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6 YEARS OF GST

THE ECONOMIC REVOLUTION OF NEW INDIA...



According to an estimate, there are 8 crore business persons in the country, who have benefited directly or indirectly from GST as Team India's initiative has revolutionized the world of economics resulting in a reduction in monthly household expenses and promoting savings of ordinary citizens





'MANN KI BAAT' : A LOVELY ROSARY ADORNED WITH COLOURFUL PEARLS

'Mann Ki Baat' is a lovely rosary adorned with colourful pearls; each pearl is unique and valuable in its own right. Those topics are openly discussed here, which we rarely read or hear about. We often see how many countrymen get new inspiration after a topic is mentioned in 'Mann Ki Baat'. Prime Minister Narendra Modi connects with the listeners through his program 'Mann Ki Baat' on the last date of the month. This time PM Modi joined the listeners on June 18 because of his US trip. Presenting the highlights of the 102nd episode of 'Mann Ki Baat'.....

- **SOLUTION TO EVERY CHALLENGE:** I am overwhelmed when I see the efforts of the common man in India, their hard work, and their willpower. The greatest of goals, the most difficult of challenges—the collective strength and power of the people of India overcome all obstacles.
- **CONSERVATION OF NATURE:** A great way to combat natural calamities is through conservation of nature. Our responsibility grows even more during the monsoon season. That is why today the country is making collective efforts through campaigns like 'Catch the Rain'.
- **'NEEM RIVER' REAPPEARS:** People in Uttar Pradesh's Hapur district have resurrected an extinct river. The 'Neem River' has begun to resurface as a result of the people's collective efforts. The river's origin is also being developed as Amrit Sarovar.
- **T.B. FREE INDIA:** India has taken the pledge of a TB-free India by 2025. Public participation is the biggest strength of the TB-Free India campaign.Our children and youth are also not far behind in the campaign to make India TB-free.
- **MIYAWAKI TECHNIQUE:** If the soil in an area is infertile, the Japanese Miyawaki technique is an excellent way to re-vegetate it. Miyawaki forests spread quickly and become a biodiversity hotspot in two to three decades. It is now rapidly spreading in various parts of India.
- **COLLECTIVE WILL :**Every day, 5.5 lakh litres of milk are produced in Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district. The entire Baramulla is turning into the symbol of a new white revolution. Over 500 dairy units have opened in the last two and a half years. This demonstrates that every part of our country is full of possibilities. The collective will of the people can achieve any goal.
- **THE TRUE POTENTIAL OF YOUTH:** This month, India received exciting news from the sports world. There are numerous sports and competitions where India is making its mark for the first time. This is the real strength of our youth.
- **MOTHER OF DEMOCRACY:** India is the mother of democracy. We consider our democratic ideals and constitution paramount. That's why we can never forget June 25. This is the same day that an emergency was imposed on our country.
- **AMRIT MAHOTSAV OF INDEPENDENCE:** When we are celebrating the Amrit Mahotsav of Independence, let us also take a look at such crimes that endanger the freedom of the country. This will make it easier for today's youth to comprehend the meaning and significance of democracy.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK...

ONE NATION, ONE TAX: ECONOMIC INTEGRATION OF THE NATION

"यद दुरं यद दुराधम, यद च दुरै, व्यवस्थितम्,
तत् सर्वम् तपसा साध्यम तपोहिदुर्तिक्रममा।"

***Meaning:** No matter how far away an object is, no matter how difficult it is to accomplish, and no matter how out of reach it is, it can also be achieved by penance and hard work. The process of India's economic revolution i.e. GST is very well explained by this sentence of Chanakya.*

Greetings!

Six years ago, on the intervening night of June 30 and July 1, a very rare midnight session of Parliament was in session. The media dubbed it "second freedom." By pressing a button in the Central Hall of Parliament, then-President Pranab Mukherjee and Prime Minister Narendra Modi implemented a single tax system in the country. Since the implementation of GST, the situation has radically changed. It demonstrated that a stable, decisive, and well-intentioned government propels development at an unprecedented rate. GST has realised the concept of 'One Nation, One Tax', which has been a game changer for the economy and a far-reaching step. Previously, a large number of goods were heavily taxed in the country.

Now, when GST is writing a new success story as the biggest economic reform of independent India, it has become necessary to know and understand this journey. This is the reason why 6 years of GST has become our cover story in this issue. This reform has tied India in a thread of a uniform tax system. Crores of traders, big or small, are doing business with ease. One tax system has made the system of filing returns simple and easy. This system has paved a new economic path for nation-building.

Read about K Kamaraj a compassionate administrator who made an indelible contribution to the freedom struggle in the personality section, on the occasion of Doctors' Day, the contribution of doctors in the service of humanity and the central government's work on improving medical infrastructure has been given a special place in this issue. Also, Digital India is the basis of every scheme today. A special story on the 8th anniversary of Digital India will explain this force multiplier in detail. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's address to G-20 Development Ministers, other programs of G-20, decisions of the Union Cabinet, the motivational saga of great heroes in the series of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and the gift of development schemes by the Prime Minister, etc. are the other highlights of this issue.

Keep sending your suggestions to us.



(Rajesh Malhotra)

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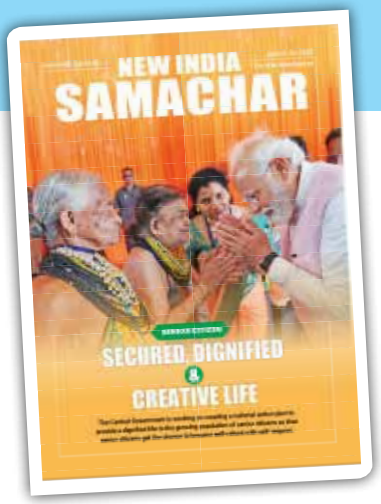

New India Samachar is a repository of information

New India Samachar magazine, throws light on various programs run by the Central Government. Along with this, it also tells about artists, freedom fighters, and others who contributed to the national interest. Under the series of Amrit Mahotsav, the story of freedom fighters, and the sacrifices made by them is highlighted which enhances the knowledge of youth.

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The cover page is very attractive

Read the latest issue of New India Samachar magazine (16 to 31 May 2023). The cover page of this issue was very attractive. Read about the personalities associated with the freedom struggle. Apart from this, there was also extensive information on the G-20 summit.

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Enriching information is provided in the magazine

I read the fortnightly magazine New India Samachar online. Very diversified information is made available in this magazine, which increases our knowledge.

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Delighted to receive the latest issue

Received the latest issue of New India Samachar magazine. Wasting no time, read the entire magazine very quickly. New and specific informative information is explained in a simple and effective manner. The stories of freedom fighters have added to the beauty of the issue. I suggest that keep publishing true stories of patriotism in the magazine.

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Get information about the latest changes happening in India

Recently I got to read New India Samachar magazine. In this, I got information about the latest changes happening in various fields. In this magazine, complete information about the schemes being run for every class, every age, and every area is available. I wish that this magazine should continue to progress like this and reach every citizen.

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'SWAVALAMBAN SE SAMRIDDHI' GAVE NEW LIFE TO KHADI

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has presented a unique picture of India in front of the world by taking the 'AatmaNirbhar' campaign' to new heights. For the first time in the history of independent India, the turnover of KVIC products has crossed Rs 1.34 lakh crore. In the last 9 financial years, there has been an unprecedented growth of 332 percent in the sale of indigenous Khadi products made by artisans in rural areas. This achievement is proof that the trust of the people of the country has increased in 'Make in India', 'Vocal for Local', and 'Swadeshi products'. In FY 2013-14, where the business of Khadi and Village Industries products was Rs 31154 crore, it has increased to the highest level of Rs 1,34,630 crore in FY 2022-23, which is the highest collection so far. Similarly, by creating



9,54,899 new jobs in rural areas, KVIC has played an important role in making people self-reliant in rural areas. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has promoted Khadi from every platform, due to which Khadi has become the choice of people of every class and age. Now Khadi products are counted among the most trusted brands in the world.



THE GOVERNMENT WILL BUY MORE PULSES UNDER THE SUPPORT PRICE SCHEME

The Central Government is continuously making efforts to promote the production of pulses in the country and to increase the supply of pulses in the market. Modernization of pulses plant, distribution of high yielding improved varieties of seeds besides imparting cropping system based training to the farmers. As per the latest decision, the central government has removed the 40 percent procurement limit for Arhar, Urad, and Masoor in the Price Support Scheme for the financial year 2023-24. This means that now the government will be able to buy pulses as much as it wants. This will increase the supply of pulses in the market, which will help in controlling the price of pulses. The production of pulses in the country has increased from 220.76 lakh tonnes in 2018-19 to 278.10 lakh tonnes in 2022-23 as per the second advance estimate. The new decision is also likely to increase the sowing and production of pulses in the coming Kharif and Rabi seasons as the farmer will be able to sell pulses as much as they want at the support price. On June 2, 2023, invoking the Essential Commodities Act, of 1955, the government imposed stock limits on Arhar and Urad to prevent hoarding and unethical trading activities. The stock limit has been implemented for wholesalers, retailers, large chain retailers, millers (chakki walas), and importers. They have to declare the stock on the portal (https://fcainfoweb.nic.in/psp).

THE COUNTRY'S FIRST INTERNATIONAL CRUISE TO SRI LANKA BEGINS

The Government of India is working rapidly on promoting tourism through cruise transport and promoting greater use of waterways. The nation has achieved yet another milestone showcasing the tremendous potential of India's Blue Economy. While the world's longest river cruise MV Ganga Vilas completed its maiden voyage on February 28 and is overbooked for the next two years, now the country's first international cruise MV Empress has started its voyage to Sri Lanka on June 5. With this, the International Cruise Tourism Terminal in Chennai also started.

Flagging off India's first international cruise MV Empress in Chennai, Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal said, "With the launch of the first cruise service between Chennai and Sri Lanka, a new chapter has started in the cruise tourism sector in the country. Access to affordable and world-class cruise services has now become a reality, where people can enjoy a relaxing, enjoyable journey and see exciting sights. This cruise service will visit three ports in Sri Lanka, Hambantota, Trincomalee, and Kankesanturai with a package of two nights to five nights.

Road to the Future

- Three new international cruise terminals will be ready soon which will be operational by 2024.
- Now the number of cruise ships is 208 which will be 500 by 2030. The number of people availing of cruise services is expected to reach 4.5 million in 2047.
- To increase the demand for cruise services in western, southern, and eastern coastal India, the government is working on the Gujarat pilgrimage, nature sightseeing, Ayurveda wellness tour, and heritage tourism.
- If new cruise tourism terminals are developed on the Andaman, Puducherry, and Lakshadweep routes, the possibility of developing ferry routes to India, Thailand, and Myanmar is being explored.

REGISTRATION FOR GOBARDHAN YOJANA WILL NOW BE DONE IN ONE PLACE



Registration can now be done on the integrated portal for setting up CBG and biogas plants under Gobardhan Yojana. Now any government, cooperative or private organization desirous of setting up a Biogas, CBG, or Bio CNG plant in India can enroll in this portal and obtain a registration number. With this registration number, benefits can be obtained from the Ministries and Departments of the Government of India. The launch of this portal will strengthen the entire process of waste management, as this portal will act as a single window system for setting up CBG and Biogas plants. This integrated registration portal of Gobardhan is a perfect example of cooperative federalism. With more than 650 Gobardhan plants and this portal, the country has achieved a significant milestone in the journey from waste to wealth. You can use this link http://sbm.gov.in/gbdw20 for registration and other information on the integrated portal.

