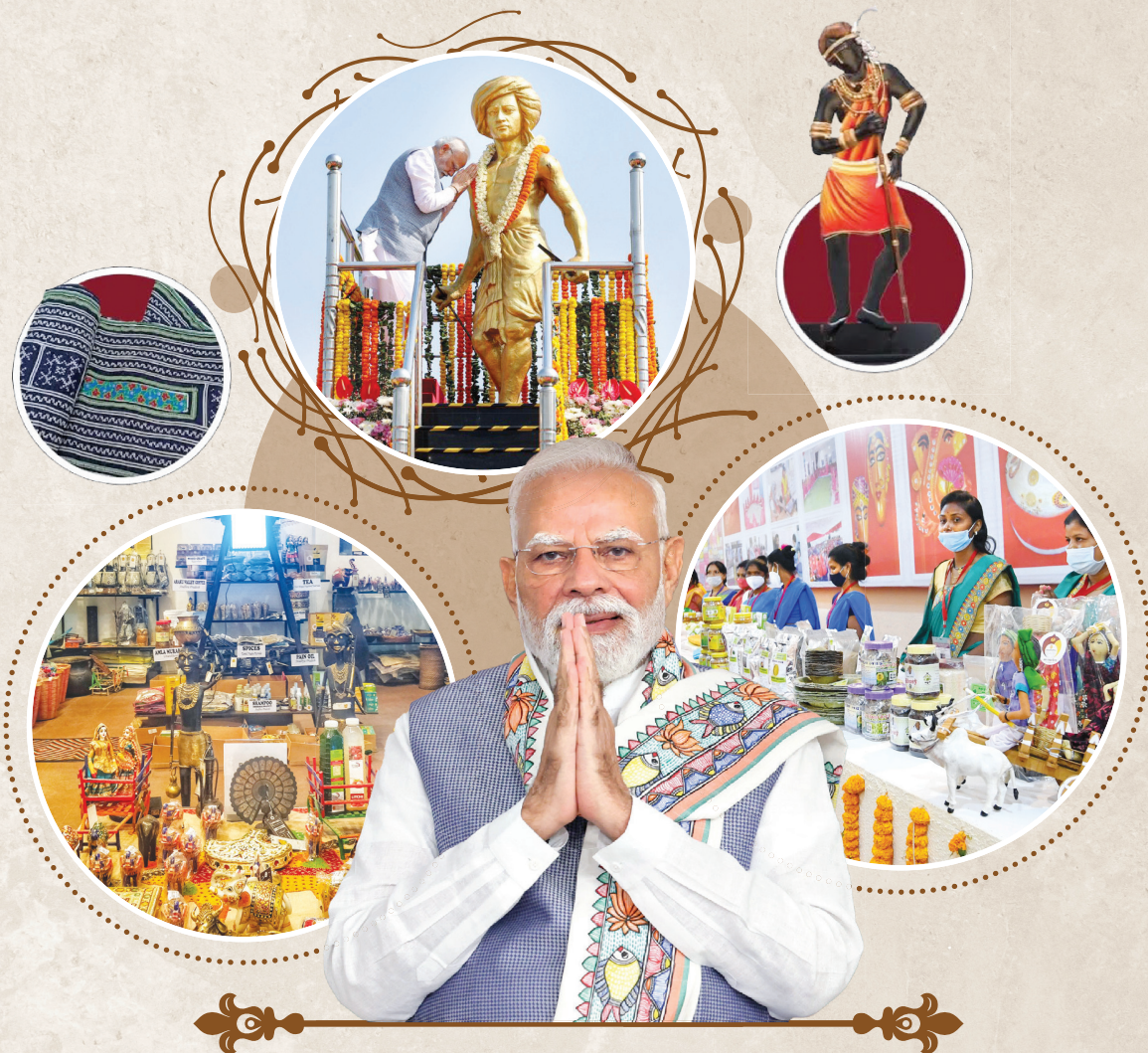


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Janjatiya Gaurav Divas

From Tribal Upliftment to Nation-Building

The lotus of development now blooms across tribal regions—ushering India into a radiant golden era



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National Legal Services Day - November 9

Legal Awareness And Access To Justice Are Being Ensured

National Legal Services Day is observed every year on 9th November to commemorate the commencement of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, which came into force on 9th November, 1995. On National Legal Services Day, legal awareness camps are held by State Legal Services Authorities across the country to apprise people about the availability of free legal aid. Initiatives like Tele-Law and Nyaya Bandhu, launched in 2017, are important steps towards providing free legal aid to the public. The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, and the Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita are significant initiatives to ensure access to justice for every citizen...

Legal Assistance

From 2022-23 to December 2024

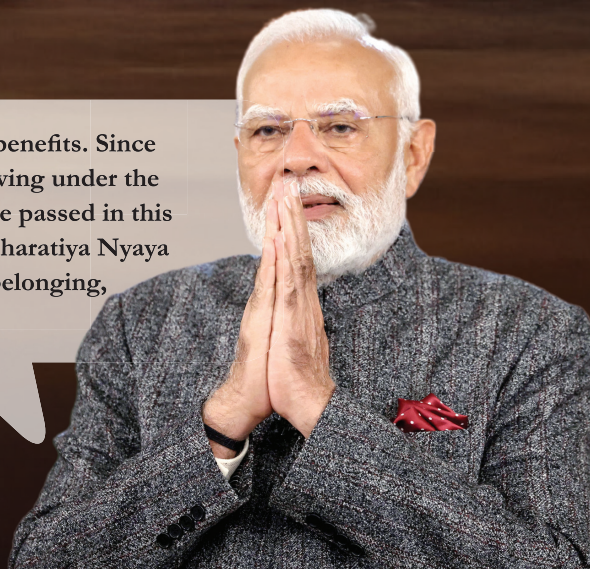
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Lakhs of people have been provided free legal services.

- The government has implemented a Central Sector Scheme called "Creating Innovative Solutions for Universal Access to Justice in India" (DISHA) for a period of five years (2021-2026).
- The objective of DISHA is to provide easy, accessible, affordable, and citizen-centric delivery of legal services through tele-law, Nyaya Bandhu, and legal literacy.
- The Central Government is implementing the Legal Aid Defence Counseling System (LADCS) scheme, which provides legal aid. Approximately ₹1,000 crore is being spent on this over three years.



When the strength of the nation increases, its citizens reap the benefits. Since the days of British rule, we were bound under the penal code, living under the constant fear of punishment. Seventy-five years of independence passed in this manner. We have abolished the penal code and brought in the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. It embodies trust in the citizens of Bharat, a sense of belonging, and is filled with sensitivity. -Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK...

Tribal Empowerment: Building an Inclusive India

Greetings,

The central government is taking efforts to create opportunities for tribals to enable them to live a life of dignity, with an aim to foster their self-respect and protect their culture as a resolution. Over the past decade, the government has taken several impactful steps to empower tribal communities so that they can join the mainstream of development and play an active role in building a Viksit Bharat. The life of an ordinary citizen of any country is easy and comfortable, when they are assured about fulfilling their daily needs, including housing, food, health, security, and opportunities for capacity development, they are motivated to move fast on the path of development and contribute to nation-building.

The tribal population may be small in number, but it is spread across remote areas in the country. The Central Government is steadfastly taking steps for their development and welfare, ensuring that the benefits of development reach every person living in these villages, hills, and forests. Over the past ten years, whether it is providing transportation, electricity, water, and internet connectivity, or providing land and livelihood security to approximately 2.4 million tribal families under the Forest Rights Act, or expanding access of educational institutions for youth education, special programs like Eklavya Vidyalayas, and providing scholarships to approximately 3 million tribal youth annually, the Central Government has given a new thrust to tribal development through various schemes. With the establishment of a strong market network, forest products like Mahua and honey, and tribal crafts are strengthening the

livelihood of women in these areas. As a result of all this, our tribal community is playing an active role as a capable and strong partner in India's development journey.

This November 15th, the country is celebrating the 5th Janjatiya Gaurav Divas, and also marks the conclusion of the 150th birth anniversary of Bhagvan Birsa Munda. Therefore, this time our cover story revolves around the schemes and policies of the Central Government dedicated to tribal development.

In the personality section, read about renowned Kathak dancer Sitara Devi. India receiving the ISSA Award for Social Security for the year 2025, the progress achieved in the industry over the past seven years, from the 12 key announcements for MSMEs made on November 2, 2018, under the flagship initiative, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's fortnightly programs, and Union Cabinet Decisions, are part of this issue.

Also, special content has been included on National Legal Services Day on the inside page of the magazine along with 179th birth anniversary of revolutionary Vasudev Balwant Phadke on the back cover.

Keep sending us your suggestions.



(Dhirendra Ojha)



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MAIL BOX



A useful magazine for everyone

Received a hard copy of the New India Samachar fortnightly magazine. Many thanks to the entire team for sending the magazine. This magazine provides very useful information. It is very useful for every age group and class, including students, senior citizens, housewives, etc. I really liked it. Now I try to read it every month. The design of the magazine is excellent.

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New India Samachar Magazine provides exclusive information

I had the opportunity to read the September 16-30, 2025, issue of New India Samachar. There is a saying in the country - Ayushman Bhava... In this context, I really liked the message that health is wealth. Overall, the magazine provides readers with exclusive information on various development schemes and goals of the Government of India. I am a regular reader of this magazine because it is very useful, especially for the student community.

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Delighted to read about India Post Payments Bank

I work as a postman in the Indian Postal Department in the Andhra Pradesh Circle. I eagerly await reading the New India Samachar magazine. I was delighted to read an article about the India Post Payments Bank in one of the issues of the magazine. Thank you for making the story on India Post Payments Bank a part of the magazine and providing relevant information to the people of India. As a citizen of India under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, it is a privilege for me to serve the country while working with India Post Payments Bank. I am also proud to be a partner in achieving the goal of a 'Viksit Bharat' as envisioned by Prime Minister Modi.

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The magazine offers a glimpse into India's progress

This magazine offers a glimpse into India's progress. I receive this magazine by post. This time, I received the August (16-31) and September (1-15) issues together. It covers science, economics, international relations, agriculture, industry, culture, and the lives and works of eminent personalities. In short, the magazine is an extraordinary repository of information. Its cover and layout are elegant and clean. I hope this feature of the magazine continues in the future.

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EPF Withdrawal Now Easier and Faster... No Need to Cite Reasons

Withdrawing your money deposited in the Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) has now become simpler and faster. 13 different categories and numerous conditions have been simplified to create a uniform provision. This will benefit over 30 crore people. These decisions were taken at a meeting of the EPFO's Central Board of Trustees, chaired by Union Labour and Employment Minister Mansukh Mandaviya.

Withdrawal Limits Simplified – Whether It's Amount or Frequency

- Now, only 3 categories are kept for partial withdrawal: essential needs, housing, and special circumstances. A 1-year service period will apply to all types of partial withdrawals.
- Previously, 5 and 7 years of service were mandatory for withdrawing funds for marriage and house construction, respectively; now, only one year is required.
- Withdrawals for education can be made 10 times, and for marriage 5 times. Earlier, only 3 withdrawals were allowed. In special or emergency situations, the entire eligible amount can be withdrawn up to twice a year without any questions asked.
- Employees can withdraw up to 75% of the combined amount including interest.

Initiative to bring more employees under social security !

Eligible employees who joined service between July 1, 2017, and October 31, 2025, can now be voluntarily enrolled by their employer under EPFO with a nominal panel damage. The employee enrollment scheme will be effective from November 1, 2025, to April 30, 2026.

With EPFO reforms, employees' social security is now ensured!

- After leaving the job, up to 75% of the amount can be withdrawn immediately. The remaining 25% amount can be withdrawn after completing 1 year.
- Earlier, multiple withdrawals caused breaks in service, because previously, the full amount could be withdrawn 2 months after leaving the job. This prevented meeting the 10-year continuous service requirement for pension, resulting in no pension benefits.

Pension service now at your doorstep!

EPFO, in collaboration with India Post Payments Bank, has decided to provide the facility of a Digital Life Certificate free of cost at the homes of EPF '95 pension holders.



Aadhaar

Free Biometric Update for Children Aged 7-15

If your child is between 7 and 15 years old and hasn't had their Aadhaar biometrics updated, this is important news. The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has waived all mandatory biometric update (MBU-1) fees for children in this age group. This waiver will be effective from October 1, 2025, and will last for the next one year. This waiver will benefit approximately 60

million children. The free biometric update facility in Aadhaar will facilitate children's access to education, scholarships, and Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) schemes. With the new waiver, the update process will be free for all children aged 5-17, i.e., MBU-1 and MBU-2.



Sanchar Saathi Initiative



Digital System Facilitates Recovering Over 6 Lakh Mobile Handsets

If your mobile is lost or stolen, report it on www.sancharsaathi.gov.in, along with filing a police complaint or FIR. Upon reporting here, the mobile is not only blocked but also linked to the government's digital systems, increasing the chances of recovery. Launched in May 2023, Sanchar Saathi has now become India's most comprehensive digital security platform. Of the 39.56 lakh complaints of stolen or lost mobile phones reported here, 24.46 lakh have been traced. Furthermore, over 6.39 lakh handsets have also been recovered.

