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Developed India's 'CHATURBHUJ'

During the Amrit Yatra, the four pillars of development—poor, youth, women, and farmers—have become the driving force. The same pillar strengthens the four arms of the 2024–25 interim budget, ensuring India's development by 2047.

Farmer



Poor



Youth



Women





Ram is in everyone's words, Ram is in everyone's heart

For a decade, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has struck a chord with the citizens of the country through 'Mann Ki Baat' broadcast on radio. Even in this era of social media, radio is a powerful medium to connect the entire country. In 'Mann Ki Baat', the aim is to highlight the efforts of such citizens who are selflessly working to empower society and the country. In the first Mann Ki Baat program of the year 2024, PM Modi discussed many issues, including the 'Pran Pratistha' of Ramlala in the Ram temple of Ayodhya. Here are the excerpts...:

● **Ram se Rashtra:** In part three of the original copy of the Constitution, the makers of our Constitution allotted due space to the pictures of Bhagwan Ram, Mata Sita, and Lakshman ji. The rule of Prabhu Ram was also a source of inspiration for the makers of our Constitution, and that is why on January 22 in Ayodhya, I talked about 'Dev se Desh'... I'd referred to 'Ram se Rashtra'.

● **Ram in everyone's heart:** Pran Pratistha in Ayodhya seems to have bound around a common thread binding crores of people in the country together. Everyone's feelings are unanimous; everyone's devotion is in unison. Ram is in everyone's words; Ram is in everyone's heart.

● **Mother of Democracy:** We all, countrymen, celebrated the 75th Republic Day with great pomp and fervor. This year, our Constitution is completing 75 years. Supreme Court is also completing 75 years. These festivals of our democracy further strengthen India as the Mother of Democracy.

● **Women Power:** This time in the parade on January 26th, the most discussed element was seeing Women Power. It showed how women's power is protecting the country in every field—water, land, sky, cyber, and space. India of the 21st century is thus moving ahead with the mantra of women-led development.

● **Arjuna Award:** This time also in the Arjuna Award ceremony, something that attracted a lot of people's attention was the Arjuna Awardee daughters and their life journeys. This time, 13 women athletes have been honored with the Arjuna Award.

● **Self-Help Groups:** The number of women-led self-help groups in the country has also increased, and

their scope of work has also expanded a lot.

● **People's Padma:** The system of Padma awards has completely changed in the last decade. Now it has become the people's padma. There have been many changes in the system of conferring Padma awards.

● **Organ donation:** There are some people among us who, even after the end of life, fulfill their responsibilities towards society and life, and their medium for that is organ donation. In recent years, there have been more than a thousand people in the country who expressed their desire for organ donation after death. Their families respected the last wishes of their near ones.

● **Vocabulary Classification:** The Ministry of AYUSH has categorized the data and terminology related to Ayurveda, Siddha, and Unani medicine, with the help of the World Health Organization as well.

● **Hamar Hathi, Hamar Goth:** A unique example of how much change the power of radio can bring about is being seen in Chhattisgarh. For the last almost 7 years, a popular program has been broadcast on the radio here, whose name is 'Hamar Hathi—Hamar Goth'.

The destiny of the nation: I will ask my first-time voters to definitely get their names added to the voter list. They can easily complete it online through the National Voter Service Portal and the Voter Helpline App. You should always remember that one vote of yours can change the destiny of the country.

New platforms: New platforms are continuously being created in India, where players are getting an opportunity to display their potential. One such platform that has been created, Beach Games, was organized in Diu earlier this year.



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Greetings,

India of the 21st century is moving towards the goal of fulfilling the grand vision of a developed India. The aim is to move forward in continuity by strengthening the foundation built in the last 10 years with a holistic and long-term approach. The roadmap of Amrit Kaal shows that this is a developmental budget dedicated to four segments: the poor, youth, women, and annadata—farmers. At the same time, the priority for the deprived, the ease for the middle class, and the dreams of development of all sections of the aspirational society—the village poor, the farmers, the artisans, the elderly, and the entrepreneurs—should get a new flight so that the journey of development continues for the next 25 years in a phased manner. Also, a modern new India is built on the foundation of a self-reliant India infused with the spirit of 'Sabka Prayas' and 'Jan Bhagidari' of 140 crore countrymen.

To put it simply, this budget provides an impressive overview of the qualitative and quantitative evolution of the Indian economy during the last ten years.

Once a financial accounting document,

the General Budget, presented every year, has grown from a ritual to a powerful instrument of public participation, aligning the government's energy with broader development priorities. The interim budget is an important step towards making the country a powerful nation through precise planning. How the interim budget is dedicated to the betterment of developed India has become our cover story this time.

This issue has special coverage on Bharat Ratna to former Deputy Prime Minister Lal Krishna Advani. In the personality section read about excellent administrator and politician with Gandhian ideology Morarji Desai. This issue includes the President's address on the eve of Republic Day, the story of the Padma awardees, the story of the children who received the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2024, Pariksha Pe Charcha, Union Cabinet decisions, and the Prime Minister's programs.

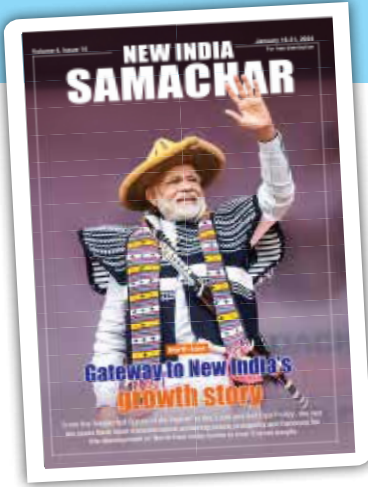
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First 100 bedded Yoga and Naturopathy Hospital in North East India

Work is going on at a fast pace to connect the country's traditional medical system with modern science and make it evidence-based so that Ayurveda gets effective recognition in the country and abroad. With this purpose, the foundation stone of a 100-bed Central Research Institute of Yoga & Naturopathy (CRIYN) was laid by the Government of India in Dibrugarh, Assam. CRIYN will be developed as a Center of Excellence for Cardio Vascular Diseases (CVD) to develop protocols on how to manage Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs). Educational training for undergraduate, postgraduate, and higher research in Yoga and Naturopathy will also be conducted in this institute. This state-of-the-art institute will



be developed on 15 acres of land. It has been decided to invest about Rs 100 crore for this. Union AYUSH Minister Sarbananda Sonowal said that under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the AYUSH campaign has received a tremendous boost.

The number of India Post Payments customers reaches eight crore

India Post Payments Bank was started to alleviate problems faced by the unbanked or those facing difficulties in accessing banking services. India Post Payments



Bank reaches out to a large number of customers who lack banking facilities. In January, IPPB achieved a great milestone by reaching out to eight crore customers. IPPB announced that "India Post Payments Bank has reached 8 crore customers. This achievement is a testament to our mission to provide banking services to every Indian, irrespective of their region or socio-economic status." Its basic objective is to remove barriers for unbanked and remote areas by leveraging the postal network of 1,55,000 post offices and 3,00,000 postal employees. IPPB was established on 1 September 2018

Course study material will be digital in the next three years

To provide students the opportunity to study in their own language, the Government of India has directed all schools and higher educational institutions to make study material available in digital form for every course in Indian languages within the next three years. All Indian languages included in the 8th Schedule of the Constitution will be included in it. The order issued by the Union Education Ministry will apply to all schools and higher education regulators like UGC, AICTE, NCERT, NIOS, IGNOU, IITs, and premier institutions like Central Universities and National Institutes of Technology. The government has been working in this direction for the last two years. Translation of engineering, medical, law, undergraduate, postgraduate, and skill books is being done through the Anuvadini Artificial Intelligence-based app. These books are available on the e-Kumbh portal. Study material is available in multiple Indian languages including more than 30 languages on Diksha in the schooling ecosystem.

Over 200 ropeway projects are in the pipeline in the next five years

Under the National Ropeway Development Program 'Parvatmala Project', more than 200 projects have been identified to be built at a cost of Rs 1.25 lakh crore in the coming five years. Public-private partnerships will have to be encouraged to develop a ropeway network in the country. Apart from facilitating tourism in hilly areas, the ropeway also has great potential in urban public transport. For this, the focus is on developing indigenous and cost-effective solutions without compromising on security. Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari said that under the 'Make in India' initiative, the aim is to bring about a change in the ropeway industry by encouraging the manufacturing of ropeway components. Improving the ropeway industry scenario in India, enhancing public-private partnerships, and building affordable ropeway systems were discussed in detail at a seminar in Delhi on January 23 with experts.



India has to be connected to the world during the Amrit Kaal

Wings India 24', the largest civil aviation event in Asia, was organized in Hyderabad. The theme of the event was 'Connecting India to the World in Amrit Kaal: Setting the Stage for India Civil Aviation @2047.' UDAN 5.3 was launched in the same event. Many important announcements were made at Wings India 2024. A flight training center will be set up in Gurugram with 10 flight simulators and 10,000 pilots to be trained in the coming years. Airbus manufacturing contracts with TATA ASL and Mahindra Aerospace Structures Pvt. Ltd. to foster more pilots. Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia inaugurated the Global Aviation Conference on January 18. On the development of India's civil aviation sector, he said that India is a shining star in the civil aviation landscape. The number of airports in the country has now increased from 74 in 2014 to 149. So far, in-principle approval has been given for the establishment of 21 greenfield airports in the country, and out of these, 12 greenfield airports have started operations.

Snow leopard population increases in India, number reaches 718

New India has made a major achievement in balancing biodiversity. The population of snow leopards in the country has reached 718. Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav released the report on the status of snow leopards in India during the recent National Wildlife Board meeting held in New Delhi. It has been calculated scientifically for the first time in India. An area of 13,450 km was surveyed to record the snow

leopard population. The survey found that the snow leopard's habitat spans an area of 93,392 square kilometres. A total of 241 unique snow leopards were photographed. Based on data analysis, the estimated number of leopards in different states is 477 in Ladakh, 124 in Uttarakhand, 51 in Himachal Pradesh, 36 in Arunachal Pradesh, 21 in Sikkim, and 9 in Jammu and Kashmir. This survey was conducted between 2019 and 2023.



Bharat Ratna for Lal Krishna Advani

His life is dedicated to the nation



The Government of India has decided to confer the Bharat Ratna on former Deputy Prime Minister Lal Krishna Advani, one of the most respected politicians in independent India's political history and during his tenure, for his major contribution to the country's growth. His pioneering efforts to foster national unity and cultural rebirth contributed to the country's cultural legacy. Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced and greeted Lal Krishna Advani for the Bharat Ratna award.

The entire country is filled with devotion to Ram, and the news that LK Advani has received the Bharat

Ratna award reinforces the trust of his admirers and crores of Ram believers. In the early 1980s, the Vishwa Hindu Parishad launched a campaign to build a temple on the site of the Ram Janmabhoomi in Ayodhya. The BJP, led by LK Advani, became the face of the Ram temple movement. The Ram Rath Yatra headed by Advani for the construction of the Ram temple in Ayodhya had not only made the movement for the construction of the Ram temple national, but it had also uplifted India's cultural consciousness and brought about an awakening of heritage in the country.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi posted on 'X,' "I am very happy to inform you that Shri Lal Krishna Advani ji will be honored with Bharat Ratna. I also spoke to him and congratulated him on being awarded the Bharat Ratna. One of the most respected politicians of his time, Shri Lal Krishna Advani's contribution to the development of India is unforgettable. His life ranges from working at the grassroots level to serving the country as our Deputy Prime Minister. He also made his mark as Home Minister and Information and Broadcasting Minister. His parliamentary contributions have always been exemplary and full of rich insights."

From President of the Jana Sangh to National President of the Bharatiya Janata Party, from Home Minister to Deputy Prime Minister, his contributions to the country's progress through his duties and administrative acumen are remarkable. In politics, he always admired Suchita and Adarsh. LK Advani is regarded as a highly smart, talented, and powerful leader who is deeply committed to the vision of a strong and wealthy India. As the late Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee used to remark, "Advani ji never abandoned the basic idea of nationalism, and keeping this in mind, he has moved ahead in political life while also showing flexibility wherever the need was."

Prime Minister Narendra Modi says, "Advani ji's decades-long service in public life has been marked by an unwavering commitment to transparency and integrity, which has set an exemplary standard in political ethics. He has made unique efforts towards furthering national unity and cultural revival. It is a very emotional moment for me to honor him with Bharat Ratna. I will always consider it my privilege to have had countless opportunities to interact with and learn from him."

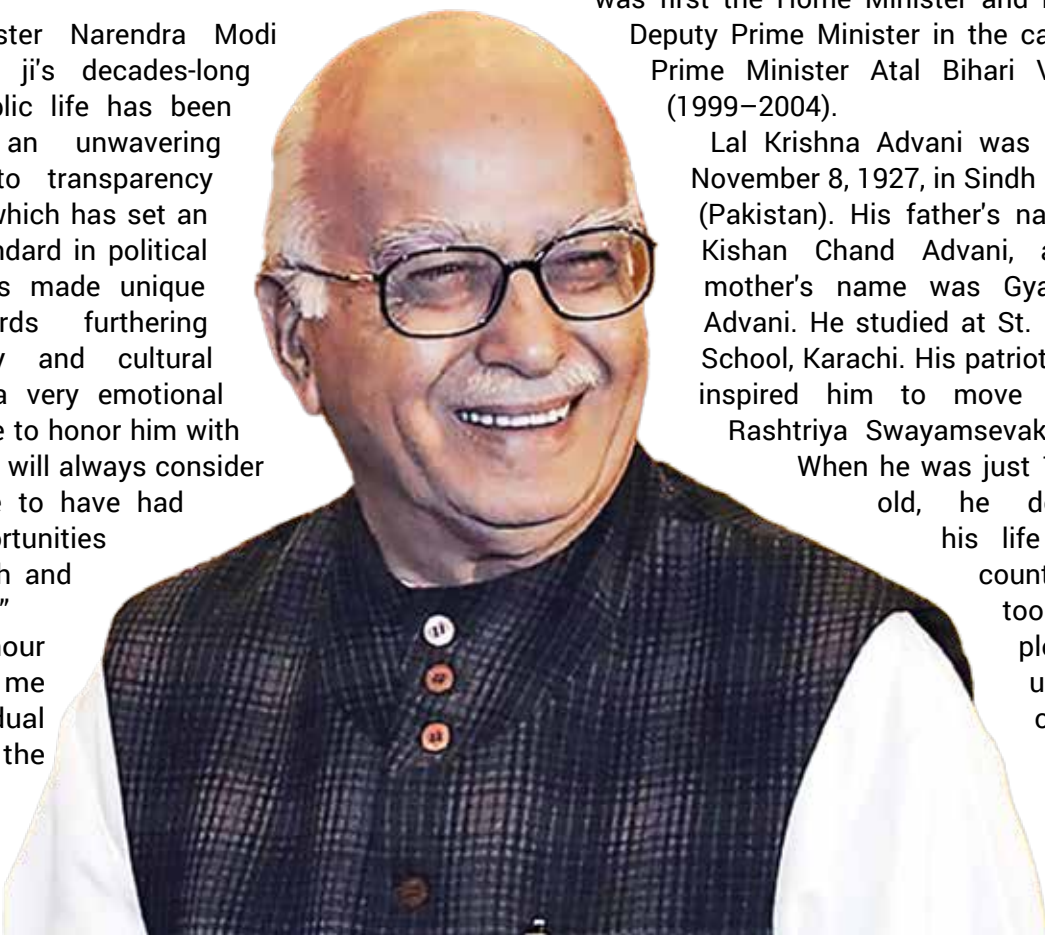
"It is an honour not only for me as an individual but also for the

ideals and principles that I have striven to serve throughout my life to the best of my ability," LK Advani said. "What has inspired my life is the motto 'इदं न मम'. This life is not mine. My life is for my nation." "On this day, I gratefully remember two persons with whom I had the honour of working closely: Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya and Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee." "I express my heartfelt gratitude to my well-wishers, volunteers, and others with whom I have had the privilege of working throughout my journey in public life. I also express my deepest feelings for all the members of my family, especially my beloved late wife, Kamla."

