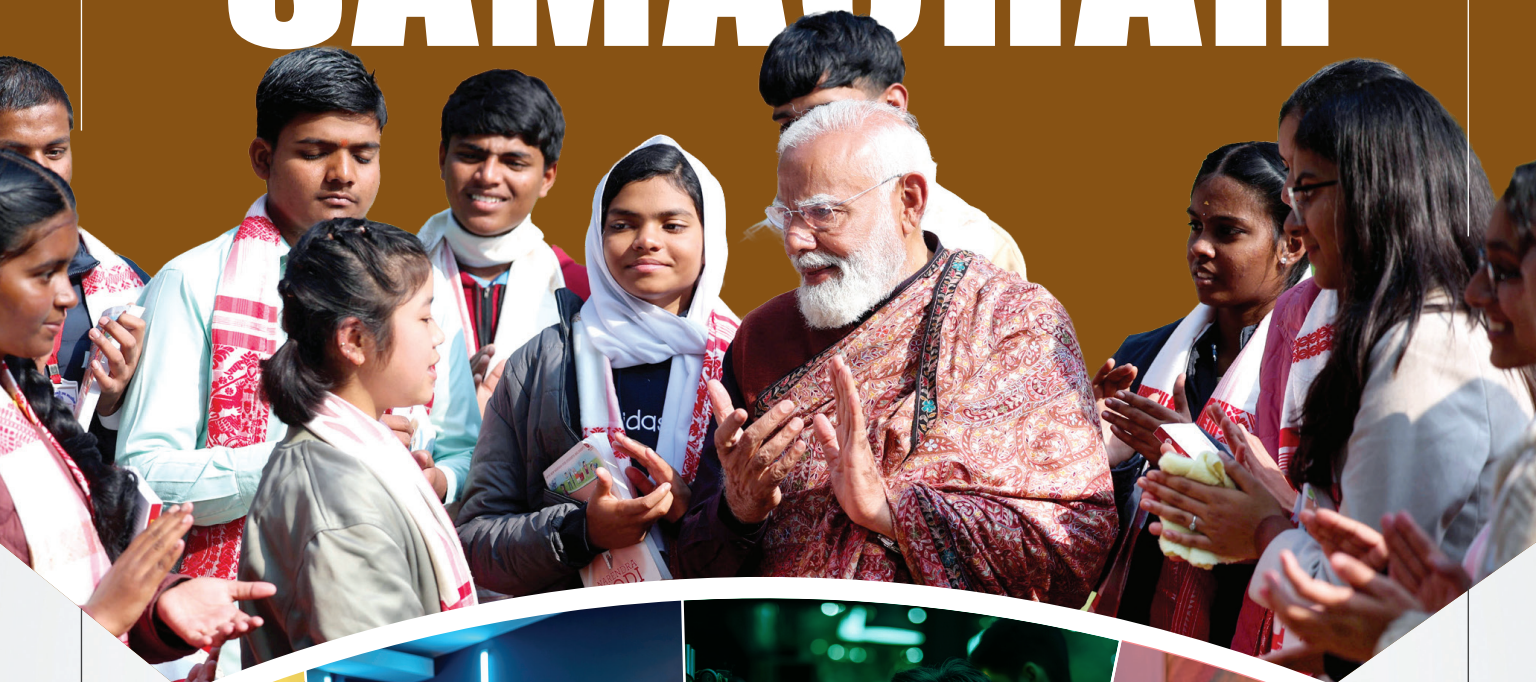


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Youth Power Empowerment through Education

The National Education Policy 2020 is transforming the nation's youth power-making them not merely literate but also skilled, self-reliant, and competitive. Focused on practical knowledge, modern technology, and skill development, this policy has paved new avenues of opportunity for India's youth...

From the Ocean to the Sky India is Becoming More Secure and Self-Reliant



Half of the year 2026 has already passed. Over these six months, the many achievements of the nation's citizens have been discussed in 'Mann Ki Baat'. In June as well, the country achieved milestones that fill every citizen with pride. These successes are making India more secure and self-reliant, spanning from the ocean to the sky. Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke on several significant issues in the 135th episode of the radio program Mann Ki Baat'. Here are the key highlights...

- **Navy:** Recently, INS Dunagiri, INS Sanshodhak, and INS Agray were inducted into the Indian Navy fleet in Kolkata. Everything regarding these ships—from design to manufacturing—is indigenous.
- **Secure and Self-reliant:** In June, the DRDO successfully tested an indigenous 'Long-Range Land-Attack Cruise Missile.' It was developed jointly by DRDO laboratories and Indian industry partners. In essence, India is becoming increasingly secure and self-reliant, from the seas to the skies.
- **Employment Opportunities:** The C-295 aircraft is 'Made in India' and has completed its maiden flight. Forty such aircraft are being manufactured within the country. This is providing a significant boost to the MSME and aerospace sectors, leading to increased employment opportunities.
- **International Day of Yoga:** This year, yoga events were held at over 2,500 locations across the globe. In our country, millions of people participated in yoga programs at various places.
- **World Yogasana Championship:** India won 114 medals—including 102 gold—at the 'World Yogasana Championship' held in Ahmedabad in June. India topped the championship's medal tally. Heartiest congratulations to all the winning athletes.
- **'Hargila Army':** A rare bird known as the 'Hargila' is found in Assam. Once considered inauspicious and driven away, this bird has now become an identity for the villages. Thousands of rural women stepped forward to save the 'Hargila'; today, they are known as the 'Hargila Army'.
- **Opportunity to showcase talent:** Nagaland's Women Futsal League is providing a great opportunity for our daughters to showcase their talent. Futsal is also known as indoor football. I appreciate the people of Nagaland for such initiatives. Such efforts serve as an inspiration for other parts of the country as well.
- **Nalanda University:** The ancient Nalanda University is now shaping India's destiny in a new avatar. Two years ago, I had the opportunity to inaugurate the new campus of Nalanda University. It has revived our ancient tradition of intellectual discourse, Shastrarth.
- **UNESCO World Heritage:** Meghalaya's root bridges demonstrate the amazing things humans can create in harmony with nature. They are a heritage of our country and this land. India has now applied to include these root bridges in the UNESCO World Heritage Site network.
- **Ganpati Bappa:** Please ensure that the idol of Ganpati Bappa installed in your home, housing society, or neighborhood is made from the soil of our own country—crafted by the hands of our local potters and artisans. I also urge the artisans who make these idols to prioritize using clay.

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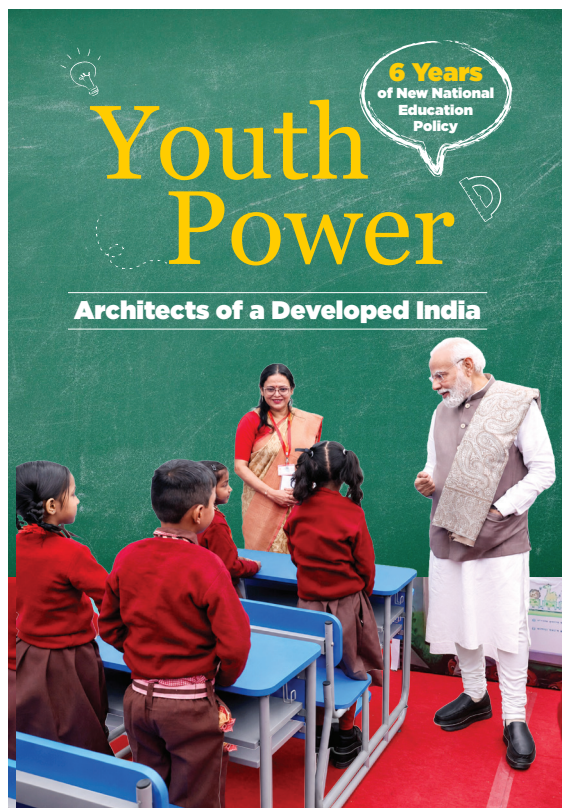
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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK...

Viksit Bharat – The Amrit Resolution of the Amrit Peedhi

Greetings,

उत्तिष्ठत जाग्रत प्राप्य वरान्निबोधत

Meaning: Arise, awake, and do not stop until the goal is reached.

Swami Vivekananda described this mantra from the Kathopanishad as a guiding principle for the youth. Today, when India has the big dividend of the world's largest youth population—with approximately 65 percent of its people under the age of 35—this message has become more relevant than ever.

India is currently undergoing a significant phase of positive transformation. Across sectors such as education, skill development, sports, entrepreneurship, and innovation, the youth have emerged as the most powerful drivers of this change. When Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaks of the nation's four key pillars—the poor, the youth, the farmers, and women—the youth hold a special place. The role of the youth is most crucial in realizing the vision of a Viksit Bharat.

Recognized as the "Amrit Peedhi," these young people are not merely dreaming of the future; they are laying a strong foundation today by acting as co-creators of Viksit Bharat@2047. Through platforms like the 'Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue,' millions of young people are actively connecting with national campaigns.

Over the past 12 years, recognizing the potential of the youth, the Government of India has provided them with unprecedented opportunities to excel in

sectors such as startups, public service, sports, and the creative arts. Today, India boasts the world's third-largest startup ecosystem, driven by the energy and initiative of these very young people.

This transformation is also evident in the education sector. The priority has shifted from merely expanding access to education to ensuring its quality. The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 has served as a robust foundation for this change. July 29, 2026, marks the completion of six years of the NEP. This policy is imparting new direction and momentum to the goal of 'Viksit Bharat@2047' while preparing the 'Amrit Peedhi' for the future.

Additionally, this issue highlights notable figures and events—such as Kadambini Ganguly, International Day of Yoga, the Padma Awards, and the global achievements of Indian women hockey players and athletes—alongside coverage of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's public events over the fortnight.

Furthermore, the magazine features 'Mann Ki Baat' on the inside page and a special segment on the commissioning of three modern Indian Navy ships on the back cover.

