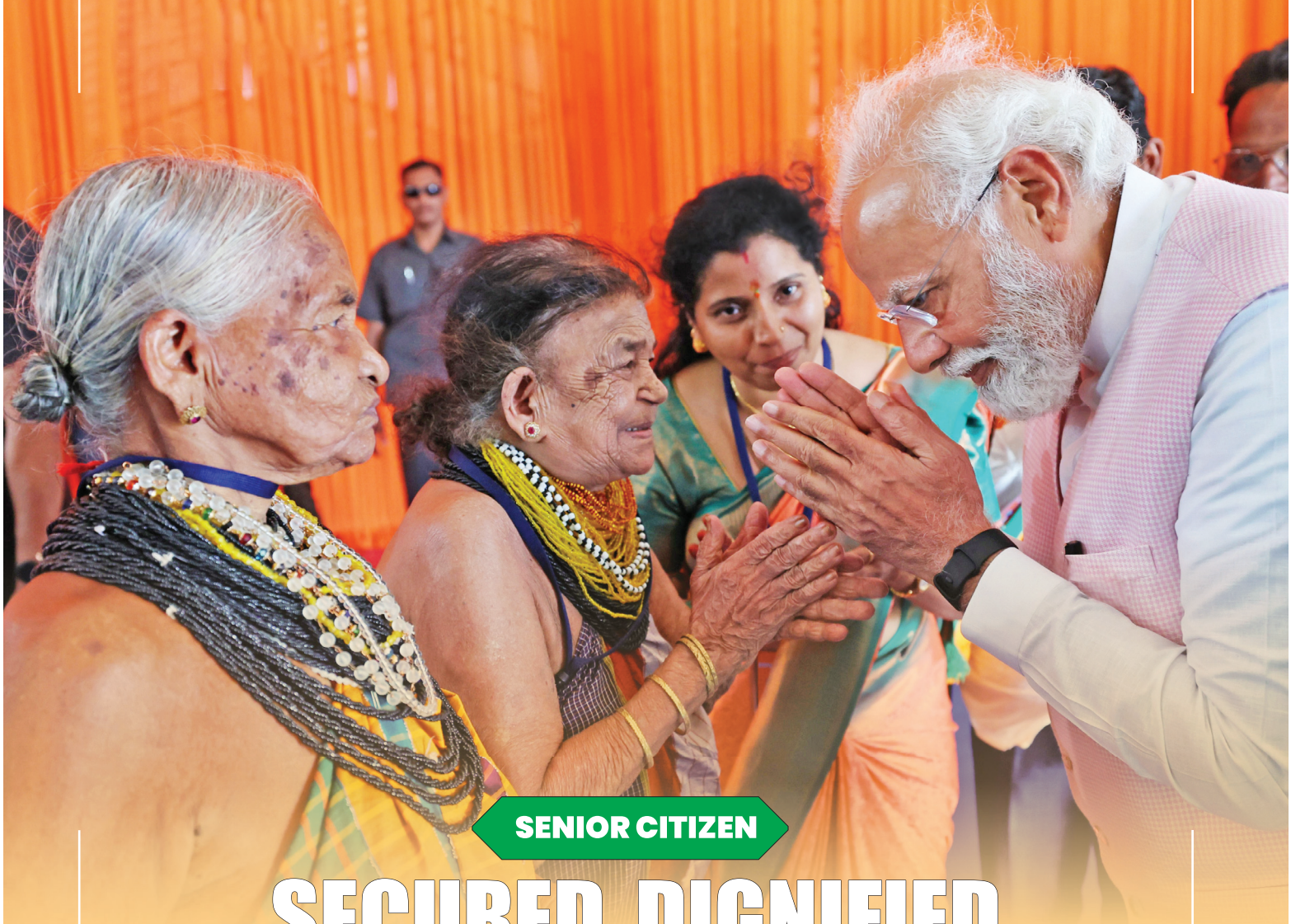
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SECURED, DIGNIFIED & CREATIVE LIFE

The Central Government is working on creating a national action plan to provide a dignified life to the growing population of senior citizens so that senior citizens get the chance to become self-reliant with self-respect.

WORLD MILK DAY : JUNE 1

STRENGTHENING NUTRITION, EMPLOYMENT AND RURAL ECONOMY

Livestock and milk businesses have been a part of India's culture for thousands of years. In 1970, India produced 60 million litres of milk per day; by 2022, that figure had risen to 580 million litres. India now accounts for 21% of global milk production and is the world's largest milk producer. The Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government is making all-out efforts for the 360-degree development of the dairy sector, with the goal of making India the world's top exporter of milk.

- Between 1970 and 2022, India's population increased fourfold, while milk production increased more than tenfold.
- World Milk Day was instituted by the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations in 2001 to recognise the importance of milk as a global food and to celebrate the dairy sector.

The dairy sector's potential not only accelerates the rural economy, but it is also a major source of income for millions of people worldwide. Today, this sector employs over 8 crore Indian families.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK...

GOVERNMENT WITH SENIOR CITIZENS AT EVERY STEP

Greetings!

It is a common saying in our country:

स्वस्तिः प्रजाभ्यः, स्वस्तिः प्रजाभ्यः परिपालयंतां न्यायेन मार्गेण महीं महीशाः !

It means that it is the responsibility of the government to ensure that every person is well and gets justice. This thinking is also the basis of the mantra "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, and Sabka Prayas'. With this mindset, the Central Government is working for the progress of every person in society and to make their lives easier. Whether they are senior citizens, Divyangjan, tribals, victims, exploited, or deprived, protecting the interests of 140 crore Indians and serving them is the topmost priority of the Central Government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is observed every year on June 15 all over the world with the aim of promoting respect and dignity for elders in society and families. In this context, this time our cover story is dedicated to the senior citizens of the country, whose socio-economic security is being continuously ensured. Along with this, the nation and society are being made ready from the point of view of the future. According to an estimate, there is a continuous rise in the population of senior citizens in the country as the availability of health and general facilities has increased life expectancy. In such a situation, along with the family, it is the responsibility of society as well as the government to take care of the elderly. Realising this sense of responsibility, the central government is working with full sensitivity. Maximum effort is being taken to ensure that those who have spent their whole lives for the welfare of their family and country do not face any kind of problem. In the last few years, the central government has ensured the safety of the elderly at every step. The efforts taken by the government are bringing changes to the lives of the elderly.

Read about Govind Shankar Kurup from Kerala, the country's first Jnanpith Award winner, in the personality section. The heroic saga of fighters in the series of Amrit Mahotsav and the 7 years of Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan in the flagship scheme are the other highlights of this issue. Also, read about the special story on efforts taken by the government to protect the environment on World Environment Day and events related to the G-20. The recent evacuation of Indians from Sudan under Operation Kaveri and details of a heritage site in Telangana on the back cover are also part of the issue. Apart from this, this issue includes special content on the Prime Minister's development gifts to the country.

लोकाः समस्ताः सुखिनोभवंतु॥ That is, the journey of the Central Government continues with the wish that every section of the society, every citizen, and everyone should be happy.

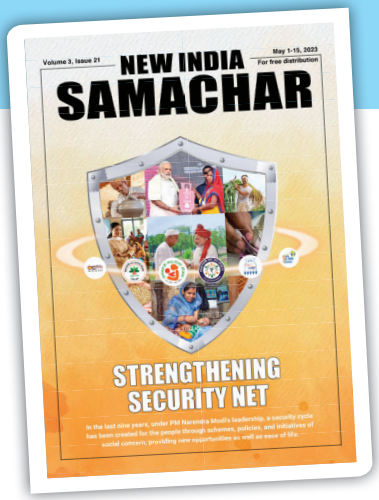
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(Rajesh Malhotra)

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The New India Samachar magazine helps with exam preparation

I have been reading New India Samachar magazine for quite some time. I am also encouraging my classmates and parents to read the information about the schemes published in this magazine. The magazine has been extremely beneficial in my preparation for exams such as the Union Public Service Commission and the State Public Service Commission. I'm getting useful information as well as assistance in answering questions.

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Got information about schemes related to social concerns

I got the new issue of New India Samachar magazine. I read articles in this issue about social concern schemes, as a result of which our life security cycle has gained a very strong foundation in the last nine years. I also got information about freedom fighters from various regions as part of the Amrit Mahotsav of Independence. It was also nice to read about the G-20 summit's success. The magazine also gave information about recipients of the Padma Samman.

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The New India Samachar magazine provides reliable information.

I am from Andhra Pradesh's Visakhapatnam district. I study for competitive exams, and this magazine provides a lot of reliable information. Furthermore, all of the aspects are thoroughly explained.

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The New India Samachar gives a real picture of New India

I recently read the New India News magazine for the first time. For both government officials and candidates for various competitive exams, I found this magazine to be very informative. It paints a realistic picture of today's new and resurgent India. Some of the features that distinguish it are an authentic account of personalities as well as in-depth information about government schemes. There will always be excitement about its upcoming editions.

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A great medium for understanding government policies

The New India Samachar is a better medium for understanding government policies. The magazine provides useful and accurate information about new policies, social issues, development, and many other government initiatives. The personality series appears to be the best part of the magazine. I recently learned about the thumri singer Girija Devi. People and UPSC aspirants alike should read this excellent and informative magazine.

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NOW RESIDENTS CAN VERIFY EMAIL, MOBILE NUMBERS SEEDED WITH AADHAAR



The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has allowed residents to verify the mobile number and email linked with their Aadhaar. In some instances, residents were not aware/sure about that which of their mobile numbers was seeded to their Aadhaar. Hence residents were worried that Aadhaar OTP might be going to some other mobile number. Now, with this facility, the residents can check these quite easily. With the new facility, citizens can easily check the number. This facility of UIDAI can be availed on the official website (https://myaadhaar.uidai.gov.in/) or through the mAadhaar app using the 'Verify Email/Mobile Number' feature. This feature gives confirmation to residents that their email/mobile number under his/her knowledge is only seeded to their respective Aadhaar. It also notifies the resident in case a particular mobile number is not linked, and informs the resident to take necessary steps to update the mobile number, if they wish so.

- If the number is already verified then its details will appear on the screen.
- If a person has forgotten which number was given at the time of enrolment, he/she can check the last three digits of the mobile number on the **Myaadhaar** portal or the Aadhaar verification feature of the **mAadhaar** app.
- If a person wants to link an email/mobile number with Aadhaar or wants to update his email/mobile number, he can visit the nearest Aadhaar center.

'YUVA PRATIBHA – PAINTING TALENT HUNT' STARTED

If you are sensitive about heritage and culture, valour and patriotism, nature and environment then there is an opportunity to participate in 'YUVA PRATIBHA – Painting Talent Hunt'. With an aim to promote India's rich heritage and culture at the grassroots level by identifying new art talents across painting genres, MyGov has launched the 'YUVA PRATIBHA – Painting Talent Hunt' - wherein participants can send their entries till 25th June. If you want to become an emerging artist, painter, miniature painter, or picture maker of New India at the national level, you can participate. The prize money for the first, second, and third prize winners is Rs 1 lakh, 75 thousand, and 50 thousand respectively.

What are the terms and conditions

- Indian citizen whose age is between 18 years to 40 years.
- Painting- should be made of water, oil, or acrylic, the size of the painting should be 24 X 18 inches, and the picture should be shot in HD standard.
- Paintings - Heritage & Cultural, Valour & Patriotism, Public Heroes & Leaders, Nature & Environment
- Click on https://innovateindia.mygov.in/painting-challenge/ for more details.

100 HEALTHY AND CLEAN FOOD STREETS WILL BE BUILT ACROSS THE COUNTRY



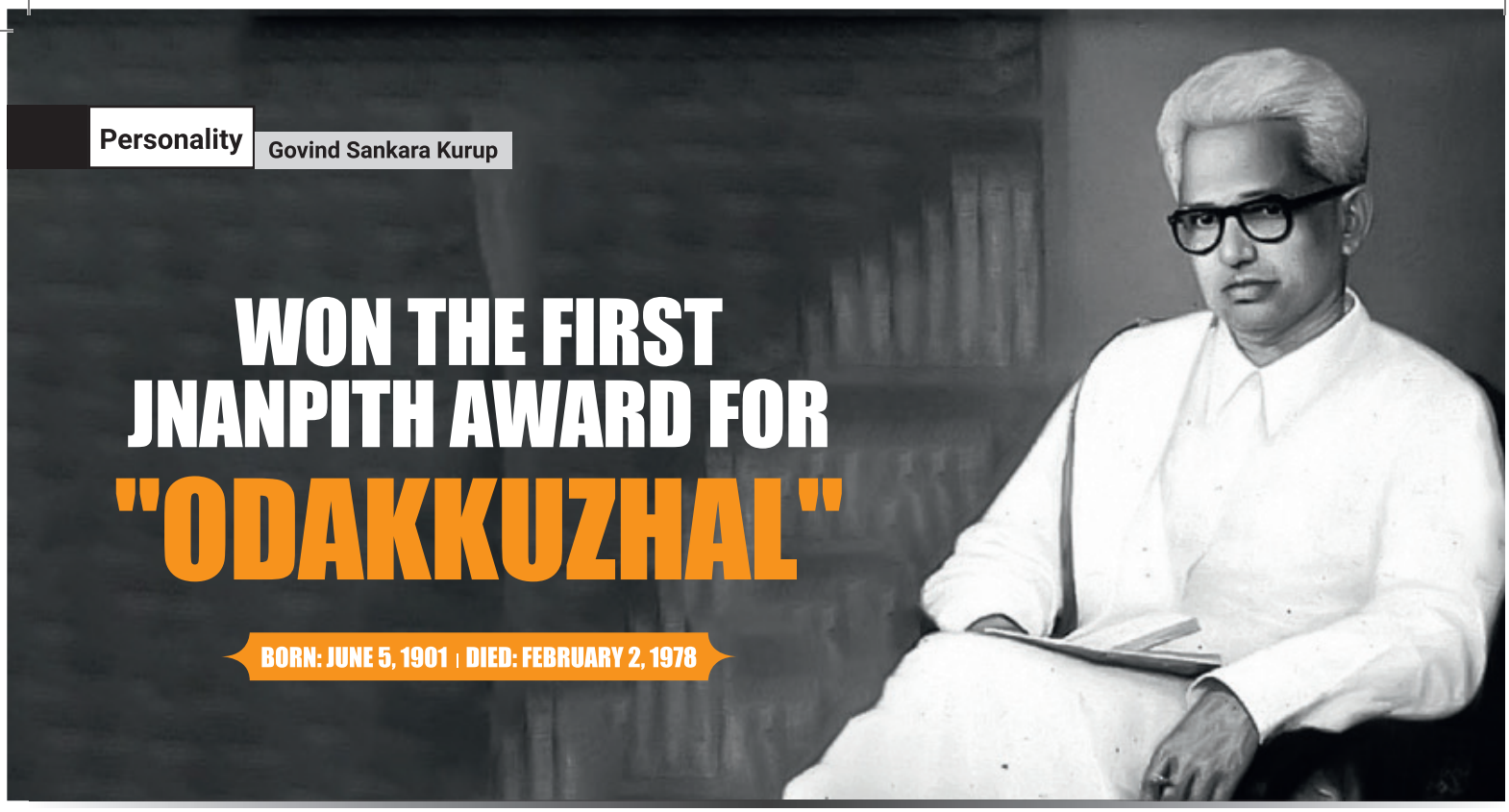
Street food is an integral part of the food culture of India. It has played a very important role in shaping the Indian food economy. It is a source of affordable and tasty food for millions of Indians and a major contributor to the country's economic development. With rapid urbanization, street food hubs have provided easy access to food but food safety and hygiene remain a concern in these hubs. Keeping this in mind, the Central Government has started the 'Food Street Project', in which assistance will be given to make 100 healthy and clean food streets. The Food Street Project aims to promote safe and healthy eating among food businesses and community members to reduce foodborne illness. Union Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya reviewed the project. National Health Mission (NHM) will provide financial assistance in the ratio of 60:40 or 90:10 of Rs.1 crore per food street as a pilot project. The branding of these food streets will be done as per the guidelines of FSSAI. Financial assistance, safe drinking water, hand washing and toilet facilities, tiled floors in common areas, proper liquid and solid waste disposal, provision of dustbins and signage of a permanent nature, common storage space, and lighting will be made available for activities like exclusive cart, branding etc.

