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**REFLECTING PEOPLE'S
ASPIRATIONS OF NEW INDIA**



The election of Droupadi Murmu as President sets a new benchmark in India's development journey which envisages not only women's empowerment but also women-led development with the motive of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, and Sabka Prayas

“OUR YOUTH ARE MAKING THE COUNTRY PROUD IN EVERY FIELD”



In the popular "Mann Ki Baat" programme just before the completion of 75 years of India's independence, Prime Minister Narendra Modi made the people feel the days of freedom struggle, along with moving towards self-reliance in the fields of toys and the country's distinct identity in the world of sports. He also talked about the importance of fairs in the culture of India and Amrit Mahotsav becoming a mass movement. Here are excerpts from "Mann Ki Baat":

- **Self-reliant Toy Sector:** Thanks to our start-up entrepreneurs, because of whom our toy industry has achieved the success that no one could have imagined today. Toys worth more than Rs 3000 crore used to be imported from abroad; today, our imports have been reduced by 70%. Today, India has exported toys worth more than Rs 2600 crore to foreign countries. Let us all work together to make Indian toys more popular all over the world.
- **A Start-up named Shumme Toys:** A start-up named Shumme Toys in Bengaluru is focusing on eco-friendly toys. Arkidzoo Company in Gujarat is producing AR-based Flash Cards and AR-based Storybooks. Funvention, a Pune-based company, is dedicated to piquing children's interest in Science, Technology, and Math through learning, toys, and activity puzzles.
- **Indian pride in sports:** Today, our youth are making the country proud in every field. PV Sindhu won her maiden title at the Singapore Open. Neeraj Chopra won silver for India in the World Athletics Championships. Our players took home 11 medals at the Ireland Para Badminton International. Our athlete Suraj has done wonders in the Greco-Roman event. He has won the Gold Medal in wrestling in this event after a long gap of 32 years.
- **Importance of Indian Fairs:** Fairs play an important role in our culture. If you are visiting Himachal, you must see the "Minjar Mela" in Chamba. The Saralamma Jatara Mela is celebrated in honour of two tribal female warriors—Samakka and Saralamma. This fair is called the Maha Kumbh of Telangana. Many fairs like Maridamma fair in Andhra Pradesh, Siawa fair in Rajasthan, Mavli fair in Narayanpur in Chhattisgarh, Tarnetar and Madhopur in Gujarat are also famous.
- **AYUSH emerging as a new hope:** AYUSH has played a significant role in the global fight against Covid. AYUSH exports have increased significantly, and many new start-ups are emerging in this sector. A Global AYUSH Investment and Innovation Summit was recently held, and investment proposals worth approximately Rs 10,000 crore were received. Since the pandemic, there has also been an increase in research on medicinal plants.
- **Amrit Mahotsav became a mass movement:** The Amrit Mahotsav of Independence is taking the form of a mass movement. Tribute to Shaheed Udham Singh and other freedom fighters who laid down their lives for the country. People in Meghalaya remembered the contribution of U. Tirot Singh in the freedom struggle through a popular carnival. A unique campaign in Karnataka called Amrita Bharathi Kannadaarathi paid tribute to the freedom fighters of the region.



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Greetings!

While India is celebrating Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the election of a woman from the tribal community to the highest constitutional post of the country serves as a strong example of social transformation and the steadfast resolve of the new India. Every aspect of the life of Droupadi Murmu, who rose from a humble background to become the President of India, will forever inspire and influence the generations to come. Her rise from the rank and file to become President from the Councilor of a ward underscores that she crossed every hurdle to assume highest constitutional post.

Her metamorphic rise underpins the greatness of India and the power of democracy that a daughter born in a poor house, a daughter born in a far-flung tribal area, can reach the highest constitutional post of India. President Murmu also acknowledged in her maiden address, "Reaching the post of President is not my personal achievement, it is the achievement of every poor in India. My election is proof that the poor in India can dream and make their dreams come true. It is a matter of great satisfaction for me that those who have been deprived for centuries, who have been away from the benefits of development, the poor, the downtrodden, the backward and the tribals can see their reflection in me."

The tribal communities of India have made unforgettable contributions and sacrifices in the freedom movement. But for a long period post-Independence, no government took concrete steps for the development and upliftment of tribal communities. No efforts were made to bring them to the national mainstream by ensuring their social and economic growth, while they also remained devoid of proper political representation. But now the progress of the tribal communities as well as every section of the society with all-inclusive thinking of development is preparing the new legacy of New India. The government approach is very wide and envisages not only women's empowerment but going a step further to promote women-led development. The election of Droupadi Murmu is a point in a case that when the opportunity came to choose the new President of the country under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, then he reposed faith in a woman President.

Be it women empowerment or social justice, for Prime Minister Modi it means providing equal opportunities to every section of the society, no one should be deprived of the basic necessities of life.

The real yardstick of development is when its benefit reaches Dalits, Backward, Adivasis, Women, and Divyang. As India marches to fast development how the election of President Droupadi Murmu serves as a triumph for the unrelenting resolve of Prime Minister Modi to make a better India is the cover story of this edition.

Also in this edition read stories on India's dedicated service to humanity in the backdrop of World Humanitarian Day, special features on Bharat Ratna awardees Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Pranab Mukherjee, Fit India, and India's preparation for Commonwealth Games. In the Amrit Mahotsav series read inspirational biographies of our freedom fighters. The feature story on poetess Subhadra Kumari Chauhan in the personality section will leave an indelible mark on readers.

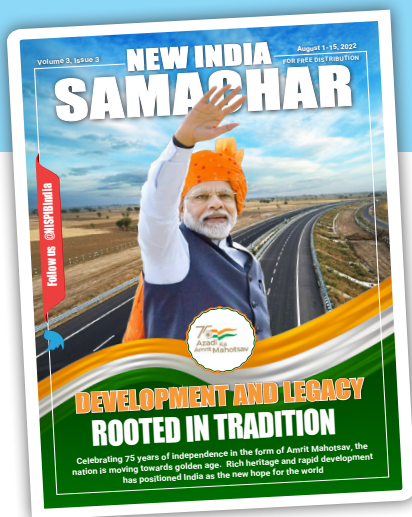
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I've been reading the fortnightly magazine New India Samachar, and I'm glad it includes motivational stories about India's freedom fighters as well as useful information about government schemes. I make it known in my community that the information we get about government schemes from New India News is extremely useful to me.



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It gives me great pleasure to express my opinions on New India Samachar. Certainly, there are many articles about development to read in this magazine. At the same time, it is a way to learn about our country's plans and programmes to improve the future. New India Samachar has improved our understanding of India's development trajectory. This magazine is beneficial to both teachers and students.



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The Government of India, under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is celebrating the 75th year of independence as 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' with the participation of 130 crore countrymen. The 'Amrit Yatra' has been given the name of 'Amrit Kaal' for the next 25 years. We were elated to read about it in the latest edition of 'New India Samachar'. The way Modi Ji is shaping the India of tomorrow with new initiatives and programs we will emerge as a top nation in the next 25 years when we celebrate the centenary year of independence in 2047.



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NEW INDIA RESOLUTION **NEW INDIA SAMACHAR** ENTERS THE THIRD YEAR...

On this auspicious occasion of Amrit Mahotsav year of Independence, the magazine, which began with the resolve of New India, is entering its third year. Two years ago, with the issue of August 16–31, we first reached out to readers. It was unthinkable at the time that this small effort to bring forth the meaning and reality of contemporary subjects without actually adding or subtracting anything would become the resolve of the new India and all its partners.

In just two years, you have shown great affection for this magazine and given a new identity to the efforts of 'New India Samachar' by being committed to the nation.

Along with the nation, it is a source of pride for all of us that India's effort, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is dedicated to the 'Golden India,' as the name suggests. This fortnightly magazine is available in 13 languages, including Hindi-English, and each issue contains accurate details of the central government's schemes, good results of social sector schemes, important cabinet decisions, a cover story on a topic related to the fortnight, and various activities of the central government. This magazine is free to all Gram Panchayats, Panchayat Samitis, Zila Parishad offices, MLAs, MPs, journalists, and young leaders in the country who are preparing for competitive exams.

Every copy of this fortnightly magazine is available on the website at <https://newindiasamachar.pib.gov.in/>. This magazine has established its own identity not only in the country but also internationally, both digitally and in print. Here's a look at 'New India Samachar's' journey...





STARTUPS CREATED 7.46 LAKH JOBS IN 6 YEARS

India is the country with the third largest startup ecosystem in the world. The number of startups and unicorns becoming the backbone of a self-reliant and new India has grown very rapidly in the last 6 years. The Startup India Initiative was launched from August 3, 2016, and till August 3, 2022, over 75,000 startups in the country were recognized. 49 percent of these startups are from Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities. These startups have created 7.46 lakh jobs and are growing at a rate of 110 percent per year.

Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal has described this achievement

as a milestone in the fortnight of completion of 75 years of Independence during the Amrit Mahotsav of Independence. The initial 10,000 start-ups were recognised in 808 days, whereas now 10,000 start-ups are recognised in just 156 days. As a result, more than 80 start-ups are recognised every day, the highest rate in the world. Only 471 startups were started in the year 2016, while 20,160 startups were started in 2021. In the first 8 months of 2022, more than 14,300 startups have been recognized. The number of unicorns in the country has reached 103. A new unicorn is formed every 10th day.

DRONES, BULLETPROOF JACKETS, FAST PATROL VESSELS PROCUREMENT APPROVED FOR ARMED FORCES

With an eye on strengthening vigil and security along the border including Pakistan, and China, the Defence Acquisition Council on July 26 approved a proposal to purchase arms and other defence products worth Rs 28,732 crore. The meeting, chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, approved the procurement of drones, bulletproof jackets, and infantry command vehicles, in addition to fast patrol vessels for enhancing maritime security. Guided Extended Range Rocket Ammunition to be procured has the capability to strike at a speed of 75 kilometers per second at an accuracy of 40 meters. At the same time, the

Infantry Combat Vehicle – is equipped with the technology to gather and communicate real-time information to the commanders. Bulletproof jackets with Indian Standard BIS VI level protection for protection from enemy snipers in combat operations and 4 lakh Close Quarter Battle Carbines have also been approved for procurement.

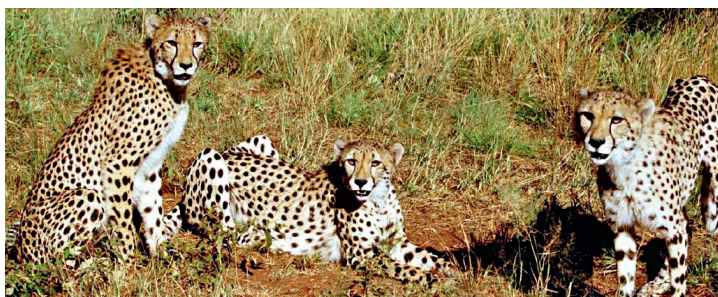
ABOUT 9.55 LAKH APPLICATIONS FOR INDIAN NAVY AGNIVEER

By adopting the motto of “Har Kaam Desh Ke Naam” to serve the nation and become Agniveers in the Navy, 9.55 lakh youth have applied till the registration process got over. This includes more than 80 thousand girls and 8 lakh 75 thousand boys. The Indian Navy started the recruitment process under the Agnipath scheme on 1 July. The Navy plans to induct around 3,000 personnel this year under the Agnipath scheme. About 7.50 lakh applications were received for becoming Agniveer in the Indian Air Force. Similarly, the process of recruitment rallies as Agniveers in the army has started in different states. Under the Agneepath scheme, 25% of the selected candidates will be inducted for regular service.

RASHTRIYA PURASKAR PORTAL LAUNCHED

The government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is ensuring good governance with transparency and public participation. Rashtriya Puraskar Portal (<https://awards.gov.in>) has been launched to ensure that the information about the awards should reach everyone, there should be transparency from application to award process. For the first time in the history of India, information about all National Awards will be available to the public on a single digital platform including their eligibility criteria, selection process, and past award winners. Not only will you be able to nominate for various awards on this platform-<https://awards.gov.in>, but the rest of the information will also be easily available here. The awards announced by the Ministries, Departments, and Agencies for outstanding performance and selfless service in their respective fields have been brought under one platform. It facilitates every citizen to nominate individuals or organizations for various awards on the portal.

EXTINCT CHEETAHS WILL BE SEEN AGAIN, INDIA SIGNS AGREEMENT WITH NAMIBIA



The cheetah, a magnificent member of the cat family declared extinct in India nearly seven decades ago, will once again be roaring on Indian soil. The first batch of cheetahs can reach India on the occasion of the completion of 75 years of independence. The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, Government of India has signed an agreement with the Government of Namibia for this. According to this agreement, Namibia will give Cheetahs to India. Bringing the Cheetahs back will make India the only country with five species of big cats: tiger, lion, leopard, snow leopard, and cheetah. Environment and Climate Change Minister Bhupender Yadav himself gave this information through social media. According to this agreement, both the countries will work together for biodiversity conservation as well as cheetah conservation. These Cheetahs will be kept in special enclosures prepared at Kuno-Palpur National Park in Sheopur, Madhya Pradesh. One of the Government's motives behind reintroducing Cheetahs is to develop environmental balance in terms of biodiversity.

'SWARAJ- BHARAT KE SWATANTRATA SANGRAM KI SAMAGRA GATHA' STARTS ON DOORDARSHAN

As part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, a new serial 'Swaraj- Bharat Ke Swatantrata Sangram ki Samagra Gatha' is on air from August 14 and will run for 75 weeks. It will be broadcasted every



Sunday from 9 to 10 pm on Doordarshan. It will be broadcasted in 9 regional languages including English from August 20. Swaraj was screened and launched on August 5 by Union Home and

Cooperation Minister Amit Shah and Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur. The

Union Home Minister said during the event, "Those who ruled us for years did the work of creating inferiority complex in the public mind. The objective of the 'Swaraj' serial should be to uproot these inferiority complexes, this will be the biggest achievement of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav." Union Minister Anurag Thakur said, 'Who can know the price of Swaraj more than us? This TV serial will introduce coming generations to the freedom movement and the contribution of its unsung heroes, starting with the arrival of Vasco-da-Gama to India in 1498.' ■



Born: December 25, 1924, Died: August 16, 2018

THE “ATAL RATNA” OF GOOD GOVERNANCE

When Atal Bihari Vajpayee became Prime Minister in a coalition government in 1998, he resolved to establish "Good Governance," which had been compromised in the past. Taking decisions in the national and public interest in the spirit of "nation-first" added to the resolution's significance. On

December 25, the birthday of Atal ji, who is synonymous with "good governance," Prime Minister Narendra Modi not only declared "Good Governance Day," but also adopted the mantra of "minimum government, maximum governance." He is giving irresistible strength to "good governance" through the use of technology, transparent governance, and the abolition of laws that impede the ease of doing business and living.

