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A Proclamation Of Nation's Ceaseless Journey

To realise the vision for the centenary of independence, Prime Minister Narendra Modi outlined a roadmap of *Sapta Dhara* for development in his 13th address from the ramparts of the Red Fort. He also presented a golden glimpse of an Atmanirbhar Bharat taking shape across all sectors—from semiconductors to a revolution in the defence sector

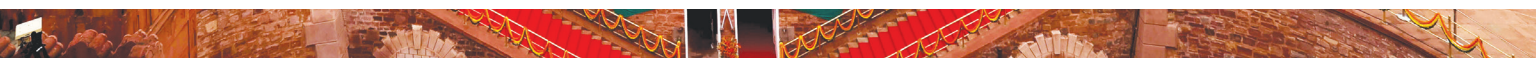
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An Unforgettable Independence Day at the Red Fort! This day reminds us of the courage and sacrifice of the great personalities who secured our freedom. The Tricolour inspires us to overcome every challenge, strengthen the bonds of unity, and dedicate ourselves to the nation. The time is ours, the opportunity is ours, the resolve is ours, come let us build a Viksit Bharat together.....



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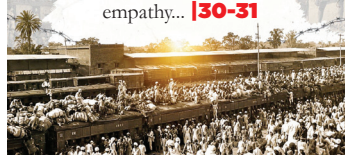


A new chapter of development has been scripted over the past 12 years, guided by the mantra of 'Nation First', and has become the cornerstone for the goal of transforming India into a developed nation by 2047. Against this backdrop, Prime Minister Modi, speaking from the ramparts of the Red Fort this August 15th, called for a new Sapta Dhara. With this, his 13th address became a resounding celebration of the nation's ceaseless journey... **|10-29**

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Vande Mataram!

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 13th address from the ramparts of the Red Fort marked a historic moment. For the first time since independence, the chant of 'Vande Mataram' resonated at the Red Fort. The Prime Minister said unequivocally that India is destined to become a developed nation by 2047; the country has already made remarkable progress in sectors such as manufacturing, digital transactions, and modern infrastructure to achieve this goal. The launch of the first hydrogen-powered train and steps taken towards self-reliance in nuclear energy stand as testaments to this progress.

The central message of the address was a call for 'Sapta Dhara', highlighting seven pillars of nation-building: manufacturing power, agriculture and food production, technology and innovation, Gati Shakti, Defence Shakti, the green and blue economy, and India's soft power. Together, these seven forces will accelerate the resolve to build a developed India.

Describing the youth as the drivers of this journey, the Prime Minister set a target to train ten million youth in AI skills over the coming year and called for the provision of free online coaching for various competitive examinations. India hosting the Commonwealth Games in 2030 serves as a testament to the country's growing sporting stature and the immense potential of its youth.

A special 100-week campaign for a drug-free

India, a strategy to isolate the ideological roots of Naxalism, and the vision of a robust civil defence network—all these will lay the foundation for a safe and disciplined society. An appeal was made to all political parties for cooperation in the early implementation of the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam, reflecting the government's commitment to women's empowerment. The call to provide accurate information during the census and the reiteration of the Panch Pran instilled a sense of duty among citizens. Overall, this address is a call for resolve, dedication, and collective effort, which has become the cover story of this issue.

Additionally, in the personality section, read about Asha Bhosle—who won millions of hearts with her voice—and cover Prime Minister Narendra Modi's public events of the fortnight along with key Cabinet decisions. On the inside page, readers will find mesmerising glimpses of the Red Fort ramparts with a high attendance of a jubilant crowd on Independence Day, while the back cover presents special content on the 'Ancient Buddhist Site of Sarnath', a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

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(Dhirendra Ojha)



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Easy to understand, thanks to the presentation based on photos and facts

I found the August 1–15, 2026, issue of New India Samachar very useful, especially the cover story. The article is informative, inspiring, and well-presented. It effectively showcases India's development journey across sectors such as infrastructure, technology, education, healthcare, agriculture, and social welfare while also reinforcing the vision of a 'Viksit Bharat.' The presentation, featuring photos and facts, makes the article engaging and easy to comprehend.

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Great information on initiatives, public policy, and current affairs

I am a regular reader of New India Samachar magazine. I find it highly informative. It provides excellent insights, particularly regarding Government of India initiatives, public policy, and current affairs.

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Helps in Knowledge and Skill Development

I regularly read the New India Samachar magazine. It is informative and provides details about the government's development activities. It also helps in my personal growth, as well as my knowledge and skill development. I enjoy both reading this magazine and learning from it.

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An Informative, Reliable, and Useful Magazine

New India Samachar is an informative, reliable, and useful magazine. It is proving to be a great help in my UPSC preparation. It is particularly helpful in developing a balanced perspective and understanding of various government schemes. I extend my heartfelt thanks to the entire team behind 'New India Samachar'.

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Reliable Information for Students Preparing for Exams

The articles published in New India Samachar magazine provide useful information in simple language. This magazine helps in understanding various facets of India's development. It is informative and easy to read. Moreover, 'New India Samachar' serves as a valuable source of authentic information for students preparing for the Civil Services (UPSC) and other competitive examinations. Overall, the magazine not only keeps readers updated on the country's progress but also inspires every citizen to contribute towards building a developed India.

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Freedom from the hassle of government office visits and long queues



2,575 services on UMANG app; 72 crore users on DigiLocker

Due to the Government of India's 'Digital India' initiative and the expansion of digital services, the general public no longer needs to make repeated visits to government offices. Digital services are now easily accessible from the comfort of one's home. People are conveniently availing themselves of services such as Aadhaar, UMANG, DigiLocker, Common Service Centres (CSCs), and e-Sanjeevani.

According to information provided to the Rajya Sabha by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, the number of internet subscribers in the country has crossed 109 crore, while over 144 crore Aadhaar numbers have been generated. The platform has over 71.66 crore registered users, with more than 936.03 crore documents issued by 2,822 registered issuers. A total of 2,575 government services are being provided to citizens through the Unified Mobile Application for New-age Governance (UMANG) app.

PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana

Over 51 lakh families benefited; solarization of 28.4 lakh agricultural pumps

The Central Government has launched several schemes to promote renewable energy. As part of this effort, the 'PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana' (launched in February 2024) has benefited over 51.27 lakh families as of August 10. Under the scheme, 41.76 lakh rooftop solar plants have been installed. These families have received subsidies amounting to over ₹28,000 crore. The scheme aims to install rooftop solar plants in one crore households, with a budgetary provision of ₹75,000 crore. Additionally, under the 'PM-KUSUM' scheme—which promotes solar energy in the country—the solarization of 28.4 lakh irrigation pumps has been completed as of July 31, 2026.



Arunachal Pradesh's 'Glaw Lake': India's 101st Ramsar Site

As a result of the Central Government's commitment to environmental conservation, biodiversity preservation, and sustainable development, Glaw Lake in Arunachal Pradesh has been declared the state's first and India's 101st Ramsar site. While there were only 26 Ramsar sites in the country in 2014, the number has risen to 101 in just 12 years.



Situated within the Kamlang Tiger Reserve and Wildlife Sanctuary, Glaw Lake is a pristine freshwater lake in the Eastern Himalayas and a major hub of biodiversity. Fed by perennial mountain streams, the lake is surrounded by dense vegetation. This wetland is home to over 150 tree species and 49 orchid species.



Crackdown on Cybercrime

Government blocks over 3,700 misleading and fake apps

The Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) has launched the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal (cybercrime.gov.in) for the convenience of citizens. Additionally, acting under the IT Act, 2000, a total of 3,718 fraudulent mobile apps—including fake loan apps—have been blocked.

According to information provided in the Lok Sabha, the 'Citizen Financial Cyber Fraud Reporting and Management System' was launched in 2021 to facilitate the immediate reporting of financial fraud and to prevent the loss of defrauded funds. Through this system, over ₹11,158 crore have been saved across more than 32.80 lakh complaints up to June 30, 2026. By June 30, 2026, the government had blocked over 15.75 lakh SIM cards and 5.77 lakh IMEI numbers.



GI-tagged Mithila Makhana Reaches Australia

The first commercial consignment of 18 metric tonnes of GI-tagged Mithila Makhana, procured directly from farmers in Bihar's Darbhanga district, has been shipped to Australia via the sea route. Facilitated by APEEDA, this export has enabled farmers to earn approximately 18% more than the prevailing market price. This consignment, sourced from Darbhanga's makhana growers, will strengthen the international presence of this key GI product from Bihar and create better income opportunities for farmers.

Bihar accounts for approximately 85 percent of India's total makhana production. To further bolster this sector, a separate HS code for makhana came into effect in July 2025. During the 2025-26 fiscal year, India exported over 7,000 metric tonnes of makhana and value-added makhana products to more than 20 international destinations, including the USA, the Middle East, and Africa.



e-RUPI-based DBT now in Chandigarh and Dadra & Nagar Haveli

Subsidies under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) will now be provided in the form of e-RUPI in the Union Territories of Chandigarh and Dadra & Nagar Haveli.

e-RUPI is a digital voucher that is specific to both the individual and the intended purpose. Beneficiaries of the PMGKAY scheme will receive this subsidy directly in their digital rupee wallets. These funds can be used exclusively to purchase food grains from listed vendors. This system will minimize cash transactions and the role of middlemen, while also reducing the scope for irregularities in subsidy distribution. Additionally, the government will be able to monitor transactions in real-time. This system was previously implemented in Gujarat and Puducherry.



The Woman Who Ruled Millions Of Hearts With A Captivating Voice

Asha Bhosle enriched Indian music through her melodious voice and extraordinary talent. Her unique ability to adapt to every genre of music won over hearts. She left an indelible mark across various languages—including Hindi, Marathi, Bengali, Tamil, and Gujarati—as well as in the realm of folk music. Her unparalleled voice and musical legacy will continue to resonate in people's hearts, and her artistry will go on inspiring future generations.



Born: 8 September 1933 | Died: 12 April 2026

Born into a Marathi family in the Sangli district of Maharashtra on 8 September 1933, Asha Bhosle's voice held not just musical notes, but a vivid expression of emotions. It encapsulated everything—the sweetness of love, the pangs of separation, the exuberance of joy, and the depths of pain. Her songs taught generations not merely to listen, but to feel. Her father was the musician Deenanath Mangeshkar, and her elder sister was the legendary singer and Bharat Ratna awardee Lata Mangeshkar. Coming from such a family, she formed a deep connection with music early in life. She began singing at the age of ten in 1943 and continued to sing until she was ninety. As both an artist and an individual, she lived life on her own terms.

