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Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee

Honoring the Legacy | July 6 Birth Anniversary

Champion of National Unity, Integrity & Cultural Nationalism

Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee, who brought glory to 'Maa Bharati' through his nationalist ideals, made outstanding and exemplary contributions to India's development. He undertook tireless and courageous efforts for Indian unity; for him, nothing was more important than the country's unity and integrity. From Kashmir in the north to Bengal in the east, he fought for every inch of the nation's land and made efforts to abolish the system of 'two Prime Ministers, two Constitutions, and two Flags' in Jammu & Kashmir. His dedication and sacrifice for the motherland will forever inspire the people of the country.



Heartfelt tributes to the nation's immortal son, Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee, on his birth anniversary. He sacrificed his life to uphold the honor, dignity, and glory of the nation. His ideals and principles are invaluable in building a developed and self-reliant India.

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



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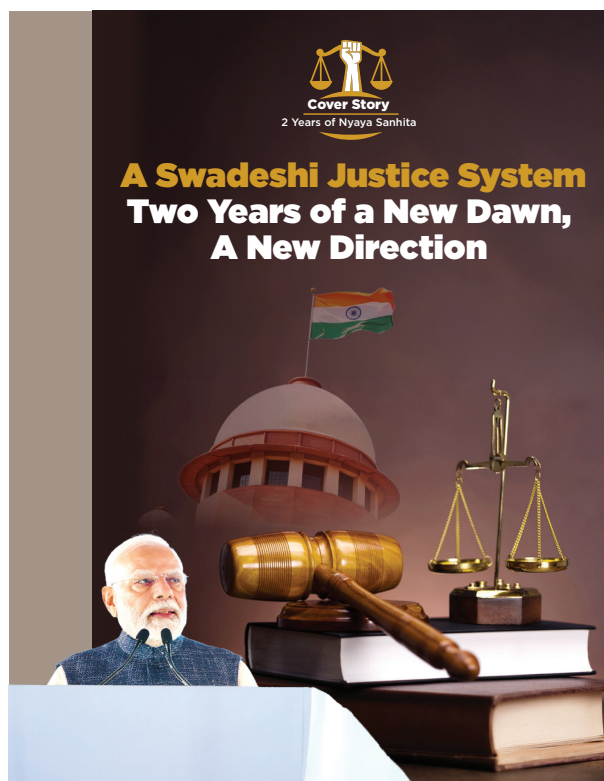
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Greetings!

Today, the nation is dedicated to realizing the resolve of a 'Viksit Bharat'. To achieve this vision, we all took the 'Panch Pran'. One of these pledges was to completely liberate ourselves from the colonial mindset and to transform the country into a self-reliant nation rooted in Indian ethos and identity. Moving towards the fulfillment of this pledge, the government implemented three new laws on July 1, 2024—based on the Indian concept of justice—while repealing three colonial-era statutes. The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam were introduced to replace the Indian Penal Code (1860), the Code of Criminal Procedure (1898), and the Indian Evidence Act (1872), respectively. The objective of these laws is to accord priority to individual liberty, security, and human rights, while making the justice system more transparent, efficient, and aligned with the needs of contemporary society. These laws address modern challenges such as cybercrime and organized crime, ensuring justice for the victims. Over the past two years, these three laws have established a new era of accessible justice.

India's entire justice system now embodies an Indian spirit. The journey of these two years is the cover story of this issue.

In the personality section, read about Gulzari Lal Nanda—who took charge of the nation during a critical time. The flagship initiatives like Digital India, Skill India, and the Viksit Bharat Rojgar Yojana are the other highlights. Union Cabinet decisions, the NITI Aayog Governing Council meeting, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's events over the past fortnight are also part of this issue.

It also includes a special tribute to Syama Prasad Mookerjee on the inside page to mark his birth anniversary on July 6 along with the designation of the Jayaprakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary as the 100th Ramsar site on the back cover.

Kindly keep sending us your suggestions.



(Dhirendra Ojha)



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MAIL BOX



A beneficial magazine for students

Although I was not previously a regular reader, I recently read 'New India Samachar' for May, following my teacher's instructions. I was amazed at how beneficial this magazine is for students. It offers reliable and factual information on all UPSC-related subjects. I benefited from this in a recent government test, as the issue highlighted on 'Self-Help Groups'—a crucial topic from the UPSC perspective. The magazine's stress on current affairs is excellent and essential for competitive exams. After reading it, I have decided to become a regular reader. I would also encourage others to read this engaging magazine and take advantage of it.

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Gives an insightful glimpse into the nation's progress and government initiatives

I read the digital edition of the 'New India Samachar' magazine. It provides informative updates regarding the country's progress and government initiatives. I highly appreciate it.

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Feeling proud of the nation's heritage

I read the cover story on Census 2027 in the latest issue of 'New India Samachar'. Thank you for this story! It is so detailed and well-structured that it not only explains the process clearly but also dispels all doubts. I also really enjoyed reading about Kumudini Lakhia. I appreciate your team for highlighting such eminent personalities about whom I can tell my children and feel proud of our nation's heritage.

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Eager to read this informative magazine

I regularly read the Kannada edition of 'New India Samachar' magazine at home. This is a very informative magazine, and I always look forward to reading it. Reading it helps me easily understand complex issues. I find it excellent; it keeps me well-updated.

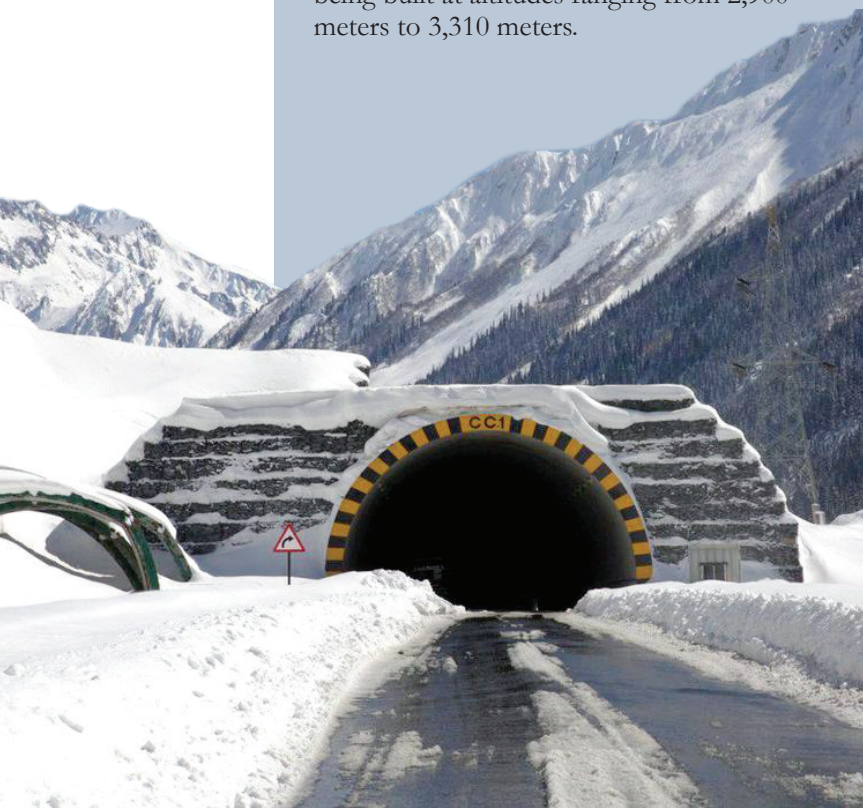
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Zojila Tunnel

A Landmark Engineering Achievement

India is consistently demonstrating its engineering prowess. In India, tunnel construction is not limited to infrastructure development; rather, geographical challenges are being overcome by piercing mountains and rugged terrain that once hindered connectivity. Following the completion of the Atal Tunnel, Chenab Bridge, New Pamban Bridge, and the Bairabi-Sairang rail line, a historic breakthrough was achieved on June 9 for Asia's longest tunnel – the Zojila Tunnel. This breakthrough symbolises not just construction progress but India's technical expertise, engineering capability, and indomitable resolve. The project is emerging as a crucial milestone in establishing all-weather connectivity between Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

Boosting strategic infrastructure will accelerate regional development, tourism, trade, and national security. Upon completion, travel time between Sonamarg and Minamarg will be reduced from nearly two hours to about 30 minutes. Being constructed on National Highway-1 between Baltal and Minamarg, the Zojila Tunnel spans approximately 14 km and is being developed at a cost of ₹6,800 crore. It is being built at altitudes ranging from 2,900 meters to 3,310 meters.



India's Seafood Exports Hit All-Time High of ₹74,000 Crore

Despite challenging global market conditions, India exported 19.72 Lakh metric tonnes of seafood valued at ₹73,890.46 crore during the 2025-26 fiscal year. This marks a record high in terms of both volume and value. The United States and China remained the leading importers of Indian seafood. Frozen shrimp remained the primary export commodity, generating over ₹49,000 crore in exports and accounting for more than 40 per cent of the total export volume.



Target of 3 Crore 'Lakhpati Didis' Achieved

The country has achieved the target of creating 3 crore 'Lakhpati Didis' (women earning an annual income of at least ₹1 lakh), and emphasis is now being placed on fulfilling the resolve to create another 3 crore 'Lakhpati Didis' in mission mode. The 'Lakhpati Didi' initiative has emerged as a transformative campaign for the economic empowerment of rural women. The priority now is to link an additional 3 crore women with sustainable and diverse livelihood activities to ensure a continuous rise in their income. Approximately 4.11 crore potential 'Lakhpati Didis' have been identified across the country, providing a strong foundation for achieving the targets of the next phase.



Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan: A Decade of Care

The Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan has completed 10 years of ensuring safe childbirth across the country. To mark this occasion, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare JP Nadda launched a nationwide celebration on June 9th under the theme “10 Years of PMSMA – A Decade of Care.” To commemorate this achievement, the government released a commemorative coin worth ₹75 and a postage stamp worth ₹5. The scheme was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on June 9, 2016, to provide free antenatal check-ups and health services to pregnant women through specialist doctors on the 9th of every month. Over the past decade, more than 7.5 crore pregnant women across the country have benefited from free health services through this campaign. This initiative has laid a very strong foundation for building a healthy and safe India.

