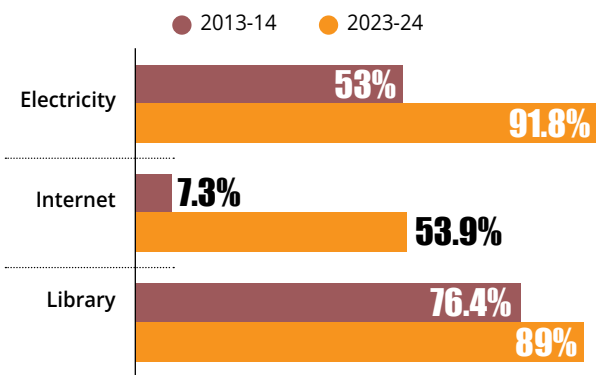
Reforms undertaken for higher education

- Introduction of National Credit Framework
- National Higher Education Qualification Framework
- Curriculum and Credit Framework for Undergraduate Programmes
- Multiple entry and exit in academic programmes of HEIs
- Transforming HEIs into multi-disciplinary institutions
- Running two academic programmes simultaneously
- An Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry of each student, which will serve as a lifelong identity to track their academic journey and achievements from pre-primary to higher education
- Launch of PM-Vidyalakshmi Yojana for financial assistance to meritorious students
- Allowing 40% credit in regular courses using the SWAYAM platform
- Launch of new SWAYAM Plus portal aimed at promoting skilling, upskilling, and reskilling
- Integration of technology in the administration of HEIs from admission to award of degree through SAMARTH
- Allowing HEIs to have two admission cycles in an academic year
- Incorporating Indian knowledge systems in education

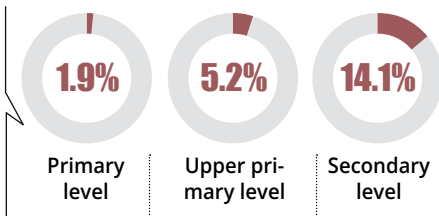
Lack of funds will not hinder the path of education



Facilities increased in schools, dropout rate decreased



The dropout rate decreased



Schools providing vocational education increased 16 times in a decade

The number of students increased more than 52 times

Year	Number of Schools	Number of students
2014-15	1850	58,720
2024-25*	29,342	30,87,928

*(Till September 2024)

Stress-free education

CBSE 10th board exams to be held twice in a year

- In para 4.37 and 4.38 of the National Education Policy 2020, it was recommended to further eliminate the 'high stakes' aspect of Board Exams.
- Keeping that in mind, CBSE has allowed students to appear for the 10th exam twice in an academic year from 2026.
- The first examinations will start in mid-February, and the results will come in April. The second examination will be held in May, and the results will be declared in June. The marks of the better performance exam will be recorded in the marks table.
- The first will be the main examination, in which it will be mandatory for all students to appear. At the same time, in the second examination, all the passed or eligible students will be allowed to improve their performance in any three subjects from science, mathematics, social science, and language.
- If a student has not appeared in 3 or more subjects in the first examination, then he will not be allowed to appear for the second examination. Both examinations will be conducted on the full syllabus prescribed for the year.
- According to CBSE, students who have compartment in the first exam will be allowed to appear in the second exam in the same category.
- A sports student, will be allowed to appear in the second exam in those subjects whose exams coincide with his sports event. Internal assessment will be done only once before the main exam.



NOW, STUDENTS ARE GETTING SKILLED IN SCHOOL ITSELF

By the objectives of the National Education Policy 2020, skill modules are being made available as an additional subject at the secondary level, i.e., 9th and 10th, while skill courses are being

conducted as a compulsory subject at the senior secondary level, i.e., 11th and 12th classes. 138 job roles, i.e., skill subjects, have been approved in the states and union territories till February 2025. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana 4.0 is being implemented in school education. ●



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भारत सेवा प्रधान देश है।

भारत मानवता प्रधान देश है: PM @narendramodi



Rajnath Singh @rajnathsingh

Held talks with Admiral Don Jun, the Defence Minister of China, on the sidelines of SCO Defence Ministers' Meeting in Qingdao. We had a constructive and forward looking exchange of views on issues pertaining to bilateral relations.

Expressed my happiness on restarting of the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra after a gap of nearly six years. It is incumbent on both the sides to maintain this positive momentum and avoid adding new complexities in the bilateral relationship.