APPLY FOR PADMA AWARDS 2024 BY SEPTEMBER 15, 2023

The central government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi is determined to start and take forward new and transparent systems. A similar new beginning was made for the Padma Awards, which are now being extended as Padma for the common man. Online nominations and recommendations for the Padma Awards to be announced on the occasion of Republic Day in the year 2024 have been started from May 1, 2023. The last date is September 15, 2023. Nominations/recommendations for the Padma Awards are being taken online at the National Awards Portal https://awards.gov.in. The Rules are available at the website https://padmaawards.gov.in/AboutAwards.aspx. Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan, and Padma Shri, the three subsequent awards after the Bharat Ratna, were introduced in the year 1954. Awarded for distinguished and exceptional achievements/service in the fields of arts, literature and education, sports, medicine, social service, science and engineering, public works, civil service, trade, industry, etc. All people are eligible for these awards irrespective of their creed, occupation, position, or gender. Others can also make a recommendation for someone, while citizens can also nominate themselves.

EPFO EXTENDS THE DATE OF APPLICATION FOR PENSION ON A HIGHER SALARY, APPLY TILL JUNE 26

EPFO had started the online application process for verification of options or combined options from pensioners and members on the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court with the deadline of 3rd May. Now this date has been extended to 26 June. Till May 1, more than 12 lakh applications had been received. The time limit is being extended to facilitate and provide adequate opportunity for the pensioners/members to overcome any difficulties faced by them. The Supreme Court had held that the employees who retired before September 1, 2014, and who exercised the option under para 11(3) before their retirement, would be eligible for pension on higher pay. ■



WON THE FIRST JNANPITH AWARD FOR "ODAKKUZHAL"

BORN: JUNE 5, 1901 | DIED: FEBRUARY 2, 1978

Govind Sankara Kurup, a well-known Malayalam poet, made significant contributions to literature and education. His famous work "Odakkuzhal," which means "flute," received the "Jnanpith Award," India's highest literary honour. He also received the Sahitya Akademi and the Padma Bhushan. The first poet to receive the "Jnanpith Award," Mahakavi Govind Sankara Kurup, published over 40 original and translated works.

Well-known Malayalam poet and thinker Govind Sankara Kurup was born on June 5, 1901, in the Kerala town of Nayattot. Govind Sankara's father died when he was a child. Shankar Warrier was his father, and Lakshmikutty Amma was his mother. In such a situation, his childhood was fraught with difficulties, and his maternal uncle took care of his education, among other things. He was given the name 'Govind Sankara Kurup' after his maternal uncle, 'Govind'. His surname became 'Kurup' as a result of the practise of passing down the lineage tradition from his mother's family.

His maternal uncle taught him Sanskrit, literature, and Malayalam. Govind is said to have written his first poem at the age of four. He attended Malayalam Middle School in Perumpavur for his primary education. He became a teacher after passing the Cochin State's 'Pandit' examination. After that, he did intermittent teaching work for two years. During the holidays, he wrote the majority of his literary works. Although his first poem was published in 1918, he is best known for his translations of Gitanjali and "Odakkuzhal," (Flute).

The first edition of "Odakkuzhal was published in 1950 for which he received the country's first highest literary honour, the "Jnanpith" in 1965. The prize money was believed to be one lakh rupees at the time. This award can be given to any Indian citizen who writes in any of India's official languages.

He was awarded the Sahitya Akademi Award in 1963 for Vishwa Darshanam (a collection of poems). His works include 25 poems, short stories, memoirs, plays, essays, and prose. Different forms of expression are introduced in his creations. The Government of India has also honoured him with the Padma Bhushan civilian award. His poetry collection, Viswanathanam, won the 'Kerala Sahitya Akademi Award' in 1961.

He also led a political career and was nominated as a Rajya Sabha member in 1968. During his tenure, he tried to make an outstanding contribution to the all-round development of the nation. India Post released a commemorative stamp on Kurup in 2003, under the Jnanpith Award winners series. He died on February 2, 1978. ■

FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Action for Life Action for Lifestyle

Life and the environment are inextricably linked. Nature provides man with everything he needs to live, so it is everyone's responsibility to focus on environmental protection, promotion, and development. World Environment Day is observed on June 5 to raise environmental awareness and sensitivity. The United Nations General Assembly established Environment Day, the world's largest celebration of nature. With Action for Life, the central government has initiated numerous special environmental initiatives.

Rapid development while protecting the environment is only possible with everyone's help and a holistic plan. The harmony maintained by our forefathers with nature is the key to the earth's long life. Whatever schemes the current central government has implemented over the last nine years, there is a desire to protect the environment in some way.

Whether it's the Swachh Bharat Mission or Waste to Wealth programmes, the AMRUT Mission's construction of modern sewage treatment plants in cities, a campaign to eliminate single-use plastic, or the Namami Gange Abhiyan, the emphasis on One Sun, One Grid, Solar Energy, or increased ethanol production and blending, India's environmental efforts have been multifaceted. India is making this effort at a time when the world is concerned about climate change, in which India has no say.



We have taken the utmost care of our earth and environment. Today, on Environment Day, we reiterate our commitment to safeguarding a clean earth. Living together with nature will lead to a better future.

-Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

The world's large and modern countries not only exploit more natural resources, but also emit the most carbon dioxide. The global average for carbon emissions per person is 4 metric tonnes. While India's per capita carbon footprint is only about half a tonne per year. Despite this, India is taking a comprehensive approach to environmental protection, not only within the country but also through engagement with the global community.

Internationally, India was instrumental in establishing the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) and the International Solar Alliance (ISA). India has resolved to achieve net zero emissions by 2070. On the occasion of World Environment Day last year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a global initiative called 'Lifestyle for the Environment (LiFE) Movement'." The launch was done with the intention of inspiring people, communities, and organisations all over the world to live more environmentally conscious lives.

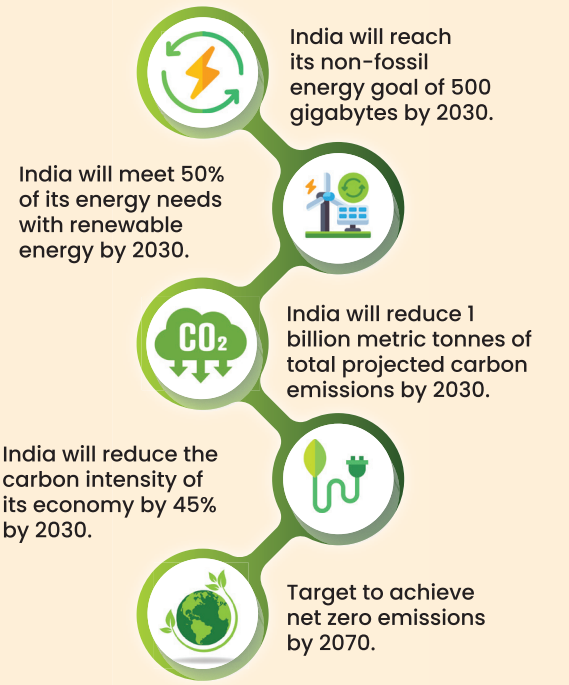
To reduce pollution, we bypassed BS-5 standards and went straight from BS-4 to BS-6. The Ujala Yojana was launched to provide LED bulbs across the country. The central government has begun work on a new natural farming corridor along the Ganges. This will not only make our fields chemical-free, but it will also give the Namami Gange campaign a boost. India is also working to restore 26 million hectares of degraded land by 2030.

India's commitment to generate 40% of installed electricity capacity from non-fossil fuel sources was met nine years ahead of schedule. The 10% ethanol blending target in petrol has been met five months ahead of

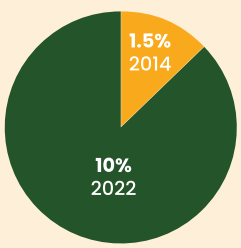
New Environment Initiative: We are the Green World of Tomorrow

Panchamrit

In the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference, i.e., COP-26, held in Glasgow, Prime Minister Narendra Modi presented Panchamrit, i.e., five points, on behalf of India.



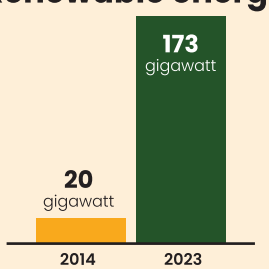
Ethanol blending



achieved the ethanol blending target of November 2022, 5 months ahead of schedule.

E-20 fuel launched with 20% ethanol blending in petrol on April 1, 2023.

Renewable energy



Four times the increase in installed capacity of renewable energy since 2014

1900% increase in the installed capacity of solar power since 2014.

- The 2030 target of meeting 40% of installed power capacity from non-fossil energy sources was achieved in November 2021 itself.
- The National Hydrogen Mission was announced, and a pilot project plant started in Assam.

From Endangered to thriving: India's 9-Year Wildlife Conservation Journey

2014- 2022 | **42% increase in number of tigers**

India's forest cover is expanding, as is the population of lions, tigers, leopards, elephants, and rhinos. India accounts for only 2.4 percent of the world's land area but contains 8 percent of all known global biodiversity. India has made strides in wildlife and environmental protection over the last nine years, including the recent birth of cheetahs after a 75-year hiatus. 75% of the world's tiger population is found in India. A recent report on the status of tigers in India revealed that the tiger population has increased from 2226 to 3167. As a result, the number of tigers has increased by 42% since 2014. India is the only country in the world with Asiatic lions, and their numbers have increased in recent years. Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently launched the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) to further conservation efforts for seven big cats: tiger, lion, leopard, snow leopard, cheetah, jaguar, and puma.

Record increase in the number of wetlands in India

India has now designated 75 sites of international importance as Ramsar sites, covering an area of 1.33 million hectares across the country. From 1982 to 2013, a total of 26 Ramsar sites were added to the list. Between 2014 and 2023, the country added 49 new wetlands to the Ramsar list. In 2022, a total of 28 sites were designated as Ramsar sites.

FAME India: New India's Green Vehicles

The FAME India programme was launched to promote electric and hybrid vehicles, with 7210 e-buses approved until February 2023.

- Over 280 million litres of fuel were saved, reducing India's reliance on imported oil.
- Carbon emissions have been reduced by more than 41 crore kg.
- The scheme's second phase began on April 1, 2019, and will last until March 20, 2024. The budget includes a provision of Rs 10,000 crore.
- FAME India Phase-II will help to stimulate demand and build charging infrastructure for 7090 e-buses, 5 lakh e-three-wheelers, 55 thousand e-four-wheel passenger cars, and 10 lakh e-two-wheelers.

Continuous work to keep the soil healthy

In the last nine years, the country has worked continuously to keep the soil healthy. The focus has been on five main things to save the soil.

- **First :** how to make the soil chemical-free
- **Second:** how to save the organisms that live in the soil, which are called soil organic matter in technical language.
- **Third:** How to maintain the moisture of the soil and how to increase the availability of water.
- **Fourth:** How to remove the damage caused to the soil due to less groundwater.
- **Fifth:** How to stop the continuous erosion of the soil due to the reduction in the area of forests.

schedule, in November 2022. This is a significant accomplishment, as blending was only 1.5 percent in 2013-14 and 5 percent in 2019-20. The government is putting a lot of emphasis on renewable energy, and the way forward is linked to innovation and openness. When technology and tradition come together, it alters one's perspective on life. A significant section of the railway network is now electrified. Solar energy is also increasingly being used to power the country's airports.

The Central Government has decided to commemorate Environment Day this year, with lifestyle remaining at the forefront of Mission LiFE beginning in 2021. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has called for a global goal to be re-achieved in terms of adopting sustainable lifestyles and practises. Public participation programmes on LiFE are being organised across the country as part of this initiative. Garbage is being removed from the riverbanks. ■

BUILDING A SENSITIVE, DIGNIFIED AND SELF-RELIANT SOCIETY



In India, the number of elderly people is steadily increasing. According to a report, the population of elderly people will be 17 crores by 2026, approximately 23 crores by 2036, and 35 crores by 2050, accounting for more than 20% of the total population. The Central Government's health, pension, self-employment, and self-reliance schemes have been the main reasons for the continuous increase in the proportion of the population of senior citizens in recent years. In such circumstances, senior citizens should not only live a long life but also one that is safe, dignified, creative, and dignified. In recent years, the Central Government has taken the initiative to provide a dignified life for youth, women, farmers, and the elderly by developing a national action plan.

Every year on June 15, the United Nations observes World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. The theme for this year is "Elders deserve our respect and attention." On this occasion, let us know how, under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, a mechanism is being developed through schemes and policies to make senior citizens self-reliant and self-respecting.