From pop to ghazal, and disco to classical, there is no genre that Asha Bhosle left untouched. Over a professional career spanning more than eight decades, she lent her melodious voice to thousands of songs across numerous Indian languages, leaving an indelible mark on the world of Indian music. It is said that she sang over 12,000 songs. In recognition of her immense contribution to music, she was honored with several

prestigious awards, including the Padma Vibhushan, the Dadasaheb Phalke Award, and the National Film Award, alongside numerous other national and international accolades. For a long time, she played a unique role in enriching the Indian artistic landscape. Her demeanor was marked by the same simplicity and warmth that characterized the softness of her voice. Moreover, by singing in multiple languages, she elevated Indian music and cinema to a position of prestige on the global stage.

She passed away on April 12, 2026, at the age of 92. Mourning her passing, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "I am deeply saddened by the demise of Asha Bhosle ji, one of India's most iconic and versatile voices. Her extraordinary musical journey, spanning decades, enriched our cultural heritage and touched countless hearts across the globe. Whether through soulful melodies or vibrant compositions, her voice possessed a timeless radiance. I will always cherish the memories of my interactions with her. My deepest condolences go out to her family, fans, and music lovers. She will continue to inspire generations, and her songs will forever resonate in people's lives." ●



President Droupadi Murmu's Address to the Nation on Independence Day Eve

Viksit Bharat...

The true goals are development and welfare

In her address to the nation on the eve of the 80th Independence Day, President Droupadi Murmu emphasized the participation of every citizen in nation-building.

While paying tribute to the freedom fighters, she noted that India is moving forward with the goal of becoming a developed nation by 2047. Acknowledging the contributions of the youth, women, farmers, scientists, workers, sportspersons, security forces, and various sections of society, she called upon the countrymen to uphold the values of the Constitution and fulfill their fundamental duties.

THE TRUE MEANING OF INDEPENDENCE

All countrymen should become architects of independent India's destiny. The true meaning of independence lies in 'We, the People of India' being able to utilise opportunities to realize our dreams and working with the spirit of making India the best nation.

BUILDING A DEVELOPED INDIA

We are moving forward to build a developed India by 2047, the centenary year of our independence. Guided by the spirit of Antyodaya, we are resolved to ensure that the benefits of development reach every individual. Embracing our rich heritage and the ideals of the freedom struggle, we are advancing on the path of modern development. The Vedic dictum 'वयं राष्ट्रे जागृत्याम' inspires us to stay constantly alert and dedicated to the nation.

TRIBUTE TO FREEDOM FIGHTERS

People holding diverse ideologies who struggled in our freedom movement shared a single goal: India's independence. During the 'Swadeshi Movement,' 'Vande Mataram' became the anthem of the masses. Under the leadership of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, countless citizens joined the freedom struggle. Babasaheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar set high ideals of social reform and devotion to the nation. I respectfully bow to all those great children of Maa Bharti whose ideals guided our country to independence and progress.

PARTITION HORRORS REMEMBRANCE DAY

We observe August 14th as 'Partition Horrors Remembrance Day'. We remember the millions of our countrymen who lost their lives in the violence associated



with Partition or were forced to endure the tragedy of displacement. Due to communal violence, millions were compelled to become refugees and suffer the horrors of Partition. Yet, they did not lose their identity.

AN INSPIRING ACHIEVEMENT

Our Constitution, created by the 'People of India', is founded on citizen participation. The spirit of public participation has always existed among the people of India—the mother of democracy. Our countrymen are carrying this spirit forward with renewed energy. National campaigns are being advanced through public participation.

ECONOMIC SELF-RELIANCE OF WOMEN

Our daughters are performing impressively in the field of education. Simultaneously, women's participation is increasing across various sectors—ranging from 'Drone Didis' contributing to enhanced agricultural productivity to women becoming fighter combat leaders in the Air Force. In the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, our daughters won 8 out of India's total 13 gold medals. Women's economic self-reliance is on the rise.

NARI SHAKTI VANDAN ADHINIYAM

Women are providing leadership across various sectors. The increasing participation of women in voting is a remarkable success for our republic. The 'Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam' was passed in 2023 to reserve 33 percent representation for women in the Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assemblies.

YOUTH: MOST VALUABLE ASSET

Sixty-five percent of the country's total population is under the age of 35. This youth population is our most valuable asset. The youth of our country are talented, committed, and skilled. Witnessing the innovative and practical solutions devised by young people for various issues at the grassroots level gives me a glimpse of their commitment to society and the nation.

A MULTITUDE OF NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE YOUTH

Government initiatives and new economic activities are creating a wide range of new opportunities for the youth. By staying informed about these opportunities,

Students: Architects of India's Future

Our students are the architects of India's future. Just as it is essential for the government and society to remain united for national security, collective efforts are equally necessary to safeguard the present and future of our students. Public examinations open doors of opportunity for students; therefore, the government is taking comprehensive measures to reform these examinations. The objective of these reforms is to completely curb the use of unfair means in public examinations and to make the examination system more transparent, secure, and trustworthy for the youth.

our young people can chart new paths to success. The physical and mental well-being of our youth forms the foundation of the nation's future. It is also the responsibility of families and society to ensure that our youth continue to move forward with enthusiasm.

MEASURES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

The government has taken several steps to improve the lives of senior citizens. Free healthcare facilities worth up to ₹5 lakh per year are available to approximately 6 crore senior citizens aged 70 years and above.

AN ATMOSPHERE OF ENTHUSIASM IN NAXAL-AFFECTED AREAS

Making India free from Naxalism is a major achievement. An atmosphere of enthusiasm now prevails in areas once affected by Naxalism, and an all-encompassing wave of development is flowing through them. Athletes participated in the Bastar Olympics, artists performed at the Bastar Pandum, and spectators turned out in large numbers for these events.

SARDAR VALLABHBHAI PATEL: ARCHITECT OF MODERN INDIA'S UNITY

When our country gained independence, integrating



over 550 princely states into the newly independent nation—alongside dealing with the grave consequences of Partition—posed an extraordinary challenge. Sardar Patel abolished the princely systems and merged them into our independent democracy. On behalf of a grateful nation, I respectfully pay tribute to the sacred memory of the ‘Iron Man,’ Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the architect of modern India’s unity.

NEW BENCHMARKS IN EDUCATION

Our fellow citizens are celebrating the 200th birth anniversary of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule. Mahatma Phule and Kranti-Jyoti Savitribai Phule made historic contributions to the fields of social justice, education, women’s empowerment, and equality. Guided by their ideals, uplifting the marginalized sections of society has been accorded national priority in recent years. New benchmarks of success have been set in the field of women’s education.

IDEALS OF ‘VASUDHAIVA KUTUMBAKAM’ AS PILLARS OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY

Our foreign policy is rooted in national interest. The ideals of peace, cooperation, dialogue, and *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam* (the world is one family) serve as the pillars of our foreign policy. To enhance economic cooperation and deepen mutual ties, we have entered into Free Trade Agreements with numerous nations.

SYMBOLS OF OUR FORMIDABLE CAPABILITY

Last year, twelve forts associated with the Maratha military tradition—built to safeguard national pride—were inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List. This year, Sarnath—the site of Lord Buddha’s first sermon—has been included in the UNESCO World Heritage List. India is home not only to spiritual monuments associated with Lord Buddha but also to symbols of the formidable capability to wage war in defense of self-respect and glorious traditions.

LEADING GLOBAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

While advancing on the path of modern development, India is also making significant global contributions to environmental conservation. Our country has achieved certain Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for 2030 ahead of schedule. The development of renewable energy has gained unprecedented momentum in recent years.

CREATION OF NEW EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Our country has witnessed an unprecedented expansion of modern infrastructure across highways, waterways, railways, and airways. This is generating opportunities for new enterprises, creating new jobs, and boosting investor confidence. ●

Resolve for 2047 The Strength of the — Sapt Dhara —



As Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort, there was not just a natural sense of satisfaction regarding India's developmental journey over the past 12 years, but also a firm resolve to build a magnificent, modern India. When a nation's leadership is sensitive to the people, its development is not confined to mere statistics; instead, the collective will to elevate the nation to greater heights—coupled with a sense of fulfillment—inspires a spirit of innovation and renewal among the citizenry. The new chapter of development India has scripted over the past 12 years, guided by the mantra of 'Nation First,' has become the cornerstone for the goal of transforming India into a developed nation by 2047. Against this backdrop, on this 15th of August, Prime Minister Modi called for a new Sapta Dhara of development. In doing so, this 13th address became a resounding clarion call for the nation's ceaseless journey in the future.



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This Independence Day, as Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived at the Red Fort for the celebrations, the atmosphere—infused with the spirit of the 'Vande Mataram' and a collective resolve—radiated a renewed energy. Resonating from the ramparts of the Red Fort for the first time, this national song not only served as an occasion to honor our glorious heritage but also became a moment that inspired 1.4 billion citizens, much like the spirit witnessed during the freedom struggle. In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, 'Vande Mataram' had emerged as the anthem that awakened Indian identity and nationalism. Today, 21st-century India is marching towards the fulfillment of its grand resolve, with the youth force providing decisive leadership. It is for this reason that the themes for this year's Independence Day celebrations at the Red Fort were '150 Years of Vande Mataram' and 'Yuva Shakti' in the journey toward a 'Viksit Bharat @2047'.

When an occasion is dedicated to the youth, it signifies that a 'New India' is poised to script a new saga of progress. Against this backdrop, Prime Minister Narendra Modi delivered a clear message from the ramparts of the Red Fort: India's youth are ready to transform the vision of a 'Developed India' into reality.

YOUTH EMERGING AS THE DRIVERS OF A DEVELOPED INDIA

Today, the aspirations of India's youth are soaring to new heights. As the nation with the world's youngest population, India has become a driving force of development. Indian youth are evolving from mere job seekers into job creators. India has now established the third-largest startup ecosystem globally. In the true sense, the youth

have become the drivers of a 'Developed India.' Over the past 12 years, the Central Government has created numerous opportunities for the youth in education, skill development, and entrepreneurship. During this period, more than 1.2 million (12 lakh) appointment letters have been handed out through Rozgar Melas. To realize the vision of a 'Viksit Bharat', emphasis has been placed on semiconductor manufacturing, Artificial Intelligence (AI), and innovation, while the use of digital technology has become an integral part of Prime Minister Modi's good governance. Today, science and technology are essential components of good governance.