India First was motto of his life. Pokharan was vital to the country, so he was unconcerned about sanctions and criticism. He had the courage and conviction to make risky decisions because his heart was first and foremost for his country. Vajpayee lived in the hearts of millions. His name had become synonymous with "good governance." The 16th of August marks the fourth anniversary of his death. Every visitor to the 'Sadaiva Atal' memorial site remembers him for: during his tenure, the country received a new telecom policy, three new states, the Chalo School Chale Hum Abhiyan, the Atyodaya Anna Yojana, and the Prime Minister's Grameen Sadak Yojna.

The death of Atal Ji was announced on August 16, 2018 at 5:05 a.m. by AIIMS, Delhi. Prime Minister Narendra Modi led the last journey of Atal Ji, who lived in the minds of Indians. The more respect and height Atal Ji got, the more he got attached to the ground. It was Atal ji who said, "O Lord! Don't ever give me this height. I can't hug people or give them such a warm feeling."

Prime Minister Narendra Modi says good governance is the key to progress. The country will remain indebted to Atal Bihari Vajpayee for bringing good governance to the mainstream. Under Prime Minister Modi good governance has been promoted through these steps...

ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE STARTED PEOPLE-CENTRIC SCHEMES

The concept of good governance has been around for a long time, but it was seriously worked on in India by Atal Bihari Vajpayee during his reign. Know about some...

- **Golden Quadrilateral Scheme:** Launched in 2001, it is India's largest and the world's 5th largest highway project. This scheme was completed in 2012, on which about 60 thousand crore rupees were spent.
- **Kisan Credit Card:** Introduced in 1998, loans are available at cheap interest rates, and personal accident insurance is also covered under this.
- **Pradhan Mantri Grameen Sadak Yojana:** This scheme began in 2000 and the work of providing road connectivity to remote areas began.
- **Scheme of interlinking of rivers:** When Atal Bihari Vajpayee was Prime Minister, he decided to connect the rivers, and now PM Modi is doing the same.
- **Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan:** Launched 'Chalo School Chalen Hum' campaign to bring dropout children back to school education.

SCHEMES DEDICATED TO 'ATAL GOOD GOVERNANCE'

- **Atal Bhujal Yojana:** This scheme is being implemented primarily in 8562 gram panchayats across seven states: Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh, with the goal of improving sustainable ground water management through public participation.
- **Atal Vayo Abhyudaya Yojana:** A component of this scheme, the Senior Citizen Integrated Program, provides grants to organisations for the operation and maintenance of senior citizen homes, among other things.
- **Atal Bimit Vyakti Kalyan Yojana:** This scheme went into effect on July 1st, 2018. It provides cash compensation for 90 days once in a lifetime in the event of the insured's unemployment.
- **Atal Innovation Mission and Atal Tinkering Labs:** As part of NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission, Atal Tinkering Labs are being established in schools across the country with the goal of developing one million children into neo-innovators. 9606 labs have been established so far.
- **Atal Pension Yojana:** Beginning on May 9th, 2015, a person must be at least 18 years old and no older than 40 years old to be eligible for this scheme. When you reach the age of 60, you are eligible for a pension. As of March 2022, 3.89 crore people are covered under the scheme.
- **Atal Jyoti Yojana:** Solar LED lights are installed in rural, semi-urban, and urban areas where there is insufficient electricity supply.

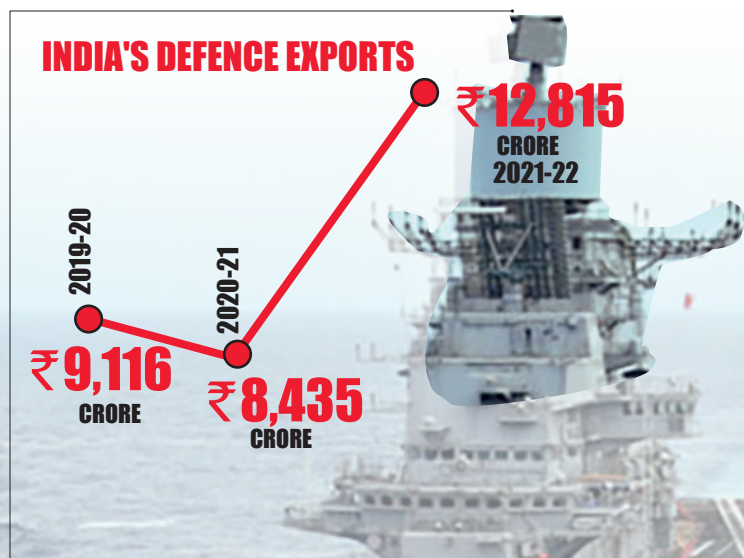
- Removed Articles 370 and 35A from Jammu and Kashmir to implement one-nation-one legislation; provided rail and road connectivity to northeastern states.
- The cabinet approved the budget for the first Ken Betwa link project. It was Atal Bihari Vajpayee's vision of connecting the rivers.
- Participation of the general public in Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Open Defecation Free India, Yoga Day, Fit India, Har Ghar Nal Se Jal Yojana, and digital monitoring of all citizens.
- People-centric schemes like Jan Dhan Account, Ujjwala, PM Mudra, Fasal Bima Yojana, Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, and PM Awas Yojana seek to reach 100% of eligible beneficiaries.
- Spectrum through technology, online auction of private FM channels, global record in UPI transactions, transparent system through online portal for all DBT, EPFO ministries
- Under "Pragati," the Prime Minister himself reviews the major projects in a given period in order to accelerate the country's progress by providing impetus to the plan.
- There is competition to be on top of the Good Governance Index. The Good Governance Index 2021 was released on December 25, 2021. Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Goa are in the top three positions in the combined ranking. The Good Governance Index – 2021 report is available at www.darpg.gov.in. ■

GOAL OF SELF-RELIANCE IN THE INDIAN ARMIES

At the time of independence, the country had 18 ordnance factories that produced a variety of military equipment, including artillery guns. During World War II, India was a major supplier of defence equipment. Our howitzers, machine guns made at the Ishapore Rifle Factory, were considered the best at that time. We failed to preserve this quality as times changed, and India was recognised as the largest buyer in the defence sector. But, contrary to popular belief, India is transitioning from a buyer to an exporter, owing to new steps taken toward self-reliance in the field of defence production, which Prime Minister Narendra Modi mentioned on July 18 at the NIIO seminar "Swavalamban"...

Let us look at two incidents to better understand India's self-reliance in the field of defence production. One of these dates back to the 1990s, when India needed weapons-detection radars and efforts were made to get them from the United States to Israel. In contrast, India sold such radars to Armenia in 2020 for \$4 crore. According to a report, India was among the top 25 global arms exporters for the first time in 2020. Weapons are being supplied from our ordnance factories to countries like Israel, Sweden, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Brazil, Bangladesh, Bulgaria, etc. Ordnance factories earlier did not export weapons but were limited to supplies to the military and security forces. But from 2015-16 onwards, they were allowed to export.

After the Philippines, India is now going to sell an anti-ship variant of the BrahMos missile to Indonesia soon. Negotiations for this deal are in the final stages. However, self-reliance in the defence sector entails not only making a name for ourselves as an arms exporter, but also producing indigenous and far superior equipment for our armies. On July 18, Prime Minister Narendra Modi presented the same





IN 2014, WORK BEGAN ON DEVELOPING A NEW DEFENCE ECO SYSTEM.

Prime Minister Modi stated that we began working on mission mode in 2014. Learning from the approach of previous decades, we are now creating a new defence ecosystem with the combined strength of all our efforts. Defence R&D is now open to the private sector and startups. By organising our public-sector defence companies into different sectors, we have given them new strength. Today, our attention is focused on how to connect our premier institutions, such as IITs, with defence research and innovation.

ATTENTION WAS NOT PAID ON RESEARCH OR BUILD NEW FACTORIES IN PAST

PM Modi said that in the first one and a half decades after independence, we did not even build new factories. Old factories lost their capacity. In the policies under compulsion after the 1962 war, there was some change in the policies, but in this too; research, innovation, and development were not emphasized. At that time, the world was relying on the private sector for new technology and new innovations, but unfortunately, the defence sector was kept in the purview of limited government resources. The Indian Army had to depend on foreign countries for simple weapons like rifles.

vision of self-reliance in the defence sector at the 'Swavalamban' seminar organised by the Naval Innovation and Indigenization Organization.

LEARN FROM THE PAST AND MOVE ON

The Prime Minister stated that when discussing a self-reliant future in the defence sector, it is also necessary to draw lessons from the past decades. This will assist us in paving the way for the future. Looking back, we can see our rich maritime heritage. This legacy includes India's extensive trade routes. Our forefathers were able to dominate the ocean because they were well-versed in wind direction and space science.

INDIGENOUS WEAPONS NEED OF THE HOUR

We have not only increased the defence budget over the last eight years, but we have also ensured that this budget is useful in the development of the country's defence manufacturing ecosystem. Today, a significant portion of the budget designated for the purchase of defence equipment is spent on procurement from Indian companies. We have compiled a list of over 300 weapons and equipments that will be made in India and used by our forces.

AND THE RESULTS ARE BEFORE EVERYONE...

The results of such efforts are now visible. In the last five years, our defence imports have dropped by about 21%. In such a short time and not that we have done less to save money, we have given its alternative here. Today, we are rapidly transitioning from being the largest buyer of defence products to being a major exporter. ■

'UJJWAL BHARAT UJJWAL BHAVISHYA



The power system of the 21st century should be able to meet the challenges of a fast-growing India on the path of development. For the rapid development of the country, it is very important to ensure that the infrastructure of the power sector is always strong and modern. Ensure continuous power supply to all and make our power companies self-reliant. With this thinking, Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 30 July to strengthen the modernization of the power supply.

The energy sector and power sector have a huge role to play in accelerating India's progress in the next 25 years. The strength of the energy sector is also important for Ease of Doing Business and equally important for Ease of Living. Several steps have been taken to ensure a strong energy sector by 2047 and people's participation is a key to it. India has made unprecedented progress in the field of electricity in the last eight years and today every village and every household has access to electricity for the first time since independence under the visionary and decisive leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi with the vision of 'Power for All'. The easy availability of electricity

has brought a positive change in the lives of the people and the light of progress and confidence has reached even the remote areas which have been deprived of it for a long time.

Participating in the Grand Finale at the conclusion of "Ujjwal Bharat Ujjwal Bhavishya – Power @2047", Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "Besides increasing the production of electricity, the emphasis of the government is also on saving electricity. Always remember that saving electricity means securing the future. PM Kusum Yojana is a great example of the same. We are providing 'solar pump facility' to the farmers, helping them to install solar panels on the borders of the fields." The food provider is also becoming

AN IMPORTANT STEP TOWARDS MODERNIZATION REVAMPED DISTRIBUTION SECTOR SCHEME

- Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme with an outlay of over 3 lakh crores will empower the country in the power distribution sector. It aims to improve the reliability and quality of power supply to end consumers.
- It will reduce Operational losses of power companies. Consumers will get the facility of prepaid smart meters and be free from the hassle of wrong electricity bills.
- With this, the consumer will get accurate and on-time information about power consumption and they will have complete control over the use of electricity. Along with this, the facility of an easy recharge will also be available.
- India has set a target of installing 25 Crore prepaid smart meters. Under the scheme, emphasis will also be given to agriculture feeder segregation. That is, farmers will get a dedicated feeder for farming. This feeder will be powered by solar energy, which will provide reliable and quality power for the agriculture sector.

ABOUT 1,70,000 MW OF ELECTRICITY GENERATION CAPACITY ADDED

- About 1,70,000 MW of electricity generation capacity has been added in the country in the last 8 years. One Nation One Power Grid has become the strength of the country today.
- About 1,70,000 circuit kilometer transmission lines have been laid to connect the entire country. Furthermore, by giving 3 crore connections under the Saubhagya Scheme, the country is also nearing the saturation goal
- India had resolved to generate 175 GW of renewable energy by the time the nation completed 75 years of Independence. "So far, about 170 GW capacity has been installed from non-fossil sources.
- Today India is among the top 4-5 countries in the world in terms of installed solar capacity. Many of the world's largest solar power plants are in India today. Also, solar panels are being promoted in homes.
- UJALA scheme has also played a big role in reducing electricity consumption and bills in the country. 50 thousand crore rupees are being saved on the electricity bill of the poor and middle class every year.
- Electrification of about 18,000 villages that did not have electricity earlier. The power supply in rural areas has increased from 12 hours to 22.5 hours at present as compared to 2015.

INAUGURATION AND LAYING OF THE FOUNDATION STONE FOR VARIOUS GREEN ENERGY PROJECTS

- PM inaugurated and laid foundation stones of various green energy projects of NTPC worth over Rs 5200 crore.
- PM Modi inaugurated the 100 MW Ramagundam Floating Solar Project in Telangana and 92 MW Kayamkulam Floating Solar Project in Kerala.
- He laid the foundation stone of the 735 MW Nokh Solar Project in Rajasthan, the Green Hydrogen Mobility Project in Leh, and Kawas Green Hydrogen Blending with Natural Gas project in Gujarat.
- The Prime Minister also launched a National Solar Rooftop Portal. Under the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', Ujjwal Bharat Ujjwal Bhavishya – Power @ 2047 was organized from 25 to 30 July.

the energy provider. During the program, PM launched Power Sector's Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme and dedicated and laid the foundation stone for green energy projects of

NTPC. PM also launched the National Solar rooftop portal. On the occasion, Prime Minister also interacted with the beneficiaries of various schemes. ■

NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY-2020

OVERHAULING THE EDUCATION SECTOR TO MAKE A GREAT INDIA

National Education Policy 2020 is not just a policy document but a reflection of the aspirations of all the learners, academicians, and citizens working in the education sector of India. On 29 July, on the completion of 2 years of India's new National Education Policy, Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah launched several new initiatives for education and skill development. The various measures which have been implemented include wide areas- digital education, innovation, synergy in education and skills, teacher training, and assessment that aims to realize Prime Minister Narendra Modi's resolve to give a golden tomorrow to the youth by providing a world-class education system in the country.



Swami Vivekananda had said that education makes a person capable to face struggle, builds his character, makes him benevolent, and instills courage in him like a lion. After extensive brainstorming, all these objectives have been incorporated in NEP-2020. One can acquire a good position in life through rote learning, but a person cannot gain respect. If a person has to acquire eminence, then by increasing his memory, thinking, reasoning, analysis and decision ability, the ability to

take decisions based on policy and implement it is to be developed, this is the purpose of NEP 2020.

