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CHURNING PRODUCES AMRIT...

Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav is an unforgettable period in the making of a new India built with the help of 140 crore people. The Amrit of development that has emerged from the great churning of more than two years is not just the nation's destination; it is the path, the beginning of a new India.

PARTITION HORRORS REMEMBRANCE DAY: AUGUST 14, 2023

SALUTE TO THE STRUGGLE AND SACRIFICE OF THE COUNTRYMEN

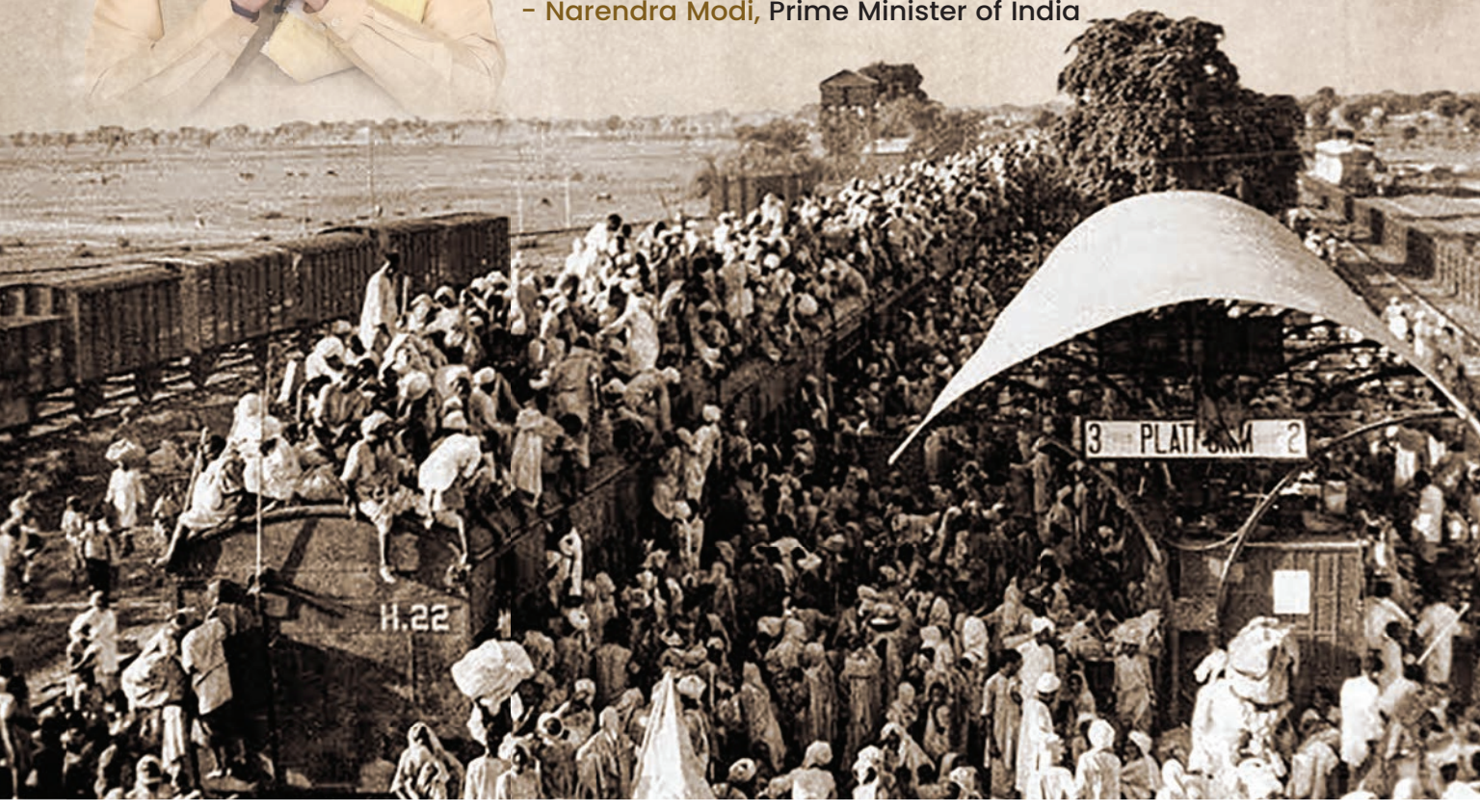
The Partition of India is a painful story of unprecedented human displacement and forced migration. How the era of years of old coexistence came to an abrupt and dramatic end. In this inhuman episode recorded in 1947 , about 2 crore people were affected. The caravan of evacuees ranged from 10 to 27 miles long. In the midst of rain, hunger, and riots, the displaced had to lose their lives. Seeing the scenes of struggle for life and the burden of uncertainties, even our blood was spilled, which cannot be forgotten. This empathy of pain and suffering should be passed on to the present and future generations, which is why August 14 was declared 'Partition Horrors Remembrance Day'.

- The day of 'Partition Horrors Remembrance Day' inspires us to eliminate the poison of discrimination, disharmony, and ill-will. At the same time, it also strengthens unity, social harmony, and human sensibilities.
- Partition Horrors Remembrance Day' reminds the young generation of the country of the torture and pain endured by the people during the Partition and also inspires the countrymen to always maintain peace and harmony in the country.



"The pain of the partition of the country can never be forgotten. Millions of our sisters and brothers were displaced and even lost their lives due to hatred and violence. In memory of the struggles and sacrifices of those people, it was decided to observe August 14 as' Partition Horrors Remembrance Day '."

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India



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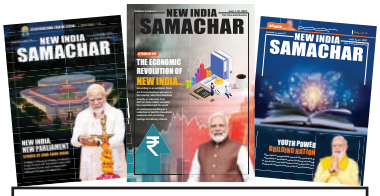
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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK...

AMRIT MAHOTSAV: UNFORGETTABLE PERIOD OF NATION'S DEVELOPMENT JOURNEY

Greetings!

On the occasion of this Independence Day, when the tricolour will be hoisted from the ramparts of the Red Fort, it will not be just an annual celebration, but it will start a new journey by learning from history and embracing the present. It will also be historic because Prime Minister Narendra Modi will hoist the flag for the 10th time. This celebration of independence will also be special because the two-year Amrit Mahotsav, which acted as a catalyst to achieve the resolution of New India by making the 75th anniversary of independence a festival, has become an unforgettable period of building the foundation of New India. Moving forward with the grand goal of a developed India, the festival, which prepared the foundation stone of New India, has paved the way for development and has taken a step towards realizing the goal of 2047.

The Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav encapsulates public participation, that is, 'sabka prayas' which has been the basic spirit of this festival. Now the Prime Minister has named Amrit Kaal as Kartavya Kaal, so it has future resolutions as well as aim of strengthening development and heritage.

Our cover story this time is how the journey of Amrit Mahotsav, which has become the foundation stone of a developed India, has given a new direction to development and the unrelenting resolve of our people. This great churning has given the nation such an 'Amrit' of development which is full of new energy with new resolutions and is paving the way for achievement.

Apart from this, the journey of development in four years following the abrogation of Article 370 from Jammu and Kashmir in the direction of Ek Bharat-Shrestha Bharat, special material on Partition Day, and former President VV Giri, who was awarded the Bharat Ratna, have been included in the personality section. This issue contains programmes related to the G-20, the Prime Minister's visit to France, Gifts of Development to Four States, and the inspiring saga of great heroes in the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav series.

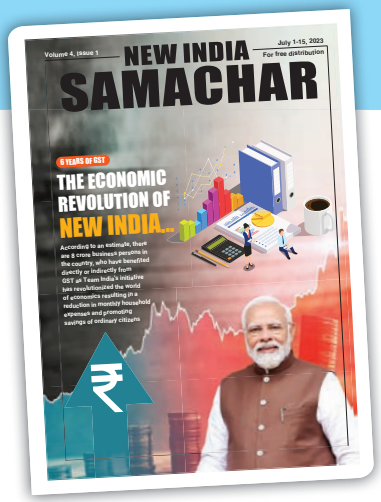
PS: This grand edifice standing on the foundation of independence, is not just the destination of the nation, but the path, the beginning of a new India... Let us move ahead with the resolutions taken during the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, encompassing unity, development and democracy.

Keep sending your suggestions to us.



(Rajesh Malhotra)

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MAIL BOX

Very attractive cover page

I read the July 1 - 15, 2023 issue of New India Samachar.The cover page was very appealing. The biographies of freedom fighters published in this issue, as well as the organisation of the job fair, also provided useful information. A cruise to Sri Lanka and steps taken by the Union Government to provide ex-servicemen with dignified employment were also discussed. The editorial appeared to be both commendable and collectible. The New India Samachar magazine is improving because of your tireless efforts.

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The magazine contains a lot of useful information

I had the opportunity to read the June 1-15, 2023 issue of the New India Samachar. In this, I was able to read very useful information that had not been tampered with or altered in any way. I am a senior citizen, and this issue of the magazine is based on the central government's facilities for senior citizens, which are very informative and useful.

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A fantastic magazine that provides information about development

In Chennai, I am the principal of a college. I read New India Samachar in three languages: Tamil, English, and Hindi on a regular basis. I also share this magazine on a regular basis with all of my students, teachers, and parents. It is an excellent magazine for keeping up with our country's development and progress. I respectfully request that you and your team publish it in Sanskrit and spread Dev Bhasha.

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I encourage others to read the magazine

I read the English edition of New India Samachar Magazine whenever I have the chance. This magazine is very useful and interesting to all segments of society, in my opinion. I also encourage others in my office to read this magazine because it is also beneficial to government employees.

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New India Samachar Magazine is both collectible and impactful

The June 16-30, 2023 issue of New India Samachar is both collectible and inspiring. It felt like we were living in a new India after reading about the new Parliament building, the Rojgar Mela, International Yoga Day, and the Vande Bharat Express. We are constructing a new India. Prime Minister Narendra Modi deserves praise.

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CENTRE TO MODERNISE STATE FIRE SERVICES



To reduce the loss of life and property in any type of disaster, the central government provides money to states through the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) to strengthen their resources. The Union Home Ministry intends to spend Rs 5,000 crore on strengthening, expanding, and modernising state fire services. Of this, Rs 500 crore has been set aside to incentivize states to implement legal and infrastructure reforms. Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah stated that the Ministry of Home Affairs is taking several major initiatives to make India disaster resilient by strengthening the Disaster Risk Reduction System and ensuring zero deaths and minimal property loss during disasters under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Under the scheme, the respective states will bear 25% of the total cost, while the North Eastern and Himalayan states will bear 10% of the cost. The scheme's details are available on the Ministry of Home Affairs' website, https://ndmindia.mha.gov.in.

PLAN TO INSTALL MULTI-LAYERED CATTLE FENCES ALONG NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

Because of the presence of cattle in the midst of fast-moving vehicles on the road, there is frequently an accident and danger to the lives of the cattle as well as the passengers. Keeping this in mind, the central government has devised a strategy to avoid accidents. Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari briefed about this plan of cattle fencing. Cattle crossing the road and causing dangerous accidents can be avoided by installing multi-layered cattle fencing. Gadkari stated that the fence will be 1.20 m high and will be installed as part of a comprehensive solution on stretch 23 of the National Highway 30. The scheme was launched as a pilot project in preparation for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Chhattisgarh. For this reason, the cattle fence has been designed to be both effective and environmentally friendly by utilising bamboo. Bamboo treated with creosote oil and coated with HDPE is a more durable alternative to steel.The fence has a Class 1 fire rating, which ensures safety and adheres to the principles of Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

IICA LAUNCHES A THREE-MONTH CERTIFICATE PROGRAMME

The Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) has launched a three-month certificate course on 'Promoting Research Methodology, Innovation, Critical Thinking, and Evidence-Based Decision Making'. The goal of this course is to provide faculty and students with solid research methodologies in order to foster an environment of evidence-based decision-making. The course emphasises collaborative learning, an interdisciplinary approach, and the exchange of various points of view. The course's online format allows for plenty of adaptability to different programmes and needs. Even after being delivered through the virtual medium, the programme aims to make the interaction, engagement, and learning experiences as authentic as possible. Furthermore, the course will serve as a platform for interdisciplinary collaboration, allowing for fruitful discussions and the exchange of ideas among participants from various academic backgrounds.

UNIFIED LOGISTICS INTERFACE PLATFORM: BECOMING THE BUSINESS'S BACKBONE

The Unified Logistics Interface Platform, or ULIP, was created in 2022 and is quickly becoming the backbone of business. It simplifies the logistics process and provides all facilities in one place. Prime Minister Narendra Modi praised the Single Window Logistics Platform, saying, "The single window platform of logistics has brought an unprecedented change in the transportation of goods." This will save not only time and money, but also it will contribute significantly to the country's self-reliance. The ULIP platform addresses the issue of supply chain delays. Simultaneously, it lowers transportation costs while ensuring timely delivery of goods. In addition, this system allows for real-time tracking of the EXIM container. Because of the ULIP platform, India's average port dwell time is now shorter than that of Singapore, China, the US, and Britain.

APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR THE PRADHAN MANTRI RASHTRIYA BAL PURASKAR IS AUGUST 31, 2023



The Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar (PMRBP) deadline has been extended from July 31 to August 31, 2023 by the Ministry of Women and Child Development. The PMRBP 2024 application process has begun on the National Awards Portal, https://awards.gov.in. National-level achievements in bravery, sports, social service, science and technology, the environment, art and culture, and innovation are recognised. Any child who is an Indian citizen, resides in India, and is under the age of 18 can apply for the award. A deserving child may also be nominated by anyone else. PMRBP applications can only be submitted through the online portal.

TIME TO IMPROVE SOIL FERTILITY AND MINIMISING THE NEGATIVE IMPACT OF CHEMICAL FERTILISERS

Unbalanced chemical nutrients used in agricultural work have a negative impact on soil productivity and quality. As a result, all stakeholders and the government must collaborate to eliminate the negative impact of chemical fertilisers. Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Chemicals and Fertilisers, called for developing a strategy to promote alternative nutrients in order to reduce reliance on chemical fertilisers for soil health and sustainable soil fertility at a workshop in this regard. He bemoaned the negative and concerning effects of chemical fertilisers on the health of both humans and animals. Referring to the role of the country's scientists, Mandaviya stated that they now have the responsibility of increasing soil fertility as well as agriculture and fulfilling people's aspirations. To increase agricultural productivity, solutions that ensure farmer welfare, protect the environment and health, and empower the agriculture sector are required. ■



VARAHAGIRI VENKATA GIRI: AN ADVOCATE OF LABOUR RIGHTS

BORN: 10 AUGUST 1894 | DIED: 24 JUNE 1980

Fearless freedom fighter, distinguished orator, writer and skilled politician Varahagiri Venkata Giri is popularly known as VV Giri. He wanted to become a lawyer but sacrificing his ambition he entered the freedom struggle. VV Giri, the fourth President of India, became both acting President and full-time President. VV Giri, awarded the country's highest civilian honor Bharat Ratna, is remembered for his contribution to the Indian freedom struggle, labour rights and social equality.

Varahagiri Venkata Giri was born on 10 August 1894 in a Telugu speaking family in the Berhampur district of Odisha. His father was a lawyer and mother a social worker. He completed his primary and secondary education in Berhampur only. After this, in 1913, he went to University College Dublin to study law. In the same year, influenced by Mahatma Gandhi, he understood that the fight for freedom is more important than the studies. He gave more importance to the freedom struggle than his studies. When he came back to India, he started actively participating in the labour movement.

Due to his active participation in the labour movement, VV Giri became the President of All India Railway Men's Federation. After this, he became the President of the Indian Trade Union Congress twice in 1926 and 1942. VV Giri handled the Ministry of Labour and Industry twice in 1937 and 1946 in the Madras Presidency. Due to his activism during the Quit India Movement in 1942, he also had to go to jail. Despite this he remained active. After the country gained independence, VV Giri was appointed as the High Commissioner to Sri Lanka. He was elected to the first Lok Sabha in 1952. From 1952 to 1954, he handled the Ministry of Labour.

VV Giri was the Governor of Uttar Pradesh, Kerala and Karnataka from 1957 to 1967. In 1967, he was elected the Vice President of the country. After the death of the then President Zakir Hussain on 3 May 1969, he was made acting President. There was an interesting contest in the presidential election held in 1969. The then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi appealed to her party members to vote according to their conscience. In this election, the Congress party made Neelam Sanjiva Reddy its presidential candidate. However, Reddy lost the election and VV Giri was elected as the fourth and first independent President of the country by getting 50.2 percent votes. He remained on this highest constitutional post till 1974. VV Giri also had a keen interest in book writing. The books written by him have been very popular.

In 1974, the Indian Posts and Telegraphs Department issued a commemorative stamp in his honour. In 1975, he was awarded the Bharat Ratna, the country's highest civilian honour, for his contribution to the Indian freedom struggle and public affairs. He died on 24 June 1980 in Chennai due to a heart attack. President Droupadi Murmu paid tributes to former President VV Giri on his birth anniversary at Rashtrapati Bhavan on August 10 last year. ■



GLORIOUS CULTURAL HERITAGE OF INDIA

Gita Press is the only printing press in the world which is not just an organization but a living faith. The office of Gita Press, established in 1923, is no less than a temple for crores of people and is one of the largest publishers in the world. It has published 41.7 crore books in 14 languages, including 16.21 crore Shrimad Bhagavad Gita. Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the centenary closing ceremony of the Gita Press, which has taken India's civilization and culture, to new heights and released the pictorial Shiva Purana Granth on July 7.

Like its name Gita it has been working in the same spirit of the Gita, the religious scripture of Hindus. Where there is Gita, there is Krishna in person, and where there is Krishna, there is compassion and action. There is realization of knowledge as well as research of science. Addressing the centenary closing ceremony of Gita Press in Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "The spiritual flame that lit up here in the form of Gita Press in 1923, today its light is guiding the entire humanity. We are fortunate that we are all witnessing the centenary of this humanitarian mission. On this historic occasion, our government has also given the Gandhi Peace Prize to Gita Press.

Mahatma Gandhi had an emotional attachment to the Gita Press. At one time, Mahatma Gandhi used to write for Gita Press through Kalyan Patrika. Mahatma Gandhi had suggested that advertisements should not be printed in the Kalyan Patrika. This institution has never resorted to advertising for revenue. Gita Press through its affiliated organizations is striving for the progressive development of people's lives and for the welfare of all. Prime Minister Modi said in the program, "An organization like Gita press is not only associated with religion and work, but it also has a national character. It has 20 branches across the country. We find Gita Press stalls at railway stations in every nook and corner of the country." There are about 1600 publications in 15 different languages from Gita Press and it takes the basic thought of India to the masses. Prime Minister Modi also visited the Leela Chitra Mandir in the Gita Press Complex and paid floral tributes to the picture of Lord Shri Ram. Gita Press in a way represents the spirit of 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat'. Gita Press is also proof that when your objectives are pure, your values are pure then success becomes synonymous with you. ■

Gandhi Peace Prize to Gita Press

The Gandhi Peace Prize for the year 2021 has been given to Gita Press, Gorakhpur. The Gandhi Peace Prize is an annual award instituted by the Government of India. The award was instituted in the year 1995 on the occasion of the 125th birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, as a tribute to his ideals.