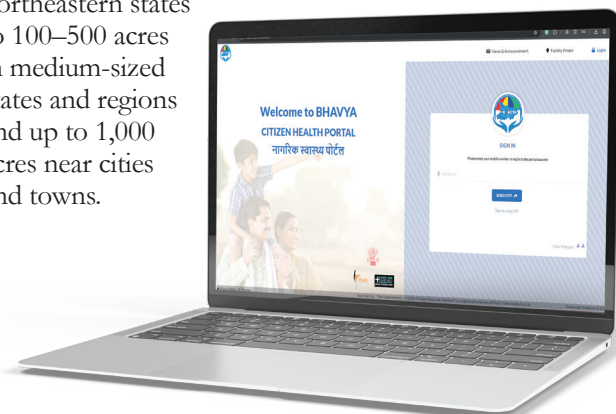


Nominations for Padma Awards 2027 Open Until July 31, 2026

The last date for nominations for the Padma Awards, to be announced on the occasion of Republic Day 2027, is July 31, 2026. Nominations and recommendations will be accepted exclusively online through the National Awards Portal (<https://awards.gov.in>). The Padma Awards, namely, Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri, are among the highest civilian awards of the country. Instituted in 1954, these awards are announced annually on Republic Day. They are conferred in recognition of distinguished and exceptional achievements or service across various fields, including art, literature and education, sports, medicine, social work, science and engineering, public affairs, civil service, and trade and industry. The government is committed to transforming the Padma Awards into a “People’s Padma” and has requested the citizens to make nominations and recommendations, including self-nominations.

‘BHAVYA’ Portal Launched Process Initiated to Set Up 100 Industrial Parks Nationwide

In a significant step towards the operationalisation of the Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojana (BHAVYA), the BHAVYA Portal has been launched. Under this scheme, states will be encouraged to submit detailed project proposals highlighting their industrial capabilities, land availability, investor interest, and regional potential. The scheme aims to develop 100 industrial parks across the country to foster large-scale employment generation through increased investment. These parks will be developed in various sizes, ranging from 25 acres in hilly regions, small union territories, and northeastern states to 100–500 acres in medium-sized states and regions and up to 1,000 acres near cities and towns.





Prime Minister Narendra Modi

A Symbol Of Service, Courage, And Unwavering Dedication To Nation-Building



June 10, 2026, has been etched in golden letters in the history of the Indian Parliament. Driven by the spirit of "Nation First," Prime Minister Narendra Modi's relentless journey has created history today.

On this historic date, having completed 4,399 days in office, he has become India's longest-serving elected Prime Minister.

Previously, this milestone was held by India's first Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, who served for a total of 4,398 days—from May 13, 1952, to May 27, 1964. Prime Minister Modi's record is not merely a count of days; it is a testament to the deep faith and unwavering trust that India's farmers, workers, youth, women, and every section of society have placed in their Prime Minister.

Marching forward on the path of progress... this 12-year journey of development has come to define an era. Applauding Prime Minister Modi on this achievement, the Union Cabinet unanimously passed a resolution affirming its resolve that, under his able leadership, India will continue to scale new heights as a self-reliant, secure, prosperous, and glorious nation, while strengthening the path toward becoming a developed nation by 2047.

Resolution of the Union Cabinet

Today, June 10, 2026, marks a historic and inspiring milestone in the journey of Indian democracy. Today, Shri Narendra Modi Ji has become the Prime Minister to serve the country for the longest continuous tenure as an elected Prime Minister. He has set a record of continuous service of 4,399 days as an elected PM—a feat achieved for the first time in the history of independent India. Earlier, Shri Jawaharlal Nehru had held this post continuously for 4398 days from 1952 to 1964.

This occasion symbolizes the strength of India's democratic consciousness, public trust, and people's participation. When a public representative lives by the resolve of 'Nation First', when he makes truth, integrity, hard work, honesty, and probity in life his guiding principles, and remaining steadfastly dedicated to serving the people—then the public bestows its blessings upon him in the form of unprecedented support. Today's historic moment is a reflection of that same public blessing.

The Union Cabinet extends its heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, on this occasion. This historic milestone of June 10, 2026, coincides with other significant achievements. The NDA government has completed 12 years under the Hon'ble Prime Minister's leadership. As the Head of the Government, the respected Prime Minister is also about to cross the historic milestone of 25 years of continuous service.

It is also noteworthy that after six decades, the country has given a mandate to the NDA government for a third consecutive term under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. We are proud that our leadership is in such capable hands who have sensitivity, restraint, intention and decisive ability.

The life of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has been a symbol of service, courage and a continuous pursuit of nation building. His understanding of ground realities due to his vast experience as an organization worker and then as the Chief Minister of a state has made the policies more sensitive, practical and result-oriented.

After taking oath as Prime Minister in 2014, he called himself "Pradhan Sevak" in the Central Hall of Parliament. He had described the country's Constitution as a holy book and also said that his government is dedicated to the poor. Making the



The last 12 years have marked a new era of women-led development in India

Under his guidance, the government has consistently placed the nation's women at the core of its policies. Be it toilet facilities, smoke-free kitchens, financial assistance during pregnancy, Mudra Yojana, PM Awas in the name of women, Lakhpati Didi Abhiyan, a complete support system has been developed for the women of the country at every stage of life, from birth till the last moments of life. By providing 33 percent reservation to women in the Lok Sabha and Legislative Assemblies, an effort has been made to further increase their participation in the policy making of the country.

mantra of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas as the motto of the government, the last 12 years have been an expression of these resolutions.

Under the leadership of the Prime Minister, India has placed the welfare of the poor at the centre of governance. For the first time, facilities like concrete houses, electricity, gas connections, pure drinking water, toilets etc. reached crores of people of the country on such a large scale. For the first time, bank accounts were opened for crores of people, enabling them to receive government assistance directly, without the involvement of any middlemen. For the first time, more than 80 crore citizens got the facility of free ration and for the first time, more than 60 crore poor people got the assurance of free treatment up to Rs 5 lakh. These measures boosted the self-confidence of the people and instilled in them the belief that they could live with dignity. The result of this was that more than 25 crore people were able to overcome poverty.

The Prime Minister considers youth power as India's biggest asset. Under his guidance, skill development, Startup India, innovation, digital economy, sports, entrepreneurship and fitness have received unprecedented thrust. In the last 12 years, India has become the third largest start-up ecosystem in the world and now our country is also emerging as a major sports power in the world. India has also showcased its growing scientific capabilities to the world by hoisting the tricolor on the south pole of the Moon under Mission Chandrayaan.

Our farmers constitute one of the key pillars of the 'Viksit Bharat' (Developed India) envisioned by the Honorable Prime Minister. In the last 12 years, many such steps have been taken like providing new variety seeds to farmers, completing many incomplete irrigation projects, giving PM Kisan Samman Nidhi, increasing MSP and increasing government procurement. Unprecedented work has been done, particularly for small farmers, animal herders, and fishermen. Lakhs of

people are benefiting from the Hon'ble PM's decision to extend Kisan Credit Cards to animal herders and fishermen. Today, India's agricultural exports have increased from Rs 2 lakh 60 thousand crores in the year 2014 to Rs 4 lakh 40 thousand crores. Today India's agricultural exports have crossed the Rs 5 lakh crore mark. This is a clear impact of the Hon'le PM's policies related to farmer welfare.

The Prime Minister has never hesitated to take major decisions driven by a 'Nation First' spirit. This is why decisions and reforms that had been pending for decades have now become reality. Actions such as abrogating Article 370 in Jammu & Kashmir, implementing GST, introducing OROP (One Rank One Pension), creating the post of CDS, providing 10% reservation for the poor, enforcing the Enemy Property Act, enacting the CAA, legislating against Triple Talaq, amending the Waqf Act, passing laws for nuclear sector reforms, implementing the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, and consolidating numerous labor laws into four codes—such significant decisions reinforce the Honorable PM's image as a decisive leader.

The Prime Minister has given a new dimension to national security, has given it a new height. The credit for taking firm measures against terrorism goes entirely to his leadership. For the first time, surgical strikes were carried out on cross-border terrorist camps. For the first time, a cross-border air strike was carried out. For the first time—under 'Operation Sindoor'—targets within Pakistan that were previously considered unthinkable were struck. Following the directives of the Hon'ble PM, the Government of India has placed the unjust Indus Water Treaty signed with Pakistan decades ago on suspended status. Now India's water will be useful to the farmers of India.

Under the leadership of the Hon'ble Prime Minister, India is becoming completely free from Naxalism. Many permanent peace agreements have been signed in the North-East, ushering in an era of unprecedented peace in the region. The decades-long border dispute with Bangladesh has also been resolved.

The Prime Minister firmly believes that India cannot become a developed nation without achieving self-reliance. With this inspiration, the Make in India and Atmanirbhar Bharat campaigns have gained momentum. Today, India is setting new records in manufacturing and exports across various sectors such as defence, electronics, automobiles, and pharmaceuticals. Besides, it is also doing commendable work in the field



Under the leadership of the Prime Minister, India has also presented a responsible and inspiring model to the world in the field of climate change and sustainable development. India has taken several initiatives such as the International Solar Alliance, Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure and Global Biofuel Alliance. Mass movements like Mission LiFE and 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' (A Tree in the Name of Mother) have been established by the Prime Minister as India's contribution on global platforms. Campaigns like 'Catch the Rain' and Amrit Sarovar have not only helped in water conservation but have also made the young generation aware of this responsibility.

of semiconductors, green energy, space technology and artificial intelligence.

Under the leadership of the Prime Minister, India's global role has also strengthened unprecedentedly. India's voice has gained new prestige on global platforms. India's successful presidency of the G-20, giving voice to the aspirations of the Global South, and leading role in various global initiatives have taken the country's international prestige to new heights. Due to the efforts of the Prime Minister, more than 170 countries united and the United Nations declared June 21 as International Yoga Day.

This is the first time in the history of India, when development and heritage are being taken forward



Union Cabinet

together. This has led to a renaissance of India's cultural consciousness. Honorable PM called upon the country to free itself from the mentality of slavery, restore national pride and be proud of its civilizational heritage. Today the country is seeing the results of this also. New Parliament House, Seva Teerth, Kartavya Path and Kartavya Bhawan, many such constructions have become symbols of the new confidence of the new India.

The Prime Minister has made public participation a medium of change. Be it Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Abhiyan, or encouragement to give up LPG subsidy, these have become a major medium for the collective efforts of the people over the years. With this inspiration of change through public participation, the country successfully faced the epidemic like Corona. And even today, 140 crore countrymen are together facing a huge global crisis.

The Union Cabinet also highlights that the political stability the country has experienced over the past 12 years has given unprecedented momentum to the pace of development. The speed with which India's infrastructure landscape has changed in the past years is an example in itself. India's political stability has also had a positive impact on the country's global influence and global investors.

Over the past 12 years, the Prime Minister's leadership has been characterized by dynamism in governance, transparency in decision-making, and vision in policies. This has enabled India to become the world's fastest-growing major economy.