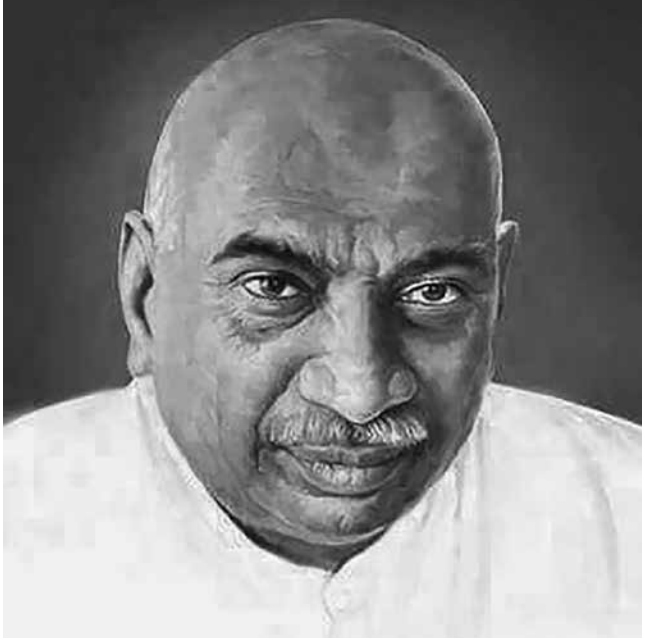
DIGNIFIED EMPLOYMENT TO EX-SERVICEMEN



An important agreement has been signed on June 2 between the Directorate General of Rehabilitation under the Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare of the Ministry of Defense and M/s Apna Time Tech Private Limited with the aim of creating employment for the ex-servicemen and corporate companies of the country. After this decision, the ex-servicemen will be helped to get a second job in a dignified manner and lead a normal civilian life. This decision will also help in bridging the gap between skilled manpower and locally available career opportunities in different regions of the country. This settlement will now help the ex-servicemen of the country to live their future life in a better way and their families will not have to face financial problems. ■

K KAMARAJ:
INDELIBLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE FREEDOM STRUGGLE

BORN: 15 JULY 1903 | **DIED:** 2 OCTOBER 1975



Renowned freedom fighter and politician K Kamaraj dedicated his life to national development and social empowerment. His emphasis on education, health care, and women's empowerment continues to inspire the people of India. He was posthumously awarded the Bharat Ratna in 1976 in recognition of his services to the nation.

K Kamaraj was born on 15 July 1903 in Virudhunagar, Tamil Nadu. His full name was Kumaraswamy Kamaraj but later he came to be known as Kamaraj only among the people. His father passed away when he was six years old. He left school early to help his mother. He started participating in the national movement from an early age. After the Jallianwala Bagh massacre, he resolved to fight for the freedom of the nation.

A few years after this incident, he met Mahatma Gandhi in Madurai, after which his life changed. When Mahatma Gandhi called for the non-cooperation movement, he went from village to village and propagated it. He raised funds for the movement and took a leading role in organizing meetings. He also participated in the Salt Satyagraha for which he had to go to jail. Kamaraj went to jail 6 times during the freedom movement. He spent more than 3 thousand days in jail. He campaigned against the raising of war aid funds by the then Governor of Madras, Sir Arthur Hope, during World War II. In 1942, Kamaraj attended the meeting of the All India Congress Committee in Bombay and spread the message of the Quit India Movement to the people. He was also a member of the Indian Constituent Assembly.

K Kamaraj became the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in 1954 and held the post for 9 years. He represented the Virudhunagar and Gudiyatham seats in the Legislative Assembly and the Virudhunagar and Nagercoil constituencies in the Parliament. As Chief Minister, he played an important role in industrial and educational development in the state. He implemented the mid-day meal scheme in government schools to improve enrolment and opened thousands of new schools across the state. Apart from this, he also constructed many reservoirs. In recognition of his services to the nation, he was posthumously awarded the Bharat Ratna in 1976. A postage stamp has also been issued by the Government of India in his memory. K Kamaraj died on 2 October 1975.

> K Kamaraj made an indelible contribution to India's freedom struggle and earned himself a reputation as a compassionate administrator. He worked hard to reduce poverty and human suffering. He also focused on improving health and education.
>
> - Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

The then Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee unveiled a bust of K Kamaraj on 15 July 1998 at the entrance to the outer lobby of the Lok Sabha. At the same time, in his address on 13 April 2023 at the Tamil New Year celebrations in Delhi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi remembered K Kamaraj and said, "We still remember K Kamaraj and his work related to social welfare." ■



One Earth One Health: Paving the way for a healthier future

HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE AND AN ARMY OF SKILLED HUMAN RESOURCES READY

At the time of Corona, even patients after being diagnosed with this deadly infectious disease were unwilling to visit the hospital for treatment. At that time doctors led by example without caring for their lives, they kept human service paramount. Wearing a PPE kit and face shield for 10 to 15 hours even in the scorching heat, they continued to treat corona-infected patients. By turning this disaster into an opportunity, the central government created a health infrastructure and a large army of skilled human resources. On National Doctors' Day, let us know how we are prepared to deal with any big pandemic.

National Doctors' Day is celebrated on the birthday of Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy on 1st July to remember his immense contribution to the medical field. Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy was also a physician and a freedom fighter. He was the Chief Minister of West Bengal and is also considered the architect of modern West Bengal. Acknowledging the doctor's contribution, PM Modi says, "I pay tribute to all those doctors who put their lives in the service of humanity." He said that our scientists and doctors have found solutions to the challenges of many serious diseases including Corona. PM Modi said that this day (Doctors' Day), celebrated in memory of Dr. BC Roy, is a symbol of the highest ideals for the medical fraternity.

Under the able leadership of Prime Minister

Let's understand the successful health model

Ayushman Bharat

- Ayushman Bharat: More than 23 crore Ayushman cards were made.
- More than 4.25 crore patients were treated under Ayushman Bharat.
- The government spent Rs 50,277 crore on the treatment of these patients.
- 26,054 hospitals have been registered under Ayushman Bharat.
- 1949 types of procedures and diseases are being treated under the scheme.
- So far around 32 crore Ayushman Bharat digital health cards have been made.



There are many people whose life may be in some crisis or sometimes we have felt that we may lose our dear ones, but our doctors change the direction of life like an angel on such occasions and give us a new life. Doctors save lives and we can never repay their debt.

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



e-Sanjeevani completed 12.4 crore telemedicine consultations.

Narendra Modi, the country got ready to fight the Covid pandemic. On the instructions of PM Modi, a very pragmatic strategy was made to fight and win this deadly disease at every level by forming different groups of ministries, the effect of which was also visible soon. In a way, while the situation was getting uncontrolled in developed countries, the situation of corona infection in India was under control. Adequate arrangements were made from medicine to beds and oxygen, ventilators, and ICU beds in the hospital. Along with the necessary resources, an army of doctors and other health workers was first prepared to fight this disease. It was on the initiative of PM Modi that doctors and health workers across the country were trained on how to be prepared to fight this infectious disease. The effect of PM Modi's initiative and proper handling of the situation was that doctors from all over the country got involved in the service of Covid patients day and night, without caring for their lives. In view of the increasing number of corona patients, an army of lakhs of trained health workers was prepared. The effect of this has been that in no time, a huge infrastructure has been set up in the health sector from district to block and panchayat level so that patients can be treated.

For the last 9 years, the Central Government, showing its commitment to a healthy India, is ensuring affordable and quality health services to the countrymen by expanding the infrastructure related to it. Today every Indian is proud that Ayushman Bharat is the world's largest healthcare scheme.

For 70 years after independence, when there were only 47 thousand ventilators in government and private hospitals in the country, during the Corona period, 50 thousand new ventilators were installed in government hospitals across the country from the PM CARES Fund. The effect of this was that the lives of a large number of seriously ill patients were saved. About 18 lakh isolation beds, more than 2.5 lakh oxygen beds, and about 70 thousand ICU beds were prepared for corona patients. During Corona itself, 1225 PSA plants were set up in all

Enhanced infrastructure in the health sector

- 15 new AIIMS have been formed, and now the total number of AIIMS has become 22.
- More than 9400 Jan Aushadhi Kendras were opened, and more than 1800 types of generic medicines are available here.
- The Jan Aushadhi Kendra has saved the common people more than Rs 23,000 crore.
- More than 1500 PSA plants were commissioned by the Central Government.
- Over 1.59 lakh Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centers were inaugurated.
- The number of medical colleges has increased from 387 in 2013-14 to 648 in 2022-23, an increase of 67 percent.
- The number of undergraduate medical seats has increased from 51,348 in 2013-14 to 99,000 in 2022-23, an increase of 93 percent.
- The number of postgraduate medical seats has increased from 31,185 in 2013-14 to 65,000 in 2022-23, an increase of 108 percent.
- 310 AYUSH hospitals and 4,903 AYUSH dispensaries were upgraded.
- According to the World Health Organisation, there should be one doctor per 1000 patients, whereas in India now there is one doctor per 834 patients (including doctors of allopathy and AYUSH).
- 1017.67 crore budget earmarked in the year-2014 on health research while 2663 crore in 2022-23.
- In the year 2014, the government used to spend Rs 1042 on treatment per person, which was Rs 1815 in the year 2018-19.
- In the year-2014, 64.2 percent of people used to spend out of pocket while in the year-2018-19 it remained 48.2 percent.
- In the year-2013, 4,990 while in the year 2021, 12,259 organ transplants took place.

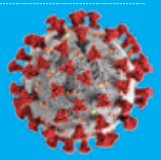


Covid: Boost to health infrastructure

5.15 lakh oxygen beds were arranged.

1.45 lakh ICU beds were arranged.

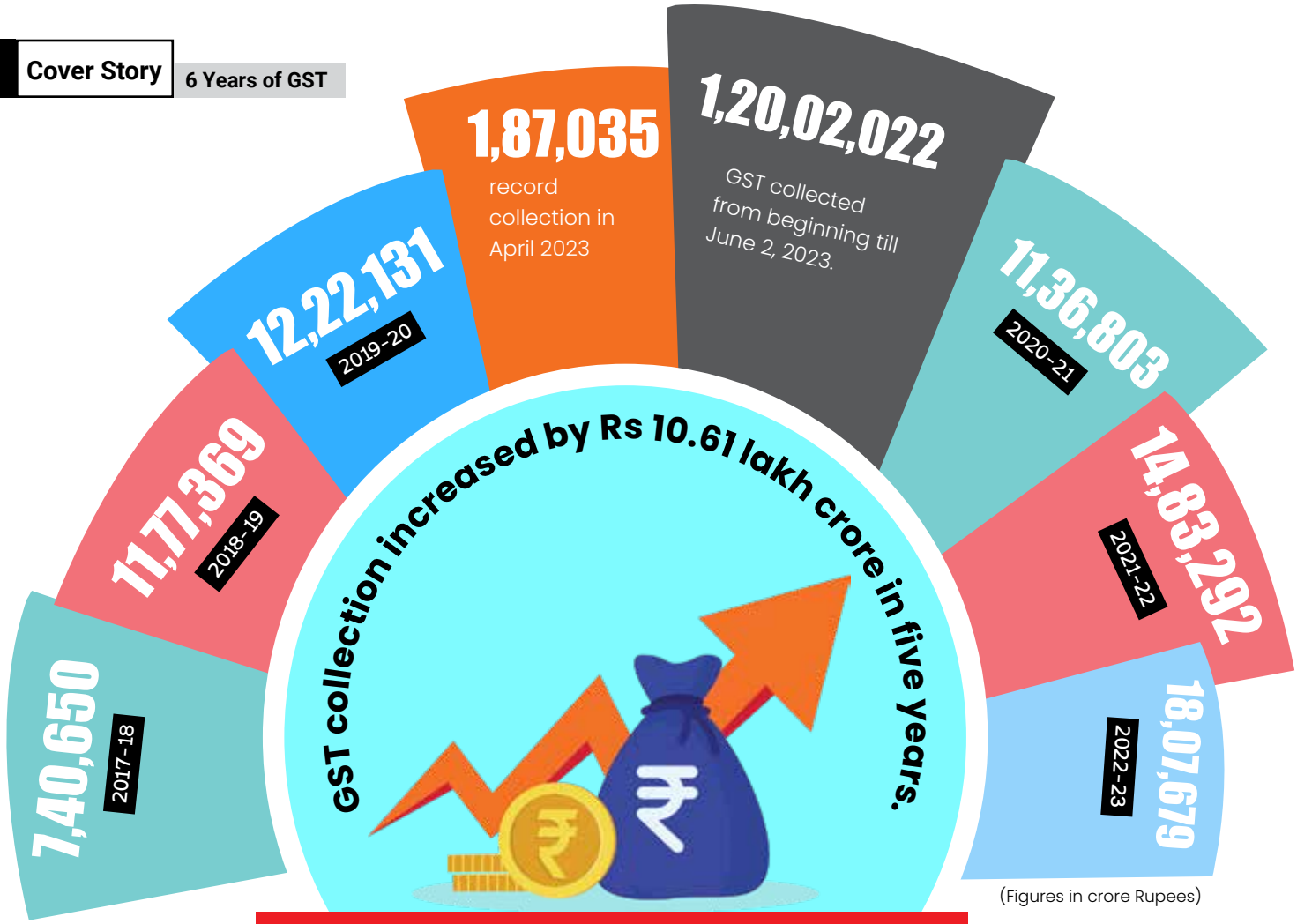
63,850 ventilator beds were arranged.