The 80th Independence Day celebrations served as a special occasion not only to acknowledge the potential of the youth but also to honor them. As India—the world's youngest nation—harbors great aspirations, the Central Government has given wings to these dreams through countless initiatives over the past 12 years. For the first time during these celebrations, young people were accorded special recognition at the Red Fort. The achievements of the 19 students who won medals at the International Olympiads for Physics, Chemistry, Biology, and Mathematics (2026) stand as a testament to the success of youth power in the realm of science. These students were accorded a special place of honor on the ramparts of the Red Fort. This special regard shown by the nation's top leadership towards the youth exemplifies the unique initiative to transform India into a developed nation. The event also included young innovators, outstanding trainees from the Prime Minister's Internship Scheme, exemplary startups, high-achieving youth trained under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana, outstanding volunteers from 'My





Bharat', and beneficiaries of various schemes such as NAMASTE, PM-AJAY, and SEED. This demonstrates how 'New India' is fulfilling the aspirations of its youth and other sections of society.

VANDE MATARAM... A JOURNEY FROM GLORIOUS HERITAGE TO A VIKSIT BHARAT

The Red Fort witnessed more than just the singing of 'Vande Mataram'; the atmosphere was truly spectacular, featuring everything from floral decorations to a formation created by volunteers on 'Gyanpath'—in front of the ramparts—depicting 'Vande Mataram'. An Indian Air Force Mi-17 helicopter flew overhead carrying a special banner commemorating 150 years of 'Vande Mataram' and showered flower petals upon the gathering at the Red Fort. This was not merely a commemoration of the song's 150th anniversary; it conveyed a clear message for 'New India'. Just as 'Vande Mataram' became a symbol of India's freedom struggle, it will now inspire fresh thinking and the drive to move forward in realizing the resolve to build a developed India. Emerging from the intellectual and literary milieu of the late 19th century, Vande Mataram transcended its literary origins to become a powerful symbol of anti-colonial resistance and collective aspiration. This event not only reaffirms the relevance of Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay's vision but also prompts reflection on the song's role in

shaping the discourse around nationalism, unity, and cultural self-awareness in modern India.

It is for this reason that, on this 80th Independence Day, Prime Minister Modi made several bold announcements, signaling a nation poised not merely to step into the future but to take a giant leap forward. Prime Minister Modi's 13th consecutive address from the ramparts of the Red Fort also stands as a testament to the nation's trust—a trust rooted in the fact that every announcement made from those ramparts has been realized.

HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT AND PERMANENT SOLUTIONS

The most significant aspect of this 12-year journey of progress is that issues—once deemed intractable and left to fate for decades—have now found permanent solutions. Firm resolve and willpower are hallmarks of PM Modi, underpinned by the Central Government's guiding motto: "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, and Sabka Prayas". Whether it is the abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu & Kashmir, the provision of household toilets, access to clean fuel via the Ujjwala Yojana, the 'Nal Se Jal' scheme, social security nets for workers, or the Ayushman Bharat providing free treatment worth up to ₹5 lakh to over 60 crore people—India is constantly scripting new chapters of success.



Farmers—the providers of food—are emerging as the cornerstone of a 'Viksit Bharat'. Dozens of schemes, such as PM Kisan Samman Nidhi, Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana, and the hike in Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for crops, have laid the foundation for farmer welfare and empowerment.

The contribution of 'Nari Shakti' is pivotal in building a developed India; consequently, 'women-led development' has emerged as a new paradigm. Through initiatives like the Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana, the 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' campaign, 26 weeks of maternity leave, and equal opportunities in employment and self-employment, women are becoming active partners in nation-building. The 33% reservation for women in the Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assemblies has now become a reality, and the commitment to implement

this on the ground as soon as possible has been reiterated from the ramparts of the Red Fort. The country has witnessed an unprecedented expansion of highways, railways, airports, and waterways. The Vande Bharat Express has transformed rail travel into a unique blend of indigenous technology, speed, and comfort. PM Gati Shakti has realized the vision of multi-modal connectivity. 'Digital India' has ushered in a new era of technology-driven transformation by ensuring internet access reaches even the remotest villages. UPI has established India as a global leader in digital payments.

NEW STRENGTH FOR A DEVELOPED INDIA THROUGH THE 'SAPT-DHARA'

Over the past 12 years, India has gained new momentum in reforms. However, to realize the resolve of a 'Developed India' (Viksit Bharat), there is a need to take these efforts to the next level through continuous, fresh reforms. Whether it is the government or society, industry or producers, farmers or ordinary citizens—everyone must bring about a change in their traditional systems and mindsets. With this very mantra, Prime Minister Modi called for the 'Sapt-Dhara' from the ramparts of the Red Fort.

The first stream of strength is – Manufacturing Power.

The second stream of strength is – Agriculture and Food Production.

The third stream of strength is – Technology and Innovation.

The fourth stream of strength is – Gati Shakti (Connectivity and Infrastructure).

The fifth stream of strength is – Defence Power.

The sixth stream of strength is – Green Economy and Blue Economy.

The seventh stream of strength is – India's Soft Power.

Through this 'Sapt-Dhara', India has resolved to accomplish within the next 5 to 7 years, tasks that were not completed over the past 5 to 7 decades. The 80th Independence Day and PM Modi's 13th consecutive address from the Red Fort stand as a testament to the progress made over the last 12 years toward the goal of a Developed India; the present, witnessing this transformation, will script a golden history.

Let us explore the essence of PM Modi's address across 13 chapters—an address that has provided a new direction to the nation as it marches towards a Developed India...

150 Years of Vande Mataram 80th Independence Day

*For the first time since independence, Vande Mataram echoed from the Red Fort.
PM Modi connected this to the historic occasion of 150 years of Vande Mataram...*

- Today, we are celebrating the 80th Independence Day. Today, every heartbeat resonates with the chant of Vande Mataram.
- Today, there is “Har Ghar Tiranga Hai, Har Man Tiranga Hai” and the country is moving forward with enthusiasm and renewed energy, carrying new resolutions with it.
- Today, the nation remembers with reverence those great sons and daughters who made the ultimate sacrifices for the freedom of our country.
- For the first time since independence, Vande Mataram is echoing from the Red Fort on August 15. And as we celebrate 150 years of Vande Mataram today, what could be a more wonderful occasion than this?
- In recent days, several parts of the country have faced severe flooding and landslides, affecting many families. We fully understand and feel their suffering and pain. I want to assure the affected families that we and the entire nation stand firmly with them.

“Today, we are celebrating our 80th Independence Day. The chant of ‘Vande Mataram’ resonates in every heart. The Tricolour flies in every home and dwells in every mind; the nation is marching forward with enthusiasm and zeal, embracing new resolutions.”

(Excerpt of the speech from the ramparts of the Red Fort on Independence Day 2026)

Picture from Independence Day 2026

The Resolve for Viksit Bharat @2047

As India completes 100 years of independence in 2047, PM Modi connected the resolve to build a developed India with the hard work of 140 crore citizens...

- A nation becomes great and achieves its goals when it moves forward on the strength of its dreams, its resolutions, and its capabilities.
- We can no longer move forward with small dreams. Big dreams expand our thinking, and broaden the horizons of our vision as well. When our resolve is strong, the ability to find a way through difficulties and even in the midst of disasters emerges on its own.
- Our resolutions must also be high, because when our dreams are high and our resolutions are high, the heights of our capabilities also rise, and only then can we turn our dreams into reality.
- The country became independent with many dreams, but we were unable to pick up the pace; we could not achieve the speed we needed. We remained caught up in an attitude of “it will happen, things will move along, we’ll see what happens.” By 2014, the entire world had dumped us among the Fragile Five.
- When we complete 100 years of independence in 2047, we will have built a Viksit Bharat, through the efforts and hard work of 140 crore citizens.
- Over the past 12 years, crores of citizens from every section of society made every possible effort with determination and dedication to take the nation to new heights. 25 crore citizens have overcome poverty and risen out of poverty in such a short period.
- We were once counted among the Fragile Five, but within 12 years, we have become a major economy and the fastest-growing major economy.

“We have now established a ‘new normal’: we will no longer distinguish between terrorists and those who harbor, nurture, or empower them.”

(Excerpt of the speech from the ramparts of the Red Fort on Independence Day 2025)

Picture from Independence Day 2025



12 Years of Inclusive Development, Defining Speed & Scale

PM Modi listed the figures of progress in manufacturing, digital growth and everyday facilities for ordinary citizens over the past 12 years, which have become the basis of new India's pace and progress...

- Over the past 12 years, defence production has increased nearly fourfold.
- Production by the Khadi and Village Industries sector has increased nearly fivefold, electronics manufacturing has increased nearly sevenfold.
- Production of modern railway coaches has increased 21 times, mobile phone production has increased 35 times.
- The number of internet users has increased nearly fourfold, the number of patents granted has increased fourfold, digital transactions have increased 100 times.
- Every year, we have provided tap-water connections at an average rate 15 times faster than before.
- Gas connections have been provided at an average rate six times faster each year, the construction of toilets for the poor has progressed at four times the annual rate, and the pace of providing homes to the poor has increased threefold each year.
- Thousands of compliances have been eliminated, hundreds of outdated laws have been repealed.
- The march of the 21st century cannot be carried out using the laws of the previous century.
- We have expanded metro networks for modern infrastructure and strengthened public transportation.
- The speed at which work has been carried out, the scale at which it has been undertaken — this pace, this expansion, and these achievements are something the country has witnessed for the first time in the last decade since independence.

“We hold but one resolve: ‘Nation First’—the national interest is paramount. Every step we take is guided by the determination to make my India truly great.”

(Excerpt of the speech from the ramparts of the Red Fort on Independence Day 2024)

Picture from Independence Day 2024

Aatmanirbhar Bharat: Semiconductors & Critical Minerals

Calling self-reliance a conviction, PM Modi underlined India's new strength in semiconductors and critical minerals...

- 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, and therefore we must strengthen our own capacities and protect our own interests.
- We are moving forward with a firm resolve for Aatmanirbhar Bharat, and the hearts of Indians are connecting with initiatives like Make in India, Swadeshi, Vocal for Local.
- Whether it is electronic goods, medical equipment, or transportation systems, chips are indispensable everywhere.
- In today's digital world, we understand the importance of the chip; the world has reached a point where the entire system could come to a standstill without chips. But after independence, we were unable to take forward any major plan on this.
- Three major semiconductor plants have already been started, and production from these facilities has already begun to be exported.
- Over the coming seven to eight years, another five, seven, or even eight semiconductor plants are expected to begin operations. This Atmanirbhar Bharat provides us a great highway toward becoming a Viksit Bharat.
- We launched the National Critical Minerals Mission, and announced the Critical Minerals Corridor in the Budget. Agreements are being signed with several countries, and many countries around the world are now beginning to place their trust in Bharat in the field of critical minerals.

