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**AMAZING, DIVINE, AND UNFORGETTABLE** 

Amazing, divine, and unforgettable! The entire country is being illuminated by the grand Deepotsav of the city of Ayodhya, glittering with millions of diyas. The energy emanating from this is infusing new enthusiasm and new zeal in the entire India. I wish that Lord Shri Ram blesses all the countrymen and becomes an inspiration for all my family members. Jai Siya Ram!

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister (12 November 2023)

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#### FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK...

#### DECADE OF NEW SWADESHI NEW FESTIVAL OF NEW INDIA

Greetings,

#### शुभम् करोति कल्याणं आरोग्यं धनसम्पदाम।। शत्रुबुद्धिविनाशाय दीपज्योतिर्नमोस्तुते।।

**Meaning:** Light brings happiness, health, and prosperity in life, which destroys negative thinking and shows positive thinking. My salutations to such a divine light.

What better way to remember this Deepawali than to expand the light, spread positivity, and pray to destroy the feeling of enmity! Nowadays, Diwali is celebrated in many countries of the world. The special thing is that not only the Indian community participates in it, but now the governments of many countries, their citizens, and their social organizations celebrate Diwali with great joy. In a way, 'India' comes to the fore there.

India is a country of festivals and celebrations are an occasion that awakens a new consciousness in the lives of all of us. This year's Diwali is special because many coincidences are associated with it. This year the great festival of democracy has been completed and this year is the first occasion after six decades, when a government has returned to power at the Centre for the third consecutive time. Not only this, but this year many schemes, policies, initiatives, and campaigns of the Central Government have also completed 10 years. In this, the initiative of 'Vocal for Local' promoting Swadeshi, transformative public dialogue in the form of Mann Ki Baat, ambitious campaigns like Make

in India, economic inclusion schemes like Jan Dhan, behavioral change initiatives like Swachh Bharat Mission have achieved milestones in their decade-long journey. Also, the centuries-old dream of a grand Ram temple in Ayodhya has come true this year. In such a situation, this year's Diwali is extraordinary in itself.

India's development is subsumed in the mantra of 'Vocal for Local' promoting Swadeshi. Today, this mantra has become the identity of the 140 crore countrymen. Just like the Swadeshi movement that awakened the spirit of self-reliance during the freedom movement, in the last decade, initiatives like 'Vocal for Local' and Make in India have become the new festival of new indigenization. This has become our cover story in this festive season.

Apart from this, in the personality section read about, Bharat Ratna Lal Krishna Advani. Also, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Deepawali with the soldiers, Union Cabinet decisions, and programs of Prime Minister Narendra Modi are part of this issue. Also, Diwali in Ayodhya on the inside cover, and the pictorial presentation of little 'Deepjyoti', a new born calf at the official residence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the back cover are other highlights of this issue.

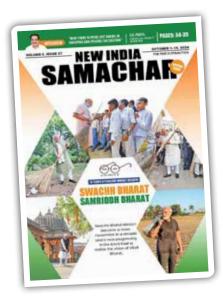
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(Dhirendra Ojha)



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#### INFORMATION ABOUT THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTRY

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#### INFORMATION ABOUT WELFARE PROGRAMS AND WORK BEING DONE

I am a 72-year-old retired person living in Thiruvananthapuram. I go to a nearby library to read various newspapers and magazines every day. I recently read New India Samachar. It includes welfare programs being implemented by the Central Government. It is a treasure trove of information about the work being done by the government, most of which goes unnoticed by the common man.

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#### **SYNONYM FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE**

## PM MODI CREATED NEW HISTORY BY COMPLETING 23 YEARS AS THE HEAD OF THE GOVERNMENT

Prime Minister Narendra Modi completed 23
years as the head of the government on 7
October. This journey is a great milestone
that highlights the transformation of Gujarat
and the global rise of India. Recently, while
marking 23 years of service as the head of
the government, he mentioned his journey
as the Chief Minister of Gujarat and

said that this period has been full of many challenges and successes. As the Chief Minister of Gujarat

for 13 years, he took Gujarat to new heights by adopting the mantra of 'Sabka Saath-Sabka Vikas' which became exemplary for the country. During this time he also faced many challenges, like the Kutch earthquake in 2001 and other natural disasters, but due to his vision and tireless hard work, Gujarat made significant progress under his leadership. After being the Chief Minister, he got the opportunity to serve the nation as the Prime Minister in 2014, and in the last decade, he has taken important steps to bring 25 crore people out of poverty and make India the fifth-largest economy.

Recalling his 23-year journey, the Prime Minister assured the country that he is committed to working with a positive attitude for the progress of India at the global level and to finding solutions to issues like climate change and health. He assured 140 crore citizens that with collective strength, he would continue to

work tirelessly and without stopping to realize the goal of 'Viksit Bharat'.

#### **PM E-DRIVE SCHEME**

## TO PROMOTE ELECTRIC VEHICLES LAUNCHED



The Union Ministry of Heavy Industries launched the PM E-Drive scheme at a program in New Delhi. Its launch is an important step in the field of promoting electric mobility in India. The Union Cabinet chaired by PM Modi on September 11, 2024, approved the PM Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement (PM E-Drive) scheme to promote electric vehicles in the country. A financial outlay of Rs 10,900 crore has been fixed on this scheme over a period of two years. The scheme aims to accelerate EV adoption and establish the necessary charging infrastructure across the country, which will promote clean and more sustainable transportation.

## DRDO: SUCCESSFULLY FLIGHT TESTED AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM

DRDO successfully completed three flight tests of the fourth-generation technologically advanced small-size very short-range air defense system. The test was conducted on 3 and 4 October at Pokhran Field Firing Range in Rajasthan. This test was done on high-speed targets. The testing demonstrated the weapon system's ability to repeat its hit-to-kill capability, including approach, retreat, and crossing modes.

#### 'FRAGILE FIVE'

## INDIA BECOMES THE COUNTRY WITH THE FOURTH LARGEST FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES IN THE WORLD

India's economy is making new records every day. While there was a time when India's economy was considered a part of the 'Fragile Five'.

But India's rise from the "Fragile Five" to the fastest-growing major economy is an example for other developing countries. Today India has not only become the fifth-largest economy in the world but has also set a new record in terms of foreign exchange reserves. For the first time in history, India's foreign exchange reserves have reached above \$ 700 billion. According to the Reserve Bank of India, India's foreign exchange reserves increased by \$12.588 billion in a week to reach a new all-time high of \$704.885 billion in the week ending September 27. India now has the fourth largest foreign exchange reserves in the world after China, Japan, and Switzerland.

## 10 LAKH PEOPLE ARE GETTING CHEAP AND GOOD MEDICINES EVERY DAY, 14 THOUSAND CENTERS ESTABLISHED



annual growth rate recorded at these Kendras

Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP), which has become a boon for the poor and middle class, is setting new records every day. The poor-middle class people have saved more than Rs 25 thousand crore by purchasing medicines from Jan Aushadhi Kendras. Up to 90 percent cheaper medicines are available to the people from Jan Aushadhi Kendras. Its target was to establish 10 thousand Kendras earlier, which the country achieved ahead of time and now with the efforts of the central government moving towards the target of 25 thousand by March 2026, its number has reached about 14 thousand Kendras. In September 2024, these Kendras achieved record sales of ₹200 Crores - the highest monthly sales in the history of the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana. Sales of Rs 141 crore were recorded from Jan Aushadhi Kendras in September 2023. An annual growth rate of 42 percent has been recorded at these Kendras. Sales of medicines at these Kendras have registered an annual growth of 31.20 percent. About 10 lakh people are purchasing medicines from Jan Aushadhi Kendras every day.

## CENTER'S INITIATIVE TO STOP POLLUTION, STRICT

## STOP POLLUTION, STRICT MONITORING OF STUBBLE BURNING INCIDENTS



Steps have been taken by the central government to better coordinate and monitor the incidents of stubble burning after harvesting of paddy crops in Punjab

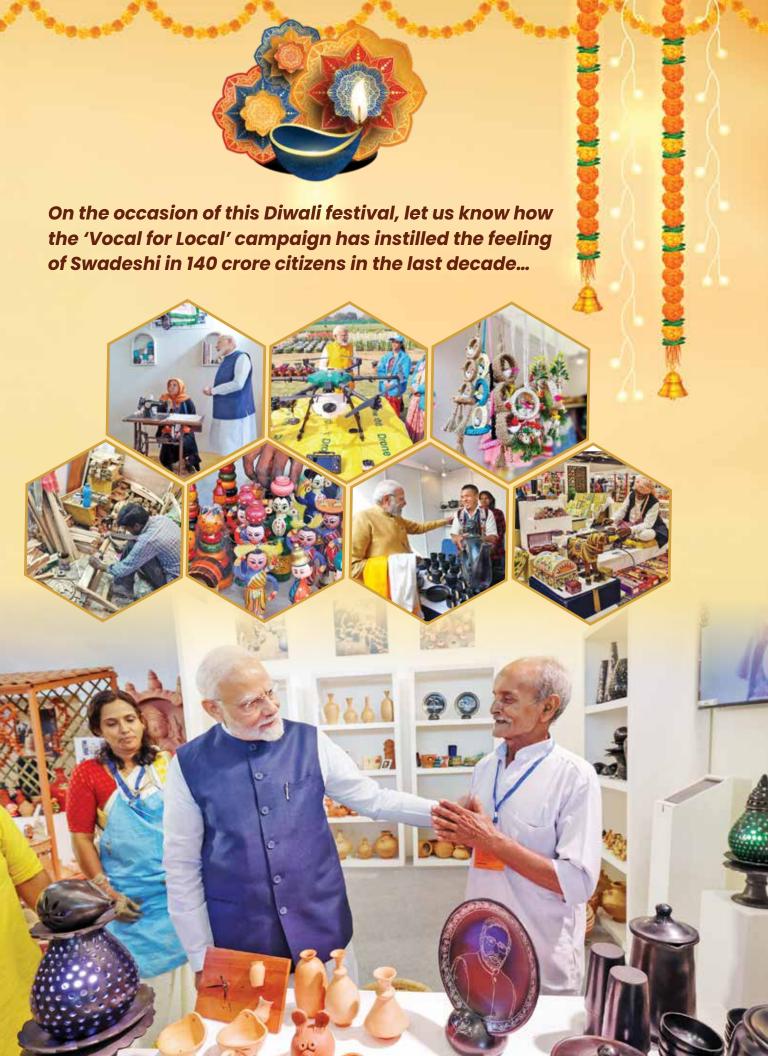
and Haryana. CPCB's flying squads, assisting the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM), have been deployed to identified hotspot districts in Punjab and Haryana from October 1, 2024, to November 30, 2024, where paddy stubble-burning incidents are typically higher. The deployed flying squads will work in coordination with the concerned officials, district-level officials, and nodal officers appointed by the respective state government. The comprehensive action plan prepared by the State Government of Punjab and Haryana under the directions of CAQM aims to prevent incidents of paddy stubble burning in the Kharif season 2024. The officers included in the flying squad will assess the ground-level situation and report to the Commission and CPCB on a daily basis.



## RENAISSANCE OF THE SWADESHI ERA

'Vocal for Local' has become the new mantra of Swadeshi. During the freedom movement, the call for Swadeshi had become a symbol of awakening the spirit of Indianness, and now in the last 10 years, 'Vocal for Local' has filled a new spirit of making India developed by taking forward the Swadeshi. Today, the movement of Swadeshi is moving forward in the form of 'Vocal for Local'. This time the feeling of Indianness is not for independence, but to make India a self-reliant, great, and developed nation.