National Education Policy 2020: While launching education and skill development-related initiatives to mark two years of the launch of the National Education Policy Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah said, " People see Modi Ji's National Education Policy in different ways, but I believe that a nation is built by its citizens and this NEP 2020 has been made with the basic idea of

NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY 2020 PROMOTES TRANSFORMATION IN THE EDUCATION SECTOR

- The Union Cabinet approved the new National Education Policy on 29 July 2020, which replaced the 34-year-old policy framed in 1986.
- It aims to pave the way for transformational reforms in the schools and higher education system to make India a global knowledge superpower. The policy focuses on issues such as access, equity, quality, affordability, and accountability of education.
- This education policy targets to provide vocational education to at least 50% of the students in the school and higher education system by 2025 which is a very important step.
- NEP 2020 has been formulated after an unprecedented process of consultation that involved nearly over 2 lakh suggestions from 2.5 lakhs Gram Panchayats, 12,500 local bodies, and 675 districts
- The government has set a target to provide one multidisciplinary higher education institute in each district or between two districts by 2030.
- For the first time in the history of independent India, the Central Government has allocated a budget of more than one lakh crore rupees (Rs 1.04 lakh crore) to the Ministry of Education in 2022-2023, which was 93 thousand 224 crore rupees in 2021-2022.
- NEP 2020 unequivocally endorses and envisions a substantial increase in public investment in education by both the Central government and all State Governments. It seeks to increase the public investment in the Education sector to reach 6% of GDP.



This education policy is not a Granth but a Granthalaya in itself, behind every word and sentence there is a very deep thought, and those who have to implement it on the ground should also see it from this point of view.

AMIT SHAH, Union Home and Cooperation Minister

- The government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has added 6 more central universities. Along with this, work has been done to add 7 IITs, 7 IIMs, 16 IIITs, 15 AIIMS, 209 medical colleges. The number of colleges has increased by 5700.

making talented citizens." This new education policy is the foundation of a self-reliant, strong, prosperous, and secure India and this education policy is a mean of reaching every child and shaping their future.

NEP-2020 is connected to the cultural roots of India and this education policy has been formed respecting the suggestions of everyone. Union Minister Amit Shah says, "Whether it is technical education, medical education, or law education, when we do not teach all these in Indian languages,

then we are able to use only 5% by limiting the capabilities of the country, but when we teach in these subjects in Indian languages we are able to utilize the 100% capacity of the country." The public education system is the basis of a vibrant democratic society. Along with incorporating India's culture and knowledge tradition in NEP 2020, the way has also been opened to incorporate innovations, thinking, and modernity from all over the world and there is no place for narrow thinking in it. ■

SPECIAL: WORLD PHOTOGRAPHY DAY

DEDICATED TO HUMANITY

The world is celebrating World Humanitarian Day on the 19th of August which envisions promoting the spirit of humanity. It coincides with World Photography Day, which is celebrated to encourage amateur photographers. This time the theme of World Photography Day is - Pandemic lockdown through the lens. The government aims to give impetus to development with a humanitarian approach making Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, and Sabka Vishwas along with Sabka Prayas a key component of our progressive journey. Our endeavour is to showcase India's resilient fight against the century's worst pandemic Covid as the government rolled out the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan package and successfully ran a Corona vaccination drive which crossed the 200 Crore milestone.





PRIME MINISTER GARIB KALYAN ANNA YOJANA



Made in India Vaccine

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Zydus Biotech Park in Ahmedabad, Bharat Biotech in Hyderabad, and Serum Institute of India in Pune to personally review the process of vaccine development and manufacturing.
- Setting an example of the self-reliance and affordability of New India, the development of the vaccine has been given the fastest approval so far.
- ZyCoV-D is the world's first indigenously developed DNA and GEMCOVAC-19, India's first mRNA COVID-19 vaccine.

The country got the first indigenous vaccine within 11 months after the first case of corona was reported.

2.78 lakh crore has been spent. Since April 2020, 5 kg of free food grains are being given to 80 crore poor people every month.



Rs 2.78 lakh crores have been spent by the Food Corporation of India on Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana.

THE VACCINATION JOURNEY



200 CRORE DOSES

The world's fastest and free vaccination campaign was conducted in India. India achieved the target of 200 crore doses in 1.5 years.

Vaccine Maitri



FIRST TIME...

For the first time in the country, the vaccine was sent from Bishanpur in Manipur to Karang by drone. The distance between the two by road is 26 km.

West Bengal



Barmer, Rajasthan



Kashmir

India has also supplied 240 million vaccine doses to the world under Vaccine Maitri as per the philosophy of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.

The world's largest and fastest vaccination campaign records the world's highest average of 2.5 crore vaccine doses in a single day.

The world's largest digital immunisation campaign has now set a new record of 200 crore doses by registering 110 crores on the CoWIN app.

THE VACCINATION JOURNEY

Karbi Anglong, Assam

Pahalgam, Kashmir

Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh


The picture is of Lahaul Spiti, Himachal. When the health workers reached here, it was evening. Vaccination was done in the dark under the light of a mobile torch.



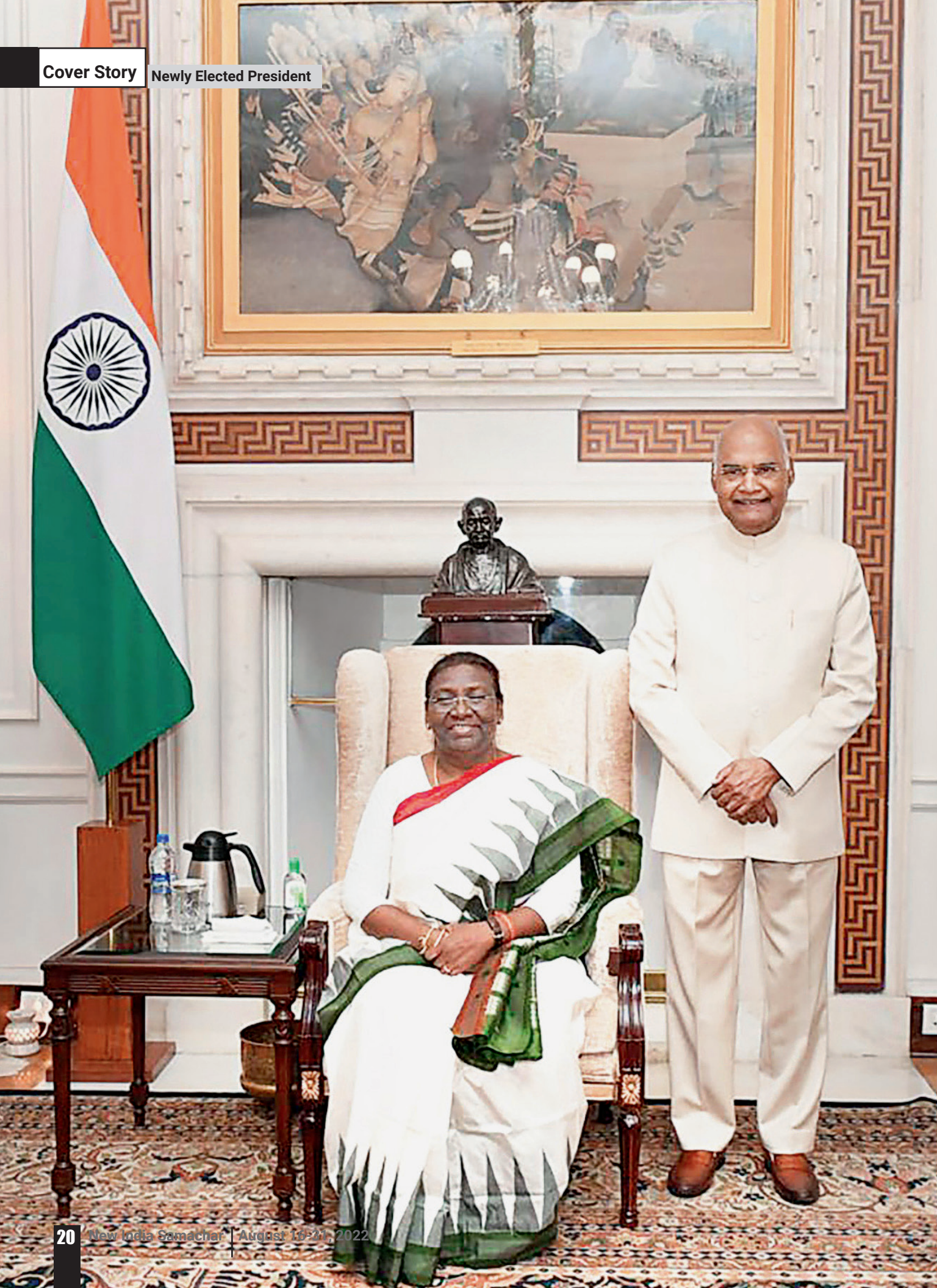
VACCINATION INCREASED FROM ZERO TO 200 CRORE LIKE THIS...

January 16, 2021	Launch of the world's largest vaccination drive
August 2, 2021	50 crore, 204 days
October 21, 2021	100 crore, 75 days
January 8, 2022	150 crore, 79 days
July 15, 2022	200 crore, 191 days



Health workers vaccinate a 108-year-old man under Har Ghar Dastak campaign in Maharashtra's Hingoli district.





DROUPADI MURMU

THE PEOPLE'S PRESIDENT

This is a rosy picture of social change in the 75th year of India's independence. It is not only a sign of women's empowerment; it is also a sign of development thinking led by women's power. Her life is the inspiration to fight the struggle. Droupadi Murmu's life is a reflection of the new India. She is the first tribal president, the first woman tribal president, and the first president to come from a remote tribal area of Odisha. President Murmu, who arrived at Raisina Hill from a remote forest, has also become a symbol of the new India, which the people of the country are striving for in the AmritKaal. Let us know about the inspiring developments of newly elected President Droupadi Murmu's journey from the remote forest area to Raisina Hill, for which the Government of India has made "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas" with "Sabka Prayas" and "Sabka Kartvya" the cornerstone.



Paharpur is a small village in the Rairangpur town of Mayurbhanj, Odisha. There is a school about two and a half kilometres from here—Shyam, Laxman, Shipun Upper Primary Residential School. There used to be a house here. At that time, there were no solid walls nor concrete roofs—just a thatched house with a small bamboo door. But three strange things happened in this house. Between 2010 and 2014, she was deeply shaken by the deaths of two sons and her husband, all within four years. But because silence never gripped this house, she donated it to a residential school. In memory of her husband and two sons, a residential school was built there, where about 75 students are now studying. There are statues of her both sons and husband in the school where she visits on their death anniversaries. She was unable to recover from the shock of her eldest son's death for six months. But, with the help of spirituality, she was able to keep herself engaged in societal work. She always arrived on time at the Brahmakumari Sansthan in Rairangpur. She used to go there on a regular basis before becoming the Governor of Jharkhand. However, even after becoming Governor, she continued to meditate,

which is a major reason for her mental strength. Waking up early in the morning and walking, making yoga a part of the regular lifestyle, is the specialty of President Droupadi Murmu.

Droupadi Murmu has been determined since childhood. Basudev Behera, the teacher who taught her, says that she was the topper in her class and always scored the highest. The rule back then was that only those with the highest number could be class monitors. However, because there were fewer girls in her class, the teacher was concerned about how she would manage the entire class. But Droupadi Murmu did not agree, and she became the monitor of the class. Droupadi went to Bhubaneswar for studies after the seventh grade, according to Behera. She was the only girl who travelled from her village of Uparbeda to Bhubaneswar to study.

Since childhood, Droupadi has been focused and determined. During the school days, it rained heavily. Water flowed everywhere, and neither the teachers nor the students came to school. Droupadi then arrived at school. Even after having swum in the river. And then, teacher Behera predicted that Droupadi would one day become a teacher.

Before me is such a great legacy of the Presidency of India which has continuously strengthened the prestige of Indian democracy in the world. From the country's first President Dr. Rajendra Prasad to Shri Ram Nath Kovind ji, stalwarts have adorned this post. Along with this post, the country has also entrusted me with the responsibility of representing this great tradition. In accordance with the Constitution, I will carry out my responsibilities with the utmost sincerity. For me, the democratic-cultural ideals of India and all the countrymen will always be my source of energy. "

-Droupadi Murmu, President

For the first time after independence, a woman President from a tribal society is going to lead the country. It is a living example of the strength of our democracy, of our inclusive ideas. Social justice means that every section of society should get equal opportunities. No one should be deprived of the basic necessities of life. When Dalits, backward, Adivasis, women, Divyang, come forward, only then the country will go forward.

-Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

Droupadi's childhood or school days date back to the 1970s. At the time, Mayurbhanj had a literacy rate of only 12.22 percent, and there were no matric pass residents. Droupadi, on the other hand, was very interested in studies. Rajendra Narayan Singhdeo was the state's Chief Minister at the time, and Kartik Chandra Manjhi, who hailed from Uparbera, was a member of his cabinet. He had a public hearing one day, and Droupadi had gone there with her farmer father, Biranchi Tudu. Droupadi had completed the seventh grade, but there was no facility in the village for her to study for the eighth. Droupadi then reached Manjhi with her mark sheet, and her journey to the state capital, Bhubaneswar, began. Droupadi left her mother and village in 1970 and travelled 280 kilometres to Bhubaneswar. Droupadi attended a girls' school and lived in the Kuntalkumari hostel. She obtained a bachelor's degree in political science from Ramadevi College.

As Droupadi Murmu reaches Raisina Hill Residents of Odisha's Uparbeda village exclaim, "My village is a digital village,". Everybody has a bank account. Farming loans can be obtained while sitting at home. Our houses are all connected by water pipelines. Here, everyone has access to a toilet. Housing for the poor is available to all under the PM Awas Yojana. Everything is a gift from Droupadi.

Droupadi Murmu, who was elected President of India on July 25, 2022, exemplifies this struggle; intellect, punctuality, studiousness, taking a resolution for society and making it a reality. The journey from a remote forest area to Raisina Hill and becoming the President of India was unexpected. The stories of her life struggle, which first became public during the presidential election, have now become an inspiration to the nation. Droupadi Murmu herself (now President) says, "I have got everything in life. I never asked for any position. I don't know what's inside me. My work has pulled me on. " To get an elementary education was like a dream for Droupdi Murmu, who started her life's journey from a small tribal village in Odisha in eastern India. Despite many challenges, she became the first daughter in her village to attend college. Droupadi Murmu's rise from ward councillor to President of India has become a symbol of India's great heritage of the mother of democracy.

It is the power of India's democracy that a daughter born into a poor household in a remote tribal area has reached the highest constitutional post in India. In her address after being sworn in as the President, Droupdi

THE NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT'S MAIDEN ADDRESS

"MO JEEBAN PACHHE NARKE PADI THAU, JAGATO UDDHAR HEU"

That is, working for the welfare of the world is far greater than one's own interests.

Quoting this line from the poem of Bhim Bhoi Ji, a famous poet of Shri Jagannath Kshetra, Droupadi Murmu, the country's first woman tribal president, resolved to realize the vision of a great India. In her maiden address, she said, "With this spirit of the welfare of the world, I will always be ready to work with full devotion and dedication to live up to the trust of all of you." She also called upon the country to unite and move forward on the path of duty with a dedicated spirit and build a prosperous and self-reliant India. What is her thinking of New India, and what are the resolutions for it, take a look...



