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- He became the first Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army after independence.
- The Indian Army is celebrating 2023 as 'On the Path of Change' to remain relevant and powerful in sync with the national goals of a developed and AatmaNirbhar Bharat.





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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK...

2024- THE YEAR OF SANKALP SE SIDDHI

Greetings,

Best wishes to all of you for the New Year.

The arrival of the new year 2024 has brought for India a new dawn, which is moving towards Amrit Kaal. This year is also significant because in 2014, the country took a Sankalp as a new government swept to power, and now the dawn of 2024 has become a witness to the Sankalp Se Siddhi. In its true sense, this period has become a powerful decade of determination to achieve the dream of a Viksit Bharat. In this New Year, it is quite appropriate to know how the thinking of holistic, all-embracing, and inclusive development with a long-term vision in this decade has laid the foundation of a Viksit Bharat. Taking advantage of this foundation, India has already forayed into the realm of Aatmanirbharta. India will be praised everywhere with unprecedented successes because Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, and Sabka Prayas have become the biggest mantra of the nation, while 'Sankalp Se Siddhi' has become the most popular slogan.

How the period from 2014-24 to be better called as a decade of Sankalp Se Siddhi has changed the dimensions and paradigm of development and the transformational reforms have written the script of building a new India of 2047. Our cover story of the first issue of the new year is based on such schemes which have become the foundation of Viksit Bharat.

In the personality section, read about Padma Vibhushan recipient Kalyan Singh, who has made an indelible contribution towards social justice and cultural upliftment. The immense public enthusiasm towards the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, which was started with the aim of providing 100 percent benefits to the eligible beneficiaries, and the Prime Minister's direct interaction with the beneficiaries are also part of this issue. The decisions of the Union Cabinet and Prime Minister Modi's article on the verdict of the Supreme Court upholding abrogation of Articles 370 and 35 A are also included in this issue. In addition, the COP-28 summit, Navy Day, an event on Artificial Intelligence, and various programmes related to India Art are the other highlights of the issue.

PS: This year of 2024 is the continuity of the development process which will herald the era of Swarnim Bharat in 2047. Happy New Year once again to all 140 crore countrymen who are witnesses to the India first thought. May new energy be infused into your life with good wishes for the New Year.

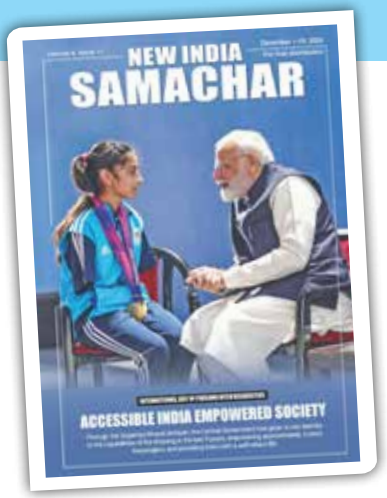
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Verdict: Prime Minister's blog on Article 370

"The Supreme Court has upheld the sovereignty and integrity of India in its judgment on Article 370"



The nation witnessed a new dawn on 5 August 2019. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had brought about a permanent solution to an issue which was pending for six decades to achieve the goal of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat. Today the regions of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh are progressing like other parts of the country. A new era has begun. If the poor and the deprived have got justice then separatism and stone pelting in the valley have become a thing of the past. Building a new Kashmir has begun with a new chapter of peace. Now the Supreme Court has also confirmed the loyalty and intentions of the Central

Government towards the Constitution. In its historic judgment, four years after Article 370 was abrogated, the Supreme Court has made it clear that the objective of the Central Government was constitutional because from the beginning Article 370 was meant to be a temporary provision but politics had made it a permanent. The decision taken by the Parliament of the country under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been constitutionally upheld by the Supreme Court in its judgment of 11 December 2023. In his response to the judgment, Prime Minister Modi said, "Today's judgment of the Supreme Court regarding the abrogation of Article 370 is historic as it constitutionally upholds the decision taken by the Parliament of India on 5 August 2019. This is a resounding declaration of hope, progress and unity for our sisters and brothers in Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh. The Court, with its profound wisdom, has strengthened the very essence of unity that we as Indians believe and cherish above all else. I want to assure the empowered people of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh that our commitment to fulfill your dreams is unwavering. We are also committed to ensuring that the benefits of development reach not only you, but also the most vulnerable and marginalized sections of our society who have suffered because of Article 370." Today's judgment is not only a legal decision but also a ray of hope, a promise of a brighter future and a testament to our collective resolve to build a stronger, more united India."



In the light of this judgment which stresses on the unity of the nation, Prime Minister Modi said through a blog that the Supreme Court has upheld the sovereignty and integrity of the country in its decision. Sharing the blog written by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on narendramodi.in

On 11th December, the Honourable Supreme Court of India delivered a historic judgment on the abrogation of Articles 370 and 35(A). Through its judgment, the Court has upheld the sovereignty and integrity of India, something that is cherished by every Indian. The Supreme Court rightly observed that the decision taken on 5th August 2019 was done with the purpose of enhancing constitutional integration and not disintegration. The Court has also recognised the fact that Article 370 was not permanent in nature.

Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh's breathtaking landscapes, serene valleys, and majestic mountains have captivated the hearts of poets, artists and adventurers for generations. It is a place where the sublime meets the extraordinary, where the Himalayas reach for the sky, and where the pristine waters of its lakes and rivers mirror the heavens. But, for the last seven decades, these places have witnessed the worst form of violence and instability, something which the wonderful people never deserved.

Unfortunately, due to centuries of colonisation, most notably economic and mental subjugation, we became a confused society of sorts. Rather than taking a clear position on very basic things, we allowed duality, leading to confusion. Sadly, Jammu and Kashmir became a big victim of such a mindset. At the time of independence, we had a choice of making a fresh start for national



integration. Instead, we decided to continue with the confused society approach even if it meant ignoring the long-term national interests.

I have had the opportunity of being connected with the Jammu and Kashmir Andolan from a very early part of my life. I belong to an ideological framework where Jammu and Kashmir was not merely a political issue. But, it was about addressing the aspirations of society. Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee held an important portfolio in the Nehru Cabinet and could have remained in government for a long time. Yet, he quit the Cabinet over the Kashmir issue and preferred the tough road ahead, even if it meant paying with his life. His efforts and sacrifice led to crores of Indians becoming emotionally attached with the Kashmir issue. Years later, Atal Ji, at a public meeting in Srinagar gave the powerful message of 'Insaniyat', 'Jamhooriyat' and 'Kashmiriyat', which has also always been a source of great inspiration.

It was always my firm belief that what had happened in Jammu and Kashmir was a great betrayal- to our nation and to the people living there. It was also my strong desire to do whatever I can to remove this blot, this injustice done to the people. I have always wanted to work to alleviate the suffering of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

In very basic words- Articles 370 and 35 (A) were like major obstacles. It seemed like an unbreakable wall and the sufferers were the poor and downtrodden. Articles 370 and 35(A) ensured that the people of Jammu and Kashmir never got



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the rights and development that the rest of their fellow Indians got. Due to these Articles, a distance was created between people belonging to the same nation. Due to this distance, many people from our nation who wanted to work to solve the problems of Jammu and Kashmir were unable to do so even if they clearly felt the pain of the people there.

As a Karyakarta who has seen the issue closely over the last several decades, I had a nuanced understanding of the specifics and the complexities of the issue. Yet, I was crystal clear about one thing- that the people of Jammu and Kashmir want development and they want to contribute to the development of India based on their strengths and skills. They also want a better quality of life of their children, a life free from violence and uncertainty.

Thus, while serving the people of Jammu and Kashmir, we gave primacy to three pillars- understanding of the citizens' concerns, building trust through supportive actions, and prioritising development, development and more development.

In 2014, just after we assumed office, deadly floods struck Jammu and Kashmir, with a lot of damage in the Kashmir valley. In September 2014, I went to Srinagar to assess the situation and also announced Rs. 1000 crore as a special assistance for rehabilitation, signalling our government's commitment to supporting the people during crises. I had the opportunity to meet people from different walks of life and there was one common thread in these interactions- the people not only wanted development but they also wanted freedom from the rampant corruption prevailing for decades. The same year, I decided not to mark Diwali in remembrance of those we lost in Jammu and Kashmir. I also decided to be in Jammu and Kashmir on Diwali day.

In order to further strengthen Jammu and Kashmir's development journey, we decided that our Government ministers would frequently go there and interact with people directly. These frequent visits also played a crucial role in building goodwill in Jammu and Kashmir. From May 2014 to March 2019, over 150 ministerial visits took place. This is a record in itself. The special package of 2015 was a significant step in addressing the developmental needs of Jammu and Kashmir. It contained initiatives for infrastructure development, job creation, tourism promotion and support to the handicraft industry.

We harnessed the power of sports in Jammu and Kashmir, recognising its potential to ignite the dreams of the youth. Through sporting initiatives, we witnessed the transformational impact of athletic pursuits on their aspirations and futures. Sporting venues were upgraded, training programmes were organised and coaches were made available. One of the most unique things was to encourage the setting of local football clubs. The results were outstanding. The name of the talented footballer Afshan Ashiq comes to my mind- in December 2014 she was a part of a stone pelting group in Srinagar but with the right encouragement she turned to football, she was sent for training and excelled in the game. I recall interacting with her in one of the Fit India Dialogues where I said its time to move over 'Bend it like Beckham' because it is now 'Ace it like Afshan.' Other youngsters began to shine in kickboxing, Karate and more.

The Panchayat polls were also a watershed moment in the region's quest for all-round development. Once again, we were faced with a choice of either remaining in power or standing by our principles- the choice was never tough

and we let go of a Government but preferred that that ideals that we stand for, the aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir are given top priority. The success of Panchayat polls indicated the democratic nature of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. My mind went back to an interaction I had with Pradhans from the villages. Among other issues, I made a request to them- that at no point must schools be burnt and that must be ensured. I was delighted to see that this was adhered to. After all, if schools are burnt the biggest sufferers are the small children.

The historical day of 5th August is etched in the hearts and minds of every Indian. Our Parliament passed the historic decision to abrogate Article 370. Since then, much has changed in Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh. The judicial court verdict came in December 2023 but seeing the wave of development across Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh, the people's court have given a resounding thumbs up to the Parliament's decision of abolishing Articles 370 and 35(A) for four years now.



"On the 5th of August 2019, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji took a visionary decision to abrogate Article 370. After abrogation of Article 370 peace and normalcy have returned to J&K. Growth and development have brought new meaning to human life in the valley once torn by violence. Prosperity in the tourism and agriculture sectors has raised the income levels of the residents of both Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh. The Supreme Court's verdict has proved that the decision to abrogate Article 370 was completely constitutional."

-Amit Shah, Union Home and Cooperation Minister

At a political level, the last 4 years have been marked with a renewed faith in grassroots democracy. The women, tribals, SC, ST and marginalised sections of society were not getting their due. At the same time, the aspirations of Ladakh were totally ignored. 5th August 2019 changed all that. All Central laws now apply without fear or favour. Representation has also got more widespread- a three tier Panchayati Raj System is in place, BDC elections have been held, and refugee communities who were all but forgotten have begun to enjoy the fruits of development.

Key Central Government schemes have attained saturation levels, thus covering all sections of society. These include Saubhagya and Ujjwala schemes. Strides have been made in housing, tap water connection and financial inclusion. Healthcare, otherwise a major challenge for the people has witnessed an upgradation of infrastructure. All the villages achieved ODF Plus stats. Government vacancies, which were otherwise a den of corruption and favouritism have been filled in a transparent and process driven manner. Other indicators like IMR have shown betterment. The boost to infrastructure and tourism has been for everyone to see. The credit for this naturally goes to the resilience of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, who have shown time and again that they want only development and are willing to be drivers of this positive change. Earlier, there was a question mark on the status of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh. Now, there are only exclamation marks about record growth, record development, record tourist inflow.

In its verdict on 11th December, the Supreme Court has strengthened the spirit of 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat' - it has reminded us that what defines us is the bonds of unity and a shared commitment to good governance. Today, every child born in Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh is born with a clean canvas, where he or she can paint a future full of vibrant aspirations. Today, the dreams of the people are no longer prisoners of the past but are possibilities of the future. After all, Development, democracy and dignity have replaced disillusionment, disappointment and despondency. ●





Union Cabinet decisions

Surat airport gets international status
Use of jute bags mandatory in packaging

The rapidly progressing city of Surat in Gujarat has demonstrated remarkable economic prowess and industrial development. With a view to accelerate economic growth, attract foreign investment and strengthen diplomatic relations, the Cabinet has approved the proposal to declare Surat Airport as an international airport. After having international status, there will be a rise in passenger traffic and cargo operations which will provide opportunities for regional development. Along with this, the Cabinet has also approved many other important decisions which will give pace to development.

DECISION: The proposal to declare Surat Airport as an international airport was approved.
IMPACT: The decision to declare Surat Airport as an international airport will not only provide an important gateway for international passengers but it will also provide high-level facilities for uninterrupted export-import operations to the rich diamond and textile industries of the state. This will make Surat City Airport a major airport in the international aviation scenario and will also usher in a new era of prosperity in the region.

DECISION: Mandatory packaging norms approved for Jute Year 2023-24 under the Jute Packaging Material Act, 1987
IMPACT: This decision will provide relief to 4 lakh workers employed in jute mills and supporting units. This will boost the livelihood of about 40 lakh farmer families. This will help protect the environment as jute is natural, biodegradable, renewable and re-usable fiber. According to the decision, 100% food grains and 20% sugar will be compulsorily packed in jute bags.

DECISION: Approval of the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the United States of America and India to promote innovation ecosystem through Innovation Handshake.
IMPACT: This MoU will significantly contribute to strengthening commercial opportunities in the high technology sector.

DECISION: Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between India and Italy on cooperation in the field of Industrial Property Rights.
IMPACT: The MoU will encourage the establishment of a mechanism between the participants that will help them develop cooperation activities in the field of industrial property and information technology services related to this field.

DECISION: Approval of the Memorandum of Cooperation signed between India and Saudi Arabia on cooperation in the field of digitalization and electronic manufacturing.
IMPACT: The cooperation activities under this MoU will promote engagement in the field of digitalization and electronic manufacturing which is an integral part of the envisioned objectives of AatmaNirbhar Bharat. ●





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SANKALP SE SIDDHI

An overview of the decade 2014-24 in its entirety gives an insight into a well-thought-out vision which based on the realities of the Indian perspective firstly prepares the conducive environment and then provides security to citizens and ultimately provides them with opportunities to progress...

Let us know about the achievements of this decade in the New Year 2024 and find out how the country has changed the paradigm of development with special attention on how the transformative reforms have written the script for the creation of a new India.

This decade is defined by fast development in every field. This decade is about the resolve to transform India into a developed nation. 2014 to 2024 has become the most powerful decade of public participation in independent India. This decade has become the cornerstone of the great resolve of a developed India, which has embarked on the journey of Amrit Kaal with a well-thought-out goal. By taking nationalism as inspiration, Antyodaya as philosophy and good governance as mantra, for the first time a central government has ensured that development reaches the last mile in a time-bound manner for taking the country to new heights and keeping it on the path of continuous progress.

As the year 2024 begins the country is witnessing a new dawn due to the foundation pillars that have been prepared in the last 10 years. Usually the test of any government is not what it has done, but its delivery to the last mile is important. Government is accountable to people with this thinking it is always ready with its report card. In the context of the year of Amrit Mahotsav, in 2019, Prime Minister Modi had said, "We have shown the courage that interim accounts of our work should be taken from us. In 2022, when it will be 75 years of independence and the dreams for which the great men of the country had fought and sacrificed, then we should fulfill their dreams, we have set 75 such goals. 75 definite steps have been taken." To build a new India the target set by the Central Government to fulfill 75 resolutions on completion of 75 years of independence, is being fully realized. It is serving as the foundation of new India. The present central government is working on making India prosperous, securing the lives of common citizens, increasing public participation and giving importance to democratic values, by making a roadmap for the next 25 years, so that in 2047, when the country celebrates its hundredth anniversary of independence, it will be in such a strong position that it can be counted in the category of developed countries.

The year 2014 was full of hope for a better tomorrow

In his first term, Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave a new thrust to the work culture. Work began on a well-thought-out short-term as well as long-term strategies. The result of this was that in 2019, every single person of the country got involved in achieving the dreams of a better tomorrow i.e. new India. The people of the country expressed confidence in the strong leadership of Prime Minister Modi and development became a guarantee. Now that we are entering 2024 with the grand resolve of a developed India, the central government led by Prime Minister Modi is on the way to complete its second term. During this period India has presented an exemplary example to the world by overcoming all the challenges and obstacles. From earth to space India has made the world take note of its achievements, the message of which is clear that the development journey of new India will not stop but will defeat every challenge and realize the resolve of a developed India with a strong will. While speaking in a recent summit Prime Minister Modi also expressed confidence, "I am a person who lives among the people, I am a political man and a public representative, so I see some message in it. Opinion polls usually come out a few weeks before elections



and tell us what is going to happen. But you have clearly indicated that the people of the country are going to break all the barriers and support us this time." The reason for this confidence is the last decade, because the journey towards a new India in the last decade has laid the foundation for a bright future. A grand, prosperous and developed India will be built on this foundation.

