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## **NEW PARLIAMENT SALUTES NARI SHAKTI**

Nothing could have been a more historic start for the new Parliament than empowering Nari Shakti by passing the Women's Reservation Bill as its first task...



# India proved its leadership through G-20

After the success of Chandrayaan-3, the grand event of the G-20 doubled the happiness of every Indian. On October 3, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Mann Ki Baat programme completed nine years. Earlier in his Mann Ki Baat programme on September 24, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that India celebrated its leadership at this summit by making the African Union a permanent member of the G-20. He also spoke about Nainital Ghoda Library and the inclusion of Shantiniketan, in West Bengal and the sacred Hoysala temples of Karnataka on the World Heritage List during programme. Excerpts:

- **Record Created:** When the lander of Chandrayaan-3 was about to land on the Moon, crores of people were simultaneously witnessing each moment of this event through different mediums. More than 80 lakh people watched this event on ISRO's YouTube Live Channel; which is a record in itself.
- **Economic Corridor:** India has suggested an economic corridor in the G-20. This is the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor. This corridor will become the basis of world trade for hundreds of years to come. History will always remember that this corridor was initiated on Indian soil.
- **Attraction towards India:** The fascination towards India has risen a lot in the last few years and after the successful organization of G-20, the interest of the people of the world towards India has grown further.
- **Indian Music:** 21-year-old Cassandra Mae is very popular on Instagram these days. Mae who hails from Germany, has never come to India but is crazy about Indian music. The interest in Indian music of someone who has never even seen India is very inspiring.
- **Ghoda Library:** Some youth in Nainital district have started a unique Ghoda library for children. The biggest feature of this library is that books are reaching children through it, even in the most remote areas. Not only this, it is absolutely free.
- **A book is a good friend.** It is true that today is the era of digital technology and e-books, but still, books always play the role of a good friend in our lives. Therefore, we should motivate children to read books.
- **The animals:** In the last few years, there has been an encouraging increase in the number of lions, tigers, leopards, and elephants in the country. Many more efforts are also going on continuously so that other creatures living on this earth can be saved.
- **Conservation of snakes:** In Pushkar, Rajasthan, Sukhdev Bhatt and his team are engaged in an effort related to the conservation of snakes. This team has saved the lives of more than 30,000 poisonous snakes so far.
- **Service to pigeon:** Auto driver M. Rajendra Prasad is doing something unique in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. He has been engaged in taking care of pigeons for the last 25–30 years. He himself has more than 200 pigeons in his house. He takes care of every need of the birds, like food, water, health, etc.
- **River revived:** During the Azadi Ka Amrit Kaal, the country saw a wonderful example of sense of duty in Sambhal, Uttar Pradesh. Through public participation, work has been done to revive the Sot River, which had become extinct years ago.
- **Passion for learning:** When intentions are firm and there is a passion to learn something, no work remains difficult. Shakuntala Sardar of West Bengal has proved this absolutely right. She did it with a sewing machine. Today, she has become an inspiration for many other women.
- **Vocal for Local:** The festival season has also started in our country. All of you may also be planning to buy something new at home. In this atmosphere of excitement and enthusiasm, you must also remember the mantra of vocal for local.



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## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK...

# The path to 33 percent reservation for women in the legislature paved

Greetings,

“यत्र नार्यस्तु पूज्यन्ते स्मन्ते तत्र देवताः। यत्रैतास्तु न पूज्यन्ते सर्वास्तत्राफलाः क्रियाः”

It means where women are worshipped, the gods reside there. Where this does not happen, all work becomes futile.

This one verse encapsulates the revered stature of women in Indian culture. The prosperity of any nation cannot be imagined without women power. Under this scenario, the vision of not just upliftment of women but women led development has become the policy of the nation. This policy has empowered women and today they are making country proud in every field. Be it Army or Startup, Olympics or Research, Education-Science or Politics, Enterprise, Sports, Nari Shakti is touching the sky in every field today and in the new India, the daughters of the country are excelling in every field.

Now, to ensure the emergence of women power in the Amrit Kaal, it is everyone's responsibility to expedite this journey of their empowerment. The Central Government's thinking is that the objective of the new approach with respect for women power should not be just symbolic in nature, but should be real, ensuring participation and leadership of women at every level, in every field. With this thinking, entry into the new Parliament has become a special opportunity for women power as well as the entire nation. The Women's Reservation Bill, which was pending

for three decades, became a reality in just three days due to the efforts of the present Central Government. The present central government, committed to women-led development, not only called a special session of the Parliament but also realized the dream of 33 percent reservation for women in the legislature which had been pending for decades. The journey of women's reservation and upliftment of women power has become the cover story of this issue.

In the personality section read about Bhairon Singh Shekhawat, who was the Vice President of India and was awarded Padma Bhushan, on his his birth centenary year. Shramev Jayate, programs related to G-20, gifts of development to Kashi, Rozgar Mela, gifts of Vande Bharat Express train, Mann Ki Baat and projects dedicated to the nation by the Prime Minister through the fortnight are covered in this issue. Also, the birth anniversary of Sardar Patel, the pioneer of Ek Bharat-Shreshtha Bharat and National Unity Day has been included in the back cover of the magazine.

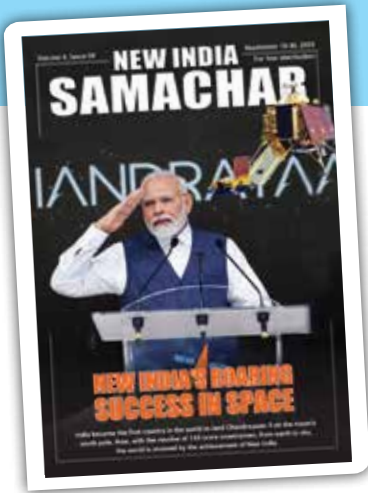
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**(Manish Desai)**



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I have been a regular reader of the New India Samachar magazine. Each issue presents the latest trajectory of the country's development. All my family and I read it. This magazine injects new energy in all the readers. Young people, in particular, get appropriate guidance.



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## The magazine raises awareness about the govt plans

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## Grand G-20 Summit concludes

I am a regular reader of New India Samachar. I got opportunity to read September 1-15 issue of the magazine. The cover story is very informative and detailed. It carried extensive information about Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Independence Day speech from the Red Fort. The G-20 Summit, under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi, swelled the pride of every Indian. With this, the name and fame of our country spread all over the world.



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## Hoysala Temple-Shantiniketan included in UNESCO World Heritage

Shantiniketan in West Bengal and the Hoysala group of sacred temples in Karnataka have been included in the UNESCO World Heritage List. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that it is a 'proud moment for India'. The inclusion of Shantiniketan which was the vision of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore and the Hoysala temples which showcases the timeless beauty and is a testimony of the extraordinary craftsmanship of our ancestors is a moment of pride for all Indians. India now has a total of 42 World Heritage sites, which include 34 cultural, seven natural and one mixed type. India now has the sixth largest number of World Heritage sites in the world. Since 2014, 12 new World Heritage Sites have been added from India. This is a testament to Prime Minister Modi's strong commitment to promoting Indian culture, heritage and Indian lifestyle.

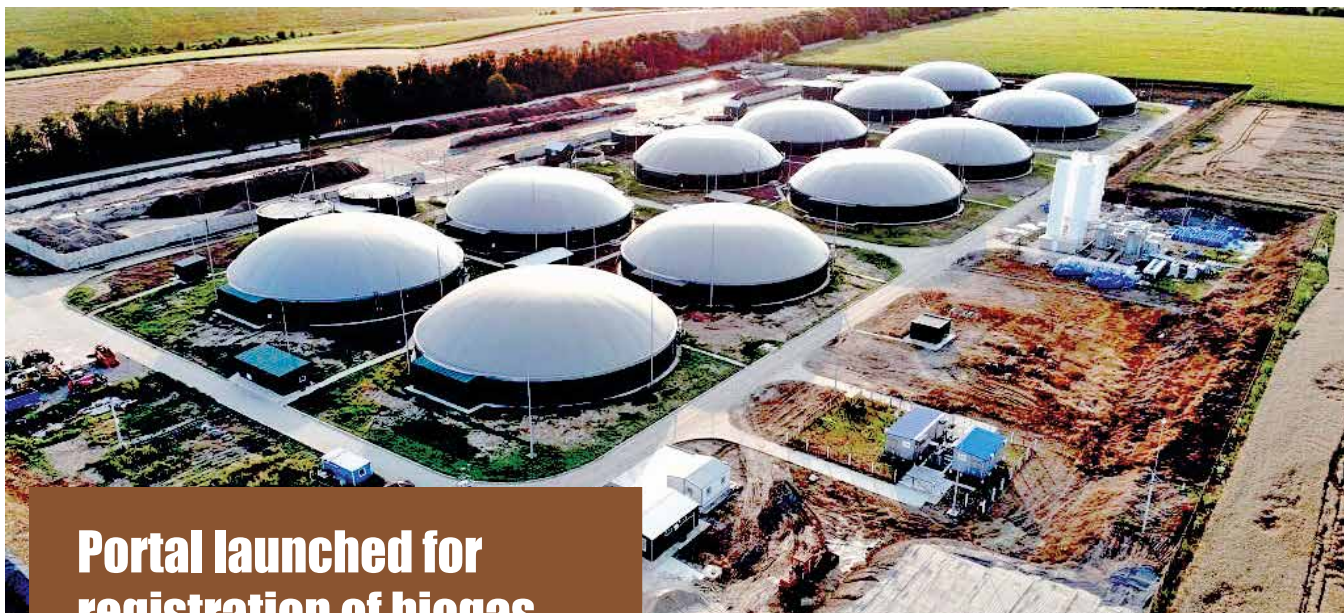


## Creation of standards clubs in schools and colleges across the country

A total of 6,467 standard clubs have been established in schools and colleges across the country by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), India's national standard body. Standard Clubs are being established with the aim of sensitizing young members about the importance of standards in improving the quality of life. The Standard Club initiative launched by BIS in the year 2021 has made a significant impact. 5,562 standard clubs have been formed in schools while 905 clubs have been formed in colleges. Out of these, 384 clubs have been formed in engineering colleges. Standard writing competitions, quiz competitions, debates, essay writing and poster making, exposure visits to laboratories and industrial units are organized for the students through BIS. Financial assistance of Rs 1 lakh for 'Manak Kaksha' and Rs 50 thousand for laboratory is given by BIS. Under this initiative, a room in the school is provided with basic facilities like smart TV, audio video system, better lighting, wall decoration etc.

