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## Emancipation from the slave mentality Reviving the Identity of India

The pran to attain 'freedom from slave mentality' by 2035 is paving the way for a determined nation to achieve the goal of liberation of mind and soul...



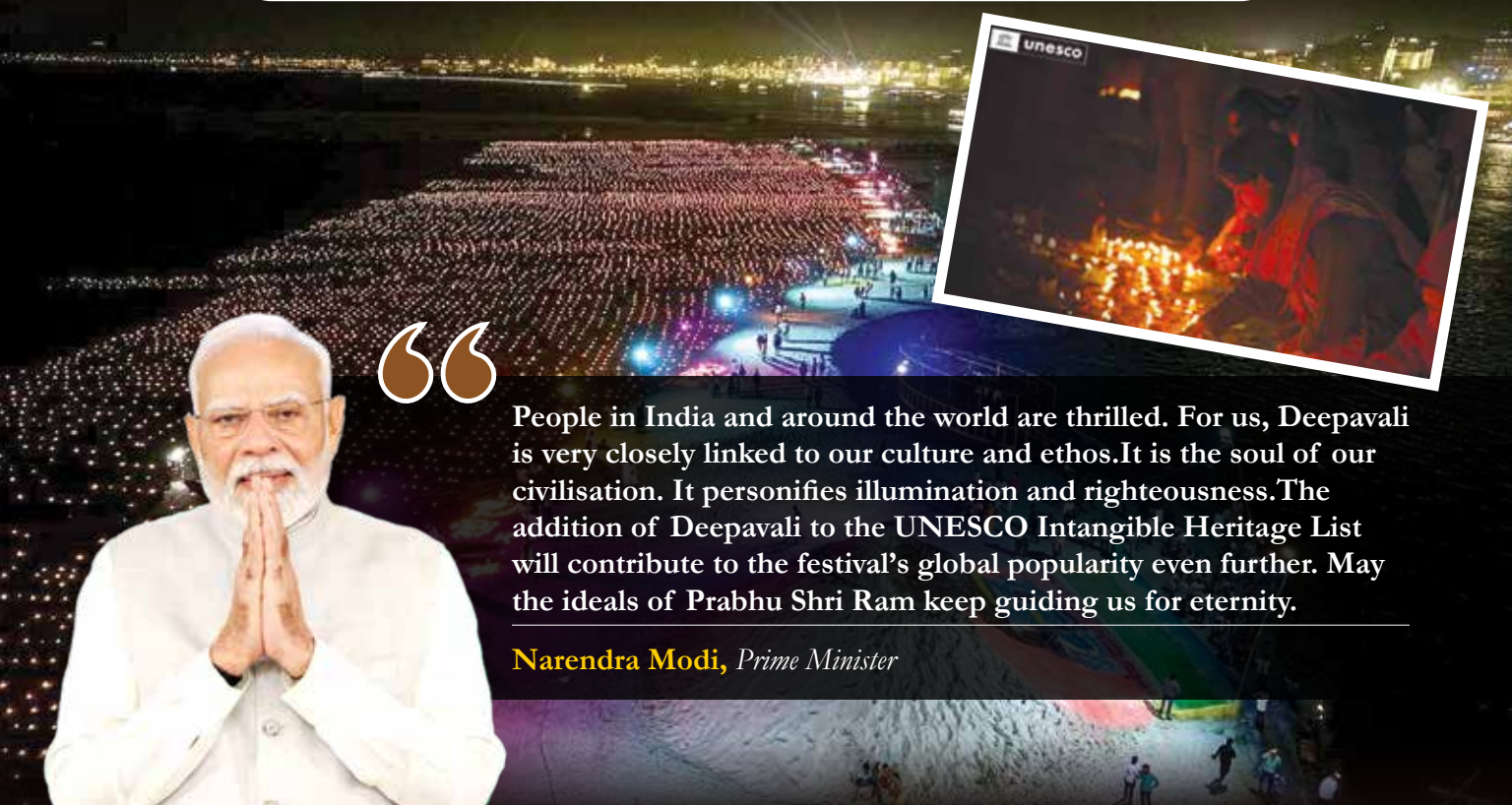
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# Diwali Has Now Become A Global Festival

*Diwali, one of the vibrant traditions widely celebrated in India, was included on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity at the 20th session of the UNESCO Intergovernmental Committee held at the Red Fort in New Delhi on December 10. The inclusion of Diwali in the UNESCO list proves that our traditions are not merely festivals but living cultural energy. Garba, Durga Puja, Kumbh Mela, Yoga... every festival has introduced the world to the soul of India. India celebrates festivals, and the world perceives divinity in them. The festival of Diwali symbolises the universal message of 'Tamaso Ma Jyotir Gamaya'-the journey from darkness to light. It also represents hope, renewal of life, and harmony.*



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People in India and around the world are thrilled. For us, Deepavali is very closely linked to our culture and ethos. It is the soul of our civilisation. It personifies illumination and righteousness. The addition of Deepavali to the UNESCO Intangible Heritage List will contribute to the festival's global popularity even further. May the ideals of Prabhu Shri Ram keep guiding us for eternity.

**Narendra Modi**, Prime Minister



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## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK...

# The nation is yearning to erase slave mentality

### Greetings,

Readers, best wishes to all of you for the New Year 2026. The arrival of the New Year provides not only new energy but also an opportunity to make new resolutions. With massive support from the 140 Crore citizens, the Central Government has made a 10-year resolution, and every citizen is partnering to achieve its 'Siddhi'. Participation of citizens is the most important component of all the Central Government's initiatives and policies. Every Indian today is feeling an empathetic surge for the poem "पारुकुलै नल्ल नाडअ-यिंगल, भारत नाडअ": written by the Great poet Bharathiyar. Every Indian is taking a sense of pride in this poem, which gives an important message: Our country, India, is the greatest in the whole world in knowledge, in spirituality, in glory, in 'anna daan', in music, in immortal poems, in valour, in the bravery of the armies, in compassion, in service to others, in finding the truth of life, and in scientific research.

Today, India is igniting a sense of pride with its head held high, progressing towards the Amrit Yatra with the resolve to become a developed nation. However, mental slavery is a major hurdle in realizing the goal of Viksit Bharat. To overcome this constraint, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has called for emancipation from mental slavery. In 2022, from the

ramparts of the Red Fort, Prime Minister Modi emphasized Panch Pran, in which freedom from the mentality of slavery was a significant vow. As a result, today, efforts are being made to abandon the mentality of slavery and attain new glory. Now, that same resolve is being realized in a mission mode. This is our cover story for the first issue of this New Year. We vow to liberate our country from mental slavery in every field.

In the personality section, read about Satyendra Nath Bose, who made invaluable contributions to the world of Science. Special content on nuclear energy, Union Cabinet Decisions, Russian President Vladimir Putin's visit to India, discussion in Parliament on the completion of 150 years of Vande Mataram, and fortnightly programmes of Prime Minister Narendra Modi are the other highlights. Also, on the inside page, read about the festival of light, Deepavali, included in the UNESCO List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, and on the back cover, special content paying tribute to Swami Vivekananda on his birth anniversary, celebrated as National Youth Day on 12th January.



(Dharendra Ojha)



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# MAIL BOX



## An Excellent Source of Knowledge about India

There is a vision to make India Aatmanirbhar. In this direction, emphasis is being laid on Make in India—Make for India, Vocal for Local, and the PLI Scheme across all sectors of development – agriculture, services, industry, and defence. Besides this, through various multidimensional development initiatives, the four pillars of India – farmers, women, youth, and the poor – are steadily moving on the path of self-reliance. The New India Samachar magazine is an excellent source of Bharat Gyan.

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## The magazine is helpful in assessing the pace of development

I am always eager to receive and read valuable publications like New India Samachar. This magazine showcases the initiatives and achievements of our country. It is an excellent magazine. I am getting detailed information about the projects of various government departments. Through New India Samachar, we are able to witness a new direction of development of the country.

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## Awareness through development programmes and activities

Through the New India Samachar magazine, information is reaching people who earlier did not have access to such knowledge. I am happy to learn that they are becoming aware of many development programmes and activities. They are learning about their rights. Welfare and service office staff express regret that the target group is not utilising the programmes. In such a situation, if they cannot come to us, we should go to them. Our government has made every effort to uplift the pride of India and the tribal communities, whose sacrifices are often forgotten.

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## Keep me updated about the schemes

I received the latest edition of The New India Samachar. This magazine has played a key role in keeping me updated about the various schemes and events happening in the country. From a Viksit Bharat to tribal development, from increasing the MSP for farmers to commemorating the heroes of the freedom struggle, this magazine provides useful information on many topics related to different sections of society. I look forward to reading future editions.

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## Mera Gaon Meri Dharohar Cultural Mapping of 6.38 Lakh Villages Completed



The number of villages identified under Mera Gaon Meri Dharohar (MGMD) Programme for cultural mapping across the country by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, is 6,38,365, out of which, the data of 6,23,449 villages have been uploaded on MGMD Portal so far, documenting the cultural identity of these villages. As part of its documentation activities, it covers a wide range of cultural elements, both tangible and intangible, including oral traditions, beliefs, customs, historical significance, art forms, heritage sites, traditional food, prominent artists, fairs and festivals, traditional dress, ornaments, and local landmarks. This program not only strengthens rural identity but also creates an authentic cultural profile of each village.

## 125 Border Infrastructure Projects Related to Ladakh Dedicated to the Nation

125 strategically important infrastructure projects of the Border Roads Organization (BRO) were dedicated to the nation on December 7th. This is the highest number of projects inaugurated simultaneously from Ladakh so far. 28 roads, 93 bridges, and 4 miscellaneous projects spanning 2 Union Territories and 7 States at a cost of Rs

5,000 crore were completed, making it the highest value inaugurations in the history of BRO. This includes the strategic Shyok Tunnel on Darbuk-Shyok-Daulat Beg Oldie Road in Ladakh, which will improve last-mile connectivity to remote villages and forward military locations.



## Allotment of lower berths for senior citizens and women over 45

Indian Railways is continuously striving to provide convenience to passengers, including Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities. As part of this effort, Indian Railways will allocate senior citizens and women over 45 with lower berths. Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw gave this information in the Rajya Sabha that, subject to availability, even if the option is not given, senior citizens and women aged 45 and above will be automatically allocated lower berths. Furthermore, 6-7 lower berths in sleeper class, 4-5 in third AC, and 3-4 in second AC are reserved for senior citizens, women passengers over 45, and pregnant women. Additionally, a separate coach for the Divyangjan has been provided on almost all mail/express trains.



### Beneficiaries under the Atal Pension Yojana and PM Vishwakarma Yojana are steadily rising

The number of beneficiaries under central government schemes expanding social security coverage is steadily rising. The Atal Pension Yojana (APY) was launched on May 9, 2015, and by October 2025, 83,413,738 beneficiaries had been registered, of which approximately 48% were women. The scheme is available to all citizens aged 18-40 years who have a savings account with a bank or post office. According to the scheme, beneficiaries will receive a pension upon reaching the age of 60, with pension benefits expected to start from 2035 onwards. As of December 1, 2025, 3 million beneficiaries had been registered under the Pradhan Mantri Vishwakarma Yojana, of which 23.09 lakh beneficiaries had been trained. The scheme was launched on September 17, 2023. Beneficiaries of this scheme are being provided online marketing support through various e-commerce platforms such as ONDC, Fabindia, etc., to promote the sale of their products in domestic and international markets.



### Launch of the Sujalam Bharat App for water supply data information



The Sujalam Bharat App has been launched, a key digital initiative designed to transform rural drinking water governance by placing comprehensive, real-time information in the hands of both citizens and institutions. Through the Sujalam Bharat – Sujal Gaon ID, all rural water schemes in the country will be integrated into a national digital registry, providing complete information from source to tap on a single platform. This app will strengthen reliable and real-time digital monitoring of assets, operations and maintenance, and service performance.

### Shaping the future

#### PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana

The PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana has given citizens the opportunity to directly participate in the energy security campaign. The Central Government is continuously working on awareness and ease of doing business to ensure greater participation in this scheme. This is why, against the target of installing rooftop solar systems in 10 million residential homes by the 2026-27 fiscal year, a total of 2,396,497 homes have already installed rooftop solar systems. This represents nearly a quarter of the target. Furthermore, as of December 3, 2025, a total of 5,354,099 applications have been received under the scheme.