This Diwali is special... It is the first
Diwali after the formation of the 18th
Lok Sabha... It is a Diwali that takes
the nation forward in continuity... It
is the first Diwali after the formation
of a government under the same
leadership at the Centre for the third
consecutive time... It is a Diwali that
strengthens the resolve of a Viksit
Bharat... It is a Diwali that makes
India the leader with a decade-long
journey of development.

his Diwali has been made even more special by the 'Vocal for Local' campaign with the principle of 'Bharat Pratham'. It has not only connected 140 crore countrymen with a special resolve with the mantra of self-reliant India but has also increased the affinity towards local products. Now the citizens of the country are buying more local products, which is not only improving the standard of living of the people, but exports are also reaching new heights despite adverse conditions like Covid. This height has given a clear message to the world - "India's story is strong today, will be even stronger tomorrow" The colors of celebration with Swadeshi have had a positive impact on local products and the Indian market. 'Vocal for Local' is becoming the voice of the people and now 'Swadeshi Sang Utsav' is becoming a means of public service and national service. The enthusiasm for purchasing local goods for every need of everyday life has become the new mantra of every festival of the nation. There was a time when the world always considered India a market, but the efforts of the last few years have





Over the past few years, a new resolution of the country has also been associated with our festivals. This resolution is - 'Vocal for Local'.

Now we also include our local artisans, craftsmen, and traders with happiness of festivals. We have to take a resolution to further accelerate this campaign. Buy local goods along with Khadi, handloom, and handicrafts.

#### - Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

changed this concept. For the Indian products, for which it was once said- 'Why India?' Now, with the changing India, the world's perception has also been formed - 'Why not India?' The result of this change in thinking is that instead of becoming the world market, India is now dominating the world market

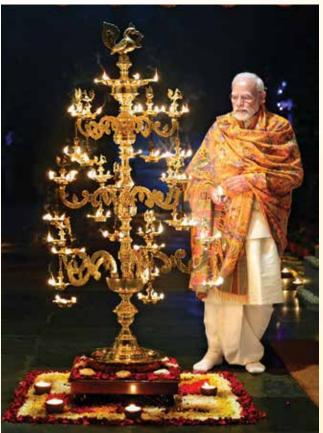






Buying only earthen diyas is not 'Vocal for Local'. You should promote local products made in your area as much as possible. Any product that has been made involving the sweat of an Indian artisan, which is made in the soil of India, is our pride. We have to always add to this pride.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



by becoming a manufacturing hub with the mantra of 'vocal for local' and 'self-reliance' and local Indian products are becoming the first choice of the global market.

#### **SWADESHI: BEFORE INDEPENDENCE AND NOW**

The Swadeshi movement is one of the major milestones of India's independence. The Swadeshi movement was started on 7 August 1905 after the announcement of the partition of Bengal. Indians resolved to boycott government services, schools, courts, and foreign goods and promote indigenous goods. That is, it was a political movement as well as a movement that caused economic damage to the British. As a result of the movement, there was a significant decline in imports during the years 1905-08. This led to the establishment of indigenous textile mills, soap and match factories, tanneries, banks, and insurance companies, etc. in the country. It also revived the Indian cottage industry.

From the call of 'Vocal for Local' made in 2014 to the mantra of Aatmanirbhar Bharat during the Covid period, a Swadeshi movement has started, which



aims to make India a developed nation. In this, the call made by Prime Minister Modi on every occasion, especially in the festive season is the beginning of the revolution to make India developed. Inspired by the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Central Government started organizing National Handloom Day, this day was celebrated for the first time on 7 August 2015. This date was selected especially in memory of the Swadeshi movement. The Swadeshi movement was started on 7 August 1905 to encourage indigenous industries, especially handloom weavers. The objective of National Handloom Day is to honor and encourage the handloom workers of India, to awaken a sense of respect among handloom weavers, to create awareness about the importance of the handloom sector and its contribution to the socio-economic development of the country. The role of the people is important in the reconstruction of any nation and with this thinking, many long-term schemes were brought from 2014 onwards to ensure equal participation of all sections of the society in the resources of the country. In this, the Vocal for Local campaign gave a new identity to the life and products of the tribal community living in remote areas for decades. It is the result of the efforts of the Central Government that 'aatmanirbharta' became the Hindi word of 2020 of the Oxford Dictionary.

#### NATION'S RESOLVE TO BECOME SELF-RELIANT

India had a glorious history for centuries. When India was prosperous, it was called the golden bird, even then it always championed the cause of world welfare. Time changed, the country was caught in the chains of slavery, and it was deprived of development, but today India is successfully moving towards development, even then there is a feeling of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' imbibed in its soul. This is the reason why the Central Government itself has come forward to make traditional clay products during festivals. This Diwali too, the Khadi Village Industries Commission has come forward on a large scale to make clay diyas, other clay products used

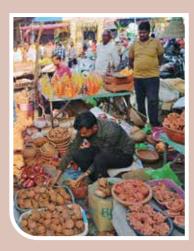
#### THE JOY OF SHARING HAPPINESS

For the next few weeks, there will be festive spirit across the country. All the family members will gather together. The house will be filled with happiness. But there are many people around who are deprived of the happiness of these festivals. On one hand, the houses are shining with light, while on the other hand, there is darkness in the houses of some people. In some houses, sweets are getting spoiled, while in some houses, children yearn for sweets. In some places, there is no place to keep clothes in the cupboard, while in others, there is a problem in getting adequate cloth. But the real joy of these festivals is only when this darkness is dispelled, and light spreads all around. We should share happiness where there is scarcity and this is also our nature. If sweets, clothes and gifts come to our homes, then think for a moment about giving them to the needy. The excess in our homes, which we do not use, we must share such things with people outside. If we do this, the smile on the faces of many poor families will double your happiness during festivals, your face will shine, your diya will become more luminous, your Diwali will become more bright.

This is not the story of a festival, but Prime Minister Narendra Modi had inspired the country in these very words in his Mann Ki Baat program a few years ago before Diwali. The pleasant feeling of sharing happiness increases further during festivals. The country has always participated enthusiastically in his continuous calls. The example of which is that people started becoming partners in the development of India.



After the Prime
Minister's
'Delivery in,
Delivery out'
call, people
shared
happiness with
the needy on
last Diwali.





To ensure that LPG connections reach the homes of the poor, more than I crore people voluntarily gave up their gas subsidy and contributed to nation building.



- A record 8.45 crore tax payers started paying taxes to the government from their hard-earned money.
- Doctors are providing free treatment to pregnant women on the 9th of every month under the Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan.



Just like the success of the 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' is becomina inspiration, similarly the success of **Vocal For Local is opening the doors** of a Viksit Bharat - a prosperous India. This campaign of Vocal For Local strengthens the economy of the entire country. Employment and balanced development of the country are guaranteed. This provides equal opportunities to both urban and rural people. This also paves the way for value addition in local products. If ever there are ups and downs in the global economy, the mantra of Vocal For Local also protects our economy.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister (26 November 2023 Mann Ki Baat)

for decoration, gift items and idols of Lord Lakshmi-Ganesh. For this, diyas and idols of Lord Lakshmi-Ganesh have been prepared in Varanasi, Rajasthan, Jammu and Kashmir, Leh, Haryana, and Gujarat in an organized manner only for online sale. While its market is very wide even in the unorganized sector.

Today, from Khadi to toys, from defence to electronics, the central government has taken many important steps that have laid the foundation of Vocal for Local and Aatma Nirbhar Bharat. Today, from needles to military equipment, from cycles to bikes, from mobiles to cars, from household products to medical devices, from clothes to toys, everything is Made in India. These products have the sweat of our people and the fragrance of our country. The central government is taking forward this dream of the bright future of the country. India is now not only buying local products but is also promoting them with pride. To make India the leader in the world economy and to make itself self-reliant for the welfare of the world,



This time in the coming festivals, gift only the product made in the Khadi Village Industry. You may also have clothes made of different types of fabrics at home, but if you give some space to Khadi in it, then you will give impetus to the Vocal For Local campaign, which will help in improving the life of a poor person.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

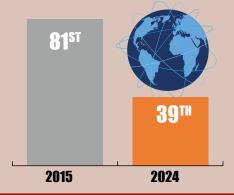
Vocal for Local' has been made the mantra of Amrit Kaal. Leaving aside foreign products, now the spirit of Vocal for Local is resonating everywhere. India is now eager to become self-reliant by recognizing its strength with innovations, and new willpower.

#### **'VOCAL FOR LOCAL' BECOMES AMRIT MANTRA**

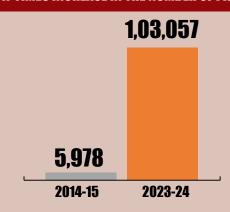
Ancient Vishwa Guru India was completely selfreliant, but due to the foreign influence and slavery, there was a decline in the trade and industry sector of India. For a long time after independence, no major effective efforts were made to free trade and industry from the influence of foreign invaders. But now India has seen a dream to regain the glory of ancient India and the economic strength of that time, which the nation is seeing coming true under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. With the mantra of 'Sarve Bhavantu Sukhinah', the vision of Make in India and Aatma Nirbhar Bharat has given it a new identity. The products made under this campaign are increasing the dignity of the country all over the world. In 2014, Prime Minister Narendra Modi started the Make in India initiative, and for its success, many steps were taken including the PLI scheme, ease of doing business, labor reforms, quality control, simplification of processes as well as one district-one

## INDIA'S RANKING IMPROVES IN GLOBAL INNOVATION INDEX

India has achieved a significant milestone in the Global Innovation Index 2024. It has secured 39th position among 113 global economies which reflects India's commitment to promoting a strong innovation ecosystem. This ranking reflects India's growing leadership in innovation. India ranks first among the 10 economies of Central and South Asia, while it also ranks first among low-middle-income economies.



#### 17 TIMES INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PATENTS



#### IMPORTS OF THESE ITEMS ALSO DECREASED DUE TO THE IMPACT OF MAKE IN INDIA

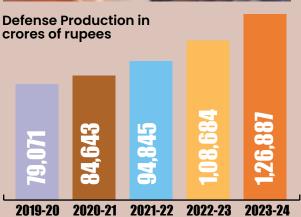


Electronics	45.2%
Biochemicals	31.3%
Crude Fertilizer	42.2%

## RECORD PRODUCTION IN THE DEFENSE SECTOR

The central government, which is moving forward with the mantra of 'self-reliance' and 'vocal for local', has also worked a lot on indigenization in the defense sector. Record defense production of Rs 1.27 lakh crore has been done in 2023-24 as compared to Rs 1.09 lakh crore in the year 2022-23. In this, 79.2 percent is from DPSU or other PSU and 20.8 percent is from the private sector. Similarly, while the export of defense sector was Rs 15,920 crore in 2022-23, it has increased to Rs 21,083 crore in 2023-24 with a growth of 32.5 percent. Not only this, the production of the defense sector has increased by more than 60 percent in the last five years. To promote indigenous defense items, more than 36 thousand items were offered to the industries in the country, out of which more than 12 thousand items have been indigenized.







Prime Minister Narendra Modi had appealed to the countrymen to buy 'Made in India' and local products during the festive season under the 'Vocal for Local' campaign. This has had a very good impact on the people. The result of his appeal is that every year on Gandhi Jayanti, a new record of sale of Khadi and Village Industries products is made. This shows that the 'Charkha Revolution' has now become a 'guarantee of Viksit Bharat'.