Lost or stolen mobile handsets reported on Sanchar Saathi are blocked on telecommunication networks

across India to prevent any misuse. As soon as a SIM is used with this mobile handset, automatic traceability is activated and an alert is sent to the citizen as well as the relevant police station where the lost or stolen mobile handset complaint was filed. Active traceability provides police station details for citizens to contact via SMS.



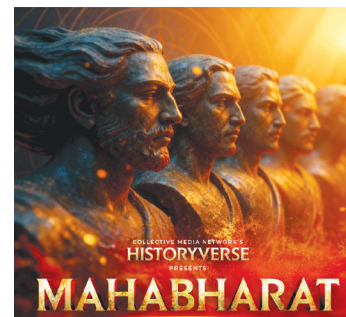
Record 22 Medals Won at the World Para Athletics Championships

India achieved its best-ever performance at the 2025 World Para Athletics Championships, winning a record 22 medals, including 6 gold, 9 silver, and 7 bronze. India finished 10th in the medal tally. India successfully hosted the World Para Athletics Championships for the first time, earning a place of pride in the world. The medal winners at the 2025 World Para Athletics Championships included 15 athletes from the government's Target Olympic Podium Scheme and one from the Khelo India program. Prime Minister Narendra Modi praised the para-athletes, saying, "A historic performance by our para-athletes! Their success will inspire many. I am proud of every member of the contingent. I wish them all the best in their future endeavours." India won 9 medals at the 2019 World Para Athletics Championships in Dubai, 10 in 2023 in Paris, and 17 in 2024 in Kobe. While Indian athletes won only four medals at the Paralympics in 2016, they achieved their best-ever performance at the 2024 Paris Paralympics, achieving 29 medals.

Mahabharat Now in a New Form on Doordarshan

Episodes of the epic Mahabharata, in a new AI version, will be available every Sunday at 11 a.m. on the national television network Doordarshan, starting November 2, 2025. Prasar Bharati and Collective Media Network have partnered for this. The

episodes will be simultaneously available to digital audiences in India and around the world via Waves OTT. Using advanced AI tools, the series recreates the vast scope of the Mahabharata epic, its characters, battlefields, emotions, and moral dilemmas, with cinematic scale and stunning realism. This project embodies the spirit of Make in India and Digital India.



...whom Tagore titled the 'Queen of Dance'

Once in a century, an artist is born whose art dazzles the world and lays the cultural foundation upon which future generations build their identity. In this journey of struggle, dedication, and sacrifice, one such name is Sitara Devi, who transformed Kathak from merely a dance form into a celebration of life. So profound was her talent that none other than Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore bestowed upon her the title of Nritya Samragyi – the Queen of Dance.



Born: November 8, 1920, Died: November 25, 2014

Date: November 8, 1920... Place: Kolkata, the day of Dhanteras. A baby girl was born. It is said that the newborn's mouth was slightly crooked. Frightened by this, the parents handed her over to a midwife. The midwife named her Dhanno. She massaged the baby day and night and gradually managed to reduce the crookedness of her mouth to a great extent. When the parents learned about this, they finally took the child back home after eight years. Dhanno had now become Dhanlakshmi.

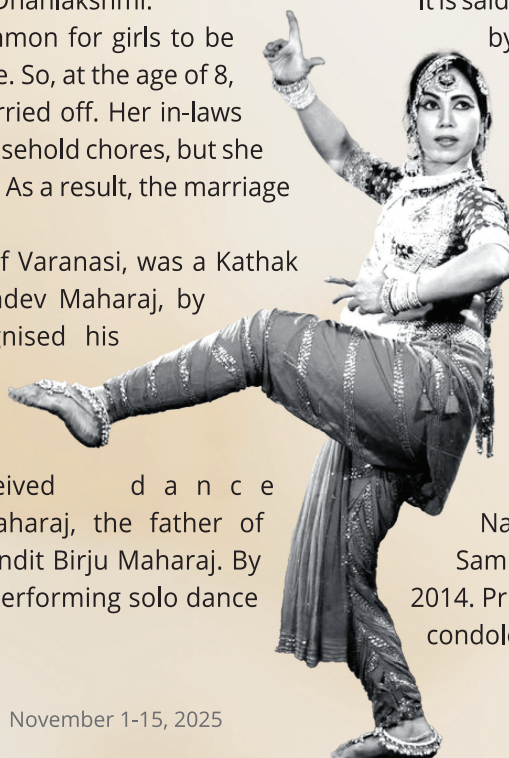
At that time, it was common for girls to be married at a very young age. So, at the age of 8, Dhanlakshmi was also married off. Her in-laws wanted her to focus on household chores, but she insisted on going to school. As a result, the marriage ended.

Her father, a resident of Varanasi, was a Kathak artist by profession. Sukhdev Maharaj, by then, had already recognised his daughter's potential for greatness. He named her Sitara instead of Dhanalakshmi. Sitara received dance lessons from Achhan Maharaj, the father of Shambhu Maharaj and Pandit Birju Maharaj. By the age of 10, she began performing solo dance performances.

She usually performed in cinema halls during the fifteen-minute intermission between films. This was a time when a woman dancing on stage was not looked upon favourably. She first entered the film world at the age of 11. She is credited with introducing Kathak to Bollywood. She worked in films like *Sheher Ka Jadoo*, *Swami*, *Roti*, and *Mother India*. However, after *Mother India*, she stopped working in films to focus on classical dance.

It is said that Rabindranath Tagore was so impressed by a performance by the 16-year-old Sitara that he nicknamed her "Queen of Dance". He also presented her with a shawl and a gift of 50 rupees as a token of appreciation. Gurudev's words proved true. With her performances, she captivated the entire world. She performed in every important country in the world, including her full-house performances at the Royal Albert Hall in England and Carnegie Hall in New York, which are still remembered today.

She was honoured with several awards, including the Padma Shri, the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award, and the Kalidas Samman. She passed away on November 25, 2014. Prime Minister Narendra Modi also expressed condolences after her death. ●



Inclusive Development, All-Round Security

India's Social Security Resolve Resonates Globally

India Awarded the International Social Security Association Award 2025

Self-reliance, self-welfare, and self-respect are the three key pillars that are very important to every citizen of the country. It aims to promote ease of living, and India's vision of progress is inclusive, its mission inclusive. This inclusive philosophy underpins every policy and every scheme of the Central Government, resonating not only across the country but also globally. India, committed to social security, has received the International Social Security Association (ISSA) Award for the year 2025. This award is dedicated to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's principle of 'Antyodaya,' which aims to ensure security for the marginalized people. This award was received by Union Labour and Employment Minister Mansukh Mandaviya in Kuala Lumpur, the capital of Malaysia.

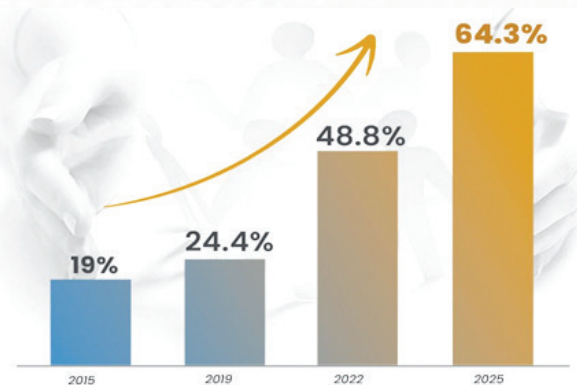
- According to the International Labour Organization, social security is the protection cover provided to individuals and families to ensure access to health care and guarantee income security.
- It is particularly important in times of old age, illness, unemployment, disability, maternity, workplace injury, or the death of a breadwinner. Social security is recognized as a fundamental human right as defined in International Labour Organization conventions and United Nations documents.
- According to the International Labour Organization, India has significantly increased social security coverage, increasing from 19% in 2015 to 64.3% in 2025. Now, 950 million Indians are receiving health insurance, pensions, and other benefits.

India is the fifth country to receive the honor.

India is the fifth country in the world to be honored with this award. The award was started in 2013. Established in 1927, the ISSA comprises more than 330 member organizations from 158 countries. ●

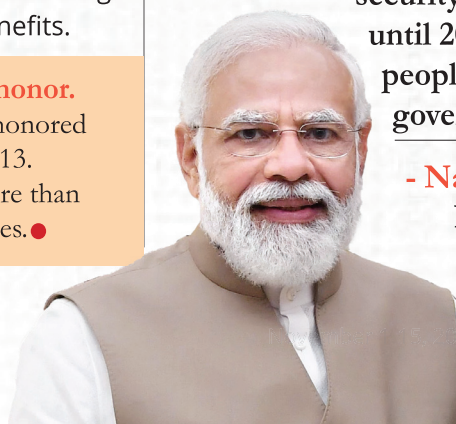
Social Security Coverage

More than 45% growth in a decade, Now, 950 million people are covered



Today, the majority of the population in India is benefiting from social security, and recently, a landmark report by the International Labour Organization was released. This report states that more than 64% of India's population is now receiving some form of social security benefit. This is one of the largest coverages in the world in terms of social security. Today, approximately 950 million people in the country are benefiting from some social security schemes, whereas, until 2015, less than 250 million people were covered by government schemes.

- Narendra Modi
Prime Minister



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Tribal Upliftment Holistic Development



The lives, culture, and products of tribal communities living in remote areas have been gaining new recognition. In its effort to integrate tribal communities into the mainstream, there is more enthusiastic zeal to give tribal traditions and their tales of bravery a rightful place. In the last few years, the development has been reaching the areas inhabited by over 11 Crore tribal people, nestled in the forests and mountains. The tribal bastions are paving the way for achieving the vision of a Viksit Bharat...

The 5th Janjatiya Gaurav Divas is being celebrated on November 15th. Let us learn how the nation has progressed towards tribal upliftment over the past 11 years.



There is an anecdote about a guest who arrived at the home of a tribal family in a remote village. The family consisted of a husband, wife, and a small child, who welcomed the guest with utmost simplicity, yet complete devotion. In the meal, the family served half a millet roti and a bowl full of milk to the guest, showing immense respect to him despite limited resources. As the guest started to eat, his gaze fell on a small child, who was staring at the bowl of milk. The guest realized that the milk was meant for the child, but had been given to him as a guest. The guest ate roti with water and did not touch the milk. As soon as the child saw that the milk was left untouched, he immediately picked up the bowl and consumed it. The guest's eyes welled up with tears, and he became witness to a silent, poignant, and very emotional moment. The guest deeply felt the unseen truth of the country—poverty, hunger, and deprivation. That moment was not just an experience, but the seed of a resolve to build an India where no child goes hungry, no mother is constrained by her child's hunger, and everyone can live their lives with dignity and respect was germinated here. That guest was none other than the country's present Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, who, in his early public life, would travel on foot and, motorcycle to explore remote, inaccessible, and tribal areas. These travels inspired his thoughts with empathy and dedication towards the inclusive development of tribal society.

A similar incident occurred in the year 1980. The city of Ahmedabad was witnessing a new dawn—the foundation stone of the Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram was being laid. This ashram, to be built, was being constructed not merely as a building of bricks and mortar, but as a sacred resolution to improve the plight of the tribal community. Funds were needed. To fulfill this sacred purpose, an event was organized, inviting the city's leading industrialists, businessmen, and social workers. At this gathering, a dynamic young man, Narendra Modi, took the stage. He was holding no public position or any political clout, but only self-confidence, a resolve to serve, and the fire of knowledge. For 90 minutes, he spoke about the suffering of tribal people, their culture, struggle, and apathy, as if he himself had



been born in those forests. But this empathy was not mere sentimentality, but compassion. Do you know the secret behind the depth and poignancy of this speech? To deliver a powerful message, he had studied over 50 religious texts on the life, problems, and history of tribal society in just 12 days. The impact of his speech brought tears to the eyes of the businessmen present. For the first time, they had experienced a disturbing truth so closely, and what followed was truly impressive. The dignitaries handed Narendra Modi blank cheques and



told him to fill them with the amount he found suitable, and to spend on tasks as he deemed fit. That day, not only were donations collected, but also the foundation for a movement was laid.

Such moving stories on the social media platform X @modiarchive would be appropriate to tell on this Janjatiya Gaurav Divas, as they have left an indelible mark on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's mind and initiated a new initiative for tribal welfare. Indeed, to see the development of any nation, one must look to its far-

flung areas. From this perspective, today's India sees its future in the development of tribal areas. India's unique aura lies in the development of these regions, which are closest to nature. The Central Government has done unprecedented work over the past 11 years to realize those dreams.

