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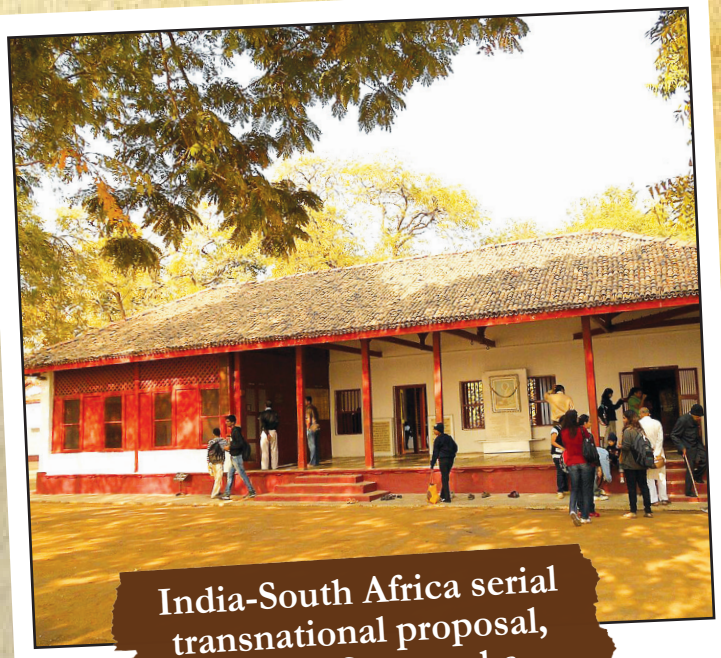


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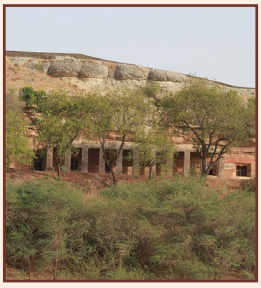
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Rich-Diverse Heritage

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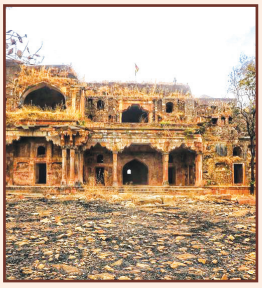
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Gupta-era Udaigiri Caves



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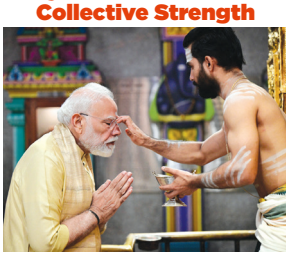


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A Call That Has United the Hearts of Indians

The dazzling lights of Diwali this year are special, as they are lit with the light of self-reliance. The call for 'Vocal for Local,' which resonated through 'Mann Ki Baat,' has today turned into a banyan tree. This Diwali is particularly special as it marks a pivotal moment where India, taking pride in the skills of its artisans, is laying the foundation for a Viksit Bharat by 2047. This Diwali, every lamp, every gift, and every purchase represents more than just festive celebration; it embodies the collective resolve of 1.4 billion Indians—a resolve for Swadeshi, self-reliance, and a prosperous India... |14-29

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK...

This Diwali, illuminate your home with Swadeshi products

Warm greetings,

With the festive season approaching, every home is alive with the spirit of the festival. Markets are being decorated, and families are preparing their shopping list. It was one of the most memorable experiences of our childhood to go out and buy earthen lamps for Diwali. Every lamp made by a potter does more than just provide light; it embodies the hard work of a family and the hopes they have invested in it.

The message of this year's Diwali is particularly significant. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has completed 25 years of public service. On this occasion, he has conveyed a message to achieve the goal of a 'Viksit Bharat' with the resolve that "We Will Do It." The path to a Viksit Bharat by 2047 lies through self-reliance, with Swadeshi serving as the most fundamental pillar. The call to be 'Vocal for Local' has now turned from a mere slogan to occupy part of our daily lives.

Just think—a small purchase made by us can light up a lamp in an artisan's home. Let the gifts we give be indigenous; let our apparel be woven in India; let our decorations feature Indian-made products; and let our lights shine through Indian-made string lights and candles. When you give an indigenous gift, you share not just sweetness but also a sense of warmth and connection with your loved ones.

We must imbue our bodies, minds, and every fiber of our being with the spirit of Swadeshi. Let us proudly declare this festive season, "This is Swadeshi." One mantra—'Vocal for Local'; one path—'Self-reliance'; one goal—Viksit Bharat. That is why, in this issue, 'Vocal for Local' is the cover story for this festive month.

One of the key highlights of this issue is a story on the completion of 25 years of Prime Minister Modi's journey from Jan Sewa to Rashtra Sewa. The 'Personality' section features India's first woman Air Marshal, Dr. Padmavathy Bandopadhyay, alongside highlights of Union Cabinet decisions and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's public events over the past fortnight.

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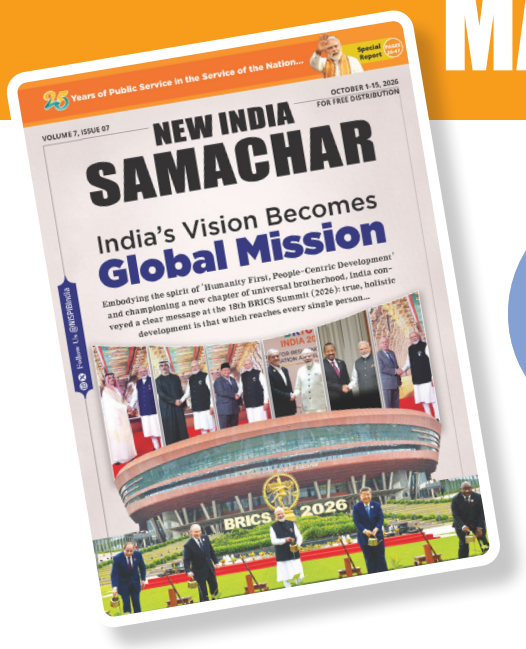
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NEWS BRIEFS

375 Types of Works to be Undertaken Under VB-G RAM G

Under the Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin)— a total of 375 types of works can now be undertaken, compared to the 266 works previously permitted under MGNREGA. A new category comprising 38 special works has been introduced; these works are designed to address extreme weather events and disaster management.

New measures such as drip irrigation, sprinkler systems, rooftop rainwater harvesting, and water conservation have been included under the water security category. The scope now also covers the repair and maintenance of water supply infrastructure established under the Jal Jeevan Mission. The new schedule incorporates clear provisions for accessibility for persons with disabilities, including the construction of staircases and ramps in government buildings.

Approval of Works for All Sections of Society

The new notification places special emphasis on farmers, vulnerable families, women, and rural youth. There are 181 works designated for agriculture and allied activities, including 52 works benefiting individual beneficiaries. Similarly, 107 works have been earmarked for Antyodaya, or vulnerable families. The list also includes 36 works focused on women's empowerment and another 36 aimed at empowering the youth.





Poverty to Decline Further in India: World Bank

In its October public release, the World Bank said that India has made significant progress in reducing poverty over the past decade. India ranks among the countries achieving the fastest rates of poverty reduction globally. The poverty rate is estimated to fall from 14.2% in 2026 to 12.1% by 2028.

The World Bank further noted that between 2011 and 2023, the proportion of people living on less than approximately ₹400 per day dropped from 57.7% to 16.1%, lifting nearly 496 million people out of poverty. Meanwhile, the percentage of the extreme poor fell from 27.1% to 2.6%. Key drivers cited for this reduction include increased employment—particularly among women—as well as access to subsidized food grains provided by the government and a rise in overall expenditure and consumption.

India's Emerging Supercomputing Ecosystem

Alongside the 'Digital India' initiative, India is strengthening its data center and artificial intelligence ecosystems. This ecosystem is driving an increased demand for advanced computing infrastructure within the country. India generates approximately 20 percent of the world's data. Fields such as artificial intelligence, weather forecasting, and space research require significant computing capabilities; consequently, the central government is expanding access to supercomputing facilities for research institutions. As a result of the National Supercomputing Mission, India has deployed 40 supercomputers with a combined capacity of 68 petaflops as of September 2026. The ultimate goal is to deploy 50 systems with a total capacity exceeding 123 petaflops.





Cancer Drugs to Become Cheaper; Annual Savings of ₹2,500 Crore Expected

The government has approved capping the trade margin—the markup applied between supply and retail sale—at 30% of the Maximum Retail Price (MRP) for non-scheduled anti-cancer drugs. This move is expected to reduce the prices of certain drugs by up to 70%, resulting in annual savings of approximately ₹2,500 crore.

Currently, the government regulates the prices of essential 'scheduled' cancer drugs. This regulatory framework will now be extended to include cancer drugs that fall outside that list. The scope covers a wide range of medicines, including branded and generic, domestically produced and imported, as well as patented and non-patented drugs. According to the government, the price of such medicines increases by an average of nearly 170% across the supply chain, with some instances seeing a hike of over 700%. Imposing margin caps on 42 non-scheduled cancer drugs in 2019 led to a reduction of up to 91% in the MRP of 526 brands, resulting in annual savings of ₹984 crore for patients.

'Sanchar Saathi' Raises Awareness... Prevents ₹5,000 Crore Fraud

Launched to curb the misuse of telecommunication resources for cybercrime and financial fraud, the 'Sanchar Saathi' portal is not only raising public awareness but has also prevented fraud amounting to over ₹5,000 crore. Since its launch in May 2023, the portal has recorded over 300 million visits. Furthermore, 40 million people have accessed the service to check details regarding mobile connections registered in their names.

Services for Citizens

- Lost or Stolen Phone: Phones can be blocked and tracked across all networks. So far, more than 1.4 million handsets have been recovered.
- Mobile Connections in Your Name: Citizens can view the number of mobile connections issued in their names and report any unauthorized connections.
- Suspicious Calls or Messages: The 'Chakshu' facility allows users to report fraudulent calls, SMS, and WhatsApp messages.





Union Cabinet Decisions

A ₹10,000 crore fund for MSMEs

Expansion of the National Social Assistance Programme

The Union Cabinet has approved a proposal to establish an 'SME Growth Fund' for direct equity investment in small and medium-sized enterprises, which will infuse new energy into these sectors. This fund will facilitate industrial expansion, the adoption of technology, and improved access to global markets, while also creating more employment opportunities. Furthermore, approval has been granted for several other proposals, including the continuation of the National Social Assistance Programme for the next five years and the formation of an integrated transport and logistics authority

DECISION: Approval of ₹10,000 crore for the establishment of an SME Growth Fund to facilitate direct equity investment in Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs).

IMPACT: This initiative reaffirms the government's commitment to empowering entrepreneurs and fostering a new generation of competitive enterprises. By promoting investment in high-growth SMEs, the fund will help cultivate leading entrepreneurs, accelerate innovation-driven industrialization, and create quality employment opportunities across the country. This initiative will serve as a key pillar in advancing the goal of a 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047.

- Investments in industrial clusters—including those in Tier-II and Tier-III cities—will boost regional industrial development.
- Local supply chains will be strengthened, and high-quality jobs will be created.

DECISION: Approval for the establishment of a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) named the Integrated Transport and Logistics Authority (ITLA) to strengthen research, planning, evaluation, monitoring, and impact assessment within the broad sectors of transport and logistics.

IMPACT: It aims to address long-term challenges arising from the fragmented nature of schemes and implementation across various transport-related ministries and agencies.

- Promoting better coordination and multi-modal integration through ITLA is expected to enhance the efficiency, sustainability, and effectiveness of transport infrastructure development in India.
- The establishment of ITLA will play a pivotal role in realizing India's Vision 2047.
- It will help strengthen multi-modal connectivity, improve infrastructure efficiency, reduce logistics costs, and boost India's global logistics competitiveness.
- ITLA will build institutional capacity for research, planning, big data integration, and project monitoring and evaluation.
- It will facilitate capacity building and the adoption of international best practices.

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



DECISION: Approval granted for the continuation of the National Social Assistance Programme for a five-year period, from 2026-27 to 2030-31.

IMPACT: The minimum disability threshold for pension eligibility has been reduced from 80% to 40%, enabling more persons with disabilities to avail the benefits of the scheme.

- Persons with disabilities will now be covered under the pension scheme from birth.
- These changes will extend social security benefits to a larger number of persons with disabilities and expand the scope of the pension scheme.
- The scheme and its sub-schemes will be renamed.
- A total budget of ₹53,428 crore has been allocated for this purpose.
- A total of 3.20 crore beneficiaries across 36 states/union territories will benefit.
- It has also been mandated that the assistance provided for disability-related support shall always be 25% higher than that offered under similar schemes for other categories.

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DECISION: Approval granted for a 78-day Productivity-Linked Bonus (PLB) for approximately 11.40 lakh railway employees.