- 1 Extends heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to the Honorable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on this historic achievement.
- 2 Expresses gratitude for the work accomplished under his leadership towards the welfare of the poor and the empowerment of deprived sections of society.
- 3 Appreciates the Hon'ble PM's policies, under whose leadership more than 25 crore poor people in India have overcome poverty.
- 4 Expresses gratitude for his unparalleled dedication and tireless hard work towards serving the nation.
- 5 Appreciates their efforts towards inclusive development and social justice.
- 6 Praises his leadership in strengthening national security and protecting India's interests.
- 7 Expresses its full support towards his visionary resolve and leadership to build a developed India.

And also,

The Union Cabinet extends its best wishes for the good health and long life of the Hon'ble Prime Minister.

The Union Cabinet expresses confidence that under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, India will continue to scale new heights as a self-reliant, secure, prosperous, and proud nation, and will strengthen the path towards becoming a developed nation by 2047.

Historic Leadership, Global Acclaim

New India, Empowered India

Marking a historic milestone in democratic leadership, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has become India's longest-serving elected Prime Minister. On this momentous occasion, global leaders sent congratulatory messages acknowledging his transformative governance, his vision for an inclusive and empowered India, and his role as a vocal voice for the 'Global South' on the international stage.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi received congratulations from leaders across the world on becoming India's longest-serving democratically elected Prime Minister. Bhutanese Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay described him as a friend, brother, and mentor, while Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake extended warm congratulations and reaffirmed Sri Lanka's commitment to further strengthening the long-standing ties between the two nations.



Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim also congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi on this historic achievement, describing it as a testament to his years of dedicated public service and leadership. He reiterated Malaysia's commitment to strengthening bilateral ties and expanding opportunities for the people of both nations.



Nigerian President Bola Ahmed Tinubu congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi on this achievement, noting the faith and trust the people of India have placed in his leadership across three consecutive terms. Kenyan President William Samoei Ruto also congratulated PM Modi on this historic milestone.

Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi on becoming the longest-serving elected Prime Minister in India's history. She recalled their recent meeting in Rome and expressed her commitment to advancing the special strategic partnership between India and Italy for the benefit of both nations and their people.



- South Korean President Lee Jae-myung congratulated PM Modi on becoming the longest-serving Prime Minister in India's history.
- Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen congratulated Prime Minister Modi on the achievement of becoming India's longest-serving democratically elected Prime Minister.



- US President Donald Trump congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi on becoming India's longest-serving elected Prime Minister.

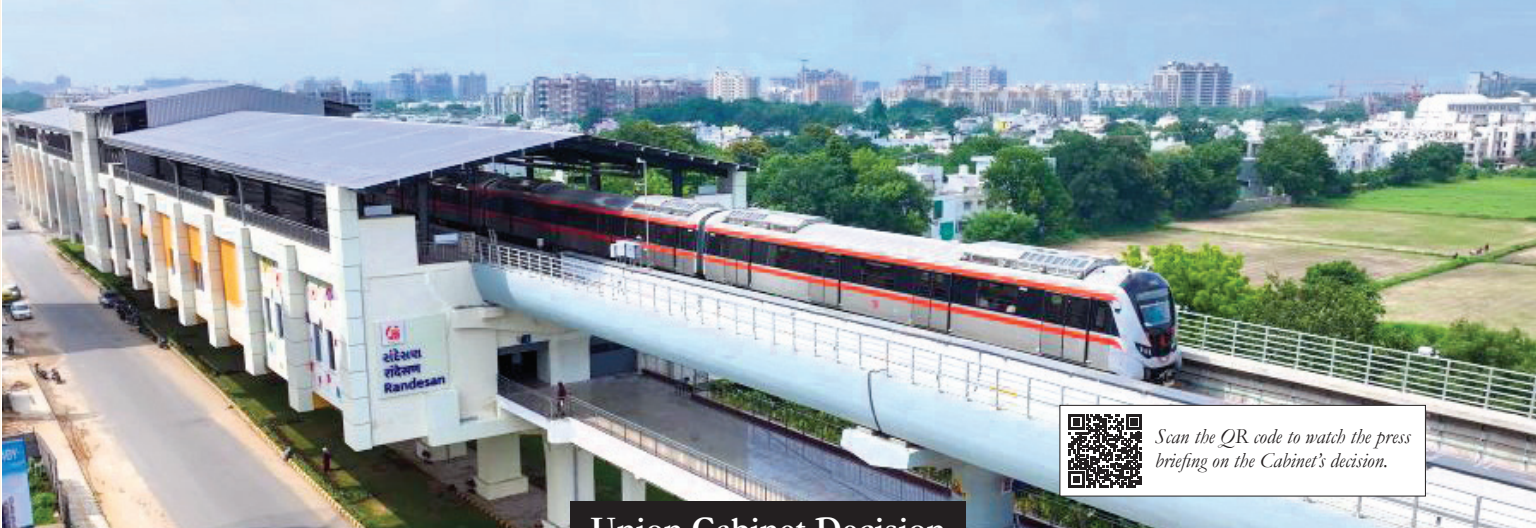


Cyprus President Nikos Christodoulides congratulated PM Modi on becoming the longest-serving Prime Minister in India's history. He described this achievement as the result of years of dedicated service and leadership.

- Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis, German Chancellor Friedrich Merz, and Papua New Guinea Prime Minister James Marape also congratulated Prime Minister Modi on this historic achievement. They described PM Modi as a "role model and an exemplar of leadership."



- Trinidad and Tobago, Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar stated that under Prime Minister Modi's leadership, India has emerged as a prominent voice in global affairs.



Union Cabinet Decision



Scan the QR code to watch the press briefing on the Cabinet's decision.

Infrastructure Push

Ahmedabad Metro Approved

In a meeting held on June 10 to mark the completion of 12 years of the NDA government, the Union Cabinet passed a resolution applauding Prime Minister Narendra Modi on becoming the country's longest-serving elected Prime Minister. Additionally, the Cabinet approved several significant infrastructure-related proposals, including the expansion of the Ahmedabad Metro Rail Project...

DECISION: Approval granted for Phase 2A of the Ahmedabad Metro Rail Project (Koteshwar Road to Airport corridor).

IMPACT: This corridor spans a length of 6.032 kilometers and comprises 5 stations (4 elevated and 1 underground). Upon the implementation of Phase 2(A), the Ahmedabad-Gandhinagar corridor will feature an operational metro rail network spanning 77.63 kilometers. The total cost of the project is estimated at ₹2,169.04 crore. The corridor aims to provide seamless connectivity to the airport and strengthen public transport by linking key residential and commercial areas. The project promises improved connectivity, relief from traffic congestion, environmental benefits, economic growth, and an enhanced quality of life.

DECISION: Approval for the construction of General Pool Residential Accommodation (GPRA) in Amaravati, the new capital city of Andhra Pradesh

IMPACT: This is the first GPRA project in Amaravati, the capital city, as well as in Andhra Pradesh. The proposal aims to alleviate the financial burden on Central Government employees by providing adequate

housing facilities, thereby boosting their morale. Furthermore, by enabling employees to reside close to their workplaces, the project will facilitate efficient government functioning and ensure their availability to discharge official duties effectively. The estimated cost of the project is ₹1,234.91 crore. It is estimated that the construction phase will generate approximately 7 lakh man-days of employment annually.

DECISION: Approval granted for the construction of a new Central Government General Pool Office complex in Amaravati, the new capital city of Andhra Pradesh.

IMPACT: This project marks a landmark initiative for the new greenfield city of Amaravati, which is envisioned as a world-class urban center. The proposal aims to meet the growing demand for office space for various Central Government offices by bringing them under one roof. This consolidation will enhance inter-departmental coordination and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of services provided by the Central Government to Andhra Pradesh. The construction phase is estimated to generate approximately 7 lakh man-days of employment annually. The estimated cost of the project is ₹1,299.08 crore.



A Swadeshi Justice System

Two Years of a New Dawn, A New Direction



A strong justice delivery system is the foundation of a civilized society, encompassing vast significance. With this vision, on July 1, 2024, India replaced three colonial-era laws—rooted in a mindset of servitude—that had relied on the principle of punishment for over a century and a half. Two years ago, the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam ushered in a new era—shifting the focus from punishment to justice—through a complete Swadeshi process. After two centuries, India finally secured its own laws in the 21st century, free from the shadow of colonial subjugation. Consequently, the very language and framework of justice have transformed over the past two years for citizens, the police, and the courts alike. Through this shift, the people of India are witnessing the dawn of an indigenous justice system...



1 *In a vehicle theft case in Chandigarh, the court pronounced a sentence just two months and eleven days after the FIR was registered. In another instance, an accused charged with inciting unrest was sentenced after a full trial concluded in merely 20 days.*

2 *In Delhi, a landmark case swiftly moved from FIR to final verdict in just 60 days, ultimately resulting in a strict 20-year prison sentence for the accused.*

3 *In Chhapra, Bihar, too, it took just 14 days to progress from the filing of an FIR to the submission of the charge sheet in a murder case. This is a significant step towards ensuring speedy justice.*

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hile a three-year timeframe was set for the full implementation of the new laws across all states, the success achieved within just the last two years is immense. These

few examples illustrate the strength and impact of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. This transformation demonstrates that when a government is dedicated to the interests of ordinary citizens and sincerely strives to resolve public grievances, it yields very positive results. It is the outcome of this very vision that a 'New India' is witnessing a new era of justice today. Citizens now feel that 'justice, not punishment, is paramount' and that the new laws of this New India exist to ensure justice for them. These three historic laws of independent India have redefined the nature of justice, basing it on the principle of 'Citizen First, Justice First.' They are entirely citizen-centric, accessible, and rooted in Indian values.

Infused with the spirit of Indianness, these three new laws have become symbols of time-bound justice facilitated by digital processes. Looking at the achievements of the past two years, over 6.3 million (63 lakh) FIRs have been registered under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, with charge sheets or final reports submitted in approximately 5.2 million (52 lakh) of these cases. Furthermore, the pace of submitting charge sheets or final reports within a 60-day window—which hovered around 50 percent under the previous legal regime—has risen to over 61 percent in the last two years due to the new laws. For cases requiring charge sheet filing within 90 days, the compliance rate has increased from approximately 39 percent under the old laws to over 51 percent now. The number of 'Zero FIRs' has also reached nearly 60,000 during this two-year period. The impact of these legislative changes is clearly visible in sensitive matters such as sexual offenses; the compliance rate for filing charge sheets within two months for sexual offenses rose from 44 percent in 2018 (under the old laws) to 71 percent today. Forensic capabilities have expanded rapidly.



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The Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, and the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023 represent a pivotal moment in our history. They signify the end of colonial-era laws and herald a new era defined by legislation focused on public service and welfare. This stands as a testament to India's commitment to reform.