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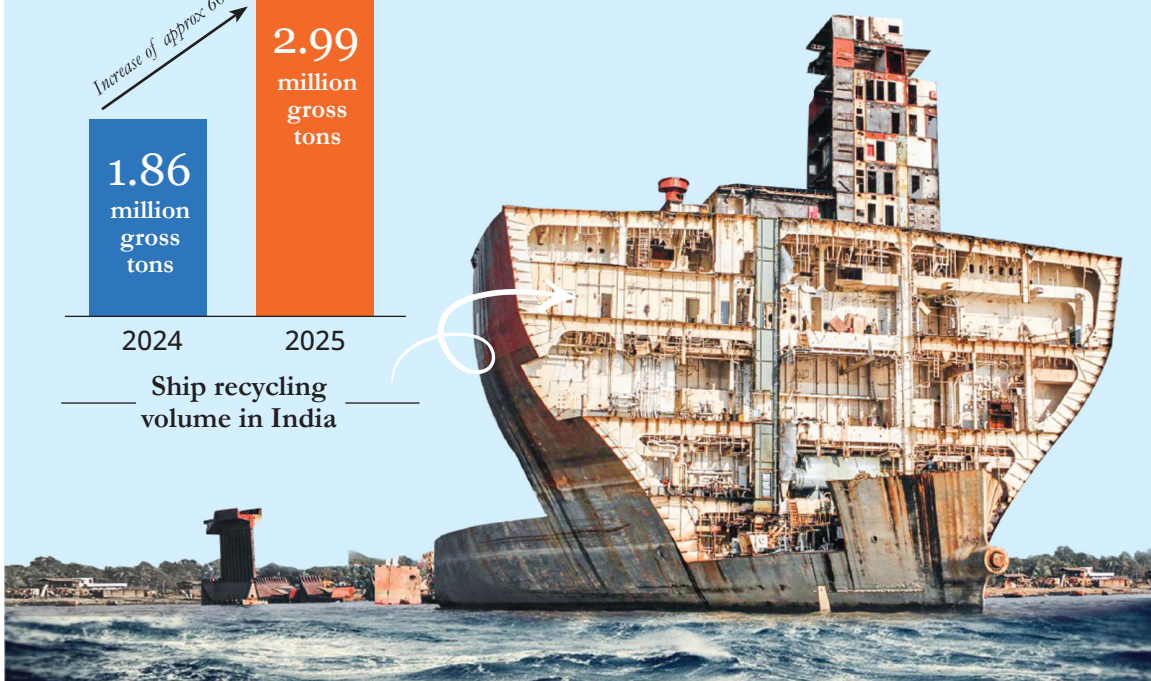
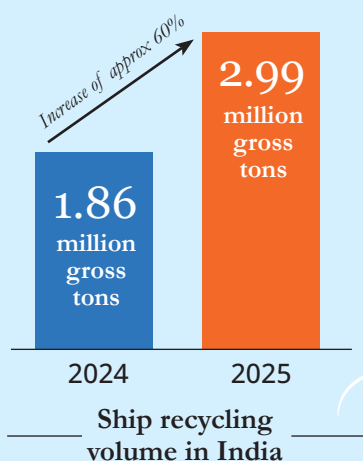
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India Leads in Ship Recycling

India has emerged as the world's largest ship-recycling nation in 2025, a sector involving the dismantling of old, obsolete, or decommissioned ships to recover reusable components. The latest report by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) indicates that India's share in global ship recycling rose from 30.1 percent in 2024 to 35.4 percent in 2025.

With this achievement, India has met the ship-recycling target set under the 'Maritime India Vision 2030' five years ahead of schedule. Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal attributed this success to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's policies, maritime reforms, and the implementation of an eco-friendly ship-recycling framework.



Successful Test of Indigenous Cruise Missile

On June 15, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully conducted a flight test of an indigenous long-range, surface-attack cruise missile from Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha. The missile successfully met all designated test objectives. It is a fully indigenous cruise missile, with all its key subsystems developed by various DRDO laboratories and Indian defence industry partners. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh congratulated the DRDO scientists, engineers, and all defence industry partners on the successful flight test of the LRLACM (Long Range Land Attack Cruise Missile).

India Scales New Heights in Defence Production

The goal of 'Viksit Bharat 2047' is to make the nation self-reliant, promote 'Make in India,' and boost domestic production. In this context, the consistent growth in the defence sector production marks a significant stride towards self-reliance. Defence production reached a record level of ₹1.78 lakh crore in the 2025-26 financial year.



Devbhoomi's Litchi Finds Favor in Italy; Tezpur Litchi Preferred in Dubai

India is not only promoting agriculture but also playing a pivotal role in empowering farmers and connecting Indian agricultural produce with global markets. Consequently, premium litchis from 'Devbhoomi' Uttarakhand are reaching Italy, while GI-tagged Tezpur litchis from Assam are finding their way to markets in Dubai. Dehradun litchis are widely acclaimed for their unique sweetness, attractive red hue, pleasant aroma, and superior pulp quality. The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) facilitated the export of the first consignment—one metric tonne—of Uttarakhand litchis to Italy. This move will not only mark the entry of Uttarakhand's premium litchis into the European market but also strengthen the presence of Indian fruits in the international arena.



NAFED Launches 4 Initiatives... E-Auction Portal NAFEX.in unveiled

The government's mantra of 'Sahkarita se Samridhi' is finding preeminence within the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED) as well. To enhance transparency and promote farmers' welfare, Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah launched NAFEX.in, Drishti, ERP, and the NAFED Welfare Initiative simultaneously during the last fortnight of June. The Union Cooperation Minister remarked that initiatives like NAFEX.in are crucial; while NAFED was on the verge of closure in 2014, today—thanks to these efforts—it serves 7.4 million (74 lakh) farmers, recording a turnover of ₹30,000 crore and a profit of ₹500 crore. Over the past few years, the government has established the necessary infrastructure for the direct procurement of pulses, maize, and other produce. The government has directed NAFED and NCCF to procure the farmers' entire pulse produce directly over the next two years, thereby eliminating the entire network of middlemen and ensuring direct payment into the farmers' accounts. NAFED has also decided to allocate 1% of its profits towards scholarships for higher education and career development of children from farming families.

Non- Domestic LPG supply normalized; restrictions lifted

Providing relief to industries and traders, the Central Government has restored the supply of non-domestic commercial LPG to pre-West Asia crisis levels. All regional restrictions imposed on this category of LPG supply have been lifted. Additionally, bulk LPG supplies—which had been suspended during the crisis—have been restored to 50 percent of pre-crisis consumption levels. This decision follows an improvement in the LPG supply situation. In view of the better availability of LPG production and imported cargoes, a decision has been taken to reduce the diversion of C3-C4 streams into the LPG pool. However, it will be ensured that the availability of domestic LPG remains unaffected and that total production stays at a minimum of 40 TMT per day. Oil marketing companies have been directed to maintain comprehensive data on industrial and commercial customers, while states have been instructed to ensure the effective implementation of the revised arrangement. The government has also reiterated its commitment to expanding PNG networks and connecting eligible consumers to PNG in a phased manner. ●

The First Woman To Practice Medicine After Studying In India

An extraordinary symbol of women's empowerment, Dr. Kadambini Ganguly was the first woman to gain admission to Calcutta University. Driven by her unwavering willpower, perseverance, and dedication, she became the first female physician not only in India but in all of South Asia. Beyond her medical career, she worked extensively to improve the lives of women working in coal mines. A successful physician, freedom fighter, and renowned social reformer, Dr. Kadambini Ganguly stands as an inspiring role model for millions of women who possess the spirit to forge ahead despite adverse circumstances.

Birth: July 18, 1861 | Death: October 3, 1923



Kadambini Bose, who played a pivotal role in advancing women's education during the freedom struggle, was born on July 18, 1861, in Bhagalpur. She began her schooling at a time when the very idea of educating girls was uncommon. She made the most of this opportunity and, in 1883, became the first woman to graduate under British rule in India. Kadambini greatly inspired women across India to step out of their homes, pursue careers, and become self-reliant.

Shortly after graduating, she married Dwarkanath Ganguly—a professor, social activist, and advocate for women's empowerment—who encouraged her to pursue a medical degree. Despite numerous obstacles, Kadambini Ganguly achieved remarkable success in her field. After initial setbacks, she eventually enrolled at Calcutta Medical College and made history in 1886 by becoming the first woman in India to qualify as a doctor.

Subsequently, she traveled abroad and obtained advanced medical degrees from the universities of Glasgow and Edinburgh. While working and studying in Britain, she specialized

in gynecology and earned three additional certifications. She returned to India in the 1890s and began private practice. Alongside her medical career, Kadambini Ganguly was actively involved in advocating for women's rights; in 1889, she was part of the first-ever all-female delegation to the Indian National Congress. She also actively participated in India's freedom struggle, with the writings of Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay playing a pivotal role in inspiring her patriotic spirit.

Kadambini's busy life as a doctor and a mother of eight did not prevent her from playing a significant role in India's women's rights movement. She consistently advocated for women's freedom at a time when practices like child marriage and sati were prevalent in society. She actively participated in social reform movements and was deeply involved in various other causes; notably, she worked for the welfare of female coal mine workers. Following her husband's death in 1898, she continued to practice medicine in Kolkata until the end of her life. She passed away on October 3, 1923. ●



PRAGATI

Momentum for Energy, Industry, and Transport

Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the 52nd meeting of 'PRAGATI' with a resolve to accelerate infrastructure development, leverage technology for public welfare, and ensure a secure Digital India. Four major projects worth ₹30,000 crore were reviewed during the meeting. To date, projects worth over ₹85 lakh crore have been reviewed on the PRAGATI platform. The meeting placed special emphasis on keeping the PM GatiShakti portal up to date, leveraging AI in the healthcare sector, and implementing an 'e-Zero FIR' system to combat cyber fraud.

During the meeting, Prime Minister Narendra Modi assessed the progress of four significant infrastructure projects spanning four different states. With a combined cost of approximately ₹30,000 crore, these projects pertain to sectors such as roads, power, industrial corridors, and metro rail. These projects are considered vital for economic growth, regional connectivity, industrial advancement, and public welfare. The review focused on enhancing coordination among agencies, adhering to timelines, and swiftly resolving on-the-ground issues.

PM Modi remarked that project delays not only escalate construction costs but also deprive the public and industries of timely benefits. To address this, he issued clear directives to the concerned central ministries and state governments to resolve all pending issues in 'mission mode'.

EFFECTIVE USE OF THE PM GATISHAKTI NATIONAL MASTER PLAN

The Prime Minister placed special emphasis on the utilization of the 'PM GatiShakti National Master Plan.' He stressed the need for regular and timely updates on the portal regarding project details, utilities, infrastructure layers, approvals, and other sectoral information.

AI TECHNOLOGY IN THE TB-FREE INDIA CAMPAIGN

Taking a significant step in the health sector, Prime Minister Modi reviewed the current status of the 'TB-Free India Campaign.' He laid special emphasis on utilizing the latest digital technologies, including Artificial Intelligence (AI), to eradicate the disease. A proposal was also made to form a special team comprising NCC cadets and 'My Bharat' volunteers.

FIRM STANCE AGAINST CYBERCRIME

In light of current challenges, complaints regarding cybercrime and 'digital arrests' were reviewed seriously. Deep concern was expressed over the rising misuse of digital platforms. Such sensitive cases must be handled by all relevant security and administrative agencies in a coordinated, sensitive, and time-bound manner.

To curb cyber fraud, the need for clear accountability, rapid response, and a robust coordination system among law enforcement agencies, banks, and digital platforms was highlighted. All states were directed to expedite the mandatory implementation of the 'e-Zero FIR' system to ensure prompt registration and response in cases of cyber-financial fraud. ●



‘Nation First’ is India’s Guiding Mantra

India is not only a rapidly growing economy but also a trusted one. Investor confidence in India has strengthened due to the central government’s policies, yielding significant positive results. Against this backdrop, a discussion on the theme ‘Great Power India: Nation First’ was held at the Republic Summit 2026, addressed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The spirit of ‘Nation First’ has been the cornerstone of India’s achievements and its emergence as a trusted power over the last decade. India’s rise is anchored in trust, stability, and the broader global good. This is why India is emerging not just as a rapidly growing economy but also as a reliable and trusted partner.