## Three-tier campaign of loan and weather protection for farmers

With the aim of bringing revolutionary changes in the Indian agriculture sector, the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare has taken a three-tier initiative for the farmers. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar jointly unveiled the KCC Ghar-Ghar Campaign, Farmer Loan Portal and WINDS Manual. KCC door-to-door campaign will run from October 1 to December 31, 2023. KCC Ghar Ghar campaign aims to connect 1.5 crore beneficiaries while WINDS manual weather information will be provided to farmers so that they can take precautions for their crops at the right time. The agriculture loan portal provides farmer data, specifics of loan disbursement, interest subsidy claims and progress of scheme utilization. Against the premium amount of more than Rs 29,000 crore, insurance amount of more than Rs 1,40,000 crore has been distributed to farmers so far.



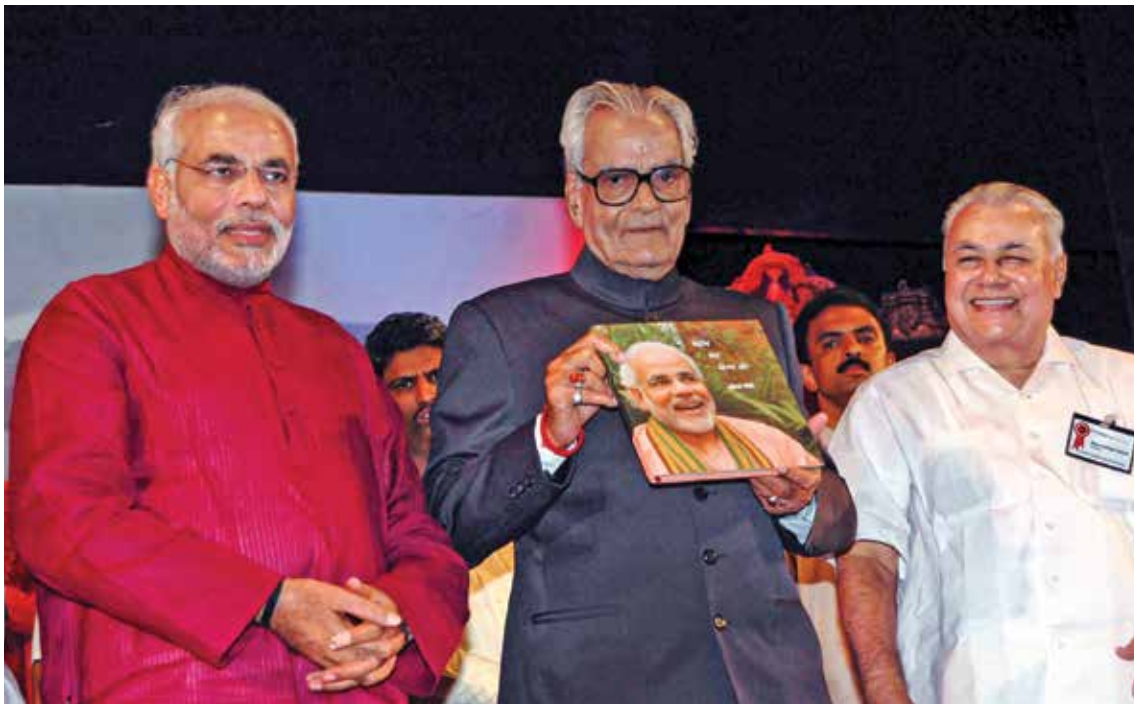
## Portal launched for registration of biogas and CBG plants

Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS), Ministry of Jal Shakti, has launched [gobardhan.co.in](http://gobardhan.co.in) registration portal to streamline the registration of Compressed Biogas (CBG) and Bio Gas plants across the country. So far, more than 1,163 biogas and 426 CBG plants have been successfully registered on the portal for Gobardhan. Registered CBG and biogas plants are eligible to avail benefits under the Market Development Assistance Scheme of the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers. Under the Gobardhan initiative, a provision has been made to provide assistance of Rs 1,500 per metric ton for the sale of three types of organic fertilizers produced in biogas and CBG plants. Under the scheme, a budget provision of Rs 1,451.82 crore has been made for the financial year 2023-24 to 2025-26. Organic farming initiatives are being promoted across the country with promotion of production and consumption of organic fertilizers produced from cow dung plants. Its objective is to use organic manure on a large scale so that the dependence on chemical fertilizers and urea can be reduced.

## Air connectivity will be strengthened in Arunachal Pradesh and the entire Northeast



Tezu Domestic Airport located in Tezu town of Arunachal Pradesh has been developed at a cost of Rs 170 crore. The infrastructure includes extension of the runway, a new apron, a new terminal building, a fire station and construction of an ATC tower. Operating through a single runway, the airport is developed on 212 acres of land and is capable of handling two ATR 72 type aircraft. Development and upgradation work has been done to start Tezu Airport. Inaugurating the new infrastructure recently, Union Civil Aviation and Steel Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi, special impetus has been given to the development of the North Eastern region of the country. Under the 'Udaan 5.0' scheme, three direct air routes from Itanagar to Delhi, Itanagar to Jorhat and Itanagar to Rupsi will be started soon. Before 2014, there was no airport in Arunachal Pradesh, whereas in the last nine years, four new airports have been developed and started here. The new terminal building constructed in Tezu will further improve the connectivity of this area. Besides, the economic development of this region will also gain momentum. ●



# Bhairon Singh Shekhawat

## Dedicated his life to the betterment and development of the poor

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**BORN: 23 OCTOBER 1923 | DIED: 15 MAY 2010**  
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**Former Vice President Bhairon Singh Shekhawat, made significant contributions to the society through political means and his many remarkable works have been recorded in history. He dedicated his political life to the betterment and development of the poor. He made significant contributions in the development of Rajasthan and the country. He ensured food availability for the marginalised people through 'Antyodaya Anna Yojana'. He always worked diligently to achieve the goal of providing the rights to the poor...**

**B**hairon Singh Shekhawat was born on 23 October 1923 in an ordinary farmer family in Khachariyawas village of Sikar district of Rajasthan. His father's name was Devi Singh and mother's name was Kanwar. He received primary

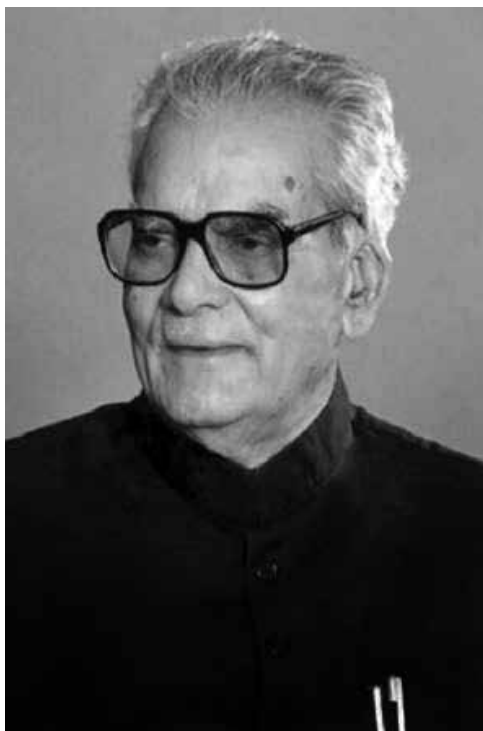
education from the village school. He received his high school education from Jobner, located 30 kilometers away from the village. Later he took admission in Maharaja College, Jaipur but due to the death of his father he had to leave his studies.

He worked as a policeman and became a police station officer in Ramgarh Shekhawati. However, he did not like this job and left it to start agricultural work. After independence, he entered politics and in 1952 he became a member of Rajasthan Legislative Assembly. The people of the state fondly called him Babosa.

He empathized with the pain of the poor and accepted the important role of democracy and democratic institutions in the campaign against poverty. He considered the poor people as the fifth pillar of democracy. In his view, reflecting the hopes and expectations of the poor was the criterion for the success of democratic institutions. He believed that the poor people should have the first right in the development process. Under this, he supported the Jagirdari Abolition Bill in 1952 itself.

He worked hard to change the condition of rural India through efforts like 'Adult and Women's Education Programme', 'Food for Work' scheme, 'Heritage Hotel' promotion and loan waiver of farmers etc. The 'Antyodaya Yojana' program launched by him as the Chief Minister of Rajasthan saved a large number of people living below the poverty line. This scheme was also adopted by the Center and other states. For this scheme, the then President of the World Bank, Robert McNamara called him Rockefeller of India. He had tremendous influence in the politics of Rajasthan and remained an important player in the Rajasthan politics for a long time. He was the Chief Minister of the state three times. He left an indelible mark of his great personality not only in the politics of Rajasthan but also of the entire country. It is said that he had also raised his voice against the

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practice of Sati and had friends in all political parties.

Bhairon Singh Shekhawat became the eleventh Vice President of India. He held this post from 2002 to 2007. As Vice President of India, he carried on and enriched the high traditions of the Indian Parliament. In the Rajya Sabha, as the Chairman, he tried to make the Question Hour more effective. He was awarded the Padma Bhushan award in 2003. Bhairon Singh Shekhawat died on 15 May 2010. His ideals are exemplary for all the public representatives of the country.

Bhairon Singh Shekhawat's relationship with Prime Minister Narendra Modi was also excellent. Prime Minister Modi himself once shared an anecdote about their close relationship which is quite interesting. Once PM Modi and Bhairon Singh Shekhawat were going on tour and were at Delhi airport. All of a sudden Bhairon Singh took PM Modi aside and put whatever he had in his pocket. All this was happening so quickly that PM Modi did not understand why he was putting all this in his pocket? Actually, Bhairon Singh ji had the habit of consuming tobacco and another politician

who was coming there at that time had a disliking for such products. Whenever he met Bhairon Singh, he used to take away tobacco products from him and throw it in the garbage. Now to avoid this, Bhairon Singh had put his belongings in the pocket of Narendra Modi.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had said on 31 May 2023 "we are all celebrating the birth centenary of the revered, late Bhairon Singh Shekhawat ji. A few days ago, May 15 was also his death anniversary. I also pay my humble tribute to Bhairon Singh Shekhawat ji". ●

# Women's reservation becomes an example of Sankalp Se Siddhi



# THE NEW PARLIAMENT CREATES NEW HISTORY

The vision of not only women's upliftment but women-led development has become the policy of the nation in the last few years. With this policy now being turned into a global initiative, the entry into the new Parliament House of India became a special occasion for the women power of India. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's resolution turned the dream of women's reservation in the legislature, pending for decades, into reality. The bill which was pending for a long awaiting for ways to evolve consensus easily became law in the special session of the Parliament due to the bold decision, determination, and honest initiative of the Central Government. Now the path has been paved for 33 percent of women's reservation in Lok Sabha and Legislative Assemblies...