When obstacles started being defeated

From the year 2014 onwards, the Central Government started defeating the challenges with its steadfast resolve. Today, the result is that breaking every obstacle, India has reached the South Pole of the moon, where till date no country in the world has been able to reach. The successful events of G-20 have raised India's stature. Today, overcoming every challenge, India has become the top country in digital transactions. It has joined the top three countries in the world of startups. Also, it is leading the world in mobile manufacturing. Through skill development, it is also preparing a capable workforce for the nation and the world. Just as Mahatma Gandhi picked up a pinch of salt in the Dandi March, the entire country stood up to achieve independence. Similarly, be it the success of Chandrayaan-3 or the organization of G-20, 140 crore countrymen are

The recently launched 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra' is an ambitious programme to educate 100 per cent of the people about the government schemes . The aim of the journey is to reach the last mile and make people aware about the various government schemes from which they can benefit. It plans to cover 2.55 lakh gram panchayats and 3,600 urban local bodies by January 26, 2024, this initiative is, in a way, 'Modi's guarantee' to the poor of this country, our mothers and sisters, farmers and the youth.

How Sankalp Se Siddhi became a mass movement

It is up to the people and leadership of the country to decide whether to change their choices or continue to live with the sadness of the 20th century in the 21st century. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who took charge of the central government in 2014, had given this message, "This new India is moving forward. It has moved forward on the path of duty and in duty lies the essence of all rights, this is the message of Mahatma Gandhiji. Let us move forward on the path of duty shown by Gandhiji and put our every effort together in building a prosperous, capable and determined new India. Only through the collective efforts of all of us will every aspiration and resolution of India be fulfilled." How Sankalp turns into Siddhi depends on one's thinking. Understand the thinking of Prime Minister Modi from the quotes given by him: **My dear countrymen, when in the battle of Kurukshetra, Arjun asked a lot of questions to Shri Krishna in the battlefield, then Krishna had told Arjun, as is the feeling of the mind, so is the result. He had said, whatever a person believes in, he sees the result, in the same direction. For us too, if the faith in our mind is strong and we are determined for a bright India, then we have to move forward with confidence and we have to leave repeated disappointments with which we have grown up; we have to leave despair. I understand that the era of 'chalta hai' is gone, now a voice has been raised which gives importance to 'can change' attitude; If we have this belief within us, then we will also act according to that belief.... When a seeker joins means, capacity and resources, with sacrifice and penance, then automatically a big change comes and the Sankalp gets transformed into Siddhi.**

oozing with confidence. A thought has formed - we can do it, we can move forward in every field. Today's India is full of high spirits. No one would have ever imagined that the Prime Minister himself would talk about cleanliness, toilets and sanitary pads from the ramparts of the Red Fort. But Prime Minister Modi broke social taboos and gave a signal of change in thinking and people's participation made it a mass movement. Khadi got so much promotion as Swadeshi that its sales increased four times in the last 10 years and Khadi has become haute couture.

Jan Dhan Yojana is a great example of how the thinking of policy makers and experts has changed. When the Prime Minister started it in 2014, it was called a waste of resources, if the poor do not have money then what will they keep in their account... such apprehensions were raised. But today the same Jan Dhan accounts have become the pride and self-respect of the poor. Due to the schemes of the Central Government, in just 5 years, 13.5 crore people have come out of the poverty line and entered into a category of new middle class which has new aspirations for development.

Development with positivity became people's thinking

Be it sports, science, politics or Padma award, the common man of the country used to feel that without a high recommendation his chances of being successful were very less. But in the last few years, the common citizen of the country is now feeling empowered in all areas. Earlier, when there were terrorist attacks, the previous governments would have a conciliatory attitude. But now due to the working style of the new India, the country responsible for the terrorist attacks appeals to the world to save itself. India's action has changed the old thinking. Today's India is also offering solutions to the challenges of climate change and is also leading it. The thinking of the society regarding sports players has changed because the infrastructure and schemes from the Central Government have removed the obstacles. Today India is making a medal haul of the century at prestigious sporting events. Not only this, for years the lack of modern infrastructure in India remained a major obstacle in the way of development. But since

> January, I don't consider it an ordinary January 1st. This is an important year for those who were born in the 21st century. For the youth born in the 21st century, this year is a decisive year in their lives. Whenever they turn 18, they are going to be the creator of the destiny of our nation in the 21st century. The destiny of the 21st century will be created by these youth who were born in the 21st century and are now about to turn 18 years old. I heartily welcome all these youth, honour them and offer my respects to them. You have an opportunity to shape the destiny of our country. A proud nation invites you to become a part of its developmental journey.
>
> -Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



2014, India has been witnessing unprecedented infrastructure development through the world's largest infrastructure building drive. India's speed and scale can be gauged from the fact that in the year 2013-14, 12 kilometers of highways were built every day. Now in the year 2022-23, more than 28

kilometers of highways are being built every day. In 2014, there was metro rail connectivity in 5 cities of the country. Now the metro connectivity has reached 22 cities in 2023. There were about 70 operational airports in the country in 2014, this number has reached about 150 in 2023.

There were about 380 medical colleges in the country in 2014, this number has surpassed to more than 700 in 2023. In 2014, only 350 kilometers of optical fiber had reached the Gram Panchayats, by 2023, nearly 6 lakh kilometers of optical fiber have been laid, connecting the gram panchayats. In 2014, only 55 percent of villages were connected through the PM Gram Sadak Yojana. By constructing more than 4 lakh kilometers of roads, this figure has reached 99 percent. By 2014, about 20 thousand kilometers of railway lines were electrified in India. It means in 70 years, electrification was done for 20,000 kilometers of railway lines. Whereas in the last 10 years, about 40 thousand kilometers of railway lines have been electrified. It is a symbol of speed, scale and success of today's India. The approval of more than 4 crore houses under PM Awas Yojana has become a guarantee towards housing for all. According to PM Modi, the approach of focusing on long-pending issues, rather than choosing easy targets, has helped the government in making welfare a reality. The 100% electrification of villages which were earlier doomed to live in darkness is a perfect example of this thinking. Water, an essential need for life, had become a distant dream for millions of families in India. Even after many years of independence, women have to carry water during times of illness and health problems. Whereas, the Prime Minister has always encouraged women to become equal partners in India's development, and his government's Jal-Jeevan Mission is a testament to this.

Today, more than 13.76 crore houses are getting tap water. This means tap water connection has reached 70% of households from just 17% a decade ago. Women had to bear the brunt of the sanitation crisis. Before 2014, sanitation coverage in villages was only 40%, whereas after the launch of 'Swachh Bharat Mission', the country is 100% open defecation free. Additionally, the government's guarantee of smoke-free kitchens is nearing saturation with 10 crore LPG connections sanctioned under the Ujjwala scheme. Today

> **I come from a poor family, lived through poverty, and that's why I know that the government's efforts have broken many barriers. This mindset change has not only occurred within the country but has also been felt externally.**
>
> -Narendra Modi, **Prime Minister**

almost 100% of villages in India have LPG connections, whereas earlier this number was 50-55%. PM Modi's government has been determined to redefine the contours of healthcare ever since it came to power . Today 'Ayushman Bharat PM Jan Arogya Yojana' guarantees free health services up to Rs 5 lakh to more than 55 crore individuals every year. About 28.30 crore Ayushman cards have been issued under this scheme. Additionally, in a bid to reduce out-of-pocket expenditure, Jan Aushadhi Kendras provide affordable but quality medicines at a discount of 50-90%, thereby saving Rs 23,000 crore. Today, child immunization has increased its coverage to almost 100% in 6 States/UTs and 90% in 17 States.

Issues pending for decades, resolved within a decade

India's economy was considered a part of the Fragile Five, today India has become the fifth largest economy in the world. Today, better economic policies have opened new avenues of progress in the country. This has changed the lives of every section of the society. Be it GST, be it the solution to the banking crisis, be it the policies made to come out of the COVID crisis... the country has always undertaken those policies which provide long-term solutions and guarantee long-term benefits to the citizens. The Women's Reservation Bill is an example of similar perceived obstacles. It was assumed that the Women's Reservation Bill could not be passed unanimously. But the new Parliament building of the



country in its very first session passed the Nari Shakti Vandan Act setting tone for women led development. This bill which was pending for three decades became a reality in three days. Issues like Article 370, 35A were always exaggerated and presented as big challenges. Psychological pressure was always created to not interfere with it, but 5 August 2019 became a historic date to overcome this challenge. With the abrogation of Article 370, new avenues of prosperity, peace and development have opened up in the entire region of Jammu-Kashmir-Ladakh.

Even though a decade has passed between 2013 and 2023, there is a huge difference in the changes that have taken place during this period. During earlier times rating agencies used to predict India's GDP to go downwards, but the situation has improved drastically in 2023-24. Earlier banking was in a bad state, today the banking sector is showing profits with great milestones. Earlier, be it defense or any other sector, there used to be news of scams, but today the defense sector is moving towards self-reliance and exports have reached record levels. From having a tainted image for scams to becoming a major exporting country India has come a long way.

If we talk about the middle class, during 2013 the middle class was living in poor economic conditions. But by 2023-24, be it sports or startups, space or technology, the country's middle class seems to be at the forefront of the development journey. In the last 10 years, the middle class has progressed rapidly, its income has increased and its size has increased. In 2013-14, approximately 4 crore people filed income tax returns. This number has doubled in 2023-24 and more than 7.5 crore people have filed income tax returns.

A study related to tax information shows that the mean income which was less than Rs 4.5 lakh in 2014, has increased to Rs 13 lakh in 2023. This means that millions of people in India have moved from the low income group to the high income group. In India, a burgeoning middle class and declining poverty, these two factors are becoming the basis of an unprecedented economic progress. The aspiration and willpower of the poor and middle class people is powering the development of the country today. It is the power of these people that has made India jump from the 10th position to become the 5th largest economy. In the coming time, this willpower is going to place India among the top-3 economies of the world.

Stability and continuous development guaranteed with effective leadership

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is an excellent example of strong and effective leadership in the new India, who can deliver on his promises. Today, PM Modi's guarantee is a symbol of his commitment towards the aspirations of the common people. This shows his determination to serve people even at the last pedestal. People are now witness to new phenomena where promises means guarantee of their effective implementation. India is experiencing that change today. From being an importer of grain in the 1960s, it has grown to become one of the world's largest grain exporters today. In recent years, significant progress has been made in improving access to food and expanding the safety net for the disadvantaged.

In this Amrit Kaal, the country is taking giant strides to become a developed India by 2047. The world has also started recognizing the strength of India and has started saying that this is India's time.

Let us know further how the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has made 2014 to 2024 the decade of development by solving the long-term problems of the country. The mantra of *Sankalp Se Siddhi*, has become the resolution of Viksit Bharat.

PRADHAN MANTRI JAN DHAN YOJANA

August 28, 2014, New Delhi
Launched with 1.5 crore account

VISION

"On this festival of independence, I have come to you to pledge to carry forward a scheme called 'Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana'. With this scheme, we want to connect the poorest of the poor in the country with the facility of a bank account. Today, there are crores of families who have mobile phones but do not have bank accounts. We have to change this situation. The country's economic resources should be useful to the poor; it starts from here. This is what opens the window. Therefore, the account opened under this scheme will be given a debit card. With that debit card, every poor family will be assured an insurance of Rs 1 lakh, so that if any crisis comes in their life, their family members can get an insurance of Rs 1 lakh."

(Prime Minister Narendra Modi, at the time of the launch)

Sankalp Ki Siddhi

51.04 crore
Accounts opened in Jan Dhan Yojana till November 2023.

28.29 crore
accounts were opened for women

34.04 crore
accounts opened in rural and semi-urban areas.

34.63 crore
RuPay Debit Card issued.

In August 2015, there were 17.9 crore Jan Dhan accounts, which increased to about 51 crore by November 2023, i.e., three times.

Scheme started with 1.5 Crore accounts on first day

"Imagine, if crores of poor families did not have Jan Dhan accounts, their houses did not have Ujjwala gas connections, there was no DBT facility, there was no PM Kisan Samman Yojana, then how could more than 30 thousand crore rupees reach directly into the accounts of the beneficiaries in such a short time?

– Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



Contributing to India's transformation

- After 68 years of independence, i.e., till 2014, even 68 percent of the country's population did not get banking facilities.
- The scheme was launched in August 2014 with the aim of connecting every family with a bank.
- Jan Dhan Yojana has become the cornerstone of the people-centric economic initiatives of the Central Government. From March 2014 to March 2020, one out of every two accounts opened was actually a PMJDY account.
- During the COVID period, direct benefits reached people only because of the Jan Dhan account. The commendable contribution of villages in the fight against COVID.
- Within 10 days of the lockdown being imposed, monthly financial assistance of Rs 500 started being sent to the accounts of about 20 crore women through DBT.
- By linking JAM Trinity i.e. Jan Dhan-Aadhaar-Mobile with Jan Dhan Yojana, frauds were stopped and corruption was curbed and the benefit schemes reached the eligible beneficiaries. Due to DBT, the government has saved Rs 2.73 lakh crore.
- Gave economic strength to crores of poor beneficiaries by transferring more than Rs 32 lakh crore to bank accounts through DBT. Due to this, the government has saved Rs 2.73 lakh crore.
- By October 2023, out of 6,01,328 mapped villages in the country, 5,99,791 (99.74%), i.e., almost 100 percent of villages, had been connected to banking facilities.
- The government did not make the balance mandatory in the accounts, but in August 2015, Rs 22,901 crore were deposited in those accounts, while the figure reached above Rs 2.09 lakh crore. Only 8.2% of accounts have zero balance.

START-UP INDIA

Launched on January 16, 2016 from New Delhi

VISION

"Startup India is an initiative, not a scheme, launched with the objective of creating a robust ecosystem for promoting innovation, start-ups, and encouraging investments in the country. The youth of India should become job creators rather than job seekers. If a start-up gives employment to even just five people, it will also be a big service to the nation.

(Prime Minister Narendra Modi, at the time of the launch)

Sankalp Ki Siddhi

1.16 Lakh
startups received recognition till December, 2023.

10 Lakh
jobs directly created after the launch of Startup India.

26.5 Thousand
plus institutions received accreditation in 2022.

23 Lakh
direct and indirect jobs tech startups have created between 2017-2021, the Nasscom study said.

In this decade, the government is making three changes to strengthen innovation, entrepreneurship, and the start-up ecosystem. The first is to free entrepreneurship and innovation from the web of government processes. Second, to create institutional mechanisms to promote innovation. Third, do the handholding of young innovators and young entrepreneurs.

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



Contributing to India's transformation

- With the mantras 'Innovation for India' and 'Innovation from India', India's start-ups are not only leading the world but also becoming the pillars of New India.
- When the current leadership started working in 2014, the word startup was hardly heard in the country. There were less than 500 start-ups. However, in less than a decade, the world of start-ups in India has changed.
- India has become the third-largest ecosystem with 1.16 lakh startups globally.
- Until 2016–17, about one unicorn was added every year in India, which is now adding additional unicorns with a growth of about 66% year-on-year.
- The number of unicorns in the country has reached 115, with a valuation of over $350 billion. One out of every 10 unicorns in the world is being made in India.
- Startups in India today are working with more than 55 different industries.
- Fund of Funds for Startups embodying Startup India Action Plan, Startup India Seed Fund Scheme, and Credit Guarantee Scheme to Support Startups have been implemented.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the celebration of National Startup Day on January 16 to spread the growing strength and work culture of start-ups to every part of the country.
- Start-Up-20, a participatory group in the G-20 chaired by India, was formed for the first time.
- The world is looking at India's start-ups as the future. The successful launch of a private rocket by ISRO for the first time in the country is a testimony to the liberal start-up policy in India.

AYUSHMAN BHARAT MISSION

Launched on September 23, 2018 from Ranchi

VISION

"Sarve bhavantu sukhinah, sarve santu niramayah'. We have to fulfil this age-old resolution of ours in this very century, and a valuable beginning is being made today. The person who stands in the last line of society, the poorest of the poor should get treatment and better health facilities. Today, a very important step to realising this dream is being taken from this land of Birsa Munda."