Recalling his participation in the G-7 Summit, Prime

Minister Narendra Modi noted that global leaders acknowledge India’s commitment to the ‘Nation First’ principle. Reflecting on the government’s 12-year tenure, the Prime Minister stated that major national initiatives—such as Swachh Bharat, Make in India, the promotion of Khadi, and campaigns for local products—succeeded because citizens embraced the ‘Nation First’ spirit. Areas that once grappled with

Tax-Free Income Limit Raised

Economic reforms have been implemented with the aim of benefiting the middle class. As part of this initiative, the tax-free income limit has been raised, leading to an increase in people's disposable income. The tax system has been simplified through reforms such as technology-driven online filing and the 'faceless assessment' mechanism.

Growth Journey Raises Hopes

India's journey of growth has fostered an atmosphere of rising expectations, with people seeking better infrastructure, faster services, and an improved quality of life. These expectations serve as positive indicators of confidence in the nation's future, reflecting the citizens' belief that progress is indeed possible.



The middle class has also benefited significantly from GST reforms. The process has become so streamlined that it saves both time and money on tax filing. ITRs can now be filed from the comfort of one's home, and any settlement issues are handled through a faceless mechanism.

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

Seizing New Opportunities

In a rapidly changing global landscape, India's youth, entrepreneurs, innovators, and startups are at the forefront of seizing new opportunities. Guided by the principle of 'Nation First,' the government remains committed to reform, innovation, and citizen-centric governance.

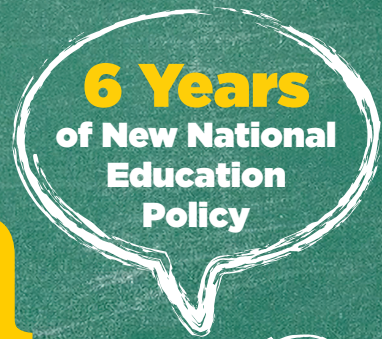
violence and backwardness are now witnessing development. The growing success of the 'Bastar Olympics' testifies to the fact that the fear and uncertainty which once plagued the region have been replaced by the aspirations and talents of its youth.

The country has moved beyond a phase of despair into an era of self-confidence and opportunity. The conviction that 'change is possible' has become one of India's greatest strengths. The 'Aspirational Districts' and 'Aspirational Blocks' programs have transformed some of the country's most backward regions into engines of development. These efforts have played a pivotal role in improving the standard of living for millions of citizens. The benefits of development are not limited to direct beneficiaries alone; they contribute to the prosperity of society as a whole. Economic activity has been bolstered in recent years by approximately 250 million people rising out of poverty and the emergence of a large new middle class.

The Central Government stands firmly with the people on this journey of transformation. The country is advancing rapidly on the path of development, and this momentum will only strengthen in the times ahead. Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed confidence that the dream of a 'Viksit Bharat' will be realized through the collective efforts and aspirations of 1.4 billion Indians. ●



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Youth Power

Architects of a Developed India





॥ श्रियः प्रदुग्धे विपदो रूणद्धि, यशांसि सूते मलिनं प्रमार्ष्टि। संस्कारशौचेन परं पुनीते, शुद्धा हि बुद्धिः किल कामधेनुः ॥

Meaning: Education is not merely a means of livelihood but also a powerful medium to elevate the quality of life. It is this invaluable asset that empowers today's youth to bring glory to the nation by setting new benchmarks across every sector. Driven by this vision and a firm resolve to rebuild the nation, the Central Government has, over the past 12 years, launched youth-centric initiatives spanning education, skill development, entrepreneurship, sports, health, and public participation. Consequently, the New National Education Policy—introduced six years ago on July 29th after a gap of three decades—has expanded access to education, strengthened higher education, and boosted opportunities for skill development and employment. Through startup ecosystems, digital platforms, inclusive thinking, and active participation, the youth have now emerged as the 'Amrit Peedhi' - the driving force behind realizing the resolve of a Developed India.

***India's people are young,
and India's spirit is young too.
India is young in its capabilities,
India is young in its dreams.
India is young in its thinking,
India is young in its consciousness.***

It is because of these qualities that the world today views India with hope and confidence. India is young because its outlook has always embraced modernity, and its philosophy has accepted change. Whether it is the journey of connecting with the masses or the path of service and dedication, the direction of change or the demonstration of valor, cooperation or reform—India's youth have carved out a new identity for themselves; they aim for the skies, driven by a "can-do spirit" and a "will-do approach." With this perspective, the nation is offering new opportunities today. The primary objective of the new National Education Policy, unveiled on July 29, 2020, is to transform India into a global hub of knowledge. Simultaneously, continuous efforts are being made through the National Youth Policy to guide the youth toward Amrit Kaal. Under this initiative, the youth are being equipped with modern skills and digital technology, while a culture fostering everything from startups to unicorns is being promoted across the country. Moreover, new opportunities are being created for the youth in sectors ranging from the armed forces to others; initiatives for employment and self-employment are being implemented on the ground; and a major campaign is underway to shift societal mindsets by linking sports with career paths. The youth power—referred to as the Amrit Peedhi—has become the driving force behind India's development journey; with the resolve to build a self-reliant and developed nation, they will propel the country to new heights during Amrit Kaal. When the government takes reformist steps, the youth deliver results. This partnership between the government and the youth is giving new wings to the nation's aspirations.

INDIA EMERGING AS A GLOBAL HUB OF EDUCATION

A nation is recognized globally for its education system

Changing Perspectives on Education...

Ensuring Quality Education

Over the past 12 years, the Central Government has strengthened educational infrastructure. As part of this ongoing effort, the new National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 was implemented after a gap of three decades. Recognising school education as the foundation of learning, it has been modernised in line with the NEP, from the pre-primary level through senior secondary education. NEP 2020 is being implemented in a phased manner. Six years have passed since its rollout, and it is now entering its seventh year of implementation.

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teachers



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QS Rankings 2026

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crore

2014-15

4.5+
crore



2025-26

- Over 1.49 lakh schools brought under the ambit of ICT and digital initiatives
- Over 1.76 lakh smart classrooms have been approved
- 1.79 lakh ICT laboratories have been approved by the year 2025–26.



Access To Higher Education Institutions Has Become Easier



Institution	2014	2025	Growth (%)
IIT	16	23	44
IIM	13	22	69
AIIMS	7	23	228
IIIT	9	25	178
IISER	5	7	40
Universities	760	1330	75
Colleges	38,500	52,000	35
Medical Colleges	431	818	93
MBBS Seats	51,348	1,28,926	151
Medical PG Seats	31,185	85,822	175



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The world has acknowledged that India possesses two immense strengths today: demography and democracy. The greater a nation's youth population, the greater its potential and the more expansive its possibilities are considered to be. India's youth possess democratic values alongside the demographic dividend; their 'democratic dividend' is also unparalleled. India views its youth as drivers of development.

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

and policies. The central government has fostered a world-class educational environment, thereby empowering the country's youth. Six years ago, Prime Minister Modi introduced a progressive New National Education Policy, ushering in revolutionary changes in the education sector. Proficiency in English is no longer a mandatory requirement. The central government has committed not only to expanding access to education but also to ensuring its quality. Consequently, the New National Education Policy facilitates instruction in regional languages at both primary and higher education levels. Technical subjects, such as engineering and IT, can now be studied in five regional languages. This initiative will not only boost enrollment but also enhance students' ability to solve local problems with a global perspective.

For any nation with a high youth demographic, three attributes hold immense significance and define the true identity of young people: ideas and innovation; the willingness to take risks; and the "can-do spirit"—an unwavering determination to accomplish any task. Regardless of how adverse the circumstances may be, the

Residential Schools Facilitated Access to Education

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- Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Residential Schools (NSCBV)
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- Over 6.4 crore people were trained under PMGDISHA
- Over 6.1 crore enrolments on the SWAYAM platform, offering 18,580 courses
- Over 3.66 lakh e-content resources are available in 135 languages on DIKSHA
- SWAYAM Prabha, PM e-VIDYA, and DIKSHA have further expanded learning opportunities through television, radio, digital content, and e-resources.
- More than 7,400 institutions have gained enhanced access to academic and research resources through the 'One Nation One Subscription' initiative in higher education, benefiting nearly 1 crore people.

convergence of these three elements yields unprecedented results. Education plays a pivotal role in this process. It is for this reason that, after a wait of nearly three decades, India adopted the New National Education Policy on July 29, 2020, setting the country on a path to becoming a global knowledge hub. The policy aims to make school and college education more holistic and flexible to meet 21st-century needs, thereby transforming India into a vibrant, knowledge-based society and a global knowledge superpower capable of unlocking unique potential. Formulated through extensive deliberation, this policy is grounded in a scientific mindset designed to alleviate academic pressure on children. With this objective in mind, reforms were introduced to board examinations, and greater

emphasis was placed on research, making it essential to extend research initiatives to rural areas. Furthermore, the Ministry of Human Resource Development was renamed the Ministry of Education. Prime Minister Modi's student-centric policies have brought about significant transformations across the country, resulting in a record increase in the number of AIIMS, IITs, IIMs, and medical colleges. Today, India possesses one of the world's largest school education systems. The country has 1.47 million schools, with approximately 250 million students and over 10 million teachers. The Central Government has also strategically expanded the higher education infrastructure for the youth. Enrollment rates in both school and higher education have witnessed a rapid increase.



NEP 2020 has improved learning and streamlined the academic journey



170

universities have adopted the National Credit Framework (NCRF), enabling students to accumulate credits.

2,469

institutions have integrated with the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC); over 32 crore student IDs have been issued.

Over **15.48 crore** verified Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry (APAAR) IDs have been created.

153

universities now offer biannual admissions and multiple entry/exit points—a significant step towards achieving a 50% Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in higher education by 2035.



A POLICY FORMULATED FOR THE FIRST TIME BASED ON SUGGESTIONS FROM COMMON CITIZENS...

The concept of a National Education Policy was first envisioned in independent India in 1968. It emphasized transforming the education system by adopting the 10+2+3 structure. Earlier, in 1952, the Secondary Education Commission had been constituted under the chairmanship of Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar. Subsequently, a new National Education Policy was implemented in May 1986, which remained in effect until 2020. Certain amendments were made to the 1986 policy in 1992. Later, committees were constituted—first under T.S.R. Subramanian and subsequently, in June 2017, under the chairmanship of former ISRO chief Dr. K. Kasturirangan.

The latter committee submitted the 'Draft National Education Policy' in May 2019, which received approval on July 29, 2020. Approximately 200,000 suggestions from 2.5 lakh Gram Panchayats, 6,600 blocks, and 676 districts were incorporated into the National Education Policy. A participatory consultation process for this initiative had begun in 2015.

The new education policy, formulated to bring about change in the education sector, has emerged as a transformative step for the 21st century. As a result, India's youth are today boldly confronting every challenge facing the nation, devising solutions, and demonstrating their strength. The country's great educationist and architect of the Constitution, Baba Saheb Ambedkar, believed that education should be within everyone's



An Era of Transformation... From Job Seekers to Job Creators


2014

Limited
Entrepreneurial
Ecosystem

350
startups



4

Unicorn



- Lack of recognition and policy support for startups; limited funding, incubation, and opportunities; entrepreneurship viewed as a risky career path.

2026

World's Third-Largest
Startup Ecosystem

startups

2.3+
Lakh



Unicorn

127



Over 21 lakh
jobs created by
startups in the
last 12 years.

