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**A new identity
of tribal pride**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's mantra of 'Vocal for Local', dedicated to the upliftment of approximately 11 crore tribals and different communities, has become the basis of developed India



Ayodhya's Deepotsav



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Wishing everyone a Happy Diwali. Diwali is associated with brightness and radiance. May this auspicious festival further the spirit of joy and well-being in our lives. I hope you have a wonderful Diwali with family and friends. ”

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

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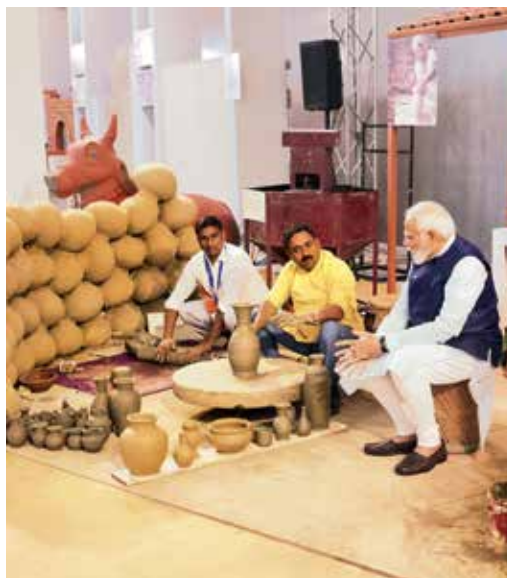
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Vocal for Local Symbol of India's resurgence

Greetings,

उत्साहो बलवान् आर्य,
न अस्ति उत्साह परम् बलम्।
स उत्साहस्य लोकेषु,
न किञ्चित् अपि दुर्लभम्॥

It means there is no greater strength in the world than our enthusiasm and our emotions. There is nothing in the world that we cannot achieve with this strength. The result of this approach is that today's India is not only vocal for the local but is also making efforts to make its products global. Every new beginning brings with it an opportunity to recognize your potential. On the call of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the country lent all its support to achieve goals which we could not even imagine earlier. In the AatmaNirbhar Bharat campaign self-respect and self-pride not only became an inspiration but also a driving force. AatmaNirbhar Bharat campaign which started during disaster like Covid as an opportunity during adversity is inscribed in golden letters for building a new India by recognizing the power of 'local'. This Vocal for Local campaign does not just mean buying an earthen lamp during festivals, the lamp is just a symbol.

It is worthwhile to mention a poem here, which Prime Minister Narendra Modi probably penned in Gujarati in his teenage years, on the earthen lamp and its title was 'Diya' which is called Divo in Gujarati. He had written - દીવા જેવી આશ ને દીવા જેવો તાપ, દીવા જેવી આગ ને દીવા થકી હાશ. ઊગતા સૂરજને હર કોઈ પૂજે, એ તો આથમતી સાંજેય આપે સાથ. જાતે બળે ને બાળે અંધાર, માનવના મનમાં ઊગે રખોપાનો ભાવ. It means lamp gives hope as well as heat. The lamp gives fire and also comfort. Everyone worships the rising sun but the lamp illuminates even in the dark evenings.

The lamp itself burns and also burns the darkness, the lamp brings a sense of dedication in the human mind. We ourselves burn, and toil hard but when the light of 'Siddhi' is born, we selflessly share it with the whole world, dedicate it to the whole world.

In essence India's development journey lies in the mantra of Vocal for Local. This mantra is today giving a new identity to tribal art and skill. Raising income through tribal art and skills is getting impetus. In view of the Tribal Pride Day on 15th November and Diwali on 12th November the efforts of Central Government towards Vocal for Local for tribal welfare have become our cover story this time. This spirit is guiding and illuminating the resurgence of India.

In the personality section read about Dr. Sachchidananda Sinha, who played an important role in the making of the Constitution. Also read Prime Minister Narendra Modi's inspiring article paying tribute to MS Swaminathan on his demise in this issue. The issue also includes the Prime Minister's visit to Uttarakhand, India's outstanding achievement in the Asian Games-2022 and the auction of gifts received by the PM. Also special content on Prime Minister who has been serving as the head of government for 22 years and celebrating every Diwali with the soldiers has been made a part of this issue.

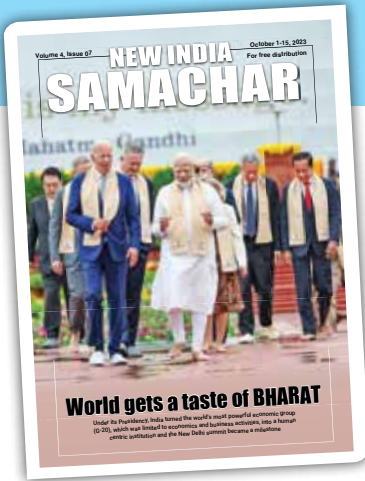
Best wishes to you on the festive season with the pledge of Vocal for Local.



(Manish Desai)



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New India Samachar magazine is a wonderful magazine in itself. I always look forward to the upcoming editions of the magazine. This magazine has a attractive layout. The content is very informative and useful. Through this magazine, we keep abreast of all the happenings in the country and abroad.



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A useful journal for information on development and progress

I am from Kerala. I am a ward member of the Thenmala panchayat in the state. The New India Samachar Magazine is very useful to know about the development and progress. Many congratulations and best wishes to the entire editorial team for this wonderful magazine.



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A very good issue of New India Samachar

Thank you very much for the new issue of New India Samachar magazine. This issue is very excellent. It gives adequate information about the G-20, India's role in the G-20, and our strength to the world.



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The magazine is very useful for students.

The New India Samachar Magazine is very useful for students. Every issue is like learning something new.



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PM SVANidhi beneficiaries' number surpasses 50 lakhs milestone

Prime Minister Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) is boosting self-respect of street vendors. The number of beneficiaries of this scheme, which was started to provide support to street vendors during Covid-19 pandemic, has crossed the 50 lakh mark. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that the scheme has not only made the lives of our street vendors across the country easier but has also given them an opportunity to live with dignity. PM SVANidhi Yojana was started on June 1, 2020, in which loans up

to Rs 50 thousand are given without any guarantee. Due to expansion of facilities they have earned cashback of Rs 58.2 crore by doing digital transactions worth Rs 1.33 lakh crore. Its scope has been widened with "SVANidhi se Samridhi" which aims to connect beneficiaries' families to eight schemes. The number of loans given under it has been 50.04 lakh, 14.28 lakh and 1.68 lakh for first, second and third loan cycles respectively out of which 22.57 lakh loans have been paid back by these street vendors.

More than 71 percent villages of the country declared ODF Plus

It is imperative for a clean and healthy India that there is freedom from open defecation and a robust system of liquid and solid waste management at the rural level. 100 per cent (6,650 villages) in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir have achieved ODF Plus (Open Defecation Free) status. Uttar Pradesh has also achieved 100% ODF Plus coverage. All 95,767 villages declared themselves ODF Plus. This is a very effective step towards complete cleanliness. Swachh Bharat Mission – Gramin 2.0 was launched on April 1, 2020 for a period of next 5 years with an aim to maintain the Open Defecation Free (ODF)



status. Till now, more than 4.31 lakh villages i.e. more than 71% have declared themselves as ODF Plus. PM Narendra Modi while appreciating this achievement has written – "Praiseworthy efforts, for which I congratulate the people of Jammu and Kashmir. This is an important step in our journey towards a clean and healthy India."

Kumbh of Games: Record number of 43 sporting disciplines included in the 37th National Games

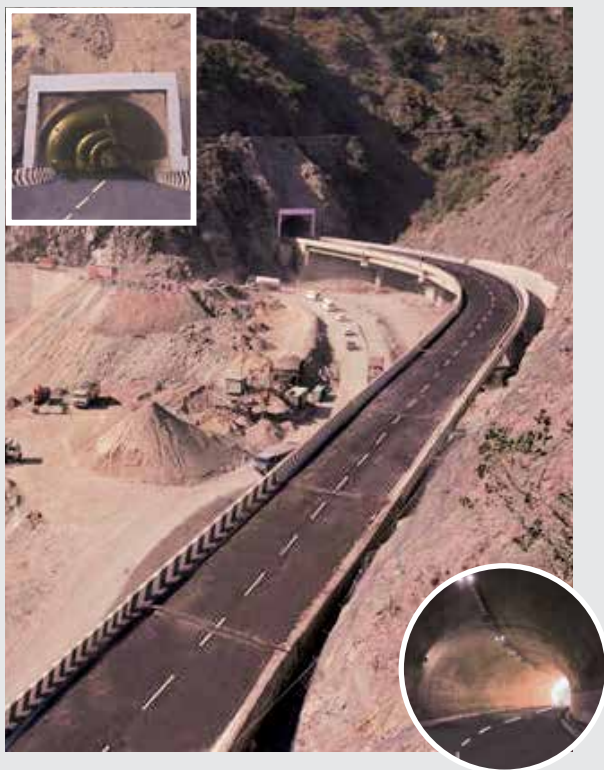


The 37th National Games will be organized in Goa from 26 October to 9 November. The Olympic-style multi-sport event will feature

28 states and 8 union territories. Goa CM Pramod

Sawant has said that a record 43 sporting disciplines will be included this time. In the previous edition when National Games were held in Gujarat it featured 36 sports disciplines while in 2015 National Games held in Kerala 33 sports disciplines were included. With increase in number of sports disciplines the 37th National Games will be the biggest event ever. It includes Beach Football, Roll Ball, Golf, Sepak takraw, Sqay Martial Arts, Kalaripayattu and Pencak silat. Additionally, sailing and taekwondo are making a come back which were not included in the previous edition. The games of Lagori and Gatka have been included as demonstration games.

Jammu and Kashmir transforming...Construction of Marog tunnel completed



The construction of 395 meter long Sitaram Passi-Marog tunnel and another 250 meter bridge being built on Ramban-Banihal road in Jammu and Kashmir has been completed. Rs 82 crore has been spent on their construction. This information was shared by Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari. This infrastructure is situated along the Ramban to Banihal section of NH-44. This 645-meter segment, as part of the larger project, will not only shorten the travel distance by 200 meters, reducing steep gradients, but also provide an alternative route bypassing the well-known Sita Ram Passi slide area. Union Minister Nitin Gadkari has said that the commitment in strengthening the highway infrastructure in Jammu and Kashmir has been strongly taken forward under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. This development is not only contributing to the economic growth of the area but also enhances its attractiveness as a major tourist destination.

Symbol of strong air prowess - new flag of the Air Force



The Indian Air Force has unveiled a new flag after 72 years. This is being associated with freedom from the mentality of slavery. The crest of the Indian Air Force has been included in the top right corner of the new flag. The flag was unveiled by Indian Air Force Chief Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari during the Air Force Day parade in Prayagraj. The crest has the national symbol, the Ashoka lion on the top "Satyameva Jayate" written in Devanagari below it. Below the Ashoka lion is an eagle with its wings spread. The motto of the Indian Air Force 'Nabha Sparsham Deeptam' is inscribed in Devanagari letters below the eagle on the flag. The motto is taken from Bhagavad Gita Chapter 11 Verse 24 which means 'To touch the sky with glory'. The Indian Air Force has said that the new flag has been created to better reflect the values of the Indian Air Force.

Join PM Modi's WhatsApp channel, updates will be available immediately

You must have been connected to Prime Minister Modi on his social media platform, but now his WhatsApp channel has also gone live. WhatsApp Channels, is a feature offered by messaging application WhatsApp which has been recently added. While giving this information on the X social media platform, PM Modi has said that WhatsApp is becoming another powerful medium for me to connect with my family members across the country. Join me on this channel of mine and get all the updates immediately on your phone. To join the channel, if you have not updated WhatsApp then you will have to do so. Update option will appear in place of status. By clicking here the channels will be visible. Here there will be an option to find the channel in which on typing Narendra Modi his Whatsapp channel will appear which can be followed. You can also join by scanning the QR code. Updates will start appearing here.



Scan the QR code and join PM Modi's WhatsApp channel



Dr. Sachchidanand Sinha

Played invaluable role in the making of India's Constitution

BORN: NOVEMBER 10, 1871 | DIED: MARCH 6, 1950



Many personalities played important roles when the Constituent Assembly of India was writing a new chapter in our modern democracy. Dr. Sachchidanand Sinha was one of them. Being the senior-most member of the Constituent Assembly, Dr. Sinha, was nominated as the first President of the Constituent Assembly. Apart from making a significant contribution to the making of the Constitution, Sachchidanand Sinha, as a famous educationist, advocate, and journalist, worked throughout his life to bring the country on the path of progress and show a new direction to the nation.

Many people have made significant contributions to the country's independence and the formation of a new India. Sachchidanand Sinha is one of them who, through his brilliant writing and scholarship, paved the way for the entire nation. Sachchidanand Sinha was born in Murar village, in the Buxar district of Bihar on November 10, 1871. His father's name was Bakshi Shiv Prasad Sinha. Dr. Sinha, a genius student since childhood, did his schooling at Arrah's Zila school and later enrolled in Patna College. He studied law in England. He began practicing law in Patna and then at the Allahabad High Court after his return from England.

He was also well known in the world of journalism. However, he never made journalism a means of his life; rather, he continued to use this medium to educate the public. He presided over the Provincial Congress from 1916 to 1920. He was also appointed Chairman of the Legislative Councils of Bihar and Orissa. He was also the Protem Speaker of the Bihar Legislative Assembly in 1937 and 1946. He was the Vice-Chancellor of Patna University from 1936 to 1944. As a book lover, he envisioned a library in Patna, which is now a prestigious library.