(Prime Minister Narendra Modi, at the time of the launch)



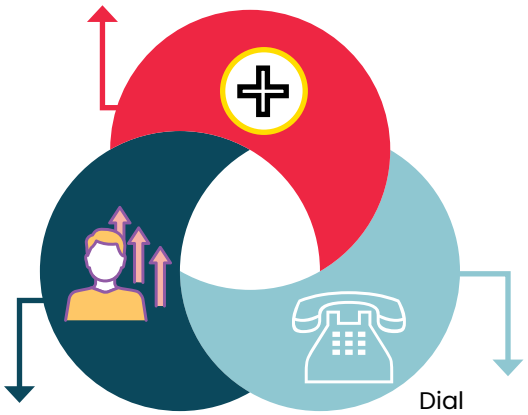
Contributing to India's transformation

Sankalp Ki Siddhi

55 crore
plus people to get free treatment up to Rs 5 lakh.

28.3 crore
Ayushman Cards created under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana.

27,592
hospitals were registered.



6 Crore
people have been treated in hospitals.

Dial
14555
Toll-free number to know your eligibility for the scheme.

- Earlier, 6-7 crore people used to go below the poverty line annually due to the heavy expenditure on treatment. However, the world's largest scheme of its kind, offering free health insurance up to Rs 5 lakh, it has benefitted the people. No country in the world is running such a big scheme with government funding.
- The scheme covers a wide range of diseases, including cancer, heart disease, kidney and liver disease, and diabetes.
- There have been integrated efforts to improve the health infrastructure along with the facility of free treatment.
- More than 1.60 lakh Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres have been built in the villages of the country.
- 10,000 Jan Aushadhi Kendras have been set up, where 90% of affordable medicines are available. More than 3 crore citizens saved by purchasing affordable medicines from AMRIT pharmacies.
- More than 5.65 crore mothers and children have received vaccine protection through Mission Indradhanush. More than 220 million covid vaccine doses have been administered so far.
- 15 new AIIMS and about 300 medical colleges are being added. More than 37 million digital health IDs have been created. With the digitalization of health records from the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission, more than 25 crore Abha, i.e., Ayushman Bharat health accounts, have been added.
- Since 2014, about 70,000 medical seats have been added, more than 1500 PSA plants have been sanctioned by the Central Government, and tele-consultation has crossed the 15 crore mark.
- In about 10 years, MBBS seats in the country have also doubled to more than 1 lakh. Over the years, the PG seats in medicine in the country have also increased by 110 percent.
- More than 150 nursing colleges have also been announced in the 2023 budget.

PRADHAN MANTRI UJJWALA YOJANA

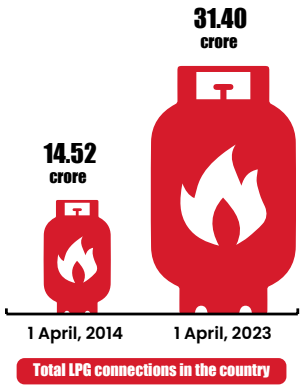
Launch from Ballia on May 1st, 2016

VISION Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in his first speech in the Central Hall of Parliament, made it clear that his government is dedicated to the poor. Whatever this government does, it will be for the good and welfare of the poor. In such a situation, mother, daughter, and daughter-in-law should be free from smoke in the kitchen, their time should be saved, the environment should be protected, and gas connections should reach the last person. With this vision, a country with 25 crore families will be lifted above the poverty line in three years. A scheme was launched to deliver cooking gas to the homes of low-income families.

Sankalp Ki Siddhi

10 crore
families provided cooking gas connections until December 5, 2023.

75 lakh
gas connections approved until 2025–26.



When a poor mother cooks food on a wood stove, scientists say that the smoke of 400 cigarettes enters her body in a day. Children are at home. Hence, they too have to survive in smoke. Even when we eat food, there is smoke. Water comes out of the eyes, and he eats food. I have lived through all these situations in my childhood. I have lived through that pain, and that is why I have to free my poor mother from this painful life. That is why we have undertaken to provide cooking gas to five crore families.

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister,
at the time of launch on May 1, 2016.



Contributing to India's transformation

- From 1955 to 2014, there were 14.52 crore-gas connections in the country. In less than eight years since the inception of the Ujjwala scheme, approximately 10 crore connections have been provided.
- 4.49 crore dummy connections has been eliminated by the year 2022, resulting in a saving of Rs 71,301 crore for the national exchequer.
- The central government's guarantee of smoke-free kitchens is near saturation. Today, almost 100% of villages in India have LPG connections, whereas earlier, this number was around 56%.
- Expenses reduced, women got time to become self-reliant, and families started getting time for education. Health improved. Time was saved due to which women started spending time in other useful work.
- Voluntary forgoing of subsidy was encouraged. On the call of PM Modi, crores of people gave up their subsidies, which became the basis for providing free LPG connections to the poor.
- According to the World Health Organisation, cooking with traditional fuels (wood, coal, etc.) used to cause 5 lakh deaths annually in India. Due to this effort of the Central Government, the cases of respiratory diseases among women have reduced by 20 percent.
- In the year 2018, the World Health Organisation and the International Energy Agency described the Ujjwala scheme as unprecedented. Countries like Ghana and Bangladesh also adopted this great success of India, which became an example for the world.

GST

30 June 2017, New Delhi

VISION "Just as Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel had done a great job of national integration by merging the princely states, today an important job of economic integration is being done through GST. If we calculate 29 states, 7 union territories, 7 central taxes, 8 state taxes, and different taxes on everything, then 500 types of taxes were playing their role somewhere. Today, after getting freedom from all that, now from Ganganagar to Itanagar, from Leh to Lakshadweep, our dream of One Nation, One Tax will come true."

(Prime Minister Narendra Modi, at the time of the launch)

Sankalp Ki Siddhi

1,67,929
lakh crore rupee, GST revenue collection in November 2023, of which CGST Rs 30,420 crore, SGST Rs 38,226 crore, and the remaining amount was collected under other heads.

1.60
lakh crore rupee gross GST collection , the sixth time in the financial year 2023–24.

- Revenue in November 2023 is 15 percent higher than the GST revenue of the same month last year and is the highest for any month on an annual basis during 2023–24 until November 2023, 11.9% higher than the gross GST collection from the previous year.
- In the 52nd GST Council meeting, the Council recommended amendments regarding eligibility and age in the conditions of appointment of the Chairperson and Members of the proposed GST Appellate Tribunals.
- Rs 621.56 crore from lottery distributors between July 2017 and November 2023. (including interest and penalty) recovered or received.

"Even though the law says goods and services tax, in reality, it is a good and simple tax, and it is good because we get freedom from tax after tax. It is simple because there will be only one form in the entire country; there will be only one system, and it will be run by the same system, so we have to take it forward.

– Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



Contributing to India's transformation

- GST promotes cooperative federalism and reduces corruption and tax evasion.
- GST promotes a modern tax administration that is simpler and more transparent and is helping to curb corruption.
- GST is one such system that is helping curb black money and corruption.
- This system is also promoting a culture of honest business and new governance.
- GST is not just 'Ease of Doing Business'; it is also giving a direction to 'Way of Doing Business'. GST is not just a tax reform; it is also an important step in economic reform.
- Beyond economic reforms, GST is a new category of social reform that is leading to a celebration of honesty.
- GST is a catalyst that is removing the imbalance in the country's trade and also giving a boost to export promotion.
- GST is a system in which, for the first time, the people of the centre and the state are working together in a certain direction.
- In the 52nd GST Council meeting, the Council recommended amendments in the appointment conditions of the Chairperson and Members of the proposed GST Appellate Tribunals with respect to eligibility and age.

BETI BACHAO, BETI PADHAO

January 22, 2015, Panipat, Haryana

VISION

"The Prime Minister of the country is begging from you for the lives of the daughters. Consider your daughters the pride of your family and the honour of the nation. You see, we can come out of this imbalance very quickly. Both son and daughter are wings; without them, there is no possibility of achieving the heights of life. If you want to fly high, then your dreams need the wings of both a son and a daughter; only then will your dreams be fulfilled. The entire country will understand this message. Together, we will save the country from future crises."

(Prime Minister Narendra Modi, at the time of the launch)

Sankalp Ki Siddhi

4 crore
plus Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana accounts opened, with around Rs 1.5 lakh crore deposited.

Over **15%** increase in the number of girls aged 10 and older receiving education following the implementation of Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao.

12.28 crore
girls' enrolment in school education in 2021–22 for primary to higher secondary classes.

2.01 crore
Girl students enrolled in higher education according to the All India Survey 2021–22 on higher education conducted for the first time

90 crore
plus public activities organised during National Nutrition Month and Nutrition Fortnight.

69.75 lakh
plus women have been assisted on the previously operated women's helpline since April 2015.



Contributing to India's transformation

- The collective strength of our daughters will take the country to new heights. Today, economic empowerment of daughters is taking place. Keeping this in mind, the Beti Bachao,Beti Padhao scheme was started.
- Women found solutions to overcome the challenges of every step, every decision, and every stage. Right from birth, through nutrition, school, education, employment, entry into the army, service to the nation, entrepreneurship, and security in the family,.
- The result is that according to NFHS-5, institutional delivery was 88.6%. The sex ratio was 918 in 2014-15 which has increased to 934 in 2021-22.
- For the first time since the first national census in 1876, there were more women per 1,000 men. In the National Family Health Survey, there are 1020 women per 1000 men.
- 'Sukunya Samriddhi Yojana' was launched on 22 January 2015 to provide social security.
- Women got freedom from the difficulties of daily life through social security schemes like Ujjwala, Nal Se Jal, the Swachh Bharat Mission, and Saubhagya.
- Women got the right to security due to triple talaq and the abolition of 35A in Jammu and Kashmir.
- Assistance is provided to sportspersons under the 'Sports for Women' component of the Khelo India Scheme and the Target Olympic Podium Scheme. Assistance to 104 female athletes in TOPS.
- A budget of more than Rs 20 lakh crore has been allocated for Saksham Anganwadi and Nutrition 2.0 continuously for the last two years. In this, 2 lakh Anganwadis are being upgraded. More than 10 crore beneficiaries of the nutrition campaign.
- Women power registers their success in space sector, India has 15% women pilots which is the highest in the world. Nari Shakti Vandan Act gave 33% reservation to women in Lok Sabha and Assemblies.
- More than 10 crore women joined self-help groups, there is a resolution to make 2 crore women Lakhpati Didi.+



- Nearly 70 percent of the beneficiaries of PM Awas Gramin are women. Similarly, 81% of the beneficiaries of Stand up India are women. Nearly 55 lakh startups have at least one woman director.

- Under the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana, 68% of loans up to Rs 10 lakh were sanctioned to women-owned and operated enterprises. More than 27 crore women got Mudra loans.
- It is the result of the Central Government's policies on women's empowerment and ease of doing business that the number of women-owned micro, small, and medium enterprises in the country has reached 84.07 lakh.
- The Fund of Funds to promote women-led startups has 10% of the corpus reserved for women-led startups.

- The Central Government has given 33% reservation in direct recruitment to the posts of constable to SI in the police forces of all Union Territories.
- 33 Sainik schools are co-educational. Until July 2023, 1,299 girl students are studying in these schools. There are 303 girl students in the new pattern of Sainik schools.
- The government has also allowed the entry of girls into the National Defence Academy, granting permanent commission to women, including in the role of fighter pilots, to increase women's representation in the armed forces.

- The Vigyan Jyoti Scheme is being implemented for meritorious girl students in 250 districts across the country.
- In India, the registration of girls in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics has reached 43 percent, which is the highest compared to the rich and developed countries of America, the United Kingdom, and Germany.
- Mission Shakti guidelines are effective since April 2022. There are two sub-schemes in this. 'Sabal' is for the safety and protection of women, while 'Samarthya' is aimed at women's empowerment. Sabal includes a one-stop centre, while Samarthya includes Shakti Sadan.
- There are 752 one-stop centres in the country for women affected by violence and crises, and 8.01 lakh women have received assistance.
- The Mahila Samman Savings Certificate Scheme has been started, and the interest rate has been kept at 7.5% per annum.
- Under the Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihood Mission, 9.93 crore women are associated with about 90 lakh women self-help groups.



3.21 crore
Women covered under PM Matru Vandana Yojana, more than Rs 14 thousand crore were given.

- More than 4 crore free antenatal check-ups were conducted under the Pradhan Mantri Matritva Surakshit Abhiyan.
- Sakhi Niwas Yojana, under Mission Shakti, has 495 working women hostels across the country with daycare facilities.
- Paid maternity leave increased from 12 weeks to 26 weeks.
- More than 30 crore sanitary pads were made available at Re 1 each in Jan Aushadhi Kendras.
- The maternal mortality rate has decreased to 97 per lakh in 2018–20.

Before sowing, during sowing, after sowing...

WITH THE FARMER AT EVERY STAGE

Kisan Credit Card, PM Crop Insurance Scheme, PM Kisan Samman Nidhi, PM Maandhan Yojana, Farmer Producer Organisation.

These schemes for farmer welfare have been implemented from 2014 vision

VISION

"Increasing the income of farmers, reducing the cost of farming, and providing modern facilities to the farmers from seed to market are the priorities of our government." To make PM Narendra Modi's vision a reality and improve farmers' conditions, arrangements for farmers at all levels must be strengthened. The Kisan Credit Card, PM Crop Insurance, PM Kisan Samman Nidhi, PM Maandhan Yojana, and the Farmer Producer Organisations and several schemes, including organisations, were launched to double farmers' income.

Sankalp Ki Siddhi

55.49 crore
farmers registered under the PM Crop Insurance Scheme.

1.50 Lakh
Crore rupees payment was made to the farmers on claim.

24 crore
Soil Health Card issued, it was launched in 2014–15 for optimum utilisation of nutrients.

2.81 Lakh
crore rupee has been paid to more than 11.27 crore farmers in 15 installments.

23.38 Lakh
Farmers registered under the PM Maandhan Yojana, will get a pension of Rs 3,000 on completion of 60 years of age, implemented in 2019.

28,648
PACS are functioning as the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samridhi Kendras.



Contributing to India's transformation

- The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has compiled, in the form of a book, the success stories of 75,000 such farmers who have more than doubled their income.
- The priority given to the welfare of farmers and increasing their income can also be gauged from the fact that in 2013–14, when the Ministry of Cooperation, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Department, and Fisheries Department were part of the Farmers Welfare Ministry, the budget was Rs 30,224 crore. Now there is a separation. After this, the budget for 2023–24 has become more than Rs 1.25 lakh crore.
- Record increase of 61% in milk production, milk production worth Rs 8.5 lakh crore, benefit to 8 crore cattle rearing families.
- Loan facility of Rs 9 lakh crore to more than 7.5 crore farmers through Kisan Credit Card at 4% interest rate.
- The Kisan Credit Card protected farmers from moneylenders and intermediaries. Through this, a loan facility is available at a 4% interest rate per year.
- By making farmer crop insurance more effective, farmers were made safe and secure because, in every situation of unseasonal rain, storm, drought, flood, or damage caused by insects, insurance against financial loss started being compensated at a premium of only one and a half to two percent.
- Earlier, the crop insurance scheme was not taken by more than 20% of the farmers because there was no confidence in getting the claim. Conditions to instill confidence in farmers include a cap on premium of 1.5% for the Rabi crop and 2% for the Kharif crop and the removal of the claim payment cap.
- Rainfed area development started as a component of the National Sustainable Agriculture Mission in the years 2014–15. This covers an area of 7.13 lakh hectares.
- Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana is the first comprehensive scheme launched in the year 2014–15 to promote organic farming in the country. 6.53 lakh hectares of land were covered, and more than 16 lakh farmers benefited. A dedicated portal, www.Jaivikkheti.in, was launched to encourage sales of organic products.