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

TIMELY JUSTICE: THE PRIMARY BENCHMARK

The primary benchmark of justice is receiving it



in a timely manner. As the saying goes, “Justice delayed is justice denied.” Therefore, significant strides towards ensuring speedy justice have been taken through the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita. Priority has been accorded to the prompt filing of charge sheets and the expeditious delivery of verdicts. Timeframes have been set up for the completion of every stage of a case, reflecting the core principle of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita: Citizen First. The concept of “Zero FIR” has been given robust legal backing. Another humane aspect of this new legislation is that individuals cannot be detained in prison for prolonged periods without conviction. Arrests in cases involving offenses punishable by less than three years of imprisonment now require the approval of a senior authority. Provisions for mandatory bail have been introduced for minor offenses. An option for community service has also been included for minor crimes, offering the accused a fresh opportunity to move forward positively in the interest of society. The legal code also demonstrates sensitivity towards first-time offenders. Both the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita

are imbued with sensitivity towards every victim, ensuring that the law stands firmly by their side. Time limits have been set for every stage, from the filing of the charge sheet to the pronouncement of the verdict. Following the implementation of this law, thousands of prisoners—previously incarcerated under the old legal framework—have been released. This demonstrates the immense potential of a new system and new legislation to empower citizens and uphold their rights.

RESTORING TRUE SPIRIT OF DEMOCRACY

It is essential to understand the necessity of these laws for a nation marching towards the resolve of a ‘Viksit Bharat’. Although the country gained independence in 1947, laws enacted during the British era remained in force—laws that had served as instruments of British oppression and exploitation. These laws were framed at a time when British authorities were prepared to go to any lengths to maintain their stronghold on India, particularly in the wake of the First War of Independence in 1857, which had shaken the foundations of the British Empire and posed challenges in every corner of the country. In

A New Era of Judicial Accessibility



We have broken free from British-era laws enacted in the 19th century. Following the 21st century's most significant reform, India now has its own laws—laws rooted in the core principles of justice, equality, and fairness. In the true sense, this embodies the spirit of a New India and reflects the principles of the Constitution...

The Objective: Justice, Not Just Punishment

- Freedom from 150-year-old British-era laws.
- Upon full implementation, justice—from the initial FIR stage up to the Supreme Court—will be delivered within approximately three years.
- The new laws mandate specific timeframes for completing investigations, filing charge-sheets, framing charges, and delivering judgments.
- Forensic investigation has been made mandatory for all offenses punishable by seven years or more of imprisonment.

Tough Stance on Terrorism and Organized Crime

The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, introduces stringent provisions to tackle organized crime and terrorism.

response, the British introduced the IPC in 1860 and the CrPC a few years later. These laws were not designed for the welfare of the citizens but to safeguard British rule. Their mindset is evident in their very law structure: offenses such as looting the state treasury, tampering with railway tracks, or insulting the British Crown were prioritized over heinous crimes like murder or atrocities against women.

It was an unfortunate reality that, long after independence, Indian laws continued to revolve around that same penal code. While amendments were made periodically, the fundamental character of the laws remained unchanged. The very soul and focus of these British-era laws were rooted in strengthening British rule and protecting a colonial administration whose primary objective was punishment rather than the delivery of justice. Against this backdrop, when Prime Minister Narendra Modi pledged from the ramparts of the Red Fort to break free from the 'mentality of slavery,' the overhaul of the penal code marked a decisive step in that direction. As the nation moved towards shedding all vestiges of colonial servitude—alongside its grand resolve to become a developed nation during 'Amrit Kaal'—it took a far-reaching initiative in July 2024 by enacting the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. The Indian Penal Code (1860), the Criminal Procedure Code (1898), and the Indian Evidence Act (1872) had originally been passed by the British Parliament. The Indian Penal Code (1860) has now been replaced by the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, the Code of Criminal Procedure (1898) by the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, and the Indian Evidence Act (1872) by the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam. These three new laws have laid the foundation for a criminal justice system that is centered on justice rather than merely on punishment. Now, the concept of 'Ease of Justice' has been realized through processes that are simple, coherent, transparent, and accountable. These three new laws embody the true spirit of Indian justice. In the true sense, decades after independence, these three criminal laws have, for the first time, humanized the justice system. This legal code strengthens the true democratic principle: "of the people, by the people, for the people." Indepen-





Tableau at Kartavya Path... From Punishment to Justice

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These three new laws governing our criminal justice system represent the most significant reform of the 21st century. The guiding principles of ‘Citizen First,’ ‘Dignity First,’ and ‘Justice First’ form the foundation of these new criminal laws. Today, our police force relies on data rather than the baton, and on scientific evidence instead of ‘third-degree’ interrogation methods.

Amit Shah, Union Minister of Home Affairs and Cooperation

dent India’s Nyaya Sanhita is woven with the ideals of equality, harmony, and social justice. It is often said that everyone is equal in the eyes of the law, yet the practical reality was quite different; the poor and the vulnerable feared the law and were afraid to step into courts or police stations. Now, however, the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita is transforming this societal mindset. People are beginning to trust that the nation’s laws guarantee equality. This is the true social justice promised by the Constitution.

A STRENGTHENED SENSE OF SECURITY AMONG THE PEOPLE

The true strength of any nation lies in its people, and the people derive their strength from the country’s laws. That is why citizens proudly declare their adherence to the law. This allegiance of citizens to the law constitutes the nation’s greatest asset. Rules and laws are effective only when they remain relevant to the times. Today, the world is changing rapidly; the nature of crime and the new methods criminals employ have evolved. In such a context, 19th-century systems were no longer practical. Consequently, these laws have been modernized and made truly Indian in character. Digital evidence is now recog-

Timely Justice through Digital Processes

2 Years of the New Laws: Achievements

Time-bound Process + Technology = Trust

Charge-sheet/
Final Report
within 60 days
Compliance rate

50.92%

2024

61.11%

2026

39.56%

2024

51.28%

2026

Charge-sheet/
Final Report
within 90 days
Compliance rate



FIRs under BNS

63.08 lakh



Charge-sheets/Final Reports

51.95 lakh

59,572 Total Zero
FIRs registered



35.06

lakh Evidence IDs
generated via
e-evidence

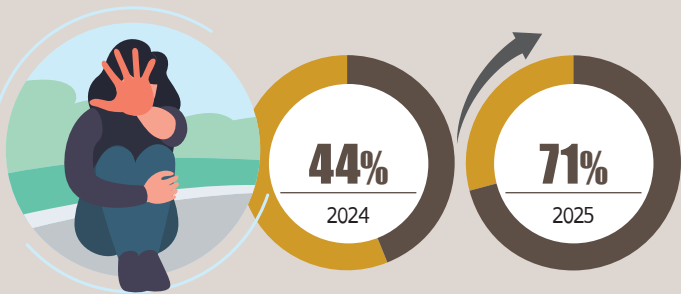


nized as crucial evidence. Videography of the entire process has been made mandatory to prevent any tampering with evidence during investigations. Summons can now be issued directly via phone or electronic means by courts and the police. Audio-video recordings of witness statements are permitted. Digital evidence is admissible in court and serves as a foundation for justice. This eliminates unnecessary delays in apprehending criminals. These changes were also essential for national security. The integra-

tion of digital evidence and technology is aiding the fight against terrorism. Under the new laws, terrorists and terrorist organizations can no longer exploit legal complexities to their advantage.

These laws have enhanced the operational efficiency of every department and accelerated the nation's progress. The removal of legal hurdles has curbed corruption, positively impacting investment. Previously, investors were reluctant to invest in India due to the fear that litigation could drag on for years;

Compliance rate for filing charge-sheets in sexual offense cases within two months



Expansion of Forensic Capacity

16 NFSU (National Forensic Sciences University) proposed/operational
9 established + 7 additional approved

15 CFSL (Central Forensic Science Laboratory) proposed/operational
7 established + 8 additional approved

7+
years sentence offences require mandatory forensic examination and expert involvement during investigation



that apprehension has now been dispelled. This is also strengthening the country's economy.

INDEPENDENT INDIA'S OWN NYAYA SANHITA BORN OF EXTENSIVE DELIBERATION

The implementation of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita on July 1, 2024—inspired by the spirit of the Constitution and coinciding with the 75th year of the Constitution—marked a significant milestone. It represented a con-

For the first time, terrorism, organized crime, and mob lynching have been defined in the new criminal laws. Additionally, time limits have been set for the police, the judiciary, and the prosecution—a first in this regard. The five pillars—police, prisons, judiciary, prosecution, and forensics—have been digitally interconnected.

Amit Shah, Union Minister of Home Affairs and Cooperation

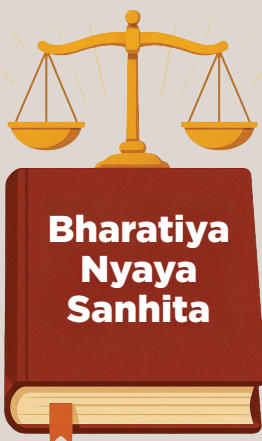
crete step towards realizing the ideals enshrined in the Constitution. Just as the country's new Nyaya Sanhita is a comprehensive document in itself, the process of formulating it has been equally extensive. It embodies the dedicated efforts of the nation's eminent constitutional experts and jurists.

To infuse the spirit of Indianness into this law, the Central Government initiated an extensive consultative process starting in 2019. Discussions were held with a wide range of stakeholders, including Chief Justices of High Courts, Supreme Court judges, law universities, Members of Parliament, Chief Ministers, Governors, administrators of Union Territories, legal experts, and ordinary citizens. Union Home Minister Amit Shah personally reviewed every single line—taking into account recommendations from the Bezbaruah, Viswanathan, Malimath, and Madhava Menon committees, as well as the 111th, 110th, and 146th reports of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs (from 2005, 2006, and 2011) and inputs from Governors, Chief Ministers, legislators, judges, the judiciary, and law universities—to construct the framework of the law. Following its passage by Parliament and assent by



Sections Revised: Some Reduced, Others Enhanced in New Laws

The Central Government has made significant changes regarding priorities in the new criminal justice reform laws. This was necessary because the system had been operating based on the IPC (163 years old), CrPC (125 years old), and the Evidence Act (150 years old)—all originally enacted by the British Parliament. In the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, sections dealing with crimes against women, children, and the nation have been prioritized—a departure from colonial-era laws. Under the old laws, provisions regarding sedition, looting of the exchequer, and attacks on government officials took precedence over sections concerning crimes against women, children, and the nation.



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Sections are now included in the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita; previously, the Indian Penal Code (1860) contained 511 sections.

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New sections defining offenses have been added.



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Sections now carry enhanced terms of imprisonment.

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Offenses fine amounts have been enhanced, and mandatory minimum sentences have been introduced for 25 offenses.