On December 9, 1946, Dr. Sinha's name was announced for the temporary post of the Constituent

Assembly to be constituted for the making of the Indian Constitution. A few days after he became the President of the Constituent Assembly, his health deteriorated, after which Dr. Rajendra Prasad was elected the permanent President of the Constituent Assembly on December 11, 1946. When Sinha expressed his inability to travel to Delhi to sign the Constitution of India due to ill health, the original copy of the newly drafted Indian Constitution was flown to Patna so that he could sign it. He died on March 6, 1950.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had paid tribute to Sachchidanand Sinha and other great personalities of this Assembly on the 75th anniversary of the first meeting of the Constituent Assembly on December 9, 2021. He had said that 75 years ago, on this day, the first meeting of the Constituent Assembly was held. Great people from different parts of India, with different backgrounds and even different ideologies, came together with the single objective of providing a wonderful constitution to the people of India. The first meeting of the Constituent Assembly was presided over by Dr. Sachchidanand Sinha, who was the most senior member of the Assembly. Acharya Kripalani proposed his name, and he was appointed to the post of president. ●



PM Modi addressed Kaushal Dikshant Samaroh 2023

Kaushal Dikshant Samaroh: Proof of New Bharat priorities

Every country has diversified potential, but in order to realise it, youth power is needed. The more empowered the youth, the more the country develops. The Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana has given young comrades at the grassroots level a lot of strength. This scheme has trained approximately 1.5 crore youth to date. Skill India held a Kaushal Dikshant Samaroh on October 12 to honour the trained students, which was addressed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Shahista from Delhi, who attended the Kaushal Dikshant Samaroh (convocation ceremony), has completed the course of General Duty Assistant. During the 6-month course, Shahista has undergone 3-month on-the-job training at Noida Multiple Hospital. She is strengthening her family financially by becoming self-reliant. She thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Skill India for the bright future. Tashi Drema from Arunachal Pradesh, who participated in this function, has done a 6-month course in Japanese language from Gurugram under the Skill India Mission. Tashi has an excellent opportunity to work in Tokyo, Japan, for which she thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Shahista and Tashi Drema are among those who have completed their training under various schemes and programmes of Skill India. To honour these and others, Skill India organised a Kaushal Dikshant Samaroh. Addressing the event, PM Modi said that such a joint convocation of institutions associated with skill development across the country is a very commendable initiative. It also reflects the priorities of today's India. Students from reputed skill development institutes, including Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendra, Industrial Training Institute, DGT, PMKVY, trainees of SANKALP, IIE, NIPUN, Skill India International Centre,

India moving ahead on the path of development

- 5000 ITIs have opened in the country in the last nine years. Under these, the country has added more than 4 lakh new seats. These institutes will be upgraded to model ITIs.
- Many new medical colleges and skill development institutes, such as IITs, IIMs, and ITIs, have opened. The Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana has trained millions of young people.
- Today, India is creating new records in merchandise exports, mobile exports, electronic exports, defence exports, and manufacturing.
- At the same time, India is creating a slew of new opportunities for young people in fields such as space, start-ups, drones, animation, electric vehicles, and semiconductors.

NISBUD, and Jan Shikshan Sansthan, participated in the programme. Last year, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship organised the convocation for the first time. ●



With "Vocal for Local" development is reaching the tribals

Instead of becoming the world's market, India is now dominating the world market by becoming a manufacturing hub with the mantras "Vocal for Local" and 'Aatmanirbharta,' and local Indian products are becoming the global market's first choice. People are crucial to the development of any nation. With this in mind, many long-term plans have been developed since 2014 to ensure the equal participation of all segments of society in the country's resources. For decades, the 'Vocal for Local' campaign has given a new identity to the life and products of the tribal community living in remote areas, and there is now no discrimination from any community because everyone has equal access to the country's resources...





Just like drop by drop water makes a vast ocean, similarly, if every citizen of India starts living the mantra of 'Vocal for Local', then it will not take long for the country to become self-reliant. When all the countrymen are vocal for the locals, their echo will be heard not only in India but also all over the world.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



This time, on the occasion of the Diwali festival on November 12 and Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas on November 15, let us know how the 'Vocal for Local' campaign has instilled the spirit of Swadeshi among 140 crore citizens, while the rays of development have brightened the lives of about 11 crore (8.6%) of the tribal population....



This Diwali of the first year of Amrit Kaal is for the reconstruction of India through the power of determination. Diwali is the beginning of developing and empowering India through the Amrit Yatra. Festivals in Indian customs and traditions have now united the people of the country with one resolve and have given the nation an opportunity to walk on the path of self-reliance because the country is becoming 'vocal' for local' and the whiff of India's labour is spreading in all directions. For products that were previously imported, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call for a "Vocal for Local" and self-sufficient India has reversed this trend.

In the true sense, the 'Vocal for Local' campaign has not only become an anchor of a developed India's resolve but has also provided a new opportunity to tribals who have lived in remote areas for decades or other deprived and backwards



whose products and art were limited to a specific area. This campaign has brought a new smile to the tribal faces, and every Indian is proud of the spirit of indigenous products made locally.

Under this campaign, the central government has taken many important steps that have laid the foundation for Vocal for Local and Aatmanirbhar Bharat. Today, from needles to military equipment, from bicycles to bikes, from mobiles to cars, from household products to medical devices, from clothes to toys, everything is made in India, which resonates with the skill and labour of our own people.

Be it festivals or shopping on ordinary days, India is now not only buying local products but also proudly promoting them. To make India a leader in the world economy and to make itself self-reliant



for the welfare of the people, 'Vocal for Local' has become the mantra of Amrit Kaal. In place of foreign products, now the slogan Vocal for Local is echoing everywhere. Recognising its strength with innovations and new willpower, India is now eager to become self-reliant. Now, in this 'Amrit Kaal' of independence, the country has decided that with the call of 'Vocal for Local,' the country will now give even more grand recognition to India's tribal traditions and its heroic tales.

Empowered Tribe, Empowered Nation

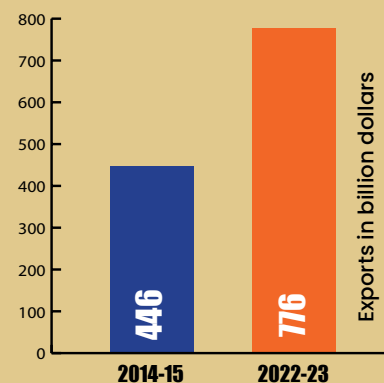
Scheduled Tribes (STs) account for 8.6 percent of India's total population, or approximately 10.4 crore people. More than 730 Scheduled Tribes have been notified under Article 342 of the Indian Constitution. Keeping Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, and



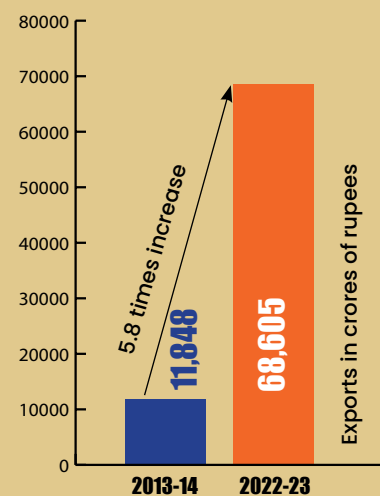
The President of India, Droupadi Murmu, sets an inspiring example in herself. She comes from a simple tribal background. But now she leads the world's largest democracy and is contributing as the Commander-in-Chief of the world's second largest defense force.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

India's exports reaches new heights



India becomes hub of mobile exports





In this Azadi Ka Amrit Kaal, the country has decided that it will give even more grand recognition to India's tribal traditions and its stories of bravery. A historic decision has been taken that every year 15th November i.e. the birthday of Lord Birsa Munda will be celebrated as 'Tribal Pride Day'.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

Sabka Prayas' in mind, a continuous effort on the equal development of all sections of society was initiated. In this development, the central government has also prioritised tribals' development and the preservation of their heritage and culture. They have been able to embark on a new path of progress with greater commitment.

In fact, this community nestled among forests, deserts, and mountains, spurred India's independence movement. They made the prosperity of India their mission in life. For the last few years, the country's current leadership has been making continuous efforts to develop tribes that have been isolated from development for a long time since independence, as well as to protect their social, cultural, and political autonomy. The Vocal for Local campaign has given it new life. The country has decided to give even more grand recognition to India's tribal traditions and bravery stories as part of its ongoing initiative to connect tribal communities with the mainstream.

The rays of development have reached remote forests and hilly areas in recent years. The annual budget for tribal development has grown by 75%. Students' talent is now fully recognised

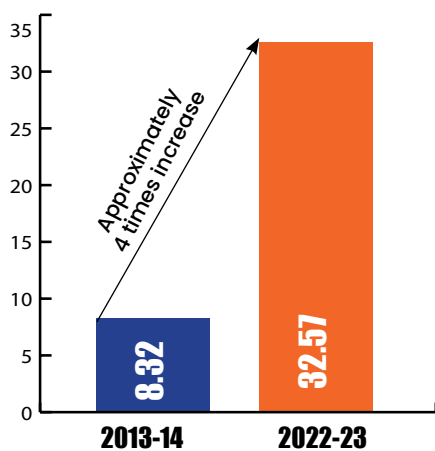


Respect for tradition and heritage

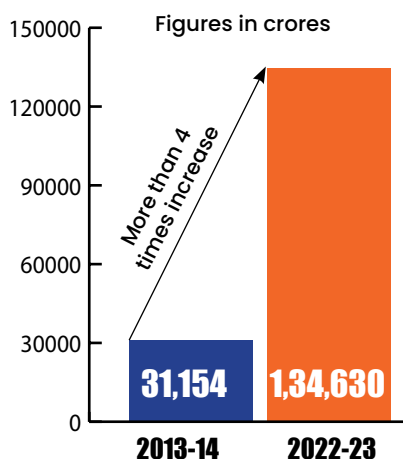
- The birth date of Lord Birsa Munda, 15 November, was declared Tribal Pride Day.
- Bhagwan Birsa Munda Memorial Park cum Freedom Fighter Museum in Jharkhand dedicated to the nation by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- With a budget of Rs 200 crore, Tribal Freedom Fighters Museums will be established in Gujarat, Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Telangana, Manipur, Mizoram and Goa, which has been approved.
- National Tribal Museum is being established at Garudeshwar in Narmada district of Gujarat. The museum under construction is about 6 km from the Statue of Unity.
- Mangarh Dham, a major pilgrimage site for tribals located in Banswara district of Rajasthan, was given the status of national monument.



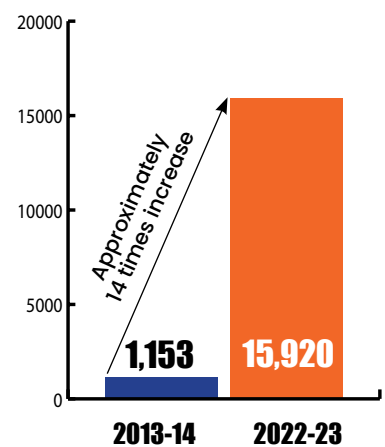
Toys export from India in crore dollars



Sale of Khadi and village industry products reaches peak



Defense exports at highest level, in crores of rupees



in the Eklavya Model Schools that have opened across the country. The Van Dhan Yojana has changed the lives of tribals, and the forest's wealth has become a source of empowerment. After the scholarship budget for tribal children increased, tribal children are now reaching new heights in areas ranging from education to sports. Every tribe has gained confidence, including the

Bodo, Bru, and Karbi. Furthermore, the Padma award has now reached the forests, deserts, and mountains, bringing new recognition to tribals' work.

Upliftment of tribals through 'Vocal for Local'

'Vocal for Local' is turning tribal art skills into a source of income. Decades-old laws prohibiting



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- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

Last year on 10th October in Amod, Gujarat

tribal people from harvesting forest products such as bamboo have been changed, granting them ownership of forest products. Today, the Central Government is launching a slew of new initiatives to promote forest products. Previously, only 12 forest products could be purchased through MSP, but today, nearly 90 products are included in this list as forest produce. Through the Van Dhan Yojana, the country has also begun the work of connecting forest wealth with modern opportunities. Along with over 3000 Van-Dhan Vikas Kendras, the country also has over 50,000 Van-Dhan Self-Help Groups. In Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, the Tribal Research Institute has also been established.

The campaign that the country is running for the development of aspirational districts and aspirational blocks is also benefiting the tribal areas a lot. 750 Eklavya Model Schools are also being set up for the education of tribal youth. The emphasis laid on education in the mother tongue in the National Education Policy will also help the tribal children a lot in their studies.



Vishwakarma Yojana: New recognition for skills

In order to promote traditional crafts, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched PM Vishwakarma Yojana on September 17, which has emerged as a new ray of hope for millions of families working with traditional methods with hand skills and tools. The benefit of this will also be the conservation of the rich crafts and other arts traditions of the tribals. 'PM Vishwakarma Yojana' will be fully funded by the Central Government with an outlay of Rs 13,000 crore.