- To modernise agriculture and reduce the difficulty of agricultural operations, more than 15.23 lakh machines and equipment were made available to farmers under the Agricultural Mechanisation Sub-Mission from 2014–15 to March 2023. 23,000 custom hiring centres and more than 20,000 farm machinery banks were established to provide equipment on rent.
- NaMo Drone Didi will provide drones to 14,500 women self-help groups selected for the period 2024–25 to 2025–26. There will be a maximum central assistance of 80%; the remaining amount will be taken from cluster-level federation loans. This will h elp in increasing the efficiency of farmers, increasing crop production, and reducing operating costs. Before this, in the current financial year, companies will purchase 500 drone lead fertilisers from their own resources and give them to selected self-help groups.
- To promote drones in agriculture, subsidies on drones and providing drones on rent has been started.
- The Per Drop, More Crop Scheme was launched in 2015-16 to increase water use efficiency at the farm level, benefit farmers through drip, and sprinkler irrigation systems. Small and marginal farmers get 55% assistance in the scheme. Central assistance of about Rs 19, 000 crore, 78.4 lakh hectare area covered, 72.6 lakh farmer beneficiaries.
- In the years 2020–21, NITI Aayog studied the Per Drop More Crop Scheme, which revealed that farmers' income increased from 10% to 69%, water use efficiency improved from 30% to 70%, and it created direct and indirect employment opportunities.
- Since the year 2019–20, 1,259 startups have been helped under the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana.
- Food grain production in the country increased from 265.05 million metric tonnes in 2013–14 to a record 329.69 million metric tonnes in 2022-23 . The productivity was 2028 kg per hectare in 2014–15, which increased to 2448 kg per hectare in 2022–23.
- The Agricultural Infrastructure Fund of Rs 1 lakh crore was launched in 2020 under AtmaNirbhar Bharat. In this, Rs 32 thousand crores were approved for more than 42,000 projects. These projects mobilised Rs 54,487 crore in the agriculture sector.
- A new MSP policy was adopted in 2018 based on the recommendation of the MS Swaminathan Commission. Increased MSP with a 50% return on the all-India average production cost of Kharif, Rabi, and other crops. Paddy MSP which was Rs 1,310 per quintal in 2013-14 became Rs 2,183 in 2023-24 and wheat MSP which was Rs 1,400 became Rs 2,125.
- The Cabinet approved the Prime Minister's Programme for Restoration of Fertility, Awareness Generation, Nutrition, and Improvement of Mother Earth (PM-PRANAM) on June 28, 2023. The plan is for the financial year 2023–24 to 2025–26. 50% of the subsidy saved by reducing the consumption of fertilizers compared to the average of the last three years will be given to that state as a grant.
- Three nano-urea plants were set up in the country with an annual capacity to produce 17 crore bottles of 500 ml. Six more plant fertiliser companies will be set up by 2025. From August 2021 to November 2023, 6.76 crore bottles of Nano Urea have been sold.
- The government is implementing the scheme for the formation and promotion of 10 thousand FPOs. 7,476 FPOs were registered until October 2023.
- The first Kisan Rail was run on August 7, 2020. Until March 2023, 2,364 Kisan Rails were run on 167 routes.
- One thousand mandis and two crore farmers were connected to e-NAM. Record purchase of Rs 2.75 crore on MSP in 2021-22.
- PM Kisan Yojana is one of the largest DBT schemes in the world and is applicable only to land-holding farmers.
- To provide registration facilities to farmers near their homes, more than 4 lakh common service centres have been linked to PM Kisan.
- Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) are being operated as Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samridhi Kendra to ensure easy access to fertilisers, pesticides, and related services for the farmers of the country. Here, under one roof, farmers are helped in providing fertilisers, seeds, agricultural equipment, soil, or seed testing facilities.



MISSION LiFE

Launched on 20 October 2022

VISION "The mantra of Mission Life is 'Lifestyle For Environment'. Along with wishing for the personal efforts of every person living on earth, today I am presenting this vision of Mission LiFE to the world. Mission LiFE connects people's strengths for the protection of this earth and teaches them to use them better. Mission LiFE is, in a way, expanding the fight against climate change into a democratic one in which everyone can contribute according to their ability. Mission LiFE believes that even small efforts can have a big impact. Mission LiFE inspires us that we all can do many things in our everyday lives to protect the environment."

(Prime Minister Narendra Modi, at the time of the launch)

Sankalp Ki Siddhi

1. **In the year 2023, the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change envisaged celebrating World Environment Day 2023 with emphasis on 'Mission LiFE'.**
2. **Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change ramped up activities related to LiFE. It has also spread awareness about efforts undertaken by individuals for sustainable environment.**
3. **Lifestyle for the environment was one of the four important focus areas of the G-20 summit.**
4. **The Ministry has developed two dedicated portals of LiFE to create a streamlined reporting format. With this, the progress in LiFE is being monitored.**
5. **Union Minister Bhupender Yadav launched My life, a mobile application to inspire actions on climate change in the run up to World Environment Day on 5 June 2023.**



Contributing to India's transformation

- Mission Life gave the world a new comprehensive approach to protecting the environment and tackling challenges like climate change.
- The presiding officers of the parliaments of G-20 countries appreciated the Mission LiFE proposed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- Mission LiFE is expanding the fight against climate change in a democratic way in which everyone is contributing according to his ability.
- Mission LiFE is inspiring the belief that even small efforts can have a big impact. Mission LiFE is inspiring us that we all can do many things in our everyday life to protect the environment.
- Mission LiFE is strengthening the concept of P3. P3 means Pro Planet People. It runs on the basic principle of 'Lifestyle of the planet, for the planet and by the planet'

"We have to remember this mantra – Prakriti Rakshati Rakshita. That is, those who protect nature, nature protects them. I am confident that by following this mission LiFE, we will be able to create a better world.

– Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

EK BHARAT, SHRESHTHA BHARAT

31 October 2015

VISION

"After Chanakya, if any great man did any important work to bind India in the thread of unity, then it was Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and because of that, today from Kashmir to Kanyakumari, we remember Bharat Mata with one voice. Sardar Saheb had played a big role in enhancing the beauty of that 'Maa Bharati'. Now it is the responsibility and duty of all of us to make Great India. And therefore, for India to become a great India, collective effort of 1.25 billion countrymen is necessary."

(Prime Minister Narendra Modi, at the time of the launch)



Contributing to India's transformation

- It connects States and UTs with each other through various activities like art, music, dance, food, sports, etc., promoting cultural and linguistic exchanges between them.
- It is becoming a spontaneous venture to connect the unity of the country, to recognise other states of the country, and to know other languages.
- 'Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat 'is proving to be a major initiative of the Government of India in celebrating India's rich cultural diversity, promoting the spirit of national integration, and fostering a sense of mutual understanding and respect.
- Under this programme, interaction and mutual understanding among the people of different states and UTs are being promoted through the concept of state and UT engagement.
- Many cultures, languages, cuisines, and costumes are our strengths. India has moved ahead with co-existence for centuries. Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave the mantra of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat along with several initiatives to strengthen co-existence in a country full of diversity.
- The countrymen, especially the youth, are adopting the concept of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat as a life mantra.

Sankalp Ki Siddhi

1. The Ministry of Education launched the third phase of Yuva Sangam under the Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat initiative.
2. Kashi Tamil Sangamam, Saurashtra Tamil Sangamam were organized.
3. Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat envisages that every state should associate itself with some other state annually.
4. Indian Railways launched the Bharat Gaurav Deluxe AC Tourist Train in Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat.
5. The Ministry of Tourism, in collaboration with various state governments and UTs, organised the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Food Festival in the capital city from August 18 to August 20, 2023.

Raj Bhawans celebrating statehood days of all states

"In the coming days, we are thinking of making a plan to further boost cooperation with states. I have formed a small committee that is preparing its draft and the name of that plan is – Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat. In this scheme, one state of the country will connect to other states of the country on an annual basis and both will promote the rich tradition of each other.

– Narendra Modi,
Prime Minister

THE DIGITAL INDIA PROGRAMME

July 1, 2015, New Delhi

VISION Digital India means opportunity for all, facility for all, participation of all. Digital India means everyone's access to the government system. Digital India means a transparent, non-discriminatory system and an attack on corruption. Digital India means saving time, labor and money. Digital India means fast profit, full profit. Digital India means minimum government, maximum governance. This decade is going to greatly increase India's capabilities in digital technology and India's share in the global digital economy. That's why big experts are seeing this decade as India's Techade.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi

Sankalp Ki Siddhi

1. **Essential government services, social welfare schemes, education, and skill development services are available at more than 5.20 lakh Common Service Centres.**
2. **More than 7.18 crore digital life certificates have been issued in the current financial year until November 2023; one lakh DLCs were issued in the years 2014–15.**
3. **Government e-market place GeM business reached Rs 1 lakh crore in the first 145 days of the current financial year.**
4. **More than 622 crore documents are available in Digi Locker, and there are 18.38 crore users.**
5. **More than 5.48 crore users are registered on the Umang App, and more than 1700 services are available.**



Contributing to India's transformation

- The Digital India programme was launched in 2015 to provide digital services to citizens.
- With the approval of expansion of this program in August, 2023, a provision of Rs 14,903 crore was made for it.
- The Digital India expansion will help re-skill 6.25 lakh IT professionals, provide 540 additional services on the UMANG App, add 9 more supercomputers under the National Supercomputer Mission, and set up three Artificial Intelligence Centres of Excellence.
- Under the Digital India vision, 2.10 lakh Gram Panchayats have been connected to broadband. So far, 2.49 lakh Gram Panchayats have submitted plans for the current year under the e-Panchayat project.
- The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has launched a comprehensive digital platform, Skill India Digital. It is an effort to make it a centralised hub, integrating all the training of the central and state governments.
- A new mode of digital life certificate submission through face authentication technology using mobile phones has been launched. Prior to this, DLCs were being released using Thumb, IRIS technology.
- There is transparency as government make purchases from e-market place GeM. Government expects to save up to Rs 40 thousand crore annually. Business worth more than Rs 2 lakh crore in the year 2022-23.
- Rs 690 crore turnover in the current financial year on GeM. More than 31 lakh products and more than 2.5 lakh services are available here.
- It is the strength of Digital India that, using the trinity of Jan Dhan, Aadhaar, and mobile, the government assistance given directly in the account, i.e., DBT has prevented Rs. 2.73 lakh crore from siphoning to corruption.

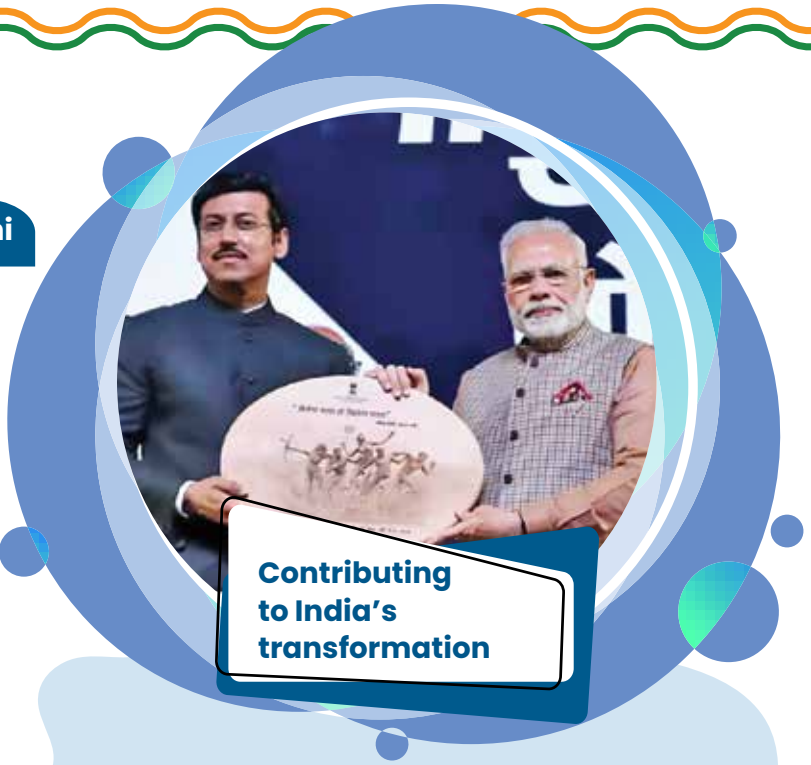
KHELO INDIA

31 January 2018, Launched from New Delhi

VISION

"Khelo India is not a programme, it's a mission. How should sports get priority in the character of common people of India, parents should also realize the importance of sports in the career of their children. In the ecosystem of our schools and in our educational ecosystem -sports is also an important aspect of life development. How to strengthen this feeling, if priority has to be given among five-seven tasks, then sports should also be in the priority list. We will focus on every such aspect, so that sports can be made more popular in the country."

(Prime Minister Narendra Modi, at the time of the launch)



Contributing to India's transformation

Sankalp Ki Siddhi

1,000 Crore is the budget for Khelo India this year, doubled in 5 years.

307 sports infrastructure project has been approved till November 2023.

28,819

female athletes participated in various sports competitions organized

1000

Khelo India centers have been notified across the country.

104

Female athletes are part of the Tops scheme.

India's recent performance in sports

Sports	Medal	Rank
Asian Games 2022	107	4
Asian para games 2022	111	5
Commonwealth Games 2022	61	4
Olympics 2020	07	48
Paralympic games, 2020	19	21
Special Olympics World Games 2023	202	-
World University games 2023	26	7

- Khelo India is promoting widespread public participation and excellence in sports through the National Sports Development Programme. The components include creation and upgradation of sports infrastructure, sports competitions and talent development, Khelo India Games and Sports Academies, Fit India Movement and promoting inclusivity through sports.
- Under Khelo India, 2752 athletes are being given a monthly scholarship of Rs 10,000 to promote rural and indigenous sports. Assistance is being provided to Silambam, Kalaripayattu, Mallakhamb, Khomlainai, Gatka, Mukna, Thang-Ta athletes.
- Under the Target Olympic Podium Scheme i.e. TOPS, a monthly scholarship of Rs 50 thousand is being given to the core group athletes and Rs 25 thousand to the development group athletes. It includes 287 players.
- After 40 years, India hosted the International Olympic Committee meeting, where PM Modi formally announced India's interest in hosting the 2036 Olympics.
- In 2016, PM Modi set the target of placing India in the list of top 10 countries in the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics, and started the work by constituting a task force of domestic and foreign experts for three Olympic sports.
- Talent identified in Khelo India will get a scholarship of Rs 6.28 lakh annually to join the accredited Khelo India Academies.
- 11 Khelo India Games organized since the year 2018. Khelo India Para Games, the first sports event of its kind in the country, took place in December 2023.
- The three-fold increase in the sports budget in the country compared to 2014 has also given athletes the ability to perform better.
- India has shown the potential to organize global sports tournaments- Chess Olympiad Tournament, Football Under-17 Women's World Cup, Hockey World Cup, Women's World Boxing Championship, Shooting World Cup.

PRIME MINISTER JEEVAN JYOTI BIMA YOJANA

May 9, 2015, Kolkata

VISION Recalling the poems of Rabindranath Tagore, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the poor do not need support but strength. This is the power of Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana and Atal Pension Yojana. There are 80 to 90 percent people of this country who neither had any insurance nor the possibility of pension. This scheme, which was started on a trial basis on May 1, included 5.05 crore people in just 7 days.



Contributing to India's transformation

- The Government of India launched three social security schemes simultaneously in 2015. These include the Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), the Atal Pension Yojana (APY), and the National Health Protection Scheme (NHDP).
- At the time of the launch of the scheme, 80–90 percent of people in the country were out of the reach of insurance and pension, but today more than 56 crore people have joined these three schemes of social security.
- PMJJBY is a life insurance scheme that covers death due to any cause. The premium is Rs 436 per annum. Life cover of Rs 2 lakh in case of death due to any cause.
- PMSBY is an accident insurance scheme that provides coverage for death or disability due to an accident. For death or disability due to accident, a premium of Rs. 20 per annum covers Rs. 2 lakh; for partial disability, Rs. 1 lakh.
- The Atal Pension Yojana was launched to create a universal social security system for all Indians, including poor, deprived, and unorganised workers. Be 18–40 years of age, not an income tax payer.
- Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana aims to provide assisted living devices to senior citizens suffering from any age-related disability. In this, about 3 lakh senior citizens were given assistive devices from the beginning until 2023.
- A Senior Citizens Welfare Fund was created under the Finance Act, 2015, to which Rs 400 crore was transferred.
- The PM Vaya Vandana Yojana was launched on July 21, 2017, and provides for quarterly, half-yearly, and annual pensions on a lump-sum investment. More than 6 lakh senior citizens are covered under the scheme.

Sankalp Ki Siddhi

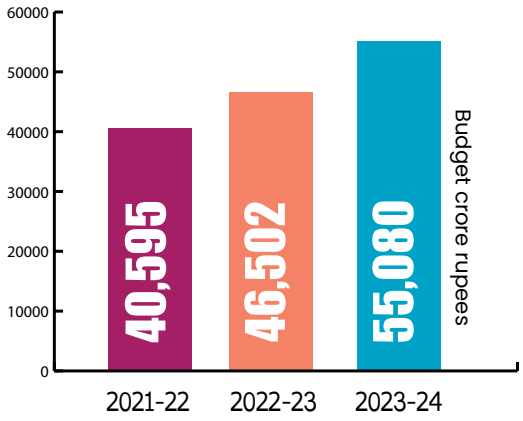
16.2 crore
plus enrollments in PMJJBY.

34.2 crore
plus enrollments in PMSBY.

6 crore
Plus, nominations took place in the Atal Pension Yojana.

13.29 crore
Assistance given to 6.64 lakh families as insurance claims in PMJJBY.