**With a nationwide
innovation
ecosystem:**

Entrepreneurship boosted by 'Startup India' and the 'Fund of Funds'; innovation culture expanded through Atal Tinkering Labs; compliance burden reduced via the Jan Vishwas Act; and the space sector reforms gave a boost to nearly 200 space startups.



reach and accessible to all; this education policy is dedicated to that very vision. The policy emphasizes transforming individuals from job seekers into job creators—essentially an effort to reform mindsets and approaches. Alongside education, the Central Government has taken significant steps over the past 12 years, adopting a holistic approach to ensure that the youth gain special opportunities across various sectors. A New India is Becoming Skilled Through the Skill Mission

Ensuring that youth secure employment aligned with their education, skills, and aspirations has been a priority for the Central Government. The growth of employment within the country is evident through various direct and indirect indicators. Robust economic

policies are generating millions of jobs. People are being equipped with skills under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Yojana. These government initiatives are creating new employment opportunities across numerous sectors. Opportunities for self-employment are also steadily rising, reflecting the youth's confidence in the Central Government. To prepare the youth for the future, there is a need for continuous upskilling, reskilling, and skill building. With this vision in mind, skill mapping is being undertaken across India. It is crucial for India's youth to possess skills relevant to diverse sectors. To this end, higher education and skill development institutions are being established across the country on a war footing. Furthermore, between 2014 and 2026, a new IIT and a

'Khelo India' is shaping India's sporting future

- Training, equipment, sports science, and financial assistance have bolstered athlete development. Sports are now emerging as a respected profession; India's goal is no longer to participate but to win.
- Over 23.68 crore people have participated in the 'Fit India Freedom Run', 'Fit India School Week', and 'Fit India Quiz'.

4.5+

lakh schools have been awarded the 'Fit India School Flag'.



India Is Making Its Mark On The Global Stage

30,752
athletes are supported under the 'Khelo India' initiative.

A record haul of **107** medals at the Asian Games.



29
medals at the Paris Paralympics.

India's first National Sports University was established in Imphal, Manipur, in 2018.

new IIM have been established annually. The number of universities and colleges has consistently increased over the past 12 years. The rise in the number of colleges has naturally led to an increase in available seats and expanded opportunities for higher education for the youth. More than 60 million young people across the country have received skill training under various skill development schemes.

SPORTS: A NEW CAREER IDENTITY

A new era for Indian sports has dawned over the past 12 years, driven by the new opportunities opening up for the youth across every sector. This new phase is not merely about transforming India into a major sporting

powerhouse; it is a grand mission to strengthen and empower society as a whole through sports. There was a time when the country viewed sports with indifference, and few considered it a viable career path. This was largely because sports did not receive the necessary support and cooperation from the government. Consequently, it was extremely difficult for children from poor, middle-class, and rural backgrounds to advance in sports. Most parents believed their children should pursue professions that offered a stable life, but societal attitudes have since undergone a significant shift. Sports is now viewed as an attractive profession for personal advancement, a change largely driven by the 'Khelo India' campaign.

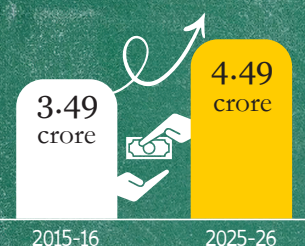
Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana

57.7

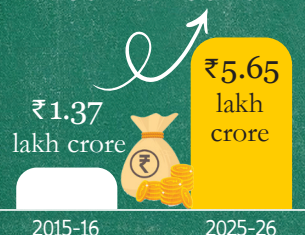
crore loans sanctioned, amounting to over ₹40 lakh crore since launch



28% increase in number of loans



312% increase in loan amount



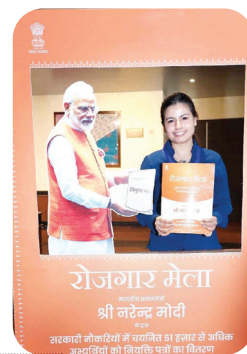
Faster Access To Employment Opportunities

12.5+

lakh appointment letters were issued through

19

Rozgar Melas.



- Pradhan Mantri Vikas Bharat Rozgar Yojana was launched in August 2025 to help create 3.5 crore jobs. The government will spend ₹1 lakh crore on this scheme.
- Over 3.43 crore jobs were made available on the National Career Service Portal in 2025-26. This portal functions as a digital job marketplace.

1.5

lakh Agniveers have already been inducted into the Army under the Agniveer scheme.



India has opened two international IIT campuses—in Zanzibar and Abu Dhabi—while IIM Ahmedabad has opened a campus in Dubai. It is expected that 15 foreign universities will open campuses in India.

PM Modi's efforts have transformed the mindset of the nation. The Central Government formulated policies that paved the way for careers in sports. As a result, India delivered its best-ever performance at the Tokyo Olympics, winning seven medals. India

also secured six medals at the Paris Olympics. At the Tokyo Paralympics, India won 19 medals, followed by a haul of 29 medals at the Paris Paralympics. The mantra of 'New India' is: "Commit and conquer; commit and win the battle." India won more medals at the Paralympics than ever before in its history. Performance at the Olympics was also outstanding, fueled by a newfound confidence among the youth. Athletes are receiving support and encouragement across various disciplines through the Central Government's TOPS (Target Olympic Podium Scheme) initiative. The National Sports Policy-2025 has now emerged as a pivotal step toward establishing India as a global sporting superpower.

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Today, the nation's goal is a developed India, an empowered India! We must not stop until the dream of a developed India is realized. I am confident that every young person will embrace this dream as their own and shoulder this national responsibility.

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



JOURNEY FROM STARTUP TO UNICORN

The nature of employment has also undergone rapid transformation over the past 12 years. New sectors have emerged for the youth amidst changing circumstances, and the Central Government is continuously encouraging them. Over the past 12 years, the country has witnessed a revolution in the start-up culture; while the number of start-ups was in the hundreds in 2014, it has now crossed the 200,000 mark. It is estimated that these start-ups have employed at least 2.1 million young people. The drone sector has also seen a significant surge during this period, with drones increasingly being used for tasks ranging from spraying fertilizers to delivering medicines. In the last 12 years, the Government of India has sanctioned over 570 million loan applications under the Mudra Yojana. Approximately 120 million people have started their own independent ventures for the first time with the help of this scheme. Under the PLI scheme, the Central Government is providing support worth nearly ₹2 lakh crore for manufacturing; this initiative will not only help transform India into a global manufacturing hub but also create employment opportunities for millions of young people.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTHFUL ENERGY

A nation whose youth are brimming with enthusiasm and zeal will always prioritize them. Modern India is striving to provide a platform for all its young citizens—one that helps realize the nation's dreams. India's digital, start-up, and innovation revolutions are primarily benefiting the youth. The continuous improvements India is making in its defense sector are also benefiting the country's young people. There was a time when even assault rifles and bulletproof jackets had to be imported; today, hundreds of items required by the armed forces are manufactured within India. All these initiatives have opened up new possibilities for India's youth. Recently, the country opened the doors of the space sector to young talent, resulting in the rapid launch of the first private satellite. Similarly, the animation and gaming sectors have expanded opportunities for talented youth. Drone technology is making inroads everywhere—from entertainment and logistics to agriculture.

Over the past 12 years, the number of women in police and paramilitary forces has nearly doubled. The

path has been cleared for the deployment of women on the front lines across all three branches of the armed forces. Today, for the first time, women have joined the Indian Navy as 'Agniveers' and sailors. Women have also begun entering combat roles within the armed forces. The Central Government has also granted permission for the admission of girls to Sainik Schools. As a result, the first batch of 17 female cadets trained at the National Defence Academy (NDA) was commissioned as officers into the defence forces between May 28 and June 13. These cadets had joined the NDA in August 2022. This achievement will inspire future generations of young women across the country to pursue careers in the army.

Today, youth have access to self-certification facilities, whereas previously, certificates required attestation by a gazetted officer. Interviews have been abolished for recruitment to Group-C and Group-D posts. In this era of technology, young people are emerging as new digital entrepreneurs in villages across the country. Central Government schemes are continuously increasing opportunities for both employment and self-employment nationwide. Furthermore, the Central Government initiated 'Rozgar Melas' to provide 1 million permanent government jobs to the youth; remarkably, over 1.2 million appointment letters have already been handed out through these events. Initiatives like the 'PM Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana' have now become foundational. When such a vast youth force engages in nation-building, no goal will remain unattainable. The framework of the recently proposed National Youth Policy 2025 places renewed emphasis on emerging priorities essential for the future, such as skills, entrepreneurship, leadership, civic engagement, digital

Skill Training Opportunities for Youth



The Skill India Mission was launched in 2015. Training for skilling, re-skilling, and up-skilling is provided through an extensive skill development network. Arrangements under this mission have been made at various levels...



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

2.31



lakh enrolments were made in the 'Skill Development for AI Readiness' programme; this is a course on basic AI skills for school students in classes 6 to 12.

63,000+

internship opportunities are available under the Pradhan Mantri Internship Scheme. It was launched in October 2024 to provide structured and paid internship opportunities to the youth.

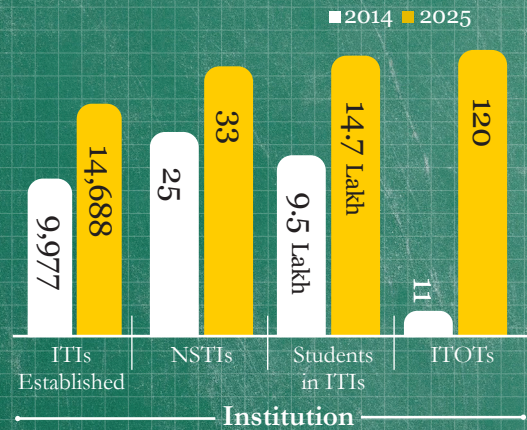
3.45+

core youths aged 18–28 joined the formal workforce (based on EPFO data).





Institutional Capacity Building and ITI Reforms



National Youth Policy...

The National Youth Policy (NYP) 2014 laid the foundation for youth development in the country. The policy defined 'youth' as individuals aged 15–29 years. It focused on inclusion and institutional strengthening across the areas of education, employment, skill development, health, sports, social engagement, and empowerment.



participation, and sustainable development.

Indeed, the youth represent the most vital energy driving any nation. This stage of life is characterized by zeal and passion. It is a time filled with dreams; when those dreams transform into firm resolve, and one dedicates their life to that resolve, success follows. For India's youth, this is a time of new opportunities. There is a prevailing sentiment that India's moment has arrived; the entire world is looking towards India today. The primary reason behind this is India's youth. In the true

“Today, the entire world looks towards the youth of India with great trust. The reason for this trust lies in their skills and values of India's youth.”

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

sense, youth power is the driving force behind India's developmental journey. Consequently, a nation aiming for inclusive progress cannot afford the risk of failing to invest in the holistic development of its youth power.

India possesses the largest youth population in the world. A nation with such immense youth power cannot afford to dream small. Therefore, in alignment with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision, the youth are being empowered to think big, dream big, and realize those dreams. Guided by this vision, the Central Government, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is recognizing the potential of the youth through welfare policies and foresight, while providing them with opportunities to fulfill their aspirations.