“Having shed the mindset of servitude and dedicated itself to the ‘Panch Pran’ (five pledges), the nation is moving forward today with renewed self-confidence. It is striving wholeheartedly to realize these new resolutions.”

(Excerpt of the speech from the ramparts of the Red Fort on Independence Day 2023)



Energy Security: From Nuclear Power To the Solar Revolution

Calling energy security the need of the hour, PM Modi reiterated India's achievements and future resolve in nuclear, solar, gas and hydrogen energy...

- As we move towards the technologies of the future, the importance of energy continues to grow; it is now difficult to run the new world without energy.
- Whether it is chips, AI or data centres, we will need electricity in very large quantities. We have already taken a series of strong steps in this direction.
- By passing the SHANTI Act in Parliament, we have paved the way towards a target of 100 gigawatts of nuclear power by 2047.
- Within this decade, we have set a target of starting five new nuclear reactors. This year, Bharat mastered fast breeder nuclear technology.
- We have now opened up No-Go coastal area Area as a Go-Ahead Area, and decided to allocate ₹85,000 crore for Samudra Manthan to accelerate the work.
- Before 2014, only 70 cities had piped gas infrastructure. We have taken these to 700 cities.
- Before 2014, piped gas reached barely 20–22 lakh households; today, work is underway to provide piped gas to nearly 1.75 crore households.
- Twelve years ago, solar energy capacity was just 2 gigawatts; today we have achieved a capacity of 160 gigawatts.
- PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana crosses 50 lakh homes; thousands now have zero electricity bills and earn by selling surplus power, with ₹80,000 assistance per family.
- Railway electrification stood at 30% over 90 years; we achieved 70% completing it fully in just 10 years. That is what real work looks like.
- The country has started its first hydrogen-powered train, the longest and most powerful of its kind, and Bharat has made its mark in the field of hydrogen-powered trains in the world.

“The world is witnessing the resolve with which we have embarked on this journey, and it is looking to us with hope. It has begun to see where the capability to fulfill these aspirations truly lies.”

(Excerpt of the speech from the ramparts of the Red Fort on Independence Day 2022)

Picture from Independence Day 2022

Nagrik Devo Bhava: A Capable Bharat Amid Global Crises

From the COVID pandemic to the crisis in West Asia, PM Modi explained how Bharat's well-considered plans over 12 years kept the nation capable and self-reliant...

- A pandemic like COVID-19 had plunged the entire world into uncertainty and all systems had been thrown into turmoil, but as we emerged from COVID, the horrors of war began to make headlines.
- Whether in Ukraine or West Asia, there was an atmosphere of tension everywhere, and who knows what all the so-called forecasters had predicted. Some people derive satisfaction from frightening the country and keeping it fearful. Rumours were spread that vaccines would not be available, and that petrol, diesel and fertilisers would not be available.
- The country has seen that the well-considered plans of the past 10–12 years are bearing fruit; today the country has gas, petrol and urea.
- Despite such a massive crisis, Bharat, guided by the principle of Nagrik Devo Bhava.
- These crises have affected us too — the global price of a sack of urea reached Rs 3,000; even so, we give it to our farmers for just Rs 300.
- The global market price for DAP has reached Rs 5,000; we continue to supply it for Rs 1,350.
- Some people have engaged in the game of weaponizing resources — petrol, diesel, fertilizers, medicines, chips, and even territory itself.
- If we had not moved in the right direction for the past decade, guided by the mantra of self-reliance, we can imagine how we would have faced such challenges.
- There was a time when I was talking about self-reliance, and people sitting in air-conditioned chambers were asking what would happen to globalization.
- But the world is seeing that in the last decade it seems as if the world has stopped talking about globalization — the voices of globalization that used to come from have stopped, they cannot be heard.

“We must be second to none. This is the resolve of countless countrymen. However, a resolve remains incomplete unless it is backed by the utmost hard work and extraordinary valor.”

(Excerpt of the speech from the ramparts of the Red Fort on Independence Day 2021)

Picture from Independence Day 2021



The New Sapta Dhara Heralds New Momentum

From the ramparts of the Red Fort, PM Modi invoked a new Sapta Dhara of power before the nation, which will give Bharat the strength to fulfil the goals of a developed nation over the next 5-7 years...

- A quarter of the century has passed, and the next quarter is of immense importance to us, our pace cannot stop. Our direction has been decided, and we have to achieve it.
- We will have to change our work culture, we will have to change our thinking also, we will have to change the pace of our work also.
- The work which has not been done in the last 5-7 decades, we have to do that in the coming 5-7 years.
- Reform is neither a compulsion for us, nor a buzzword — this reform of ours is a conviction; we have embarked on the Reform Express.
- I would also like to remember that era when the potential of India was known as the Sapta Sindhu, and to make India developed we need Sapta Dhara.
- These seven strengths of Sapta Dhara are not merely about achieving progress in an individual sector — with a holistic approach, we have to work towards surpassing the scale of the goals of the nation.
- A nation does not consist of the government alone, a nation is made up of every citizen — why shouldn't 50 of the Fortune 500 companies be from Bharat within the next decade?
- We should have an Indian bank among the world's top five banks, and the names of one or two Indian pharmaceutical companies should resonate among the world's top five pharmaceutical companies.
- Law firms, rating agencies, consulting and accounting firms, and technology companies — Bharat should have global leadership, and we should build such brands that attract the world.

“These seven strengths of Sapt Dhara are not merely about achieving progress in individual sectors. With a holistic approach, we have to work towards surpassing the scale of the goals and ambitions that we have set for the nation.”

(Excerpt of the speech from the ramparts of the Red Fort on Independence Day 2020)

Picture from Independence Day 2020

Sapta Dhara



First strength

Manufacturing Power: we will have to meet global standards in terms of cost, quality and scale; our mantra should be quality, quality, quality. Our zero-defect precision manufacturing should become our hallmark.

Second strength

Agriculture and Food Production: from farm to export market, our millets, spices, fruits and flowers should become global brands.

Third strength

Technology and Innovation: we must become a hub of innovation, Bharat must lead in next-generation communication technologies, and Made-in-India 6G should reach every corner.

Fourth strength

Gati Shakti: we must focus on seamless and fast connectivity within the country — high-speed rail, modern highways, inland waterways, airports, and port-led development growth.

Fifth strength

Raksha Shakti (Defence Power): Bharat has now experienced, and the world has experienced, that there is no alternative to being self-reliant in defence; for this we must take leadership in next-generation defence technology, drones and counter-drones, and hypersonic defence.

Sixth strength

Green Economy and Blue Economy: green hydrogen, renewable energy, fisheries, coastal tourism. We must achieve green hydrogen, renewable energy, energy storage, green mobility and green manufacturing at a global scale. There are also tremendous opportunities in the blue economy, given our very long coastline.

Seventh strength

Bharat's Soft Power: Yoga, Ayurveda, Heal in India, films, animation, gaming, the WAVES Summit. The strength of Bharat's soft power is immense; today, yoga has connected the entire world with Bharat.

Global Trade and India's Growing Credibility

The world now recognises India's stable government and vibrant democracy; PM Modi emphasised new opportunities for MSMEs and exports through Free Trade Agreements...

- Today India's profile is rising significantly. India is becoming an accepted and respected country for the world.
- After 2014, we have been entering into Free Trade Agreements with nearly 40 countries, which is a huge opportunity.
- MSMEs should not miss this opportunity — we have to reach the world with our textiles, machinery and medicines; we have to cross global parameters, and we must offer products that are superior to what is currently available worldwide.
- There is a greater potential for our seafood to reach the world, and I would like us to take advantage of this situation as we move forward.
- Every product of India should reach the world market, whether it is our textile, our machinery, or our medicines we should not miss any opportunity.
- We have to offer products that are superior in quality and more affordable than what is available worldwide. Our textile sector, from Ludhiana in Punjab to Tiruppur in Tamil Nadu, has the potential to reach global markets.
- From Keralam to Gujarat and Tamil Nadu to Bengal, our fishermen brothers and sisters now have a much greater possibility of exporting shrimp because of this FTA.
- India has a stable government, a vibrant democracy, and a robust judicial system. India's Constitution provides direction to us all, and the world has now begun to recognize this strength of ours.

"I say this with pride: today, every Indian can speak of 'One Nation, One Constitution,' and we are dedicated to realizing Sardar Patel's dream of 'Ek Bharat-Shreshtha Bharat'."

(Excerpt of the speech from the ramparts of the Red Fort on Independence Day 2019)

Picture from Independence Day 2019

Youth Power and The Digital Revolution

From Startup India to AI skilling, PM Modi called the youth of the country, from the ramparts of the Red Fort, the greatest force and greatest beneficiary of Viksit Bharat...

- The youth have a very important role to play in the journey towards a Viksit Bharat; the greatest beneficiary of a Viksit Bharat will also be the youth.
- Under the Startup India initiative, there are now more than 2.5 lakh registered startups across the country. The Government has announced an Innovation Fund of Rs 1 lakh crore.
- Private startups in Bharat, led by young people with an average age of 28, launched their satellites and rockets, succeeding in their very first trial.
- One crore youth to be trained in AI skills over the next year, enabling them to lead in the global AI era.
- From 2004 to 2014, there were fewer than 350 universities; today, with 650 new universities added, we are approaching the figure of 1,000.
- Before 2014, there were only around 400 medical colleges; today, there are nearly 850 medical colleges.

Foreign universities are also now coming to Bharat.

- We have handed over more than 10,000 Atal Tinkering Labs to young children.
- Before 2014, Bioeconomy had a turnover of ₹60,000 crore; today, it has reached ₹20 lakh crore.
- In 2009–10, only 1.5 lakh electric vehicles were sold; in 2025–26, 25 lakh electric vehicles have been sold.
- We have achieved success in moving towards the manufacture of Made-in-India aircraft; the Made-in-India defence transport aircraft, the C295, has already completed a successful flight.
- The SVAMITVA Scheme through drones is being successfully implemented in villages; around 3.25 crore families have benefited from it.
- To ease the burden on middle-class families, we have decided to provide free online coaching for young people preparing for various examinations.

“There was a time when the world viewed India’s economy as high-risk. Today, those very same people and institutions state with great confidence that the reform momentum is strengthening our economic fundamentals.”

(Excerpt of the speech from the ramparts of the Red Fort on Independence Day 2018)

Picture from Independence Day 2018



A Sporting Bharat Blossoms A Drugs-Free Bharat

PM Modi called for preparations for the 2036 Olympics and the 2030 Commonwealth Games, alongside a call to keep the youth away from drug abuse...