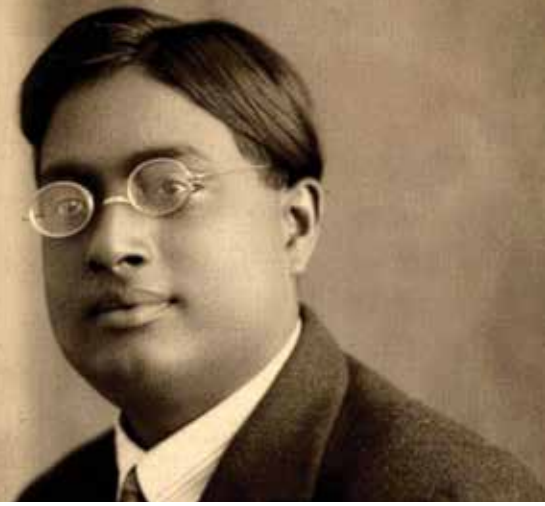
At a program in December 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that India imports approximately ₹125 lakh crore worth of petrol, diesel, and gas annually. Despite the immense blessings of the Sun God, India's solar power generation capacity was only 3 gigawatts until 2014. In the past 10 years, it has now grown to around 130 gigawatts. Of this, 22 gigawatts of capacity is solely from solar rooftop.





# Pioneer of the Bose-Einstein Theory

Born: January 1, 1894 | Died: February 4, 1974



*Satyendra Nath Bose, who made invaluable contributions to the world of Science, along with renowned scientist Albert Einstein, discovered the Bose-Einstein Theory and raised India's stature in the field of physics. He not only made an unparalleled contribution to physics but also gave it a new direction, securing India a special place in the world. His remarkable contribution in giving a new direction to modern physics will remain unforgettable for ages to come.*

Born on January 1, 1894, in Kolkata, Satyendra Nath Bose was a brilliant student from childhood. He consistently passed his exams with the highest marks. Satyendra Nath's father, Surendranath Bose, worked in the engineering department of the East Indian Railway Company. Satyendra Nath was the eldest of seven children. He received his early education in Bara Jagulia village in Nadia district. He later enrolled at Kolkata's renowned Presidency College, where he studied under scholars like Jagadish Chandra Bose and Prafulla Chandra Ray. He then joined the same college as a professor of physics, and in 1921, he became a reader in the physics department at the newly established University of Dhaka. Later, he travelled to Europe and returned home.

Satyendra Nath Bose was a scholar who learnt on his own. Despite lacking formal research training and having limited connection with the global scientific community, he succeeded. His original research paper was published in 1924 after Albert Einstein translated it into German. With a steadfast commitment to unexplored science, he produced a groundbreaking work in 1924. He laid the foundation of quantum statistics and provide the basis for modern atomic theory. It was Satyendra Nath Bose who proposed the concept of the smallest particles, and on this basis, they were named bosons. Einstein's biographer, Abraham Pais, regarded Bose's work as one of the last four revolutionary papers of the old quantum theory. Bose's name has become immortal in the history of science through concepts and terms like Bose statistics, Bose-Einstein condensation,

and Higgs bosons. His contributions fundamentally transformed humanity's understanding of physics and paved the way for many scientific breakthroughs.

His scientific depth can be gauged from the fact that researchers who later advanced his ideas in various physical applications were awarded several Nobel Prizes in Physics. Professor Bose was an advocate of teaching science in the local language. He founded the Bengali science magazine Gyan-o-Bigyan. In 1954, he was awarded the Padma Vibhushan. To honor Professor Bose's work, the Government of India established the S.N. Bose National Centre for Basic Sciences, a research institute in Kolkata, in 1986. The S.N. Bose Bhawan was inaugurated at the Centre for Global Nuclear Energy Partnership at Sushma Swaraj Bhavan in New Delhi on March 18, 2025.

On 1 January 2018, on the 125th birth anniversary of Prof. Satyendra Nath Bose, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that he had learned a great deal about Bose's achievements, which were far ahead of his time and society. With very few resources and immense struggle, Bose served people through his ideas and discoveries. Even today, we continue to learn from his dedication and creativity. Prime Minister Modi had appealed that if every scientist could devote a little time to guiding even one child towards studying science and developing an interest in research, the future of millions of students in the country could be shaped. This, he said, would be the greatest tribute to Acharya Satyendra Nath Bose in his 125th birth year. Bose passed away on 4 February 1974. ●



# Your Money, Your Right

*The enduring partnership between the government and the public, based on trust, fosters fast development. In the last 11 years, this trust between the government and the public has scripted a new chapter of development in the country. With an eye on removing the mentality of slavery, a noble initiative has been undertaken to return crores of rupees unclaimed with banks, insurance companies, and mutual fund companies to their rightful owners. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, recognizing this initiative as "Your Money, Your Right," shared his thoughts on the social media platform LinkedIn, cherishing this new vision of New India...*



## Citizens' unclaimed amounts at various sources

Indian Banks holding	Insurance companies holds
<b>78,000</b> crore rupees	<b>14,000</b> crore rupees

*Mutual fund companies hold around Rs. 3,000 crore, and dividends worth Rs. 9,000 crore are also unclaimed.*

**During my speech at the Hindustan Times Leadership Summit a few days ago, I shared some startling facts:**

- These facts have startled a lot of people.
- After all, these assets represent the hard-earned savings and investments of countless families.
- The आपकी पूँजी, आपका अधिकार - Your Money, Your Right initiative was launched in October 2025.
- The aim is to ensure every citizen can reclaim what is rightfully his or hers.

**To make the process of tracing and claiming funds simple and transparent, dedicated portals have also been created. They are:**

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) – UDGM Portal for unclaimed bank deposits & balances: <https://udgm.rbi.org.in/unclaimed-deposits/>
- Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) – Bima Bharosa Portal for unclaimed insurance policy proceeds: <https://bimabharosa.irdai.gov.in/>
- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) – MITRA Portal for unclaimed amounts in mutual funds: <https://app.mfcentral.com/>
- Ministry of Corporate Affairs, IEPFA Portal for Unpaid dividends & unclaimed shares: <https://www.iepf.gov.in/>

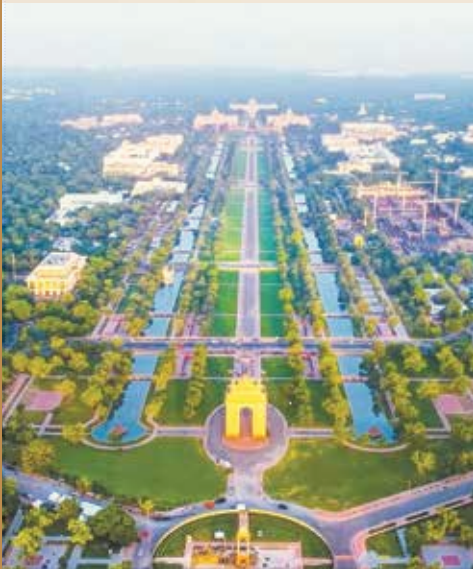
**I am happy to share that as of December 2025, facilitation camps have been organised in 477 districts across rural and urban India. The emphasis has been to cover remote areas.**

- Through the coordinated efforts of all stakeholders notably the Government, regulatory bodies, banks and other financial institutions, nearly Rs. 2,000 crore has already been returned to the rightful owners.

**But we want to scale up this movement in the coming days. And, for that to happen, I request you for assistance on the following:**

- Check whether you or your family have unclaimed deposits, insurance proceeds, dividends or investments.
- Visit the portals I have mentioned above.
- Make use of facilitation camps in your district.
- Act now to claim what is yours and convert a forgotten financial asset into a new opportunity. Your money is yours. Let us make sure that it finds its way back to you. ●

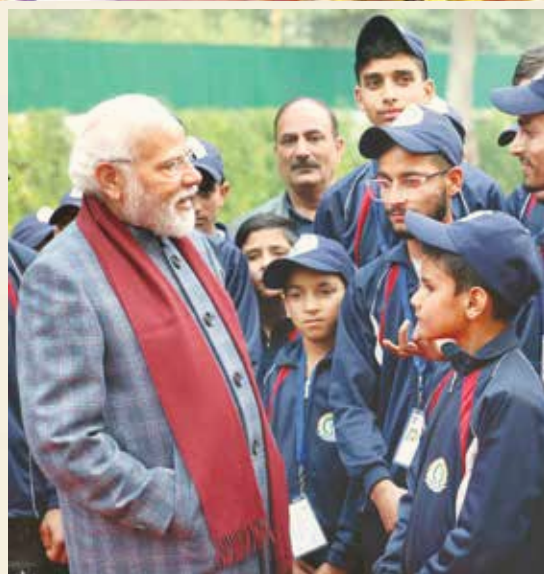
**Let's build together a transparent, financially empowered, and inclusive Bharat!**



# **Eradicating The Mentality Of Slavery In The Next 10 Years**







India has a proud civilization, but to make it more dynamic, a very ambitious effort is being made to free ourselves from the mentality of slavery aimed at triggering a cultural renaissance of Indian identity. When we forget our identity, we lose ourselves, but when identity returns, the nation's confidence also returns. In the last few years, a cultural renaissance to reassert our identity by eradicating the symbols of slavery and the policies associated with it has resulted in emancipation from the colonial mindset. This is more obviously visible in the nation's thoughts and behaviour. We embark on a very prosperous journey toward achieving the goal of freedom of mind and psyche with an eye on Viksit Bharat...

**As the New Year 2026 arrives, let us know how the Central Government is working to realize its vision of freedom from the mentality of slavery in the next 10 years.**

**T**he New Year 2026 has not only brought a new resolution but also a goal to achieve it. A few changes which may look very small but have a wide impact and become an integral part of life. In the same way, 'Charkha' and Salt became turning points during the freedom movement, which united the nation and shook the foundations of British rule. The Khadi became a symbol of resistance during the freedom movement and broke the shackles of slavery. Similarly, now, as India redefines itself as a nation, eradicating the symbols of slavery also becomes the nation's duty.

The new India is united with the same goal for freedom from the mentality of slavery. Behind this remarkable feat is the hard work of Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the last 11 years, who has taken numerous steps to eradicate the symbols of slavery through well-thought-out plans and policies. In a sense, India is transforming. In his Red Fort speech, Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke about freedom from the mentality of slavery, making a clarion call for 'Sabka Prayas.' Embarking on that path, foregoing the mentality of slavery, India is making a tryst with freedom in a real sense. If a nation has to progress, then taking pride in its cultural heritage is imperative. One of the most significant aspects of this is emancipation from the mentality of slavery. Efforts have been taken to ensure that colonial past and slavery symbols do not overshadow our national symbols. India's perspective on knowledge and culture is gaining a strong momentum. A new India is reaching the pinnacle of unprecedented development, good governance, and cultural and spiritual renaissance. Recent renaming of the Prime Minister's Office as Seva Teerth, the Raj Bhavan as Lok Bhavan, the Raj Niwas as Lok Niwas, and the Central Secretariat as Kartavya Bhavan



On the completion of 75 years of independence, the country has set for itself a vision of “Panch Pran.” It includes robust development goals and inspiration for duties. A call to denounce slave mentality and a sense of pride in our heritage. Today, India's ideals, dimensions, resolve, goals, paths, and symbols are our own.

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Narendra Modi, *Prime Minister*



## Steps For Emancipation From The Slave Mentality

140 Crore citizens have pledged to achieve goals of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call for "Panch Pran," so that the dream of a 'Swarnim Bharat' by 2047 can be realized...



### First

Building a 'Viksit Bharat'



### Second

Freedom from the colonial mindset



### Third

Take pride in our roots



### Fourth

Unity of the nation



### Fifth

Sense of duty among citizens

*Prime Minister Modi made the call of Pancha Prana from the Red Fort on Independence Day, August 15, 2022.*

indicates a new era of a new, meaningful, and dignified dimension to Indian governance. The change of names aligns with its vision to give a message that institutions are not power-centric, but facilitate the vision of liberation from the mentality of slavery, and the eternal values of public service, connecting to people, and dedication. In the last 11 years, the government led by PM Narendra Modi has shown that governance is not a medium of power but a steadfast resolve to serve. Slipping into the role of a "Pradhan Sevak," a history is in the making as India inches closer to becoming a Viksit Bharat. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is the leader of this journey, leading the nation in liberating itself from the mindset of slavery imported to India by Macaulay within the next 10 years, i.e., by 2035.