Be it the new National Education Policy, the Skill Development Mission, the startup revolution, or policies designed to give wings to the dreams of the youth—today, driven by the Central Government's sincere intent and the creation of new opportunities, the youth are becoming the drivers of the nation's progress. ●

Union Cabinet Decisions

Six-Lane Tunnel for Delhi New Highway for UP

Robust connectivity and improved infrastructure not only ease travel but also boost trade. It saves time and reduces pollution through lower fuel consumption. Prime Minister Narendra Modi often emphasizes that a road is not merely a thoroughfare; it opens up new avenues for trade, industry, warehousing, and logistics across the entire region. In alignment with this vision, the Union Cabinet approved two projects worth ₹ 14,000 crore for Delhi and Uttar Pradesh on July 1. This decision paves the way for a six-lane tunnel in Delhi and a four-lane, access-controlled greenfield highway in UP...



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DECISION: Approval granted for the construction of a 6-lane road tunnel for NH-148AE—connecting the Dwarka Expressway (NH-248BB) to Nelson Mandela Marg, Vasant Kunj, Delhi—under the NH(O) scheme using the Hybrid Annuity Mode (HAM).

IMPACT: This project will span 8.1 km at a total cost of ₹6,969.67 crore.

- The project will connect the Shivmurti Interchange on the Dwarka Expressway with Nelson Mandela Marg and Vasant Kunj.
- It will establish rapid connectivity between West and South Delhi.
- Traffic congestion at Dhaula Kuan–IGI Airport, Chhatarpur–Mahipalpur/IGI Airport, and Rangpuri will be reduced.
- Additionally, traffic moving from Gurugram, Dwarka, IGI Airport, and West Delhi towards South Delhi will benefit.
- The underground twin-tunnel design will minimize traffic disruption on the surface.
- The Southern Ridge forest area (with a 1.98 km section of the tunnel passing beneath the Ridge) will remain preserved.
- The project will provide relief to traffic volume equivalent to approximately 37,000 Passenger Car Units (PCU) daily. The project will facilitate the interconnection of 6 economic nodes and 4 logistics hubs under the PM Gati Shakti initiative.
- It is estimated that the development of each lane-kilometer of the national highway will generate an average of 264 person-days of direct employment and an average of 55 person-days of indirect employment.

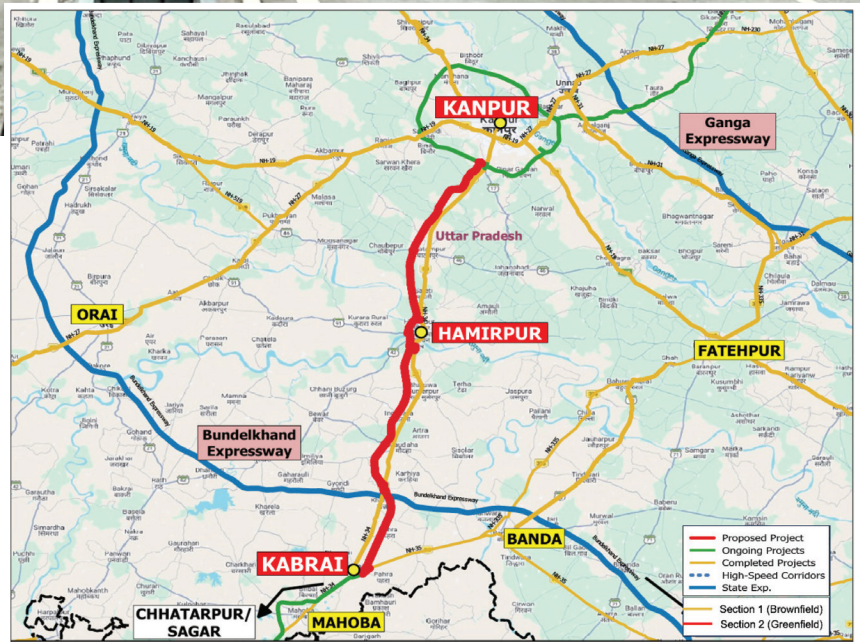


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DECISION: Approval for the construction of the 4/6-lane access-controlled section of NH-34 between Kanpur and Kabrai in Uttar Pradesh under the BOT (Toll) mode, with a total capital cost of ₹7,145.14 crore.

IMPACT: This will be a four-lane access-controlled corridor with provision for future expansion to six lanes. It forms part of the Bhopal-Kanpur Economic Corridor.

- The project will provide seamless, high-speed connectivity between Kanpur and Kabrai.
- It will also strengthen onward connectivity to Sagar, Bhopal, and other parts of Madhya Pradesh, creating a modern access-controlled economic corridor that links industrial and commercial hubs in Uttar Pradesh with the mineral-rich, manufacturing, and agricultural regions of Madhya Pradesh.
- The project will cover the districts of Kanpur and Hamirpur in Uttar Pradesh and the aspirational district of Mahoba in Madhya Pradesh.
- Designed for an operational speed of 80–100 kmph, the corridor will reduce travel time between Kanpur and Kabrai from 3.5 hours to 1.5 hours (a 58% reduction).



Infrastructure projects worth a total of ₹26 lakh crore have been approved under NDA 3.0.

- It will also improve road safety, reduce vehicle operating costs, and facilitate the efficient movement of passenger and freight traffic.
- The project will facilitate the interconnection of 4 economic hubs and 10 logistics hubs under the PM Gati Shakti initiative.
- The project is expected to generate approximately 11,188 direct and 13,985 indirect person-days of employment per lane-kilometer during the construction phase. ●



India Set to Lead the Future Economy

The path to a 'Viksit Bharat' rests on the skills and potential of the youth. That is why the Central Government is continuously creating new opportunities to help the youth realize their dreams. With this vision, the 'Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana' has been launched to support first-time job seekers and foster synergy between them and the industry. Under this scheme, Prime Minister Narendra Modi distributed incentive funds amounting to ₹2,400 crore on June 19...

Prime Minister Narendra Modi believes that in the 21st century, progress will be achieved by nations that possess skills, innovative ideas, and quality. Consequently, the Central Government is working tirelessly to equip the youth with these attributes. Whether it involves skill development, gaining global recognition for their innovative ideas, or incentivizing industries to hire first-time employees, the government is making efforts at every level. The positive results of these initiatives are visible not only within the country but across the globe. There is a growing global demand for India's youth. Through their competence, these young people are not only bringing laurels to the nation but are also strengthening India's ties with foreign countries while living abroad.

Addressing beneficiaries, industry representatives, and stakeholders associated with the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (VBRY), Prime Minister Narendra Modi stated that this is a flagship employment-linked incentive scheme of the Government of India. The world is recognizing the capabilities of Indian youth. The government is committed to ensuring that every young person gets the opportunity to transform their potential into success. VBRY is much more than just an employment scheme; it is an initiative designed to bolster the aspirations of first-time job seekers and build a strong bridge between the industry and the workforce. While many schemes typically focus on either employees or employers, this program supports both simultaneously. The government stands

“Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Yojana... This is a scheme that goes beyond mere employment; it empowers the dreams of young people securing their first jobs. It is a scheme that builds a strong bridge between the youth and industries. – Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



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Global interest in India's innovation ecosystem

Over the past decade, the number of startups in India has surged from around 500 to more than two lakh. Prime Minister Narendra Modi noted that the 'India Innovates' event held in France provided a platform for Indian startups and global investors to come together. Discussions at the event focused on cutting-edge sectors such as AI, space tech, green energy, and biotech. Such events clearly demonstrate growing global confidence in India's innovations. The world acknowledges that India is playing a pivotal role in shaping the technologies of the future.

Increasing Participation of Women

Women's contribution to India's progress and the advancement of society has grown rapidly. Regulations regarding night shifts have been revised with a focus on their safety and convenience, and opportunities for working from home have been expanded. Additionally, workplace security measures have been strengthened to enable more women to work without fear.

Opening of New Markets

New markets are opening up for Indian industries, and fresh opportunities are becoming available for professionals here. While the entire world prepares for the future economy, India is gearing up to lead it. The government has consistently focused on linking employment with security, dignity, and social protection.

with the youth embarking on their professional journeys and incentivizes organizations that create new employment opportunities.

Sharing the scheme's achievements, PM Modi stated that approximately 70 lakh new jobs have been created so far. An equal number of first-time employees have been brought under the social security net. Around 20 lakh young people have completed six months in their first jobs, while ap-

proximately 10 lakh beneficiaries have already received incentive payments under the scheme upon reaching this milestone. Prime Minister Narendra Modi says, "When the government, industry, and the youth work together, job creation accelerates. This initiative offers a glimpse of a new India where the youth find opportunities, industries receive incentives, and job creation becomes a national mission." ●

Bengal to Make History...

India's Growth Momentum to Accelerate

India is working towards the goal of becoming a developed nation by 2047. The development of Eastern India is the key to realizing this dream of a 'Viksit Bharat'! To this end, the government is working on 'Mission Purvodaya,' in which Bengal plays a pivotal role. The people of the state are finally gaining access to rights from which they had been deprived for years. In this context, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who visited Hooghly to attend the Paschimbanga Divas celebrations, released the 23rd installment of the PM-Kisan scheme. He also laid the foundation stones for and inaugurated various development projects spanning the railway, agriculture, rural development, fisheries, and animal husbandry sectors.

The dreams envisioned by Bengal's great luminaries for the state's bright future post-independence are, in a sense, being realized for the first time as the nation observes Paschimbang Diwas. Speaking at the event in Tarakeswar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi stated that on this occasion, it is our duty to pledge that the mistakes of the past will not be repeated; instead, drawing inspiration from Paschimbang Diwas, a new history will be created.

The foundation for industrial progress in West Bengal is being rebuilt. This foundation rests on two integral pillars: honest and transparent governance, and the rule of law. It is not just West Bengal; the entire nation is



India is working towards the goal of becoming a developed nation by 2047. The development of Eastern India is the greatest foundation for this resolve of a 'Viksit Bharat'! To achieve this, we are working on 'Mission Purvodaya'.

Bengal plays a major role in this; Bengal's progress will accelerate the pace of development in Eastern India.

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



"West Bengal: Heritage, Harmony, and Development"

The state-level celebration of West Bengal Day was held at Tarakeswar in Hooghly, a site of historical significance linked to Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee. This year's theme—"West Bengal: Heritage, Harmony, and Development"—reflects the state's cultural richness, social unity, and developmental aspirations.



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Central Government Schemes Now Reaching West Bengal

Launch of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)

- The Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) has been launched in West Bengal. This ensures that the benefits of the world's largest crop insurance scheme will now reach the state's farmers.
- During the 2026-27 period, the PMFBY initiative aims to provide insurance coverage to approx 50 lakh farmers across nearly 14 lakh hectares of agricultural land in West Bengal.

₹28,140

crore worth of crops to be safeguarded under insurance coverage.

Farmers will receive support through substantial premium subsidies.