Even decades after independence, most tribal communities faced a difficult life, lacking homes and basic amenities like electricity, water, and roads. The burden of medical treatment in case of illness further made



Bhagvan Birsa Munda taught us how to live in harmony with our surroundings and to take pride in our culture. Inspired by him, we are working to fulfill his dreams and empower our tribal communities.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

their lives difficult. The development path was also difficult for them. Tribal communities create exquisite products drawing on their centuries-old artistic heritage. However, certain laws restricted some of their ventures. Furthermore, a lack of information and facilities to market their products hindered their development. Thus, due to unmet needs for housing, transportation, medical care, education, and employment, they were left out of the mainstream of development. However, these facilities are now being made available to them, and their standard of living has improved. Additionally, opportunities for economic development are expanding for them. The current government has rapidly advanced the speed of tribal development and welfare. Numerous large-scale campaigns and programs are being implemented. Special measures have been taken to ensure that tribal communities receive all the benefits within all national development and welfare programs.

EMPOWERED TRIBES, EMPOWERING THE NATION

The vision of strengthening the nation through tribal participation is becoming a reality. According to the 2011 census, Scheduled Tribes (STs) constitute approximately 9 percent of India's total population, numbering approximately 11 Crores. There are over 730 tribes in the country notified as Scheduled Tribes, under Article 342 of the Constitution. In alignment with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of "Sabka



Legal Protection and Expanded Rights

"Only when tribal society progresses will our country truly progress."

With this vision, the Central Government is working to integrate tribal communities, who have faced apathy for a long time despite their rich heritage. From legal protection to expanded rights, the Central Government's commitment has given a new direction to the multifaceted development of tribal communities...

- More than 730 Scheduled Tribes are notified under Article 342 of the Constitution.
- 117 communities were included in the Scheduled Tribe list between 2014-2024, compared to only 12 in its preceding decade.
- The inclusion of more than 10 times the number of communities in the Scheduled Tribe list has opened the doors to welfare benefits for these marginalized communities. From reservations in education and employment to political representation and legal protection, this has increased.
- The Forest Rights Act (FRA) empowers tribal and forest-dwelling communities by legally recognizing individual and community rights over forest land and resources.

1,70,000



Villages in the country are located near forest areas. These are called forest fringe villages. According to the India State of Forest Report 2019, approximately 300 million people in the country depend on forests.

Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas," the current central government has consistently worked towards the equal development of all sections of society. The central government has given top priority to the development of tribal communities and the preservation of their heritage and culture. With greater commitment, it has empowered them to participate in



Social Empowerment of Tribal and Scheduled Tribe Communities

Government continues to focus on the socio-economic development of tribal communities, particularly the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group and is taking steps to empower these communities so that they can contribute to their own and national development.

- More than 25.11 lakh tribal families were recognized under the Forest Rights Act by August 2025.

23.89
Lakh

Rights certificates were distributed to individuals.

1.21
Lakh

Rights certificates were distributed to communities.

50.75
Lakh

Acres of land are available under individual rights.

181.98 lakh acres of land are under community rights.



- The provisions of the Indian Forest Act, 1927, were amended to remove bamboo from the category of trees to encourage bamboo cultivation in non-forest areas. This is directly benefiting the tribal community.

- The main objective of paragraph 5.2 of Schedule V of the Constitution is to impose a complete ban on the transfer of immovable property in a Scheduled Area to any person other than a tribal person.

- Under Article 275(1) of the Constitution, 100% grants are issued to states with Scheduled Tribe populations to bridge the gaps in infrastructure activities in the areas of education, health, skill development, livelihoods, drinking water, and sanitation, with the aim of improving the level of governance in Scheduled Areas and ensuring the welfare of tribal people.
- Under the Adivasi Mahila Sashaktikaran Yojana, concessional loans up to ₹2 lakh are provided to tribal women at just 4% interest. Under the Micro Credit Scheme, loans up to ₹5 lakh are provided to tribal self-help groups.
- Pradhan Mantri Vanbandhu Kalyan Umbrella Yojana: The Pradhan Mantri Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana was formally launched on October 28, 2014, to enhance the socio-economic status of tribal and indigenous communities living in remote areas of the country.
- Now, this umbrella scheme encompasses six schemes for the development and welfare of tribal communities.

26,135

Crore rupees are being spent on this scheme from 2021-22 to 2025-26.



- The infrastructure has increased in tribal areas over a decade

1.5

Crore toilets constructed



2.55

Lakh Anganwadis started

the nation's progress. Indeed, this community, dwelling in forests, deserts, and mountains, awakened the spirit of India's independence. They made India's prosperity their life mantra. The present leadership of the country has been working tirelessly over the past few years to ensure the development of tribal communities, which have remained excluded from development for a long

time since independence, and to safeguard their social, cultural, and political autonomy. The annual budget for tribal development has tripled. Now, the Eklavya Model Schools opened across the country are fully recognizing the talents of the 'Eklavyas'. The Van Dhan Yojana has transformed the lives of tribals, and the forest's wealth has become a tool for empowerment. The scholarship



Revolutionary Changes Through Schemes

The transformation of tribal communities is not just rhetoric, but has also been implemented extensively in the form of schemes that are now moving forward on the path of development.

Schemes like the PM-JUGA, PM-JANMAN, and Van Dhan Yojana are ensuring that tribal citizens receive their rights, opportunities, and respect.

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs' budget has been increased by more than 200 percent...



Pradhan Mantri Adi Adarsh Gram Yojana

- Under this, 36,428 villages with 50% tribal population and 500 Scheduled Tribes have been identified for providing basic amenities. This includes villages in aspirational districts identified by NITI Aayog. ₹20.38 lakh is being provided to each village for approved works.

15,989

Villages have received approval for the Village Development Program, with ₹2,283 crore released.



Boost to tribal development



- The Central Government is implementing the Development Action Plan for Scheduled Tribes (DAPST) as a strategy for the development of Scheduled Tribe dominated areas.
- In addition to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, 41 ministries and departments, including education, health, agriculture, irrigation, roads, housing, electrification, employment generation, and skill development, are mandated to allocate a specified percentage (from 4.3% to 17.5%) of their budgets for tribal development projects.
- Under DAPST, these 41 ministries and departments are implementing 204 schemes and programs in 2025-26.
- An amount of ₹1,27,434 crore was allocated in the current financial year. Of this, more than ₹52,000 crore has already been released for these schemes and programs.

budget for tribal children has been raised, leading to the progress of tribal children in both academics and sports. A new sense of confidence is now visible among every tribe, including the Bodo, Bru, and Karbi. Furthermore, the Padma Awards have moved beyond the metropolitan areas and reached the forests, deserts, and mountains, giving new recognition to the work of the tribal people.

When the government was formed under the lead-

ership of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, a serious effort was made to understand the hopes and aspirations of this community. In 1999, a separate ministry was created for the upliftment and prosperity of the tribal community, and the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes was established through the 89th Constitutional Amendment to ensure their interests. The upliftment and respect of tribal society have been further given a new thrust by Prime Minister Narendra

PM JUGA: A Campaign to Transform Tribal Villages

- On October 2, 2024, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan (PM JUGA) from Hazaribagh, Jharkhand. This campaign is popularly known as the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan. Seventeen ministries and departments of the central government are jointly taking steps to implement 25 measures to uplift tribal villages by March 31, 2029.
- At an expenditure of over ₹79,156 crore, this program is facilitating social infrastructure, health, education, and livelihood development in approximately 63,843 tribal/indigenous villages.
- More than 5.38 crore tribal people are benefiting, with work being carried out under PM JUGA in 2,911 blocks across 549 districts in 30 states and union territories, in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Work done as of August 18, 2025

5 lakh+ pucca houses completed



Electricity reached 12,000 houses

692 Hostels approved

282 Anganwadi centers operational



PM JANMAN: A Changing Picture

For decades after independence, there were 75 tribes that were extremely backward, even among tribals. It was for these Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) that PM Modi launched the Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM JANMAN) from Khunti on November 15, 2023, on the occasion of Janjatiya Gaurav Divas.

- PM JANMAN aims to transform the socio-economic landscape of the people through 11 measures implemented jointly by 9 ministries over three years. With a total provision of ₹24,104 crore, each ministry was assigned the responsibility to implement the prescribed measures.
- These PVTG communities are significantly backward in social, economic, and educational spheres. Their population is approximately 2.8 million, living in approximately 22,000 settlements.

These facilities received approval

Work	Approval
Houses	4,62,159
Link roads (km)	6506
Piped water supply (village)	18,385
Mobile medical units	694
Anganwadis	2500
Hostels	492
House electrification	1,43,194
New solar energy scheme	9961 houses
Mobile towers (settlement)	3894
Multipurpose centers	1000
Van Dhan Vikas Kendras	516

(Figures as of June 30, 2025)

5,876

Projects approved for upgrading an ashram school, government school, or tribal residential school



26,607

Piped water supply in villages

2,212

villages got mobile connectivity

Modi in the last 11 years. Education is a crucial link in the development of any society; therefore, the Central Government has strengthened the Eklavya Model School. Along with the socio-economic upliftment of tribal society, the work of showcasing their cultural heritage to the country is also continuing unabated under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi. Tribal subjects like tribal art, literature, traditional knowledge, and skills have been incorporated into teaching and learning. To

commemorate the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, several programs were organized across the country to highlight the heroic tales of tribal heroes.

TRIBAL UPLIFTMENT BECOMES A MASS MOVEMENT

Approximately 750 tribal groups hold a special place in the nation's heart. Among these, there are 75 PVTGs who reside in various regions of the country. Today,



Tribals' Health Government's Priority

Ayushman Bharat has eased the healthcare concerns of tribal communities by ensuring access to quality treatment, while concerted efforts are underway in mission mode to eliminate diseases such as sickle cell anemia.

- As part of its commitment to address health disparities among tribal populations, the Government of India launched the Sickle Cell Anemia Elimination Mission in 2023.
- On July 1, 2023, PM Modi launched the mission from Shahdol, Madhya Pradesh, with the goal of eliminating sickle cell anemia by 2047.

7
crore

individuals to be screened, including those aged 0 to 40 years in tribal-dominated areas.

6
crore

individuals have been screened for sickle cell disease as of July. 2.15 lakh individuals have been diagnosed with the disease.

The population criteria for setting up SHCs, PHCs, and CHCs in tribal and hilly areas have been reduced from 5000, 30000, and 1.20 lakh to 3000, 20000, and 80000, respectively.

1,498



Mobile medical units operate in remote and tribal areas under the NHM. These include 694 units in areas with particularly vulnerable tribal groups.

Empowerment through Education: A New Path for Tribal Society

The Central Government has taken several effective steps in recent years to integrate tribal populations into mainstream education. These initiatives have not only ensured children attend school but have also brought about positive changes in the quality of education...



Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS)

Eklavya Model Residential Schools were launched in 2018-19 to provide tribal children with quality education comparable to Navodaya Vidyalayas in their own environment.

- The sanctioned number of Eklavya Model Residential Schools in the country is 722. However, the government plans to increase this number to 740 by 2026. By July 2025, teaching had started in 485 schools across the country. This will benefit approximately 3.5 lakh Scheduled Tribe students across the country.
- The National Tribal Students Education Society (NESTS), in partnership with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) India, has launched the national program TALASH (Tribal Aptitude Life Skills And Self-Esteem Hub). It aims to improve the education and personality development of tribal students across the country.

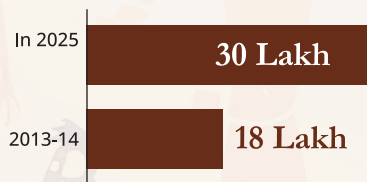
tribal communities are achieving economic self-reliance by benefiting from central government schemes. Their development opportunities are expanding. Efforts are being made to ensure that the benefits of major national schemes reach all tribal beneficiaries in a time-bound manner. The PM-Janman Abhiyan, launched by the Prime Minister on 'Janjatiya Gaurav Divas' in

2023, aims to achieve comprehensive development for the people of PVTG communities in the country. This campaign aims to provide numerous benefits to the people of this community before the three-year deadline, at a cost of over 24,000 crore rupees. In 2024, on the birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, on October 2, the central govern-



Scholarship ecosystem strengthened

Annual benefits from the five central scholarship schemes



Scholarship scheme budget



National Foreign Scholarships for Scheduled Tribe Candidates:

Selected students are provided financial assistance for postgraduate, PhD, and post-doctoral studies abroad. Parents' income from all sources should not exceed ₹6 lakh per year.

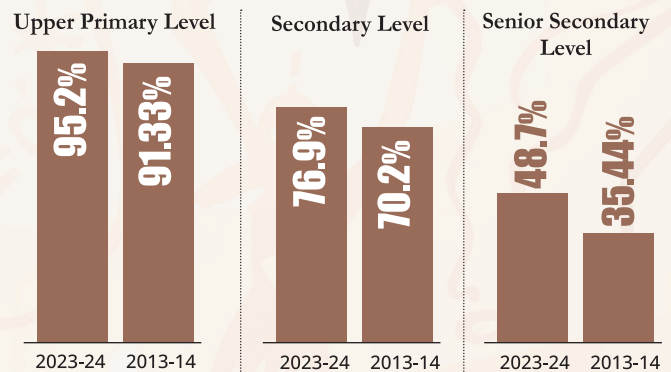


Pre-Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Tribe Students:

Students studying in grades 9 and 10 whose parents' income from all sources does not exceed ₹2.50 lakh per year. This facility is also available to students studying at the matriculation or higher secondary level.