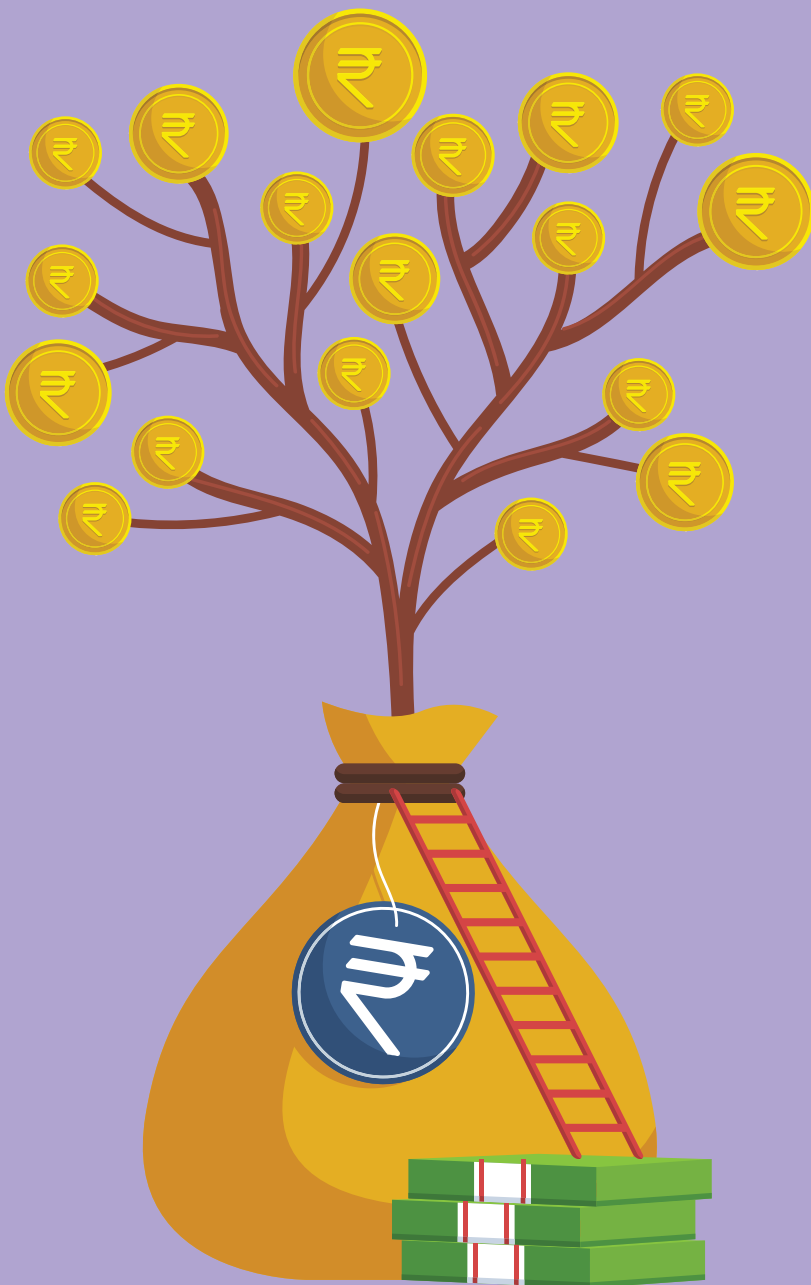
Since the formation of the Bharatiya Janata Party in 1980, Advani has held the post of president of the party for the longest period of time. Between 1980 and 1990, Advani devoted all his time to making the BJP a national-level party, and the results were visible when the party, which had won only 2 seats in 1984, got 86 seats in the Lok Sabha elections. The party won 121 seats in 1992 and 161 in 1996. For the first time after independence, Congress was out of power, and the BJP emerged as the party with the largest number. After playing a long innings of three decades as an MP, Advani was first the Home Minister and later the Deputy Prime Minister in the cabinet of Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee (1999–2004).

Lal Krishna Advani was born on November 8, 1927, in Sindh province (Pakistan). His father's name was Kishan Chand Advani, and his mother's name was Gyani Devi Advani. He studied at St. Patrick's School, Karachi. His patriotic fervor inspired him to move towards Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh.

When he was just 14 years old, he dedicated his life to the country and took a pledge to unite the country. ●



Guaranteeing the resolve of a developed India



While 2023 marks the start of the 'Amrit Kaal', the Interim Budget 2024 signifies the continuation of realizing the huge and decisive resolve of a developed India. This Interim Budget for the year of Amrit Kaal and Mahaparak of Democracy aims to advance the vision of a strong India by building on the foundation laid in the past ten years through a comprehensive approach in which policy reforms and continuity will boost infrastructure, job creation, and the manufacturing sector. This will pave the way for the leadership of a modern, prosperous, inclusive, and developed society infused with the spirit of a human-centric approach by 2047, the centennial year of independence.



This budget serves as a road map for India's development. The budget guarantees that the basis of a golden India would be strengthened during the next decade of development. This interim budget is a visionary budget that prioritizes the well-being of the disadvantaged and the country's progress. This budget serves as the foundation for India's development goals. This budget includes both a vision of Matri Shakti and a vision of Ram Rajya. This budget reflects the determination of a developed India and the goal of a self-reliant India. The interim budget includes provisions for the well-being of the underprivileged, the empowerment of farmers, care for mother, and the happiness of young. This budget is comprehensive and all-inclusive, with a focus on the general well-being of the country's people and regions. This interim budget is a great assessment of the qualitative and quantitative development of the Indian economy over the last decade, as well as the realization of the Amrit Yatra for a developed India. The budget has been dedicated to four classes: the poor, youth, farmers, and women. The interim budget will give definite shape to a developed India's determination by empowering these four classes.

The outcome of the country's general elections will strengthen this resolve, and when the new government is created, the entire general budget will determine the course for completion with continuity. The General Budget gave a vision for the following 25 years, or until 2047.

It is rare for all groups to feel empowered by a single general budget. However, Amrit Kaal's interim budget, presented with the resolve of Golden India, has become a document of renewed enthusiasm among the middle class, villages, poor farmers, women, youth, and businesses. The tenacity to make big decisions and realize the principle of 'Nation First' is the foundation of every economy's progress.

This is continually reflected in New India's general budget. With the view that the nation's growth should be all-round, all-encompassing, and inclusive, the way the central government has written the story of progress over the last decade has now become the cornerstone of the dreams treasured for the golden India of 2047. With the goal of making India a golden bird again in the Amrit Kaal that has begun after 75 years of independence,



India is performing better than expected by all international agencies because the country's and its top leadership's thinking is futuristic, with a vision to integrate life and economy and move towards Amrit Kaal's journey with the resolve of the next 25 years.

the Interim Budget 2024-25 is a continuation of the budget presented in previous years in the direction of making India self-sufficient, aiming to realize the dream of a prosperous India of 2047 by meeting the needs of the time.

All-inclusive Budget

To put it simply, this budget is a public welfare and visionary budget aimed at developing the country. This is a budget that benefits the poor, women, tribals, Dalits, backward, exploited, deprived, disabled, economically disadvantaged, and middle-class people. This is a budget for the country's general development, which includes rural and agricultural development, labor welfare, infrastructural development, and digital infrastructure. Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, this budget would bring social justice, equality, respect, and equal chances to

all people of the country. The size of the interim budget for 2024-25 has surged to more than Rs 47 lakh crore, demonstrating how rapidly India's economy is expanding.

A synonym for policy sincerity

This budget is also associated with the national government's policy sincerity under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, as populist statements have been a trend in budgets presented prior to elections. However, rather than making populist pronouncements in this interim budget, the 'Nation First' approach with a long-term vision has been prioritized. As a result of New India's new policy, the central government has pulled almost 25 crore people out of poverty in the last ten years, while the economy is growing rapidly.

In this general budget, which emphasizes social justice and overall development, it has been said that poverty eradication is no longer a slogan but a reality. The inclusion of a middle-class housing project in the interim budget is a revolutionary step. The Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Gramin) will construct around 2 crore houses over the next five years. Our government has established a well-planned aim of producing more than 3 crore lakhpati didis during the next five years. The government's intention to globalize the MSME sector will help achieve the goal of Atmanirbhar Bharat. This budget prioritizes tourism. The road map given out in this interim budget will move the Indian economy on the right path and into a bright future, benefiting farmers, the middle class, women, and all sections.

The income tax exemption, which was Rs. 2.2 lakh in 2013-14, has been increased to Rs. 7 lakh in 10 years. This has also increased the confidence of income tax payers in the government, and their number has increased by 2.4 times. At the same time, the collection of direct taxes has also increased three times. Ayushman Bharat has so far provided free treatment up to Rs 5 lakh to more than 6 crore people. Today, an important decision was made in the budget to connect ASHA and Anganwadi workers and helpers with the Ayushman Yojana so that these people will also be able to take advantage of free treatment. Also, in this budget, a vaccination campaign will be run for girls aged 9 to 14 years to prevent 'cervical cancer'. The "Suryodaya Yojana,"



India is now driving the growth engine of the world, and it can become the bridge between the developed Western world and the Global South. As India moves on the path of financial prominence on the global stage, the people of India want to be innovators and entrepreneurs.

which reflects the vision of the Central Government, will enable 1 crore households to generate electricity by installing solar energy systems on the rooftops of their homes. They will get 300 units of electricity free per month, and this will also earn them 15 to 18 thousand rupees annually.

While the central government has increased the budget by 11.1 percent to a record Rs 11.1 lakh crore to make the country's infrastructure world-class, the announcement of three major railway corridors under PM Gati Shakti has also put a new blueprint of a future

India in front of the countrymen. Today, the pace of highway construction in the country has increased three times, and the number of airports has also more than doubled. Today, the modern Vande Bharat and Namo Bharat trains have also become the pride of New India. This budget of the Modi government will work to give new energy to the tourism sector. The budget will provide incentives and long-term interest-free loans to the states for the development of historical and cultural sites to promote tourism, which will strengthen the economy of the tourism sector and create new employment opportunities. The interim budget, full of historic decisions like starting air connectivity to Lakshadweep and other islands and connecting them to the mainstream, has also brought new opportunities for prosperity and happiness for the farmers. Inspired by Aatmanirbhar Bharat, this budget has, on the one hand, promoted self-reliance in oilseeds and, on the other hand, focused on the use of nano-DAP and dairy development. Today, we are providing financial assistance to 11.8 crore farmers and crop insurance coverage to 4 crore farmers. The important decisions taken in the budget on modern storage and an effective supply chain will make the annadata farmers economically strong and prosperous.

Prosperous India “Chaturbhuj”

The budget focuses on the four classes, which have become the cornerstones of developed India. It is also known as the quadrilateral (Chaturbhuj) of the centenary year of independence, or Golden India. In this budget, youth represent India's youth aspirations. The budget has two major decisions. It has been decided to establish a Rs 1 lakh crore fund for research and innovation. The budget also includes an increase in tax breaks for startups. While keeping the fiscal deficit under control, this budget sets a new record for capital expenditure of Rs 11 lakh, 11 thousand, and 111 crore. This would result in countless new job opportunities for young people, as well as the development of modern infrastructure for the twenty-first century in India. PM Modi says "The budget announced the production of 40 thousand contemporary Vande Bharat Standard bogies for use in ordinary passenger trains. This would improve the travel experience of lakhs of people on various railway routes across the country." This interim budget also reflects the Central Government's working approach, which is to first set a huge aim and then, after attaining it,



Giving continuity to development with a long-term vision and resolve of a developed India is the preparation of New India to ideally become the gateway to the financial and investment hub so that the vision of making India a developed nation by 2047 can be fulfilled.

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This budget is certainly an interim budget, but this budget is an inclusive and innovative budget. There is confidence in the continuity of this budget. This budget will empower all four pillars of developed India: youth, poor, women, and farmers. The budget is for building the future of the country. This budget is guaranteed to strengthen the foundation of the developed India of 2047

– Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



establish another even bigger target. The national government has constructed nearly 4 crore houses for the poor in rural areas and cities.

A target of 2 crore new housing units has been set. Besides this, a target was set to make 2 crore women Lakhpati Didi. This aim has now been expanded to 3 crore Lakhpati Didis. This budget has a strong emphasis on strengthening the poor and middle class and developing new earning prospects for them. The latest tax reform announcement will bring significant assistance to approximately one crore middle-class individuals. This budget includes a new livestock scheme, an expansion of the PM Matsya Sampada Yojana, and a self-sufficient oil seed campaign to enhance farmers' income.

Certainly, this people's budget will strengthen the poor, strengthen farmers, respect workers, realize the dreams of the middle class, empower Nari Shakti's leadership, encourage the honest taxpayer, empower traders, accelerate infrastructure construction, and give new strength to the economy. This will boost the nation's confidence. This budget would provide new energy to 140 crore people in the country to achieve New India's ambitions. As a result, our interim budget is comprehensive, touching, inclusive, and devoted to the spirit of New India.

Let us know how the interim budget has set the course for a new India, and how the central government will present the entire budget to the public in a comprehensive manner following the Lok Sabha elections

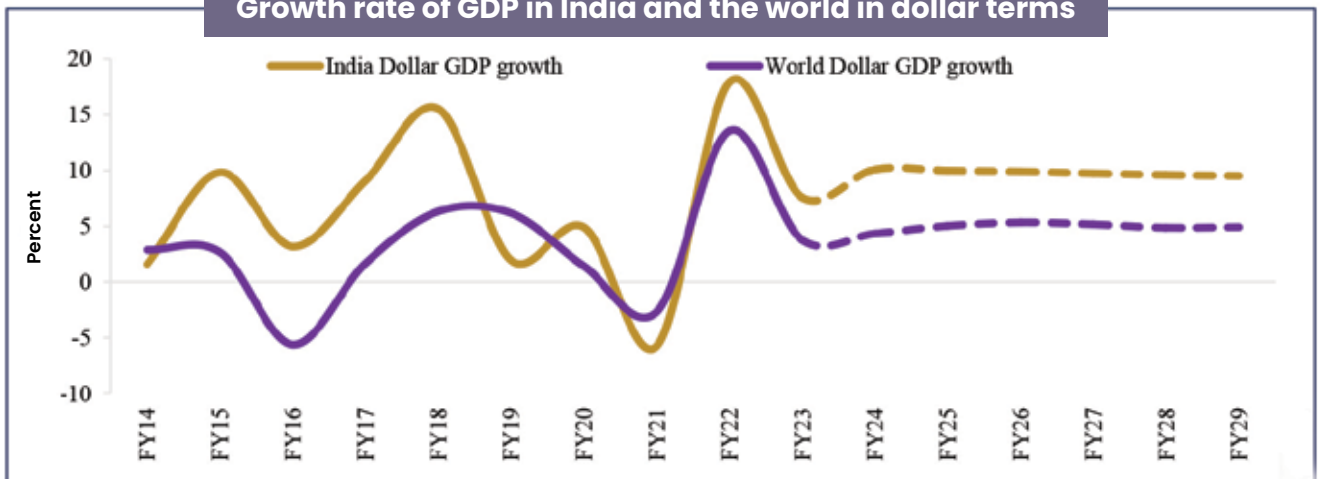
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In this budget, while keeping the fiscal deficit under control, capital expenditure has been given a historic high of Rs 11 lakh, 11 thousand, and 111 crore. In the language of economists, this is a kind of sweet spot. This will create countless new employment opportunities for the youth, along with the creation of modern infrastructure for the 21st century in India.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



Growth rate of GDP in India and the world in dollar terms





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Economy, then and now

Government will issue a white paper

When the present government took over the reins in 2014, the responsibility of revamping the economy and streamlining the governance system in a phased manner was followed by the government, following its strong belief in the nation first, by instilling hope among the people, attracting investment, and implementing necessary reforms. The Union Finance Minister said in the budget speech that the nation has overcome the crisis in those years and the economy is moving on the path of all-round development. Where we were in the year 2014 and where we are now, only to learn from the mismanagement of those years, the government will bring a white paper on 'Economic situation till the year 2014 and the current situation'.

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Very important and big decisions have also been taken for the farmers in this budget.