Launch of AgriStack in West Bengal

- AgriStack was launched in West Bengal under the Digital Agriculture Mission.
- This initiative provides an integrated digital platform for verified agriculture-related services, such as fertilizer distribution, Kisan Credit Cards, Direct Benefit Transfers (DBT), and procurement under the Minimum Support Price (MSP) system.
- The initiative will strengthen digital governance in the agricultural sector and facilitate the efficient delivery of farmer-centric services.

Launch of the National Mission on Natural Farming

- National Mission on Natural Farming to promote sustainable, chemical-free agriculture in West Bengal.
- Under the approved annual action plan for 2026-27, the state will establish 346 natural farming clusters covering an area of 17,300 hectares.
- Additionally, bio-input resource centers will be set up, and 'Krishi Sakhis' will be mobilized to promote eco-friendly agricultural practices.
- In a significant step towards integrated agricultural development, the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY) has also commenced in West Bengal.

Gifts of Development Projects for State

- Inauguration of a modern, capacity-expanded fishing harbour at Fraserganj in South 24 Parganas and a newly constructed modern fish market at Sainthia in Birbhum.
- Inauguration of a regional semen production laboratory and semen bank for goats at Haringhata in Nadia district.
- Laying of foundation stone for, and dedication to nation of, significant railway projects worth approx ₹590 crore.
- Dedication of the Sankrail-Santragachi link line project in Howrah district to the nation.
- Laying of the foundation stone for a new 300-bed divisional railway hospital in Howrah.
- Foundation stone for overbridge to be constructed between Haur & Radhamohanpur in East Medinipur district.
- Inauguration of 49 road infrastructure projects developed under the PM Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY-III).

23rd Installment of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Released

During the Paschimbanga Divas, Prime Minister Narendra Modi released the 23rd installment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN). Under this installment, an amount exceeding ₹18,880 crore was directly transferred to the bank accounts of over 9 crore farmers across the country. In West Bengal alone, more than ₹900 crore was deposited into the accounts of over 45 lakh beneficiaries, bringing the total amount distributed under the scheme in the state to over ₹15,000 crore. Since the scheme's inception in 2019, the total amount distributed has surpassed ₹4.46 lakh crore. PM Modi stated that this would provide financial support to crores of farming families and bring greater prosperity to their lives.



witnessing this transformation. PM Modi remarked at the event that schemes which were previously stalled or obstructed are now breaking free from

those barriers, ensuring that the benefits of every government program reach the people directly through public welfare camps. ●



Development and prosperity in Eastern India 'Odisha' emerging as a gateway

The government's policy of "Development of Eastern India for the development of India" is unlocking the immense potential of the eastern states. The government is making record investments across sectors ranging from railway infrastructure, highways, economic corridors, ports, energy, semiconductors, and green energy to modern industries. In this context, on June 20, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stones for development projects worth ₹47,000 crore at an event held in Mayurbhanj district to mark the completion of two years of the current Odisha government...

Speaking on the occasion of the Odisha government completing two years, Prime Minister Narendra Modi stated that the state is witnessing rapid development and transforming lives through investments, employment generation, and public welfare schemes. The projects worth ₹47,000 crore inaugurated or launched by the Prime Minister are expected to improve transport connectivity, public services, economic opportunities, and the quality of life for the people. PM Modi announced that Pahadpur village would be developed into a solar village, ensuring solar energy generation in every household.

Citing the example of Odisha's famous Konark Sun Temple, Prime Minister Modi said that Pahad-



For the upliftment of the tribal community, we are connecting tribal youth with education and employment opportunities. To ensure these children have access to better educational facilities, around 500 Eklavya Model Schools have been opened across the country.

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



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Development of the tribal community through these schemes...

- Nationwide campaign against anemia.
- Provision of safe drinking water through the Jal Jeevan Mission.

Around

500

Eklavya Model Residential Schools established.

750

Eklavya schools approved.

1.5+

crore tribal students provided scholarships at pre-matric and post-matric levels.

Foundation stones laid for key projects

- 660 MW Upper Indravati Pumped Storage Project.
- IB Thermal Power Station Phase-II expansion project, comprising two 660 MW units.
- Bharat Coal Gasification and Chemicals Limited project at Lakhanpur, Jharsuguda district.
- Four-laning of a section of NH-353 from Nuapada to Ghatipada.
- Kusumdihi Mega-Lift Irrigation Project.
- IGNOU Regional Centre and indoor badminton complex at Rairangpur.

Inauguration of key projects

- 300-bed District Headquarters Hospital building at Boudh.
- 24 Atal Bus Stands and nine Automated Testing Centres across various districts of Odisha.
- Nayagarh Town Bypass on NH-57; Kusumi Smart Irrigation Project.
- Sports complex and Tribal Research Centre at Rairangpur.

Visit by the President and the Prime Minister

President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Pahadpur village in Mayurbhanj district.

They offered prayers at the sacred sites of 'Santhali Jahera' and 'Ho Jahera'. The President and the Prime Minister participated in a program organized to mark the completion of two years of the Odisha government; the theme of the event was 'Vikas ra Dhara, Odisha Sara'. Extending birthday wishes to President Droupadi Murmu, PM Modi described her journey from the soil of Mayurbhanj to the country's highest constitutional office as a matter of pride for both Odisha and the nation.

pur would emerge as a model solar-powered village. The government is transforming Odisha's resources into opportunities for development and prosperity. He highlighted initiatives like 'Utkarsh Odisha,' noting that the aim is to attract large-scale investment to boost industrial growth across the state.

Under this initiative, Odisha has already received investment proposals worth approximately ₹20 lakh crore. Additionally, work is currently underway on several major projects valued at over ₹3.5 lakh crore. Investments exceeding ₹6,000 crore are being made in the power sector. ●

Celebration of the 12th International Day of Yoga

Yoga

Connecting Everyone, Bringing Everyone Together



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Yoga Day program.



Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and others performing yoga within the Parliament House complex on the 12th International Day of Yoga.

India's ancient yoga tradition has become a symbol of hope for the world, guiding humanity towards a healthy, balanced, and peaceful life. Initiated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the International Day of Yoga has now transformed into a global mass movement. PM Modi led the national observance of the 12th International Day of Yoga from Red Road in Kolkata, West Bengal, stating that yoga unites everyone and brings people together...

PM Modi said, Lord Krishna spoke about yoga in the Gita: “युक्त आहार विहारस्य, युक्त चेष्टस्य कर्मसु। युक्त स्वप्न अव-बोधस्य, योगो भवति दुःखहा॥” This means through balanced food and recreation, balanced actions and duties, balanced sleep and wakefulness, yoga becomes the destroyer of sorrow. Balance is the foundation of yoga. Balance is also the foundation of our lives. Yet, in modern times, most people struggle with imbalance in life. Yoga teaches us the art of living in a balanced way. Yoga shows us the do's and don'ts. And when we learn to guide our body properly, health becomes our natural state.

PM Modi led the 12th IDY celebrations

- The national event for the 12th International Day of Yoga was held at Red Road, Kolkata.
- PM Modi participated in the Common Yoga Protocol session alongside yoga practitioners.
- The theme for International Day of Yoga 2026 was "Yoga for Healthy Aging."
- This theme focuses on increased life expectancy and healthy, active, and dignified aging.
- The UN General Assembly has adopted India's proposal to observe June 21 as the International Day of Yoga in 2014.

Yoga Day celebrations were held at approximately

2,500 locations worldwide, with participation from over 210 embassies.

Main events were organized at various locations, including New Delhi, Chandigarh, Lucknow, Mysuru, New York (UN Headquarters), Srinagar, and Visakhapatnam.



President Droupadi Murmu, Defense Minister Rajnath Singh, and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath also performed yoga.



People performing yoga at the sacred Parmarth Ghat in Rishikesh, Uttarakhand.

Speaking at the 12th International Yoga Day celebrations in Kolkata, West Bengal, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that yoga does not only focus on our physical health. Yoga shows the path from mental health to physical health. That is why it is said in yoga – "Yukta cheshtasya karmasu" – meaning awareness of what we should do and what we should not do. This awareness becomes a source of peace in our lives, and it also opens the path to world peace. That is why yoga today is not only essential for our personal lifestyle, but it is also a necessity for a better future of the world. On International Yoga Day, millions of people connect with



When society is healthy, the nation becomes more capable, more prosperous, and more confident. I wish for all of you: 'सर्वे भवन्तु सुखिनः, सर्वे सन्तु निरामयाः।' With this, I once again extend my heartfelt greetings to all of you on International Yoga Day.

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



People performing yoga at Humayun's Tomb complex in New Delhi.



The Indian Navy ship 'Sudarshini' organized a yoga session on the 'Tall Ship' in Norfolk, Virginia, USA.



The Indian Navy performed yoga underwater in a unique manner.



Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan participated in the International Day of Yoga celebrations in Leh.

yoga. But today gives us the opportunity to renew our shared resolve. Let us pledge that yoga will not be limited to just one day, yoga will not be confined

to just one programme. We will make yoga a part of our lives, a part of our families, and a part of future generations. ●



Recognizing Dedication and Commitment

In recent years, the Padma Awards have freed from the corridors of Lutyens' Delhi to reach India's remote villages and forests. Today, the 'Padma Samman' has truly become a 'People's Padma,' where recognition is based not on influence, but on the positive change brought about in the lives of those at the very margins of society. The recipients of these awards stand as living proof that talent and service are not bound by any specific background. This special article shares the inspiring stories of the nation's 'heroes' who have brought glory to the country...

On June 23, President Droupadi Murmu conferred the Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan, and Padma Shri awards at the Civil Investiture Ceremony-II held at Rashtrapati Bhavan. In this second phase, two Padma Vibhushan, seven Padma Bhushan, and

57 Padma Shri awards were presented. The Central Government had announced the names of 131 Padma awardees (including one duo/joint award) on January 25 of this year; the first phase of the investiture ceremony took place on May 25, 2026.





Padma Vibhushan



P. Narayanan

Popularly known as 'Narayanji,' P. Narayanan is a stalwart of nationalist journalism and a key socio-political organizer. He dedicated his life to articulating an ideology that was once marginalized in Kerala. Born on May 28, 1936, in Manakkad, Thodupuzha (Kerala), Narayanan was educated at Mahatma Gandhi College and University College, Thiruvananthapuram. His political journey began during his student days when he joined the RSS. He devoted his life to the cause, serving primarily as a Pracharak in North and Central Kerala. Beyond journalism, Narayanan made significant contributions as a scholarly writer and a skilled translator.

Justice (Retd.) K.T. Thomas

Justice (Retd.) K.T. Thomas is a retired judge of the Supreme Court of India.

Born on January 30, 1937, Thomas received his college education at CMS College, Kottayam. He was appointed as a judge of the Kerala High Court in 1985. In 1995, he was named the Acting Chief Justice of the Kerala High Court.

In March 1996, he was appointed as a judge of the Supreme Court. He retired from the Supreme Court in 2002. Thomas is known for his contributions to criminal law, police reform, and the fight against corruption in the field of private professional education. He was awarded the Padma Bhushan in 2007.