This is how the budget on social welfare increased



THE NEW NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY 2020

Approved by the Union Cabinet on July 29, 2020

VISION

"Guruvar Rabindranath Tagore used to say – "The highest education is that which not only gives us information but also brings our life in harmony with all existence." Certainly the larger goal of the National Education Policy is related to this. For this, instead of thinking in pieces, a holistic approach was needed, which the National Education Policy has been successful in putting forward. The National Education Policy is going to lay the foundation of the new India of the 21st century. The National Education Policy focuses on the kind of education and skills that 21st century India needs and the skills our youth need."

(Prime Minister Narendra Modi, at the time of the launch)

Sankalp Ki Siddhi

14,500 PM SHRI schools are being developed in accordance with the new National Education Policy.

1,655 Universities have so far joined the Academic Bank of Credit portal, registering 2.62 crore students.

1,12,899 Crore rupees budget of the Education Ministry for the current fiscal year.

- The National Education Policy 2020 lays emphasis on multi-lingual and multi-cultural education.
- The Samagra Shiksha Yojana 2.0 has been redesigned in line with the National Education Policy 2020 and will be operational until 2025–26.
- Under the New Education Policy, more than 90 universities in the country have started NCC as an elective subject.
- "Jadui Pitara," a play-based learning content designed for children aged 3–8 years, based on the National Curriculum Framework for Foundation Stage, was launched in February 2023."
- Launch of the National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy (NIPUN) Bharat Mission to strengthen foundational literacy and numeracy, including behavioural thinking, problem solving, and decision-making skills.



Contributing to India's transformation

- Class I and II mathematics books have been translated into 22 languages.
- The National Initiative for School Heads and Teachers' Holistic Advancement -NISHTHA- launched.It consists of 12 training modules.
- Vidya Pravesh School Preparation Module, e-Vidya for digital online education, launch of 'DIKSHA "as one nation-one digital platform.
- The provision of 'Navbharat Sakshar Karyakram-Ullas' targeting all non-literates aged 15 years and above is included in the New Education Policy.
- Courses are offered in Indian languages. Entrance exams like JEE, NEET, and CUET are now being conducted in 13 Indian languages.
- 100 books in 12 Indian languages on various subjects for UG students were launched. In the first year, 20 technical books were translated into Indian languages.
- To promote digital learning by leveraging technology, 161 higher educational institutions are providing 1149 ODL (Open and Distance Learning) and 371 online programmes. More than 19 lakh students are taking advantage of this facility.
- Regulations were issued for setting up campuses of foreign higher educational institutions in India to promote internationalization. MoU for the establishment of the IIT Madras campus in Zanzibar, Tanzania, and the IIT Delhi campus in Abu Dhabi.

PM MUDRA YOJANA

8 April 2015, Nationwide roll out

VISION

"There is a perception that large industries provide more jobs, but when we look closely, they only provide 1.25 crore jobs." So much money has been spent—so many frills. However, in this country, 5.70 crore people doing small jobs provide employment to 12 crore people. Many systems are active to provide employment to 1.25 crore people, but we can imagine how much difference it can make if a little help is provided to those who provide employment to 12 crore people. The goal of Mudra Yojana is to 'provide money to those who do not have money'. Small entrepreneurs have so far been exploited by moneylenders, but MUDRA will instill in them the confidence that they are contributing to nation-building and the country will support them in their endeavours."

(Prime Minister Narendra Modi, at the time of the launch)

Sankalp Ki Siddhi

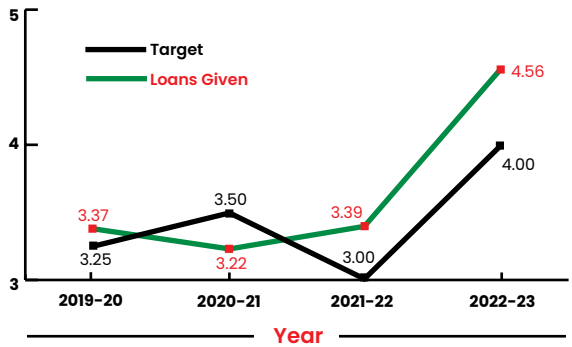
26.12 Lakh
crore rupee loan to over 46.20 crore people, approved till November 2023.

6.23 Crore
loans worth Rs. 4.56 lakh crore in PM Mudra Loan in the years 2022–23 alone.

69%
Loans were given to women entrepreneurs.

11.93 Crore
plus loans were given to OBCs.

Loans given more than target, Figures in Rs lakhs crores





Contributing to India's transformation

- The Mudra Yojana, with a budget of more than 20 lakh crore rupees, has provided opportunities for self-employment, business, and enterprise for the youth of the country.
- About eight crore people have started new businesses, and every entrepreneur has provided employment to one or two people.
- With the benefit of Mudra Yojana reaching eight crore citizens, the potential of providing employment to 8–10 crore new people has been achieved.
- According to a large sample survey conducted at the national level, PMMY helped create 1.2 crore jobs from 2015 to 2018.
- With the government policy of promoting PM Mudra, lakhs of MSMEs have now become part of the formal economy. This has helped them come out of the clutches of moneylenders who give loans at exorbitant interest rates.
- Among the establishments owned by MUDRA beneficiaries, 66% are in the Shishu category, 19% are in the Kishor category, and 15% are in the Tarun category.
- In the category of Shishu up to 50,000 rupees, in the category of Kishore from 50,000 to 5 lakh rupees, and in the category of Tarun from 5 lakh to 10 lakh rupees.
- Agriculture and allied activities promoting livelihood and income generation were brought under the ambit of PMMY for the financial year 2016–17.
- From 2017–18, sanctioned loans up to Rs. 10 lakh for the purchase of tractors and power tillers were included in PMMY.
- Two-wheeler loans for commercial purposes were also included in the PMMY in 2018–19.

SVAMITVA SCHEME

Launched on April 24, 2020

VISION

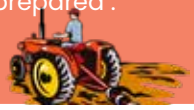
"You all know very well the situation regarding property in villages. The SVAMITVA scheme is an attempt to correct this. Under this scheme, the mapping of houses in all the villages of the country will be done with drones. After this, the people of the village will be given an ownership certificate for the property, i.e., a title deed. The ownership scheme will bring not just one but many benefits to the village people. Firstly, the confusion that exists regarding property will be removed. Secondly, this will help more in the better planning of development schemes in the village. Another big benefit of this will be that it will make it easier to get loans from banks in villages as well as in cities."

(Prime Minister Narendra Modi, at the time of the launch)

Sankalp Ki Siddhi

2,76,890
Villages drone mapped under the SWAMITVA scheme.

94,063
Villages Property cards have been prepared .



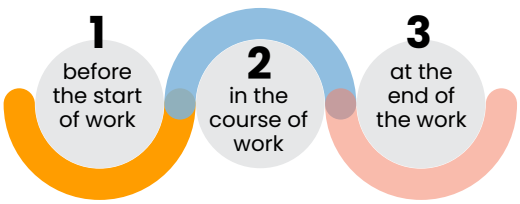
2,35,569
maps handed over to the villages.

1.25 Crore
Property Cards distributed

* Data as of 10 December 2023

- The SVAMITVA Scheme of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj won the National Award for e-Governance 2023.
- The SVAMITVA scheme is being implemented in collaboration with the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, State Revenue Department, State Panchayati Raj Department and Survey of India (SoI).
- So far, 31 States / UTs have signed MoUs with SOI.

Geo-tagging of assets is done in 3 stages





Contributing to India's transformation

- There has been a lot of confusion regarding the property papers for the houses in our village. This often leads to various controversies. Illegal encroachments are feared. All these conditions are now changing with the PM SVAMITVA Yojana.
- The SVAMITVA scheme, which gives legal documentation of the house to the village and the poor and enables them to progress economically, has now been implemented across the country.
- The SVAMITVA scheme is going to give new impetus to the self-confidence, mutual trust, and development of the village and the poor.
- In the six states where the SVAMITVA scheme was launched in 2020, its impact has also been visible within a year.
- Under the SVAMITVA scheme, a survey of the entire village's properties is done with drones. For those who have land, their property card ('Sampatti Patra') is also given to them.
- In this scheme, after the drone survey, a complete map of every village and a complete account of the land are also made.
- Launched on a pilot basis in six states, the SVAMITVA scheme helps in the mapping of inhabited land or habitations in villages using drones and the latest survey methods.

"Our villages have always led the progress and culture of our country. That is why today the country is moving forward by keeping villages at the centre of every policy and every effort. Our effort is that the villages of modern India should be capable and self-reliant.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

PM SVANIDHI SCHEME

1 June 2020

VISION

In view of the economic challenges arising out of the Covid pandemic, the government launched the Pradhan Mantri SVANidhi Yojana for street vendors. The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs launched the Prime Minister Street Vendors Self-Reliant Fund (PM SVANidhi) Scheme on June 01, 2020. The objective of the scheme is to provide working capital loans without any guarantee to street vendors to restart their businesses which have been badly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. It aims to provide working capital loan facility without any guarantee up to Rs 50,000. For the first time, street vendors were linked to banking through PM SVANidhi Yojana.

Sankalp Ki Siddhi



More than
75 Lakh
street vendors were
given business loans.

- PM SVANidhi Yojana has successfully achieved important milestones in three years. The scheme provides working capital loan facility to street vendors in three installments.
- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs launched the PM SVANidhi mobile app for street vendors on June 1, 2023.
- With the help of mobile app, street vendors can apply for loan and letter of recommendation (LOR) under PM SVANidhi Yojana. Street vendors can also check their loan application status and cashback details.
- Through SVANidhi Se Samriddhi Yojana, PM SVANidhi beneficiaries and their family members are provided single window access to 8 welfare schemes of the Central Government.



Contributing to India's transformation

- Regular repayments under this scheme are incentivized with 7 per cent interest subsidy and digital transactions are rewarded with cashback of up to Rs 1,200 per year.
- The Central Government is striving to train all PM SVANidhi beneficiaries in digital transactions and provide them social acceptance and dignity.
- PM SVANidhi Yojana has been made available to all street vendors vending in urban areas.
- Additionally, the period of lending under the scheme has been extended from March 2022 to December 2024. This will help in bringing more and more street vendors under the ambit of the scheme.
- PM SVANidhi Yojana is becoming a medium of change on the ground by providing economic strength to the lives of street vendors.

"The common man of the country has proved that he can also reverse any adversity. PM SVANidhi Yojana has supported the efforts of the poor. And today, our street vendor colleagues are able to restart their work and move ahead with self-reliance. PM SVANidhi Yojana was launched in the country on June 1 and from July 2 i.e. within a month, the online portal started getting applications.

– Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

JAL JEEVAN MISSION

15 August 2019, New Delhi

VISION

"It has been 75 years of independence. However, it is also true that today almost half of the houses in India are such houses in which drinking water is not available. They have to struggle for drinking water. Mothers and sisters have to walk two or five kilometres carrying pots and heavy loads on their heads. Therefore, the government has decided to move forward with the Jal Jeevan Mission as a special task. The central and state governments will work together. It has been resolved to spend an amount of more than three and a half lakh crore rupees in the coming years."

(Prime Minister Narendra Modi, at the time of the launch)

Sankalp Ki Siddhi

19.24 crores rural families in the country.

3.23 Crores only had tap connections until August 15, 2019.

13.76 Crore rural families have now started getting tap water in their homes.

10.53 crore plus families given new connections in less than four and a half years.

1,99,150 villages and every household there now has 'Nal se Jal'

2,111 testing laboratories for drinking water, of which 1324 are NABL accredited.

- In line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision to make the lives of the people of the country easier, the Jal Jeevan Mission is benefiting the people in many ways. Rural India is changing the way of life with the availability of tap water at home.
- Except for 1,245 villages with 1.35 lakh families in the country, the rest have been connected to a piped water supply.



Contributing to India's transformation

- WHO estimates that achieving complete tap water coverage in rural households in India would save more than 55 million hours per day of time that women currently spend on household needs or primarily on providing water. .
- According to the WHO report, safely managed drinking water will prevent 4 lakh deaths due to diarrheal disease across the country.
- UN Sustainable Development Goal 6.1 aims to achieve public and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water for all by 2030. The Government of India is moving towards providing tap water to every family in the country by 2024.
- IIM Bengaluru's employment potential assessment from JJM found that it has the potential to generate employment of 2.82 crore per year.
- 23.36 lakh women were trained to test water samples through field test kits. More than 82 lakh tests this year.
- Nobel laureate Professor Michael Kemmer has recently written in the conclusion of his research paper that the availability of safe drinking water has the potential to prevent the death of 1.36 lakh children (under 5 years) in the country annually, thereby reducing the child mortality rate by 30%.

PM MATSYA SAMPADA YOJANA

10 September 2020, Bihar

VISION "The idea behind the scheme is that our villages should become the strength and energy of 21st century India, AatmaNirbhar Bharat. The effort is that now in this century, Blue Revolution i.e. work related to fish farming, White Revolution i.e. work related to dairy, Sweet Revolution i.e. work related to honey production, will further enrich and empower our villages. Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana has been launched keeping this goal in mind. More than Rs 20 thousand crore will be spent on this in the next 4-5 years, with the aim of doubling fish exports."

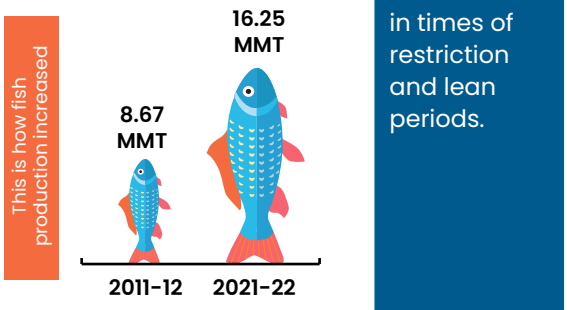
(Prime Minister Narendra Modi, at the time of the launch)

Sankalp Ki Siddhi

45.59 Lakh
Direct and indirect employment created so far.

33.20 Lakh
Fishermen got insurance coverage under PMMSY.

6 Lakh
Traditional and socio economically weaker fishermen are given financial assistance in times of restriction and lean periods.



- Improving the life of every family living on the sea shore is the priority of the Central Government today. For the first time in 2019, a separate ministry was created for the fisheries sector.
- Since independence till 2014, only Rs 3682 crore has been invested in the fisheries sector whereas from 2014 to 2024-2025, the target is to invest about Rs 40 thousand crore in the fisheries sector including PMMSY, Blue Revolution Scheme and Fisheries Infrastructural Development Fund.



Contributing to India's transformation

- Due to huge investment, India will become the third largest country in the world with fish production of 175 lakh tonnes in 2022-23, export of fish has also increased by more than 110 percent.
- The present government has increased the insurance cover for fishermen from Rs 2 lakh to Rs 5 lakh. For the first time, the Kisan Credit Card facility was provided to fishermen and fish farmers. So far 1.71 lakh Kisan Credit Cards have been issued.
- Sagarmala scheme is laying emphasis on modern connectivity throughout the sea coast. Lakhs of crores of rupees are being spent on this, so that new industries and new businesses come up on the sea shores.
- Be it fish or other sea-food, it is in high demand all over the world. Therefore, the government is emphasizing on the industry related to seafood processing, so that the income of fishermen can be increased. Fishermen are also being provided assistance to modernize their boats so that they can catch fish in the deep sea.
- Aquaculture systems, mariculture and post-harvest management activities are encouraged under PMMSY having economic interest of 2.5 crore fishermen and fish farmers.
- In the last three years alone, projects in the fisheries and aquaculture sector worth Rs 17,527 crore have been approved under PMMSY, with more than 16 lakh beneficiaries.
- Approximately 45.59 lakh employment opportunities including 11.46 lakh direct, 34.13 lakh indirect generated from PMMSY.
- 20823.40 hectare pond area, 3942 biofloc units, 44,408 reservoir cages, 562 cold storage, 6542 fish storage units have been approved for inland aquaculture.
- National Roll Out has been approved for installation of Vessel Communication and Support System on 1 lakh marine fishing vessels for nine coastal States and 4 Union Territories.

BHIM APP AND DIGITAL PAYMENT SOLUTION

BHIM App: 30 December 2016

VISION "The power of BHIM will be such that you will neither need a mobile phone, nor a smart phone, nor a feature phone, nor the internet. Only your thumb is enough. There was a time when an illiterate person was called a (angootha chaap) thumb impression. The times have changed. Your thumb is your bank. Your thumb is your identity. Your thumb and your business."

- Under this initiative, on August 2, 2021, PM Modi launched 'e-Rupee', which is truly a person-specific and purpose-specific digital payment solution.