Be it the use of Nano DAP, a new scheme for animals, the expansion of the PM Matsya Sampada Yojana, or a self-reliant oil seed campaign, this will increase the income of farmers and reduce expenses

**- Narendra Modi,
Prime Minister**



Key Ministries and Budget

Ministry	Budget
Agriculture and Farmers Welfare	1,27, 469.88
Chemicals and Fertilizers	1,68, 379.81
Civil Aviation	2,300
Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution	2,13, 323.37
Culture	3, 260.93
Defence	6,21, 540.85
Education	1,20, 627.87
Environment, Forest and Climate Change	3, 265.53
Finance	18,50, 228.87
Health & Family Welfare	90, 658.63
Home	2,02, 868.70
Housing and Urban Works	77, 523.58
Jal Shakti	98, 418.79
Labour & Employment	12, 531.47
Minority Affairs	3, 183.24
Petroleum and Natural Gas	29,713
Railways	2,55,393
Rural Development	1,80, 233.43
Skill Development and Entrepreneurship	3,520
Social Justice and Empowerment	14, 225.47
Tourism	2, 449.62
Tribal Work	13,000
Women and Child Development	26, 092.19
Youth Programs and Sports	3, 442.32

(Note: All figures are in Crore Rupees)

Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme



60,000 | **86,000**
(2023-24) | (2024-25)

Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana



19,000 | **19,000**
(2023-24) | (2024-25)

Ayushman Bharat: Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana



7,200 | **7,500**
(2023-24) | (2024-25)

Mission Vatsalya (Child Protection and Child Welfare Services)



1,472 | **1,472**
(2023-24) | (2024-25)

Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY)



79,590 | **80,671**
(2023-24) | (2024-25)

Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (POSHAN PM)



11,600 | **12,467**
(2023-24) | (2024-25)

Swachh Bharat Mission (Rural)



7,192 | **7,192**
(2023-24) | (2024-25)

Crop Insurance Scheme



1,3625 | **14,600**
(2023-24) | (2024-25)

Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) / National Rural Drinking Water Mission



70,000 | **70,163**
(2023-24) | (2024-25)

PM Krishi Sinchai Yojana



10,787 | **11,391**
(2023-24) | (2024-25)

PM School for Advancing India (PM SHRI)



4,000 | **6,050**
(2023-24) | (2024-25)

Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)



60,000 | **60,000**
(2023-24) | (2024-25)

Semi-conductor and display manufacturing ecosystem in India



3,000

(2023-24)

6,903

(2024-25)

Schemes for Women's safety



321

(2023-24)

955

(2024-25)

PM Vishwakarma



990

(2023-24)

4,824

(2024-25)

Green Energy Corridor



500

(2023-24)

600

(2024-25)

Cybersecurity projects



400

(2023-24)

759

(2024-25)

Metro projects



19,518

(2023-24)

21,336

(2024-25)

Solar energy



4,970

(2023-24)

10,000

(2024-25)

LPG connections to poor families



8,500

(2023-24)

9,094

(2024-25)

Pollution control



756

(2023-24)

859

(2024-25)

Atal Bhujal Yojana



1,000

(2023-24)

1,778

(2024-25)

National Green Energy Mission



297

(2023-24)

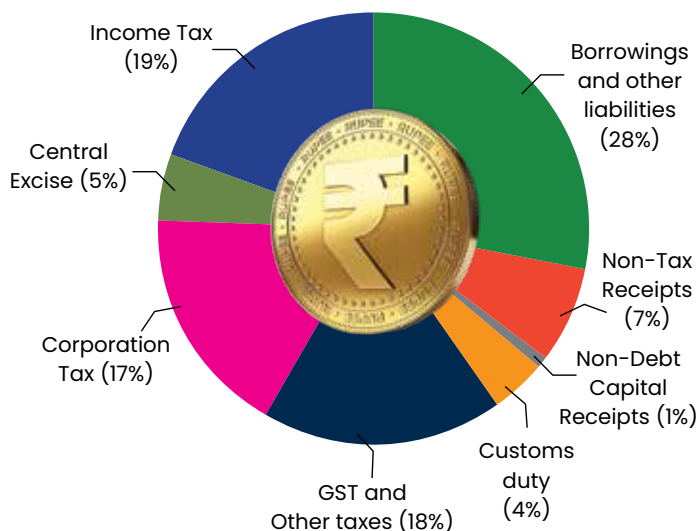
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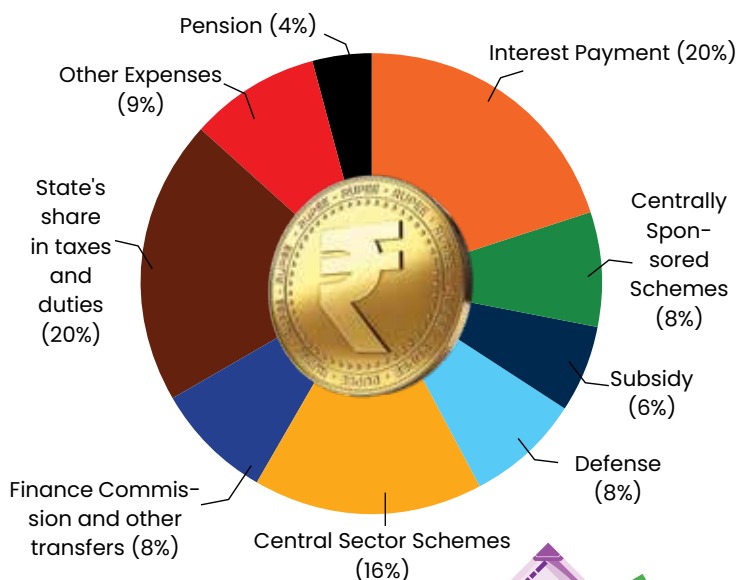


(Note: Budget in Crore Rupees)

Where does the rupee come from (Budget 2024-25)



Where does the money go



Understand the vision set in Interim Budget 2024-25

The Central government will spend

47.66

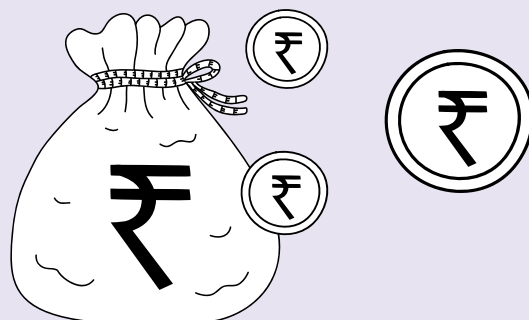
 lakh crore rupees

in the financial year 2024-25. In which, revenue of Rs 30.80 lakh crore will be generated.

- Fiscal deficit is estimated to be 5.1 percent of GDP in financial year 2024-25. The government is on track to reduce fiscal deficit to 4.5 per cent by 2025-26.
- The revised estimate for the financial year 2023-24 states that Rs 44.90 lakh crore will be spent.
- Revenue receipts are expected to exceed the budget estimate by Rs 30.03 lakh crore, indicating a strong growth rate in the economy.
- The fiscal deficit estimate in Budget 2023-24 was 5.9 percent, which has been reduced to 5.8 percent in the revised estimate. This is better than the budget estimate despite falling short of the nominal growth estimates.

Real GDP growth rate of **7.3%** is projected

The 50-year interest-free loan scheme will continue for states for capital expenditure. For this, Rs 1.3 lakh crore has been earmarked in the budget.





Tax system simplified, tax burden reduced

The Central Government has made several reforms in direct and indirect taxes during the last 10 years. Tax rates have been reduced and made judicious, which has benefited the middle class. Update of Income Tax Returns: Filing of returns has become easier with the new Form 26AS and transparency and accountability has increased with the introduction of faceless tax assessment and appeals. This is the reason why number of taxpayers have increased and tax collection has also increased. In the new interim budget, the Union Finance Minister has not proposed any change in tax. Indirect tax rates including direct taxes and import duties will remain the same. However, the date for tax benefits and tax exemption on income for startups, sovereign wealth funds and pension fund investors has been extended from March 31, 2024, to March 31, 2025.

Indirect tax

- The implementation of GST has reduced the compliance burden on business and industry by unifying the fragmented indirect tax system in India.
- Industry has accepted the benefits of GST. In a recent survey, 94 percent industry leaders considered the changes in GST positive.
- 80 per cent agreed that this has eased the chain as tax arbitrage and abolition of octroi have eliminated state and city check posts.
- The big beneficiaries of GST are consumers as the price of most goods and services has come down due to reduction in logistics costs and taxes.
- GST's tax base more than doubled.

Monthly average GST collection doubled to

1.66

Lakhs of crores of rupees which benefited the states also



Changes

- For ease of living and ease of doing business, the government has proposed to withdraw old disputed direct tax demands of up to Rs 25,000 till 2009-10 and Rs 10,000 for 2010-11 to 2014-15, about one Crores of taxpayers will benefit.
- Preemptive taxation limit for retail trading increased from Rs 2 crore to Rs 3 crore.
- The corporate tax rate was reduced from 30 percent to 22 percent for existing indigenous companies and 15 percent for new manufacturing companies.

Impact of reforms

- Taxes have been used judiciously for the development of the country and public welfare.
- There is no tax liability on income up to Rs 7 lakh under the new tax scheme.
- In the financial year 2013-14, tax had to be paid on income of more than Rs 2.2 lakh.
- The number of people filing returns increased by 2.4 times.
- Direct tax collections have more than tripled in the last 10 years.

Average return processing time in 2013-14 was

93

 days

Now

10 days
is the average time taken
Due to which the refund process speeded up.





Rice-Wheat Purchase

Development of four pillars will fulfill the resolve of a developed India.

The resolve of a developed India can be fulfilled only after giving full opportunity to women at every level, with the support of the youth to speed up the pace, with all possible help to the 'farmers' who are the food providers of the country, and fulfilling the needs and aspirations of the poor. The central government also understands this. That is why this time the budget has focused on the development of four major classes: the poor, women, youth, and annadatas. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has already mentioned these four castes in his speeches earlier. With the empowerment and welfare of these four castes, the dream of a 'developed India' by 2047 can be realized.

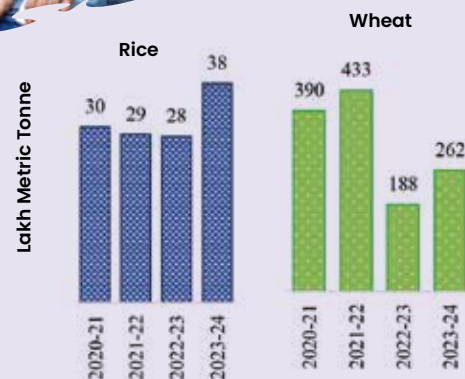
Farmer

11.8

crore farmers were given direct financial assistance under the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana.

Due to the help being given to the farmers, the concerns related to food have been addressed through free rations for 80 crore people.

- The Interim Budget 2024-25 promises value addition in the agriculture sector and raising farmers' income.
- Announces increased private and public investment in post-harvest activities, including primary and secondary processing and marketing.



- A strategy will be formulated to achieve 'Atmanirbharta' in respect of oilseeds like mustard, groundnut, sesamum, soyabean, and sunflower.
- Research for high-yielding varieties, wide-spread adoption of modern agricultural techniques, market linkages, procurement, value-added, and crop insurance will be covered.
- A comprehensive program will be prepared to help dairy farmers.
- Promise to promote private and public investment in post-harvest activities, including inclusive, modern storage, an adequate supply chain, primary and secondary processing, marketing, and branding, to ensure rapid growth of the agriculture and food processing sectors.
- After nano-urea, nano-DAP will be adopted on various crops in all agro-climatic zones.
- Under the PM Fasal Bima Yojana, 4 crore farmers got the benefit of crop insurance.
- The PMFME scheme has helped 2.4 lakh self-help groups and 60 thousand individuals get credit facilities.
- 38 lakh farmers have benefited from the PM Kisan Sampada Yojana. It created 10 lakh jobs.
- 1,361 mandis are integrated into eNAM. Out of this, businesses worth Rs 3 lakh crore are being done, and 1.8 crore farmers are getting services.



Poor

Reduction in the percentage of poor



*Estimated

- With the mantra of 'Sabka Saath', 25 crore people came out of poverty in the last 10 years.
- Through Direct Benefit Transfer of Rs 34 lakh crore into Jan Dhan Yojana accounts the government saved 2.7 lakh crore rupees. This has helped in providing more funds for the welfare of the poor.
- PM-Janman Yojana has especially reached those weaker tribal sections, who were until now outside the scope of development. The PM Vishwakarma Yojana provides assistance to artisans and craftsmen engaged in 18 trades.
- The efforts of our government are now being strengthened by the synergy of energy and enthusiasm of the people who have been empowered by the central government in its own way. This is actually lifting them out of poverty.

78 lakhs

Street vendors were provided loan assistance from PM-Svanidhi.

2.30 lakhs

Street vendors received this loan for the third time



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A lot of emphasis has been laid on empowering the poor and middle class and creating new income opportunities for them. Under the Rooftop campaign, 1 crore families will get free electricity through solar roof tops. People will also earn Rs 15 to 20 thousand per year by selling excess electricity to the government.

- **Narendra Modi**, Prime Minister



Youth

3000

new ITIs have
been established.



- Transformative reforms are being brought from the National Education Policy 2020.
- PM School (PM SHRI) is providing quality education and holistic development of children. The budget allocation for PM SHRI schools have been increased from Rs 4 thousand crore to Rs 6,050 crore.
- 1.4 crore youth have been trained under the Skill India Mission. Skill-upgradation of 54 lakh youth has been done.
- A large number of new institutions were opened in the field of higher education – 7 IITs, 16 IIITs, 7 IIMs, 15 AIIMS and 390 universities have been established.
- Fund for tech-savvy youth: It has been proposed to set up a fund of Rs 1 lakh crore with a 50-year interest-free loan. This fund will promote research and new initiatives in the private sector and new emerging areas.

Nari Shakti

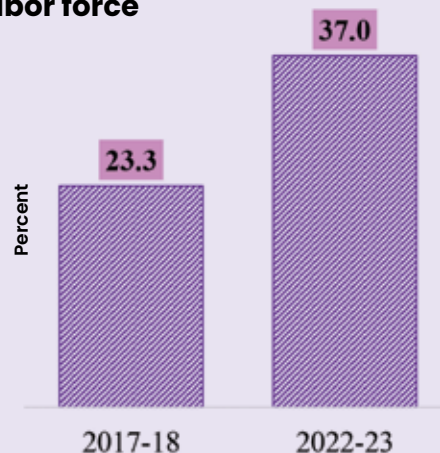


With 9

crores
women in 83 lakh self-help groups the rural socio-economic environment is changing, empowering them to become self-reliant.



Increase in women's participation in the labor force



- The target of making Lakhpati Didi will be increased from 2 crore to 3 crore. Seeing the success of the program, a decision was taken to increase the target.
- So far Rs 30 crore loans have been provided to women entrepreneurs under the Mudra Scheme.
- In the last 10 years, enrollment of women in higher education has increased by 28 percent.
- Girls and women have 43 percent enrollment in **STEM** courses, the highest number in the world.
- Making 'Triple Talaq' illegal and reserving one-third seats for women in the Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assemblies and under PM Awas Yojana, providing more than 70 percent houses in rural areas in the name of women or as joint owners increased their self-esteem.



Government's focus from treatment to medical education

Central Government has made arrangements for free screening from identification to treatment of serious diseases. Not only this, in case of serious illness, arrangements have been made for free treatment up to Rs 5 lakh in government and private hospitals. The Central Government is also working on a large scale to prepare a huge pool of specialist doctors to treat a large number of patients and is continuously constructing new medical colleges. In this budget also, the Central Government has paid special attention to the health sector of the country.

More than
90,000
crore rupees

has been earmarked for health sector for the financial year 2024-25.

More than
6 crore
patients have been treated so far under the Ayushman Bharat scheme.



It has been decided to expand the scope of the world's largest health scheme Ayushman Bharat (Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, PM-JAY). Till now, only the people included in the Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC) were getting the benefits of this scheme, but now it has been announced in the budget to provide the benefits of this scheme to Asha, Anganwadi workers and helpers also.

- Ayushman cards have been issued to about 31 crore beneficiaries included in the scheme.
- It has been announced to form a committee to inspect the basic facilities in the existing hospitals and make recommendations for opening new medical colleges in the country.
- Vaccination has been proposed for the prevention of cervical cancer. Vaccination program will be run for girls aged 9 to 14 years.
- It is proposed to launch a comprehensive program to coordinate the implementation of various maternal and child care programs.
- It has been decided to accelerate the upgradation of Anganwadi centers under Poshan 2.0 and Anganwadi capable of providing better Nutrition for early childhood care and development.
- U-WIN platform will be launched rapidly across the country. This platform will be used to manage vaccination and take forward the efforts being made under Mission Indradhanush.



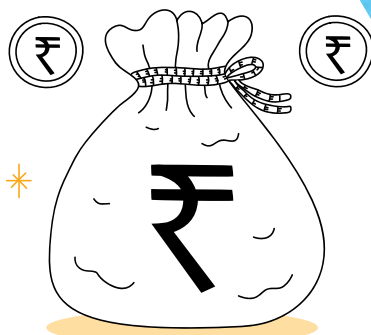
Middle class prospers through inclusive development

The present government of the country has adopted an inclusive approach towards development. In the last ten years, development programs have not only been implemented in a time bound manner but work is also being done for saturation. When India sets a goal it does not stop after achieving goals, it sets an even bigger new goal for itself. Be it the work of building houses for the poor in villages and cities or giving them the strength to rise out of poverty and join the middle class, the central government comes up with new schemes at every level. This is the reason that in the last 10 years, 25 crore people have come out of poverty and the scope of the middle class has expanded. In this year's budget, emphasis has been laid on empowering the middle class, providing relief to them and creating new employment opportunities for them.