FOUR YEARS OF A NEW DAWN IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR AND LADAKH

A Transformational story of reform

In Jammu and Kashmir, a new era of development has begun. Four years ago, on August 5, the concept of 'Ek Bharat-Shreshtha Bharat' was further strengthened when the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi repealed provisions of Article 370 from Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, which were lagging behind in the race for development. This region has been rapidly developing alongside the rest of the country in the last four years, and its 1.39 crore citizens are now writing a new saga of transformative reforms with strong intentions.

In every policy and strategy, the new India focus on public welfare to national welfare, from public campaigns to nation-building. In such a situation, the central government's top priority has become the development of the people of Jammu, Kashmir, and Ladakh through the concept of Ek Bharat-Shreshtha Bharat. On August 5, four years ago, the central government, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, made a historic decision. By correcting historical mistakes with far-reaching thinking, a new saga of transformative reforms is being written, because of which Jammu and Kashmir has embarked on the path of development. Governance, which was previously limited to a few people in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, is now being realised on the ground.

Previously, the youth who held stones in their hands; now, they hold a laptop with books instead of pebbles. The educated youth are shaping not only Jammu and Kashmir's but also the country's future. During the previous government's ten years, there were 7327 terrorist incidents and 2056 civilian deaths, while in the last nine years; there have been 2350 terrorist incidents, with a 70% decrease and the unfortunate deaths of 377 civilians. Previously, development could not take place due to Article 370, and 42,000 people became victims of terrorism. Only 32 calls for strikes and shutdowns have been made in the 47 months since Article 370 was abrogated, while incidents of stone pelting have also come down by 90%.

During his recent visit to Jammu and Kashmir, Union Home Minister Amit Shah appealed to the youth there to connect with change, saying that there is a future in connecting with the development of Jammu and Kashmir and the country with a laptop rather than weapons in hand. He said the entire world and country are watching the youth here. He urged the youth of Jammu and Kashmir, particularly the Valley, to take the lead in effecting change and work to take Jammu and Kashmir to new heights and goals. Jammu and Kashmir is the land of the indomitable courage and valour of the country's bravehearts, and a 'Balidan Stambh' is being built to commemorate their valour. This pillar will instill patriotism in the youth by commemorating the martyrs. Innumerable jawans of the Jammu and Kashmir Police who died protecting innocent civilians while fighting terrorists demonstrate how committed Kashmir and its people are to peace.



Expansion of energy capacity

The state has a power generation capacity of

20,000

MW but reached only 3,500 MW in 70 years.

3050

MW will be added to it by 2025–26.

Over

12.45

lakh Ujjwala connections given.

- Power generation capacity doubled in three years.
- 100% coverage under the UJALA and SAUBHAGYA schemes

Tap water in every home

23,160

rural schools, 24,164 anganwadi centres, and 3324 health centres have been provided with tap water supplies.

18.67

lakh rural households have 100% tap water connections.

- Under the Jal Jeevan Mission, 100% coverage is expected in 2 districts, with the remaining districts to be completed by December 2023–24.
- Flood management has improved.

Global Message of Tourism

The G-20 Summit was recently held successfully in Srinagar. The leaders of many countries carried the message of good tourism in Kashmir from here, which sent the message of the improved situation in Kashmir to the whole world. PM Modi's government has implemented various industrial policies for economic development, such as new film policies, homestay and houseboat policies for tourism, and so

Syama Prasad Mookerjee's sacrifice, courage, and determination were instrumental in reuniting Jammu and Kashmir with India and abrogating Article 370. In 1953, Syama Prasad Mookerjee resigned as the country's Industries Minister in protest of the proposal to include Article 370, stating that two laws, two flags, and two heads would not run in this country. On August 5, 2019, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government made Article 370 ineffective, fulfilling Syama Prasad Mookerjee's dream.

on, because of which the number of investments and tourists in Jammu and Kashmir is steadily increasing. In 2022, a record 1.88 crores tourists visited Jammu and Kashmir. With such a large number of tourists arriving in Jammu and Kashmir, the number of hotel rooms here will more than triple in the next five years.

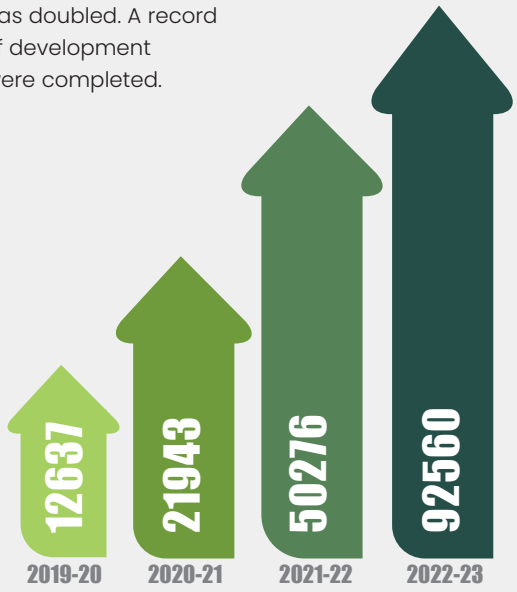
Currently, a plan worth approximately Rs 85 crore has been prepared with the primary goal of making Dal Lake the most appealing tourist destination in the country. Every child in the country will want to visit Dal Lake and Tattoo Ground in the coming days. Many projects, including multi-level parking, smart lighting, integrated command, and park development, have begun at a cost of Rs 345 crore in Srinagar Smart City Limited. These locations have been identified as potential top tourism destinations in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. Foreign tourists can now climb 137 Himalayan peaks, including 15 in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. The first Central University in Ladakh with a Centre for Buddhist Studies is taking shape. Ladakh's long-pending demand for Union Territory status has also been met, and the region is moving forward.

Everyone's growth is the goal

A new decade has begun, and the situation in Jammu and Kashmir is changing as well. Deprived people have been fighting for their rights for decades. By abrogating Article 370, the central government has granted the hill community, scheduled castes, tribes, women, and senior citizens the right to reservation.

Speed, efficiency, and quality of development become symbols

The number of completed projects has doubled. A record number of development projects were completed.



Continuity of Industrial Development

The investment proposal of Rs.

2,153

crore was implemented in the financial year 2022–23.

Investment proposals worth Rs.

73,376

crore were received, creating employment opportunities for 3.5 lakh citizens.

Rs 500 crore in FDI and a 54 percent increase in MSME sector exports

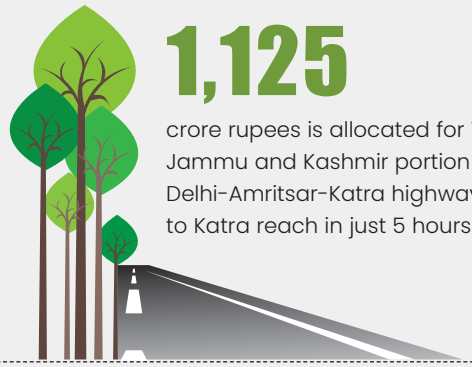
Unprecedented transparency in financial management

- E-tendering is mandatory for all work.
- Geo-tagging and 100% authentication
- An empowerment portal for people's plans and people's participation in which any citizen can get complete information about any ongoing project.

- Under the Prime Minister's Development Package (PMDP), only 7 projects were completed until June 2018, but now 32 projects have been completed until May 2023. 13 projects will be completed by 2023–2024 and 8 projects after 2024. These 53 projects are worth Rs 58,477 crore.
- The Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla rail link is the world's longest rail-road bridge.
- 8.45 km of twin-tube Kazikund-Banihal tunnel have been completed. With this, work on several tunnels worth Rs. 3,117 crore is underway.
- Under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, 2967 projects covering about 18,000 km of road have been completed, reaching every village.
- The 58-kilometre semi-ring road is about to be completed to free Jammu city from jams.
- Due to better road infrastructure, travel time to Jammu-Kishtwar was reduced from 7.5 hours to 5 hours, Jammu-Doda from 5.5 hours to 3.5 hours, Srinagar-Jammu from 7–12 hours to 5.5 hours, and Srinagar–Gulmarg from 3 hours to 1.5 hours.
- Light metro rail projects are ready. The DPR for the project, costing Rs 7,942 crore, has been prepared and submitted to the concerned ministry.



244
bridges were built in three years



1,125
crore rupees is allocated for 130 km of the Jammu and Kashmir portion of the 6-lane Delhi-Amritsar-Katra highway. From Delhi to Katra reach in just 5 hours now.

A new chapter of good governance

There were more than **400** services online, also connected to the feedback mechanism.

2428
Amrit Sarovar was constructed under the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

- Jammu and Kashmir became the benchmark for the country in the Good Governance Index 2021.
- The land revenue documents were made online.
- Access to 100% of beneficiaries under the Saksham Public Distribution System.
- By sorting out 10 lakh bogus beneficiaries, 1.6 lakh metric tonnes of foodgrains and savings of Rs 230 crore benefitted the genuine beneficiaries.
- The Jammu and Kashmir Vision Document 2047 was prepared and submitted to the Union Home Ministry.
- More than one lakh people took part in the programme.
- It secured first position in the Union Territories and second position in the entire country.

Towards prosperity in health sector

881 crore rupees plan to upgrade District-level health infrastructure 120 of the total 140 projects have been completed, with the remainder set to be completed in 2023-24.

- Health: became the first state to implement PM-JAY for 100% of the people. 5 lakh health insurance covers every family.
- For health infrastructure, 2 new AIIMS, 5 new nursing colleges, 2 State Cancer Institutes, 7 new medical colleges, and 10 nursing colleges are being upgraded at a cost of Rs 7,200 crore, and 2 hospitals will be built exclusively for bone and joint diseases.
- 2000 more seats were added in medical education.
- The policy of investment in health, AYUSH, has been approved, and the policy for de-addiction has also been approved.
- The number of oxygen plants has increased from 24 in 2020 to 177 now. The capacity also increased from 14916 LPM to 1,26,391 LPM.



New dimensions in the field of education

12,00,000 students have been issued health cards for the first time.

38,000 teachers were regularised.

- IIT-IIM was established in record time.
- For the first time, 50 new colleges were started, and 25,000 additional seats were added in a year.
- A new national education policy has been implemented.
- Two architecture colleges and one engineering college were established.
- The entire process of transfer and appointment was done online and transparently.
- 803 Vocational Labs have been established.
- Establishment of 127 Atal Tinkering Labs. Atal Tinkering Labs will be set up in 500 schools by 2023–24.



Agriculture and farmers' welfare

In 2022–23,

1.61 crore saplings were planted, as against the target of 1.35 crore.

5,013 crore rupee Integrated Agriculture Development Programme launched

- Became third in terms of monthly agricultural income and the fifth best-performing state or territory in terms of agriculture and allied sectors.
- Saffron from Kashmir got the GI tag, and the increase in production doubled the income of saffron growers.
- The scope of benefits of the Kisan Credit Card and PM Kisan Yojana has increased rapidly.
- Initiatives to make the state self-sufficient in milk, mutton, and poultry
- Every village has a green plan. 75 new trekking routes were opened.

Mission Yuva: My Jammu and Kashmir

More than **50** thousand people were trained through skill development.

60 lakh youth participated in sports activities in 2022–23.

- Young people are getting opportunities to move forward through Mumkin, Tejaswini, Rise Together, the Volunteer Programme, etc.
- 5130 youth clubs built; 6.5 thousand women benefitted under the Tejaswini Yojana; and more than 9,000 youth benefitted in Mumkin.
- The facility for 2000 administrative service aspirants in the Parwaz Scheme
- They are being empowered by providing new employment opportunities through various schemes at the village level.
- Indoor sports complexes in every district, playgrounds in every panchayat, stadiums in the state, and international-level facilities for sports

The state is becoming a popular investment location

Projects worth Rs **14,500** crore received including the Kashmir division ,investment proposals worth Rs 52,000 crore for Jammu and Kashmir,

Equal rights and opportunities for women

- More than 6.43 lakh women have benefited from 80.5 thousand self-help groups.
- The initiative named 'Hausla' was taken so that the dreams of women entrepreneurs in the state get a chance to redeem.
- With initiatives like Digi Pe Sakhi, Krishi Sakhi, Pashu Sakhi, and Umeed Mahila Haat, women will get new opportunities and a new identity in different fields.

Equality and justice for all

- The scope was increased by changing the provisions of the reservation.
- 4% to Pahari language speakers, 10% to economically weaker sections
- The other social class increased from 2 to 4%.
- The number of people living near the Line of Control at the border increased from 3 to 4%.
- Tribal reservations in Assembly seats according to population
- So far, 61,474,482 Permanent Resident Certificates have been issued. This includes refugees from Pakistan, Valmikis, Gorkhas, migrants, sanitation workers, children of women who were married outside the state, etc.
- The process of obtaining a permanent resident certificate is simplified and online, with a 15-day time limit, facilitation of appeal, and provision of penalties for officials in cases of delay.
- Financial assistance of Rs. 5.5 lakh to the displaced persons in PMDP 2015.
- The benefit under the scheme of reservation for persons living on the border in recruitment has been extended up to March 31, 2024.
- It is the beginning of a new era for the tribal group; 3032 Forest Rights Certificates have been issued so far.
- Two tribal museums will come up in Poonch and Jammu. 221 smart schools will also be built.

Aspirational Block Development Programme

- Work on the development plan by selecting 44 aspirational blocks.
- By March 2023, 90% of the work will be completed.
- 1 crore fund for each block for this financial year.

Aspirational Panchayat Development Programme

- The Panchayat was also included on the lines of the Aspirational Block Development Programme.
- 285 Aspirational Panchayats were identified, and standards were fixed.
- Financial assistance of Rs. 10 lakh has been sanctioned for each panchayat. Officials of the Back to the Village programme have been put in charge.

For us, the decision of August 5 is irrevocable. The resolve to take Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh on a new path is also unwavering. On August 5, the entire Constitution of India and the law came into force in Jammu and Kashmir. We removed the biggest obstacle to the development of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh for 70 years.

-Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

From 1947 to 2014, there was a severe shortage of jobs in this area. However, the Government of India has now given 28,000 government jobs to the youth, established 51,000 self-employment units, provided livelihoods to 70,000 youth through Mission Youth, and provided an industrial package worth Rs 28,400 crore. The Golden Health Card benefits approximately 97 lakh people.

While the Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Yojana is only available to the poor across the country, Prime Minister Modi has decided to provide free health care to all citizens in Jammu and Kashmir under it. Today, 12 lakh 45 thousand farmers receive Rs 6,000 in their bank accounts each year. Farmers in Jammu and Kashmir have received Rs 100 crore in three years under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana. Even after 70 years of independence, the state had 13 lakh 80 thousand families without toilets, now toilets have been constructed for these households. The Central Government is currently providing 5 kg of free rice per person per month to 65.91 lakh people in Jammu and Kashmir. Housing has been provided to approximately 1.86 lakh people. In four years, DBT has transferred 23 thousand crore rupees directly to beneficiaries' bank accounts. While earlier,money used to arrive but never reached the beneficiaries, as corruption was rife.

A new beginning, a new hope, a new dawn

First, it is necessary to gain the trust of the populace in order to ensure the development of Jammu and Kashmir. The Lieutenant Governor is constantly promoting Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision. Taking public feedback through the 'Mulaqaat' and

Democracy Strengthened

- The Panchayati Raj Act was implemented for the first time at all three levels. More than 74% participation in voting. 3991 Sarpanches and 28521 panches were elected.
- Record 98.3% voting in Block Development Council elections and 52% voting in District Development Council elections.
- The 150-year-old Darbar Move tradition in the history of Jammu and Kashmir has ended. Since there were two capitals for six months, all the goods were brought by trucks. This had increased the burden on government expenditures.
- With the introduction of e-files and e-office, about 400 crore rupees will be saved.
- **JKIGRAMS** was set up as Monitoring Mechanism for Grievance Redressal: Launched in September 2020, the initiative has led to 2,43,476 complaints registered so far, with a 95% disposal rate.
- Since the launch of the LG Meet programme, the grievance redressal rate has gone up from 52 percent to 95 percent.
- The Lt. Governor took an initiative like 'Awaz-e-Awam, "which aims to formulate new policies by taking feedback from the public.
- In the fourth phase of the Back to Village (B2V) programme, 4,000 senior officers were deployed in panchayats. Identified and started for more than 35,000 working people under Prashashan Apke Dwar initiative.
- Under Aapki Zameen Aapki Nigrani scheme, land records were put on a special portal.
- Sarthak Citizen Mobile App and Portal were launched to make Jammu and Kashmir corruption-free.

Tourism set a new record

- 1,88,84,317 tourists arrived between January and December 2022.
- Tourism was promoted by organising houseboat festivals, Sufi festivals, literature festivals, and other types of festivals.

Back to Bollywood

- The Jammu and Kashmir Film Policy 2021 has been implemented. Establishment of the Jammu and Kashmir Film Development Council
- With the new initiative, Bollywood has returned to Jammu and Kashmir. This will provide new opportunities for local artists and filmmakers.
- More than 400 film shoots have been permitted. Deployment of a nodal officer for ease of shooting.

Jammu and Kashmir is the pride of every Indian. Together, we have to take Jammu and Kashmir to new heights. We also have a huge goal of a developed India by 2047 before us, to fulfil, which we have to engage in nation building with strong resolutions.

-Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

'Back to Village' schemes and strengthening the Panchayati Raj system has proven to be very effective in this. For the first time in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh history, the Block Development Council elections recorded more than 98 percent of the vote. By bringing democracy to the grassroots, new opportunities are created for people's aspirations, allowing the great heritage of Jammu, Kashmir, and Ladakh to be strengthened.

Women and children have reclaimed rights that were previously denied when they married outside of the state. For the first time, the central government implemented the Panchayati Raj system at all three levels in Jammu and Kashmir. There are currently 32,000 newly elected panchs, sarpanchs, tehsil panchayats, and district panchayat members leading Jammu and Kashmir's development. While only four new medical colleges have been built in the last 70 years, nine new medical colleges and fifteen nursing colleges have been built in the last nine years. The number of degree and engineering colleges has also increased from 96 to 147, and Jammu has been granted IIT and IIM. The Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam (TTD) temple in Jammu and Kashmir was also been recently inaugurated.