#### Manoj Kumar, Chairman, Khadi and Village Industries Commission

product, as a result of which today India is moving towards self-reliance very fast. Many products like Swadeshi Vande Bharat Express, aircraft carriers, vaccines, and toys are being made in India and are ready to dominate the world stage. Products made under Make in India are increasing the dignity of the country not only in India but all over the world.

The central government has been working towards the 'Vocal for Local' campaign since 2014 to promote local products. The government is constantly implementing its policies in such a way that common people buy products locally. That is, there is no need to go to the tehsil for the things that are available in the village and there is no need to go to the district market for the things that are available in the tehsil. Keeping this in mind. Prime Minister Modi said in Mann Ki Baat a few years ago, "Festivals are occasions that awaken a new consciousness in all our lives and especially on Diwali, it happens in every family to buy something new, bring something from the market. But the more we try to buy our local things, the better it will be. I always insist that we must buy something made by our weavers, made by our Khadi people."

The story of how India made indigenous products global with the mantra of 'Vocal for Local' is reflected in these few figures. Today, India has been included in the top three countries of the world in the Asia Power Index. Countries like Japan, Australia, and Russia are behind India. Today, India makes 9 lakh tractors every



Today, India has become a powerhouse of manufacturing and due to the youth power of the country, the eyes of the world are on us. Be it Automobiles, Textiles, Aviation, Electronics, or Defense, the country's exports are continuously increasing in every sector.

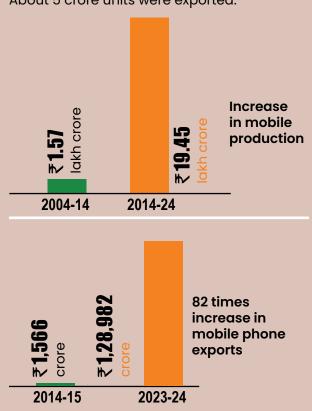
- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

year. This number is so much that it can be parked from Delhi to Moscow, the capital of Russia. Today, India manufactures 100 million kilometers of optical fiber every year, which is enough to wrap the whole world 2500 times. Today, India makes 40 crore toys every year, that is, it makes 10 new toys every second. The export of toys in India was Rs 224 crore in the year 2014, which has now increased to Rs 1,339 crore. Similarly, the sale of Khadi was Rs 31 thousand crore in 2014, which has now reached Rs 1.34 lakh crore. One district-one product has increased the competition of micro-enterprises. India ranks 5th in the world in solar energy capacity today. India's solar energy system can cover an area equivalent to about 2 lakh football fields. India alone produces about 60 percent of the world's vaccines, which means every second vaccine in the world is Made in India today. In the last 10 years, a new startup has started every hour in India and created 15 lakh jobs.

India today produces so much cloth every year that it can be wrapped around the earth 500 times. This industry has created 14.5 crore jobs. In defense production, India has reached Rs 1.27 lakh crore in the year 2023-24. India also exports bulletproof jackets of international standard to more than 100 countries of the world. India now exports weapons to 90 countries.

## MOBILE PRODUCTION INCREASED, AND IMPORTS DECREASED

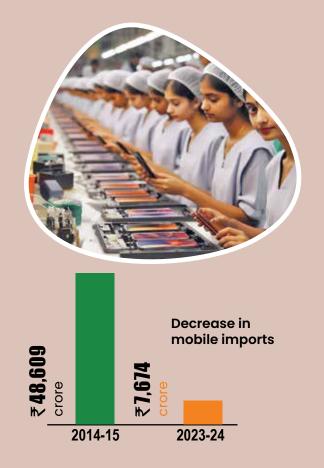
India was a major importer of mobile phones in 2014-15. At that time only 5.8 crore units were produced in the country while 21 crore units were imported. At the same time, in 2023-24, 33 crore units were produced in India and only 0.3 crore units were imported. About 5 crore units were exported.

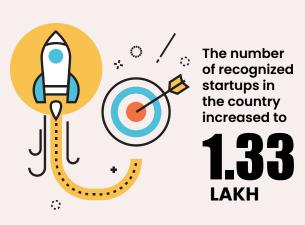


Drugs and pharmaceuticals exports increased by 8.36 percent from \$2.13 billion to \$2.31 billion in July 2024 as compared to July 2023.



India is the second-largest mobile manufacturing country in the world today. 99.2 percent of the mobiles consumers are using today are Made in India. Today, the Vande Bharat train equipped with state-of-the-





art facilities is making travel easy and fast. This is India's first indigenous semi-high-speed train. So far more than 130 Vande Bharat train services have been started. In the Ease of Doing Business ranking, India was ranked 142nd in 2014, which has now reached 63rd position. Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) flow in India has broken all records. The flow of foreign investment in the year 2014-15 was \$ 45.14 billion, which has reached \$ 70.95 billion in the year 2023-24. India received \$ 667.4 billion in FDI from 2014 to 2024, which is 119 percent more than the previous decade 2004-14. This investment has been made in 31 states and 57 sectors, which promotes development in diverse industries. The major reason for this pace



The continuous increase in FDI in the country is also telling the success story of our 'Make in India'. Now we are mainly focusing on two things. The first is 'Quality', that is, the things made in our country should be of global standard. The second is 'Vocal for Local', that is, local things should be promoted as much as possible.

- Narendra Modi. Prime Minister

India has been importing telecom gear for many years, but this scenario has changed due to the Make-in-India and PLI scheme, due to which equipment worth more than Rs 50,000 crore is being produced in the country.



of reforms in India is political stability and strong decision-making leadership. India's development is related to the mantra of Vocal for Local. Today, the



When the people take charge of nationbuilding, no power in the world can stop that country from moving forward. We have seen a direct example of this during this time of festivals. In 'Mann Ki Baat', I emphasized Vocal For Local i.e. buying local products. Within the last few days, more than four lakh crore rupees worth of business was done in the country on Diwali, Bhaiya Dooj, and Chhath. During this time, tremendous enthusiasm was seen to buy products made in India. Now even the children of the house have started looking at whether Made In India is written on it or not while buying something at the shop.

 Narendra Modi, Prime Minister (26 November 2023 Mann Ki Baat)

talk of self-reliant India, vocal for local, i.e. adopting goods made in India has become a part of every household. Farmers, weavers, handicraftsmen, and Vishwakarmas are benefiting the most from this.

#### KHADI BECAME A SYMBOL OF NATIONAL FASHION

Before independence, the spinning wheel and khadi became a symbol of mass movement. But in the later years, its use narrowed to political class only. In such a situation, Prime Minister Modi made a call for khadi in his first 'Mann Ki Baat' program 10 years ago and it became a national fashion. Khadi emerged as a driver for the 'Vocal for Local' movement. Its reach started being seen in the country and abroad. An example of this is Oaxaca. There is a place in Mexico, a country on the northern border of USA. Mark Brown, a youth of this region, saw a film on Mahatma Gandhi. Brown was so impressed by Bapu after watching this film that

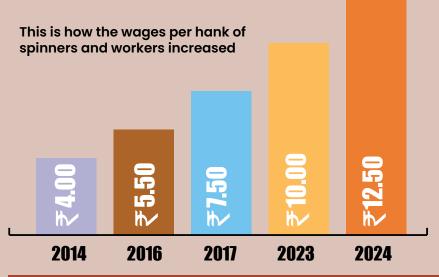
### KHADI AND VILLAGE INDUSTRIES NOW HAVE A SALES TARGET OF RS 2 LAKH CRORE

- A special discount campaign was started on Khadi across the country from October 2, which will run till November 30, 2024. In this, a discount of 20% is being given on Khadi products and 10% on Village Industry products.
- There are about 3,000 registered Khadi institutions across the country, which employ about 4.98 lakh Khadi artisans. About 80 percent of them are women. The increased wages will make these artisans economically empowered.
- In the last decade in the country, the wages of Khadi laborers have been increased by about 213 percent. This is a symbol of economic empowerment in rural India through Khadi.
- PM Modi appealed to join the Tiranga Yatra campaign in 'Mann Ki Baat'. This is a lifeline for Khadi artisans, as while Khadi made national flags worth Rs 6 crore were sold in the financial year 2021-22, it reached Rs 14 crore in 2022-23 with a jump of 133 percent.
- KVIC created 10.17 lakh new jobs in rural areas during the financial year 2023-24 in line with the objective. This made a significant contribution to the economy of rural India.
- Employment in the Khadi-Village Industries sector has increased by 43.65% in the last decade. It has increased from 1.30 crore in the financial year 2013-14 to 1.87 crore in 2023-24. 10.17 lakh new jobs have been created in this sector.

KVIC has set a target of selling Khadi and Village Industries products worth Rs 2 lakh crore for 2024-25. For the first time in the financial year 2023-24, the sale of Khadi and Village Industries products has crossed the figure of Rs 1 lakh 55 thousand crore.







#### THE WAGES OF **SPINNERS WERE INCREASED AGAIN**

On 17 September 2024, the birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, a function was organized at Porbandar, the birthplace of Mahatma Gandhi, in which a 25 percent increase in the wages of spinners and a 7 percent increase in the wages of weavers was announced. This revised wage was implemented from Gandhi Jayanti 2 October 2024. Spinners who used to earn Rs 10 per hank in 2023 will now get Rs 12.50 for it. This increase has been 213 percent in the last decade.

#### WITH AN EYE ON INCREASING LOCAL PRODUCTION, SCHEMES ARE **BEING RUN TO EMPOWER THE ARTISANS**

The Modified Market Development Assistance (MMDA) Scheme under the Khadi Vikas Yojana has empowered artisans by increasing financial assistance for cotton, muslin, woolen, and poly textile products. Interest Subsidy Eligibility Certificate Scheme (ISEC) for Khadi Artisans, Khadi Reform Development Program (KRDP), Workshed Scheme in which financial assistance is being given for building individual and group worksheds.



Diwali is coming, and such crackers will come in the market, they will light up the sky for two minutes, but we do not know that they spoil the hard work of many poor people. We must buy crackers made in India, maybe they give less light, maybe the brightness and sound is less but there will be light in the house of my poor brothers. Whether it shines in the sky for two minutes or not, there will be light in their lives for 12 months.

#### - Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

he came to Bapu's ashram in India and understood him deeply. Then Brown realized that India's khadi is not just a cloth, but it is a whole way of life. The philosophy of rural economy and self-reliance is linked to it. Brown was so impressed by this that he decided that he would go to Mexico and start the work of Khadi. He taught and trained the villagers in Oaxaca to make Khadi and today 'Oaxaca Khadi' has become a brand. After the freedom movement, today once again the same Khadi is becoming a synonym for the pride of Swadeshi and fashion. Therefore, not only in Oaxaca, Khadi is being made in many places in the world.

Khadi is a great example of local products going global, and whether it is earthen diyas or other products, handloom or agriculture sector, defense sector or IT, medical sector or textile, iron-ore, India's increasing exports in all sectors tell the story of its progress on the path of continuous development. By exporting everything from agricultural products to defense material, India is writing a new script of self-reliance.