Increased allocation for housing

Allocation amount under PM Awas Yojana increased from Rs 79,590 crore to Rupees

80,671
crore



- With a resolve to make the country a 'Developed India' by 2047, the government is working with the vision of all-round and all-inclusive development.
- Housing for the middle class: The government will launch an assistance scheme to enable eligible middle class families "living in rented houses or slums or unauthorized colonies" to buy or build their own houses.
- Two crore new houses: Under the PM Awas Yojana (Rural), the government has set a target of building 2 crore more new houses in the next five years. This will provide economic strength to the lower class and their chances of joining the middle class will increase.
- One crore people will get relief: One crore people of the middle class will get the benefit of the new exemption scheme announced in the budget by the Income Tax Department on the disputed and unverified tax demand. This issue of pending income tax arrears was hanging for a long time.

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The income tax remission scheme announced today will provide great relief to about one crore middle class people. The previous governments had kept this huge sword hanging over the heads of the common man for decades.

— Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



Kartavya Kaal blueprint for Amrit Kaal Vision

The Central Government considers Amrit Kaal as the Kartavya Kaal. In this period, the country is moving forward with the resolve to strengthen the economy and make an entry into the category of developed India. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had said on the 75th Independence Day, "Let us dedicate ourselves to the development of the nation with new aspirations, new consciousness and new determination because our country is offering infinite possibilities and opportunities". This is our 'Kartavya Kaal'.

- The present Central Government's vision of 'Developed India' is that of a "prosperous India which is providing opportunities to all citizens and all regions to achieve their potential, in harmony with nature, with modern infrastructure."
- With the strength of 'Sabka Prayas', the trinity of demography, democracy



It is the priority of the Government to ensure provision of timely and adequate financial resources, compatible technology and appropriate training to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises i.e. MSMEs, so that they can compete at the global level.

and diversity has the potential to fulfill the aspirations of every Indian.

- The country has emerged from the challenges of 2014 on the strength of economic management and governance. With the efforts made by the present government, the country is moving forward on the path of resolution with high speed. The government will present a detailed roadmap towards the goal of 'Developed India' in the July full budget.
- The government will adopt economic policies that will accelerate and sustain growth.
- Will provide facilities for inclusive and sustainable development. Will create opportunities for everyone, which will help them enhance their capabilities.
- Will contribute to increasing investment and generating resources to fulfill its aspirations.
- Following the principle of 'Reform, Perform and Transform', the government will take up the next generation reform.
- Will build consensus with states and stakeholders for effective implementation.
- The Government will work to maintain sustained higher and more resource-efficient economic growth in line with the 'Panchamrit' goals.
- The government will prepare the financial sector in terms of size, capacity, skills and regulatory framework to meet investment needs.



Green development programs will strengthen developed India

The Government of India is committed to environmental protection and achieving net zero emissions target by 2070. The country is continuously working in this direction. This was also reflected in the budget in which several measures have been announced to promote green development and renewable energy. It has also been said that one crore families will generate electricity by installing solar energy systems at their homes. They will be entitled to 300 units of free electricity every month and help them save up to Rs 18,000 annually by getting free solar electricity and by selling the surplus power to the distribution companies.

Green energy

Keeping in mind the goal of fulfilling the commitment of 'Net-Zero' by the year 2070, the following measures have been taken in the Interim Budget 2024-25

100 MT Coal gasification and liquefaction capacity will be installed by the year 2030. This will help in reducing imports of natural gas, methanol and ammonia.

- The government will provide financing to make a one gigawatt offshore wind power project viable.
- Phased blending of Compressed Biogas (CBG) with Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) for transportation and Piped Natural Gas (PNG) for domestic purposes will be mandated.
- Financial assistance will be provided for the purchase of biomass collection machinery.



300 units of free electricity from solar system to one crore families

By installing a rooftop solar system, one crore families will be able to get up to 300 units of free electricity every month. This scheme was approved by PM Modi on January 22, the historic day of Pran Pratistha in Ram temple in Ayodhya. Benefits from the scheme –

- Free solar power and selling surplus power to power distribution companies will fetch income of fifteen to eighteen thousand rupees every year to the families.
- Entrepreneurship opportunity for a large number of vendors for supply and installation.
- Employment opportunities for youth with technical skills in manufacturing, installation and maintenance.

Electric vehicle ecosystem

E-buses for public transport network will be encouraged through assistance. The Union Finance Minister said that our government will expand and strengthen the e-vehicle ecosystem by providing support to e-vehicle manufacturing and charging infrastructure.

Bio-Manufacturing and Bio-Foundry

It is proposed to launch a new scheme of bio-manufacturing and bio-foundry to promote green development. This scheme will provide environment friendly options like biodegradable polymers, bio-plastics, bio-pharmaceuticals and bio-agri-inputs.

Steps towards environmental protection

- More than 10 crore LPG connections under PMUY.
- Under UJALA, 36.9 crore LED bulbs, 72.2 lakh LED tube lights and 23.6 lakh energy efficient fans were distributed.
- 1.3 crore LED street lights were installed under SNLP.



Tourism sector will get fillip, connectivity to various islands including Lakshadweep

Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, while presenting the Interim Budget 2024-25 in the Lok Sabha, stressed on the holistic development of tourism hubs to achieve the vision of 'Developed India' by 2047. The Union Minister said that states will be encouraged for overall development of specific tourism centres, their branding and promotion at the global level. Long term interest free loans will be provided to the states to finance the development works related to this. Besides, a decision has been taken to connect Lakshadweep and other islands with the mainstream by starting air connectivity. With these efforts of the Central Government, the tourism sector will get wings...

- States will be encouraged to undertake holistic development of iconic tourist centres, branding and marketing them on a global scale.
- A framework will be created to give ratings to tourist centers based on the quality of facilities and services available there.
- In the budget, incentives and long-term interest-free loans will be given to the states for the development of historical and cultural sites to promote tourism.
- This will strengthen the economy of the tourism sector and create new employment opportunities.

2,449.62

crore rupees

has been allocated by the Central Government for the Ministry of Tourism in the interim budget.

This budget of Prime Minister Narendra Modi government will work to give new energy to the tourism sector.



Domestic Tourism

- India's middle class is also now aspiring to travel and discover new places. There is ample potential for local entrepreneurship in tourism. This also includes spiritual tourism.
- To promote domestic tourism, it has been decided to connect Lakshadweep and other islands with the mainstream by starting air connectivity. Projects related to port connectivity, tourism infrastructure and facilities are being worked on on various islands. This will help in employment generation.
- Apart from domestic tourism, India's diversity also attracts global tourists. The successful organization of G-20 meetings at 60 locations showcased India's diversity.
- Additionally, India's economic capabilities have made it an attractive destination for business and conferences tourism.



Now the infrastructure will become stronger

To make the country's infrastructure world class, the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has increased the budget by 11.1% to a record Rs 11.11 lakh crore, which is 3.4 percent of the GDP. It was Rs 10 lakh crore in the financial year 2023-24. At the same time, to improve logistics efficiency and reduce costs, the announcement of three major railway corridors under PM Gati Shakti has also placed before the countrymen the new outline of future India. Today, the pace of highway construction in the country has increased three times and the number of airports has also more than doubled. Today the modern Vande Bharat and Namo Bharat trains have become the pride of new India...

2,52,000

crore rupees

Allocated for capital expenditure for Railways for the financial year 2024-25.

Metro Rail and Namo Bharat Rail system will promote mobility-oriented development, especially in big cities.

26,000

km of tracks have been added over the last ten years. An investment of Rs 1,08,000 crore has been made in the security system and the Automatic Train Protection System (Kavach) has been introduced.



Highlights of interim budget for Railways

- Three major Economic Rail Corridor programs have been identified under PM Gati Shakti to improve logistics efficiency and reduce costs.
 - Energy, Mineral and Cement Corridor.
 - Port Connectivity Corridor.
 - Corridors with high traffic density.
- This will help in making the railways more efficient and once these 3 corridors are completed we will have enough capacity to eliminate the waiting list problem.
- Through these 3 corridors, approximately 40,000 km of new track will be laid which will significantly increase railway capacity and reduce pollution.
- Converting 40,000 conventional railway bogies to 'Vande Bharat standards'. These coaches will enhance the comfortable travel experience for millions of passengers on various railway routes across the country.

Aviation sector

- The number of airports in the country has doubled to 149 in the last 10 years. Under the UDAN scheme, more cities have been connected by air routes.
- As a result, the country's aviation companies are moving on the path of development by placing orders for the purchase of more than 1,000 new aircraft.
- Expansion of existing airports and development of new airports will continue at a rapid pace.
- 517 new air routes are taking 1.3 crore passengers to their destinations.

Golden year resolution for India's development journey

In the first Parliament session of 2024, President Droupadi Murmu addressed the joint session, which was significant in many ways. This was her first address in the new Parliament building. This year is decisive for the great festival of democracy as the nation is moving forward with the resolve of a developed India by 2047. On this occasion, the President, in her address, highlighted the nation's development journey in the last decade i.e. 2014-24 and the resolution of the Golden Year.

A decade of development journey

- India became the fastest growing major economy amid serious crises in the world. India's growth rate has been above 7.5 percent.
- India got its first Namoo Bharat train and first Amrit Bharat train.
- India became the country to achieve the fastest roll out of 5G in the world.
- For the first time, reservation facility was given to the poor belonging to the general category.
- 27% reservation in central quota for admission of OBCs in medical education.

Many bills brought in one year

- Nari Shakti Vandan Act passed after wait of 3 decades.
- The country has got a new judicial code on the principle of 'justice paramount'.
- Anusandhan National Research Foundation Act will strengthen research and innovation in the country.
- With the Jammu and Kashmir Reservation Act, the tribes will get the right to representation there too.
- Also amended the Central University Act.

Decades of wait, over in a decade

- The aspiration to build Ram temple was there for centuries. Today this has become true.
- There were doubts regarding the removal of Article 370 from Jammu and Kashmir. Today it is a history.
- A strict law was made against triple talaq.
- Enacted a law to grant citizenship to oppressed mi-



norities from neighboring countries.

- One Rank One Pension also implemented.

India's economy transformed in 10 years

- India comes out of Fragile Five and joins the top five economies.
- India's exports increased from about \$450 billion to more than \$775 billion. FDI has doubled compared to before.
- Increase in sales of Khadi and village industries products by more than 4 times.
- The number of people filing ITR has increased from about 3.25 crores to about 8.25 crores.
- The country has got One Nation One Tax law in the form of GST.
- Around 10 crore fake beneficiaries were removed from Jan Dhan Aadhaar Mobile (JAM) Trinity, Rs 3 lakh crore was saved from going into wrong hands.
- Record investment on digital-physical infrastructure
- Nearly 4 lakh kilometers of new roads have been built in villages.
- The length of NH increased from 90 thousand km to 1 lakh 46 thousand km.
- The length of the high-speed corridor increased from 500 km to 4 thousand km.
- The number of airports has doubled from 74 to 149.
- The number of broadband users has increased 14 times.
- About 2 lakh village panchayats of the country have been connected with optical fiber.
- During this period, semi high speed trains have started for the first time in India.



Challenges must be challenged

Pariksha Pe Charcha is organized every year to reduce the stress of students who are about to appear in the examination. During its 7th edition on January 29, Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted with students, teachers, and parents at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. Pariksha Pe Charcha is an annual event that aims to bring all the stakeholders and society together to foster an environment where the unique personality of each child can be appreciated. Children should be encouraged and given the freedom to express themselves fully

Addressing the gathering of students, teachers, and parents, the Prime Minister mentioned the creations by the students in the exhibition where they expressed aspirations and concepts like the New National Education Policy in various shapes. He said these exhibits reflect what the new generations think about various topics and what solutions they have for these issues.

The Prime Minister explained the importance of the venue, i.e. Bharat Mandapam to the students and told them about the G20 summit where all the major leaders of the world assembled and discussed the future of the world. PM Modi said that today you will discuss the future of India along with various examination issues. In a way, Pariksha Pe Charcha is also my test. Many of you might want to test me. There will be some people who feel that such issues must be asked which will provide answers to the questions of many other colleagues. Prime Minister Narendra Modi also

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I challenge every challenge. The challenge will go away, the conditions will improve, I do not remain asleep waiting for this. Because of that I get to learn new things. My natural method of developing a new way of handling every situation, new experiments, new strategies keeps developing. Secondly, I have a huge confidence within me. I always believe that whatever happens, 140 crore countrymen are with me. If there are millions of challenges, there are billions of solutions too.

— **Narendra Modi, Prime Minister**

visited the arts and crafts exhibition showcased on the occasion.

PM advise to the students...

External pressure and stress: PM Modi said that questions related to cultural and social expectations have always been raised in the Pariksha Pe Charcha. He highlighted the role of teachers in reducing the extra pressure on students and pointed out that parents have also experienced the same from time to time. He suggested making oneself capable of handling pressure and being prepared for it as a part of life.

Career progress: PM Modi suggested attaining clarity towards career and staying away from situations like confusion and indecisiveness. Giving the example of cleanliness and the Prime Minister's resolve behind, PM Modi underlined that 'Swachhata' is becoming a priority area in the nation. He informed that India's market in the art and culture sector has grown 250 times in the last 10 years. If we have the capability, we can live up anything.

Maintaining a healthy lifestyle: PM Modi advised students to be health conscious, lead a balanced lifestyle, and avoid excesses in anything. To stay healthy, a disciplined routine is required, this keeps the body healthy and a healthy mind resides in it. PM Modi also asked about spending time in sunlight and getting complete sleep. He pointed out that habits like screen time are eating into the required sleep which is considered very important by modern health science. Regarding nutrition, he emphasized on a balanced diet. Explained the importance of regular exercise and physical activity for fitness.

Interference of technology: PM Modi stressed on effective use of technology and mobile phones. He stressed formulating a set of rules and regulations in the family and mentioned no electronic gadgets during dinner and creating no gadget zones in the house.

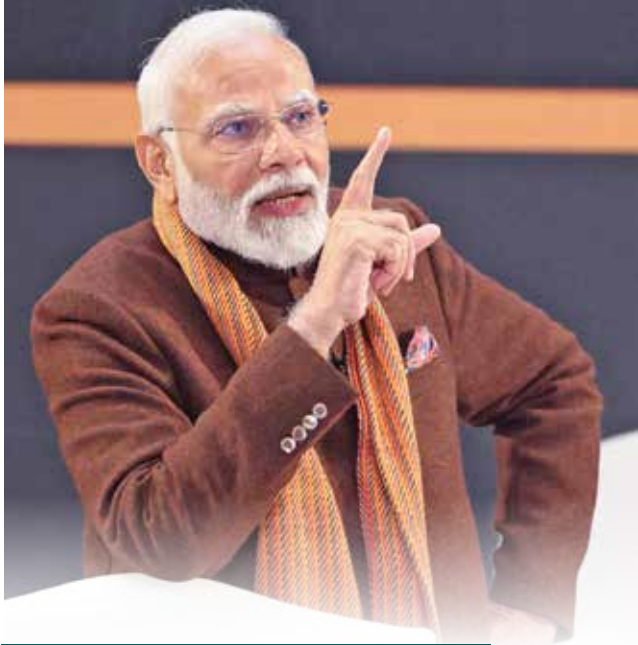
PM advise to parents...

Peer pressure and competition among friends : Addressing the issue of peer pressure and competition among friends, PM Modi highlighted the importance of competition. However, he stressed that competition should be healthy. Often the seeds of unhealthy competition are sown in families, leading to perverse competition between siblings. Told parents to avoid comparison between children.

Coping with exam stress: The Prime Minister stressed the need to avoid mistakes caused by the over-enthusiasm of parents or excessive good intentions of students. Told the parents that there is no need to exaggerate in the name of new clothes, rituals, or stationery on the day of the examination. Asked the students not to keep preparing until the last moment and approach exams with a relaxed mindset and to avoid any external distraction that can lead to unwanted tension.

Role of parents: Prime Minister Modi advised parents and teachers to deal with the issue of trust deficit in families. He said that this deficit is not sudden but is a result of a long-drawn process and requires a deep self-analysis of everyone's conduct. This requires deep self-analysis of everyone's conduct, be it teachers, parents, or students. Honest communication can reduce the likelihood of a lack of trust.





PM advise to teachers

Role of teachers in motivating students: Prime Minister Modi said that music helps in relieving the stress of students. PM Modi stressed gradually increasing the connection between the student and the teacher, from the first day of class till the time of the examination. The PM believes that by doing this the stress caused by examinations can be eliminated. The Prime Minister said that teachers are not in a job role but they shoulder the responsibility of grooming the lives of students.