Any change occurs when there is a desire to change in the heart. When someone comes to enjoy power, he cannot effect change. There are changes if there is a link between the mind and people's happiness, sadness, and progress. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is deeply committed to democracy. As a result, this change has occurred. In this context, the rate of progress of the new Jammu-Kashmir and Ladakh is demonstrating Union Home Minister Amit Shah's statement in Parliament that Article 370 was a historic blunder that was corrected on August 5, 2019 to truly integrate the nation.

LADAKH ON THE RISE, WITH THE ADMINISTRATION FOCUSING ON VISION 2050

Ladakh, which includes the districts of Leh and Kargil and is rich in natural resources, has grown rapidly in the last four years. Despite temperatures ranging from 35°C to -40°C, the central government, in collaboration with local governments at all levels, has accelerated the citizens' energy in Ladakh, where the sun shines for 300 days.





Ladakh Vision 2050

- The Ladakh administration has formulated Vision 2050, which focuses on the 3-C approach: community (citizen-centred development), connectivity (100% Access and Mobility), and Cluster (decentralised regional development).
- It will generate 35 GW of solar and 4 GW of wind energy.
- The learning environment will be created through smart and digital learning platforms, while teaching will be encouraged as an attractive career.
- There will be special health services within one hour's reach; there will be access to health services at the doorstep of the remote population.
- The emphasis will be on increasing mobile connectivity in Ladakh; hospitals, education, and transport services will be digital.

- Apart from laying roads, bridges, a 220 KV Srinagar-Leh transmission line, and about 250 km of high and low voltage transmission lines, more than 60 thousand smart metres are being installed for power supply.
- More than 12,300 tabs full of content were distributed to students in grades 6–12 in the field of education. Astronomy labs were set up in Kendriya Vidyalayas.
- A medical college has been approved at a cost of Rs 325 crore, and Sindhu Central University was established here in 2019.
- The mission has been launched to shift Ladakh completely to natural farming by 2025.
- More than 2000 solar lights have been installed.
- The Union Territory of Ladakh is also developing new industrial estates.
- Under One District, One Product, Siebkaharn and Pashmina in Kargil and Apricot and Tourism in Leh have been included.
- We have applied for Geographical Indication (GI) for Pashmina, Apricot, and Seabuckthorn to maximise the value for the growers and the industry concerned.
- Several initiatives have been taken to promote industrial development in the handloom, handicrafts, and food processing sectors, with a focus on indigenous products from Ladakh.
- The Administration has taken the initiative to collaborate with premier institutions of the country like NIFT, NID, CSIR-IHBT, NIFTEM, KVIC, IITs, and CSIR-CLRI for capacity building and entrepreneurship development.
- The Ladakh UT Administration has also set up incubation centres to support the development of entrepreneurship in Ladakh. ■



FROM AMRIT MAHOTSAV TO AMRIT KAAL

ON A PROSPEROUS PATH TO NEW INDIA...

The Amrit Mahotsav, which lasted more than two years in order to realise the resolve of a new India by commemorating the 75th anniversary of independence, is such an unforgettable period of the foundation of a new India that has become the cornerstone of a new India moving forward with the great goal of a developed India. The public participation of 140 crore people in more than 2 lakh events through new initiatives, programmes, and competitions of the central government has given shape to India's present and future plans, but this grand edifice, which stood on the foundation of independence, is not just the nation's destination; it is the path, the beginning of a new India.

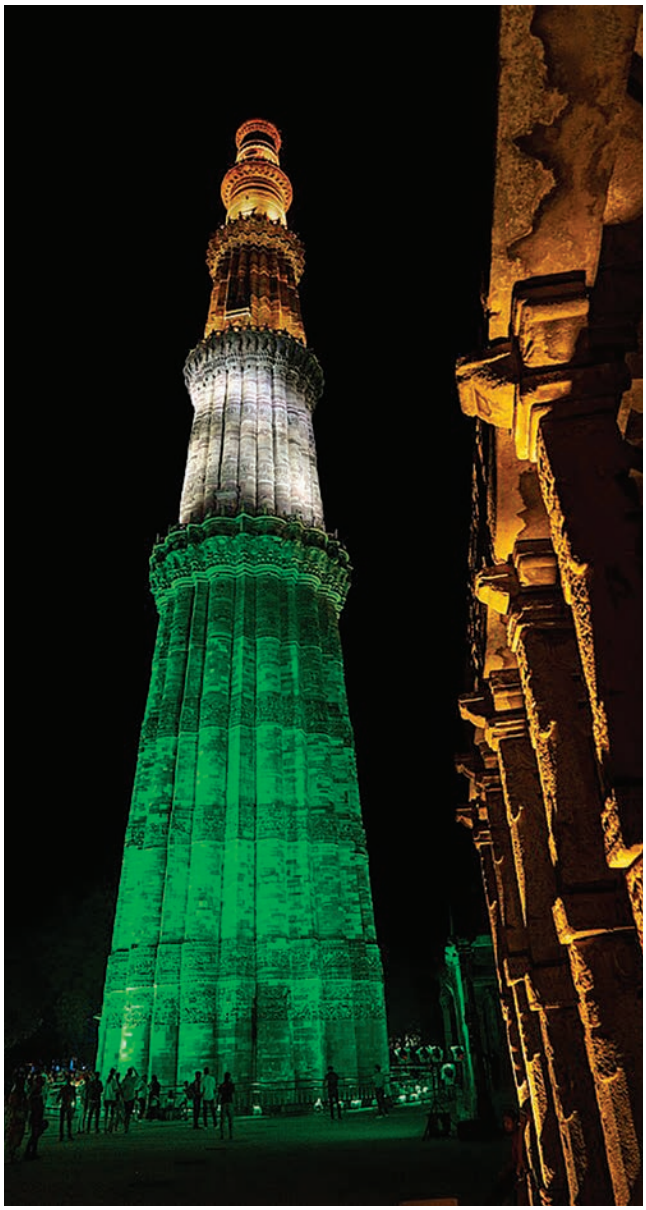
Let us know how the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav evolved into a people's festival with public participation.



Jamuna Tudu, known as Lady Tarzan of Jharkhand, carried out the valiant deed of exacting retribution from the timber mafia and Naxals. Tudu's bravery and determination saved 50 hectares of forest from destruction and inspired 10,000 women to band together to protect trees and wildlife. Tudu's efforts have resulted in the villagers planting 18 trees for the birth of every child and 10 trees for the marriage of every girl.

Talent, as they say, does not come with age. The little scientist from Punjab proved it. Resham Sharma of Amritsar's DAV Public School is developing children's talents and inspiring them to create useful models. The kids here have also demonstrated how to save stubble from burning and how to live on Mars. Children have talents that they can develop from a young age. So far, the students have created a large number of models.

In the series of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Rajasthan Jeep Club organized an oath ceremony at Amar Jawan Jyoti, supporting the "Single Use Plastic Ban" from 1st July. From July 1, there is a complete ban on making, selling, storing and exporting these items. This ban has been imposed so that the pollution caused by single-use plastic waste can be reduced. Single-use plastic means such things made of plastic, which we can use only once or throw away and which harm the environment. In this case, cotton bags can be used instead of plastic bags.



Countless such stories of transformation in a changing India have become the charioteers of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. Similarly, the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav has emerged as a symbol of India's new construction, just as the participation of the people was seen during the freedom movement and symbols like Charkha, Salt, and Swadeshi connected the people with the freedom struggle. This more than two-year period has witnessed an unforgettable journey. In a true sense, the churning of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav has become a resolution-making instrument for the developed nation, becoming the Amrit of freedom, the Amrit of new ideas, the Amrit of new resolutions, and the Amrit of self-reliance.

During this time, every citizen of the country has turned into a soldier in the pursuit of resolutions. For whom the country's interests are paramount, because when the country is good, everyone is good. When everyone is content, the country will advance. Amrit Mahotsav has become the foundation of this extraordinary relationship. The Amrit Yatra has now begun by giving the next 25 years the name Amrit Kaal. In this journey, India, eager to realise its full potential, is determined to reach the pinnacle of self-sufficiency. The rich and glorious legacy of tomorrow's New India reflects today's development journey.

For India, this is the age of youth. If the last nine years have restored India's confidence, then the Amrit Kaal of independence is the result of the Amrit generation's resolve. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has only good governance mantra. This mantra is

Gulab Singh Raikwar, a resident of Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh, has wife, two sons, and a daughter in the family. His children are all in school. His sons also help him in his work. Gulab Singh Raikwar has been doing fish farming for 10-15 years, but the turning point in his life came in 2018-19, when he received an Rs 10 lakh grant under Prime Minister Modi's Matsya Sampada Yojana. This scheme provided 100% benefit in his fisheries work. He has also begun to prepare fish seed. He also prepares the indigenous varieties Katla, Rohu, and Naini, as well as the Chinese varieties Silver Corp., Grass Corp., and Pangas. He also supplies spawn to UP, Madhya Pradesh, and Rajasthan and has provided free fish farming training to 1500 farmers.

The world is changing rapidly in the 21st century. People's hopes and expectations in India are increasing in response to new needs. As we move forward in the 75th year of independence with the resolve of a new India, the responsibility of carrying these resolutions forward also rests with our Parliament and Assemblies. For this, we must work tirelessly, day and night, with honesty and integrity.

-Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



to increase the country's income and distribute the benefits of that prosperity to every Indian. That is why Prime Minister Narendra Modi says that the new India of today is a young India, full of energy. This golden age has arrived in the third decade of the 21st century. We must make the most of this golden period. No part of the country should be left behind in terms of rapid development. To strengthen these possibilities, the Government of India has laid the foundation for a developed India over the last nine years. With this in mind, the Government of India has made the 75th year of independence such a unique symbol and has given shape to the plan with new initiatives, programmes, and competitions to redefine the nation, so that when India celebrates its centennial of independence in 2047, it is established at the top of the world.

Unforgettable - Amrit Mahotsav

It is written in Indian scripture, "उत्सवेन बिना यस्मात् स्थापनम् निष्फलम् भवेत्" which means that no effort, no resolution, is successful without celebration. When a resolution takes the form of a celebration, it mobilises the determination and energy of millions upon millions of people. With this spirit, we began celebrating the Amrit Mahotsav of freedom by bringing together 140 crore citizens. As the Amrit Mahotsav progressed to an important stage, public participation became the guiding principle. The Amrit Mahotsav began on March 12, 2021, the anniversary of Dandi March 75 weeks before the 75th anniversary of Independence, and will last two years, until August 15, 2023. It has become such an elixir in this period that it is motivating people to live for the country and do something for it. The energy of countless struggles and sacrifices for freedom spread throughout India on this journey. All of this was made possible by public participation. If the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav made self-reliance a public movement, then the colours of art, culture, song, and music were equally vibrant. The participation of children, youth, and women was seen everywhere, whether it was the Innovation Challenge, the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign, the National Anthem, freedom fighters, or the Rangoli competition.

Due to the second and third waves of COVID during the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, difficult times arose, and many programmes were carried out in hybrid mode. There were several events, including students writing postcards to Prime Minister Swatantrata Swar, a compilation of poems banned by the British, the Vande Bharat Dance Festival, and a commemoration of the 1857 First War of Independence. They are instilling new energy in the minds of the citizens, whether it is through research and compilation programmes on the unsung heroes of the freedom struggle, my village, or my heritage programmes. Public participation was ensured through programmes such as International Day of Yoga, the Digital District Repository, Swatantrata Swar, Mera Gaon, and Meri Dharohar. The vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for Amrit Mahotsav and Amrit Kaal has been very clear. He stated at the outset of this Mahotsav that by the time he unfurls the Tricolour for the tenth time from the ramparts of the Red



Fort on August 15, 2023, this Mahotsav would be more than just a festival for the entire country, but an inspiration for the India of 2047.

The grandeur and success of Amrit Mahotsav can also be gauged by the fact that during this 890-day event, more than 2 lakh programmes have been organised in the country and abroad, in which 55 ministries and departments, with the collective power of the entire government have connected the people with it through coordinated efforts. Amrit Mahotsav has featured 9-10 programmes per hour on average.

Resolution push to Amrit Sankalp

The activities during this festival show how Amrit Mahotsav has energised the present and infused the energy of the future by learning from history. But this is just a phase. The Mahamanthan of the Amrit Mahotsav has prepared the foundation for the fulfilment of India's resolution for the Amrit Kaal. Religious and spiritual institutions have always been at the forefront of social upliftment in India. Today, the country celebrates 75 years of independence and enters the Amrit Kaal by making a 25-year pledge.The colour of cultural diversity in the Amrit Mahotsav has given India a new vision while also connecting it to the thread of unity.

The country is celebrating 75 years of independence, but such coincidences are not mere coincidences. Prior to 1947, India made continuous efforts in various fields for its renaissance. Various institutions arose to awaken India's soul. As a result, by 1947, India was mentally and spiritually prepared to break free from the bonds of slavery. Similarly, on the occasion of 75 years of independence, Prime Minister Narendra Modi called for the creation of 75 Amrit Sarovars in each district during Amrit Mahotsav. As a result, more than 60 thousand Amrit Sarovars have been built across the country in less than a year, exceeding the target set. In the last 9 years, the way the central government has done for irrigation and drinking water, a new way to increase the sources of Amrit Sarovar water has been made in Amrit Mahotsav. The campaign to eradicate sickle cell anaemia will evolve into a mission with the goal of providing a healthy environment to tribal areas in Amrit Kaal so that when India celebrates its centenary year of independence, tribal families and the nation can be free of this disease.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has named Amrit Kaal as Kartavya Kaal in order to achieve the goal of 100 years of independence. Among

If we have to take India to new heights after 100 years of independence, then we have to work hard for it. And there is no shortcut to hard work. After independence, the political parties that dominated the country adopted many shortcuts.

-Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

Changdev More from Maharashtra shifted to Khomarpada Zilla Parishad School in Vikramgad taluka of Palghar district in 2013. Students in this village either did not come to school or came for a very short time. To create an atmosphere in the school, Changdev More started planting trees and plants there. After planting flowers and ornamental plants in the school, when the atmosphere was ready, they searched for children in the village, admitted them, and started interesting activities there, because of which the interest of the students towards the school increased. The problem in the village was that after the farming work was done, the residents would leave with their children in search of work. More conducted a different experiment to avoid this. He began growing vegetables on the school grounds and, a few days later, on the fallow land in front of the school. Following that, he convened a meeting of the parents who had gone out in search of work and explained everything to them. He instilled hope in the people of the village and promised to provide whatever guidance they required. Following this, the villagers decided to start farming instead of searching for work. As a result, guava, onion, brinjal, gram, cucumber, ladyfinger, and leafy vegetable cultivation began in the village, and it began to generate income. Some youngsters who were going to work in the private sector also voluntarily joined this work. As a result, the number of students dropping out has decreased.

these responsibilities is the guidance of spiritual values, as well as future resolutions. There is both development and heritage. On the one hand, spiritual centres are being revitalised in the country, while on the other, India is moving towards global leadership in the fields of economy and technology. India is now one of the world's top five economies. India now has the world's third-largest startup ecosystem. It competes with large countries in areas such as digital technology and 5G. In today's world, India alone accounts for 46% of all real-time online transactions.

Now, the new India does not talk about appeasing anyone in particular; it has chosen the right path, which is to satisfy everyone on the path of development. Work is being done in the spirit of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas' for every citizen of the country. That is, New India's resolution for the golden year is total saturation. As revenue rises, support will become readily available. Work is now done in the same spirit for all citizens of the country. A large number of beneficiaries have been created in the country over the last nine years. Those who were previously denied priority are now receiving it. This is the true social justice that every great man has aspired to, from the revered Bapu to Dr. Ambedkar and Ram Manohar Lohia. India is taking steps in that direction. Everyone should keep in mind that the poor in the country must be free of problems in the coming period. As a result, the goal of reaching every person is not just to provide him with the benefit of any one scheme, but to connect him with all of the schemes to which he is entitled.

Today's growth path, tomorrow's legacy

India's history is old and as bright as the sun, and as vast as the sky. When glorious India, endowed with knowledge, science, and prosperity, and brimming with valour, spirituality, and artistry, was enslaved by British rule, freedom fighters lit the flame. After numerous sacrifices, India was freed from British slavery. However, the country

once known as the country of snake charmers reached Mars on its first attempt. Make in India - these three words made India's name famous around the world.

Electricity in every home, a mobile phone in every hand, a digital identity in every pocket, direct benefit in every account, clean fuel in every kitchen, and toilet facilities in every residence all contribute to a dignified life. Cleanliness and Yoga have emerged as new Indian cultures. The entire world has become our family in the spirit of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam. The India that the British predicted would disintegrate is now a massive democracy with a population of 140 crore people.

In the Amrit Kaal, New India's goal is to realise the dreams of its freedom fighters. We need to make New India the India of their dreams. An India in which the poor, farmers, labourers, backwards, and tribals have equal opportunities. For the past nine years, the country has also enacted policies and worked tirelessly to achieve this goal. In the Amrit Kaal, India's thinking is inclusive and engaged in fulfilling the aspirations of crores of people.

India is moving forward with great determination for the Amrit Kaal because the country can now make decisive decisions, whether economic or social, because the country has elected a strong and stable government after decades of struggle. Today, there is a lot of optimism in the world about India because it has a strong government. This stability and strength are required for developing India over the next 25 years, i.e. in the Amrit Kaal of independence, which the people of the country must pursue. While the people of India have created a strong image of India through their work over the past decades, the Amrit Mahotsav has provided a foundation to the Amrit Kaal through its nine-year journey. As a result, expectations have risen further in the Amrit Kaal of independence, i.e., over the next 25 years, because today, every Indian citizen is a success story in himself.

The 21st century is India's century. We have been hearing this continuously, but I would say that this century for India is the century of duties. We have to reach the golden goal of a new India in this century and in the next 25 years. Our duties will take us to these goals. Therefore, these 25 years are the years of walking on the path of duty for the country. This is the time to dedicate oneself with a sense of duty.

-Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

Satyakumari, also known as the 'Silk Lady,' is from Vaderahalli village in Karnataka's Ramanagara district and never had enough money to pay her children's school fees. The female literacy rate was only 23.9 percent. Despite being behind in terms of literacy, women here are not behind anyone in terms of self-reliance. A woman farmer in the same village has set an example by improving her economic condition through sericulture and intercropping of vegetables.



Amrit Mahotsav: A People's Festival

- Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is a one-of-a-kind case study in which not only a whole-of-government but also a whole-of-society approach was used.
- Amrit Mahotsav, which lasted more than two years, began 75 weeks ago on March 12, 2021, to commemorate 75 years of independence.
- 36 states and union territories, as well as 55 central government ministries, attended the event. People from more than 150 countries, including the global Indian diaspora, took part.
- Approximately 2.25 lakh small and large events have been organised under the Mahotsav, with 25,000 at the national level and two lakh at the state and union territory levels, with high public participation.
- In the Amrit Mahotsav series, 9-10 events were held on average every hour.