*“बसुंधरा-तले भारत-रमणी नुहे हीन नुहे दीन  
अमर कीरति कोटि युगे केभें जगतुं नोहिब लीना”*

It means Indian women are neither inferior nor miserable compared to anyone else on earth. Her immortal fame in the entire world will never disappear for ages, that is, it will exist forever. This proclamation made about 100 years ago by the immortal personality of Indian literature, freedom fighter and famous woman poet of Odia language 'Utkal Bharati' Kuntala Kumari Sabat is giving direction to the policies of New India.



**T**he dates 20-21 September in the new Parliament of New India become historic for women's power. Bill shelved for decades was turned into reality by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He made the occasion special by calling a special session with a special purpose to start of the new building of the Parliament.

The new Parliament created a new history and this occasion became a unique example of worshipping women power. The Nari Shakti Vandan Act has been passed by both houses of the Parliament with record votes. After the assent of President on September 29 it became a law. The dream that the country has been waiting for the last several decades has now come true. 33 percent reservation for women in Lok Sabha and Assemblies has now become an achievement. Nari Shakti Vandan Act is not an ordinary law. This is a proclamation of the new democratic commitment of the new India. This is a very big, very strong step towards building a developed India with 'Sabka Prayas' in Amritkaal. To improve the standard of living of women, to improve the quality of life, which is the guarantee of bringing a new era of women-led development in the country. This is a direct proof of Prime Minister Modi's resolve.

Efforts have been made to pass this bill for

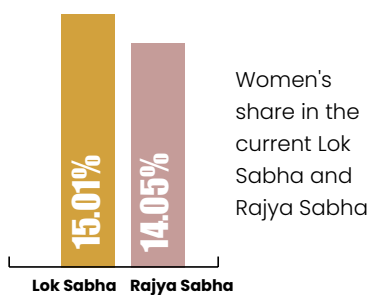


## Provisions made in Nari Shakti Vandan Act, 2023

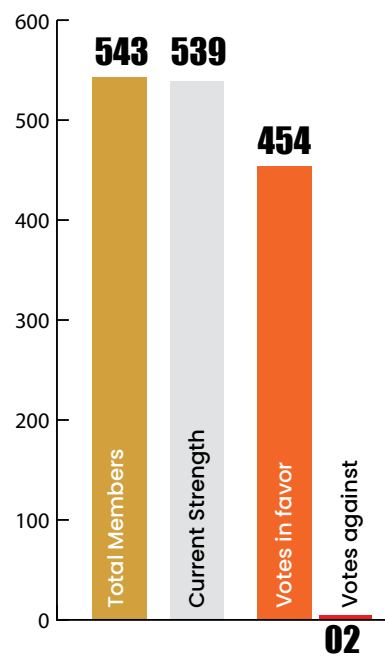
### (128th Amendment Act of the Constitution, 2023)

- Through this bill, amendments were made in Articles 339AA, 330A, 332A and 334A.
- Through Section 339AA, 33 percent seats will be reserved for women in the National Capital Territory of Delhi.
- Through Article 330A, one-third of the seats to be filled by direct election in the Lok Sabha (including seats reserved for women belonging to SCs and STs) will be reserved for women.
- Through Article 332A, seats will be reserved for women in the Legislative Assembly of every state. In clause 3 of the article, one third of the seats including SC and ST will be reserved for women.
- A new provision has been added in Article 334A under which the period of women's reservation will be for 15 years. Parliament will have the right to extend reservation period if needed in future.
- Currently the number of seats in the Lok Sabha is 543. As soon as this bill is put into practice and becomes a law, the current number of 82 women members in this House will increase to 181.

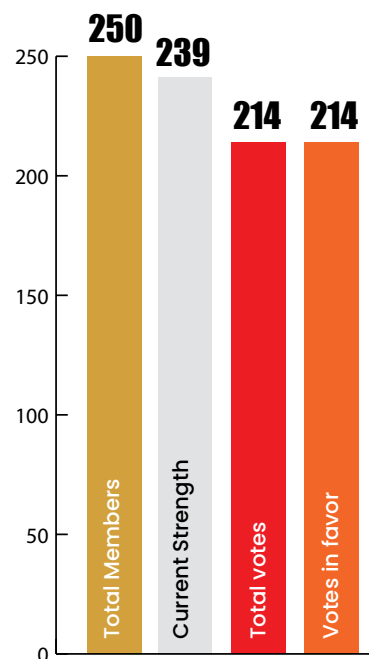
According to the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the average representation of women in national legislative bodies globally is 24%. Whereas the representation of women in the Lok Sabha of India is about 15%. After implementation of the Women's Reservation Bill if we ensure 33% women participation, we rise above the global average and our rank will also increase.



### Voting in Lok Sabha



### Voting in Rajya Sabha



almost three decades. There were various kinds of obstacles in the path of this law ensuring women's reservation, there were decades-old obstacles. But, when the intentions are pure and there is transparency in the efforts, then it brings results even after overcoming the difficulties. It is also a record in itself that this law got such widespread support in the House. Almost everyone in the new Parliament House, rising above the boundaries of party, voted in its favor. Women are becoming a symbol of power, policy, loyalty, decisiveness and leadership for India moving towards the Amrit Kaal, because the Vedas and Indian tradition also affirms of competent, capable women who can give direction to the nation. With this vision, India, while presiding over the G-20, gave a new direction to the world by keeping the leadership of women's power as its priority, and now it has created history.

### Women's reservation now a reality

Baba Saheb Bhim Rao Ambedkar had said – “If women are progressing in a country, then I think that society and nation are progressing.” Realizing this thinking, the Central Government has made a provision of 33 percent reservation in all seats in Lok Sabha, state legislative assemblies, and the Legislative Assembly of the National Capital Territory of Delhi through constitutional amendment.

Since reservation of seats for Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST) already exists, 33 percent of seats within these quotas will be set aside for SC and ST women. Its duration will be 15 years and later it can be extended by the Parliament. Out of 543 seats in the Lok Sabha, the number of women MPs is currently 82, which will increase to 181. This bill first came in 1996 when Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda, introduced it to the 11th Lok Sabha. After that, in December 1998, Atal Bihari Vajpayee's government brought it during the 12th Lok Sabha. After that, it was brought to the Rajya Sabha instead of Lok Sabha during the Manmohan Singh government in May 2008.

Then it was sent to the Standing Committee of the Parliament and after its report, it was passed in the Rajya Sabha on 9 March 2010 and sent to the Lok Sabha. But with the dissolution of the 15th Lok Sabha, this bill also lapsed. Now in the 17th Lok Sabha, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government introduced the Nari Shakti Vandan Bill in a new form,



Some efforts have already been made in Parliament regarding women's reservation. The bill related to this was introduced for the first time in 1996. Women's reservation bill was introduced several times during Atal ji's tenure. But could not gather enough number to pass it. Because of that our dream remained unfulfilled. That work of empowering women, harnessing the power of women, perhaps God has chosen me for many such sacred works.

— Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



## Bill pending for three decades passed in three days

- For the first time, Women's Reservation Bill was introduced in the 11th Lok Sabha during the time of Prime Minister H.D Deve Gowda on September 12, 1996.
- For the second time, Women's Reservation Bill was introduced in the 12th Lok Sabha on December 14, 1998 during the government of Atal Bihari Vajpayee.
- Introduced for the third time in the 13th Lok Sabha in December 1999 during the government of Atal Bihari Vajpayee.
- For the fourth time in May 2008, a bill was introduced in the Rajya Sabha instead of the Lok Sabha and was sent to the Standing Committee. After the report came, Rajya Sabha passed it on March 9, 2010.
- Rajya Sabha passed it and sent it to Lok Sabha but 15th Lok Sabha was dissolved on May 18, 2014, the bill lapsed.
- In the current government, on September 18, 2023, the Union Cabinet approved the Nari Shakti Vandan Act, 2023.
- On September 19, 2023, the Nari Shakti Vandan Act, 2023 (128th Constitutional Amendment Bill) was introduced in the Lok Sabha by calling a special session.
- The bill was passed by the Lok Sabha on September 20, 2023.
- On September 21, 2023, the Nari Shakti Vandan Act, 2023 was introduced in the Rajya Sabha, passed after discussion till late night.
- 162 members participated in the discussion on the bill in both houses of Parliament.

**This bill is important in the context of India's G-20 presidency to rapidly move towards women's leadership through development of women.**

which was passed almost unanimously in both the houses of the Parliament. According to data from the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the average representation of women in national legislative bodies worldwide is 24 percent. Currently, the representation of women in the Lok Sabha of India is 15.1 percent, which has increased in recent years. Now with the passing of Nari Vandan Act, 33 percent participation of women will be ensured.

### Respect for Matru Shakti

Nari Shakti Vandan Act will determine the role of women power in the development of India. This will prove to be a milestone in the creation of a developed India in the Amrit Kaal till the year 2047. It will give a new direction to women empowerment. It will give recognition to the women leadership in building a new India and will prove to be an inspiration for the entire world. This is a true respect for the Matru Shakti which has 50 percent participation in the population of 140 crores. Prime Minister Narendra Modi put forth the issue of women-led development in front of the entire world. While presiding over the G-20, India made the world realize that Matru Shakti and daughters can not only participate

in policies but also they are able to secure their position in policy making. This is because for the present central government, women empowerment is not a political issue but a resolution. An example of this is that when Prime Minister Modi was the Chief Minister of Gujarat, he had given the entire amount received as salary for the education of the daughters of Gujarat Secretariat employees. Not only this, he also donated the amount received from the auction of gifts he received for the education of girls. Imagine that you are the elected leader of 140 crore countrymen, who has a huge fan base on social media and you completely hand over your social media account to 7 women for the whole day. How will you feel? Yes, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had handed over his Twitter account to 7 women on International Women's Day in 2019. This wonderful example of equality in words and deeds is actually giving equal rights and opportunities to women power at the center of the new India, where women are also taking steps towards empowerment with safety and respect.

Not only this, the number of women in technical education in industrial training institutes has doubled since 2014. About 43 percent of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) graduates in India are women. Nearly one-fourth of space scientists in India are women. The talent and hard work of women scientists is behind the success of major programs like Chandrayaan, Gaganyaan and Mission Mangal. Today, women are enrolling in higher education in India in greater numbers than men. The country has the highest percentage of female pilots in the civil aviation sector. Also, women pilots in the Indian Air Force are now flying fighter aircraft. Women officers are being deployed in operational roles and on combat fronts in all armed forces.

### **Ease of living for women through schemes**

The government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi believes that women empowerment is no longer just a matter of social justice but is also very important for economic development. The result of this is whether it is Army or startup, Olympics-Paralympics or research, in New India today the daughters of the country are excelling in every field. Be it increasing women's participation in Parliament or the rise in the number of women compared to



**We sometimes say one thing, woman, you are Narayani. But it is also worth noting that it is said here that if a man does anything, he becomes Narayan. That means a man will have to do something to become Narayan. But what is said about women, woman, you are Narayani. Now see how big a difference it is. We keep on speaking, but if we think, how deeply our ancestors said for us men, if we do a good deed, we will become Narayan.**

**But for mothers and sisters he said,  
woman, you are Narayani.**

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**- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister**

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men in gender ratio, these changes are indications of how powerful the new India of the Amrit Kaal will be. The Republic Day parade witnessed an unprecedented display of women power, as they were part of army contingent, also all exclusive women contingent of CRPF and tableaux of various states were dedicated to women empowerment.