Sankalp Ki Siddhi

3,86,28,318 | **crores rupees worth UPI transactions took place till September 2023.**

- India is number one in real-time digital transactions.
- India accounts for 46% of global real-time transactions.
- More than one crore transactions per hour.
- More than 3,500 transactions per second.
- The global UPI is now available in the UAE, Singapore, Bhutan, and Nepal.
- By 2026, the digital economy is projected to account for one-fifth, or 20 percent, of GDP, reflecting a significant increase from 2014 figures. At 11 percent, we are currently at a significant jump from 4 percent in 2014.
- Promote Ease of Doing Business by eliminating 41 thousand legal compliances.
- India jumped from being 10th largest economy to 5th , now efforts are being made to join the three big economies.
- AI is a dynamic enabler for the $1 trillion digital economy goal that we have set for ourselves as a nation.
- Our Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is now the fastest-growing in the world. This reflects a growing digital economy that is growing at two and a half times GDP. This makes us the fastest-growing digital economy globally.
- Samarth Abhiyan was launched to promote digital transactions at Gram Panchayat level.



Contributing to India's transformation

- Sundar Pichai, CEO of Google and Alphabet, briefed Prime Minister Modi in October 2023 about Google's plans to improve financial inclusion in India by leveraging the potential and reach of Google Pay and UPI.
- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Bhutanese Finance Minister Linpo Namgay Tshering jointly launched BHIM-UPI in Bhutan.
- BHIM-UPI is one of the brightest spots in India's progress and a landmark achievement in the field of digital transactions during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Union Cabinet on June 11, 2023, approved an incentive scheme to promote RuPay debit cards and low-cost BHIM-UPI transactions (P2M).
- Every month, new records of UPI transactions are being created. Today, tea, juice, fruit, and vegetable vendors are also using it. India's RuPay card has also been launched in Singapore.
- Technology like UPI has transformed the entire payment system and recorded the highest real-time digital payment transactions in the world.
- India successfully hosted the first meeting of the G20 Digital Economy Working Group in Lucknow from February 13 to 15, 2023.
- Income tax free up to Rs 7 lakh, Middle class saving increases. At the same time, 13.5 crore people have come out of the poverty line and became the middle class.

PRADHAN MANTRI GATISHAKTI YOJANA

13 October 2021, New Delhi

VISION "PM GatiShakti National Master Plan is going to take this self-confidence of India to the resolve of self-reliance. This national master plan will give impetus to the India of the 21st century. Next-generation infrastructure and multimodal connectivity will get momentum from this national plan. This national plan will give impetus to government policies related to infrastructure, from planning to execution. This Gati Shakti National Plan will provide accurate information and guidance so that the government's projects are completed within the stipulated time frame."

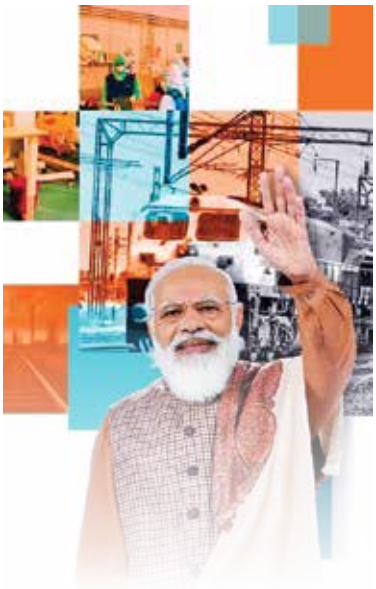
(Prime Minister Narendra Modi, at the time of the launch)

Sankalp Ki Siddhi

There was a time when you could see it written everywhere - Work in Progress. Whether that work will ever be completed or not, whether it will be completed on time or not, there was no confidence in the minds of the people. The board of Work in Progress, in a way, had become a symbol of distrust. The solution to all these problems is coming out of the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan

- In 2014, only 248 km of metro rail were operational in India. In about 10 years now, nearly 900 km of metro lines have been operational in 22 different cities.
- Currently, India's metro network is the third-largest in the world. In the next 2 to 3 years, our metro network will surpass the operational length of the USA metro network and become the second largest metro network in the world.
- It is planned to deploy 10,000 e-buses on the PPP model in 169 cities.
- The NH network in the country has increased from about 91,287 km in March 2014 to about 1,46,145 km at present.
- The length of the 4-lane NH network, including high-speed corridors, has increased from about 18,371 km in March 2014 to about 46,179 km at present.

7 engines of PM GatiShakti





Road

Airport

Public transport

Logistics infrastructure

Railway

Port

Waterways

PM Gatishakti Master Plan of Rs 100 lakh crore for the infrastructure development of the new India, 24 ministries included in it.

- Project implementation on 21 Green Field Access-Controlled Corridors, including expressways, has already been initiated, with work completed in about 3,336 km of length.
- Indian Railways is making rapid strides to achieve 'Mission 100% Electrification "and thereby become the largest green railway network in the world.
- Indian Railways has carried 1512 MT of freight traffic during FY 2022–23 as compared to 1418 MT in FY 2021–22, thereby registering a significant growth of 6.63%.
- The Network Planning Group, formed under the institutional framework of the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan, examined and recommended three important railway projects on August 3, 2022.
- The world's longest river cruise, 'Ganga Vilas', is promoting river cruise tourism in India.
- The number reached 227 calls and 4.72 lakh passengers during 2022–23, as compared to 102 cruise ship calls and 84,000 passengers in 2013–14, showing an increase of 223 percent in cruise calls and 461 percent in passenger cruises in the last about 10 years.
- There has been an 18-fold increase in waterway traffic. River cruise tourism operations have also seen an increase of 180 percent during the last 10 years.

Six Pillars of PM GatiShakti

1. **Extent:** It contains details of all existing and planned initiatives of various ministries and departments in one centralised portal.
2. **Priority:** Through this, various departments are able to prioritise their projects through mutual interaction related to various sectors.
3. **The maximum use:** This National Master Plan is assisting various Ministries in planning various projects after identifying critical gaps.
4. **Co-ordination:** PM GatiShakti helps in overall synergy between the activities of each department as well as different organizations of the governance system by ensuring coordination of work among them.
5. **Analytical:**This master plan will provide complete data in one place through GIS-based spatial planning and analytical tools with more than 1400 layers.
6. **Mobility:** All Ministries and Departments are now able to visualise, review, and monitor the progress of projects related to diverse sectors through the GIS platform.

- In a period of about 10 years, the Sagarmala Programme has completed 11 projects worth Rs. 267 crore to promote coastal and cruise tourism and island development.
- Under the Maritime India Vision 2030, the government envisages establishing India as the premier cruise hub in the Asia-Pacific region. It aims to increase the annual number of cruise passengers in India from 4.72 lakh to 18 lakh by 2030.
- So far, more than 130 lakh people have benefited from the UDAN scheme.
- 517 regional connectivity routes have been operationalized so far, connecting 76 airports, including 9 heliports and 2 water aerodromes.
- Under the UDAN scheme, the government aims to operationalize 1000 UDAN routes and develop 100 unserved and underserved airports, heliports, and water aerodromes by 2024 for UDAN operations.
- Out of Rs 4500 crore allocated for the development of airports, Rs 3751 crore has been utilised till November 2023.
- In the 100 cities selected for making Smart Cities through 7959 projects worth Rs 1.71 Lakh crore, projects worth Rs 1.16 Lakh crore have been completed.



Contributing to India's transformation

- PM GatiShakti now ensures that 21st-century India does not lose money or time due to a lack of coordination in infrastructure projects.
- Under the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan, from roads to railways, from aviation to agriculture, various ministries and departments are linked to it.
- The technology platform has also been prepared so that for every big project, every department gets the right, accurate information on time.
- There is a study showing that logistics costs in India are about 13% of GDP. This is not the case in most countries around the world.
- PM GatiShakti's National Master Plan is also providing an analytical and decision-making tool to all the stakeholders associated with the policymaking of the country, including investors.
- This is helping governments with effective planning and policymaking. Unnecessary expenditures by the government are being saved, and entrepreneurs get information related to any project.

"With the resolve of a self-reliant India, we are laying the foundation for the next 25 years of India. PM GatiShakti National Master Plan is going to take this self-confidence of India to the resolve of self-reliance. This national master plan will give momentum to the India of the 21st century.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

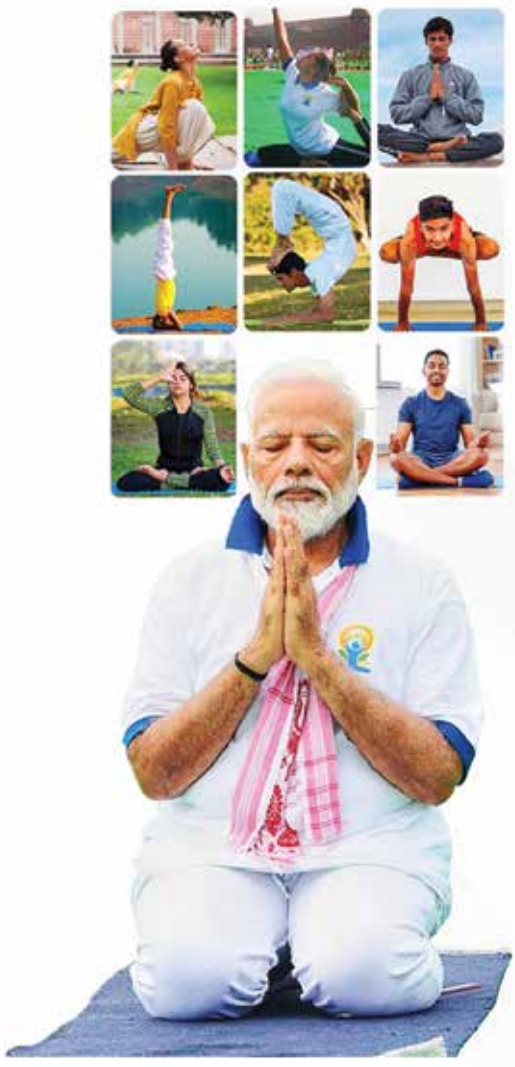
INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY

June 21, 2014, United Nations General Assembly

VISION

"Yoga is an invaluable gift of our ancient tradition. Yoga symbolizes the unity of mind and body, thought and action...a holistic approach that is valuable to our health and our well-being. Yoga is not just about exercise; It is a way of discovering a sense of unity with oneself, the world and nature. It is important for individuals and populations to make healthy choices and follow lifestyle patterns that promote good health."

PM Modi's address at the 69th session of the United Nations General Assembly





Contributing to India's transformation

- The proposal to celebrate International Yoga Day was put forward by India in the United Nations General Assembly which was supported by a record 175 members. In the year 2015 itself, the first International Yoga Day was organized on 21st June in which two world records were made.
- Ministry of AYUSH and World Health Organization jointly launched M-Yoga project in the year 2019. It envisioned the concept of 'Be-Healthy, Be-Mobile' under the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals to achieve universal health coverage by 2030. Under this, on the occasion of International Yoga Day on 21 June 2021, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the M-Yoga mobile app.
- Keeping in mind the need of yoga enthusiasts across the world, Government of India developed Yoga Break (Y Break) mobile application.
- The entire world has recognized the power of AYUSH and Yoga. The Global Center on Traditional Medicines, established in Jamnagar, Gujarat, is the first such center in a developing country.
- Out of the 157 WHO member states, 97 possess National Policies pertaining to Traditional Medicine. India's influence and reach in this has increased.
- The World Health Organization has signed a project collaboration agreement with the Ministry of AYUSH on 17 November 2023. Its objective is to promote standardization, quality and safety of traditional and complementary medicine. Linking them with national health systems, biodiversity conservation and sustainability. Protecting consumer rights by supporting WHO in the development and implementation of the WHO Traditional Medicine Strategy 2025-34.

Sankalp Ki Siddhi

25 crore people participated in International Yoga Day celebration 2023

8X Growth has taken place in the field of traditional medicine in India in the last 9 years.

More than **12,500** AYUSH-based health and wellness centres to be commissioned soon, 8500 were operational by August.

Yoga's growing market

2.6 billion USD retail fitness services market in India

80 billion USD is the estimated yoga market in India

154% growth in market of yoga related equipment during Covid-19.

- The Government of India has introduced a new visa regime i.e. AYUSH Visa under Chapter 11A for foreigners coming to India for treatment in Indian systems of medicine. Such foreigners are given e-AYUSH visa and e-AYUSH attendant visa.
- The Ministry of AYUSH has signed agreements with 24 different countries for cooperation in the field of traditional medicine and homeopathy with foreign countries. 15 agreements have been signed with international institutions for setting up AYUSH academic chairs abroad.
- Research on Yoga and AYUSH has increased in the country. About 1426 researches related to Yoga and Naturopathy are listed in the AYUSH Research Portal itself.

India helpful to humanity

- Increasing popularity of Yoga and traditional medicine at the international level. Also, India has reached out to any part of the world where Indians were stranded or lending helping hand to the other countries of the world. At the same time, it became the first country in the world to reach the south pole of the Moon, which increased the prestige of the nation.
- India became the voice of the Global South, many global organizations were formed on India's initiative, India presided over the G-20 in which the African Union got permanent membership, Vaccine Maitri provided relief to many countries during the biggest pandemic of the century.
- During the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic lockdown, India operated more than 2.17 lakh flights under Vande Bharat Mission, facilitating the safe travel of 1.83 crore passengers.
- Under Operation Rahat evacuated Indians stranded in Yemen in 2015, Operation Devi Shakti in 2021 from the war-torn region of Afghanistan and Operation Ganga to evacuate Indian citizens stranded in Ukraine in February-March, 2022, and return of citizens of Indian origin from the conflict-torn region of Sudan in 2023.
- Be it the successful repatriation of 46 nurses captured by ISIS in Iraq in 2014 or the devastating Nepal earthquake in Operation Maitri in 2015 and the relief material and health care assistance to earthquake-hit Turkey in 2023, India has come forward.



SWACHH BHARAT MISSION

Launched on October 2, 2014, from New Delhi

VISION

"I swear that I myself will be conscious of cleanliness and will devote time to it. I will fulfil this resolve of cleanliness by doing shramdaan for 100 hours every year, i.e., two hours every week. I will neither litter nor let anyone else do it. First, I will start with myself, my family, my locality, my village, and my workplace. I believe that whatever country in the world looks clean; it is because the citizens there do not litter or allow it to happen. With this idea, I will promote the Swachh Bharat Mission in every village and every street. I will make 100 other people also take the oath that I am taking today. I will try to ensure that they also give 100 hours for cleanliness, like me. I know that my one-step towards cleanliness will help in making the whole of India clean.

(Prime Minister Narendra Modi, at the time of the launch)

Sankalp Ki Siddhi

12 Crore
plus toilets have been built in the last nine years. This freed the country from the curse of open defecation.

4.5 Lakh
Plus villages declared themselves ODF Plus under Phase II of Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin. This is an important step towards achieving the goals of that phase by 2024-25.

75%
villages are now ODF Plus under Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin Phase II.

14
States / UTs villages achieved ODF Plus and all villages in 4 States / UTs achieved ODF Plus model status.



Contributing to India's transformation

- The Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin Phase-II has set an ambitious target of making all villages ODF Plus by 2025.
- As a prelude to Swachh Bharat Diwas, Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban and Gramin jointly organised the annual Swachhata Hi Seva Pakhwada between September 15th and October 2nd, 2023.
- The objective of this Pakhwada was to mobilise the participation of crores of citizens across the country through various activities like Bharatiya Swachhata League 2.0, Safai Mitra Suraksha Shivirs, and mass cleanliness drives.
- In the 'Swachhata Hi Seva' campaign, 5 crore people participated, and more than 2.05 crore people made Shramdaan.
- Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) 2.0 was launched on October 1, 2021, for a period of five years. It aims to make all cities garbage-free through scientific management of all fractions of waste, including 100 percent segregation of waste, door-to-door collection, and safe disposal in scientific landfills.
- At the beginning of the mission, our solid waste management was almost nonexistent. It is now at an impressive 76%, and soon we will be at 100%.
- Lakhs of urban poor have been provided dignity and health by constructing 73.62 lakh toilets (67.1 lakh individual household toilets and 6.52 lakh community and public toilets).
- 95% of the wards in India have 100% household waste collection. More than 88 percent of wards have waste segregation systems.

SKILL INDIA

Launched on July 15, 2015

VISION

"Skill development is not just a programme to fill the pockets for the sake of filling the stomach. This is an effort to instill new confidence in our poor families and bring new energy to the country. It is not so that skills, abilities, and capabilities only bring money into the pocket. It gives you confidence in life. It brings new energy into your life. One is confident that he has the strength to go anywhere in the world; will fill his stomach; and will never beg. This power comes within him."