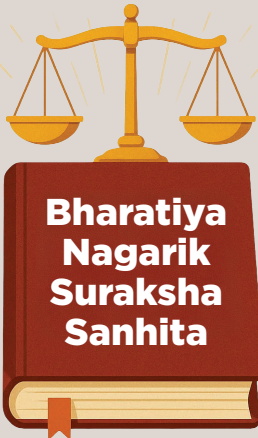
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Sections have been repealed. Community service has been introduced as a form of punishment for six offenses.

the President, large-scale public awareness campaigns were launched to ensure every citizen became familiar with the laws of independent India.

The challenges faced by the justice system over the seven decades since independence were deeply deliberated upon. Every aspect of the law was scrutinized for its practical applicability and future relevance. From

this rigorous, churning process—akin to the Samudra Manthan—emerged the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita as a stream of 'Amrit' for the Amrit Kaal era. Born of such immense collaboration, India's new Nyaya Sanhita is proving to be a milestone in the nation's journey of justice. With the implementation of these laws on July 1, 2024, all vestiges of the British Raj and colonial-era



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Sections are contained in the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, whereas the old Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, had 484 sections. 14 sections have been repealed.

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Provisions have been amended. Nine new sections and 39 new sub-sections have been added.

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New clarifications and explanations have been added.

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Sections now include specified time limits.

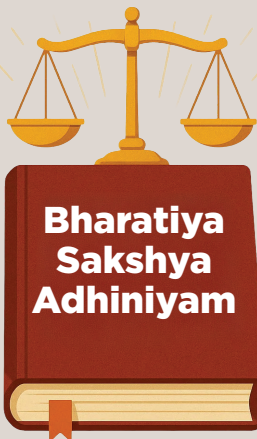
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Audio-video provisions have been introduced.



Terms in the law that were offensive

Until June 30, 2024, the laws in force in the country contained terminology that offended the spirit of independent India; yet, these same laws remained applicable even 75 years after independence. The terms mentioned included references to the Parliament of the 'United Kingdom', provincial legislatures, representatives of the 'Crown', the 'London Gazette', 'Jury', the 'United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland', 'Her Majesty's Government', procedures prescribed by the 'London Gazette', 'British Crown', traditions of the courts of 'England', and the term 'barrister'.



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provisions in the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam. The Indian Evidence Act of 1872 originally contained 167 sections.

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Changes have been made to the provisions. Two new sections and six subsections have been added, while six sections have been removed.

servitude were eliminated, ushering in a fully indigenous legal framework. This marked the dawn of a new era in India's criminal justice system. With the full implementation of this law, the era of endless adjournments—famously known as 'tareekh pe tareekh'—has come to an end. A justice system has now been established in the country that ensures justice is delivered

to any victim within three years. Over the past two years, India's new laws have transformed the entire landscape of justice—a shift now being directly felt by every citizen. The 'Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita,' introduced under the leadership of PM Modi, marks a new beginning for justice, reflecting the mindset of a rapidly evolving India.

'Viksit Bharat – G-Ram-G' comes into force from July 1, 2026

Now, A 125-Day Employment Guarantee In Rural India

In any developing nation—or specifically in rural India—access to at least 125 days of employment is essential for securing a livelihood. Guided by this vision, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had previously implemented the 'Garib Kalyan Rojgar Guarantee Abhiyan' for a 125-day period during the COVID-19 crisis. The 'Viksit Bharat – G-Ram-G' Act, formulated with this same foresight, has come into force on July 1, replacing MGNREGA. Under G-Ram-G, every rural household whose adult members seek unskilled manual labor will be provided guaranteed 125 days of wage-based employment each financial year.

In a developing country like India, the dream of a 'Viksit Bharat' cannot be realized without the development of rural India. This is why Prime Minister Narendra Modi—who holds the record for the longest-serving elected Prime Minister—has been consistently implementing schemes for rural development for the past 12 years. When the lockdown was announced in March 2020 due to the global COVID-19 pandemic, he declared a special 'Garib Kalyan' package worth ₹1.75 lakh crore. Subsequently, to provide ample employment and livelihood opportunities to migrant workers

returning to their villages, he launched the 'Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyan' and implemented schemes worth ₹50,000 crore. It is a result of his vision to ensure a quality lifestyle for the poor that the 'Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission Gramin' now guarantees 125 days of demand-based employment. This new Act serves as a blueprint for making rural India self-reliant.

The 'Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission Gramin'—or the VB G-Ram-G Act—marks a decisive shift in India's rural employment policy. This Act addresses the shortcomings of MGNREGA through



Key highlights of the 'Viksit Bharat-G Ram G' initiative...

- Under the new law, the wage employment guarantee for rural households, as compared to MGNREGA, has been increased from 100 days to 125 days per financial year.
- The existing MGNREGA framework has been replaced through comprehensive statutory amendments, strengthening accountability, infrastructure outcomes, and income security.
- The Gram Sabha will monitor all works undertaken under this Act; the Gram Panchayat will provide all relevant documents for this purpose.
- Work will be provided within a stipulated timeframe; failure to do so will entitle workers to an unemployment allowance.
- Wages will be paid directly into workers' accounts via DBT, either weekly or within 15 days of the closure of the muster roll.
- Workers will be eligible for delay compensation in accordance with the Act's provisions if wages are not paid on time.
- Existing e-KYC verified MGNREGA job cards will remain valid under 'Viksit Bharat-G Ram G' until the new rural employment guarantee cards are issued.
- No worker will be denied employment solely due to pending e-KYC verification.
- In the current financial year, an amount exceeding ₹1,51,282 crore will be spent on employment under the new law, with a provision of ₹95,692 crore made in the 2026-27 budget for the central share. This represents the largest-ever allocation for rural employment at the budget estimate stage.
- Water security and water-related works will be undertaken, including irrigation, rejuvenation of water bodies, plantation, canals, flood waterways, construction of subsurface dams, ponds, and wells, as well as the improvement of community waterlogged lands.
- Works related to core rural infrastructure will be carried out, covering sectors such as education, health, drinking water, sanitation, renewable energy, and community facilities.
- Livelihood-related infrastructure works will encompass agriculture, livestock, fisheries, skill development, and enterprise development. Activities include rural haats, weekly markets, food and agricultural storage, expanding nursery cultivation, and the production of building materials.
- Monitoring will be conducted using biometric authentication, geo-referencing, satellite imagery, and digital mapping of works. A mobile app featuring a dashboard-based monitoring system will be used to track demand, work execution, labor deployment, and overall progress in real-time.



a modern, accountable, and infrastructure-centric framework. VB-G-RAM-G will expand guaranteed employment in rural India and align national development priorities with operational tasks by integrating a robust digital governance system. It will impart fresh momentum to rural employment generation, rural development, and self-reliance in villages. By posi-

tioning Gram Panchayats as the central pillars of rural transformation, this legislation will serve as a significant milestone in building a strong, prosperous, and developed rural India. This new rural employment guarantee will act as a driving force, helping to realize the dream of a developed rural India as part of the vision for a developed India by 2047.

Giant Leap Towards a Skilled India



Every nation possesses unique potential, but harnessing it requires the power of youth. The more empowered the youth, the greater the nation's progress. In this context, the Skill India Mission has emerged as a robust pillar, significantly empowering young people at the grassroots level. Launched on July 15, 2015, this mission has become a transformative initiative, skilling and empowering lakhs of people across the country over the past 11 years.

Nitya Devi Nihotia, a tribal woman from a remote village in Tripura, received training in rubber plantation work through the Skill India Mission and started a nursery. She now earns a monthly profit of ₹4,000 from this venture. As a beneficiary of the scheme, Nihotia believes that access to the right information at the right time can resolve many challenges. Another such story is that of two sisters, Poonam and Komal. Their financial situation was so dire that they had been unable to continue their education. In these trying circumstances, Skill India emerged as a ray of hope. Both sisters underwent skill training and are now employed by a textile company. They not only support their families but have also become role models for women aspiring to achieve financial independence through their skills. Today, Nitya Devi, Poonam, and Komal are among those who have completed training under various Skill India schemes and programs, giving new wings to their dreams.



Nitya Devi Nihotia



Poonam & Komal

The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship launched the Skill India Mission on July 15, 2015. This mission provided Indian youth with an excellent platform to hone their professional skills. Its objective was to impart vocational training and equip young people with relevant skills across the country. This initiative by the Government of

India proved to be a milestone, helping to empower lakhs of Indian youth by connecting them with industry-relevant skill training. Moreover, this training opened doors to better livelihoods for them.

The potential skill development courses offered

The following schemes are included under the Mission:

- Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY)
- Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS)
- National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme
- Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS) in Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs)

Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY)

1.64 crore candidates trained across more than 35 sectors under PMKVY by March 2026

- Over 3.15 lakh candidates trained for roles in construction, telecommunications, and healthcare sectors, as well as for career and education counselor positions
- Training programs are currently being conducted under PMKVY 4.0
- PMKVY 4.0 trained 27.24 lakh candidates across 38 sectors, covering 36 states and 737 districts, by March 31, 2026.

Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS)

- Currently, 294 Jan Shikshan Sansthans (JSS) are operational.

36,48,69 beneficiaries trained between 2018 & March 31, 2026

- The courses are aligned with local demand and include tailoring, embroidery, handicrafts, food processing, and health-related services.
- By March 31, 2026, 26,720 tribal beneficiaries had been enrolled, and 26,519 had been trained.

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Skill India is strengthening the resolve to make our youth skilled and self-reliant.

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS)

- Launched in August 2016, this scheme is currently being implemented in its second phase, NAPS 2.0.
- The government contributes 25 percent of the stipend (up to ₹1,500 per month) directly into the apprentices' bank accounts via the NAPS portal.
- From 2016 to March 31, 2026, over 54.41 lakh apprentices have been engaged in sectors such as automotive, IT-ITeS, electronics, retail, and manufacturing.
- In the financial year 2025-26, approximately 12.35 lakh apprentices were engaged. Additionally, around 6.42 lakh apprentices completed their on-the-job training during the same period.

Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS)

- Under CTS, training is imparted in 169 courses across the country through 14,688 ITIs (Government: 3,345; Private: 11,343).
- By March 2026, a total of 14 CTS courses had been developed, and 22 existing courses had been revised over three years.
- Enrollment in ITIs increased from 12.51 lakh in the financial year 2022-23 to 14.70 lakh in the financial year 2025-26.

under this scheme also worked wonders for women, training them to earn a livelihood. This brief training transformed their lives; indeed, it would be no exaggeration to say that these ordinary women have now become heroes in their own right.