- Those who play, flourish — the national anthem of Bharat is now being heard on sporting podiums, and the Tricolour can be seen fluttering proudly.
- The TOPS scheme, Khelo India Games, University Games, Winter Games, Beach Games, sports infrastructure, coaching for sports, sports medicine and sports nutrition — Bharat is moving forward towards achieving excellence in all these areas.
- We are moving forward as strong contenders to host the 2036 Olympics, and Bharat is also going to host the Commonwealth Games in 2030.
- In nearly two-thirds of the Olympics' 325–350 events, Bharat does not even participate; Bharat must focus on these areas, and for this we also want to launch a talent-hunt campaign.
- If we need athletes for 2036, a talent-hunt campaign will be conducted in villages, cities and schools across the country to identify sporting talent among children aged 5 to 15.
- Drug abuse is becoming a major crisis; a Nasha Mukta Bharat must be a collective responsibility for all of us.
- Social and cultural organisations and spiritual leaders of the country have come together to launch a 100-week programme for a Drugs-Free India. I want every family to become a part of this campaign.

“During the Battle of Kurukshetra, when Arjuna asked Shri Krishna numerous questions on the battlefield, Krishna told him that the outcome of an action corresponds to the state of one’s mind.”

(Excerpt of the speech from the ramparts of the Red Fort on Independence Day 2015)

Picture from Independence Day 2017

The End of Naxalism, The New Challenge of 'Mental Naxals'

PM Modi spoke of the success in ending four decades of Naxalism, while calling for identifying and isolating 'mental Naxals'...

- Naxalism and Maoism have destroyed the future of lakhs of young people; for four decades and more than 3,500 police and security personnel were martyred protecting ordinary citizens.
- When given the opportunity to serve in 2014, we resolved on that very day to free the country from Naxalism, and today Naxalite-Maoist violence may no longer even have the strength to take its final breath.
- In areas where Naxalites once fired their guns, where the land was once stained with blood, today, in those very Naxal-affected regions, the Tricolour of development, trust and endeavour is flying high because they have been freed from Naxalism.
- We have succeeded in eliminating armed Naxals from the forests and liberating the country from that menace. However, while the armed Naxals are gone, the mental Naxals remain, and they are on the lookout for an opportunity.
- They are looking for ways of violence and anarchy, resorting to various tactics to drag society onto the wrong path. We must identify these mental Naxals and isolate them. The country's youth must be aligned with the mainstream effort to build a developed nation.
- We must not underestimate this challenge; we need to be even more cautious. For years, individuals with a Maoist ideology had made their place in the corridors of power, even influencing policies.

"It is true that the country faces many challenges, but let us not forget that alongside these challenges, the nation possesses immense capability. When we harness that strength, we find pathways to solutions."

(Excerpt of the speech from the ramparts of the Red Fort on Independence Day 2016)

Picture from Independence Day 2016



A Secure, Capable Bharat's Defence Revolution

Amid the changing nature of warfare, PM Modi announced the modernisation of civil defence, alongside progress on Mission Sudarshan Chakra and defence exports...

- The nature of warfare is changing today; there is no longer a guarantee that conflict will be confined to the borders. Modern warfare can target refineries, the banking sector, or data centres — infrastructure and factories are being destroyed.
- I am announcing today from the Red Fort that, in the coming days, we will create a vibrant network of civil defence, and we will familiarize citizens with modern systems.
- We are going to create a huge voluntary force of civil defence to protect citizens from modern crises and overcome modern challenges.
- There is no alternative to being self-reliant in defence; we must develop next-generation defence technologies and become a global supplier.
- We must develop drones and counter-drone systems, and take leadership in hypersonic defence technologies. Cybersecurity is also becoming a concern for every household today, and we can harness the capabilities of our youth here too.
- We announced Mission Sudarshan Chakra some years ago, and work on it is progressing rapidly. Our defence exports have increased by almost 50 times, and our weapons are reaching about 100 countries. India's prestige on the global stage is gradually rising.

“Public participation is the greatest asset in a democracy. If we steer the nation with the involvement of its 1.25 billion citizens, the country will advance by 1.25 billion steps at every moment; that is why public participation has been emphasized through the concept of ‘Team India’.”

(Excerpt of the speech from the ramparts of the Red Fort on Independence Day 2015)

Picture from Independence Day 2015

Nari Shakti, Social Security & Call for Census Participation

From the achievements of daughters to women's reservation in Lok Sabha and State Assemblies and census participation, PM Modi called for every citizen's role in nation-building...

- Whether in fighter jets or civil aviation, STEM education or the armed forces, our daughters are at the forefront.
- I recently visited a semiconductor plant in Sanand, where tribal daughters from various corners of the country were working.
- They came from villages where people did not even know what a passport was; those daughters went abroad, got training, and today are working in chip manufacturing.
- We had set a target of making 3 crore sisters Lakhpati Didis and have already surpassed that goal; now we are moving towards 6 crore.
- We passed the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam in Parliament; I urge that our mothers and sisters secure 33% representation in the Legislative

Assemblies and the Lok Sabha.

- Before 2014, only 25 crore people had social security cover; within a decade, we have provided social security cover to 100 crore countrymen.
- Under Ayushman Bharat, even the elderly above 70 years of age are getting free medicines up to Rs 5 lakh; because of this, ₹2 lakh crore has been saved for families.
- I spoke of the Panch Pran from the Red Fort. These five pledges have given the nation immense strength to move forward with self-pride and the capability to surpass its goals. We have to keep eradicating the mentality of slavery every moment.
- The nation's interest must come before our own, and duty must define our identity. ●

**“My fellow countrymen,
trust my words; I assure you.
Let us abandon past sins and
the paths associated with
them; let us embrace the path
of goodwill and brotherhood,
and resolve to take the nation
forward. I am confident that
we can achieve this.”**

*(Excerpt of the speech from the ramparts of the
Red Fort on Independence Day 2014)*

Picture from Independence Day 2014



Partition Horrors Remembrance Day

A Firm Resolve to Uphold India's Unity, Integrity, and Peace

The pain of the country's partition can never be forgotten. Driven by hatred and violence, millions of people were displaced and even lost their lives. To honor the struggles and sacrifices of those individuals, it was decided to observe August 14 as 'Partition Horrors Remembrance Day.' This day inspires us to eradicate the poison of discrimination, animosity, and ill-will, while also strengthening human compassion...



NATION ENDURED THE TRAUMA OF PARTITION

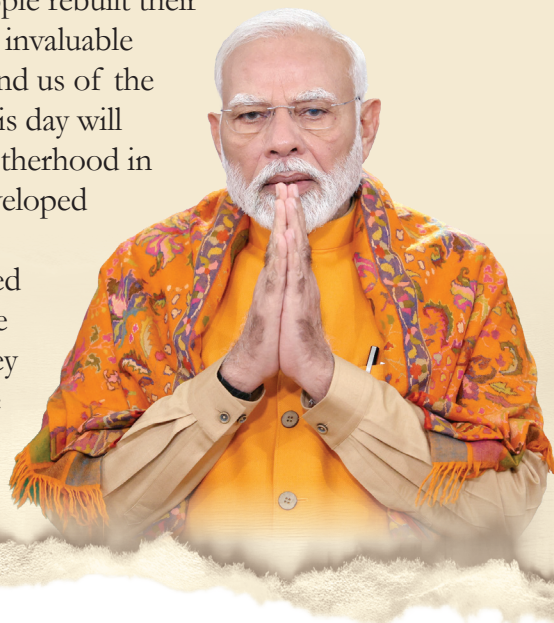
India gained independence from British rule on August 15, 1947. Independence Day, celebrated annually on August 15, is an occasion of joy and pride for any nation. However, alongside the sweetness of freedom, the country had to endure the trauma of Partition.

The newly independent India endured the violent agony of Partition, which left lasting scars of suffering on millions of Indians. Partition stands as one of the largest displacements in human history, affecting approximately 20 million people. Millions of families were forced to leave their ancestral villages, towns, or cities and compelled to start new lives as refugees.



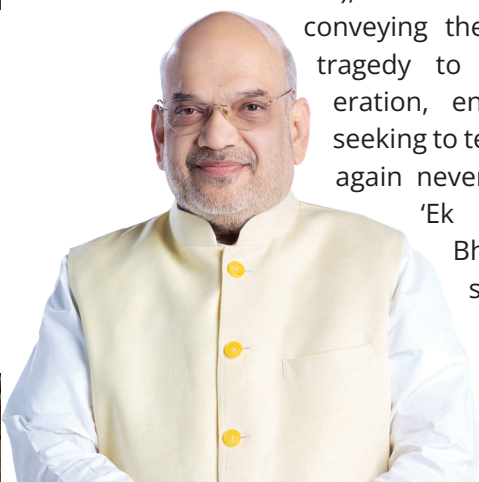
Heartfelt Salutations to All Fellow Citizens: PM Modi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi stated that we are observing 'Partition Horrors Remembrance Day'. We honor the courage of all those affected by the Partition. That moment in history shattered countless lives—families were uprooted, loved ones were lost, and people endured unbearable suffering. Yet, overcoming all this, people rebuilt their lives from scratch, turned adversity into success, and made invaluable contributions to the nation's progress. Their journeys remind us of the power of the human spirit to persevere. It is hoped that this day will further strengthen our resolve to uphold harmony and brotherhood in our country. Together, we will work towards building a developed India. On Partition Horrors Remembrance Day, I offer heartfelt salutations to all those fellow citizens who emerged from that horrific period and contributed immensely to the nation's progress. Through their courage and resilience, they demonstrated how one can realize their resolve even in the face of adverse circumstances. Let us further strengthen the national spirit of harmony and unity.



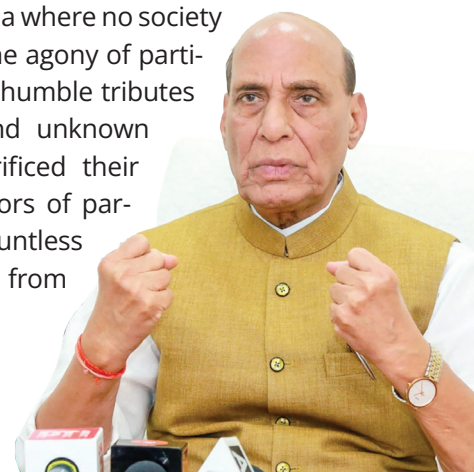
'EK BHARAT, SHRESHTHA BHARAT' MUST BE OUR ULTIMATE GOAL: AMIT SHAH

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah said that August 14, 1947, bears witness to one of history's most brutal chapters, during which millions of people lost their lives while enduring inhumane suffering. Crores of people were forced to leave behind their homes, properties, and loved ones, becoming displaced. History will never forget the agony caused by the country's partition. I respectfully pay tribute to all those who lost their lives in this tragedy and to those who struggled against the atrocities. Through the observance of 'Partition Horrors Remembrance Day' (Vibhajan Vibhishika Smriti Diwas), the Modi government is conveying the memories of this tragedy to the younger generation, ensuring that forces seeking to tear the country apart again never succeed, and that 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat' remains our supreme objective.