Amrit Mahotsav's colour was seen not only in India, but also in other countries around the world. Botswana's local singers performed 75 patriotic songs to commemorate India's 75th year of independence. These 75 songs were performed in Hindi, Punjabi, Gujarati, Bengali, Assamese, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, and Sanskrit, among other languages. In Namibia, a special stamp commemorating India-Namibia cultural and traditional relations was released.





INAUGURAL EVENTS BASED ON FIVE THEMES

Freedom Struggle: Milestones in History- Remembering the unsung heroes who have either been forgotten or have not found their rightful place in history. The story and motivational saga of such great heroes came to the fore who inspired the struggle for freedom.

Solutions@75: Strengthen commitments to specific objectives and goals. Spread the word about those goals. To organize programs related to those areas. Outlining the path to success with the participation of all governments, non-governmental organizations. Youth, students, entrepreneurs, overseas Indians, all were associated with these resolutions.

Achievements@75: Vision of development and progress in various fields. For example, the revolutionary changes in the fields of empowerment of women, youth, villages, and migrants apart from achievements in environment, defense and economy got the form of celebration in the Amrit Mahotsav year of independence so that the journey of Amrit Kaal could get a new momentum.



Ideas@75: Celebrating the ideas and ideals that shaped India. Working on ideas and themes such as Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, National Security, Innovation, Peace-Unity, Concept of India, Development, Environmental Sustainable Development and Justice that bind India together.

Actions@75: Influencing the steps being taken to implement policies and realize commitments. To focus on these topics on priority basis in view of the current scenarios. Swachh Bharat, Swasth Bharat Yojana (Ayushman Bharat-Arogya Bharat), AatmaNirbhar Bharat, Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, One Country-One Ration Card, One Agriculture Market, Sabka Saath-Sabka Vikas-Sabka Vishwas, Skill Development, Digital India, New National Initiatives like education policy and one country-one tax (GST) got direction.





WORK DONE ON THEME 2.0 FROM 15 AUGUST 2022

The objective of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', moving towards 15 August 2023, was to give further impetus to this mass movement by focusing on important areas of cultural and social development. Keeping this in mind, 'Panch Prana' announced by the Prime Minister from the ramparts of the Red Fort became the theme 2.0 of Amrit Mahotsav, in which 9 new themes were identified.



Prana-1: Developed India's Goal

- Women and children
- Overall development
- Health and wellness
- Tribal empowerment

Basic reforms were made in the health sector. Effective work was done in the field of ramping of hospital facilities to medical device, clinical device, telemedicine, medical tourism, health insurance, medical equipment. Apart from traditional medicine and medicines, Yoga, Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy systems are playing an important role in the health sector of the country. Blue print of National Digital Mission was prepared. India's pharma sector has now become global, whether it is a matter of vaccine or generic medicine, India has achieved a leading position in the world.



Prana-2: Freedom from slavery mentality

- AatmaNirbhar Bharat:

आत्मनिर्भर भारत

AatmaNirbhar Bharat campaign is Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision for New India. Announced an economic package of Rs 20 lakh crore to fight the Covid-19 pandemic, which is equal to 10 percent of India's GDP. Its objective was to make the citizens of the country independent and self-reliant. Outlined five pillars of AatmaNirbhar Bharat which include economy, infrastructure, system, vibrant demography and demand.

Prana-3: Proud of our heritage

- Cultural pride

Prana-4: Unity and Solidarity

- Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat with the spirit of unity

Prana-5: Sense of dutifulness among citizens

- Water
- Lifestyle for the Environment (LiFE)

Thinking and strategy of Amrit Mahotsav events

- Its purpose is 'Amrit' like its name. In this, with the spirit of getting together to complete any task with the collective power of the government, public, private sector, NGO-organizations and all sections of the society have to be brought together and to realize the spirit of Sabka Prayas.
- Freedom struggle, culture-spirituality, nutrition, sports-fitness, environment and sustainable development, legal aid to all, benefits to the last person, development of infrastructure, good governance, food and agriculture, innovation, science-technology while making its plan and strategy all important topics were taken care of.

Inauguration of Parliament House in Amrit Kaal

The new Parliament House was not an option, but a necessity for the new, aspirational and Aatmanirbhar Bharat of the 21st century. During the Amrit Mahotsav, 28 May 2023 has become an important date in history, when India's new Parliament House was inaugurated moving away from the legacy of old parliament which was the reminiscent of colonial period. It has become a historic moment to fill every Indian with pride.



Today, when we are moving forward with the 'Amrit' resolutions of the country, we should not leave any shortcoming in our duty, in our labour and in our hard work. Our unity as a nation should be our priority. It should be a resolution that the life of the poorest of the poor should be easy, Dalits, oppressed, exploited, deprived, tribal should get all the necessary facilities.

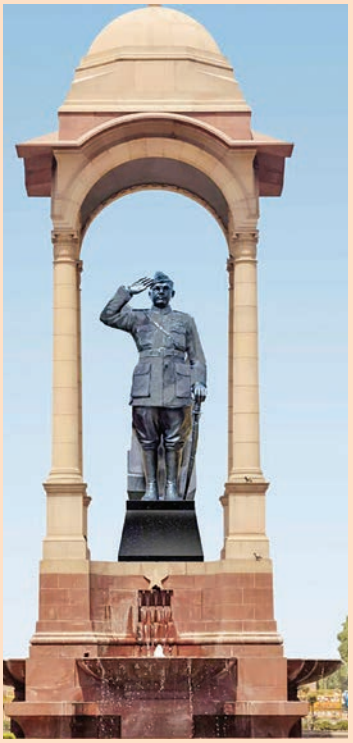
-Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



Program on fort, cave, Kashi and Kashmir in Amrit Mahotsav

- Major programs of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav include National Culture Festival, Vitasta - The Festival of Kashmir, Kalanjali, Fort and Stories, Amazing Caves, Vibrant Village Program and Sangamam in Kashi and Saurashtra.
- **Vitasta -** It was organized to take the great cultural heritage, rich art, culture, dance, music, literature, craft and cuisine of Kashmir to the whole country. This program was a great effort to unite the countrymen in one thread. Vitasta was also organized in Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra. Vitasta organized many events like workshops, art installation camps, seminars, craft exhibitions to take Kashmiri culture to the masses.
- **Kalanjali-** A series of events called Kalanjali was organized on the kartavya path to make people aware about the rich cultural heritage of India. In this, all organizations including Sangeet Natak Akademi, Lalit Kala Akademi, Sahitya Akademi, Regional Cultural Center of the Ministry of Culture worked together.
- **Forts and Stories –** The special campaign titled Forts and Stories aims to promote the cultural pride of India by showcasing forts across India and their glorious history. An attempt was made to highlight the unique features and historical significance of various forts which gave an opportunity to connect with our past and honor our cultural heritage.
- **Badhe Chalo Campaign** - With an aim to connect with the youth of the country and inculcate a deep sense of patriotism among them, the Ministry of Culture organized a youth centric inspirational program named 'Badhe Chalo' to engage more and more people in the Amrit Mahotsav.









Amazing Caves: Amazing Caves campaign was launched to celebrate the caves of India. There are many such caves which add to our history and culture, they have been associated with the freedom struggle. Caves like Ajanta and Ellora display Indian craftsmanship. Caves also provide study of anthropological development through art and paintings. Caves are also a symbol of past and present in India. The living proofs of the ancient civilizations of the country are available here. Bhimbetka Rock Shelters, Ellora Caves, Udayagiri and Khandagiri Hill Caves are a place of excitement for the local people as well as the visitor.

International Museum Expo: International Museum Expo is being organized to celebrate the 47th International Museum Day (IMD). It has been designed to interact with museum professionals. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the International Museum Expo-2023. The museum is an attempt to showcase historical events, personalities, ideas and achievements from India's past that have contributed to the making of India's present. A set of 75 cards has been made containing illustrated information from prestigious museums across the country.

These are some other events

- Hologram of Netaji at India Gate
- Consumer empowerment
- Students write postcard to prime minister
- Renewable energy
- Poshan Maah - Poshan Vatikas
- Innovation-Hackathon
- Vigyan Sarvatra Pujyate
- International Museum Conference
- National Culture Festival
- Umang Udaan - Makar Sankranti
- Vande Bharatam Dance Festival
- Dhara-Vedic Mathematics
- Event at Red Fort
- Aadi Mahotsav and Tribal Pride Day
- Veer Bal Diwas
- 150th Birth Anniversary of Sri Aurobindo
- 200th birth anniversary of Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati
- Kalinga Festival
- 400th birth anniversary of Lachit Barphukan
- 80th Anniversary of Quit India Movement
- Freedom Train and Station

How does the number 75 become a symbol of 75 years of independence and events related to it?

Projects foundation stone were laid or inaugurated on 5 October 2021 in Uttar Pradesh for the development of cities

Thousand beneficiaries received keys of their own pucca houses in 75 districts of UP.

Electric buses were flagged off.

Initiative taken by the Banking Unit.





Partition Horrors Remembrance Day:
On the 75th Independence Day, it was decided to celebrate Partition Horrors Remembrance Day, which is a respectful tribute from every Indian to the people affected by that disaster.



Vande Bharat Trains:
In the 75th week of the Amrit Mahotsav of Independence, work has started at a rapid pace to connect every corner of the country with more than 25 indigenous Vande Bharat trains. The first Rajdhani Express train started in the country about 50 years ago, but even after so many years, it could run only on 16 routes. The Shatabdi Express, which started about 30-35 years ago, has so far been able to run on only 19 routes. So on the other hand, the first Vande Bharat train which was started from Banaras 4 years ago, has now started running on 25 routes.

Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's resolve to eradicate the mentality and symbols of slavery as mentioned in the 'Panch Prana', Rajpath was renamed Kartavya Path, ceremonial 21-gun salute on Independence Day and Republic Day with indigenous cannon, Netaji's statue in place of George V, new Naval Ensign which bears the seal of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj replacing George Cross.



Young Writers: 75 young writers were selected in the country to write a book on freedom fighters. Books based on unsung heroes were published through the National Book Trust.

Big Innovation: Prime Minister Modi told the students of IIT Kharagpur on 23 February 2021 to compile the 75 big innovations, big solutions that have come out of IIT Kharagpur in the past years, take them to the country and the world. This encouraged innovation.

Years record broken by banks: Prime Minister Modi said on 12 December 2021 that India's banking sector should work more actively than before in achieving the goals of the country. In the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, every bank branch, what they have done in 75 years, should leave behind all those records and aim to multiply it one and a half times, two times. This made banking services easy and accessible.

Schools and Sportspersons : On the occasion of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the PM appealed to Olympians and other sportspersons to visit at least 75 schools. Sports culture was promoted by the players going to the schools.

Villages to be adopted: The Prime Minister asked all educationists, all agricultural scientists, and all institutions to set their goals for the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. Take up the campaign of transformation by adopting 75 villages.

Year and Media: The Prime Minister stated at the launch of Sansad TV that we have the glory of the past and the resolutions of the future. In both of these cases, the media plays an important role. When the media raises a topic such as the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, it reaches the people more quickly. The media acted as participants in the Amrit Mahotsav.

Year and Exports: During a meeting with the heads of Indian missions abroad and trade and commerce stakeholders, the Prime Minister stated that we must also accelerate our existing exports. We must also work to develop new markets for new products. The work of connecting 5 new destinations and 75 new products for export under the 75th anniversary of independence has begun through missions abroad. A virtual summit on exports with the state by forming a group of NRIs from each state.

The centenary of independence will be the golden centenary of the country when we will give first priority to duties. Duty is not an option for us, it is a resolution.

-Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

Ghante Sakhi and Bahne: In a dialogue with self-reliant women, the Prime Minister made a call that from 15th August till the next 15th August, all of the 'Bahne' of Sakhi Mandal, will do one or the other cleanliness work in the village for 75 hours. Some will do water conservation work, repair wells and ponds in their village, and run a campaign to save them.

Task to find incidents related to the freedom struggle : In conversation with the students, the Prime Minister said that on the occasion of 75 years of independence, students should also know about the freedom fighters of the country. Students should find out 75 incidents related to the freedom struggle of their state. Lakhs of stories have become inspiration.

Districts have more than 75 Jan Aushadhi Kendras: Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while dedicating the 7500th Jan Aushadhi Kendra on March 7, 2021 in Shillong, said that at least 75 districts of the country will have more than 75 Jan Aushadhi Kendras. They will be done in no time to come. Rapid work has been done on this, while it was decided to make available 75 AYUSH medicines of Ayurveda and Homeopathy at these centres. So far 9560 Jan Aushadhi Kendras have been started in the country.

Compilation of Events: All the schools and colleges worked in groups to compile 75 events related to independence.

Incidents of legal battle: Find 75 incidents in law schools and colleges in which how the legal battle took place during the freedom struggle? Who were the people who were fighting the legal battle? What efforts were made to save the heroes of freedom? What was the attitude of the judiciary of the British Empire?

Story of freedom in sports-toys: Addressing the Toycathon on 24 June 2021, the Prime Minister called for innovation in the field of sports-toys during the Amrit Mahotsav. The stories related to the freedom movement, the bravery of the revolutionaries, the incidents of leadership were prepared in the form of a game.



Programs made for public participation and mass movement

Amrit Sarovar: Ground water is a precious natural resource. The issue of water conservation in the country has emerged as a great mission of mass movement and public participation. In this series, 75 Amrit Sarovars are being built in each district under the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to give something to the future generation in the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. PM Modi narrated the success story of this call in his Mann Ki Baat programme. People of Mangathya Valyathanda Panchayat in Telangana's Warangal district turned the monsoon misfortune into opportunity by collecting water in Amrit Sarovar. Similarly, in Bilkerur village of Bagalkot district of Karnataka, people made an Amrit Sarovar. All the surrounding water was channelised and brought to that lake, due to which the problem of flood in the area was also solved. Countless such stories are coming to the fore. The enthusiasm about Amrit Sarovar can be gauged from the fact that by August 15, 2023, a target was set to build 50,000 Amrit Sarovars, while by July 14, 2023, out of 1,10,973 places identified, 62,533 Amrit Sarovars have been built across the country. The Amrit Sarovar are being built in at least one acre of land, which will hold at least 10,000 cubic meters of water. Amrit Sarovar will not only fulfill the water requirement of the earth, but with these efforts there will be no shortage of drinking water and activities like, agriculture, fisheries, horticulture, afforestation and availability of water will give boost to unprecedented increase in the income generating activities of the people. Environmental protection will get a new power. Amrit Sarovar, a new way to increase the source of water has been made in Amrit Mahotsav.



Gobardhan Bio CNG Plant in Municipal Bodies: In the two years of Amrit Mahotsav, work has started on building Gobardhan Bio-CNG plants in 75 major municipal bodies of the country. This is a revolutionary initiative in the direction of clean fuel.



People-to People campaign

- Various campaigns were started to spread awareness under Amrit Mahotsav. For this, several mediums of communication including radio, digital, print and television and media agencies were used.
- The Ministry of Culture took the initiative of 'Whole of Society' and tried to connect people of the country with it.

The present generation is inspired to create a new future. But it must be remembered that the future is always born in the lap of the past. In this light, we should not forget our ancestors, who have sacrificed their youth, their lives, and their families for the country.

-Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



'Har Ghar Tiranga' Campaign: One of the biggest initiatives under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav that brought the entire nation together. People were encouraged to hoist the tricolour at home between August 13 and 15 to mark India's 75th year of independence. The campaign saw flag hoisting at over 23 crore homes in real, while over 6 crore people shared their flag-waving moments online.



People connected with the government: Various initiatives under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav reached the people at the grassroots level and connected the people directly with the government. Under the Unity in Creativity campaign, more than 19 lakh people were reached out to participate in various competitions like Rangoli making, Patriotic song writing and Lullaby writing in which more than 5 lakh people participated in these competitions.

Reach through Social Media: The Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav initiative has reached 102.70 crore people through different platforms of social media.

- The story of the unsung heroes of freedom reached more than one crore people.
- Concerts were organized for water conservation and cleanliness along major rivers.
- Many films were made about AatmaNirbhar Bharat and women empowerment.

With over

9

lakh health themes a world record was created for writing postcards

From

50

schools more than 25 thousand children gathered to understand the culture of the tribes

More than

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thousand rural people were directly informed about economic literacy, animal husbandry, digital transactions, and agricultural techniques





WITH NEW RESOLUTIONS IN THE AMRIT YEAR A NEW JOURNEY STARTED

Prime Minister Gati Shakti

For the first time keeping coordination in mind, the Gati Shakti National Master Plan was launched to connect 16 ministries and departments through digital means so that there is no delay in coordination and future-oriented plans in government departments. With this scheme, the fulfillment of such goals will be time-bound, which the government wants to complete by 2024-2025. This master plan also includes the National Infrastructure Pipeline Scheme of more than Rs 100 lakh crore.

Agnipath Scheme

This scheme was started with the aim to build a strong army and a strong nation. Under the scheme, 46 thousand Agniveers will be recruited by 2026. It will be increased gradually. In this, 25 percent of the Agniveers will get permanent commission in the armies, opportunities will increase for the rest.



Taking Cooperation for best results

Prime Minister Narendra Modi constituted the Ministry of Cooperation for the first time in the country keeping in front the goal of taking cooperatives to the pinnacle in the golden year of independence. Constituted keeping in mind the mantra of 'sahkar se samriddhi', this ministry is continuously strengthening cooperation.

Ayushman Bharat Digital Health Mission

Information related to the health of every citizen will be available in the form of digital information. Starting from 27 September 2021, the scheme has been implemented across the country. On the lines of Aadhaar card, this card will have all the information related to the health of the person, which can be seen in one click with the unique ID. About 32 crore health cards have been made.

PM Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission

To improve the country's healthcare system from block level to district-state and central level, this scheme was started by PM Narendra Modi from Varanasi on October 25, 2021. 64 thousand crore rupees will be spent on the scheme in five years.



Admission of girls in sainik schools

The Central Government has started the admission of girls in Sainik Schools from the academic session 2021-2022. Similarly, the entry of girls has also started in NDA.



PM Poshan Scheme

This scheme covers 11.80 crore children from 11.20 lakh schools. Started on September 29, 2021, nutritious fortified rice is now being given under this scheme. The budget of this scheme is Rs 1.30 lakh crore.



Dam safety Act

The Central Government enacted the Dam Safety Act, 2021 to ensure that dams in the country are safe, maintenance is ensured and disputes between states are resolved. This act has been made effective across the country from December 30, 2021.