- **National Fellowship and Scholarship for Higher Education of Scheduled Tribe Students:** This scheme aims to identify meritorious Scheduled Tribe students and encourage them to study at 265 institutions of excellence across the country. This includes institutions such as IITs, AIIMS, IIMs, and NIITs. The student's parents' income from all sources must not exceed ₹6 lakh per year.

Gross Enrolment Ratio of Scheduled Tribes



- The GER for higher education for STs has increased from 11.3% in 2013-14 to 21.2% in 2021-22.
- More than 650 Scheduled Tribe (ST) women Self-Help Group (SHG) members were trained in financial literacy, digital finance, and information on government schemes.
- The Ministry of Tribal Affairs, in partnership with Facebook, launched the 'GOAL' program to develop digital skills for tribal youth across India.
- The National Tribal Students Education Society and Tata Motors Limited signed an agreement to empower tribal youth with skill-based education and employment opportunities.



ment launched the 'Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan' from the land of Bhagvan Birsa Munda. This campaign, costing approximately ₹80,000 crore, aims to ensure that every tribal person benefits from government schemes. Every tribal village will be connected through roads and mobile connectivity, ensuring that all tribal families have their own permanent homes.

This campaign of development and welfare will benefit approximately 63,000 tribal villages. This nationwide campaign is benefiting more than 5 crore tribal people.

A new awareness of tribal pride and the ideals of the Constitution is being cultivated in the country. This spirit is becoming the foundation for a bright future for the entire country, including the tribal community. On

the occasion of 'Janjatiya Gaurav Divas' in 2023, Prime Minister Modi visited Ulihatu and sought the blessings of Bhagvan Birsa Munda, his birthplace. This was the first visit by a Prime Minister to Ulihatu. On the same day, the 'Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan' (PM Janman) was launched from Jharkhand.

Today, more than 700 Eklavya Model Schools are being built across the country to provide quality education to tribal children. Approximately 3 million tribal students are receiving scholarships. They are also assisted in getting opportunities to study abroad. As a result, young people from tribal communities are increasingly joining the administrative services, medical, engineering, and other fields. As part of the goal of building a Viksit Bharat by 2047, the elimination of sickle cell anemia from tribal communities has also been set. The budget for the Development Action Plan for Scheduled Tribes (DAPST) has been increased several times over the past decade. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs' budget for 2024-25 is ₹13,000 crore, a 74 percent increase from the previous year. The rapid progress of tribal communities is a national priority today. The idea is to preserve the centuries-old identity of tribal communities while simultaneously pursuing modern development.

In the past few years, many new traditions have emerged in India, and as a result of these emerging traditions, the talents of tribal communities are receiving greater recognition. Over 100 people from tribal communities have been honored with the Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan, and Padma Shri awards over the past 11 years. Governors and Chief Ministers of several states, ministers in the central and state governments, and numerous individuals holding high positions come from tribal communities. Today, the tribal community and tribal youth have several development opportunities. No matter how high they wish to soar, society and the government are always supporting them.

PRESIDENT MURMU REFLECTS THE ASPIRATIONS OF NEW INDIA

The life of Droupadi Murmu, the first tribal President from Odisha, is a reflection of New India. From a remote forest region to Raisina Hill, President Murmu has also become a symbol of the New India hope that the people of the country are united to realize the vision of Amrit Kaal. After several decades, Droupadi Murmu,



Respect for the 'Annadata' in Tribal Areas

After 2014, the central government launched several development schemes focused on the nation's 'Annadata'. Along with changes to traditional farming practices in tribal areas, measures such as expanding the Minimum Support Price (MSP) and strengthening infrastructure have transformed agriculture...

- More than 1 crore tribal farmers have received assistance under the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi so far.
- For the first time, the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Minor Forest Produce (MFP) was expanded to include 77 new minor forest produce. Previously, the number of products included was 12; now it is 87.
- Better price realization and income security were ensured for tribal gatherers.
- To strengthen infrastructure and market linkages, 1,316 haat markets, 603 storage units, and 22 processing units were approved. Direct market access for tribal products and artisans was facilitated.
- The National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF), launched in 2015-16 to promote organic farming, included the Large Area Certification (LAC) program to certify traditionally organic areas, including tribal areas, islands, and hilly areas.
- The National Livestock Mission has provided support to 8,500 individual and group beneficiaries to enhance sustainable livelihoods by promoting animal husbandry in tribal areas.

PM Matsya Sampada Yojana

1 lakh

Individual beneficiaries and 10,000 tribal community groups have been given assistance so far.



the daughter of a poor tribal family, has become the President of the country, who has raised the issue of the welfare of the most backward tribal communities. It was inspired by her that the Central Government launched the PM Janman Yojana. Under this scheme, the most backward tribal communities are being given priority. The forest rights of forest dwellers and Scheduled Tribes have also been recognized. To ensure that



From Entrepreneurship to Self-Reliance

The Central Government is committed to promoting entrepreneurship and livelihood creation among tribal communities. This is why several significant changes have been made in this sector, empowering tribals and laying a strong foundation for transformative reforms.

- TRIFED has approved 4,661 Van Dhan Vikas Kendras (VDVKs) under the Pradhan Mantri Janatiya Vikas Mission (PMJVM), connecting over 1.2 million beneficiaries. With this, tribal products are now available on global and national e-commerce platforms.
- More than 2.2 lakh artisan families and over 1 lakh products are registered under TRIFED. TRIFED has organized 79 artisan fairs and 50 exhibitions.
- Each Van Dhan Vikas Kendra cluster, comprises 15 tribal self-help groups with 300 beneficiaries. This initiative provides Rs 15 lakh per cluster.

75+

GI-tagged tribal products are now gaining remarkable global recognition.



Araku Coffee



- Araku Coffee opened its first organic coffee shop in Paris in 2017. Mahua flowers from Chhattisgarh were exported to France for the first time.
- More than 300 tribal heritage conservation centers are being built across the country to promote and document tribal culture, language, and traditions.
- The Dharti Aaba Tribepreneurs program was organized in April 2025, bringing together 45 tribal startups to showcase innovations and network with investors and startup leaders.
- Two startups received national recognition. Our Guest Travels from Sikkim won the Direct-to-Consumer Award as Northeast India's first online travel aggregator. Naguri Organic received the Agritech Award for sustainable agriculture.
- A ₹50 crore venture capital fund was established for Scheduled Tribes. Partnerships were established with leading institutions such as IIMs, IITs, IFCI, and META.



forest resources become a means of progress for tribal communities, the Central Government launched the Vandhan Yojana. The minimum support price on forest produce was increased, and tribal products were linked to the market. As a result, today the country is experiencing record growth in forest produce. It is the central government's commitment to ensure that tribal communities have the opportunity to live a life of dignity,

while protecting their faith, self-respect, and culture has become the nation's resolve. President Droupadi Murmu, who comes from a humble tribal background and embodies India's civilization, constitutional values, and abiding faith in democracy, exemplifies Prime Minister Narendra Modi's commitment to a new India, which she has always placed at the forefront of her duties. Every aspect of President Droupadi Murmu's



Respecting Tribal Heritage

For the first time, Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid tribute to the contributions of tribal areas and their heroes to India's rich cultural diversity and history, sparking a silent revolution that not only revived tribal heritage but also fostered a tradition of respect and pride...

Cultural and Historical Reforms...

- To ensure that the sacrifices of unsung heroes are never forgotten, the Government of India, during the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav in 2021, celebrating 75 years of the country's independence, declared Bhagvan Birsa Munda's birth anniversary, November 15, as Janjatiya Gaurav Divas. This was the central government's most significant and biggest step towards cultural reform.
- Janjatiya Gaurav Divas in 2024 was the 150th birth anniversary of Lord Birsa Munda. It saw nationwide participation and policy-driven action aimed at preserving tribal heritage.



- Tribal Freedom Fighter Museums were approved to bring to light the forgotten stories of brave warriors from tribal communities. Under this initiative, construction of 11 museums was initiated in 10 states. Construction of three of these has been completed.
- Habibganj Railway Station in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, was named after Rani Kamalapati, and Kaimai Railway Station in Manipur was named after Rani Gaidinliu. On the occasion of Birsa Munda's 150th birth anniversary, it was decided to rename Sarai Kale Khan Chowk as 'Bhagvan Birsa Munda Chowk'.
- PM Modi declared Mangarh Dham a monument of national importance. For decades, this site remained unknown to most Indians.

Historic moment of representation

President Droupadi Murmu assumed the highest office in the country. For the first time in the country, someone from the tribal community occupying the top post is a collective victory of crores of dreams and aspirations, which connects the roots of the past with the hopes of the present.



life is a story that will continue to inspire and influence generations to come.

VOCAL FOR LOCAL TRIBAL UPLIFTMENT

"Vocal for Local" is transforming tribal craftsmanship into a source of income. Decades-old laws that prevented tribal people from harvesting forest produce like bamboo have been amended to grant them rights over forest produce. Today, the central government is making

several new efforts to promote forest produce. Previously, only 12 forest produce were procured at MSP, but today, nearly 90 products have been included in this list. The country has also initiated efforts to connect forest wealth with modern opportunities through the Van Dhan Yojana. Over 3,000 Van Dhan Vikas Kendras (Van Dhan Development Centers) and over 50,000 Van Dhan Self-Help Groups (VANS) are currently operating across the country. A Tribal Research Institute has also been



Gifts showcasing Tribal Heritage given to Global Leaders

- PM Modi has taken Indian tribal culture to the forefront of the global stage by presenting tribal artifacts to leaders of several countries.
- Dokra art is known for its intricate metalwork and deep historical roots. Dokra artifacts were gifted to the leaders of Australia, Brazil, the Cook Islands, and Tonga.
- Sohrai paintings from Jharkhand were gifted to Russian President Vladimir Putin, and Gond paintings from Madhya Pradesh were gifted to Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva.
- Leaders from Uzbekistan and Comoros were honored with Warli paintings from Maharashtra.



Cultural Preservation and Promotion

- The Central Government supports 29 tribal research institutes for the preservation of tribal cultural heritage, languages, and traditional knowledge. Rs. 265.94 crore has been allocated for this purpose during 2020-25.
- Additionally, buildings for 10 new tribal research institutes have been approved since 2014.
- Tribal Research Institutes research and document tribal languages, traditional practices, and folk arts, developing educational materials for tribal students.
- The new National Education Policy mandates that schools provide education in the mother tongue/ local language until at least Grade 5 (and beyond where possible).
- The Adi Vaani app, India's first artificial intelligence-based translator, was launched. This platform was developed to bridge the linguistic gap and revitalize communication in tribal dialects.



Padma Awards for Tribal Heroes

- After 2014, the Central Government completely overhauled the nomination process for the Padma Awards, making them an award for the common man for the first time.
- As a result, silent guardians of culture like Bhil painters, Gond woodworkers, Baiga craftsmen, and protectors of tribal traditions dedicated to protecting the environment have now become an integral part of the national consciousness.
- More than 100 people from tribal communities have been honored with the Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan, and Padma Shri awards so far.

Steps Toward Tribal Empowerment

- Aadi Mahotsav was launched in 2017 as the National Tribal Festival to promote economic self-reliance, cultural preservation, and social empowerment for India's tribal communities.
- It is organized by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and TRIFED in several cities across the country, including Delhi. The festival provides a platform for India's rich tribal art, culture, handicrafts, cuisine, and folk art to connect with the mainstream.
- 38 Aadi Mahotsavs have been organised in major cities of the country.

established in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. The national campaign for the development of aspirational districts and aspirational blocks is also greatly benefiting tribal areas. The emphasis on education in the mother tongue in the National Education Policy will also greatly assist tribal children in their education.

Numerous efforts have been made during the Amrit Mahotsav to bring the invaluable contribution of tribal communities to the freedom struggle to the forefront.

For the first time since independence, tribal museums are being built across the country to showcase tribal pride and heritage. The "Alluri Sitarama Raju Memorial Tribal Freedom Fighter Museum" is also being built in Lambasingi, Andhra Pradesh. Foreign governments inflicted the most atrocities on tribal people, attempting to destroy their culture. However, the memory of those sacrifices will continue to inspire future generations. Numerous efforts are being made at the central gov-

ernment level to ensure that forest resources become a source of employment and opportunities for tribal youth.