How does the Prime Minister deal with stress and stay positive?

The Prime Minister said that it was good to know that children knew the pressures that are handled by the Prime Minister. He said that everyone has to face unexpected circumstances. The approach that I found useful is that I challenge every challenge. I do not wait passively for the challenge to pass. This gives me an opportunity to learn all the time

Record 2.26 crore registrations for Pariksha Pe Charcha 2024

'Pariksha Pe Charcha' program is organized by the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education, which is attended by a large number of students, parents, and teachers for the last six years. Last year, the program saw the enthusiastic participation of 31.24 lakh students, 5.60 lakh teachers, and 1.95 lakh parents.

- 2.26 crore registrations were recorded on the MyGov portal for the 7th edition reflecting the widespread enthusiasm among students across the country.
- On January 29, 2024, Prime Minister Modi hosted around 3,000 participants who interacted at the Pariksha Pe Charcha event in a town hall format.
- The winners of the art festival along with two students and one teacher from each state and union territory were invited to the event. In this, 100 students of Ekla-vya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) participated for the first time.
- Participants were selected based on their performance in an online multiple-choice question competition on the MyGov portal from December 11, 2023, to January 12, 2024.
- Selected participants received a Pariksha Pe Charcha kit, which includes the book 'Exam Warriors' authored by the Prime Minister, and a certificate.

More than

60,000

students participated in the painting competition organized on January 23, 2024, in 657 Kendriya Vidyalayas and 122 Navodaya Vidyalayas of 774 districts on the topic related to the exam mantra in the book 'Exam Warriors'





Union Cabinet decisions

Ensuring sweetness in the life of every person Government promoting self-reliance in energy sector

The central government is making continuous efforts so that there is no deficiency in the nutrition and health of the poorest of the poor brothers and sisters of the country. In a major decision, the scheme of sugar subsidy for families associated with the Antyodaya Anna Yojana has been approved to be extended for the next two years. This will continue to supply sugar to these families at lower rates under PDS. To promote self-reliance in the energy sector as part of the commitment to make the country self-reliant in every sector, the Cabinet approved coal and lignite gasification projects of government PSUs and the private sector. Several other proposals were also approved.

DECISION: Approval to extend the scheme of sugar subsidy for Antyodaya Anna Yojana families distributed through the Public Distribution System for two more years, i.e., up to March 31, 2026.

IMPACT: The central government gives a subsidy of Rs. 18.50 per kg per month on sugar to the Antyodaya Anna Yojana families of the participating states. About 1.89 crore Antyodaya Anna Yojana families in the country are likely to benefit from this scheme.

DECISION: Approval for coal and lignite gasification projects of government PSUs and the private sector for taking up coal gasification projects in three categories.

IMPACT: Rs 8,500 crore will be spent as financial assistance under three categories.

Category 1: Provision of Rs 4,050 crore for PSUs, wherein up to three projects will be provided a lump sum grant of Rs 1,350 crore, or 15 percent of the capital expenditure.

Category 2: Rs 3,850 crore has been provided for private sector and government PSUs, out of which a one-time grant of Rs 1,000 crore, or 15 percent of capital expenditure, will be provided for each project.

Category 3: Rs 600 crore has been provided for small projects and small-scale gasification plants.

DECISION: Approval for the signing of an MoU between India and Oman for cooperation in the field of information technology.

IMPACT: The objective of the MoU is to promote greater cooperation between the parties through mutual cooperation, the sharing of technologies and information, and investment in the field of information technology.

- This agreement shall enter into force on the date of its signature by the parties. It will be applicable for a period of three years. Both G2G and B2B bilateral cooperation in the field of information technology will be enhanced.
- The MoU envisages enhanced mutual cooperation, which will lead to increased employment opportunities in the field of IT.

DECISION: Approval for continuation of the Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF) to be implemented under the Infrastructure Development Fund (IDF) for the next three years, till 2025–26, with an outlay of Rs. 29,610.25 crore.

IMPACT: The scheme will be a medium to generate employment for 35 lakh people, both directly and indirectly, through entrepreneurship development. Its objective is to generate wealth in the livestock sector. So far, AHIDF has benefited about 15 lakh farmers, either directly or indirectly. ●

Equal opportunity for a talent pool of sons and daughters

THE BIGGEST STRENGTH OF BUILDING A VIKSIT BHARAT

The present government's top priority is to keep up with the youth, or 'Amrit Peedhi,' and make provisions to realize their dreams and give them with a plethora of chances. The Amrit Peedhi, which consists of NCC cadets and NSS volunteers, aspires to develop character, discipline, courage, civic duty, and service to their country. They are also committed to a developed India. This is why Prime Minister Narendra Modi frequently associates with them. In this series, Modi spoke to NCC cadets and volunteers at his home on January 24 and addressed an NCC PM rally on January 27.

There are more than 14 lakh NCC cadets and more than 32 lakh volunteers in the National Service Scheme (NSS) in India. Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself has been a cadet of the NCC. While talking to Amrit Peedhi, PM Modi said, "Like you, I have also been in NCC. I am from NCC only. I know that institutions like NCC, NSS, or cultural camps make the youth aware of society and civic duties." In this context, regarding the creation of 'My Yuva Bharat' organization, PM Modi asked the youth to register themselves as 'My Bharat' volunteers. Go to the My Bharat website."

On January 24, Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted with NCC cadets and NSS volunteers, as well as artists from the Republic Day tableau and numerous tribal visitors. "Your generation is called 'Gen Z' but I consider you the Amrit Peedhi," PM Modi said. You are the people whose enthusiasm will propel the country forward during the Amrit Kaal. The next 25 years are crucial for the nation and your future. It is our resolve that every dream of this Amrit



Peedhi of yours be realized. It is our resolve that there should be an abundance of opportunities before Amrit Peedhi. It is our resolve that every obstacle in the path of the Amrit Peedhi should be removed.

PM Modi also told the youth that whatever has to be done must be done for the country. Nation First: Your guiding principle should be "Nation First." Never be concerned about failing in your life. I believe in your power and have faith in you. Study hard, be a responsible citizen, care for the environment, avoid bad habits, and be proud of your heritage and culture.

The Central Government is providing new and inventive avenues to fulfill the goals of the youth, because Prime Minister Modi believes that youth power is the driving force behind India's development. This Amrit generation will propel the country to unprecedented heights during the next 25 years, transforming it into a self-reliant and

"I often say one thing. In this Amritkaal, i.e., the coming 25 years, Modi is not the beneficiary of the developed India we are going to create. Its biggest beneficiaries are the youth of my country, like you. Its beneficiaries are the students who are currently in school, college, or university. The career trajectory of developed India and the youth of India will move upward together."

– Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



Cadets from 24 countries participated in the NCC PM rally

This year, more than 2,200 NCC cadets and youth cadets from 24 countries participated in the NCC PM Rally, expressing the true Indian spirit of 'One World, One Family, One Future' i.e., Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam. In the year 2014, there were cadets from only 10 countries.

developed India.

The annual NCC PM rally at Delhi's Cariappa Parade Ground was also attended by over 400 sarpanches from border villages and over 100 women from government-developed self-help groups across the country as part of the Vibrant Village Scheme. Prime Minister Narendra Modi assured the youth that a developed India would fulfill their dreams. This is why it is crucial that you participate in the current process of creating a blueprint to build a developed India. When a country provides equal opportunities to its sons and daughters, the talent pool expands significantly. This is a great strength for building a developed India. In all the sectors where entry for daughters was earlier closed or limited, we have removed all restrictions there. The number of women in the central armed forces has more than doubled in the last 10 years, while states are being encouraged to recruit more women into their police forces.

The 75th Republic Day has been dedicated to the women power of the country. PM Modi says that once, the participation of daughters was limited only to cultural programs. Today, the world is watching how India's daughters are proving their mettle on land, water, sky, and space. ●





Parakram Diwas: The 'Bharat Parv' to adopt Vocal for Local

The Life of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose represents the pinnacle of hard work and valour. The birth anniversary of 'Netaji, "who gave up his dreams and aspirations for India's independence," has been declared Parakram Diwas by the current government at the Centre. On the birth anniversary of Subhas Chandra Bose, who linked his goals with India's resolutions, Prime Minister Narendra Modi stated in his 'Parakram Diwas' address on January 23 that it is time to take 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' to new heights.

On the day of Parakram Diwas, Bharat Parv was also started from the Red Fort, where, until January 30, Bharat Parv displayed the diversity of the country through Republic Day tableaux and cultural programs. There is a reflection of the ideals of Subhas Chandra Bose in the Bharat Parv, where an exhibition based on his life was also held. The artists have also painted the life of Netaji on a single canvas here. This festival is about adopting Vocal for Local and promoting tourism. The last few days of the month of January were very inspiring in terms of the country's faith, cultural consciousness, republic, and patriotism.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that he can never forget the day when he had the honour of hoisting the tricolor at the Red Fort on the 75th anniversary of the Azad Hind Fauj. Netaji's life is the culmination of hard work and valour. He was one of the country's great sons who opposed foreign rule while also responding

Subhas Chandra Bose: A role model for the young generation of the country

India has reached the part of the moon that no one has yet reached. It travelled 15 lakh kilometres to reach the sun. Be it the sun or the depths of the sea, it is not difficult for the country to explore them. The country has the potential to provide solutions to the world's challenges. This trust and confidence are visible in the youth of India today. This awakening among the youth has become the energy to build a developed India. That is why today the youth of India are imbibing Panch Pran. Today, the youth of India are working out of the mindset of slavery. "The more times I get an opportunity to meet the youth power of India, the stronger my belief in a developed India," PM Modi said. Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is a great role model for such a capable Amrit generation in the country.



to those who questioned Indian civilization. Netaji boldly asserted India's identity as the Mother of Democracy to the world. When some people around the world expressed concern about India's democracy, Netaji reminded them of the country's history. Netaji believed that slavery comprised not just governance but also intellect and action. He worked to raise awareness about it, particularly among young people. If Netaji were still alive today, one can only imagine how excited the youth would be about the new consciousness that has emerged in India. Today's Indian youngsters take pride in their culture, values, and Indianness in ways that are unprecedented.

The life and contribution of Subhas Chandra Bose are an inspiration for young India. The central



India transitioning from a defence importer to an exporter

In the last ten years, India has embraced a new approach to improving its strategic capabilities. For a long time, India relied on other countries for its defence and security needs, but that is changing. The country's forces have completely halted importing of hundreds of such weapons and equipment in order to make India's army self-reliant. A thriving defence industry is expanding throughout the country. India, once the world's largest defence importer, is now the world's largest defence exporter. "PM Modi said, "We have to work hard and show strength. This is very important for the development of India. Parakram Diwas will serve as a reminder of this resolve year after year."

government has made continuous efforts in the last 10 years to ensure that this inspiration remains with them forever. The statue of Subhas Chandra Bose has been given due place on the Kartavya Path. Every countryman on the path of duty should remember Netaji's dedication to duty. The central government named after him the islands of Andaman and Nicobar, where the Azad Hind government had hoisted the tricolor for the first time. A memorial dedicated to Subhas Chandra Bose is also being constructed in the Andaman. A museum dedicated to Subhas Chandra Bose and the Azad Hind Fauj has also been built in the Red Fort. For the first time, a national award was announced in his name as Subhas Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar. ●



Gifts of development to Maharashtra, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu

The Road to Strong Government: Dignity of labour, self-reliant labour and welfare of the poor



The Central Government has prioritized the dignity of labor, self-reliance, and the care of the poor as the way to a strong and powerful government for the last ten years. One after the other, such initiatives were implemented to alleviate the poor's troubles and make life easier. As a result, more than 25 crore individuals have come out of poverty over the last nine years. Prime Minister Narendra Modi conveyed his emotions over poverty while handing over pucca houses in Maharashtra. On January 19, Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation and launched many projects for the welfare of the poor and development in Maharashtra, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu.

For a long period, the slogan 'Garibi Hatao' was heard throughout the country. Despite those words, poverty did not subside. The main cause for this was that schemes were created in the name of the poor, but the intended recipients did not receive their benefits. In previous governments, middlemen used to swipe money from the poor. Speaking at the launch of several projects in Solapur, Maharashtra, Prime Minister Narendra Modi stated that we have ensured that government benefits will now reach the direct beneficiaries. There is no middleman. We worked to remove middlemen who stood in the way of beneficiaries.

During the nine years of the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, 25 crore people have come out of poverty. This figure is not small; it is the result of ten years of austerity. It is the result of the resolve to sacrifice lives for the poor. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that how 25 crore people in the country defeated poverty is a huge success for the people of the country. I have always said that if the poor get the means and resources, then

PM Modi graced the Khelo India Youth Games 2023 as chief guest

Prime Minister Narendra Modi was the chief guest at the opening ceremony of the 6th Khelo India Youth Games 2023. It was held at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Chennai.

- For the first time, the Khelo India Youth Games were held in South India. The Games were held from January 19 to January 31, 2024, in four cities in Tamil Nadu, namely Chennai, Madurai, Trichy, and Coimbatore.
- The mascot of these games is Veera Mangai. Rani Velu Nachiyar is fondly called Veera Mangai. She fought against British rule.
- This mascot is a symbol of the valor and spirit of Indian women, which shows the strength of women's power. The logo of these games also includes the figure of the poet Thiruvalluvar.
- More than 5,600 athletes participated in this edition of the Khelo India Youth Games. It ran for 13 days at 15 locations. It included 26 game disciplines, more than 275 events, and a demo game.
- Prime Minister Modi also inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for projects worth about Rs 250 crore related to the broadcasting sector. Along with this, 12 Akashvani FM projects in 8 states and 4 DD transmitters in Jammu and Kashmir were also started.
- PM Modi also laid the foundation stone for 26 new FM transmitter projects in 12 states.



they have so much power that they defeat poverty. Therefore, we gave facilities to the poor of the country, gave them the means, and made a sincere effort to remove their every worry.

Along with Maharashtra, Prime Minister Narendra Modi also visited Karnataka and Tamil

A new state-of-the-art BIETC campus inaugurated in Bengaluru

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the new state-of-the-art Boeing India Engineering and Technology Centre (BIETC) complex in Bengaluru. Built at an investment of Rs 1,600 crore, the 43-acre complex is Boeing's largest investment outside the US.

- Boeing's new campus will become a base for partnerships with the vibrant startup, private, and government ecosystems in India.
- It will help develop next-generation products and services for the global aerospace and defence industry.
- Prime Minister Modi also launched the Boeing Sukanya programme.
- The programme will provide opportunities for women in India to learn critical skills in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) and train them for jobs in the aviation sector.
- Will build STEM labs at 150 planned locations to help spark interest in STEM careers under the program.
- The program will also provide scholarships to women who are training to become pilots.

PM lays foundation stone for eight AMRUT projects in Solapur

Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for eight AMRUT (Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation) projects worth Rs 2,000 crore during a public event in Solapur.

- PM Modi handed over more than 90,000 houses completed under PMAY-Urban in Maharashtra to the beneficiaries.
- PM Modi handed over 15,000 houses to the Raignagar Housing Society in Solapur.
- PM Modi launched the distribution of the first and second installments of PM-SVANidhi to 10,000 beneficiaries in Maharashtra.

Nadu. He launched the Boeing India Engineering and Technology Center and the Boeing Sukanya Program in Bengaluru, Karnataka. He then attended the opening ceremony of the Khelo India Youth Games 2023 in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. ●



Growing maritime power... Strong maritime connectivity and infrastructure

When India was prosperous and had a big share in the global GDP, our strength was ports and port cities. Today, India is again becoming a big center of global trade. In such a situation, the central government is again engaged in increasing maritime capacity. In a series of enhanced investments on port infrastructure and connectivity, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on January 17 dedicated to the nation three projects worth about Rs 4,000 crore in Kerala. With the development of shipbuilding and repair facilities, a new ecosystem of MSME will be created, while LPG needs will be met from the LPG terminal.

Every state has its own role in making India a developed nation. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said on several occasions that the development of states will lead to the fulfillment of the resolve of a developed nation. To realize the vision of self-reliance in transforming India's ports, shipping, and waterways sectors, PM Modi inaugurated three infrastructure projects in Kochi. Dedicated to the nation, these three projects will boost the development of energy infrastructure, including shipbuilding and repair capacity, and ancillary industries in the country. This will boost imports and exports, reduce logistics costs, and boost economic growth.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi says that the launched project will increase the participation of this sector in the maritime sector. With the construction of a new dry dock, not only can big ships come here, but shipbuilding and ship repair work will also be possible here. This will reduce India's dependence on foreign countries. With this project, Kochi in India and India in Asia is set to become a major ship repair center. The LPG import terminal will cater to the LPG needs of Kochi, Coimbatore, Erode, Salem, Calicut, Madurai, and Trichy.