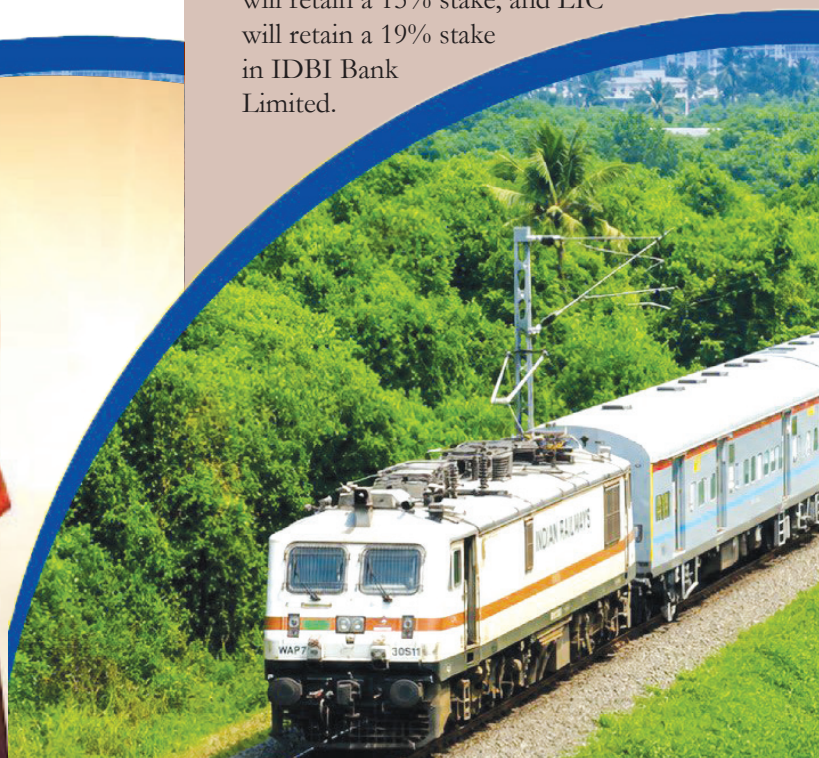
IMPACT: This serves as a Diwali gift for the diligent employees who work hard day and night. A total bonus amount of Rs 2,009.61 crore has been sanctioned. The PLB is paid to eligible railway employees every year before the Durga Puja/Dussehra holidays.

DECISION: The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved the strategic restructuring of IDBI Bank Limited.

IMPACT: A total of 60.72% of the bank's equity stake will be sold to a strategic buyer. This includes a 30.48% stake held by the Government of India and a 30.24% stake held by the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC).

- Following this, the Government of India will retain a 15% stake, and LIC will retain a 19% stake in IDBI Bank Limited.







'We Will Do It'

A Symbol of New India's Collective Strength

From Chief Minister of Gujarat to Prime Minister of India, the 25-year journey of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is marked by significant milestones involving policy decisions, public welfare initiatives, national missions, and reforms. His vision has fostered the transition from policy formulation to reaching the last person in the queue, from self-reliance to technology, and from national security to institutional reforms.

To express its gratitude, the Union Cabinet passed a resolution on October 6 congratulating him on his 25 years of continuous, unbroken leadership. Subsequently, during an event held on October 7 to mark the completion of 25 years of service, Prime Minister Narendra Modi coined the slogan "We Will Do It" as a symbol of the collective strength of a New India.

It has been a journey of 25 years of public service—lived among the people and for the country—driven by a resolve and dedication to nation-building. Throughout these 25 years of service, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has not only taken major decisions but also laid the foundation for a new mindset. On October 7, he attributed his 25-year journey to the collective capital of the citizens' trust and the hard work of party workers. Describing the collective power of the people as his greatest strength, he called for advancing the resolve for a Viksit Bharat with renewed energy.

PRAYERS AT SHRI VINAYAK TEMPLE

On the morning of October 7, PM Modi offered prayers at the Shri Vinayak Temple and prayed for the well-being of the country's 1.4 billion citizens. He sought the strength to serve the nation with even greater vigor. He acknowledged that his current position and responsibilities are largely the result of the trust and hard work of the people—whom he regards as the embodiment of the Janata-Janardan—and millions of dedicated workers.



PM Modi Still Considers Himself a Student

Reflecting on his student days, the Prime Minister reflecting said that a zeal for learning has always been an integral part of his life and that he still considers himself a student. He expressed that looking back fills him with a sense of gratitude. He noted that those who helped him succeed taught him humility, while those who caused him to stumble taught him how to rise again. Opposition taught him the power of democracy, and every crisis tested his patience.

DREAMS MUST BE BIG AND SPIRITS HIGH

The Prime Minister remarked that the lives of people in villages and the experiences of the poor taught him that while resources may be limited, one's dreams must be grand and one's spirit indomitable. He also paid tribute to the country's cultural heritage and the contributions of volunteers, noting that the support of millions of volunteers and workers—driven by a resolve to serve Maa Bharti—has been a source of great strength throughout his journey.

'WE WILL DO IT'

In his address, the Prime Minister coined the slogan 'We Will Do It' as a symbol of the collective strength of a New India. He said that the goal of a developed India is not merely a matter for remembrance, but an opportunity to infuse new energy into our resolutions. The Prime Minister remarked that he does not view his 25-year journey in public life as a means for personal glorification; for him, the purpose of life is not a position or political ambition, but a mission.

> **"The one who helped me win... taught me humility. The one who caused me to fall... taught me to rise again. The one who stood by me... showed me the power of trust. The one who opposed me... taught me the power of democracy.**
>
> *-Narendra Modi, Prime Minister*

GUJARAT SCALES NEW HEIGHTS OF DEVELOPMENT DRIVEN BY PEOPLE POWER

Recalling his experiences as the Chief Minister of Gujarat, the Prime Minister noted that while he lacked extensive administrative experience at the



Cabinet Passes Resolution Congratulating PM on 25 Years of Continuous, Unbroken Leadership

On October 6, the Union Cabinet passed a resolution congratulating Prime Minister Narendra Modi on completing 25 years of continuous leadership as the head of government. This is far more than a formal tribute; it is a celebration of Prime Minister Modi's extraordinary journey, guided by the principles of 'Nation First' and 'Citizen First.' Three overwhelming mandates in Gujarat and support in three successive Lok Sabha elections reflect the enduring trust that the public has reposed in PM Narendra Modi

These ten salient features capture the unbroken thread connecting his leadership of Gujarat with his leadership of India. Read the key excerpts from the resolution...

1. From Gujarat to India: A Development Vision Grows

The resolution traces how PM Modi carried Gujarat's successful initiatives to the national stage. SWAGAT, through which he personally heard citizens' grievances, received the United Nations Public Service Award in 2010. It later inspired PRAGATI, bringing governments together to review stalled projects, resolve obstacles and accelerate completion. Jyotigram's separate agricultural electricity feeders similarly became a national approach, extending Gujarat's experience across India.

2. Compassion for the Poor Becomes Dignity at Scale

PM Modi's sensitivity towards poverty grew from watching his mother struggle with everyday hardships and encountering deprivation during his travels. The resolution connects these experiences with programmes delivering homes, water, banking and healthcare. Nearly 60 crore Jan Dhan accounts, over 4 crore homes and 25 crore people moving out of poverty show how personal understanding became public action, bringing families dignity.

time, he possessed faith in the people. He made the practice of taking decisions, formulating policies, and implementing them in collaboration with the public the cornerstone of his working style. It was through this 'people power' that Gujarat achieved new heights of development. The PM underscored that in 2014, he received the opportunity to serve the nation as its 'Pradhan Sevak'. At that time, the country was grappling with economic challenges, inflation, and a sense of despondency. The Prime Minister said that he once

3. Empowerment Opens Doors Across Society

PM Modi's determination to help people shape their futures runs through the resolution. Approximately 3.5 crore women became Lakhpati Didis, while the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam provided for women's reservation. Startups, skills, and education reform expanded youth opportunities. PM-KISAN transfers exceeded ₹4 lakh crore, while PM-JANMAN brought focused support to particularly vulnerable tribal communities, extending development to those historically left behind.

4. An Unwavering Commitment to Reform

The resolution gives particular emphasis to PM Modi's willingness to pursue reform despite political risks. GST, welfare delivery reforms and the replacement of colonial laws demonstrate his determination to address longstanding challenges. His appeals on cleanliness, digital payments and local products drew citizens into change. Reform emerges as a sustained commitment of his leadership, strengthened by conviction, public participation and national purpose.

5. Building the Foundations of a Self-Reliant India

Under PM Modi's leadership, Public capital expenditure rose from ₹2 lakh crore to over ₹12 lakh crore, alongside highway expansion and railway electrification. Electronics production increased from around ₹2 lakh crore to more than ₹13 lakh crore. Defence production and semiconductor manufacturing further reflect his determination to strengthen India's ability to meet its needs.

6. Technology Serves Citizens and Expands National Ambition

PM Modi's faith in technology emerges through achievements spanning everyday services and scientific frontiers. Jan Dhan, Aadhaar and mobile connectivity improved welfare delivery, while UPI transformed payments. Developing India's own COVID vaccines and landing Chandrayaan-3 near the Moon's south pole demonstrated PM Modi's vision of a scientifically capable, self-reliant, Atmanirbhar Bharat. Private space participation and work in artificial intelligence, quantum technology and biotechnology carry forward the vision celebrated in the resolution: technology improving lives while expanding national possibilities.

7. Steadfast Leadership Through Turbulent Times

The resolution highlights PM Modi's ability to give India direction through global upheaval. During COVID, he united the country, backed domestic vaccine development and enabled rapid vaccination. During the West Asia crisis, timely decisions and energy security measures helped India withstand disruption. His leadership combined immediate responses with capabilities built over years, giving the country resilience and confidence in difficult times.

8. Decisive Leadership Secures Peace and Confidence

2016 Surgical strikes, 2019 Balakot Air Strikes and 2025 Operation Sindoor illustrate the national security red lines established under PM Modi. The resolution places these alongside the removal of Article 370, One Rank One Pension and creation of the Chief of Defence Staff's post. Action against Maoist terrorism and peace efforts in the Northeast bring out leadership combining national resolve with development, stability and public trust.

9. India's Voice Grows Stronger on the World Stage

The resolution links India's rising stature with PM Modi's ability to build cooperation across divisions. Consensus at G20 and BRICS, advocacy for the Global South and the African Union's G20 inclusion reflect his diplomatic leadership. Vaccine Maitri demonstrated how India's capabilities could serve others. Honours from 36 countries underline

again called upon the people's strength and instilled the confidence that "We Will Do It."

FOCUS ON THE PACE OF REFORM TODAY

PM Modi highlighted the transformations witnessed over the past few years across various sectors, including India's economy, manufacturing, exports, mobile production, and solar energy. He noted that while discussions during times of crisis previously centered on the vulnerabilities of the



the international regard accompanying PM Modi and India's growing influence and contribution to shared solutions.

10. Progress Draws Strength from Heritage and Responsibility

PM Modi's vision unites development, cultural confidence and environmental responsibility. Climate action progressed from Gujarat's dedicated department to renewable energy expansion and international partnerships. Yoga, millets, Kashi Vishwanath Dham and Ram Lalla's consecration strengthened India's connection with its heritage. The resolution culminates in renewed commitment to his vision of collective effort towards a prosperous, self-reliant and developed India by 2047.

Scan the QR code to read the proposal passed by the Cabinet verbatim.

Indian economy, the conversation today focuses on India's resilience. Referring to the agricultural sector, the Prime Minister said that remarkable progress has been achieved in this field during the decade spanning 2015 to 2025.

'SABKA SAATH, SABKA VIKAS': THE FOUNDATION OF GOOD GOVERNANCE

The Prime Minister stated that 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas' forms the foundation of good governance for him. Linking good governance to the concept of 'saturation,' he explained that it means ensuring the benefits of schemes reach every eligible beneficiary; no deserving person is left behind, and no one can usurp the rights of others.

THE GREATEST STRENGTH OF A YOUNG INDIA

Prime Minister Modi outlined a vision to make India a global leader in sectors such as tourism, education, entertainment, health and wellness, sports, innovation, and technology. Describing the youth as India's greatest strength, he noted that the country's young population represents an extraordinary opportunity bestowed by history. He emphasized the need to harness this potential through efforts that ensure

25 Years of Good Governance

Praised by the President, global leaders, and associates

On October 7, 2026, global leaders extended their best wishes and congratulations to Prime Minister Narendra Modi as he completed a historic 25-year tenure as the head of government. Marking the completion of 25 years since he first assumed office as the Chief Minister of Gujarat in 2001 and subsequently became the Prime Minister of India in 2014, global leaders lauded his transformative leadership, dedication to good governance, and commitment to global peace, inclusivity, and sustainable development.

In her message, President Droupadi Murmu said that this significant milestone reflects an unwavering commitment to the welfare of the people and a firm resolve to advance India's progress. Apart from President Droupadi Murmu, dignitaries from India and abroad—including former President Ram Nath Kovind and Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan—also conveyed their congratulations. Prime Minister Modi received congratulatory messages from world leaders such as Bhutan's Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay, Nigeria's President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, and the President of the Philippines. Additionally, the Prime Ministers of Nepal, Belgium, Japan, and the Commonwealth of Dominica, as well as the President of the Republic of Botswana, sent their congratulations.

Prime Minister meets L.K. Advani and seeks his blessings

To mark the occasion of 25 years of service, Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited former Deputy Prime Minister L.K. Advani at his residence and sought his blessings. Appreciating Advani's decades of public service and significant contributions to national life, Modi remarked that his efforts have left an indelible mark on the nation's progress.



future generations do not have to face the hardships endured by previous ones.