NEW RECOGNITION FOR TRIBES, CARRIERS OF TRADITION

For the past few years, tribal communities and those associated with tribal life have been well represented among those honored with the Padma Awards. Tribal life is unique, different from the hustle and bustle of cities. Despite this, tribal communities are always committed to preserving their traditions. Efforts are also made to preserve and research aspects related to tribal communities. Many great personalities who have worked on tribal languages like Toto, Ho, Kui, Kuvi, and Manda have received Padma Awards. Dhani Ram Toto, Janum Singh Soy, and B. Ramakrishna Reddy...the whole country has become familiar with them now. People working with tribals like Siddhi, Jarawa, and Onge have also been honoured. Such as...Hirabai Lobi, Ratan Chandra Kar, and Ishwar Chandra Verma. Tribal communities have been an integral part of India's land and heritage. Their contribution to the development of the country and society is significant. Honoring individuals who work for them also inspires the new generation. Furthermore, the Padma Awards are resonating even in areas once affected by Naxalism. The central government has now set March 31, 2026, as the date for a Naxal-free India. Those who have shown right path to misguided youth in Naxal-affected areas through their efforts have also been honored with Padma Awards. Ajay Kumar Mandavi, a wood carver in Kanker, and Parshuram Komaji Khune, associated with the famous Jhadipatti Theatre in Gadchiroli, have also received this honor. Similarly, Ramkuiwangbe Nyume, Bikram Bahadur Jamatia, and Karma Wangchu, who are engaged in preserving their culture in the Northeast, have also been honored.

DEVELOPMENT AND HERITAGE GO TOGETHER

Since the eighteenth century, tribal communities have opposed the injustices during British rule. Along with the brave brothers Sido-Kanhu and Chand-Bhairav, who led the Santhal Hul uprising in 1855, brave sisters like Phoolo and Jhano also displayed extraordinary courage. Numerous steps are being taken to familiarize the nation with the glorious contributions of tribal



Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav... Fostering Dignity

Tribal communities made a significant contribution to India's independence through movements and rebellions such as the Ulgulan Movement, the Kol Rebellion, the Santhal Rebellion, and the Bhil Movement. Many unsung heroes, including Alluri Sitaraman Raju, Tilka Manjhi, Sidhu-Kanhu Murmu, and Budhu Bhagat, were remembered during the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav...



■ Rani Durgavati's birth anniversary

Commemoration: PM Modi performed 'bhoomi poojan' of 'Veerangana Rani Durgavati Smarak aur Udyaan' in Jabalpur in line with the 500th birth centenary of Rani Durgavati.

■ Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of 50 new Eklavya Model Residential Schools on November 15, 2021, on the occasion of Janjatiya Gaurav Divas' as part of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'.

■ On November 15, 2021, a Swadeshi sports competition was organized in Kohima, Nagaland, to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

people. Museums are being established in various parts of the country to commemorate tribal heroes. The Bhagvan Birsa Munda Museum in Ranchi has become revered as a pilgrimage site. A museum called "Janjatiya Darpan" has also been developed at the Rashtrapati Bhavan. Last year, on Janjatiya Gaurav Divas, President Droupadi Murmu said, "I grew up listening to stories of many tribal heroes, from Tilka Manjhi and Bhagvan Birsa Munda to Laxman Nayak. However, these heroes



Janjatiya Gaurav Year Celebrating Heritage

The revolution led by Dharti Aaba, Birsa Munda, not only posed a strong challenge to British oppression but also awakened the public. PM Modi launched the 150th birth anniversary celebrations of Bhagvan Birsa Munda on November 15, 2024, on the occasion of Janjatiya Gaurav Divas in Jamui, Bihar. This program will conclude in November 2025...

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the 150th birth anniversary celebrations of Bhagvan Birsa Munda on the occasion of Janjatiya Gaurav Divas.
- PM Modi unveiled a commemorative coin and postage stamp in honor of Bhagvan Birsa Munda.
- Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah unveiled a grand statue of Bhagvan Birsa Munda in Bansera Udyan, New Delhi, on November 15, 2024, on the occasion of Bhagvan Birsa Munda's 150th birth anniversary.
- On the occasion of the 150th birth anniversary of Birsa Munda, the Modi government decided to rename Sarai Kale Khan Chowk as 'Bhagvan Birsa Munda Chowk'.

- The Adi Karmayogi Abhiyan was launched as part of Janjatiya Gaurav Divas. It is a pioneering responsive governance mission that aims to develop the world's largest grassroots tribal leadership program.
- The Adi Karmayogi Abhiyan initiative also educated the relevant ministries to sensitize them about its objectives and expected impact.
- The beta version of 'Adi Vaani' – India's first AI-powered translator for tribal languages – was launched. Developed as a part of Janjatiya Gaurav Divas celebrations, this pioneering initiative is poised to transform the linguistic and educational landscape in tribal areas.
- The creation of Birsa Munda Tribal Sub-Forests was announced in tribal-dominated areas to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Birsa Munda. The plan is to plant 500 to 1,000 trees in the sub-forests.
- A special event was held in Jashpur, Chhattisgarh, where Union Minister of Labor and Employment, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, led the 'Mati Ke Veer' Padyatra (foot march) along with MY Bharat youth volunteers.
- The 2024 Janjatiya Gaurav Divas saw massive virtual participation of over 1 crore people.
- Over 46,000 activities were organised across the country, covering education, health, livelihoods, arts and culture, and other topics.
- Programs such as Aadi Mahotsav and Dharti-Aaba Tribepreneurs promoted tribal talent, while 29 Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs) participated in organising festivals, seminars, and student-led programmes.

were not widely known among the general public. Thanks to government efforts, people are now becoming well-acquainted with the stories of tribal freedom fighters. For ages, tribal people have enriched our country's civilization and culture. The story of the Ramayana reflects the eternal values of our society. During his long exile, Lord Shri Ram lived with the tribal people as one of them. Lord Shri Ram embraced the forest dwellers, and the forest dwellers embraced Lord Shri Ram. This

sense of belonging and harmony among tribal people is the foundation of our culture and civilization." During Atal Bihari Vajpayee's government, the tribal language Santhali was included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution.

Furthermore, Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated the Bhagwan Birsa Munda Memorial Udyan cum Freedom Fighter Museum in Jharkhand to the nation. A nationwide budget of ₹200 crore has been approved for

the establishment of tribal freedom fighter museums in Gujarat, Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Telangana, Manipur, Mizoram, and Goa. The National Tribal Museum is being established in Garudeshwar in Gujarat's Narmada district, approximately 6 km from the Statue of Unity. Mangarh Dham, a major tribal pilgrimage site in Rajasthan's Banswara district, was granted national monument status. Development in the Northeast, which has a predominantly tribal population, has been emphasized over the past 11 years under the Act East Policy. By making 10% of the budget allocated to the Northeast in all ministries' schemes mandatory, Ashtalakshmi has been integrated into national progress. Efforts are being made to integrate the tribal community, which has made unforgettable contributions and sacrifices in the freedom movement, into the mainstream of development, provide socio-economic upliftment, and political representation.

FAST IMPROVEMENT IN SOCIAL STATUS

The results of tribal development are also visible on the ground. The literacy rate for Scheduled Tribes (STs) has increased from 59% in the 2011 Census to 73.40% according to the Periodic Labour Force Survey (July 2023-June 2024). A total of 4,550 Van Dhan Vikas Kendras have been approved so far under the Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission and Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN) schemes. Since its inception, the Van Dhan Yojana has significantly improved the livelihoods of tribal communities across India. This initiative has benefited over 11.83 lakh tribal individuals and increased their incomes. The scheme has provided economic opportunities and empowered forest-dependent communities to become self-reliant. From fiscal year 2022-23 to June 2025, 65,949 women members of self-help groups have been identified and trained. The Aadi Mahotsav is being organized for tribal empowerment, bringing together the exquisite craft traditions of tribal artisans, weavers, potters, puppeteers, and embroiderers. Under the Institutional Support Program for the Development and Marketing of Tribal Products, TRIFED promotes the sale of tribal products through e-commerce on its portal www.tribesindia.com. This program ensures the benefits of the Central Government's social welfare schemes.

Steps are being taken continuously for the upliftment of tribal communities. The Central Government has approved the establishment of 728 new Eklavya Model Residential Schools. In 2013-14, only 167 schools were approved. The Central Government now aims to establish 740 Eklavya Model Schools by 2026, and work is going on. Statistics show that in 2013-14, there were 119 schools offering education, but now the number has increased to over 401. The establishment of the Sammakka Sarakka Central Tribal University in Telangana was approved by the Cabinet in October 2023. Since 2014, 10 tribal research institutes have been approved across the country. Under the Top Class Education Scheme, scholarships are provided annually to students for admission to top institutions such as IITs, IIMs, and AIIMS. Tribal communities primarily reside in mining-affected areas, but they have never received a share of mining revenues. The establishment of the District Mineral Foundation Fund addressed this discrepancy, collecting thousands of crores of rupees and using them for the development of tribal areas.

TRIBAL ART TREASURES SHOWCASED AT G-20

The rich tribal heritage, craftsmanship, and exquisite products attracted global attention at the G-20 Summit, presided by India. Padma Shri awardee Pareshbhai Jayantibhai Rathwa gave a live demonstration of Pithora art, a craft promoted by the Rathwa, Bhilala, Naik, and Bhil tribes of Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh. Longpi pottery, the Sultur bamboo wind flute made by the Gond tribe of Bastar in Chhattisgarh, Gond paintings, hangings made by the Bhil and Patelia tribes of Gujarat, and the metal Ambabari of the Meena tribe showcased the rich cultural diversity and heritage of the tribes to the world. Handicrafts share in the country's exports is growing. Handicraft exports are growing at a rate of approximately 30%, with tribal handicrafts, or TRIFED products, contributing a significant share.

Certainly, the Central Government has taken the initiative to touch the hearts of the tribal areas and people, so that they too can be made the drivers of Aatma Nirbhar Bharat because social justice means that every section of the society should get equal opportunities and no one should be deprived of the basic necessities of life. ●



Mumbai receives development gifts worth ₹69,000 crore, including a second international airport

Momentum + Progress

Viksit Bharat

Viksit Bharat...means a place where speed is accompanied by progress... where public interest is paramount, and government initiatives make life easier for citizens. Over the past 11 years, India has lived this journey of reconstruction... Vande Bharat trains, wide highways and expressways, mountain tunnels, and sea bridges connecting the coast...these demonstrate the nation's speed and progress. Another milestone in the grand endeavor of building modern infrastructure in the country, was added on October 8 in Mumbai, where Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and dedicated projects worth over ₹69,000 crore, including the Navi Mumbai International Airport and the first underground metro.

As India's economic capital, as well as its second-largest and most vibrant city, Mumbai is also a symbol of a fast-paced life. The central government is continuously working to expand all modes of transportation to make travel easier and save people time in this busy city. Inaugurating the Navi Mumbai International Airport, Phase 2B of Mumbai Metro Line 3, Mumbai's first fully underground Metro Line 3 (Aqua Line), and the common mobility app "Mumbai One", Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "Mumbai's long wait is over."

Navi Mumbai International Airport is a project that reflects the vision of a Viksit Bharat. Built on the land of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, its shape resembles a lotus flower, symbolising culture and prosperity. Prime Minister Modi stated that this new airport will connect Maharashtra's farmers with supermarkets in Europe and the Middle East. Farmers' fresh produce, fruits, flowers, vegetables, and fish products will quickly reach global markets. This airport will reduce export costs for nearby small and micro-industries. Investment will increase, and new industries and new ventures will be established.

When there is a determination to realise dreams and a will to bring the benefits of rapid development to the countrymen, results are achieved. PM Modi said, "In 2014,

The country's first airport to be connected by water taxis

- Navi Mumbai International Airport is estimated to cost approximately ₹19,650 crore. Its first phase has just been inaugurated.
- It is India's largest greenfield airport project, developed under a public-private partnership.
- It is Mumbai's second international airport. It will work in conjunction with Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA) to help Mumbai join the ranks of global multi-airport systems.
- Covering an area of 1,160 hectares, the airport is designed to be one of the most efficient airports in the world.
- It is capable of handling 90 million passengers and 3.25 million metric tons of cargo annually.
- Unique features of this airport include an automated mover, a transport system that will connect all four passenger terminals for seamless inter-terminal transfers.
- A landside automated mover will also integrate into urban infrastructure.
- The airport will have dedicated storage for sustainable aviation fuel. Approximately 47 megawatts of solar power will be generated.
- EV bus services will be available for public connectivity throughout the city.
- NMIA will be the first airport in the country to be connected by water taxis.

Mumbai now has its second international airport. This airport will play a major role in establishing the region as Asia's largest connectivity hub. Mumbai also has a fully underground metro, which will make travel easier and save time for commuters.

Narendra Modi,
Prime Minister



I stated that my dream was that even those wearing slippers should be able to travel by air. The government began working seriously to fulfil this dream. Over the past 11 years, new airports have been built across the country, one after another. In 2014, there were only 74 airports in our country. Today, their number has surpassed 160."

The construction of new airports and the UDAN scheme have not only provided convenience to

the people of the country, but also made India the world's third-largest domestic aviation market. Indian airlines are continuously expanding. Currently, aircraft manufacturing companies in India alone have orders booked for approximately 1,000 new aircraft. This is creating new opportunities for pilots, cabin crew, engineers, and ground workers. As the number of aircraft increases, so does the need for maintenance and repairs. The central government

More projects for Mumbai

Inauguration of Phase 2B of Mumbai Metro Line 3, extending from Acharya Atre Chowk to Cuffe Parade. It was constructed at a cost of approximately ₹12,200 crore.