BUILDING A STRONG, HARMONIOUS, AND SENSITIVE INDIA IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY: RAJNATH SINGH

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh stated that 'Partition Horrors Remembrance Day' reminds us of the tragedy of India's partition, which plunged the lives of millions of families into deep sorrow, displacement, and uncertainty. It is not merely a painful chapter of history but also a testament to the struggle, courage, sacrifice, and resilience of countless individuals who, despite losing their homes, families, properties, and loved ones, resolved to rebuild their lives. This day reminds us that merely cherishing the memories of historical suffering is not enough; it is our responsibility to learn from them and build a strong, harmonious, and sensitive India where no society ever has to endure the agony of partition again. I offer my humble tributes to all the known and unknown individuals who sacrificed their lives during the horrors of partition, and to the countless families displaced from their homeland. ●





A New Leap for the Industrial Revolution Driven by a Favorable Environment

Development requires not just infrastructure but also a comprehensive industrial ecosystem and a favorable environment. Such an environment is being cultivated in Andhra Pradesh, which is why many major global companies are keen to invest in the state. Carrying this momentum of development forward, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stones for development projects in Andhra Pradesh worth over ₹ 17,900 crore...

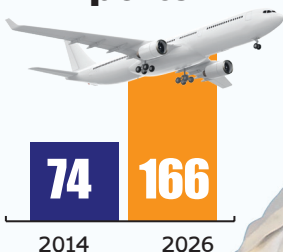


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Envisioning a major transformation in Andhra Pradesh's industrial sector, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the state would evolve into a robust manufacturing hub alongside its established identity in the software sector. This will create a new environment for employment and technology-driven industries in the future. Advancing the vision of a 'Golden Andhra Pradesh,' the Prime Minister inaugurated and laid the foundation stones for various development projects worth over ₹17,900 crore at Bhogapuram in Vizianagaram district on August 1st.

Paying tribute to the legendary tribal leader Alluri Sitarama Raju, Prime Minister Modi remarked that the new airport launched on this sacred soil serves as a vital runway for regional development and a powerful launchpad for the bright future of the youth. The Prime Minister announced the government's formal decision to name the new airport after the great freedom fighter Alluri Sitarama Raju. He expressed confidence that this memorable tribute would instill a deep sense of patriotism in every traveler passing through the airport. ●

Operational Airports



Key highlights regarding PM Modi's focus on Andhra Pradesh's development

- Railway projects worth approximately ₹1 lakh crore are currently underway.
- The entire rail network has been electrified, and over 70 railway stations are being modernized.
- He praised the global recognition earned by the state's youth in the software and technology sectors.
- There is a need to ensure the optimal utilization of young talent by providing them with opportunities within the country.
- The government's focus is now primarily on future-oriented, technology-driven industries, such as semiconductors.
- Citing Google's announcement of a massive \$15 billion campus, he noted that this is a clear indication of the growing interest among global investors in the state.
- Many other global companies see new possibilities here, which will greatly benefit the youth of the state and the country.
- The Central Government is extending support for the establishment of a massive pharma park at Nakkapalli.
- Investments exceeding ₹5 lakh crore have been attracted to the renewable energy sector in the Rayalaseema region.
- Projects worth ₹2 lakh crore have been launched in the state during PM Modi's last three visits alone.

The second phase of the 'Udan' scheme was recently launched with a major investment of ₹29,000 crore.

"Today, the country is continuously strengthening the blue economy. Our vision is to develop this entire region as a Coastal Economic Corridor. With this goal in mind, our existing ports—stretching from Visakhapatnam to Krishnapatnam—are being modernized. Additionally, we are constructing new ports at Mulapeta and Ramayapatnam."

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

Indian Youth Driving Global Progress

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 'Swami Vivekananda Cultural Youth Centre – Viveka Memorial' in Mysuru, Karnataka. Describing Swami Vivekananda as a bearer of India's consciousness, he remarked on this occasion that the country's youth are today imparting new momentum to global development. Building the India of Swami Vivekananda's dreams is a key responsibility of the current generation...

Reflecting on the deep spiritual roots he shares with the teachings of the Ramakrishna Mission, Prime Minister Narendra Modi recalled the immense influence the organization has had on his personal journey—from his early days to his current responsibilities. Celebrating the legacy of the newly constructed Swami Vivekananda Cultural Youth Centre—'Viveka Smarak'—Prime Minister Modi also paid tribute to the profound historical connections linking the great saint, local scholars like Kuvempu, and the city's intellectual heritage.

PM Modi recalled how, over 130 years ago, the then Maharaja of Mysuru recognized and assisted a young, wandering monk. It was a pivotal act of support that Swami Vivekananda later acknowledged with deep gratitude from America. Prime Minister Modi remarked, "In the true sense, he alone lives who lives for others. Guided by this very mantra, the Ashram has completed a glorious hundred years."

Comparing the subjugated state of Indian youth during Swami Vivekananda's era with their global influence today, Prime Minister Modi highlighted how Vivekananda regarded youth education as the cornerstone of nation-building. Indian youth, who were once shackled by the chains of servitude, are now propelling global development at an unprecedented pace.



The responsibility of realizing the vision of the India that Swami Vivekananda dreamt of rests with the current generation.

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

Steps for Youth: PM Modi Highlights..

- Over 14,000 PM SHRI Schools
- Over 10,000 Atal Tinkering Labs
- Increase in the number of IIMs and IITs
- MBBS medical seats reaching approx 1.40 lakh

The credit for transforming the country into the world's fastest-growing economy, the third-largest startup ecosystem, and the second-largest mobile manufacturing hub goes to the youth. Today, driven by the immense potential of its youth, India is scripting new, golden chapters of success in AI, deep tech, space technology, and innovation. Whether it is the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' campaign or 'Make in India,' the true driving force behind their ultimate success is the power of India's youth. ●



Union Cabinet Decisions

Approval for Guwahati-Tezpur Highway and GOBARdhan Scheme

To enhance connectivity in the North-East and strengthen the country's infrastructure, the Union Cabinet has approved the development of the 135.87 km long, four-lane Guwahati-Tezpur corridor in Assam. Also, the 'GOBARdhan' scheme has been approved to strengthen the energy sector and boost biogas production in India. These two decisions will not only accelerate connectivity in the North-East but also increase farmers' income and bolster energy security.

DECISION: Approval for GOBARdhan, a national integrated scheme for Compressed Biogas, with an outlay of ₹23,731 crore.

IMPACT: A historic national scheme to transform the country's organic resources into clean energy, rural prosperity, and economic growth. The scheme will be implemented from the financial year 2026-27 to 2035-36.

- An integrated framework to accelerate Compressed Biogas production through assured procurement, stable pricing, capital support, and pipeline connectivity.
- A nearly tenfold increase in domestic Compressed Biogas production and strengthening of the country's energy security.
- A major boost for farmers, rural entrepreneurs, private investment, 'waste-to-wealth' initiatives, and 'Atmanirbhar Bharat'.

DECISION: Cabinet has approved the construction of a 4-lane highway from Baihata Chariali (near Guwahati, Assam) to Tezpur along National Highway-15, excluding the 15.11 km Mangaldai bypass.

IMPACT: The project will approximately double average travel speeds, halve travel time, and improve overall road safety. It will reduce fuel consumption and vehicle operating costs, while boosting regional mobility and socio-economic development.

- The project includes provisions for the construction of 15 major bridges, 30 minor bridges, 19 flyovers, and an elephant underpass on the Tezpur bypass.
- A 135.87 km long highway will be constructed at a cost of ₹8,970.20 crore.
- A 4.9 km long emergency landing facility will be developed on the Tezpur bypass.
- It will seamlessly connect key economic, social, and logistics nodes in Assam and Arunachal Pradesh. ●



Scan the QR code to watch the press briefing on the Cabinet decisions.

FIFTY SEVENTH CONVOCATION

8th August, 2026



CHIEF GUEST

SHRI NARENDRA MODI



‘Youth’ Every decision taken in their interest

Given the diverse challenges facing the nation and the world today, our resolve has also strengthened. Whatever the youth do over the next 30–35 years of their lives will shape the journey toward a Viksit Bharat. That is why, at the IIT Delhi convocation, Prime Minister Narendra Modi urged students to ensure that the potential benefit to the nation forms the basis of every decision they make. Today, India is striving for economic, technological, and industrial self-reliance; it is upon this robust foundation that a magnificent and developed India must be built.

Highlighting the pivotal role of the youth in this journey toward a developed India, Prime Minister Modi stated that the strength of the nation is directly linked to the empowerment of its youth. With this vision, the government has opened up numerous sectors that were previously inaccessible to young people. Thanks to the government's progressive policies, new avenues are emerging for the youth across the country. At IIT Delhi's 57th convocation, PM Modi conferred the institute's most prestigious honours upon meritorious students. He also inaugurated 'Param Pragya', an AI-enabled, high-performance supercomputing facility estab-

PM Modi shared some practical life lessons with students...

- There is a vast difference between campus life and life outside the campus. IIT exams have a defined syllabus, but in the exam of life, everything is 'out of syllabus'.
- Recall how, in campus life, all concepts were clear and everything was pre-determined. But in life, there is neither a fixed course nor a set question paper. Often, no one even tells you what the real question is; you have to identify the question yourself.
- Every generation faces the challenges specific to its time. Every generation also has its own national responsibility. Our country has witnessed the era of servitude, when the only goal before that generation was India's

independence.

- When we set out to achieve major goals, we encounter a significant distraction: the tendency to compare ourselves with others. In today's age of social media, this comparison never ends.
- Remember, life is not a leaderboard; your real race is not against others, but against yourself. Strive to be better than you were yesterday.
- Today, the world's strategic equations are shifting rapidly. The global balance of power is changing by the moment. The driving force behind this is the speed of technology.

Those who learn will win. For those who have the courage to find new solutions to new challenges... those challenges will transform into opportunities.

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Maintain your curiosity in life; keep your learning instinct alive. Scrutinize things that are accepted without thought. Question them. But do not stop at merely asking questions; have the courage to find solutions as well. This mindset will carve out a unique identity for you.