Affection for Prime Minister Modi

At the end of April, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 100th edition of 'Mann Ki Baat' sparked a different kind of excitement around the world. In the meantime, a photo from New Zealand has gone viral on social media. In fact, NRIs made special arrangements to hear Prime Minister Modi speak at this event in Auckland, New Zealand. These also included more than 100 women. Following the telecast of this programme, an elderly woman of about 100 years old blessed Prime Minister Modi's picture by placing her hand on his head. Rami Ben is her name. In that very emotional video, she was blessing the Prime Minister, saying, "Sukhi raho... sukhi raho..." Her closeness gave the impression that she was speaking with PM Modi in person, not just the image of him.



When Prime Minister Narendra Modi touched the feet of a 107-year-old woman at the Global Millets (Shree Anna) conference in the capital Delhi in the second half of March, it sparked debate: who is she, and why did the country's Prime Minister bow down to her? Pappammal, in fact, received the Padma Shri in 2021 for her outstanding contributions to organic farming. Pappammal, a Tamil Nadu centenarian, is encouraging people to begin organic farming as we approach retirement at the age of 60. She farms organically on her 2.5 acres of land. Furthermore, many farmers in the region have switched to organic farming as a result of Pappammal's efforts. She is well known for actively participating in other agricultural programmes in addition to farming. At this stage in her life, Pappammal has become an inspiration not only to society but also to the nation.





In the first week of May, another picture showed up. Prime Minister Narendra Modi was in Karnataka, and he was bowing to two elderly women. They were Padma Awardees Tulsi Gowda and Sukri Bommagowda. Tulsi Gowda, who is nearly 80 years old, is known as the "encyclopaedia of the forest," having planted and protected over 30,000 saplings. She has been working for the environment since she was 21 years old. Sukri Bommagowda, 83, is a folk singer who received the Padma Shri for preserving traditional tribal music.

Nobody will ever forget that photo of Baba Shivanand ji from the Padma Samman ceremony a few years ago. Everyone, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, was taken aback by the 126-year-old's agility in Rashtrapati Bhavan. He began saluting in Nandi Mudra in the blink of an eye. Then Prime Minister Modi bowed repeatedly to Baba Shivanand Ji. Baba Sivananda's age of 126, as well as his physical fitness, became the talk of the town. On social media, it was claimed that Baba Shivanand is fitter than people four times younger to him. Baba Sivananda's life will truly inspire us all.

जीवेम शरदः शतम्।। Everyone in Indian culture wishes for a hundred years of healthy life. That is why, today, countless such inspirational stories full of self-respect and self-esteem have become a symbol of national pride in society as well as in the new India, where senior citizens are inspiring the next generation and the country is on the path to building a better society. Many other examples demonstrate that age is just a number, and that if elders are given opportunities, their energy is equal to that of a youth. To supplement these efforts, several schemes for the welfare of senior citizens are being implemented by various ministries of the Central Government.

The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment runs a separate integrated scheme. Although this is not a stop, it must be maintained because, according to an NGO report, the world's senior citizen population will be 110 crores by 2022, or about 14 percent of the total population, increasing to 210 crores by 2050, or about 14 percent of the total population. There is a possibility of 22%. This population will increase to 130 crore in Asia alone by 2050. In such a situation, India will not remain unaffected. India's senior citizen population, which is currently 14.9 crore, will grow to approximately 35 crore. This increase will undoubtedly have ramifications for society and the economy. As a result, it is the government's and stakeholders' responsibility to establish appropriate priorities for the proper care of both present and future generations.

With this in mind, the central

Increase in life expectancy, Centre's steps helped

PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana

80 crore beneficiaries received free food grains with an expenditure of over Rs. 3.91 lakh crores

Ayushman Bharat

60 crore beneficiaries got health insurance upto Rs. 5 lakh

PM Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana

In 9 years 9,224 new centers opened. Medicines up to 50-90% cheaper. Previously on the medicine of the elderly, monthly 1-3 thousand rupees was spent. Now Rs.100 medicines are available for 10-20 rupees. More than 20,000 crore rupees saved till now.

PM Ujjwala

10 crore free LPG connections were given. Now there are 31.36 crores active LPG connections in the country.

Jeevan Pramaan

More than **07** crores Digital Jeevan Pramaan issued till March 2023.

Reduction in the price of heart stent devices: Along with controlling the prices of more than a thousand essential drugs, the government has reduced the ceiling price of stents and knee implants. Now the metal stent and drug-eluting stent are Rs 10,509 and Rs 38,265 respectively.

Common Service Centers

5.23 lakh plus centers were opened across the country having more than 400 government, financial, Aadhaar, telemedicine, and travel booking facilities.

Insurance Plan

Insurance safety net ready. More than 34.18 crore enrollments in PM Suraksha Bima Yojana, and more than 16.19 crore people got insurance under PM Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana. Payment of claims of more than Rs 15,592 crore, made through both insurances.

Atal Pension

5.13 crore people included in pension schemes



Jan Dhan

48 crore plus accounts were opened. Elders also joined the bank facility and got financial security

Pucca houses: More than 3 crore houses have been constructed and distributed across the country.

Accessible India Campaign: PM Modi launched the Accessible India Campaign on December 3, 2015. In this, 11.7 lakh schools, 1630 plus buildings of central and state government, 80 airports, and 709 railway stations were made accessible.



Nal - Jal Yojana

From independence till the launch of the scheme i.e. till August 2019 only 3.24 crore households had tap water connections, in the subsequent 45 months about 8.75 crore new connections were added.

government has spent the last few years creating an environment through dozens of schemes to protect the interests of senior citizens while also providing them with a self-sustaining, dignified life. The goal is for Indians, the world's largest population, to see themselves as a demographic dividend rather than a dependency. As a result, the contribution of senior citizens to nation-building today is encouraging. Senior citizens also file income taxes in significant numbers. Senior citizens have paid Rs 3.47 lakh crore in income tax over the last four years. While approximately 87 lakh senior citizens pay income tax each year. Not only that, but lakhs of senior citizens have set an example by voluntarily contributing to the nation's initiative to provide clean fuel in place of the stove in the homes of the poor in the country, by giving up the subsidy for the 'Give It Up' scheme or voluntarily sacrificing the discount available in the railways, in response to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call.

LIFE EXPECTANCY RISES AS FACILITIES IMPROVE

The number of people living a long life has increased as life expectancy has increased. One of the primary reasons for the steady rise in the proportion of senior citizens in the population has been the general improvement in health care facilities over the years. Senior citizens require devices for walking or hearing problems after a certain age. The Central Government has already provided equipment to lakhs of senior citizens through the Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana. The Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana (PMVVY) is also going on for the elderly to receive fixed interest on a fixed amount to keep their investment safe after the age of 60.

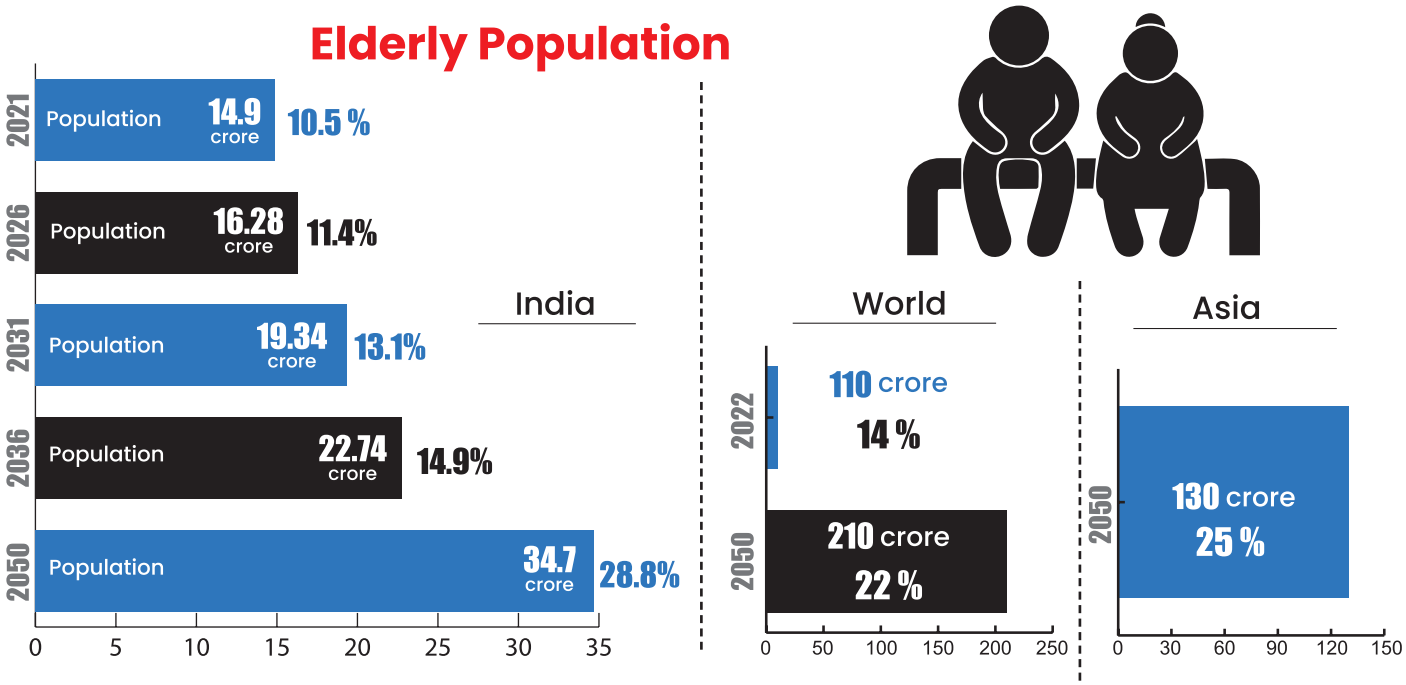
Typically, senior citizens or those receiving pensions deposit their money in a bank after their salary- class retirement, and they live off the interest. However, bank crises do occur from time to time. Banks fail. Some businessmen defraud. And sometimes the hard-earned money of our senior citizens

Aging is a destiny that everyone has to go through. In such a situation, we consider the next generation as saving for building a better future and leave no stone unturned in their upbringing. But, when you start getting old while performing all the responsibilities and you start getting weak physically and financially, then many times you start getting neglected by the family and society. On June 15, 'World Elder Abuse Awareness Day' is celebrated all over the world with the aim of establishing respect and dignity for the elderly in society and family.

Along with the family, it is also the responsibility of society and the government to take care of the elderly. Realizing this sense of responsibility, our government is working with full sensitivity. We are taking full care of the people who have spent their whole life in taking forward their family and country so that they do not face any kind of problem.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

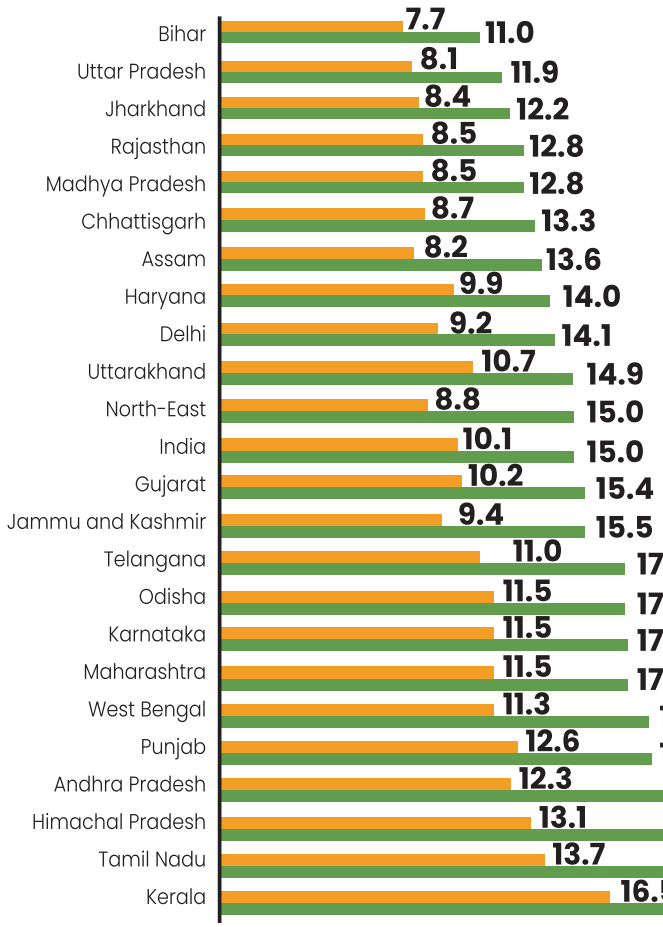




is lost. As a result, the central government altered the provision. Previously, only Rs 1 lakh was available in the event of a bank failure, but this has now been increased to Rs 5 lakh. Prime Minister Narendra Modi asserts that with this new provision, nearly 99 percent of those who have money in banks are now safe.

Pensions and insurance coverage have been expanded. They also benefit from government decisions and other programmes that have been implemented in the past. The cost of treatment for senior citizens has decreased dramatically over the years. All of the medicines in the Jan Aushadhi Kendras are now significantly cheaper. On the other hand, goods related to heart stents and knee surgeries have been reduced by 70-80%. Senior citizens are given every possible benefit, from tax breaks to other investments.

Not only that, but for the first



In the coming decade, the elderly population will grow rapidly in most states. By 2036, every fifth person in the states of South India will be in the category of senior citizens.

Note: share of the elderly population: 2021 (orange bar) and 2036 (green bar). Figures in percentage

Source: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, India, and Population Estimates for States 2011–36 (National Population Commission, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare 2020), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

Participation in nation building through Income Tax

Senior citizens are a storehouse of experience for us. To gain from this experience, to make their life dignified, to provide legal protection, and to make their living easy, the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has made many provisions. Meanwhile, it is also important to know how strongly the senior citizens are also contributing financially to nation-building.

86.71 lakh senior citizens paid income tax of Rs 1,13,458 lakh crore till February 28 in the year 2022-23 itself. Senior citizens of the country have paid income tax of Rs 3.47 lakh crore in the last 4 years till February 28, 2023.

- The limit for deduction of medical expenses on critical illness for senior citizens has been increased to Rs 1 lakh.
- In the Finance Act, 2018, for senior citizens, the limit of deduction for health insurance and payment of medical expenses has been increased to Rs 50,000.
- In the Finance Act, 2021, there is a provision for exemption in filing income tax for senior citizens of 75 years or more whose paying bank has deducted the tax due in full.

time in the country's history, a pension scheme for almost every poor person over the age of 60 has been established. Whether it is crores of workers in the country's unorganised sector, farmers, labourers, small traders, or small shopkeepers, the government has started various pension schemes for all. Even after reaching the age of 60, the poor will greatly benefit from this. Whether it is free treatment up to Rs 5 lakh under the Ayushman Bharat scheme or insurance schemes, the poor and senior citizens benefit separately. These facilities have not only made senior citizens' lives more comfortable, but their freedom from health concerns and sense of self-sufficiency have also increased their life expectancy.