11 Years of the Digital India Programme

A New Era of Transformation Driven by Technology



Today, technology has become an integral part of every citizen's life. Whether it is social empowerment, education, skill development, agriculture, healthcare, or transportation and logistics, digitisation has expanded across all levels of the country over the past decade. Behind this transformation is Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of democratizing technology and empowering citizens. With this vision, the Digital India Programme, launched on 1 July 2015, has not only made life easier for citizens but has also driven the rapid growth of the digital economy. On the occasion of the programme's 11th anniversary, let us take a look at its progress and achievements.

Digital inclusion in India extends beyond mere devices and data; it has become a bridge for building capabilities, creating opportunities, and extending development to every village and town. Since its inception, the Digital India programme has created an inclusive digital ecosystem in the country by integrating connectivity with skill development, platforms, and startups. Digital India has strengthened digital governance, thereby not only improving the ease of living but also making it easier to do business. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Digital India programme with the vision of transforming India into a digitally empowered society and a knowledge economy. The Digital India programme has crossed numerous milestones and achieved significant successes; today, India ranks third globally in terms of the digitisation of its economy. A major factor behind this is India's robust digital infrastructure.

Not just the country, but the entire world has witnessed the 'trishakti' of Jan Dhan, Aadhaar, and Mobile. While this has elevated the banking system to a new level, the strength of 'Digital India' has also succeeded in plugging leakages in the government exchequer amounting to over ₹4 lakh crore. Similarly,



India's Digital Public Infrastructure has become a topic of discussion across the globe today. We are moving towards next-generation digital infrastructure.

UPI has propelled digital payments into the next phase. Today, India has emerged as the world's fastest nation for real-time digital payments.

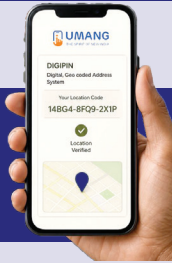
Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) now accounts for 49% of the world's real-time payments. Nine countries are adopting this Indian system. Whether it is Common Service Centres or the rising demand for digital services, this transformation has created new opportunities for employment and investment. India's digital economy is expanding continuously; it is estimated that by 2029-30, it will contribute an amount equivalent to one-fifth of the national income.

Digital India is Making Life Easier

Social Empowerment

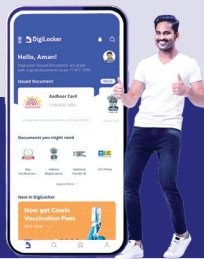
11+ crore registrations on UMANG, through which citizens can access approximately 2,400 types of government services.



- Over 6 crore users on the MyGov website.
- Over 2 crore youth and organisations connected to the MyBharat portal; MyBharat centres will be established across 783 districts.
- 7.22 lakh km of optical fibre cable has been laid; internet connectivity across the country has been strengthened under the BharatNet scheme.
- Over 2 lakh Gram Panchayats connected via optical fibre under the BharatNet programme.

Digital Infrastructure

70+ crore DigiLocker users have 950 crore digital documents stored



- Over 74.4 crore users on the 'Meri Pehchan' website, which integrates more than 16,000 services; multiple government services can be accessed here via a Single Sign-On.
- Over 5 lakh Common Service Centres (CSCs) are operating nationwide, offering more than 800 services in assisted digital mode.
- Over 90% of files have transitioned to e-Office, enabling paperless operations within government departments.

Financial Inclusion



188+

crore e-Way bills are generated; they serve as a unified electronic document for transportation, replacing multiple state-level permits.

- DigiYatra has been used over 10 crore times across 38 airports in the country.
- ₹51+ lakh crore has been transferred via Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) leveraging the 'Trishakti' of Jan Dhan-Aadhaar-Mobile.
- 58+ crore Jan Dhan accounts opened.
- 144+ crore Aadhaar numbers issued—the world's largest digital identity system; in 2014, the figure stood at 61 crore.
- 9 countries have adopted India's UPI.
- Indian UPI is accepted in Singapore, the UAE, France, Mauritius, Nepal, Bhutan, Qatar, Sri Lanka, and now Cambodia.
- 49% of global real-time payments are made in India via UPI.
- Over 81% of all retail digital transactions in India are conducted through UPI.
- 64+ crore people and merchants are using the UPI platform.

Transport and Logistics

₹16+

lakh crore The estimated cost of 352 projects has been evaluated on the PM GatiShakti platform.

- 12+ crore FASTags issued; vehicles now stop for only a few seconds at toll plazas, reducing fuel costs and benefiting the environment.
- A Unified Logistics Interface Platform (ULIP) is a digital platform that aggregates data from logistics-related ministries and departments onto a single platform.

Healthcare and Wellness

- Over 90 crore ABHA accounts have been created under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission, setting a record for the adoption of the 14-digit digital health identification number.
- Over 45 crore e-consultations were conducted via eSanjeevani.
- 8.9 crore beneficiaries and over 14 lakh Anganwadis were linked to Poshan Tracker.
- The Aarogya Setu app played a significant role in vaccination and contact tracing during COVID-19.



Farmers and Rural Sector

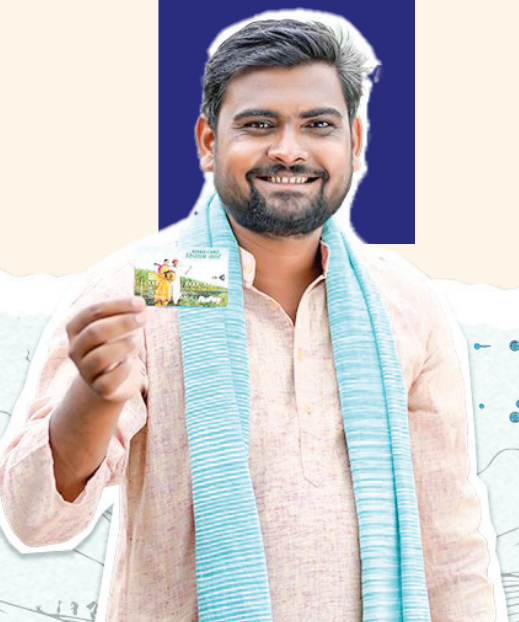
₹ 4.27+

lakh crore has been disbursed under the PM-KISAN scheme. It utilises a farmer-centric digital infrastructure that includes OTP/Aadhaar-based e-KYC and biometric authentication.

- Agricultural and horticultural advisories are issued to farmers in the Northeastern states through 'm4Agri'.
- Over 97% of the country's area has completed digitisation of land record maps, and citizens in 19 states can now download digitally signed, legally valid land records from the comfort of their homes.
- Over 36 crore land parcels have been assigned unique land parcel identification numbers, a 14-digit alphanumeric code that helps curb benami (proxy) transactions.

9+

crore Farmer ID cards have been generated.



Education and Skills

1.5 crore Users have joined the iGOT Karmayogi platform, which hosts 4,000+ digital courses.

- Over 800 government websites are integrated with Digital India Bhashini and handle more than 1.5 crore AI-driven tasks daily.
- Over 16 lakh candidates have benefited from the FutureSkills PRIME programme; 85% of the beneficiaries are from Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities.
- 6.39 crore rural citizens were trained under the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA), surpassing the target of training one person per household across 6 crore families.
- Initiatives like e-Counselling, e-Granthalaya, and the National Academic Depository are also streamlining processes.

Entrepreneurship and Manufacturing

- With over 2.2 lakh startups, India boasts the world's third-largest startup ecosystem, where technology is simplifying people's lives.
- The Startup India Hub is a digital platform that brings together budding entrepreneurs, investors, mentors, incubators, and government bodies on a single stage, fostering innovation and business growth.

Emerging Technologies

Digital platforms such as the National Programme on Artificial Intelligence (IndiaAI) and the Centre of Excellence for Internet of Things (IoT) are helping to advance emerging technologies across the country.



2026

566+

crore Learning sessions have taken place on the DIKSHA platform, which has over 2 crore users.

Procurement, Trade & Taxation

- In ICEGATE, the portal of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), its integration with ULIP, the motor vehicle ecosystem, and BSF has created a real-time data-sharing network, accelerating border clearance and cargo processing.

18+

lakh crore Total sales recorded on the GeM platform from its inception up to April 2026.



PM Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana

Empowering the Workforce of a New India



To strengthen the labor market, the central government is scripting a new chapter in job creation across the country through the 'Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar' Yojana. For the first time, direct financial assistance is being provided upon securing formal employment. Moving towards a target of generating over 3.5 crore jobs within two years, the scheme has already seen the registration of approximately 56 lakh employees by February 2026...

Prime Minister Narendra Modi views employment not as an act of 'welfare charity' but as a means of empowerment. This very vision will serve as the primary engine for realizing the dream of a 'Viksit Bharat 2047.' It is for this reason that, under the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana, a total of 55.9 lakh first-time employees and 1.14 crore employees re-entering the workforce have been enrolled by February 2026. Under the scheme, first-time employees for whom a new Universal Account Number (UAN) has been generated are eligible for an incentive of up to ₹15,000. This amount is to be disbursed in two installments at six-month intervals. Meanwhile, the government also provides an incentive of up to ₹3,000 to employers for each new employee, contingent on the employee being employed for 6 months.