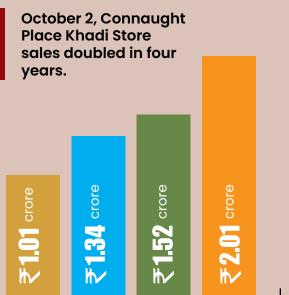
The nation has successfully taken steps towards development and has shown that the progress of



#### RECORD OF SALES BEING MADE EVERY YEAR ON GANDHI JAYANTI

Ever since Prime Minister Narendra Modi has appealed citizens to include Khadi clothes in their collection, a new record of sales is being made every year on Gandhi Jayanti at Khadi Bhawan located at Connaught Place, Delhi. For the last four years, the sales figure has risen from Rs 1 crore to Rs 2 crore in a single day. On October 2, 2024, Khadi and Village Industry products worth Rs 2.01 crore were sold from this place, which includes cotton khadi worth Rs 67.32 lakh, silk khadi worth Rs 44.75 lakh, woolen khadi worth Rs 7.61 lakh, poly khadi worth Rs 1.87 lakh, readymade khadi worth Rs 65.09 lakh, village industry products worth Rs 12.29 lakh and handicraft products worth Rs 2.44 lakh. While the sale of cotton khadi was Rs 26.89 lakh in 2023, this year it has been sold for Rs 67.32 lakh with an increase of more than 150 percent. Response from buyers shows that Khadi has become a major focus of the 'Vocal for Local' and 'Made in India' movement. symbolizing the rise of the 'New Khadi of New India'.





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#### **FOCUS ON BOTH TRADITION AND FASHION**

To make the new Khadi of New India a global brand, Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has given special attention to quality and modernization. Centre of Excellence for Khadi (CoEK) has been established with the help of National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT). On September 13 this year, the Centre of Excellence for Khadi - 2.0 Memorandum of Understanding has been signed.

With its help, new designs, the use of natural colors, traditional sarees and fabrics such as Awadh Jamdani, Ponduru saree, Pashmina, Odisha Ikat, Paithani and many other traditional products are being revived to make Khadi more fashionable. Along with new products, and training Khadi institutions to prepare high-quality clothes, CoEK is preparing to launch an app in which the products of Khadi institutions, artisans involved in the production of its products, and information about the place along with geotagging of the institution will be done.



In this festive season, you must repeat your resolution. Whatever you buy, it should be 'Made in India', whatever you gift, it should also be 'Made in India'.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

the world is included in the progress of India and it is steadfast on the path of world welfare. As a result of this, in this festive season, people's inclination is moving towards the products made in the country and the picture of export of goods manufactured in the country is constantly changing. Today, India is not only able to fulfill its needs, but in terms of helping the world, India's image has become like that of Hanuman described in Ramayana, who is ready to give solutions to every problem of the world as 'Sankatmochan'. In this, India's youth potential is very important because 65 percent of India's population is below 35 years of age and India's demography is its wealth. Because of this wealth, India is doing new experiments in every field with a unique amalgamation of science and technology.

#### SUCCESS DUE TO LEADERSHIP INTENTIONS AND POLICIES

Prime Minister Modi enjoys a special image on the global stage regarding development and good governance since he was the Chief Minister of Gujarat. In a report of the US Congress Research Service in September 2011, he was called the King of Governance. In its issue dated 26 March 2012, the world's leading news magazine 'Time' published a cover report titled 'Modi Means Business'. William Antholis, Managing Director of the Brookings Institution, a leading think tank in the United States, wrote, "Narendra Modi is

#### NEW EXPERIMENTS IN DESIGNING, PACKAGING, BRANDING, AND MARKETING

KVIC has also signed agreements with Digital India Corporation, NBCC India, Prasar Bharati, the Department of Posts, Mahatma Gandhi Institute for Rural Industrialisation (MGIRI), and the Quality Council of India (QCI). New experiments are also being done in the packaging, branding, quality, and marketing of Khadi. 5 Central Pooni plants are being upgraded to enhance the traditional production technology. In the last financial year, the renovated state-of-the-art Central Pooni plant located at Kuttur in Kerala and Chitradurga in Karnataka were inaugurated. In the Central Pooni plants, Pooni is prepared from cotton to be spun on the charkha. Through this Pooni, high quality Khadi threads are prepared on the charkha and then Khadi clothes are woven on the loom from this. The quality of Pooni has a direct impact on Khadi clothes. Therefore, KVIC is preparing to open four state-of-the-art Pooni plants in Gujarat, Haryana, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu.

#### KHADI STORES ARE ALSO BEING MODERNIZED

Modern and new stores are being opened for Khadi. A Khadi store has been opened recently in the IIT campus of Delhi. An assistance of Rs 44.80 crore has been given to renovate 561 Khadi outlets across the country from the financial year 2014–15 to 2023–24. Along with upgrading and modernizing the craftsmanship found in Indian heritage, these initiatives aim to ensure that Khadi products meet contemporary standards. Attract global as well as Indian consumers.

a talented and effective politician and he does what he says." Even after becoming the Prime Minister, he linked this thinking with the principle of 'India First' and started taking the country in a new direction. While India is rapidly changing in terms of outlook and markets, the resolve of 140 crore Indians to take the country to new heights with the mantra of 'Vocal for Local' is promoting local products and markets so that the country's products can be made global. In this Amrit Kaal of Independence, the country has decided that the call of Vocal for Local will now give an even more grand identity to the traditions of India,

#### **FUTURE PLANS WILL STRENGTHEN VOCAL FOR LOCAL**



Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Indian Khadi is ready for a global revolution. Moving forward with the mantra of 'Khadi for Nation, Khadi for Fashion and Khadi for Transformation', Khadi's journey to becoming a symbol of Aatma Nirbhar Bharat is proof of its lasting importance. With the slogan of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas', the schemes and programs being run in the growing nation are promoting 'Vocal for Local'. While KVIC is running many schemes to promote the Khadi and Village Industries sector, it is also preparing to launch many ambitious schemes. Gramin Silai Samridhi Yojana was launched on 17 September 2024 on the birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Porbandar, Gujarat, the birthplace of the Father of the Nation. At the same time, work is also going on at a fast pace to start the Kushal Karigar Vikas Yojana, Khadi Shakti, Lotus Silk, and Mati Kala Kumhar Sashaktikaran Yojana.





After all, the true joy of the festival is also when everyone becomes a part of this festival. Therefore, we also have to support the people involved in the work of local products. A good way is to include the product made by them in whatever gift we give during the festival.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

and its tales of valor.

Calling for Swadeshi i.e. Vocal for Local, to promote local products and manufacturing in the country itself, the Central Government has for the first time identified 14 important sectors and started a Production Linked Incentive (PLI), in areas where the country had to depend on imports. Therefore, the idea of Aatma Nirbhar Bharat is not the idea of any government system, it is not the idea of any politician. Today 'Vocal for Local' is resonating in every corner of India and people look for local goods which is a symbol of self-pride.



**INSPIRATION** 

PM MODI SPENDS EVERY DIWALI WITH THE SOLDIERS OF THE COUNTRY

## CELEBRATING DIWALI AT BORDER POSTS



"Like everyone else, I also wish to celebrate Diwali with my family. That is why I come among you (security forces); I consider you my family. When I come and spend time with you, I get new energy."

**Narendra Modi,** *Prime Minister* 

Everyone celebrates festivals with their families and loved ones. However, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who created history by entering his 24th year as the head of a democratically elected government, considers public commitment foremost. Prime Minister Modi, who entered the 24th year after completing 23 years as the head of a democratic government on October 7, has always dedicated his life to good governance and the welfare of the poor with the thinking of nation first. He believes- अवध तहां जहं राम निवास्। That is, where Ram is, there is Ayodhya. He also says that wherever the country's security forces are deployed, that place is no less than a temple for him. That is why from his time as the Chief Minister of Gujarat to his journey as the Prime Minister, he has been celebrating every festival of lights with the soldiers of the country and the motto of his life has become- nation is supreme along with devotion to people's power and India...

is life is an inspiration for the nation and society. It is dedicated to the thought of nation first. He has become an inspiration for social harmony and taking the nation to new heights. Perhaps very few people would know about the goal of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's life. He wanted to join the army. Whether it is to strengthen the army or to make India powerful and glorious in the world, his childhood wish is reflected in his working style. Since the time he took charge of the government as the Chief Minister, he has been celebrating every Diwali with the soldiers of the country. Even as a child, he used to celebrate festivals of both Hindus and Muslims communities in his village, because many of his friends in his neighborhood were from the Muslim community. As the Prime Minister, he has been celebrating every Diwali with the soldiers of the country for the last 10 years.

#### WHERE THE COUNTRY'S ARMY IS DEPLOYED, THAT PLACE IS NO LESS THAN A TEMPLE

The festival is celebrated with the family. Being posted on the border away from the family on the day of the festival, is in itself an unparalleled example of devotion to duty. The Indian Army, which considers 140 crore countrymen as its family, is full of energy and enthusiasm on the occasion of Diwali. The nation is grateful and indebted to them. On Diwali, a diya is lit in every house for their safety. In every Puja, a prayer is also offered for these brave soldiers. Even when Prime Minister Narendra Modi was not holding top constitutional posts, he used to go to border areas on Diwali as a proud child of India.

#### **EVERY DIWALI WITH THE SOLDIERS OF THE COUNTRY**

As the head of the government, 23 years of hard work in public life and the continuous Sankalp Ki Siddhi, the welfare of the poor and deprived, and the development of the country have been the goals of Prime Minister Modi. He took oath as a Chief Minister of Gujarat on 7 October 2001 and since 2014 has been heading the central government. This year, when the nation celebrates Deepotsay, with 23 years of unwavering dedication, over 276 months of selfless service, over 8,426 days of national awakening, and over 2 lakh hours of national service, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's unstoppable journey continues to shape India's destiny. On the occasion of Deepawali, everyone wishes to celebrate the festival with their family members. PM Modi also feels like celebrating it among his family members and that is why he comes to celebrate the festival among his family members every Deepawali because the armed forces are his family members and he is a friend of their family. When he reaches them on the festival of Deepawali, he comes not as a PM but as a member of the family. Coming among all of them, he has the same feeling as being among his own family. PM celebrates every Deepawali with the armed forces of the country as if he is celebrating it with his own family. Undoubtedly, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given a new shape to the schemes and policies with his unique working style and has also set a new paradigm for festivals, due to which every section of society starts feeling a special bond. As PM, Narendra Modi has celebrated Diwali with the soldiers of the country 10 times in a row. He has served the country as the Prime Minister and today in Amritkaal, the country is moving ahead to take a leap of development.

## EVERY WORK IS FOR THE COUNTRY...

Celebration with soldiers, Prime Minister Modi's Deepotsav

Where and how Prime Minister Narendra Modi has celebrated Diwali since 2014, let's take a look...







Prime Minister Narendra Modi celebrated this Diwali with brave soldiers in Lepcha, Himachal Pradesh. Where he said that as long as the Indian security forces are standing vigilant on the borders, the country is engaged wholeheartedly for a better future. Today, if India is touching the infinite heights of development with all its might, then the credit for it also goes to the strength of the army, their resolve, and sacrifices.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi celebrated Diwali with brave soldiers in Kargil. PM Modi had said there that the sweetness of Diwali increases in the presence of soldiers and the lights of Diwali in their presence strengthen his resolve.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi celebrated Diwali with soldiers of the Indian Armed Forces in Nowshera district of Jammu and Kashmir and said that whether it is the Himalayas, desert, snowy peaks, deep water, you people are a living security shield of Maa Bharati.