Khadi became the harbinger of AatmaNirbhar Bharat campaign

The resolve of AatmaNirbhar Bharat and 'Vocal for Local' is being achieved. Those who dream of an AatmaNirbhar Bharat and give strength to 'Make in India' consider Khadi not just as a cloth but as a weapon. The result of this is that the annual sales of Khadi and Agro Industries products have been continuously increasing in the last nine years. The annual turnover of Khadi and Agro industry products in the year 2013-14 was Rs 31,154 crore which has reached Rs 1,34,630 crore in 2022-23.

As a result of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call of 'Vocal for Local', on Gandhi Jayanti, 2nd October, the store located at Connaught Place, Delhi has been surpassing the sales mark of Rs 1 crore for the last three consecutive years. This year, sales of Rs 1,52,45,000 were done in a day, while in 2022 its sales reached Rs 1,33,95,000. Sales of Rs 1.01 crore were done in the year 2021.



Subhadra Devi

Subhadra Devi, resident of Madhubani district of Bihar, has made a significant contribution to the Messli art. She received Padma Shri award for the year 2023. She has been engaged in promoting this art form for the last 65 years. Many arts and crafts workshops have been organized based on her creations. She has also participated in the events of the British Museum and International Indian Folk Art Gallery. Subhadra Devi was honored with state level honor in the year 1980 and national honour in the year 1992.



Hirabai Lobi

Hirabai Lobi of Gir Somnath district of Gujarat was given the Padma Shri award for the year 2023. She opened many kindergartens to educate children in the tribal Siddi community. She founded the Mahila Vikas Foundation in 2004. She raised small denomination funds for the noble cause of helping women in learning tailoring work and assisted in opening grocery shops. So far a dozen cooperative societies have been started. She is a revered personality not only for the Siddi community but also for other communities.

Numerous efforts have been made during the Amrit Mahotsav to ensure that the enormous contribution of tribal society to the freedom struggle reaches every home. Tribal museums are being built in the country for the first time since

independence to celebrate tribal pride and heritage. In Lambasingi, Andhra Pradesh, a 'Alluri Sitaram Raju Memorial Tribal Freedom Fighters Museum' is also being built. The country has also begun to observe Lord Birsa Munda Jayanti as Janjatiya



An ordinary citizen can also take the country forward. You might feel that if someone works hard for himself, how can he take the country forward? You keep the mantra of Vocal for Local, I will stay away from any kind of foreign product.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

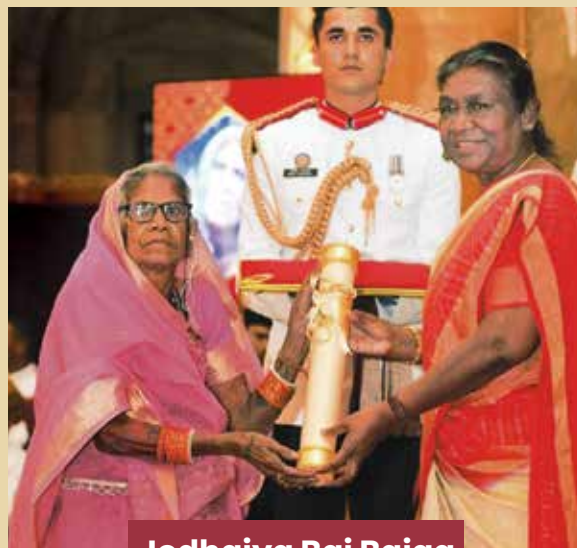
Gaurav Divas on November 15.

Foreign rule committed the most atrocities against the tribals and made efforts to destroy their culture. But now, the memories of those sacrifices will continue to inspire the coming generations. Many efforts are being made at the level of the central government so that forest wealth becomes a medium of employment and opportunities for the youth of the tribal society. Today, the resolve with which India is moving ahead with the mantra of 'Vocal for Local' is an extension of this vision.

Prime Minister Modi has called for this on many occasions, saying, "When we go for tourism in different states within the country, it benefits the people of the country. When we buy local products, it benefits the people of the country. When we buy Khadi, buy handlooms, and buy handicrafts, then we promote these products, and because of this, the small industries running in every house, the small industries running in the village, the industries nurtured by the hard work of the poor, get new strength, and they also get economic benefit. And it benefits the people of the country."

A new identity for tribes that uphold tradition

This year, on the occasion of Republic Day, the tribal community and people associated with tribal life have been well represented among those honoured



Jodhaiya Bai Baiga

She is helping tribal women and children to get livelihood through her art. Jodhaiya Bai Baiga of Madhya Pradesh was awarded the Padma Shri in the year 2023. She is helping more than 200 tribal women and children earn their living by training them in Baiga painting. Along with Nari Shakti Award, she has also received other awards as well.



Dhaniram Toto

Dhaniram Toto of West Bengal was awarded Padma Shri in the field of literature and education. 60-year-old Dhaniram Toto belongs to the Toto tribe living in Totopada in Alipurduar district of West Bengal. He has contributed to the development of the script of the Toto language, which is on the verge of extinction.

Glimpses of artistic treasure of tribals at G-20

At the G-20 Summit, India's rich tribal heritage, craftsmanship and superior products caught the world's attention. Padma Shri awardee Pareshbhai Jayantibhai Rathwa gave a live demonstration of Pithora art. This art is promoted by the Rathwa, Bhilala, Naik and Bhil tribes of Gujarat and MP. The rich cultural diversity and heritage of the tribes comprising Longpi pottery art, Gond's tribe Sulus bamboo wind flute, Gond Painting, hangings made by the Bhil and Pateliya tribe of Gujarat and metal Ambabadi of the Meena tribe were presented to the world.

Demand for tribal handicrafts abroad

The share of handicrafts in the country's exports is increasing. The export of handicrafts is increasing at the rate of about 30 percent, in which tribal handicrafts i.e. TRIFED products have a major share. Figures for November 2022 show that tribal handicrafts earned more than 12 crore dollars in foreign markets. Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal says India is now one of the largest handicrafts exporters, with tribal handicrafts earning more than 12 crore dollars in foreign markets.

Empowered Tribals, Strong Nation

- Scheduled Tribes (STs) constitute about 8.6 percent of India's population, numbering approximately 10.43 crore.
- More than 730 Scheduled Tribes are notified under Article 342 of the Constitution of India.

A total of 42 ministries and departments spend on tribal welfare

1,17,944

Crore allocated in the budget in 2023-2024 for the welfare of Scheduled Tribe people and development of tribal areas.

21,525

Crore was the total allocation in the year 2013-14.

with the Padma Award. Tribal life is distinct from the hustle and bustle of cities, as are its challenges. Despite this, tribal societies are always ready to defend their traditions. Efforts are also made to conserve and research tribal community-related things. Similarly, many individuals who have worked on tribal languages such as Toto, Ho, Kui, Kuvi, and Manda have received Padma awards. Dhaniram Toto, Janum Singh Soy, and B. Ramakrishna Reddy's name is now known throughout the country. People like Hirabai Lobi, Ratan Chandra Kar, and Ishwar Chandra Verma who work with tribes such as Siddhi, Jarawa, and Onge have also been recognised this year.

Tribal communities have always been a part of India's soil and heritage. His contribution to the country's and society's development is significant. Respect for the people who helped them inspires the next generation. Not only that, but the echo of the Padma Awards can be heard this year even in areas that were once under Naxal control. Padma awards have also been given to those who,

The mammoth budget will be utilized for following work

15,000

Crore will be spent on the Prime Minister PVGT Development Mission in 3 years. This includes providing sustainable livelihood opportunities with safe housing, drinking water, sanitation, education, health, nutrition, road and telecommunication connectivity.

More than

1,485

Crore has been earmarked in PM Adi Adarsh Gram Yojana.

- National Sickle Cell Elimination Mission has been launched. The target is to get rid of this disease by 2047.
- Recruitment of 38 thousand teachers and support staff has started in Eklavya Model Residential Schools. About 3.5 lakh tribal students will benefit from this.
- Rs 2,531 crore will be given as scholarship to Scheduled Tribe students from class 9th to PhD level.

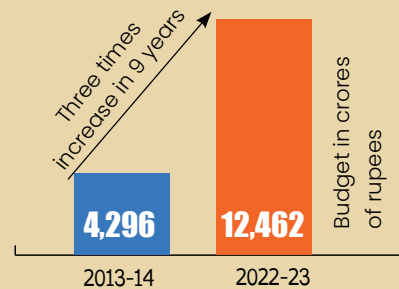


through their efforts, have shown the right path to misguided youth in Naxal-affected areas. Ajay Kumar Mandavi, a wood carver from Kanker, and Parshuram Komaji Khune, a member of the famous Jhadipatti Rangbhoomi in Gadchiroli, have also received this honour. Similarly, Ramkuiwangbe Niume, Bikram Bahadur Jamatia, and Karma Wangchu have been recognised for their efforts to preserve their culture in the North-East. In his 'Mann Ki Baat' programme in January of this year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi specifically mentioned these tribal community members.

One district, one product makes local global

Despite the pandemic, the country's farmers and agricultural product exports have performed admirably in the field of agriculture. Prime Minister Modi's One District, One Product initiative has made significant contributions to this. For the first time, many clusters in the country have exported goods. Not only that, but the global recognition of Indian products is growing. Through the GI tag, it is gaining global recognition. The determination

Tribal Affairs Ministry's budget increased



PM Modi accelerated development process started by former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee

- When the first NDA government was formed under the leadership of Atal Bihari Vajpayee, he formed a separate ministry and National Scheduled Tribe Commission in 1999 for the upliftment and prosperity of the tribal society.
- The initiative for the upliftment of tribal society started by Atal Bihari Vajpayee has been accelerated by the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the last nine years.
- In the last 9 years, emphasis has been given on development under the Act East Policy with special attention on the North-Eastern region having high concentration of tribal population. "Ashta Lakshmi was included in the process of national progress by making 10% of the budget mandatory for the North-East in the schemes of all ministries.
- The work of connecting the tribal society, which made unforgettable contributions and sacrifices in the freedom movement, into the mainstream of development, providing socio-economic upliftment and political representation is being done rapidly.
- In 2014, 53 Scheduled Tribe MPs were elected to the Lok Sabha on reserved and general seats across the country, which increased to 56 in 2019.

Improvement visible at social level

- The literacy rate for Scheduled Tribes has improved from 59% in the 2011 census to 71.6% in the Periodic Labor Force Survey report July 2020 to June, 2021.
- The gross enrollment ratio of students at the upper primary level has increased from 91.3 in 2013-14 to 98 in 2021-22. At the same time, the gross enrollment ratio in higher education has increased from 13.7 to 18.9.

Van Dhan Yojana

For the purpose of entrepreneurship development, the new scheme involves establishment of 3,225 Van-Dhan Development Centers and 55 thousand Van-Dhan Self-Help Groups in 340 districts with a budget of Rs 478 crore. There are around 9.64 lakh beneficiaries of the scheme.



Aadi Mahotsav

- The Aadi Mahotsav is a mini-India where the exquisite craft traditions of tribal artisans – weavers, potters, puppeteers, and embroiders – are all in one place.
- Under the Institutional Support Program for Development and Marketing of Tribal Products, TRIFED promotes the sale of tribal products through e-commerce from its portal www.tribesindia.com. There are 1.25 lakh artisans associated with this portal whose one lakh products are listed here.

Steps taken for the upliftment of tribal class

693

new Eklavya Model Residential Schools approved for establishment. In the year 2013-14, only 167 schools were approved

740

Eklavya Model school to be started by 2026



- In 2013-14, 119 schools were functional, while at present more than 401 schools are functional
- The Cabinet approved the establishment of Sammakka Sarakka Central Tribal University in Telangana in October 2023.
- 10 Tribal Research Institutes have been approved across the country since 2014.
- Inauguration of the National Institute of Tribal Research in New Delhi on June 7, 2022.
- Under the Top Class Scholarship Scheme, every year one thousand students are given scholarships for admission in top institutes like IIT, IIM, AIIMS.

- Tribals mostly live in mineral rich areas, but they never got a share in the income from mining. The discrepancy was resolved with the establishment of District Mineral Fund, through which an amount of more than Rs 57 thousand crore was collected, which is being used for the development of tribal areas.
- The number of TRIFED operated Tribes India outlets for marketing of tribal products has been increased from 29 to 119. One lakh products have been included in the list.
- Nine years ago only 12 forest products were purchased at MSP, now more than 90 forest produce products are included in the list of purchases at MSP.

of 140 crore Indians to take the country to new heights with the mantra of 'Vocal for Local' has not only promoted local products and markets, but has also elevated the country's products to a global level. Today's world is rapidly changing. The gap between a village and a city is rapidly closing. The

demand for what is local is now global.

That is why, through campaigns such as Vocal for Local, the country launched the One District, One Product scheme. There are numerous opportunities for economic development in this area, from the district to the country. GI tags are



Gift only the products made in Khadi Village Industries during the upcoming festivals. You can have clothes made of different fabrics in your home, but if you give some space to Khadi, then you will give impetus to the Vocal for Local campaign and it will help in improving the life of the poor.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

now being discussed globally for the success of local products. A special campaign is being run to obtain GI tags for local products in order to provide the local product with a more reliable and improved global platform. Prime Minister Narendra Modi also stated, "My demand is about being vocal for local." Only you, my friends, can move this forward. Believe me, once you have it in your hands, the world will not stop. I have faith in your strength. This is the season for festivals. You should make every effort to ensure that whatever you buy for gifts during festivals is made in India. Friends, insist in your life that you use the same things and products that have the fragrance of Indian soil and the smell of Indian workers' sweat. And the Vocal for Local campaign should not be limited to festivals."