*Narendra Modi,
Prime Minister*

lished at IIT Delhi's Sonapat campus. This facility is expected to significantly boost the institute's capabilities in artificial intelligence, data science, advanced computing, and interdisciplinary research.

Recalling his previous virtual address at the IIT Delhi convocation—where he discussed reforms in the space sector—Prime Minister Modi noted that

the sector was once almost entirely government-run. Today, however, that same space sector has become a realm of new opportunities for thousands of young people. Our youth are now building their own launch vehicles and launching rockets, achieving milestones that only a handful of nations worldwide have managed to reach. ●



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UPI services To Remain Free...



The Government of India has taken several significant steps to make digital payments more robust and transparent. With the passing of the Taxation and Other Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2026, the framework regarding UPI-related charges has become clear. UPI services will continue to be completely free for general consumers and person-to-person (P2P) transactions. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman clarified that the Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) on digital transactions applies to merchants, not customers. MDR charges will assist banks and fintech companies in investing more in infrastructure and security...

Parliament has passed the Taxation and Other Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2026. In Parliament, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman clarified that this legislation does not impose any tax on UPI and that the digital payment system will remain free for consumers. She further stated that the amendment concerning UPI is merely a necessary provision and does not, in itself, levy any tax or transaction charge on users. The government has clarified that there is no intention to impose MDR on small merchants, as they are essential for the inclusive growth of UPI.

Key facts about UPI...

- Since its launch in 2016-17, the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) has transformed India's digital economy into one of the world's most inclusive and dynamic payment systems.
- UPI is the world's fastest-growing payment system; in July 2026 alone, 2,366 crore transactions worth ₹29.9 lakh crore were recorded.
- UPI is now linked with and accepted in 12 countries. The government is continuously promoting UPI at the international level.



The Government of India has explicitly announced that...

- **Free for users:** Paying consumers will not be charged any fees for transactions.
- **Free P2P transactions:** All person-to-person transactions will remain free.
- **Nominal MDR for merchants:** If an MDR (Merchant Discount Rate) charge is applied, it will be at a nominal rate—significantly lower than that for debit or credit cards—and will apply only to a limited number of merchant transactions exceeding a certain threshold.
- Most merchant transactions via UPI will remain free. Small shopkeepers and kirana stores do not have to pay MDR for accepting UPI payments.
- Following the passage of the Taxation and Other Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2026 by Parliament—which proposes an amendment to Section 10A of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007—the "UPI and Service Operations Committee," chaired by the NPCI, will decide on the MDR (if applicable). ●

Developed India Vision

Sound Physical and Mental Health

To achieve the goal of a Developed India, it is imperative to have a young generation that is physically healthy, mentally strong, and full of self-confidence. That is why Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the 'Nasha Mukh Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan' on August 2nd...



If a young person has inadvertently fallen prey to substance abuse, it certainly does not mean that all avenues are closed to them! If a child in the family has become a victim of addiction... do not hide it under the guise of social prestige. Seek the necessary support. Make an effort to help your child break free from addiction through medical assistance. We must also foster a culture of open dialogue with children within the family... so that you can hold their hand before they get caught in such a situation.

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



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

This campaign is not limited merely to individual health; it serves the broader interests of the family, society, and the entire nation. That is why Prime Minister Narendra Modi termed this campaign a significant resolve and addressed over 1 crore youths connected from more than 28,000 locations across the country. The Prime Minister stated that as the nation sets its sights on the goal of a 'Viksit Bharat', it is essential for the country's youth to remain physically and mentally healthy.

The youth should be brimming with self-confidence and steer clear of destructive habits like substance abuse. PM Modi remarked, "Under the 'Kashi Declaration,' with the support of over 125 spiritual organizations and numerous NGOs, this welfare-oriented initiative has now successfully evolved into a national project." Outlining the campaign's ambitious 100-week roadmap, the Prime Minister said, "The upcoming 100 Sundays will prove to be 100 strong steps towards a drug-free India. Staying free from addiction is vital for the country's future and for one's own life."

Key points from PM Modi's address...

- The fleeting pleasure derived from narcotics ultimately leads to the ruin of one's career and family life.
- Substance abuse must not receive social acceptance under any circumstances.
- Social support, yoga, meditation, and modern rehabilitation centers play a crucial role in overcoming addiction.
- Foster a culture of open dialogue within the family to protect vulnerable children from falling into this trap.
- Educators should incorporate discussions on the dangers of substance abuse into the regular curriculum.
- Young people who overcome addiction are not weak; they are true warriors. ●

Prime Minister Modi's interaction with Commonwealth Games medalists

A Mantra Of Inspiration For The Future Generation...

Displaying a magnificent performance at the Commonwealth Games held in Glasgow, Scotland, India won a total of 39 medals—comprising 13 gold, 9 bronze, and 17 silver.

On August 10, Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted with the Commonwealth Games champions and congratulated them for bringing glory to the nation. During the interaction, PM Modi held detailed discussions on the transformation in Indian sports, the athletes' achievements, the nurturing of sporting talent at the grassroots level, and the development of a widespread sports culture in the country.



HOSTING ATHLETES: A REGULAR TRADITION

Hosting national athletes at his official residence has been a regular and cherished tradition throughout Prime Minister Narendra Modi's tenure of nearly 12 years. While interacting with the athletes, he remarked that the dedicated efforts and consistent successes of Indian athletes in securing victories for the country serve as a far more effective source of inspiration for school students.

TRIBUTE TO THE BRAVE SONS OF THE NATION

PM Modi praised the patriotism of the Indian Army athlete who defeated their Pakistani opponents 5-0 on Kargil Vijay Diwas. The athlete dedicated their victory to the heroes of the Indian Army and said that such unmatched national pride adds extraordinary luster to athletic victories. He also shared a lighthearted moment with an athlete, recounting a humorous anecdote about his Army coach Narendra Rana and their common name, 'Narendra'. PM



When tears welled up in Mirabai Chanu's eyes

Standing on the podium, listening to the national anthem, and then shedding tears of joy—gold medalist Mirabai Chanu shared the story of that emotional moment at the Commonwealth Games when she could not hold back her tears. PM Modi told her, “You have brought great pride to the nation. Seeing the tears falling, it felt as though a gold medal was dripping from every single drop.”

Modi said, “You have not only increased the number of medals; you have prepared a generation.”

THOSE WHO PLAY WILL FLOURISH

In his conversation with the athletes, PM Modi said that the sports system is one thing, but the country's athletes win medals only when a sports culture is created in the country. Friends, you have done a great job. You have brought glory to the country. I congratulate you. Believe me, you will continue to be victorious, and we will meet here again.

HAVE YOU MET MODI?

One player said in an interview that when we would discuss it in our friend circle, I would say, ‘This is for your own good; you should do it.’ Then our friends would ask, ‘Have you met Modi, Why should we listen to you?’ The player replied, ‘I met you today, sir. Now I can tell them, ‘Yes, I met Modi.’ ●



Medal Tally



Total **39**



It was a pleasure to host our magnificent Commonwealth Games 2026 medal winners at 7, Lok Kalyan Marg. I listened to their experiences during the games. They have all brought honor to the country with their outstanding performances. Their success will inspire many young people.

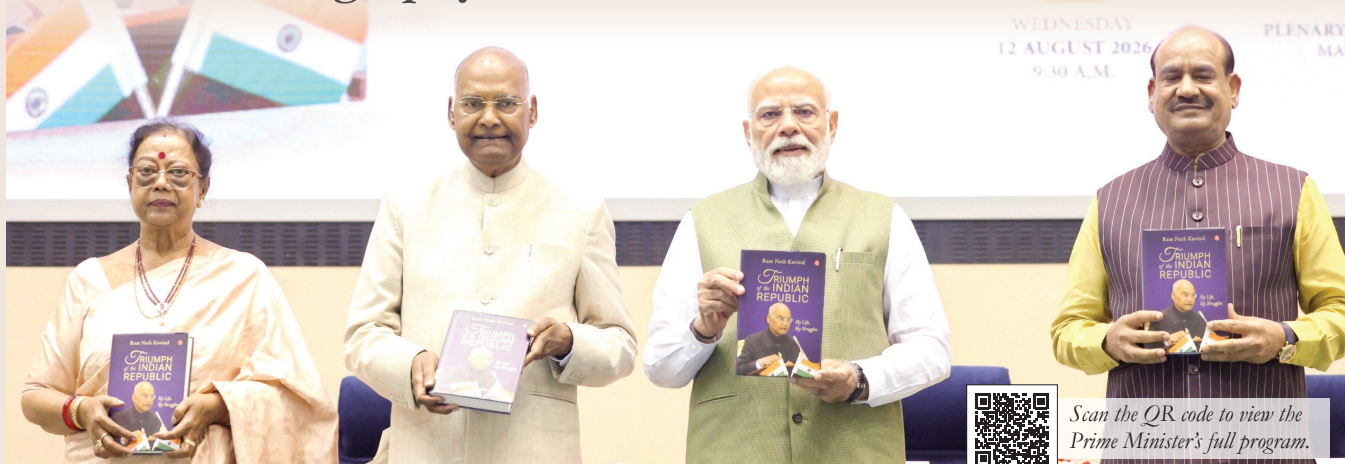
Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



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A Legacy for Indian Democracy and Society

The Autobiography of Former President Ram Nath Kovind



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When a person possesses a generous heart and is rooted in Indian values, he does not waste time finding fault with society; instead, he focuses on its positive aspects and views society as an equal partner in their success. Former President Ram Nath Kovind embodies this spirit. That is why, at the launch of his autobiography, Prime Minister Narendra Modi described the book as a legacy for Indian democracy and society.

One summer, a fire broke out at the former President's home. His mother, setting aside concerns for her own safety, tried to save the household belongings; in that very attempt, she became trapped in the flames and lost her life. Losing one's mother in such a manner at a tender age must have been deeply painful. While such an event could have shattered anyone, these circumstances only made the former President stronger. A mother from the neighborhood helped raise him. Through this experience, he came to understand the power of social unity and harmony. Prime Minister Narendra Modi shared this story about former President Ram Nath Kovind during the book launch. He urged the nation's new generation to read the former President's life journey in his own words to engage with his writings and experiences.

Prime Minister Modi remarked that the book has been given a very apt title—"Triumph of the Indian Republic: My Life, My Struggles." The underlying sentiment is that while the life lived and the struggles faced were personal to him, the triumph resulting from

those struggles belongs to the Indian Republic. PM Modi said, "I have known Kovind-ji for a very long time and have had the opportunity to know him closely. His guidance as President, along with his special affection and warmth towards me, has been a tremendous asset to me. Having understood his life and recognized his capabilities, I can say with full confidence that Ram Nath Kovind-ji's autobiography will become a legacy in itself for Indian democracy and society."