Prime Minister Narendra
Modi, following his tradition
of celebrating Diwali with the
soldiers, celebrated Diwali with the
soldiers at India's forward border
post-Longewala, interacted with
them, and addressed them.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi celebrated the festival of Diwali with the brave soldiers of the Indian Army deployed on the Line of Control in the Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir.



PM Modi celebrated Diwali with Army and ITBP soldiers in Harshil, Uttarakhand. He fed sweets to the soldiers and interacted with the people of the near by areas.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi celebrated Diwali 2017 with Army and BSF soldiers near the Line of Control in Gurez Valley of Jammu and Kashmir.



PM Modi celebrated Diwali with the Army, ITBP soldiers, and common people at Sumdo near the India-China border in Kinnaur, Himachal Pradesh.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited the 1965 war memorial in Punjab in 2015 and celebrated Diwali with Army officers and soldiers.



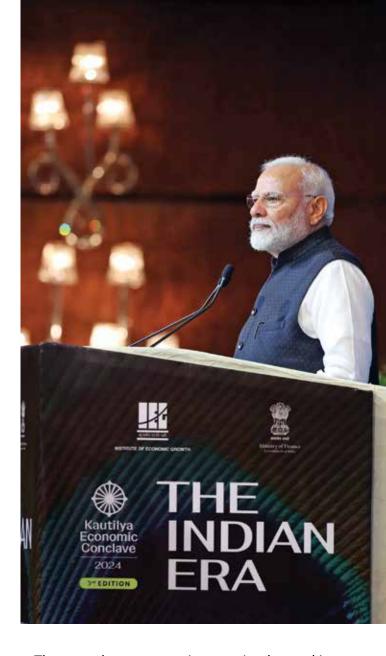
PM Modi celebrated his first Diwali after becoming Prime Minister with armed forces officers and soldiers at the Siachen base camp at an altitude of 12 thousand feet.

"Heartiest greetings to the countrymen on the auspicious occasion of Diwali. I hope that this festival of lights brings happiness, prosperity, and good fortune in the lives of all of you." - Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

## INDIAN ERA IS BEING DISCUSSED AMIDST GLOBAL UNCERTAINTY

Many countries of the world are embroiled in fierce wars these days and there is an atmosphere of uncertainty in a large part of the earth. Despite this, India and the Indian era are being discussed not only in the country but also at the global level. The world's eyes are on India due to its rapid economic growth and structural reforms being done for Viksit Bharat. The major reason for this is the extensive change in the policies of the central government in the last decade. Taking forward this journey of economic reforms, Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the Kautilya Economic Conclave organized in Delhi......

ddressing the third edition of the Kautilya Economic Conclave organized by the Institute of Economic Growth on October 4 in collaboration with the Ministry of Finance, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that this conference will help in accelerating India's development. India is the fastest-growing economy in the world today. India is the fifth largest economy in terms of gross domestic product (GDP), first in global fintech adoption rate as well as smartphone data consumption, and second in terms of internet users, nearly half of the world's digital transactions in real-time are done in India, has the third largest start-up ecosystem in the world and ranks fourth in terms of renewable energy capacity. Along with being the world's second-largest mobile manufacturer, and the largest manufacturer of twowheelers and tractors, India has the third-largest group of scientists and technicians in the world.



The central government is committed to making India developed and carrying out structural reforms. The current central government has worked at three times the speed in the first three months of its third term. During this period, work has been done to maintain the continuity of bold policy changes, a strong commitment to job creation and skill development, a focus on sustainable development and innovation, modern infrastructure, better living standards, and rapid development. Work has started on many large infrastructure projects in the country, including the construction of 12 industrial nodes in the country and approval for construction of three crore new houses. Decisions worth more than Rs 15 lakh crore have been taken during this period. PM Modi said, "This is a reflection of our policies of the first three months." The result of the government's policies is that 25 crore people have

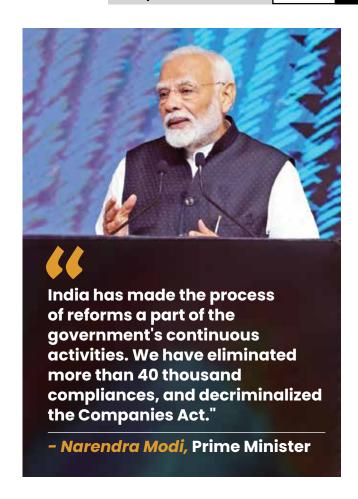
## MORE THAN 200 STARTUPS HAVE BEEN STARTED IN THE SPACE SECTOR

- 20 percent of India's total defense manufacturing contribution is now coming from private defense companies.
- Currently, more than 33 crore mobile phones are being manufactured in the country.
- An investment of Rs 1.5 lakh crore is being made in the India Semiconductor Mission.
- India's 5 semiconductor plants will soon start delivering Made in India chips to every corner of the world.
- In less than a decade, India's ranking in the Global Innovation Index ranking improved from 81st to 39th.

## TARGET OF PRODUCING 50 LAKH TONNES OF GREEN HYDROGEN

The Government of India has set a target of producing 50 lakh tonnes of green hydrogen by the end of this decade. India is committed to increasing solar power generation at the micro level. PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana is a government-funded rooftop solar initiative. More than 1 crore 30 lakh families are registered in it. This scheme is making every family a solar energy producer. This is expected to save an average of Rs 25,000 per family. It is estimated that every three kilowatts of solar energy produced will also help prevent 50–60 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions. Not only this, it will create a large force of skilled youth. About 17 lakh jobs will be created and new investment opportunities will also be created.





come out of poverty in the last decade. With India's rapid progress, the government is also ensuring that inequality is reduced and the benefits of development reach everyone.

India's economy performed better than every prediction of the World Bank, IMF and Moody's last year. All these institutions are saying that despite global uncertainty, India will continue to grow at a rate of more than seven percent. Today the world is considering India as a favorite country for investment. This is not a mere coincidence but the result of major reforms done in the last 10 years. India's banking reforms have not only strengthened the financial position of banks but also increased their lending capacity. India has opened many sectors like mining, defense, space for private companies and young entrepreneurs of India. The government has liberalized the FDI policy in order to ensure ample opportunities for global investors. The Central Government has eliminated more than 40 thousand compliances and decriminalised the Companies Act.



By giving 'classical language' status to Marathi, Pali, Prakrit, Assamese, and Bengali languages, the Central Government has shown its commitment to cultural heritage. Marathi, Pali, and Prakrit are the languages of our vast history, philosophy, spirituality, and thousands of years old knowledge tradition. This decision will give further impetus to the study and research of these languages. These languages will once again gain the status of world languages and become a medium to take the tradition of Indian knowledge across the world. Along with this, the Union Cabinet also approved many other proposals related to public welfare...

he Central Government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi cherishes and celebrates the rich history and culture of India. Along with this, it has also remained steadfast in its commitment to popularizing regional languages. In keeping with this commitment, the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on October 3, 2024, approved the granting of classical language status to Marathi, Pali, Prakrit, Assamese, and Bengali languages. All these are languages that highlight our vibrant diversity. These languages have played an invaluable role in shaping India's cultural and intellectual heritage. Six Indian languages, Sanskrit, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam, and Odia were earlier granted classical

language status. Thus, the number of classical languages in the country will now increase to 11.

By preserving these languages for future generations, the Central Government is reinforcing the broader vision of cultural self-reliance and national integration in line with the goal of Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Culturally Rich India. The decision to grant classical language status to five languages simultaneously is expected to boost academic and research opportunities, enhance global collaborations, and contribute to the cultural and economic growth of the country. These initiatives are essential for India's intellectual and cultural identity. Apart from this, it instills a sense of pride and ownership among the speakers of these

languages. Also, the preservation, documentation, and digitization of ancient texts in these languages will create employment in areas such as archiving, translation, publishing, and digital media.

'Border security is the guarantee of the security of the nation.' Following this mantra, the Modi government is continuously working to strengthen the infrastructure on the border. The Union Cabinet approved the construction of roads in the border areas of Rajasthan and Punjab. This will not only increase the connectivity of these areas but will also improve the living standards of the people. Employment will be promoted and these villages will develop as 'Vibrant Villages'.

The Center is committed to the welfare of its farmer brothers and sisters across the country. Taking two important decisions in this direction, PM-Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana and Krishi Unnati Yojana have been approved. Not only this, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has realized the resolve of the welfare of the poor and Antyodaya, and the Union Cabinet approved the continuation of the supply of free fortified rice till December 2028 under the PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana and other welfare schemes.

**Decision:** Approval to grant 'classical language' status to Marathi, Pali, Prakrit, Assamese and Bengali languages.

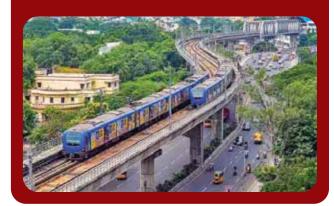
Impact: Now these languages will get more protection and encouragement, which will help in preserving their cultural heritage and legacy. The inclusion of languages as classical languages will create significant employment opportunities, especially in the academic and research sectors. Classical languages serve as custodians of India's deep and ancient cultural heritage which present the essence of the historical and cultural achievements of each community.

Decision: Approval to continue the supply of free fortified rice from July 2024 to December 2028 under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) and other welfare schemes.

**Impact:** 80 crore citizens of the country will benefit from this scheme of Rs 17,082 crore. Prime Minister's address on the 75th Independence

Decision: Approval of the proposal of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs for Phase II of the Chennai Metro Rail Project. This phase consists of three corridors. The total length of the approved lines will be 118.9 km and it will have 128 stations.

**Impact**: The completion cost of the project is Rs 63,246 crore. It is planned to be completed by 2027. With the full commissioning of Phase II, Chennai city will have a total metro rail network of 173 km. The second phase of the Chennai Metro Rail Project represents significant progress in the development of the city's infrastructure.



Day, the continuation of the initiative to make rice nutritious will complement the programs adopted under the government's policy to make the country anemia-free. This initiative is a big step towards nutritional security.

**Decision:** Approval for road construction in border areas of Rajasthan and Punjab.

Impact: It has been decided to develop a 2,280 km road network with an investment of Rs 4,406 crore. This will have a big impact on connectivity, health, education, and livelihood. It will ensure better connectivity of the country's highway network.

**Decision:** Approval for development of National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) at Lothal, Gujarat.

Impact: Its objective is to showcase India's rich and diverse maritime heritage. Once fully developed, it will be the world's largest maritime complex.



Decision: Approval of PM Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (PM-RKVY) to promote sustainable agriculture and Krishonnati Yojana (KY) to ensure food security and agricultural self-sufficiency.

Impact: While PM-RKVY will promote sustainable agriculture, KY will achieve the goal of food security and self-sufficiency in agriculture. All the components will leverage technology to ensure efficient and effective implementation of various components. The total proposed outlay for these schemes is Rs 1,01,321 crore.

The project will be completed in two phases. The project will generate 15,000 direct jobs and 7,000 indirect jobs. It will showcase India's 4,500-year-old maritime heritage. It will help in the development of the local community, tourists, and visitors. The plan also includes the world's tallest lighthouse museum

Decision: Approval of National Mission on Edible Oil -Oilseeds (NMEO-Oilseeds). It aims to increase oilseeds production from 39 million tonnes (2022-23) to 69.7 million tonnes by 2030-31.

Impact: The mission aims to significantly increase domestic oilseeds production and achieve the goal of self-sufficiency in edible oils. Farmers' income will increase and valuable foreign exchange will be saved. The mission will also yield significant environmental benefits in the form of reduced water use, improved soil health, and productive use of crop fallow areas.