Amit Shah @AmitShah

मोदी सरकार राज्यों को साथ लेकर निरंतर सहकारी शेष को उन्नति और समृद्धि की ओर ले जा रही है। आज यह दिवस भी सभी राज्यों और केंद्र शासित प्रदेशों के सहकारिता संबंधों के साथ सहकारिता शेष की प्रगति और विकास पर बंधन है।

केंद्र सरकार जल्द ही राष्ट्रीय सहकारिता नीति की घोषणा करने वाली है। हर राज्य राष्ट्रीय नीति के तहत स्थानीय आवश्यकताओं को ध्यान में रखते हुए जल्द से जल्द सहकारिता नीति बनाए। साथ ही, विभिन्न सहकारी विद्युविद्युतालय से जुड़कर सहकारी प्रशिक्षण को भी बढ़ावा दे।



Nitin Gadgil @nitin_gadgil

Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi, has approved the establishment of the International Potato Center (CIP) South Asia Regional Centre at Sirgna, Agra, Uttar Pradesh. This strategic initiative aims to boost food and nutritional security, enhance farmers' incomes, and create rural employment.

By improving potato and sweet potato productivity, strengthening post-harvest systems, and promoting value addition, the Centre will also drive agricultural innovation, capacity building, and technology transfer, advancing India's leadership in sustainable, climate-resilient tuber crop cultivation across South Asia.



Dharmendra Pradhan @dharmendra

आज की रात भारतीय लोकतांत्रिक चक्रों का एक महत्वपूर्ण क्षण है। 25 जून 1975 को हुआ था, जब भारत के कार्य में पूरी लोकतंत्रिक प्रक्रिया का नष्ट हो गया था। इसी दिन हमने लोकतंत्रिक अधिकारों की रात के लिए एक संयोजित कार्यवाही में जोड़ें और जनसत्ता को, यह इतिहास का एक अर्थ अर्थ है।

आज लोकतंत्र के 50 वर्ष होने पर भारतीय प्रधानमंत्री @narendramodi जी के नेतृत्व में कैबिनेट बैठक में मैं उन वीर लोकतांत्रिक सेवकों और उनके परिवारों के संबंध, स्मरण और संकल्प को समारोह देने का एक ऐतिहासिक संकल्प प्रति किया है। यह न केवल लोकतांत्रिक की समृद्धि का प्रतीक है, बल्कि अपने सभी क्षेत्रों को समृद्धि की राहों में ले जाने और संविधान की एक ही प्रेरणा देता है। मैं उन सभी लोकतांत्रिक कार्यो को कृतज्ञता और विश्वास प्रकटित कर रहा हूँ। pib.gov.in/



Arjun Ram Meghwal @arjunrammeghwal

ये हैं नए भारत की ताकत, Digital India की ताकत।

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- Cashless से लेकर paperless तक,
- Documentation से लेकर vaccination तक,
- Startup से लेकर JAM तक,
- e-NAM से लेकर 'बन नेशन, बन राशन कार्ड' तक...

आज सब कुछ हो जाता है fingertips पर।

No border visible from space: Shukla interacts with Modi

HT Correspondent

NEW DELHI: No borders are visible on Earth from space, and there is a sense of oneness connecting all of humanity, Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla said from the International Space Station (ISS) in an interaction with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Shukla became the first Indian to reach ISS on Thursday after SpaceX's Dragon spacecraft, carrying the Aditya-L1 crew, docked at the orbiting laboratory. During the 15-minute conversation, the PM underscored that the 39-year-old's feat marked a new era in India's journey.

"When we see the Earth from outside, it seems that no border exists, no state exists,



Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacts with Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla, who is aboard the International Space Station, through a video link.

and no countries exist. We all are part of humanity, and the Earth is our new home. You can truly feel the sense of oneness," he said during the interaction, which was broadcast on Saturday.

Modi said that Shukla's achievement will add fresh momentum to the march towards Viksit Bharat (developed India).