- 17.93 lakh isolation beds were arranged for corona patients during the Covid pandemic.
- Fastest vaccination campaign ever: More than 220 crore doses of vaccines were administered.
- Mission Indradhanush: Immunization of 4.45 crore children and 1.2 crore pregnant women.

the districts of the country from the PM CARES Fund while 238 PSA plants were set up through Central Government PSUs. Through this, the availability of oxygen was ensured for the Covid patients at the district and block level, which was most needed at that time.

Taking forward the thinking of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in which the dream of a developed India is paramount, under the leadership of PM Modi, instructions were given to move forward by taking doctors, scientists, and technology together. PM Modi clearly said that there will be no shortage of funds to deal with Covid disease and to develop the vaccine, as a result of which India became one of the few countries in the world which first prepared the vaccine to prevent Covid. It was the result of the visionary thinking of Prime Minister Modi to save people from the seriousness of Corona even in adverse circumstances that more than 220 crore doses of vaccine were administered, and India also provided free vaccines to more than 100 countries. ■



GST: ONE NATION, ONE TAX

A NEW ERA OF ECONOMIC PROSPERITY THROUGH AN ECONOMIC REVOLUTION

There are times in nation-building when we reach a new crossroads and attempt to reach a new destination. In the intrvening nights of June 30 and July 1, the country turned a 17-year journey into a reality by demonstrating exemplary federalism. GST became a revolution in the world of economics, giving direction to the entire country and a new dimension to the economy. Team India made a significant step forward in realising the dream of 'One Nation, One Tax' from Ganganagar to Itanagar, from Leh to Lakshadweep, by eliminating 500 different types of taxes in the country. With the completion of six years of GST in April 2023, the resolution of economic integration has been transformed into an achievement by record collection thus far.



GST not only benefited the exchequer but also gave a boost to the development of the country. GST has also made life easier for the business class to common people. Importance of GST from the mouth of its beneficiaries...

Pavani Bakery Agarwal, an Ahmedabad resident, sees many benefits in GST as well. She believes that there was so much direct tax at every stage of production that when the product hit the market, it was very expensive for the consumer. At the same time, the tax structure became extremely complex. "With the introduction of GST, this is no longer a problem," she says. The second benefit is that it will boost the GDP, and black money will be restricted. The effort to implement GST has been going on for a very long time.

A Himachal Pradesh businessman is also pleased with the implementation of GST. "A good start has been made through GST," he says. Previously, we had to wait for our goods for several days; now, after paying the bill from here, our goods arrive directly to us. There is no longer any delay. He believes it has benefited both ordinary people and businessmen.

Pawan Chamol, a Kolkata resident, believes that the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has succeeded in implementing GST solely through its own efforts. "Previously, there were many taxes," he says. At the same time, the paperwork has been reduced as a result of the imposition of a single tax. It also has numerous other advantages."

Ratnesh, a resident of Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh, finds it easy to conduct business with GST. "Everything has gone online," he said. People used to conceal their income and purchases in the past. And now that GST has been implemented, no one can steal."

Hemant Shankar, a resident of Kalyan in Mumbai, has also reaped significant benefits from the implementation of GST. "Online tax filing has brought a lot of benefits," he says. The introduction of GST has put an end to tax evasion."

According to Mahendra Solanki, a businessman from Shajpur in Madhya Pradesh, accounts had to be submitted within the first three months. He now gives the account once a month. He says, there has been greater transparency in the work by providing accounts every month rather than every three months.



इच्छा + स्थिरता = संकल्प
संकल्प + पुरुषार्थ = सिद्धि

With this mantra, a new chapter of economic policy in India began six years ago on July 1, i.e., on this date, which has proven to be a milestone in India's economic scenario. It has reduced the number of taxes, the compliance burden, and the overall tax burden on the average citizen. As a result, there has been a significant increase in transparency, compliance, and overall collection. That is, GST has emerged as a means for cooperation in nation building, and on July 1, 2017, with a new direction, new speed, and renewed energy, it lined the common people of the country with the celebration of honesty. This has only been made possible by the willpower of the current Centre leadership and political stability, which took the form of a resolution and created an environment of consensus through effort, transforming the 17-year journey of GST into reality. Indeed, GST is a

Due to simplification and low rates of tax, the number of taxpayers has increased significantly. In the year 2022 itself, this number reached 1.4 crore with an increase of 112 percent as compared to 66 lakh in 2017.

Implementation of GST is also an important step for the economic cleanliness of the country. The country has now moved ahead leaving behind the system that was made in 70 years, the shortcomings and compulsions in doing business. GST has also started a new chapter of transparency in the country.

– Narendra Modi, Prime Minister







GST Council: A unique example of a federal structure

- On 15 September 2016, the GST Council was constituted with the Union Finance Minister as Chairman, the Union Minister of State in charge of Revenue or Finance, and the Minister in charge of Finance or Taxation or any other, nominated by each state government. In about six and a half months, the council met 18 times and made recommendations till it was launched on July 1, 2017.
- In this council, the center has 1/3 vote and the states will get 2/3 vote. A 3/4th vote is required to pass any one decision.
- The 49th meeting of the GST Council has been held in February 2023, in which keeping in mind the ease of doing business, apart from some recommendations, it has been recommended to reduce the GST rate on two items.

GST becomes a boon for MSMEs

For MSMEs, GST has created a unified market across the country and there is no price variation due to uniform tax regimes across states. Because of this, the business is not affected. Simplified business processes without physical intervention and online tax payment and online refund processing for those with an annual turnover of up to Rs 5 crore. Because of this, most of the MSMEs have entered the online platform. The growth in the MSME sector is clearly visible due to GST.

Increase in MSME taxpayers

In the year 2017-18, the number of MSME taxpayers was 15 lakhs, which increased to 58 lakhs in 2021-22. Part of the reason for this is that the new tax regime is completely digital, which allows for end-to-end monitoring of tax filings, leaving little loopholes for tax evaders.

According to a survey

90%

Entrepreneurs agree that GST has reduced barriers and made it easier to do business.

- The cost of goods and services has come down.
- Companies have been helped in streamlining the supply system.
- Automation of tax compliance and e-invoicing facilities.

significant tax reform that has promoted the ease of doing business and brought the concept of One Nation, One Tax to fruition. GST is the most significant economic reform since the country's independence, and it has had a positive impact on the economy and all production factors.

GST is more than just a tax reform; it is the best example of Sardar Patel's dream of 'Ek Bharat-Shreshtha Bharat' coming true. That is why Prime Minister Narendra Modi says, "Just as Sardar Patel established India as the world's largest democracy by uniting more than 500 princely states, GST has also economically integrated the country." Not only

Taxpayers increased from 60 lakhs to about 1.40 crores in GST. The movement of goods has increased. Refunds now come faster. The reduction in tax has given relief to the consumers.

did GST relieve businessmen and entrepreneurs of the burdens of all indirect taxes such as sales tax, service tax, excise, entry tax, octroi, purchase tax, and entertainment tax, but it also increased state and federal revenue. As an economic revolution, GST has taken a quantum leap. Gross GST collection in April 2023 is the highest ever at Rs 1,87,035 crore, surpassing the previous high of Rs 1,67,540 crore in April 2022. The GST revenue for April 2023 is 12% higher than the GST revenue for the same month last year.

According to estimates, the GST has directly or indirectly benefited 8 crore of the country's business class. The GST has decreased consumer spending while increasing savings. The tax burden on consumer goods has decreased. The tax on everyday items has been reduced. According to a Ministry of Finance study, there is a 4% savings on monthly household expenditure. GST has now evolved into such a reform that it has aided in the ease of doing business. This reform has bound India to a unified taxation system. As a result, business activities in the country have increased, a new era of economic prosperity has begun, and the country's GDP is steadily increasing. Simply put, the GST system has simplified India's tax system and instilled new confidence in businessmen. Doing business in India has become easier. Not only that, but with India's goal of becoming a $5 trillion economy and a developed India, GST is going to be a turning point. On July 1, 2017, the Goods and Services Tax (GST) went into effect. It has now been six years. It is necessary to understand the entire journey to better understand its success.





One GST many benefits

1. Tax on consumption instead of production

In GST, tax is collected when a good or service is sold. The final price of a good or service includes the GST applicable to it. The supplier of goods or services (trader) charges the same from the receiver of the supply (customer). Later it is deposited in the account of the government. This means that the responsibility for recovery of GST lies on the supplier of goods or services.

2. Tax refund through Input Credit System

From the time a commodity is produced, till it reaches the hands of the final consumer, there is a process of buying and selling many times. Now since in the GST system tax has to be paid on every purchase and sale. In such a situation, the goods should become very expensive by the time they reach the final consumer. But this does not happen because the input credit system is applicable in this. In this system, wherever tax has been deposited on that item before the tax is levied at the last stage, there is also a system to get it back.

- For example- If you are not the final or actual consumer and you have deposited GST at any earlier stage, you get credit for the same. You can use these credits while paying GST to the government.
- You can get your credit adjusted through the Tax Credit System while filing GST returns every month.

GST: Pre and post situation

Prior to GST, India had one of the world's worst indirect tax regimes. The central and state governments could also levy various types of taxes.



3. Tax will not be levied on tax

In the tax system that was in force before GST, not only were many different taxes levied on one commodity, but in many cases tax was also levied on tax. This happened because many commodities fell into two or more categories. Now this problem is over because now GST has to be paid by the consumer only. In between, if someone has to pay GST, then his money gets adjusted from the Input Tax Credit system.

4. Fully Online System

In the system of GST, the information on all the deals has to be kept updated online. The receipt for every transaction is retained by both the supplier and the receiver. Both can avail of input tax credits with the help of their respective receipts. If the deals don't match, the online glitch will get caught. Due to the responsibility of depositing GST at every stage, the businessman will not break the chain of tax payments. Because no businessman would like to damage his credit.

5. No arbitrariness on the tax rate

In the earlier tax system, the state governments used to levy VAT on the goods sold of their own free will. Now the whole of India has become one market. Interstate blocks were removed. After the abolition of the entry tax, entry into the cities became easy. Different states were charging 35% to 110% tax in the name of entertainment. There was a huge reduction in this. The GST Council has been formed for any change in the rate of GST.

There were 17 different types of taxes in total. As a result, any business owner would have to deal with 17 inspectors, 17 returns, and 17 assessments. Furthermore, the tax rates were extremely high. The standard VAT and central excise rates were 14.5% and 12.5%, respectively. Not only that, but CST was levied on these, and the tax rate eventually reached

With one nation-one tax, the same tax rates are applicable throughout the country. 17 major taxes and 13 cesses are now included in this. Transparency and accountability have been ensured in the tax system. Simple registration and speedy refunds have simplified the arrangements.



GST has proved to be a milestone in the economic scenario of India. It has reduced the number of taxes, compliance burdens, and overall tax burdens on the common man while significantly increasing transparency, compliance, and tax collection.

– Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



31% on the majority of the items. In such a case, the taxpayer had only two options: either pay higher taxes or steal it. Tax evasion was common once up on a time. In India, there were numerous market types. Because of the disparities in tax rates, each state represented a distinct market. Interstate taxes became ineffective, as trucks had to wait for hours, if not days, at state borders.

Prior to GST, the tax system in the country and states required businesses to pay a variety of taxes. For example, excise duty had to be paid on the goods as soon as they left the factory. Many goods were subject to additional excise taxes. If the same goods were shipped from one state to another, an entry tax was levied as soon as they arrived. Following that, tolls vary depending on location. VAT had to be paid when the goods were sold. In many cases, a sales tax was also levied. If an item fell into the category of luxury, a separate luxury tax had to be paid. If those goods were made available in a hotel, restaurant, or other establishment, service tax had to be paid separately. The price varied due to different tax rates on the same goods in different states. That is, before reaching the consumer's hands, any goods or services had to pass through a variety of taxes.

However, the situation changed dramatically the day GST was implemented. All 17 taxes were consolidated. India merged into a single market. Interstate highway blocks were removed. The elimination of the entry tax made it easier to enter cities. Different states levied taxes ranging from 35% to 110% in the name of entertainment. This was drastically reduced. Previously, 235 items were taxed at 31% or higher. Except for ten, the tax on all of these was immediately reduced to 28 percent. The tax on those ten items was reduced even further, to 18%. Many slabs were made in a short period of time to prevent the price of any commodity from rising.

Along with government businessmen, common people also benefit

The implementation of GST has increased transparency and accountability in the tax system. On one hand, this has facilitated the government, on the other hand, it has proved beneficial for businessmen and consumers as well.