#### **Decision:** Approval of Productivity Linked Bonus (PLB) for 78 days to railway employees.

Impact: The amount will be paid to various categories of railway employees like Track Maintainer, Loco Pilot, Train Manager (Guard), Station Master, Supervisor, Technician, Technician Helper, Pointsman, Ministerial Staff, and other Group XC Staff. Payment of PLB acts as an incentive

to motivate railway employees to work towards improving the performance of the Railways.

Decision: Approval to amend the existing Productivity Linked Reward (PLR) Scheme for employees, workers of major ports, and Dock Labour Board for the period 2020-21 to 2025-26.

Impact: The revised PLR Scheme applicable from 2020-21 to 2025-26 will benefit about 20,704 employees of major port authorities and the Dock Labour Board. The cost for the entire period will be around Rs 200 crore. This PLR Scheme will promote better industrial relations and a conducive work environment in the port sector besides encouraging better productivity.

**Decision:** India's approval to join the International Energy Efficiency Hub through the signing of a Letter of Intent.

Impact: India will now join the International Energy Efficiency Hub, a global platform dedicated to fostering cooperation and promoting energy efficiency across the world. The move reinforces India's commitment to sustainable development and is in line with its efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The decision will help India gain access to an exclusive group of 16 countries sharing critical energy practices and innovative solutions.



## **NAXALISM WILL BE ERADICATED BY 2026**

By ensuring constitutional rights in place of darkness created by left-wing extremism, development in place of violence, zero-tolerance policy, and 100% access to welfare schemes, the Modi government is moving towards developing Naxal-affected areas. The central government has resolved to completely free India from Naxalism-Left Wing Extremism by March 2026...

axalism, apart from being the biggest obstacle in the development of tribal areas and the enemy of the entire humanity, is also the biggest violator of human rights by depriving 8 crore people of basic facilities. Thousands of innocent tribal brothers and sisters are killed by landmines planted by Naxalites and development in these areas is stalled due to Naxalism. It is the biggest enemy of the development and peace of the country. It has darkened the future of countless people. The central government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is destroying the entire eco-system of Naxalism with a zero-tolerance policy. Prime Minister Modi has made the security agencies of the Centre as well as the states strong pillars of building a Naxal-free India by empowering them without any discrimination. By maintaining strong coordination with the state governments, the Central Government is committed to completely eliminating Naxalism by March 2026.

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah, while chairing a review meeting on Left Wing Extremism (LWE) in New Delhi on 7 October, said that great success has been achieved in the fight against Naxalism from 2019 to 2024. The fight against Left-Wing Extremism is in its final phase today and by March 2026, with the cooperation of all, the country will get complete freedom from this decades-old problem.

The government had laid down two Rules of Law to fight Left Wing Extremism. First, to establish the rule of law in Naxalism-affected areas and



completely stop illegal violent activities. Second, to rapidly compensate for the loss in those areas that remained deprived of development due to the long Naxalite movement. The Union Home Minister said in the meeting that for the first time in 30 years, the number of deaths due to left-wing extremism in the year 2022 was less than 100, which is a huge achievement. Very few incidents of Naxalism were recorded between 2014 and 2024. Apart from this, 14 top Naxalite leaders were neutralized. The graph of government welfare schemes has also gone up. He said that 85 percent of the cadre strength of LWE has been eliminated in Chhattisgarh and now we need to make a final attack on Naxalism.

Home Minister Amit Shah chaired the review meeting with the Chief Ministers of Left Wing Extremism-affected states on October 6, 2023. In that meeting, the Home Minister gave comprehensive guidelines to root out Left Wing Extremism. Amit Shah said that for the complete elimination of Naxalism, it is necessary that we give a final push and eliminate this problem forever. He urged the Chief Ministers of all affected states to review the progress of development and anti-Naxal operations at least once a month, and requested the Director Generals of Police to conduct such reviews at least once every 15 days. He said that we should work towards the complete eradication of Naxalism.

#### 544 FORTIFIED POLICE STATIONS BUILT BETWEEN 2014 AND 2024

66 fortified police stations were built in the 10 years between 2004 and 2014, while 544 have been built in the 10 years between 2014 and 2024. In the 10 years before 2014, 2,900 km of road network was constructed which has increased to 14,400 km in the last 10 years. Along with this, no efforts were made for mobile connectivity from 2004 to 2014 whereas 6,000 towers have been installed from 2014 to 2024. Out of that, the work of converting 3,551 towers to 4G has also been completed. Before 2014, only 38 Eklavya models were approved, now in the last 10 years, 216 schools have been approved, out of which 165 Eklavya model schools have come into existence.



He emphasized that by April 2026, through the collective strength of the people, we should be able to announce that the states and central government, working together, have fully eliminated the menace of Naxalism. After that there will be no obstacle in the path of development, there will never be a violation of human rights and there will also be no violence in the name of ideology. The Central Government is giving all possible assistance to all the states affected by Left Wing Extremism to deal with this problem.

## CENTRAL GOVERNMENT STARTED IMPLEMENTING A MULTI-PRONGED STRATEGY FROM 2019

The central government started implementing a multi-pronged strategy from 2019 under which vacuums were found for the deployment of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs). As a result, more than 194 camps were set up in a single year, which brought great success. The strategy has been successful due to the elimination of the security vacuum through 45 police stations, strengthening of state intelligence branches and very good performance of special forces of the states. The number of deaths of soldiers has reduced a lot by arranging helicopters for the soldiers. Earlier where 2 helicopters were deployed in the service of the soldiers, today 12 helicopters (6 BSF and 6 Air Force) are deployed.

#### 70% REDUCTION IN CIVILIAN-SECURITY FORCES DEATHS

There were 16,463 incidents of violence in 10 years between 2004 and 2014 which has now come down to 7,700 with a reduction of about 53%. Similarly, there has been a 70% reduction in civilian and security forces deaths. The number of police stations reporting violence has also come down to 171 from 465, out of which 50 police stations are new. This success is the result of joint efforts of all the state governments and the central government.

#### SECURITY EXPENDITURE HAS ALMOST TRIPLED IN A DECADE

In the state of Chhattisgarh, a total of 237 Naxalites have been killed, 812 arrested and 723 have surrendered since January this year. More than 13 thousand people have left violence and joined the mainstream of society in North East, Kashmir, and Left Wing Extremism affected areas. The security-related expenditure scheme, which cost Rs 1,180 crore from 2004 to 2014, was increased by almost three times by the Modi government to Rs 3,006 crore between 2014 and 2024. The assistance to central agencies for managing the LWE scheme was given Rs 1,055 crore. Special central assistance is a new scheme under which the Modi government has spent Rs 3,590 crore in the last 10 years.

## PM JANMAN, THE PATH OF TRIBAL SELF-RESPECT, HONOR, AND WELFARE

India is a country full of tribal diversity. From the Himalayas to Andaman Nicobar, there are more than 730 Scheduled Tribal communities whose population is around 11 crores, their share in the population is 8.9 percent. In India, which is moving towards becoming a developed nation, no deprived should be left behind, so in the last decade, the Central Government has made tireless efforts for the welfare of the tribal society. On November 15, 2023, on Janjatiya Gaurav Divas, Prime Minister Narendra Modi from Khunti, Jharkhand launched the PM Janman Yojana, which is becoming a symbol of self-respect, honor, and welfare of the tribal community...

radhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan i.e. PM-Janman was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Janjatiya Gaurav Divas with a budget of Rs 24,104 crore keeping in mind the PVTG population. Its first anniversary was celebrated on November 15, 2024. As of October 2, there has been significant progress in all the works under this campaign. Projects worth Rs 10 thousand crore have been approved. On September 17, 2024, PM Modi handed over the keys to the beneficiaries at the Griha Pravesh of 40 thousand houses built under PM-Janman in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, along

with releasing the first assistance installment to 50 thousand beneficiaries. At the same time, PM Modi also inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of projects worth Rs 1,365 crore under PM-Janman in Jharkhand on October 2. This includes 1387 km of roads, 120 Anganwadi centers, 250 multi-purpose centers, and 10 school hostels.

The objective of the PM-Janman Mission is focused on 11 important interventions related to 9 major allied ministries and departments with a budget provision of Rs 24,104 crore from FY 2023-24 to 2025-26 under the Development Action Plan



#### JANJATIYA GAURAV DIVAS DEDICATED TO DHARTI AABA

It is not easy for someone to become Dharti Aaba by being born in a normal poor family. But the journey to becoming 'Bhagwan' in a lifetime of just 25 years by Birsa Munda who was born on November 15, 1875, is exemplary. Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared November 15, the birthday of Birsa Munda who changed the plight and direction of the tribal society and ushered in a new era for the tribal society. This year the country is celebrating the fourth Janjatiya Gaurav Divas...

India's freedom struggle was strengthened under the leadership of many tribal communities including Santhal, Tamar, Kol, Bhil, Khasi, and Mizo. Tribal movements joined the national freedom struggle and inspired Indians across the country but the people of the country were not much aware of these tribal heroes. To make future generations aware of the sacrifices of the tribals and their heroes, November 15, the birth anniversary of Birsa Munda, has been declared as Janjatiya Gaurav Divas in 2021. Birsa Munda fought bravely across the country against the exploitative system of the British colonial system and led the movement against British oppression by calling for 'Ulgulan' (Great Tumult).

This year the country will celebrate the fourth



Janjatiya Gaurav Divas. On the second Janjatiya Gaurav Divas, President Droupadi Murmu visited Ulihatu village in Jharkhand, the birthplace of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, while on the third Janjatiya Gaurav Divas, PM Modi visited the Bhagwan Birsa Munda Memorial Park cum Freedom Fighter Museum in Ranchi, Jharkhand and becoming the first Prime Minister of the country to visit Ulihatu village. This village is the birthplace of Bhagwan Birsa Munda.



The saga of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, a symbol of tribal pride and struggle, fills every countryman with inspiration. Every corner of Jharkhand is associated with such great personalities, and their courage and tireless efforts. If we look at the freedom movement, there was no corner of the country where tribal warriors did not take the lead.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

for Scheduled Tribes (DAPST). This mission is also a unique example of cooperative federalism and a whole-of-government approach to public welfare. Under the mantra of 'Sabka Saath-Sabka Vikas-Sabka Vishwas-Sabka Prayas', which PM Modi has envisioned, with outreach, conversion, and saturation, the concerned ministries of the central government and the states are working together for the welfare of the 75 most vulnerable groups of the country. These communities have been deprived of the benefits of most of the schemes of the Government of India even after 75 years of independence due to their location in far-flung areas, lack of awareness, lack of physical and digital connectivity, and planned norms.