CONVERGENCE OF YOUTHFUL ENERGY AND AGE-OLD WISDOM

Because of the Central Government's special efforts, life expectancy has increased. However, as the elderly population grows, one of the most difficult challenges will be ensuring that they not only live long but also live safe, dignified, and productive lives. Indian society's traditional values and norms emphasise respecting and caring for the elderly. However, the joint family system has slowly but steadily disintegrated in society, resulting in a large number of parents being neglected by their families due to a lack of emotional, physical, and financial

Look what a big change has come. The government is working in a planned manner not only on the economic front but also on other aspects related to senior citizens and their welfare. It is our utmost effort that various facilities are available to the senior citizens of the country in a simple and easy way. They didn't have to run around much. May they be healthy, energetic and live their life with self-respect. We have worked towards ensuring this.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



Changes in the model building bye-laws for the elderly

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs released the Model Building Bye-laws, 2016 to provide an elderly-friendly and barrier-free environment. It is being implemented by local urban bodies. In the guidelines of PM Awas Yojana, it was said that priority should be given to the ground floor in the allotment of families with senior citizens.

Proper ramps were arranged in the buses funded by the Central Government for hassle-free travel in the buses. Metrorail projects mandated elderly-friendly infrastructure and reserved seats for senior citizens in coaches. In state buses, two seats in the first row are reserved for senior citizens, some states also give concession in fares.

Saving Account

Now you can deposit more

30 lakh rupees maximum deposit limit, raised from Rs 15 lakh under the Senior Citizen Savings Account Scheme

- The maximum deposit limit for the Monthly Income Account Scheme has been increased from Rs 4.5 lakh to Rs 9 lakh for a single account and from Rs 9 lakh to Rs 15 lakh for a joint account.
- The interest on deposits of senior citizens is more than that of general account holders.



support. In the absence of adequate social security, these elderly people face numerous challenges. Ageing has clearly become a major social challenge, and there is a need to create a social environment that is sensitive to the emotional needs of the elderly while also meeting their economic and health needs.

There are numerous life cycles, such as childhood, adolescence, adulthood, and old age. Man becomes physically weaker as he ages, and his hearing and vision become impaired. Forgetting becomes a habit in some cases. The elderly are especially vulnerable during these times. Special care is required. In such a situation, if the family is not supported, the person breaks down.

Our ancient Indian culture was magnificent. Family members, particularly elders, are held in high regard in our culture. There are numerous examples in our country of people sacrificing all of their desires for the sake of their families. However, in these changing times, there

The first condition of democracy is that the rulers should have unflinching faith in the heart of their people. We should trust Janata Janardan. This country is theirs. This is democracy. The power of Janata Janardan should be maximum. We are taking one decision after another in this direction.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

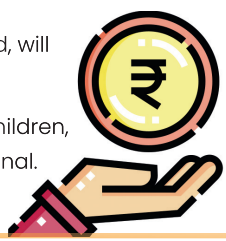


Jail for abusing or abandoning an elderly guardian

With the gradual decline of the joint family system in the country, the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007 came into existence. For proper implementation of the provisions made in this Act, the Central Government sent a model rule to the States and Union Territories to make rules according to the ground reality there. Despite the passage of more than a decade, it is still in the process of implementation. That is why the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens (Amendment) Bill, 2019 was introduced in Lok Sabha to make the Act more contemporary and effective. In this, there is a provision for settlement within 90 days after applying for maintenance, while 90 days were fixed after the first notice.

Provisions in the new bill

- Abandoning a senior citizen or parent is punishable with imprisonment of 3 months to 6 months or a fine of Rs 10,000 or both. In the old law, there was a provision of imprisonment for up to 3 months or a fine of up to Rs 5,000.
- In the old law, there were instructions to pay a maximum of Rs 10,000 per month for maintenance, but the maximum limit for maintenance has now been abolished.
- Whatever maintenance amount will be fixed, will have to be paid in 15 days.
- Granted right of appeal to senior citizens, children, or relatives against the decision of the Tribunal.
- There is no provision in the old law for misbehaving with the elderly, while in the new bill, there can be a jail term of 3 months to 6 months or a fine of Rs 10,000 or both.
- If the child or relative does not comply with the maintenance order, the tribunal can issue a warrant.
- If the child or relative fails to pay the fine awarded by the tribunal, he or she may be punished with imprisonment either for a term that may extend to one month or until such payment is made.
- Provision for regulation of private care homes and institutions providing home care services for senior citizens has also been made in the Bill.
- In the new bill, stepchildren, adopted children, daughters-in-law, and minor children have also been included in the definition of children.



are some cases where people who are desperate for money begin to regard the elderly as a burden. The elderly people are housed in old-age homes. Parents have been considered equal to God in the Vedas and Puranas. Those who misbehave with the same God-like parents, on the other hand, forget that they, too, have to go through this stage of life. Imagine how painful their own old lives will be if their children begin to adopt their rituals. As a result, everyone should respect their parents and all elders.

It is important that you teach this to your kids as well. This is the only way to create a better society. The convergence of youth energy and senior citizens' experiences can provide a new direction for the nation and society. According to an NGO report, 47% of elders in India are financially dependent on their families, 34% on pensions and cash transfers, and 40% want to work "as long as possible." According to the survey, 71% of senior citizens are not working, while 36% are willing to work. Furthermore, more than 30% of the elderly were willing to give their time to various social causes. It is clear from this that if the old generation's energy is given the same opportunities as the new generation's, India's economic and social picture will be rosy in the golden year.

A CIRCLE OF SECURITY FOR THE ELDERLY

Famous thinker James Garfield once said, "If old

PM Vaya Vandana Yojana

Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana was launched on July 21, 2017. In this, by investing Rs 1,62,162 to Rs 15 lakh in a lump sum, any elderly person is entitled to avail of monthly, quarterly, half-yearly, or annual pension. The last date to join the scheme was March 31, 2023. A fixed interest rate is given in this. In this, the maximum monthly pension is Rs 9250. While the quarterly pension is Rs. 27,750, the half-yearly pension is Rs. 55,500. And the maximum annual pension is Rs.1,11,000. More than 6 lakh elders have invested in this scheme.



Senior Citizens Welfare Fund

- The Senior Citizens Welfare Fund has been set up under the Finance Act, 2015. It is used on schemes in line with the National Policy on Older Persons. The amount lying unclaimed in small savings schemes, employee provident funds, insurance schemes, and coal mine provident fund accounts is transferred to this fund. So far, Rs. 316 crore has been spent.

Priority in vaccination during the Covid period

- During the Covid period, PM Modi, in his address to the nation, first advised the elderly not to leave their homes to keep them safe. Even when vaccination started, priority was given to the elderly. Not only the first dose but also the precautionary dose was given to them first.

age has wrinkles, do not let them fall on the heart." Never let your soul get old. However, due to the actions of some close relatives, these wrinkles are now appearing on the faces of very old people before their time. In the coming years, the elderly population will rapidly increase. Villages are home to approximately 71% of the elderly population. The Government of India is implementing various schemes and programmes to provide a better life to senior citizens with strong social and inter-generational bonds in order to make their lives happier, empowered, dignified, and self-reliant. The Central Government is also aware of the need for love, care, medical care, and housing for senior citizens.

These schemes include Atal Vayo Abhyudaya Yojana, Integrated Programme for Senior Citizens, State Action Plan for Senior Citizens, Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana, Livelihood and Skill Initiative for Senior Citizens, Senior

Be it economic or social, our government is working to ensure that senior citizens remain self-reliant. At the core of our various schemes is that the life of senior citizens should be simple and easy. For this, Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana was also started. Under this scheme, citizens above 60 years of age get an assured return of 8 percent interest for 10 years. If the rate falls below 8 percent, then the government again compensates it.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana

Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana brings together the current plans, strategies, and goals of senior citizens and creates a blueprint. The scheme focuses exclusively on human life with the top four needs of senior citizens being financial security, food, health care, and human connection. It covers general aspects ranging from awareness generation and sensitization of society to the safety and health of senior citizens. It consists of several sub-schemes related to senior citizens:

Central Sector Scheme of Integrated Programme for Senior Citizens (IPSRC)

In this scheme, 100% grant-in-aid is given to organisations for running senior citizen homes. Facilities like shelter, nutrition, medical care, clothing, and entertainment are provided free of charge in these homes for senior citizens. Last year, the budget was increased by 10%, due to which facilities for yoga therapy have also started.

Senior Citizen State Action Plan

The Senior Citizen State Action Plan was implemented in 2019–20. In this regard, the states are expected to make action plans according to the local situation and take action on them. This state action plan may include a long-term action strategy for five years as well as annual action plans.

247 crore rupees were spent on this scheme



Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana:

The Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana, launched in 2017, is a central sector scheme. In this, aids and assistive devices are provided to BPL or senior citizens with a monthly income of less than Rs. 15,000 suffering from old age disabilities like low vision, hearing impairment, loss of teeth, and locomotor disability. 12.24 lakh assistive devices have been distributed to 3.01 lakh elderly since inception until March 2023. About Rs 247 crore has been spent on this scheme.

- The plan includes eight generic appliances such as canes, elbow crutches, walkers, tripods, hearing aids, artificial jaws, spectacles, wheel chairs, chairs with commodes, silicone foam cushions, knee braces, spinal support, cervical collars, lumbosacral belts, and brakes. Ten special items of equipment, including walkers, walking sticks with seats, flexi gel socks, cushion sandals, silicone insoles, and a foot care kit, are also distributed.

Enabled Citizens for Re-Employment in Respect (SACRED), Targeted Action Group on Social Reconstruction (AGRASR Group), Elderly Self-Help Groups, Promotion of the Silver Economy, Channelizing CSR Funds for Elderly Care, Scheme for Awareness Generation and Capacity Building for the Welfare of Senior Citizens, Senior Training, awareness, sensitization, and establishment of a national helpline for citizens.

Shelter for the destitute, Special care for the elderly with serious illnesses Mobile Medicare units for senior citizens living in rural or backward areas, physiotherapy clinics, the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) from the Ministry of Rural Development, pension schemes—in order to provide all three levels of health facilities in the National Senior Citizens Health Scheme, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has developed three sets of training modules for medical officers, nurses, and community-based workers to provide comprehensive geriatric care.

The Centre for Health Informatics (CHI) has launched an interactive and dynamic website, cum MIS, www.nphce.nhp.gov.in, of the NPHCE

National Senior Citizen Helpline (14567) Elderline

The National Senior Citizen Helpline was inaugurated on October 1, 2021, on the International Day of Older Persons. Toll-free number 14567 provides services to senior citizens from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Channelling the CSR Fund for Elderly Care

It is a central government scheme aimed at channelling CSR funds for elderly care projects in a proper manner. Under Schedule VII of Section 135 of the Companies Act, old age homes, day care centres, and such facilities for senior citizens are permitted for CSR funding. Under this, a target has been set to raise Rs 500 crore from CSR funds for elderly care projects in the next 5 years.

SAGE: Senior Care Ageing Growth Engine

The Senior Care Ageing Growth Engine (SAGE) aims to encourage entrepreneurs to think about the problems faced by the elderly and come up with innovative solutions. It is also seen as a boost to the silver economy. In this, there is a provision to give equity up to one crore rupees for each project to selected startups developing products, processes, and services for the welfare of senior citizens. The total government equity in the startup should not exceed 49%. This Sage portal (http://sage.dosjc.gov.in) has been started.

Livelihood and Skill Initiative for Senior Citizens

Senior Citizens for Re-Employment with Dignity (SACRED): Many seniors have experience, time, and energy that could be used as a stable workforce. Human resource cells of many private enterprises look for such people. For this, the SACRED portal was launched on October 1, 2021. About 5,000 senior citizens have registered on the portal.

Action Groups Aimed at Social Reconstruction (AGRASR): In this, senior citizens are encouraged to form self-help groups. These self-help groups will act as Action Groups Aimed at Social Reconstruction (AGRASR) to receive assistance from the scheme. This group can get assistance from more than one scheme.

programme to provide comprehensive information and data about geriatric facilities and services available across the country. Print material (folders, posters, etc.) and audio and video spots on various elder care topics have been created. When the Ministry of Finance launched the Atal Pension Yojana on May 9, 2015, with the goal of creating a universal social security system for all Indians, particularly the poor, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs changed the building and transportation standards. It has been made more accessible to senior citizens. In recent years, the central

We all know that with the passage of time, health problems and diseases become more common. The cost of medicine and treatment increases. Keeping this in mind, the Jan Aushadhi Yojana has been started so that medicines can be made available at affordable prices. Similarly, the cost of a stent, which is required for the heart, or a knee operation has been reduced. It has been brought down to 20 percent or 30 percent. All this is helping our senior citizens in a big way.

– Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

National Program for Health Care of the Elderly

Under this program, primary and secondary care OPDs, 10-bed wards, physiotherapy, and laboratory services have been sanctioned in 713 health districts. On the other hand, under the National Senior Citizen Health Scheme, 2016, for the third level of services, approval was given for Regional Service Centers in Medical Colleges of 18 states in which OPD services are being provided. While two geriatric care centers have been developed in the country, a 200 bedded geriatric care and rehabilitation center has been approved at PGI Chandigarh.

Railway facilities for senior citizens

The computerized reservation system automatically allots lower berths to women who are 45 years of age or older. 6-7 seats per coach in sleeper class, 4-5 in AC 3 tier, and 3-4 lower berths in AC 2 tier are reserved for senior citizens, women above 45 years of age, and pregnant women. A minimum of 7 seats are reserved in general class coaches of Zonal Railways. There is a separate counter for senior citizens at the reservation centers.

Monitoring of action plans made for senior citizens up to the ministerial level

At the national level, a mechanism was created to monitor the action plan prepared for senior citizens so that the plan, project, or program could be implemented in a time-bound manner. For this, a steering committee, a project management committee, and a screening committee have been set up under the chairmanship of the secretary/ additional secretary. The representatives of the Project Monitoring Committee personally carry out the inspection. The Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment monitors the annual progress of the Action Plan on Senior Citizens.

government has prioritised senior citizens in all campaigns, from relief to vaccination, to prevent global epidemics such as COVID.