The benefit to the common man

- Different types of taxes on goods have been abolished. Due to the abolition of tax on tax, there is no unnecessary increase in the cost of goods. Compared to earlier, the prices have come down.
- The tax rate has been kept very low for essential things in life. Due to this, the things which are more useful for the common people are available cheaply. There will be relief for poor and low-income people.
- The income of the government increased due to the maximum part of the business coming under the ambit of GST. This increased income is being used to improve the facilities for common people like education, health, and transport.

GST has reduced consumer spending and increased savings. The tax burden on consumer products has come down. Tax rates on items of daily use have come down. According to the study by the Ministry of Finance, there is a saving of 4 percent on the monthly household expenditure.

Benefits for Businesses

- Earlier there were altogether 17 types of taxes. That's why any businessman had to deal with 17 inspectors, 17 returns, and 17 assessments. Besides, the tax rates were very high. The normal rates of VAT and Central Excise were 14.5% and 12.5% respectively. Not only this, but CST was also levied on these, and eventually the tax rate reached 31 percent on most of the items. Got freedom from Inspector Raj and toll collection.
- All documents are online. With this, facts will not be distorted. In case of any mistake or loss of the document, it can be corrected online. The businessman has got freedom from frequently visiting government offices.
- Due to the reduction in tax, companies are making more cheap and more competitive goods. Indian goods are giving competition in the international market because now it is easy to do business due to freedom from the cobweb of taxes.
- Businesses have to file the statement of sales for the month in the form of GSTR1 by the 11th of the following month. However, businessmen with an annual turnover of less than Rs 1.5 crore do not have to file this return every month. They can file this return every quarter. Apart from this, an annual return has to be filed at the end of the year. This entire process is online.

Benefits for the government

- Black marketing has been stopped due to the system being online. If the total taxable, non-taxable, and exempted income of a businessman exceeds Rs 50 lakh annually, then it is mandatory to get online registration in GSTN. For businessmen from the states of North East India, this limit of income is Rs 20 lakh. However, the state governments also have the flexibility to increase this limit.
- Earlier the taxpayer had only two options, either to pay tax at higher rates or evade tax. At that time tax evasion was rampant. Due to the process of GST, with the registration of every trader, such traders have also been included in the tax chain, who were left out earlier. This has increased the revenue.
- While filing GST returns in the online system, receipts are matched at every stage. Only then the businessman can get the benefit of the tax credit deposited in the first phase, due to which the possibility of tax evasion has been curbed.
- Due to the different rates of the same item in different states, some people used to smuggle them. Now the possibility of this has ended due to the same rate in the whole country.
- Compensation Cess or GST Cess has been implemented for a period of 5 years to ensure that states do not lose revenue from GST. It is imposed on Pan masala, tobacco or its products, coal, aerated water, and motor cars.

This halted the price rise. Items of common use were taxed at zero or 5%. Returns and assessments went online, and the army of inspectors disappeared. For the first five years, states were guaranteed a 14% increase in revenue.

Team India's best example

This form of taxation has been tested in a number of countries around the world. Many factors had to be considered when developing the Indian model. Because India is a union of states, it is critical for both the centre and the states to be fiscally and financially strong. Because India is not a federation of states, the revenue position of the states cannot be strengthened at the expense of the central





government's revenue. In such circumstances, then-Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee laid the foundation for linking the country's markets in the year 2000. He formed a high-level panel to design a GST model that is fully suited to India's diversity and complexity.

Then, in 2006, the then-Union Finance Minister proposed in his budget speech that GST would go into effect on April 1, 2010, but this was not feasible. The first discussion paper, outlining the features of GST, was released in November 2009. Its bill was introduced in March 2011, but due to a lack of political consensus, the bill lapsed with the dissolution of the 15th Lok Sabha. When the new government took power at the Centre in 2014, this process was accelerated. The bill was introduced in the Lok Sabha in December 2014 and passed in May 2015. The Rajya Sabha decided to refer this bill to a select committee. On July 22, 2015, this committee issued its report. Following that, on August 1, 2016, the constitutional amendment was introduced with political consent. The Rajya Sabha approved it on August 3, and the Lok Sabha approved it on August 8. On September 8, 2016, the President notified it after a formal process of consent from more than half of the states, paving the way for GST in India. Indeed, Prime Minister Narendra Modi outlined a vision for an India that collaborates to achieve the country's economic objectives. The GST Council has proven to be a very effective federal decision-making body, which is the biggest success of GST today. State finance ministers made federal governance history.

Previously, there was a lack of consensus on it due to its flawed model. This was due to two major factors. States were then asked to eliminate



The GST has had a far-reaching impact on reducing tax-related trade barriers, which was one of the primary goals of its implementation. According to logistics companies, trucks now travel an additional 100-150 km per day after GST, a 30 percent increase. Now that the GST has removed state-imposed barriers, logistics companies are consolidating their existing fragmented set of small warehouses in each state, increasing their efficiency."

World Bank, March 2018



Central Hall of Parliament House: This is a grand picture of the historic moment when GST was launched in the country at midnight of June 30-July 1, 2017

CST as a first step towards implementing a single tax system. In exchange for abolishing CST, states were promised compensation for a few years. The states did the same, but the promise of compensation in lieu of CST was not fulfilled. However, when Arun Jaitley took over as Union Finance Minister in May 2014, all states told him that GST would not be discussed until the backlog compensation for CST was received. After winning the trust of the state governments, the new government immediately paid the compensation, and the GST discussion began.

The second reason was the states' concern that they would lose revenue as a result of the full implementation of GST. The question in such a situation was how the states would be compensated for their losses. Their demand appeared justified, but no solution was found earlier. Particularly concerned were the manufacturing states of Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Karnataka. They stated unequivocally, "No compensation, no GST."

> Today, there is a government in the country that is ready to take the biggest risk in the interest of the nation. GST got stuck for so many years because those who were in the government earlier could not muster the courage to take political risks. We not only implemented GST, but today we are witnessing record GST collection.
>
> – Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



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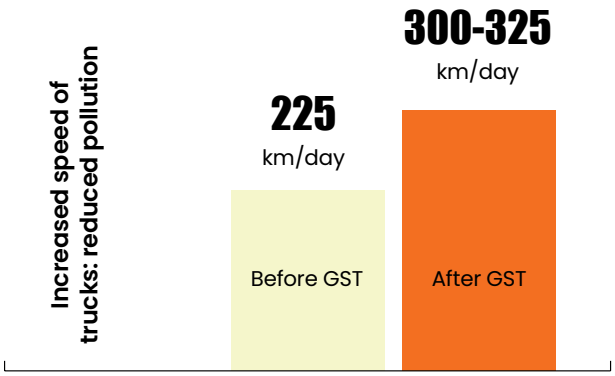
lakh taxpayers and 67 thousand transporters have enrolled on the e-way bill portal by the year 2022.



- The interstate barriers have been removed with the e-way bill system. More than 7.81 crore e-way bills are generated every month. It has been integrated with FASTag which has resulted in faster and seamless movement of goods.
- Before GST, the logistics cost of goods in India used to be around 14% while globally it was 6-8%. After GST it has come down to 10-12%.

India is the new global center of business

2nd Largest Textile & Garment Exporter

2nd Largest mobile maker, manufacturing 32 crore mobiles (2021-2022)

3rd Increased emphasis on the startup ecosystem, business, and innovation

40 th position, Global Innovation Index ranking, a jump of 40 places since 2015

38 th rank in World Wax Logistics Performance Index-2023, Strong performer among 139 countries

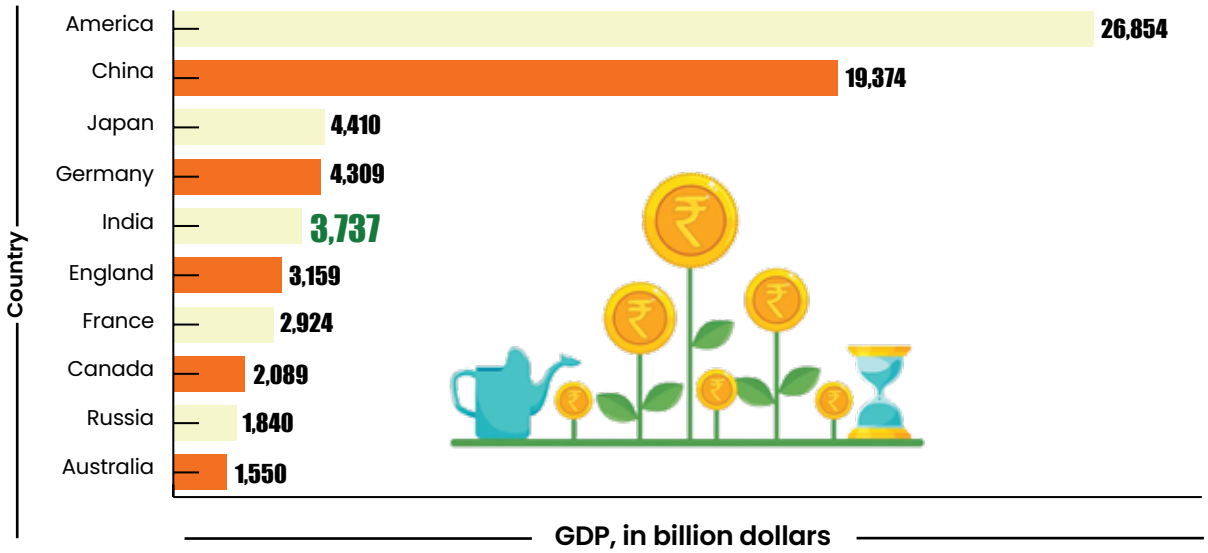
USD 770 billion export, India's export is 3 times more than New Zealand's economy

7 th best economy AUNCTAD World Investment Report, friendly to foreign business

The GST (Compensation to States) Act of 2017 protects state revenue at 14% per year for five years. As a result, states must be compensated for revenue lost as a result of implementation beginning July 1, 2017, for a period of five years. The annual growth rate of 14% in state revenue over the base year 2015-16 is protected during this period. Compensation is being provided to the extent of the shortfall.

In such a case, following discussions in the GST Council, the new central government agreed to increase revenue by 14 percent for the first five years if there was any revenue loss to the states. The states accepted this proposal and thus the centre gained the states' trust in implementing GST. The Constitution Amendment Bill was passed to ensure consensus so that GST could be implemented unanimously. All GST-related bills

India became the world's fifth largest economy: In the year 2014, India was a $ 2 trillion economy, which increased to become an economy of about $ 3.75 trillion in 2023. Not only this, India jumped from being the 10th largest economy to becoming the 5th largest economy leaving behind England in the same period.



were passed unanimously. The GST Council was presented with the relevant rules and regulations. They were unanimously approved.

GST is New India's current tax system. This is a tax system of Digital India. It is not only about making business easier, but also about giving business direction. This is not only a tax reform, but also a critical step towards economic reform. Beyond economic reform, it is ushering in a new era of social reform, culminating in a celebration of honesty. That is why Prime Minister Modi says, "GST in the language of law—also known as Goods and Services Tax." However, because of the benefits that will be obtained, it is a Good and Simple Tax. We have freedom from what used to be levied. It is simple because there will only be one form in the entire country; there will only be one system, and it will operate in accordance with that system. Today, India is also one of the few countries where major tax reforms have been smoothly implemented. All checkpoints were removed overnight. The input tax credit system has ensured that all necessary information is available. The GST has greatly

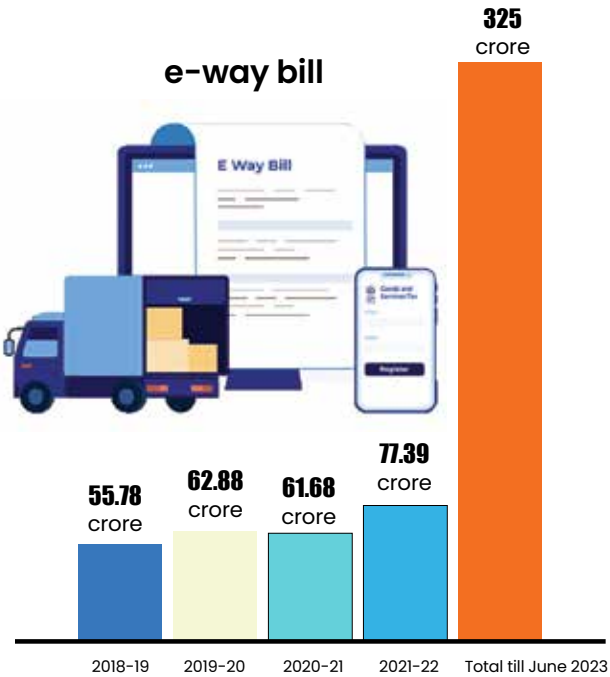
The central government has given Rs 5,55,121 crore from 2017-18 to 2022-23 as compensation to states for the shortfall in revenue due to GST.