- Puja Bapu had resorted to Swaraj, Swadeshi, Swachhta, and Satyagraha to show us the way for realising Indian cultural ideals. Countless personalities like Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, Nehru ji, Sardar Patel, Babasaheb Ambedkar, Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev, Rajguru, and Chandrashekhar Azad had taught us to keep national pride as paramount.
- Many brave women icons like Rani Lakshmi Bai, Rani Velu Nachiyar, Rani Gaidinliu and Rani Chennamma had taken to new heights the role of women's power in defending and building the nation.
- From the Santhal revolution, and Paika revolution to the Kol revolution and Bhil revolution, all these revolutions strengthened the tribal contribution in the freedom struggle. We derived inspiration from the sacrifice of 'Dharti Aaba' Bhagwan Birsa Munda Ji for social upliftment and patriotism.

Murmu summed up the achievement of the nation in this way: "Reaching the office of the President is not my personal achievement; it is the achievement of every poor person in India." My election is proof that the poor in India can dream and make them come true. And it is a matter of great satisfaction for me that those who have been deprived for centuries, who have been away from the benefits of development, those poor, downtrodden, backward,

and tribal people are seeing their reflection in me. This election of mine includes the blessings of the poor of the country, a glimpse of the dreams and potential of crores of women and daughters of the country. In this election of mine, the courage of today's youth of India to walk on new paths out of old ruts is also included. Today, I feel proud to lead such a progressive India ". Droupadi Murmu has become the first President of the country who has

- I am happy that many museums are being built across the country dedicated to the role of the tribal communities in our freedom struggle.
- In 75 years as a parliamentary democracy, India has carried forward the resolve of progress through participation and consensus.
- In our country full of diversities, we are engaged in the making of 'Ek Bharat - Shreshtha Bharat' by adopting many languages, religions, sects, food habits, life styles and customs.
- We Indians not only faced this global challenge with our efforts but also set new standards for the world. Just a few days ago, India has set a record of administering 200 crore doses of the corona vaccine.
- In the atmosphere created by the Corona pandemic, today the world is looking at India with new confidence. The international community has high hopes from India for ensuring global economic stability, ease of supply chain, and peace.
- In the coming months, India is also going to host the G-20 Group under its chairmanship. In this grouping, twenty big countries of the world will brainstorm on global issues under the chairmanship of India.
- I have had an active association with educational institutions, serving in various positions as a public representative and then as a governor. I have closely observed the enthusiasm and self-confidence of the youth of the country.
- Our revered Atal ji used to say that when the youth of the country progress, they not only create their own destiny but also shape the

fate of the country. Today we are witnessing it come true.

- Moving ahead in every field - from 'Vocal for Local' to 'Digital India' - today's India, marching with the world, is all set for 'Industrial Revolution 4.0'
- The youth of India have a big role in creating a record number of start-ups, in numerous innovations and in the adoption of digital technology in far-flung areas.
- I want all our sisters and daughters to be empowered more and more so that they continue to increase their contribution in every field of nation-building.
- I want to tell the youth of our country that you are not only building your own future but also laying the foundation of the India of the future. As the President of the country, I will always extend my full cooperation to you.
- Growth and progress mean continuously marching ahead, but equally important is awareness about one's past.
- Today, when the world is talking about a sustainable planet, the role of India's ancient traditions and sustainable lifestyle becomes more important.
- I was born in that tribal tradition which has lived in harmony with nature for thousands of years. I have realized the importance of forests and water bodies in my life. We take necessary resources from nature and serve nature with equal reverence.
- This sensitivity has become a global imperative today. I am happy that India is guiding the world in the field of environmental protection.

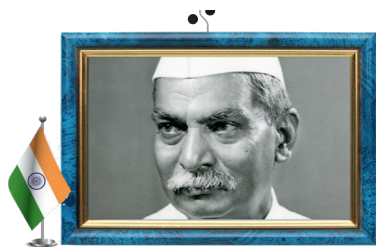
been born in independent India.

From her election to the swearing-in ceremony, it was evident that the election of Droupadi Murmu as President had created a new enthusiasm among the people of the country. India has created history in the 75th year of independence. Prime Minister Narendra Modi says, "India has created history. At a time when 1.3 billion Indians are celebrating the Amrit Mahotsav of independence, the daughter

of India's tribal community, born in a remote part of eastern India, has been elected our President. Mrs. Droupadi Murmu ji's life, her early struggles, her extensive service, and her exemplary success inspire every Indian. She has emerged as a beacon of hope for our citizens, especially the poor, downtrodden, and weaker sections.

In India today, such social-revolutionary changes are taking place that have not even been discussed

Presidents of India



Dr. Rajendra Prasad

A prominent leader of the Indian independence movement. President for two terms, President of the Constituent Assembly. Bharat Ratna was bestowed upon him in 1962.



Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan

Philosopher and writer Radhakrishnan was also the Vice Chancellor of Andhra University and Banaras Hindu University. His birthday on 5 September is celebrated as Teacher's Day. He was awarded the Bharat Ratna in 1954.



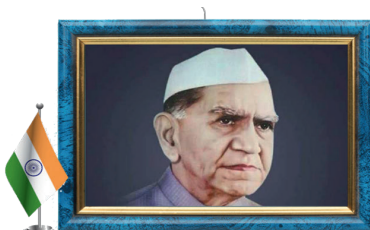
Dr Zakir Hussain

Freedom fighter and first Muslim President. He was also awarded Bharat Ratna. Among the founding members of Jamia Millia Islamia.



Varahagiri Venkata Giri

He was the fourth president of India. He had also been the acting President of India. He was awarded the Bharat Ratna in 1975.



Dr Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed

Very active during the independence struggle. Became a Union Minister. Second President to die in harness



Neelam Sanjiva Reddy

He has also been the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh. He was a poet, an experienced politician, and an able administrator.



Giani Zail Singh

He was the first Sikh President of India. Before becoming the President, he was the Chief Minister of Punjab and also a minister at the Centre.



R Venkataraman

He was a lawyer and a great statesman. He administered the oath of office to a maximum number of prime ministers during his tenure.

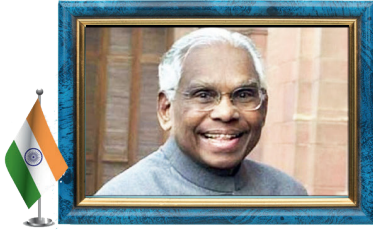


Dr Shankar Dayal Sharma

He was the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh and the Minister of Communications in the Union Cabinet. He also served as the Governor of Andhra Pradesh, Punjab, and Maharashtra.

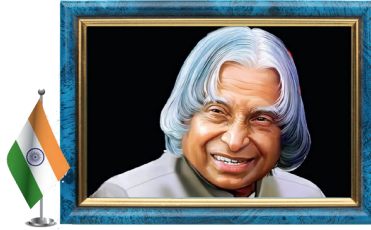


Presidents of India



KR Narayanan

He was the first Dalit President of India and the first Malayali person to hold the highest office in the country.



Dr APJ Abdul Kalam

Known as the Missile Man of India he was the first scientist to hold the presidency. He was awarded the Bharat Ratna in 1997.



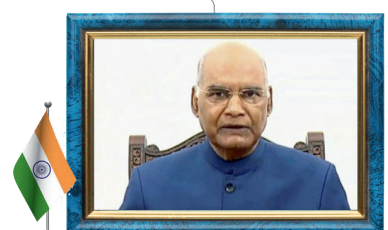
Pratibha Devisingh Patil

She was the first female president of India. She also served as the governor of Rajasthan. She is also the first woman President to fly a Sukhoi aircraft.



Pranab Mukherjee

Before contesting the Presidential elections, he was serving as the Finance Minister. He was awarded Bharat Ratna in 2017.



Ram Nath Kovind

Ram Nath Kovind has been a lawyer and politician. Before becoming the President, he was the Governor of Bihar.



in 75 years. However, with the government of India's all-inclusive thinking and systematic approach, steps have been taken in recent years for women's empowerment, tribal welfare, backward-savarna, scheduled caste, and underprivileged development. There could not be a better example of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's resolve of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, and Sabka Prayas' in the Amrit Mahotsav year of independence than the election of a President from the tribal community for the first time in the country.



For the first time, a country's daughter coming from a tribal community has reached the highest constitutional post in India. The country has made Droupadi Murmu its President. It is a moment of great pride for more than 130 crore Indians.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

EMPOWERING TRIBES



The number of Scheduled Tribes in India is 705 and their population is about 10.45 crores which constitute 8.6 percent of the total population.

Budget allocation of Rs **87,584** crore in 2022-2023 for the welfare of scheduled tribes and the development of tribal areas.

THIS COLOSSAL BUDGET WILL BE SPENT ON VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES INCLUDING PROVIDING

1.28

crore houses with tap water

1.45

crore houses will be provided toilets

85

lakh Ayushman cards

38

lakh pucca houses

THE BUDGET OF THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS HAS ALSO BEEN INCREASED FROM RS 3850 CRORE IN 2014-2015 TO RS 8407 CRORE IN 2022-2023.

- When the first NDA government was formed under the leadership of Atal Bihari Vajpayee, he formed a separate ministry and National Commission for Scheduled Tribes in 1999 for the upliftment and prosperity of tribals.
- The upliftment of tribals which was initiated by Atal Bihari Vajpayee has been carried forward with the vision of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, and Sabka Prayas' by the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the last eight years.
- Apart from this, 3,110 Van-Dhan Vikas Kendras and 53 thousand Van-Dhan Self-Help Groups have been established with a budget of Rs.327 crore under the new scheme for the purpose of entrepreneurship development.

NOT ONLY WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT, BUT WOMEN-LED DEVELOPMENT

Women's empowerment is frequently discussed, but Prime Minister Narendra Modi has introduced a new concept of "development led by women power" to the country. It is the result of realizing it in its policy and thinking that a tribal woman has been seated on the highest constitutional post

of the country, who made her struggle journey the goal of the nation-society. Despite all of life's challenges, she did not abandon her path of social service. It is the result of the Central Government's thinking and policy that, in the last few years, the vision of development under the leadership of women has become national policy, not just women's upliftment. The government's sensitive

During the last eight years, there has been a colossal increase in almost all the schemes of tribal development as compared to the past.

TRIBAL PRIDE DAY 15TH NOVEMBER

50

new Eklavya Model Residential Schools foundation laid by PM Modi in 27 districts.

A target has been set to increase Eklavya Model Schools to

740

 by 2026.

10

Tribal Research Institutes have been approved nationwide after 2014

At the same time, under the top-class scholarship scheme, one thousand students are given scholarships every year for admission to top institutes like IITs, IIMs, and AIIMS.

- Tribals mainly live in mining-rich areas, but they never received a share in the income from mining in past. This discrepancy was removed with the establishment of the District Mineral Fund, ensuring that 30 percent of the income from mining is spent on local development.
- Through this, an amount of more than 57 thousand crores has been collected so far, which is being used in the development of tribal areas.
- The number of TRIFED-operated outlets for marketing of tribal products has increased from 29 to 116.
- Approval for tribal freedom fighter museums to be set up across the country with a budget of 200 crores in Gujarat, Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Telangana, Manipur, Mizoram, and Goa.
- National Tribal Museum is being established at Garudeshwar in Narmada district. The museum under construction is at a distance of 6 km from the Statue of Unity.
- Efforts were made to integrate tribals into the mainstream of development, socio-economic, upliftment, and political representation, who made unforgettable contributions and sacrifices in the freedom movement.



- In the financial year 2021-2022 pre and post-matric scholarships of Rs 2500 Crore given to 35.2 lakh tribal students through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT). 331 universities have been included in the scheme.

- The birth date of Bhagwan Birsa Munda on 15th November has been declared as Tribal Pride Day.

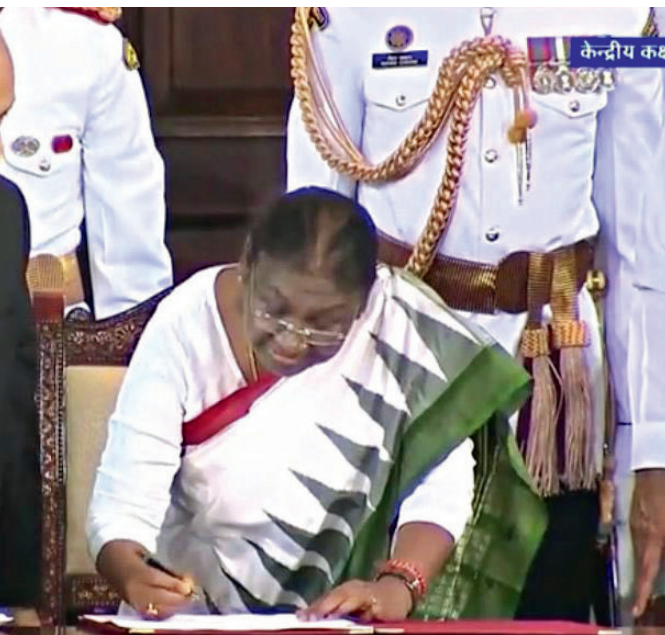
- Bhagwan Birsa Munda Memorial Park cum Freedom Fighter Museum in Jharkhand dedicated to the nation by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.



thinking has also awakened the people in this society, and now daughters are emerging as proud. People now want their daughters to achieve self-sufficiency. This is why women's power is growing in every field, including the army and startups; the Olympics and research; education, science, and politics; business and sports; and daughters are raising their flags everywhere.

Women's empowerment was once thought to have limited scope in the country. Women from poor families and villages were not there. However, in recent years, the central government has worked to eliminate this distinction. Today, the face of women's empowerment is more than 9 crore poor women who have access to gas for the first time and are no longer trapped in smoky kitchens.

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT



HEALTH COVERAGE UP TO RS 5 LAKH UNDER AYUSHMAN BHARAT JAN AROGYA YOJANA WHICH CONSTITUTES 49 PERCENT OF WOMEN BENEFICIARIES

- Swachh Bharat Mission ensured a dignified life for women by building more than 11.5 crore toilets in rural and urban areas households.
- Out of more than 3.14 crore pucca houses allotted under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana rural and urban, more than 3.10 crore houses are owned by women or in joint names.
- 9.34 crore LPG connections have been given till July 1, 2022, under Ujjwala Yojana 1.0 and 2.0 for smoke-free kitchens. LPG coverage was 62 percent in 2016 which has increased to 104.1 percent in 2022.
- Freedom to Muslim women from instant triple talaq. After its implementation in 2019, there has been a reduction of 80 percent in the cases of triple talaq.
- Four labor codes were formed by amalgamating 29 labor laws, in which many protective provisions have been made for women.
- The government has increased maternity leave from 12 weeks to 26 weeks by amending the Maternity Benefit Act, 1961 in 2017. Now 12 weeks of maternity leave is applicable to the mother even if she adopts a child below the age of three months.
- Admission of girl students started in Sainik Schools, 10% seats reserved, admission of girls in NDA also started.