We are buying local, products becoming global

Today's India is not only vocal about the local but also provides a global platform for it to go global. Nine years ago, the turnover of Khadi and village industries was only around Rs 25-30 thousand crores. It has now surpassed Rs 1 lakh 30 thousand crore. The additional Rs 1 lakh crore invested in this sector over the last nine years has benefited



Hand holding for every class

Minority

Under the Prime Minister's Public Development Programme, the government is giving 100 percent funds for the development of schools, colleges, hospitals, community buildings and other infrastructure on Waqf land. Complete digitalization of all Waqf Board properties. Scholarships given to more than 5.20 crore students of minority community in nine years. Freedom for Muslim women from unjust triple talaq, cases of triple talaq reduced by 80 percent after the law was implemented in 2019.

General Class

The decision to give 10 percent reservation to the general category on economic basis was also implemented. This opened a new path for the future of candidates with annual income less than Rs 8 lakh. Considerable benefits for students in higher education institutions including medical.

OBCs

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

Senior Citizens

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

villages, the poor, and tribals involved in the handloom sector. According to a recent NITI Aayog report, 13.5 crore people in India have risen out of poverty in the last five years. The reason for this is the Local for Vocal campaign and the sentiments of those involved. With this feeling, the citizens of the country are readily buying indigenous products, and now it has become a mass movement.

Today, the Central Government's schemes for the textile sector are also becoming a major medium for social justice. Handloom work now employs lakhs of people in villages and towns across the country. The majority of these people are Dalit, Pasamanda, and tribal people. The government's efforts over the last nine years have not only provided them with a large number of jobs, but their income has also increased.

The figures tell the story of how India took indigenous products global with the mantra "Vocal for local," even in the midst of a disaster like COVID. There has been incredible progress in agricultural exports, and for the first time, India, which was previously dependent on other countries for defence arms, has now become one of the top 25 arms exporting countries. India also exports bulletproof jackets of international standard to over 100 countries worldwide. There were only two mobile manufacturing units in the country until 2014, and 6 crore mobile phones were produced. However, over 200 mobile manufacturing units have begun operations in the last few years. By producing more than 32 crore mobile phones in 2021-22, India has surpassed China to become the world's second-largest mobile producer. As a result, mobile phone imports, which were worth 3.5 billion dollars in 2017-18, have been reduced to 500 million dollars in 2021. India has surpassed China to become the world's second-largest exporter.

During the COVID period, on May 12, 2020, when Prime Minister Narendra Modi pledged to make the country self-reliant by turning disaster into an opportunity, his message was clear: "India's goals and its actions impact the world's welfare. The package of Rs 20.97 lakh crore under the AatmaNirbhar Bharat Package was not just a sum of money but a road map on which India has started, and its glimpse is visible in this festival season. The target of that package was



Those of you who are living abroad or going to meet their relatives or friends abroad should carry a product of Khadi as a gift. This will not only promote Khadi, but will also bring awareness about Khadi among the citizens of other countries.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

especially cottage industries, home industries, and small-medium industries, i.e., MSMEs, which are the source of livelihood for crores of people and also the backbone of the Indian economy. This economic package was made keeping in mind the workers and farmers of the country who work day and night for the countrymen in every season. Investment in India is increasing because of the path given to the industry determined to enhance India's economic potential.

Vocal for local refers to everything related to life, not just earthen lamps. This will have to be accepted in every aspect of life. If we want to make the country prosperous and provide opportunities for the country's youth, we must follow this path. Every citizen in the Amrit Kaal is determined for an India that is as modern as it is connected to its traditions. As a result, new capacity is being created and encouraged in all sectors. Today, India is presenting Shree Anna to the entire world. If every citizen of the country is vocal about the products of his tribal community, weavers, handicraftsmen, and farmers, the rest of the world will be vocal about Indian products. Only when Indian products dominate the global market will the path to developing India become more apparent.

Through the Vocal for Local campaign, the Central Government has taken steps to make tribal areas and people the drivers of self-reliance in India. ●



A life dedicated to service, good governance, and welfare of the poor

Heart-touching moments celebrating Diwali with soldiers for 22 years

Prime Minister Narendra Modi became head of a democratic government 22 years ago on 7 October 2001 by taking oath as the Chief Minister of Gujarat. In his 22 years of service and dedication, he has devoted his life to good governance and the welfare of the poor. The military personnel who sacrifice their lives in the defense of the nation are the security shield of our country because of which we sleep peacefully. PM Modi has been celebrating Diwali with soldiers for the last 22 years...

As the head of the government, the 'Siddhi' of 22 years of hard work and resolve in public life, it has been the goal of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to work for the welfare of the poor and the underprivileged and the development of the country. He took oath as a Chief Minister of Gujarat on 7 October in the year 2001 which culminated with becoming head of the central government in 2014.

With 22 years of unwavering dedication, 264 months of selfless service, 8,036 days of national awakening and 1,92,864 hours of service to the nation, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's unstoppable journey is shaping the destiny of India. Today in Amritkaal, the country is taking a leap of development under his leadership.

On the auspicious occasion of Diwali, everyone

Where and how did Prime Minister Narendra Modi celebrate Diwali since 2014, let's take a look...



24 October 2022

Prime Minister Narendra Modi celebrated Diwali with the brave soldiers in Kargil. Prime Minister Modi had said there that the sweetness of Diwali increases in the presence of soldiers and the lights of Diwali in their presence strengthen his resolve.



4 November 2021

Prime Minister Narendra Modi celebrated Diwali with the soldiers of the Indian Armed Forces in Nowshera district of Jammu and Kashmir and said that be it the Himalayas, the desert, the snowy peaks, the deep waters, anywhere you are the protector of Maa Bharati.



14 November, 2020

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, following his practice of celebrating Diwali with the soldiers, celebrated this festival with them at India's forward border post Longewala, where he also interacted and addressed them.



27 October 2019

Prime Minister Narendra Modi celebrated the festival of Diwali with the brave soldiers of the Indian Army deployed on the Line of Control in the Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir.



November 7, 2018

Prime Minister Narendra Modi celebrated Diwali with Indian Army and ITBP personnel in Harsil, Uttarakhand. He distributed sweets to the soldiers and also interacted with the people of the nearby areas.



19 October 2017

Prime Minister Narendra Modi celebrated Diwali 2017 with Army and BSF personnel near the Line of Control in Gurez Valley of Jammu and Kashmir.



30 October 2016

PM Modi celebrated Diwali with Army, ITBP personnel and common people at Sumdo near the India-China border in Himachal Pradesh's Kinnaur.



11 November 2015

In 2015, Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited the 1965 war memorial in Punjab and celebrated Diwali with army officers and soldiers.



23 October 2014

After becoming the Prime Minister, PM Modi celebrated his first Diwali with officers and soldiers of the armed forces at the base camp of Siachen at an altitude of 12 thousand feet.



Greetings to the countrymen on the auspicious occasion of Diwali. I wish that this festival of lights brings happiness, prosperity and good fortune in your life. Wishing everyone a very Happy Diwali.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

feels like celebrating the festival with their family members. Prime Minister Modi also feels like celebrating Diwali with his family members and that is why he visits the soldiers on the occasion of Diwali whom he considers his family members. When he reaches to the soldiers on the festival of Diwali, he does not visits as the Prime Minister but

as a member of their family. In the company of soldiers, he has the same feeling in his mind which he feels when he is among his own family. The Prime Minister, who has been continuously taking the country on the path of development, celebrates every Diwali with the armed forces of the country as if he were celebrating with his family. ●



A success story of Global health 'Vaccination'

Vaccination is the success story of global health and development. Vaccination has not only reduced the risk of disease but is proving to be effective in saving millions of lives. Realising the importance of the vaccine, on the directions of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, a free vaccination campaign is being run across the country under Mission Indradhanush to protect children up to two years of age and pregnant women from diseases. This has yielded very positive results. India supplies 60 percent of the world's vaccines. November 10 is World Immunisation Day; let us know the coverage of vaccination in India.

The expanded immunisation programme in the country began in 1978 and was renamed the Universal Immunisation Programme (UIP) in 1985. This was the period when vaccination began to spread from urban to rural areas. It was incorporated into the Child Survival and Safe Motherhood Programme in 1992. It was added to the National Reproductive and Child Health Programme in 1997. In 2005, the National Rural Health

Mission was launched. The universal vaccination programme was kept as an important component in this. However, the pace of vaccination in rural areas was slow, and targeted populace were unable to receive a complete vaccination for a variety of reasons. As a result, approximately five lakh children died each year, and 89 lakh children were at risk of contracting one or more diseases, despite the fact that the central government provided free vaccines

Progress in full vaccination for children up to two years of age

- Children aged 12 to 23 months: Full vaccination increased from 62% in 2015-16 to 76.4% in 2019-21.
- To prevent 11 types of diseases at the national level vaccination is being provided. While 12 types of vaccines are administered in the notified states which additionally includes Japanese fever.
- Mission Indradhanush has completed 11 phases covering 701 districts since its launch in 2014.
- By September 2023, 5.06 crore children and 1.25 crore pregnant women have been vaccinated.
- Two major milestones of UIP: the eradication of polio in 2014 and the elimination of maternal and neonatal tetanus in 2015.

Vaccines against diseases in UIP increased from seven to 12 after 2014



Before 2015, vaccines were given in the country to protect against diphtheria, dry cough, tetanus, polio, tuberculosis, measles, and hepatitis B. After 2015, IPV for the prevention of polio, Rotavirus for the prevention of diarrhoea, Measles-Rubella for the prevention of measles, the Pneumococcal, Tetanus, and Diphtheria vaccines for the prevention of pneumonia in adults, and the JE vaccine for the protection of adults against Japanese fever were brought under UIP. Under the UIP, a free vaccine is being given to protect against 12 diseases.

PCV vaccine to reduce pneumonia deaths by 60%



If severe pneumonia is not treated in time, it can turn into hypoxia. This leads to a lack of oxygen in the body, and the child with pneumonia dies. Considering its seriousness, the government launched a nationwide campaign of Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) in the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP). The PCV vaccine was launched in May 2017 and was rolled out across the country in 2020-21. The PCV vaccine is expected to reduce child deaths due to pneumonia by about 60 percent. Pneumonia is responsible for about 16 percent of child deaths in India.

to protect against these diseases.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi took a bold step to improve the lives of children while also ensuring the country's bright future. In December 2014, he launched Mission Indradhanush to make



Growing market of AYUSH

According to a research report on the Ayush sector published by the Forum on Indian Traditional Medicine (FITM), there has been a tremendous increase in the industry market for Ayush. The market size of the AYUSH industry in 2020 was Rs 1,49,451 crore as compared to Rs 23,532 crore in 2014-15. The Ministry of AYUSH, in collaboration with the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, has set up an AYUSH Export Promotion Council for drugs, products, and services of the AYUSH systems of Ayurveda, Homoeopathy, Siddha, Sowa Rigpa, and Unani. With this, the market for AYUSH is expected to grow more internationally in the coming years.

vaccination a mission. Under it children upto the age of 2, pregnant women and children who did not receive the full dose of vaccine were reached out. The goal was to achieve at least 90% vaccination coverage under any circumstances. Despite COVID's challenges, the overall vaccination rate has now reached 94.7 percent. Because of PM Modi's leadership, India's pharma industry is not only growing quickly, but the world community's trust in India has grown as well. This is why India meets 60 percent of the world's vaccine needs.

The country is currently undergoing its largest-

Chronology of Vaccination Drive

- **Inactivated Polio Vaccine (IPV):** IPV was introduced in November 2015 and expanded to the entire country by April 2016.
- **Rotavirus vaccine (RVV):** This vaccine was introduced in March 2016 to reduce death and illness caused by rotavirus diarrhea. In the years 2019–20, it was expanded to the entire country.
- **Measles–Rubella (MR):** The MR vaccine was launched in 2017 to achieve the goals of measles eradication and rubella control. This vaccine is part of a routine vaccination.
- **Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV):** PCV was launched in May 2017 to reduce infant mortality and morbidity caused by pneumococcal pneumonia.
- **Tetanus and adult diphtheria (Td):** The TT vaccine was changed to the Td vaccine in UIP to limit waning immunity against diphtheria in older age groups. This vaccine was launched in 2019.
- **Japanese Encephalitis (JE):** The JE vaccine was launched in 2017 to protect adults against Japanese fever. This vaccine is given only in some parts of the country.

OVER 29 CRORE DOSES OF COVID VACCINE GIVEN TO MORE THAN 100 COUNTRIES



- Under the Vaccine Maitri Initiative, 29.15 crore doses of the COVID vaccine were given by the Government of India to more than 100 countries and two United Nations organisations: UN Peacekeepers and UN Health Workers.
- 220.67 crore COVID doses given till the first week of October
- 97 percent of the country's eligible population has been given at least one dose, while more than 90 percent of the population has been given both doses.
- For this work, 2.60 lakh vaccination workers were trained by the government.
- Four lakh 80 thousand other vaccination members were trained in vaccination work.