Respect for women power reflects the new India. Also, honoring unsung women who have become an inspiration to the society in the Padma Awards gives a pleasant feeling of Amrit Yatra. In the first general budget of the Amrit Kaal, the initiative of Mahila Samman Bachat Patra has been introduced in which a new small savings scheme has been brought for them till March 2025.

Today India is removing every obstacle faced by mothers, sisters and daughters. With this thinking in mind, in the last 9 years, efforts have been made to break every restriction related to mothers and sisters.

The Central Government has started several



### नारी तू नारायणी

तुमसे ही सामर्थ्य है, तुम्ही हो राष्ट्रशक्ति।

बिना तुम्हारे हर बात अधूरी लगती।

घर, बिजली, शौचालय, पानी, एलपीजी ने तुझे सशक्त बनाया है।

शिक्षा, स्वास्थ्य है, पोषण-कौशल और हिम्मत ने तुझे आगे बढ़ाया है।

खेल हो या युद्ध का मैदान या फिर बात विज्ञान-तकनीक की।

हर मैदान की है चैंपियन, माँका मिलते ही ये बात है तुमने साबित कर दी।

नहीं किसी से कम तू, हमेशा अग्रणी, अभिमानी, नारी तू नारायणी।।।

स्वतंत्रता, सुविधा, सशक्तीकरण से अब मिल रही तुम्हें आर्थिक आजादी।

देश बनेगा आत्मनिर्भर, होंगे पूरे हर सपने जब साथ चलेगी आधी आबादी।

आधे आसमान की पूरी उड़ान में ही छिपी खुशियों की हर चाभी।

तू बस आगे बढ़के ठान ले तो कदमों पर तेरे है कामयाबी।

स्वतंत्रता, संस्कृति, सम्मान, शक्ति सब तुझसे ही है।

वो आत्मविश्वासी नारी तू नारायणी।।।



I congratulate the mothers, sisters and daughters of the country for the Nari Shakti Vandan Bill. I assure all the mothers, sisters and daughters that we are determined to make this bill a law.

**- Narendra Modi,  
Prime Minister**

schemes aimed at providing women get respect, convenience, security and prosperity. We have given serious attention to solving every problem related to their life cycle. Making the lives of women easier, providing new employment-self-employment opportunities to women and women empowerment have been at the center of all the welfare schemes launched by the Central Government. To ensure that all women get nutritious food during pregnancy, Matru Vandana Yojana was started and money was sent to the bank accounts of women. To prevent maternal deaths and to protect newborn babies, a mammoth campaign was launched to ensure that babies were born in hospitals. To ensure that the girl child is not terminated in the womb itself, mass movements like Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao were also started. Today, after years, the ratio of men and women on the basis of population has improved in the country.

There was a time when there were 70 crore people in the country who did not have bank accounts. But Jan Dhan Yojana has opened over 50 crore bank accounts under a special campaign and 70 percent of these accounts have been opened for women. Today, the financial benefit from most of the schemes is going directly into the bank accounts of women. For five decades, there were more than 11 crore families in this country which did not have toilets in their homes; it was a pain for women. But Prime Minister Modi talked about the cleanliness mission from the ramparts of the Red Fort and today toilets have been built in 11 crore 72 lakh houses in the country.

Similarly, to ensure that daughters do not leave school due to lack of toilets, crores of toilets were built. Under Ujjwala scheme, about 10 crore families were given free cooking gas connections and women from all those families got smoke free life. Women do not have to worry about water, hence through Bhagirathi schemes like Nal-Jal, water connections have reached 3 crore to 13 crore houses in just 4 years. To ensure that women do not have to live in darkness, they were given free electricity connections through Saubhagya Yojana. Women should not hide their illness due to lack of money, hence the facility of free treatment up to Rs 5 lakh is being provided under the Ayushman Bharat scheme. To ensure

According to the International Monetary Fund report, India's GDP can increase by 27 percent with equal participation of women in the workforce as men. If 50 percent of skilled women join the workforce, the growth rate could increase by 1.5 percent to 9 percent per year.



**India's PM is standing in front of you as a beggar. I have come here to beg for the life of the girl child. Consider daughters as the pride of your family and the honor of the nation. You see, we can come out of this imbalance very quickly. Both son and daughter are those wings without which there is no possibility of achieving the heights of life. Therefore, if you want to fly high, your dreams need the wings of both a son and a daughter, only then will your dreams be fulfilled.**

**Prime Minister Narendra Modi's appeal while launching the Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao campaign.**



that women have rights over household property, they were given joint ownership in the PM Awas Yojana houses. To enable women to become self-employed, Mudra Yojana, which provides loans without asking for any guarantee, was started. Women-led development in India has been a key priority for us. Under the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana, about 70 percent of the loans have been sanctioned to women. Similarly, Under Stand-Up India, 80 percent of the beneficiaries are women, who are receiving bank loans for green field projects. Maternity leave has now been increased to 26 weeks. Opened the doors of Sainik School for daughters. New efforts were made in all three wings of army to encourage women to become officers in the army. More than 9 crore women were given new livelihood opportunities by joining self-help groups. Now a plan to create 2 crore Lakhpati Didis and to provide drones to women of self-help groups has also been announced.

3 crore 18 lakh accounts have been opened under the Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana, which was started to make the lives of girls safe in the



In a democracy, the use of politics, policy and power is a great medium for effective change in the society. And hence, be it space or sports, startup or self-help group, the world is seeing the strength of Indian women in every field. Today the world is welcoming and accepting the discussion on women-led development under the chairmanship of G-20.

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- **Narendra Modi, Prime Minister**

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country. Today, the number of women pilots flying across the world is 5 percent, while in India this number is 15 percent, which has increased in the last 10 years. Even at the social level, the evils like triple talaq due to which women were subjected to atrocities have been stopped by making laws. Crores of Muslim women have today got protection from the inhuman evil practice of triple talaq. After the implementation of this law, the cases of triple talaq have reduced by 80-82 percent in just a few years. To improve the practices of social system, the Central Government wanted to increase the participation of women and hence brought the Women's Reservation Bill.

### Social justice and safe environment

When women are safe and prosperous, the world is prosperous. Their economic empowerment gives impetus to development. Their access to education drives global progress. Her leadership promotes inclusivity and her ideas inspire positive change. The most effective way to empower women is through a women-led development approach. India has taken a decisive step in this direction. 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. In this mother of democracy, the 'right to vote' was provided equally to all citizens including women by the Indian Constitution from the very beginning. The right to contest elections was also given to everyone on equal basis.

Many efforts related to women's safety have been made at the national level with the aim of providing a safe environment to women and making them equal participants in development. Today the priority of the country is to improve the lives of women and ensure their full participation in India's development journey. Considering sons and daughters as equal, the Central Government is considering raising the marriage age of daughters to 21 years. Today there are strict laws in the country on crimes against women; there is also a provision for

## Work done to make life easier for women



Swachh Bharat Mission

# 11.72

Crore toilets were built.

PM Awas Yojana



More than **69%** of houses in names of women singly or jointly.



PM Anna Yojana

# 80

crore people received 5 kilos of free food grains per month

Jal Jeevan Mission

Tap water became available in

# 13

crore houses.



## So that women power remains capable

- Special assistance was given to women during the Covid period.
- During April-June 2020, an amount of more than Rs 30 thousand crore was transferred to the accounts of 20 crore women.
- 14 crore refill cylinders were given free under PM Garib Kalyan Yojana.



- There are about 1.2 crore self-help groups in India, of which 88 percent are entirely women self-help groups. 9 crore women are included in these. The limit for giving collateral free loans to women self-help groups was increased from Rs 10 lakh to Rs 20 lakh.
- More than 10 crore poor families in the country have been given LPG connections under Ujjwala. World Health Organization figures show that cooking with traditional fuels – wood, coal etc. – caused 5 lakh deaths annually in India. But due to this effort of the Central Government, the cases of respiratory diseases among women have reduced by 20 percent.



**With the passage of the Nari Shakti Vandan Act in Parliament, we begin an era of stronger representation and empowerment for the women of India. This is not just a law; this is an honor to the countless women who have taken the country forward and has contributed in making India strong and prosperous.**

**- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister**

death penalty in heinous cases like rape. A large number of fast track courts are being created across the country and systems are also being improved to ensure strict compliance with the laws. Be it increasing the number of women help desks in police stations, having a helpline available 24 hours, having a portal to deal with cybercrime, many such efforts are becoming a shield for the safety of women. The current central government is working with a policy of 'zero tolerance' on crimes against women.

Not only legal protection, the central government has also launched a campaign for boosting self-respect of women. Now women are in advantageous position as they get precedence in getting documents of government schemes. Not only this, earlier in Jammu and Kashmir, women and their children were deprived of their rights to ancestral property if they married a non-Kashmiri. But after the repeal of Article 370 and 35A, the women of this region have got their rights. The law has also been made strict in cases like NRIs marrying and then abandoning them.

The women of India today are independent, economically empowered, armed with determination, have a sense of security and are not just dreaming but are also making it come true, the main reason for this is the determined government



Today, when women are rapidly progressing and leading in every sector, it is very important that our mothers, sisters, our women power contribute more and more in policy making. Not only contribute, they should play an important role.

- Narendra Modi,  
Prime Minister

led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Due to which there has been a revolutionary change in the thinking that has been prevalent for decades that girls or women are considered inferior.

### Stability making the impossible possible

There were efforts and talks for women's reservation for three decades. But now it has become possible. Before this time, this bill was brought in Parliament four times but was never passed. It was hung in the name of consensus. In such a situation, the natural question is how Prime Minister Narendra Modi got this bill passed with consensus in a single attempt. Why didn't this happen earlier? The only reason for this is stability. Today there is a strong government at the Center with full majority, which is known for taking bold decisions and getting them implemented. Its passage in both the Houses is a testimony to the fact that when there is a stable government with full majority, then how the country takes major decisions and crosses the milestones. This is why the Women's Reservation Bill- Nari Shakti Vandan Act has become a reality. This law has again proved that to take the country forward, a government with absolute majority, a strong government, and a decisive government is a

## Women at the Centre: Immense



- **Jan Dhan:** More than Rs 50 crore brought into formal banking. More than 56% of Jan Dhan bank accounts belong to women. Rs 2.03 lakh crore are deposited in the accounts.