Mission Shakti

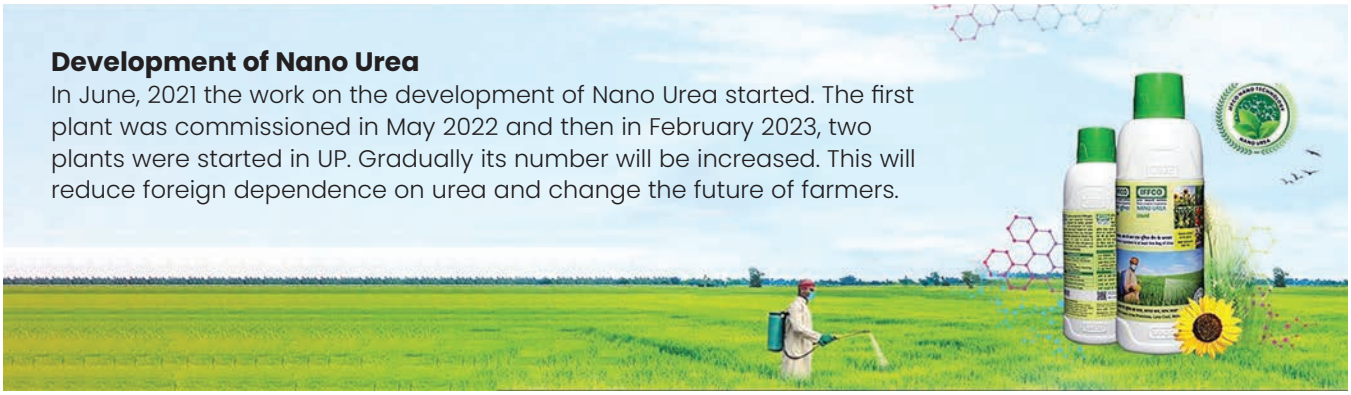
It is an integrated program of empowerment of women taking into account the issues affecting the continuity of the life cycle of women. This umbrella scheme consists of two sub-schemes namely 'Sambal' and 'Samarthya'. An expenditure of Rs 15,761 crore has been approved for this scheme till the financial year 2025-2026.

National Mission to Eradicate Sickle Cell Anaemia

The campaign to eradicate sickle cell anaemia was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on July 1, in which a target has been set to eradicate the disease by 2047. India accounts for 50% of sickle cell anaemia cases globally. 17 states including Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Odisha are most affected by this disease.

Development of Nano Urea

In June, 2021 the work on the development of Nano Urea started. The first plant was commissioned in May 2022 and then in February 2023, two plants were started in UP. Gradually its number will be increased. This will reduce foreign dependence on urea and change the future of farmers.



PLI

To increase India's manufacturing capacity and exports under the goal of AatmaNirbhar Bharat, an expenditure of Rs 1.97 lakh crore has been announced in the PLI scheme for 14 major sectors of the manufacturing sector in the financial year 2021-2022. This scheme has the potential to create 60 lakh new jobs.

e-Shram portal

This portal was launched on August 26, 2021 to create a database of unorganized laborers in the country. As on July 14, 2023, 28.96 crore unorganized workers' cards have been issued on the portal.



Shree Anna Abhiyan

To give strength to small and marginal farmers in the country, Shree Anna Abhiyan is being scaled up rapidly. With the efforts of India, the year 2023 has been declared as International Year of Millets. Millets are being promoted everywhere whether it is army canteens or other systems of the government.



Starting from the issue of April 1–15, 2021

On the completion of 91 years of Salt Satyagraha, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Amrit Mahotsav from Sabarmati Ashram on March 21, 2021.



Closing with the issue of August 1–15, 2023

This photo was published in the July 16–31 issue, in which PM Modi pays tribute to Mangal Pandey.

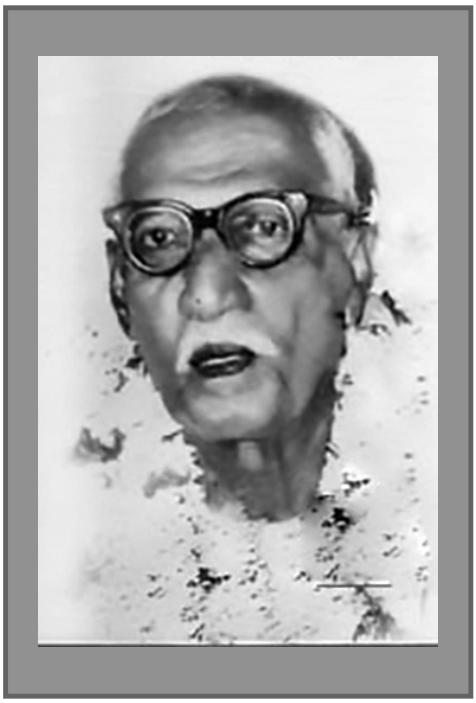
REALISING THE COUNTRY'S DREAMS
A TIME OF DETERMINATION

New India Samachar began the journey of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav series with the issue of April 1–15, 2021, in which the story of the unsung freedom fighters of the country was prominently published. Under this series, the magazine gave prominence to the heroic stories of freedom fighters in all of its issues until August 1-15, 2023, beginning with the first issue in April 2021. The story of these heroes is an inspiration for us, who are also becoming the pillars of the new India. Now the Amrit Mahotsav of freedom is nearing its end, but it is not a full stop. Rather, it is the story of the making of a new India, on which the country will set a big goal going forward. In the concluding issue, this time telling the story of Trailokyanath Chakraborty, Prem Krishna Khanna, and Sayyid Ahmadullah Qadri

TRAILOKYANATH CHAKRABORTY

SERVED ' KALAPANI' FOR THE COUNTRY'S INDEPENDENCE

Born: 1889, Died: August 9, 1970



Trailokyanath Chakraborty was born in 1889 in the village of Kapasatia in Mymensingh district, which is now in Bangladesh. His father's name was Durgacharan Chakraborty. Since childhood, the family atmosphere of Trailokyanath Chakraborty has been imbued with national spirit. He was popularly known as' Maharaja 'among the revolutionaries. His personality is an inspiring story of a life-long struggle against injustice. He joined the freedom struggle in 1906 at the age of seventeen. He became a member of the Dhaka Anushilan Samiti and worked with the youth throughout Mymensingh district. He spent nearly 30 years in prison. In 1908, he was arrested for the first time for revolutionary activities, as a result of which he could not complete his education.

In 1910, when the police were looking for him in the Dhaka Conspiracy Case, he escaped. He was arrested in a murder case in 1912, but the police failed to prove it in court. He then worked in Malda, Rajshahi, and Comilla districts. Trailokyanath was arrested again in Calcutta in 1914 for his active participation in revolutionary activities. He was sent to the Cellular Jail in Andaman due to the Barisal Conspiracy Case. He was just 25 years old at the time of his arrest. However, he did not consider it a punishment. He believed that the country would definitely get freedom through his penance. It is believed that there he met Vinayak Damodar Savarkar and was greatly influenced by him.

Trailokyanath returned to Kolkata after serving his sentence. He took command of the National School there, but his underground activities continued. He was arrested again in 1927 and imprisoned in Burma. He joined Chandrashekhar Azad's Hindustan Republican Army after serving a year in prison in Burma. In 1929, he attended the Congress session in Lahore. From 1930 to 1938, he spent eight years in various South Indian jails. Following his release, he joined the Quit India Movement and was imprisoned in 1942. In 1946, he was released from prison. Even in that difficult and challenging environment, he worked for social harmony. He was with Mahatma Gandhi when he visited Noakhali. He remained active in public service in East Pakistan after its creation. Due to health issues, he relocated to Delhi in 1970. He died in Delhi on August 9, 1970.

HE WAS A PROMINENT HINDUSTAN REPUBLICAN ASSOCIATION MEMBER

PREMKRISHNA KHANNA



Born: 2 January 1894, Died: 3 August 1993

Freedom fighter Premkrishna Khanna was born into a wealthy family on January 2, 1894, in Lahore. His father's name was Raibahadur Ramkishan Khanna.Since childhood, he had a desire to work for the freedom of the country. He then joined Congress. He also actively participated in the Non-Cooperation Movement of 1921. In later days, he became close to Ram Prasad Bismil and joined the Hindustan Republican Association.

He was a contractor with the railway department in Shahjahanpur. That was the reason why the British had given him the licence for the pistol. Bismil is also said to have used his pistol several times for revolutionary work, and the Mauser cartridges used in the Kakori incident were purchased on Khanna's licence. The trial in the Kakori case lasted for two years. He was convicted in the Kakori conspiracy case and sentenced to five years imprisonment. After his release from jail, he remained unmarried and took a vow to serve the country, which he continued throughout his life.

After his release from jail, he donated all his personal property to the Ram Prasad Bismil Memorial Trust, Shahjahanpur, and created many institutions in the name of Kakori. Prem Krishna Khanna was fond of reading and had a good collection of books. He had bought many good books during his imprisonment. He passed away on August 3, 1993, just six months before his 100th birthday.

August Kranti

In the history of India's freedom struggle, the month of August holds special significance. This month saw three major mass movements that laid the foundation for India's independence. Let's look at the three most important ones...

Non-cooperation movement

On August 1, 1920, Mahatma Gandhi launched the Non-Cooperation Movement to protest the growing excesses of British rule. Students in government schools and colleges boycotted classes during the protest. Lawyers walked out of court. In many towns and cities, workers went on strike. This movement had an impact across cities and villages. The non-cooperation movement shook the foundations of British power for the first time after the 1857 freedom struggle. In February 1922, a police station was attacked and set on fire, prompting Mahatma Gandhi to withdraw the movement.

Quit India Movement

The midnight of August 8 has a special significance in the freedom struggle of the country. Mahatma Gandhi launched the Quit India Movement on August 8, 1942, to expel the British from India. This movement was started by Mahatma Gandhi by encouraging his countrymen through his powerful slogan, 'Do or Die'. With the inspiration of Mahatma Gandhi, the echo of the Quit India Movement was heard throughout the country, which filled the youth of our country with enthusiasm.

The Swadeshi movement

The Swadeshi movement was a major force in our freedom struggle. The movement, which began on August 7, 1905, encouraged indigenous industries and the Swadeshi spirit, including weavers associated with handlooms. In 2015, the Government of India decided to observe National Handloom Day (NHD) on August 7 every year to commemorate the Swadeshi Movement, which began on August 7 in 1905, and to revive this ancient Indian art. Prime Minister Narendra Modi started the first Handloom Day in Chennai on August 7, 2015.

THE FIRST JOURNALIST FROM HYDERABAD TO WRITE IN FAVOUR OF THE ONE NATION THEORY



SAYYID AHMADULLAH QADRI

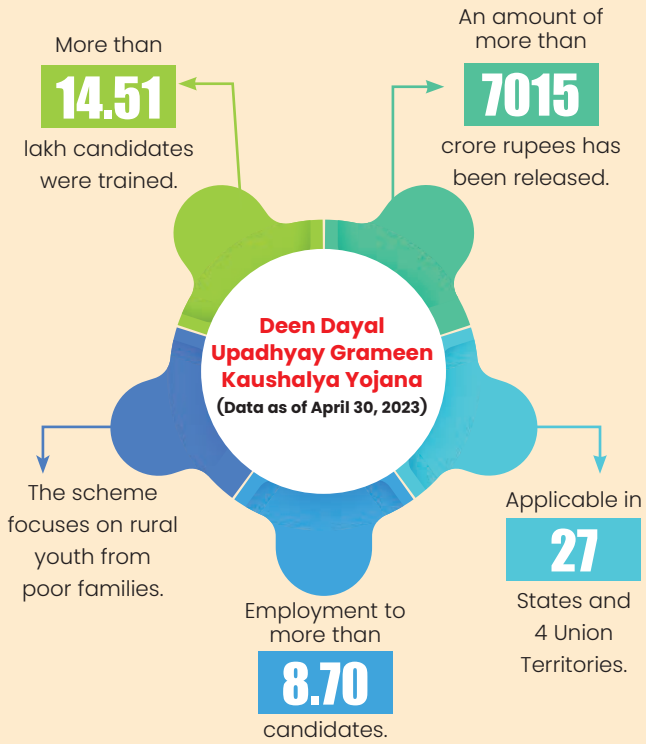
Born: August 9, 1909, Died: October 5, 1985

Freedom fighter Sayyid Ahmadullah Qadri was born on August 9, 1909, in Hyderabad.Sayyid's father, Shamsullah Qadri, was a famous writer. He introduced Sayyid to literature at a very young age. Sayyid Ahmad Qadri founded the famous newspaper Sultanat. He also wrote for two newspapers: Paisa and Tareekh. Qadri was the first journalist from Hyderabad state to write in favour of the one-nation theory in the Urdu news daily Sultanat in 1946.

He decided to join the nationwide movement and became a member of the Andhra Pradesh State Legislative Council. He was also the chairman of the Andhra Pradesh State Haj Committee. Kadri served in many important positions throughout his life. He was appointed chairman of the Lutfuddaulah Oriental Research Institute. He was awarded the Padma Shri by the Government of India in 1966. He passed away on October 5, 1985. ■

DDU-GKY: Empowering Rural Youth

The Government of India launched Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) on September 25, 2014, for inclusive growth and self-reliance among rural youth in India. DDU-GKY has empowered and upskilled rural youth by providing sustainable employment opportunities. At present, DDU-GKY is being implemented in 27 States and 4 Union Territories of the country. Under the scheme, more than 877 Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs) are imparting training in 37 sectors and 616 types of jobs through more than 2,369 training centres.





INAUGURATION AND FOUNDATION STONE LAYING OF 11 NATIONAL HIGHWAY PROJECTS

PROGRESS OF RAJASTHAN IS GAINING MOMENTUM DUE TO BETTER ROAD CONNECTIVITY

Road transport is very important for the industrial and social development of the country. The government is working in a mission mode in a time bound manner to build a developed network of roads. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India's infrastructure is being modernized at a rapid pace with huge investments. The construction of National Highways has almost doubled from what it was before 2014. Union Road and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 11 National Highway projects worth Rs 5,625 crore to speed up the progress of Rajasthan through the development of infrastructure.

Giving a further fillip to the infrastructure development in Rajasthan, Union Road and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari inaugurated and dedicated 11 National Highway projects worth over Rs 5,625 crore, including four projects of 219 km in Pratapgarh with an investment of Rs 3,775 crore, on July 4. Speaking on the occasion, the Union Minister said, "We are committed to take Rajasthan on the path of progress by building national highways under the able leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi." Giving a new dimension to the progress of Rajasthan, all these projects will reduce travel time and save fuel. Along with this, the state will get better connectivity facilities and boost economic development. There will be an increase in the number of tourists at Chittorgarh Fort and other nearby tourist places as well as business and entrepreneurs will also be benefitted.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Rashtriya Gati Shakti Plan is not only about laying the foundation of infrastructure but also paving the way for the overall economy of the country. As a result of this, Rajasthan is also moving fast on the path of development. With the gift of these projects given by Union Minister Gadkari, the vision of a prosperous Rajasthan will come true. The

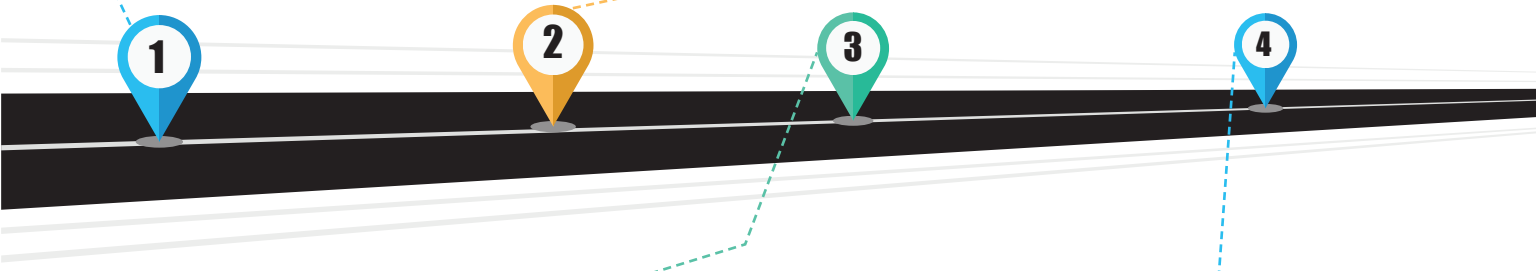
Inauguration of four National Highway projects

First project

90 kilometer long road has been constructed at the cost of Rs 1526 crore. Under this, work on 6 laning of Kishangarh to Gulabpura section on NH 48 has been completed. This project will accelerate the economic and social development of Ajmer and Bhilwara.

Second project

125 kilometer long road has been constructed at the cost of Rs 2090 crore This is a 6 laning project of Gulabpura to Chittorgarh section on NH 48 which has been completed. With this, apart from Bhilwara and Chittorgarh, the mutual connectivity of Udaipur, Jaipur and Kota regions will be strengthened.



Third project

Construction work of four lane ROB on NH 162A at Fatehnagar. The construction of this ROB will curb the problem of traffic jams at railway crossing.

Fourth project

A high bridge has been constructed over the Chambal river in Mandrayal. With the construction of this bridge, connectivity will be maintained between Mandrayal, Karauli in Rajasthan and Sabalgarh in Madhya Pradesh.

approval of 74 projects under CRF in Rajasthan at a cost of Rs 2,250 crore was also announced during the event. The work on these projects will also start soon.

Foundation stone laid for 7 other projects

Union Road and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari on July 4 laid the foundation stone of seven projects costing Rs 1,850 crore and a total length of 221 km for the progress of Rajasthan. This includes construction of a 2 lane paved shoulder from Lower Odan to Bhatewar. This will provide better connectivity to Dariba Zinc mine and direct access from Udaipur airport to Nathdwara. In these projects, a 2 lane paved shoulder is being constructed on National Highway 927A up to Deval, Dungarpur, Sagwara, Garhi, Vajwana along with Sagwara and Garhi bypass. This will reduce the traffic pressure in the tribal areas of Dungarpur and Banswara districts and new possibilities of development will be created. A 4-lane project will be constructed from Ras to Beawar section, due to which the cement industry of Beawar will get better connectivity. Gadkari also did Bhumi Pujan of Pratapgarh bypass, Pratapgarh city will also benefit from this. The 7th project includes construction of four laning of Beawar Gomti to Baghana, Mada ki Bassi section. Provision has been made for the construction of 13 animal underpasses in Todgarh Sanctuary for ease of movement of wildlife.

Inspection of Udaipur Greenfield Bypass

Union Minister Nitin Gadkari inspected the Udaipur Greenfield Bypass project for Udaipur. The work on this 6-lane greenfield bypass of 24 km length, being built at a cost of Rs 900 crore, has started at a fast pace. Out of 24 km, the construction work of 19 km road has been completed so far. This construction work will be completed by September 2023. Once completed, it will divert the traffic traveling from Jaipur to Ahmedabad, providing relief to Udaipur city from traffic congestion. ■

PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI'S VISIT TO FOUR STATES

NEW INDIA UNCEASING MARCH ON THE PATH OF DEVELOPMENT



Prime Minister Narendra Modi covered a distance of about 5,600 kilometers in Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and Telangana in two days and unveiled several development schemes. Prime Minister Modi visited Chhattisgarh and Uttar Pradesh on July 7, Telangana and Rajasthan on July 8. During his visit, he laid the foundation stone and inaugurated 50 various development projects worth Rs 50,000 crore. During this, PM Modi also flagged off two Vande Bharat trains from the railway station in Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh.