## FREEDOM FROM MACAULAY MENTALITY BY 2035

An Englishman named Macaulay, in 1835, about 190 years started the campaign of uprooting India from its roots. Macaulay laid the foundation of mental slavery in India. Ten years later, i.e., in 2035, 200 years will have passed since that event which tried to make Indians a mental slave. Under this backdrop, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has made a determined call to liberate India from the mentality of slavery in the coming ten years. Before we understand the campaign to liberate Indians from the mentality of slavery, its history must also be understood. This seed of creating discord was sown even before the 1857 War of Independence, when, in 1835, British MP Thomas Babington Ma-

# Name Changes Aimed At Boosting Self-Respect

*Its aim is not only customary in practice, but plays a key role in shaping psychological impact on our subconscious. Demolishing every sign of slavery is the first step toward breaking that mindset, as society is driven in its thoughts and actions by symbols.*

- **Seva Teerth:** In 2025, the Prime Minister's Office was renamed Seva Teerth.
- **Lok Bhavan and Lok Niwas:** The Raj Bhavan was renamed Lok Bhavan, and the Raj Niwas was renamed Lok Niwas.
- **Lok Kalyan:** In 2016, the road near the Prime Minister's residence, formerly known as Race Course Road, was renamed Lok Kalyan Marg. The name Race Course was reminiscent of the British era.
- **APJ Abdul Kalam Road:** In 2015, Delhi's Aurangzeb Road was renamed to its present name.
- **Dara Shikoh Road:** In 2017, Dalhousie Road was given this name.



- **Amrit Udyan:** As part of the "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" celebrations to mark 75 years of independence, the President renamed the gardens in Rashtrapati Bhavan as "Amrit Udyan."
- **Teen Murti Haifa:** In 2018, Teen Murti Chowk was renamed Teen Murti Haifa Chowk.
- Several such renamings have taken place over the past few years, and more such initiatives are underway. The places giving an impression of a slave mentality are being replaced with names inspired by Indian freedom fighters or those reflecting Indian identity.

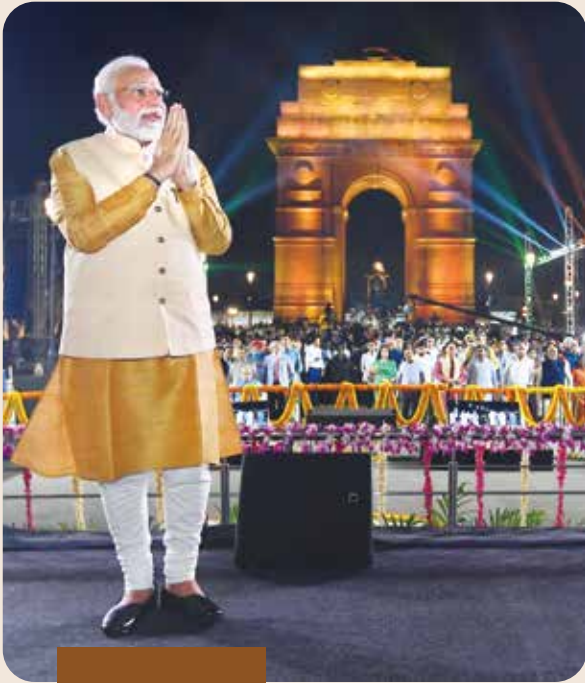
## Impact on the masses

*The colonial period names at several places reflected India's colonial past as a slave. Now, the renaming personifies duty, public spirit, and India's pride, promoting emancipation from mental slavery.*

caulay played a key role in launching this campaign to uproot India from its soul. He declared that he would create such Indians who would be Indian in appearance but English in their minds. And to achieve this, Macaulay did not merely change the Indian education system; he destroyed it from the roots. Mahatma Gandhi himself had said that India's ancient education system was like a beautiful tree that was uprooted and destroyed. India's education system ingrained the values of taking pride in one's

culture. Even in those times, equal emphasis was placed on skills and education. As part of his vicious plan set out to destroy the backbone of India's education system, and he succeeded. He took steps to spread the British language and British thinking in those times, leaving India to suffer for centuries to come. He was instrumental in demolishing people's self-confidence and instilled a sense of inferiority. In his malicious motive, Macaulay attempted to destroy thousands of years of Indian knowledge,





Kartavya Path

In 2022, the historic Rajpath was renamed “Kartavya Path.” Earlier, it was called “Kingsway.” This name was given in 1911, when King George V was visiting India to attend the Delhi Durbar.

- **Island Names Changed:** To commemorate the 75th anniversary of Netaji's historic visit to the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Havelock Island in the Andamans was renamed Swaraj Dweep, Neil Island as Shaheed Dweep, and Ross Island as Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Dweep.

science, art, and culture—the entire way of life. He succeeded in driving home the point that if Indians were to progress, if they were to achieve something great, they would have to do so using foreign methods. This sentiment grew even stronger after Independence. The impact of foreign influence was clearly visible on India's education system, economy, and social aspirations. The pride in Swadeshi methods and way of life diminished. The Swadeshi, which became the most potent weapon



**We have to completely free our country from the mentality of slavery in every field. I will not be able to do this without the help of 140 crore countrymen. Macaulay's policy, which sowed the seeds of mental slavery in India, will complete 200 years in 2035. In these ten years, we must all work together to free our country from the mentality of slavery.**

**Narendra Modi, *Prime Minister***

to drive away the British, lost its radiance. Foreign governance models were also sought. The Indians started looking towards foreign countries for innovation. This led to a tendency to consider imported ideas, goods, and services superior. The impact of Macaulay's ambition had a widespread impact. India gained independence, but it never got rid of its inferiority complex. As a result, everything foreign was considered good, whereas an attempt was made to find fault in our own things.

The new National Education Policy attempts to eradicate this mindset by laying emphasis on education in local languages. Macaulay's education system has been opposed in countless forums and speeches, but Prime Minister Narendra Modi showed real statesmanship to change it. A new National Education Policy was unveiled in 2020, after a 34-year hiatus, which is a more holistic, practical, and skill-based pedagogical approach. When English eclipses the entire system, the government has prioritized education in mother tongues and local languages. Hindi is gaining recognition on international platforms. Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses in the mother tongue on most global platforms, except for a few economic forums. In a real sense, the National



The Indian Navy has also adopted the symbol of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj by removing the ensign of slavery. The country has also fulfilled the long-standing wish of all the countrymen by building the National War Memorial.

**Narendra Modi**, *Prime Minister*

Education Policy liberated the nation's youth from the influence of foreign language. The nation's thoughts and behavior are being liberated from the mentality of slavery. This emancipation will pave the way for a Viksit Bharat. It is undeniable that when we do not prioritize our country, we reject the swadeshi ecosystem and deplore the Made in India manufacturing ecosystem, then it could be construed that a slave mentality is becoming dominant. The national languages are highly regarded in all places; whether it is Japan, China, or Korea, which have adopted many Western practices but haven't compromised on their own languages. Therefore, India has also placed special emphasis on teaching local languages in its new National Education Policy. India's standpoint is not to oppose English, but to assist and promote Indian languages with a sense of pride.

### **CLARION CALL FOR DUTY PAVES THE WAY FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE**

Our glorious saga is captured vividly in its monumental sites, including Kartavya Path, the new Parliament House, the new Defence

## **New Ensigns, National Emblems Promote the Nation's New Work Culture**

*New Ensigns and National Emblems reflect the country's modern thinking and changing work culture. They not only give a thrust to the nation's new direction but also foster the spirit of a strong, efficient, and progressive India.*

- **New Navy Flag:** Inspired by the royal seal of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, the new navy ensign has been introduced. The red St. George's Cross has been removed from the Navy flag.



Building, Bharat Mandapam, Yashobhoomi, the National War Memorial dedicated to the martyrs, the statue of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, and the Kartavya Bhavan. These buildings will inspire and serve as the heart of policy formulation in India's quest to become developed. Far-reaching decisions are being taken for the vision of Viksit Bharat, which will decide the direction of the nation in the coming decades. Rajpath has been named Kartavya Path, while the iconic Common Central Secretariat has



■ **Change in the timing of the General Budget:**

The budget timing was changed during Atal Bihari Vajpayee's tenure as Prime Minister. The budget began to be presented at 11 a.m. from 2001. Until 2000, the General Budget was presented at 5 p.m.

- **Budget date also changed:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi took a historic step, shifting the date of the General Budget from February 28 to February 1. Furthermore, breaking a 92-year-old tradition, the Railway Budget was merged with the General Budget.

- **End of 'Lal Batti' Culture:** By amending the Central Motor Vehicles Act, 1989, the Central Government has abolished the 'Lal Batti' culture in the country. Only essential services are permitted to use beacons. The 'Lal Batti' culture of the British era has been eliminated.



**National War Memorial**

The National War Memorial was dedicated to the nation as a memorial for the martyrs. The flame of the Amar Jawan Jyoti was also merged here.

■ **End of Darbar tradition:**

The 149-year-old practice of 'Darbar Move' between twin capitals of Srinagar and Jammu in Jammu and Kashmir was abolished in June 2021. The end of this practice resulted in annual savings of approximately ₹200 crore.

■ **Tradition was continuing since 1862:**

The tradition of changing the capital was started in 1862 by the Dogra ruler Gulab Singh. Gulab Singh was an ancestor of Maharaja Hari Singh. J&K became an integral part of India during Hari Singh's reign.

**Impact on the masses**

*Symbols and names have a profound impact on our thinking. When symbols change, the head is held high, and a sense of national pride grows, replacing the feeling of slavery.*

been named Kartavya Bhavan. They have been renamed in the best spirit of democratic values and the constitution. Rajpath was first called Kingsway. The name has a colonial past: in 1911, when King George V visited India to attend the Delhi Durbar, it was given the name of Kingsway. During this time, at the time of British rule, India's capital was shifted from Kolkata to Delhi. The British named this place Kingsway in honour of its monarch, King George V. In 1955, the Kingsway was renamed Rajpath, which

was its Hindi adaptation. The name 'Kartavya Path' cherishes liberation from the colonial era's symbol of slavery. Central Vista Avenue has become the pride of the Republic. This project was announced in September 2019, and on December 10, 2020, Prime Minister Modi laid its foundation stone. As part of this, the Centralized Secretariat, which has been named Kartavya Bhavan, was inaugurated by Prime Minister Modi in August 2025. Central Vista Avenue and the entire project showcase the aspirations of a



## Magnificent Buildings shaping India's quest for a Viksit Bharat

*The magnificent and impressive buildings built during Amrit Kaal are becoming witnesses to the progressive thinking and visionary policies as India marches forward to become a Viksit Bharat.*

- **Central Vista:** Repositioning India, and not just an architectural marvel, Central Vista has been envisaged to fill with pride public sentiment and a state-of-the-art civic use, overshadowing the structures of the British era. This project was announced in September 2019.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for this project on September 10, 2020.
- **Netaji's Statue:** The statue of a British King near India Gate has been replaced by a statue of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.
- **New Parliament House:** The newly constructed Parliament House was inaugurated on May 28, 2023. PM Modi laid the foundation stone for it in December 2020.
- **Features of the new Parliament House:** It is 17,000 square meters larger than the old Parliament House, spanning 64,500 square meters. The Lok Sabha has a seating capacity for 888 MPs and the Rajya Sabha for 326 MPs.
- **Joint Session of Parliament:** New Parliament House has a seating capacity for a total of 1,224 members during a joint session.
- **National Police Memorial:** On October 21, 2021, PM Modi dedicated the National Police Memorial to the nation. The names of 34,844 police personnel who made the supreme sacrifice across the country are inscribed in the Wall of Valour.

new and self-reliant India.

Kartavya (Duty) is the innate spirit of the country's karma-oriented philosophy. Overcoming personal gains to accept everyone in stride is inherent in the sense of duty. Renaming is a far-sighted measure for relieving the millions of countrymen from a colonial mindset. This is why Prime Minister Narendra Modi says, "Kartavya (duty) is beginning, duty is destiny which binds in the loving thread of compassion and diligence. Dreams realized are Kartavya, fulfillment

of resolutions is Kartavya. It is the pinnacle of hard work, and also the willpower that ignites the spirit in every life. Kartavya is the foundation to secure the rights of millions of countrymen. Kartavya is the flag bearer of Maa Bharati. Kartavya resonates the mantra of नागरिक देवो भवः (citizen is god), and imbues in itself the spirit that every action must be done with devotion to the nation." The Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav prepared the ground for giving new energy and new inspiration to the nation. Leaving



- **Memorials become a symbol of national pride:** PM Modi inaugurated the Biplobi Bharat Gallery at the Victoria Memorial Hall in Kolkata on March 23, 2022, on the occasion of Shaheed Diwas. The gallery showcases the contributions of revolutionaries to the freedom struggle.
- **This gallery highlights the revolutionaries' resistance:** It provides a glimpse into the revolutionary movement, the formation of various organizations by the revolutionaries, the expansion of the movement, the Indian National Army, the significance of the Naval Revolt, etc.
- **Inauguration of the Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose museum:** On January 23, 2019, on the occasion of great revolutionary Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's 122nd birth anniversary, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Museum at the Red Fort and dedicated it to the Indian National Army.
- **Dedicating a modern Defence Complex:** Inauguration of the new Defence Office Complex in September 2021. It accommodates around 7,000 officials from the Ministry of Defence and the Armed Forces.