E-Way Bill: A step towards greater transparency

- E-way bill is making freight movement easier. In this, online registration of goods above Rs 50,000 is done. This e-way bill acts as a ticket for the entire journey.
- In order to strengthen the One Nation, One Market, the e-way bill was introduced at the state level from April 1, 2018, and then from June 16, 2018, for the entire country. Around 325 crore e-way bills have been generated online since inception till June 2023.



encouraged voluntary tax registration.

Without a doubt, this reform brought India one step closer to a goods tax system, which increased business activity in the country, gave the country's GDP a new look, and was also successful in controlling inflation. As a result, small and large business owners can do business easily today, and the system of filing returns has become simple and convenient due to a single tax system. The success of GST demonstrates that, whereas old India was economically fragmented, new India has become one tax and one market for one

What started in the year 2000 achieved a milestone in 2017

The first idea of a one nation-one tax system in India was mooted in the year 2000. Atal Bihari Vajpayee's government was then at the center. An Empowered Committee was constituted but due to some reasons, it did not move forward at that time.

Year 2000



Since the subject was under the jurisdiction of both the Center and the states, it was necessary to be ratified by more than half of the country's state assemblies after Parliament. Assam Legislative Assembly was the first to approve it on 25 August 2016.

Year 2016



Year 2017

On July 8, 2017, Jammu and Kashmir passed the SGST Act.

Year 2006

Later, in the general budget of 2006-07, GST was mentioned by the then Union Finance Minister. Taking steps towards GST in 2007, a joint committee of state finance ministers was also formed.

Year 2007

In the budget speech of 2007-08, it was said to implement GST all over India from 1 April 2010. But there was no complete agreement among the states regarding the tax system. After this again no final decision could be taken due to lack of complete consensus.

Year 2014

The most important change in the direction of one nation-one tax started after 2014 when with the change of power in the country, tough decisions in national interest started to be taken.

Year 2016

Lok Sabha in May 2015 and Rajya Sabha in 2016 passed the 101st constitutional amendment necessary for GST without any opposition.

Year 2016

In order to implement GST, the Central Government showed commitment to amend Articles 246, 248 and 268 by introducing the Constitution Amendment Bill.



Year 2016

The first meeting of the GST Council was held in September 2016. In March 2017, the GST Council recommended CGST, SGST, UTGST, and Compensation Cess Act.

Year 2017

In June 2017, except for Jammu and Kashmir, all other states approved the SGST Act.



Year 2017

GST i.e. One Tax, One Market was launched on 1st July 2017.



country. A new India has emerged, in which the Centre and the States collaborate in a cooperative and harmonious spirit towards a common goal of shared prosperity, and a new India is writing a fresh story. ■





CABINET DECISIONS

RECORD INCREASE IN MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE OF CROPS, THE DECISION TO INCREASE METRO CONNECTIVITY IN GURUGRAM

In the last 9 years, the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has taken many important decisions in the interest of farmers. Recently Union Cabinet has approved the increase in MSP for Kharif crops. With this, apart from getting remunerative prices for the produce to the food providers, the efforts to diversify the crops will also be strengthened. Apart from this, the government has also approved metro connectivity from HUDA City Center to Cyber City in Gurugram, Haryana, and allocation of 4G and 5G spectrum to the state-owned telecom company BSNL.

DECISION: The Union Cabinet approved the increase in the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for all mandated Kharif crops for the marketing season 2023-24.

IMPACT: The government has taken this decision with the objective of ensuring remunerative prices to crop growers for their produce and encouraging diversification in crops. According to the Third Advance Estimates for 2022-23, the total food grain production in the country is estimated to be a record 330.5 million tonnes, which is 14.9 million tonnes more than the previous year 2021-22. This shows the highest growth in the last 5 years. The MSP for cotton has been raised to Rs 6620 per quintal for medium staple and Rs 7020 per quintal for long staple. The MSP of paddy has been increased by Rs 143 to Rs 2183 per quintal. At the same time, the maximum minimum support price has been increased for moong dal, groundnut, and sesame.

DECISION: Metro connectivity covering a distance of 28.50 kilometers from HUDA City Center to Cyber City, Dwarka Expressway to Gurugram has been approved. There will be 27 stations on this route.

IMPACT: With the commencement of this line, old and new Gurugram will be connected. As of now, there is no metro line in Old Gurugram. After the completion of the project, this network will be connected to the Indian Railway station. In the next phase, it will provide connectivity to IGI Airport. The important thing is that it is proposed to complete this project in the next 4 years from the date of approval. It will be implemented by the Haryana Mass Rapid Transport Corporation Limited (HMRTC).

* The total cost of the project will be Rs 5,452 crore. The entire project will be elevated. A spur (sideline) has been provided for connectivity from Basai village to the depot.

DECISION: Approval for allocation of 4G and 5G spectrum to state-owned telecom company BSNL to expand digital connectivity.

IMPACT: This decision is a significant step towards enhancing connectivity and empowering every citizen. The authorized capital of BSNL will be increased from Rs 1.5 lakh crore to Rs 2.1 lakh crore. 4G and 5G services will expand across the country. Also, there will be coverage in rural areas and villages where 4G service has not yet reached. ■

World Environment Day 2023

CHANGE BEHAVIOUR TO CHANGE THE WORLD

Nature and progress go hand in hand with the philosophy of India's thousands of years old culture. By imbibing this philosophy, while New India is laying emphasis on the economy, it is also paying equal attention to ecology. While investing in infrastructure, with a focus on the environment, it has also given the message of Mission LiFE i.e. lifestyle for the environment, which is becoming a mass movement in the world. Amrit Dharohar Yojana and MISHTI (Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats & Tangible Incomes) Yojana have been started for boosting Green Future, Green Ecology campaign. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's address on World Environment Day on June 5.

India has emerged as a leader in environmental and energy transformation. India in the 21st century is moving forward with a very clear roadmap for climate change and environmental protection. India has struck a balance between present needs and vision for the future. While the central government is helping the poor and the underprivileged, it is also taking steps to meet future energy needs and protect the environment.

Strengthening the Green Future, Green Ecology campaign, the wetland sites in the country have increased three times in the last nine years. Now the Amrit Dharohar Yojana has been started, through which conservation of wetland sites will be done through public participation. These sites will become the center of eco-tourism and the source of thousands of green jobs. Also, the MISHTI scheme that has been started is related to the country's long coastline and the population living there. Prime Minister Narendra Modi says that through 'MISHTI Yojana', the mangrove ecosystem will be revived in 9 states and will also be protected. This will help in mitigating the threat to life and livelihood in coastal areas from sea level rise and disasters like tsunamis. A collection of Thought Leadership for LiFE was also released at the event.

PM Modi believes that it is very important for world environmental protection that every country in the world should think above vested interests. There was no one to stop the development model of developed countries, but today India has raised the question of climate justice in front of every such country.

Mission LiFE becomes a global mass movement

Mission LiFE started from Kevadia-Ekta Nagar, Gujarat is now becoming a new consciousness of lifestyle change. Recently, in the first 30 days of the Giving Life to My City campaign started with Mission LiFE, 2 crore people joined. The way people are adopting Reduce, Re-use, and Recycle in life, the basic principle of Mission LiFE is to change our behaviour to change the world. The awareness of climate change is no longer limited to India, there is increasing global support. The proof of this is the ideas of innovative solutions received from about 70 countries of the world regarding climate-friendly behavior change, which have been sent to India at the request of PM Narendra Modi.

Campaign to get rid of single-use plastic

On the theme of World Environment Day 2023 – 'Campaign to get rid of single-use plastic', Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that India is working on two levels since 2018. On one hand, single-use plastic is banned and on the other hand, plastic waste processing has been made mandatory. This has led to mandatory recycling of around 3 million tonnes of plastic packaging in India, which is 75% of India's total annual waste. There are about 10,000 manufacturers, importers, and brands in its ambit.



ONLINE SOLUTIONS TO GET RID OF LONG QUEUES

India's share of the global digital economy and digital technology is steadily increasing. At the global level, India leads the world in real-time digital payments, and in telecom, an innovation group for 6G has been formed, in addition to expanding the coverage of indigenous 5G service. Whether it's the world's largest digital identity programme or the world's largest direct benefit transfer scheme, these programmes and schemes that make life easier are proof of the Digital India program's eight-year success. ***The Digital India programme, which began on July 1, 2015, offers online solutions for a wide range of line issues.***

Prime Minister Narendra Modi told the story of a girl child meeting her family because of her Aadhaar card in his speech at Digital India Week 2022, which was told to Prime Minister by the girl herself at a stall. The girl told him that when she was six years old, her parents took her to a relative's house in another city. Her parents got on the train, but she stayed on the platform. A stranger approached her while she was crying on the platform. This person attempted to locate the girl child's parents. After three or four days of searching, the girl was abandoned at the orphanage. She spent two years in an orphanage. When the orphanage sent it to another centre to begin the process of Aadhaar registration after not receiving the information from the parents, it was discovered that the girl's Aadhaar had already been created. The officials then used her bio-metric to track down the girl's family, and she was reunited with them.

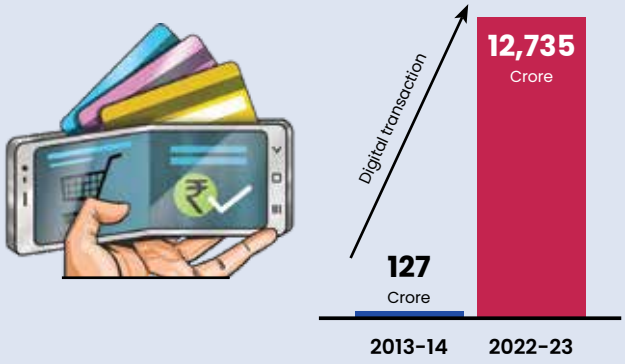
Many stories in Digital India make us happy about the power of digital technology and its importance in our lives. Senior citizens have received digital life certificates, subsidy transfers directly into their accounts, and an optical fibre network has reached village panchayats in the last eight years. Those who use the Citizen Service Centre's services are also found narrating. Those born in the 21st century consider digital life cool today, but if we recall the situation just 8-10 years ago, everything from birth proof to taking rations, taking admission, depositing bills, taking admission and transactions in banks one had to queue everywhere.

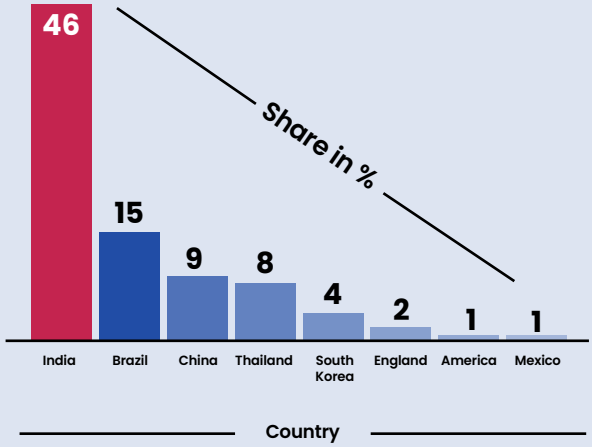
Prime Minister Narendra Modi says, queues are disappearing as many things are transacted online because of Digital India. Whether it is the federal government, a state government, or another agency providing services, they are all doing it through mobile apps and digital services. The government's public grievance system has also been strengthened. This digital revolution is not limited to the financial sector. Because of modern arrangements, people's quality of life has improved. The government has set up DigiLocker; everything the government issues, including driving licences, degrees, and property papers, is accessible through it. There is no need to keep a physical copy; one password is sufficient. Over 15 million people have signed up.

Digital India and low-cost data have put many services in the hands of crores of people in the country via their mobile phones. This is India's strength, which will bring the dream of a developed India to fruition. In the last nine years, approximately 50 crore Indians have opened bank accounts. In addition, the government has established a JAM trinity of Jan Dhan bank accounts, mobile phones, and Aadhaar IDs in order to transform the entire ecosystem of public service delivery. As a result, millions of DBTs are now possible with a single click. During these nine years, more than Rs 29 lakh crore has been transferred directly to the bank accounts of the needy.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi says that the way India began emphasising science and technology in 2014 has resulted in significant changes. The Startup India and Digital India campaigns, as well as the National Education Policy, have catapulted India's success in the technology sector to new heights. The country's

India is leading the world in real-time digital payments.