Today, the face of women's empowerment is also those crores of mothers and sisters who have received toilets in their homes under the Swachh Bharat Mission, which is known as Izzat Ghar in Uttar Pradesh, and who have received, for the first time on their heads, not only the pucca house of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana but also got its ownership. Similarly, crores of women get assistance during pregnancy and childbirth; crores

of women have Jan Dhan bank accounts; and when government subsidies go directly to women's bank accounts, these women become the face of women's empowerment and transforming India.

The confidence of female power in India has grown today, and she is now directing the country's future by determining her own. The Self-reliant India campaign has been connecting women's potential to the country's development. As a result,

TRIBES INDIA



- The cultural festivals like Aadi Mahotsav represent a mini India in itself, where the exquisite craft traditions of tribal artisans, weavers, potters, puppet makers, and embroiderers all converge in one place.
- Under the Institutional Assistance Program for Development and Marketing of Tribal Products, TRIFED promotes the sale of tribal products through e-commerce on its portal www.tribesindia.com. There are 1.25 lakh artisans associated with this portal with their one lakh products listed here.
- Emphasis has been laid on development under Act East Policy in the last 8 years in the North Eastern Region having a large tribal population. 10% of the Annual Plan Budget of all Ministries of the Union Government is earmarked every year for spending in North East. Considering India's Ashtalakshmi, the Northeast has been made a part in the national progress.
- 53 tribal MPs were elected in the Lok Sabha elections in 2014 on all seats including general and scheduled tribes constituencies in the country, which increased to 56 in 2019.

roughly 70% of Mudra Yojana recipients are women who have not only started their own businesses but also employ others. Similarly, the Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana is being run to encourage women's entrepreneurship through self-help groups. The country's women are so enthusiastic and strong that the number of self-help groups has tripled in the last 6-7 years. The same progress can be seen in India's startup ecosystem. Since 2016,

EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES



- According to Census 2011, there are 2.68 crore Divyangjan in the country.
- A nationwide Accessible India Campaign was launched on 3rd December 2015
- 21 Integrated Centers have been established as extension centers of national institutions for skill development, rehabilitation, and empowerment of persons with disabilities
- Under the Scheme for Implementation of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (SIPDA) funds are released for the barrier-free environment, and for promoting the Accessible India Campaign.
- The work to prepare detailed project report for establishment of University of Disability Studies and Rehabilitation Sciences in the Kamrup district of Assam has been assigned.

the country has seen the formation of over 72,000 new startups across 56 industries. In 45 percent of these, at least one director is female.

Many significant efforts have been made at the national level to ensure women's safety since 2014. The country now has strict laws on crimes against women. There is also a provision for capital punishment in heinous cases such as rape. Fasttrack courts are also being built across

TRANSGENDERS' EMPOWERMENT

- Census 2011 shows 4,87,803 persons in the category of others which includes transgenders.
- In order to protect the rights and welfare of transgender persons, the provisions of the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act 2019 came into force with effect from January 10, 2020. In February 2022, the Ministry has prepared a scheme named Smile which includes a sub-scheme for the welfare and rehabilitation of transgender persons.
- Under the PM-Daksh scheme, a plan has been made to impart skill development training to them. National Portal for Transgender Persons launched in November 2020 in addition to setting up of National Council for Transgender Persons in August 2020.
- 12 pilot shelter homes for transgender persons named Garima Grih have been started in Gujarat, Maharashtra, Delhi, West Bengal, Rajasthan, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Tamil Nadu, and Odisha.



EMPOWERMENT OF MINORITIES



- For the first time after independence, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram was launched for the weaker sections. Under it, the government is bearing 100 percent cost for the development of building schools, colleges, hospitals, community buildings, and other infrastructure on the waqf land.
- There are 7 lakh, 94 thousand 875 registered Waqf properties in the country, the digitization of all the State Waqf Boards maintaining them has been completed.
- In eight years, 5.20 crore students from all 6 notified minority communities were given various scholarships, including pre and post-matric allowances, of which 50 percent are girls.

the country. Systems are also being improved to ensure that laws are strictly followed. Many efforts are being made to protect women. There was a time when the country saw incidents like the "Nirbhaya case" and an atmosphere of insecurity, but the current government is working with a "zero tolerance" policy on crime against women. Today, women in India are self-sufficient, financially empowered, equipped with determination and a sense of security, and they are not only dreaming but also making their dreams a reality. The main reason for this is the efforts of the determined government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE, NEW INDIA'S THINKING

The role of the people in the development of any nation is critical. With this in mind, several long-term plans were launched beginning in 2014

to ensure equal participation in the country's resources for all segments of society. They have also been made participants in all of the Central Government's schemes that promote ease of living, as well as special schemes for deprived and backward communities. This is why, after decades of discrimination against tribal living in remote areas, be they deprived, scheduled castes, or all sections of the minority community, there is now no discrimination because equal rights for all are guaranteed on the country's resources. When it comes to the tribal community specifically, the Indian government has always been dedicated to improving this community's lot as well as society as a whole. If we are talking about the tribal community in particular, the government of India has always been committed to the upliftment of this society as well as the entire society, and becoming the President of this class for the first

EMPOWERING EVERY CLASS AND SECTION OF THE SOCIETY

GENERAL CATEGORY:

The decision to give 10 percent reservation to the general category on an economic basis, was implemented. Under it, new avenues of progress opened for candidates with an annual family income of less than Rs 8 lakh.

OBC:

The 102nd Constitutional Amendment Act, 2018 was passed to give constitutional status to the National Commission for Backward Classes. The new Act recognizes that backward classes need development apart from the reservation.

SENIOR CITIZENS:

According to Census 2011, the population of senior citizens above 60 years of age in the country is 10.38 crores, which is estimated to reach 17.32 crores by 2026. An umbrella scheme for senior citizens named Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana (AVYAY) has been implemented with effect from 1st April 2020 which includes schemes focused on financial security, food, health care, and dignified life of the elderly.

“We have to work at a fast pace in this Amrit Kaal to meet the expectations that our freedom fighters placed on us as citizens of independent India. In these 25 years, the path to attain the goals of Amrit kaal will proceed on two tracks –Sabka Prayas aur Sabka Kartavya (everyone's effort and everyone's duty). The new development journey towards the bright future of India has to be undertaken by our collective efforts, following the path of duty.

-Droupadi Murmu, President

time under Prime Minister Modi's leadership is a direct proof of this.

This is a watershed moment in Indian democracy. Today, tribal society accounts for approximately 9% of the total population of the country. Tribal society's sacrifice in the freedom movement is also unforgettable, but for a long time in independent India, not enough efforts were made to connect them with the mainstream of development, as well as for their socioeconomic upliftment and political representation.

When the government was formed under former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's leadership, there was a concerted effort to understand the hopes and aspirations of this society. The National Commission for Scheduled Tribes was established in 1999, along with the creation of a separate ministry for the upliftment and prosperity of tribal society through the 89th Constitutional Amendment. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has taken a more assertive role in the upliftment and respect of tribal society over the last eight years. Because education is an important link in the development of any society, the central government has empowered Eklavya Model School. Along with the socioeconomic upliftment of tribal society, Prime Minister Modi's leadership is also bringing their cultural heritage respectfully before the country. Tribal subjects such as tribal art, literature, traditional knowledge, and skills have been included in the study and teaching. To commemorate the Amrit Mahotsav of independence, many programmes are being organised across the country with the goal of bringing to light the heroic stories of tribal men and women.

Certainly, July 25, 2022, has become such a date in the year of the Amrit Mahotsav of Independence on which the country saw an euphoric enthusiasm. The people of the country saw his face in the person of President Droupadi Murmu. Such enthusiasm for the President, who became the epitome of the leadership of women's power, would have been rarely seen in the parliamentary history of the country. From a simple background,

FAREWELL CEREMONY

POLITICAL PARTIES MUST RISE ABOVE PARTISAN POLITICS: RAM NATH KOVIND

The term of the incumbent President Ram Nath Kovind ended on July 24. On the evening of 23 July, Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha MPs bid farewell to President of India Ram Nath Kovind at a function held in the Central Hall of Parliament House where he called upon all political parties to rise above party politics and work for the countrymen. On July 24, he gave a farewell message to the nation, in which he expressed confidence that the country is fully capable of making the 21st century India's century.

During his farewell ceremony, President of India Ram Nath Kovind said that the parties should rise above party politics and consider what is necessary for the development and welfare of common countrymen in the spirit of 'nation is paramount'. In his address, the President said, "When we see the entire nation as one

huge joint family, we also understand that sometimes differences can arise. Such differences can be resolved peacefully and amicably through dialogue."

At the same time, in his address to the nation on 24th July, he expressed confidence that the country is becoming fully capable of making the 21st century India's century. He said, "India's future is secure in each and every citizen of it, who are striving to make their country better than ever."

Recalling his childhood, Kovind said that a youth living in a mud house had never even thought of assuming the highest constitutional post in the country. At the end of his address, he appealed to every individual to conserve the environment, land, air, and water for future generations.

India's civilization, constitutional values, and an expression of enduring faith in democracy, President Droupadi Murmu is an example of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's resolve towards a new India, which he has always kept paramount

in his duty. Every aspect of Droupadi Murmu's life, which includes becoming the country's first tribal woman President, is like a story that will continue to inspire and influence future generations. ■

“IT WAS REALLY MY PRIVILEGE TO WORK WITH YOU AS PRIME MINISTER”

NARENDRA MODI, PRIME MINISTER



Ram Nath Kovind, the country's President, left the Rashtrapati Bhavan and relocated to the Lutyens' Delhi bungalow, where he would live for the rest of his life. In her place, Droupadi Murmu took the oath of office. Meanwhile, Ram Nath Kovind posted a letter written by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his official Twitter account. In this letter, Prime Minister Modi has praised the President's tenure. He also stated that meeting and speaking with his mother, Heeraben, was very special. Also, the PM expressed gratitude for the opportunity to work with Kovind...

PM MODI SAID: COMMITTED TO PRINCIPLES

In a two-page letter dated July 24 to then President Ram Nath Kovind, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that as President of India, he set the highest standards of principles, honesty, work, sensitivity, and service. PM Modi further wrote, "Throughout your life and career, you maintained determination and dignity, a strong commitment to the principles of our Constitution, and the highest level of respect and responsibility. On behalf of the entire nation, I congratulate you on a wonderful tenure as President."

Appreciated for reaching Rashtrapati Bhavan from small village

Prime Minister Modi also appreciated his personal journey from a small village in Uttar Pradesh to Rashtrapati Bhavan. He wrote, "As we approach

KOVIND'S TERM AS PRESIDENT ENDED ON JULY 24, AND DROUPADI MURMU WAS SWORN IN AS THE 15TH PRESIDENT OF INDIA ON JULY 25.

ON JULY 23, PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI ALSO ORGANISED A DINNER IN HONOUR OF RAM NATH KOVIND.

the 75th anniversary of Independence, your remarkable personal journey, from a small village deep in the heartland of our country to Rashtrapati Bhavan, has been a parable for our country's evolution and development, and an inspiration for our society."

ALWAYS STOOD FOR WELFARE OF THE MOST VULNERABLE CITIZENS

PM Narendra Modi said that as President, Ram Nath Kovind upheld the ideals of the Indian Constitution and the core of its democracy through right decisions, outstanding dignity, and exceptional decency, and always worked for the republic's best interests. PM Modi further said that as the country's first citizen, Ram Nath Kovind has always advocated for the welfare of the most vulnerable citizens and remained firmly and proudly associated with his soil and people.

YOU REPRESENTED INDIA THE BEST

Talking about the pandemic, the Prime Minister said, as the Head of State at a time of unprecedented stress of the pandemic and a world caught in turbulence and conflict, you were a source of calmness, unity and reassurance at home, and a persuasive advocate of India's values and interests abroad. The Prime Minister further mentioned that during your presidency, in your numerous actions, interventions, and speeches, you have represented and carried the best of India to all corners of our country and the world. Referring to his interactions with Kovind

This letter from PM Modi has deeply touched my heart. I take his kind and heartfelt words as a reflection of love and respect fellow citizens have showered on me. I am sincerely grateful to you all,"

RAMNATH KOVIND
Former President

beyond the presidency, the Prime Minister said, "I have seen you working hard among the people during your political career." You often raised issues related to social welfare and education. Your governorship tenure in Bihar was excellent.

TOUCHED TO SEE, YOU DONATED YOUR FAMILY RESIDENCE

Recalling his recent visit to Kovind's village in Kanpur, the Prime Minister said, "I will never forget our visit to Paraunkh a few weeks ago. I was particularly touched to see how you had donated your family residence to help others". Wishing Ram Nath Kovind, PM wrote, "Equally special was your gesture of visiting my mother and talking to her. It showed your deep-rooted commitment to the value-systems integral to our land." PM Narendra Modi also wished Kovind a long and healthy life. ■

SHE EXPRESSED THE HEROICS OF THE QUEEN OF JHANSI IN POETRY

The Kshatriyas were known for their swords throughout Indian history. But there was also a Kshatrani who transformed her pen into a sword. That, too, came at a time when many people were working hard to bring the debate and campaign about women's participation in public life to a logical conclusion. Despite this, Subhadra Kumari Chauhan, an Indian daughter born four decades before independence, took up the pen for her country and made the bold decision to leave the house and join the movements. She became the first woman fighter to join Mahatma Gandhi's non-cooperation movement. But she was recognised throughout the country by that classic composition, "Jhansi ki Rani," in which she narrated Manikarnika's valour in poetry and brought her to everyone's tongue.

चमक उठी सन् सत्तावन में, वह तलवार पुरानी थी,
बुंदेले हरबोलों के मुँह, हमने सुनी कहानी थी,
खूब लड़ी मरदानी वह तो, झाँसी वाली रानी थी.

It would not be incorrect to call it the most read poem in Hindi. This poem strikes the heart time and again, from schoolbooks to the stage of life. However, few people are aware that Subhadra Kumari Chauhan wrote this poem while imprisoned.

Subhadra Kumari Chauhan was born on Nagpanchami, August 16, 1904, in the village of Nihalpur near Prayagraj. She attended 'Crosthwaite Girls' School.' Subhadra's first poem was published in the Prayag-based magazine 'Maryada' in 1913, when she was nine years old. This poem was published under the name of "Subhadrakunvari". Subhadra was curious and sharp-minded. Subhadra and Mahadevi Varma were both childhood friends. Her studies were terminated after the ninth grade.

Subhadra Kumari Chauhan married Thakur Laxman Singh after completing her education. She moved to Jabalpur after her marriage. Laxman Singh was a playwright who always encouraged his wife to pursue her talent. They worked for the Congress as a team. She lived the spirit that

she had written down. She was the first woman to join Mahatma Gandhi's non-cooperation movement and was imprisoned several times. She is also known to have taken part in the 'Jhanda Satyagraha' in Jabalpur on March 18, 1923. The news of this Satyagraha is said to have caused panic in London.