## Igniting a democratic legacy from Teen Murti Bhavan

- **Teen Murti Bhavan:** This building was built in 1930. It was previously the residence of the Commander-in-Chief of the British Army.
- **Residence of the First Prime Minister:** India's first Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, made it his residence. After his demise in 1964, it was turned into a museum.

### Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya on April 14, 2022, to cherish Teen Murti Bhavan as a legacy of Indian democracy. It's 43 galleries highlight the contributions made by each Prime Minister.



## Impact on the masses

*This clearly shows the resolve that India will no longer embrace the legacy of the colonial era. The efforts made by the government will always remind us that our history and identity are independent, not subservient. This increases a sense of belonging and national pride.*

behind the past, the country is moving towards a prosperous future. The radiance visible in every particle is boosting the self-confidence of a new India. Kartavya Path has created a history away from the bad experience of colonialism. Kartavya Path is not just a physical entity but a vibrant symbol of India's democratic history and timeless ideals. Similarly, if Rajpath has ceased to exist and become the Kartavya Path, if the statue of George V has been replaced by a grand statue of Netaji, then this is not

the only case of abandonment of the slave mentality. In the words of Prime Minister Modi, "This is neither the beginning nor the end. This is a journey of determination that continues until the goal of freedom of mind and psyche is achieved."

For a long time, India's defence-related matters were carried out from hutments built during World War II. These hutments were designed to serve as horse stables and barracks. In the decades after independence, such hutments were converted into

## Culture and History Gets a Fillip

*Efforts giving a fillip to culture, education, and history provide an opportunity to understand values, knowledge traditions, and national identity from a new perspective. It not only connects the current generation to its roots but also prepares a balanced and strong intellectual foundation for the future...*

■ **Liberation from the Colonial Education System:** PM Modi has elucidated that the impact of the colonial education system imposed on India by Macaulay in 1835 will be completely liberated by 2035.

■ **Promotion of the Use of Indian Languages:** On October 3, 2024, the Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved granting classical language status to Marathi, Pali, Prakrit, Assamese, and Bengali.



NEP 2020

After 34 years, the country has received a new National Education Policy, which is completely based on practicality and skills. It prioritizes education in the mother tongue and local languages.

■ **New Category of languages:** On October 12, 2004, the Government of India decided to create new categories of languages as "Classical Languages," in which Tamil was declared a classical language.

■ **Judicial matters:** Indian languages are gaining focus in the justice system.

■ **Indian Perspective:** Under the new National Education Policy, special attention has been given to Indian perspectives in educational content.

■ **New Laws:** With the implementation of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023, criminal laws have been freed from colonial mindset.

### Impact on the masses

*It fosters self-respect, self-reliance, and an ecosystem of proudly embracing one's past. It reduces reliance on history written from the old British perspective. It also curbs the mindset that English is the superior language, increasing the respect for local languages.*

the offices of the Ministry of Defence, Army, Navy, and Air Force, and minor repairs were carried out from time to time. And if some higher officials were to come, a fresh coat of paint was done. Today when we are engaged in efforts to modernize the military might of the 21st century India in every respect, equipping (our armed forces) with modern weapons, modernizing the border infrastructure, ensuring better coordination through the Chief of Defence Staff of the forces, procurement processes

tailored to the military's needs, then how could we have allowed the work related to the defence and security of the country continued through decades-old hutments. Therefore, it was necessary to change these conditions. These defence office complexes are a reflection of yet another change in the work culture and priority of the government.

Moreover, for decades after independence, the country's administrative machinery was run from buildings built during British rule. These dilapidat-



# Cultural Renaissance, Heritage, and Reviving Centers of Civilization

*In this era of cultural renaissance, the revival of temples, pilgrimage sites, heritage sites, and centers of civilization reinvigorates spiritual and cultural prowess. Such efforts not only restore traditions but preserve rich heritage for future generations...*

■ **Panchjanya Memorial and Mahabharata Experience Centre:** PM Modi recently inaugurated the 'Panchjanya' memorial constructed in honour of the sacred conch of Lord Krishna in Kurukshetra, and also visited the Mahabharata Experience Centre.

■ **Punaura Dham:** Work has started on the development of the Punaura Dham temple complex, the birthplace of Maa Sita, in Sitamarhi, Bihar. This magnificent temple will be built on an area of over 68 acres at a cost of approximately ₹890 crore.

■ **Statue of Unity, Statue of Equality:**

The 182-meter-tall Statue of Unity of Sardar Patel, the tallest statue in the world, was unveiled in Gujarat. Hyderabad houses the world's tallest seated statue, known as the Statue of Equality in memory of the 11th-century Vaishnavite saint Sri Ramanujacharya. Similarly, the 108-foot-tall Statue of Prosperity is dedicated to Bengaluru's founder, Nadaprabhu Kempegowda.

■ **Suheldev Memorial, Sant Tukaram Temple:** The Suheldev Memorial in Uttar Pradesh was inaugurated in 2025. The Sant Tukaram Temple was inaugurated, and a plaque was unveiled at the Vitthal Rukmini Temple in Dehu.



On November 25, 2025, the construction of the grand, divine, new temple at Shri Ram Janmabhoomi in Ayodhya was completed. Work was undertaken for the conservation and heritage projects of the Kashi, Mahakal, Kedarnath, Somnath, and Ayodhya temples.

## Impact on the masses

*Strengthening the sense among citizens that our civilization is centuries old and great. This directly challenges the slave mentality that considered Indian culture inferior.*

ing buildings decades ago were deteriorating. The same building housed many important ministries for nearly 100 years with inadequate resources. Not only that, but different ministries of the Government of India were operating from 50 different locations across Delhi. India of the 21st century needs modern systems and buildings. These buildings should reflect excellence in terms of technology, security, and convenience. Where employees feel comfortable, decisions are taken quickly, and

services are accessible. Therefore, grand buildings like Kartavya Bhawan are being constructed with a holistic approach centered around the path of duty. Now, the Central Government is engaged in the reconstruction of India with a holistic approach. Every part of the country is witnessing a fresh wave of development. Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of the Nation, said that rights and duties are interconnected. Rights are strengthened only through the fulfillment of duties. If duty is expect-



New India is changing rapidly. From the Red Fort, I discussed in detail the liberation from the slave mentality and the need for Sabka Prayas. Today, it is a matter of great pride to see that India has left behind the mentality of slavery and has now begun to move forward with the self-respect of independence.

**Narendra Modi**, *Prime Minister*

ed from citizens, then duty is paramount for the government as well. When a government fulfills its duties seriously, it is reflected in good governance. This has been evident in the past 11 years. Therefore, Prime Minister Modi has appealed on numerous occasions, "With a sense of duty, we must always remain engaged in nation-building. We must always remember that the dreams of a Viksit Bharat are inherent in duty."

## EVERY TRACE OF SLAVERY IS BEING ELIMINATED

The mentality of slavery had affected every corner of our system. The efforts to rid India of this mentality are raising pride of the Constitution. The British era system, reminiscent of the 'Lal Batti', has been abolished. The Indian Navy carried its Naval Ensign, which had the imprint of a colonial mindset that had no connection to our civilization, our strength, or our heritage. The symbol of slavery that represented the

## Swadeshi and self-reliance have become the key components

*Swadeshi and self-reliance have become the key components of development, giving a strong direction to the economic and technological capabilities of the nation. This promotes local innovation and strengthens India's global identity.*

- **Make in India, Vocal for Local:** The Government of India issued the revised Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India) Order, 2017 on September 16, 2020, with the aim of boosting "Make in India" and increasing income and employment. This has been done to promote the manufacturing and production of goods and services in India.
- **Made in India Chips:** Made in India chips, made in India, by the people of India, are likely to enter the market soon.



colonial era was removed from the Indian Navy flag. This was not just a change in design, but also points to a period of emancipation from mental slavery. It was a declaration that India would now be defined by its own strength, its own symbols, and not by anyone else's legacy.

When we gained freedom in 1947, according to the British, it was a "transfer of power." Despite freedom, we retained many such symbols and systems. For nearly six decades after independence,



## Self-Reliance in Defense Sector

The Power of Swadeshi showcased during Operation Sindoor

India is working towards a target of achieving ₹3 lakh crore worth of defense production by 2029.

### Defense Exports



Target of ₹50,000 crore in defense exports by 2029

- **Operation Sindoor:** Launched on May 7, 2025, after the Pahalgam terror attack, Operation Sindoor demonstrated a well-planned response by all three armed forces. The operation embodied precision, professionalism, and a purpose. Punitive and targeted operations were carried out to dismantle the terror infrastructure deep inside Pakistan.
- **Strength of Swadeshi Weapons:** During Operation Sindoor, the world witnessed the prowess of the Akash missile system, BrahMos, Akashteer air defense control system, and other swadeshi equipment/platforms.



## Khadi becomes a symbol of fashion and pride

- **Fashion brands associating with Khadi:** Today, India's top fashion brands are coming forward to associate with Khadi. Record production and sales of Khadi products.
- **Khadi Production:** Khadi production increased by more than four times in 2013-14, surpassing ₹26,000 crore in 2024-25.
- **Khadi Sales:** Khadi sales have increased by more than four times in the last 10 years. From over ₹31,000 crore in 2013-14, it increased by almost five times to over ₹1.70 lakh crore in 2024-25. An increase of 447%.

### Impact on the masses

*The perception that foreign goods are superior is being demolished. Trust in Indian-made goods is growing. Defense products made in India are now being exported to over 100 countries, including the United States, France, and Armenia.*

we did not gave up their beliefs and governance system. Despite its huge pool of intellect and talent, India failed to achieve the confidence it required after independence to play the role it deserved. European values dominated India's social capital and cultural traditions. One of the first steps to liberate the colonial mindset was to change the time of the budget presentation. Until the year 2000, the general budget was presented at 5 pm. This British-era tradition continued for more than

five decades after independence. This tradition was established so that the British rulers in London could hear the budget at 11 am their local time. Atal Bihari Vajpayee's government changed this practice, and a precedent was set to present the budget at 11 am Indian time from 2001. Prime Minister Narendra Modi took giant and bold decisions to bring forward the budget date from February 28th to February 1st, and, breaking a 92-year-old tradition, merged the Railway Budget with the General Budget.

# Sports & Science Boost Self-Confidence

*The growth of sports, science, and startups has instilled self-respect and confidence in youth. Due to these incredible achievements of youth, the country is getting recognized at the global level...*

## Athletic Excellence at the Olympics

- India's Olympic journey has transitioned remarkably, marking a new era of athletic excellence.
- Compared to a modest 2 medals by a 117-member contingent in 2016, India won 7 medals at Tokyo 2020 and continued its strong performance with 6 medals at Paris 2024.
- Neeraj Chopra became India's first Olympic gold medalist in athletics (javelin) (Tokyo 2020).



## Impact on the masses

*'We too can do it spirit' is popular among the youth. This is curbing the mentality of slavery.*

## Chandrayaan 3 Success, Gaganyaan right on track for launch

- India declared August 23 as 'National Space Day' to celebrate the success of the Chandrayaan-3.
- With this, India has become the fourth country to land on the Moon and the first to reach near the Moon's South Pole.
- India's first manned space mission, Gaganyaan, is progressing fast, scheduled for launch in the first quarter of 2027.
- The first manned lunar mission is planned by 2040 as part of India's Space Vision 2047.
- **Startup Culture getting a fillip:** The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade has recognized over two lakh startups under the Startup India initiative.
- **World's Third Largest Startup Ecosystem:** India now has the third largest startup ecosystem in the world after the United States and China.
- **Employment:** These startups have created over 17.6 lakh jobs, giving a boost to new opportunities across diverse sectors.
- **Unicorns:** The number of Unicorns exceeds 118 by 2025, whereas in 2014, India had only four Unicorns. This reflects strong homegrown innovation and investor confidence.



These steps completely freed the country's budget process from slavery. Until 2016, the road near the Prime Minister's residence was called Race Course Road, but it was renamed Lok Kalyan Marg. The name Race Course was given by the British, and no attention was paid to change its name even after independence. In fact, a colonial mindset became deeply rooted in the country.

Not only this, the prayer hymn "Abide with Me" was discontinued from the Beating Retreat ceremony

following the Republic Day celebrations. In its place, poet Pradeep's famous song "Ae Mere Watan Ke Logon" was included. The flame of the Amar Jawan Jyoti was merged with the flame at the National War Memorial. To commemorate the 75th anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's historic visit to the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Havelock Island in the Andamans was renamed Swaraj Dweep, Neil Island was renamed Shaheed Dweep, and Ross Island was renamed Netaji Subhash





## Digital Self-Reliance

*Over the past decade, the Indian government's policies are making citizens digitally self-reliant. India has demonstrated its strength on the global stage, from money transactions to technology...*

### UPI and Digital Transactions

- India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) has now become the world's number one real-time payment system. It has surpassed Visa in daily transaction processing.
- UPI accounts for 85% of digital payments in India and 50% globally.