Information Technology + Indian Talent = India Tomorrow

Prime Minister Narendra Modi once said, "When I say IT+IT, I say it with confidence that information technology + Indian talent = India tomorrow; this is the power of IT+IT." The mantra of these words is also visible in the figures.

With **136** crore Aadhaar World's largest digital identity programme

1,91,069 gram panchayats are connected with optical fibre.



Over **562** crore digital documents Deposited in DigiLocker Over 16 crore users can access and share their authenticated digital documents online anytime, anywhere.

- With over 83 million internet users, India is the world's largest democracy.
- The Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan is one of the world's largest digital literacy campaigns. It has received over seven crore registrations. More than 4.3 lakh training centres and 4.5 crore students received certificates.
- UPI digital transactions worth over Rs 309.7 lakh crore have taken place so far. There were 26 lakh transactions in 2014, which reached 7400 crore in 2022. UPI is used by over 410 banks.
- The world's largest direct benefit programme (DBT), with Rs 29.40 lakh crore in transfers. It includes more than 300 schemes from 52 ministries. Savings of over Rs 2.7 lakh crore with DBT.
- The PM Swamitva Yojana has resulted in the digitization of over 7.25 crore land parcels and the distribution of over 1.25 crore ownership cards.
- In 2014, the country had only two mobile manufacturing plants. India is now the world's second-largest mobile manufacturing country.
- Government procurement has become more transparent, with orders totaling Rs 4.23 lakh crore placed on the government's e-marketplace (GeM). There are over 31 lakh products and 63 lakh sellers connected.
- Approximately 6 crore certificates have been issued through e-Jeevan Pramaan since 2014.
- More than 1.75 crore farmers have registered on the e-NAM platform, which was launched with the idea of creating a single market in the country.
- 5.23 lakh Common Service Centres (CSCs) have been started, which provide services as well as employment.

youth and students are launching digital ventures. In 2014, the number of startups increased from a few hundred to nearly one lakh. India now has the world's third-largest startup ecosystem.

India is one of the countries with the highest usage of internet data. Rural areas have a higher proportion of Internet users than urban areas. As a result, people now have access to a whole new world of information, resources, and opportunities. The youth earn money while living in the village by utilising digital technology. Our fishing community get accurate weather information on time due to technology. Small entrepreneurs can now sell their products anywhere due to technology, and they can also get help from the Government-e-Marketplace, or GeM. As a result, transparency in government procurement has increased.

Along with physical connectivity, the country now prioritises digital connectivity. Even the world's developed countries are surprised by the digital systems that India has developed in recent years. India developed 5G technology, which has opened up new possibilities in this field. Digital India has given radio new ideas and new listeners, while the DTH platform DD Free Dish reaches over 4.30 crore homes. Through Free Dish, a segment of society that has been weak and deprived for decades now has access to education and entertainment.

So that the Amrit generation is digitally literate.

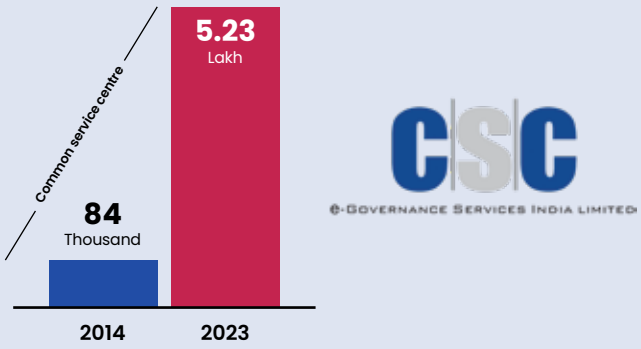
The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 makes

India's telecom sector expanding rapidly

- 4G and 5G technology stacks created.The 6G road map is being developed by the innovation group.
- In 24,680 unmapped villages, 4G mobile services are available.
- The 5G network launched in over 529 districts. Whereas data cost Rs 308 per GB in 2014, it is now only Rs 9.60.

Atal Innovation Mission

- 10,000-Atal Tickering Lab.
- More than 75 lakh students are taking advantage of Atal Tickering Labs.
- Creation of more than 12 lakh innovation projects.
- 69 incubator centres were establi shed.
- Support to more than 2900 startups.



CSC
e-Governance Services India Limited

National Super Computing Mission

- 28 supercomputers were installed.
- Developed capacity in excess of 24 pentaflops.
- More than 100 institutes are connected to the supercomputer on the National Knowledge Network.
- Skill training to more than 17,500 people.
- The indigenously developed Rudra Server is ready to use



As long as I speak the words Digital Payment Interface, 7,000 trans-actions have been completed through UPI in this time. This work is being done through Digital India.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



the digital literacy curriculum mandatory. There is a need for educational software to be available in all major Indian languages in order to provide access to users, including students from remote locations. Samagra Shiksha's ICT and digital initiative has approved ICT labs and smart classrooms in government schools from classes VI to XII.

Establishment of a Digital University

The Government of India will establish a digital university to provide students across the country with access to world-class, high-quality education from the comfort of their own homes. The Digital University, developed in collaboration with multiple IITs, is a hub-spoke model with cutting-edge ITC expertise. Consultation meetings are currently taking place to finalise the recommendations for the operation of this university. We have such a comprehensive infrastructure for Digital India and such a large data set, but departments continue to request the same information and documents that are already present in one or more databases. NOCs, certificates, clearances, and the like consume a significant amount of administrative time. ■



ROZGAR MELA

FAIR AND TRANSPARENT RECRUITMENT

The Rozgar Mela organized at the national level has now become a new identity of the Central Government. Thousands of appointment letters are being handed over every month by the Governments of India and State Governments under the Rozgar Mela. These melas reflect the commitment of the government to create more employment opportunities for the youth. The youth are being empowered through the Rozgar Melas and are getting meaningful opportunities for participation in national development. On June 13, Prime Minister Narendra Modi once again distributed appointment letters to more than 70,000 youths under the National Rozgar Mela.

Ambition, enthusiasm, and spirit to excel define the youth of India. Our youth power inspires hope and faith in the whole world. Today, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, from skill development to innovation and startups, the country is constantly connecting the aspirations, energy, and enthusiasm of the youth with opportunities. In the last nine years, with the vision of all-round and all-touching development, such policies were formulated and decisions were taken, which created huge opportunities for employment, self-employment, business, and entrepreneurship. At Rozgar Mela, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "It is a very important time for those who are coming in government jobs at this time. The goal is to make India a developed nation in the next 25 years. Along with the present, you have to work hard for the bright future of the country."

From digital infrastructure to physical infrastructure, changes have taken place at an unprecedented speed and scale which have played a decisive role in job creation. In 9 years, India has jumped from tenth position to becoming the fifth largest economy in the world today. Global institutions are recognizing the strength and



More than 4 lakh youths got jobs since October 2022

Rozgar Mela	When it happened	Appointment Letters Given
First	October 22, 2022	More than 75 thousand
Second	November 22, 2022	More than 71 thousand
Third	January 20, 2023	More than 71 thousand
Fourth	April 13, 2023,	More than 71 thousand
Fifth	May 16, 2023	More than 70 thousand
Sixth	June 13, 2023	More than 70 thousand

Karmayogi Prarambh: New and Skilled Government Servants

The newly recruited entrants are getting an opportunity to train themselves through an online module 'Karmayogi Prarambh' on the iGOT Karmayogi portal. The 'Karmayogi Prarambh' module is preparing the youth power for skills according to the needs of the future. There are over 400 e-learning courses available in 'anywhere, any device' learning formats.

More opportunities for youth power

Newcomers were selected from across the country for the Department of Financial Services, Department of Posts, Department of School Education, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Defence, Department of Revenue, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Department of Atomic Energy, Ministry of Railways, Department of Audit and Accounts and Ministry of Home Affairs including for various departments.

potential of India today. Renowned companies of the world are setting up their units in India. In the last 9 years, there has been an FDI of $600 million which is unprecedented. Prime Minister Modi said, “Today, new job opportunities are constantly being created in both the private and public sectors in India. A large number of our youth are also coming forward for self-employment. Mudra Yojana, which provides financial assistance without bank guarantee, has helped crores of youth. Campaigns like Start Up India, and Stand Up India have further enhanced the potential of the youth. These youths, who got help from the government, are now giving jobs to many youths.

A strong ecosystem has been created in the country which has laid a strong foundation for the youth and provided unlimited possibilities and a bright future. Rozgar Mela is an important initiative taken to provide government jobs to 10 lakh youth in a time-bound and transparent manner. From 2014 to 2023, SSC, UPSC, and Railway Recruitment Board filled more than 8,82,000 government posts. Prime Minister Modi said, “The way youth have been given government jobs on a large scale in the past years, this campaign is also unprecedented in itself. Major institutions of government jobs in the country such as SSC, UPSC, and RRB have placed more youth through these systems than before.” The Rozgar Mela is a step towards fulfilling Prime Minister Modi's commitment to give top priority to employment generation. The Rozgar Mela was organized at 43 places across the country. ■

Employment: Government's commitment

- Expediting the recruitment process through the online system.
- Vacancy information related to jobs is available online.
- Transparency and timeliness in the recruitment process through SSC, RRB, and UPSC.



IN SHIVAJI MAHARAJ'S CORONATION

GLORY OF NATIONALISM

National welfare and public welfare have been the basic elements of Shivaji Maharaj's governance. When we talk about Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat, we recall Chhatrapati Shivaji's reign. The first Hindavi Empire in which all religions were permitted, women were respected, and farmers were encouraged. Maharaj's extraordinary bravery and justice inspired many generations. During the Amrit Mahotsav of Independence, the coronation day of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (June 2) brings new consciousness and energy to all. Prime Minister Modi spoke at the 350th anniversary of Coronation Day.

In his speech commemorating the 350th anniversary of Shivaji Maharaj's coronation day, PM Narendra Modi said, "Today, the reflection of Shivaji Maharaj's thoughts can be seen in the vision of Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat." PM Modi's administration, prioritising a strong army for national defence, taking pride in our civilization and heritage, making courageous decisions, not compromising with the situation, leading from the front, focusing on the weak and underprivileged, and putting the national interest first are all characteristics of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's spirit. On numerous occasions, Prime Minister Modi has referred to Shivaji's qualities as a source of inspiration.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi says, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj wrote a new chapter in India's history of governance and administration. Shivaji Maharaj prioritised a strong army for national defence. Build a powerful navy. Even today, his perfect arrangements for water can inspire anyone. Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's interests did not stop with horses, swords, war, fighting,

or victory. He was a great warrior and an inspiration to us all. Shivaji Maharaj's fame, his Swaraj , self-expression, courage, compassion, and spirit of good governance inspire millions.

In his address Prime Minister Modi said, "Hundreds of years of slavery and invasions during the time of Shivaji Maharaj had taken away the confidence of the countrymen. An attempt was made to break people's morale by exploiting poverty and attacking cultural centres. During this period, Shivaji Maharaj not only fought the invaders, but also instilled in the public mind the belief that self-governance is possible. He inspired people for nation-building by ending the mentality of slavery".

He took inspiration from Shivaji even when he was Gujarat CM

Shivaji Maharaj made his mark as a valiant warrior and an outstanding administrator. On January 5, 2014, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, as the Chief Minister of Gujarat, paid homage to Shivaji Maharaj at his samadhi in Raigad, Maharashtra, and also meditated in front of the samadhi. ""Shivaji Maharaj will be remembered as a man who united everyone, brought everyone along, and worked for a grand and divine India. The dreams of a grand and divine India that Shivaji Maharaj has sown are calling us." To pass on the inspiration of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj to the next generation, PM Modi, as Chief Minister of Gujarat, organised 'Janata Raja' plays based on Shivaji Maharaj's life in each district. Also, a statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj was unveiled in Surat.