In the journey of Amrit Kaal to Swarnim Kaal, the central government's focus is on the development of the states because PM Narendra Modi believes in the mantra of development of the nation by the development of the states. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of projects worth Rs 12,000 crore for Kashi and Uttar Pradesh during his visit to four states. PM Modi says, "this is an expansion of our resolution of providing a new body to Kashi while retaining its ancient soul. These include projects related to rail, road, water, education, tourism and redevelopment of ghats".

This nation always wanted to run fast trains in the country. For this Rajdhani Express train was started in the country for the first time about 50 years ago, but even after so many years Rajdhani Express could run only on 16 routes. Shatabdi Express started about 30-35 years ago which could run only on 19 routes. The first Vande Bharat train which was started by the present government from Banaras 4 years ago, has now started running on 25 routes. The 2 Vande Bharat trains have been flagged off from Gorakhpur, one from Gorakhpur to Lucknow and the other from Ahmedabad to Jodhpur.

In the last 9 years, the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has worked keeping in mind that the future of the coming generations is secured. So far, more than 4 crore families in the country have got pucca houses under the PM Awas Yojana. Under the programme, pucca houses have been handed over to four and a half lakh poor families of UP. In the last 9 years, unprecedented work has been done to improve the connectivity of Kashi. The



development works that are being done here are also creating many new employment opportunities. Last year more than 7 crore tourists and devotees came to Kashi. In just one year, the number of tourists coming to Kashi increased 12 times.

Inauguration of development works in Raipur, Chhattisgarh

Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated various development projects worth about Rs 7,500 crore to the nation and laid the foundation stone on July 7 in Raipur, Chhattisgarh. Here Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that today Chhattisgarh has received the gift of projects worth more than Rs 7 thousand crore. These gifts are meant for infrastructure and connectivity as well as to make life easier for the people of Chhattisgarh.

Where the infrastructure remained weak, development reached equally late. This is the reason why India is developing more infrastructure in those areas which were left behind in the race of development. Infrastructure means ease of living of the people, ease of doing business, creation of lakhs of new employment opportunities and faster development. Prime Minister Modi said, "How modern infrastructure is developing in India today is also visible in Chhattisgarh. In the last 9 years, roads have reached thousands of tribal villages in Chhattisgarh under the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Sadak Yojana. The Government of India has approved projects of about 3,500 km long national highways here. Out of this, projects of about 3,000 kilometers have also been completed. The Government of India considers every street vendor as its partner, therefore, for the

Inauguration and foundation stone laying ceremony of various projects in Varanasi

- A dedicated freight corridor between Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Junction and the Son Nagar railway line, constructed at a cost of over Rs 6,760 crore, was inaugurated.
- Inaugurated three railway lines that were electrified or doubled at a cost of more than 990 crores rupees.
- Dedicated four-lane Varanasi-Jaunpur section of NH-56 completed at a cost of over Rs 2,750 crore.
- Inauguration of various projects in Varanasi including, construction and renovation of 18 PWD roads and construction of International Girls Hostel building in BHU campus.
- Foundation stone laid for 192 rural drinking water schemes costing more than Rs 550 crore under Jal Jeevan Mission. Through these, 7 lakh people of 192 villages will get pure drinking water.
- Foundation stone for redesign and redevelopment of Manikarnika and Harishchandra Ghats.
- PM SVANidhi loan, PMAY rural house keys and Ayushman Bharat cards were distributed to the beneficiaries of Uttar Pradesh.
- Griha pravesh of 5 lakh PMAY beneficiaries, PM SVANidhi loan disbursement to 1.25 lakh eligible beneficiaries and 2.88 crore Ayushman card distribution program started.



Two Vande Bharat trains flagged off from Gorakhpur railway station

- Flagged off two Vande Bharat trains from Gorakhpur Railway Station. So far, Vande Bharat train has been inaugurated on 25 routes in the country.
- Gorakhpur-Lucknow Vande Bharat Express will pass through Ayodhya and will improve the transport facility of important cities of the state and also promote tourism.
- The Jodhpur-Sabarmati Vande Bharat Express will improve transport connectivity to famous places like Jodhpur, Abu Road, Ahmedabad.
- Laid the foundation stone for the redevelopment of Gorakhpur Railway Station. The station will be redeveloped at a cost of about Rs 498 crore, which will provide world class passenger amenities.

first time, a guarantee-free loan was given to them under PM SVANidhi Yojana. It has more than 60 thousand beneficiaries in Chhattisgarh.

Foundation stone for various projects laid in Warangal, Telangana

Telangana state may be new but the contribution of Telangana and its people in the history of India has always been huge. The strength of the Telugu people has always enhanced the strength of India. India has become the fifth largest economic power in the world, in which people of Telangana have a big role to play.

On the occasion of laying the foundation stone of various projects in Warangal, Telangana, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "This golden period has come to us in this third decade of the 21st century. We have to make full use of every second of this golden period. No corner of the country should be left behind in the race of rapid development. In order to strengthen these possibilities, in the last 9 years, the Government of India has paid special attention to the development of Telangana and its connectivity. On July 8, Prime Minister Modi laid the foundation stone of projects worth Rs 6,000 crore related to connectivity and manufacturing in Telangana.

Expressway and railway will expand tourism related opportunities in Rajasthan

Any state moves forward in the race of development when its potential and possibilities are correctly identified. Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone and inaugurated development projects worth over Rs 24,300 crore on July 8 in Bikaner, Rajasthan. In the program, PM Modi said, "Rajasthan has the power to accelerate development, that is why we are making record investments here. There are immense possibilities of industrial development in Rajasthan, that is why we are making the connectivity infrastructure here hi-tech. The high-speed expressway and railways will also

PM Modi in Raipur, Chhattisgarh



- PM Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of five National Highway projects worth about Rs 6,400 crore.
- Inauguration of 4-laning of 53 km long Bilaspur-Pathrapali section of Bilaspur-Ambikapur section of NH-130.
- Foundation stone was laid for 6-lane greenfield Raipur-Visakhapatnam corridor in the Chhattisgarh portion for three NH projects
- The 103 km long Raipur-Khariar Road Doubling Railway Line, built at a cost of Rs 750 crore, was dedicated to the nation. He also dedicated to the nation a new 17-kilometer-long railway line connecting Kevati and Antagarh..
- In Korba Rs 130 crore bottling plant with an annual capacity of 60,000 metric tonnes dedicated to the nation
- Started card distribution to 75 lakh beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat.

Foundation stone laid for Rs 6,100 crore development project in Telangana

- Laid the foundation stone for 176 km long national highway projects to be constructed at a cost of Rs 5,550 crore. These projects also include the 108-km Mancherial-Warangal section of the Nagpur-Vijayawada corridor.
- The foundation stone for the 2-laning to 4-laning of the 68-km Karimnagar-Warangal section of NH-563 was laid.
- Laid the foundation stone of Kazipet, a railway manufacturing unit developed at a cost of over Rs 500 crore. This unit will increase the wagon manufacturing capacity.

Inauguration and foundation stone laying of development projects in Bikaner

- Inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of development projects worth more than Rs 24,300 crore in Bikaner.
- Inauguration of the six-lane Greenfield Expressway section of the Amritsar-Jamnagar Economic Corridor. The length of this corridor in Rajasthan is more than 500 km, which has been built at a cost of about Rs 11,125 crore.
- In a boost to the power sector, the inauguration of Phase-I of the Inter-State Transmission Line for Green Energy Corridor built at a cost of about Rs 10,950 crore.
- Inauguration of Bikaner-Bhiwadi transmission line to be developed by Power Grid at a cost of about Rs 1,340 crore.
- Inauguration of 30 bedded Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) Hospital in Bikaner. This hospital will have the capacity to expand up to 100 beds.
- Laid the foundation stone for the redevelopment of Bikaner Railway Station. This work of redevelopment will be done at a cost of about Rs 450 crore.
- The foundation stone of doubling of the 43 kilometer long Churu-Ratangarh rail section, doubling of this rail line will expand rail transport facilities.

expand tourism opportunities across Rajasthan. The biggest benefit of this will be to the youth, to the sons and daughters of Rajasthan.

Small traders and cottage industries get the maximum benefit from this development of infrastructure. Bikaner is famous all over the country for pickles, papad, namkeen and all such products. If the connectivity is better then the cottage industries here will be able to take their goods to every nook and corner of the country at a low cost. In the last 9 years, the Central Government has made every possible effort for the development of Rajasthan. Vibrant Village Scheme has been started for the development of border areas which were deprived of development for decades. Due to this, fast development is taking place in these areas and the interest of the people of the country to go to the border areas is also increasing. Due to this, new energy of development has also reached the border areas. ■



SICKLE CELL ANAEMIA ELIMINATION MISSION
THE MAIN MISSION OF THE AMRIT KAAL

Sickle-cell anaemia is a serious genetic disease. The disease is prevalent in many parts of India, especially in rural areas. Considering the seriousness of the disease, the Central Government has set a target of eradicating it from the country by the year 2047. On July 1, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission at Shahdol in Madhya Pradesh.

India accounts for more than half of all sickle cell anaemia cases worldwide. As a result, this disease afflicted a large number of tribal people. The government has set an eradication target for this disease. This year's budget includes a special provision for sickle cell anaemia. We have decided to work in mission mode to eradicate this disease.

The present government's seriousness about this disease can be gauged by the fact that when Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Japan, he also asked the Nobel Prize-winning scientist for assistance. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission in Shahdol, Madhya Pradesh, and distributed Sickle Cell Genetic Status Cards to beneficiaries. He also launched the Rs 3.57 crore Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PAJAY) card distribution programme. The people of Gond, Bhil, and other tribal societies will benefit the most from these two steps. PM Modi also paid tribute to Rani Durgavati, the mid-16th-century ruler of Gondwana.

A significant pledge was made through the Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission to secure the lives of tribal people, free them from Sickle Cell anaemia, and save the lives of 2.5 lakh children and families affected by this disease. PM Modi believes that Amrit Kaal's campaign to eradicate sickle cell anaemia will become a major mission. It was decided that by 2047, the tribal communities and

the country would be free of the threat of Sickle Cell anaemia. Blood banks are being built for sickle cell anaemia patients, bone marrow transplantation is being expanded, and the diagnosis of sickle cell anaemia is being reassessed. PM Modi has urged people to be tested for the disease, which affects the entire family. Referring to Sickle Cell Disease and other serious diseases, Prime Minister Modi stated that the country is working to eliminate tuberculosis by 2025. The number of other serious diseases has decreased greatly because of the central government's efforts.

Focus on reducing the cost of disease

Referring to the Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Yojana (AB-PMJAY), Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that efforts are constantly being made not only to reduce diseases but also to reduce expenditure on diseases. AB-PMJAY has significantly reduced the financial burden on people due to medical expenses. Ayushman cards will work as ATM cards worth Rs five lakh per family for Ayushman Bharat beneficiaries who have to go to the hospital for treatment. Irrespective of which state you belong to, you can avail yourself of free treatment facilities in any state-registered hospital by showing your Ayushman card. About five crore patients across the country have benefited from free treatment under the Ayushman Yojana and saved more than one lakh crore rupees. This Ayushman card is a guarantee to remove the biggest concern of the poor; it is the current government that has given this guarantee.

Lives of vulnerable people improved

Previously, food could not reach the poor's plates properly, but the current government is changing that by guaranteeing free food grains to 80 crore families through the Garib Kalyan Yojana. The Ayushman Yojana provided health insurance to 50 crore beneficiaries, the Ujjwala Yojana provided free gas connections to 10 crore women beneficiaries, and the Mudra Yojana provided loans to 8.5 crore beneficiaries. The government's actions have raised the living standards of the economically disadvantaged.

Tribal welfare top priority of the government

The National Education Policy has addressed the language barrier that tribal students face.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that the Government of India will commemorate Rani Durgavati's 500th birth anniversary on a national scale. A film about her life will be made, and a commemorative coin and postage stamp will be issued in her honour.

The country is taking a big pledge on this land of Shahdol. This resolution is related to making the lives of our tribal brothers and sisters safe. This is the resolution to get rid of sickle cell anaemia.

-Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

More than 400 new Eklavya schools are providing residential education to tribal children. 2400 such students are receiving education in Madhya Pradesh. The current administration has prioritised tribal communities by creating a separate ministry for tribal welfare and tripling the budget. The Forest Rights Act has resulted in the distribution of 20 lakh title deeds. Tribal society was granted rights, and their traditions were honoured through events such as Aadi Mahotsav.

States affected by Sickle Cell anaemia

The Union Budget 2023 included an announcement about the National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission. It has been decided that it will be implemented in 278 districts across the country's 17 most affected states, including Gujarat, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Assam, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala, Bihar, and Uttarakhand. ■



SHANGHAI COOPERATION ORGANISATION (SCO)

THERE WILL BE NO DOUBLE STANDARDS ON TERRORISM

Terrorism continues to plague the entire world. There is discussion in international forums, but many countries have double standards when it comes to terrorism. Terrorism and terrorists thrive even today as a result of such countries. Human society is bearing the brunt of its consequences. In the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation meeting, India took a firm stance against such countries. Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke at the SCO's 23rd Summit.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has stated that India will fight terrorism in all of its forms and manifestations. Some countries use cross-border terrorism as a policy, providing safe haven for terrorists. On such a serious subject, the SCO member states should not have any room for double standards. Increased mutual cooperation should be used to deal with countries and institutions that finance terrorism. The SCO's Regional Counter Terrorism Structure Mechanism has played an important role in this.

Radicalization is on the rise among young people, and we must take more proactive measures to combat it. At the SCO meeting, a joint statement on radicalization was issued at the initiative of the Government of India.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, India's concerns and expectations about Afghanistan are similar to those of the majority of SCO members. As a result, we must collaborate for the benefit of the Afghan people. For centuries, India and Afghanistan have had friendly relations. India has contributed to Afghanistan's economic and social development over the last two decades. Afghanistan's territory should not be used to create discord in neighbouring

countries or to promote extremist ideologies. Afghanistan's situation has a direct impact on the security of all SCO countries."

Chabahar Port will be better utilised

The basic principles of the SCO Charter, particularly the member states' sovereignty and territorial integrity, must be respected. Following Iran's SCO membership, India can work to improve the utilisation of the Chabahar Port. The 'International North-South Transport Corridor' could become a safe and convenient way for Central Asian countries that do not have sea access to reach the Indian Ocean. The SCO represents 40% of the global population and one-third of the global economy. In such a case, it is the SCO's shared responsibility to understand each other's needs and sensitivities. Kazakhstan will host the next SCO summit.

During its presidency of the SCO, India has hosted over 140 events, conferences, and meetings. Not only that, but all SCO observers and dialogue partners were included in the programmes. Important documents have been prepared at the SCO ministerial level meetings, with some new and modern dimensions added from the Indian side. This includes collaboration in the energy sector on emerging fuels, transportation decarbonization, digital transformation, and digital public infrastructure. It is India's intent that cooperation in the SCO extends beyond governments and deepens people-to-people contact.



Terrorism is a major threat to regional and global peace, and decisive action is needed to address it.

New initiatives launched during India's presidency

For the first time, the Shanghai Summit hosted the SCO Millet Food Festival, Film Festival, SCO Surajkund Craft Fair, Think Tank Conference, and International Conference on Shared Buddhist Heritage. Furthermore, forums such as the Young Scientists and Young Authors Conclave, the Young Resident Scholar Programme, the Startup Forum, and the Youth Council were organised to harness the energy and talent of the SCO countries' youth.

SCO getting ready for future needs

Prime Minister Narendra Modi stated that the world is at a crossroads. In a world beset by conflict, tensions, and pandemics; food, fuel, and fertiliser shortages pose a major challenge for all countries. All member states should consider whether the SCO as an organisation is capable of meeting people's expectations and aspirations. India has expressed its support for the proposal to reform and modernise the SCO.

The Government of India has shared India's AI-based language platform, Bhashini, with all SCO member countries in order to remove language barriers. The Indian government believes that the SCO can become an important reform voice in other global institutions, including the United Nations. The meeting discussed broadening the scope of the SCO while emphasising that the SCO's primary focus should be on the interests and aspirations of Central Asian countries. ■



COOPERATIVES STRENGTHENING THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC SYSTEM

Let the common man participate in the process of transforming India into a developed nation; let every home prosper through cooperation; and let the country prosper through the prosperity of every family. Every goal necessitates the participation of everyone. The cooperative spirit conveys the same message. To reinforce this message, after increasing the number of Farmers' Unions and PACS, cooperative societies began linking with e-commerce platforms and offering online training at the 17th Indian Cooperative Congress in New Delhi on July 1, which Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed.

India has over nine lakh cooperatives, out of the world's 30 lakh cooperatives. PACS connects more than 91% of villages and 70% of farmers. Prime Minister Narendra Modi began strengthening this large network of cooperatives and cooperation in 2014, but after the formation of the Ministry of Cooperation in 2021, this large network of cooperatives began to connect with the prosperity of the village farmer and the nation. Priority is being given to modernization, computerization, and competitive cooperative society formation in order to increase transparency in cooperative societies. To increase the utility of cooperative societies, there is an agreement to open 300 Common Service Centres in Primary Agricultural Societies (PACS), with 2 lakh new PACS to be set up in the next 5 years and 2000 Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendras to be opened by December 2024, besides budgetary provision for the setting up of one multi-purpose PACS in every Panchayat.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi sees cooperatives as an important partner in the development of villages and farmers. The main theme of the 17th Indian Cooperative Congress, which was presided over by Union Minister for Cooperation Shri Amit Shah, was "Amrit Kaal: Prosperity through Collaboration for Vibrant India." He said that the Parliamentary Committee of Parliament has unanimously approved the amendment to the Multistate Co-operative Societies Act. The bill will be introduced in this session of parliament.

PM Modi made it clear during the conference that cooperatives should become the carriers of social and national policy rather than politics. Cooperatives will become an important part of the Indian economy in the new India. We must also

Previously, PACS laws varied across the country; to bring uniformity to them, the Ministry of Cooperation prepared PACS bylaws and sent them to all states and union territories. The PACS bylaws have been accepted by as many as 26 states and union territories. After September of this year, the same law will apply to 85% of the country's PACS.