The all-round development of the tribal community is the main basis for strengthening the resolve of Viksit Bharat. Earlier, the government led by Atal

# SCHEMES LAUNCHED FOR TRIBALS AND TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

- DEVELOPMENT ACTION PLAN FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES: The Central Government is implementing the 'Development Action Plan for Scheduled Tribes' as a strategy for the development of Scheduled Caste and Tribedominated areas. Apart from the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, 41 ministries and departments are allocating a certain percentage of their budget for this. Under DAPST, 214 schemes and programs are being run in 2024-25 for which an amount of more than Rs 1.23 lakh crore was allocated.
- DHARTI AABA JANJATIYA GRAM UTKARSH ABHIYAN: Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan on October 2, 2024. It aims to improve the living standards of more than 63 thousand villages spread across aspirational and tribal-dominated districts with a budget of Rs 79,156 crore. This will benefit more than 5 crore tribal population.
- PRADHAN MANTRI VANBANDHU KALYAN SCHEME: The Pradhan Mantri Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana was formally launched in the country on 28 October 2014. Along with making an umbrella scheme by incorporating other schemes for the tribals, it was approved to be implemented further from 2021-22 to 2025-26 at a cost of Rs 26,135 crore.
- PRADHAN MANTRI JANJATIYA VIKAS MISSION: This scheme has been prepared by merging two existing schemes to promote tribal livelihoods - a mechanism for marketing of minor forest produce through minimum support price and development of value chain for MFP, institutional support for development and marketing of tribal produce.
- EKLAVYA MODEL RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL:
  This scheme was launched in 2018. 728
  schools will be established along with 288
  schools already approved in the year 2018.
  The government has set a target of making all
  728 schools functional by March 2026. From
  the inception of the scheme till September
  2023, construction of 170 schools has been
  completed while construction of more than
  240 schools is in progress.



#### **SUCCESS STORY**



## House construction completed in a month

15 February 2024 is a memorable day for Bhagchand Adivasi, a resident of Shivpuri district of Madhya Pradesh, as he became the owner of the first house built under PM Janman launched by PM Modi. The construction of the house was completed in a record time of one month, with the first installment of Rs 50 thousand received through DBT on 15 January 2024. An amount of Rs 2.39 lakh is provided for house construction.



# Tribal settlement of Mysore gets electricity connection after 75 years of independence

A tribal settlement on the outskirts of the Hediyala range of Bandipur Tiger Reserve, where electricity had not reached, this settlement is connected to the power grid this year. 20 families were cut off from the mainstream due to geographical location. They were living in darkness for decades. Villages near the settlement had electricity connection but about 20 families of Jenu Kuruba community in the tribal village were left out for some reason. When PM-Janman Yojana for the upliftment of deprived tribal families came, this settlement got the benefit.

Bihari Vajpayee created a separate ministry for the tribal society. Now, during the tenure of the present government, the budget of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has increased three times to more than Rs 12 thousand crore as compared to earlier, while the budget of tribal welfare has increased by 6 times. It is important to make the tribal community a real stakeholder so that they are not left behind in the development journey.



# EVERY DECISION, RESOLUTION, AND DREAM OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT IS DEDICATED TO VIKSIT BHARAT

The Centre and Maharashtra State Government are working together at a fast pace to further strengthen the infrastructure in the country's economic capital Mumbai and its surrounding cities so that these cities can be prepared according to the needs of the future. Along with the construction of railways, metro, roads, airports, and other infrastructure, work is being done keeping in mind the facilities of businessmen, farmers, students, and women. Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone and inaugurated development projects worth thousands of crores of rupees for many cities of Maharashtra on October 5 and 9...

n a program organized in Thane, Maharashtra, Prime Minister Narendra Modi first congratulated Marathi speakers all over the world because recently the Central Government has given Marathi the status of a classical language. This decision of the Center is not only a respect for Maharashtra and Marathi language but also a respect for the tradition that has given India a rich culture of knowledge, philosophy, spirituality, and literature. From the land of Maharashtra itself, Rs 20 thousand crore was released directly into the account of about 9.5 crore farmers of the country as the 18th installment of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi. With this, the total amount released to the farmers under PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi has reached Rs 3.45 lakh crore. This decision of the central government has helped in increasing the income of farmers as well as farming. Farmers of Maharashtra are also getting the benefit of



Our Banjara community has given so many saints who gave immense energy to the spiritual consciousness of India. Generation after generation, for hundreds and thousands of years, this community has been preserving and enhancing the culture and traditions of India.

#### - Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

this scheme in large numbers.

During the program organized in Thane, Maharashtra, PM Modi launched Mumbai MMR projects worth more than Rs 30 thousand crore and also laid the foundation stone of the Thane Integral Ring Metro Rail worth more than Rs 12 thousand crore. These development projects will give a new identity to Mumbai and Thane. Along with this, the surrounding cities will also get benefits. PM Modi also started the Aqua Line Metro Line from Aarey JVLR to BKC in Mumbai, which the people of Mumbai have been waiting for a long time. Today the aim of every Indian is 'Viksit Bharat' and to achieve this goal it is necessary to prepare cities like Mumbai and Thane for the future.

Despite the increasing population and traffic density in Mumbai, solutions were not found to solve the problems. There were fears of India's financial capital Mumbai coming to a standstill due to the rapidly increasing problems. The current government made efforts to resolve the issues and worked rapidly on infrastructure like metro, rail, road, and airport. Prime Minister Modi regretted the indecisive attitude of the previous governments. He said that due to the previous government, there was a delay of 2.5 years in Mumbai Metro, which increased the cost by Rs 14 thousand crore. The Prime Minister said, 'This money belongs to the hardworking taxpayers of Maharashtra.'

PM Modi launched various initiatives related to the agriculture and animal husbandry sector worth about Rs 23 thousand 300 crore in Washim, Maharashtra. These initiatives include the distribution of 18th installment of PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi, launch of 5th installment of Namo Shetkari Mahasanman



# THE MUSEUM WILL INTRODUCE THE ANCIENT CULTURE AND HERITAGE

PM Modi inaugurated the Banjara Heritage Museum in Poharadevi. This newly built museum will introduce future generations to the ancient culture and rich heritage of the Banjara community. PM Modi said, 'Our Banjara society has played a big role in India's social life and development journey.' Referring to the tireless efforts of the Banjara community in preserving and nurturing the cultural heritage of the country for centuries, PM Modi also expressed anguish over the historical injustice when British rule declared the entire Banjara community as criminals during India's freedom struggle.



# DEVELOPMENT OF AIRPORTS IN NAGPUR AND SHIRDI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on October 9 laid the foundation stone for the upgradation of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar International Airport in Nagpur at a cost of Rs 7,000 crore and the new integrated terminal building to be built at Shirdi airport at a cost of Rs 645 crore. The upgradation of Nagpur airport will help in many sectors including aviation, tourism, logistics, and healthcare, and will also benefit Nagpur city and the wider Vidarbha region. On the other hand, Shirdi Airport will provide world-class amenities to religious tourists. The theme of the proposed terminal of Shirdi is based on the spiritual Neem tree of Sai Baba.

#### MBBS AND PG SEATS WILL INCREASE

In line with the commitment to ensure affordable and accessible healthcare to all the citizens of the state, PM Modi inaugurated 10 government medical colleges located in Mumbai, Nashik, Jalna, Amravati, Gadchiroli, Buldhana, Washim, Bhandara, Hingoli and Ambarnath (Thane) in Maharashtra. These medical colleges will offer undergraduate and postgraduate studies and modern treatment facilities will also be available for patients.

# IMPORTANT PROJECTS WHOSE FOUNDATION STONE WAS EITHER LAID OR INAUGURATED

 Inauguration of Indian Institute of Skills (IIS) and Vidya Samiksha Kendra (VSK) to establish Mumbai as the 'Skill Capital of the World'.

#### COSTING ₹14,120 CROPE

BKC to Aarey JVLR stretch of Mumbai Metro Line-3 inaugurated. There are 10 stations on this section, out of which 9 are underground. The section will benefit about 12 lakh passengers daily.

### COSTING ₹12,220 CRORE

Thane Integral Ring Metro Rail Project will be constructed for which the foundation stone was laid. Its total length will be 29 km in which 20 elevated and underground stations will be built.



#### COSTING ₹3,310 CRORE

Elevated Eastern Freeway Extension from Chheda Nagar to Anand Nagar will be constructed for which the foundation stone was laid.

- Costing Rs 700 crore Thane Municipal Corporation building will be constructed for which foundation stone was laid.
- Launched the 5th installment of Namo Shetkari Mahasanman Nidhi Yojana with disbursal of Rs 2,000 crore.
- More than 7,500 projects worth more than Rs 1,920 crore were dedicated to the nation under the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF).
- 9,200 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) with a combined turnover of Rs 1,300 crore dedicated to the nation.
- Launched five solar parks with a total capacity of 19 MW in Maharashtra under Mukhyamantri Saur Krishi Vahini Yojana 2.0.

### costing ₹2,550 crore

Navi Mumbai Airport Influence Notified Area (NAINA) Project will be built for which foundation stone was laid.

Nidhi Yojana, more than 7,500 projects under Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF), 9,200 Farmer Producer Organizations, inauguration of five solar parks with a capacity of 19 MW in Maharashtra and launch of integrated genomic chip and indigenous sex-sorted semen technology for cattle. Under the Namo Shetkari Mahasanman Nidhi Yojana, financial assistance of about Rs 1,900 crore has been given to about 90 lakh farmers of Maharashtra. Ladki Behen Yojana is empowering the capabilities of Nari Shakti. PM Modi said that the work of the Poharadevi Temple Development Project started when Devendra Fadnavis was the Chief Minister but was stopped by the Maha Aghadi government, which has now been restarted by the Eknath Shinde-led government. Rs

700 crore is being spent on the Poharadevi Temple Development Project. This project will help in improving the pilgrimage site. Also, travel will become easier for pilgrims and the surrounding places will develop rapidly.

The central government has approved the project to connect the Wainganga-Nalganga rivers at a cost of about Rs 90,000 crore. This will solve the problem of water shortage in Amravati, Yavatmal, Akola, Buldhana, Washim, Nagpur and Wardha. The state government is giving financial assistance of Rs 10,000 to farmers cultivating cotton and soybeans. Recently, the foundation stone of a textile park has been laid in Amravati, which will prove to be very helpful for cotton farmers.

# MITHUN CHAKRABORTY HONORED WITH DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD

# NATIONAL FILM AWARDS

# A CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE IN INDIAN CINEMA

The 70th National Film Awards ceremony was held on 8 October at Vigyan Bhavan in Delhi. Superstar Mithun Chakraborty was honored with the most prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke Award of the cinema world for the year 2022 by President Droupadi Murmu. The National Film Awards are a symbol of excellence of Indian cinema which not only honors talent but also encourages our cultural diversity...

ndian cinema is the largest film industry in the world. Films are made here in many languages in all regions of the country. Films reflect the artistic spirit of our society. Life is changing, standards of art are changing, new aspirations are arising, new challenges are emerging and new awareness is growing. Amidst all these changes, the unchanging values of love, compassion, and service are still making our individual and collective lives meaningful. All these values are visible in the award-winning films.

The languages and backgrounds of the award-winning films may be different but they are all a reflection of India. These films are a treasure trove of experiences of Indian society. Indian traditions and their diversity come alive in these films. Out of more than 85 awards distributed in the program, 15 awards have been given to women artists. In her



address, President Murmu praised the significant contribution of actor Mithun Chakraborty to the film industry and emphasized that the award-winning films reflect positive social change.

## THE BEST AWARD GIVEN FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE TO FILMS AND ARTISTS

The National Film Award is considered the pride of Indian cinema, which was started in the year 1954. It is the best award given for outstanding performance to films and artists. These awards are given for feature films, non-feature films, and best writing on cinema. About 100 films are included in each category. 6 nominations from the feature film category, 2 from the non-film category and 1 nomination from the best writing on cinema category are awarded the Golden Lotus. Apart from this, the rest of the categories are awarded with the





Silver Lotus. Satyajit Ray was awarded the National Film Award 6 times for best direction. Amitabh Bachchan has received the National Film Award for Best Actor five times while Shabana Azmi has received the National Film Award for Best Actress five times.