She spent nearly a year in prison for her involvement in the Satyagraha of 1941 and the Quit India Movement of 1942. She never squandered her time in jail. She continued to write on a regular basis even while imprisoned. In prison, she met many of the characters in her stories. During her time in jail in Jabalpur, she wrote numerous stories. She was also an MLA in the Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly. She wrote approximately 88 poems and 46 stories during her lifetime.

She died at the young age of 44 in a road accident on February 15, 1948, while on way from Nagpur to Jabalpur. "The passing away of Subhadra ji today appears on the page of nature as if, without the stream of Narmada, all the ghats of the holy pilgrimages on the banks of the Narmada have lost their meaning and use," poet Makhanlal Chaturvedi wrote on her death. He adds- It seems that she has gone to tell queen of Jhansi that "see, Firangi has been driven out and the motherland has become free." ■





THREE YEARS OF FIT INDIA

SPORTS ECOSYSTEM GETS A BOOST

Our ancestors believed in the principle that – व्यायामात् लभते स्वास्थ्यं दीर्घायुष्यं बलं सुखं। आरोग्यं परमं भाग्यं स्वास्थ्यं सर्वार्थसाधनम्॥ which means exercise alone brings the benefit of good health, long life, strength, and happiness. To be healthy is the ultimate goal through which all other works are accomplished. With an aim to achieve this 'Siddhi' India which has the world's highest youth demography has not only established a culture of yoga and fitness in the last 8 years but has also taken many such initiatives including Fit India, Khelo India, Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) as a result of which people are becoming fitness-friendly and the players are creating new records. Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself is interacting with sportspersons before every major sporting event. He tries to infuse confidence in the players by assuring them that 'you just focus on your best performance, rest the country will take care of other things'.

Mahatma Buddha used to say, 'Keeping one's body healthy is also a duty. If your body will not be healthy, then you will not be able to keep your mind pure and clean. Meaning a pure mind resides in a healthy body, where good thoughts are born. With this vision, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Fit India campaign on August 29, 2019, on National Sports Day. Fitness Ka Dose, Aadha Ghanta Roz has become part of the lifestyle in just 3 years. It is becoming a mass movement. Fitness is not a word but a necessary condition of a healthy and prosperous life.

Swami Vivekananda also used to say that if you have a purpose in life, and work for it with full passion, then good health, happiness, and prosperity come into your life as its by-product. The one who is fit touches the sky, it can also be said like this – if the body is fit then the mind is hit. Regarding the Fit India campaign, Prime Minister Narendra Modi believes that fitness awakens a feeling that we are our own creators. There comes confidence. This self-confidence also gives a person success in different areas of life.

A healthy, fit India is subsumed in the vision of a new India, for which the Fit India campaign was launched to make physical fitness a way of life, and in just three years it has become a mass movement. This can be gauged from the fact that more than 9 crore people participated in Fit India Freedom Run 2.0. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given the mantra for Fit India with these words- Fitness Ka Dose, Aadha Ghanta Roz in which everyone's well-being and happiness is involved. Whatever you like, do 30 minutes of exercise every day whether it's yoga, badminton, tennis, football, karate, or kabaddi.

The Government of India has launched the Fit India Mobile App to keep the citizens fit and healthy, which allows them to check their fitness level with the help of a mobile device. The app has some unique features like fitness scores, animated videos, activity trackers, and 'My Plan' catering to individual specific needs. Our Prime Minister Narendra Modi says Investment in Fitness, Yoga, and Workouts is zero but the returns are infinite. A healthy person, a healthy family, and a healthy society are indispensable for making a new India the 'Shrestha Bharat'. Take a pledge that we ourselves will be fit, and encourage our family, friends, neighbors, and everyone we know to stay fit. I am fit then India is fit.

'Body fit hai, Toh mind hit hai' Fitness Ka Dose, Aadha Ghanta Roz

HEALTH AS WELL AS CLEANLINESS THROUGH FIT INDIA PLOG RUN

The first major event under Fit India Campaign, Plog Run was held on 2nd October 2019 in which 30 lakh people participated. Plogger is a form of running or jogging in which runners while running slowly, pick up the waste, plastic waste found on the way.



2019



2020

In the year 2020, a colossal event under Fit India consisting of Cyclothon, Prabhat Pheri, and Fit India School Week was organized under the 'Fit India Freedom Run' endeavour from August to October.

In the year 2021, along with the launch of the Fit India mobile app, a quiz contest was also organized. More than 36,000 students took part in this quiz. This time too more than 9 crore people took part in 'Fit India Freedom Run 2.0'. About 4 lakh events were organized under it.



2021

FITNESS AMONG SCHOOL CHILDREN

- 10.16 lakh schools affiliated to 56 boards in 36 states and union territories across the country are registered with the Fit India campaign. Different fitness protocols have been created according to the age in the Fit India campaign.
- 4.52 lakh schools have been verified under Fit India. More than 13 thousand schools across the country have been given 5 stars under Fit India Movement while 43.32 thousand schools have been given three stars rating.

INDIA IN COMMONWEALTH GAMES



The second Commonwealth Games i.e. British Empire Games were held in London, in which India participated for the first time. The Indian team was represented under the British flag because at that time India was a British colony.



India had participated in only two events wrestling and athletics. Rashid Anwar of India won the bronze medal in wrestling in the 74kg category.



India is going to participate in the Commonwealth Games for the 18th time.



Indian Contingent

15	110	103
SPORTS	MEN	WOMEN

The Indian contingent also includes Olympic medalists PV Sindhu, Mirabai Chanu, Bajrang Punia, Ravi Kumar Dahiya and Manika Batra.

- Under the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS), the government supports India's top athletes to prepare for the Olympic and Paralympic Games. At present 162 athletes, women's and men's hockey teams have been included in the core group under this scheme. Similarly, 254 best players have been identified in the development group. The core group players get Rs 50,000 per month and development group players get Rs 25,000 monthly out-of-pocket allowance.
- Under TOPS with an eye on 2028, the central government is currently pursuing the proposal for only those sports which are part of the Olympics, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, Paralympics, Para Asian Games, or may be included in Olympics 2028, Paralympics 2028, Commonwealth Games 2026, Asian Games 2026 and Para Asian Games 2026.
- Khelo India Scheme:** The objective of this scheme is to encourage mass participation and promote excellence in sports. Financial assistance of 6.28 lakhs is allocated for each residential athlete training at the accredited academies as per the annual Khelo India scholarship scheme. After the launch of the Khelo India scheme in 2016-2017, the government has approved 289 sports infrastructure projects related to various sports across the country.

NOW NATIONAL AIR SPORTS POLICY 2022 LAUNCHED

For the first time in the country, the National Air Sports Policy has been launched in June 2022 to promote the best aerial sports and equipment infrastructure. It includes 11 categories namely Aerobatics, Aeromodelling and Model Rocketry, Amateur-Built and Experimental Aircraft, Ballooning, Drone, Gliding, and Power Gliding, Hand Gliding and Power Hand Gliding, Parachute, Para Gliding, and Paramotoring, Powered Aircraft and Rotorcraft. A 'Hawai Khel Sangh' has also been proposed in the policy, whose main objective will be to promote the ecosystem of aerial sports, adopt good international standards, participate in global sporting events and develop effective governance systems, etc.

Shooting and archery are not a part of the games this time.

India has won 503 medals in the last 17 editions. India gave its best performance at the 2010 Delhi Commonwealth Games winning 101 medals with 38 gold, 27 silver, and 36 bronze medals.

From 1934 till now, India achieved the highest medal tally in shooting events but this time it is not a part of the Commonwealth Games.

Ace shooter Jaspal Rana has so far won the highest number of medals for India in the Commonwealth Games. He has won a total of 15 medals which includes 9 gold, four silver, and two bronze medals.

This time Indian contingent is represented by 14 years old Anahata, 16 years old Sanjana Sushil Joshi, Shefali, and Baby Sahana.

“The Fit India and Khelo India campaigns have been extremely successful. Fit India campaign was started with the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Its aim is to make the youth of the country physically and mentally healthy.

Anurag Singh Thakur, Union Minister of Information & Broadcasting and Youth Affairs & Sports



PM MODI'S MANTRA TO PLAYERS PLAY WITHOUT ANY TENSION



Now the Khel Ratna award is being given in the name of Major Dhyan Chand who was a hockey legend. The path of winning spirit shown by players like Major Dhyan Chand is being carried forward by the players today. The efforts made in the last seven-eight years to create a better ecosystem for sports in India are showing their results. Our sportspersons are showing their best performances in the Olympics, Paralympics, Deaflympics, and World Championships. If the athletes striking medals at the international sports events are the result of their steadfast resolve and penance then it is also a measure of new India's new enthusiasm and new confidence. Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted with the Indian contingent participating in the Commonwealth Games 2022 on International Chess Day on July 20 and shared valuable suggestions saying, "You are the expert on what you guys have to do, and how to play. All I will say is that play with all your heart, play hard, play with full force, and play without any tension." To those who are entering the big international arena for the first time, I would say that the ground has changed, not your mood, not your stubbornness. The goal is to see the tricolor fluttering, to hear the national anthem being played. That's why don't take the pressure, make an impact with a good and strong game." Prime Minister Narendra Modi encouraged them by saying – "Koi nahi hai takkar mein, kyun pade ho chakkar mein". If you have the will to win, then no goal is impossible, every challenge surrenders before your courage and your dedication motivates you to win. Not to surrender before any challenge, to remain constantly moving, and to be dedicated to the goal is the specialty of any player. Along with this, the PM also promised – when you return, we will definitely celebrate your victory together. ■

NOBODY EVER LOSES IN SPORTS...

INDIA MAKES HISTORY IN LAWN BALL

INDIA'S GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

- MIRABAI CHANU-
(Weightlifting 49 KG)
- JEREMY LALRINUNGA-
(Weightlifting 67 KG)
- ACHINTA SHEULI -
(73 KG Weightlifting)
- WOMEN'S TEAM-
(Lawn Balls)
- MEN'S TEAM-
(Table Tennis)



As the country celebrates 75 years of independence, Indian athletes in every sporting event are marching forward in the spirit of raising the Indian tricolour. The month of August 2022 is very special in terms of sports. From July 28 to August 10, two major sporting events, the Chess Olympiad and the Commonwealth Games 2022, took place concurrently. For the first time in its 95-year history, India is hosting a Chess Olympiad. At the Birmingham Commonwealth Games 2022 in England, India's athletes set numerous records. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had called upon the players attending the sporting event to forget everything and perform at their best, saying, "In sports, there are no losers; there are winners and there are future winners."

The women's team made Commonwealth Games history by winning a gold medal in lawn ball. India had never won a medal in this sport in its history. The majority of Indians are unaware of this game. The gold medal was won by four women's teams consisting of Lovely Choubey, Roopa Rani Tirkey, Pinky, and Nayanmoni Sakia, who defeated the South African team 17-10. As of August 2, Indian players had won 13 medals, including 5 gold and 5 silver, and were ranked sixth out of 72 countries in the medal tally. Mirabai Chanu bagged India's first gold medal in weightlifting. Out of a total of 13, 8 medals, including 3 gold, were won in weightlifting only. When India's Jeremy Lalrinnunga, a 19-year-old weightlifter, won gold in the 67 kg category, Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated him, saying, "Our youth power is creating history! Congratulations to Jeremy, who won gold in his first Commonwealth Games and set a fantastic record. At such a young age, he made the country proud." ■

FIRST-TIME RECORDS IN THE 44TH CHESS OLYMPIAD

- This Olympiad is being held for the first time in India, the birthplace of chess.
- This is happening in Asia for the first time in three decades.
- For the first time, the maximum number of teams from 187 countries are participating.
- India fielded its largest contingent, consisting of 30 players from 6 teams.

“There has never been a better time for sports in India than the present. India had its best-ever performances in the Olympics, Paralympics, and Deaflympics. We achieved glory even in sports where we had not won earlier. The credit for India's growing sports culture goes to the energy of the youth and the conducive environment they are getting. -Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



INDIAN YOUTH BECOMING DEVELOPMENT ENGINE OF THE WORLD

Today the whole world is looking at the youth of India with hope. Because young people are the country's development engine, and India is the world's growth engine. On July 29, Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the 42nd convocation of the prestigious Anna University in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, to award gold medals and certificates to 69 such young people. At the same time, he congratulated all graduates and encouraged them to follow in the footsteps of former President Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam and work for the country and achieve their goals.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated all those who graduated at Anna University's 42nd convocation, saying, "You must have already made a future for yourself in your mind." As a result, today is a day of aspirations as well as achievements. "It is only in times of adversity that we come to know our potential," said the Prime Minister. "We became aware of this power and will during the COVID period."

India's potential is reflected in the fact that, during the COVID period, India became the world's second largest mobile phone manufacturer last year, and the number of recognised start-ups increased by 15,000 percent in just the last six years. In addition, India received a record \$83 billion in foreign direct investment last year, and our start-ups received record funding in the aftermath of the pandemic.

India has by far the best position in the dynamics of international trade, and innovation is now becoming an integral part of our lives. PM Modi remembered Bharat Ratna and former President Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam at the convocation, and while motivating the students, he said that Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam was deeply connected to this university. His principles and teachings to all of you will continue to guide the youth. The Prime Minister discussed the relationship between youth development and national progress, saying, "Your development is India's development." Your lesson is India's lesson. "Your victory is India's victory." ■

PRIME MINISTER MODI STATED THAT THERE ARE THREE IMPORTANT FACTORS IN INDIA'S FAVOUR IN THIS AGE OF TECHNOLOGY.

- 1. Technology Testing** - The importance of technology adoption is becoming more widely recognised.
- 2. Belief in risk-takers:** Entrepreneurs are now held in high regard.
- 3. The Nature of Reform:** A strong, responsible government provides the right opportunities for people's talents.

THIS UNIVERSITY IS NAMED AFTER CN ANNADURAI

Anna University was founded on September 4, 1978. It was named after former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C.N. Annadurai. This includes 13 government-recognised colleges, 494 affiliated colleges spread across Tamil Nadu, and 3 regional campuses—Tirunelveli, Madurai, and Coimbatore. At the 42nd convocation ceremony of Anna University, Prime Minister Narendra Modi presented gold medals and certificates to 69 gold medalists. After the convocation Prime Minister Narendra Modi also met with the students.

Inauguration and stone laying foundation of several projects worth over Rs 1,000 crore at Sabar Dairy

"Sahkar se Samridhhi"

One of the key priorities of the central government is to boost the rural economy and make agriculture and allied activities more profitable. Taking another step in this direction, Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Sabar Dairy on 28 July, and inaugurated and laid foundation stones of several projects worth over Rs 1,000 crore. These projects will empower the local farmers and milk producers and increase their income. This will also boost the rural economy of the region.