Amit Shah, Union Home and Cooperation Minister

Now the role of the country's cooperative sector is going to be very important to increase the potential of the country's villages and farmers in the Amrit Kaal. Together, the government and cooperation will give double strength to the resolve of a developed India and a self-reliant India.

-Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

Farmers got an average of Rs. 50 thousand per annum

- Under the Kisan Samman Nidhi, Rs. 2.5 lakh crore have been deposited in the accounts of crores of farmers in four years. In the previous five years of 2014, the total agriculture budget was less than Rs 90,000 crore.
- Today, a farmer can buy a bag of urea for less than Rs 270, which is significantly less than the prices in Bangladesh, Pakistan, and China. Over the last nine years, more than ten lakh crore rupees have been spent on fertilisers alone.
- MSP for farmers has increased over the last nine years. By purchasing at MSP, farmers have received more than Rs 15 lakh crore. Farmers receive an average of Rs 50,000 per year from the government in some form or another.
- The government recently announced a Rs 3.70 lakh crore package for farmers. Sugarcane prices have been raised to Rs 315 per quintal.

PM Modi's call to cooperatives

- Ensure chemical-free farming in five villages in your district. The government has recently approved PM-PRANAM, in which emphasis will be laid on the production of alternative fertilisers, the soil will be safe, and the cost will be reduced.
- Make one, two, or ten Amrit Sarovars according to your capacity so that the future generation gets water. Another campaign related to water is Per Drop, More Crop. Work is being done to extend microirrigation to every village.
- Self-sufficiency in edible oil is possible. If the cooperatives take over Mission Palm Oil, they will become self-sufficient in edible oil.
- There is a crisis for animals due to Foot and Mouth Disease. More than 24 crore animals have been vaccinated so far. Cooperatives should come forward for the vaccination drive and the tracing of animals.

work towards the development of such villages, which will become self-sufficient by following the cooperative model. Cooperatives are being given corporate-like platforms, and issues that have been pending for years are being resolved quickly

Marketing and training of cooperatives on an e-commerce portal

To reap the benefits of transparency and Sahkar se Samriddhi, cooperative society products will now be marketed through the NCUI Haat e-commerce portal. Along with online promotion, this portal will train cooperative societies in product registration, promotion, and branding. Free data analysis will assist in increasing sales. Similarly, NCUI has launched an online portal called Cooperative Extension and Advisory Services in order to train the country's cooperative fraternity. A one-of-a-kind online platform combines a learning management system and a collaborative resource centre. This is the first online platform to study various aspects of cooperative management, with the goal of educating youth and women and realising their dreams of prosperity through livelihood cooperation. ■

A NEW CHAPTER IN INDIA'S SPACE EXPLORATION

CHANDRAYAAN-3

India became the fourth country to reach the lunar surface in 2008, when it launched two robotic spacecraft into orbit around the moon, repeatedly observing its surface. Then, in 2009, the Chandrayaan-1 spacecraft discovered water on the moon. For the past four years, the Chandrayaan-2 mission's orbiter has been studying continuously. The most recent successful flight of Chandrayaan-3 from Sriharikota on July 14 has written a new chapter in our journey into space. Chandrayaan-3 will script a new history by landing on South Pole of the moon. It will be first such mission.



Chandrayaan-3: Exploring the Mysteries of the Moon

- Launched on July 14, 2023, at 2:35 p.m.
- Target landing at 5.47 p.m. on August 23.

The cost is around **615** crore rupees

- Chandrayaan-3 is equipped with a lander, a rover, and a propulsion module.

3,900 kilogrammes is it's weight

The LMV 3M4 rocket lifted off from the second launch pad of Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) SHAR, Sriharikota, at 2:35 p.m. on July 14 and successfully injected Chandrayaan-3 into orbit. Chandrayaan-3 has begun its journey to the Moon. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) said the condition of the spacecraft is completely normal. Hailing the dedication and efforts of the scientists, Prime Minister Modi said, "Chandrayaan-3 has written a new chapter in India's space journey. It soars high, lifting the dreams and ambitions of every Indian. This landmark achievement is a testimony to the tireless dedication of our scientists. I appreciate their spirit and talent. "

Covering a distance of more than 3, 00,000 km, it will reach the moon. The scientific instruments on board Chandrayaan will study the lunar surface and enhance our knowledge. Prime Minister Modi said, "India's history in the space sector is very rich. Chandrayaan-1 is considered a trailblazer in global lunar missions as it has confirmed the presence of

Special help from Chandrayaan-1 and Chandrayaan-2

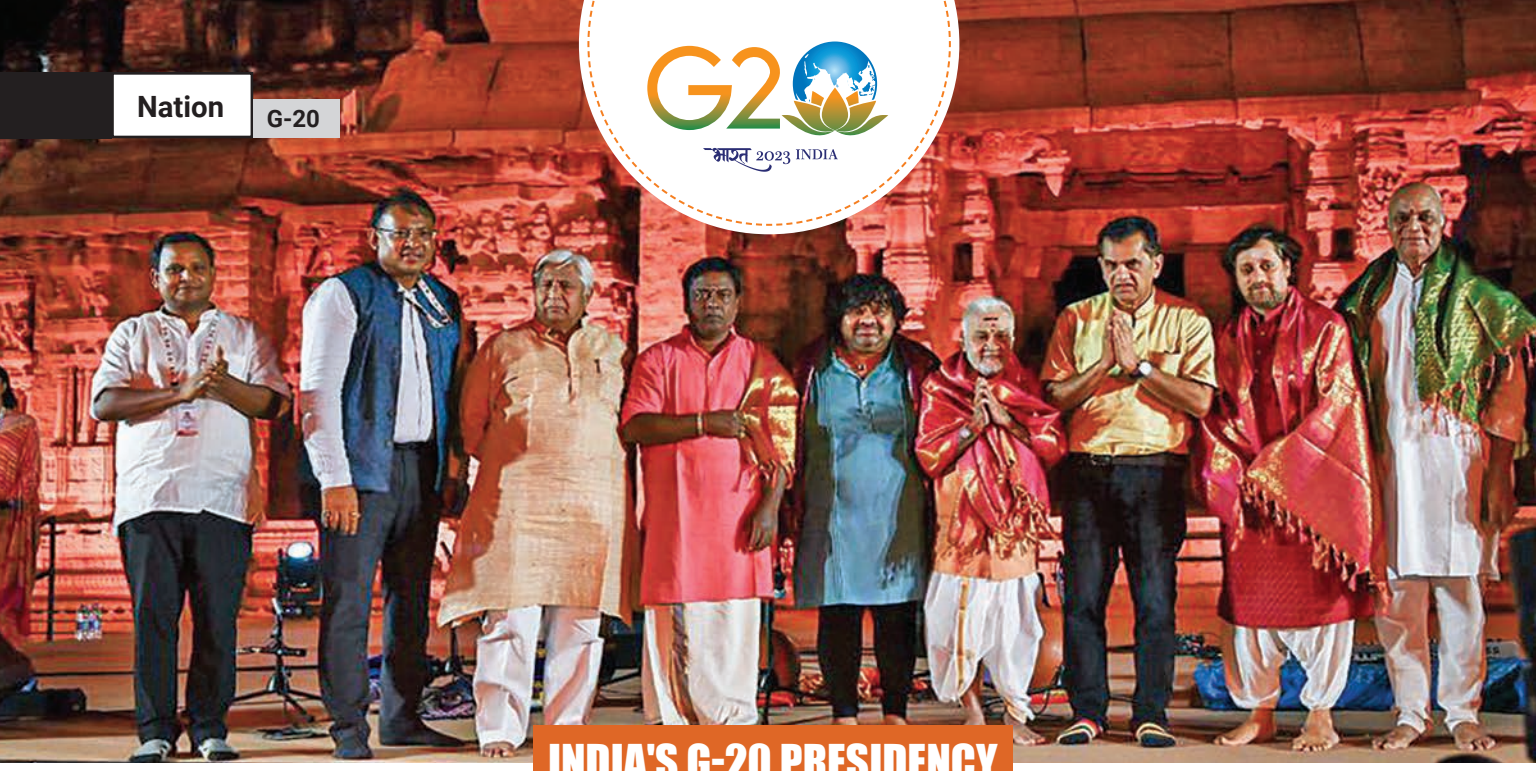
- Until Chandrayaan-1, the Moon was considered a completely dry, geologically inactive, and uninhabitable celestial body. Now, it is seen as a dynamic and geologically active celestial segment with the presence of water and ice on its subsurface. There is also a possibility of living on it in the future.
- The data from the orbiter attached to Chandrayaan-2 detected the presence of chromium, manganese, and sodium through remote sensing for the first time. Key scientific outcomes of Chandrayaan 2 include the first global map of lunar sodium, advanced information on crater size distribution, clear detection of water-formed ice on the lunar surface with the IIRS instrument, and much more. The mission has been published in about 50 publications.



Self-reliant Space Sector of Aatmanirbhar Bharat

- India is all set to launch the country's first human space mission, Gaganyaan, in 2024.
- 424 satellites were launched from 34 different countries around the world.
- In the last five years, ISRO has launched 177 foreign satellites from 19 countries commercially. It earned about $94 million in foreign exchange.
- Became the first country to enter the orbit of Mars in its very first attempt.
- Reforms in policies will expand space flight and allow private players access to ISRO's infrastructure and technology for industry.
- Help to private companies through IN-SPACe, New Space India Limited.
- The Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACe) was set up to promote private industries.
- About 120 space startups registered on the IN-SPACe platform to promote private investment in the space sector.
- An initiative of the Indian Space Association (ISpA) to make India self-reliant and a global leader in space.
- The Union Cabinet has approved the Indian Space Policy 2023, which will encourage the participation of private companies. Determine the roles and responsibilities of government bodies.
- India's PSLV has launched 36 satellites from both developed and developing countries.

water molecules on the Moon. It was published in more than 200 scientific publications worldwide." This remarkable mission will further the hopes and dreams of our nation. Only three countries have successfully landed on the moon: the United States, the erstwhile Soviet Union, and China. With the landing on the moon, India will join this esteemed group of lunar explorers. ■



INDIA'S G-20 PRESIDENCY

SEVERAL MINISTERIAL RECOMMENDATIONS FINAL, EXTENSIVE BRAINSTORMING ON JOINT DECLARATIONS

India, which is presiding over the G-20, has set priorities. Each group proceeded in the same direction. The working groups of the Finance Track, Sherpa Track, after discussion, forwarded the subjects to the Ministerial meetings, where the recommendations for their respective subjects were finalized. But what would be the subjects and what would be the language in the joint declaration of the leaders at the summit in New Delhi, the Sherpas did a great brainstorming in the third meeting at Hampi in Karnataka. Many separate meetings are yet to be held, but the G-20 Sherpas will again meet from September 3-6 to finalize joint declarations.

Sherpas jointly started work

The third meeting of the G-20 Sherpas was held in Hampi, Karnataka from July 13-15 and was attended by over 120 delegates. At the meeting, chaired by India's Sherpa Amitabh Kant, the Sherpas jointly began work on what kind of declaration would be issued after the September 9-10, G-20 leaders' summit in New Delhi. Amitabh Kant said after the meeting that India has many options as the president, but we are now focusing on more important issues for development and the global economy. The meeting witnessed record participation. All engaged in a positive, effective and constructive discussion to co-produce the draft.

The meeting took forward the discussion with an aim to promote transformative, action-oriented initiatives imbibing the spirit of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'. The Leaders' Declaration reflects the collective resolve of G20 countries to make progress on important global issues and commitment to prioritize sustainable development and address serious challenges. The draft covers 6 priorities including Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), green growth, Multilateral Development Bank (MDB) reforms, digital public infrastructure, gender equality and incorporates the outcomes of various working groups. At the same time, inspired by the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, taking an important step towards inclusivity, India proposed the membership of the African Union in the G-20. If the 55-nation African Union is included, it will further enhance the voice of emerging countries and the Global South in the G20 forum.



3RD MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON CULTURE

VARANASI DRAFT FINALISED AT THE HAMPI MEETING OF THE CULTURE WORKING GROUP

The culture of any country not only describes its history but also connects its people to it. Culture has a unique contribution to societal development because it fosters solidarity. It is also very important in policymaking. That is why India introduces the delegates to the respective state's tradition and culture at all G-20 presidency meetings. The third meeting of the Culture Working Group was held in Karnataka's world heritage site of Hampi, where the draft of the meeting of culture ministers scheduled for August 26 in Varanasi was finalised.

The third meeting of the Culture Working Group under India's G20 Presidency was held in Hampi, Karnataka, on July 12th, wherein the draft for the G20 Culture Ministers Meeting was finalised, going beyond the recommendations of the two earlier meetings held in Khajuraho and Bhubaneswar. The draft seeks to place culture at the centre of policymaking. The Group has taken forward the four priorities of cultural heritage, promotion of living heritage, promotion of cultural and creative industries, and use of technology in the preservation and promotion of culture. These priorities are the cornerstone of our vision of an inclusive and sustainable future.

India's G-20 presidency is to strengthen the 'Safeguarding and Restoration of Cultural Property, in which the 1970 UNESCO Convention provides for signatory parties to voluntarily return artefacts belonging to other countries that were looted during the colonial period or later smuggled and stolen. It is the endeavour of this grouping that all G-20 countries become signatories to this convention, which will benefit India.

The G-20 delegates performed yoga, planted tree saplings at Queen's Bath, and enjoyed a cultural programme at Yeduru Basavanna Complex in front of Virupaksha Temple. The event showcased four different dance forms of India: Bharatanatyam from Tamil Nadu, Mohiniyattam from Kerala, Kuchipudi from Andhra Pradesh, and Odissi from Odisha.

Record for largest exhibition of Lambani embroidery items

During the third meeting of the Culture Working Group at Hampi, Karnataka, the largest exhibition of Lambani embroidery with 1755 items under the theme 'Culture unites all "was held, which was recorded in the Guinness World Records. More than 450 Lambani women artisans and cultural artists associated with Sunder Kushal Kala Kendra have crafted these items using GI-tagged Sandur Lambani embroidery. Perpendicular embroidery is a vibrant and intricate form of textile ornamentation delineated by a rich range of coloured threads, glass or mirror work, and stitching patterns. Appreciating the record, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "This is a commendable effort that will popularise Lambani culture, art, and craft as well as encourage the participation of Nari Shakti in cultural initiatives."

Meetings to be held in the first fortnight of August

- Ministerial Meeting on Women Empowerment, 2-4 August, Gandhinagar
- 3rd Meeting of the Anti-Corruption Working Group, 9–11 August, Kolkata
- Meeting of Anti-Corruption Ministers, August 12, Kolkata

AMIDST PREDICTIONS OF INCREASE IN CYBER CRIME, FIRST CONFERENCE HELD ON CYBER SECURITY IN G-20

For the first time under India's G20 presidency, the maiden conference on cyber security was held in Gurugram on July 13-14, taking heritage and technology-driven development together. Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah addressed the conference on crime and security in the era of non-fungible token (NFT), Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Metaverse, flagged off cyber volunteer squads of seven educational institutions





In the digital world where the world is getting increasingly connected. Technology has transcended traditional geographical, political and economic boundaries. Technology is a positive development bringing humans, societies and countries closer but anti-social elements and selfish global forces are using it to cause economic and social harm to both citizens and governments. According to Interpol's 'Global Trend Summary Report' for the year 2022, some of the cybercrime trends such as ransomware, phishing, online scams, online child sexual abuse and hacking are posing serious threats across the globe. There is a possibility that these cyber crimes will increase manifold in future. In such a situation, in a conference organized for global unification and cooperation to make the digital world safe, the delegates agreed that India's G-20 presidency has given an opportunity to discuss the challenges of crime and security in the era of NFTs, AI and Metaverse and a valuable platform has been established.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi believes that “cyber security is no longer confined to the digital world only. It has become a national security – global security issue.” PM Modi has emphasized on the human side of technology linking "Internet of Things" with "Emotions of Things" to ensure 'Compassion' and 'Sensitivity'. As a result, rapid digital delivery initiatives have transformed India into a 'Digital Nation' in a decade.

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah has said at the conference that nations and international organizations need to work together to better deal with new and emerging, traditional and non-traditional challenges, including terrorism, terror financing, narco, narco-terror links, and mis-information. It is necessary to strengthen the capabilities of organizations. Terrorists are using dark-net to hide their identity and spread radical material. The transformation of 'Dynamite to Metaverse' and 'Hawala to Crypto Currency' is definitely a matter of concern for the countries of the world. We all have to prepare a common strategy together. In the direction of a "strong and efficient operational system", we have to think in unison. We aim to create a 'Cyber Success World' and not a 'Cyber Failure World'. No single country or organization can combat cyber threats alone. This requires a united front."

G-20 RESEARCH MINISTERS RESOLVE TO TRANSFORM RESEARCH AND INNOVATION SYSTEM

New systems of research and innovation are meaningful in meeting the changing world of the 21st century and the challenges of the future. This is the reason why the G-20 research ministers, at their meeting on July 5, unanimously agreed to recommend the elevation of the Research and Innovation Initiative Gathering (RIIG) to the status of a formal Working Group

The four priority areas identified at the Research and Innovation Initiative Gathering (RIIG) meetings of the G-20 Research Ministers, chaired by the Union Minister of State for Research and Technology, Dr. Jitendra Singh - Materials for Sustainable Energy; Circular Bio-Economy; Eco-Innovations for Energy Transition; and Sustainable Blue Economy; and after discussions on sustainable blue economy, adopted an outcome document and chairmanship summary, the highlights of which read...

Points of Consensus of Research Ministers

- The ministers also stressed the need to develop the capacity for better continuous ocean observation, monitoring and forecasting systems through improved international coordination and cooperation to achieve the goal of a sustainable blue economy.
- The G-20 research ministers agreed to recommend the Research and Innovation Initiative Gathering (RIIG) to be given the status of a formal grouping in the G-20.
- Welcomed the resolution to make an international binding law to eliminate plastic pollution, including marine environment, by the end of the year 2024.



Developing quantum technologies, exploring quantum communication, cryptography and quantum algorithms is the next goal of our G-20 research agenda.

Dr. Jitendra Singh,
Union Minister of State for Science & Technology (Independent Charge).

- Welcoming the adoption of the new Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity, and encouraging early entry into force.
- Will continue to work towards transforming its research and innovation ecosystem to effectively respond to emerging social and environmental challenges, including natural hazards, disasters and extreme weather events. Will support joint efforts where necessary.
- Will encourage mobility of students, scholars, researchers and scientists in research and higher education institutions. Strive to reduce barriers to inter-institutional collaboration to achieve inclusive and sustainable development and build a vibrant society.

STARTUP20 GURUGRAM SUMMIT CONCLUDES, TORCH PASSED TO BRAZIL.