Praising Shivaji Maharaj after becoming PM

After becoming Prime Minister, Narendra Modi unveiled a 9.5-foot-tall statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj on the Pune Municipal Corporation premises. Also, the redevelopment of Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus railway station to make it world-class was initiated. More recently, a statue of Shivaji Maharaj was installed in Mauritius and unveiled by the then Prime Minister, Pravind Kumar Jugnauth. On this, PM Narendra Modi said, "Every Indian is proud to see that the echo of Shivaji Maharaj's thoughts is heard at the global level. The presence of PM Kumar Jugnauth has added dignity." ■

PM Modi is carrying on Shivaji Maharaj's work of rebuilding temples

Shivaji Maharaj inspired people all over the world, not just in India. To connect the younger generation with that inspiration, "Shiv Srishti," a theme park based on his life, is being built in Pune, with the first phase inaugurated in February 2023 by Union Home Minister Amit Shah. It is on its way to becoming Asia's most magnificent historical structure. Shivaji Maharaj renovated many temples. According to Union Home Minister Amit Shah, this tradition was carried on from Shivaji Maharaj to Vajirao, Nana Saheb, Madhav Rao, and Ahilya Bai Holkar, and many temples were rebuilt. Shivaji Maharaj initiated this reconstruction, which is now being carried out by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.



The values established by Shivaji Maharaj are showing us the way forward. On the basis of these values, we have to complete the journey of 25 years of Amritkal. This journey will be to build the India of Shivaji Maharaj's dreams: Swaraj, good governance, self-reliance, and a developed India.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



CONSENSUS BUILDING ON THE DOCUMENTS TO BE ADOPTED BY THE G-20 LEADERS

The G-20 Heads of State and Government Summit will be held in New Delhi on 9-10 September. Meetings are being held to finalize the declaration documents that the G-20 leaders will adopt at the conclusion of the summit. Also, The meeting of G-20 Development Ministers was held in Kashi, the center of knowledge, culture, and spirituality, which was addressed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Moreover, the outline for the meeting of Agriculture Ministers, Finance Ministers Central Bank Governors, and Employment Ministers is also ready.....

Collective action document adopted to accelerate SDG goals

The development agenda of the G-20 countries, led by India, reached Kashi. From June 11 to 13, G-20 development ministers met in Varanasi to discuss this global development agenda. The ministerial meeting discussed the development agenda, accelerating the achievements of the Sustainable Development Goals and promoting synergy between the development, environment, and climate agendas, boosting global efforts to help those most in need. Ahead of the Development Ministers' meeting, the Development Working Group met at Sushma Swaraj Bhawan in Delhi from June 6 to 9 to finalize the outcome document. After discussions in the two main sessions of the meeting, two documents- the G-20 High-Level Principles on Lifestyles for Sustainable Development and the G-20 Action Plan to Accelerate the Sustainable Development Goals were proposed by India which were both accepted. To know the text of both these documents and decisions, you can visit the link **https://www.g20.org/en/media-resources/documents/doc-outcomes/.**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the meeting

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the G-20 development ministers. PM Modi made it clear that it is the collective responsibility of the people to not let the Sustainable Development Goals lag behind. Regarding gender equality and women's empowerment toward achieving sustainable development goals, he said that Indian effort is not

limited to women's empowerment but extends to women-led development. Follow this action plan. Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed India's concern about the Global South in his address and said, "Development is a major issue for the countries of the Global South which have been severely affected by the global pandemic of Covid. It should send a strong message to the world about the necessary action plan. Our efforts must be comprehensive, inclusive, fair, and sustainable. Prime Minister Modi urged G-20 ministers to study India's Aspirational Districts Programme, saying it may be of relevance to you as you work towards accelerating Agenda 2030.

Agreement on the Ministerial Declaration in the third meeting of the G-20 Employment Working Group

The third meeting of the G-20 Employment Working Group concluded on 2 June in Geneva at the International Labor Organization headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. In the meeting, the members of the group agreed on the draft ministerial declaration and outcome documents related to priority areas. The fourth and final meeting of the Employment Working Group and the meeting of Labor and Employment Ministers is to be held on July 19-21, 2023 in Indore.

The solution to challenges: MBD's strength is necessary

The third meeting of the International Financial Structure Working Group under the chairmanship of India concluded in Goa on 7 June. Delegates discussed priority topics including assessing the large-scale financial impact of multilateral development banks (MDBs), global financial safety nets, and central bank digital currencies to address global challenges of the 21st century, and accepted the need on how to strengthen and develop MBDs. Discussed the finalization of the outcome document of the International Financial Structure Working Group which will be presented to the G-20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBGs) for approval during their 3rd meeting to be held on 17-18 July 2023 in Gandhinagar.

Proposed one trillion dollars for startups at Startup20

- The third meeting of the Startup20 Engagement Group concluded on 4th June in Goa. During this, Dr. Chintan Vaishnav, President of Startup 20 called upon the G-20 countries to unite for commitment to promote the startup ecosystem and also proposed to allocate one trillion dollars by 2030.
- The summit of Startup-20 Engagement Group will be held on July 3 and 4 in Gurugram, Haryana. Dr. Chintan Vaishnav told in the press conference that all the representatives have agreed on the startup policy release.

Meetings to be held in the first fortnight of July

- Research Ministers' Meeting, July 5-6, Mumbai.
- Third meeting of the Working Group on Culture, July 9-12, Hampi.
- Third meeting of the Trade and Investment Working Group, July 10-12, Kevadia.
- Third meeting of Sherpas, July 13-16, Hampi.
- FTs, AI, Crime and Security in the Age of the Metaverse, 13-14 July, Gurugram.
- 3rd meeting of FMCBG and FCBD, July 14-18, Gandhi Nagar.

MoU signed with four countries to share successful digital solutions

The third meeting of the G-20 Digital Economy Working Group concluded in Goa on 14 June. The priority areas 'Digital Public Infrastructure', 'Digital Skilling', and 'Cyber Security in the Digital Economy' were discussed. India signed MoU to share India Stack (Successful digital solutions implemented at the population scale) with four countries Armenia, Sierra Leone, Suriname, and Antigua and Barbuda. The 4th meeting of the Digital Economy Working Group and Digital Economy Ministers will be held in Bengaluru, Karnataka in August 2023. ■

NOW CHEAP AND QUALITY MEDICINE WILL BE AVAILABLE EVEN IN RURAL AREAS

In order to provide cheap and quality medicines to the common citizens of the country near their homes and to increase employment opportunities, the government is opening many Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Kendras. To achieve this resolution, the decision to open PM Bharatiya Jan Aushadhi Kendras in 2000 Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) across the country by December 2023 was taken in a meeting held on June 6 between Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah and Chemicals and Fertilizers Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya. With this effort, cheap and quality medicines will be available near homes in rural areas, and along with this, employment opportunities will increase.

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the central government is continuously strengthening the PACS. Be it computerization, agreement to start 300 common service centers, or provision in the budget for the creation of a multi-purpose PACS in every Panchayat along with the creation of 2 lakhs new PACS in the next 5 years, all these will help to boost business activities in PACS thereby ensuring their prosperity. These decisions of the Central Government will benefit the rural population including 13 crore farmer members associated with PACS. To strengthen this path of Sahkarita se Samriddhi, 2000 PACS will be identified to open Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendra. Initially, 1000 Jan Aushadhi Kendras will be opened by the month of August while 1000 thousand centers will be opened by December 2023.

So far, more than 9400 Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Kendras have been opened across the country. By the year 2014, the number of these centers was less than 100. Presently 1800 types of medicines and 285 types of medical equipment are available at the centers. Medicines are available at Jan Aushadhi Kendras at 50 to 90 percent less cost than branded medicines.

Eligibility to open center

Under the eligibility criteria for opening Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendra, individual applicants must have D. Pharma or B. Pharma. For this, any organization, NGO, charitable organization, and



hospital can hire B.Pharma and D.Pharma degree holders. The center should have at least 120 square feet of space to own or rent. The application fee for Jan Aushadhi Kendra is Rs 5000. Women Entrepreneurs, Divyang, Scheduled Castes, and Ex-Servicemen come under special categories. Aspirational districts, Himalayan hill regions, northeastern states, and islands come under the special zone. Applicants of special categories and special zones are exempted from the application fee.

Lending a helping hand

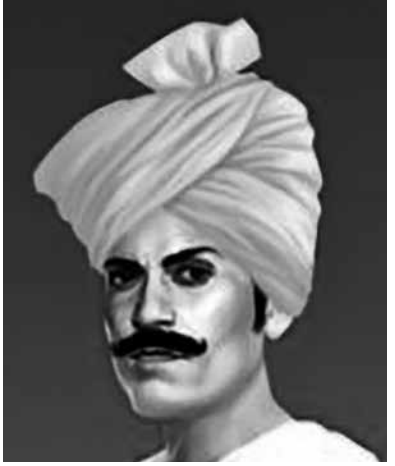
The incentive amount for Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Kendra is Rs 5 lakh (15% of the monthly purchase or a maximum of Rs 15,000 per month). A one-time additional incentive of Rs 2 lakh is also provided as reimbursement for IT and infra expenditure in specific categories and sectors. ■

आज़ादी का अमृत महोत्सव

PROTECTED EVERYTHING FROM NATIONAL DEFENCE TO CULTURE

The history of the freedom struggle is not limited to a few years, regions, or individuals. Freedom fighters served as protectors, from national defence to cultural preservation, for a long period. Dhan Singh Gurjar's name appears among them as well. In India's first freedom struggle, he was a key figure and helped set more than 800 prisoners free. Simultaneously with the revolution, Ram Vinod Singh joined the freedom struggle and became a follower of nonviolence. Dr. Yusuf Mehar Ali and Alluri Sitaram Raju were both important figures in the freedom movement. Many attempts were made to divide India geographically, culturally, socially, and ideologically, but the spirit of Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat, was not broken.





DHAN SINGH GURJAR:
HE FREED OVER 800 PRISONERS

Born: 1820, Died: July 4, 1857

Dhan Singh Gurjar, known as Meerut's extraordinary Kotwal, was born in 1820 in Panchali village, Meerut, United Provinces (modern-day Uttar Pradesh). He belonged to the powerful Zamindar family of Gujjars. Dhan Singh, also known as Dhunna Singh, was a key figure in the 1857 freedom struggle. When East India Company soldiers refused to use cartridges on May 9, 1857, they were kicked out of the army and imprisoned. On May 10, villagers from across the district gathered around the Meerut police station to demand the soldiers' release.

Dhan Singh was the head of Kotwali at the time. It was his duty as Kotwal of that area to protect the city. Many of his officers, however, deserted to join the rebels. Dhan Singh was inspired by these events to join the revolution and lead it from the front. He set free over 800 people who had been imprisoned. He joined forces with other revolutionaries to fight for freedom. This act of his sparked a new flame within the country.

Throughout the city, the revolutionaries looted and destroyed everything belonging to the British. Nonetheless, the British army crushed the rebellion with all of its might. A committee was formed to investigate the origins of the rebellion in Meerut and uncover clues. Dhan Singh Gurjar was described as the main accused and leader of the rebellion in the committee's report. In order to avenge the rebellion, the British attacked Dhan Singh's village of Panchali, killing 400 people. On July 4, 1857, the British sentenced Dhan Singh to death and hanged him. In 2018, a statue of Dhan Singh Gurjar was unveiled at the Sadar Police Station (Meerut), where he used to be a Kotwal, in recognition of his heroic leadership.

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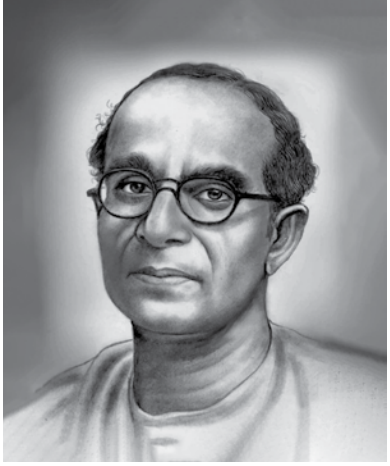
On March 11, 2023, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar unveiled the statue of martyr Kotwal Dhan Singh Gurjar in Meerut. "When I came to the police training centre and unveiled the statue of martyr Kotwal Dhan Singh Gurjar, many thoughts were running through my mind," he said in the programme. I would like to thank his mother and father. It gives me great pleasure to dedicate his statue." At a function commemorating Dhan Singh Gurjar in Bhilwara, Rajasthan, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that many such warriors, including Kotwal Dhan Singh and Jograj Singh, had laid down their lives for the country.