Electric-hybrid passenger ferries for Ayodhya, Varanasi, Mathura, and Guwahati are also being constructed at the Cochin Shipyard. Cochin Shipyard is further strengthening our mission of taking India towards hydrogen fuel-based transport.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

New dry dock will end foreign dependence

The New Dry Dock has been constructed at a cost of about Rs 1,800 crore on the premises of Cochin Shipyard Limited, Kochi. This major project showcases the engineering prowess of New India. With a width of 75 m, a depth of 13 m, and a draft of up to 9.5 m, this 310m long stepped dry dock is one of the largest marine infrastructures in the region.

Kochi to become a global ship repair centre

The Rs 970 crore international ship repair facility project at Kochi has a ship lift system with a capacity of 6,000 tonnes, a transfer system, six workstations, and a berth of about 1,400 meters that can accommodate seven ships of 130 meters in length together.

LPG terminal ensures supply to lakhs of households

Indian Oil's Rs 1,236 crore LPG import terminal at Puthuvypeen in Kochi is a state-of-the-art facility. With a storage capacity of 15,400 MT, the terminal will ensure LPG supply to lakhs of households and businesses in the region. ●

Solar power to illuminate houses

Be it the launch of the global initiative Mission LiFE to tackle the challenges of climate change, showing the way to the world with Panchamrit, or the initiative of the International Solar Alliance, India has taken the lead. Leading the world, India is continually working towards becoming self-reliant in the field of energy and sourcing green energy from nature. The Pradhan Mantri Suryodaya Yojana was approved on January 22 at a meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, with the goal of putting solar roofing on the rooftops of one crore families.

India's renewable energy capacity was just 20 GW in 2014, but then Prime Minister Narendra Modi showed the world a new path by achieving the target of 100 GW by 2022. Earlier, in 2015, he introduced the concept of One Sun, One Grid to the world and laid the foundation of the International Solar Alliance, which has 116 members and signatories. While the target is to make railways green by 2030, India is moving ahead with the target of zero carbon emissions by 2070.

India has the fifth-largest installed solar power capacity in the world. To take this forward, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, soon after returning from Ayodhya to his residence, 7 Lok Kalyan Marg on January 22, decided to launch the 'Pradhan Mantri Suryodaya Yojana' with a target of installing rooftop solar power on 1 crore houses. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that all devotees in the world always get energy from the light of Suryavanshi Lord Shri Ram. On the auspicious occasion of Pran Pratistha in Ayodhya, my resolve has become even stronger that people in India should have their own solar rooftop system on the roof of their houses. PM Modi has directed the launch of a comprehensive national campaign to motivate consumers in the residential sector to adopt rooftop solar in large numbers.



The first decision I have taken after returning from Ayodhya is that our government will launch 'Pradhan Mantri Suryodaya Yojana' with the target of installing rooftop solar systems on the roofs of 1 crore houses. This will not only reduce the electricity bills of the poor and middle class but will also make India self-reliant in the energy sector.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

Government's efforts towards solar energy

- The central government has set a target of achieving 500 GW of installed power generation capacity from non-fossil fuels, including solar energy, by 2030 across the country. As of November 2023, a total of 72.31 GW of solar projects had been installed in the country. These include more than one crore and 11 lakh solar lights.
- Under the development of Solar Parks and the Ultra Mega Solar Power Project, 50 solar parks with a capacity of 37,490 MW have been approved until November 2023. Parks of 10,401 MW capacity have been commissioned.
- Scheme for setting up 12,000 MW grid-connected solar PV projects by government producers, setting up grid-connected solar rooftop power plants.



The all-round development of Uttar Pradesh will fulfill the resolve of Viksit Bharat

Uttar Pradesh has a significant role to play in the Central Government's resolve to make a Viksit Bharat. The resolve of Viksit Bharat cannot be fulfilled without the development of Uttar Pradesh, the most populous state. This is the reason why work is being done at a fast pace in every field such as railway lines, highways, petroleum pipelines, water, sewage, medical colleges, industrial cities, knowledge-science, and industry in Uttar Pradesh. Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone and inaugurated development projects worth more than Rs 19,000 crore in Bulandshahr on January 25.

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the country has set the goal of making India a developed nation by the year 2047. If the goal is big then every means has to be used for it, everyone has to make efforts together. The event held at Bulandshahr in western Uttar Pradesh is another big step in this direction. For several decades after independence, development in India was limited to only a few pockets. A large part of the country remained deprived of development. Uttar Pradesh is also included in this. The people of Uttar Pradesh had to pay a heavy price for this, it caused great loss not only to the people of Uttar Pradesh but also to the country. However, since 2017, the Centre and the State Government have been moving forward step by step for the rapid development of Uttar Pradesh, the impact of which is now visible on the ground as well.

Every part of Uttar Pradesh is being connected by modern expressways. India's first Namo Bharat train started in Western UP. Many cities of UP are connecting to metro facilities. UP is also becoming the hub of the Eastern and Western Dedicated Freight Corridor. When Jewar International Airport is ready, the development in this area is going to get a new fillip. It is the result of the efforts of the Centre and State Government that today Western Uttar Pradesh is becoming one of the major hubs of employment generation.

Uttar Pradesh will get a new flight from these development projects

- PM Modi dedicated to the nation the 173 km long double line electrified section between New Khurja-New Rewari on the Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC). It has a one km long double-line rail tunnel with high electrification, the first of its kind in the world.
- Dedicated to the nation the fourth line connecting Mathura-Palwal section and Chipyana Buzurg - Dadri section. This new line will improve the rail connectivity of the national capital to South Western and Eastern India.
- Road development projects worth Rs 5,000 crore: Aligarh to Bhadwas four-laning work Package-I (part of Aligarh-Kanpur Section of NH-34); widening of Meerut to Karnal border via Shamli (NH-709A); and four laning of Shamli-Muzaffarnagar section of NH-709 AD Package-II.
- Inauguration of Indian Oil's 255 km long Tundla-Gawariya pipeline, built at a cost of Rs 700 crore, from Tundla to Gawariya T-point of Barauni-Kanpur pipeline with pumping facilities at Mathura and Tundla and delivery facilities at Tundla, Lucknow and Kanpur. It will help in the transportation of petroleum products.
- Inauguration of Integrated Industrial Township (IITGN) in Greater Noida, built at a cost of Rs 1,714 crore. Spread over 747 acres, the project is located near the intersection of the Eastern and Western Dedicated Freight Corridors with the Eastern Peripheral Expressway to the south and the Delhi-Howrah broad gauge railway line to the east.
- Prime Minister inaugurated the renovated Mathura sewerage scheme including the construction of a sewage treatment plant (STP) at a cost of about Rs 460 crore. He also inaugurated the Moradabad (Ramganga) sewerage system.



Now the scenario is changing in the country. Modi is sincerely engaged in your service. The result of this is that in the 10 years of our government, 25 crore people...this figure is very big...25 crore people have come out of poverty. Those who are left are also hopeful that they too will soon defeat poverty

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

Central Government is to build Four new industrial smart cities in the country that can compete with the world's best manufacturing and investment destinations, out of which one industrial smart city is being built in Greater Noida in Western Uttar Pradesh. During the program, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated this important township. Every basic facility has been developed here, which is necessary for business, trade, and industry for everyday life. Now this city is ready for investors from all over the world. Every small-scale and cottage industry of UP, especially Western Uttar Pradesh, will also benefit from this. Farmers, laborers, and agro-based industries will benefit the most from this.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that it is the continuous effort of the double-engine government to make the lives of the poor and farmers easier. The Central Government has also transferred Rs. 3 lakh crore of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi to the accounts of crores of farmers. Lack of storage facilities has also been a big problem for the farmers. The government has launched the world's largest plan to build storage facilities. Under this, a network of cold storage is being built across the country. It is the effort of the Central Government to ensure that the benefits of the government schemes reach every beneficiary, hence PM Modi is guaranteeing saturation. When the government reaches 100 percent beneficiaries, there is no scope for any discrimination and corruption. This is true secularism and social justice. ●





Padma Vibhushan
exceptional and
distinguished service



Padma Bhushan
distinguished service
of high order



Padma Shri
distinguished service

PEOPLE'S PADMA

The entire system changed in a decade

Many people in the country are working behind the scenes to boost the language, culture, society, and country. In keeping with the tradition of recognizing such unsung heroes through Padma Samman each year, 132 heroes were honoured this year. The entire Padma award procedure has evolved during the previous decade, and now anybody can nominate himself or herself. This explains why 28 times more nominations were received this year than in 2014, demonstrating that Padma Samman's status, credibility, and respect are growing year after year.

Padma Vibhushan



Vyjayanthi Mala Bali
Art: Tamil Nadu



Konidela Chiranjeevi
Art: Andhra Pradesh



M. Venkaiah Naidu
Public Affairs,
Andhra Pradesh



Bindeshwar Pathak
(posthumous)
Social Work, Bihar



Padma Subrahmanyam
Art: Tamil Nadu

Padma Bhushan

The Padma Bhushan for distinguished service of high order was awarded posthumously to M. Fathima Beevi, the first female Justice of the Supreme Court of India, followed by 17 others, including Indian pop singer Usha Uthup and film actor Mithun Chakraborty.



M. Fathima Beevi (posthumous)
Public Affairs, Kerala



Usha Uthup
Art, West Bengal



Mithun Chakraborty
Art, West Bengal

The Padma Awards, one of the highest civilian honors in the country, were announced on January 25, on the eve of Republic Day. President Droupadi Murmu approved the conferment of 132 Padma awards, including two duo awards (in a duo case, the Award is counted as one). These include 5 Padma Vibhushan, 17 Padma Bhushan, and 110 Padma Shri Awards. The awardees include 30 women. In the announced list, eight persons from the categories of foreigner, NRI, PIO, OCI, and nine will be awarded posthumously. The President in a ceremonial function, which is usually held at Rashtrapati Bhavan in March or April every year, confers the awards.

There are many names among the Padma Award winners who are well-known to you and us for their significant contributions to the nation and humanity, as well as for making a substantial difference in the lives of others, but there are also numerous individuals on the list that are rarely mentioned in headlines or celebrated. They continue to work selflessly without caring about their name or fame. These Padma awardees are doing exceptional work in their respective fields.

Let us know the stories of some such unsung heroes..

Padma Shri Award Winner



Haathi Ki Pari

Parbati Barua, Social Work, Assam

Parbati Barua, 67, from Assam, is India's first lady mahout. Parbati, also known as the 'Haathi ki Pari' (Elephant Fairy), made her name in this typically male-dominated industry when she tamed a wild elephant for the first time at the age of fourteen. She helped three state administrations in capturing wild elephants. She acquired this ability from her father. Over the course of more than four decades, she has saved the lives of numerous people and elephants. Despite coming from a good family, Parvati Baruah chose a humble life and dedicated her entire life to the care of elephants.

Birhor Ke Bhai

Jageshwar Yadav, Social Work, Chhattisgarh

Jageshwar Yadav, a tribal welfare activist from Jashpur who dedicated his life to the upliftment of the marginalized Birhor Pahari Korwa people, established the ashram for illiteracy eradication and health care. During the COVID-19 pandemic, when the people of the Birhor tribe were avoiding being vaccinated, the local administration took his help, after which they agreed to be vaccinated. Jageshwar Yadav has taken an oath to stay barefoot for the rest of his life to join the people of the Birhor tribe, who used to run away after seeing someone wearing shoes and slippers



Seraikela Ki Sahyogi

Chami Murmu, Social Work, Jharkhand

Chami Murmu, 52, a tribal warrior from Seraikela Kharsawan, has planted more than 30 lakh saplings. Empowering more than 30,000 women in 40 villages through self-help groups, she has initiated economic transformation. She ran effective programs to combat anemia and malnutrition for safe motherhood and laid emphasis on the education of adolescent girls. Chami Murmu, also known as Lady Tarzan, is feared by timber mafia involved in illegal felling of trees.



Divyangjan Ki Asha
Gurvinder Singh, Social Work, Haryana

A road accident changed the purpose of life for Gurvinder Singh of Sirsa. After colliding with a truck, half of Gurvinder Singh's body became paralyzed, after which he devoted his life to the welfare of others. The 53-year-old disabled social worker remains a ray of hope for disabled people and orphans. By establishing Bal Gopal Dham Sansthan, the dreams of 300 children have been cherished. Apart from setting up an ashram, we provided ambulance service to more than 6 thousand accident victims and pregnant women.

Seeding Sathya

Sathyanarayana Beleri, Agriculture, Kerala

Sathyanarayana Beleri, 50, the guardian of 650 varieties of traditional rice, created the Rajkayam rice variety through the innovative polybag method, which led to its production and conservation in Karnataka, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu. Through 15 years of hard work and innovative technology, he preserved not only indigenous rice varieties but also traditional seeds of betel nuts, nutmeg, and black pepper. He gave 50 varieties of rice to research centers, which promoted research and conservation. Distributed free seeds to farmers.



Gachh Dadu

Dukhu Majhi, Social Work, West Bengal

Dukhu Majhi, a tribal environmentalist from Sindri village in Purulia, served in the field of environment for five decades. Of course, he could not complete his education due to financial problems, but he remained engaged in preventing wood theft and safety through innovative solutions and awareness of the importance of trees. He started working for a greener tomorrow at the age of 12. He explores new destinations every day on his bicycle. Then a tree is planted there. More than 5 thousand banyan, mango, and blackberry saplings have been planted on the barren land. People lovingly call him Gachh Dadu. Awareness about tree plantations was shown in the documentary 'Rukhu Mati, Dukhu Majhi'.



Nariyal Amma
K. Chellamal, Agriculture
Andaman and Nicobar Islands

Chellamal, 69, an experienced organic farmer from South Andaman, has developed a 10-acre organic farm while developing new and cost-effective measures to control damage to coconut and palm trees. She used the intercropping method for crops like clove, ginger, pineapple, and banana. She also inspired 150 farmers to adopt it. Chellamal, known as Nariyal Amma, who studied till sixth grade, has been innovating in farming for the last five decades.

Saint of Mizoram

Sangthankima, Social Work, Mizoram

Sangthankima, a social activist from Aizawl, is providing rehabilitation services and shelter to future generations by running Mizoram's largest orphanage, 'Thutak Nunpuitu Team'. Working on children's welfare, addiction, HIV/AIDS awareness, education, and other issues for three decades. Work for the people of the North Eastern community through rehabilitation centers in four districts of Assam.



Vaidyaraj Manjhi

Hemchand Manjhi, Medicine, Chhattisgarh

Hemchand Manjhi, a 70-year-old traditional herbalist from Narayanpur, has been providing affordable health care to the villagers for almost 55 years. He started this service when he was just 15 years old. He is known for his special knowledge of herbs in the remote forests of Abujhmad. Despite repeated threats and attacks from Naxalites, he continued to serve the people with honesty and enthusiasm.





Mallakhamb Pitamah

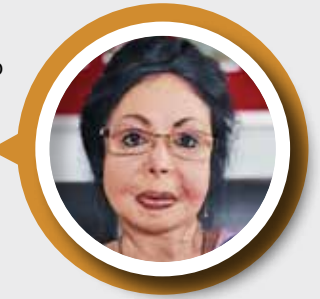
Uday Vishwanath Deshpande, Sports, Maharashtra

The international Mallakhamb coach, who is the flag bearer of Mallakhamb, is credited with reviving and popularizing the game on the global map. He personally trained over 5,000 people from 50 countries and introduced Mallakhamb to diverse groups, including women, the disabled, orphans, tribals, and senior citizens. Contributed to its international reach as the director of the World Mallakhamb Federation. He created a rule book with standardization of all rules, including judging and competition criteria, for this game, which was recognized by the Indian Olympic Association.

Agni Rakshak

Prema Dhanraj, Medicine, Karnataka

Burn victim Prema Dhanraj, from Karnataka, not only became a plastic surgeon but also dedicated her life to the recovery of burn victims after recovering from this tragedy. When she was 8 years old, a stove exploded in her face. In her childhood, she became a surgeon and HOD in the same hospital, where she underwent more than 14 surgeries at Christian Medical College, Vellore. Prema, 72, is working to advance surgical burn prevention, awareness, and policy reform. Prema, popularly known as Agni Rakshak, has performed free surgeries on 25,000 burn victims and has also written three books on plastic surgery.