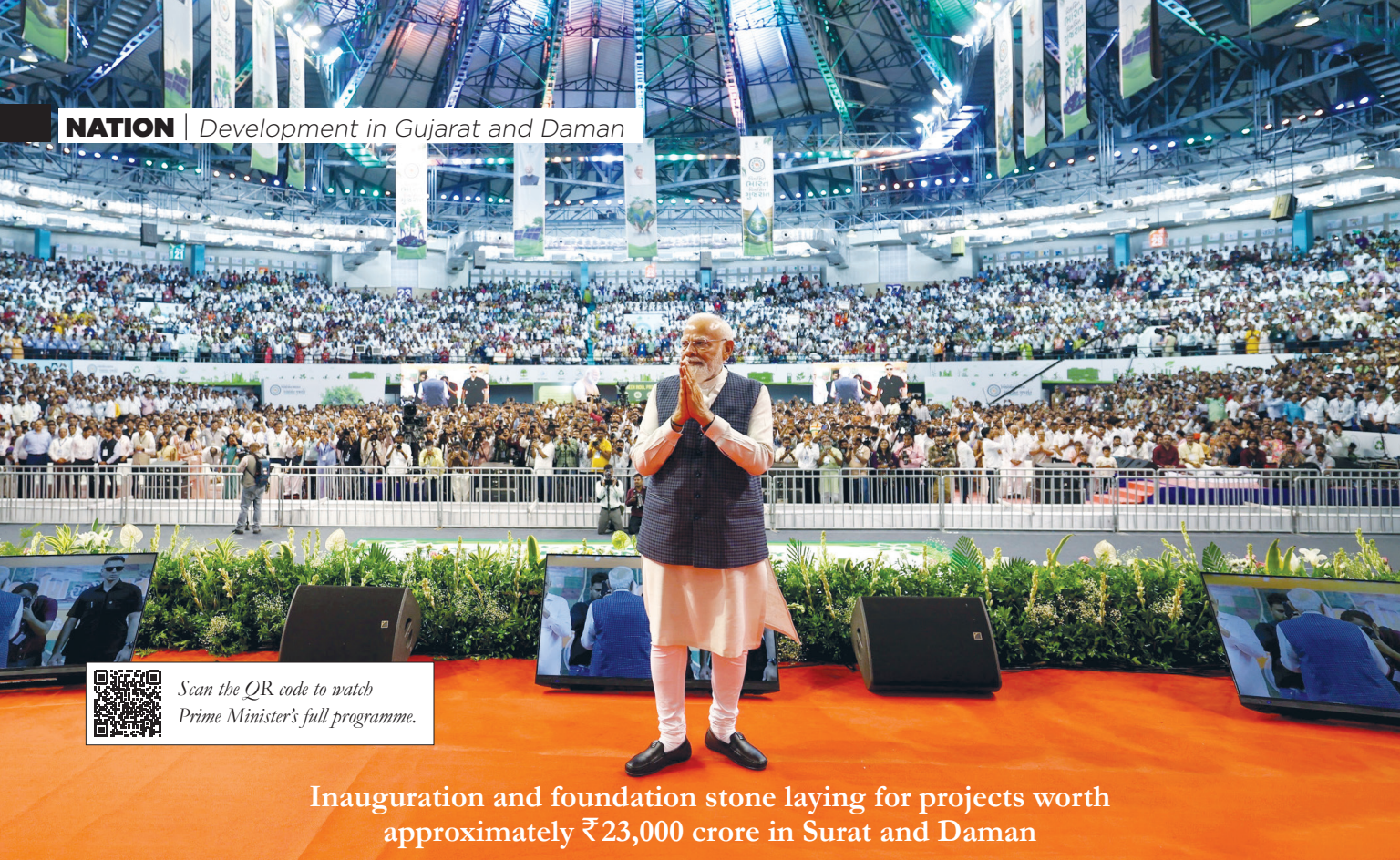
The Union Cabinet approved the employment-linked incentive scheme on July 1, 2025, with a budgetary provision of ₹99,446 crore. The scheme aims to provide incentives for creating over 3.5 crore jobs in the country over two years. Benefits under the scheme will apply to jobs created between August 1, 2025, and July 31, 2027. Employees earning up to ₹1



Today, every Indian is moving forward with a grand resolve—the resolve to build a developed India by 2047. To achieve this goal, the country is investing across various sectors, and these investments are creating millions of new employment opportunities for the nation's youth.

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

lakh are eligible under the scheme. The creation of new jobs will not only secure the future of the youth but also strengthen the foundation of an 'Atmanirbhar Bharat.' The Government of India announced this employment-linked incentive scheme under the 'Prime Minister's Package for Employment and Skilling' in the 2024-25 budget. The scheme has two components: it provides support to employees and assists establishments in enhancing the productivity of new hires.



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Prime Minister's full programme.

Inauguration and foundation stone laying for projects worth
approximately ₹23,000 crore in Surat and Daman

A new chapter in modern connectivity and development

The Central Government remains steadfastly committed to ushering in a new era of regional development and robust connectivity in Surat (Gujarat) and the Union Territory of Daman. As part of this initiative, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stones for various projects worth approximately ₹23,000 crore—spanning roads, airports, hospitals, energy, and industrial development—across Surat, Daman, and Lakshadweep on June 5. These projects will not only enhance the 'Ease of Living' but also accelerate the nation's resolve to become self-reliant...

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, a new chapter is being added daily to the nation's journey towards the goal of a 'Viksit Bharat'. Prime Minister Modi personally monitors progress to ensure that no state or Union Territory lags in development. He works to ensure that the benefits of development reach even the persons at the fringes of society. As part of this ongoing effort, Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Surat (Gujarat), the Union Territory of Daman, and Lakshadweep on June 5. Several projects aimed at enhancing amenities for the general public were inaugurated or had their foundation stones



This decade is proving to be a decade of disasters for the world. First came the major Corona crisis, then wars in various places... and now, a massive energy crisis... these events have thrown the entire world into disarray. However, it gives me great satisfaction that, through the collective efforts of 1.4 billion Indians, the country is confronting every such crisis with strength.

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

Development projects gifted to the nation from Surat

- Inauguration: Dedication of key packages of the 8-lane access-controlled Vadodara-Mumbai Expressway to the nation.
- 220-bed ESIC Hospital in Surat.
- Power transmission network expansion project.
- Chemicals and Petrochemicals Investment Region.
- Advanced waste disposal facility at Sarigam GIDC (Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation).
- Foundation Stone Laying: Widening of critical sections of National Highway-56 to four lanes to improve connectivity to tribal areas and the Statue of Unity.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited the Larsen & Toubro facility at Hazira, Gujarat, where he took account of innovations being developed by the company across various sectors.

laid during the visit. While the inaugurated projects will improve the quality of life for citizens, the projects for which foundation stones were laid will pave the way for future progress. Development projects worth ₹18,800 crore in Surat, ₹2,970 crore in Daman, and ₹885 crore in Lakshadweep were inaugurated or launched.

At an event in Surat, Prime Minister Narendra Modi lauded Gujarat's contribution to India's energy self-reliance. He noted that the state generates one-fifth (50 GW) of the country's total renewable energy capacity of 250 GW. The state is also poised to play a leading role in emerging sectors such as green hydrogen and green ammonia. Over the past 12 years, there has been significant expansion in sectors including solar energy, ethanol blending, railway electrification, nuclear energy, transmission networks, gas pipelines, and port storage capacities. Recent global crises have underscored the critical importance of achieving self-reliance in the energy sector.

Reflecting on his visit to Hazira, PM Modi described the region not merely as an industrial zone but as a comprehensive, thriving ecosystem encompassing energy, steel, defense production, and global maritime trade. He hailed this maritime-industrial hub as a living testament to the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' initiative. He strongly criticized those pessimistic factions within the country that mock the self-reliance campaign. Emphasis is being placed on modern connectivity to foster self-reliance. Mega projects such as the Dedicated Freight Corridor,

Boosting the socio-economic development of Lakshadweep

- Foundation stone: Foundation stones laid for projects worth approximately ₹885 crore.
- Port facilities will be developed on the eastern and western sides of both Kalpeni and Kadmat islands.
- The development of multi-purpose jetties will facilitate year-round access for large passenger vessels, including cruise ships up to 300 meters in length.
- Integrated facilities will be provided for fish management, fuel distribution, ice supply, and boat repair.
- This initiative will strengthen maritime connectivity, support the livelihoods of local fishermen, boost tourism, and contribute to the socio-economic development of the islands.





Daman receives gifts of development

- Inauguration: New terminal building of Namo Airport and Namo Hospital.
- Foundation stone: Iconic Bridge, Daman Convention Centre, and NIFT campus.



Inauguration of the first World Yogasana Championship

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the first World Yogasana Championship on June 4, marking a historic milestone in global sports heritage. PM Modi said, "Today, a new chapter is being added to the world's sports heritage from the soil of Ahmedabad." He noted that Ahmedabad is a UNESCO World Heritage City, and hosting this event in this historic Indian city is a matter of pride for the entire nation. PM Modi stated that as the sport of Yogasana expands, new possibilities will also emerge, creating career opportunities for players, coaches, sports scientists, researchers, and event managers.

the bullet train, and the Vadodara-Mumbai Expressway are crucial for industrial and commercial growth. By constructing four-lane highways in the tribal regions of Chhota Udepur, Narmada, Bharuch, and Tapi, the government is reducing travel time and freight costs. Bringing modern connectivity to tribal and rural areas ensures access to facilities for education, healthcare, and better income opportunities.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stones for development projects worth approximately ₹2,970 crore in Daman. Addressing a public gathering there, the Prime Minister recalled his previous visit, noting that the sentiments he had expressed back then have now become a reality. The region now proudly represents the country's diversity and vibrancy. Prime Minister Modi remarked, "Daman has become a vibrant example of 'Mini India,' where the presence of people from diverse regions offers a beautiful glimpse of the entire nation."

Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed satisfaction with the administrative progress of the Union Territories. He commended the good governance models being effectively implemented in Daman, Diu, and Dadra & Nagar Haveli. He also inaugurated and laid foundation stones for various projects related to connectivity, health, education, tourism, and urban infrastructure. Sharing a visionary perspective, he compared Daman's development to the economic progress of Singapore. He stated that major projects like the 'Namo Airport' and the 'Damanganga Bridge' are not merely local developments but milestones that are giving the region a new identity on the global stage. Through such infrastructure initiatives, a strong foundation is being laid for future aspirations.

Significant transformations are taking place in the education sector of the Union Territory. Previously, students here were compelled to migrate elsewhere for higher education, but now the Union Territory is steadily and robustly advancing in the field of education. Schemes like 'Saraswati Cycle Yojana' and 'Saraswati Vidya Yojana' are proving beneficial for the daughters of the region. Initiatives like 'Khelo India' have taken sports beyond the confines of metropolitan cities, extending them to villages, towns, and smaller areas. Diu is also emerging as a prominent 'beach sports' destination, lending a new identity to sports tourism.

Honouring Valour...

The internal and external security of the nation against terrorists and insurgents is guaranteed due to the unparalleled valour, indomitable courage, and extraordinary leadership of our soldiers, Central Armed Forces personnel, and police officers.

President Droupadi Murmu honoured 51 such heroes at the Defence Investiture Ceremony-2026 (Phase-I), held at Rashtrapati Bhavan on June 8, 2026. Prime Minister Narendra Modi also attended the ceremony and expressed pride in their indomitable courage, dedication to duty, and selfless service to the nation.

President Droupadi Murmu presented awards to heroes from the Defence Forces, Central Armed Police Forces, and State/ Union Territory police forces, including 7 Kirti Chakras (2 posthumous), 15 Vir Chakras (3 posthumous), and 29 Shaurya Chakras (1 posthumous). A glimpse at the stories of their courage and bravery.



Lance Naik Meenatchi Sundaram A, Kirti Chakra

Lance Naik Meenatchi Sundaram A of the Regiment of Artillery eliminated a terrorist in Kulgam despite sustaining severe injuries.



Group Captain Prasanth Balakrishnan Nair, Flying Pilot, Kirti Chakra

Selected as one of the four 'Gaganyatris' (astronauts) for India's maiden human spaceflight mission, Gaganyaan, demonstrated an unwavering resolve to contribute to the nation's progress. He was awarded the Kirti Chakra for this indomitable courage and valour. Group Captain Prasanth also served as a standby mission pilot for the Axiom-4 mission. He underwent training with various national and international space agencies, demonstrating exceptional physical endurance, mental fortitude, and concentration. During preparations for the Axiom-4 mission, he displayed the willpower to face unknown dangers and maintained composure in high-risk situations.