EVERY PARTICLE AND MOMENT OF LIFE DEDICATED TO THE SOIL OF INDIA

The Prime Minister declared his resolve to move forward with the pledge that the nation comes first, national prosperity is his vow, and service to the nation is his goal. He affirmed that action is his Dharma and the fulfillment of duty is his solemn commitment. From the self to the collective—from 'I' to 'We'—every particle and every moment of his life would remain dedicated to the soil of India. He vowed that until India becomes a developed nation, he would neither stop nor tire, nor waver from his path. ●

‘Vocal for Local’
A Call That Has United the Hearts of Indians



The dazzling lights of Diwali this year are special, as they are lit with the light of self-reliance. The call for ‘Vocal for Local,’ which resonated through ‘Mann Ki Baat,’ has today turned into a banyan tree. This journey, which began modestly, has now reached indigenous success in semiconductor chips and nuclear energy. Whether it is Khadi or defence exports, the toy industry, agriculture, or other export sectors, the spirit of ‘Indianness’ is echoing across the globe. ‘Operation Sindoor’ has also demonstrated that Swadeshi is not just a market-related concept but a bulwark for national security. This Diwali is particularly special as it marks a pivotal moment where India, taking pride in the skills of its artisans, is laying the foundation for a Viksit Bharat by 2047. On the auspicious occasions of festivals like Diwali and Chhath, let us recognize that every lamp, every gift, and every purchase represents more than just festive celebration; it embodies the collective resolve of 1.4 billion Indians—a resolve for Swadeshi, self-reliance, and a prosperous India.













COVER STORY

Vocal for Local

India is a land of festivals. Here, the celebrations of every religion and community bring with them not only joy but also a sense of resolve. Each such resolve carries its own significance and deeper meaning. While Diwali celebrates the victory of light over darkness, Eid conveys a message of brotherhood and togetherness. Christmas imparts lessons of love and compassion; Gurupurab shows the path of service and sacrifice; and Buddha Purnima teaches the values of compassion and non-violence. Raksha Bandhan binds the affection between siblings in a single thread, while Makar Sankranti delivers a message of charity and social harmony. Chhath—a grand festival—is an occasion of gratitude towards the Sun and water, as well as a time for discipline and penance; the practice of observing a 'Nirjala' fast and offering Arghya to both the rising and setting sun keeps alive a profound tradition of respect for nature. While festivals like Navratri, Onam, Pongal, Baisakhi, and Bihu each have their own unique traditions and stories, they are all united by a common sentiment: the spirit of togetherness in celebration. In recent years, this spirit of togetherness has dwelt on a new resolve—one that threads together festivals across all communities, religions, and regions. This resolve is to be 'Vocal for Local'.

The grand festival of Chhath stands as perhaps the most natural and vibrant embodiment of this spirit. The soop (winnowing basket) and daura (large bamboo basket) are crafted from bamboo, providing a livelihood to thousands of bamboo artisans across Bihar and Purvanchal. Whether it is the ritual baskets or the earthen lamps and stoves, the craftsmanship of village potters reaches every household. The Thekua offered as Prasad is made from local wheat and jaggery, while the sugarcane, coconut, suthni (sweet potato), bananas, and betel nuts in the offering tray come directly from the fields of local farmers. From the turmeric plant and the earthen platter used for lighting lamps to the mats spread at the riverbank, every item associated with Chhath is indigenous; each one tells a story of the hard work put in by artisans, weavers, and farmers. This is precisely why, for years and without any formal call to action, Chhath has spontaneously embodied the spirit of 'Vocal for Local.' The festival has now transcended its regional roots to acquire a global dimension, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi frequently highlights its significance in his programs.



COVER STORY

Vocal for Local

It is a direct result of the vision behind 'Vocal for Local', 'Made in India', and 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' that the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) has estimated business turnover in the country to exceed ₹7 lakh crore during the period from Navratri to Diwali.

Whether it involves purchasing goods or exchanging gifts during these festivals—which are steeped in the essence of Indianness—when an item is crafted by the hands of Indian artisans, the festival becomes more than just a celebration of faith; it becomes a citizen's direct contribution to nation-building. It is this very spirit that unites 1.4 billion Indians—despite their diversity—in the shared resolve to build an Atmanirbhar Bharat.

This year, too, Diwali and the grand festival of Chhath bring with them a special opportunity—a resolve to be 'Vocal for Local,' a resolve to take indigenous products to the global stage, and a resolve to transform India into a developed nation by 2047. In this context, festivals are no longer merely about tradition; they have become a celebration of our self-reliance. This campaign, which has now evolved into a mass movement, began in 2014 with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's inaugural 'Mann Ki Baat' radio broadcast. The call to embrace Khadi made during that programme left an indelible mark on the public consciousness. Subsequently, in June and August 2020—while the entire world was grappling with the COVID-19 pandemic—Prime Minister Modi once again urged citizens to adopt local products and recognize the skills of local artisans, weavers, and craftspeople. This appeal was not merely a slogan; it embodied a vision of transforming a crisis into an opportunity—a vision that fundamentally reshaped India's economic mindset for the years to follow. Thanks to these calls from the Prime Minister, 'Vocal for Local' has transcended the status of a mere government scheme to become an integral part of the collective consciousness of 1.4 billion Indians. It is a sentiment reflected in shops across every village,



"In recent years, our conviction has been that Bharat should no longer live by depending on other countries. We must become self-reliant. There may be many things available in the world that are cheaper and can be obtained more quickly. But relying on them does not build our own capabilities, nor does it test the strength of our capabilities. Therefore, we must strengthen our own capacities and protect our own interests ourselves. That is why we are moving forward with a firm resolve for 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat'. The hearts of Indians are connecting with initiatives like Make in India, Swadeshi, Vocal for Local.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

in the mindset of children in every household, and in every transaction taking place in every marketplace.

A MANTRA THAT BECAME A PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT

Prime Minister Modi has repeatedly elucidated that the scope of 'Vocal for Local' is not limited merely to pur-



chasing earthen lamps or items for worship; its vision is far broader. It simply means that whenever we buy goods for our homes or our lives, we should ensure they are made in India. Regardless of the company's country of origin or the brand name's language, the product itself must be manufactured in India through the hard work of Indian artisans. This is the simple definition of Swadeshi that the Prime Minister has consistently presented to the nation. This sentiment has evolved beyond a mere government initiative; the media, the creative industry, influential social media personalities, and film industry figures have all lent their voices to this campaign. The Prime Minister has frequently urged influencers and celebrities to embrace the 'Vocal for Local' ethos themselves and to inspire their millions of followers to do the same.

NUMBERS TELLING THE STORY OF SELF-RELIANCE

Statistics provide the most credible evidence of any scheme's success, and the figures for 'Vocal for Local' are highly encouraging. Over the past 12 years, defense production has increased nearly fourfold. Production in the Khadi and village industries sector has grown approximately sixfold, electronics manufacturing has risen nearly sevenfold, the production of modern railway coaches has increased twenty-onefold, and mobile phone production has surged thirty-fivefold.

> **Being 'Vocal for Local' is not limited to merely buying earthen lamps. You should actively promote local products made in your region as much as possible. Any product crafted with the sweat of an Indian artisan and made from resources of our own land is a source of pride for us. We must continue to enhance and celebrate this pride.**
>
> *- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister*

Furthermore, India has made its mark on the global stage in the realms of digital technology and innovation. The number of internet users has nearly quadrupled, the number of granted patents has increased fourfold, and digital transactions have grown a hundredfold. Simultaneously, the Central Government has worked with equal dedication to improve amenities for the common citizen; the pace of providing 'Tap Water' connections has increased fifteen-fold on average. Gas connections have been provided to people at an average rate six times faster than before. Toilets for the poor have been constructed at four times the previous pace. Housing for the poor has been delivered three times faster. The country has also undergone significant changes in governance; thousands of unnecessary compliance requirements have been eliminated, and hundreds of obsolete laws have been repealed—recognizing that the journey into the 21st century cannot be undertaken with laws of the last century. Metro networks have expanded to create modern infrastructure, and public transport has been strengthened. The speed, scale, and success of this work—this momentum and expansion—have been witnessed for the first time since independence during the last decade. When such achievements are evident, such rapid progress is visible, and the potential of the nation's citizens grows stronger by the moment, the resolve to transform India into a developed nation by 2047 cannot remain unfulfilled. All these figures bear witness to the fact that India is no longer going to pause or halt; it is destined to forge ahead.

FROM SEMICONDUCTORS TO NUCLEAR ENERGY: A SAGA OF NEW SELF-RELIANCE

The semiconductor sector is the recent example of this

Clarion Call to Movement

The Sapta Dhara Emerging from 'Vocal for Local' Over 12 Years

Over the past 12 years, the call for Swadeshi and 'Vocal for Local' has evolved into a driving force for national development. Just as the Charkha and Khadi became robust symbols during the freedom struggle, and the slogan "Jai Jawan-Jai Kisan" became the means to overcome India's food crisis in the post-independence era, the 'Vocal for Local' initiative—launched in 2014—has created a multi-dimensional impact. A single appeal has set in motion multiple streams of development.



drive towards self-reliance. While global discussions on semiconductors began around the time of India's independence, no major plans materialized in the country back then. The immense importance of chips in today's digital and technological landscape is evident from the fact that they are indispensable components in everything from electronic devices to medical equipment; without them, the world would come to a standstill. In this context, India has launched its own semiconductor plants to achieve self-reliance. Three plants are already operational, and India has begun exporting. Another

"Today, as we all work hard together to build a 'Viksit Bharat', the nation has expectations of us. That expectation is self-reliance. India will become developed only when it becomes self-reliant. And for India's self-reliance, the mantra of 'Swadeshi' is essential.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



The Journey of Swadeshi
Milestones towards a Viksit Bharat

Year	Milestone
7 August 1905	Launch of the Swadeshi Movement in protest against the Partition of Bengal
2014	Launch of 'Make in India'
October 2014	Call to purchase at least one Khadi product (made during the 'Mann Ki Baat' programme)
7 August 2015	First National Handloom Day
June–August 2020	Clarion call for 'Vocal for Local' in 'Mann Ki Baat'; launch of the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' campaign
24 June 2021	Toycathon-2021 – Call for 'Vocal for Local Toys'
27 February–2 March 2021	First 'Khilona Mela'
December 2021	Approval for the 'Semicon India' programme with an outlay of ₹76,000 crore
August 2023	Khadi turnover crosses ₹1.3 lakh crore (National Handloom Day speech)
January 2024	Consecration (Pran-Pratishtha) of Ram Lalla in Ayodhya; use of indigenous materials and art
6–7 May 2025	Operation Sindoor – Demonstration of indigenous weapons
October 2025	NCERT's 'Swadeshi: Vocal for Local' curriculum module
28 February 2026	Inauguration of the country's first semiconductor plant
31 March 2026	Inauguration of the second semiconductor plant
July 2026	Approval for Semicon 2.0 (₹1,27,500 crore)
September 2026	5 out of 12 semiconductor projects enter commercial production

five to eight semiconductor plants are set to be established over the next seven to eight years. This marks a path towards a 'Viksit Bharat' built on the foundation of self-reliance.

For decades, India lagged in this sector, but the resolve for an 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' is rapidly transforming the landscape. Under the India Semiconductor Mission, 12 projects involving investments exceeding ₹1.64 lakh crore have been approved so far. Prime Minister Modi inaugurated the country's first semiconductor plant on February 28, 2026, and the second on March 31, 2026. By September 2026, five of these projects—Micron, Kaynes Semicon, CG Semi, CDIL Semiconductor Mohali, and Suchi Semicon Surat—had commenced commercial production. In July 2026, the government also approved the 'Semicon 2.0' program with an outlay of ₹1,27,500 crore, focusing on chip design, equipment and material manufacturing, and the enhancement of advanced packaging capabilities. The Tata Electronics-PSMC fab in Dholera is also progressing towards the goal of commencing its first silicon production by December 2026.

Just as semiconductors are crucial, critical minerals

Understand the journey of a self-reliant India through these figures

Khadi

501% increase in sales







380% increase in production

56% increase in employment generation

2.04 crore people provided with employment.







(FY 2025-26 compared to FY 2013-14)

hold equal importance. Energy is becoming increasingly vital for the technology sector; powering this new world without energy is difficult, so whether it is chips, AI, or data centers, vast amounts of electricity will be required. Energy security is, therefore, the need of the hour, and the country has already taken robust steps in this direction. India has taken concrete measures through initiatives like the National Critical Minerals Mission and the Critical Minerals Corridor announced in the budget, and many nations across the globe are now beginning to place their trust in India in this sector. Energy security has emerged as another vital pillar in this journey towards technology and self-reliance. Whether it is chips, artificial intelligence, or data centers, all of these will require massive amounts of electricity. Keeping this in mind,

“In recent years, a new resolve has become associated with our festivals: the resolve to be ‘Vocal for Local’. We now include our local artisans, craftspeople, and traders in the joy of our festivals. We must further accelerate this campaign.