Padma Bhushan



Dr. Vijay Amritraj

Dr. Vijay Amritraj is one of India's greatest tennis players. Born on December 14, 1953, in Chennai, Dr. Vijay began representing India in junior competitions at the age of 14. He achieved numerous memorable victories throughout his career and has remained a distinguished figure in Indian sports. Dr. Vijay was awarded the Padma Shri by the Government of India in 1983 in recognition of his work and contributions. In 2022, he was honored with induction into the International Tennis Hall of Fame and received the 'Golden Achievement Award'—the highest honor bestowed by the International Tennis Federation. He continues to share his views on various platforms and advocates for values that have always been close to his heart, such as excellence, integrity, and a steadfast belief in India.

Dr. SKM. Mailianandan

Dr. SKM. Mailianandan, the Executive Chairman of the SKM Group of Companies, is a renowned entrepreneur, a founder of various social welfare trusts, and a consumer activist. He is renowned for his selfless service and for propagating yoga and meditation across the globe. Born on May 18, 1945, in the Erode district of Tamil Nadu, Dr. Mailianandan received only a school-level education. He took the initiative to foster self-employment among both educated and uneducated people in rural areas, providing job opportunities throughout the year. He studied and analyzed the challenges farmers faced regarding markets and pricing, and organized numerous seminars and meetings aimed at preventing emerging poultry diseases. He was honored with the Padma Shri in 2013 for his social work.





Padma Bhushan



Mammootty

Muhammad Kutty Panaparambil Ismail, popularly known as Mammootty, is an Indian film actor and producer. While active in South Indian cinema, he primarily works in the Malayalam film industry. Born on September 7, 1951, Mammootty came from a farming background, with roots deeply embedded in agriculture and rural life. Over a career spanning five decades, he has acted in more than 400 films—predominantly in Malayalam, but also in Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Hindi, and English. He is regarded as one of the greatest actors in Indian cinema. Beyond his cinematic contributions, he has actively engaged in humanitarian efforts and community development. He was honored with the Padma Shri in 1998 for his contributions to cinema and the arts.

Vellappally Natesan

Vellappally Natesan is a prominent social leader and a distinguished figure from Kerala. He serves as the General Secretary of the Sree Narayana Dharma Paripalana (SNDP) Yogam and the Secretary of the Sree Narayana Trust. Born on September 10, 1937, in Kanichikulangara, Alappuzha district, Kerala, Natesan emerged as a key leader committed to the social and educational advancement of backward classes. He revitalized the SNDP Yogam movement, originally established by Sree Narayana Guru in 1903. Under his leadership since 1996, the organization expanded extensively at the grassroots level and evolved into a modern socio-economic movement. The number of branches grew from 3,000 to over 6,000 during his tenure. Natesan also introduced family units at the branch level, effectively taking the organization to every household.





Dr. Dattatreya Nori

Dr. Dattatreya Nori is an internationally acclaimed oncologist, a pioneering physician, and a distinguished intellectual. Over a career spanning more than four decades, he has served as Professor and Chairman of Oncology and Director of the Cancer Center at the world-renowned Cornell Medical Center in New York. He is widely recognized for his pioneering role in developing various cancer treatment techniques, which have significantly improved cure rates and helped save patients' lives globally. Born on October 18, 1947, Dr. Nori has shared his expertise by collaborating with various governments and private organizations to establish cancer centers. The Government of India honored him with the Padma Shri in 2015 for his contributions to the field of medicine.

Shibu Soren (Posthumous)

Reverently known as "Dishom Guru," Shibu Soren was a prominent tribal leader, social reformer, and one of the key architects of the Jharkhand movement in India. He was a steadfast, ethical, and political voice for the long-standing aspirations of tribal communities regarding dignity, identity, justice, and self-governance. His life embodied the principle of the ethical conservation of water, forests, and land. Born on January 11, 1944, in Nemra village, Ramgarh district, Jharkhand, Soren hailed from a humble Santhal tribal family. He served as the Chief Minister of Jharkhand on three occasions and also held the office of Union Coal Minister. To millions, Soren was not merely a politician but a guardian of memory, resistance, and hope. He consistently advocated for tribal rights, social justice, democratic values, and the rights of local communities over natural resources. Shibu Soren passed away on August 4, 2025.



Alka Yagnik

Alka Yagnik is a renowned Indian playback singer. Spanning a career of over four decades, her melodious voice, artistic excellence, and unwavering dedication have immensely enriched Indian cinema and cultural heritage. She received her initial training in Indian classical music under the guidance of her mother, Shubha Yagnik. Born on March 20, 1960, in Kolkata, Yagnik began her musical journey with a strong classical foundation that shaped her distinctive artistic sensibility and melodious identity. Yagnik holds the distinction of being the most popular music artist on YouTube. She has been honored with numerous prestigious awards and accolades for her outstanding contribution to Indian music. Her enduring artistic achievements and sustained popularity over the decades stand as a testament to her extraordinary talent and unwavering commitment to her art. ●



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INDIA

A Strong Voice for the Aspirations and Expectations of the Global South

The government's policies and visionary leadership have transformed India's stature globally. Today, India has become a powerful voice not only for its own aspirations and needs but also for those of the 'Global South'. India's invitation to the G-7 summit—received for the eighth consecutive time—stands as a testament to its growing global influence and credibility. Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited France for the G7 summit along with a state visit to Slovakia from June 13 to 18. During his visit, he met with several global leaders, including US President Donald Trump, and held detailed discussions on cooperation as well as critical global issues.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi discussed strengthening global ties and challenges facing the world. He participated in the G-7 summit and held bilateral talks with various global leaders. During the visit, the Prime Minister attended the VivaTech 2026—Europe's largest event for technology and innovation—where India hosted its largest national pavilion. Additionally, PM Modi and President Emmanuel Macron participated in the 'India Innovates' event. PM Modi also met with members of the Indian community in Paris.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlighted India's inclusive development, which is based on the principles of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas'. At the G-7 summit held



By combining G7 capital, India's talent, and the ownership of Global South nations, we could consider establishing an 'International Mobilisation Partnership for Accelerating Connectivity and Trade' (IMPACT). The objective should be to create corridors that link trade, technology, energy, and opportunities.

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

First-ever visit by an Indian Prime Minister to Slovakia

Since establishing diplomatic relations in 1993, India and Slovakia have developed multifaceted cooperation rooted in traditional friendship, trust, equality, and mutual respect. An agreement was reached to further strengthen the role of the 'India-Slovakia Joint Economic Committee' in identifying and promoting high-potential areas for economic cooperation. Emphasis was also placed on exploring the possibility of direct air connectivity between India and Slovakia to facilitate growing economic, trade, and people-to-people exchanges. Both leaders agreed to encourage the mobility of students, academics, and researchers to deepen mutual exchanges in the fields of education and science.



in Évian, France, PM Modi addressed an outreach session focused on moving towards 'balanced, shared, and sustainable economic growth for all.' He also addressed a session on the theme of 'Ensuring a safe, rapid, and efficient rollout of Artificial Intelligence.' India's mantra of inclusive development was reflected in the motto 'One Earth, One Family, One Future' during its G-20 presidency. A similar vision also forms the basis of the India-West Asia-Europe Economic Corridor. Its objective is to strengthen supply chains, create investment and employment opportunities, and foster innovation. Crises and conflicts have had a severe and adverse impact on

Order of the White Double Cross, 1st Class

Slovak President Peter Pellegrini conferred the country's highest state honour, the 'Order of the White Double Cross, 1st Class' upon Prime Minister Narendra Modi. PM Modi expressed his gratitude to the President and the people of Slovakia for this prestigious honour. He dedicated the award to the 1.4 billion people of India and to the friendly relations shared by the two nations.

So far, a total of **34** Countries have conferred their highest honor upon PM Modi.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid tribute to the brave soldiers who played a pivotal role in the liberation of Slovakia during World War II.

nations of the Global South. PM Modi called for international solidarity and cooperation to alleviate the burden on these countries. He suggested that international financial institutions should develop support mechanisms capable of providing economic resilience to developing nations. The Prime Minister proposed the formation of a partnership—"IM-

PM Modi Participated in the 'India Innovates 2026' Event

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and French President Emmanuel Macron jointly inaugurated 'India Innovates 2026' in Nice. The event brought together Indian deep-tech startups, innovators, researchers, investors, and global innovation funds on a single platform. More than 350 prominent investors and venture capitalists from across the globe participated. PM Modi stated that startups should be evaluated not merely by their market valuation, but by their impact on humanity. He also interacted with startups and innovators working in sectors such as quantum computing, semiconductors, biotechnology, defense, space, healthcare, med-tech, advanced materials, and clean energy.

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Meeting Between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Donald Trump

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Donald Trump held a significant meeting during the G-7 summit, where both leaders held candid discussions on bilateral and global issues. During the meeting, PM Modi emphasized the critical importance of maintaining safe and uninterrupted maritime trade in the Strait of Hormuz, as well as ensuring the safety of seafarers. He also commended President Trump's efforts to halt the ongoing conflict in West Asia and establish peace in the region. Furthermore, the two leaders reviewed the progress made in the sectors of defense, modern technology, energy, and trade since their meeting in Washington in February 2025. They expressed satisfaction with the ongoing negotiations regarding a trade agreement between India and the US and directed their officials to finalize a balanced agreement at the earliest that would benefit both nations.

PACT" (International Mobilization Partnership for Accelerating Connectivity and Trade)—which could combine G-7 capital, Indian talent, and Global South ownership.

Discussions held between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and French President Emmanuel Macron focused on further strengthening bilateral ties. Decisions were made to double bilateral trade over the next five years and to enhance cooperation in sectors such as small-scale industries, railways, and aviation. Both leaders discussed promoting private

companies in the space sector and strengthening technology and innovation through the 'Horizon 2047 Roadmap.' In the education sector, a 'Centre of Excellence' for aeronautics will be established in Kanpur, and French universities have been invited to open campuses in India. Additionally, there were detailed discussions on enhancing cultural cooperation between the museums of both nations—including the National Maritime Heritage Complex at Lothal—and on global issues such as the situations in Ukraine and West Asia. ●



50 Golden Years of India-Seychelles Friendship

Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Seychelles—a key maritime neighbor and strategic partner of India in the Indian Ocean—marking the 50th year of diplomatic relations between the two nations. During the visit, not only were several significant agreements signed, but Prime Minister Modi also became the first Indian Prime Minister to address the National Assembly of Seychelles. Furthermore, by attending the Golden Jubilee celebrations of Seychelles' National Day as a distinguished guest, he elevated the deepening ties between the two countries to new heights.

While on his state visit to Seychelles, Prime Minister Modi held bilateral talks with President Dr. Patrick Herminie. The discussions saw a strong consensus on cooperation in sectors such as health,

education, skill development, digital transformation, sustainable development, social infrastructure, renewable energy, maritime security, and defense. Regional and global developments were also dis-



PM Modi Honoured as 'Guardian of the Blue Horizon'

Seychelles President Dr. Patrick Herminie honoured Prime Minister Narendra Modi with the President's special award, the 'Guardian of the Blue Horizon'. The Prime Minister received this honour in recognition of his green leadership, efforts to advance the interests of developing nations, and long-standing commitment to the blue economy, climate change mitigation, and the management of marine resources. This award reflects the importance Seychelles attaches to India's growing role in the Indian Ocean region regarding capacity building, environmental conservation, sustainable development initiatives, and the advancement of shared priorities.