- **Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao:** There has been a 15% increase in the number of girls aged 10 years and above receiving education till now since the launch of the scheme in 2015.



- **Distance Education:** Against 100 males, 130 educated daughters in PhD, 109 in MPhil, 122 in Post Graduate, 104 in Diploma and 376 in Integrated courses.



- **Sukanya Samridhi Yojana:** An amount of more than Rs 80,509 crore is deposited in 2.26 crore Sukanya accounts till October 2021. 3.18 crore Sukanya accounts were opened.

More than  
**19,500**

villages were declared as  
'Sampoorna Sukanya Gram'



- **Matru Vandana Yojana:** 3.48 crore beneficiaries benefited under the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana for pregnant women and lactating mothers.



- **Mudra Scheme:** 68% of loans given to women-owned enterprises.
- **Civil Aviation:** 15 percent commercial women pilots in India. Much higher than the international average – 5%.



- **Decrease in dropouts, increase in enrolment:** 33% increase in gross enrollment ratio. The number of girls studying in high school and above has tripled in the last 9-10 years.

## success of women-centric schemes



- **Participation in economic decisions:** More than 80 percent of women have bank accounts.

# 89%

of women participate in major household decisions



- **Innovation-Research:** 16 Women Technology Parks are giving new opportunities to women in innovation. Kiran Scholarship is removing the financial obstacles of women scientists.



- **Sex ratio:** The number of females per thousand males was 1,020. Overall sex ratio increased by 29 points from 991 in 2015-16.



- **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana:** Nearly 3.5 crore houses have been constructed or provided assistance, of which more than 69% are owned by women, either singly or jointly.



- **Age of marriage:** The Child Marriage Prohibition (Amendment) Act, 2021 was introduced in the Lok Sabha to increase the marriage age of women from 18 years to 21 years.

- **POSHAN:** 10.09 crore beneficiaries of the campaign. Nutrition Tracker launched to ensure real-time monitoring of nutritional supplements. Distribution of 100% fortified rice has started.



Since 2015, 204 women have been awarded the Padma Award for their unprecedented work. In the Padma awards announced for the year 2022, 34 Padma awards were given to women working in different fields, while this year's list included 19 women. This is a record in itself. Till date, never before have so many women received the Padma Award.



Each of our schemes for women empowerment has taken very meaningful steps towards women leadership. Jan Dhan Yojana was started keeping economic inclusion in mind. Most of the women took advantage of Mudra Yojana in the entire country. Even in PM Awas Yojana, most of the registrations were done in the names of women. Women got ownership rights.

— Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

necessity. Sometimes the bill was torn, but during voting everyone supported it because women have emerged as a power in the last 10 years.

### Woman: Charioteer in the journey of golden India

Nari Shakti Vandan Act will work to change the destiny of the country. When a woman takes up any responsibility, she tries with all her might to take the resolution to completion. The biggest benefit of this law will be that it will create great confidence in the women power of the country. The passion to work for the country and the power to take India forward will increase manifold. Lijjat Papad, a project started by tribal women, which today competes with multinational companies, represents the women power of India. Prime Minister Modi says that skill-power which God has given them is a natural quality. The country is going to benefit from this skill of women and their leadership in the coming days. The importance of women power has been shown in Parliament also. All parties had to support this bill. Today, from family to Panchayat, from economy to education and enterprise, women power is doing unprecedented work in every field. Women have played a significant role in taking India to the moon. Today, be it startups, self-help groups, or social

## Achievements of women in defense sector

- Reservation: In the year 2016, the Center made 33% women reservation mandatory for constable posts in CRPF, CISF. This step is going to change the thinking towards women in security forces.
- Admission of girls in Sainik schools started from the academic session 2021-22.
- Girls also started getting admission in National Defence Academy.
- Women pilots have been inducted into the Indian Navy.
- 3 women pilots included in war-ready squadron.
- Women will be included in the National Defence Academy for permanent commission.

## Healthy Women

- A nationwide nutrition campaign is being run against malnutrition.
- More than Rs 11 thousand crores were allocated in the last 4 years.
- **POSHAN** 2.0 now launched for better nutrition outcomes.
- Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana is ensuring healthy motherhood.
- An amount of Rs 5,000 (in three installments) transferred directly into the bank accounts of pregnant and lactating mothers as incentive.
- 3.3 crore women were given benefits under this scheme.

## Self-reliant women power

- Nari Shakti is setting an example under Start Up India.
- There are one lakh startups recognized in the country of which more than 46% have at least one woman director.
- Stand Up India Scheme has promoted women entrepreneurship.
- In this, loans worth more than Rs 20 thousand crores have been approved for more than 90 thousand women.
- Loans were made easier by reducing margin money from 25 percent to 15 percent.

## Performance of female athletes in the Olympics

- The number of participants was 25 in 2008, which came down to 23 in 2012.
- While it was 54 in 2016, it increased to 57 in 2020.



## Protection of Nari Shakti for empowered India

- **One Nation, One Emergency Number 112 launched** Launched in 35 states-union territories.
- **Safe City Project:** Projects started in Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Chennai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Lucknow and Mumbai.
- **DNA Analysis Units:** Approval for setting up and upgrading of DNA Analysis Units in 20 States-Union Territories at a total cost of Rs 190 crore.
- **One Stop Centre:** 730 One Stop Centers operated across the country to provide assistance to women victims of private, public, family, community or workplace violence, providing assistance to more than 88 lakh women.
- **Triple Talaq abolished:** The Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Act, 2019 came into force from 19 September 2018. Dignity and security of Muslim women ensured.
- **Strict legal provisions:** Initiative towards reducing crimes against women. Criminal Law (Amendment) Act Passed in 2018, provision of strict punishment including death penalty for those convicted of rape.
- **Fast Track Special Courts:** Establishment of 1,023 fast track special courts for speedy trial of cases related to sexual offences. Even during the Covid pandemic, more than 49 thousand pending cases related to rape and POCSO were disposed of.
- **Self-defense initiative:** Under the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan, the beginning of teaching self-defense skills to girls of class 6-12 in government schools.
- **Time limit for abortion:** In order to provide relief to women victims of violence, the government has recently approved the Medical Termination Pregnancy Act in which the time limit for abortion has been increased from 20 weeks to 24 weeks.
- **Maternity leave:** To ensure that pregnancy does not become a hindrance in a woman's job and progress, the limit of maternity leave has also been increased from 12 to 26 weeks.
- **Sanitary Pads:** More than 31 crore sanitary pads have been supplied to women at Re 1 from Jan Aushadhi Kendra.
- **Mission Shakti:** Integrated program of women empowerment consisting of two sub schemes namely 'Sambal' and 'Samarthyda'. There is a budget of Rs 15,761 crore for the financial year 2025-2026.



campaigns like cleanliness, the participation and role of women are becoming the strength of the country. The country has resolved that till we complete 100 years of independence, we will become a developed India. In this, the active participation of half of the country's population is going to be a huge force to realize this dream.

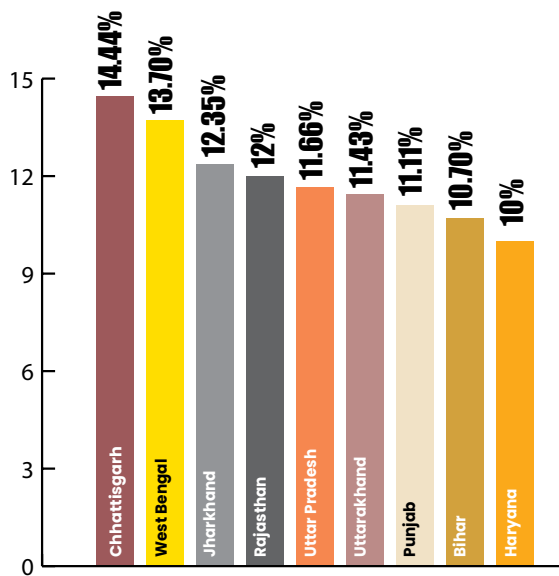
The positive thinking of all the political parties of the country towards this bill is going to give a new energy to the women power of the country. They will come forward with a new confidence and leadership in contributing to nation building, which in itself is going to be the guarantee of our bright future. Prime Minister Narendra Modi thanked all the MPs who voted in support of the Nari Shakti Vandan Act. He said that this is a defining moment in the democratic journey of our country. He stressed that this is not just a law, but an honor to the countless women who have built our country and it is a historic step in our commitment to ensure that their voices are heard more effectively.

After the passage of this bill in both houses of Parliament, women MPs felicitated Prime Minister Modi. The Prime Minister then said, "We

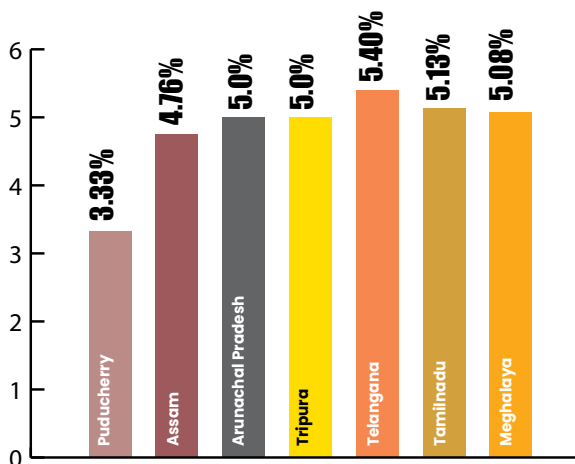
## Will get maximum benefit in assemblies

When the Nari Shakti Vandan Act 2023 is implemented, it will provide 33 percent women's reservation in the Lok Sabha and state assemblies. But old data shows that women will get more benefit in the Legislative Assembly because their current participation in the Legislative Assembly of many states is 5% or less, whereas in the Lok Sabha it is around 15%. There were only 2.3% women MLAs in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly in 2014 and 3.14% women MLAs in the Karnataka Assembly in 2018. Similarly, there were only 3.33% women MLAs in Puducherry and 4.76% in the Assam Assembly.

## Women strength is more than 10 % in these assemblies



## Women are less in the assembly of these states



had the honor of meeting dynamic women MPs, who are extremely happy with the passage of the Nari Shakti Vandan Act. It is heartening to see that the torchbearers of change have come together to celebrate the very law they have championed. "With the passage of the Nari Shakti Vandan Act, India is on the cusp of a brighter, more inclusive future and our Nari Shakti is at the heart of this change."

Today women are independent, economically empowered, equipped with determination, have a sense of security and are not just dreaming but are also making it come true, the main reason for this is the women upliftment by the Central Government in the last few years. There has been a change in the thinking that has been going on for decades in considering girls and women as inferior. Now on the birth of a girl, those who used to say with disappointment, 'It is a girl', have started saying with enthusiasm, 'Oh wow, Lakshmi has come to the house.' With this thinking, the new Parliament of New India has created a new history.