The key objectives of the schemes are to improve the quality of life of older people by providing them with basic necessities such as shelter, food, medical care, and recreational opportunities, as well as to encourage creative and active old age through large-scale capacity building. Elders deserve our respect and attention, so elders are treated with special care in Indian culture.

This is also appropriate because their life experiences, memories, and perspectives are valuable for the lessons that young people can learn. And if older people are not encouraged to share the skills and knowledge they have gained throughout their lives, the entire culture suffers.

In such a scenario, the younger generation should be obligated to the older generations

Earlier, senior citizens had to personally go and give proof of being alive, but now, making it easier, the system of digital life certificates has been started. Apart from this, the government also provides tax incentives to senior citizens. The basic limit of income tax exemption has been increased to Rs 3 lakh. Along with this, the deduction limit on interest has also been increased from Rs 10,000 earlier to Rs 50,000. That is, now no tax is levied on interest up to Rs 50,000 received from the deposited amount.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

rather than ignoring them.

The United Nations has declared the 2020-30 decade to be the Decade of Healthy Ageing. Countries, societies, international organisations, academia, professionals, the media, and others are all involved in it. It seeks to provide a comfortable ageing environment by removing negativity, providing coordinated care for all ages, and emphasising long-term care planning. In this regard, the Government of India, in collaboration with all stakeholders, is taking all possible steps today to ensure that senior citizens have a good quality of life, their rights are protected, and they live in dignity.

Certainly, along with the family, it is the responsibility of society and the government to care for the elderly. Recognising this sense of responsibility, the central government is working with sensitivity and caution to ensure that those who have spent their entire lives advancing their family and country do not face any difficulties. As a result, initiatives are being taken to prepare the future elderly population by developing a long-term action plan. However, the participation of society and the family in these central government efforts is also important because, while the government can provide facilities, it is the responsibility of the family and society to emotionally strengthen them. In such a scenario, the new generation must pledge that, while learning from the old generation, they will walk step by step, and only then will a prosperous and glorious nation be built.

In fact, it is just a continuous flow of our culture of respect for elders—our Indianness. At this stage of life, you want a peaceful, healthy life, a life in which there is dignity and respect, where you don't have to depend. My government has taken many steps for your welfare.- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister





Connectivity will increase with modern infrastructure, tourist places will be connected

The development of the country is possible only with the development of the states. The central government is working with this mantra. Be it a city or a village, it is being connected with modern infrastructure. The state of Rajasthan, one of the largest states of the country is a significant player in the development journey of the country. In order to achieve the goal of a developed India, Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone and inaugurated infrastructure projects worth more than Rs 5500 crore in Nathdwara, Rajasthan on 10 May.

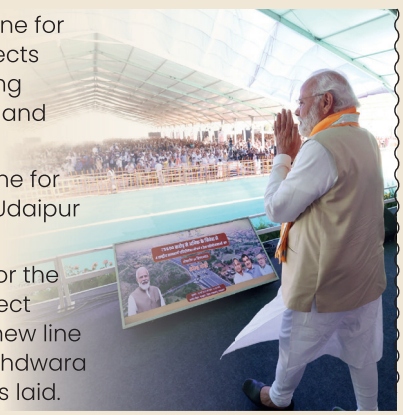
New projects at Nathdwara in Rajasthan will strengthen the railway and road network. This will not only promote movement but will also promote trade and commerce. The socio-economic condition of the people will also improve. In the program PM Modi said that it will increase the connectivity of Rajasthan. Udaipur, Dungarpur, and Banswara will benefit from the six-laning of the Udaipur to Shamlaji section of the National Highway. On the other hand, the Bilara-Jodhpur section of NH-25 will make access to the Jodhpur border areas easier.

Due to this travel time between Jaipur-Jodhpur will be reduced by three hours, and it will be easier to reach world heritage sites like Kumbhalgarh and Haldighati. The new railway line from Shri Nathdwara will connect Mewar and Marwar, which will help in promoting the marble, granite, and mining industries. Prime Minister Modi says that the Government of India believes in the mantra of the development of the nation by the development of the state. The pace of development of the country is directly related to the development of Rajasthan which is the largest state of the country.

PM appeals to Brahma Kumaris Sansthan to spread awareness about Jan Aushadhi Kendra

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on May 10 laid the foundation stone of Super Specialty Charitable Global Hospital, the second phase of Shivamani Old Age Home and the expansion of the Nursing College along with visiting the Brahma Kumari Shantivan Complex at Abu Road, Rajasthan. During this, PM Modi urged the units of the Brahma Kumaris organization across the country to spread awareness about the cheap and quality medicines available at the Central Government's Jan Aushadhi Kendra. PM Modi said that you can imagine how much this will serve the poor. The poor who receives information about Jan Aushadhi Kendra, from you will always bless you. Campaign for de-addiction, efforts of Brahma Kumaris towards environmental protection, and missions like Jal-Jan Abhiyan, Brahma Kumaris have shown how one organization can create a mass movement in every field. PM Modi said that whenever I have come among you, you have never left any stone unturned in fulfilling the expectations I have made from you for the country.

- Laid the foundation stone for road construction projects related to the two-laning of roads in Rajsamand and Udaipur.
- laid the foundation stone for the redevelopment of Udaipur Railway Station.
- The foundation stone for the gauge conversion project and construction of a new line from Nathdwara to Nathdwara town in Rajsamand was laid.



Inauguration of three National Highway projects

Under National Highway-48, 114 km long six-laning project from Udaipur to Shamlaji, 110 km long road to be four-laned along with widening of road for two-wheelers, etc. in Bar-Bilara-Jodhpur section of NH-25. Widening and Strengthening Project for NH-58 and 2-laning of 47 km long road with paved shoulder section in NH-58.



This is the reason why the government is working fast on modern infrastructure. Today India is an aspirational society. People want to get more facilities in less time. It is our responsibility to fulfill the aspirations of the people of India and Rajasthan.

Railways have great importance in the life of common citizens. Vande Bharat train to the state, as well as gauge conversion of the Mavli-Marwar section and broad gauge conversion of the Ahmedabad-Udaipur rail line, have also been completed. Apart from this, work on many other railway projects is being done at a fast pace in the railways. After eliminating unmanned level crossings, the government is focusing on electrification of the entire rail network of the country. A dedicated freight corridor is being built for goods trains. PM Modi said, "The day is not far when Rajasthan will be one of the states with 100 percent rail electrification." ■



India now at par with developed nations due to new technology and research

Recognising the importance of science and technology and their ongoing need, the country has made great strides in the last nine years under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership in the fields of innovative technology and research. As a result, India now ranks ahead of developed countries in fields such as high technology, research, and innovation, where only developed countries previously held a place. The current central government is constantly encouraging students and youth at all levels so that India can establish a stronger identity on the global stage. Prime Minister Modi attended the National Technology Day celebrations in Delhi on May 11.

Despite opposition from all of the world's major and developed countries, the country's then-Prime Minister, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, not only created a sense of security among its people, but also made every Indian proud by conducting a nuclear test in Pokhran on May 11. On the strength of science, research, and scientific capability, India's global stature has reached new heights. PM Modi recalls the words of Atal Vihari Vajpayee, who said, "In our mission, we have never stopped. Never bow down before any challenge.

The country now has a clear goal for 2047. Whether the goal is India's economic development, sustainable development, or creating an inclusive ecosystem for innovation, technology is critical at every stage. National Technology Week 2023's theme is School to Startup: Inspiring Young Minds to Innovate. The enthusiasm displayed by students and youth during the National Technology Day programme is also a sign of a new and developing India. The young generation of today has new hopes and goals. Their zeal, energy, and enthusiasm are the new India's strengths.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi believes that as

Gifts of projects worth over Rs 5800 crore

- Foundation stone laid for Laser Interferometer Gravitational Wave Observatory-India (LIGO-India) at Hingoli, Maharashtra; Homi Bhabha Cancer & Research Centre in Odisha; and Platinum Jubilee Block of Tata Memorial Hospital Mumbai.
- Fision Molybdenum-99 Production Facility in Mumbai, Rare Earth Permanent Magnet Plant in Visakhapatnam, National Hadron Beam Therapy Facility in Navi Mumbai, Radiological Research Unit, Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital and Research Centre in Visakhapatnam, and Women and Children's Cancer Hospital in Navi Mumbai dedicated to the nation.
- Prime Minister Modi also inaugurated an expo showcasing recent scientific and technological advancements in India. On the 25th National Technology Day, commemorative stamp and coin were issued.



India views technology as a tool to accelerate the country's progress and not as a means for establishing dominance.

-Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

The new pinnacle of India's technological success

Startup India, Digital India, and the Central Government's National Education Policy have also boosted India's success in the technology sector. Science, which was previously restricted to books, is now expanding beyond experimentation and resulting in an increasing number of patents.

- In India, there were around 4000 patents per year ten years ago; now, the number has risen to more than 30000 per year.
- 10,000 designs were registered each year in India ten years ago, but today more than 15,000 designs are registered each year.
- Prior to 2014, the country had about 150 incubation centres, which have now grown to over 650. As a result of all of these factors, India has risen from 81st to 40th in the Global Innovation Index.
- Over 10,000 Atal Tinkering Labs have been established in 700 districts across 35 states. Because of the central government's inclusive mindset, approximately 60% of the Atal Tinkering Labs have been opened in government and rural schools.
- More than 75 lakh students are actively engaged in the Atal Tinkering Lab, working on over 12 lakh innovation projects.

India becomes more empowered as a knowledge society, it must act quickly. In the last nine years, a solid foundation has been laid in the country to inspire India's young generation to innovate. The Atal Tinkering Lab, which began a few years ago, is now the country's innovation nursery. As a result of such government decisions, a large number of rural schoolchildren are getting inspiration to innovate.

Prime Minister Modi believes that lakhs of junior scientists will reach every nook and corner of the country in the coming years. Atal Innovation Centres, like the Atal Tinkering Lab, are emerging as laboratories in New India. There should be an institutional system in place for the youth who emerge from the Atal Tinkering Lab. Prime Minister Modi has stated that he intends to identify 100 labs in various areas across the country. It is critical to promote research and technology in areas such as clean energy and natural farming, and to do so, youth must be involved in mission mode. ■



Foundation stone and inauguration of projects worth about Rs 4,400 crore in Gandhinagar, Gujarat

Focus on Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities in Amrit Kaal

Economy will gain traction

The central government is working in every field to ensure that the country's economy grows at a rapid pace. The government believes that in the next 25 years, i.e., Amrit Kaal, special emphasis will have to be placed on the development of the country's tier-two and three cities; only then will the economy gain traction. In this sequence, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation for various development projects in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, on May 12. He also participated in Gruh Pravesh by handing over keys to thousands of beneficiaries of the PMAY scheme during the programme.

The central government is working to address future challenges and the country's increasing urbanisation. This is why modern infrastructure is being built in small cities and towns across the country. Using modern technology, more than 1,000 houses have been built in Rajkot in this sequence. This experiment was carried out in six cities across the country as part of the Light House project, where technology has aided in the construction of affordable and modern housing. The government has promised that in the coming years, such houses will also be available to the poor.

During a programme in Gandhinagar, Prime Minister Modi stated that tier-two and tier-three cities, in particular, will help the economy during

Launch of several projects Handed over the keys to 19,000 houses

- Prime Minister Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of development projects worth over Rs 2,450 crore in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. These include projects of the Urban Development Department, the Water Supply Department, the Road and Transport Department, and the Mines and Minerals Department.
- The projects inaugurated include multi-rural drinking water supply schemes in Banaskantha district, an overbridge over the river in Ahmedabad, a waste water harvesting network at Naroda GIDC, sewer treatment plants at Mehsana and Ahmedabad, an auditorium at Dahegam, etc.
- The projects for which foundation stones were laid include bulk pipeline projects in Junagadh district, augmentation of water supply schemes in Gandhinagar district, flyover bridges, new water distribution stations, construction of various urban roads, etc.
- Prime Minister Modi also inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for PMAY (rural and urban) projects. Along with this, about 19 thousand houses built under this scheme were also involved in the Grih Parvesh programme. He handed over the keys to the houses to the beneficiaries of the scheme during the programme. The total cost of these projects is around Rs. 1950 crore.

Prime Minister Visits Gift City

The Prime Minister paid a visit to Gandhinagar's 'Gujarat International Finance Technology City' (GIFT City). During the visit, he reviewed the progress of various ongoing projects in Gift City. He interacted with GIFT-IFSC organisations to learn about their future plans and experiences in GIFT City. The Prime Minister also paid a visit to the city's main infrastructure facilities, which included an "underground utility tunnel" and an "automated waste collection and segregation plant."





the Amrit Kaal's 25-year duration. In order to meet future demands, systems are being upgraded. As part of the AMRUT mission, more than 500 cities in the country are getting improved basic facilities, and 100 cities are getting smart facilities.

Prime Minister Modi stated that the country's metro network is being expanded so that people do not have to spend as much time travelling from one place to another. Metro serves 20 cities across the country. In the last nine years, the metro network has grown from 250 kilometres prior to 2014 to 600 kilometres. "Today, twin cities like Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar are also connected by trains like the Vande Bharat Express," the Prime Minister said. The number of electric buses is increasing in many Gujarat cities. The government is working



New National Education Policy transforming the old system

India's education system is changing in the 21st century, teachers are changing, and students are changing as well. In such a case, how we move forward in these changing circumstances becomes important. PM Modi asserts that India is now building new systems to meet the needs of the 21st century. This is why the new National Education Policy was created. For many years, we gave our children only book knowledge in the name of education in schools. The new National Education Policy is replacing that outdated system. The National Education Policy is founded on practical aspects.

On May 12, Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the 29th Biennial All India Education Union Convention of the All India Primary Teachers Association in Gandhinagar. Prime Minister Modi also paid a visit to the exhibition on this occasion. The conference's theme was "Teacher: the focal point of educational change." In the Amrit Kaal of independence, when India is moving forward with a determination to develop, the role of all teachers is critical. "While living in Gujarat, I had the experience of working with primary teachers to change the entire education system of the state," Prime Minister Modi said at the convention. My experience working with teachers in Gujarat has greatly aided us in developing policies and policy frameworks.

Prime Minister Modi said in the programme that world leaders hold high regard for Indian teachers. He stated that he frequently hears this when he meets with foreign dignitaries. The Prime Minister recalled how the King of Bhutan, King of Saudi Arabia, and the Director General of the World Health Organisation (WHO) all expressed admiration for their Indian teachers.

hard to make sure that all of the schemes' benefits are available to everyone. When the government works for the benefit of all citizens, social justice is achieved.