Vaccine logistics and cold chain management

- The National Cold Chain Centre in Pune and the National Cold Chain and Vaccine Management Resource Centre in Delhi were established to provide technical training to cold chain technicians.
- The Government of India has launched the Electronic Vaccine Intelligence Network (eVIN) system, which provides digital tracking of vaccine stocks, management, logistics, and temperature at all levels of vaccine storage, from national level to sub-district.
- With this, real-time monitoring of vaccine availability at all cold chain points can be done from Delhi.

ever public health campaign for vaccination. Every year, approximately 2.67 crore children and approximately 2.9 crore pregnant women receive free vaccines under this programme. By September 2023, 5.06 crore children and 1.25 crore pregnant women have been fully vaccinated under Mission Indradhanush. Vaccines were given to prevent seven diseases in the country under UIP until 2014-15, but the Central Government now provides free vaccines to prevent 12 diseases. Because of the vaccine, the number of deaths per 1,000 children under the age of five has decreased from 45 in 2014 to 32 in 2020. At the same time, due to the vaccination campaign for pregnant women, where 130 per thousand mothers died in 2014-16, it was reduced to 97 in 2018-20. ●



Gifts of development to 'Uttarakhand', the land of national security and religious faith

The growth of Uttarakhand, not only leads to the development of the state, but it also ensures the country's security and sovereignty. All the basic facilities are being developed there to transform the border villages from the last village to the first village. Given the state's propensity for disasters, significant measures are being taken to address future disaster scenarios. On October 12, Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated and laid the foundations for many development projects in Uttarakhand.

At Pithoragarh in Uttarakhand, Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone and dedicated to the nation several development projects worth Rs 4,200 crore in rural roads, power, irrigation, drinking water, horticulture, education, health, and disaster management, among others. The Central Government is working with dedication and sincerity for the progress and ease of living of the people of Uttarakhand. The pace of development is being accelerated in every sector, from the development of border villages to facilitating the Chardham Yatra or spending Rs 4,000 crore in the next four to five years to deal with the nature of disaster-prone Uttarakhand.

Prime Minister Modi said that the Vibrant Village Program has transformed the last villages in the country into the first villages. Now the effort is to bring back those who have left these villages. Increasing tourism in the villages here is also among the priorities of the government. Prime Minister Modi believes that apple farming will benefit from roads, irrigation facilities and the polyhouse scheme launched on the day. Rs 1,100 crore will be spent on these projects. Under the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi, more than Rs 2,200 crore has been given to the farmers of Uttarakhand so far. Explaining the efforts to spread its importance across the world, PM Modi said that small farmers of Uttarakhand will benefit a lot.

Inaugurated: From rural roads to national highways and from bridges to lakes

- Inauguration of 76 rural roads and 25 bridges in rural areas under the Pradhan Mantri Grameen Sadak Yojana
- 15 BDO offices building in nine districts operationalised
- Inauguration after upgrading of three roads constructed under the Central Road Fund: Kausani Bageshwar Road, Dhari-Dauba-Girichhina Road, and Nagla-Kichha Road.
- Inauguration of two roads on National Highways—Almora Petshal-Panuvanaula-Danya and Tanakpur-Chalthi Road—after upgrading
- Launch of 38 drinking water schemes in three projects related to drinking water.
- Inauguration of Tharkot artificial lake in Pithoragarh
- Inauguration of 39 bridges in Uttarakhand and the building of the Uttarakhand State Disaster Management Authority in Dehradun built under the World Bank-funded Uttarakhand Disaster Recovery Project

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gravity based water supply schemes and three tube well based water supply schemes Commissioned

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KV Pithoragarh-Lohaghat (Champawat) power transmission line opened.

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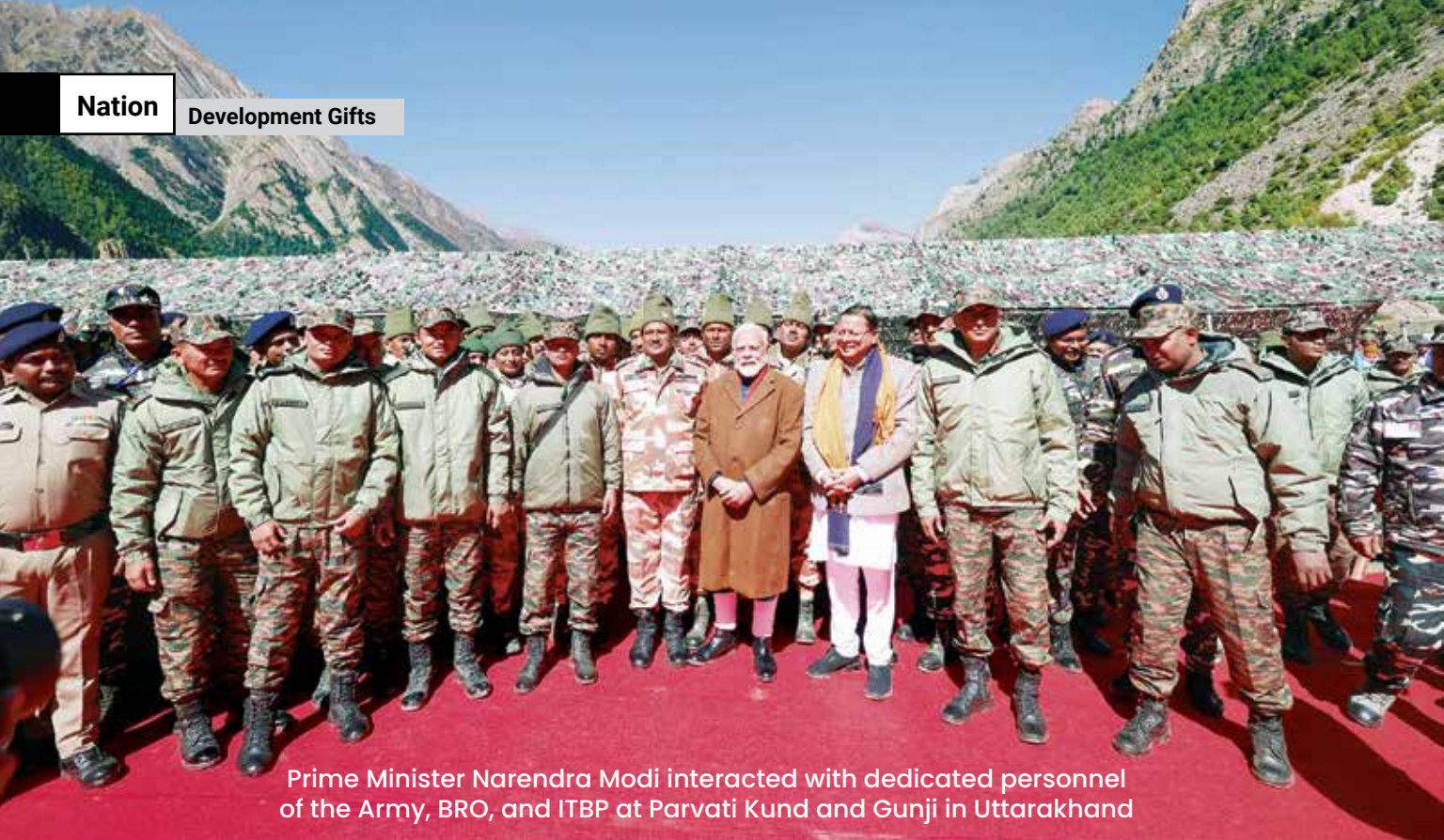
We have started developing the border villages not as the last, but as the first village of the country. Under the Vibrant Village Programme, similar border villages are being developed.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

Every village in Uttarakhand has produced military personnel guarding India's borders. The present government has fulfilled their decades-old demand for 'One Rank, One Pension'. Under the 'One Rank, One Pension' scheme, more than Rs 70,000 crore has been given to ex-servicemen

so far, benefiting more than 75,000 families of ex-servicemen. The development of border areas is one of the priority areas of the government. Referring to the infrastructure development in the border areas, the Prime Minister said, "Neither New India is afraid of anything, nor does it create fear among others." In the last nine years, more than 4,200 km of roads, 250 bridges, and 22 tunnels have been constructed in the border areas. Work is also underway to take the railway to the border areas.

The efforts of the government related to the development of tourism and pilgrimage in Uttarakhand are now paying off. PM Modi said that this year the



Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted with dedicated personnel of the Army, BRO, and ITBP at Parvati Kund and Gunji in Uttarakhand

Laid the foundation stone for schemes related to farming, education, and medical facilities.

- Five projects on the National Highway will be upgraded.
- Preparation for disaster prevention in the state: construction of bridges, upgrading of the emergency operation center in Dehradun, and initiation of steps to prevent landslides in Balinala and Nainital.
- Hostels and computer labs will be developed in 20 model degree colleges across the state.
- Laying the foundation stone of a 100-bed sub-district hospital at Someshwar in Almora and a 50-bed hospital block at Champawat
- Astroturf hockey grounds will be constructed at Haldwani Stadium and Velodrome Stadium in Rudrapur.

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polyhouses will be constructed, which will help increase the production of flowers and vegetables and improve their quality.



PM Modi visited Adi Kailash and prayed for the welfare and happy lives of all the countrymen.

number of devotees coming for the Chardham Yatra in Uttarakhand is going to be around 50 lakh. The first phase of the reconstruction of Kedarnath Dham has been completed. Many development works are being carried out in Badrinath Dham at a cost of hundreds of crores of rupees. Referring to the Chardham mega project, Udaan Yojana, and road projects from Bageshwar to Kanalicchhina, Gangolihal to Almora, and Tanakpur Ghat to Pithoragarh, PM Modi said that tourism is going to expand a lot in this region in the coming times. Today, the whole world wants to come to India, and those who want to see India will definitely want to come to Uttarakhand. ●



Parliaments for One Earth, One Family, One Future'

The consensus on the Leaders' Declarations at the New Delhi Summit, following more than 200 G-20 meetings under India's chairmanship, has shown the world a new path to address global challenges through a human-centric effort. There is no better medium for dealing with global challenges than public participation. Governments, of course, are formed by majority, but the country is run by consensus. To reinforce this spirit, the P-20, held on October 13–14 under India's G-20 Chairmanship, with the theme "Parliaments for One Earth, One Family, One Future," was attended by the Parliament Speakers of G-20 countries as well as Parliament Speakers of Pan African countries.

In the Rig Veda, the oldest Veda of India, it is also said - संगच्छ-ध्वं संवद-ध्वं सं, वो मनांसि जानताम् That means, let us walk together, let us speak together and let our minds be conjoined. Even during that period, decisions related to villages were taken through debates in gram sabhas. This journey from the 5000-year-old Vedas to today, this development of parliamentary traditions is not only our heritage but also the heritage of the entire world. At the Yashobhoomi Conference Centre in Dwarka, Delhi, on the land of the mother of democracy and the

world's largest democracy, representatives of P20, the 'Maha Kumbh' of parliamentary practices from around the world, gathered to try to improve the world through dialogue. Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the 9th Parliamentary Speakers Summit of the G-20 after inaugurating it at Yashobhoomi in Dwarka on October 13.

The summit was hosted by the Parliament of India under India's G-20 chairmanship. In line with the theme of India's G-20 Chairmanship, the theme of the conference was "Parliaments for One Earth,

P20 summit adopts joint work agenda after discussion

Building on the ninth P20's constructive discussions on four key themes and the lessons learned from previous P20s, a commitment was made to continue joint work to provide an effective and meaningful parliamentary contribution to the G-20 process. The conference participants agreed to continue engaging in parliamentary diplomacy and dialogue at appropriate forums as a catalyst for promoting international peace, prosperity, and harmony. This includes promoting peaceful conflict resolution and dispute resolution. This document also states that we will forward this joint statement to our respective heads of state and government. Will work together to carry out their mutual commitments. The P20 Chairmanship will deliver this joint statement to the G-20 Chairmanship. The G-20 will encourage its wider dissemination in the community. Click here to read the joint statement https://www.g20.org/content/dam/gtwenty/gtwenty_new/document/FINAL_P20_Joint_Statement.pdf.

These topics were discussed at the P20 summit

- Agenda 2030 for the SDGs: Focus on showcasing achievements and accelerating progress.
- Sustainable energy transition to move towards a green future.
- Promoting gender equality—from women's development to women-led development
- Transforming people's lives through public digital platforms

One Family, One Future". The event was also attended by Speakers of Parliament from G-20 member countries and invited countries. The meet discussed strategies to advance LIFE, i.e., 'LiFEstyle for the Environment' and tackle climate change, and brainstormed for two days on four topics to take forward the issues decided at the G-20 Summit. A worldwide effort dedicated to advocating for and protecting our environment was undertaken.

The Pan-African Parliament also took part in the P20 Summit for the first time after the African Union became a member of G20 at the New Delhi



Next year there is going to be general elections in Bharat again. 100 crore voters i.e. 1 billion people are going to cast their votes in this election. I extend an advance invitation to all the delegates of the P20 Summit to come and watch the general elections to be held next year. Bharat will be very delighted to host you once again.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

G20 Leaders' Summit on 9-10 September 2023.

Overcome the global crisis of trust and lead with human-centric thinking

Today, no one is untouched by what is happening in different parts of the world. The world today is facing crises due to conflict and confrontation. This crisis-ridden world is not in anyone's interest. A divided world cannot provide solutions to the major challenges facing humanity. This is the time for peace and brotherhood; this is the time to walk together; this is the time to move together. This is the time for development and the welfare of all. "We have to overcome the crisis of global trust and move forward on human-centric thinking," PM Modi told the world parliamentarians. We have to look at the world in the spirit of one earth, one family,



The unanimous adoption of the Joint Declaration at P20Bharat exemplifies the spirit of Vasudhaiva Kutumbkam. As public representatives, we pledge to collaborate for a human centric, prosperous and harmonious future. P20 Delegates saw and appreciated aesthetically designed new building of Parliament. This temple of democracy is a reflection of aspirations and dreams of 140 crore Bharatiyas and exemplifies the spirit of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat.