DR. YUSUF MEHAR ALI

HE COINED THE 'QUIT INDIA' SLOGAN

Born: September, 1903, Died: July 2, 1950

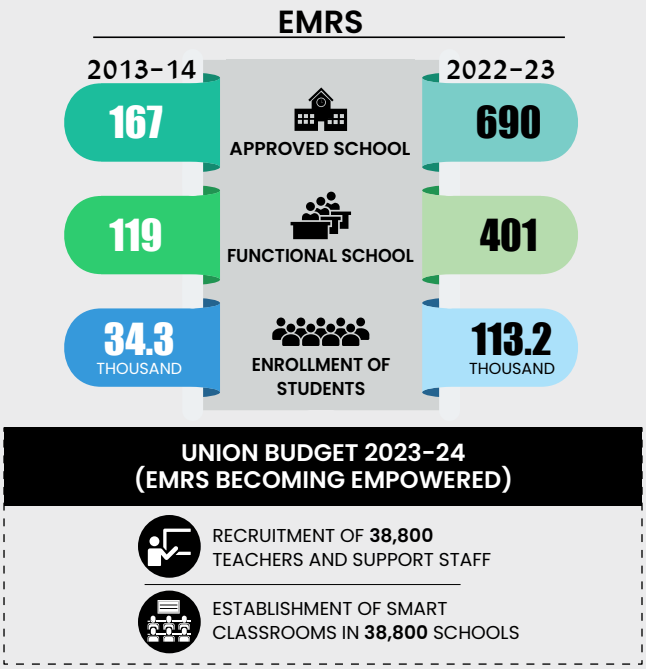
Dr. Yusuf Mehar Ali was born in Mumbai on September , 1903. He is credited with coining the terms 'Simon, go back' and 'Quit India'. He came from a good business family. As a child, he was influenced by freedom struggle movements and revolutionaries, leading to active participation in various movements and founding the Bombay Youth League, National Militia, and Congress Socialist Party.

Yusuf was active in many farmer and labour union movements. When the Simon Commission arrived in Bombay in February 1928, he joined the anti-Simon Commission movement. There was not a single Indian member among the seven British MPs who visited India to propose constitutional reforms. This unjust and humiliating decision caused a great deal of pain and disappointment among Indians. Yusuf was the one who showed the commission members black flags and shouted, "Simon, go back!" Overnight, Yusuf Mehar Ali's bravery and slogan were on everyone's lips, including Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of the Nation.

He was also involved in the Quit India Movement and was imprisoned as a result. He was in Yerwada Central Jail when he was elected mayor of Mumbai in 1942. Yusuf Ali was a well-known writer as well. He published numerous books, including Leaders of India, The Price of Liberty, and Underground Moment. Yusuf, the nationalist leader, devoted his life to public service. He passed away on July 2, 1950. On July 30, 2017, Prime Minister Narendra Modi remembered Yusuf Ali in his monthly programme 'Mann Ki Baat' and stated that many events in the month of August are specifically associated with the date of independence. We will commemorate the 75th anniversary of the 'Quit India' movement this year. However, few people are aware that this slogan, "Quit India," was coined by Dr. Yusuf Mehar Ali.

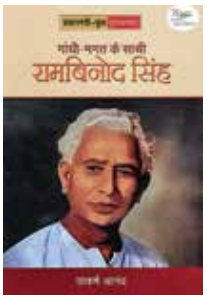
EKLAVYA MODEL RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL: EMPOWERING TRIBAL STUDENTS

The Government of India has placed a high priority on providing quality education to students from the Scheduled Tribe (ST) community. As part of this effort, the central government has decided to establish one Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) in each block with at least 20,000 tribal people and 50% or more of a Scheduled Tribe (ST) population. A total of 740 EMRS are proposed to be established across the country by 2025-26, benefiting 3.5 lakh ST students. Prior to 2014, 167 EMRSs were approved, but only 119 were operational. However, in the last nine years, the number of approved schools has increased to 690. Out of these, 401 EMRS are currently in operation across the country, with over 1.13 lakh students enrolled. This includes a sizable 51% enrollment of females, ensuring their access to educational opportunities. The Government of India announced in the Union Budget 2023-24 the recruitment of 38,800 teachers and support staff for 740 Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) over the next three years.



RAM VINOD SINGH: BECAME ADVOCATE OF NON-VIOLENCE STARTING FROM VIOLENT REVOLUTION

Born: 6 March, 1895, **Died:** May 23, 1967



Bihar's famous revolutionary, Ram Vinod Singh, was born on July 6, 1895, in Malkhachak village, Saran district. It is believed that he had contact with Bhagat Singh and Mahatma Gandhi, both of whom had a significant impact on his life. He started as a revolutionary but later became an advocate of nonviolence. He was moved by Khudiram Bose's hanging and joined the Dhaka Anushilan Samiti. During the First World War, Ram Vinod Singh was placed under house arrest while studying in Bhagalpur. He was then imprisoned in Hazaribagh Central Jail from 1918 to 1920. During the Non-Cooperation Movement, he abandoned his studies and joined Mahatma Gandhi's call. In 1921, he founded the Gandhi Kutir Khadi Ashram in his village. He is believed to have been involved in the "Wajidpur dacoity" as a member of the Hindustan Socialist Republican Association. He was also charged in the "Tirhut Conspiracy Case," but he was acquitted. A police team raided his home and Gandhi's cottage in Dighwara on June 24, 1930. On the grounds that he had been sheltering Yogendra Shukla, he was arrested in July 1930. He was eventually released in February 1932. On November 24, 1932, the governments of Bihar and Orissa informed the public about 40 revolutionaries who were members of the criminal tribe, including Ram Vinod Singh. Under the Public Safety Act, the Chief Secretary placed Ram Vinod Singh under house arrest in his village for six months in 1933. The government extended his detention period which ended in 1937.

On August 10, 1942, he was arrested under the Defence of India Act during the Quit India Movement. On August 12, 1942, both of Ram Vinod Singh's daughters attacked the Dighwara police station and hoisted the national flag. As a result, Ram Vinod Singh's house was blown up with dynamite. He was elected to the Bihar Legislative Assembly in 1946. Under the Prime Minister's Mentorship Scheme Yuva (Young, Budding, and Talented Writer), Utkarsh Anand has written a book titled 'Gandhi-Bhagat Ke Sathi Ram Vinod Singh' on Ram Vinod Singh. This book is part of a series created for young writers as part of this programme.



ALLURI SITARAM RAJU: HERO OF THE JUNGLE

Born: 04 July 1897, **Died:** 7 May 1924

Alluri Sitarama Raju was born on July 4, 1897, in Mogallu village near Bhimavaram, Andhra Pradesh. In opposition to the unlawful British policies, he frequently raised his voice. He was a fearless revolutionary who fought for the rights and freedom of those who were not tribal. For his valour and bravery, he was known as "Manyam Veerudu" (the forest hero). Throughout his conflict with the British, he demonstrated that "stop us if you have the guts; stop us if you can." When Sitaram Raju blew the revolutionary bugle, his slogan was "Mande Rajyam," which means "our state."

He was only 24-25 years old when he began the war against the atrocities of foreign rule.

Sitaram Raju, an ascetic, moved to Visakhapatnam after completing primary and secondary education in his village. Inspired by Mahatma Gandhi's non-cooperation movement, he led the Rampa Rebellion against the British in 1922, urging tribals to seek justice in panchayat courts instead of colonial courts.

The tyranny of the British sparked the tribal rebellion, also known as the Manyam rebellion. Sitarama Raju sought justice by resorting to guerrilla warfare. His two years of armed struggle (1922-24) so irritated the British authorities that they offered a reward of Rs 10,000 for his capture, alive or dead.

On May 7, 1924, the British finally surrounded him with treachery. Tied to a tree and murdered. At the age of 27, he was martyred. On May 8, he was cremated. Every year on July 4, the government of Andhra Pradesh celebrates his birth date as a state festival.

On July 4, 2022, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the year-long 125th birth anniversary celebrations of legendary freedom fighter Alluri Sitarama Raju in Bhimavaram, Andhra Pradesh, and unveiled a 30-foot-tall bronze statue of him. PM Modi stated during the programme, "Alluri Sitarama Raju is a symbol of India's culture, tribal identity, valour, ideals, and values." ■



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PM: AI has vast potential in India's tech ecosystem

TIMES NEWS NETWORK



ON SAME PAGE: PM Narendra Modi said on Friday he had an "insightful" meeting with OpenAI CEO & ChatGPT creator Sam Altman

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a meeting with OpenAI CEO Sam Altman and said on Friday that artificial intelligence's (AI's) potential in enhancing India's tech ecosystem is vast, among the youth in particular. "We welcome all collaborations that can accelerate our digital transformation for empowering our citizens," he tweeted, describing the conversation with Altman as insightful.

Earlier, Altman said in a tweet through his handle @sama, "Great conversation with @narendramodi discussing India's incredible tech ecosystem and come all collaborations that can accelerate our digital transformation for empowering our citizens."

Minister of state for IT & electronics Rajeev Chandrasekhar said AI does not pose much risk to jobs as the technology in its current form is ning, logic, etc," he said. "Jobs usually have reasoning and logic and AI is not as sophisticated at this point," the minister said.

On AI regulation, Chandrasekhar said the government will regulate it, taking into considera-

Modi distributes 70,000 appointment letters for govt. posts at Rozgar Mela

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Tuesday that recently a "cash-for-jobs" scam was unearthed in a State where rate cards were fixed for every post.

He was addressing a Rozgar Mela where he distributed 70,000 appointment letters to newly inducted recruits in various government departments and organisations. Mr. Modi warned the youth about the ills of dynasty politics or by the safeguard," the Prime Minister said.

Mr. Modi said while other political parties were trying to divide people in the name of language, his government had been making language a strong medium for employment.

He said that emphasis on recruitment examinations in the mother tongue had been benefiting the youth.

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Govt releases ₹8k cr to fight floods, fires and landslides

TIMES NEWS NETWORK



Amit Shah addresses a meeting of ministers of disaster management at Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi on Tuesday

New Delhi: The Centre on Tuesday announced a Rs 8,000 crore package for states and Union territories for disaster risk reduction.

As per the announcement, Rs 5,000 crore has been allocated for expanding and modernising fire services across the country; Rs 2,500 crore to reduce the risk of urban flooding in most populous metros of Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad and Pune; and Rs 828 crore towards landslide risk mitigation in 17 states and UTs. A said the states and UTs should work around the mantra of zero loss of lives during disasters by investing in disaster mitigation rather than the earlier relief in the last nine years, but we cannot be complacent... Nature of disasters has changed and their frequency and intensity have also increased, and for this we have to sharpen and broaden our preparedness to deal with them," he said.

"We are getting very good results during disasters, comparing the nine years from 2005-06 to 2013-14 with 2014-15 to 2022-23, the fund of Rs 35,858 crore allocated to SDRF has now almost tripled to Rs 1,04,304 crore," he said.

In addition, the release of funds from NDRF has increased by threefold from Rs

Vision 2041: Flats for slum dwellers, sustainable development in focus

WHAT'S IN STORE

SIX OBJECTIVES AND POLICY AREAS

1 Prioritising environment sustainability by encouraging landpooling, green development

2 Facilitating economic development

3 Enhancing heritage, culture and public life; giving incentives to those contributing to conservation

4 Improving housing and social infrastructure, including cycling tracks, housing schemes

5 Moving towards low carbon mobility

6 Developing resilient physical infrastructure and urban regeneration

ACHIEVEMENTS

- 17 sites identified for trunk short development; DDA is working in coordination with MoHUA to form a policy
- 12 transit-oriented development nodes identified
- Of the 130 sectors identified for landpooling in 28 sectors, 70% under landpooling; consortium formation notice issued in two sectors and provisional notices issued in 12 sectors
- Moving 65,538 inventory/unsold flats, DDA offering them to poor people at highly subsidised rates
- 36% work completed so far out of 20 redevelopment projects on
- There include a 16-hectare site coming from Yamuna in Old Railway Bridge named as Yamuna Ghat by the PM
- DDA plans to develop about 200km of dedicated cycle track divided into five phases
- Phase-I (Approx 30km) plan submitted to the principal committee for approval
- Drain rejuvenation project in Dwarka in two phases spread over 5.1 and 1.8 kilometres is in progress
- Urban Extension Road-II project completed and slue for inauguration
- 16 DDA parks developed and



Cabinet likely to look at 3 fertiliser schemes today

SANDIP DAS
New Delhi, June 13

THE CABINET is likely to take up three schemes on the fertiliser sector on Wednesday, aimed at incentivising farmers use of chemical fertilisers by farmers and reducing subsidy burden of the government.

The Cabinet is likely to approve a new premium product 'Urea Gold' or sulphur coated urea, which will be sold by fertiliser makers at the market-determined prices.

The other two schemes the Cabinet is likely to take up include the PM programme for restoration, awareness, nourishment and amelioration of surface earth PM Pranam and market assistance programme for the sale of city compost.

Under the PM Pranam, announced by Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman in her Budget



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- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



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