**The first bill in the new Parliament House during Amrit Kaal is to salute women power. This bill has been passed unanimously by the Parliament which has created a new history in the journey of democracy under the leadership of Pradhan Sevak of India and true Karmayogi Narendra Modi. These few lines are dedicated to the praise of women power...**

नारी शक्ति तेरा वंदन है,  
 वंदन है, अभिनंदन है,  
 नारी शक्ति का मान बढ़ेगा,  
 भारत का सम्मान बढ़ेगा,  
 शान बढ़ेगी, आन बढ़ेगी,  
 नारी की पहचान बढ़ेगी,  
 सपनों को अब पंख लगेंगे,  
 घर के आंगन तक नहीं रुकेंगे,  
 नारी को अधिकार मिलेंगे,  
 मिलजुल कर काम करेंगे,  
 देश हमारा विकसित होगा,  
 दुनिया का नेतृत्व करेगा,  
 जन-जन अब जयगान कर रहा है,  
 नारी शक्ति तेरा वंदन,  
 वंदन है और अभिनंदन है।



# The growing international facilities in Varanasi are a grand symbol of future India

Varanasi, the cultural capital and one of the ancient cities of the world, is being connected to strong international infrastructure. Be it Rudraksh Convention Centre, better road connectivity, integrated pack house for export of agricultural products or 3,000 cameras and integrated command-control center for smart surveillance, facilities are being increased by strengthening the infrastructure. Now an international cricket stadium for which the foundation stone was laid by PM Modi on 23 September will add to the grandeur of the city. Also, he inaugurated 16 Atal Residential Schools and addressed the Kashi Sansad Sanskriti Mahotsav...

After Prime Minister Narendra Modi became the Parliamentarian from Varanasi in 2014, development in this city has started at a fast pace. Baba Vishwanath's city Kashi is now on a path of fast progress in every field along with spirituality. The people here, who cherish their cultural heritage, have now embarked on the path of rapid economic development. Due to the fast pace with which infrastructure is being developed here or other facilities are being provided, the city of 'Bhole' has found a place among the cities with strong infrastructure. On September 23, Prime Minister

Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the International Cricket Stadium in Varanasi. This will help the sports enthusiasts not only from Varanasi but from the entire Purvanchal region to realize their dreams. After the opening of the stadium, this entire area will develop as a sports hub.

Prime Minister Modi participated in the Kashi Sansad Sanskriti Mahotsav program to further strengthen the spiritual identity of Kashi and envisions its further expansion in the coming times. The Kashi that PM Modi had envisioned in the year 2014, the dream of fast development and

conservation of heritage, is now rapidly coming true. Atal Residential School in Varanasi was also inaugurated by Prime Minister Modi in which arrangements for the education and boarding of the children of labor families have been made in the residential premises of the school.

### **Design of international cricket stadium based on the theme of Lord Shiva**

The foundation stone of the international cricket stadium which was laid in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, will be built in Ganjari, Rajatalab at a cost of Rs 450 crore. It will be spread over an area of more than 30 acres. The architecture of this stadium is inspired by Lord Shiva, in which designs of crescent shaped roof cover, trident shaped lights, seating arrangement based on 'ghat stairs' and 'belpatra' shaped metal sheets on the front part of the stadium will be developed. The seating capacity of the stadium will be 30,000 spectators, which can be increased by 10,000 more if needed.

Prime Minister Modi believes that when sports infrastructure is created, it has a positive impact not only on sports but also on the local economy. When such big sports centers are built, big sports events will be held there and a large number of spectators and players will come. This will benefit hotels, small and big food shops and rickshaw-auto-taxi operators. Due to the big stadium, new sports coaching centers will open. Also, the youth of Varanasi can think of new sports startups. Many sports related studies and courses including physiotherapy will start and a huge sports industry will also come to Varanasi.

Keeping in view the change of perception towards sports in Kashi, Rs 400 crore is also being spent on Srigra Stadium to provide world class sports facilities to the youth of Kashi. Facilities for more than 50 sports are being developed here. This will be the country's first multi-level sports complex which is being built keeping the disabled people in mind. Along with preparing synthetic tracks and synthetic basketball courts, the old systems of the city are also being improved.

Apart from Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, BCCI President Roger Binny, Vice President Rajeev Shukla, Secretary Jai Shah and several former cricketers including Sachin



Tendulkar participated in the event

### **The dream of development and heritage is slowly coming true**

The finale of the Sansad Sanskriti Mahotsav 2023 was held on 23 September in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh at the Rudraksh International Cooperation and Conference Center which was addressed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He also presented awards to the winners of Kashi Sansad Sanskriti Mahotsav.

PM Modi said that when I came to Varanasi in 2014, the dream of development and heritage of Kashi that I had imagined is now slowly coming true. More than 37 thousand people participated in the festival in 17 genres. Lakhs of spectators came to enjoy it. PM Modi said that with the efforts of the people of Varanasi, this cultural festival is going to become a distinct identity of Kashi in the coming years. During the program, the portal of Kashi Sansad Sports Competition was also launched.

In future, Kashi Sansad Gyan Pratiyogita will be organized to increase awareness about the history of Kashi, its rich heritage, festivals and food. If anyone talks about guides anywhere in the world, then the names of Kashi guides should be taken with utmost respect. PM Modi has appealed to all the people of Kashi to start preparing for it from now and participate in it enthusiastically. The people of the city are the most knowledgeable about Kashi and every resident is a true brand ambassador of Kashi. PM Modi proposed to strengthen the system of quality tourist guides who can describe the city properly. PM Modi said that in the coming



### Prime Minister paid tribute to women power

In Kashi, the city of Baba Vishwanath, Prime Minister Modi said that the energy that the Nari Shakti Vandan Act has infused into them is going to further strengthen the resolutions of Amrit Kaal.

time, Kashi Sansad Tourist Guide Competition will also be organized. He said "I want to do this because I want the world to know about my Kashi. I want Kashi's tourist guides to be among the most respected in the world."

### Atal Residential School: Free education to children orphaned during Covid

PM Modi inaugurated 16 Atal Residential Schools in Uttar Pradesh to provide quality education to children of weaker sections of the society including labourers. The total cost of construction of these schools is Rs 1,115 crore. Each school is constructed in an area of 10 to 15 acres which has classrooms, play grounds, recreation areas, a mini auditorium, hostel complex, mess and residential flats for the staff. A target has been set to accommodate 1,000 students in each school.

The Prime Minister said children who lost their parents during the Covid pandemic will be given free admission in these schools. Apart from general courses, facilities for music, art, crafts, technology and sports will be provided in this school. Referring to the budget given to all the states for the care of the children of migrant workers, PM Modi said that many states used this money for election opportunistic purposes whereas in Uttar Pradesh it



The success that India is getting in sports today is the result of the change in the thinking of the country. We have linked sports with the fitness of the youth and employment and career of the youth.

— Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

was used for the future of the children of the poor section of the society. PM Modi said, remember my words, within the next 10 years you will see the pride of Kashi coming out of these schools. ●

18-day 'Swachhata Hi Seva' mass movement drew 109 crore people

# Swachhjanali for a clean future

*Swachh Bharat is a shared responsibility and every effort has its own importance. Under this backdrop, on October 1, a tribute was paid to the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, through Swachhjanali for a garbage-free nation. In the 105th episode of his Mann Ki Baat program, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had appealed to take out time and join this cleanliness campaign. He said, join the cause of cleanliness for your street, neighbourhood, park, river, lake and public places. More than 9.20 lakh programs were organized on this day across the country and more than 31.39 lakh photos of cleanliness shramdaan were uploaded...*

To give message of clean future, Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself joined the One Hour Cleanliness campaign along with fitness influencer Ankit Baiyanpuria. PM Modi posted a video on social media in which he was seen cleaning the park along with talking about the importance of cleanliness and fitness. PM Modi

said, "As the country is focusing on cleanliness, Ankit Baiyanpuria and I did the same! Along with cleanliness, we also talked about fitness and wellness. Did all this for a clean and healthy India!"

To realize the dream of a clean and prosperous India, Union Ministers participated in the 'Swachhata Hi Seva' program at different places.

**53** crore plus people took part in 'Shramdaan' activities.

**8.75** crore people participated in "Ek Tareekh Ek Ghanta Ek Saath" Swachhjanali

**7,611** | **6,371**  
Beaches cleaned up | River banks and waterfalls revived

**16,000** Plus water bodies cleaned up

**1,23,000** public places furnished





**'Swachh Bharat' has become a mammoth campaign involving everyone during the last nine years. The children infused an emotional power into it. Celebrities gave it prominence, people from all corners of the country turned it into a mission and YouTubers like you made cleanliness better. Do not stop this movement until cleanliness becomes the identity of India.**

**- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister**

*(In his address at YouTube Fan Fest India 2023.)*



The Union Ministers said, every countryman is dedicated to realizing the dream of 'Clean and Healthy India' seen by the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi. Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw launched '14-minute cleaning miracle' for Vande Bharat Express which will ensure reduction in train turnaround time. ●

## Launch of Aspirational Block Program portal

Whenever there is mention of top 10 schemes of India after independence, Aspirational District Program and Aspirational Block Program will be placed at the top. The unprecedented success of the Aspirational District Program inspired the country to bring such schemes to the block level also. Under this thinking, on September 30, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a week-long special program 'Sankalp Saptah' for the aspirational blocks, which was celebrated in all the 500 aspirational blocks of 329 districts across the country.

Aspirational District Campaign has transformed the lives of more than 25 crore people in 112 districts of the country. There has been a change in the quality of life and ease of governance. The success of this campaign has now become the basis of the Aspirational Block Programme. In the program, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that if you move two steps forward, I am ready to move three steps forward. If you want to work 12 hours a day, I will work with you for 13 hours.

On this occasion, Prime Minister Modi launched the Aspirational Block Program portal. 'Sankalp Saptah' was celebrated from 3 October to 9 October 2023 in all 500 aspirational blocks. Each day of the 'Sankalp Week' was dedicated to a specific development theme on which all the aspirational blocks worked.





**51,000 appointment letters distributed**

# Employment generation top priority of the government

## Transforming youths' dreams into reality

India today is the fastest growing economy and country with youngest demography in the world. To give wings to the dreams of the youth, new employment opportunities and new possibilities are being created in the last 9 years, from skills and innovation to startups. Crores of youth have benefited from this. The Rozgar Mela has emerged as an important platform to achieve the goal of nation building with the potential of youth power. Prime Minister Narendra Modi distributed appointment letters to more than 51 thousand youth in the Rozgar Mela on 26th September...