Located in the Sabarkantha district of Gujarat, Sabar Dairy is the leading dairy in the country. In the year 1964, due to the tireless efforts of Bhurabhai Patel, Gopalbhai Patel and Ambubhai Patel, and Dr. Verghese Kurien, Sabar Dairy started with 19 milk-producing societies, today it boasts of lakhs of milk-producing farmers associated with 1800 societies. Millions of farmers from the Sabarkantha district are scripting stories of progress and self-reliance, thanks to the steps taken by the central and state government for a strong dairy sector, and the top management of Sabar Dairy and Amul Sansthan.

While inaugurating and laying foundation stones of several projects worth over Rs 1,000 crore at Sabar Dairy near Gadhoda Chowki in Sabarkantha, Gujarat, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "Today Sabar Dairy has expanded. New projects worth hundreds of crores are being set up here. Sabar Dairy's capacity will increase further with the addition of a milk powder plant with modern technology and one more line in the aseptic packing section." These projects will empower local farmers and milk producers and increase their income. This will also boost the rural economy of the region. Sabar Dairy has established modern dairy plants in many other states of the country including Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Haryana, and Punjab, besides Gujarat, opening new doors of opportunities for farmers and livestock farmers and constantly working towards establishing new plants for processing new products. The empowerment of millions of women has always been at the heart of rural development of Sabar Dairy and Amul. By introducing the technology of modern dairy from village to village it has become a catalyst in the task of connecting women with development journey. Sabar Dairy is a part of Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF), which manufactures and markets a complete range of milk and milk products under the Amul brand. ■

PLANT WILL CONVERT MILK INTO MILK POWDER

- The Prime Minister inaugurated a milk powder plant at Sabar Dairy with a capacity of about 120 Metric Tonnes Per Day (MTPD). The total cost of the entire project is over Rs 305 crore.
- The layout of the plant meets global food safety standards. It is highly energy efficient with almost zero emission. The plant is equipped with the latest and fully automated bulk packing line.

CHEESE WILL REACH CRORES OF CONSUMERS FROM THE THIRD PLANT OF AMUL

- The Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone of the Sabar Cheese & Whey Drying Plant Project. The estimated outlay of the project is around Rs. 600 crores.
- The Plant will manufacture Cheddar Cheese (20 MTPD), Mozzarella Cheese (10 MTPD) and Processed Cheese (16 MTPD). Whey generated during manufacturing of cheese shall also be dried at Whey Drying Plant, having capacity of 40 MTPD.

IT WILL HELP IN ENSURING BETTER REMUNERATION TO MILK PRODUCERS

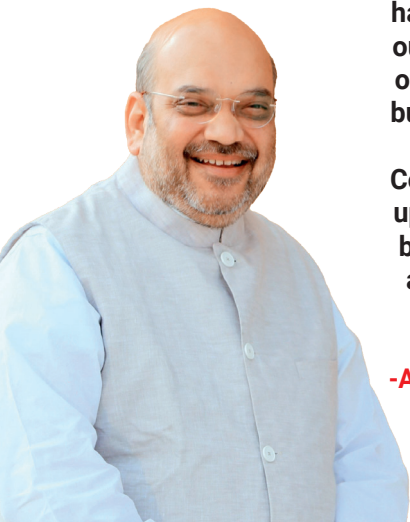
The Prime Minister also inaugurated the Aseptic Milk Packaging Plant at Sabar Dairy. It is a state-of-the-art plant having capacity of 3 Lakh Litre per day. The project has been executed with a total investment of around Rs. 125 crores. The plant has the latest automation system with highly energy efficient and environment-friendly technology. The project will help ensure better remuneration to milk producers.



A strong foundation of the cooperative movement has been laid and it is now our responsibility and that of generations to come to build a strong structure on this foundation.

Cooperatives have to keep up with the modern times, by combining technology and professionalism, so that they can progress into the future.

-Amit Shah, Union Home and Cooperation Minister



PM VISITS GIFT CITY IN GANDHINAGAR

INDIA'S FIRST BULLION EXCHANGE LAUNCHED



Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the country's first International Bullion Exchange in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. India International Bullion Exchange will be a platform with the help of which bullion (gold and silver) will be imported. With this, India will be connected to the global bullion market and in the coming times, our country will become a price maker from a price taker. At the same time, India will also decide what should be the price of gold. India is now entering the league of Countries like the USA, UK, and Singapore which are giving direction to global finance. India is now also getting unlimited opportunities to emerge as an economic superpower. Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited GIFT City (Gujarat International Finance Tec-City) in Gandhinagar on 29 July where he inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of various projects. On this occasion, the Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) Headquarters in India and also launched the NSE IFSC-SGX Connect. The vision of the country's future is connected with GIFT City. Not only this, the vision of India's future is attached to GIFT City. The Gujarat International Finance Tech (GIFT) City is envisaged as an integrated hub for financial and technology services not only for India but for the world. Prime Minister Narendra Modi was also presented with a memento on the occasion.

BULLION EXCHANGE WILL EASE THE IMPORT OF GOLD

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched India's first International Bullion Exchange (IIBX) at GIFT City. IIBX will act as a gateway to import gold, bookies will not be able to move prices up and down. India is the second largest gold consumer country in the world. Currently, gold is sold in the bullion market according to the price fixed by the London Bullion Market Association. This exchange is being set up on the lines of the Shanghai Gold Exchange and Borsa Istanbul which will give India a strong position as a regional hub of bullion. The Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of the International Financial Services Center Authority (IFSCA) Headquarters in India. Also launched NSE IFSC-SGX Connect.

CABINET DECISIONS

4G SERVICE FOR UNCOVERED VILLAGES, RS 1.64 LAKH CRORE TO REVAMP BSNL

Digital inclusion and connectivity for all is an integral part of the 'antyodaya' vision of the government. Under this vision, the cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved a project to provide 4G mobile services in 24680 uncovered villages; a package of Rs 1.64 lakh crore for the revival of the telecom company BSNL; and a merger of BSNL and BBNL. The cabinet also gave its approval to several decisions, including signing the guarantee to host the FIFA Under-17 Women's World Cup 2022.

- **DECISION:** Cabinet approves a Rs. 26,316 crore project for 4G mobile services in uncovered villages
- **IMPACT:** The project will provide 4G mobile services in 24,680 uncovered villages in remote and difficult areas. In addition, 6,279 villages having only 2G/3G connectivity will be upgraded to 4G. The project will be executed by BSNL using Atmanirbhar Bharat's 4G technology stack and will be funded through the Universal Service Obligation Fund.
- The project is a significant step towards the vision of the government to provide mobile connectivity in rural areas. This project will promote delivery of various e-governance services, banking services, tele-medicine, tele-education, etc. through mobile broadband and generate employment in rural areas.
- **DECISION:** The Cabinet approves a Rs 1.64 lakh crore package for the revival of public sector telecom company BSNL. BSNL and BBNL will be merged.
- **IMPACT:** This decision will help BSNL in improving the quality of its existing services, introducing 4G services, and achieving financial viability. The latest package aims to improve service quality and BSNL's balance sheet. In addition, the focus is on expanding BSNL's optical fibre network.

- **DECISION:** Approved the signing of the guarantee to host the International Football Federation (FIFA) U-17 Women's World Cup in India in 2022.
- **IMPACT:** From October 11 to October 30, 2022, India will host the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup. The FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup is a prestigious event that will be held in India for the first time. This will encourage more young people to participate in sports while also helping to develop the game of football in India.
- Fulfillment of a Rs.10 crore financial outlay to the All India Football Federation from the budgetary allocation under the "Scheme for National Sports Federations" for playground maintenance, electricity, power, and cable laying in the stadium, stadium and training venue branding, and so on. This event will surely inspire more girls to play football and increase their representation in sports leadership.





- **DECISION:** Approval given to the NDC. PM Narendra Modi's mantra of 'Panchamrit' was included in it.
- **IMPACT:** The latest Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) was approved by incorporating the 'Panchamrit' strategy into the advanced climate goals announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the Glasgow conference. Such efforts will aid India in its efforts to reduce pollution growth. It will protect the interests of the country and safeguard future development needs based on the principles and provisions of the United Nations Climate Change Framework Convention. It is a step towards achieving India's long-term goal of being net-zero by 2070. India has now committed to reducing its GDP's emission intensity by 45 percent by 2030.
- **DECISION:** The government has approved a fair and remunerative price for sugarcane farmers, payable by mills during the 2022–23 sugar season.
- **IMPACT:** This decision will benefit 5 crore sugarcane growers and their dependents, as well as 5 lakh workers working in allied activities related to sugar mills. A maximum remunerative price of Rs 305/quintal has been approved for sugarcane growing farmers so far. The government of India is committed to improving the economic condition of the farmers and increasing the income of the farmers. The government has increased the fair and remunerative price by more than 34 percent in the last eight years. The FRP in the 2013-14 sugar season was just Rs 210 per quintal.
- Earlier in 2019, the government also provided an economic package to help BSNL recover from its crisis. Furthermore, the optical fibre network capacity of BSNL will be significantly increased following the merger of BBNL and BSNL. Currently, BSNL manages the network from district to block, while BBNL manages the network from block to panchayat.
- **DECISION:** Cabinet approved an additional investment of \$1,600 million (about Rs 12,000 crore) by state-owned Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) in a Brazilian oil block.
- **IMPACT:** The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved additional investment in the BM-SEAL-11 Concession Project in Brazil by Bharat PetroResources Ltd. (BPRL), a wholly owned subsidiary of BPCL. This will contribute to India's energy security and crude oil supply diversification. It will also strengthen India's position in Brazil, opening up new business opportunities in neighbouring Latin American countries.
- BM-SEAL-11 is a Brazilian concession project. The block is likely to start production in 2026–27. BPRL holds 40 percent of this block, while Brazil's national oil company, Petrobras, holds the remaining 60 percent. ■



FREEDOM FIGHTERS WHO SACRIFICED THEIR EVERYTHING FOR THE NATION

It is our responsibility to infuse the spirit of patriotism in the young generation of the country and make the children, adolescents, and youth abreast with our customs and rites.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has carried forward this responsibility through Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. It is one of the most ambitious schemes of the government which will continue till August 15, 2023. On the occasion of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav let's take resolve to work with determination to make our country prosperous and strong....

The Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is a proud movement for every citizen of the country. In 75 years of independence, our country has not only deepened the roots of democracy but has excelled in every development parameter. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has resolved to celebrate the Amrit Mahotsav in a grand way and has called for celebrating the 25-year period up to the centenary of independence as Amrit Kaal. The next 25 years are a period of steadfast resolve which will guide our way to rapid development. The historic date of 22 August is also coinciding with this edition of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations. On this day Mahatma Gandhi made a clarion call for Swadeshi by burning foreign clothes in 1921 to protest against the British. In this series of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, read the stories of freedom fighters Madam Bhikaiji Cama, Sundara Sastri Satyamurti, K Kelappan, and Jhaverchand Kalidas Meghani, who left an indelible mark on India's freedom struggle...

BHIKAIJI CAMA: SHE UNFURLED THE INDIAN FLAG FOR THE FIRST TIME ON FOREIGN SOIL



BORN: 24 SEPTEMBER 1861.

DIED: 13 AUGUST 1936

WHEN CAMA SAW THE BRITISH FLAG AT SOCIALIST CONGRESS THEN SHE REMOVED IT TO HOIST INDIA'S NEW FLAG. THIS DAY WAS AUGUST 22

Four decades before India's independence, in the year 1907, the Indian flag was hoisted on foreign soil for the first time by a woman. She was none other than Madam Bhikaiji Rustam Cama who had hoisted the flag at International Socialist Congress, Stuttgart, Germany. It was one of the many unofficial flags created during the freedom struggle, different from today's flag of India.

Popularly known as Madam Cama, Bhikaiji was born on 24 September 1861 in a Parsi family in Mumbai. She played a pivotal role in saving lives during the famine in Mumbai Presidency in 1896 and the plague that followed afterward. She also got infected with the plague. She went to London for treatment, where she met nationalists Shyamji Krishna Varma and Dadabhai Naoroji during her stay.

She was deeply influenced by them and started participating in the Indian independence struggle. She helped in establishing the Indian Home Rule Society in London in 1905. Later, she moved to Paris and helped establish the Paris Indian Society. Joining hands with the Indian diaspora fighting for independence during her stay abroad, she wrote and distributed literature for the freedom movement. Madam Cama, who played an active role in India's independence participated in the Second Socialist Congress held in Stuttgart, Germany. In this conference on 22 August 1907, she not only raised the questions of human rights and equality but also appealed for India's independence from British rule. When Cama saw the British flag there, she removed it and hoisted the new Indian flag in the assembly, which she called the flag of Indian independence. Later this flag was brought to India and kept in the Maratha and Kesari Library in Pune. The current flag, a symbol of Indian self-respect, was built on the basis of the flag designed by Madam Cama. On 26 January 1962, the Department of Posts and Telegraph issued a postage stamp in her honor. Madam Cama's life is an example of perseverance, commitment, and patriotism. Inaugurating the Jal Bhushan Bhawan and the Revolutionaries' Gallery at Raj Bhavan in Mumbai, Prime Minister Narendra Modi remembered the contributions of Madam Bhikaiji Cama and said, "Madam Bhikhaji Cama had sacrificed her affluent life and lit the flame of freedom. The source of inspiration for our present-day tricolor was the flag designed by freedom fighters like Madam Cama and Shyamji Krishna Varma. Irrespective of the social, familial, and ideological roles, irrespective of the location of the movement in the country or abroad, the goal was one - complete independence for India. At the age of 74, Madam Cama breathed her last on 13 August 1936 at the Parsi General Hospital.

SUNDARA SASTRI SATYAMURTI : A FREEDOM FIGHTER AND SOCIAL REFORMER



BORN: 19 AUGUST 1887,

DEATH: 28 MARCH 1943

**HE VEHEMENTLY
OPPOSED THE
PARTITION OF BENGAL,
THE ROWLATT ACT,
THE JALLIANWALA
BAGH MASSACRE,
AND THE SIMON
COMMISSION.**

India's famous revolutionary leader S Satyamurti played an active role in Civil Disobedience and Quit India Movement. He was also a great orator, educationist and connoisseur of art. He made a significant contribution to the field of education and social welfare. A lawyer by profession, Sundara Sastri Satyamurti was influenced by the national movement at a very young age. The desire to liberate the country inspired him to take the path of revolution. He was a resident of Thirumayam in the present-day state of Pudukkottai in Tamil Nadu. He was born on 19 August 1887. He fought tooth and nail against the British empire. He vehemently opposed the partition of Bengal, the Rowlatt Act, the Jallianwala Bagh massacre, and the Simon Commission. He also played a key role in Vaikom Satyagraha, Salt Satyagraha, and Guruvayur Temple Movement. He also participated in the Swadeshi movement. In 1919, Congress elected him as its representative to oppose the Rowlatt Act and the Montagu-Chelmsford Reforms in Britain. In 1930 he was arrested for trying to unfurl the tricolor on a temple in Madras. Satyamurthy played an important role in the victory of the Congress in the Madras Legislative Assembly in 1937. When he became the mayor of Madras in 1939, the city was facing a water crisis. As a mayor, he thought of getting a reservoir constructed to overcome the problem of water. Visionary politician Satyamurthy got the reservoir built at Poondi, about 50 km west of the city, to augment the water supply.