Such government actions go a long way towards boosting the confidence of the poor at a time when they are least concerned about the necessities of life. In the last nine years, approximately four crore houses have been given to low-income families. 70% of these houses are registered in the names of women or in joint names. Prime Minister Modi stated that the housing being built under PMAY is a combination of several schemes. He stated that this includes one toilet as part of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, an electricity connection as part of the Saubhagya scheme, a free LPG connection as part of the Ujjwala scheme, and a tap connection as part of the Jal Jeevan Mission. Free treatment and rations also serve as a protective shield for the poor. ■



100th Anniversary of Kadwa Patidar Samaj

Patidar samaj: A medium to understand India and Gujarat

Any nation's journey reflects the journey of its society. It is a medium to know and see India and Gujarat in some ways, with hundreds of years of Kadwa Patidar society's history and vision for the future. Despite hundreds of years of foreign invader tyranny, the ancestors of this society did not allow their identity or faith to be eroded. On May 11, Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke at the 100th anniversary of the Kadwa Patidar community's service, which is flying the flag of success all over the world.

Today, the Kadwa Patidar community is moving forward with their labour and ability, wherever they are. The people of this society are present in every sector, whether it is timber, plywood, hardware, marble, or building materials. Along with all of this, this society's respect for its traditions has grown from generation to generation, year after year.

On the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the Kadwa Patidar Samaj, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "I am grateful to all of you for including me as a member of your family in the Sanatani Shatabdi Mahotsav." Sanatan is not just a word; it is ever-new and ever-changing. It has an inherent desire to better itself from the past and is therefore eternal, immortal". Prime Minister Modi emphasised his personal connections with those who advanced Shri Akhil Bhartiya Kutch Kadwa Patidar Samaj and were inspired by Narayan Ramji Limbani. He stated that he stays current on the work and campaigns of this society. Prime Minister Modi said, "Whether it was the difficult phase of the Kutch earthquake or the long relief and reconstruction efforts that followed, it was the strength of society that always gave me a sense of confidence." ■

Kutch's rejuvenation over the years

Kutch used to be one of the most backward districts in the country. Kutch's identity was defined by water scarcity, hunger, animal deaths, migration, and misery. When an officer was transferred to Kutch, it was viewed as a punishment posting, but Kutch has since been revitalised. The way work was done to solve the water crisis in Kutch and to make Kutch the world's most popular tourist destination is an excellent example of everyone's efforts. Kutch is now one of the country's fastest-growing districts. Kutch's connectivity is improving, and major industries are establishing themselves there. In Kutch, where it was once difficult to imagine farming, agricultural products are now exported.



G-20 Presidency

Cultural splendour on display...

India sets the agenda for influential countries

Every state and city in India has its own distinct cultural heritage. Language, dress, and cuisine differ in the Northeast, South, Hilly Region, and Central India. Not only is India presenting this diversity in the more than 100 meetings that have taken place during India's G-20 presidency, but India is also setting the agenda for the countries involved in this influential group. India is also having success in agreeing on priorities. The third meeting of the Development Working Group was held in Goa in the first two weeks of May, the second meeting of the Culture Working Group in Bhubaneswar, and the third meeting of the Energy Transformation Working Group in Mumbai.

India prioritises SDG achievements

During its G-20 presidency, India has proposed an ambitious agenda for the Development Working Group. The agenda seeks inclusive and sustainable growth while also advancing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). A proposed outcome document from the Government of India will be included in the Leaders'-level Green Development Agreement document, which will include a high-level principle for data and an action plan to accelerate progress on the SDGs. The same agreement document will be adopted at the leaders' summit in September 2023. Dammu Ravi, Secretary (Economic Relations) in the Ministry of External Affairs, urged the Development Working Group at its third meeting, held from May 8 to May 11 in Goa, to work towards and support the consensus document.

Nagraj K. Naidu, Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs, and Eenam Gambhir, G-20 Joint Secretary, co-chaired the Development Working Group meeting. Separate sessions were held to finalise the language of outcome documents and to discuss data for development on environmental lifestyles. During its G-20 presidency, India is demonstrating a new path to the rest of the world in terms of the economic empowerment of women. India's presidency ensures that gender concerns are truly addressed, that services are available to all women, and that women's social and economic

Chairmanship Strengthening Global Cooperation in Energy Transition

The third meeting of the Energy Transition Working Group was held in Mumbai from May 15 to 17. The three-day meeting was attended by more than 100 delegations, including member countries, invited countries, and international organisations. The meeting discussed six priority areas, including energy transformation, by considering areas such as the technology gap, energy transition, and affordable financial support for future fuels. The first meeting of this group was held in Bengaluru, and the second meeting was held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

What emerged from the first two meetings of the Energy Transition Working Group focused on identifying best practises, policies, and innovative approaches that support an equitable and inclusive energy transition. The meeting aimed to develop a collective roadmap to achieve sustainable and equitable development while effectively addressing the challenges associated with the energy transition. A programme on 'Low Cost Finance for New and Emerging Energy Technologies' was organised during the meeting, which was attended by representatives from policymakers, domestic and international financial institutions, development banks, and several other agencies.

During its presidency of the G-20, India is committed to building on the efforts and outcomes of its previous presidency, underscoring the continuity and collective pursuit of global cooperation in the clean energy transition. India's G20 chairmanship aims to further strengthen global cooperation on the clean energy transition.

Six Priorities of the Energy Transition Working Group

- Energy transformation by bridging the technology gap
- Low-cost financing for energy transformation
- Energy Security and Diversified Supply Chain
- Energy efficiency, low industrial carbon emissions, and responsible consumption
- Fuel for the Future (3F)
- Universal access to clean energy and pathways to an equitable, affordable, and inclusive energy transition

Schedule of G-20 meetings in the first fortnight of June

- Third meeting of the Employment Working Group, June 1–2, Geneva
- Third meeting of the Health Working Group, June 4–6, Hyderabad
- Third Meeting of the International Financial Architecture Working Group, 5-7 June, Goa
- Fourth meeting of the Development Working Group, June 4–9, New Delhi
- Development Ministers' Meeting, June 11–13, Varanasi
- Third meeting of the Framework Working Group, June 12–14, Kochi
- 3rd Meeting of the Digital Economy Working Group, June 12–14, Pune

empowerment is promoted in order to build a better world. In light of this, the Development Group meeting focused on the theme Women and the Economy: Emerging Sectors and the Future of Work. The events of the meeting not only emphasised the need for greater inclusion and empowerment of women but also discussed new leadership in the coming decades.

Second meeting of Culture Working Group

The Working Group on Culture held its second meeting in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, from May 14 to May 17. The direction decided in the first meeting of the Culture Working Group in Khajuraho, Madhya Pradesh, will gain momentum with this meeting. This group's meetings are primarily focused on the four priority areas identified under India's G-20 Presidency's Culture Track. Priority areas include cultural property conservation and restoration, using living heritage for a sustainable future, promoting cultural and creative industries and the creative economy, and leveraging digital technologies to preserve and promote culture. ■

OPERATION KAVERI

Safety of every Indian: Government's top priority

Like the Kaveri River, which flows uninterrupted to its destination, Operation Kaveri ensured the safe return of Indians stranded in crisis-ridden Sudan. The operation to evacuate Indians from war-torn Sudan, known as Operation Kaveri, has concluded. Approximately 4000 Indians were evacuated from Sudan as part of Operation Kaveri.



"That place is in a terrible situation. There are bombings and shootings going on. Shells are being fired from the tank. It's a great feeling to return to your homeland after being in such a situation." There is a serious situation over there. "The Indian Embassy in Sudan did a good job," I said when I returned home. "It's great for us. It was excellent coordination. India is great." The Indians who were rescued from the unstable Sudan and returned home are the ones who said these words. Indians who returned safely to India from war-torn Sudan as part of Operation Kaveri thanked the Central Government. "We have been brought here safely," says Haider Abbas of Lucknow. We are grateful to the Indian Embassy, the Indian Army, and the Central Government for their assistance in bringing us back to our homeland."

This was not the first time the government ensured the safe return of Indians stranded abroad. If any Indian, anywhere in the world, has a problem, the government acts until it is resolved. Whenever Indians were in trouble abroad, Prime Minister Narendra Modi came forward to help them. Whether it is the safe return of over 4,000 Indians during the conflict in Yemen, the return of crores of Indians stranded abroad during the COVID period, the safe return of Indians following the Taliban occupation of Afghanistan, or the return of Indians caught up



Indians evacuated from Sudan under risky conditions

- Bringing passengers from various parts of the country to Port Sudan under hazardous conditions was a difficult task. The flight from Wadi Sayyedna was also risky and difficult.
- People were safely evacuated from Port Sudan to Jeddah in Saudi Arabia through 17 Indian Air Force flights and 5 Indian Navy ships. 86 citizens were evacuated from countries bordering Sudan.
- Military and commercial flights brought people back from Jeddah. S. Jaishankar, Union External Affairs Minister, stated that we are grateful to Saudi Arabia for hosting them and facilitating this process. He also expressed gratitude to Chad, Egypt, France, South Sudan, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, and the United States.
- The spirit, tenacity, and courage displayed by everyone involved in Operation Kaveri were admirable. During this difficult time, our Embassy in Khartoum demonstrated extraordinary dedication. Team India's efforts in Saudi Arabia, as well as the Foreign Rapid Response Cell coordinating in India, were commendable.

Government campaigns for the safe return of Indians

- The Indian Armed Forces launched Operation Raahat in 2015 to evacuate over 4000 Indian nationals and foreigners from Yemen.
- On May 5, 2020, Operation Samudra Setu was launched as part of efforts to bring back Indian citizens from abroad during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- On May 7, 2020, India launched one of the world's largest evacuation operations, Operation Vande Bharat, to bring back its citizens who were stranded abroad in the wake of the coronavirus crisis.
- Under Operation Devi Shakti, hundreds of people from Afghan were brought to India in August 2021.
- Under Operation Ganga, Indian nationals and many foreign nationals were successfully evacuated from Ukraine in February 2022.

India's evacuation operation, 'Operation Kaveri"

An evacuation operation launched by the Government of India with the objective of bringing back stranded Indian nationals in Sudan safely. Operation Kaveri was launched on April 24, 2023, as a rapid response to the crisis in Sudan. A team consisting of officials from the Ministry of External Affairs, the Indian Air Force, and the Indian Embassy in Sudan was deputed to ensure that proper procedures were followed for the safe evacuation of Indian nationals from Sudan. In the meantime, Indian nationals were taken from different parts of Sudan to the capital, Khartoum, from where they were brought back to India.

in the Russia-Ukraine war, the government has always demonstrated readiness, as evidenced by the successful completion of Operation Kaveri for the safe return of Indians stranded in Sudan.

In a tweet on May 5, the Indian Embassy in Saudi Arabia stated, "Today, we closed the transit facility created at the International Indian School Jeddah for those evacuated from Sudan during Operation Kaveri." It helped in the evacuation of over 3,500 people." It also served as a strong hub for further action planning for Sudanese evacuees." During any international crisis, India has always acted quickly to assist its citizens. During times of crisis, India has also provided humanitarian aid to citizens of other countries, inspired by its age-old philosophy of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam. ■

PROTECTION OF MOTHERS, PROTECTION OF OUR FUTURE



Mother has a pivotal role to play in the lives of everyone. The world cannot be imagined without a mother. It is said that a mother's presence in life brings luck and happiness. Keeping the same in mind, the present Central Government started the Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan on June 9, 2016. Under it, on the 9th of every month, a special health check-up of pregnant women in the second and third trimesters is done in government hospitals so that mothers are protected, and our future is protected...

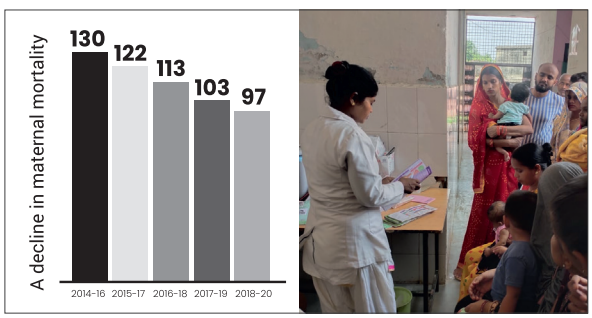
"I urge all the doctor brothers and sisters to provide special ANC services free of cost to pregnant women in government hospitals on the 9th of every month." About seven thousand voluntary workers have registered themselves and are providing services following this appeal made by Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan. In government hospitals, on the 9th of every month, an attempt is made to make pregnant women feel that they are special. After 4 months of pregnancy i.e. in the second and third trimester, doctors do special health check-ups of pregnant women. They are given a minimum package of antenatal care services including medicines. If the 9th of a month happens to be a Sunday or a state holiday, then this day will be organized on the next working day.

Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan is a new initiative of the Government of India. It has been ensured to provide comprehensive and quality antenatal care to all pregnant women on the fixed 9th of every month. The main feature of this campaign is that the pre-natal check-up services are provided by specialists or medical officers. Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal, and Odisha have benefited the most women in the campaign.

The PM Matritva Vandana Yojana, the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (Amendment) Act 2021, and the Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan being run by the Central Government to ensure healthy motherhood have an impact that the death rate of women during childbirth in the country is declining.