PM Modi urged the younger generation... noting that this is the era of 'Reels' and social media influencers who often draw people in various directions. He emphasized that even in this age of shortcuts, one must remember a crucial lesson: just as some people at railway stations habitually jump onto the tracks instead of using the footbridge—where signs warn that "a shortcut will cut you short"—young people should also be mindful of the path they choose. He encouraged the youth to read the autobiographies of figures they admire, noting that such books offer a unique perspective on historical events from those specific eras. ●



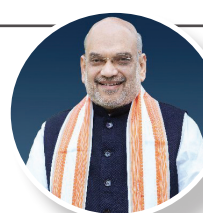
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सहकारिता के माध्यम से ग्रामीण अर्थव्यवस्था को मजबूत करने की दिशा में आज अलवर में ₹200 करोड़ की लागत से प्रतिदिन 3 लाख लीटर दूध के प्रसंस्करण की क्षमता से युक्त 'अलवर सरस डेयरी' के नवीन प्लांट का ई-शिलान्यास किया। साथ ही, ₹274 करोड़ की लागत से सरस डेयरी से सम्बंधित चार अन्य परियोजनाओं का ई-लोकारंभ भी किया।

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PUSHES FOR SELF-RELIANCE, ENERGY SECURITY, TECH PROWESS; BONANZA FOR YOUTH

PM offers 7-step plan for Viksit Bharat

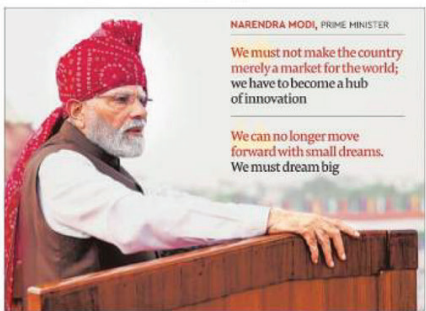
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New Delhi, August 15

PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI on Saturday unveiled a trove of promises for India's youth, offered more support for the unorganised sector and startups and reaffirmed the government's commitment to making India a developed country by 2047. Addressing the nation from Red Fort on the 80th Independence Day, Modi elaborated on his government's accomplishments, while promising faster economic reforms to strengthen the manufacturing sector, achieve scale and foster greater self-reliance on multiple fronts. He laid emphasis on energy security, especially in light of recent threats from external factors.

Acknowledging that coaching for competitive exams has become "a huge burden for middle-class families," he said the government will provide free online coaching for various examinations to the youth. "We have digital public infrastructure, highly talented teachers and educators. By bringing these resources together, we will provide free coaching to the country's young people and build an entire network for this purpose," he said.

He also announced a new scheme to train 10 million young people in artificial intelligence skills to equip them with the skills necessary to "lead in the world of AI".

Modi highlighted that semiconductors, AI, quantum technology, space, robotics and data centres would drive the economy in the future, adding



PM Narendra Modi addresses the nation from Red Fort on 80th Independence Day on Saturday

NARENDRA MODI, PRIME MINISTER

We must not make the country merely a market for the world; we have to become a hub of innovation

We can no longer move forward with small dreams. We must dream big

that India should not become merely a market for new technologies but an 'innovation hub'. While three semiconductor manufacturing units are operational in the country, he said another 5-8 semiconductor plants are expected to be set up in the next 7-8 years.

Modi's 13th straight 1-day speech included a decisive response to the disaffection

among the country's youth against the backdrop of ongoing protests over exam paper leaks, and the flap in the national capital which led to the education minister's resignation. The PM mentioned the word 'youth' 21 times in his 75-minute speech and referred to the 'youth' 23 times.

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Sapta Dhara framework



President calls youth valuable asset, bats for exam reforms

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR (President) said that India is a "completely new country" and that the youth are its "most valuable asset". He said the government must ensure that the youth are not "wasted" and that they are given "opportunities" to "grow" and "develop". He said the government must ensure that the youth are not "wasted" and that they are given "opportunities" to "grow" and "develop".

KRITI AMBNEY
New Delhi, 16 August

Resolving domestic policy bottlenecks and creating a more predictable investment environment through land reforms and ease of doing business will be critical to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's push for next-generation reforms, economists said.

In his Independence Day address on Saturday, Modi identified 'Sapta Dhara', or seven streams of strength — ranging from manufacturing, agriculture and infrastructure to soft power and global influence — that would drive the country's economic transformation. "We are going to move aggressively towards the next-level reform in the coming days," Modi said.

The Sapta Dhara spans near, medium and long-term reform priorities for India's Viksit Bharat vision for 2047, said Madras School of Economics Director and economist NR Bhanumathy.

"The road ahead needs more micro reforms than macro reforms, and one such



PM NARENDRA MODI IN HIS 80th SPEECH IDENTIFIED SEVEN STREAMS OF STRENGTH TO DRIVE INDIA'S NEXT ECONOMIC CHANGE

area is easing land acquisition by addressing the gap in land records," Bhanumathy said. "That is the reason why a few states, particularly in the west and the south, are doing better in the manufacturing sector compared to those in the north and east," he added.

Land reforms assume greater significance amid the government's aim of increasing manufacturing's share of gross domestic product (GDP) to 25 per cent by 2035 from around 16-17 per cent currently. India would be better

served by looking inward and addressing long-standing policy bottlenecks such as land acquisition and ease of doing business, especially amid external uncertainties," said Cissil Chief Economist DK Joshi.

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NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and senior BJP leaders paid tributes to former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee on his death anniversary, emphasising his unparalleled role in India's progress. The leaders visited Vajpayee's memorial, 'Sadai Atal', located on the banks of the Yamuna in the national capital, to pay their floral tributes. Union home minister Amit Shah unveiled a statue of Vajpayee in the Chittorgarh district of Rajasthan. The Delhi government launched 25 new 'Atal Centres' to provide hygienic, subsidised meals to low-income families. Vajpayee, the first BJP leader to become prime minister, was born on December 25, 1924, in Gwalior and died on August 16, 2018, in New Delhi. Modi described Vajpayee as an extraordinary statesman with remarkable vision who dedicated his life to serving the nation. "Remembering Atalji on his 'punya' title," an extraordinary statesman blessed with remarkable vision, he dedicated his life to the service of our nation," Modi said. He added that Vajpayee's words and efforts inspired generations and that his leadership significantly strengthened the country. "His focus on good governance and public welfare will always continue to guide us," he said. — PTI

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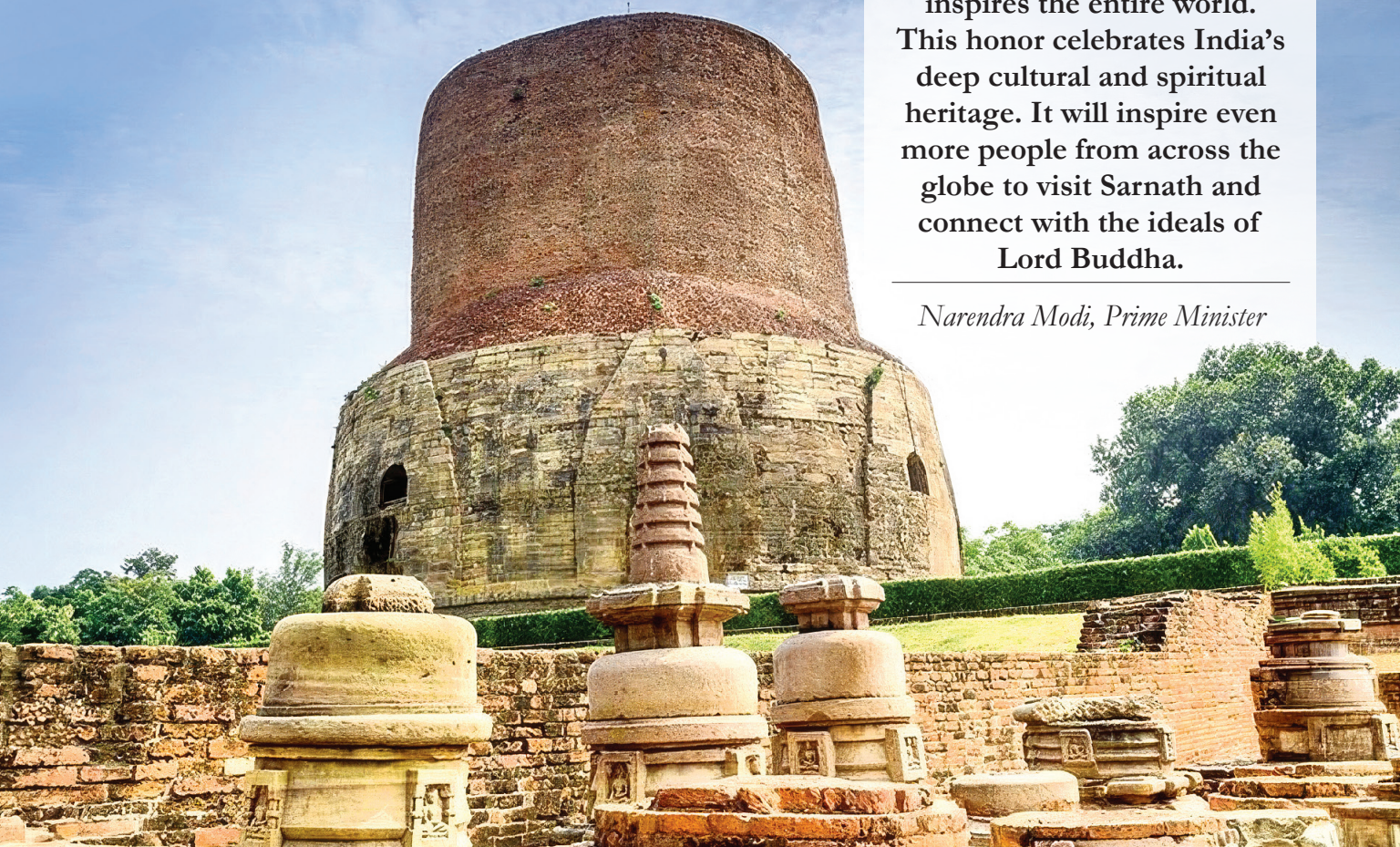
During the 48th session of the World Heritage Committee held in Busan, South Korea, India's “Ancient Buddhist Site of Sarnath” was inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List for the 2025-26 cycle. This marks India's 45th site to be included in the World Heritage List. This global honor showcases India's diverse traditions of cultural heritage, architectural excellence, regional identity, and historical continuity...

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