Even in present times, this reservoir acts as an important water source for Chennai city. He was arrested and tortured by the British after the Quit India Movement started in 1942. He was tried and sentenced to rigorous imprisonment and sent to Amaravati Jail. He died on 28 March 1943 at the General Hospital in Madras. Satyamurti is also considered the mentor of another freedom fighter K Kamaraj who later became the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. He was also proficient in folk art. He was particularly well versed in Carnatic folk art. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Academy of Music in Madras. He was a mass leader who always worked for the interest of the common people.



K KELAPPAN: FREEDOM FIGHTER POPULAR AS THE KERALA GANDHI

BORN: 24 AUGUST 1889, DIED: 07 OCTOBER 1971

One of the prominent reformist leader and freedom fighter of Kerala, K Kelappan, left an indelible mark. Born on 24 August 1889 in a small village in Calicut, Kelappan not only fought against British imperialism but also undertook a campaign for social reforms. Renowned freedom fighter, social reformer, educationist, and journalist K Kelappan is well known as the Gandhi of Kerala because of his demeanor and non-confrontational approach. He popularised the Gandhian ideals in

Kerala. After he took the decision to become a part of the non-cooperation movement led by Mahatma Gandhi there was no looking back in his pursuit of freedom for the nation.

Kelappan led the Payyanur and Calicut Salt Satyagrahas and was elected as the first Satyagrahi of Kerala in the Individual Satyagraha movement launched by Mahatma Gandhi. In 1932, the Vaikom Satyagraha and the Guruvayur Satyagraha brought Kelappan to the fore in the freedom struggle. In

JHAVERCHAND KALIDAS MEGHANI: MAHATMA GANDHI CALLED HIM 'RASHTRIYA SHAYAR'



BORN: 28 AUGUST 1896,

DEATH: 9 MARCH 1947

IN 1930, MEGHANI RELEASED A COLLECTION OF 15 PATRIOTIC SONGS IN WHICH HE PRAISED SALT AND DHOLERA SATYAGRAHA

Born in the town of Chotila, Jhaverchand Kalidas Meghani called himself 'Pahad Nu Balak'. He was an eminent litterateur who was called 'Rashtriya Shayar' by Mahatma Gandhi. He was born on 28 August 1896 in Chotila town of Saurashtra. From a young age, he showed a keen interest in literature. He completed a degree in both Sanskrit and English literature. The famous folk poet Jhaverchand used to sing Gujarati folk songs to make people aware of the suppression of the British Raj.

At the same time, he was also working to conserve the folklore traditions of the country. In 1930, Meghani released a collection of 15 patriotic songs in which he praised Salt and Dholera Satyagraha. The British government banned the book and confiscated all its copies. But because of the revolutionary spirit of the people, his voice could not be suppressed and copies of the book were distributed secretly. The British sent a summon to him to appear in the special court on 28 April 1930 by making false allegations against him. After this, he was sent to Sabarmati Jail for two years of imprisonment. But he was released within a year after the Gandhi-Irwin Pact. On the eve of leaving for England for the Second Round Table Conference, Mahatma Gandhi felt that the British were unwilling to accede to his demand for complete independence. In response, Meghani wrote a poem called 'Chello Katoro' which meant the last cup of poison. Reading this, Mahatma Gandhi immediately said, "Meghani seems to have entered my soul and completely controlled my mind through this poem." That's when he gave Meghani the title of 'Rashtriya Shayar'.

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel also praised him and said "Meghani's voice was full of courage." One of his famous songs 'Mor bani thangat kare'... i.e. my mind dances like a peacock, was used in the 2013 Hindi film 'Goliyon Ki Rasleela, Ramleela'. Meghani has also authored more than 100 books. His first book was published under the title 'Kurbani Ni Kathao' which was a translation of Rabindranath Tagore's 'Katha O Kahini'. This book was first published in 1922. He was also the editor of the 'Phulchhab' newspaper of the Janmabhoomi group, which is being published from Rajkot to date. Revolutionary poet Jhaverchand Meghani continued to participate in the freedom struggle but he was also troubled by the growing communal disharmony in the country. Perhaps due to this grief, he suffered a heart attack, and on 9 March 1947, he left for the heavenly abode. On 14 September 1999, the Department of Posts issued a stamp in his honor.

1942, he was imprisoned for participating in the Quit India Movement. Apart from his role in the freedom struggle of India, he also made efforts for the upliftment of the downtrodden sections of society. He worked hard to eradicate untouchability and worked for the upliftment of Harijans. He also established several Harijan hostels and schools in Kerala. He was at the forefront of the Swadeshi movement and worked tirelessly to develop Khadi and Village Industries. Apart from his selfless commitment to India's independence, one of the major achievements of K Kelappan is the Guruvayur plebiscite. The plebiscite opened the doors of many private temples owned by upper caste and upper caste groups to the public at large, irrespective of their caste or class.

As a founding member and president of the Nair

Service Society, Kelappan's reformist outlook is praised in present times also. After independence, he played a major role in the formation of the state of Kerala by unifying the three princely states of Malayalam-speaking people. He was elected to the Parliament in 1952. At the end of his tenure, he left active politics and became a Sarvodaya activist. He became actively involved in the Bhoodan movement in Kerala. He was also the president of almost all Gandhian organizations in Kerala. He is remembered as a selfless man who never sought power or position, and upheld Gandhiji's ideals, and lived the life of a 'Sewak'. Prime Minister Narendra Modi remembered Kelappan who is affectionately called 'Kerala Gandhi' at the inauguration of the centenary year celebrations of Mathrubhumi newspaper. K Kelappan died on 07 October 1971. ■

INDIA MOVING TOWARD EASE OF JUSTICE



It is said that justice delayed is justice denied. In the last eight years, work has been done at a very fast pace to strengthen the judicial structure of the country. After Ease of Doing Business and Ease of Living, now Ease of Justice is also the priority of the government in Amrit Yatra. With this thought, Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the first-ever national level meeting of District Legal Services Authorities conference on 30 July at Vigyan Bhawan.

In the Indian legal system, it is said— अंगेन गात्रं नयनेन वक्त्रं, न्यायेन राज्यं लवणेन भोज्यम्॥, That is, just as different parts are important for the body, eyes for the face and salt for food, justice is equally important. We have ordinary people here to believe that if no one listens, the doors of the court are open. This belief in justice makes every countryman realise that the systems of the country are protecting his rights. With this thinking, the country also established the National Legal Services Authority so that even the weakest of the weak could get access to justice. Addressing the inaugural session of the first All India District Legal Services Authority conference, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "This is the time of our independence's 'Amrit Kaal.' This is the time to make the resolutions that will propel the country to new heights over the next 25 years. Ease of Doing Business, Ease of Living, and Ease of Justice are all equally important in the country's 'Amrit Yatra.' Prime Minister Modi's words have been reflected in the fast-paced work done over the last eight years to strengthen the country's judicial infrastructure. The judicial infrastructure is being modernised at a cost of about 9,000 crore rupees. The number of courtrooms in the country has also increased. This rapid progress in the construction of judicial infrastructure will also hasten justice delivery. On the occasion, the Prime Minister also issued a commemorative postage stamp commemorating the 'Right to Free Legal Aid.' ■

NATIONAL LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY PROVIDES LEGAL AID

- There are a total of 676 District Legal Services Authorities in the country. These authorities are headed by a district judge, who acts as its chairman.
- Various legal aid and awareness programs are implemented by the National Legal Services Authority through the District Legal Services Authority and the State Legal Services Authority.
- The Lok Adalats organized by the District Legal Services Authority, and State Legal Services Authority also contribute to reducing the burden on the courts.
- The National Legal Services Authority organized the first National Level Conference of the District Legal Services Authority from 30-31 July 2022 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
- The conference discussed the implementation of a joint working process for providing effective legal aid to the poor and marginalized sections of society.

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ये समय हमारी आजादी के अमृतकाल का समय है।

ये समय उन संकल्पों का समय है जो अगले 25 वर्षों में देश को नई ऊंचाई पर ले जाएंगे।

देश की इस अमृतयात्रा में Ease of Doing Business और Ease of Living की तरह ही Ease of Justice भी उतना ही जरूरी है: PM @narendramodi

Nitin Gadkari @nitin_gadkari

देश में इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर विकास के साथ साथ पर्यावरण के संवर्धन के लिए हम कटिबद्ध हैं। आदरणीय प्रधानमंत्री श्री @narendramodi जी के मार्गदर्शन में हम राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग निर्माण प्रक्रिया में पेड़ काटने की जगह उसे ट्रांसप्लांट करने पर जोर दे रहे हैं। #PragatiKaHighway #PalkhiMarg

Rajnath Singh @rajnathsingh

Delighted to announce the revision of financial assistance to the orphaned children of Ex-Servicemen (ESM) from Rs. 1000/-pm to Rs. 3000/-pm under ORPHAN GRANT SCHEME of the Raksha Mantri Ex-Servicemen Welfare Fund. Many ESM families will be benefitted from this decision.

Amit Shah @AmitShah

राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति को लेकर पूरे देश में जो उत्साह देखने को मिला है, उसमें ही नई शिक्षा नीति की सफलता का बीज है, जो आगे चलकर एक वद्वक्ष बनेगा।

मुझे विश्वास है कि नई शिक्षा नीति के माध्यम से हम भारत को शिक्षा की दृष्टि से विश्व में पुनः महाशक्ति बनते देख पायेंगे।

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प्रधानमंत्री जी के कार्यकाल के पिछले 8 वर्षों में जनजातीय परिवर्धन में कई विकाससाधक कार्य हुए हैं।

जनजातीय समाज जो आदि संस्कृति और आत्म-स्वामिमान के साथ जिया है, उसे बढ़ाने के बहुत सारे फैसले मंत्री जी के नेतृत्व वाली केंद्र सरकार द्वारा लिए गए हैं।

हम सबके लिए सौभाग्य की बात है कि एक आदिवासी समाज की महिला भारत के राष्ट्रपति पद को सुशोभित करने जा रही हैं।

आजादी के लंबे कालखंड के बाद भारत और भारत का जनजातीय समाज नए अवसरों के साथ आगे बढ़ रहा है।

Build India of freedom fighters' dreams: Modi

Biggest message from Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav events is for countrymen to follow their duty with full devotion, says PM

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI
In the 75th episode of Mann Ki Baat, his monthly radio address, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday urged the people of the country to build an India of the dreams of the freedom fighters during the 75th Independence Day celebrations. PM Modi said the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav was taking the form of a mass movement.

"People from all walks of life and from every section of society are participating in different programmes connected with it. One such event took place in Meghalaya earlier this month. People remembered the brave warrior of Meghalaya U. Tirot Singh on his death anniversary. Tirot Singh fiercely opposed the British conspiracy to control the Khasi hills and destroy the culture there. Many artists gave beautiful performances in

these," Mr. Modi said. The Prime Minister said that all were going to be witnesses to a splendid and historic moment during the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. He said this was a period of our history when the countrymen were united in a common goal.

"The PM said the Centre had undertaken Azadi Ka Railgadi at the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. There are many such railway stations in the country which are associated with the history of the freedom movement," he said. He said the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav was also being organised in the form of a mass movement.

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PM's comments on freebies put focus on fin panel's suggestions

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New Delhi: In recent years, there have been several instances of the government working out borrowing arrangements which are not in line with the Constitutional provisions. But often the Centre fails to detect it in time despite the involvement of public sector banks.

PM Narendra Modi recently made references to freebies being doled out by states and the Supreme Court asked the Centre to consult the Finance Commission on the issue. As a result, the spotlight is back on how "irrational freebies" — often doled out ahead of polls — can be reined in.

The Constitution mandates that Centre shares the tax revenue with states based on the world's leading global top brands," he added.

Cost of freight subsidising passenger fares in railways or one segment of power consumers subsidising another: They undercut competitive and impact employment. Power is the most grotesque example of freebies, of flawed welfare economics neither guaranteeing welfare, much less growth. Merit subsidies, which are welfare-enhancing, must be distinguished from debilitating freebies. We must be mindful of inter-generational equity as well as obligations for sustainable development by adhering to national and international commitments. Some of the mechanisms (for reducing freebies) were articulated in the Finance Commission report submitted to the government."

Power is the biggest freebie on offer across states and every political party when in power is guilty of not clearing dues of generation and distribution companies.

MANN KI BAAT: AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV CELEBRATIONS Use Tricolour on social media, hoist flag at homes, says PM

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday urged the people of the country to hoist the Indian tricolour at their homes and use it on social media to mark the 75th anniversary of India's independence.

"Let us further this movement by hoisting the Indian tricolour at our homes and using it on social media to mark the 75th anniversary of India's independence," he said. He said the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav was also being organised in the form of a mass movement.

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Time for India to become a mkt maker: PM

Hyatt/Park
Gandhinagar: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said it was time for India to become a market maker instead of merely a market taker. He said the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav was also being organised in the form of a mass movement.

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A strong govt is not restrictive, doesn't control everything: PM

Reforms Make Greater Space For People, Freedom'
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A strong government does not control everything or restrict everyone. It is responsive, not restrictive, said Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while speaking at Anna University's 42nd convocation ceremony here on Friday.

Nadu CM MK Stalin, both of whom skirted contentious topics like NEET. Mentioning the New Education Policy (NEP) in the convocation, Modi said, "A strong government's strength lies in its humility to accept that it cannot know or do everything. That is why you see reforms in every sphere that make greater space for the people and the freedom."

Join the Honey Mission: PM message to youth
Two News Network
New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday urged the youth of the country to join the Honey Mission, a campaign to produce honey in the country. He said the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav was also being organised in the form of a mass movement.

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TRIBUTE TO FORMER PRESIDENT 'BHARAT RATNA' PRANAB MUKHERJEE ON HIS SECOND DEATH ANNIVERSARY 31ST AUGUST- DEATH ANNIVERSARY

- **As President:** While in office, he always brought laurels to the nation through his scholarly and practical nature and knowledge of history and international affairs.
- **As a Minister:** During his political career that spanned decades, Pranab Mukherjee made long-lasting contributions to key economic and strategic ministries.
- **As an MP:** Pranab Mukherjee's speeches not only promoted good debates but also gave a new direction to the country. He was an outstanding Parliamentarian, always well-prepared, extremely articulate as well as witty.

He will always be remembered for his selfless service and indelible contribution to the nation.



“'Bharat Ratna' Pranab Mukherjee has left an indelible mark on the development trajectory of our nation. He was an outstanding scholar and excellent politician who was respected by all political parties and people from all sections. As President of India, Pranab Mukherjee made Rashtrapati Bhavan even more accessible for the common citizens. He made the President's house a center of learning, innovation, culture, science, and literature. His wise counsel on key policy matters will never be forgotten by me.

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

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