Red Sticker – for women with a high-risk pregnancy

Till the first fortnight of May, 3.94 crore pregnant women across the country have been screened under this scheme. In this, more than 25 lakh high-risk pregnancies have been identified. In the campaign, a green sticker is placed on the woman's card in case of a normal pregnancy, while a red sticker is placed in a high-risk pregnancy.
For more information and to become a volunteer, visit this link:
https://pmsma.mohfw.gov.in/?lang=en

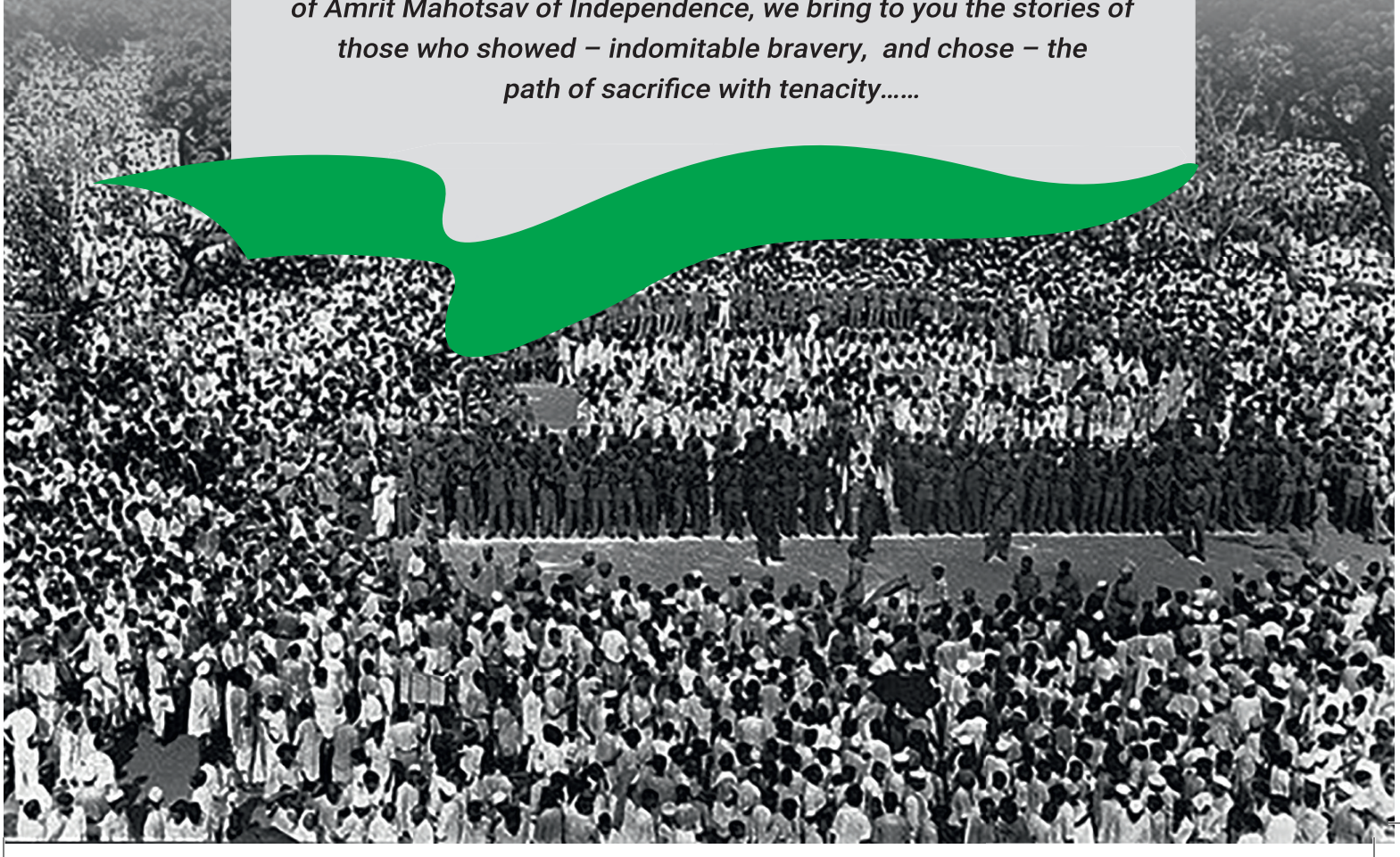


With initiatives like improving the quality of the labour room, now the mother is also safe while giving birth. Where 130 mothers died per one lakh births in 2014-16, that number has now reduced to 97 in 2018-2020. The National Health Policy had a target of 100 per 100,000 live births by 2020 and is on track to achieve the Sustainable Development Goal of 70 per 100,000 live births by 2030. ■

आज़ादी का अमृत महोत्सव

EXHIBITED INDOMITABLE BRAVERY, CHOSE - THE PATH OF PENANCE AND SACRIFICE

In India's freedom struggle, people of different thinking and thoughts were fighting for independence. Some were engaged in the movement with Mahatma Gandhi, while some were fighting against the British through armed resistance. Nanak Bhil, Dinesh Chandra Majumdar, Upendranath Bandyopadhyay, and Ganesh Damodar Savarkar were also part of the freedom struggle. While Nanak Bhil and Dinesh Chandra Majumdar chose the path of martyrdom for freedom, Upendranath Bandyopadhyay and Ganesh Damodar Savarkar served the punishment of Kalapani. This time, in the series of Amrit Mahotsav of Independence, we bring to you the stories of those who showed – indomitable bravery, and chose – the path of sacrifice with tenacity……





NANAK BHIL

RAISED CONSCIOUSNESS WITH SONGS, MARTYRED BY THE BRITISH BULLET

Born: 1809, Died: June 13, 1922

Nanak Bhil, who held revolutionary thoughts against the British, was born in 1809 in the Dhaneshwar village of Barar. His father's name was Bheru Bhil. He was a brave, fearless, courageous, and alert person since childhood. Nanak Bhil was greatly influenced by the movements led by Govind Guru and Motilal Tejawat. This is the reason why Nanak Bhil used a special flag song for the awareness of the rights of every class.

After the success of Bijolian's farmer's movement, there was an awakening among farmers in Begu and Bundi as well and they too fought against the feudal forces to protect their rights. The farmers of the Barar area of Bundi, bordering Bijolian, also supported it. Meetings were organized at different places for the movement and farmers, men, and women kept coming forward for Satyagraha. Bundi's army attacked the farmers and their women to make these meetings unsuccessful, suppress the peasant movement, and create terror among the people. The cavalry of the state attacked the Satyagrahi women by running horses over them and using spears. The army also opened fire at various places.

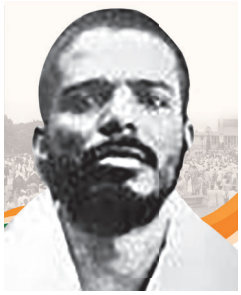
A farmers' meeting was organized in a village named Dabi to oppose the poor condition of farmers. Mass leader of Hadoti Pandit Nayanuram Sharma was presiding over the meeting. Thousands of farmers, men and women and children, and old people from the surrounding areas had gathered to participate in the meeting. The police surrounded the pandal from all sides.

The proceedings of the conference began and Nanak Bhil was the first to come on the stage to sing the flag song. Nanak Bhil was a fearless, courageous, and truthful farmer activist. There was an ooze in his speech. He had a significant role in organizing the farmer's movement by visiting every village of Hadoti. He was a very trusted worker of Pt Nayanuram Sharma. Also, he was a good folk singer. He had awakened a new consciousness in Hadoti by singing folk songs composed for the awakening of the farmers.

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Nanak Bhil was a fearless, courageous, and truthful farmer activist.

Nanak Bhil sang the initial words of the flag song in the meeting – Even if you lose your life friends, don't let the flag down. At the same time, the police started firing from behind. Nanak Bhil was hit by three bullets in the back. He just fell to the ground. The blood-soaked Nanak Bhil courageously stood up once again and for the last time raised the slogan of Vande Mataram and attained martyrdom on 13th June 1922. Great revolutionary, tribal leader Amar Shaheed Nanak Bhil contributed to freeing Mother India from the shackles of subordination. His sacrifice will always spread patriotism among Indians.



UPENDRANATH BANDYOPADHYAY

SENTENCED TO KALAPANI FOR THE FREEDOM OF THE COUNTRY

Born: June 6, 1879, Died: April 4, 1950

Upendranath Bandyopadhyay, one of the revolutionaries who fought for India's independence, was born on 6 June 1879 in Chandannagar, Hoogly district in West Bengal. His father's name was Ramnath Bandyopadhyay he was a famous Sanskrit scholar. It is said that he was very playful in his childhood. After passing the examination from the Duplex College, he joined Calcutta Medical College for a three-year degree course. Then he went to Duff College. Later he left everything and went on a religious pilgrimage with his friend Rishikesh Kanjilal. On his return to Chandannagar, he worked as a teacher in two local schools for some time. Even as a teacher, he used to inspire the students there with revolutionary ideas. However, he could not adapt to normal life. He also worked on Aurobindo Ghosh's 'Vande Mataram' journal.

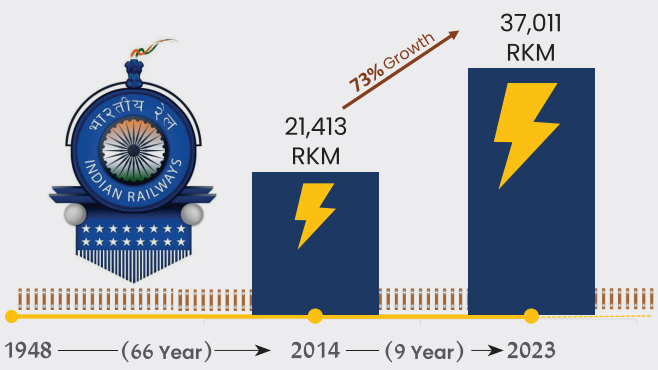
On getting guidance from Charuchandra Roy from Duplex College, he was inclined to join the Yugantar newspaper. Charuchand Roy is behind inspiring many revolutionaries including Rash Behari Bose. Upendranath's life changed completely after going to the Yugantar office. There he met Barindra Kumar Ghosh and other senior leaders of the group. There he took charge of editing Yugantar and Vande Mataram. Through these letters, he propagated revolutionary ideas among the people. This is how he got associated with the Maniktala Garden House Group. A saint by heart, a writer of class, and a born patriot, Upendranath is also believed to have been one of the key revolutionary involved in the Alipore Conspiracy Case.

Upendranath was arrested by the British on 2 May 1908 along with Barindra Ghosh and others. Upendranath, was punished with Kalapani by the British government. This sentence was upheld by the High Court in its appellate order on 23 November 1909. Released in 1920 after serving 12 years in Kalapani, he returned home and devoted the rest of his life to writing. He also wrote a book on his experience in the Cellular Jail. He also wrote many books on philosophical subjects in a very interesting and entertaining manner. The services and penances he did for the country cannot be described. Revolutionary Upendranath Bandyopadhyay died on 4 April 1950.

Rail Electrification: Creating a Sustainable Future

Railways played a critical role in India's independence. Not only did freedom fighters use Indian Railways, but their introduction also increased the exchange of information. In these changing times, the Indian Railways are also rapidly changing and being electrified. Rail electrification provides a sustainable and efficient mode of transport that is virtually pollution-free and does not rely on fossil fuels.

Only 21,413 Route Kilometres (RKM) of railway track had been electrified in India since independence until 2014. Rail electrification in India has accelerated significantly in the last nine years. In the last nine years, a total of 37,011 Route Kilometres (RKM) of railway electrification have been completed. So far, 58,424 route kilometres have been electrified, accounting for 90% of the Indian Railways' total routes. By 2030, Indian Railways hopes to be the world's largest green railway, with zero carbon emissions. Indian Railways has completed 100% railway electrification in 14 states and UTs, a significant step towards achieving this ambitious target.





DINESH CHANDRA MAZUMDAR

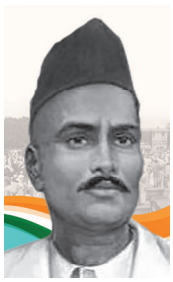
WENT TO GALLOWS FOR THE SAKE OF THE NATION

Born: May, 1907, Died: June 9, 1934

Dinesh Chandra Mazumdar was born in May 1907 into an aristocratic family in Basirhat, 24 Parganas, West Bengal. His childhood was spent in difficult circumstances. He attended Basirhat High School and then went on to complete his B.Sc. in 1928. He later enrolled in law school. During this period, he was associated with Bengal's main revolutionaries. Bipin Bihari Ganguly, the famous revolutionary, taught him the lessons of revolution and idealism. He joined the anti-British group 'Jugantar'. This organisation used to offer a variety of training opportunities to its female members. Dinesh returned to his birthplace, Basirhat, and began gathering and training dedicated patriots with the active support of Dr. Jatindranath Ghoshal. Dinesh organised a gathering of brave young people. Their goal was to train a secret group of revolutionaries and instill in the youth a sense of patriotism for the freedom of the motherland.

Dinesh founded a library and yoga centre in Basirhat in 1930. He also began imparting training for making bombs and weapons to the revolutionaries. Dinesh and three of his associates, Anuja Sen, Sailen Niyogi, and Atul Sen, threw a bomb at the then police commissioner of Calcutta, Charles Augustus Tegart, on August 25, 1930. They missed the target. In the incident, however, Anuja was killed. Dinesh was apprehended. A special tribunal tried him and sentenced him to life in prison. He was imprisoned in Midnapore's Central Jail.

On February 8, 1932, Dinesh, along with two other fellow revolutionaries, Sachin Kargupta and Sushil Dasgupta, escaped from jail and lived a life of anonymity. On August 5 and September 28 of the same year, he attacked Alfred Watson, editor of The Statesman. On May 22, 1933, Dinesh, Nalini, and Jagadananda were arrested and put on trial. After the trial, two others were sentenced to life imprisonment, while Dinesh was sentenced to death. Dinesh Chandra Mazumdar was hanged before dawn on June 9, 1934, in the Alipore Central Jail.



GANESH DAMODAR SAVARKAR

HE INSPIRED YOUTHS TO TAKE ON BRITISH EMPIRE

Born: 13 June, 1879, Died: March 16, 1945

Ganesh Damodar Savarkar, a freedom fighter, revolutionary, and politician, was born on June 13, 1879, in Bhagpur, near Nashik, Maharashtra. He received all of his education in Nashik. His initial interests were in religious practises and yoga. Ganesh Savarkar was the brother of freedom fighter Vinayak Damodar Savarkar. He is also known as Babarao Savarkar. It is said that Baba Rao, a staunch supporter of armed revolution and rebellion against the British Raj, gave the young people weapons and told them to fight the British Raj. Babarao also founded the revolutionary organisation Abhinav Bharat Society in 1904 to fight British rule militarily. This organisation inspired many freedom fighters to fight for freedom.

Ganesh Savarkar believed that revolution against the British Empire would necessitate a strong and steadfast organisation and that the efforts of a small group of people would be insufficient. For this, a group called 'Mitra Mela' was formed. He began commemorating great men's birth anniversaries with public meetings, which greatly aided in instilling patriotism in the youth. At the time, a revolutionary party called 'Abhinav Bharat' was active in Maharashtra. Vinayak Savarkar was a member of this group. When he moved to England, Baba Savarkar took over his work. He would get Vinayak's patriotic works and material sent from England printed, distributed, and collect funds for 'Innovative India'. The British government was not pleased with this work.

In 1909, a revolutionary named Anant Kanhere assassinated Nashik's collector. This is known as the 'Nashik Conspiracy Case'. Following an investigation, the English court concluded that the Savarkar brothers, including Babarao, were involved in the incident and, he was arrested in 1909. He was charged with treason, sentenced to life in prison, and deported to Andaman. He was brought to India in 1921 and could be released in 1922 after a year in the Sabarmati Jail. Ganesh Savarkar maintained contact with Dr. Keshav Baliram Hedgewar, who founded the RSS in 1925. Ganesh Damodar Savarkar also authored a number of books.