### Digital India

- DigiLocker has over 53.92 crore users; Umang offers 2,300 services in 23 languages.
- BharatNet connected 2.18 lakh gram panchayats with high-speed internet.

### 5G, 6G Indian Technology

- 5G launched in October 2022, further accelerating digital services.
- In 22 months, India installed 4.74 lakh 5G towers, covering 99.6% of districts. 2.95 lakh towers were added in 2023-24 alone.
- More than 86 percent of households are now connected to the internet.
- On March 22, 2023, the 'India 6G Vision' document was released, envisioning India as a leading contributor in the design, development, and implementation of 6G technology by 2030.

### Impact on the masses

*Digital technology is no longer the privilege of the wealthy; It's no longer limited to the wealthy; even the remotest villages are reaping the benefits of technological advancements. This demonstrates that India can become a leader in technology.*

Chandra Bose Dweep. A museum dedicated to Netaji, called Kranti Mandir, was commissioned at the Red Fort, and the Biplovi Bharat Gallery was set up at the Victoria Memorial in Kolkata.

To associate the masses with the exemplified bravery and valour of Netaji, it was decided to celebrate his birthday, January 23rd, as Parakram Diwas. At first, a hologram statue of Netaji at India Gate on Netaji's 125th birth anniversary was unveiled by Prime Minister Modi on his 125th birth

anniversary. On September 8, 2022, a grand granite statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was unveiled at the same site. Commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Azad Hind Government, Prime Minister Modi hoisted the tricolor at the Red Fort. Now, after freeing India from this symbol of slavery, Netaji's statue will forever inspire people to live and die for the country.

This is not just limited to an attack on colonial symbols but a well-thought-out move to free India

# Making Independence Day and Republic Day a Celebration of the masses

*The national celebrations, including main events at the Red Fort on Independence Day and Republic Day, are marked by high participation and enthusiasm by the people of the country, shaping their ethos.*

■ **Changes to the Independence Day Celebrations:** On Independence Day, August 15th, a 21-gun salute is given at the Red Fort. In 2022, for the first time, indigenously manufactured DRDO guns were used for this purpose.

■ **Changes to the Republic Day Celebrations:** The hymn "Abide with Me" was removed from the Beating Retreat ceremony, which follows the Republic Day celebrations. In its place, poet Pradeep's famous song "Ae Mere Watan Ke Logon" was included.

■ **Mission Amrit Sarovar:** The Central Government launched

Mission Amrit Sarovar in 2022 as a flagship initiative under the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. The mission aims to create and revive 75 water sources in each district across the country, thereby promoting water conservation.

■ **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav:** Launched to commemorate 75 years of India's independence. The program aimed to rekindle and renew the patriotic fervor that arose during the freedom movement and to remember the contributions of freedom fighters, especially the unsung heroes.

## Har Ghar Tiranga

Launched in 2022 as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, this campaign has now become a powerful medium of expressing patriotism. Indian masses and diaspora have participated in it. By 6 pm on August 16, 2025, a total of 7.50 crore selfies were uploaded by people as part of India's "Har Ghar Tiranga" campaign



## Impact on the masses

*The psychological divide between the government and the public is bridging. Instilling a sense of Indianness, becoming a partner with the government.*

from mental slavery. Today, hundreds of laws dating back to the British era have been attuned to the present times by updating or replacing them.

The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita is a watershed moment in making Aatma Nirbhar Bharat, freeing itself from the mindset of slavery. India now has its own law that is completely imbued with the spirit of Swadeshi, whose goal is justice, not punishment. With the implementation of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita,

2023, and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023, effective July 1, 2024, criminal laws have been freed from the mindset of slavery. In India, the swadeshi justice system has now replaced the laws enacted by the British. Laws stress the interests of the common man and prioritize the protection of every segment of society, placing the rights of citizens at the forefront. The swadeshi justice system of a modern and Aatma Nirbhar Bharat is ensuring transparent and speedy justice for the common people.



### Meri Maati, Mera Desh

More than 20,000 delegates from 36 states and union territories converged in the national capital with over 8,000 Amrit Kalash to participate in this event held on October 31, 2023.



### Public Participation in the G-20

A record number of youth from various schools, higher education institutions, and skill development institutes across the country participated in the G-20 Jan Bhagidari campaign. Several programs were organized across the country under the G-20 University Connect initiative.

## ADVENT OF A NEW ERA IGNITING CULTURAL PRIDE

During the period of slavery Indian symbols were hostilely targeted by oppressors to weaken India. Seven decades after independence there is a reversal. A clarion call from Red Fort is leading the nation in abandoning the mentality of slavery and restoring pride in its heritage. Ayodhya is also witnessing a cultural renaissance. This mentality of slavery has denied Rama his rightful place. Lord Ram is a value



Our Republic Day celebrations now resonate with the sounds of Indian musical instruments. Every Indian is filled with joy upon hearing the patriotic songs played at the Beating Retreat ceremony.

**Narendra Modi, Prime Minister**





No country can progress without self-confidence. Unfortunately, a long spell of slavery had shaken this self-confidence. And the reason for this was slave mentality... it is a big obstacle in the Viksit Bharat journey.

**Narendra Modi,**  
*Prime Minister*

system in himself. From King Ram of Orchha, to devotee Ram of Rameshwaram, and from Lord Ram of Shabari, to guest Ram ji of Mithila, Ram is present in every home of India, in the heart of every Indian, and in every particle of India. But the mentality of slavery became so dominant that even Lord Ram started being declared imaginary. What began at Somnath has now become a campaign. Today, the grandeur of the Vishwanath Temple in Kashi exemplifies India's eternal glory. Mahakal Mahalok is a testament to imperishable saga of India's glory. Kedarnath Temple is also reaching pinnacle of development. By developing the Buddha Circuit, India is once again attracting the world to the land of Buddha's. Work is also progressing rapidly to develop the Ram Circuit in the country. Before the end of 2025, the construction of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya has been completed, with the Dharma Dhawajrohan. This transformation has affirmed that if our resolution will lead

## New Agendas

# Resolve to Become a Developed Nation by the 100th Year of Independence

*The Government of India, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has made it clear that India is rapidly moving towards becoming a developed nation by 2047. To realize this resolve, the country is making rapid strides in every sector...*

- The resolve to make India a self-reliant developed nation by 2047 was articulated during the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. To achieve this, schemes, policies, and initiatives were launched attuned to the spirit of Swadeshi. This vision encompasses not only material prosperity but also mental freedom, socio-economic self-reliance, and an understanding of rights and duties.
- **Youth at the Heart of a Viksit Bharat campaign:** Nearly 65% of India's population is under the age of 35. This vibrant and



us to complete liberation from mental slavery within the next ten years. This will ignite such a flame and confidence that no one can stop India from achieving the dream of a Viksit Bharat by 2047. India's foundation will be secured for the next thousand years when we completely destroy Macaulay's project of slavery within the next ten years. A nation can move towards holistic development only when it embraces its social realities and cultural identity.

dynamic generation will realize the nation's vision of becoming a developed India by 2047.

- **Initiatives for Youth:** The transformation brought about by initiatives for youth over the past 11 years is showing its impact. Skilled professionals, sustainable businesses, and athletes are competing globally, while more young leaders are building communities.
- **My Bharat:** This initiative connects youth through programs on skill development, community service, Fit India, cleanliness, disaster preparedness, and social awareness.
- **PM Viksit Bharat Rojgar Yojana:** The PM Viksit Bharat Rojgar Yojana was launched with the aim of ensuring that the country's youth play a key role in the nation's development. This ₹1 lakh crore scheme aims to employ 3 Crore young Indians.
- **Nuclear Power Capacity to rise 10-fold by 2047:** India's nuclear power generation capacity is expected to increase tenfold by 2047. Under this plan, 10 new nuclear reactors are under construction, ensuring energy security and sustainable development.
- **One Goal:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi has called for every institution and every individual to move forward with the resolve that every effort and action will be taken for a Viksit Bharat.



*As a result of initiatives taken in the past few years, the impact of colonial symbols on national symbols has diminished. The Indian perspective on knowledge and culture has strengthened. Teachers and bureaucracy are being transformed into karma yogis.*

### Impact on the masses

*This demonstrates that the slave mentality will be eradicated by everyone's efforts. A sustainable, comprehensive, development-oriented vision of self-reliance and a new national culture are needed.*

## PRESERVING POSITIVE HERITAGE

When successful nations progress, they don't abandon their positive heritage; they preserve it. Today, India is moving fast to achieve the vision of "Vikas Bhi, Virasat Bhi." After the new Kartavya Bhawan, North and South Blocks will also become part of India's great heritage. North and South Blocks are being transformed into a museum, "Yuge Yugeen Bharat," for the people of the country. Every citizen will be able to visit

here and witness the country's historical journey.

Undoubtedly, in the past few years, both the nation's thoughts and behavior are becoming free from the mentality of slavery. This resolve is inspiring the nation to move towards the goal of a Viksit Bharat. In this New Year India has decided that by 2035 in next 10 years it will get rid of the crime committed by Macaulay in the year 1835 marking completion of 200 years of this reprehensible act. ●



# A Self-Confident India

*One-fourth of the 21st century, filled with uncertainties, has passed. In these 25 years, financial crises, global pandemics, and wars have challenged the world in one way or another. Amidst all this, India is brimming with self-confidence. That's why Prime Minister Narendra Modi said at the Hindustan Times Leadership Summit 2025 that a confident India is paving the way for tomorrow's transformation through today's reforms and performance...*

India's Quarter-2 GDP figures reflect a new momentum of progress in the country. GDP growth in the second quarter was 8.2 percent. This is not just a number; it is a sign of a strong economy. The Prime Minister emphasized that this is not just a number but a strong macroeconomic signal, a message that India today is becoming the growth driver of the global economy. He highlighted that these figures come at a time when global growth is around three percent and the economies of the G-7 average about one and a half percent. He underlined that in such circumstances India has emerged as a model of high growth and low inflation. He recalled that there was a time when economists expressed concern about high inflation, but today the same economists speak of low inflation. When the world talks about economic slowdown, India writes a story of growth. When the world faces a crisis of confidence, India becomes a pillar of trust.

A large part of India's potential remained untapped for a long time. He stated that when this untapped potential receives greater opportunities, when it participates fully and without hindrance in the nation's

development, the transformation of the country is certain. The Prime Minister urged reflection on eastern India, the Northeast, villages, tier-two and tier-three cities, the women's power, the innovative youth, the maritime strength and blue economy, and the space sector, pointing out that their full potential had not been utilised in previous decades. "India's women power is achieving remarkable feats, and the daughters of the nation are excelling in every field," exclaimed the Prime Minister, emphasizing that this transformation is no longer limited to women empowerment alone but is transforming both the mindset and the strength of society. The prime minister highlighted that when new opportunities are created and obstacles are removed, new wings are added to soar in the sky. Citing the example of India's space sector, which earlier remained under government control, PM Modi noted that reforms were introduced to open the space sector to the private sector.

He emphasized that today reforms are undertaken with national goals in mind. He highlighted that improvements are happening across every sector, with India's pace remaining constant, its direction consis-





**the transformation happening in India is not merely about possibilities but is a true narrative of changing lives, changing mindsets, and changing directions.**

**Today's journey of India is not only about development but also about a change in mindset, a psychological renaissance.**

**Narendra Modi, *Prime Minister***

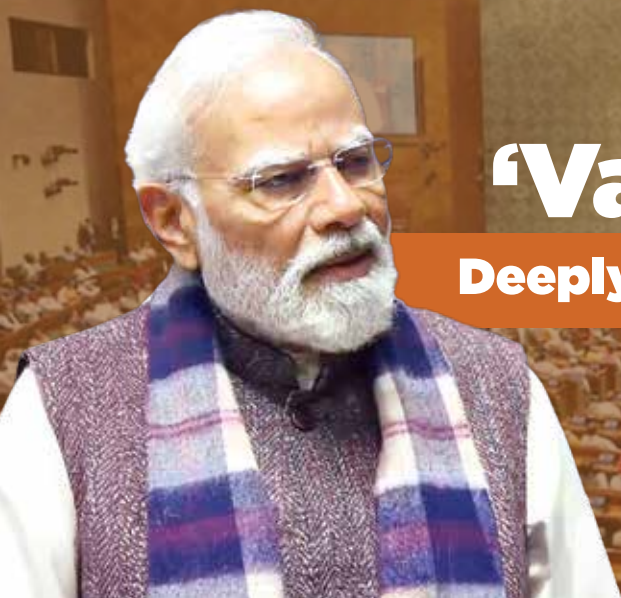


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tent, and its intent firmly rooted in Nation First. He underlined that the year 2025 has been a year of such reforms, with the most significant being the next-generation GST. He remarked that this year a major reform was also introduced in the direct tax system, with zero tax on income up to 12 lakh rupees, a step that was unimaginable even a decade ago. Earlier, even for a loan of 1000 rupees, banks demanded guarantees because of excessive distrust. PM emphasized that this vicious cycle of distrust was broken through the Mudra Yojana, under which guarantee-free loans worth 37 lakh crore rupees have been given so far. Money has given confidence to the youth, enabling them to become entrepreneurs.