-Om Birla, Speaker, Lok Sabha

and one future. The greater the participation in decision-making related to the world, the greater the impact. In this spirit, India had proposed to make the African Union a permanent member of the G-20, which was accepted by the member countries. I am very happy to see the participation of the Pan African Parliament in this forum as well.

Terrorism, wherever it occurs, is against humanity

Drawing attention to the global aspect of terrorism, Prime Minister Narendra Modi told P20 representatives that it is very unfortunate that there is no consensus on the definition of terrorism. Even

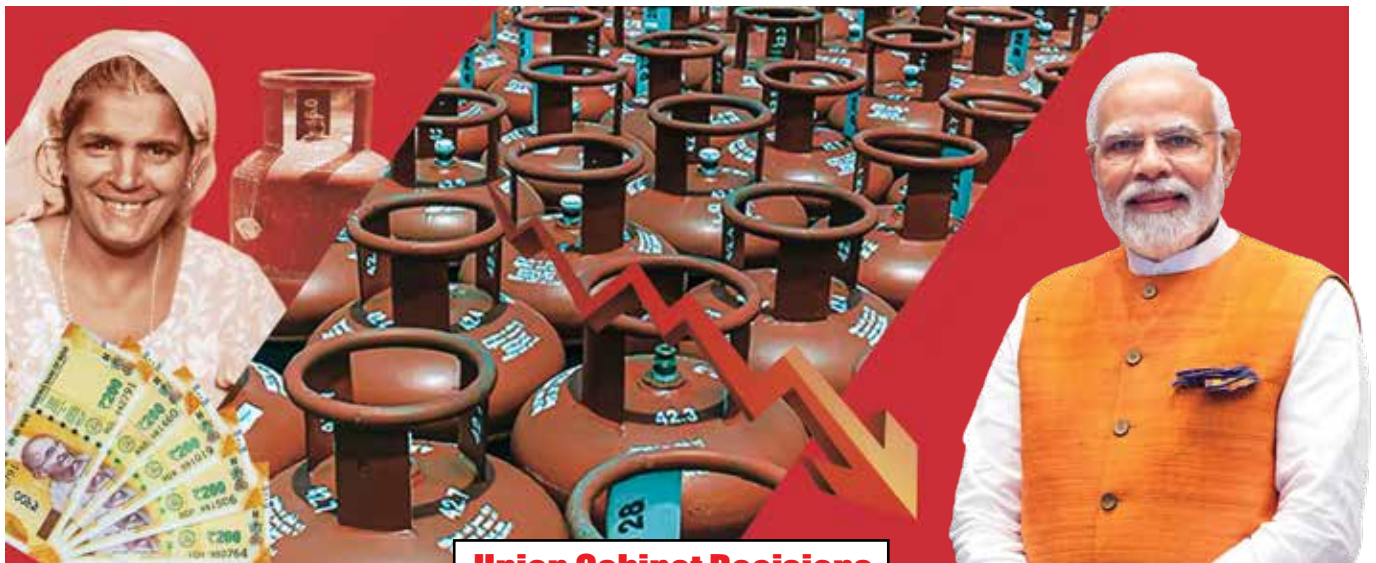
today, the United Nations International Conference on Combating Terrorism is awaiting consensus. Humanity's enemies are exploiting this attitude in the world. Parliaments and representatives all over the world must consider how we can work together to combat terrorism. For decades, India has faced cross-border terrorism. In India, terrorists have killed thousands of innocent people. Terrorists also targeted our Parliament about 20 years ago, and you will be surprised to learn that it was in session at the time. The terrorists planned to capture and kill the MPs. India has arrived here today after dealing with numerous terrorist incidents. Terrorism is now being recognised as a major threat to the world. Terrorism, no matter where it occurs, for whatever reason or in whatever form, is a crime against humanity. We must all maintain our vigilance against terrorism.

A pre-summit Parliamentary Forum on LiFE

A pre-summit Parliamentary Forum on LiFE (LiFEstyle for Environment) was also held on October 12, 2023, to deliberate upon initiatives towards a greener and more sustainable future in harmony with nature. Lok Sabha Speaker of the world's largest democracy, Om Birla, said that Mission LiFE is a comprehensive vision of environmental protection proposed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi that shows every person the path to reduce, reuse, and recycle. Mission LiFE has taken a new approach to tackle contemporary challenges like climate change, ensuring sustainable development, health security, food security, and energy security. Given that LiFE has now become a global movement, many countries are formulating policies and action plans based on this idea according to their geographical and socio-economic conditions.

Policies and laws not enough; collective action necessary

Referring to India's legislative initiatives on sustainable lifestyles, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla stated that there has been extensive discussion in Parliament on this topic, and laws have also been passed. Policies and laws alone will not suffice to address environmental challenges; everyone must contribute collectively by changing their lifestyle. Adopt a lifestyle that does not harm the environment. ●



Union Cabinet Decisions

Ujjwala beneficiaries to receive LPG cylinder for Rs 600, Nod to Tribal University

The Union Cabinet had recently cut the prices of LPG by Rs 200 per cylinder after which its price had fallen from Rs 1100 to Rs 900. For the beneficiaries of Ujjwala the cylinders became available for Rs 700 after a subsidy of Rs 200 was given. Now the Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on October 4 decided to give a subsidy of Rs 300 instead of Rs 200 to the beneficiaries of the Ujjwala scheme. The Cabinet also approved several other schemes including giving approval for setting up of an autonomous body Mera Yuva Bharat, formation of National Turmeric Board and establishment of Tribal University in Telangana.

DECISION: Providing a big relief to women power, the Union Cabinet has decided to give a subsidy of Rs 300 per LPG cylinder to Ujjwala beneficiaries. Now Ujjwala beneficiaries will get a gas cylinder for Rs 600.

IMPACT: The subsidy on PM Ujjwala Yojana was increased from Rs 200 to Rs 300 per cylinder, due to which the beneficiaries of Ujjwala Yojana will now get Rs 600 per LPG cylinder. Before this the government had made the cylinder cheaper by Rs 200 which means now Ujjwala beneficiaries will get a total benefit of Rs 500 per cylinder. Despite increased inflation due to the global scenario, the Modi government is making every effort to give relief to poor families at every step. This decision is going to reduce the financial burden of poor families.

DECISION: With an aim to promote tribal

education, the Cabinet approves amendment to the Central Universities Act 2009 for establishment of Sammakka Sarakka Central Tribal University in Telangana.

IMPACT: This new university will improve access and quality of higher education in Telangana. Research facilities in tribal art, culture and knowledge will be ensured for the benefit of the tribal population. A provision of Rs 889.09 crore has been made for this.

DECISION: The Union Cabinet has approved the setting up of an autonomous body Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat). It will act as a comprehensive technology enabled mechanism for youth development and youth led development. It will also provide equal access to youth. This will allow youth to realize their aspirations.

IMPACT: The primary objective of Mera Yuva Bharat

The establishment of Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat) would lead to:

- Leadership Development in the Youth:
- Government's focus on youth-led development.
- Better alignment between youth aspirations and community needs.
- Enhanced efficiency through Convergence of existing programmes.
- Act as a one stop shop for young people and Ministries.
- Create a centralized youth database.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi praised the setting up of the 'Mera Yuva Bharat' platform. He said that the decision to establish the 'Mera Yuva Bharat' (MY Bharat) platform will go a long way in promoting youth-led development and providing wings to the aspirations of India's talented youth.



(MY Bharat) is to make it a whole of Government platform for youth development. Under the new arrangement, with access to resources & connection to opportunities, youth would become community change agents and nation builders. Mera Yuva Bharat will benefit youth in the age group of 15-29 years, in line with the definition of 'youth' in the National Youth Policy.

DECISION: Approval for the establishment of National Turmeric Board to empower turmeric farmers. The National Turmeric Board will focus on the progress and growth of turmeric and turmeric products in the country. It will also develop new markets internationally to increase exports.

IMPACT: National Turmeric Board will provide leadership in matters related to turmeric. Will facilitate greater coordination with the Spices Board and other government agencies in the progress and growth of the turmeric sector. Turmeric exports from India are expected to reach \$1 billion by 2030. The board will also raise awareness about the medicinal properties and benefits of turmeric.

DECISION: Approval of royalty rates for mining of three critical and strategic minerals – Lithium, Niobium and Rare Earth Elements (REEs).

IMPACT: This will boost economic development



A very important Cabinet decision, which will benefit crores of industrious farmers. The National Turmeric Board will help in ensuring better markets and higher profits for farmers. The establishment of Sammakka Sarakka Central Tribal University will give a boost to the youth of Telangana. This will deepen the understanding of tribal culture as well as promote innovation.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

and strengthen national security. Encouraging indigenous mining would lead to reduction in imports and setting up of related industries and infrastructure projects. Smooth energy transition will help achieve the goal of net zero carbon emissions by 2070. New and more employment opportunities will be created in the mining sector.

DECISION: Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between India and France regarding cooperation in the field of digital technology.

IMPACT: G2G and B2B bilateral cooperation in the field of digital technologies will be promoted. This MoU envisages better cooperation to promote employment opportunities in the field of IT. ●



Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurates the 3rd "Anti-Terrorism Conference"

Demolishing eco-system of terrorism

The Central Government's top priorities have always been national security, sovereignty, unity, and the integrity of the country. In the last nine years, under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, central and state agencies have successfully cracked down on all forms of terrorism. On October 5, Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the third 'Counter-Terrorism Conference' organised by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) in New Delhi. The conference emphasised the importance of destroying the entire terrorism ecosystem.

India has been successful in cracking down on terrorist funding in recent years, and the underground network of terrorists is now being dismantled alongside the elimination of terrorists. New India is working to eliminate not only terrorism but also its entire ecosystem. Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah stated at the National Investigation Agency's third two-day 'Anti-Terrorism Conference' that a model 'anti-terrorism structure' should be formed in the country. There should be a standard procedure in all states' anti-terror agencies to improve coordination between central and state agencies. All anti-terror agencies will have to take this approach in order to prevent the formation of new terrorist organisations. The NIA, ATS, and STF's job is not only to investigate, but also to go beyond the scope of investigation and work to combat terrorism. Union Minister Amit

Jammu and Kashmir: A New Dawn of Development and Peace

There has been a drastic reduction in violent incidents in Jammu and Kashmir during the 9 years from 2014 to 2023, as compared to the 10 years from 2004 to 2014.

Indicator	From June 2004 to May 2014	From June 2014 to Aug 2023	Percent decline
Total Incidents	7217	2197	70%
Total Deaths (Civilian+Security Forces)	2829	891	69%
Civilian Deaths	1769	336	81%
Security Forces' Deaths	1060	555	48%

In the last 5 years, the Central Government has prepared many big databases

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah said that the Modi government has prepared many big databases in the last 5 years. All the agencies of the Centre and the State should make multidimensional use of them; only then will we be successful in the fight against terrorism.

- The Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and System were implemented in 16,733 police stations. 22,000 courts have been connected to e-courts.
- About 2 crore of prisoner data is available from e-Prison, more than 1 crore of prosecution data from e-Prosecution, and more than 17 lakh of forensic data from e-Forensic.
- More than 90 lakh fingerprint records are registered in the National Automated Fingerprint Identification System (NAFIS). Under Integrated Monitoring of Terrorism, data on 22,000 terrorist cases is available for monitoring UAPA-registered cases.
- Data on more than 5 lakh narco-offenders is available under NIDAN, i.e., the National Integrated Database on Arrested Narco-Offenders.
- Data on about 1 lakh human traffickers is available under the National Database of Human Trafficking Offenders. Data of more than 14 lakh alerts is available under Crime Multi Agency Center (Cri-MAC). Data of more than 28 lakh complaints is available on the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal (NCRP).
- A biometric database of prisoners and information about their visitors is available in the Prison Database. Apart from this, the national-level terrorism database of the NIA is also available.
- In 2001, the number of terrorist incidents was 6,000, which the Central Government worked to reduce to 900 in 2022.

Major successes achieved in the fight against drugs

Major successes have been achieved in the fight against drugs with the cooperation of the central and state governments. These achievements include Operation Samudragupta, conducted this year under the leadership of the Narcotics Control Bureau. During this period, 2,500 kg of methamphetamine worth more than Rs 12,000 crore were seized in Kerala. Apart from this, 10 lakh kilogrammes of intoxicants have also been destroyed.

Shah stated that in the fight against terrorism, there is a need for international cooperation at all levels, from global to local, and across the country. The Prime Minister Narendra Modi government has taken a tough stance on all challenges, like crypto, hawala, terror funding, organised crime syndicates, and narco-terror links. It has achieved very good

Left-wing extremism will end in two years



Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah chaired a review meeting on Left Wing Extremism with Chief Ministers, Deputy Chief Ministers, and other concerned officials of Left Wing Extremism-affected states in New Delhi on October 6. Union Minister Amit Shah made it clear that leftist extremism will end in the next two years.