- The final Phase 2B of the project will provide seamless transportation connectivity to South Mumbai's heritage and cultural districts, such as Fort, Kala Ghoda, and Marine Drive, and provide direct access to key administrative and financial centres, including the Bombay High Court, Mantralaya, Reserve Bank of India, Bombay Stock Exchange, and Nariman Point.

The entire Mumbai Metro Line 3 (Aqua Line), costing over ₹37,270 crore, was also dedicated to the nation. It is Mumbai's first fully underground metro line.

- Mumbai Metro Line 3, with a length of 33.5 kilometres and 27 stations from Cuffe Parade to Aarey JVLR, will serve 1.3 million passengers daily.
- Metro Line 3 has been designed to integrate with railways, airports, other metro lines, and monorail services, improving last-mile connectivity and reducing congestion.

The Prime Minister also launched "Mumbai One", a unified common mobility app for 11 public transport operators.

- The Mumbai One app covers Mumbai Metro Lines 2A and 7, Mumbai Metro Line 3, Mumbai Metro Line 1, Mumbai Monorail, Navi Mumbai Metro, Mumbai Suburban Railway, Brihanmumbai Electricity Supply and Transport (BEST), Thane Municipal Transport, Mira Bhayandar Municipal Transport, Kalyan Dombivali Municipal Transport, and Navi Mumbai Municipal Transport.
- Now, Mumbaikars will no longer have to wait in queues for hours. They can book a single ticket and use the same ticket for local, bus, metro, or taxi travel.
- It also provides real-time updates on delays and estimated arrival times.



The Prime Minister also inaugurated the Short Term Employability Programme (STEP), a flagship initiative of the Maharashtra Department of Skills, Employment, Entrepreneurship and Innovation. This programme will be implemented in 400 government Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and 150 government technical high schools.

- This is a major step towards aligning skill development with industry requirements to enhance employability. 2,500 new training batches will be established under STEP, including 364 special batches for women and 408 batches for emerging technology courses such as artificial intelligence (AI), Internet of Things (IoT), electric vehicles (EVs), solar energy, and additive manufacturing.

is also developing new facilities in India for this purpose.

The metro line, inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, was inaugurated many years after its foundation stone was laid. But Mumbai, which values every minute, only received this metro when the double-engine government came to power. Now, with the construction of this metro line, a two-

and-a-half-hour journey will be reduced to 30-40 minutes. Referring to this delay, PM Modi said, "We have been brought up in a culture where national policy forms the basis of politics. For us, every rupee spent on infrastructure is a means to enhance citizens' convenience and capability. ●



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Made in India

India's Mobile Revolution on the Global Stage

Powered by policymaking, technology investments, and strategic partnerships, the country has taken mobile manufacturing to new heights over the past decade. India's mobile manufacturing journey is no longer just an industrial initiative but an inspiring story of technological self-reliance. This vision of self-reliance has now become the reality of 'Make in India, Make for the World'. This transformation is not only economically significant but also demonstrates India's global technological prowess. Building on this belief, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while inaugurating the 9th Mobile Congress on October 8, said that India's technological future is in safe hands...

Along with market strength, India also possesses manpower, dynamism, and a progressive mindset. As a result, India has become the world's second-largest telecom and 5G market. The country's youth have played a significant role in achieving this milestone, and the central government is providing them with all possible support. The government is providing financial support to testing centres for technologies such as 5G, 6G, advanced optical communications, and terahertz. Government initiatives are also facilitating partnerships between startups and leading research institutions. As a result of these efforts, India has established itself as an influential platform on the global stage, and the world is looking to India.

The India Mobile Congress was jointly organised by the Department of Telecommunications and the Cellular Operators Association at Yashobhoomi, Delhi, from October 8 to 11, on the theme "Innovate to Transform". Asia's largest telecom, media, and technology event, India Mobile Congress 2025, featured several startups engaging in serious discussions on topics such as financial fraud prevention, quantum communication, 6G, optical communication, semi-conductors, and more. After listening to these sessions, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that India's



3.5 Lakh Jobs from One Company

Prime Minister Modi, citing recent data from a major smartphone company, explained that today 45 Indian companies are linked to the supply chain of that single major company. This has created approximately 3.5 lakh jobs in the country. Furthermore, numerous companies are also engaged in large-scale manufacturing in the country. This easily illustrates the scale of employment being created.

Over 150 countries participated in the Mobile Congress

More than 1.5 lakh guests, over 7,000 global delegates, and over 400 companies from over 150 countries participated in the Indian Mobile Congress 2025. Areas such as 5G/6G, AI, smart mobility, cybersecurity, quantum computing, and green technology were discussed in detail.

Nationwide 5G Coverage

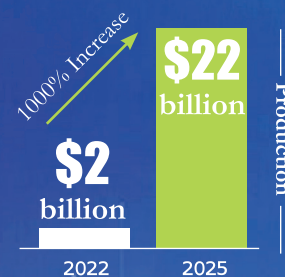
- Almost every district in the country now has 5G coverage.
- Electronics production has increased sixfold since 2014.
- Mobile phone manufacturing has increased 28-fold, while exports have increased 127-fold.
- Over the past decade, the mobile phone manufacturing sector has created millions of direct jobs.

India has launched its Made in India 4G stack, a major indigenous achievement for the country, placing it among the top five countries in the world with this capability.



iPhones

iPhones Made in India



Exports (April-September)



We have the world's second-largest telecom market. The second largest 5G market is here. We have the manpower, mobility, and mindset to lead.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



tech-savvy people have established the country as Asia's largest digital technology platform in just a few years. Innovators and startups have driven this growth, made possible by a government that stands firmly behind the country's potential.

PM Modi said the India Mobile Congress and the country's success in the telecom sector reflect the strength of the Aatmanirbhar Bharat vision. India recently launched its Made-in-India 4G stack, a major indigenous achievement. With this capability, India has now joined the list of five countries in the world. A

country that once struggled with 2G will now, through indigenous 4G and 5G stacks, not only ensure seamless connectivity but also provide high-speed internet and reliable services to its citizens. On the day the 4G stack was launched in India, nearly 100,000 4G towers were activated simultaneously across the country, enabling well over 20 million people to join India's digital movement. Previously, many remote areas had weak digital connectivity, but now strong internet access has been ensured. ●



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PM-Setu: Bridging Skills and Opportunities

India is one of the world's youngest nations. When the potential and skills of the youth increase, the nation becomes stronger. This is why the central government has given top priority to skill development. In this regard, on October 4th, Prime Minister Narendra Modi gifted the country's youth various schemes worth ₹62,000 crore, including the PM Setu Yojana. This scheme will provide world-class facilities in 1,000 ITI institutes across the country to provide youth with more opportunities for skill development, industry-based education, and employment generation.

Emphasising that India is a nation of knowledge and skill, and this intellectual strength is its greatest asset, when skills and knowledge align with national needs and contribute to fulfilling them, their impact multiplies manifold. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has always believed that unless we give dignity to labour and respect to skills in public life, those who possess them may continue to feel inferior. This is why the nation is now bringing to life the ideals of Shramev Jayate (Labour Alone Triumphs) and Shramev Pujyate (Labour is Worship).

During the Kaushal Convocation held at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the 21st century demands that we rapidly advance local talent, local resources, local skills, and local knowledge, keeping in mind the country's needs. Our thousands of ITIs play a vital role in this. Our ITIs are not only excellent institutions for

PM SETU: Career-Launching Hubs for Future Industries

- The PM SETU scheme will help create career-launching hubs for future industries. The Pradhan Mantri Kaushal and Rojgar Transformation Yojana (PMSETU) through upgraded ITIs envisages upgrading 1,000 government ITIs across the country to a hub-and-spoke model. This includes 200 hub ITIs and 800 spoke ITIs.
- Each hub will be connected to an average of four spokes, creating clusters equipped with advanced infrastructure, modern trades, digital learning systems, and incubation facilities.
- Key industry partners will manage these clusters, ensuring outcome-based skill development aligned with market demand.
- The hubs will include innovation centres, training facilities, production units, and placement services.
- In the first phase, special attention will be given to ITIs in Patna & Darbhanga.
- ITIs now include new courses in IT, drones, EVs, health tech, and green energy.

Foundation of a Viksit Bharat will be even stronger

Prime Minister Modi also inaugurated 1,200 skill laboratories established in 400 Navodaya Vidyalayas and 200 Eklavya Model Residential Schools across 34 states and union territories. This will further strengthen the foundation of a Viksit Bharat.

“This is a time filled with opportunities for every youth in the country; while alternatives may exist for many things, there is no substitute for skill, innovation, and hard work. All the youth of India possess these qualities. The strength of all of you will become the strength of a Viksit Bharat.

- Narendra Modi,
Prime Minister



Youth are being trained in 170 trades at ITIs

ITIs offer training in nearly 170 trades, and over the past 11 years, more than 1.5 crore youth have been trained in these disciplines, gaining technical qualifications across diverse sectors. These youth were provided skill training in their local languages. This year, more than 1 million students participated in the All India Trade Test. Until 2014, there were 10,000 ITIs in our country, but in the last decade, approximately 5,000 new ITIs have been established. The ITI network is being developed based on the skills the industry needs today and the skills it will need 10 years from now. Therefore, coordination between industry and ITIs is being enhanced.

industrial education, but they are also the workshops of a self-reliant India. Therefore, our focus is on increasing their numbers and continuously upgrading them.

“As skills grow, the nation becomes self-reliant, exports increase, and employment opportunities expand,” remarked the Prime Minister. He recalled that before 2014, India was labelled among the “Fragile Five” economies, marked by low growth and limited job creation. Today, India is progressing towards becoming a top-three global economy, with significant growth in manufacturing and employment. Manufacturing and exports have also seen unprecedented growth in the mobile, electronics, automobile, and defence sectors. Unprecedented employment has been created in large industries and MSMEs. Prime Minister Narendra Modi stated that all this has greatly benefited the youth, especially skilled youth from ITIs. The Mudra Yojana has also helped millions of young people start their own businesses. The Government of India has recently implemented the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rojgar Yojana, worth Rs 1 lakh crore. This will help approximately 35 million young people in the country find employment in the private sector. ●



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Rabi Crop MSP Increased by 600 Rupees 57 New Kendriya Vidyalayas to Open

Building a Viksit Bharat is only possible when farmers are empowered and prosperous.

With this vision, the Central Government, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has given top priority to the welfare of farmers. Furthering this initiative, the Union Cabinet decided to increase the MSP for Rabi crops and approved the 'Pulses Self-Reliance Mission' to promote pulse production. It also approved several other important proposals, including the establishment of 57 new Kendriya Vidyalayas across the country.

DECISION: Approval of Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Rabi crops for the 2026-27 marketing season.

IMPACT: The MSP has been increased by ₹600 per quintal for safflower and ₹300 per quintal for lentils. The prices of rapeseed and mustard, gram, barley, and wheat have been increased by ₹250 per quintal, ₹225 per quintal, ₹170 per quintal, and ₹160 per quintal, respectively. This increase in the MSP for Rabi crops will ensure remunerative prices for farmers and encourage crop diversification.

DECISION: The 'Pulses Self-Reliance Mission' will increase pulse production.

IMPACT: This mission will be implemented over a period of six years, from 2025-26 to 2030-31, with a financial outlay of ₹11,440 crore. The mission aims to expand the pulses acreage to 31 million hectares by 2030-31. This mission will also generate employment. The mission aims to achieve self-sufficiency in pulses, reduce dependence on imports, boost farmers' income, and conserve foreign exchange. A key feature of the mission is ensuring maximum procurement of pigeon peas, black grams, and red lentils under the price support scheme of PM-AASHA.



DECISION: Approval of 57 new Kendriya Vidyalayas

IMPACT: The total estimated funding requirement for establishing these schools is approximately ₹5,862.55 crore for a period of nine years, starting from 2026-27. To date, 1,285 Kendriya Vidyalayas have been established in India. Additionally, three Kendriya Vidyalayas are currently established in Moscow, Kathmandu, and Tehran. The total student enrolment is approximately 1.362 million as of June 30, 2025. The approval of these new Kendriya Vidyalayas will create a total of 4,617 direct permanent employment opportunities.

DECISION: 3% increase in Dearness Allowance for central government employees.

IMPACT: The increase in Dearness Allowance will benefit approximately 49.19 lakh central government employees and 68.72 lakh pensioners. This is an additional 3% increase over the existing rate of 55% of basic pay/pension. The combined impact of the increase in Dearness Allowance and Dearness Relief will be ₹10,083.96 crore per year to the exchequer. It will be effective from July 1, 2025.

DECISION: Approval for 4-laning and widening of the existing Kaliabor-Numaligarh section of NH-715 in Assam.

IMPACT: The project will be implemented on Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) mode, with a total length of approximately 86 km and a cost of ₹6,957 crore. This includes implementation of the proposed wildlife-friendly measures proposed on Kaziranga National Park Stretch. This will boost tourism in Kaziranga National Park and open new avenues for business and industrial development. It will also create direct and indirect employment opportunities.