PM Modi said that if campaigns like Aatmanirbhar Bharat had been initiated four to five decades ago, mentioning that five to six decades ago a company had come forward to set up a semiconductor plant in India but was not given due attention, India's picture would have been different today. India imports petrol, diesel, and gas worth approximately ₹125 lakh crore every year. Until 2014, the country's solar power capacity was only 3 gigawatts. In the last 10 years, it has now increased to around 130 gigawatts. Before 2014, the country imported 75% of its mobile manufacturing needs, which has now dropped to almost zero.

PM Modi emphasized that after 2014 a reform was introduced, the nation performed, and the transformative results are now being witnessed by the world. India's achievements are not ordinary, nor are they merely about statistics, but represent a fundamental change brought by the nation in the past decade. PM noted that this fundamental change is about resilience, about the tendency to find solutions to problems, about removing apprehension and expanding aspirations. It is for this reason that today's India is transforming itself and is also transforming the tomorrow to come. He emphasized that today's reforms and today's performance are paving the way for tomorrow's transformation. ●



# 'Vande Mataram'

## Deeply ingrained in the veins of India

*Vande Mataram... that showed India the path of self-reliance; Vande Mataram... that gave energy and inspiration to the freedom movement; Vande Mataram... which became a mantra to challenge foreign companies; Vande Mataram... which revived the idea that has lived in the very pulse of India for thousands of years. The 150 years of Vande Mataram are being completed at a time when many inspiring chapters of history are once again coming before us. During this period, a special discussion on Vande Mataram started on December 8, 2025 in the 'Temple of Democracy' – the Parliament – in which Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the 150-year journey of Vande Mataram has passed through many milestones. Here are the edited excerpts...*

**M**aharshi Aurobindo had said that Vande Mataram is the mantra of India's rebirth, which reflects its profound significance. As Vande Mataram completes 150 years, the reverence and celebration surrounding it will help children, adolescents, youth and many generations to come understand its importance. In composing Vande Mataram, Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay meticulously revived India's core civilization, cultural nationalism, and the tradition of envisioning the nation as a mother and worshipping her. This national song spread from Kashmir to Kanyakumari, touching the hearts of people everywhere without any promotion. Vande Mataram has become a mantra of renaissance for all those who hold deep reverence for India's culture.

### REVISITING VANDE MATARAM IS INDEED A PROFOUND HONOUR

The very slogan that energized and inspired India's freedom struggle, that illuminated the path of sacrifice and dedication – remembering that Vande

Mataram once again is a great privilege for all of us. This is a period that brings countless events of history before us.

### THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA WAS THROTTLED ON THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF VANDE MATARAM

When Vande Mataram completed 50 years, the nation was compelled to live under colonial rule; when it reached 100 years, the country was shackled by the chains of Emergency. At the time of the centenary celebrations of Vande Mataram, the Constitution of India was throttled. Those who lived and died for patriotism were imprisoned behind bars.

### AN OPPORTUNITY TO FULFIL THE DREAMS OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS

This is an opportunity to establish 150 years of Vande Mataram as a festival of pride. It is this very Vande Mataram that brought the country independence in 1947. The spirit of Vande Mataram, which fought for





This is the strength of the nation, a powerful flow of energy that connects the country with emotions, a stream of consciousness, and a reflection of the unbroken cultural current that propels progress. It is not merely a period of remembrance but a time to draw new energy and inspiration and to dedicate ourselves to it.

**Narendra Modi, Prime Minister**



the country's independence, is an opportunity once again. Come, let us all take the country along. Let 150 years of Vande Mataram become our inspiration and energy to fulfil the dreams of freedom fighters. May the country become self-reliant, a Viksit Bharat in 2047.

### **VANDE MATARAM BECAME A SHIELD AGAINST BRITISH CONSPIRACIES**

The journey of Vande Mataram began with Bankim Chandra in 1875. The song was composed at a time when, after the 1857 freedom struggle, the British Empire was unsettled and imposed various pressures and injustices upon India, forcing its people into submission. During that period, the national anthem of the British, 'God Save The Queen', was being conspired to spread into every household in India. Bankim Da issued a challenge, responding with greater force, and from that defiance Vande Mataram was born. A few years later, in 1882, when Bankim Chandra wrote 'Anand Math', the song was incorporated into it.

### **VANDE MATARAM AWAKENED A CENTURIES-OLD CONSCIOUSNESS**

Vande Mataram awakened a centuries-old consciousness that had been deeply ingrained in the veins of India for thousands of years. Vande Mataram was not merely a mantra for political freedom or simply about driving away the British

*We must become self-reliant and realize the dream of a Viksit Bharat by 2047. If 50 years before independence someone could dream of a free India, then 25 years before 2047 we too can dream of a prosperous and developed India and dedicate ourselves to realizing it.*

and charting our own path; it went far beyond that. When we chant Vande Mataram, we are reminded of the Vedic period. It has been said since the Vedic period, 'माता भूमिः पुत्रोऽहं पृथिव्याः', meaning, "This land is my mother, and I am the son of the Earth." This very thought was echoed by Lord Shri Ram when he renounced the grandeur of Lanka, declaring 'जननी जन्मभूमिश्च स्वर्गादपि गरीयसी'.

### **IN PRAISE OF VANDE MATARAM...**

When Bankim Chandra Chatterjee composed Vande Mataram, it naturally became the voice of the freedom movement. Therefore, in praise of Vande Mataram, it was written, "मातृभूमि स्वतंत्रता की वेदिका पर मोदमय, मातृभूमि स्वतंत्रता की वेदिका पर मोदमय, स्वार्थ का बलिदान है, ये शब्द हैं वंदे मातरम, है संजीवनी मंत्र भी, यह विश्व विजयी मंत्र भी, शक्ति का आह्वान है, यह शब्द वंदे मातरम। उष्ण शोणित से लिखो, वक्तस्थलि को चीरकर वीर का अभिमान है, यह शब्द वंदे मातरम।"





### **Union Home Minister Amit Shah initiated a special discussion in the Rajya Sabha**

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah initiated a special discussion in the Rajya Sabha on December 9th, marking the 150th anniversary of the national song “Vande Mataram”. During the discussion, he stated that during the period of slavery, many of our temples, universities, art centres, agriculture, and education systems were destroyed, but no one could erase the spirit of our culture. Bankim Babu composed Vande Mataram to awaken and reorganize that spirit. Neither the British nor the people who embraced that civilization could stop it.



**Vande Mataram will never become irrelevant. The need that existed for it when it was composed is just as great today. At that time, Vande Mataram became the driving force to liberate the country, whereas in this Amrit Kaal, Vande Mataram will become the rallying cry to make India developed and great.**

*Amit Shah, Union Home Minister*



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### **BHARAT MATA, THE GODDESS OF KNOWLEDGE AND PROSPERITY**

During the British era, a fashion had emerged to portray India as weak, incompetent, lazy, and idle, and even those educated under colonial influence echoed the same language. Bankim Da shook off this inferiority complex and revealed India's powerful form through Vande Mataram. He emphasised that Bharat Mata is both the goddess of knowledge and prosperity and also the fierce Chandika who wields weapons against enemies.

### **PERHAPS THE WORLD WILL NEVER AGAIN FIND SUCH POETIC EXPRESSION**

Has anyone ever imagined that every stage of the freedom struggle flowed with the spirit of Vande Mataram, and its shores nurtured that sentiment? Such poetic expression, where the entire journey of independence was intertwined with the emotions of Vande Mataram, may perhaps never be found anywhere else in the world. The world must know that even during the period of colonialism, India produced individuals capable of creating such a profound song of sentiment, which is a wonder for the world. We must proclaim this with pride, and then the world too will begin to celebrate it. Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore had written, “Bound in one thread are thousands of minds; dedicated to one work are thousands of lives—Vande Mataram.”

### **VANDE MATARAM SHOOK THE BRITISH; A LEGAL BAN WAS IMPOSED**

Bankim Babu's song shook the British to the core. Such was the power of the song that the British were compelled to impose a legal ban on it. The harshest atrocities for singing Vande Mataram took place in Barisal. That Barisal is no longer a part of India today. It was then that the

*If the dream of the great leaders was a free India, the dream of today's generation is a prosperous India. The spirit of Vande Mataram nurtured the dream of freedom, and in the same way, it will nurture the dream of a prosperous India as well. Let us acknowledge our debt to Vande Mataram, carry forward its spirit, and move ahead, taking all our countrymen along. Let us fulfil this dream.*

## **A four-phase celebration of Vande Mataram up to November 2026**

On 1 October 2025, the Union Cabinet passed a resolution marking the 150th anniversary of Vande Mataram, deciding that the entire following year would be devoted to celebrating Vande Mataram. The first phase of this celebration was held in November 2025. The second phase will be in January 2026, the third in August 2026, and the fourth in November 2026.

brave woman of Barisal, Sarojini Ghosh, declared, 'I will remove my bangles until the ban is lifted.'

### **VANDE MATARAM STOOD LIKE A ROCK**

The British first worked towards breaking Bengal. In 1905, when the British committed the sin of partitioning Bengal, Vande Mataram stood firm like a rock. In Bengal's streets, a Bengali song echoed - "Dear Mother, serving you and chanting Vande Mataram, even if life is lost, that life is blessed."

### **OUR BRAVE SONS WENT TO THE GALLOWS SINGING VANDE MATARAM**

Our brave sons of India climbed the gallows without fear, with their last breath chanting Vande Mataram. Khudiram Bose, Madanlal Dhingra, Ram Prasad Bismil, Ashfaqulla Khan, Roshan Singh, Rajendranath Lahiri, Ramkrishna Biswas, and countless others who embraced the noose with Vande Mataram on their lips. One India, Great India – they all shared the same mantra: Vande Mataram.

### **VANDE MATARAM SHOWED THE PATH TO SELF-RELIANCE**

Vande Mataram also showed India the path of self-reliance. That time, from matchboxes to large ships, the tradition of inscribing Vande Mataram became a medium to challenge foreign companies and turned into a mantra of Swadeshi. In 1907, V.O. Chidambaram Pillai built a ship for the Swadeshi company and inscribed 'Vande Mataram' on it. National poet Subramania Bharati translated Vande Mataram into Tamil and composed hymns. Bharati also wrote India's flag song, which described a flag inscribed with Vande Mataram.

*We awaken the spirit of Vande Mataram in the heart of every child, to firmly instill the chant of Vande Mataram in the mind of every adolescent. He said that the clarion call of Vande Mataram should become the driving force behind the creation of the India that our freedom fighters had dreamed of.*

### **WHY WAS VANDE MATARAM BETRAYED?**

The Vande Mataram, which Mahatma Gandhi had seen as the national anthem in 1905 and which was a source of immense strength for every Indian, So why was Vande Mataram betrayed in the last century? So why was Vande Mataram betrayed in the last century? What was that force whose will overpowered even the sentiments of revered Bapu himself? Mohammad Ali Jinnah raised the slogan against Vande Mataram from Lucknow on October 15, 1937. On October 26, 1937, the Congress Working Committee held a review meeting and tore Vande Mataram to pieces.

### **IN TIMES OF CRISIS, THE COUNTRY MOVED FORWARD WITH THE SPIRIT OF VANDE MATARAM**

The true character of any nation is revealed not in its good times but during periods of challenge and crisis. After independence in 1947, while the country's challenges and priorities changed, the spirit and life force of the nation remained the same, continuing to inspire. Whenever India faced crises, the nation advanced with the spirit of Vande Mataram. ●

# India and Natural Farming... Shaping the Future!



 **Narendra Modi**  
Prime Minister

*I encouraged farmers to begin with 'one acre, one season.' The outcomes from even a small plot can build confidence and inspire larger adoption.*



Scan the QR code to read the Prime Minister's article.

*Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently shared his thoughts on natural farming in a LinkedIn post. He attended a Summit on natural farming in Coimbatore, an event that left a deep impression on him. In the LinkedIn post, he shared his thoughts on it and made a clarion call to the people across India to increase natural farming. Have a Look...*

In August this year, a group of farmers from Tamil Nadu met me and talked about how they were practising new agricultural techniques to boost sustainability and productivity. They invited me to a Summit on natural farming to be held in Coimbatore. I accepted their invitation and promised them that I would be among them during the programme. Thus, a few weeks ago, on 19th November, I was in the lovely city of Coimbatore, attending the South India Natural Farming Summit 2025. A city known as an MSME backbone was hosting a big event on natural farming.

Natural farming, as we all know, draws from India's traditional knowledge systems and modern ecological principles to cultivate crops without synthetic chemicals. It promotes diversified fields where plants, trees, and livestock coexist to support natural biodiversity. The approach relies on recycling farm residues and enhancing soil health through mulching and aeration, rather than external inputs.

This Summit in Coimbatore will forever remain a part of my memory! It indicated a shift in mindset, imagination, and confidence with which India's farmers and agri-entrepreneurs are shaping the future of agriculture. The programme included an interaction with farmers from Tamil Nadu, in which they showcased their efforts in natural farming, and I was amazed! I was struck by the fact that people from diverse backgrounds, including scientists, FPO leaders, first-generation graduates, traditional cultivators, and notably people who had left high-paying corporate careers, decided to return to their roots and pursue natural farming. I met people whose life journeys and commitment to doing something new were noteworthy.

There was a farmer who managed nearly 10 acres of multi-layered agriculture with bananas, coconuts, papaya, pepper, and turmeric. He maintains 60 desi cows, 400 goats, and local poultry.





Another farmer has dedicated himself to preserving native rice varieties like Mapillai Samba and Karuppu Kavuni. He focuses on value-added products, creating health mixes, puffed rice, chocolates and protein bars.

There was a first-generation graduate who runs a 15-acre natural farm and has trained over 3,000 farmers, supplying nearly 30 tonnes of vegetables every month.

Some people who were running their own FPOs supported tapioca farmers and promoted tapioca-based products as a sustainable raw material for bioethanol and Compressed Biogas.

One of the agri-innovators was a biotechnology professional who built a seaweed-based biofertilizer enterprise employing 600 fishermen across coastal districts; another developed nutrient-enriched bioactive biochar that boosts soil health. They both showed how science and sustainability can blend seamlessly.

The people I met there belonged to different backgrounds, but there was one thing in common: a complete commitment to soil health, sustainability, community upliftment, and a deep sense of enterprise.

At a larger level, India has made commendable progress in the field. Last year, the Government of India launched the National Mission on Natural Farming, which has already connected lakhs of farmers with sustainable practices. Across the nation, thousands of hectares are under natural farming. Efforts by the Government such as encouraging exports, institutional credit being expanded significantly through the Kisan Credit Card (including for livestock and

fisheries) and PM-Kisan, have also helped farmers pursuing natural farming.

Natural farming is also closely linked to our efforts to promote Shree Anna or millets. What is also gladdening is the fact that women farmers are taking to natural farming in a big way.

Over the past few decades, the rising dependence on chemical fertilisers and pesticides has affected soil fertility, moisture and long-term sustainability. At the same time, farming costs have steadily increased. Natural farming directly addresses these challenges. The use of Panchagavya, Jeevamrit, Beejamrit, and mulching protects soil health, reduces chemical exposure, and lowers input costs while building strength against climate change and erratic weather patterns.

I encouraged farmers to begin with 'one acre, one season.' The outcomes from even a small plot can build confidence and inspire larger adoption. When traditional wisdom, scientific validation, and institutional support come together, natural farming can become feasible and transformative.

I call upon all of you to think of pursuing natural farming. You can do this by being associated with FPOs, which are becoming strong platforms for collective empowerment. You can explore a StartUp relating to this area.

Seeing the convergence between farmers, science, entrepreneurship and collective action in Coimbatore was truly inspiring. And, I am sure we will together continue making our agriculture and allied sectors productive and sustainable. If you know of teams working on natural farming, do let me know too! ●



National Award for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities 2025

## Inclusive Development of Persons with Disabilities A Key Pillar of National Progress

*Persons with disabilities are not only an integral part of the nation's development today, but they are also bringing pride and honour to the tricolour across the world. Over the past 11 years, the Central Government has created an accessible ecosystem across all sectors to ensure a dignified life and equal opportunities for persons with disabilities. As a result, they are now becoming a source of inspiration for the nation through their exceptional achievements. In recognition of such outstanding performances, President Droupadi Murmu presented the National Awards for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities on 3rd December for the year 2025.*

### **DON'T GIVE UP; GIVE IT A TRY: POOJA GARG**

Para-athlete Pooja Garg is among those who have received the National Award for Disability Empowerment. She says, "I am a world record holder, and I can proudly say that I received the Best Person with Disabilities Award this year." In 2010, she suffered a severe injury. She says, "I want to inspire all those who lose hope after an accident. Don't give up; give it a try. I tried, and today I am an international athlete. I rode a bike from Indore to Nathula, which holds a world record."

### **MY DUTY IS TO INSPIRE AND HELP PEOPLE: NIPUN**

Social activist Nipun Kumar Malhotra, who has been suffering from a rare disease called arthrogryposis since birth, was awarded the National Award for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities in the Excellence category. Arthrogryposis is a condition in which the muscles in the arms and legs fail to develop, forcing a person to rely on a wheelchair. Nipun says, "Doctors said I would live like a wooden doll, but I completed my MBA. Today, I run an organization that works with people with disabilities. Now, it's my responsibility to inspire and help more people."



## 10 Glorious Years of the Accessible India Campaign

The Accessible India Campaign was launched on December 3, 2015. Over the past 10 years, the Campaign has opened new doors of new opportunities for persons with disabilities by making transportation, buildings, and digital platforms more inclusive. This is not just a campaign; it is a commitment to human compassion.



In the 2012 Paralympics, India won just one medal. Due to the awareness and active efforts of society and the government, India's Paralympic athletes won 29 medals in 2024. By creating world-class facilities and organizing competitive events for athletes with disabilities, the government is making numerous efforts to nurture talented sportspersons.

**Droupadi Murmu, President**



**We reaffirm our commitment to ensuring respect, access, and opportunity for our divyang sisters and brothers. In recent years, India has taken necessary steps toward disability welfare through laws, accessible infrastructure, inclusive education policies, and innovations in assistive technology.**

**Narendra Modi, Prime Minister**

### I FEEL HONOURED: MOHAMMED YASIN

Singer Mohammed Yasin has won the Kerala State Award, the National Award, and the Television Award. He has also been awarded the National Award for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities. He says, "I feel extremely happy and proud to receive this honour. I am a keyboard player. Before coming here, I was a little stressed and under pressure, but now I feel deeply honoured."

Today, the list of such inspiring stories in the country is growing. This is the result of a thought

shared by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in December 2015 during his Mann Ki Baat programme. He said, "The thought came to my mind: why don't we use the word 'Divyang' instead of 'Viklang'? These are people who have one or more body parts that are imbued with divinity and divine power. My countrymen, can we popularise the word 'Divyang' instead of 'Viklang'? I hope you will take this initiative forward." This call by Prime Minister Narendra Modi not only introduced the new term "Divyang" (Divyang) in the country but also led to policy reforms and schemes with a holistic and inclusive approach for their empowerment.

At the 2025 awards ceremony, President Droupadi Murmu highlighted the efforts being made for the disabled. She stated that the government is strengthening the ecosystem for their inclusion and empowerment. Several national-level institutions have been established for them in various fields such as sign language research and training, mental health rehabilitation, and sports training. Unique Disability Identification Cards have been issued to millions of disabled people, enabling them to benefit from special facilities. 32 disabled people were honored at the ceremony. ●





# India Has The World's Sixth Largest Nuclear Reactor Fleet

*A symbol of India's burgeoning nuclear capacity, the nation now has the world's sixth-largest nuclear reactor fleet, contributing more than 3 percent to the total electricity generation. The installed capacity is 8.78 gigawatts. The central government is working steadfastly to expand nuclear power capacity. The design and development of an indigenous 200-megawatt Small Modular Reactor (SMR) and a 55-megawatt SMR, both based on Pressurized Water Reactor (PWR) technology, have been initiated.*

**T**he Indian government is placing special emphasis on indigenous nuclear technology to increase its share of nuclear energy in the country's energy mix. With the maturation of large-scale Pressurized Heavy Water Reactor (PHWR) technology, such as the 700-megawatt reactors, and the deployment of indigenous 700-megawatt reactors and 1,000-megawatt reactors established through international cooperation, the nuclear capacity is increasing. Furthermore, with the completion of projects under construction, the country's nuclear power capacity is expected to reach 22.38 gigawatts by 2031-32. The government has also announced a 'Nuclear Energy Mission'

## Private Sector Investment to be Encouraged

To facilitate the implementation of the Nuclear Energy Mission, amendments to the Atomic Energy Act and the Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act will be introduced in Parliament. These amendments are expected to encourage private sector investment in nuclear energy projects.

to increase nuclear power capacity to 100 gigawatts by 2047. Along with this, the government is moving towards amending the Atomic Energy Act, 1962, to enable private sector participation in nuclear energy.

## The government's strategy will fulfill the 100 GW target

- Establishing 700 MW indigenous Pressurized Heavy Water Reactors and higher capacity imported reactors at greenfield sites for rapid expansion.
- Designing and developing smaller reactors such as the 200 MW-electric Bharat Small Modular Reactor and the 55 MW-electric Small Modular Reactor for brownfield sites. The objective is to:
  - » Repurposing of retiring fossil fuel-based power plants,
  - » Captive plants for energy-intensive industries and
  - » Off-grid applications for remote locations.

**Necessary technology for deployment of these reactors is available in the country and majority of equipment are within manufacturing capability of Indian industries with technological handholding by Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC). The mission is further supported by R&D with the objective to develop indigenous advanced reactors.**

- BARC has initiated design and development work on these Small Modular Reactors:
- Bharat Small Modular Reactor 200 MWe,
- SMR 55 MWe, and
- Up to 5 MWth High temperature gas-cooled reactor meant for hydrogen generation.

## ELECTRON BEAM STERILIZATION... EXPORT OF MEDICAL DEVICES TO 35 COUNTRIES

Department of Atomic Energy's (DAE) electron beam (E-beam) facility in Indore, Madhya Pradesh, is playing a key role in the healthcare sector by providing electron beam-based sterilization facility services to medical device manufacturers in accordance with ISO standards. In September 2025, this facility successfully sterilized 1.53 crore medical devices. The medical devices sterilized here are being exported to more than 35 countries, including Germany, the UK, Spain, France, Belgium, Italy, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Austria, South Africa, Indonesia, Portugal, the Czech Republic, and Russia.

## Expansion of Nuclear Energy in 2025...

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for a ₹42,000 crore nuclear power project (4X700 MW) in Rajasthan on September 25, 2025. This will be one of the largest nuclear power plants in the country. This project will also strengthen India's stature in environmental protection and the developed nuclear energy landscape.
- The first two units (KAPS-3 and 4) of the indigenous 700 MW PHWR at Kakrapar, Gujarat, have received AERB licenses for regular operation. Unit 7 of the Rawatbhata Atomic Power Project (RAPP), the third indigenous 700 MW PHWR in the approved series of 16 reactors, commenced commercial operation on April 15, 2025.
- Nuclear Power Corporation of India (NPCIL) achieved its highest-ever generation in its entire operational history. 56,681 million units of electricity were generated in FY 2024-25, preventing approximately 49 million tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions.

## Partnership with the Private Sector

- Establishment of Small Reactors in India.
- Research and Development of Small Modular Reactors in India.
- Research and Development of new technologies for nuclear energy.