Jenu Kuruba Ke Janak

Somanna, Social Work, Karnataka

Tribal welfare activists from Mysuru have been working for the betterment of the Jenu Kuruba tribe, who collect honey in the Nilgiris, for four decades. Helped more than 500 tribal communities living in forest areas obtain legal recognition and ownership titles for protection. He himself was previously a bonded laborer, during which time he realized the real importance of freedom and rights. After this, he dedicated his life to advocating for the rights of tribals.



Bhadu Ratan

Ratan Kahar, Art, West Bengal

Birbhum's famous Bhadu folk singer Ratan Kahar, 88, dedicated more than 60 years to folk music. He attracted people's attention with his composition, 'Boro Loker Bitti Lo'. He is known for his captivating roles in Jatra folk theater. Despite financial constraints and coming from a laborer family, he started singing at the age of 16 and left an indelible mark.



Bhishma Pitamah of Tikuli

Ashok Kumar Vishwas, Art, Bihar

Folk painter Vishwas resigned his job to devote his life to reviving Tikuli art. Through his efforts over five decades, he modified the art of the Maurya era. Created thousands of designs and provided free training to more than 8,000 women artists. Along with popularizing art at the national level, more than 100 exhibitions were organized in five countries at the international level.

Sickle cell crusader

Yazdi Maneksha Italia, Medicine, Gujarat

Renowned microbiologist Yazdi Maneksha Italia played an important role in the recently launched Sickle Cell Anemia Control Programme. Apart from playing a leading role in newborn screening through Heel Prick Dry Blood Sample in collaboration with ICMR, screening of 2 lakh tribals prevented and controlled births with the disease. Italia dedicated his life to fighting sickle cell anemia among the tribals of Gujarat.



Padma awards to four people from France



French President Macron was the chief guest on Republic Day this year. Another indication of the strength of India-France relations is that this year it has been decided to give Padma Shri awards to four people from France. This includes the names of yoga practitioner and teacher Charlotte Chopin (Padmashree Yoga), who has completed 100 years of age, and 79-year-old Kiran Vyas, a global yoga and Ayurveda doctor. Both of them are promoting yoga in France. Prime Minister Narendra Modi also met Charlotte Chopin during his visit to France. Apart from this, PM Modi said in the 103rd episode of his Mann Ki Baat program that Charlotte Chopin has been practicing yoga for the last 40 years, and she credits her health and age of 100 years to yoga alone. She has become a prominent face of India's yoga science and its strength in the world. Everyone should learn from these.

It was decided to give the Padma Shri award in the field of literature and education to 87-year-old Pierre Sylvain Filliozet and Fred Negritte of France. Pierre Sylvain Filliozet is engaged in taking the study of Indian culture forward, while Fred is an indologist who has worked to increase awareness about Indian culture.



Kallu Kathakali Guru

B.S. Puthiya Veetil, Art, Kerala

Balakrishnan Sadanam Puthiya Veetil is a choreographer. 88-year-old Veetil has produced over 35 plays in his career spanning six decades and adapted Kathakali plays to Shakespeare. As a Kathakali dancer, he promoted a deep understanding of Indian traditions globally. Participated in festivals in 25 countries. His literary contributions include the compilation of 14 Kathakali texts, the enumeration of stories from the Puranas, and Greek tragedies.

Swar Maheshwari

Uma Maheshwari D., Art, Andhra Pradesh

Uma Maheshwari D. is the first female Harikatha exponent who has performed in various ragas globally. She is well versed in Telugu and Sanskrit. She is the author of four short stories. She narrates stories in many ragas, like Savitri, Bhairavi, Shubh Panthuvrali, Kedaram, and Kalyani. Her contribution encouraged girls to come out of the constraints of tradition and embrace art.



Krishna Leela Ke Nath

Gopinath Swain, Art, Odisha

Krishna Leela singer Gopinath of Ganjam is 105 years old. He has been performing Krishna Leela for 90 years. Gopinath breathed life into Krishna Leela by harmonizing traditional and improvised techniques. Established traditional school, Akharas, in the village. Despite his old age, he is teaching and promoting this unique art while discovering talents in southern Odisha. Coming from a Krishna Leela family, Krishna Leela Ke Nath started his musical journey at the young age of 5 and dedicated his life to it.





Yakshaganam Yajman
Gaddam Sammayya, Art, Telangana

Coming from an ordinary family, the artist worked as an agricultural labourer. Parents were Chindu Yakshaganam artists; he learned the art from them. Renowned Chindu Yakshaganam theater artist Sammayya of Jangaon has performed more than 19,000 shows of this rich art for more than 50 years. Through this, social issues like complete literacy and environmental protection are being raised. Chindu Yaksha Arthula Sangham and Gaddam Sammaiya Youth Art Skethram were established to promote this art.

The Light of Kummi Oyil Badarappan M., Art, Tamil Nadu

87-year-old Valli Oyil Kummi dance guru Badarappan from Coimbatore is breaking away from tradition and imparting training to women in this male-dominated art for women's empowerment. In this, a mixed form of song and dance is performed in which the stories of the gods 'Murugan' and 'Valli' are presented. Apart from spreading knowledge of Indian history and mythology, social issues are raised through dance.



Sabda Nrutya ke Pradhan Bhagabat Padhan, Art, Odisha

He took the Sabda dance form beyond temples and trained diverse groups, expanding the scope of dance from the temple to the wider stage. It took more than five decades to preserve and popularize this art, which is considered to be the dance of Mahadev. He worked as a lower primary school teacher in the 1960s. Despite economic challenges, he never gave up his dedication to art.



Brass Ke Babu Babu Ram Yadav, Art, Uttar Pradesh

Babu Ram Yadav, 74, a traditional brass craftsman, has dedicated his life to learning the nuances of the art. He has showcased his work in 40 exhibitions, presenting intricate brass Marori crafts globally over the last six decades. Kept the art alive through training workshops and training cum production centers in Uttar Pradesh. Gave free training to more than 1,000 new artisans, including leprosy patients. Established Artisan Light for the economic welfare and support of the artisan community.



Aadi Jadi-bootiyon ki rani Yanung Jamoh Lego, Medicinal Plants, Arunachal Pradesh

Yanung, a tribal herbal medicine expert from East Siang, dedicated her life to reviving the lost traditional medical systems of the Adi tribe and Arunachal Pradesh, despite economic hardships and personal challenges. Played an important role in keeping the traditional knowledge of medicines alive. Provided facilities to more than 10,000 patients. Educated one lakh people on the subject of medicinal herbs. Planted more than 5,000 saplings annually and promoted the establishment of herbal kitchen gardens in every house in the district.

Congratulations to all those who have been honored with the Padma Award. India respects their contribution in various fields. May they continue to inspire people with their extraordinary work

— **Narendra Modi, Prime Minister**

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**Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar-2024
conferred upon 19 children**

THE COURAGE, TENACITY, AND SKILLS OF THE YOUNG CHAMPIONS INSPIRING THE NATION

Children have immense potential to make their mark through dedication and hard work. The children are multi-talented. It is the duty of the nation to show them the right direction so that they can make the best use of their skills and enthusiasm. President Droupadi Murmu presented the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar-2024 to 19 children in a function organized in New Delhi on January 22, 2024. Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted with these award winners on January 23 at his residence at 7 Lok Kalyan Marg...

The Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar ceremony is an opportunity to encourage the potential and talent of young achievers. It is also an occasion to celebrate the achievements of children. Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar

were given one each in the categories of Bravery, Science & Technology, and Innovation, four in the category of Social Service, five in the category of Sports, and seven in the category of Art & Culture. Congratulating the award winners, President

Droupadi Murmu said that these children are multi-talented and with their hard work they have the capability to shape their identity. These children must be shown the right direction so that they can make the best use of their skills and enthusiasm.

The award ceremony reflected India's national integrity and the rich culture of the country as each child received the awards dressed in traditional attire. On this occasion, President Droupadi Murmu said that nowadays children are technology-skilled. They are using technology for their education but technology is also often misused. Many crimes like deep fake, financial fraud, and exploitation of children are being committed through technology. He said that social media is a powerful medium to express one's views on any issue and spread awareness among people, but it is also being misused to spread rumors. He advised the children to be cautious and stay away from wrongdoings as one wrong step could jeopardize their future.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted with the award winners

Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted with the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar (PMRBP) winners at his residence, 7 Lok Kalyan Marg on January 23 and presented mementos to them. The children shared their achievements for which they

Children receive the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar in seven categories.

The Government of India honors children with the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar Award for exceptional achievement in seven categories. This year, 19 children from across the country have been selected for PMRBP-2024 under seven categories. The awardees include 9 boys and 10 girls from 18 states and union territories. Each awardee receives a medal, certificate, and citation booklet.



were selected for the award. PM Modi discussed music, culture, solar energy as well as sports like badminton, chess, and other topics with the children. The children also asked many questions to the Prime Minister, in response to one question PM Modi said that he is interested in all types of music. He explained how it helps him meditate. When asked about the Pradhan Mantri Suryodaya Yojana, Prime Minister Modi recalled the steps taken for the use of solar energy when he was the Chief Minister of Gujarat. He also told how people will benefit from this scheme. The Prime Minister also discussed Parakram Diwas with the children. Prime Minister Modi told the children how the government is honoring the legacy of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

Use of Artificial Intelligence to discover talents

For the first time, Artificial Intelligence was used to discover outstanding talents in a national-level award. Every year, the Government of India recognizes the exceptional achievements of children aged 5 to 18 years by presenting them with the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar. Nominations for the awards were invited through online mode on the Government of India awards portal – www.awards.gov.in. A total of 1879 applications were received out of which 1597 were found suitable for consideration. The award winners were selected by the National Selection Committee headed by the Minister of Women and Child Development.





Aditya Vijay Bramhane (posthumous)

Aditya Vijay Bramhane, 12, from Maharashtra, has been awarded posthumously in the bravery category for his extraordinary courage. Knowing well that he could not swim, Aditya jumped into the river to save his cousins.



Anushka Pathak

Eight-year-old Anushka Pathak, a resident of Kushinagar in Uttar Pradesh, has also received the Bal Puraskar. She was given this award in the field of art and culture. When Anushka was 4 years old, she entered the field of storytelling.



Arijeet Banerjee

West Bengal resident Arijit Banerjee was awarded in the field of art and culture. He has created his own identity in the field of art and culture. He is an expert in playing traditional Pakhawaj.



Armaan Ubhrani

Six-year-old Armaan Ubhrani from Bilaspur in Chhattisgarh is known as 'Wonder Boy'. He has received award in the field of art and culture. At such a young age he has achieved many achievements and is also a writer.



Hetvi Kantibhai Khimsuriya

A resident of Vadodara, Gujarat, she is an especially abled girl. 13-year-old Hetvi has created 250 fascinating paintings despite severe cerebral palsy. She also donates the disability pension that Hetvi receives.



Ishfaq Hamid

Ishfaq Hamid of Jammu and Kashmir has been given the award in the field of art and culture. 12-year-old Ishfaq Hamid is an accomplished Rabab and Matka player. He was awarded the Bhai Mardana National Award in 2020.



Md Hussain

Md Hussain, a 16-year-old boy from Patna in Bihar, has the distinction of being an excellent craftsman. In 2022, he received the gold medal in the category of indigenous toys in the Art Mahotsav organized by NCERT.



Pendyala Laxmi Priya

14-year-old Pendyala Laxmi Priya is a Kuchipudi dancer from Warangal, Telangana. She received awards in the field of art and culture. Priya is a national dancer honored with the National Kala Utsav Award.



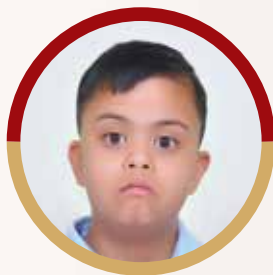
Suhani Chauhan

Suhani Chauhan, 16, a resident of Delhi, was given the award in the field of innovation. Suhani has created a farming vehicle for farmers that runs on solar energy.



Aryan Singh

Aryan Singh, a resident of Kota in Rajasthan, was given the award in the field of science and technology. 17-year-old Aryan Singh has designed a unique device that helps farmers.



Avnish Tiwari

9-year-old Avnish Tiwari from Indore in Madhya Pradesh is an especially abled child who is affected by Down syndrome. At the age of just seven, Avnish successfully climbed to the base camp of Mount Everest.



Garima

Garima of Mahendragarh, Haryana has received the award for social service. She is only 9 years old and is blind. Despite being blind, Garima is working for the education of underprivileged children through her Sakshar Pathshala.



Jyotsna Aktar

Jyotsna Aktar, a 16-year-old girl from Tripura, has been honored in the field of social service. Jyotsna is working to end the evil practice of child marriage.



Saiyam Mazumder

Saiyam Mazumder, a 15-year-old boy from Kamrup in Assam, has been working for wildlife conservation since the age of 10. At the age of 12, Saiyam was the youngest snake rescuer in India.



Aaditya Yadav

12-year-old Aaditya Yadav, from Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh, was honored with the Bal Puraskar for her outstanding performance in sports. She is a disabled child who has made outstanding sporting achievements in the field of badminton.



Charvi A

9-year-old Charvi A from Hassan in Karnataka also received the award in the field of sports. Charvi is a chess player and has achieved many laurels so far.



Jessicca Neyi Saring

Jessicca Neyi Saring, 9, from Arunachal Pradesh is an excellent badminton player. She has won many competitions at the state and national level.



Linthoi Chanambam

Linthoi Chanambam, 17, from Imphal West in Manipur is a judo player. Linthoi has registered many achievements so far.



R Surya Prasad

9 year-old R Surya Prasad from Andhra Pradesh is a mountaineer. Surya started taking mountaineering training at the age of 5. He demonstrated his ability, to successfully climb Mount Kilimanjaro.



MORARJI DESAI:

An outstanding administrator

Monumental contribution to nation building

Birth: February 29, 1896

Died: April 10, 1995

Morarji Desai is known as a contributor to India's freedom struggle, an excellent administrator, and a politician with Gandhian values. His role in giving direction to the nation in the period of resistance to the emergency and its aftermath is also exemplary. Throughout his years of public service, he worked diligently for India's progress. He is known for his honesty and his steadfast devotion to democracy. He always did politics with discipline and convictions, and for that, he will be remembered.

Morarji Desai was born on February 29, 1896, in Bhadeli village in the Bulsar district of Gujarat. His father was a teacher. Desai learned from his father as a child to work hard and to always follow the truth. He finished his schooling at St. Joseph's High School. He graduated from Wilson College in the then-Bombay Presidency in 1917. After that, he worked as Deputy Collector for 12 years, beginning in 1918.

In 1930, Desai left his government job and joined the freedom struggle under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi. Desai was imprisoned three times during the freedom struggle. He became a member of the All India Congress Committee in 1931 and served as the secretary of the Gujarat Pradesh Congress Committee until 1937.

When the Congress government first took charge in Bombay in 1937, Desai became the Minister for Revenue, Agriculture, Forestry, and Cooperation. After his election to the State Legislative Assembly

in 1946, he became the Minister for Home and Revenue. During his term, Desai approved the 'Land for Halwaha' proposal and implemented a number of significant land-revenue changes. In terms of police management, he minimized the distance between the public and the police. The police administration was made more responsive to the requirements of the people, allowing them to protect their lives and property. He became Bombay's Chief Minister in 1952.

He believed that socialism is meaningless unless poor people in villages and hamlets can live normal lives. Desai took significant efforts by enacting progressive legislation to alleviate the issues faced by farmers and tenants. He implemented the law honestly and resolutely. His rule in Bombay was well received by all. Desai's administration was far ahead of other states in the country.

On November 14, 1956, Desai entered the Union Cabinet as Minister of Commerce and Industry. On

March 22, 1958, he became minister of finance. Desai put his ideas into practice in areas such as economic planning and financial management. To fulfill defense and developmental demands, he raised revenue while decreasing waste. He advocated for cuts in government spending on administration. He imposed budgetary discipline and kept the fiscal deficit to a minimum. He also attempted to limit wasteful spending by the top echelons of society.

He resigned from the Union Cabinet in 1963. The then-Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri urged him to become Chairman of the Administrative Reforms Commission to restructure the administrative system. He carried out this responsibility well, using his long experience related to public life.

Desai became Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance in 1967. In July 1969, the portfolio of the Ministry of Finance was withdrawn from him. Desai was arrested after the emergency was declared on June 26, 1975. He was kept in solitary confinement until his release on January 18, 1977, shortly before the decision to hold Lok Sabha elections. He campaigned vigorously throughout the country and was instrumental in the Janata Party's landslide victory in the general elections held in March 1977 for the 6th Lok Sabha. Desai was elected to the Lok Sabha from the Surat constituency in Gujarat. He was later unanimously elected as the leader of the Janata Party in Parliament and was sworn in as the Prime Minister of India on March 24, 1977. Morarji Desai was awarded the Bharat Ratna in 1991. He was also awarded the Nishan-e-Pakistan by Pakistan. He passed away on April 10, 1995.