Lieutenant Shashank Tiwari, Kirti Chakra (Posthumous)

Lieutenant Shashank Tiwari of the Army Service Corps (Sikkim Scouts) was leading a patrol team in the high-altitude terrain of North Sikkim. During the patrol, a member of the team, Agniveer Stephen Subba, lost his balance and slipped into a river. Disregarding his own safety, Lieutenant Shashank Tiwari jumped into the river and managed to bring Subba to the bank. While the Agniveer's life was saved, Tiwari could not secure a hold for himself due to the strong current; he succumbed to severe injuries sustained from striking rocks while rescuing his subordinate. He was awarded the Kirti Chakra posthumously for his extraordinary valour, selflessness, and unwavering fortitude.



Naib Subedar Doleshwar Subba, Kirti Chakra

Displaying great presence of mind and bravery in the rugged and desolate forest terrain of Kishtwar district, he eliminated two terrorists in a single operation.



Scan the QR code to watch the ceremony where President Droupadi Murmu presented the gallantry awards.

PM Modi chairs Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog

India's Growth Story Continues to Inspire the World

NITI Aayog is a key institution that strengthens India at its foundations and implements the government's vision of preparing the country to compete globally across every aspect of development. Today, India is not only competing but is also striving to move ahead of every major economy and is progressing toward its goal of becoming a developed nation by 2047. At the 11th Governing Council meeting of NITI Aayog on June 11, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that India's development story continues to inspire the world.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the 11th Governing Council meeting of at the Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre in New Delhi. Chief Ministers, Lieutenant Governors, and Administrators representing 28 states and 5 Union Territories participated in the meeting. This marked the first occasion where Chief Ministers from all 28 states attended a NITI Aayog Governing Council meeting. Addressing the gathering, Prime Minister Modi noted that at a time when many major economies are grappling with uncertainty and economic challenges, India's growth story is inspiring the world. He emphasized the need to further strengthen the nation's resolve towards self-reliance and highlighted the importance of adopting and implementing global best practices, particularly in the renewable energy sector.

Prime Minister stated that the Centre and the States must work together to achieve the goal of a Viksit Bharat. He stressed that the

Deliberations on Measures to Create Employment Opportunities

In the governing council meeting, chief ministers and lieutenant governors collectively discussed a model for inclusive human development. Additionally, the meeting deliberated on measures to boost entrepreneurship and skill development across the country and to create sustainable employment opportunities. The NITI Aayog Governing Council also focused on the recommendations of the 5th National Conference of Chief Secretaries, held from December 26 to 28, 2025.



Scan the QR code to watch the press briefing by NITI Aayog on the 11th Governing Council meeting.





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Inspired by the spirit of cooperative federalism, we are all working together to accelerate India's development journey. The collective efforts of the centre and the states will play a pivotal role in realising our shared vision of a 'Viksit Bharat'.

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

PM Modi's directives on key issues

- States should be encouraged to create opportunities for the youth and MSMEs and to actively attract investment from countries with which India has signed free trade agreements.
- States should strengthen the 'One District, One Product' initiative and capitalise on opportunities in defence manufacturing.
- AI should be viewed as an opportunity, and the workforce should be equipped with future-ready skills.
- Coordinated efforts are required to tackle emerging social challenges such as drug abuse and cyber fraud.
- Highlighting concerns regarding El Niño, states were urged to promote water conservation and natural farming.
- States expressed solidarity with the Centre to withstand the global geo-political crises and to strengthen India's resilience.

vision of Viksit Bharat should become the collective resolve of every State, district, block and village.

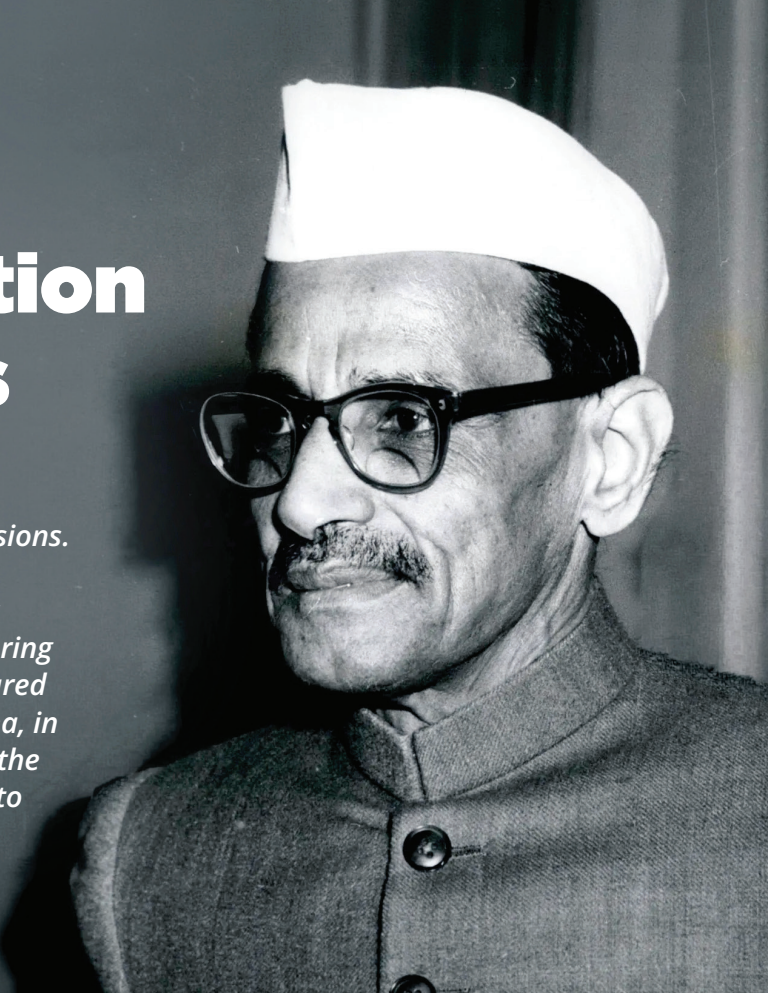
Prime Minister observed that the country's youth constitute its greatest asset, with nearly 70 crore Indians below the age of 25 years. Calling this a demographic dividend, he urged States to focus on transforming it into a development dividend through education, skilling and capacity-building initiatives that prepare young people for future opportunities and challenges. This

year's theme was Inclusive Human Development for Viksit Bharat@2047. It was attended by Chief Ministers, Lt. Governors and Administrators representing 28 States and 5 UTs. The Chief Ministers/Lt. Governors/Administrators congratulated Prime Minister Modi on completing 12 years in his office. PM Modi stated that the discussions were constructive and reflected the aspirations, hopes, experiences, best practices, and challenges of the States.

Steering the Nation Through Storms

The great statesman, educationist, and economist Gulzari Lal Nanda was the only person to serve as India's acting prime minister on two separate occasions. He took charge of the nation during challenging times when the sitting prime minister passed away unexpectedly. Known for his simplicity and unwavering commitment to national service, Nanda was honoured with India's highest civilian award, the Bharat Ratna, in 1997. His vision for the country's development and the upliftment of weaker sections of society continues to inspire the nation even today.

Birth: July 4, 1898 | Death: January 15, 1998



An outstanding exemplar of principled politics, Gulzari Lal Nanda led the nation on two occasions as acting prime minister, yet he never sought the privileges or comforts that often accompany high office. A dedicated freedom fighter, he endured imprisonment during India's struggle for independence and remained a steadfast advocate for the rights of workers throughout his life. Despite occupying some of the highest positions in government, he chose a life of remarkable simplicity and humility.

Though deeply engaged in public life, he remained untouched by the temptations of power and never compromised his integrity or ideals. Renowned for his modest lifestyle, he is believed to have spent his entire life living in rented accommodation, even after holding several of the country's most prestigious offices.

Born on July 4, 1898, in Sialkot, Punjab, Gulzari Lal Nanda received his education in Lahore, Agra, and Allahabad. He was imprisoned in 1932 for his participation in the country's freedom struggle. He was subsequently imprisoned again from 1942 to 1944. In 1937, he was elected to the Bombay Legislative Assembly and served as a parliamentary secretary in the Bombay government from 1937 to 1939. Later, as the labour minister of the Bombay government (1946–1950), he success-

fully introduced the Labour Disputes Bill in the state assembly. After independence, he became active in national politics and held various positions. He served as the Union Minister for Labour and Employment in 1962 and 1963 and as the Home Minister from 1963 to 1966. Following the death of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, he was sworn in as the prime minister of India on May 27, 1964, serving as the acting prime minister for 13 days. After the death of Lal Bahadur Shastri in Tashkent, he was sworn in as prime minister again on January 11, 1966, and served as the acting prime minister for another 13 days. In his later years, he retired from politics and dedicated his life to social welfare. He was also a fine writer; he fulfilled his role as an author admirably and authored several books. He passed away on January 15, 1998, at the approximate age of 100. It was his last wish that his ashes remain in Kurukshetra. In accordance with his wishes, his ashes were placed at the Gulzarilal Nanda Memorial following his death. The foundation stone of the Gulzarilal Nanda Memorial was laid on July 4, 1999, by the then prime minister, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, under the supervision of the Kurukshetra Development Board. Union Home Minister L.K. Advani and Minister of Human Resource Development Dr Murli Manohar Joshi were also present on the occasion.

India's 100th Ramsar Site

Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary

The Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary in Ballia, Uttar Pradesh, has become India's 100th Ramsar site. Rich in avian diversity, this sanctuary is also known as Surha Tal. Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed happiness at reaching this milestone of 100 Ramsar sites. This achievement further strengthens India's leadership role on the global stage. This number represents not just a number, but a story of India's resolve towards conservation, biodiversity, and sustainable development...

The Story of Ramsar Sites

- India is one of the contracting parties to the 'Ramsar Convention,' signed in Ramsar, Iran, in 1971. India became a signatory to this convention on February 1, 1982.
- Ramsar sites are wetlands recognized under the 'Ramsar Convention.'
- While 26 Ramsar sites were designated in India over a period of 31 years (up to 2014), 74 new sites have been added in the last 12 years.
- Indore and Udaipur became India's first Ramsar Wetland Cities (January 2025).

Ramsar Sites
Quadrupled in 12 Years



India's unwavering commitment to protecting natural habitats and wetlands is reflected in this achievement. These efforts are instrumental in conserving biodiversity, maintaining ecological balance, and building a green future for future generations

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

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