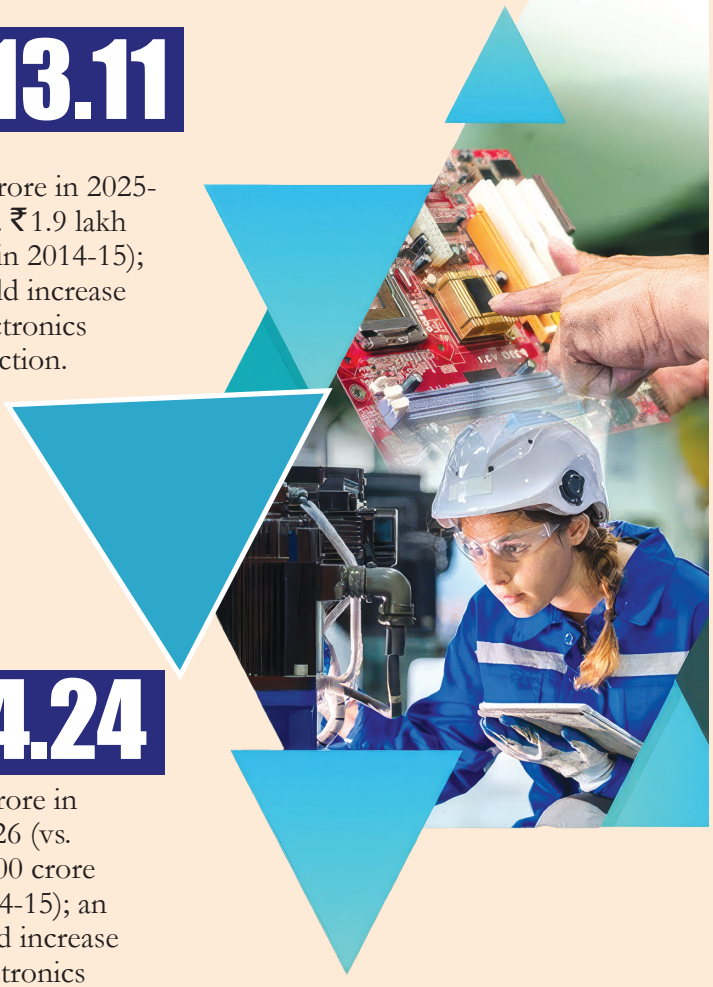
- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

Electronics

Production worth

₹13.11

lakh crore in 2025-26 (vs. ₹1.9 lakh crore in 2014-15); a 7-fold increase in electronics production.



₹4.24

lakh crore in 2025-26 (vs. ₹38,000 crore in 2014-15); an 11-fold increase in electronics exports.

Semiconductors

'Semicon 2.0' approved on July 15, 2026, with an outlay of

₹1,27,500

crore.



Investment exceeding

₹1.64 lakh crore

12 semiconductor projects approved across six states.



India has set an ambitious target for the nuclear energy sector: achieving a nuclear power capacity of 100 gigawatts by 2047. The path to this new goal has been paved through the passage of the 'Shanti Act' in Parliament. A target has also been set to commission five new nuclear reactors within this decade. This year, India achieved a significant milestone by mastering fast breeder nuclear technology, thereby marking a success in the country's quest for self-reliance in nuclear fuel.

THE POWER OF INDIGENIZATION: WHEN THE SECURITY APPARATUS BECAME SELF-RELIANT

Self-reliance is not merely the foundation of economic prosperity; it has also become the backbone of national security. The nation and the world witnessed the most powerful testament to this during Operation Sindoor. Following the brutal killing of innocent civilians in Pahalgam, India undertook decisive action against terrorism; on the night of May 6–7, 2025, it launched 'Operation Sindoor' to deliver precision strikes against terrorist hideouts within Pakistan. The entire world witnessed the prowess of India's indigenous weaponry during this campaign. India's air defense systems, indigenous missiles, and homegrown drones demonstrated that the resolve for an 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' is not just an economic slogan but a guarantee of national security.

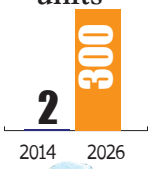
Mobile

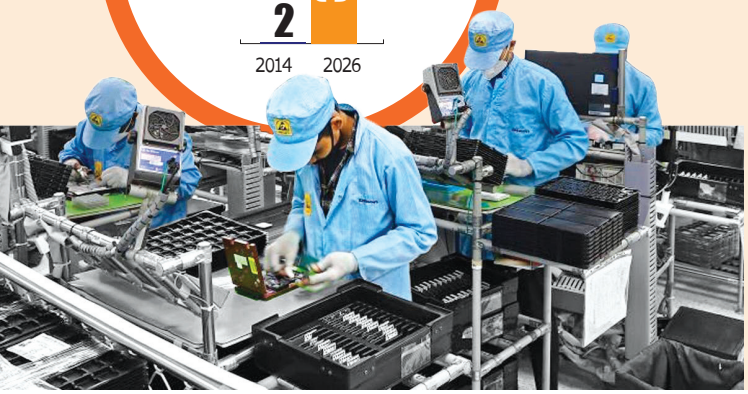
Mobile production worth **₹6.27** lakh crore in FY 2025-26 (vs. ₹18,000 crore in 2014-15); a 33-fold increase.

Exports worth **₹2.60** lakh crore in FY 2025-26 (vs. ₹1,566 crore in 2014-15); a 165-fold increase.



The number of mobile manufacturing units





Women account for approximately **12** lakh jobs in the mobile manufacturing sector.



99.2%

Mobile phones used in India are now manufactured domestically.

In terms of volume, India is the world's second-largest mobile phone manufacturer.

Indigenous missiles like the BrahMos have instilled a lasting fear in the minds of all the nation's adversaries. This operation has struck terror into the hearts of every enemy. Prime Minister Modi himself often remarks that the mere sound of a BrahMos missile in Pakistan is enough to rob people there of their sleep.

A humanist approach to this security self-reliance is also visible every year during Diwali. For the past 25 years, Prime Minister Modi has consistently celebrated Diwali with the soldiers. This sentiment conveys an unwavering message: it not only empowers the

"Many things in the world can be obtained cheaply and quickly, but they neither build our capability nor put it to the test. Therefore, we must enhance our capabilities and safeguard our interests. We are moving forward with a firm resolve to build an 'Atmanirbhar Bharat'.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

Defence

Production

1.78

lakh crore in FY 2025-26, compared to ₹46,429 crore in FY 2014-15; an increase of approximately 16%.



Exports

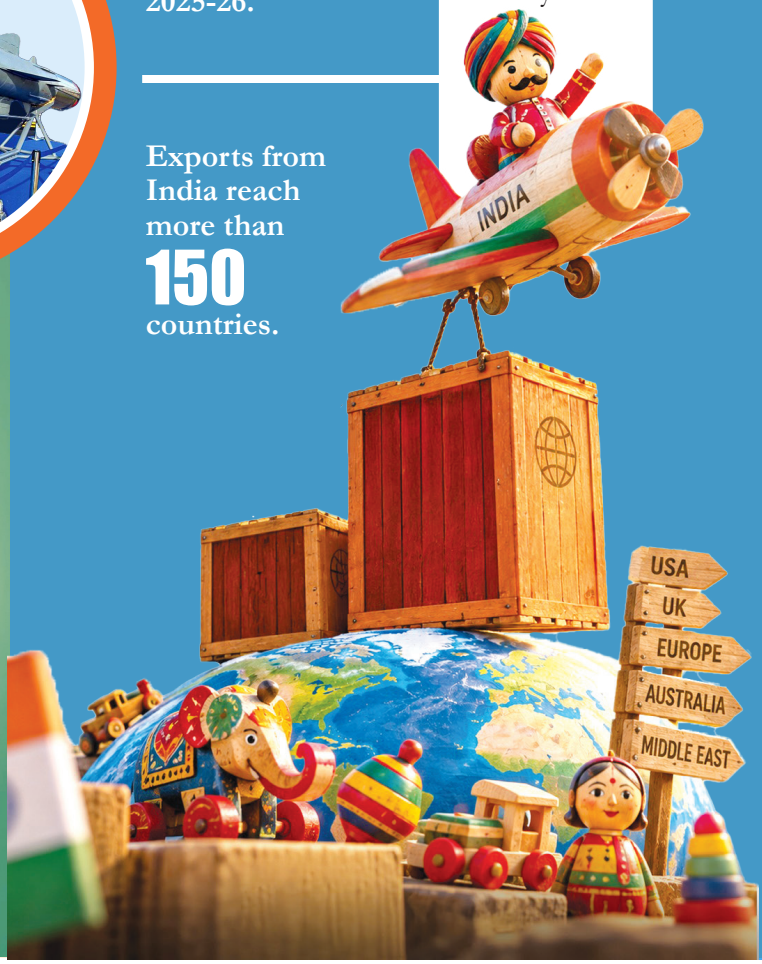


Toys

Exports worth **$384.7** million were recorded in FY 2025-26.

Exports grew by **239%** over the last four years.

Exports from India reach more than **150** countries.



people of India but also ensures the security of the nation's borders.

CENTURIES-OLD LEGACY... SWADESHI

The spirit of Swadeshi is not new to India. The Swadeshi movement began on August 7, 1905, following the announcement of the Partition of Bengal; Indians resolved to boycott foreign goods and embrace indigenous products. This movement was not merely political; it dealt an economic blow to the British, resulting in a significant decline in imports between 1905 and 1908 and laying the foundation for indigenous textile mills, soap and matchstick factories, tanneries, and banking and insurance companies within the country. Carrying this legacy forward, the mantras of "Vocal for Local" (since 2014) and "Atmanirbhar Bharat" (Self-Reliant India)—gaining momentum during the COVID-19 pandemic—have given rise to a new Swadeshi movement. Inspired by this vision, the Central Government launched National Handloom Day on August 7, 2015. Recently, the NCERT also prepared special curriculum modules titled "Swadeshi: Vocal for Local," a fact highlighted by Prime Minister

FDI



Investment of US

$81.04

billion (provisional) in FY 2024-25, compared to US$ 36.05 billion in FY 2013-14.

An increase of

163%

has been recorded over the last 11 years.

Ease of Doing Business Ranking



63rd
FY 2019

142nd
FY2014

Textile Exports

₹3,25,339

crore – India's textile and apparel exports (including handicrafts) projected for the year 2025-26



1.8%
growth

₹3,19,573.2

crore in the financial year 2024-25

Modi himself from the ramparts of the Red Fort.

Such national progress requires self-confidence and a sense of national pride. That is why, in recent years, the Central Government has been committed to the resolve that India should no longer live in dependence on other nations but should become self-reliant. While many products are available globally—often cheaply or quickly—they do not build the nation's inherent strength, nor do they serve as a barometer of citizens' capabilities. As Prime Minister Modi has often said, "We must enhance our capabilities and safeguard our own interests; that is why we are moving forward with firm resolve towards an Atmanirbhar Bharat." Initiatives like "Make in India," Swadeshi, and "Vocal for Local" are the outcomes of this comprehensive vision—movements with which every Indian is now emotionally connecting.

Today, the singular mantra for the country's 1.4 billion citizens is a prosperous India. Underlying this is a sentiment that has evolved beyond the Amrit Mahotsav year: if the sacrifices of countless millions secured India's independence, then the collective resolve and industriousness of those same millions—championing 'Vocal for Local' and embracing the mantra of Swadeshi—can make India prosperous. That generation dedicated

Nuclear Energy

Nuclear Energy Mission

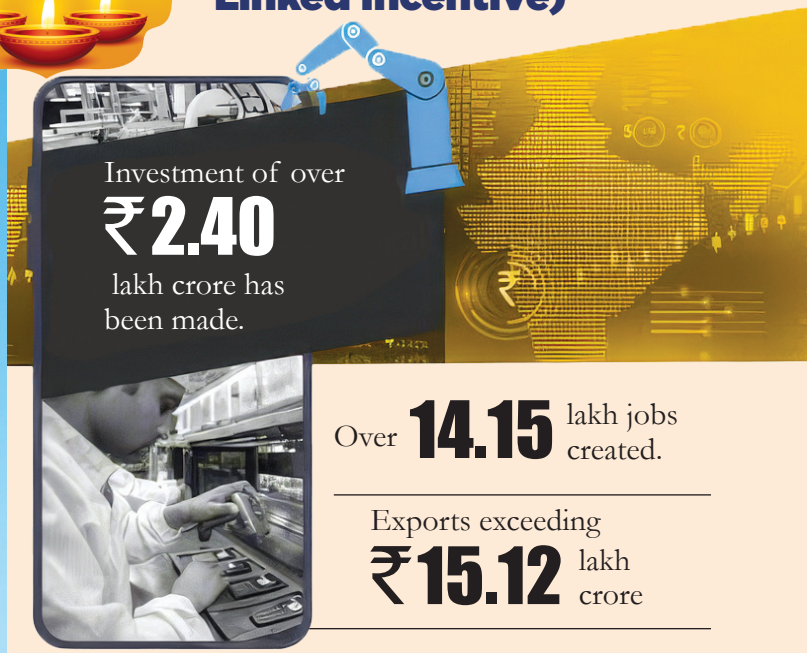
- India aims to increase nuclear energy capacity to 100 GW by 2047

Installed Capacity

- 8.78 GW nuclear energy capacity as of July 31, 2026



PLI (Production Linked Incentive)



Investment of over **₹2.40** lakh crore has been made.

Over **14.15** lakh jobs created.

Exports exceeding **₹15.12** lakh crore

Automobile

Vehicle production of **31.03** million units in 2025, compared to 22.65 million units in 2021.

3 crore direct and indirect jobs generated by the automobile sector.



itself to an independent India; this generation must take new strides toward a prosperous India—that is the call of the times.