#### MITHUN CHAKRABORTY WAS AWARDED THE NATIONAL FILM AWARD FOR BEST ACTOR FOR HIS FIRST FILM

Born on 16 June 1950 in Kolkata, West Bengal, Mithun Chakraborty was awarded the National Film



I am delighted that Mithun
Chakraborty has been honored with
the prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke
Award in recognition of his unparalleled
contribution to Indian cinema. He is
an icon of cultural genius who has
been admired for generations for his
versatile acting. Congratulations and
best wishes to him.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



Award for Best Actor for his first film 'Mrigayaa' (1976). Mithun Chakraborty, an alumnus of the prestigious Film and Television Institute of India (FTII), gained immense popularity in the 1980s with "Disco Dancer". The film achieved extraordinary success in India and internationally. It established him as a great actor proficient in dance. He became a household name due to his historical role in this 1982 film. His performance in Agneepath also won him the Filmfare Award for Best Supporting Actor in 1990. Later, he received two more National Film Awards for his roles in Tahader Katha (1992) and Swami Vivekananda (1998). In his career, Mithun has acted in more than 350 films in various Indian languages including Hindi, Bengali, Odia, Bhojpuri, and Telugu. He was also recently honored with the prestigious Padma Bhushan award for his outstanding contribution to Indian cinema.

CEAN-INDIA SUMMIT

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# **ACT EAST POLICY GAVE NEW VIGOUR TO ASEAN-INDIA TIES IN A DECADE**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi once again gave a message to the world community that India is a peace-loving country. We respect everyone's national integrity and sovereignty. We expect the same from other countries. When a large part of the world is going through a period of tension and conflict, India-ASEAN (Association of South East Asian Nations) friendship, coordination, dialogue and cooperation are extremely important. PM Modi attended the 21st ASEAN-India Summit in Vientiane, Lao PDR on October 10.....

n completing a decade of India's Act-East Policy, Prime Minister Narendra Modi joined the ASEAN leaders to review the progress of the ASEAN-India Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and chart the future direction of cooperation. India and ASEAN countries represent the two billion population of the world. This organization is also important for India from a strategic point of view. The importance of this organization is also proved by the fact that PM Modi attended the ASEAN-India Summit for the 11th time. Ten years ago, Prime Minister Modi announced the Act-East Policy at the India-ASEAN Summit. In these ten years, the relations between ASEAN-India countries have gained new energy. In the last ten years, ASEAN-India trade has doubled to more than 130 billion dollars. ASEAN is today one of India's largest trade and investment partners. Direct flight connectivity has been established with seven



ASEAN is also at the center of India's Indo-Pacific vision and Quad cooperation. There are deep similarities between India's Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative and ASEAN's Outlook on Indo-Pacific. A free, open, inclusive, prosperous and rule-based Indo-Pacific is vital for the peace and progress of the entire region. Peace, security, and stability of the South China Sea are in the interest of the entire Indo-Pacific region

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

PM Modi held bilateral meetings with Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba and New Zealand PM H.E. Christopher Luxon in Laos. This was the first meeting between the PMs of New Zealand and India

#### PM MODI ANNOUNCES 10-POINT PLAN

- Celebration of a decade of Act-East Policy with events like Youth Summit, Start-up Festival, Hackathon, Music Festival, ASEAN-India Think Tank Network and Delhi Dialogue.
- Organizing ASEAN-India Women Scientists
   Conference under the Science and Technology
   Development Fund.
- Doubling the number of scholarships at Nalanda University and provision of new scholarships for ASEAN students in agricultural universities of India.
- Review of ASEAN-India Goods Trade Agreement by 2025.
- Enhancing disaster resilience, India will provide assistance of 5 million dollars.
- Initiate a new Health Ministers' track towards building Health Resilience
- ASEAN-India Cyber Policy Dialogue should be started as a regular mechanism to strengthen digital and cyber policy.
- Workshop on Green Hydrogen.
- Invited ASEAN Leaders to join the 'Plant a Tree for Mother' campaign towards building climate resilience.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi witnessed an episode of Lao Ramayana (called Phalak Phalam or Phra Lak Phra Ram), performed by the prestigious Royal Theatre of Luang Prabang in Vientiane

ASEAN countries. Significant progress has been made in the restoration of shared cultural heritage in five ASEAN countries. The progress made in India-ASEAN knowledge partnership through scholarships provided to ASEAN youth at Nalanda University was also discussed.



# MALDIVES IMPORTANT IN INDIA'S 'NEIGHBOURHOOD FIRST' POLICY AND SAGAR VISION

India has always played the role of first responder for Maldives. Whether it is meeting the needs of essential commodities for Maldives or providing drinking water during natural disasters or providing vaccines during Covid, India has always fulfilled its responsibility as a neighbour very responsibly. India has always given priority to the people of Maldives. Water and sewerage projects have been completed on 28 islands of Maldives and work will be completed soon on six other islands. Through these projects, clean drinking water will be available to 30 thousand people. India will also cooperate in setting up an "Agriculture Economic Zone" and tourism investments in Haa Dhaalu atoll and fish processing and canning facility at Haa Alifu atoll. India has spelt out that both countries will also work together in oceanography and the blue economy.

To strengthen economic relations, it has been decided to start discussions on a free trade agreement. Work will also be done on trade settlement in local currency. Keeping the economic perspective in mind, there has been talk of opening a new Indian Consulate in Addu. Maldives and a new Consulate of Maldives in Bengaluru, India. These steps will strengthen the people to people contact. India will continue its cooperation in training and capacity building of Maldives National Defense Forces. Along with this, both the countries have also decided to work together for stability and prosperity in the Indian Ocean region. The two sides announced the Refit of Maldivian Coast Guard Ship Huravee by the Government of India on gratis basis and the new runway of Hanimaadhoo International Airport was also inaugurated.

# ESTABLISHED EXEMPLARY STANDARDS IN POLITICAL ETHICS

Lal Krishna Advani, who made a significant contribution to nation-building as a socio-political activist, organizer, and leader, has made an unforgettable contribution to the development of India. He created his political identity by championing the cause of society and nation and leading a corruption-free life. Advani, who espoused ideology and strong policy in his political journey of nearly seven decades, made an outstanding contribution to the nation as an MP, Minister and Deputy Prime Minister. On 31 March 2024, he was honored with the highest civilian honor Bharat Ratna...



**BORN: 8 November 1927** 

al Krishna Advani, who made extraordinary efforts towards advancing national unity and cultural revival, was born on 8 November 1927 in Sindh province (Pakistan). He studied at St. Patrick's School in Karachi from 1936 to 1942 and topped in every class till the tenth. Later he studied at Gidumal National College. He also worked as a teacher at Model High School, in Karachi. After the partition, he came to Delhi. He joined Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh in 1942. From 1947 to 1951 he worked to organize RSS in Alwar, Bharatpur, Kota, Bundi, and Jhalawar. He was appointed President of Bharatiya Jana Sangh in December 1972.

He was arrested from Bangalore (Bengaluru) on 26 June 1975 during the Emergency. He was the Minister of Information and Broadcasting from March 1977 to July 1979. In May 1986, he became the National President of the Bharatiya Janata Party. In 1990, he took out the Ram Mandir Rath Yatra from Somnath to Ayodhya. From October 1999 to May 2004, he took over as the Union Home Minister. From June 2002 to May 2004, he served the country as the Deputy Prime Minister of the country. He demonstrated decades of service in public life with an unwavering commitment to transparency and integrity, which set an exemplary standard in political ethics.

Lal Krishna Advani was dedicated to the service of the country and countrymen selflessly throughout his life. While holding various constitutional responsibilities like Deputy Prime Minister, he did unprecedented work for the security, unity, and integrity of the country with his strong leadership. He is known as a politician who set the standards of authenticity in Indian politics. In his long public life, he tirelessly fought for the issues related to the country, culture, and the people. Issuing a statement on the announcement of Bharat Ratna, he said, "With utmost humility and gratitude, I accept the Bharat Ratna. It is not only an honour for me as a person but also an honour for the ideals and principles that I have served to the best of my ability throughout my life."

Announcing the conferment of Bharat Ratna on Advani, the country's highest civilian award, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said "One of the most respected politicians of his time, LK Advani's contribution to India's development is unforgettable. His life started from working at the grassroots level to serving the country as our Deputy Prime Minister. He also made his mark as Home Minister and Information and Broadcasting Minister. His parliamentary contributions have always been exemplary and full of rich insights."

#### **FINAL FAREWELL TO THE COUNTRY'S 'RATAN'**

India lost a great and visionary personality, who had redefined the path of modern India. Ratan Tata was an industrialist having integrity, compassion, and commitment to the welfare of the common people. Ratan Tata, who was the honorary chairman of the Tata Group, passed away on the night of 9 October 2024 at the age of 86. A great man like him never dies but remains in our hearts forever, the grateful nation paid him a heartfelt tribute...





President of India @rashtrapatibhvn



In the sad demise of Shri Ratan Tata, India has lost an icon who blended corporate growth with nation building, and excellence with ethics. A recipient of Padma Vibhushan and Padma Bhushan, he took forward the great Tata legacy and gave it a more impressive global presence. He inspired seasoned professionals and young students alike. His contribution to philanthropy and charity is invaluable. I convey my condolences to his family, the entire team of the Tata Group and his admirers across the globe.



Amit Shah @AmitShah



Deeply saddened by the demise of legendary industrialist and true nationalist, Shri Ratan Tata Ji. He selflessly dedicated his life to the development of our nation. Every time I met him, his zeal and commitment to the betterment of Bharat and its people amazed me. His commitment to the welfare of our country and its people led to the blooming of millions of dreams. Time cannot take away Ratan Tata Ji from his beloved nation. He will live on in our hearts. My condolences to Tata Group and his countless admirers. Om Shanti Shanti Shanti



Narendra Modi @narendramodi

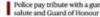


Shri Ratan Tata Ji was a visionary business leader, a compassionate soul and an extraordinary human being. He provided stable leadership to one of India's oldest and most prestigious business houses. At the same time, his contribution went far beyond the boardroom. He endeared himself to several people thanks to his humility, kindness and an unwavering commitment to making our society better.

My mind is filled with countless interactions with Shri Ratan Tata Ji. I would meet him frequently in Gujarat when I was the CM. We would exchange views on diverse issues. I found his perspectives very enriching. These interactions continued when I came to Delhi. Extremely pained by his passing away. My thoughts are with his family, friends and admirers in this sad hour. Om Shanti.

#### India bids farewell to Tata Ratan cremated, his legacy lives





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#### India bids emotional farewell to its 'gem' Ratan Tata

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# A PICTORIAL EXPERIENCE OF BONDING AND AFFECTION

The festive colors of Diwali become even more pleasing when pictures showcasing warmth and affection come to the fore. In this festive season, cow products also have an important place when purchasing indigenous products. Also, Diwali is a festival of sharing happiness. Recently, at the Prime Minister's residence, a calf was born whom Prime Minister Narendra Modi has named Deepjyoti. Celebrate the holy festival of Diwali with these pictures of bonding, affection, and love...

"It is said in our scriptures - गाव: सर्वसुख प्रदा:।". A new member has been auspiciously welcomed in the Prime Minister's residence on Lok Kalyan Marg. Beloved Gau Mata has given birth to a new calf at the Prime Minister's residence, which has a symbol of light on its forehead. Therefore, I have named it 'Deepjyoti'."

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



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