50th Anniversary of Seychelles' Independence

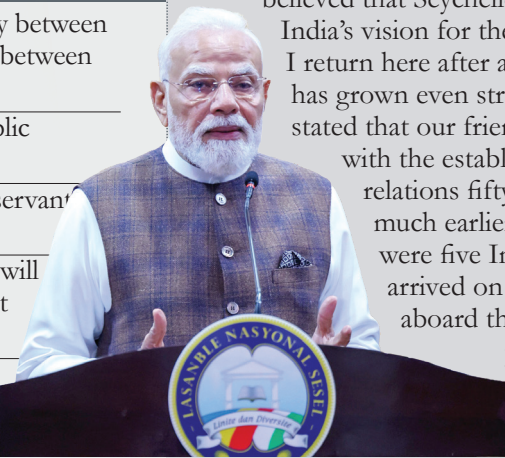
Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the celebrations marking the 50th anniversary of Seychelles' independence. He is the first Indian Prime Minister to participate in the Seychelles National Day celebrations. Contingents from the Indian Armed Forces also took part in the national parade held to mark the golden jubilee of Seychelles' independence.

Key Highlights of the Visit...

- Efforts will be made to enhance connectivity between India and Seychelles, which will boost trade between the two nations.
- India's successful experience with digital public infrastructure will be shared with Seychelles.
- India will contribute to the training of civil servants from Seychelles.
- An MoU on 'Jan Aushadhi' was signed; this will ensure the availability of quality medicines at affordable rates for the local population.
- Both nations have decided to move forward together in the space sector.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi Addresses the National Assembly of Seychelles

Prime Minister Narendra Modi became the first Indian Prime Minister to address the National Assembly of Seychelles. He said, "This is the first country in the Indian Ocean region that I visited as Prime Minister in 2015. It was also my first visit to Africa as Prime Minister. I came here because I believed that Seychelles holds a special place in India's vision for the Indian Ocean. Today, as I return here after a decade, that conviction has grown even stronger." PM Modi also stated that our friendship did not begin with the establishment of diplomatic relations fifty years ago; it had started much earlier. In August 1770, there were five Indians among those who arrived on the island of Saint Anne aboard the ship *Télémaque*. That journey paved the way for many others who followed.



India's Gifts to Seychelles

A fast-interceptor patrol vessel gifted

10 utility vehicles and 5 Laser Radial class boats for the Seychelles Defence Forces

6
ambulances

500
metric tonnes of rice

8500
metric tonnes of cement

cussed, including challenges such as drug trafficking and piracy in the Indian Ocean region. Prime Minister Modi reiterated India's commitment to supporting Seychelles' development priorities and deepening the close, enduring partnership between the two nations.

The two leaders also unveiled a joint commemorative logo to mark the completion of 50 years of diplomatic relations between India and Seychelles. ●



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A Golden Era for Women in Sports

From 'Khelo India' to The Global Stage



India is transforming and shining, and this is best evident in the sports arena. Overcoming adversity, female athletes have not only raised the pride of the Tricolour on international platforms but have also inspired millions of young Indians to dream big. From Olympic podiums to cricket pitches, the stellar performances of these daughters prove that when it comes to bringing glory to the nation, the 'Nari Shakti' (women's power) of the new India is second to none. In this context, women hockey players and athletes have elevated the country's prestige on the global stage...

The impact of improved infrastructure, the right incentives, and visionary government policies like 'Khelo India' is clearly visible in the nation's sports landscape today. Coming from small villages and towns, female athletes are making history in global competitions. The continuous support provided by the government to sports and athletes, coupled with modern facilities, has helped hone their talent. The Indian women's hockey team has made the entire nation proud by winning the FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup 2026. India clinched the trophy for the second time by defeating the hosts, New Zealand, 2-0.

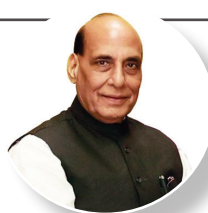


Meanwhile, at the Asian Athletics Championships 2026, the Indian women's 4x100m relay team brought glory to the nation by winning gold. Olympians Shrabani Nanda, Sneha Shanuvali, Sudeshna Shivankar, and Tamanna secured the top spot in the women's 4x100m relay final, clocking a season-best time of 43.85 seconds. This historic success has once again proven that given the right opportunities and resources, India's daughters can make their mark on the global stage in any field. In a post on the social media platform X, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "Indian hockey players have brought pride and joy. Congratulations to the women's team on winning the FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup. The team performed exceptionally well throughout the tournament. Best wishes to the team. I hope this victory inspires many other players to take up hockey." ●



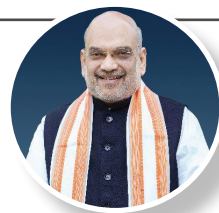
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2014 के बाद से हमने नीतियों के स्तर पर बड़े रिकॉर्म किए हैं। इससे रक्षा उत्पादन तेजी से बढ़ने के साथ ही हमारा डिफेंस एक्सपोर्ट भी अभूतपूर्व गति से बढ़ा है।



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भारतीय सशस्त्र बल हमेशा से राष्ट्रीय एकता की प्रतीक रही हैं। यहाँ भाषा, क्षेत्र, जाति या प्रांत नहीं, बल्कि केवल राष्ट्र सर्वोपरि होता है। हमारी सेनाएँ उस अखंड भारतीय भावना का जीवंत स्वरूप हैं, जहाँ विविधता ही सबसे बड़ी शक्ति है।



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मोदी जी के नेतृत्व में आज टेक्नोलॉजी आधारित सुशासन का एक और महत्वपूर्ण अध्याय जुड़ रहा है। आज गांधीनगर से 'PM फैमिली केयर ट्रैकर' (FCT) के पायलट परियोजना का शुभारंभ किया। यह देशवर्ष विभिन्न प्रकार के डेटा को जोड़कर केंद्र व राज्य की कल्याणकारी योजनाओं का लाभ सीधे जरूरतमंद परिवारों के दरवाजे तक पहुंचाएगा। साथ ही PM ई-बस सेवा को हरी झंडी दिखाई।



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Register e-Zero FIRs in cyber crime cases: PM Modi hands over patrol vessel to Seychelles for maritime security

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New Delhi: PM Narendra Modi Wednesday advised states to start registering e-Zero FIRs in cyber crime cases so that victims who already have lost their money are spared the harassment of running from one department or agency to another, including the police station, where the crime was committed. Taking note that only nine states have this system in place, Modi directed PMO officials to take this up with each chief secretary and DGP of states for faster roll out of e-Zero FIRs across the country.

Reviewing grievances related to cyber crime and digital arrest at PRAGATI meeting where chief secretaries from all states were present, the Prime Minister said he will review the progress of e-Zero FIRs.

These FIRs help investigators immediately start the probe against criminals.



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development and security. Stronger as one, "MEA posted on X, adding the two countries continue to deepen their defence partnership under India's Vision Mahashagur Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth

Across Regions), contributing to security and stability in the Indian Ocean region. India has been a longstanding partner in strengthening Seychelles' defence and maritime capabilities through the supply of patrol vessels, aircraft and training support. #



PM Modi with Seychelles President Patrick Herminie in Victoria Saturday

Amazon raises India investment by \$13 billion for AI, cloud infra

TOP INVESTOR. \$48-b India bet by 2030; plans over 20 fulfilment and 100 delivery centres

Manasvini Verma/Amend New Delhi

Amazon plans to invest another \$13 billion in India, raising its total planned investment in the country to \$48 billion by 2030, Global CEO Andy Jassy announced on Thursday after meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. This top-up comes just six months after the e-commerce giant pledged \$35 billion in new investments by 2030.



GROWTH CONNECT: Andy Jassy, CEO of Amazon, met Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday

"As we grow Amazon in India, our business priorities continue to align with India's priorities of democratising access to AI, digitising small businesses, creating jobs, and enabling exports. We are investing over \$48 billion in the coming five years to meet the strong demand across our business in India and to help the country achieve these priorities," Jassy stated. He added that Amazon is committed to being a long-term partner in India's growth story.

INFRA BOOST The additional investments will go into boosting its AI and cloud infrastructure in the country by expanding AWS data centre capacity in Mumbai and Hyderabad. "It will give start-ups, enterprises and government organisations access to custom AI chips, managed AI services, secure and reliable cloud technologies and developer tools to innovate faster, scale rapidly, and serve customers globally," Jassy said.

Emergency was a direct assault on Constitution: Modi

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said the Emergency was a direct assault on the Constitution, as it involved the suspension of civil liberties, curbs on freedom of expression, and the arrests of political leaders, journalists, and social workers.



Narendra Modi

In a post on X on the 51st anniversary of the imposition of the Emergency, Mr. Modi paid homage to all those who steadfastly defended democratic values

AI Reshaping Industries, Driving Innovation: PM

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi said artificial intelligence (AI) is creating fresh avenues for productivity and innovation, and reshaping industries. Responsible and inclusive AI adoption would be crucial to the acceleration of India's emergence as a developed nation by 2047, he said in a written message read out at the inaugural ceremony of the two-day summit. "When used responsibly and allied with human judgement, AI-powered tools can improve efficiency, strengthen compliance, enable better decision-making and help professionals deliver greater value," Modi said. —OUR BUREAU

PM creates history with twin firsts

New Delhi: PM Narendra Modi Sunday became the first Indian PM to address Seychelles' National Assembly and was honoured with the country's first-ever "Guardian of the Blue Horizon" distinction — twin firsts on a State visit that reasserted India's position as western Indian Ocean's security and development anchor amid China's expanding presence along key sea lanes, reports Manash Gohain.

Hailing Modi as an embodiment of "the spirit of the Guardian of our Blue Horizon", President Patrick Herminie said the honour recognised his leadership on sustainability, the Blue Economy and ocean governance.

"I humbly accept this honour and dedicate it to all those countries that are fighting the challenge of climate change and consider envi-



Guardians of Maritime Security

The stronger a nation's maritime prowess, the more potent its economic and strategic influence. India is gearing up for this very objective. As part of this initiative, Prime Minister Narendra Modi commissioned three modern Indian Navy vessels—INS Dunagiri, INS Sanshodhak, and INS Agray—on June 21; these ships are constructed with over 75% indigenous content. They symbolize India's growing capability to build a balanced and mission-ready navy, a robust defense manufacturing ecosystem, and an unwavering commitment to 'Atmanirbhar Bharat'...



Scan the QR code to watch the Prime Minister's full program.

INS Dunagiri

- The fifth warship of Nilgiri class under Project 17A.
- Equipped with supersonic missiles, advanced air defense systems, and anti-submarine weaponry.
- Its helicopter operational capability further enhances surveillance and strike power.



INS Sanshodhak

- The fourth ship in the large survey vessel class.
- Equipped with state-of-the-art hydrographic & oceanographic systems.
- Conducts precise maritime surveys; can also serve as a hospital ship if required.
- Helicopter operational facilities have enhanced its multi-mission capabilities.



INS Agray

- An Indian Navy anti-submarine warfare shallow water craft.
- The fifth ship in the ASW-SWC series.
- Equipped with state-of-the-art sonar, torpedoes, and anti-submarine rockets.
- Operates with speed and agility thanks to water-jet technology.



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