That is why Prime Minister Modi, from the ramparts of the Red Fort, issued a call centered on the 'Vocal for Local' mantra: "Today, I urge everyone—and I wish to address all the country's influencers—to help me take this mantra forward. I appeal to all political parties and politicians: come, let us unite. This is not the agenda of any single political party; India belongs to us all. Let us together make 'Vocal for Local' a guiding principle in every citizen's life. Let us commit to buying and using only those products made in India—products crafted by the sweat of Indian citizens, imbued with the scent of India's soil, and which strengthen our resolve for self-reliance. Let this be our collective pledge, and before we know it, we will transform the world."

FROM KHADI TO TOYS: STORIES OF GROUND-LEVEL REALITY

Before independence, the charkha and Khadi were symbols of a mass movement. Following Prime Minister Modi's call to action, Khadi has once again emerged as a symbol of national fashion. Its reach is no longer



Digital Economy

It contributes approximately

12-14%

to India's GDP, and this figure is projected to reach 20% over the next decade.





According to the 'State of India's Digital Economy Report 2026', India is now the world's fifth-largest digital economy.

confined to India alone. Inspired by Mahatma Gandhi, a young man from the Oaxaca region of Mexico visited India and, upon returning home, taught local villagers how to produce Khadi. Today, 'Oaxaca Khadi' has become an established brand.

The story of the toy industry is equally inspiring. The central government has taken steps to provide a platform for this rich tradition of toy-making and Indian pride. To foster an Atmanirbhar toy industry that integrates culture with innovation and expands globally, 'Toycathon' was organized in January 2021, followed by the country's first-ever 'Toy Mela' held from February 27 to March 2, 2021. In 2021, the Prime Minister noted that India used to import approximately 80 percent of its toy requirements, while its share in the $100 billion global toy market stood at a mere $1.5 billion. This picture has transformed completely over the past five years. According to a report from July 2026, India's exports across key toy categories rose from $152.7 million in 2017-18 to $384.7 million in 2025-26—marking a remarkable increase of approximately 152 percent. Exports of electronic and

Five Pillars of Aatmanirbhar Bharat

1. Economy
Aiming for a quantum jump rather than incremental change; the government's goal is to make India a $5 trillion economy.



2. Infrastructure
India's new identity. To achieve the $5 trillion economy goal, an investment of over ₹100 lakh crore is planned for infrastructure development in India over the next five years.

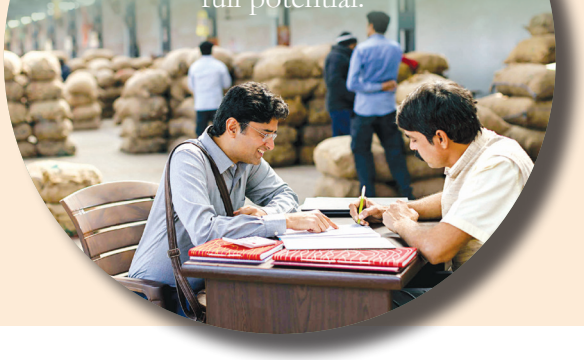


3. System
Based on 21st-century technology-driven systems.

4. Vibrant Demography
A factor that will prove to be a competitive advantage for Aatmanirbhar Bharat.



5. Demand
The strength of the demand and supply chain must be harnessed to its full potential.



non-electronic toys alone saw a growth of nearly 160 percent. Most notably, while India faced a trade deficit of $213 million in this sector in 2017-18, it recorded a trade surplus of $152 million in 2025-26. Traditional toy clusters—spanning from Rajkot in Gujarat to Channapatna in Karnataka, Kondapalli-Etikoppaka in Andhra Pradesh, and Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh—are at the heart of this transformation today. Twelve traditional toy clusters in India hold the GI (Geographical Indication) tag, and this heritage is believed to date back approximately 5,000 years.

A PLEDGE FOR EVERY HOME AND SHOP

Prime Minister Modi has consistently urged traders and shopkeepers—both large and small—to proudly display boards at their shops stating that Swadeshi goods are sold there. He believes that the use of indigenous products should not stem from compulsion but from a position of strength. Explaining this resolve, the Prime Minister said, "Today, I wish to urge every trader and shopkeeper—this is your responsibility, too. When we were young, we observed the markets; shops would simply say 'Ghee Shop,' but over time, they began

displaying 'Pure Ghee Shop.' I want traders and shopkeepers across the country to come forward and display boards saying that indigenous goods are sold here. We must use Swadeshi to build strength and, if necessary, to influence others to do the same; this must be our power and our mantra." Suggestions have also been made to foster this spirit in schools by organizing events such as Swadeshi Diwas, Swadeshi Saptah, and Local Product Day. During an interaction with National Teachers' Award winners in September 2025, the Prime Minister assigned teachers the task of leading the Swadeshi campaign in collaboration with their students. He suggested that schools should assign projects centered on the 'Make in India' theme. Students could organize Swadeshi rallies in their localities and celebrate the concept through school festivals, observing days dedicated to Swadeshi and local products. Children could be encouraged to list indigenous items found in their homes and bring these lists to school, making a monthly commitment to increase the number of such items in their households. Discussions on the importance of Swadeshi could be organized, and a theme of gifting indigenous products on children's birthdays could be adopted. The result would be the cultivation of a Swadeshi spirit from childhood, eventually leading the entire family to embrace indigenous products. Changes in Trade and Policy

For the first time, the Central Government identified 14 key sectors and launched the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme. India has improved its ranking in the 'Ease of Doing Business' index, rising from the 142nd position in 2014 to the 63rd position. A record-breaking surge in foreign investment inflows has also been recorded; India received $667.4 billion in FDI between 2014 and 2024, marking a 119% increase compared to the preceding decade (2004–14). In August 2026 alone, India's textile exports stood at ₹29,776 crore, representing a 16.1% increase over the previous year. The 'One District-One Product' policy has enhanced the competitiveness of micro-enterprises.



THIS DIWALI, TOO, THE RESOLVE REMAINS THE SAME...

This Diwali 2026 is special in many ways. It is a year in which the nation has taken giant strides in sectors like semiconductors and nuclear energy; defense exports have set a new record, and indigenous military might has proven its capability. At a time when global circumstances are shifting rapidly, the need for self-reliance is being felt more acutely than ever. Prime Minister Modi's message is clear: whatever you buy, let it be indigenous. Decorate your homes with indigenous products, give 'Made in India' gifts, and let the fragrance of India's soil permeate every aspect of life. This appeal is not merely about a political party or the government; it concerns the future of the entire nation. In this resolve, Prime Minister Modi calls for extending one's own line—focusing on one's own growth—rather than engaging in unnecessary comparisons with others. Prime Minister Modi, who



marked 25 years in public office on October 7th, says, "I speak from vast experience: we must not squander our energy trying to shorten someone else's line; instead, we must devote all our energy to make our line longer. If we extend our line, the world will acknowledge our mettle. Today, as economic self-interest dominates the global landscape, the need of the hour is not to sit and lament the crises, but to courageously extend our own line. And I can say from my 25 years of governance experience that if we choose this path—if everyone chooses it—then no vested interest can ever ensnare us in its grip."

TOWARDS A DEVELOPED INDIA...

The resolve to transform into a developed nation by 2047—the year India marks the centenary of its independence—is anchored in the spirit of self-reliance, Atmanirbharata, and pride of Swadeshi. The powerful trio of 'Make in India', Swadeshi, and 'Vocal for Local' is paving the path along which India will reclaim its glorious ancient heritage. During this festive season—particularly around Diwali and the grand festival of Chhath—Prime Minister Modi urges every Indian to light Swadeshi lamps, celebrate with local products, and proudly declare, "This is Swadeshi; this is 'Made in India'."

Indeed, the call to be 'Vocal for Local' resonates across every corner of India today; people actively seek out local products—a practice that symbolizes national pride. The spirit of Indianness, combined with the vision of the 'Vocal for Local' mantra, has evolved into a collective resolve among 1.4 billion Indians to propel the nation to new heights. This movement fosters local products and markets, aiming to elevate Indian goods to a global stage. In this Amrit Kaal, the nation has resolved that the 'Vocal for Local' call will accord even greater recognition to India's traditions and its epic tales of valor. ■

Indians are lifesavers not life-takers



Showing immense bravery and presence of mind, Indian pilot Captain Smit Machchhar not only averted a potential 9/11-like attack but also gave 1.4 billion Indians worldwide a reason to be proud. It is for this reason that the entire world—including the US and Israel—is hailing this Indian pilot as a hero. Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to this brave pilot via video call on October 2nd and wished him a speedy recovery; here are the highlights of the conversation:

Prime Minister – Namaste, Smit.
Captain Smit – Jai Hind, Sir. Namaste, Sir.
Prime Minister – How are you doing now? How is your health?
Captain Smit – Sir, everything is fine; everything is fine.
Prime Minister – Look, the entire nation is praying for you; The chanting of Mahamrityunjaya is happening everywhere.
Captain Smit – Yes, Sir.
Prime Minister – Your courage, your patience, and your presence of mind - in a fraction of a second, you took so many decisions.... And saved so many lives. Today the entire nation can proudly say that we Indians are not people who take lives; we are people who save lives.
Captain Smit – Absolutely, Sir.
Prime Minister – You had such a big wound on your body when you yourself were fighting the battle between life and death, yet in that moment, you prioritized the lives of all the passengers over your own. Most importantly, you brought honor to 140 crore fellow citizens.

Captain Smit – Thank you, Sir.

Prime Minister – Bhupendra Bhai, with Geeta Behen, with Sonal Behen. I told Geeta-ben that while your name is Geeta, you have truly internalized the essence of the Bhagavad Gita—the teachings of Krishna. You shaped Smit's life with those very values.

Captain Smit – Absolutely, Sir.

Prime Minister – Smit, I would like to hear from you now.

Captain Smit – You are my greatest, greatest ideal, Sir. And you are calling me like this, encouraging me. At that moment, I was fighting for my life. But there was a moment when I realized that if I did not do something... because I had fallen, I had so many injuries, I was trapped below. And at that time I said to myself, if I do not get up... Sir, I have been flying aircraft in FZ for 17 years. I have been a captain for the past 11 years. And I know, even with my eyes closed, what is happening in the aircraft.

When I was lying down, I could feel that the aircraft was going down. And I knew clearly that this was the last push - if I could just do it - the door was right there. Even then I was being hit, but I opened it, Sir. Then everyone came out, and everyone else had their role too. But knowingly I was saying, I was acting for my own life, but at the same time I knew I could not let them all die.

After that, people here, in Saudi, here too - I could not have received better care or medical attention. Whenever I feel pain, only one thing comes to me - I recite the Hanuman Chalisa. At that time too, I was only reciting the Hanuman Chalisa. And I know it was God who saved me. And now, Sir, your call has come - I feel immense pride. Until now I did not feel it. Now I do, Sir. Sorry, I am crying in front of you, Sir.

Prime Minister – Smit, if you cannot be emotional in front of me, then where else will you be?

Captain Smit – Sir, I never thought that I would speak with you, never thought.

Prime Minister – You have done such a great deed, brother, that every countryman today - even people around the world - are eager to see you, to speak with you. And this thing you told me about the Hanuman Chalisa - for that I bow to Geeta Behen, that she gave you such values.

Captain Smit – Yes, Sir. Every morning when I perform my prayers, my two-year-old son sits in my lap, and I recite the Hanuman Chalisa to him. We may be living away from our country, but we should never be away from our culture.

Prime Minister – That is true.

Captain Smit – It doesn't feel like we are far from home here; the people here are looking after us with great affection and care.

Prime Minister – You may not know this, but in Savarkundla, in Wadhwan, people have created such an emotional atmosphere. Yesterday, prayers, worship, and aarti were held in temples everywhere. Aarti was performed at pilgrimage sites across the country. India is eagerly waiting to welcome you.

Prime Minister – I also express my heartfelt gratitude to the governments of Saudi Arabia and the UAE for taking such good care of you. Smit, whenever you feel the need, I am just a phone call away.

Captain Smit – Thank you, Sir.

Prime Minister – When we meet, I will hear all the inside details later, because I do not want to discuss such things with you over a mobile phone.

Captain Smit – Alright, Sir.

Prime Minister – Please focus on making a full recovery; the entire nation is with you.

Captain Smit –Thank you, Sir.

Prime Minister – God bless you!





> **Over the past 10-12 years, the mobile phone, along with being a medium of modern communication, has also emerged as a crucial tool for good governance, and this has been at the core of our Digital India vision.**
>
> *-Narendra Modi, Prime Minister*

A New Direction for the Future Through Digital Connectivity

Over the past decade, India has witnessed unprecedented expansion in the field of telecom and digital connectivity. The reach of telecom towers and optical fibre networks to remote areas has given a new momentum to the digital economy. To accelerate this growth, India is preparing a roadmap for the digital and telecommunications journey of the next decade. At the inauguration of the 10th edition of India Mobile Congress, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that IMC should be developed into a platform which can become a junction of technology, research, industry, investment and ideas.

From October 7 to 10, the India Mobile Congress showcased India's progress and aspirations. At the inaugural ceremony, Prime Minister Narendra Modi stated that India's telecom infrastructure has expanded continuously over the past decade. Towers were installed in remote areas, optical fiber networks saw unprecedented expansion, and data became more affordable. This has led to the creation of new economic sectors. It has also fostered a new consumer base and a new generation of creators across the technology, entertainment, and education sectors. Indian citizens have directly benefited from the revolution in the telecom sector.