As Prime Minister, Desai wanted to make the people of India courageous to the point where if anyone in the country, even if they hold the highest office, does something wrong, anyone can point out their wrongdoing. "No one, including the Prime Minister, should be above the law of the land. For him, the truth was not an opportunity but rather an aspect of faith. He rarely allowed his ideals to be compromised by the circumstances. Even in extremely difficult circumstances, he remained committed. He thought that everyone should live his or her lives in accordance with truth and faith.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while remembering Morarji Desai on his birthday, said, "



As Prime Minister, Morarji Desai wanted to make the people of India courageous to the point where if anyone in the country, even if they hold the highest office, does something wrong, anyone can point out their wrongdoing...

I pay tribute to former Prime Minister Morarjibhai Desai. He is widely respected for his monumental contribution to nation-building. He made extensive efforts to make India more prosperous. He always placed emphasis on purity in public life. ●



INDIAN PRESIDENT DROUPADI MURMU'S ADDRESS TO THE NATION

On the eve of the 75th Republic Day, President Droupadi Murmu addressed the nation and expressed joy on the long journey despite adverse circumstances. Extending her greetings, the President said, "The seventy-fifth year of our Republic is, in many ways, a historic milestone in the country's journey. This is a special occasion to celebrate, just as we celebrated the incomparable greatness and diverse culture of our country during the 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' on the completion of 75 years of independence." Here are the edited excerpts of the address...

My Dear Fellow Citizens,
Namaskar!

India is the mother of democracy

The Preamble of the Constitution begins with the words "We, the People of India", highlighting the theme of the document, namely, democracy. In India, the democratic system is much older than the concept of Western democracy. That is the reason why India is called the "mother of democracy"

Three years of discussion before framing of constitution: After a long and difficult struggle, on 15th August 1947, India became free from foreign rule. Yet, The Constituent Assembly spent nearly three years holding detailed discussions on all aspects of governance and produced the great

founding document of our nation, the Constitution of India. Today, the nation gratefully remembers the leaders as well as the officials who contributed to the framing of our splendid and inspiring Constitution.

Period of revolutionary change

This is the time of an epochal transformation. We are given a golden opportunity to take the country to new heights. Contribution from every citizen will be crucial to achieve our goals. Here, I think of Mahatma Gandhi who had rightly said, "No people have risen who thought only of rights. Only those did so who thought of duties."

Celebrating diversity, based on equality

Republic Day is an occasion to recall our foundational values and principles. Celebrating diversity implies equality, which is upheld by justice. All this is possible only in an environment of freedom.

Karpoori Thakur was one of the great advocates of backward classes.

I would like to mention that Shri Karpoori Thakur ji was continuously fighting for social justice. Karpoori ji was one of the greatest advocates of the backward classes who dedicated his entire life to their welfare.

Many new achievements will be added to India's space journey

It was also the year when India went to the moon, becoming the first to land on the lunar south pole region. After Chandrayaan-3, the Indian Space Research Organisation rolled out a solar mission as well. Recently, Aditya L1 was successfully put into the halo orbit. We began the new year with the launch of our first X-ray Polarimeter Satellite called XPoSat which will study space mysteries like black holes. Many more space missions are planned in the current calendar year. I am happy to add that India's space journey is slated to cross new milestones. Preparations for the Gaganyaan mission, our first human spaceflight programme, are proceeding smoothly. It will also inspire more youngsters, especially young women, to pursue careers in science and technology.

I pay my tribute to Karpoori ji for enriching public life with his contribution.

Spontaneous source of collective joy

More than 140 crore Indians live as one family. For this largest family in the world, the spirit of co-existence is not a burden imposed by geography, but a natural source of collective joy, which finds expression in our Republic Day celebrations.

Consecration ceremony of the idol of Prabhu Shri Ram

We all witnessed the historic consecration ceremony of the idol of Prabhu Shri Ram in the glorious new temple constructed at His birthplace in Ayodhya. When this event will be seen in the wider perspective, the future historians will consider it a landmark in India's continued re-discovery of its civilisational heritage. The construction of the temple commenced after the due judicial process and the decision of the highest court of the land.

Citizens partner in the issues of international importance

The successful organisation of the Group of 20 Summit in the capital, under India's presidency, was an unprecedented achievement. A lesson has also been learned from that grand event that even ordinary citizens can be made participants in issues of such deep and international importance which ultimately impacts their future. The G20 Summit also boosted India's emergence as the voice of the Global South.

Women reservation will become a medium for women empowerment

We also progressed further towards the ideal of gender equality, when the Parliament passed the historic Women's Reservation Bill. I believe the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam will prove to be a revolutionary tool of women's empowerment. When more women will be involved in the matters of collective importance, our administrative priorities will be more in tune with the needs of the masses.

Our GDP growth rate is the highest among major economies.

Our GDP growth rate has remained the highest among major economies in recent years, and we have all reasons to believe that this extraordinary performance will continue in the year 2024 and beyond.

Mission mode schemes for easy living

There have been several mission-mode schemes to increase the ease of living for all citizens. From the availability of safe and adequate drinking water at home to the security of having one's own home, these are basic minimum requirements, not privileges. These matters are beyond any political or economic ideology and must be seen from a humanitarian perspective. The aim of 'Ayushman Bharat Yojana' is to cover all beneficiaries under the extended protection cover.

We should move forward on the basis of solution-oriented logic

In recent times, many conflicts have emerged around the world and several parts of it have been suffering from violence. When each of the two conflicting sides believes that it is right and the other is wrong, the way out should be found in the light of reason. In such times, we recall Lord Buddha's words: Not at any time are enmities appeased here through enmity but they are appeased through non-enmity.

Players brought laurels to the country

Our sportspersons have raised India's profile on the international stage. In the Asian Games held last year, we made history with a record-breaking tally of 107 medals, and we won 111 medals in Asian Para Games. We are glad to see that women are making very impressive contribution to our medal tally. I am sure that our sportspersons, who are infused with this new confidence, will deliver an improved performance in the upcoming Paris Olympics.



This is the eternal law. Let us hope that the regions embroiled in conflicts will find a peaceful way to resolve conflicts and bring about peace.

India's ancient wisdom guides the global environmental crisis

India's ancient wisdom can also help the world find a way out of the global environmental crisis. India has launched the 'LiFE Movement' for adoption of environment-conscious lifestyle. The global community has appreciated our country's emphasis on individual behaviour-change for dealing with the issues of climate change. People everywhere can and must contribute by bringing their lifestyle in tune with Mother Nature. That will not only help save the planet for the generations to come but will also enhance the quality of life.

Unprecedented technological change

The period of Amrit Kaal is also going to be a period of unprecedented technological changes. Technological advances like Artificial Intelligence and machine learning have moved from headlines into our daily lives at a breathtaking speed. There are numerous areas of concern in the foreseeable future, but there are also exciting opportunities ahead, especially for the youth. They are exploring new frontiers. We need to do all we can to remove hurdles from their path and let them unleash their full potential.

Vow to dedicate oneself

I express my gratitude to our farmer and laborer brothers and sisters who work hard silently and make a huge contribution to creating a better future for the nation. I also extend my greetings to the members of the judiciary and civil services, officials of Indian missions abroad, and the people of the overseas Indian community on Republic Day. Let us all resolve to dedicate ourselves to the service of the nation and our countrymen to the best of our ability. My heartiest congratulations to all of you for your efforts to fulfill this auspicious resolution!

Thank you!

Jai Hind!

Jai Bharat!





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देश के हमारे गरीब से गरीब भाई-बहनों के पोषण और स्वास्थ्य में कोई कमी ना रहे, इसके लिए हमारी सरकार निरंतर प्रयास कर रही है। इसी कड़ी में एक बड़ा निर्णय लेते हुए अंत्योदय अन्न योजना से जुड़े परिवारों के लिए चीनी सब्सिडी की योजना को अगले दो वर्षों तक बढ़ाने की मंजूरी दी गई है। इससे हमारे इन परिवारजनों को पीडीएस के तहत कम दर पर चीनी की आपूर्ति जारी रहेगी।



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Congratulations to Finance Minister Smt. @nsitharaman for presenting a positive and encouraging 'Interim Budget' which outlines the vision for a confident, strong and self-reliant #ViksitBharat. Inspired by PM Shri @narendramodi's vision of making India a developed nation by 2047, this Budget gives the glimpse of India's rapid economic transformation.



Amit Shah @AmitShah

मोदी सरकार ने देश के इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर को विश्वस्तरीय बनाने के लिए जहाँ बजट में एक तरफ 11.1% बढ़ोतरी कर इसे रिकॉर्ड 11.11 लाख करोड़ रुपए किया है, वहीं लॉजिस्टिक कार्यकुशलता व लागत को कम करने के लिए पीएम गति शक्ति के अंतर्गत तीन बड़े रेलवे कॉरिडोर की घोषणा ने भविष्य के भारत की नई रूपरेखा भी देशवासियों के सामने रखी है।



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हाइड्रोजन ऊर्जा के क्षेत्र में भारत तेज गति से आगे बढ़ रहा है। इथेनॉल के क्षेत्र में भी भारत सरकार ने अभूतपूर्व कार्य किया है। देश 12% इथेनॉल ब्लेंडिंग का लक्ष्य हासिल कर चुका है। अब ऊर्जा जरूरतों के लिए हमारी विदेशों पर निर्भरता कम होगी।

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साल 2024-25 के अंतरिम बजट में सबका साथ, सबका विकास, सबका विश्वास और सबका प्रयास होने की साथ ही हाथ सबका ख्याल है। सर्वसमावेशी विकास के इस बजट के लिए आपका कोटि-कोटि अभिवादन एवं आभार माननीय प्रधानमंत्री जी। वर्ष 2047 के विकसित भारत की झलक दिखाने हेतु माननीय वित्त मंत्री जी का स्वागत-अभिनंदन। यह गुरुवार को सबके 'मंगल' का गान है!

Inclusive, innovative & guarantee for Viksit Bharat by 2047, says Modi

PM Modi's address to the nation on Sunday was a landmark moment for strengthening the foundation of 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the vision of a developed India is not just about economic growth but also about ensuring that every citizen has access to quality education, healthcare, and employment. He emphasized the need for inclusive growth, where the benefits of development reach the most vulnerable sections of society. The Prime Minister also highlighted the government's commitment to innovation and entrepreneurship, which are crucial for driving economic growth and creating jobs. He concluded his address by reaffirming the government's dedication to the 'Viksit Bharat' mission, promising to work tirelessly to achieve the goal of a developed India by 2047.

Mann ki Baat: 'Common coding for traditional medicines soon'

Our Bureau New Delhi
In his first address of 2024 in the monthly Mann Ki Baat series, a radio broadcast programme, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Sunday a common terminology related to disease and treatment in Ayurveda, Unani, and Siddha medicine has been developed after these are codified. "I am now sharing with you an achievement of India which will make the life of patients easier and their problems will be mitigated to an extent," Ministry of AYUSH has categorised the data and terminology related to Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani medicine, with the help of the World Health Organization. With the

Boost for infra, amenities at islands as ₹2,449cr allocated for tourism

India Today
The Union Minister for Tourism, Shri K. J. Somaiya, announced on Sunday that the government has allocated ₹2,449 crore for the development of tourism infrastructure and amenities at islands. This allocation is part of the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' mission, which aims to boost the domestic tourism industry and create jobs. The funds will be used for the construction of roads, bridges, and other infrastructure at various islands, as well as for the development of tourism-related amenities such as hotels, restaurants, and recreational facilities. The Minister also highlighted the government's commitment to the sustainable development of islands, ensuring that the benefits of tourism reach the local communities and the environment is protected.

Freedom of speech to social justice, SC has strengthened democracy: PM

PM Narendra Modi with CJI DY Chandrachud in New Delhi on Sunday.
The Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, and the Chief Justice of India, D.Y. Chandrachud, held a meeting on Sunday to discuss the importance of freedom of speech and social justice in strengthening democracy. The Prime Minister emphasized the need for a robust legal system to protect the rights of citizens and ensure the rule of law. He also highlighted the government's commitment to social justice and the welfare of the most vulnerable sections of society. The Chief Justice, in turn, stressed the importance of the judiciary in upholding the principles of democracy and the rights of citizens. The meeting was a significant moment in the relationship between the executive and the judiciary, reaffirming their shared commitment to the development and progress of India.

House pucca: Scheme for middle class

New Delhi
The Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs, Shri H. D. Detha, announced on Sunday that the government has launched a new scheme for the middle class, called 'House Pucca'. This scheme aims to provide affordable housing to the middle class by offering them a 10% discount on the cost of a house. The scheme is part of the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' mission, which aims to boost the domestic housing market and create jobs. The Minister also highlighted the government's commitment to the welfare of the middle class and the need for affordable housing. The 'House Pucca' scheme is expected to benefit a large number of middle-class families across the country, providing them with a secure and comfortable place to live.

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Power of collectivity to drive growth, says PM

Lauds Cleanliness Campaign At Religious Sites
New Delhi: In his 'Mann Ki Baat' address, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said that he had requested people to run cleanliness campaign from Makar Sankranti to Jan 31, and he did not want that lakhs of people joined in with devotion and cleaned religious places in their area. "Many people sent me pictures and videos related to this. This sentiment should not diminish, and this campaign should not stop. This power of collectivity will take our country to new heights of success," he said. Modi commended Election Commission which, he said, had made relentless efforts to strengthen the

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JANUARY 28
PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi on Sunday hailed the Supreme Court's continuous efforts to protect the principles of freedom, equality and justice, saying this has strengthened India's democracy and given a new direction to its socio-political environment. Delivering the inaugural address at the Diamond Jubilee celebrations of the Supreme Court, Modi said the makers of the Indian Constitution dreamt of a free India based on freedom, equality and justice, and the Supreme Court has continuously striven to preserve these principles. "Whether it is freedom of expression, personal freedom or social justice, the Supreme Court is where there is only one voice: the voice of the people," he said. Modi also praised the Supreme Court for its role in upholding the rule of law and protecting the rights of citizens. He concluded his address by reaffirming the government's commitment to the principles of democracy and the welfare of the people.

Compete with yourself, not with peers: PM to students

New Delhi
Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed a group of students on Sunday, urging them to compete with themselves rather than their peers. He said that the goal of education is not to outperform others but to become the best version of oneself. The Prime Minister emphasized the importance of hard work, dedication, and a positive attitude in achieving success. He also highlighted the government's commitment to providing quality education to all students and creating opportunities for them to grow and develop. The Prime Minister's address was a motivational one, inspiring students to strive for excellence and make the most of their education. He concluded his address by wishing the students all the best in their future endeavors.

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For the poll body came even in opposition parties continue to question it, especially over the use of EVMs. Describing 'National Voters Day' celebrated on Jan 25, as an important day for the 'glorious democratic traditions', Modi said there are around 60 crore voters in the country, which

"If we look at political elections, their number today is around 60 crore. This is a very large number. It is a testament to the growth of our country. We must ensure that every citizen has the right to exercise their democratic right. On Jan 25, we will celebrate 'National Voters Day'. It is a day when we honor the voters of our country. We must ensure that every voter is aware of their rights and responsibilities. We must ensure that the electoral process is fair and transparent. We must ensure that the will of the people is reflected in the government. This is the essence of democracy. Let us all join hands and work towards a more democratic and prosperous India."



Beating Retreat 2024

Vijay Chowk echoed with Indian tunes

The historic Vijay Chowk on Raisina Hill reverberated with Indian tunes at sunset during the 'Beating Retreat' ceremony marking the conclusion of the Republic Day celebrations. The musical bands of the Indian Army, Indian Navy, Indian Air Force, and Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) played 31 mesmerizing and groovy Indian tunes for the audience. On this occasion, the President and Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces Droupadi Murmu, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and Defense Minister Rajnath Singh were present along with the general public.

- The ceremony started with the massed band's 'Shankhnaad' tune. CAPF Band played music of 'Bharat Ke Jawan' and 'Vijay Bharat'.
- 'Tiger Hill' and 'Swadeshi' tunes played by the Indian Air Force band were also included. After this, the Naval Band played many other tunes including 'INS Vikrant', 'Mission Chandrayaan', 'Jai Bharati' and 'Hum Tayyar Hain'.
- The Indian Army Band presented musical performances including 'Faulad Ka Jigar', 'Agniveer', 'Kargil 1999', and 'Taqaat Watan' among others.



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