DECISION: Approval of the third phase of the Biomedical Research Career Program.

IMPACT: This programme will encourage top-tier scientific talent to pursue cutting-edge biomedical research. It will promote research across multiple disciplines to translate innovation into practical solutions (translational innovation). It will also strengthen systems supporting high-quality research to develop world-class biomedical research capacity with global impact. It will also reduce regional disparities in scientific capacity.

DECISION: Approval of proposals for four multi-tracking projects in 18 districts of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, and Chhattisgarh. This will expand the existing network of Indian Railways by approximately 894 KM

IMPACT: The approved multi-tracking project will enhance connectivity to 3,633 villages with a population of approximately 85.84 lakh and two aspirational districts of Vidisha and Rajnandgaon in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh. The projects, with a total estimated cost of ₹24,634 crore, will be completed by 2030-31. It will enhance mobility, reduce congestion, and improve operational efficiency and service reliability. These projects will foster development by empowering individuals with self-reliance, increasing employment and self-employment opportunities.

These projects include...

- The 314-kilometre third and fourth lines between Wardha and Bhusawal in Maharashtra
- The 84-kilometre Gondia-Dongargarh fourth line in Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh
- The 259-kilometre Vadodara-Ratlam third and fourth lines in Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh
- The 237-kilometre Itarsi-Bhopal-Bina fourth line in Madhya Pradesh. ●



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Initiatives for MSMEs...

The Path to Progress has become easier

With contributions of 30% to the country's GDP, 35% to manufacturing, and over 45% to exports, the MSME sector is not only a vital part of India's global trade ecosystem but also the backbone of the economy. This path to progress was further strengthened on November 2, 2018, when Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled 12 key announcements at once, giving a new dimension to the dreams of MSMEs...



The true strength of India's economy lies in the millions of people living in villages, towns, and small cities who, despite limited resources, are setting examples of employment, production, and innovation through their skills. The organised form of these efforts is Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). Therefore, over the past 11 years, with the motto of "Minimum Government, Maximum Governance", the central government has taken numerous steps that have not only facilitated easy access to credit and markets but also freed MSMEs from the entanglement of regulations, including the expansion of technology and ease of doing business. In 2018, while making 12 announcements for MSMEs, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "When barriers are broken, files gain momentum; officers themselves take up files and take the lead in ensuring decisions."

Today, the record number of 6.63 crore registered MSMEs (by July 2025) and the employment of nearly 29 crore people in the last five years alone are sufficient to illustrate the impact the central government's initiatives have had on this sector over these seven years.

Easy access to loans... Building cash flow

- Loans in 59 minutes:
Loans up to ₹1 crore are approved through the www.psbloansin59minutes.com portal after in-principle approval.

70,000
crore rupees
issued across
2.3 lakh loans

500

crore rupees in turnover has been set as the threshold for mandatory linking of companies to the Trade Receivables e-Discounting System.

- 2% reduced interest on new or additional loans to MSMEs already registered under GST. Interest reduction of 5% instead of 3% on pre- and post-shipment loan periods. The reduced interest rate on loans is valid until August 12, 2021, and the interest reduction continues until June 2024.

Technology upgrades

To increase production with less time and cost

- Establishment of 20 main centers and 100 support centers in the form of tool rooms across the country.
- Land has already been secured for 19 main centers. Approval has been granted to establish support centers at 40 locations. Training and support has also begun in 23 locations.

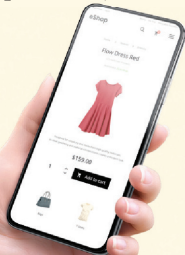
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crore has been allocated for the scheme, which is approved for implementation by the financial year 2025-26.



Partners on e-commerce platforms

- Public sector companies are required to procure 25% of their total procurement from MSMEs, instead of 20% previously.



₹93,911

crore worth of procurement was done through MSMEs by public sector companies in 2024-25, making up about 40% of total procurement.

- 3% of the mandatory 25% procurement from MSMEs will be reserved for women entrepreneurs.
- All Central Government Public Sector Enterprises will be mandated to be part of the Government eMarketplace (GeM).

45,000

procurements will be made from MSMEs led by women entrepreneurs in FY 2024-25.



39%

or more of the total orders on GeM belong to MSMEs. By August 2024, 249 public sector undertakings had been onboarded onto GeM.

Ease Of Doing Business... To Reduce Government Interference

- Returns under 8 labour laws and 10 central regulations will be filed only once a year.
- Computer-based randomisation will be introduced to make firm inspections more transparent and easier.
- Environmental and establishment clearances for setting up enterprises. The Central Pollution Control Board issued instructions to states on November 2, 2018, for one-step environmental clearances, including for water and air pollution. However, this matter is pending in court.
- Entrepreneurs will no longer have to approach the court for minor violations under the Companies Act. An ordinance was issued on November 2, 2018, to implement this. The Companies (Amendment) Act, 2019, has now been enacted.



Employees should feel a sense of security.

- A mission has been launched to ensure that MSME workers have Jan Dhan accounts, provident funds, and insurance. Under this, in addition to including MSME employees in the Prime Minister's Jan Dhan account, awareness was raised about the Provident Fund and the Pradhan Mantri Bima Suraksha Yojana, the Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, and the Atal Pension Yojana.



Steps taken to promote MSMEs

- New revised criteria for MSME classification.
- 'Udyam Registration' to simplify business.
- Udyam Assist platform for informal micro enterprises.
- Inclusion of retail and wholesale traders as MSMEs.
- Enhancement of the Credit Guarantee Scheme to provide additional loan facilities and employment opportunities worth ₹2 lakh crore. The guarantee limit was increased from ₹5 crore to ₹10 crore.
- Launch of the PM Vishwakarma Yojana for traditional artisans and craftsmen in 18 trades.
- Establishment of Aatmanirbhar Bharat Nidhi.
- Launch of the Samadhan Portal to monitor payments to micro and small enterprises.
- Guarantee for loans up to ₹20 crore for exporting MSMEs.



British Prime Minister's India Visit

Strengthening Partnership Between Two Major Democracies



The vibrant link in the partnership between India and the United Kingdom is that over 1.8 million Indians live there, strengthening the bridge of friendship, cooperation, and development between the two countries. To further this partnership, UK Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer arrived in India on a two-day visit on October 8th. Just months after the India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), this visit by the British Prime Minister, accompanied by the largest-ever business delegation, symbolises the new energy and broad vision of the India-UK partnership...

India-UK bilateral annual trade stands at \$56 billion, with the target to double it by 2030. The Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) will play a key role in achieving this goal, opening up new avenues for trade and investment in the future. However, PM Modi has expressed confidence that this target can already be achieved. This is why this visit by the British Prime Minister is considered significant. During the meeting between Sir Keir Starmer and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the two countries agreed to strengthen trade and economic ties. In a joint statement, India and the UK jointly decided to establish an Artificial Intelligence (AI) Centre, a Connectivity Innovation Centre, and a Critical Minerals Industry Guild. In addition, joint investments in renewable energy, health research, and a climate technology startup fund were announced. These agreements are expected to accelerate bilateral trade between the two countries, expand nine UK university campuses in India, and promote equitable economic development through the use of modern technology. During the visit, British Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer delivered the keynote address at the Global FinTech Fest in Mumbai on October 9th. The two leaders also held restricted and delegation-level talks in Mumbai.

In the current era of global instability, the growing part-



Today, the Global FinTech Festival has become a global platform for financial innovation and financial corporations. This year, the United Kingdom is participating in the festival as a partner country. This partnership between the world's two largest democracies will further improve the global financial landscape.

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



PM Starmer's Visit and Global FinTech Fest

- Prime Minister Modi and Prime Minister Starmer also delivered keynote addresses at the sixth edition of the Global FinTech Fest at the Jio World Centre in Mumbai.
- Global FinTech Fest 2025 brought together innovators, policymakers, central bankers, regulators, investors, academics, and industry leaders from around the world.
- The theme of the conference was "Empowering Finance for a Better World". It revolved around AI, augmented intelligence, innovation, and inclusion.
- The event was attended by approximately 7,500 companies, 800 speakers, 400 exhibitors, and 70 regulators representing Indian and international jurisdictions.

75+
countries were
represented by
more than 100,000
participants in
the event.

UK Prime Minister Starmer on His First Official Visit to India

- UK Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer was on a visit to India on October 8–9, 2025. This marked Prime Minister Starmer's first official visit to India.
- During this visit, both prime ministers reviewed progress across various aspects of the India-UK Comprehensive Strategic Partnership in line with the Vision 2035.
- This vision serves as a focused and time-bound ten-year roadmap comprising programmes and initiatives in key pillars such as trade and investment, technology and innovation, defence and security, climate and energy, health, education, and people-to-people ties.
- The two leaders engaged with business and industry leaders to discuss the opportunities presented by the India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement, which is a central pillar of the future economic partnership between India and the UK.
- Regional and global issues were also discussed.

PM Modi introduced 4 new dimensions

To ensure that the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) can achieve its full potential, PM Modi presented four new dimensions to the UK CEO Forum. He said that these new dimensions will likely give it a much broader base.

C stands for Commerce and Economy.

E stands for Education and People-to-People Ties.

T stands for Technology and Innovation.

A stands for Aspiration.

nership between India and the United Kingdom remains an important pillar of global stability and economic progress. In a joint press statement with the UK Prime Minister, PM Modi said that under Prime Minister Starmer's leadership, India-UK relations have made significant progress. During my visit to the UK in July this year, the historic CETA was agreed upon between the two countries. This will reduce import costs for both countries while also creating new employment opportunities for youth and supporting trade and industry.

During the meeting, the two leaders also shared views on the Indo-Pacific, peace and stability in West Asia, and the ongoing conflict in Ukraine. In his statement, PM Modi stated that India supports all efforts to restore peace through dialogue and diplomacy on the Ukraine conflict and Gaza issue. We are fully committed to enhancing maritime security cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region. ●



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Minister's full programme.



A Gift of Dhan Dhaanya and Pulses Self-Reliance Mission to the Farmers

For the past 11 years, the Central Government has steadfastly strived to empower farmers and increase investment in agriculture. With nearly six times the budget, more than two and a half times the fertilizer subsidy, and revolutionary schemes from pre-sowing to market, demonstrates that the Central Government's commitment to farmers is unwavering. This time, on October 11th, the capital, New Delhi, witnessed a revolution in according priority to farmers, when Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched projects worth nearly 41,000 Crore, including the Krishi Dhan Dhaanya Yojana and Pulse Self-Reliance Mission...

Agriculture and farming have always been a key part of India's development journey. Agriculture must continue to receive government support as times change. To this end, the current Central Government is striving to increase farmers' income and make them self-reliant. In fact, since 2014, in alignment with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision, the Central Government has implemented numerous reforms in the interest of farmers, from seeds to the market.

Speaking on the development journey of the country's 'Annadata' during a program held at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute in Delhi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi also highlighted the new beginnings



Focus on the most backward districts in agriculture with the Dhan Dhaanya Yojana

- The main objective of the PM Dhan Dhaanya Krishi Yojana is to provide irrigation facilities to every farm in the country, increase crop productivity, provide easy credit and storage facilities to farmers, and encourage the adoption of new agricultural technologies.
- Under the scheme, costing ₹24,000 crore over 6 years, special attention will be given to agricultural infrastructure development, water management, and crop diversification in selected districts. Launched on the lines of the Aspirational Districts Campaign, this scheme will benefit approximately 17 million farmers.
- The government has selected 100 backward districts where 36 schemes from 11 departments will work simultaneously.

and results achieved through these reforms. He said that in the last 11 years, India's agricultural exports have nearly doubled, grain production has increased by approximately 90 million metric tons, and fruit and vegetable production has increased by more than 64 million metric tons. Today, India ranks number one in the world in milk production and number two in fish production. Furthermore, honey and egg production have doubled compared to 2014. During this period, six major fertilizer factories were commissioned in the country. More than 250 million farmers have received soil health cards, micro-irrigation has reached 10 million hectares, and farmers have received approximately 2 lakh crore rupees in claims under the PM Fasal Bima Yojana. More than 10,000 Farmer-Producer Organizations (FPOs) have been formed. So far, more than 3.75 lakh crore rupees have been transferred to farmers' bank accounts under the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi.

Launching the Dhan Dhaanya Krishi Yojana, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the nation no longer becomes complacent, satisfied with just a few achievements. 100 districts were declared backward and abandoned. Of these, 20 percent of settlements had not seen a road since independence. 17 percent of children here were not immunized. 15% of schools lacked electricity. However, the current central government designated these districts as aspirational districts instead of backward and focused on them. Given priority, these districts have now achieved better results than other districts on several parameters. The PM Dhan Dhaanya Krishi Yojana is based on this model. The 100 districts for this scheme were selected based on three parameters: first, the yield from the farm; second, the number of times a field is cultivated; and third, do farmers have access to loans or investment. And if so, how much?