Explaining how technology unified a vastly heterogeneous nation, the prime minister noted that mobile connectivity systematically dismantled the immense geographic and linguistic barriers that previously hindered daily life. He highlighted that before the digital shift, citizens wasted massive amounts of time and money traveling to urban centers just to access basic banking, healthcare, and government services." Mobile connectivity has connected this diversity with convenience as well.

Digital governance has changed this scenario. Today, hundreds of government services are available on mobile phones, and government aid is now transferred directly into the accounts of the beneficiaries.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, while everything else came to a standstill, office work, banking operations, and education continued in India. This transformation was made possible by India's digital ecosystem. Mobile and internet connectivity ensured the uninterrupted functioning of education, healthcare, payment systems, and government services.

IMC 2026 Theme: Expanding Beyond Boundaries

Four Key Pillars of IMC 2026

- **Creation:** Building the Future
- **Enrichment:** Accelerating Growth
- **Security:** Strengthening Trust
- **Empowerment:** Expanding Opportunities



Illustrating the Strength of the Digital Ecosystem...

- Over ₹4 lakh crore transferred to farmers' bank accounts under PM Kisan Samman Nidhi.
- Approximately ₹50 lakh crore reached beneficiaries' bank accounts directly via DBT.
- This system prevented a leakage of ₹5 lakh crore of government.
- Over 500 million (50 crore) people in India are connected to the gaming ecosystem in some way.
- More than 5.5 lakh base stations are operational across India, powering the 5G network.
- Mobile internet speeds in the country have increased tenfold compared to 2022.

Nine Key Sectors

Included in the 2026 Edition

- 5G and 6G
- Next-Generation AI Networks
- Semiconductors
- Non-Terrestrial Networks
- Cybersecurity
- Quantum Communication
- Enterprise Transformation
- Circular Economy
- ESG and Electronics Manufacturing



Focus Areas of the 9th Mobile Congress...

- Smart Mobility
- Stadium Experience
- Industrial Robotics
- Transport Technology

Highlights of IMC 2026...

Representatives from over **100** countries

Participation of more than **900** thought leaders

More than **500** partners and exhibitors

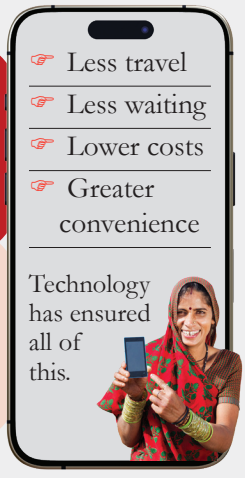
Over **600** startups

Over **1.5** lakh participants

Over **120** sessions

The 'Citizen Dividend' of technology

Mobile phones are not just a medium for chatting



The 'DIKSHA' platform facilitates online education; between the onset of COVID-19 and July 2022, it recorded over 500 crore learning sessions and approximately 6,000 crore minutes of learning. Efforts are now underway to connect around 25 crore students with these digital and online educational platforms.

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Centenary Celebrations of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)

Pro-People governance

The hallmark of good governance

For a developed India, the kind of governance the country now requires depends significantly on the UPSC and the State Public Service Commissions. The UPSC has consistently strengthened its credibility over its first 100 years. UPSC's independence, impartiality, commitment to merit, confidentiality, and fair procedures constitute its defining identity. Speaking at the UPSC centenary celebrations held at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi on October 1, Prime Minister Narendra Modi outlined three mantras for India's new work culture: Pro-People, Pro-Active, and Good Governance.

When the foundation of this institution was laid in 1926, the priorities of that era were different. At that time, both the focus of the system and its commitment were directed towards the British Raj. After India attained independence, the dreams of a free India and the governance needs of a free India became the central focus. Over the past decades, the UPSC has discharged its responsibilities in an exemplary manner. At the event, Prime Minister Narendra Modi remarked that today is not only a celebration of 100 years of the UPSC but also a celebration of a legacy. It is a celebration of the aspirations that millions upon millions of young people cherish and pursue every year. It is a celebration of the trust that every Indian places in this institution. During this century-long journey, generations changed, governments changed, technology changed, and syllabi changed, yet the trust in the UPSC remains just as unwavering today, and that is one of your greatest assets.

AN EXAMPLE OF PATIENCE, PRUDENCE, AND COURAGE

During the event, Prime Minister Narendra Modi wished for the speedy recovery of Captain Smit Machhar, who displayed exemplary bravery while operating Flydubai flight FZ1073. Prime Minister Modi highlighted the patience, prudence, and courage demonstrated by the Indian captain, noting

We have seen that period in the past when it was believed that the government was the ultimate guardian and provider. But today, our mantra is "Nagrik Devo Bhava". In other words, the citizen of this country is no less than a deity for us. Service to the citizen is our highest priority.

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



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Commemorative Coin and Postage Stamp Released

- A UPSC centenary commemorative coin, a commemorative postage stamp, and a book titled '100 Historic Decisions Shaping the Policies of UPSC' were released.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi also viewed an exhibition at Bharat Mandapam showcasing the 100-year journey of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).
- The event was organised to mark the conclusion of year-long celebrations, which began on October 1 last year, and to commemorate the completion of 100 years of the UPSC, established in 1926.
- The event saw the participation of chairpersons and members of State Public Service Commissions, senior Government of India officials, academicians, UPSC officials, and other stakeholders from across the country.
- This event was part of a two-day programme organised by the UPSC on September 30 and October 1, 2026.
- On the first day, the 'Centenary Celebration – Manthan' was held at Bharat Mandapam, featuring addresses by eminent speakers followed by panel discussions on various topics.

A vast talent pool

1976

- **Compared to 1976, when the UPSC marked its 50th anniversary, the number of candidates taking the exam has increased more than 45-fold.**

1952

- **In 1952, women accounted for only 3 per cent of candidates in the Civil Services; today, that figure has increased to over 30%.**

2014

- **There have been 4 female chairpersons in the entire history of the UPSC, with three of them appointed after 2014.**

the Israeli Prime Minister's remark that this Indian national had prevented a 9/11-like tragedy. This feat by Smit fills every citizen with pride. He said, "I appeal to the people of the country that we should all pray for Smit's long life and excellent health and salute our brother Smit, who has enhanced India's glory."

Three Years of PM-JANMAN

Upliftment of the Tribal Community...

Inspiring Future Generations through the Celebration of Tribal Pride

"The future generations of my country should know that my tribal brethren lived in forests and mountains—often lacking even basic clothing—yet they never hesitated to make sacrifices for the freedom of Mother India. They deserve respect and honor; future generations should draw inspiration from them." It is a result of the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi that 'Janjatiya Gaurav Divas' began to be observed on November 15 starting in 2021, followed by the launch of the 'Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan' (PM-JANMAN) in 2023, which initiated the upliftment of 75 Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs).

India is home to 750 tribal groups with a total population of 10.45 crore, according to the 2011 Census. Among these, 75 groups are classified as Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups. While reservation was provided to uplift tribal communities, the government led by Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee shifted attention to them. Serious efforts were made to understand the hopes and aspirations of this community. A separate ministry for tribals was established in 1999, and the establishment of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes was established through the 89th Constitutional Amendment for the upliftment and prosperity of tribal society. Carrying this legacy forward, the current government, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has, over the past 12 years, actively highlighted the pride and contributions of the tribal community so future generations can admire their role. 'Janjatiya Gaurav Divas' is celebrated on November 15 to mark the birth anniversary of Birsa Munda, a tribal freedom fighter and anti-colonial activist. Birsa Munda was born in 1874. The year 2024-25 was also celebrated as the Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh to mark his 150th birth anniversary.

PM-JANMAN... IMPROVING SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

The Government of India has launched several schemes for tribal communities—including the Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan

> **"It was Atal-ji's government that established a separate ministry and a dedicated budget for the tribal community. Under our government, the budget for tribal welfare has now increased six-fold compared to the past.**
>
> *Narendra Modi, Prime Minister*





Measures taken under PM-JANMAN

Measure	Approved Number
Housing under PMAY-G	4.82 lakh
Roads under PMGSY	7,992 km
Villages approved under JJM	18,756
Mobile Medical Units	831
Approved Anganwadi Centres	2,498
Works approved under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan	500
Housing approved for electrification	1.54 lakh
Habitations selected for connectivity coverage	4,347
Development Centres and Multi-purpose Centres	1,540
Van Dhan Vikas Kendras	500

25 Measures for Upliftment under the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the 'Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan' on October 2, 2024, involving 17 ministries working to improve the socio-economic conditions of tribal villages. The campaign aims to implement 25 measures over the next five years to bridge infrastructure gaps—including improving access to health, education, and Anganwadi facilities—across 63,843 villages. It seeks to provide livelihood opportunities to a population of over 5 crore people residing in 549 districts across 30 states and Union Territories.

20 lakh houses to be provided under PMAY-G.

25 lakh LPG connections under the PM Ujjwala Yojana.

25,000 km of roads to be constructed.

1,000 mobile medical units to be launched.

- All villages to be saturated with the 'Har Ghar Nal Se Jal' scheme.
- Rooftop solar installations in 2,000 institutions.
- 2,000 new Anganwadis to be opened under Poshan 2.0.
- 1,000 hostels to be constructed under the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan.
- 1,000 Van Dhan Vikas Kendras and 30 skill centers.
- 700 Poshan Vatikas; 1,000 homestays

(PM-JANMAN) and the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA)—which are improving the socio-economic status of these communities. Launched by the Prime Minister on 'Janjatiya Gaurav Divas' in 2023, the PM-JANMAN campaign aims to ensure the comprehensive development of people belonging to Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) across the country. An outlay of over ₹24,000 crore is being utilized for this campaign. It provides safe housing, clean drinking water, improved access to education, health and nutrition, road and telecommunication connectivity, electrification of un-electrified households, and sustainable livelihood opportunities. Under this scheme, nine ministries are collaborating to implement 11 types of interventions for the advancement of PVTG communities.

DATA COLLECTED VIA MOBILE APP

The PM GatiShakti mobile application was used to gather data on the PVTG population and infrastructure status in the villages and settlements covered under PM-JANMAN. Data indicates that there are 12.36 lakh PVTG households across 19 states and Union Territories, with a total population of 48.52 lakh. The 75 Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) represent the most marginalized sections within the tribal community, having faced persistent insecurity across social, economic, and educational spheres.



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Address at the Bloomberg New Economy Forum

Power to Empower

The real question is not who holds power, but how it is being used. Will the benefits of technology be limited to a select few, or will they create new opportunities for millions? Will knowledge remain confined to a few, or will it enhance the potential of every individual? Addressing these very questions at the Bloomberg New Economy Forum in New Delhi on October 13, Prime Minister Narendra Modi stated, "Today, I come here with a vision: 'Power to Empower'..."

There is a saying: विद्या विवादाय धनं मदाय, शक्तिः परेषां परि-पीडनाय। खलस्य साधोः विपरीतम् एतत्, ज्ञानाय दानाय च रक्षणाय॥ The essence of this is that for anyone possessing knowledge, wealth, or power, the manner of their use is what matters. In other words, the true value of power lies in its purpose—a concept crucial to understand in today's times. In his address, Prime Minister Narendra Modi emphasized that the human spirit of using power to empower is not merely for preaching to others; it is a lesson taught by our millennia-old traditions. In India, we have demonstrated this by integrating it into our governance and work culture.

CONNECTIVITY HAS LINKED OPPORTUNITIES TOO

Until about 12–13 years ago, access to mobile phones and the internet was, in itself, a form of power in India. After 2014, when the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi assumed office at the Centre, India prioritized making mobile data affordable. As a result, today, a student in a small town can access digital learning, a small village shopkeeper can reach new customers, and a young person can enroll in new online courses. In other words, connectivity in India has not merely connected people; it has also connected golden opportunities. This is the power to empower.



This year, the theme of the Bloomberg Economy Forum focuses on the new powers emerging across the globe.

India has introduced—

- International Solar Alliance.
- Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure.
- Big Cat Alliance.
- Global Biofuels Alliance.
- India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC).
- Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment)—initiatives aimed at the collective good.

India brought forward these concepts—

- One Sun, One World, One Grid.
- One Earth, One Family, One Future.
  In these instances, too, power is utilized solely to empower others.

Foreign exchange reserves exceed $700 billion—

- India currently holds foreign exchange reserves of over $700 billion.
- India's growth rate stood at 7.8% during the April-June quarter of this fiscal year.

Every era has had its own sources and definitions of power. However, in the 21st century—particularly in this third decade—a major shift is underway. Today, technology, data, knowledge, and innovation constitute power.

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



India's Stellar Performance at the Asian Games 2026

A Magnificent Journey
A Memorable Achievement

When the nation's top leadership takes the initiative to prioritize the welfare of sports and athletes, it yields big results. This is precisely why Indian athletes have brought glory to the country on the sporting stage through their outstanding performances over the past 12 years. This trend continued at the Asian Games 2026, where India secured fourth place on the medal tally with a haul of 21 gold, 27 silver, and 37 bronze medals.