The meeting was attended by Union Ministers, National Security Advisor, Union Home Secretary, Director General of the Central Armed Police Forces, Secretaries to the Central Government, Chief Secretaries of States, Director General of Police, and other senior officials. In the meeting, Union Minister Amit Shah said that our zero-tolerance policy against left-wing extremism since 2014 has resulted in the lowest violence and deaths recorded in four decades in 2022. There is a 52 percent reduction in left-wing extremism-related violence and a 69 percent reduction in deaths between 2014 and 2023 compared to the period from 2005 to 2014. There has been a recorded reduction of 72 percent in deaths of security forces and 68 percent in deaths of civilians.

results, but a lot remains to be done. Home Minister Amit Shah urged the Centre and states, as well as their agencies, to combat terrorism through vertical and horizontal thinking, as well as inter-agency cooperation. On this occasion, the Home Minister awarded medals to NIA officers for their outstanding service. ●



Prime Minister's gifts and souvenirs on e-auction

A new picture of determination and dedication

"It is my pledge that every single moment of my time, and every particle of my body is dedicated in the service of the countrymen." Prime Minister Narendra Modi has repeated these words on many occasions, from Parliament to public addresses. This is not just rhetoric but he lives on these values. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has donated more than Rs 100 crore from the money he saved from salary, money collected from gift auctions or award money received by him to the noble cause of public welfare. Continuing with this magnanimous gesture the e-auction of Prime Minister Modi's gifts started from 2nd October.

In his 22 years of public life, Prime Minister Narendra Modi not only remained dedicated to the service of the nation but in reality, as per his resolve, works tirelessly and magnanimously for the nation and has donated the proceeds of the gifts received from auction to the service of Mother Ganga. The fifth edition of the auction, which began on October 2, included 912 gifts and AngaVastram. In the previous four editions, more than 7000 items were put up for e-auction. The first auction started in January 2019. The amount of around Rs 38 crore raised from the auction of the last four editions was dedicated to the Namami Gange Mission for cleaning the national river Ganga.

This major initiative of the Central Government is dedicated to conserving and restoring the national river, Ganga and promoting its sensitive ecosystem. The proceeds from the auction will be used for noble causes including supporting the Namami Gange programme.

PM Modi donates money from his savings and gift auction

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi leads by example. He had appealed to the nation to donate money to PM CARES Fund only after donating the amount of Rs 2.25 lakh raised from his savings during the global pandemic of Covid.
- After completion of his tenure as Chief Minister of Gujarat, he donated Rs 21 lakh from his savings for the education of girls of government employees of Gujarat.
- PM Modi raised Rs 89.96 crore by auctioning all the gifts he received as Chief Minister and donated it to the Kanya Kelavani Fund which was spent on the education of girls.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi had donated the amount of Rs 1.3 crore received from the Seoul Peace Prize to the Namami Gange Mission.
- Rs 3.4 crore was raised from the auction of souvenirs received during the initial tenure of PM which was donated to Namami Gange Mission.
- In the year 2015, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had auctioned the gifts he had received till that period in Surat. The amount of Rs 8.33 crore raised from that auction was also donated to Namami Gange Mission.
- Donated Rs 21 lakh from his personal savings to the welfare fund of Kumbh Mela sanitation workers.
- PM Modi received the 41st Lokmanya Tilak National Award. Prime Minister Narendra Modi donated the amount of Rs 1 lakh received in this to the Namami Gange project.



High bid for painting of Padma Shri award-winning Indian painter Paresh Maiti

The base price of the picturesque painting of Varanasi Ghats by Indian painter Padma Shri awardee Paresh Maiti was Rs 64.80 lakh, against which a bid of Rs 73.50 lakh was made in the initial days. The Varanasi Ghat painting is 386 centimeters long. It reflects the spirit of India, unity in diversity, and resilience of the people.

Exceptional Gond painting by Padma Shri awarded artist Durgabai

An extraordinary Gond painting made by Padma Shri awarded artist Durgabai. Within this masterpiece, you will discover a world of intricate patterns and vibrant colors that reflect the wonders of the natural world, diverse wildlife, and the rich tapestry of tribal life. Every color used, from light blue to bright red and yellow to deep black, serves as a tribute to the natural world. The bidding for this painting started at Rs 1.51 lakh.

Mysore painting of Panchmukhi Hanuman killing the demon

This masterpiece portrays a captivating scene, Lord Hanuman, with his multifaceted face, standing as a divine conqueror crushing an evil demon beneath his mighty feet. The bidding for this painting started at Rs 1.81 lakh.

Wooden image of Lord Krishna in the forest

The wooden sculpture depicts the seven-year-old form of Shri Govardhannathji, Lord Shrinathji or Lord Krishna playing the flute surrounded by dense green leaves in the Pichwai painting tradition. Shrinathji, the presiding deity of the Vaishnav sect and Nathdwara city, is surrounded by Parijat trees. Each Pichwai painting describes an episode from the life of Lord Krishna. Its bidding started at Rs 1,29,600.

This year's e-auction featured a diverse collection of souvenirs comprised of a vivid array of traditional arts including paintings, intricate sculptures, indigenous handicrafts, and fascinating folk and tribal artefacts. The outstanding artefacts included architectural replicas such as the Modhera Sun Temple and the Vijay Stambh of Chittorgarh. ●

Professor Swaminathan's strong commitment and foresight ushered in a new era of agricultural prosperity: PM Modi

Born: August 7, 1925 Kumbakonam (Tamil Nadu)

Died: September 28, 2023 (Chennai, Tamil Nadu)



Professor MS Swaminathan has made an invaluable contribution towards making India self-reliant in agriculture and played a key role in improving the lives of farmers. Swaminathan ji had laid the foundation of the modern and progressive agriculture whose impact is visible today in India. He used to say, "If the planners have determination, they will achieve the results they want." By imbibing his values Prime Minister Narendra Modi is making the nation self-reliant in the agricultural sector and taking efforts for the welfare of farmers. On the demise of Swaminathan ji PM Modi wrote an article. Here is the Prime Minister's article dedicated to Swaminathan ji highlighting his invaluable contribution....

A few days ago we lost Professor M.S. Swaminathan. Our nation lost a visionary who revolutionised agricultural science, a stalwart whose contribution to India will always be etched in golden letters. Prof. M.S. Swaminathan loved India and wanted our nation, and our farmers in particular, to lead a life of prosperity. Academically brilliant, he could have chosen any career but he was so impacted by the Bengal famine of 1943 that he was clear that if there is one thing he would do, it would be to study agriculture.

At a relatively young age, he came in contact with Dr. Norman Borlaug and followed his work in great detail. In the 1950's, he was offered a faculty position in the US but he rejected it because he wanted to work in India and for India.

I want you all to think about the challenging circumstances in which he stood as a colossus, guiding our nation towards the path of self-sufficiency and self-confidence. In the first two

decades since Independence, we were dealing with immense challenges and one of them was food shortages. In the early 1960s, India was grappling with the ominous shadows of famine and it is then that Prof. Swaminathan's unyielding commitment and foresight ushered a new era of agricultural prosperity.

His pioneering work in agriculture and specific sectors like wheat breeding led to a significant increase in wheat production, thus turning India from a food-deficient country into a self-sufficient nation. This tremendous achievement earned him the well deserved title of, "Father of the Indian Green Revolution."

The Green Revolution offered a glimpse of India's "Can Do Spirit" - that if we have a billion challenges, we also have a billion minds with the flame of innovation to overcome those challenges. Five decades after the Green Revolution began, Indian agriculture has become far more modern

and progressive. But, the very foundations laid by Prof. Swaminathan can never be forgotten. Over the years, he undertook pioneering research in combating parasites affecting potato crops. His research also enabled potato crops to withstand cold weather. Today, the world is talking about Millets or Shree Anna as super foods but Prof. Swaminathan had encouraged discourse around millets since the 1990's.

My personal interactions with Prof. Swaminathan were extensive. They began after I took over as Chief Minister of Gujarat in 2001. During those days, Gujarat was not known for its agricultural prowess. Successive droughts and a super cyclone and an Earthquake had impacted the growth trajectory of the state. Among the many initiatives we launched was the Soil Health Card, which enabled us to understand the soil better and address problems if they arose.

It was in the context of this scheme that I met Prof. Swaminathan. He appreciated the scheme and also shared his valuable inputs for the same. His endorsement was enough to convince those who were sceptical about the scheme which would eventually set the stage for Gujarat's agricultural success. Our interactions continued during my Chief Ministerial tenure and also when I took over as Prime Minister. I met him at the International Agro-Biodiversity Congress in 2016 and the next year in 2017, I launched a two-part book series written by him.

The Kural describes farmers as the pin that holds the world together because it is the farmers who sustain everyone. Prof. Swaminathan understood this principle very well. A lot of people call him a "Krishi Vaigyanik" – an Agricultural Scientist. But, I have always believed that he was even more. He was a true "Kisan Vaigyanik" – a Farmers' Scientist. In his heart there was a farmer. The success of his works is not restricted to their academic excellence; it lies in the impact they have had outside the laboratories, in the farms and the fields. His work narrowed the gap between scientific knowledge and its practical application. He consistently

advocated for sustainable agriculture, emphasising the delicate balance between human advancement and ecological sustainability.

Here, I must also note Prof. Swaminathan's special emphasis on improving the lives of the small farmers and ensuring they also enjoy the fruits of innovation. He was particularly passionate about improving the lives of women farmers.

There is another aspect about Prof. M.S. Swaminathan which is remarkable - he stands tall as a paragon of innovation and mentorship. When he won the World Food Prize in 1987, the first recipient of this prestigious honour, he used the prize money to establish a not-for-profit research foundation. Till date, it undertakes extensive work across various sectors. He has nurtured countless minds, instilling in them a passion for learning and innovation. In a rapidly changing world, his life reminds us of the enduring power of knowledge, mentorship, and innovation.

He was an institution builder as well, having to his credit many centres where vibrant research takes place. One of his stints was as Director, International Rice Research Institute, Manila. The South Asia Regional Centre of International Rice Research Institute was opened in Varanasi in 2018.

I will again cite The Kural to pay tributes to Dr. Swaminathan. It is written there, "If those who have planned have firmness, they will attain what they have desired the way they have desired." Here was a stalwart who decided early on in his life that he wants to strengthen agriculture and serve farmers. And, he did it exceptionally innovatively and passionately. Dr. Swaminathan's contributions continue to inspire and guide us as we navigate the path of agricultural innovation and sustainability. We must also keep reaffirming our commitment to the principles he held dear, championing the cause of farmers and ensuring the fruits of scientific innovation reach the roots of our agricultural expanse, fostering growth, sustainability, and prosperity for generations to come.

I once again pay my humble tribute to Professor Swaminathan. ●



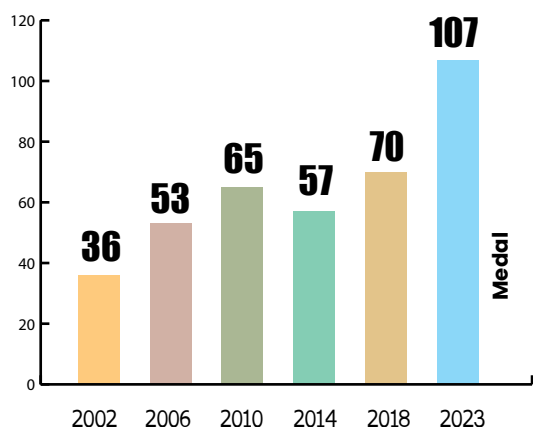
Best performance in Asian Games with 107 medals

India a nation of champion athletes

India recorded its best-ever performance at the Asian Games 2022, held in Hangzhou, China, by winning 107 medals. India finished fourth with 28 gold, 38 silver, and 41 bronze medals.

India not only crossed the century mark for the first time by breaking the best-ever record of 70 medals in 2018, but also achieved a new high by winning the best-ever 107 medals in the history of the Asian Games. Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted with the players on October 10, who returned as champions, which gives them more strength to excel.

India at the Asian Games



Government committed to a bright sporting future

- **Khelo India:** The 2022–23 budget allocation for Khelo India registered a significant 48% increase. 960 Khelo India Centers were set up, which provide support to more than 23,000 athletes and promote more than 1,000 academies.
- **TOPS initiative:** 98 TOPS core group athletes across 13 sports disciplines. Provide significant assistance to both men's and women's hockey teams.
- **Development of infrastructure:** The first sports university in the North East. The world's largest cricket stadium. 29 projects are funded by the Sports Authority of India, and 297 projects are under Khelo India.
- **Increase in allocation:** 220% increase in budget allocation for the Sports Department. 770 crore in 2014–15 to Rs. 2462.59 crore in 2023–24. Support non-traditional games like kurash, jujutsu, and chess.



In recent years, the Government of India has created an ideal atmosphere to encourage sporting potential and allow sportsmen to grow. Simultaneously, under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, much emphasis has been placed on promoting the country's sports culture and boosting youth participation in sports. The government has taken efforts to promote the sports ecosystem by implementing several initiatives to assist aspiring athletes. Prime Minister Narendra Modi complimented Indian athletes for bringing honour to the country. As a result, Indian players are now competing well in every field around the world.

The 19th Asian Games were postponed from

2022 to 2023 due to COVID-19. In the 19th Asian Games, which ran from September 23 to October 8, India broke records and won a flurry of medals. "This time, India achieved a historic high by winning more medals than the target of 100. The Indian athletes also won a lot of gold medals for the country. India won a total of 28 gold medals. The women's Kabaddi team won the historic 100th medal by winning gold. Apart from this, in recent times, Indian players have excelled in the world of sports and won many other awards. It is the result of the encouragement given to sports and sportspersons in the country that India is performing well at the international level.