India is the world's third-largest startup ecosystem. Four startups are registered every hour. There are now 1 lakh startups and 108 unicorns, up from 442 in 2016. Start-Up20 was launched by India under the chairmanship of the G-20, whose summit concluded in Gurugram on July 4th, to bolster the strength of start-ups. Startup-20 Policy with far-reaching goals has been released. India has handed over the presidency to Brazil, which will take over in 2024, and has pledged to continue the Startup-20 initiative.



It is the collective responsibility of all nations to support the innovation and startup ecosystem. There should be an international effort to promote inclusive cooperation and sustainable ecosystems in all parts of the world to tackle the global challenge.

Piyush Goyal
Union Minister of Commerce and Industry

For the first time, India launched the Startup-20 initiative during the G-20 meetings, during which the future roadmap, including the importance of start-ups at the global level and the need for financial support to nurture them, was openly discussed by member countries. During this time, five taskforces were formed to finalise the global level Startup-20 suggestions. The Startup-20 communiqué was released, which included their recommendations. Among the major accomplishments of this initiative launched during India's G20 Presidency are the announcement of the continuation of the Startup-20 initiative during the 2024 Presidency and Saudi Arabia's support for the achievement of $1 trillion in global startup funding. The announcement was made at the summit by Prince Fahd bin Mansour. This demonstrates Saudi Arabia's dedication to fostering an affordable and resilient innovation ecosystem while also accelerating economic growth.

The Startup-20 Summit served as a platform to foster innovation, collaboration, knowledge sharing, and strategic alliances within the global startup ecosystem. Amitabh Kant, India's Sherpa said that the untiring efforts of the Startup-20 group have resulted in the final policy communique that lays the foundation for a transformative and prosperous future for our citizens.

Chairman of Startup-20, Dr. Chintan Vaishnav, officially handed over the torch to Brazil and said, The continuation of Startup-20 with Brazil as the Chair is a true success for the group.

Dr Chintan informed that the Startup-20 policy communique also includes several other issues, including creating and adopting a definition framework for startups, building a network institution to support startups and ecosystem stakeholders across the G-20, simplifying market regulations for startups, prioritising inclusion of under-represented communities within the startup ecosystem, and promoting startups with global interests. A link to read https://www.g20.org/content/dam/gtwenty/gtwenty_new/document/Startup-20-Communiqu%C3%A9.pdf.

URBAN20 COMMUNIQUÉ PRESENTED TO G20 LEADERS

Climate change, technology, governance, culture, and the economy will all pose significant challenges in the future. In such a situation, preparing cities for future challenges and action by advancing with global support on issues and raising awareness of national interventions is a global need. On this, six priorities have been decided collectively in Urban20 under India's G20 Presidency, the communiqué of which was handed over to G20 leaders before the end of the Urban20 Mayors Summit in Ahmedabad on July 10 to garner global support.



The Urban20 Mayors Summit was held in Ahmedabad from July 7 to 8. Urban20 (U20) Mayors finalised a communiqué at the summit and handed it over to the G20 leaders. This communiqué contains as an action agenda the priority recommendations set collectively by the U20, enabling cities to take further action to address the critical challenges facing the world. The communiqué will be presented at the G-20 Leaders' Summit to seek global support and national intervention.

The Urban20 recommendations have received the official approval of the largest number of 105 cities. The communiqué was handed over to Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri and India's Sherpa Amitabh Kant by the Mayor of Ahmedabad.

Click on https://www.g20.org/content/dam/gtwenty/gtwenty_new/document/Urban_20_Communique.pdf to read it in full.

At the Mayors Summit, around 20 mayors from more than 50 cities around the world presented their cities' good initiatives.

Cities are going to be the focal point for achieving various global goals related to sustainability, inclusivity, and climate change. Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri made it clear at the event that the challenges of global development have to be tackled through cities as the drivers of change. In such a situation, the six priorities that have been set will be the focal point for our collective survival in the future.

Stressing the role of cities for a sustainable and prosperous future, G-20 Sherpa Amitabh Kant said one-third of the world is currently facing the effects of recession and the climate change crisis, besides geopolitical issues. This calls for adequate infrastructure finance for the cities of the future and better urban planning to address many urban issues. ■

The 6 Priorities of Urban20

01 Encouraging environmentally responsible behaviour.

02 Accelerating climate finance

03 Promoting local culture and economy

04 Ensuring water security.

05 Promoting a digital urban future

06 Redesigning the framework for urban planning and governance





INDIA'S PRIDE AND GLORY SEEN IN FRANCE

A spectacular sight was seen on the land of France. The country's Prime Minister Narendra Modi was the guest of honour at the National Day celebrations of France and the Indian soldiers of the three armed forces participated in the Bastille Day parade here. This moment made every Indian feel proud. Also once again the world community saw the growing power of India. In the new partnership between India and France, India's 'power show' was shown in France. During Prime Minister Narendra Modi's foreign visit from July 13 to 15, India signed several important agreements with France and the United Arab Emirates.

On 14 July 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the Bastille Day Parade on the Champs Elysees. A 241-member Indian Armed Forces contingent from all the three services participated in the parade led by the military band on the occasion. The Indian Army contingent was led by the Punjab Regiment along with the Rajputana Rifles. Rafale jets of the Indian Air Force from the 101 Squadron from Hasimara were part of the fly past during the parade. July 14 marks the anniversary of the storming of the Bastille prison in 1789 during the French Revolution, symbolizing the democratic values of 'Liberty, Equality and Fraternity', the central theme of both the Indian and French constitutions.

When Prime Minister Modi participated in the program of the Indian community in Paris, despite the digital world, Indians living in France from far and wide reached the venue to hear and see Prime Minister Modi. In the program, Prime Minister Modi said that wherever we Indians go, we definitely make a mini India.

Prime Minister Modi said that today the world is moving towards the new world order. India's strength and India's role are changing very fast. India is currently the chairman of G-20. For the first time this is happening under the chairmanship of a country when more than 200 meetings are being

NEW PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN INDIA AND FRANCE

- Agreement on the launch of UPI (Unified Payments Interface) in France.
- Decision to connect the start-up and innovation ecosystems of both the countries.
- Agreed to keep climate change and environmental protection on top priority.
- Agreed to work fast on the roadmap for blue economy and ocean governance.
- Both the countries decided to move forward on a joint initiative against single use plastic.
- Long term agreement for export of LNG between Indian Oil and Total company of France.
- Decision to work together in the field of new technology, submarines and naval ships in the defense sector.
- New agreements with the Space Agency. This includes the work of making the TRISHNA satellite to monitor the temperature and atmosphere of the sea and the earth.
- The new Indian Consulate will be opened in the city of Marseille in the south of France.
- France will join as a partner in the new National Museum to be built in Delhi.
- India and France will always be together in the fight against terrorism.
- Agreed on concrete action to end cross-border terrorism.





PM GAVE GIFTS

- PM Modi gifted French President Emmanuel Macron an artwork of Royal Veena carved in sandalwood. This veena of two and a half feet is very special because of its carvings and the stories made on it.
- PM Modi gifted a silk saree in a sandalwood box to Brigitte Macron, wife of French President Macron. This Pochampally Ikat silk saree from Pochampally city of Telangana, India encapsulates the beauty, craftsmanship and cultural heritage of India.

MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT OF COP 28

PM Modi met Dr. Sultan Al Jaber, President-elect of COP 28 and Group CEO of Abu Dhabi National Oil Company, in Abu Dhabi. PM Modi apprised about the efforts of India on International Solar Alliance, Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure, International Year of Millets and Mission Lifestyle for Environment. Energy cooperation was also discussed.

held in every nook and corner of that country. The entire G-20 group is looking at India's potential. India's experience and India's efforts are proving helpful to the world in dealing with challenges like climate change, global supply chain, terrorism and extremism.

India and France are tackling many challenges of the 21st century. Therefore in the present context the importance of strategic partnership between India and France has increased even more. People to people connect and mutual trust between the two countries is the strongest foundation of this partnership. The Namaste France festival is held in France and the Bonjour India program is held in India. Heritage, history, art, culture, fashion, films of both the countries, all these connect India-France. Addressing the Indian community, PM Modi said, "When I came to France in 2015, I went to Neuve Chapelle. Then I paid tribute to the thousands of Indian soldiers who were martyred in the First

AGREEMENT ON CLIMATE CHANGE

PM Modi and UAE President Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan agreed on the urgent need to address the global challenge of climate change under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the fundamental principles and obligations under the Paris Agreement. It was agreed to work together to achieve concrete and meaningful results from the 28th session of the UNFCCC Conference of the Parties. The two leaders stressed the need for international cooperation in supporting vulnerable communities to respond effectively to the most adverse impacts of climate change in accordance with the provisions of the Paris Agreement.

REGIONAL AND GLOBAL ISSUES DISCUSSED

Regional and global issues were discussed in detail by PM Modi and His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates and Ruler of Abu Dhabi. The two leaders held wide-ranging discussions on various dimensions of the bilateral partnership, including trade and investment, fintech, energy, renewable energy, climate action, higher education and people-to-people ties. Many agreements were also signed during this period. The Reserve Bank of India and the UAE Central Bank signed an agreement to promote the use of local currencies for cross-border transactions. Agreement between the Reserve Bank of India and the UAE Central Bank for bilateral cooperation on interlinking payment and messaging systems. MoU between Abu Dhabi's Department of Education and Knowledge and IIT Delhi.



World War. 100 years ago, these Indian soldiers were martyred on French soil while doing their duty, protecting the pride of France. Then it was a very emotional moment. This 100 years of emotional connection, the tradition of making supreme sacrifice for other's well being is such a great inspiration. Every Indian would be proud of this.

India has become the world's 5th largest economy from the 10th spot in the last 10 years. Today, not only India but the whole world is convinced that it will not take long for India to become a five trillion dollar economy. In a recent UN report, it has been said that within 10-15 years, India has brought 415 million (about 42 crore) countrymen out of the poverty line. This number is more than the population of the entire Europe. An IMF study says that extreme poverty is now on the verge of ending in India. When such works are being done in India, then it is not only beneficial for India but also for the entire humanity.

There are many sectors like space in which India and France together are helping to give a new direction to the world. Very few people would know that India-France has been working together on an archaeological mission for a very long time and it extends from Chandigarh to Ladakh. Another sector strengthening the India-France partnership is digital infrastructure, which is a major pillar of Industry 4.0. Today 46 percent of the world's real time digital transactions take place in India. Addressing the Indian community, PM Modi said that next time you come to India, come without a single penny in your pocket. Empty pocket, just download UPI app on mobile phone.

Even after visiting the whole of India, there will not be a need for a single paisa in cash. During PM Modi's visit, an agreement was also reached regarding the use of India's UPI in France. In the coming days, it will be started from the Eiffel Tower. Now the Indian tourist will also be able to pay in rupees digitally at the Eiffel Tower through the mobile app. In the meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Prime Minister of France Elisabeth Borne, discussions were held on enhancing cooperation in various fields including economy and trade, energy, environment, education, transport, railways, digital public infrastructure, museology and people-to-people contact. Prime Minister Modi also addressed a group of CEOs of India and France jointly with the President of France in Paris. ■



Narendra Modi
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बीते 9 वर्षों से देश में आदिवासी गौरव को सहेजने और समृद्ध करने के लिए निरंतर काम हो रहे हैं। हमारे लिए आदिवासी नायकों का सम्मान करना सौभाग्य की बात है।



Rajnath Singh
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Blessed to begin the day by paying a visit to the Ramakrishna Mission in Kuala Lumpur. Offered my tributes to 'Global Youth Icon' Swami Vivekananda ji.
This statue, unveiled by Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi in 2015, is a testimony to the rich legacy of Indian heritage and culture in Malaysia.



Amit Shah
@AmitShah
No nation can tackle cyber threats in their individual capacities. We need to think beyond conventional geographic borders and build a united front for this threat.
#G20India



Nitin Gadkari
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विकसित भारत के विराट संकल्प की ओर राजस्थान में विकास के नये आयाम स्थापित करते हुए आज बीकानेर में 11,125 करोड़ रुपए के लागत वाले और 502 किमी लंबाई के 6-लेन अमृतसर-जामनगर एक्सेस कंट्रोल्ड ग्रीनफील्ड इकोनॉमिक कॉरिडोर के हनुमानगढ़-जालौर खंड का माननीय प्रधानमंत्री श्री @narendramodi जी के करकमलों द्वारा लोकार्पण हुआ।



Bhupender Yadav
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प्रगति भी प्रकृति भी!
Thank you to Hon'ble PM Shri @narendramodi ji and Union Minister Shri @nitin_gadkari ji for the elevated road in Sariska which will facilitate human movement and also ensure animals are not inconvenienced.



Gajendra Singh S...
@gssjodhpur
आज़ादी का अमृत महोत्सव की याद में प्रत्येक जिले में हो रहा है अमृत सरोवरों का निर्माण, जिससे जल संरक्षण के साथ ही पेयजल, मछली पालन, कृषि और बागवानी जैसे कार्यों के लिये भी जल की उपलब्धता बढ़ेगी।

India, UAE join hands for trade in local currencies

SANDEEP DIKSHIT
THE HINDU BUREAU

NEW DELHI, JULY 15

India and the UAE on Saturday decided to strengthen the use of local currencies for cross-border transactions, interlink their payment and messaging systems, put more oil in the Gulf nation's strategic crude reserves stored in India and finalise plans for food corridor projects in India.

The three MoUs on the framework to promote the use of local currencies for cross-border transactions, interlinking the payment and messaging systems and establishing the IIT-Delhi campus in Abu Dhabi were inked in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan following delegation-level and one-on-one talks in Abu Dhabi.

In a special gesture, the Prime Minister was welcomed by Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan at the airport. The PM was conferred the UAE's highest award, the Order of Zayed Award, in 2019.

The talks between PM Modi and Sheikh Mohamed also covered the issue of enhanced defence exchanges, sharing of experiences, training and capacity-building, according to the joint statement issued after the talks. The focus also was on bilateral cooperation in the fight against terrorism, terrorist financing and extremism.

They also resolved to promote the reliability and resilience of food supply chains and expand food and agriculture trade, including through food corridor projects in India.

In an indication of trust, the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) stores crude at two of India's strategic reserves, which it is also allowed to export. The joint statement said the amount being stored would be increased as part of stepped up investments across the entire energy spectrum. Sultan Al Jaber, ADNOC CEO, separately met PM Modi as the concurrent president-designate of CoP28. "Jaber briefed the PM on the UAE's approach to this important meeting," it said.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with UAE President and Ruler of Abu Dhabi Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan on Saturday. ANI

THREE AGREEMENTS SIGNED

- Establishment of a framework to promote the use of local currencies for cross-border trade
- Bilateral cooperation on interlinking payment and messaging systems
- Working on establishing IIT-Delhi campus in Abu Dhabi

FOCUS ON FOOD SECURITY

The two sides resolved to promote the reliability and resilience of food supply chains and expand food and agriculture trade, including through food corridor projects in India

EYEING TRADE MILESTONE

CURRENT	TARGET
$85 BILLION	$100 BILLION

NOT AVERSE TO USING RUPEE AS COMMON CURRENCY: LANKA WORLD

Gita Press a living faith, no less than a temple, says PM Modi

Mayank Kumar
LUCKNOW

Attending the closing ceremony of the centenary celebrations of the Gita Press in Gorakhpur, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday described the publishing house as "not less than any temple". The publisher is "guiding humanity" through its work, he said.

The Prime Minister added the government has accorded the Gandhi Peace Prize to Gita Press on completing the 100 years and highlighted the emotional attachment of Mahatma Gandhi with the Gita Press.



Lesson on wheels: Narendra Modi interacting with students in Vande Bharat Express, in Gorakhpur on Friday. ANI

The Prime Minister, who is on a two-day visit to Uttar Pradesh, also flagged off Vande Bharat Express trains and laid the foundation stone of Gorakhpur Railway Station redevelopment work.

While flagging off the Vande Bharat trains, he described them as a boon to middle class.

PM Modi unveils 29 projects worth ₹12,000 cr in Varanasi

PTI



Varanasi/Raipur: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday unveiled 29 projects worth ₹12,100 crore in his parliamentary constituency, Varanasi, and eight projects worth around ₹7,600 crore in Chhattisgarh's capital Raipur. In

India-France ties geared for next 25 years: Modi

"Therefore, at this crucial time, the importance of the strategic partnership between our countries has increased even more," he said terming people-to-people connect as the "strongest foundation" of India-France partnership.

Addressing a packed auditorium, he said Tamil is the world's oldest language and announced that a statue of Tamil poet-saint Thiruvalluvar would be installed in France.

"A statue of the great Thiruvalluvar in France is an honour for India," the PM said, adding that what could be a matter of bigger pride than that the world's oldest language is Indian. In this regard, he noted that Wimbledon called Roger Federer *Thalaivaa* (boss).

In a special gesture, Elisabeth Borne, Prime Minister of France, received Mr. Modi at the airport and a ceremonial welcome and guard of honour were accorded. This visit also marks the celebration of 25th anniversary of India-France Strategic Partnership. Mr. Modi said India is the mother of democracy and the mother of diversity. He highlighted the strides being made by India in different domains and invited the diaspora members to explore opportunities of investing in India.

Earlier, in his remarks before leaving Delhi, PM Modi said, "I look forward to meeting President [Emmanuel] Macron and holding wide-ranging discussions on taking forward this longstanding and time-tested partnership over the next 25 years." The main part of the visit will take place on Friday when France marks the Bastille Day celebrations where Mr. Modi will be the "chief guest".

Mr. Modi described the visit as "particularly special" as it will feature his presence in the Bastille Day celebrations in Paris on Friday where a tri-service Indian contingent will participate in the famous military parade. Three aircraft of the Indian Air Force will also perform a flypast during the parade. Mr Modi announced that he will meet members of the Indian diaspora in France during his visit and interact with Prime Minister of

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Panch Prans of Amrit Kaal

Goal of developed India

Now the country should move ahead with a big resolve. And that big resolution is of a developed India; and now we should not settle for anything less than that.

1

Freedom from every ounce of slavery

No part of our existence, not even in the deepest corners of our mind or habits should there be any ounce of slavery. It should be nipped there itself.

2

Proud of our heritage

We should feel proud of our heritage and legacy. Since it is this same legacy which had given India its golden period in the past.

3

Unity and Solidarity

There should be a feeling of unity among the countrymen. 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' should be the unifying initiative to achieve it.

4

Sense of duty among citizens

Citizens should have a sense of duty, in which even the Prime Minister, Chief Minister cannot be an exclusion.

5

India of 2047

On completion of 75 years of independence, the country has taken a vow of 'panch prans' for itself. In these panch prans, there is determination for the big goals of development and inspiration for duties. In this, there is an appeal to renounce the mentality of slavery and there is a sense of pride in our heritage. For the coming 25 years, we will have to concentrate on our capabilities, determination and strength on those panch prans.

– Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



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