The nation concluded its campaign at the Asian Games 2026 with a total of 85 medals. This journey, marked by the stellar performances and historic achievements of Indian athletes, will be long remembered by the country. India secured the fourth position at the Aichi-Nagoya Games, amassing 85 medals—comprising 21 gold, 27 silver, and 37 bronze. This marks the country's second-highest medal haul in the history of the Asian Games. The closing ceremony featured traditional events, including the athletes' parade and the formal conclusion of the games.



India Wins 24 Medals in Athletics and 15 in Shooting

India also delivered several historic individual performances. Pranavi Urs became the first Indian woman to win an individual gold medal in golf at the Asian Games, while 17-year-old Kumkum Mohad made history by becoming the first Indian woman to win an individual recurve gold medal at the continental event. Additionally, Lovlina Borgohain became the second Indian woman—after Mary Kom—to win a gold medal in boxing at the Asian Games. India secured its highest medal haul in athletics with 24 medals, while clinching 15 medals in shooting. Archery proved to be the most successful sport in terms of gold medals, yielding five golds.





As the Asian Games conclude, I congratulate every member of the Indian contingent who represented our nation with determination, passion, and remarkable sportsmanship. Congratulations to all our medal winners, whose magnificent performances have brought immense joy to the country. I hope these Games inspire even greater achievements in the years to come and contribute to strengthening sports at the grassroots level.

-Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

Historic Achievements for India

India's campaign in Japan was highlighted by several historic milestones and the successful retention of titles across various sports. Both the men's and women's cricket teams retained their Asian titles, while both kabaddi teams also clinched gold medals. The men's hockey team successfully defended its title with a 5-1 victory over Malaysia, whereas the women's team defeated China 1-0 in the final, ending a 44-year wait for an Asian Games gold medal. ■





"You have brought honour to our Tricolour"

PM Modi interact with Athletes' Contingent

On the evening of October 15, Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted with the Indian contingent participating in the 2026 Asian Games at the Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium in Delhi. On this occasion, he also addressed the Indian contingent. The event was attended by athletes, their coaches, support staff, officials from the Indian Olympic Association, representatives from various National Sports Federations, and officials from the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi noted that the women's hockey team ended a long 44-year wait by winning the gold medal. In cricket, both our men's and women's teams secured gold medals for the second consecutive time. The country also won a medal in weightlifting after a gap of 28 years. Praising the female athletes, he highlighted that out of the total 85 medals won by the country, 38 were secured by our daughters. These medals are not merely a number; rather, they represent a powerful image of a 'New India'.

Over the past 12 years, India has worked on ramping up its sports ecosystem with great patience and hard work.

> **You have enhanced the pride of the Tricolour and upheld its dignity. That is why your success is not yours alone; it is the success of crores of citizens of this country. On behalf of all the people of India, I congratulate you all.**

-Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



Development Boost For Ladakh

A new era of development and empowerment is dawning in Ladakh, with a focus on the younger generation. To provide quality education, a major Centre of Excellence is being constructed in Leh, and proposals for satellite campuses of IIT Jammu and IIM Jammu are being advanced. The development of modern infrastructure-while ensuring environmental conservation-will be further bolstered by a new airport terminal, which is set to boost tourism. In this context, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated projects worth ₹3,350 crore on October 15...

While inaugurating projects worth thousands of crores of rupees, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the government is placing special focus on Ladakh's new generation. The government is working to ensure that the youth of the region receive a quality education, get the opportunities to learn new technologies, and do not have to depend on other cities. PM Modi said that the construction of a major Centre of Excellence in Leh is alongside advancing proposals for satellite campuses of IIT Jammu and IIM Jammu. This will provide the youth of Ladakh with better opportunities for higher education, research, and the acquisition of new skills – all within their own region.

The central government aims to develop modern infrastructure in Ladakh while ensuring that the local environment is carefully preserved. Prime Minister Modi dedicated the Nimmu-Padum-Darcha road to Ladakh, a project that has cost approximately ₹2,500 crore. A journey that previously took about 12 hours can now be completed in roughly 3 hours. This will save travel time and provide a significant boost to trade and commerce in the region.

Ladakh receives 5 major projects worth ₹ 3,350 crore

- Nimmu-Padum-Darcha Road: A 298 km-long strategic road dedicated to the nation.
- New Airport Terminal: A modern 23,800-square-metre terminal at Kushok Bakula Rimpochee Airport, built at a cost of ₹ 640 crore, becomes operational. (Annual capacity: 3.5 million passengers)
- Power and Energy: Inauguration of the 9 MW Hanu Small Hydroelectric Project and the 66 kV double-circuit Dah-Hanu-Khalatse transmission line.
- Water Conservation: 40 water bodies across 40 villages, developed under the 'Him Sarovar' project, dedicated to the nation.

Scan the QR code to watch the complete programme of PM Modi.



Fostering Heritage and Future Aspirations for Progress

India is progressing fast, cherishing its heritage while also pursuing its future aspirations and dreams. Initiatives like the Kashi Tamil Sangamam are fostering cultural connections, while modern railways and highways are providing momentum to the development of states. Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Chennai, where he unveiled projects worth over ₹13,000 crore for Tamil Nadu and dedicated a brain research centre to the nation. Additionally, while addressing the youth at the golden jubilee celebrations of Jaigopal Garodia Hindu Vidyalaya Matriculation Higher Secondary School, he emphasized the country's immense potential and urged them to envision their future on a grand scale.

Robust infrastructure serves as the strongest pillar of progress for any nation, including India. The youth are the architects of a country's future. That is why, alongside creating record-breaking infrastructure—such as railways, metro systems, highways, and expressways—for future generations, India is also establishing schools, colleges, universities, and institutions for higher education and research. Speaking at the event in Chennai, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that India draws inspiration from its cultural strength, advances through scientific progress, and creates new opportunities via modern infrastructure. Our heritage and our future aspirations are moving forward hand in hand.

Over the past decade, India has significantly expanded its metro network across the country. While metro rail services were limited to just five cities in 2014, they are now operational in 25 cities. The network has grown from 250 km to 1,100 km. The new expansion of the Chennai Metro will further extend this network.

A Strong Mantra: National Development Through State Development

- Laid the foundation stone for and dedicated to the nation development projects worth over ₹13,000 crore in Chennai.
- These projects span various sectors, including metro rail, highways, railways, ports, petroleum, and education.
- Inaugurated the Poonamallee-Vadapalani section of the Chennai Metro Rail Project (Phase II) and took a ride on the metro train.
- Laid the foundation stone for and inaugurated National Highway projects in Tamil Nadu worth approximately ₹3,700 crore.
- Dedicated railway infrastructure projects worth over ₹750 crore to the nation, including the Karaikal-Peralam railway line.
- Dedicated three rail over-bridges in Coimbatore and surrounding areas to the nation; also inaugurated five Amrit Bharat stations located at Palani, Vellore Cantonment, Ambasamudram, Paramakudi, and Namakkal.
- Launched and laid foundation stones for projects related to Chennai Port, Kamarajar Port, and V.O. Chidambaranar Port.
- Dedicated the Sudha Gopalakrishnan Brain Centre at IIT Madras to the nation and launched a unique global scientific mission. The mission aims to create three-dimensional maps at the cellular level of over 100 human brains across various stages of life, from the embryonic stage to old age.



“Over these 25 years, my faith in two pillars of democracy has steadily strengthened. First—the people of the country! Second—cooperative federalism! I have always been guided by the mantra that the nation’s development stems from the development of the states

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

- Released ‘C-Stroke’, the first-of-its-kind human ischemic stroke atlas, which contains detailed descriptions of over 1,000 microscopic sections of stroke-affected brains.

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Today, the country is also strengthening its port infrastructure to propel the shipping sector to new heights. Reflecting on his 25-year tenure as a head of government, he noted that his time at the state level shaped his national vision. Serving as Chief Minister helped him understand state-level aspirations; consequently, after becoming Prime Minister, he not only sought to fulfill those expectations but also endeavored to ensure that every state could achieve its aspirational goals.

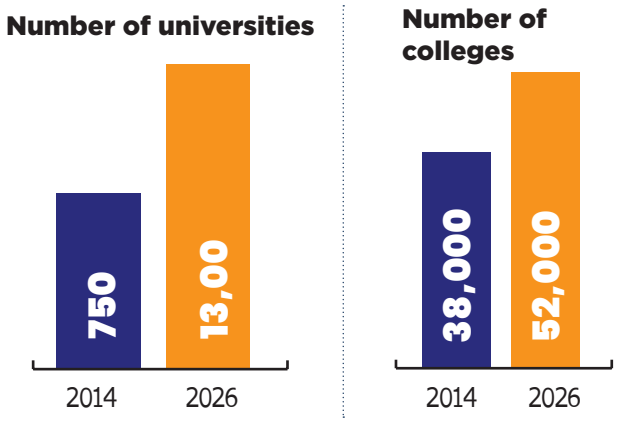
INDIAN YOUTH POSSESS THE POTENTIAL TO OFFER GLOBAL SOLUTIONS

Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the golden jubilee celebrations of the Jaigopal Garodia Hindu Vidyalaya Matriculation Higher Secondary School in Chennai. Inspired by the motto **“सा विद्या या विमुक्तये”** (Knowledge is that which liberates), the school strives to groom students who make meaningful contributions to society.

Speaking at the event, Prime Minister Narendra



Strengthening of Education Infrastructure Over the Last Decade



- Several new IITs, IIMs, IIITs, and AIIMS have also been established.



Resolve to Host the 2036 Olympics

The country is rapidly developing new sports infrastructure and providing better training and support so that sports are viewed not merely as entertainment but as a viable career path. PM Modi told the youth that the nation is preparing vigorously to host the 2030 Commonwealth Games. Simultaneously, it is moving towards realizing the ambitious dream of hosting the 2036 Olympics. Hosting major global sporting events in the future will provide the youth with an excellent platform, enhance their capabilities, and ensure full government support



“Today’s youth want to become the driving force behind the vision of a ‘Viksit Bharat’. The new ideas and solutions required for a Viksit Bharat will shape the future not only of the country but of the entire world.

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

Modi remarked that today’s youth possess a strong desire to become the driving force behind the vision of a ‘Viksit Bharat’. New ideas and solutions essential to achieving this national goal will ultimately shape not only the country’s destiny but also the future of the world. The world today is seeking solutions, and the youth have the potential to provide them.

PM Modi urged the youth to embrace the poet’s famous mantra, **‘अचमलि्लई, अचमलि्लई’** (Fearless, Fearless), and to move forward with great zeal to realize their ideas and dreams. He encouraged them to dream big, think differently, and be fearless. ●

Scan the QR code to watch the complete programme of PM Modi.

First Woman Air Marshal of India



Dr Padmavathy Bandopadhyay, who joined the Indian Air Force in 1968, holds the distinction of being India's first woman air marshal. Having served in the Indian Air Force's medical branch for nearly four decades, she participated in the 1971 Indo-Pak War. She was awarded the Vishisht Seva Medal for her service. She became the first Indian woman to conduct scientific research at the North Pole. A symbol of women's empowerment and a Padma Shri recipient, Dr Padmavathy Bandopadhyay inspires the nation, especially its daughters.



Born: 4 November 1944

Born on November 4, 1944, in Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh, Dr Padmavathy Bandopadhyay was inspired to become a doctor early in her childhood. Later in her life, she enrolled at the Armed Forces Medical College in Pune and joined the Indian Air Force in 1968. She also dreamed of soaring through the skies. At the time she joined the Air Force, the very idea of a woman being part of the force was likely something few even contemplated.

During the 1971 war, she was deployed at the border alongside her husband. She was the only woman among the personnel stationed there and lived in a bunker. She was awarded the Vishisht Seva Medal (VSM) for her exemplary conduct during the 1971 India-Pakistan war. In 2002, she became the first female officer to be promoted to the rank of Air Vice Marshal (a two-star rank). Furthermore, she was the first woman officer to be promoted to the rank of Air Commodore and the first Indian woman to conduct scientific research at the North Pole. In addition to these achievements, she was the first female officer to complete the Defence Services Staff College course.

On January 25, 2020, it was announced that Padmavathy Bandopadhyay would be awarded the Padma Shri in the field of medicine. The then-President, Ram Nath Kovind, conferred the Padma Shri, a civilian honour, upon her at an award ceremony. Upon receiving the honour, she expressed her gratitude to the Government of India, the Prime Minister, and the Home Minister. She mentioned that she was continuing to serve patients in Western Uttar Pradesh through telemedicine – a practice she had been engaged in for nearly 12 years. She dedicated three days a week to this service, attending to 80–100 patients. Additionally, she spent her weekends teaching science and mathematics to underprivileged children at her home. She had said that she received the Padma Shri honour only because of their blessings. ●

Bid Adieu
Nana Patekar



Nana Patekar, an exceptional artist who dedicated his life to the honor and glory of the Tricolour, passed away on October 8. Ruling the hearts of audiences through diverse roles, Nana never allowed himself to be bound by conventions; instead, like a free bird, he soared through the cinematic landscape. Through his films, he also launched scathing attacks on the disorder prevailing in society. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, numerous stalwarts of the film industry, and many other prominent figures paid tribute upon his passing.

Born: 1 January 1951,
Died: 8 October 2026

A renowned actor in both Hindi and Marathi cinema, Nana Patekar carved a unique niche for himself and left an indelible mark on society over a career spanning several decades. He was a true 'Krantiveer' who fought against social evils. His silence was as impactful as his speech was fiery. He was a staunch advocate for keeping anti-national elements in check. He gained widespread acclaim for his performances in films such as Parinda, Krantiveer, Ab Tak Chhappan, and Welcome. The Government of India honored him with the Padma Shri.