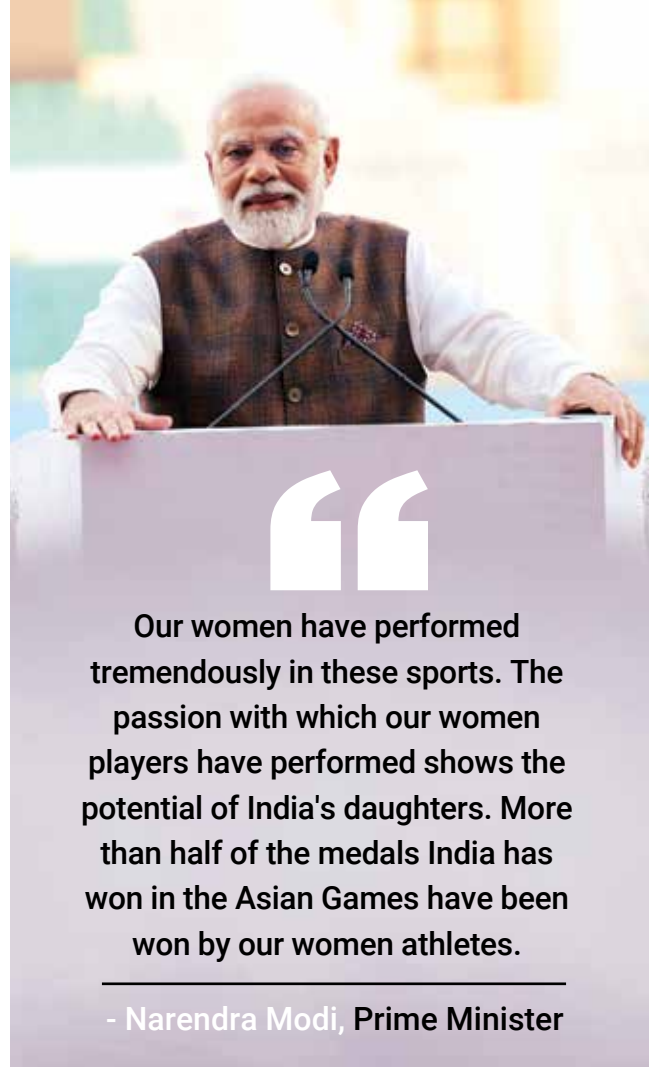
PM addresses valedictory function of Amethi MP Sports Competition 2023

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the valedictory function of the Amethi MP Sports Competition 2023 on October 13th. Addressing the gathering, he said that for the development of any society, it is very important that there is the development of sports; there is an opportunity for sports and players to flourish. Working hard to achieve the goal, trying again after losing, and moving forward by joining the team—all these feelings of personality development develop in the youth in a spontaneous way through sports.

When a player enters the field, he has only one goal: to make himself and his team victorious. Today, the whole country is thinking like players. The players also think of the nation first when they play. At that moment, they play for the country by putting everything at stake. At this time, the country is also running with a big goal. Every citizen of the country has a role to play in the development of India. For this, every sector will have to move forward with one spirit, one goal, and one resolution." With this in mind, we are running schemes like the TOPS scheme and the Khelo India Games for the youth of the country. Today, hundreds of players are being trained and coached in the country and abroad under the TOPS scheme. Crores of rupees are being given to these players. Under the Khelo India Games, more than 3,000 players are being given assistance worth 50,000 rupees every month. With this, they are able to meet their training, diet, coaching, kits, necessary equipment, and other expenses.

PM Modi lauded India's best performance in the Asian Games in the last 60 years, with 107 medals. PM Modi appreciated the unwavering determination, persistent spirit, and hard work of the players. He said, "A huge and historic achievement for India in the Asian Games! The entire nation is extremely happy that our extraordinary athletes have won the highest ever medal tally of 107 medals, which is the best performance in the last 60 years." He said that the unwavering determination, tireless enthusiasm, and hard work of our players have made the country proud. Their victory has provided us with moments to remember, inspired us all, and reaffirmed our commitment to excellence.

On the achievements of the players, President Droupadi Murmu said that the country is proud of



the players who have won 107 medals, setting new standards of excellence. At the same time, Union Youth and Sports Affairs Minister Anurag Singh Thakur said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had given the slogan 'Kheloge to Khiloge' and said that change in the thought process and providing facilities will bring good results, and the same is happening today.

PM Modi interacts with sportspersons

Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted and addressed the Indian contingent and athletes participating in the Asian Games at Major Dhyan Chand Stadium in New Delhi on October 10. He said, "What you did on the sports field is part of a larger canvas. When the country moves forward, its impact is seen in every field. We are seeing the same thing happening in the sports sector in India. He appealed to the athletes to inspire all to fight drug addiction and definitely tell about the drug menace. You should come forward to give strength to the fight for a drug-free India. Now we have the Paris Olympics in front of us. Prepare yourself for that." ●



Narendra Modi @narendramodi
Today, as #MannKiBaat completes 9 years, here is an interesting study by @TheOfficialSBI and @iimb_official which highlights some of the themes covered and their societal impact. It is amazing how we have celebrated several life journeys and collective efforts through this medium.



Rajnath Singh @rajnathsingh
Greetings and warm wishes to all Indian Air Force personnel and their families on the occasion of the #91stAnniversary of this amazing force.
We are proud of our #Airwarriors who play significant role in keeping India safe. The #IAF today is lethal and formidable force, projecting its air power



Amit Shah @AmitShah
It is a historic day for the turmeric farmers of our nation as the Union Cabinet today decided to notify the establishment of the National Turmeric Board.
The new board will pivot to increase turmeric consumption by spreading awareness about its benefits and developing new markets internationally to boost exports.



Nitin Gadkari @nitin_gadkari
India's GDP growth: 6.3% - once again ranking among the world's fastest-growing economies. With India's lowest unemployment rate in 6 years, the future signals a brighter, more promising path for our dynamic workforce.
Under PM Shri @narendramodi ji's leadership, the horizon shines with endless possibilities!



Narayan Rane @MeNarayanRane
Congratulations to @CGTMSEOfficial for reaching the remarkable milestone of approving Cumulative Guarantees of ₹ 5 lakh crore, empowering 76 lakh MSEs.
Under the leadership of Honourable Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi ji, we are committed to supporting the growth of these enterprises as we work towards the goal of 5Tn\$ economy.



Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey @DrMNPandeyMP
सशक्त युवा...
प्रधानमंत्री श्री @narendramodi की अध्यक्षता में केंद्रीय कैबिनेट में एक स्वायत्त निकाय 'MERA YUVA BHARAT' की स्थापना को मंजूरी दी।
यह युवा विकास के लिए प्रौद्योगिकी द्वारा संचालित एक व्यापक सक्षम तंत्र के रूप में काम करेगा।
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INAUGURATES, LAYS FOUNDATION FOR PROJECTS WORTH ₹4,200 CR

Developing border roads govt priority: PM in Uttarakhand

ANAND KISHORE
DEHRADUN, OCTOBER 12

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi today inaugurated and laid the foundation for multiple development projects in Uttarakhand worth around ₹4,200 crore while attending the state's post-independence anniversary.

Addressing a gathering after the event, Modi said the government's priority is to develop the border roads.

The projects he inaugurated include those related to roads, power, irrigation, drinking water, health, culture, education, youth and disaster management.

"They (the previous governments) did not develop the border area, leaving that to our hands. Today, for the first time, the state India today has left back together and moved forward... Over the last nine years, we have made over 4,200 km of road, 250 bridges and 27 tunnels in the border areas. We are also planning to bring rail to our border," he said.



PM Modi at Parnali Kund in Pithoragarh Thursday.

Unemployment rate is at its lowest level in last 6 yrs: PM

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NEW DELHI: A recent survey has revealed that the unemployment rate in the country has fallen to its lowest level in six years, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Thursday.

He also said that the focus of development is covering new and equal opportunities in both cities and villages.

"The PM has personally addressed the situation of employment in the country in his last five years. The country is looking towards India for its skilled youth."

INDIA HAS THIS HUGE ADVANTAGE. The world is looking towards India for its skilled youth.

NARENDRA MODI, PM

For added that about 5,000 new jobs were set up in the country in the last five years and are being upgraded to provide efficient and high quality jobs along with best practices.

The PM said that new possibilities are being created for youngsters in the country's economy is expanding.

Govt launches Bharat-tagged, tech-driven youth initiative

Autonomous Body To Be Set Up To Boost Youth-Led Development

Times News Network

New Delhi: The Union cabinet on Wednesday approved the setting up of an autonomous body — Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat) — that will act as an overarching technology-driven enabling mechanism to ensure youth-led development. This is perhaps the first government programme with the 'Bharat' tag.

Announcing the decision, Union Minister Anand Thakur said the 'MY Bharat' platform is designed to raise awareness and facilitate youth participation in government programmes.

He said this will foster leadership skills in the youth in the age group of 15 to 29 years. In case of programme components specifically meant for adolescents, the beneficiaries will be in the age-group of 15 to 18 years. "The cabinet decision



Union minister Anand Thakur said Mera Yuva Bharat platform would help foster leadership skills among youth in the 15-29 years age group.

was announced barely hours after Thakur unveiled the trailer of an upcoming animated series titled 'Bharat Hai Hum', which will focus on several untold stories of India's freedom struggle.

The body will be dedicated to the nation on the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on October 30.

In a post on X, Prime Minister Modi said, "The cabinet decision on establishing Mera Yuva Bharat will go a long way in furthering youth-led development and giving wings to the aspirations of our talented youth."

On the cabinet decision, Thakur said the 'MY Bharat'

platform is designed to raise awareness and facilitate youth participation in government programmes, while clarifying that the scheme is not a financial incentive, rather a platform for motivated young individuals who are keen to make positive contributions to the society.

"Under the new arrangement, with access to resources and connections to opportunities, youth would be encouraged to set up their own community change agents and nation builders, allowing them to act as the 'youth set' between the government and the citizens. It seeks to harness the immense youth energy for nation-building."

said in an official statement.

The government said that the establishment of 'My Bharat' would lead to youth improving their leadership skills through experiential learning by engaging in isolated physical interaction to programme skills. It will also lead to investing more in youth to make them social innovators and leaders in the communities.

It said the scheme will also set the government focus on youth-led development and to make the "active drivers" of development and not merely "passive recipients". It will also achieve better alignment between youth aspirations and national needs.

The scheme also aims to enhance efficiency through convergence of existing programmes and act as a one-stop shop for young people and ministries. "It will create a centralised youth database and improve two-way communication to connect youth government initiatives and activities of other stakeholders that engage with youth," an official said.

Cabinet okays royalty rates for niobium, REEs, lithium

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The Union cabinet on Wednesday approved an amendment to the Second Schedule of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, specifying royalty rates for strategic minerals, lithium, niobium and rare earth elements (REEs).

The approval of royalty rates clears the way for the government to auction lithium, niobium and REE blocks for the first time. These minerals have a wide range of uses including in batteries, electronics and aerospace.

Critical minerals are increasingly playing a crucial role in economic development and energy security. Their importance has surged as India pursues an aggressive energy transition plan that aims to achieve net-zero emissions by 2070. Promoting domestic mining would reduce reliance on imports and stimulate the establishment of related industries and infrastructure projects and also fostering jobs within the mining sector.

"People do not know much about these areas but when they do, they will think of them as something to be feared, the Europe of biomass is going to be there," he said.



The under construction Rapidax in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.

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GHAZIABAD, OCTOBER 12

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi will inaugurate India's first rapidax toll free, also called Rapidax, in Ghaziabad.

He held a review meeting with the public representatives, party officials and officials of National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC), which has been assigned the task of implementing the Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) project across the NCR.

After the inauguration the first phase of the RRTS will be the Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut RRTS corridor will include a 100 km stretch, which will include a total of five stations — Subhash, Ghaziabad, Ghaziabad Depot and Delhi Depot.

An example of exceptional craftsmanship

- The sacred Hoysala temple complex of Karnataka has been included as India's 42nd addition to the UNESCO World Heritage List.
- The Hoysala temple group is known for its fine architecture of the 13th century. Getting recognition of these temples from UNESCO is also an honor for the Indian tradition of temple construction.
- The total number of World Heritage sites in India has now reached 42. Shantiniketan in West Bengal was also included in this list in 2023.
- The World Heritage List includes 34 cultural, 7 natural, and one mixed-type site. India has now become the sixth largest country with the majority of Heritage Sites in the world.
- Due to India's painstaking efforts it has been possible that in the nine years from 2014 till now 12 heritage sites have been included in this list.
- Hoysala architects have used their deep knowledge of temple architecture acquired from different regions of India.
- A basic Dravidian morphology has been used in the Hoysala temples, but there are clear and strong influences of the Bhumija system widely used in central India, the Nagara tradition of northern and western India.
- Chennakeshava temple (Lord Vishnu) in Belur, the Hoysaleswara Temple (Lord Shiva) in Halebidu and the Keshava Temple (Lord Krishna) in Somanathapura are included in the Hoysala temple group.



"More pride for India! The timeless beauty and intricate details of the Hoysala temples are a testament to India's rich cultural heritage and the exceptional craftsmanship of our ancestors."

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



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