India's aspirations in the 21st century are very high. The expectations of our society from the government are very high. The new India has hoisted its tricolor on the moon recently. The dreams of this new India are very high and the country has resolved to become a developed nation by 2047. The government is working rapidly for this. While distributing appointment letters to about 51,000 newly appointed candidates at the Rozgar Mela, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the biggest responsibility of implementing the schemes of the Central Government lies on all the

newly appointed government employees. When lakhs of youth like you join government services, the speed and scale of implementing policies also increases. This creates employment opportunities outside the government also. Along with this, new working arrangements are also created.

The Rozgar Mela is an important step towards fulfilling Prime Minister Narendra Modi's commitment to give top priority to employment generation. It is expected that the Rozgar Mela will act as a catalyst in employment generation and provide meaningful opportunities to the youth



## So far about 6 lakh youth have got jobs

Rozgar Mela	When	Joining letters given
First	22 October 2022	More than 75 Thousand
Second	22 November 2022	More than 71 Thousand
Third	20 January 2023	More than 71 Thousand
Fourth	13 April 2023	More than 71 Thousand
Fifth	16 May 2023	More than 70 Thousand
Sixth	13 June 2023	More than 70 Thousand
Seventh	22 July 2023	More than 70 Thousand
Eighth	28 August 2023	More than 51 Thousand
Ninth	26 September 2023	More than 51 Thousand

for their empowerment and participation in national development. Under the Rozgar Mela, the Government of India, along with the partner state governments, is making determined efforts to provide government jobs to 10 lakh youth in a simple, time-bound and transparent manner. Today, Rozgar Mela has become a powerful medium to make the dreams of youth come true. In the program, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that all of you have got the opportunity to work directly with the government in the country's development journey. I urge you to maintain your habit of learning in this journey. Through an online learning portal – 'iGOT Karmayogi' you can join the course of your choice. I want you all to take advantage of this facility.

These newly appointed candidates selected from across the country will serve the nation through various ministries and departments of the government. The Rozgar Mela was organized at 46 locations across the country. Prime Minister Modi congratulated the candidates who received the appointment letters and said that all of you have achieved this success after hard work. You have been selected from among lakhs of candidates, so this success has great importance in your life. ●

## Selected candidates will work in various departments

Candidates selected for new recruitments from across the country will work in various departments and ministries. These candidates will work in various ministries/departments including Department of Posts, Indian Audit and Accounts Department, Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Revenue, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.



**Even in today's Rozgar Mela, our daughters have received appointment letters in large numbers. Today, India's daughters are making many new records from space to sports. I feel very proud of this success of women power.**

**- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister**



# 11 states get Vande Bharat connectivity simultaneously

It is important to create seamless connectivity in cities. India sees transport as a guarantee of rapid development. As a result, modern connectivity is increasing in both speed and scale. As part of this strong connectivity, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched nine Vande Bharat trains on September 24. These nine Vande Bharat trains provided high-speed connectivity to 11 states. Wherever the Vande Bharat train goes, new job opportunities are being created as the number of tourists and economic activities increases.



The government is continuously working to improve connectivity and provide world-class facilities to rail passengers. The addition of nine new Vande Bharat Express trains brings the total number of Vande Bharat trains operated across various states to 34. Prime Minister Narendra Modi stated after flagging off these nine trains that an emphasis is being placed on multi-modal connectivity so that one mode of transport in the country supports the other. The main goal of all of these efforts is to make travel easier for Indian citizens and save them time. This spirit is reflected in the Vande Bharat trains.

The Vande Bharat Express is serving the purpose

for which it was created. This train has become very important for those who want to keep travel time to a minimum and return the same day after finishing a few hours of work in another city. The popularity of Vande Bharat is growing. So far, over one crore and eleven lakh passengers have travelled. This number is growing by the day. PM Modi asserts that the new trains are more modern and comfortable than previous models. This Vande Bharat train represents renewed enthusiasm, zeal, and zeal for India. Vande Bharat will eventually connect every part of the country.

Indian Railways is the most trusted companion of the poor and middle class in the country. That

## 9 Vande Bharat trains to speed up development

Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off nine Vande Bharat trains. These nine trains will boost connectivity in 11 states, namely Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Bihar, West Bengal, Kerala, Odisha, Jharkhand, and Gujarat.

The new trains that have been flagged off are:

1. Udaipur-Jaipur Vande Bharat Express
2. Tirunelveli-Madurai-Chennai Vande Bharat Express
3. Hyderabad-Bengaluru Vande Bharat Express
4. Vijayawada-Chennai (via Renigunta) Vande Bharat Express
5. Patna-Howrah Vande Bharat Express
6. Kasaragod-Thiruvananthapuram Vande Bharat Express
7. Rourkela-Bhubaneswar-Puri Vande Bharat Express
8. Ranchi-Howrah Vande Bharat Express
9. Jamnagar-Ahmedabad Vande Bharat Express



### This will save time for the passengers

All nine Vande Bharat trains will run at the fastest speed on their operational routes and will save a lot of time for the passengers.

- The Rourkela-Bhubaneswar-Puri Vande Bharat Express and Kasaragod-Thiruvananthapuram Vande Bharat Express will travel nearly three hours faster than the existing fastest trains on the route.

- The Hyderabad-Bengaluru Vande Bharat Express will save more than 2.5 hours. The Tirunelveli-Madurai-Chennai-Madurai-Chennai Vande Bharat Express will save more than 2 hours.
- The Ranchi-Howrah Vande Bharat Express, Patna-Howrah Vande Bharat Express, and Jamnagar-Ahmedabad Vande Bharat Express will save about one hour of time.
- The Udaipur-Jaipur Vande Bharat Express will travel about half an hour early.

is why the government, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is engaged in the rejuvenation of Indian railways. The government has increased the budget for the railways. This year, the railway budget has been given eight times more than it was in 2014. Be it doubling of railway lines, electrification, running of new trains, or construction of new routes, all these are being done at a rapid pace. The Prime Minister said that just a few days ago, work started on more than 500 major railway stations. These stations built during the 'Amrit Kaal' will be known as 'Amrit Stations' and will become the face of new India.

The new nine Vande Bharat trains will improve the connectivity of important religious places of the country, which is in line with the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The Rourkela-Bhubaneswar-Puri Vande Bharat Express and Tirunelveli-Madurai-

### Railway Stations' Foundation Day

Whatever the railway station is, it definitely has a foundation day. Now the railways have started celebrating the birth anniversary of railway stations, i.e., Foundation Day. Recently, the foundation day of many stations, including Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu, Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus in Mumbai, and Pune, was celebrated. Coimbatore Railway Station has completed 150 years of passenger service. Now that this tradition of celebrating the birthday of railway stations has been further expanded, more and more people will be connected to it.

Chennai Vande Bharat Express will connect the important religious towns of Puri and Madurai. Also, the Vijayawada-Chennai Vande Bharat Express will operate on the Renigunta route and provide connectivity to the Tirupati pilgrimage centre. ●



# Vibrant Gujarat touching new heights of success

*Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit, which started 20 years ago in Gujarat to increase the pace of development, has now become a global event. Now this conference has gained the status of being one of the most prominent business summits of India. Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended an event organized at Science City in Ahmedabad on September 27 to commemorate 20 years of the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit. Also, he inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of several projects costing more than Rs 5,200 crore at Bodeli in Chhota Udepur...*

**W**hile being the Chief Minister of Gujarat, Prime Minister Narendra Modi started the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit in the year 2003, which has left its indelible mark in the world of investment and development. Its impact has been felt far and wide, due to which progress and prosperity are visible. The success of Vibrant Gujarat can also be understood from its development journey. In 2003, a few hundred participants and delegates were associated with this summit, but today this number has reached 40 thousand. In the beginning, very few countries had participated but today up to 135 countries have started participating in it.

At the beginning of this summit in 2003, around 30 exhibitors came, now more than 2 thousand exhibitors are coming to this summit. A small seed sown 20 years ago has grown into a huge and vibrant banyan tree within no time. At the event, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "Years ago I had said that Vibrant Gujarat is not just an event of branding but more than that, it is an event of bonding."

In the 20th century, Gujarat was seen as a 'merchant' state. In the 21st century, Gujarat has transformed into an agricultural powerhouse, a financial hub, and an industry and manufacturing hub, creating a new identity. 'Vibrant Gujarat' has



## Prominent personalities from various fields attended the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit

- The event organized to mark 20 years of the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit was attended by industry associations, prominent personalities from trade and commerce sector, young entrepreneurs, students of higher and technical education colleges, and others.
- Over the past 20 years, Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit has evolved from 'making Gujarat a preferred investment destination' to 'shaping the new India'.
- The unique success of Vibrant Gujarat became a role model for the entire country. This has inspired other Indian states to also organize such investment summits.

## Launch and Foundation stone laid for many projects in Bodeli, Chhota Udepur

More than Rs  
**5200 crore**

development projects were either inaugurated or the foundation stone laid by PM Narendra Modi in Bodeli, Chhota Udepur, Gujarat.

More than Rs  
**4500 crore**

projects are included under the 'Mission School of Excellence' programme

- The Prime Minister inaugurated thousands of new classrooms, smart classrooms, computer labs, science, technology engineering and mathematics laboratories, and other infrastructure built in schools in Gujarat.
- Also laid the foundation stone for the improvement and upgradation of thousands of classrooms in schools of Gujarat under the mission. The Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone of the 'Vidya Samiksha Kendra 2.0' project.

## When the robot served tea to Prime Minister Narendra Modi



When Prime Minister Narendra Modi reached the café of the Robotics Gallery of Science City in Ahmedabad during his Gujarat tour, a robot served him a cup of tea.

Prime Minister Modi enjoyed tea served by the robot. Apart from the Robotics Gallery, he also visited the Nature Park, Aquatic Gallery and Shark Tunnel during this period. The Prime Minister also visited an exhibition organized on this occasion. Regarding the visit to the Science City, Prime Minister Modi said, "Spent some morning time observing the fascinating attractions of Gujarat Science City. It started with the Robotics Gallery, where the immense possibilities of robotics have been brilliantly displayed. It is heartening to see how these technologies are sparking curiosity among the youth."

evolved into an institution whose systems and processes operate year-round, autonomously from within and outside the government. In the program, PM Modi said, "Our dream was that Gujarat should become the development engine of the country. This vision came true and when we got the opportunity to serve the country in 2014, our goal also expanded. Now our aim is to make India the growth engine of the world."