Nana Patekar's passion for serving the nation ran so deep that he underwent three years of rigorous military training with the Territorial Army to prepare for directing and acting in the film Prahaar. He was granted the honorary rank of Captain (and later Major) in the Army. Most remarkably, during the 1999 Kargil War, he joined a Quick Reaction Team and went to the front lines to serve the country alongside the Maratha Light Infantry regiment. ●

"Very few actors possess the depth, distinctiveness, and commanding presence that Nana Patekar ji had. He demonstrated versatility and creativity in every role and gave us characters that generations will remember. He was also admired for his clear and forthright views; he never hesitated to speak his mind.

-Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

"The passing of the legendary Indian cinema actor Nana Patekar ji is an irreparable loss to the world of art.

-Amit Shah, Union Home Minister



Narendra Modi ✓
@narendramodi

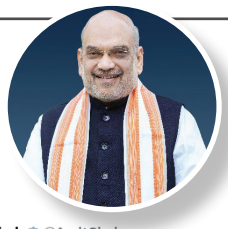
25 वर्षों का जनविश्वास मेरे लिए और अधिक ऊर्जा के साथ काम करने की प्रेरणाशक्ति है। ईश्वररूपी जनता-जनार्दन के लिए मेरा एक ही संकल्प है कि मैं देशवासियों की और अधिक सेवा करूं।

Gratitude to everyone for their blessings and wishes. What greater strength can there be than the trust and affection of 140 crore Indians?



Rajnath Singh ✓
@rajnathsingh

देश की सुरक्षा के लिए हमारी Defence Industry की Surge Capacity और Production Capacity का मजबूत होना जरूरी है। हमारी प्रतिभा, युवा शक्ति और Policy Support हमारी ताकत हैं। सरकार हमेशा Defence Industry के साथ खड़ी है, ताकि जरूरत पड़ने पर उत्पादन तेजी से बढ़ाया जा सके और देश हर चुनौती के लिए तैयार रहे।



Amit Shah ✓ @AmitShah

मोदी सरकार में सहकारिता ग्रामीण अर्थव्यवस्था व महिला सशक्तीकरण का सशक्त माध्यम बन रही है। चाहे श्वेत क्रांति 2.0 की शुरुआत हो या PACS को बहुउद्देश्यीय बना डेयरी से जोड़ना हो, सहकारिता का सबसे बड़ा लाभ सहकारी डेयरी क्षेत्र को मिल रहा है।

आज भोपाल में आयोजित राज्य स्तरीय गोपालक सम्मेलन में प्रदेशभर से आए पशुपालकों से संवाद किया। इस अवसर पर गोपालक दीदियों का सम्मान किया, डॉ. भीमराव अंबेडकर कामधेनु योजना के तहत लाभ वितरित किए तथा मोरवन प्रोजेक्ट के अंतर्गत नगर वन विकसित करने के लिए KRIBHCO एवं मध्य प्रदेश राज्य जैवविविधता बोर्ड के बीच MOU भी हुआ।



Nitin Gadkari ✓ @nitin_gadkari

हवा में उडनेवाली बस.. (Skybus), यह सिर्फ एक नई Transport Technology नहीं...

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नई सोच।
नई तकनीक।
नई ऊँचाई।
और गतिशील 🇮🇳भारत का भविष्य - SKY BUS



Kiren Rijiju ✓ @KirenRijiju ·

SIR प्रक्रिया में 13 करोड़ वोटर कटने का दावा भ्रामक है!
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तथ्यों को समझें, भ्रम से बचें और लोकतांत्रिक प्रक्रिया पर विश्वास रखें।



Arjun Ram Meghwal ✓
@arjunrammeghwal

न्यायिक प्रक्रियाओं में तेजी लाने, मामलों का समयबद्ध निस्ता सुनिश्चित करने तथा justice distribution system को अधिक प्रभावी बनाने हेतु संबंधित अधिकारियों को आवश्यक दिशा-निर्देश दिए।

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In world of uncertainty, India offers reliability, stability: PM

'We Don't Grow At Anyone's Cost. We Grow With World, For World'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: PM Narendra Modi Tuesday sought to position India as a trusted ally while stating that supply chains, energy, minerals, payment systems, and technology are increasingly becoming instruments of pressure and dominance and the routes created by globalisation over the past decades have become chokepoints in several cases.

"One of the biggest questions facing the world today is that of trust, of confidence — the confidence that supplies will continue uninterrupted in times of need. We do not grow at anyone's cost. We grow with the world, and for the world," the PM said at a Bloomberg event. He pitched India's expanding economic and technological capabilities to address global challenges during geopolitical tensions, supply-chain disruptions and growing competition for strategic resources.

The PM also said that India's economic growth is anchored in strong fundamentals, financial resilience and a sustained reform drive, as he cited the 7.8% growth recorded in the June quarter. Modi placed India as a global economic and technology power that seeks to help other countries prosper rather than growing at their expense.

"It is because of this strength that India's sovereign ratings are being upgraded. In a world filled with uncertainty, India offers the assurance of reliability and stability," he said, highlighting GST, labour reforms and steps to make it easier to do business. "We are pursuing reforms with a clear policy direction. India's reform express continues to move ahead at high speed. For us, reforms are not a compulsion. Reforms are our conviction," he said.



PM Modi with former UK PM Rishi Sunak in New Delhi Tuesday

Modi also said that the true measure of economic and technological strength lay not in the ability to control others but in creating opportunities for them, as he argued that India believes in the principle of "power to empower".

"Today, technology is power. Data is power. Knowledge is power. Innovation is power. But the real question is not who possesses power. Rather, the question is how that power is being used," he said, while highlighting the country's digital public infrastructure, affordable mobile data, digital payments and direct benefit transfer as examples of technology widening access to economic opportunities.

PM urges youth to upgrade skills, adapt to emerging technologies

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi on Friday said that as technology evolves rapidly, young people must acquire new skills, upgrade their existing capabilities and adapt to emerging technologies.

Modi, who was interacting with representatives of Indian participants at the WorldSkills Competition held in Shanghai, also emphasised the need for coordinated efforts by youth, the government and training institutions to establish the country as a global hub of skilled human resources.

Highlighting the importance of specialised skills, he asked young people to adapt to emerging technologies, develop skills in line with requirements of the global market, and contribute to improving India's skill training ecosystem through their experiences and suggestions, an official statement said.



PM Modi interacts with the Indian Team of WorldSkills Shanghai 2026 in Delhi | PTI

Underlining the objective behind establishing a separate Ministry for Skill Development, he said the skill training institutions are no less important than the IITs and IIMs.

Modi encouraged the participants to share their experiences and suggestions with the government to help improve India's skill training system, the statement said.

WorldSkills is a leading international skills competition, bringing together young professionals to demonstrate excellence in a wide range of vocational and technical skills.

During the interaction with Modi, the participants shared their experiences from the competition. They also discussed the importance of adapting to new tools and software.

Empowering States is key to Viksit Bharat: PM

DEVELOPMENT MANTRA. Always committed to cooperative federalism, says Modi at the inauguration of projects totalling ₹13,000 crore in Chennai

Our Bureau
Chennai

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said empowering States was central to India's development, emphasising that the country's progress depended on enabling individual States to achieve their aspirations.

Addressing a gathering in Chennai at the launch of over ₹13,000 crore worth of development projects at IIT Madras, Modi said his experience as a Chief Minister had strengthened his understanding of the expectations of States and shaped his approach towards cooperative federalism.

Modi inaugurated the 15-km Poonamallee-Vadapalani stretch of Phase II of the Chennai Metro Rail Project, built at a cost of around ₹4,900 crore and laid the foundation stone for and dedicated various development projects. "I have always carried the mantra of developing the country through the development of the State," he said in the presence of Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay. The PM said changes in governments had not altered his commitment to the State's development.

"In the last 25 years, I have always accorded topmost importance to national progress and cooperative federalism. I have had the honour of working with Jayalalithaa, Karunanidhi-ji, O Panneerselvam, Edappadi K Palaniswami, MK Stalin and now Vijay. My commitment to the development of Tamil Nadu and to serving its people has always remained unwavering," he said

PM noted that initiatives such as Make in India and Vocal for Local were benefiting industries in the State. The Centre was working to strengthen the entire manufacturing chain, from components and technology to finished products, he said.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay in Chennai on Sunday

KEY PROJECTS

The Centre is investing around ₹17,000 crore to develop the VO Chidambaranar Port in Thoothukudi as a megacontainer and green energy hub. Once completed, the project will enable ultra-large container vessels to call at the port, strengthening Tamil Nadu's links with global trade, Modi said.

Reiterating the need for collaboration between the Centre and States, Modi said the Union government was committed to providing the support needed for Tamil Nadu's continued development.

Modi laid the foundation stone of and inaugurated key National Highway projects, including the 36-km, four-laned Vaduppatti-Theriyuvengunallur section of NH-744, worth around ₹3,700 crore. He also laid the foundation stone of the Group II/III Lube Oil Base Stocks (LOBS) project at the existing Manali Refinery of Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited (CPCL) in Chennai costing around ₹1,620 crore. At IIT-Madras, Modi dedicated to the nation the Sudhu Gopalakrishnan Brain Centre (SGBC) at IIT Madras.

Clear metro phase III, release ₹5,110 cr education funds: TN CM

Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay urged the Centre to expedite approvals for key infrastructure projects in the State, including the Chennai Metro Rail Phase III, metro rail projects in Coimbatore and Madurai, and high-speed rail corridors connecting Chennai with Kanyakumari and Coimbatore. He also sought the release of ₹5,110 crore in pending central funds under the Samagra Shiksha scheme without any conditionalities.

Addressing an event in Chennai on Sunday where the PM launched development projects worth ₹13,000 crore, CM Vijay emphasised the role of States in the country's development.

Tamil Nadu had consistently contributed to India's economic, social and cultural progress, cooperation between the Union and State governments should translate into tangible benefits for people, Vijay said.

Vijay also asked the Prime Minister to reconsider the proposals for metro rail projects in Coimbatore and Madurai, citing the future development and economic growth of western and southern Tamil Nadu. He sought approval for an inter-State metro rail link between Hosur in Tamil Nadu and Bommasandra in Karnataka.

Vijay urged the Centre to accord priority to the Godavari–Cauvery river linking project and take it up as a national project.

India and Canada together contributing to prosperous, stable world: Modi to Carney

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

India and Canada are together contributing to a "more stable and prosperous world", said Prime Minister Narendra Modi after a call with Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney, during which they agreed to conclude a trade agreement soon.

The phone call on Tuesday night came even as senior Canadian Ministers, including Foreign Minister Anita Anand and Minister of International Trade Maninder Sidhu, are in Delhi for talks with their counterparts – External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal – to finalise the contours of the trade deal.



Narendra Modi and Mark Carney shake hands during the 2025 G20 Summit. FILE PHOTO

Mr. Jaishankar had met Mr. Carney in Canada in June, after the G7 Summit in Kananaskis, and had conveyed Mr. Modi's invitation to the Canadian leader to visit India.

Mr. Modi and Mr. Carney had also met briefly at the G7 Summit, and had agreed to "reset" ties between the two countries, which had been strained over the Canadian Government's allegations of Indian involvement in the killing of Khalistani activist Hardeep Singh Nijjar in Canada in June 2023.

Mr. Modi had also met Mr. Carney's predecessor Justin Trudeau at the G20 Summit in Delhi in September 2023, but relations had soured after Mr. Trudeau's allegations in Parliament in October 2023, leading to the withdrawal of High Commissioners and the suspension of trade talks

Public Service Broadcasting Day – 12 November

A Glorious Journey Fostering

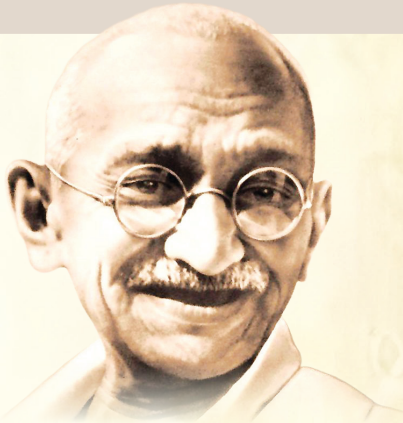
Public Awareness, Democracy, and Dialogue

Public Service Broadcasting Day is observed annually to commemorate the historic address delivered by the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, via All India Radio (Akashvani) on 12 November 1947. In the year 2000, the then Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Sushma Swaraj, announced that this special day would be celebrated as Public Service Broadcasting Day. Since then, the day has been marked every year at the Akashvani Bhawan with special programs and events...

Bapu Addressed Displaced People

- On that historic day, Bapu addressed displaced people who were enduring the agony of Partition and had taken refuge in Kurukshetra.
- In memory of his message, that studio is now known as the 'Bapu Studio'.
- Akashvani organizes various programs on this occasion, featuring performances of Bapu's favorite bhajans.





When I heard that there were about two and a half lakh refugees among you, and that people were still arriving, I was deeply pained... I was deeply moved and felt compelled to come and reach out to you.

-Mahatma Gandhi (Address on All India Radio, 12 November 1947)

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