"Today you are farthest from the motherland but closest to

the hearts of Indians... Your journey is also the beginning of a new era... We have to take Mission Gaganyan forward. We must build our own space station. And we must ensure

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Walmart CEO meets PM, iterates \$10 billion India sourcing goal

FOCUS AREAS. Job creation, MSME empowerment and skilling among topics discussed

Moonshil Varma Ambwani

Walmart Inc. Global CEO and President Doug McMillon, who was on a visit to India, met with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

He discussed Walmart's growing operations in India, which includes Flipkart, Pampers, Walmart Cloud Tech and Walmart sourcing. In a social media post on X, McMillon said, "Thank you Honorable PM @narendramodi for a valuable meeting. We are excited by your vision and proud to support by participating to achieve our \$10 billion annual sourcing goal and investing in innovation through Flipkart & Pampers. India remains central to our strategy." Stuart Wilson, Board



SHOWING PARTNERSHIP. Prime Minister Narendra Modi with (from left) Doug McMillon, President & CEO, Walmart International; Doug McMillon, President & CEO, Walmart Inc.; and Stuart Wilson, Board Member

Member of Walmart Inc. and Karthikeyan, President & CEO, Walmart International, were part of the senior leadership delegation that met the Prime Minister.

INDIA PARTNERSHIP. "The conversation focused on job creation, MSME empowerment, digital market access for local manufacturers, skilling and expanding

"It's rare to have such a big economy growing so fast and creating so much opportunity for so many, and we want to be part of that process."

ship happening here. We get to do business all over the world, and it's rare to have such a big economy growing so fast and creating so much opportunity for so many, and we want to be part of that process... To strengthen the country, to serve its citizens and to demonstrate that we're a trusted partner across all these broad dimensions, and hopefully, many more into the future," he added.

BILATERAL COOPERATION ON DIAMOND TRADE LIKELY TO GET A BOOST

Modi's Namibia Trip to Focus on Critical Minerals, Uranium

Namibian rough diamonds arrive in India through London, Antwerp & other places

Shamsher Chaudhary

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi's trip to the southern African state of Namibia during his two-day tour beginning Wednesday will bolster bilateral ties on diamond trade, boosting critical minerals and uranium.

Modi is visiting, inaugurating, and signing several agreements in Namibia, with his last visit on July 8. He will further boost bilateral co-

operation in this sector, according to people familiar with the matter. Namibia is one of the world's richest marine diamond deposits, with cut stones reaching the market through London, Antwerp, and other places.

WORLD'S RICHEST KNOWN MARINE DIAMOND DEPOSITS Namibia's marine diamond deposits are the most significant globally, with estimated reserves far exceeding those found on land. Indian companies have invested in Namibia in mining, manufacturing, diamond processing and services sectors, with their total investment well above \$1 billion.

BRICS Leaders' Statement 'Will Mention Terrorism'

MEA says PM's trip a reflection of India's engagement with Global South

Prashant Kishore

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday described India as the world's most ancient living civilisation. Speaking at the centenary celebrations of Acharya Shri Vidyasaheb Ji Maharaj, he said, "India is a service-oriented country, a humanism-oriented country, and our government has granted freedom the status of a classical language while also running a campaign to digitise India's ancient manuscripts."

India stands for service, humanity: PM

Rajesh Kumar Thakur @RajeshKumarThakur

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"To further enrich our cultural heritage, soon each significant work needs to be added," the Prime Minister added.

He highlighted the recognition of Varanasi as a classical language and digitisation of Jain scriptures as part of India's cultural preservation efforts, adding that the nation must continue such initiatives with the same spirit of collective effort.

National Broadcasting Day - 23 July

Inseparable Part of Life

RADIO



Radio has become an easy medium of entertainment, along with news, in the country. On 23 July 1927, for the first time in the country, the Indian Broadcasting Company started organized radio broadcasting from the Bombay station, since then 23 July has been celebrated as National Broadcasting Day. Radio has not only been a part of the life of the common people in India, but it also has significance in every era. To connect directly with the countrymen and increase the popularity of radio, PM Modi chose this durable and favorite medium for the program 'Mann Ki Baat'...

This is Akashvani... (Important Facts)

- 📻 Akashvani covers 92 percent of the country's land area and more than 99 percent of the people.
- 📻 Akashvani operates 591 stations. It broadcasts in 23 languages and 146 dialects.
- 📻 Akashvani's External Service Division broadcasts in more than 100 countries.
- 📻 The Union Cabinet on August 28, 2024, approved the launch of 730 channels in 234 new cities under the Private FM Radio Phase-3 Policy.

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