Meanwhile, a high-intensity gamma radiation facility has also been commissioned to provide services for the final sterilization of healthcare products. ISOMED 2.0 is the world's only high-intensity land-based stationary gamma radiation facility. ●





India-Russia

# A legacy of Trust

## Fostering A New Chapter of Cooperation

*The world is facing growing geopolitical competition, energy crises, and regional conflicts, along with shifting global economic balances. Despite this, the India-Russia partnership remains a strong pillar of stability. In the present scenario, the Russian president, Vladimir Putin's visit to India will give a new thrust to the strategic partnership between the two countries. In a time of global uncertainty, cooperation in areas such as defense, energy, space, counterterrorism, and trade will not only strengthen bilateral relations but also deepen dialogue. During President Putin's visit on December 4th and 5th, important agreements were reached between the two countries on several key issues...*

**T**he past decade has seen many ups and downs on a geopolitical level. Humanity has faced numerous challenges and crises, but through all this, the India-Russia friendship has remained steadfast like a guiding star. The relationship between the two countries, built on mutual respect and deep trust, has always stood the test of time. During Russian President Vladimir Putin's visit to India, discussions focused on further strengthening this partnership. Boosting economic cooperation to its maximum potential is a shared priority for both countries. To achieve this, the two countries have agreed on a Strategic Economic Cooperation until 2030. This will make trade and investment between the two countries more diversified,



## Agreements signed between two nations:

- **Migration and Mobility:** Agreement between India and Russian Federation on Temporary Labour Activity of Citizens of one State in the Territory of the other State
- **Health and Food Safety:** Agreement between the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation on cooperation in the field of healthcare, medical education, and science
- **Maritime Cooperation and Polar Waters:** Agreement between the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways of the Government of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation on the Training of Specialists for Ships Operating in Polar Waters
- **Fertilizers:** Agreement between M/s. JSC UralChem and M/s. Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd., National Fertilizers Ltd. & Indian Potash Ltd.
- **Customs and Commerce:** Protocol between the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs of the Government of the Republic of India and the Federal Customs Service (Russian Federation) for cooperation in exchange of Pre-arrival information in respect of goods and vehicles moved between India and Russia.
- **Academic Cooperation:** Agreement on scientific and academic collaboration between the Defence Institute of Advanced Technology, Pune, and Federal State Autonomous Educational Institution of Higher Education "National Tomsk State University", Tomsk
- **Media Cooperation:** For Cooperation and Collaboration on Broadcasting between Prasar Bharati, India and Joint Stock Company Gazprom-media Holding, Russian Federation. Agreement for Cooperation and Collaboration on Broadcasting between Prasar Bharati, and the BIG ASIA Media Group.

## Announcements

- Programme for the Development of Strategic Areas of India - Russia Economic Cooperation till 2030
- The Russian side has decided to adopt the Framework Agreement to join the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA).
- 30 days e-Tourist Visa on gratis basis to Russian nationals on reciprocal basis
- Grant of Group Tourist Visa on gratis basis to Russian nationals



balanced, and sustainable, and will also open new avenues for cooperation.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi personally received President Putin at the airport. From here, PM Modi accompanied the Russian leader Putin to his official residence, where they held a very long and fruitful discussion. At the 23rd India-Russia Annual Summit, Prime Minister Narendra Modi stressed that Putin's visit comes at a time when

bilateral relations between the two countries are experiencing several historic milestones. 25 years ago, President Putin laid the foundation for the Strategic Partnership between the two countries, and 15 years ago, the partnership was elevated to the status of a Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership. Over the past two and a half decades, both countries have steadfastly strengthened their partnership with their long-term vision.

## Joint Statement following India - Russia Annual Summit

### Trade and Economic Partnership

The two leaders emphasized forging new technological and investment partnerships, especially in advanced high-technology areas, and finding new avenues and forms of cooperation. They also directed both Sides to intensify efforts in negotiations on a mutually beneficial agreement on the promotion and protection of investments.

### Energy Partnership

The focus was on current and potential cooperation between Indian and Russian companies in fields such as oil and oil products, oil refining and petrochemical technologies, LNG and LPG-related infrastructure, various existing projects in their countries, underground coal gasification (UCG) technology, nuclear projects, etc.

### Transport and Connectivity

Decision to expand logistics links for improving connectivity and enhancing infrastructure capacity to support the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC), the Chennai-Vladivostok (Eastern Maritime) Corridor, and the Northern Sea Route. Agreement signed for Training of Specialists for Ships Operating in Polar Waters.

### Cooperation in the Russian Far East/Arctic

Decision to readiness to intensify trade and investment cooperation in the Far East and the Arctic zone of the Russian Federation. India-Russia Cooperation in Trade, Economic, and Investment Spheres in the Russian Far East for the period from 2024-2029

### Civil Nuclear Cooperation, Cooperation in Space

Decision to broaden cooperation in nuclear energy, including fuel cycle, life cycle support for operating Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant (KKNPP), and non-power applications. Decision to cooperate in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy. Enhanced partnership between the Indian Space Research Organisation and the Russian State Space Corporation "Roscosmos".

### Cooperation in Science and Technology

Both Sides agreed to design and implement soft support programs for start-ups to enable knowledge exchange, capacity building, and greater engagement of innovators and entrepreneurs.

### Cooperation in UN-Multilateral Forums

Both Sides noted the high level of political dialogue and cooperation between them on issues at the

UN and agreed to deepen it further. Russia reiterated its steadfast support for India's permanent membership in a reformed and expanded UN Security Council. Russia expressed support for India's upcoming BRICS presidency in 2026.

### Promoting Educational Ties

Agreed to continue efforts to promote educational ties.

### Counter Terrorism

Both Sides reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening bilateral and multilateral cooperation in the field of combating such common challenges and threats, such as terrorism, extremism, transnational organized crime, money laundering, terrorist financing and illicit drug trafficking.

### Regional and International Issues

Both Sides reiterated their commitment to peace and stability in the Middle East/ West Asia, calling for restraint, protection of civilians, and compliance with international law, and the need to refrain from taking actions that could further escalate the situation and compromise regional stability. They emphasized that India and Russia, as major powers, will continue to strive for global peace and stability in a multipolar world as well as in a multipolar Asia.



Prime Minister Modi expressed his gratitude to President Putin for this deep friendship and unwavering commitment to India. The two leaders agreed on the development of strategic areas of India-Russia economic cooperation by 2030. They

mutually agreed to accelerate the process for early conclusion of the Free Trade Agreement on goods between India and the Eurasian Economic Union.

They also directed both Sides to intensify efforts in negotiations on a mutually beneficial agreement



## India-Russia Business Forum

Mutual trust fosters a robust and time-tested partnership. The strength of India-Russia relations is based on this trust. This trust gives direction and provides momentum to collaborations. This is why India and Russia are determined to achieve the \$100 billion trade target set for 2030 ahead of schedule...

With the mantra of Reform, Perform, and Transform, India is on its way to becoming the world's third-largest economy. At the India-Russia Business Forum, Prime Minister Narendra Modi made it clear that a simple and reliable ecosystem for trade is being built. Discussions have also begun on a free trade agreement between India and the Eurasian Economic Union. Next-generation GST reforms and compliance relaxations have been introduced to promote ease of doing business. Defense and space have been opened to the private sector. These are not just administrative reforms, but rather a mindset shift.

Russia has recently expanded the list of Indian companies eligible to export dairy and marine products. In the automobile sector, India is today a global leader in affordable and efficient EV two-wheelers and CNG mobility solutions. Russia is a major producer of advanced materials. India supplies the highest quality medicines worldwide at affordable prices, earning the title of "Pharmacy of the World. India and Russia are embarking together on a new journey of co-innovation, co-production, and co-creation. PM Modi said the goal of the Business Forum is not only to boost bilateral trade but also to find sustainable solutions to global challenges. "Come, Make in India, Partner with India, and together, let us make for the world." PM Modi declared.



on the promotion and protection of investments. Both sides underscored the importance of an open, inclusive, transparent, and non-discriminatory multilateral trading system, with the World Trade Organization at its core. They emphasized the need

to address tariff and non-tariff trade barriers. The two countries agreed to continue jointly developing systems of bilateral settlements through the use of the national currencies in order to ensure the uninterrupted maintenance of bilateral trade. ●



**India is not neutral but firmly on the side of peace. The welfare of the world lies in the path of peace; we must all work together to find the path to peace. With the ongoing efforts, I am confident that the world will once again return to peace.**

**Narendra Modi, Prime Minister**

## Gifts Received by President Putin

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi presented President Vladimir Putin with a copy of the Gita translated into Russian, saying the teachings of the Gita inspire millions around the world.
- A handcrafted silver horse from Maharashtra was presented to President Putin. It symbolizes India's centuries-old metal art tradition. It represents dignity, valour, and the enduring strength of the India-Russia partnership.



- President Putin was presented with a marble chess set from Agra. It is a beautiful example of intricate carving and traditional Indian stone inlay heritage. This gift is an amalgamation of skill and creativity.





Union Cabinet Decisions

# Budget for Census and Coal Logistics Policy Approved

*The Union Cabinet has approved three important proposals related to national interest. The biggest decision among these is the budget allocation for the census to be conducted in 2027, which will be the 16th census of the country and the 8th census of independent India. This database is the largest source of primary data available at the city and ward levels. The Cabinet also approved the Coal Logistics Policy and the proposal for the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for copra for the 2026 season.*

**DECISION:** The Union Cabinet has approved the proposal for conducting the Census of India 2027 at a cost of Rs 11,718.24 crore.

**IMPACT:** The Census of India 2027 will cover the entire population of the country. It will be conducted in two phases: first, House-listing and Housing Census - from April to September 2026, and second, population enumeration - by February 2027. A mobile app will be used for data collection and a central portal for monitoring, which will ensure better quality data. This massive task of national importance will be carried out by 30 lakh field functionaries. This will generate 1.02 crore man-days of employment.

**DECISION:** The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the CoalSETU policy for the auction of coal linkages.

**IMPACT:** This CoalSETU window aims for allocation based on the auction of coal linkages for long-term use

and for any industrial use and export. Any domestic buyer requiring coal can participate in the linkage auction. The coal linkages obtained under this window can be used for self-consumption, export, or any other purpose. Coal linkage holders will also be allowed to export up to 50% of their linkage. Linkage holders will have the flexibility to utilize the coal among their group companies as per their needs.

**DECISION:** Approval of Minimum Support Price (MSP) for copra for the 2026 season.

**IMPACT:** The MSP for milling copra has been fixed at Rs. 12,027 per quintal, while the MSP for ball copra has been fixed at Rs. 12,500 per quintal. This move is a significant step towards increasing farmers' income and incentivising coconut production. The higher MSP will ensure better and more remunerative prices for coconut growers. It also aims to encourage farmers to increase copra production to meet the growing domestic and international demand for coconut products. ●



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मुझे पूरा विश्वास है कि BRO, सरकार के, और इस देश के नागरिकों के भरोसे पर, ऐसे ही खरा उतरता रहेगा। "श्रमण सर्वम साध्मम्" की आधुनी जो भावना है, वह इसी प्रकार असंभव को भी संभव बनाती रहेगी। आप इसी तरह राष्ट्र की दूरस्थ सीमाओं की भी, देश के बाकी हिस्सों से जोड़ते रहेंगे, और लोगों के दिलों में अपनी जाहज इसी तरह बनाए रखेंगे: रक्षा मंत्री श्री [rajnathsingh](mailto:rajnathsingh@gmail.com)

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## Chandrayaan-4 set for 2027 launch: Jitendra

## Modi Speaks to Netanyahu, Reaffirms Zero Tolerance on Terrorism

## Our Political Bureau

**New Delhi:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday received a telephone call from Prime Minister of Israel Benjamin Netanyahu.

Both the leaders expressed satisfaction at the continued momentum in the India-Israel strategic partnership and reaffirmed their commitment to further strengthening these ties for mutual benefit.

The two leaders strongly condemned

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The odds of the mission being successful were expected to be very low, diverse, hard to predict, and prone to failure, he says. "The mission is very complex, and the technology is very advanced. It is a very high-risk mission, and the chances of success are very low."

Despite the challenges, the ISRO team is confident that the mission will be successful. "We are very confident that the mission will be successful," he says. "We have a very strong team, and we have a very strong technology. We are very confident that the mission will be successful."

The mission is expected to be launched in 2023. It will be the first Indian mission to the Moon, and it will be the first Indian mission to land on the Moon's surface. It will be a very important mission for India, and it will be a very important mission for the world.

Research mission is already under way on lunar surface using sample return robotic arm, ascent stage and lunar lander. The surface and being collected lunar samples. The mission is the first of its kind in the history of lunar exploration. The mission is the first of its kind in the history of lunar exploration. The mission is the first of its kind in the history of lunar exploration.

# Affirms Zero Tolerance on Terrorism

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National Youth Day - January 12

# Swami Vivekananda

## An Icon for Youth

*Swami Vivekananda raised the pride of the country by infusing new life into awakening India's cultural consciousness. He immortalized the Vedanta and Yoga philosophy. 'Service to Mankind is service to God,' with this philosophy, he started the Ramakrishna Mission. He instilled in youth the seeds of character and self-respect through his life and philosophy and motivated them to build the nation, which is an inspiration for all.*

*A grateful nation pays homage to Swami Vivekananda on his birth anniversary, National Youth Day, January 12...*

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I pay tribute to Swami Vivekananda on his Jayanti. He is an eternal inspiration for youth; he continues to ignite passion and purpose in young minds. We are committed to fulfilling his vision of a strong and developed India.

**Narendra Modi**, Prime Minister



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