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Rajnath Singh
@rajnathsingh
The Govt under the leadership of PM Shri @narendramodi is committed towards indigenisation and self reliance in Defence sector.
Keeping this in mind, the 4th Positive Indigenisation List (PIL) of 928 strategically-important Line Replacement Units (LRUs)/ Sub-systems/Spares & Components has been approved. The list includes high-end materials & spares, with import substitution value worth Rs 715 crore.



Amit Shah
Model Prisons Act suggests states remodel prisons into reformative and correctional institutions from places of retributive deterrence.
Its goal is to reform prison management and ensure the transformation of inmates into law-abiding citizens and their rehabilitation in society.



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We have developed three underpasses along the Dehradun to Haridwar stretch of NH7 to shield wildlife habitats and provide safe passage, especially for elephants. The implementation of these underpasses is intended to promote the free movement of wildlife and protect their natural habitats. This initiative serves as a means to mitigate the adverse effects of human development on wildlife and to encourage the preservation of biodiversity.



Dr. Virendra Kumar
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Modi to dedicate 42k houses under PMAY in Gujarat

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA
@ Ahmedabad

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi will on Friday dedicate nearly 42,000 residences built at a cost of ₹1,946 crore under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (urban and rural).

The urban part of the scheme will include 7,113 houses. He would also lay the foundation stone for 4,331 buildings and facilitate 'griha pravesh' for 18,997 houses. The rural part includes inauguration of 12,000 houses in 3,740 villages across 232 talukas. In this, the total number of houses to be is 42,441. These are built at a cost of ₹1,946 crore.

At the event, the Prime Minister will hand over the keys to seven beneficiaries. He will also connect with the recipients virtually at various locations and address the event. During the ceremony, a short film about the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana will be shown.

The core plan will include 7,000 beneficiaries, with 4,000 from metropolitan areas and 3,000 from rural areas. Besides, beneficiaries from all over Gujarat will participate remotely in the event. The Bhaskaracharya Institute for Space Applications and Geoinformatics (BISAG) will provide connectivity at 3,900 urban and rural project sites in the state.

Cultural events such as 'toran-rangoli,' flower displays, tree plantations, 'kalash vidhis' and pujas performed by women, as well as local folk music and dances have been organized. Along with this, everyone in attendance will make a pledge for the Lifestyle for The Environment (LiFE) scheme.

PLAN AT A GLANCE

11.56 lakh Total no. of houses built so far in Gujarat under the scheme:	7.5 lakh In urban areas
	4.06 lakh In rural areas

Modi unveils projects worth ₹5,800cr to mark tech day

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NEW DELHI: To mark India's 25th National Technology Day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday announced 10 major projects collectively worth over ₹5,800 crore, and laid the foundation stones for major facilities such as the Laser Interferometer Gravitational Wave Observatory (LIGO-India), the Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital and Research Centre, and the National Hadron Beam Therapy Facility. Modi also released a commemorative stamp and coin marking 25 years since the Pokhran-II nuclear test.

"I can never forget the day when Atal Ji (former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee) made the announcement of India's successful nuclear testing. Since then, we have never stopped on our journey, and never surrendered to any challenge that has come our way," the Prime Minister said during an address at New Delhi's Pragati Maidan.


Narendra Modi

National Technology Day celebrations were started by Vajpayee in 1999 to honour Indian scientists, engineers and technologists who worked for India's scientific and technological advancement and ensured the successful conduct of Pokhran tests in May 1998. The 1998 tests, code-named Pokhran-II, were a series of five nuclear tests at the Pokhran test range in Rajasthan that made India a nuclear weapon state – giving it capability to build fission and thermonuclear weapons.

Modi said that the Pokhran test not only helped India prove its scientific capabilities but also gave a boost to India's stature on the global stage. To mark the day, he announced several important scientific projects, which he dedicated to the nation and said will give new impetus to India's progress. These projects include the establishment of the National Hadron Beam Therapy Facility, the Radiological Research Unit in Mumbai, Fission Molybdenum-99 Production Facility, Rare Earth Permanent Magnet Plant in Visakhapatnam and at least five cancer research hospitals.

Modi said that the government's aim is to make the country, "viksit" and "aatmnirbhar" (developed and self-reliant).

"India considers technology as a tool of the nation's progress, not a means to assert its dominance", the PM said.

Dr KK Talwar, former head of the Medical Council of India and the chairperson of the PSRI Heart Institute in Delhi, said, "World is looking and admires our contributions in science and medicine for the welfare of the society at large."

MoD frees another 928 items for domestic procurement

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

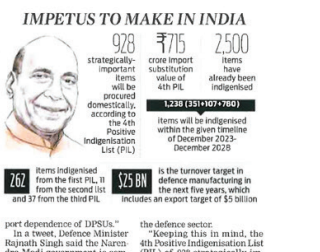
THE defence ministry has approved a fresh list of 928 components and subsystems which will only be procured from the domestic industry. A ban on their import will kick in under a staggered time-line of around five-and-a-half years.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has okayed the 4th Positive Indigenisation List (PIL) of 928 strategically-important line replacement units (LRUs)/sub-systems/spares and components, including high-end materials and spares, with import substitution value worth ₹715 crore.

These lists contain 2,500 items which have been already indigenised and 1,238 items which will be indigenised within the given timelines. Of these 1,238, over 300 items have been indigenised, according to a ministry statement.

The goal is to "promote 'Aatmanirbharta' in defence and minimise imports by defence public sector undertakings (DPSUs), the defence ministry said.

"DPSUs will undertake indigenisation of these items through different routes under 'Make' category and in-house development through the capabilities of MSMEs and private Indian industry, thereby providing impetus to the growth in economy, enhanced investment in defence and reduction in import dependence of DPSUs."



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"The list includes high-end materials and spares, with import substitution value worth Rs 715 crore," Singh added.

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True meaning of secularism is no discrimination: Modi

Lays foundation stone for projects worth around ₹4,400 cr in Gujarat

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@ Ahmedabad

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Friday laid the foundation stone for projects worth approximately ₹4,400 crore in Gujarat and dedicated the same to the nation. Addressing a gathering in Gandhinagar, the Prime Minister said: "The true meaning of secularism is when there is no discrimination at all." He added that social justice is achieved when the government works for the benefit of all members of society.

"The government is attempting to reach everyone and efforts are being made to ensure that the benefits of the initiatives are fully utilised. The development of the country is a conviction and a commitment for us," Modi said. The PM said country-building is an ongoing 'Maha Yagya' for him. He was pleased with the pace of development in Gujarat under the new government formed after the recent election. The PM also applauded the government for instilling a sense of 'priority to the deprived'.

The PM said the people have been experiencing unprecedented development in the last nine years. He recalled a time when even basic facilities were rare for the citizens. The country is coming out of that despondency, he remarked. "The country cannot transform its fate and become a developed nation by continuing on the path of failed policies," he stated, emphasising the distinctions between the current government's work culture and those of previous dispensations.

Throwing light on the statistics of the last decade, the PM pointed out that roughly 75 per cent of houses in rural areas lacked the facility of a toilet even though policies were already in place. After 2014, the government did not limit itself to only providing a roof for the poor but turned the homes into a basis for tackling poverty and a medium for strengthening their dignity.

"Under PMAY, the beneficiaries have a say in the construction of houses where the government transfers the financial aid directly into their bank accounts", the PM said.

TOP SCHEMES AT A GLANCE



WOMEN EMPOWERMENT: Over the last nine years, more than 4 crore dwellings PMAY have been distributed to low-income families. For the first time, crores of women have owned any property. The PM wished the 'Lakhpati Didis' success

REAL ESTATE: RERA Act has provided legal security to middle-class families for getting the promised facilities when purchasing a house. Subsidy on housing loans by middle-class families. In Gujarat, 5 lakh families got assistance worth Rs. 11,000 crore

25 YEARS OF AMRIT KAAL: Basic facilities are being ensured up in 500 cities under the AMRUT Mission. And 100 cities are getting smart facilities

URBAN TRANSPORT: Metro is running in 20 cities in the country. Metro network in the country grew 600 kilometers

SWACHH BHARAT: Waste processing in the country has increased from 14-15% in 2014 to 75% today

● FOCUS ON INCREASING PRODUCTIVITY OF OILSEEDS

Govt targets to cut edible oil import to 36% by FY26

Imports stood at ₹1.66 trn in oil year Nov-Oct 2021-22

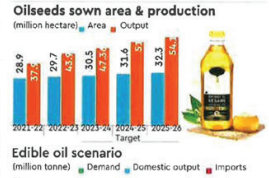
SANDIP DAS
New Delhi, May 10

THE STEPS INCLUDE bringing in non-traditional areas under oilseeds production, reviving cultivation of sunflower oil, increasing seed replacement ratio and introduction of new high yielding varieties.

According to an official note reviewed by FE, the aim is to expand the area under oilseeds by 8.75% to 32.3 million hectare (mh) in the 2021-22 season, mustard sown areas stood at 9.1 MH.

The government is also discussing measures to revive sunflower production, which is currently grown in small areas. According to an agriculture ministry official, the average area under sunflower ranged from 2.1 MH in 1990-95 to 1.94 MH in 2005-2010. The area declined to 0.28 MH during 2017-18 and currently stagnated around 0.26 MH.

Stating that more than 70% of the oilseed crops are largely grown under rain-fed condition and more prone to biotic and abiotic stresses, the official note has suggested increasing irrigation coverage



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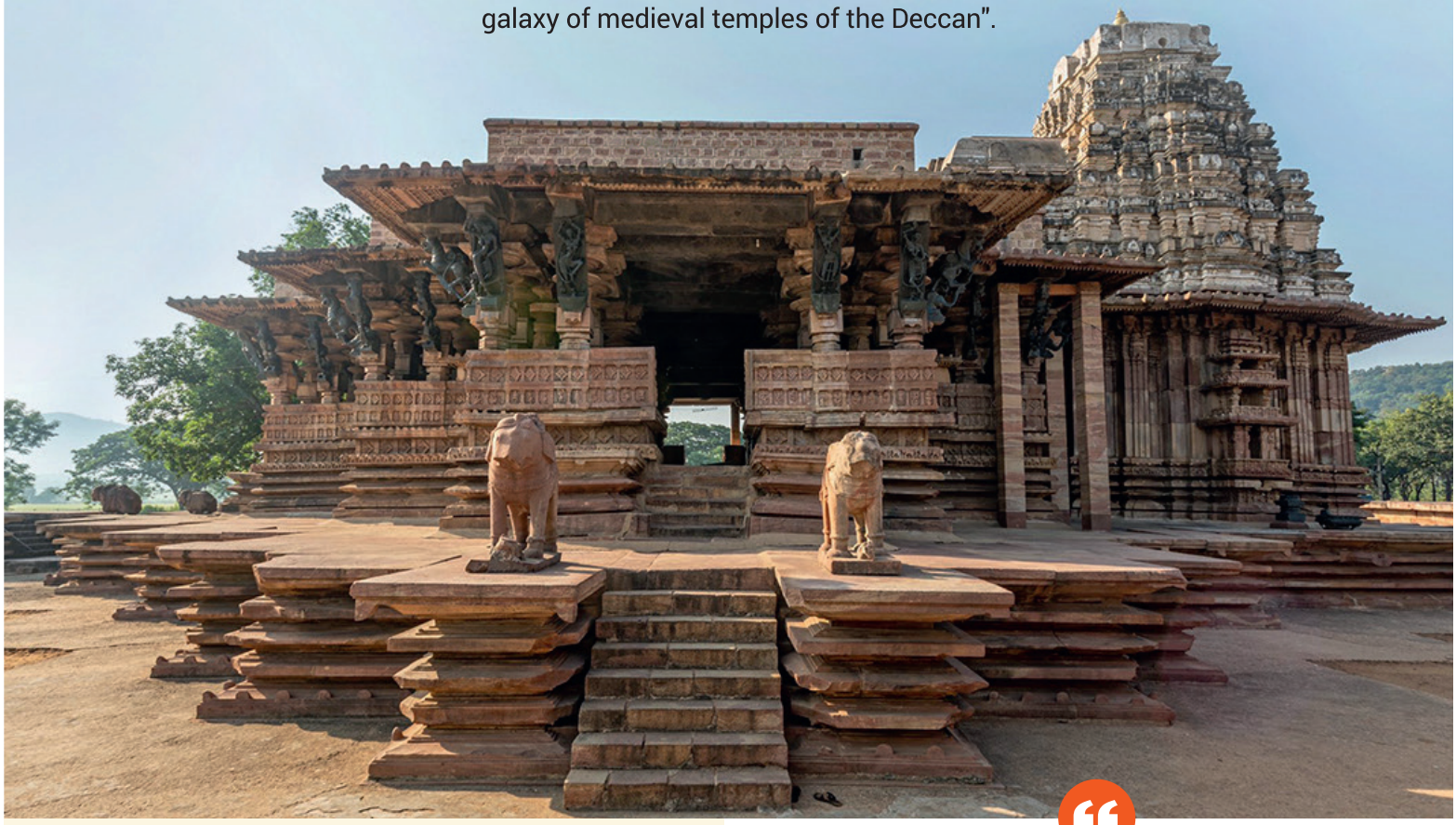
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Rich Heritage

BRIGHTEST STAR IN THE GALAXY OF MEDIEVAL TEMPLES OF THE DECCAN

India is the land of 40 world heritage sites. Although all of them are marvelous, in the year 2021, the Rudreswara temple located in the Mulugu district of Telangana, included in the UNESCO World Heritage List, is still a subject of research due to its strength and stone. 'Ramappa Temple' is perhaps the only temple in the world, which is not named after any God but after the name of its sculptor. Enchanted by the beauty of the temple, a European traveler referred to this temple as "the brightest star in the galaxy of medieval temples of the Deccan".



- The Ramappa temple was built in 1213 AD by Recharla Rudra, a general of the Kakatiya king Ganapati Deva.
- This 13th-century marvel is built with unique architecture and engineering. The established deity is Ramalingeswara Swamy i.e. Shiva.
- The temple stands on a 6 feet high star-like platform. It is decorated with intricate carvings on the walls, pillars, and ceilings.

Excellent! Greetings to all. The iconic Ramappa Temple displays the exquisite craftsmanship of the great Kakatiya dynasty. I urge all of you to visit this majestic temple and experience its magnificence firsthand.

– Narendra Modi, **Prime Minister**

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