Launching the Pulses Self-Reliance Mission, Prime Minister Narendra Modi stated that this is not just a mission to increase pulse production, but also a mission to empower our future generations. He noted that pulses are an important source of protein for nutrition. However, India faces a significant challenge: despite being an agricultural nation, it still imports large quantities of pulses. This mission is a beginning towards achieving self-reliance in this area. Its goal is to increase pulse cultivation by 3.5 million hectares.

During the program, Prime Minister Modi interacted with pulse farmers who have benefited from various government schemes aimed at establishing a value-chain-based approach in agriculture, animal husbandry, and fisheries. These farmers have also received support through membership in Farmer-Producer Organizations (FPOs) and the Agricultural Infrastructure Fund.

For India, which is moving forward with the resolve to become

More than 2 crore farmers benefit from the Pulses Self-Reliance Mission

- This mission, is a major step towards achieving nutritional security and self-sufficiency. It aims to improve pulse productivity levels, expand pulse cultivation area, strengthen the value chain – procurement, storage, processing, and reduce losses.
- The Mission for Self-Reliance in Pulses Production was announced in the Union Budget 2025-26 and approved by the Union Cabinet on October 1, 2025. It will be implemented from 2025-26 to 2030-31 with a total outlay of ₹11,440 crore.
- The mission aims to increase pulse production to 35 million tonnes and pulse area to 31 million hectares by 2030-31. Particular focus is on tur (pigeon pea), urad (black gram), and masoor (red lentil). These will be procured 100% from farmers at MSP.
- Under the mission, 1,000 units will be established to reduce post-harvest losses. A subsidy of up to ₹25 lakh will be provided for setting up processing and packaging units.
- 8.8 million free seed kits will be distributed to facilitate farmers' access to new varieties of seeds. Not only this, by the year 2030-31, 126 lakh quintals of certified seeds will be given to pulse-producing farmers. Around 2 crore farmers will benefit from this mission.
- Self-reliance in pulse production... India has increased the production of pulses by about 31 percent in the last 11 years. Even after this, to meet its needs, India imported 47.38 lakh tonnes of pulses in the year 2023-24, whereas in comparison, exports were only 5.94 lakh tonnes. Pulse Self-Reliance Mission was started in the direction of increasing exports along with self-reliance.

Projects worth over ₹6,000 crore either inaugurated or the foundation stone laid

- The Prime Minister inaugurated projects worth over ₹5,450 crore in the agriculture, animal husbandry, fisheries, and food processing sectors, while also laying the foundation stone for additional projects worth approximately ₹815 crore.
- Artificial Insemination Training Centers in Bengaluru and Jammu and Kashmir, Centers of Excellence in Amreli and Banas, establishment of an Artificial Insemination Laboratory in Assam under the Rashtriya Gokul Mission, milk powder plants in Mehsana, Indore, and Bhilwara, a fish feed plant under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana in Tezpur, Assam, infrastructure for agro-processing clusters, integrated cold chain, and value-addition infrastructure were inaugurated.
- The projects whose foundation stone was laid included an Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure in Krishna, Andhra Pradesh, and a state-of-the-art Integrated Aqua Park in Hirakud, Odisha.



a developed nation by 2047, this is a time for two-pronged efforts. On the one hand, the country must become self-reliant, while on the other, it must strengthen its role in the global market and reach

out to the world. The Pradhan Mantri Dhan Dhaanya Krishi Yojana and the Pulses Self-Reliance Mission are important steps towards fulfilling this resolve of India in the food sector. ●



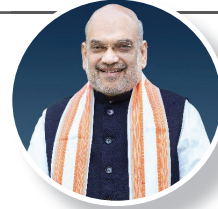
Narendra Modi
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अपने किसान भाई-बहनों से संवाद के दौरान यह जानकर बेहद खुशी हुई कि वे देश को कृषि और दलहन के क्षेत्र में आत्मनिर्भर बनाने के लिए बढ़-चढ़कर भागीदारी करना चाहते हैं।



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पिछले दस वर्षों में भारत का रक्षा उत्पादन ₹46,425 करोड़ से बढ़कर ₹1.5 लाख करोड़ के ऐतिहासिक स्तर पर पहुँच गया है। इसमें ₹33,000 करोड़ का योगदान निजी क्षेत्र से आना दर्शाता है कि आत्मनिर्भर भारत की रक्षा यात्रा अब एक राष्ट्रीय आंदोलन बन चुकी है।



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भारत का पहला सहकारी क्रेस्पेड बायोगैस संयंत्र प्रतिदिन 12 टन CBG का उत्पादन और 75 टन पोटाश का निर्माण करेगा, जिससे इन दोनों उत्पादों का विदेशों से आयात कम होगा।



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Puducherry is taking a big step forward in its National Highway network, marking a new chapter of growth and prosperity.

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किसान सशक्तीकरण का नया अध्याय!

माननीय प्रधानमंत्री श्री नरेन्द्र मोदी जी की सरकार का कृषि और किसान उत्थान के प्रति समर्पण आज नया आयाम स्थापित करने जा रहा है। आज प्रधानमंत्री मोदी जी 'पीएम धन-धान्य कृषि योजना' और 'दलहन आत्मनिर्भरता मिशन' का शुभारंभ करेंगे। 42,000 करोड़ रुपये से अधिक की इन परियोजनाओं से कृषि क्षेत्र को नई ऊर्जा मिलेगी और किसानों के जीवन में खुशहाली के नए द्वार खुलेंगे।

₹35,440 crore push to boost farm production, achieve self-reliance

PM Modi launches two key agriculture schemes, urges farmers to tap global markets

MUKESH RANJAN @NewDelhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday launched two major agricultural schemes with a cumulative outlay of ₹35,440 crore, including a mission for self-reliance in pulses. Launching the schemes at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute campus here, Modi urged farmers to increase production to meet domestic and global demand.

"On one hand, we have to be self-reliant. On the other, we also have to produce for the global market. Friends, we must knock on the doors of the world," Modi said, asking farmers to focus on crops that have global demand.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi during an interaction with farmers at Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Pusa, in New Delhi on Sunday | **PM-DDKY aims to transform 100 low-performing agricultural** **Modi urged farmers to increase cultivation acreage by 35**

projects valued at over ₹5,450 crore in agriculture, animal husbandry, fisheries and food processing sectors, while laying the foundation stone for additional projects worth around ₹15 crore.

These included Artificial Insemination Training Center at Bengaluru and in Jammu & Kashmir; Centre of Excellence at Anand and Bikaner; Establishment of IVF Lab in Assam under Rashtriya Gokul Mission; Milk Powder Plants at Mehana, Indore and Bhalwara; Fish Feed Plant under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana at Tezpur, Assam; Infrastructure for Agro-processing Clusters, Integrated Cold Chain, and Value Addition In-



Commerce minister Piyush Goyal is expected to visit Brussels to meet his EU counterpart. **ACCOUNTS**

India, EU conclude 14th round of talks

Senior officials of India and the 27-nation European Union (EU) concluded the 14th round of talks for a proposed free trade agreement (FTA) in Brussels, an official said. The five-day talks began on 6 October to iron out differences on different issues related to goods and services for the early conclusion of the negotiations, the official said. The Indian negotiators were later joined by commerce secretary Rajesh Agrawal in the closing days of the round for providing a push to the negotiations. Agrawal held discussions with European Commission director general for trade Sabine Weyand during the visit.

ACCELERATING AI INNOVATION

Google's 5-Year Plan for India: A \$15-b Tech Hub



Clockwise from top: Andhra Pradesh CM Chandrababu Naidu with PM Nirmala Sitharaman, electronics & IT minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, Andhra IT minister Nara Lokesh with Google Cloud CEO Thomas Kurien (speaking), and Google V-P for global infra Bikash Koiley

PM calls Big Tech co's most hefty overseas investment a boost to digital economy

Our Bureau

New Delhi: Google announced plans to invest \$15 billion in the next five years to set up a gigawatt-scale data centre in Vizag and its largest artificial intelligence (AI) hub outside the US. This is its biggest overseas investment. IT was the first to provide, on October 8, details about the mega project, which was announced by Google Cloud chief executive Thomas Kurien in New Delhi on Tuesday. PM Narendra Modi said the technology major's investment aligns with the Viksit Bharat



vision. "It will be a powerful force in democratising technology. It will ensure AI for all, delivering cutting-edge tools to citizens, boosting our digital economy and securing India's place as a global technology leader," he said in a post on X. Google chief Sundar Pichai underscored the role of the project in boosting broader growth in India. "Through it, we will bring our industry-leading technology to enterprises and users in India," he posted on X.

Domestic Gains ►►

India reliable partner in Mongolia's progress: PM

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New Delhi, October 14

INDIA HAS BEEN A "reliable partner" in Mongolia's development and both the nations support a free, open and rules-based Indo-Pacific, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Tuesday after holding wide-ranging talks with Mongolian President Khurelsukh Ukhnaa. Ukhnaa landed in New Delhi on Monday on a four-day visit to India, his first to the country as president.

Following his talks with the visiting leader, Modi said India will extend free e-visas to people from Mongolia.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Mongolian President Khurelsukh Ukhnaa plant a sapling at Hyderabad House, in New Delhi on Tuesday

It is India's largest development partnership project globally, with over 2,500 Indian professionals working alongside their Mongolian counterparts

to make it a reality, he said. "We stand as close partners in international forums, supporting a free, open, inclusive, and rules-based Indo-Pacific.

Together, we also work to amplify the voice of the Global South," Modi said.

On his part, the Mongolian president hailed India's leading role in the clean energy sector and specifically referred to the New Delhi-led International Solar Alliance.

In his media statement, Modi also noted that the engagement between India and Mongolia is more than just a diplomatic relationship.

"It is a deep, soulful, and spiritual bond. The depth and scope of our partnership is reflected in our people-to-people ties," he said. "Both our countries share the age-old bond of Buddhism, which is why we are also called spiritual siblings," he added.

The prime minister said several important decisions were taken in the talks he had with Ukhnaa to further strengthen this tradition and historic ties between the two nations.

"I am happy to announce that next year, the holy relics of two great disciples of Lord Buddha - Sariputra and Maudgalyayana - will be sent from India to Mongolia," Modi said.

India will also send a Sanskrit teacher to Gandan Monastery to support in-depth study of Buddhist texts and continue the ancient tradition of knowledge, he said.

"We have decided to soon launch a project to digitise one million ancient manuscripts. Nalanda University has played a vital role in Buddhism in Mongolia, and today we have agreed to strengthen this historic connection by linking Nalanda with Gandan Monastery," he said.

Vasudev Balwant Phadke
November 4,
179th Birth Anniversary

Salutations to the Father of the Indian Armed Rebellion

Vasudev Balwant Phadke, the pioneer revolutionary who laid the foundation of armed revolution in India's freedom struggle, inspired the countrymen to rise above caste, religion, and region and unite for the war of independence against the British. With his bravery, valour, and strategic acumen, he instilled fear in the British regime and became a guiding light for future revolutionaries. The life of this father of India's armed rebellion, who made the supreme sacrifice for the freedom of Maa Bharati, will remain an inspiration to generations of Indians for ages to come...



Born: November 4, 1845,
Died: February 17, 1883

On June 14, 2022, during the inauguration of the Jal Bhushan Bhavan and the Gallery of Revolutionaries at Raj Bhavan in Mumbai, Prime Minister Narendra Modi remembered Vasudev Balwant Phadke, stating that he left his job and chose the path of armed revolution.

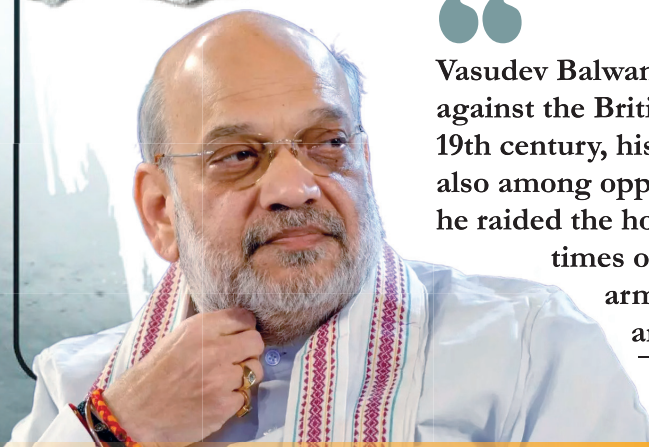
This Gallery of Revolutionaries pays tribute to the contributions of Vasudev Balwant Phadke, the Chapekar brothers, the Savarkar brothers, Madam Bhikaji Cama, V.B. Gogate, the heroes of Naval Mutiny (1946), and many others.

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Vasudev Balwant Phadke was an Indian freedom fighter who fought against the British for the country's independence. From the early 19th century, his name instilled fear not only among the British but also among oppressive moneylenders. As a pioneering revolutionary, he raided the houses of moneylenders who exploited the poor during times of famine and used the recovered wealth to fund an armed revolution. I pay my respects to him on his birth anniversary.

Amit Shah

Union Minister of Home Affairs and Cooperation



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