Prime Minister Modi laid the foundation stone

and inaugurated projects worth more than Rs 5200 crore in Bodeli, Chhota Udepur, Gujarat. PM Modi said that I don't have a house in my name yet but I have given ownership rights to lakhs of women of the country. He said that his aim is to encourage meritocracy by providing opportunities to the youth of tribal areas. Prime Minister Modi said, "I have come to tell the mothers and sisters of the entire tribal area including Chhota Udepur that your son has come to ensure your rights." ●



## Strong partner in the nation's development

# Shramev Jayate

*The labour force plays a critical role in realising India's development goals. With this mindset, a culture of respect for labour and labourers is emerging in the new India. The country is now proud of its labour force. The top leadership acknowledges the power of Shramev Jayate in the development of the country by showering flowers on workers at the inauguration of Vishwanath Dham, washing the feet of sanitation workers in Prayagraj Kumbh, and establishing a special gallery of workers in the new Parliament. On October 16, 2014, the Shramev Jayate Karyakram was launched to honour skill.*

The inspiration that comes from the tradition of respecting workers will pave the way for success through labour. The present government has tried to revive the nation's Shramev Jayate tradition over the last nine years. While the country values skills, there is a constant emphasis on skill development. The five Shramev Jayate Karyakrams, Pradhan Mantri Shram-Yogi Maandhan Yojana, and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana and PM Vishwakarma Yojana are serving as workers' shields. Workers in the unorganised sector now believe that the country values their labour because of such schemes.

In order to bring every worker of the country under the ambit of social security, every programme started under the Shramev Jayate Karyakram, be it the Shram Suvidha Portal, the E-Shram Portal, or registering the unorganised labourers under it and giving them smart cards and benefits of social security, is going

on at a rapid pace. More than 29 crore workers working in 400 different sectors have been added to the e-Shram portal. Construction workers, migrant workers, domestic workers, gig workers, and platform workers are also associated with the unorganised sector. They are getting facilities like UAN, health, and insurance. It has also been linked to the National Career Service and the ASEEM and Udyam portals.



**The dignity of labour and the dignity of workers are the top priorities of the government. Through Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Shramev Jayate Karyakram, the government is ensuring comprehensive security for the workers by empowering them.**

**- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister**

## Let us know the progress of the Shramev Jayate Karyakram

**Dedicated Shram Suidha Portal:** The one-stop-shop integrated labour facilitation portal for labour law compliance has been developed to facilitate reporting of inspections and submission of returns. A Labour Identification Number (LIN) has been assigned to the inspectable unit under any labour law. The beginning was made by giving LIN to six lakh units.

**42.07 lakh** Labour Identification Numbers generated so far.

**8.05 lakh** inspection reports were submitted online.

### A New Scheme of Contingency Inspection Report to be uploaded in 72 Hours

The scheme provides that the units for inspection shall be selected using technology without human intervention. The report has to be uploaded on the website within 72 hours of the inspection.

### Universal Account Number: Ease of portability

Portable, hassle-free, and one that can be accessed from anywhere. 19.63 crore UANs have been issued across the country. The accounts of ESIC are also being linked to the Universal Account Number. As of July 2023, 1.71 crore accounts have been linked to UAN.

### E-Shram Portal: Unorganised workers identified

The e-Shram portal was launched on August 26, 2021, to create a database of workers in the unorganised sector. As of September 24, 2023, 29.11 crore unorganised workers had registered on the e-Shram portal.

### Recognition of prior learning: emphasis on certification

Construction is the third-largest employer in India, after agriculture and manufacturing. Nearly 4.5 crore employees are working in the industry. As of 2014, 86% of workers had no training. The National Programme for Certification of Workers Learning is being run keeping in mind the demand of about 8.3 crore construction workers.

### Apprentice Protsahan Yojana

#### More than 20 lakh apprentice candidates

At the time of the launch of the scheme, there were 2.9 lakh apprentices, with a target of 20 lakh in the next few years. 50% of the amount paid in the first two years was refunded. Subsequently, the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) was launched in August 2016. From the year 2019 to August 2023, 20.35 lakh candidates have been added to this scheme across the country.

### Recognition of Brand Ambassadors of ITIs

#### A trained workforce begins to increase

Shramev Jayate was started in 2014 because only 10% of the workers in India are trained, whereas in South Korea, Japan, and Germany, this figure is around 97%. Therefore, recognition of ITI graduates as brand ambassadors for vocational training was started.

### Revamped Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana

#### Expanded scope of health schemes

93% of the workers in the country are in the unorganised sector, so some reforms were made to give them benefits under the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana. Giving smart cards to workers in the unorganised sector, which will have details of two more social security schemes. About 40% of these workers are already registered under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana.

Prior to this, 29 labour laws were simplified into four codes, in which the definitions of gig and platform workers came up for the first time.

In line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of Shramev Jayate, the Ministry of Labour is now working in the Amrit Kaal with workers in mind for

a developed India in 2047. At a conference of state labour ministers last year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi suggested that flexible work arrangements, a work-from-home ecosystem, and flexible work hours could be used to increase women's labour force participation. ●



**PM Modi address at G-20 University Connect**

# **The development journey is an essential condition of continuity**

## **Clean, clear, and stable governance**

The consensus on the declarations of the G-20 New Delhi Summit and the role and success of the Indian Presidency in making the African Union a permanent member are being celebrated. The G20 Jan Bhagidari Movement witnessed a record participation of more than 5 crore youth, including 1 lakh university students, in the G20 University Connect. Participating in the success of the G20 Presidency Prime Minister Narendra Modi on September 22 interacted with officials working on the ground and students associated with the G20 University Connect Finale on September 26 as India is witnessing positive changes driven by youth power.

India holds the G20 presidency until November 2023. If there is a consensus on the announcements of the leaders at the summit in New Delhi, many other programs are also being organized to move forward. The fourth G-20 Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion meeting was held in Mumbai on September 16, the fourth Framework Working Group meeting in Raipur from September 18–19, the fourth International Financial Architecture Working Group meeting in Seoul, Korea, from September 20–22, and the Infrastructure Working Group meeting in Khajuraho from September 21–22. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the G-20 University Connect Finale after receiving global acclaim for India's presidency of the G-20. Four books related to G-20 Summit in India, were released. It included the book



## India's diplomacy touched new heights in 30 days

- In 30 days, we met 85 world leaders who represent almost half of the world.
- Six new countries were added as members through India's efforts at the BRICS Summit ahead of the G-20.
- This is the first visit by an Indian Prime Minister to Greece in decades.
- The Prime Minister met several world leaders in Indonesia.
- During the G-20 Presidency at Bharat Mandapam, many important decisions were taken for the welfare of the world.
- Achieving a common ground for all member countries on a single platform in a globally polarized environment was a special achievement for the government.
- The unanimous New Delhi Declaration made headlines all over the world.
- African Union as a permanent member of the G-20
- Decision on the India-led International Biofuel Alliance and the India-Middle East Europe Corridor
- After the G20 Summit and the visit of the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia, Saudi Arabia is going to invest 100 billion dollars in India.
- India's international image has grown, giving it new opportunities, new friends, and new markets.

titled-The grand success of India's G-20 Chairmanship: Visionary Leadership, Inclusive Approach; India's G20 Chairmanship: Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam; a Compendium of G-20 University Connect Program and Showcasing Indian Culture in G-20. PM Modi told the youth that India has raised the standards of an event like the G-20. The world is amazed at this. He, however, clarified that it was not surprising at all, as "events of such scale are bound to succeed when the youth take up the responsibility." PM Modi attributed the positive development in the country to political stability, policy clarity, and democratic values. The government has made sincere efforts to curb corruption in the last nine years. Today, honest people are being rewarded while action is being taken against dishonest people. Clean, clear, and stable governance is an indispensable condition for the country to continue its development journey. Some key points of the speech:

- We could have limited the G-20 presidency to a diplomatic and Delhi-centric event, but India made it a people-driven mass movement.

- There have been some decisions in the G-20 that have the potential to change the entire direction of the 21st century. In today's polarized international environment, it is a great thing to bring so many countries together on one platform. The 100 percent consensus on our New Delhi Declaration made international headlines.
- The world knows both the potential and performance of India and its youth. The progress of India and the progress of India's youth are necessary for the progress of the world.
- Today, the world's trust in India is high, and investment in India has reached record levels. Today, India's manufacturing and service sectors are reaching new heights. Our exports are setting new records.
- Youth move forward where there is optimism, opportunity, and openness. My message to the youth is to think big.
- Our youth power has made India an ideal place. The program that our students take the initiative to make successful has to be successful. Because of the youth, the whole of India has become a happy place.

## Interactions with the G-20 Summit official on the ground

Around 3,000 people who contributed to the success of the G-20 Summit attended the interaction with Prime Minister Narendra Modi which included, sweepers, drivers, waiters, and other staff of various ministries. Ministers and MLAs also attended the function. Here are the main points:

- He suggested the officers document their experiences and learning. These types of documents can form useful guidelines for future events.
- Today's program is about the unity of laborers, and you and I are both laborers.
- In the routine work of the office, we do not get to know the capabilities of our colleagues. By being isolated while working collectively in the field, the feeling of working is lost, and a team is built.
- The cumulative impact of the G-20 has been successful in showcasing the strength of the country to the world.
- Our country is now confident that it can host any such event in the best possible manner.
- In this program, ministers and senior officials are sitting in the back seats, and ground-level officials are at the forefront. I liked this arrangement because it reassured me that my foundation was strong.
- One lakh key decision-makers visited India during the G-20, and they have gone back as tourism ambassadors of India. This is the time to take tourism to new heights.



Friends, come with me. I invite you. 25 years are in front of us. What happened 100 years ago? People had moved forward for Swaraj. Let us move forward for prosperity. Aatma Nirbhar Bharat opens new doors of prosperity and takes self-confidence to new heights.

— Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



## Agree to continue working on universal financial inclusion.

The three-day meeting of the 4th G20 Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion (GPFI) concluded in Mumbai on September 16. Digital financial inclusion and SME finance were discussed in the meeting, along with empowering consumers through faster growth, digital financial literacy, and consumer protection for MSMEs. Through the New Delhi Leaders' Declaration at the meeting, the G-20 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to accelerate "strong, sustainable, balanced, and inclusive growth" and the "full and effective implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development." Delegates agreed to continue working towards the vision of universal financial inclusion under the new G-20 Financial Inclusion Action Plan.





# Sardar of strong will and able leadership

Iron man Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel was a Karmayogi who worked hard to realize his vision of a united India. He worked hard to unite more than 550 princely states from all over India after the independence. In true sense he united India and laid the foundation of a new India. Due to Patel's strong will and leadership ability, the country remembers him as Sardar. Patel's birth anniversary and 'National Unity Day' are not just a date, it is also a great festival of India's cultural potential. The life of Sardar Patel, who lives in the heart of every Indian, is a source of inspiration...



The Statue of Unity constantly reminds us what would have happened if India had not had a leader like Sardar Patel at the time of independence? What would have happened if more than 550 princely states were not amalgamated? "What would have happened if our Princely states would have not shown a deep sense of sacrifice and faith in Maa Bharati. We could not have even imagined the India we are seeing today. This difficult task, this impossible task, was accomplished only by Sardar Patel.

– **Narendra Modi**, Prime Minister