(Prime Minister Narendra Modi, at the time of the launch)

Sankalp Ki Siddhi

1.42 Crore Nominated candidate	**1.37 Crore** Evaluated candidate
1.24 Crore Trained candidates	**1.10 Crore** Certified Candidate

The third phase of the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) is underway.

- In 2014, about 30 crore of the 40 crore workforce in the country did not have formal training. With the launch of Skill India by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, there was a tremendous change in this.
- In the last nine years, about 5,000 new ITIs have been built in the country. With this, more than 4 lakh new ITI seats have been added in the country. These institutes are being upgraded as model ITIs.
- The aim is to impart high-quality training along with best practices.
- A large number of new medical colleges and skill development institutes like IITs, IIMs, or ITIs have been opened. Crores of youth have been trained under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana.



Contributing to India's transformation

- Today, India is creating new records for exports in mobiles, electronics, defence, and manufacturing.
- At the same time, India is also creating a large number of new opportunities for the youth in many sectors, like space, start-ups, drones, animation, electric vehicles, and semiconductors.
- The skill development programme proved to be a milestone step. The scheme helped connect and empower millions of Indian youth with industry-relevant skill training. For them, this training opened the doors to a better livelihood.
- With the transformative power of skilling, India is poised to assume a leadership role in the supply chain of global skilled human resource needs.
- NEP 2020 has formalised skill training in the education system by introducing it from class VI onwards. NEP emphasises linking school education and skills.
- New skill development centres are being set up near industrial areas. This will facilitate industries to share their requirements with skill development institutions and develop necessary skills among the youth for better employment opportunities.
- India's proposal on global skills mapping was recently adopted at the G20 Summit. This will create new opportunities for youth.
- Rozgar Melas organised, record number of jobs given.

PM VISHWAKARMA YOJANA

**September 17, 2023,
Yashobhoomi-New Delhi**

VISION

"Yo Vishwam Jagatam Karotyese Sa Vishwakarma' means the one who creates the entire world or does the construction work related to it is called 'Vishwakarma'. The friends who have been at the root of India's prosperity for thousands of years are our Vishwakarmas. Today, the need of the hour is that these Vishwakarma Saathis should be recognised and supported. Currently, it covers 18 traditional crafts. The government is going to spend Rs 13,000 crore on the scheme. This scheme is an effort to take Vishwakarma friends into the modern era, an effort to increase their capabilities."

(Prime Minister Narendra Modi, at the time of the launch)



Contributing to India's transformation

Sankalp Ki Siddhi

22.80 Lakh
Nomination of artisans and craftsmen.

16,233 beneficiaries
Registered after three levels of verification.

13,000 Crore rupees
budget has been kept for 2023-24 to 2027-28.

- Under the scheme, 18 traditional crafts have been included in the first phase. This includes carpenters, boat builders, armourers, blacksmiths, hammer and tool kit makers, locksmiths, goldsmiths, potters, sculptors, stone breakers, cobblers, masons, basket makers, mat makers, broom makers, coir weavers, doll and toy makers (traditional), barbers, garland makers, washermen, tailors, and fishing net makers.
- In order to keep the traditional craft industry alive and promote it in the country, socio-economic assistance is being given to the craftsmen and artisans under the PM Vishwakarma Yojana.
- Loans up to Rs 3 lakh are being given in two installments to help revive traditional crafts through skill upgrading and modern technology.
- This scheme is working to connect people associated with different craft businesses at two levels as a 'cultural thread'. People associated with different art skills have a platform, helping reduce regional disparities.
- The PM Vishwakarma Yojana is weaving artisans engaged in the'multitude of geographical and cultural crafts' into national recognition. Along with empowering the artisans, their art is being nurtured for the development and prosperity of the artisans.
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- Similarly, the Central Government came up with a scheme to connect Dalits, women, and tribals with self-employment. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while launching Stand-Up India on April 5, 2016, asked banks to ensure that every branch must give two loans – one to a Dalit or Adivasi and one to a woman.
- The Standup India programme is helping to empower the entrepreneurship of SC, ST, and women. There is an important achievement in promoting entrepreneurship among them.
- The person sitting at the end is becoming a job creator from a job seeker by getting loan facilities after his hard work, intelligence, and ability.
- In Standup India, loans worth more than Rs 47,628 crore have been given to about 2.12 lakh applicants, of which more than 80 percent have been given to women.

MAKE IN INDIA GLOBAL INITIATIVE

Launched on September 25, 2014, from New Delhi

VISION

"The kind of change that we have to bring to the Indian economy is that, on the one hand, we have to increase manufacturing growth; at the same time, the youth of India should get direct benefits from it; they should get employment so that there is a change in the economic condition of the poorest of the poor families. If they move from poverty to the middle class and their purchasing power increases, the number of producers will increase, manufacturing growth will increase, and employment opportunities will be available. The market will then grow. This important work has been done today towards taking this cycle forward. This is a lion's step. Make in India."

(Prime Minister Narendra Modi, at the time of the launch)

Sankalp Ki Siddhi

36 Lakh Crore

Rupees became worth of India's manufacturing sector in 2022–23, it was Rs 28 lakh crore in 2018–19.

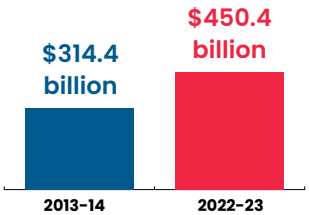
1.97 Lakh Crore

Rupes estimated incentive spend outlay for the PLI scheme launched for 14 key sectors; it is expected to create 60 lakh jobs.

52%

Growth in the manufacturing sector due to Make in India between 2014 and 2022 as compared to eight years during 2006–14.

Huge demand for Make in India products in the world and export of goods.



India is rapidly becoming self-reliant in defense sector,

23

times increase

in defense exports from 2014 till now



Contributing to India's transformation

- India has undertaken several reforms in the last decade to boost domestic manufacturing through Make in India, including the introduction of the Goods and Services Tax, a reduction in corporate tax, an improvement in the ease of doing business, compliance burden reduction measures, a phased manufacturing programme, and a quality control order.
- Make in India is a one-of-a-kind "Vocal for Local" initiative that has displayed India's manufacturing capabilities to the world.
- In Make in India 2.0, 15 sectors in the manufacturing sector and 12 sectors in the service sector have been included. The last date for the commencement of manufacturing for tax benefits has been extended to March 31, 2024.
- Self-reliance in mobile manufacturing, had two manufacturing units in 2014, now India is the world's second largest mobile manufacturer.
- In 2022, PM Modi laid the foundation stone for the C-295 aircraft manufacturing plant in Vadodara, Gujarat, which will make the world's largest passenger plane under Make in India.
- From missiles to light combat helicopters, from assault rifles to transport aircraft, everything has become made in India.
- A list of 411 defence equipment and accessories has been prepared, which will be procured only under Make in India.
- Promoting Make in India in the defence sector, about 68% of the total budget of defence procurement is reserved for goods made by Indian companies and the people of India.
- India Pharmacy of the World is the top exporter of PPE kits, masks, and hand sanitizers. Supply of more than 29 crore vaccines to 100 countries.
- The PLI announcement is expected to lead to substantial improvements in production, skill employment, economic growth, and exports in the coming years. So far, 746 applications have been approved from 14 regions across the country. Of these, 176 applications are from the MSME sector.

EMERGENCE OF NEW INDIA NEW PARLIAMENT BUILDING

28 May 2023



VISION

"New patterns are created only by walking on new paths. Today, the new India is setting new goals and charting new paths. There is new enthusiasm, new spirit. There is a new journey and new thinking. The direction is new, and the vision is new. The resolution is new, and the faith is new. Today once again, the whole world is looking at India, the strength of India's resolve, the intensity of the Indian people, and the will to live of the Indian people, with a sense of respect and hope. When India moves forward, the world moves forward. This new Parliament building will call for the development of India and also the development of the world."

(Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on dedicating the new Parliament building to the nation)

Sankalp Ki Siddhi

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi installed the historical and sacred Sengol in the new Parliament House during its inauguration. On December 10, 2020, Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for the new Parliament building.
- The Central Vista project is an ambitious central government initiative. This includes the area from Rashtrapati Bhavan to India Gate. Rajpath was renamed as Kartavya Path.
- On August 5, 2020, Prime Minister Narendra Modi performed the Bhoomi Pujan at the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Mandir in Ayodhya.
- On January 22, 2024, Lord Shri Ram will be installed in the sanctum sanctorum, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi will take part in the grand Ram temple's Pran-Pratishtha programme.
- Kashi Vishwanath Corridor has been operational for two years. Kashi is constantly growing and reaching new heights of development.
- Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav began 75 weeks before August 15, 2022 and ran until August 15, 2023.



- For the development of tourism in the country, 15 thematic circuits including Buddhism and Ramayana are being developed.
- The Amrit Kalash Yatra of the 'Meri Mati Mera Desh' campaign concluded on the Kartvya Path on October 31, 2023. The event also served as the closing ceremony for the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.
- Prime Minister Modi also unveiled the 'Mera Yuva Bharat' platform for the country's youth. 'My India' is a one-stop platform for the country's youth.
- Amrit Sarovar Abhiyan was launched on April 24, 2022, as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. By November 2023, more than 68,000 ponds had been completed under this scheme.
- A Har Ghar Tiranga campaign was also launched as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav programme. This programme, which lasted approximately 1000 days, had the greatest positive impact on India's young generation.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated INS Vikrant to the nation and unveiled the Navy's newflag on September 20, 2022.
- On August 6, 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundations for the redevelopment of 508 railway stations across the country.
- Richness of cultural heritage, 344 sculptures and artefacts were brought back to India from abroad.



Contributing to India's transformation

- The implementation period of the Smart City Mission was extended until June 2024. It is expected that all the Smart City projects will be completed within the stipulated time.
- Development projects were awarded to Kedarnath, Ujjain, and Deoghar.
- Today's India is embracing the ancient glory of art, leaving behind the mindset of slavery.
- After slavery, India started its new journey. That journey, through many ups and downs and overcoming many challenges, has entered the 'Amrit Kaal "of independence.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi named the 21 largest unnamed islands of Andaman and Nicobar Islands after 21 Param Vir Chakra awardees on January 23, 2023.
- The Amrit Bharat Station campaign, which rejuvenates railway stations, was launched. The country got the first regional rapid train, Namo Bharat. Made in India 5G was launched in India and also expanded the fastest.
- During Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the country completed the journey from Rajpath to Kartavya Path.
- The statue of Netaji Subhas Bose at India Gate, the new insignia of the Navy, and observance of Partition Horrors Day on August 14th every year.
- Kartarpur Sahib Corridor opened, started celebrating Veer Bal Diwas in memory of Sahibzades.
- The world's tallest statue of Sardar Patel in Gujarat is taking his immortal glory to the whole world. Be it the memorial in Jallianwala Bagh or the memorial in the memory of the Paika movement, work has been done on all.
- The country has also developed the places associated with Babasaheb, which were forgotten for decades, as Panchteerth.
- India has a glorious history of victory, valour, knowledge, science, skill, and naval strength.
- We have moved from being a 'Buyer Navy' to a 'Producer Navy'. They are changing from coastal navy to blue water navy.
- The government has made new rules to promote merchant shipping, which has increased the number of seafarers in India by more than 140% in the last nine years.
- The Navy Day celebrations were held for the first time outside a major naval station, at Tarkarli beach in Sindhudurg taluk of Malvan district in Maharashtra. In the backdrop of the event was the iconic Sindhudurg Fort, built by the iconic Maratha ruler Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in 1660, which boasts of India's rich maritime history.
- The villages along the border were once called the last villages of India. However, today, next-generation infrastructure is being developed in far-flung areas, making these villages the first villages in the country.
- The country, which has come out of the mindset of slavery, is moving forward today with a new confidence by dedicating itself to Panch Pran. It is working whole-heartedly to fulfill its new resolutions..



UDAN SCHEME

April 27, 2017, launched from Shimla

VISION

"I am happy that for the first time after independence, our government got the privilege of formulating an aviation policy in the country. At that time, I had said in our first meeting how I see aviation. In our country, a poor person has the identity that he wears Hawai chappals (slippers), and I said in that meeting that I want people with Hawai chappals (slippers) to be seen in airplanes. And today, this is becoming possible."

(Prime Minister Narendra Modi, at the time of the launch)



Contributing to India's transformation

Sankalp Ki Siddhi

1.3 Crore

Plus passengers' movement facilitated by UDAN



UDAN 1.0:

128 flight routes to 70 airports (including 36 newly constructed operational airports) were awarded to 5 airlines.

UDAN 2.0:

Making movement of agricultural products by air transport easier, Under Udan 2.0 helipads were also added for the first time to the included airports.

UDAN 3.0:

The tourist routes were included in coordination with the Ministry of Tourism. Apart from seaplanes to connect water aerodromes, several routes in the Northeast region were covered under the scheme.

UDAN 4.0:

Incentives were given to the North-Eastern Regions, Hilly States, and Islands. Helicopter and seaplane operations were included.

UDAN version 5: 5.0, 5.1, and 5.2

- The Ministry of Civil Aviation launched the 5th edition of the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS), UDAN, with several reforms based on stakeholder feedback.
- UDAN 5.0 focused on Category-2 (20 to 80 seats) and Category-3 (80 plus seats) aircraft. Similarly, the 600 km limit was removed, and there was no restriction on the distance between the start and destination of the flight.
- This round of the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-UDAN in version 5.1 is specifically designed for helicopter routes by increasing the scope and VGF of operations for helicopter operators and reducing the airfare cap.
- The bidding for UDAN 5.2 is underway to further enhance air connectivity to remote and regional areas of the country, provide air connectivity to the last point, and provide impetus to the tourism sector through smaller aircraft (less than 20 seats). The scheme will provide easier operations for small aircraft operators.
- As compared to 2014, the number of airports increased to 149. Air connectivity has been established even in small cities, more than 500 air routes are operational.
- UDAN gave a boost to air connectivity, improved infrastructure, and created innumerable employment opportunities. Changed lives and uplifted communities.
- UDAN is an important component of India's National Civil Aviation Policy (NCAP) 2016, which was launched by the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) on October 21, 2016 with a 10-year vision.

PM AWAS YOJANA

Gramin - 20 November 2016, Agra

VISION "Any person, even the poorest of the poor, has a dream to have his own house, and once he has his own house, he starts cherishing the dream. When a poor person gets a house, he does not just get a roof; he does not get four walls. When a poor person gets a house, gradually his intentions also start changing. Changes begin in life. And so it is our responsibility to ensure that our poor families get houses."

(Prime Minister Narendra Modi, at the time of the launch)



Contributing to India's transformation

- After 2014, the government did not limit itself to providing roofs to the poor but made housing the basis for combating poverty and strengthening their dignity.
- While people got houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, workers associated with this work, such as masons, carpenters, plumbers, and furniture makers, have also got employment.
- There has also been an increase in the supply of materials needed for construction.
- With this scheme, the dreams of a better tomorrow are being fulfilled by getting your own house. There is no burden of house rent, and confidence is also increasing with owning a house.
- To complete the construction of sanctioned houses for all, the Central Government has extended both schemes until March 2024.
- About 40 percent of the population lives in urban areas. PM Awas Yojana is helping to give them a quality life.
- Affordable Rental Housing Complexes (ARHCs) have been launched by the Central Government.
- The AMRUT (Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation) Smart City Mission and Housing for All (Urban) schemes were launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on June 25, 2015, at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi.
- The government aims to give cities an opportunity to plan their future development through AMRUT.

Sankalp Ki Siddhi

Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Urban

- 1.19 crore houses were sanctioned.
- 77.27 lakh houses have been handed over.
- 16 lakh houses built with new technology.
- Central assistance of Rs 2 lakh crore will be given.
- Central assistance of Rs 1,53,486 crore was released.
- Total investment of Rs 8.19 lakh crore.
- Urban housing construction increased more than nine times in the last decade.

Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Gramin

- Target of construction of 2.95 crore houses.
- Approval of 2.93 crore houses.
- 2.41 crore houses have been handed over.
- Central assistance of Rs 1,60,853 crore has been given in the last 4 years.
- States have spent Rs 2,39,055 crore, including their share.

"PM Awas Yojana is giving great strength to the empowerment of the poor as well as women. In the last nine years, approximately 4 crore pucca houses have been provided to poor families. About 70 percent of these houses are also in the name of women beneficiaries. These crores of sisters are those in whose name a property has been registered for the first time.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

SUGAMYA BHARAT ABHIYAN

December 3, 2015

VISION

"The thought came to my mind: why don't we use the word "divyang" instead of disabled in our country? These are those people who have that one organ or more than one organ in which there is divinity, the transmission of divine power, which we people with normal bodies do not have. I like this word very much. My countrymen, can we habitually use the word "divyang" instead of handicapped? I hope you will take this matter forward."

(Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in Mann ki Baat on December 27, 2015)



Contributing to India's transformation

- Earlier, providing facilities to the disabled was considered only a welfare scheme, but today the country is considering it its responsibility. This is expanding facilities in every field, and the Divyangs are becoming empowered and self-reliant.
- The Parliament of the country enacted a special law for the rights of persons with disabilities in 2016. This enabled greater opportunities, equality, and easy access to facilities for the disabled.
- Earlier, there were 7 different categories for the disabled, which was increased to 21.
- On the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, President Droupadi Murmu presented the National Awards 2023 to 21 individuals and 9 institutions for their exemplary contribution in various fields for the empowerment of persons with disabilities at a function in New Delhi.
- The new Parliament building is a reflection of accessibility, inclusiveness, and empathy that reflect the government's dedication to creating an environment that accommodates persons with disabilities.
- More than one crore Unique Disability Identity Cards were issued to increase access to government schemes.
- Sugamya Bharat is a mobile app for the disabled that is very easy to use. The app is available in 10 regional languages, along with Hindi and English.
- Between 1992 and 2014, only 56 camps were set up to provide necessary assistive devices to Divyangjans, while in the last few years, this number has crossed 14 thousand. The number of pieces of equipment given has increased.

Sankalp Ki Siddhi

4,068
Railway stations have also been made partially accessible.



3,646
plus scheduled programmes and movies were broadcast using subtitles. Accessible content on TV is being boosted.

16,500
posts reserved for the divyangs were vacant when Narendra Modi became the Prime Minister. Of these, 14,500 vacancies were filled the very next year.

8,33,703
Schools have been made barrier-free with ramps, railings, and accessible toilets.

5%
Reservation for Persons with Disabilities in Government or Government-Aided Higher Institutions.



JANJATIYA GAURAV DIWAS

Launched on November 15, 2021

VISION

To commemorate the sacrifices of tribal freedom fighters and to honour their legacy, the Central Government launched Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas on November 15, 2021, to commemorate Bhagwan Birsa Munda's birth anniversary. For the first time in the country's history, tribal society's art and culture, as well as their contributions to the nation, are being remembered with pride. This declaration recognises the tribal community's illustrious history. The government launched several schemes during this series, including the Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Adivasi Nyay Mahabhiyan, or PM Janman, for the welfare and enrichment of the tribal community.



Contributing to India's transformation

Sankalp Ki Siddhi

24,000 Crore
Rupees budget for PM Janman, The vulnerable tribal community has a population of 28 lakh people.

3.15 Crore
ST students given scholarships and fellowships worth more than 17,000 crore rupees from 2014 to 2023.

65.54 Lakh
Housing units given under PM Awas Yojana Gramin: 52.54 lakh houses were built after 2016–17.

1.48 Crore
toilets were constructed since 2014–15.



97.22 Lakh
ST farmers received financial assistance from the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi.

95.61 Lakh
STs are included in the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana.

"India will prosper only when our tribal communities prosper. The welfare of the tribal community is our top priority. The story of Lord Birsa Munda, a symbol of tribal pride and struggle, fills every countryman with inspiration.

– Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

- The Census, Management Information System, and Sample Survey conducted by various Ministries and Departments of the Government of India show that the socio-economic indicators with respect to Scheduled Tribes have improved significantly in the last few years.
- 10 Tribal Freedom Fighters Museums were sanctioned. Mangarh Dham will be a national museum showcasing tribal heritage and their rich cultural heritage.
- The data for tribal hamlets and villages has been collected through a mobile app developed on the PM GatiShakti Portal. PM Janman was launched on November 15, 2023, for development here.
- Under PM Janman, i.e., PM Janjatiya Adivasi Nyay Mahabhiyan, the government will now reach out to the people of the tribal community who have never been reached. In this regard, comprehensive development of 75 vulnerable tribal communities has to be done.
- In addition to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, 41 ministries and departments are allocating some percentage of their total plan budget under the ST component for tribal development projects. The budget of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs is Rs. 12,462 crore, an increase of 190% over 2014.
- Pradhan Mantri Adi Adarsh Gram Yojana is being run, in which work is being done to bridge the gap between eight areas of development, covering 36,428 villages.
- More than 1.2 lakh students are studying at the 401 Eklavya Model Residential School. 38 thousand teachers and support staff are being recruited in these schools.
- The Sickle Cell Anaemia Eradication Mission was launched in July 2023 to reduce the prevalence of the disease by screening 70 million people. So far, more than 60 lakh people have been vaccinated.






PM Modi interacted with the beneficiaries of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra

Focused on providing government benefits to every person

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra is becoming an effective medium to reach out to those who have not been able to connect with the government schemes till now. The Yatra van is getting support from all sections including women, youth, farmers and poor. In less than a month, the Yatra has reached more than 3 crore participants. Prime Minister Narendra Modi once again interacted with the beneficiaries of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra on 9 December. Also, 'Viksit Bharat @2047: Voice of Youth' was launched on 11th December to build a developed India by associating the youth with a campaign...

Nazia Nazir, resident of Sheikhpura, Jammu and Kashmir, sells milk and her husband works as an auto driver. She is also a beneficiary of various government schemes. She says that the Jal Jeevan Mission has proved to be a game changer. Earlier there was water problem, but now clean and safe tap water is now being supplied to her home. During the dialogue, she thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for extending the benefits of gas connection under Ujjwala scheme, education in government schools for her children and extending Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana for the next 5 years.

Another beneficiary of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, Mona, a transgender from Chandigarh, said that through PM SVANidhi Yojana, she got a loan of Rs 10,000 from which she opened a tea shop. Most of the transactions at Mona's shop is done through UPI. Mukesh from Tumakuru in Karnataka is the owner of a home appliances shop. He is also a beneficiary of government schemes. Mukesh says that he got a loan of Rs 4.5 lakh under PM Mudra Yojana to start his business. Mukesh, who turned from a job seeker to a job giver, is now providing employment to three people.

Today in the country there are countless people like Nazia Nazir, Mona and Mukesh who are taking advantage of many schemes of the Central Government. Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra has been launched across the country to make the major schemes of the Government accessible to all and ensure that the benefits of these schemes reach all



This is the right time for India

Viksit Bharat@2047 aims to make India a developed nation by the 100th year of independence i.e. 2047. This vision encompasses various aspects of development including economic growth, social progress, environmental sustainability and good governance. On the occasion of the launch of 'Viksit Bharat @2047: Voice of Youth' PM Modi said that in the life of any nation, history provides a time period when the nation can make exponential strides in its development journey. For India, "This Amrit Kaal is ongoing" and "this is the period in the history of India when the country is going to take a quantum leap. That's why I say, this is the right time. Each and every moment of this Amrit Kaal should be utilized.

'Viksit Bharat @2047: Voice of Youth' will provide platform to youth

'Viksit Bharat @2047: Voice of Youth' initiative will provide a platform to the youth of the country to actively involve them in the formulation of the country's national plans, priorities and goals. Through this they will be able to contribute their ideas to the vision of Viksit Bharat@2047. These workshops are an important step towards starting the process of engaging youth to share their ideas and suggestions for a Viksit Bharat@2047.





Thousands of beneficiaries associated with PM Samvad program

Thousands of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra beneficiaries from across the country participated in the event. More than 2,000 Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra vans, thousands of Krishi Vigyan Kendras and Common Service Centers from across the country were also involved during the programme. This yatra has started from 15th November 2023 and will continue till 26th January 2024.

the targeted beneficiaries in a time bound manner. In a very short time, this journey has reached more than 3 crore people. During the interaction with the beneficiaries of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that Crores of families in villages across the country have definitely benefitted from some or the other government schemes. And when one gets these benefits, his confidence increases. And with every small benefit, a new strength emanates from him to live life. And for this they did not have to visit any government office again and again. The government identified the beneficiaries and then took steps to extend the benefits to them. That is why today people say that Modi's guarantee means guarantee of fulfilment. ●

Navy Day 2023 celebrations at Sindhudurg

TODAY'S INDIA
setting big goals for itself

Chhatrapati Veer Shivaji Maharaj knew the importance of maritime power for any nation. His slogan was – 'Jalamev Yasya, Balmev Tasya' meaning one who controls the sea is all powerful. With this thinking, he created a powerful navy. Today's India, taking inspiration from Shivaji Maharaj, is moving forward leaving behind the mentality of slavery and is proud of its heritage. Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the program organized on the occasion of Navy Day on December 4 at the historical Sindhudurg Fort in Maharashtra, which instills pride in every Indian.

Events like Army Day, Air Force Day, Navy Day are usually celebrated in Delhi. Due to this only people from Delhi and vicinity are able to participate in it. The government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi changed this tradition and is trying to organize Army Day, Navy Day and Air Force Day in different parts of the country. Under the same vision, this time Navy Day was organized on the holy land of Sindhudurg in Maharashtra, where the foundation of the modern navy was laid. In the program, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that I firmly believe that now the attraction of the people of the country towards this site will rise. A feeling of pilgrimage for Sindhudurg will develop. The Navy we are proud of has its origin in the vision of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. You countrymen will be proud of this.

Heritage as well as development, this is the path of developed India and today efforts are



Tribute to the rich maritime heritage of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj

Navy Day is celebrated every year on 4 December. 'Navy Day 2023' celebrations were celebrated at Sindhudurg, Maharashtra which reflects the rich maritime heritage of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. The new ensign of the Navy is inspired by the glorious legacy of Chhatrapati Shivaji. This flag of the Navy was adopted last year when Prime Minister Modi inducted the first indigenous aircraft carrier INS Vikrant into the Navy. It has been a tradition to organize 'operational demonstrations' by ships, submarines, aircraft and special forces of the Indian Navy every year on the occasion of Navy Day. This operational demonstration allows people to see various aspects of multi domain operations of the Indian Navy and their contribution towards national security.

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's statue unveiled in Rajkot Fort

Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled the statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj at Rajkot Fort in Sindhudurg, Maharashtra. On this occasion, he offered floral tributes at statue and visited the photo gallery. This magnificent statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj unveiled in Rajkot Fort is 43 feet tall. The statue was conceived and conceptualized by the Indian Navy and provided financial assistance by the Government of Maharashtra. At the ceremony, PM Modi said that the historic fort of Sindhudurg on the coast of Malvan, Tarkarli, the splendor of Veer Shivaji Maharaj and the inauguration of his spectacular statue at Rajkot Fort along with the roars of the Indian Navy has filled every citizen of India with passion and enthusiasm.



"In the spirit of being proud of our heritage, I am proud to announce that the Indian Navy is now going to name its ranks in line with Indian traditions."

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

History of India's maritime power

Thousands of years ago, when there was no powerful technology and resources, the brave men of India built many forts like Sindhudurg. India's maritime potential is thousands of years old. The port of Indus Valley Civilization found in Lothal, Gujarat is our great heritage today. At one time, ships from more than 80 countries used to be anchored at the port of Surat. On the basis of this strength of India, the Chola Empire expanded its trade to many countries of South East Asia.



India's history has been filled with...

- Victory
- Bravery
- Knowledge and science.
- Art and creative skills.
- Maritime potential.

being made to preserve our glorious heritage. The government is determined to preserve the forts and the forts built during the period of Chhatrapati Veer Shivaji Maharaj. Hundreds of crores of rupees are being spent on the conservation of these heritages across Maharashtra including Konkan. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that it is our endeavor that people from all over the country come to see this glorious heritage of ours. This will also increase tourism and new opportunities for employment and self-employment will also be created.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the events organized on the occasion of 'Navy Day 2023' celebrations in Sindhudurg and witnessed 'operational demonstrations' by Indian Navy ships, submarines, aircraft and special forces from Tarkarli beach, Sindhudurg. He also inspected the guard of honour. ●



GPAI Summit

Artificial Intelligence becomes a global movement

In the age of Artificial Intelligence, there is a need to use technology responsibly. There is increasing concern around the world about the negative use of AI. Debate is going on all over the world. India wants to work together with the world community on global regulation of AI. Understanding the seriousness of deepfakes, AI should be delivered to people in a safe, secure and reliable manner. With this approach, the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI) Summit 2023 was organized in New Delhi under the Support Chair of India, the inaugural session of which was addressed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 12 December…

Neither the Current nor the future generation is untouched by the impact of AI. We have to proceed with great caution. India is not only committed to the responsible and ethical use of AI but is also a founding member of the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI). India has made it clear that a global framework will have to be prepared together for the ethical use of AI. To move forward in this direction, the three-day GPAI 2023 was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. GPAI is a multi-stakeholder initiative of 28 countries and the European Union. India is the Lead Chair of GPAI 2024. GPAI aims to bridge the gap between theory and practice on AI by supporting cutting-edge research and practical activities on AI-related priorities. The GPAI conference was attended by more than 22,000 participants, including representatives from member nations and more than 150 global AI experts. Under the chairmanship of GPAI, it is India's commitment to ensure safe and reliable use of AI globally. In 2025, a target has been set to increase global partnership for climate action, health care, self-reliant society and sustainable agriculture.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in the conference that with AI we are entering a new era. AI extends beyond just a tool of technology. AI is turning into the biggest means of shaping our new

Important outcomes of GPAI Summit

- Consensus among GPAI members on the commitment to advance safe, secure and trustworthy AI and support the sustainability of GPAI projects.
- PM Narendra Modi called for working together to create a global framework for the ethical use of AI. The focus was on India as a key player in AI talent and AI-related ideas.
- India brought together all major initiatives for AI – UN Advisory Group on AI, UK AI Safety Summit – at one event at GPAI New Delhi Summit.
- AI Research Analytics and Knowledge Dissemination Platform (AIRAWAT) and National Program on Artificial Intelligence and its role in shaping AI ecosystem in India was prominently emphasized.
- Global AI Expo featured leading technology companies including 150 startups showcasing their AI products and services.
- The summit brought to the fore the multi-stakeholder approach on taking AI among the masses especially among youths and students and highlighted the latest advancements on AI from technology, policy, framework, industrial, ethical, business, and academic perspectives.

Artificial Intelligence in India

- India is entering a new era with AI. Proper use of AI not only ensures the economic progress of the country but it also ensures equality and social justice.
- Today India is the most prominent player in AI and new ideas related to AI. India's young tech experts and researchers are exploring the limits of AI.
- In India, the discussion about AI related solutions is now reaching every village. Recently India launched AI 'chat bot' in agriculture. This will help farmers to know their application status, payment details and latest information about government schemes.
- With the help of AI, India is also working towards completely transforming its health sector.
- India has launched a national program on Artificial Intelligence. India has a National AI Portal that promotes AI initiatives in the country.
- Soon all research labs, industries and start-ups will be able to use the 'AIRAWAT' initiative platform.
- India is also preparing to launch an Artificial Intelligence Mission soon. The mission aims to establish adequate capacity of AI computing power in India. This will provide better facilities to India's startups and innovators.
- Under the Artificial Intelligence Mission, AI applications will be promoted in fields like agriculture, health, education.
- India is taking AI skills to tier-2 and tier-3 cities through its ITIs.



future. There is no doubt that AI is transformative. But it is up to us to make it as transparent as possible. If we can make the data and algorithms used transparent and free from bias, then it would be a good start. AI can become the most significant tool of development in the 21st century and can also play the greatest role in destroying the 21st century. The challenge of deepfake is before the whole world today. Apart from this, there is also a major threat to cyber security, and the issue of data theft and terrorists getting access to AI tools. ●

We have prepared government policies and programs inspired by the spirit of 'AI for All'. Our endeavor is to take full advantage of the potential of AI for social and inclusive development.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



Every country should fulfill its target on climate change

Protection of everyone's interests and participation is necessary for world welfare; for this, it is necessary that the countries of the world meet the targets set on carbon emissions at all costs. Despite having 17 percent of the world's population, India's share of carbon emissions is only four percent. Despite this, India is rapidly moving towards the goal of net zero carbon emissions by 2070. PM Narendra Modi, who attended the COP-28 held in the United Arab Emirates from November 30 to December 12, not only put forward India's commitment on climate change to the world but also urged the countries of the world to meet their target.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the COP-28 held in the UAE on December 1 and apprised the world of India's actions and commitment on climate change and called for meeting the targets set. India is one of the few economies in the world that is on track to meet the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The emission intensity target has already been achieved by India 11 years before deadline. As India is committed to the UN Framework for Climate Change process, Prime Minister Narendra Modi proposed to host the COP-33 Summit on the platform of COP-28.

India is one of the few economies in the world that is on track to meet the NDC (Nationally Determined Contribution) targets. The country also

achieved the target of non-fossil fuel 9 years ahead of schedule. However, India did not stop there. India aims to reduce emissions intensity by 45 per cent by 2030. The country has decided to increase the share of non-fossil fuels to 50 per cent and continue to move towards the goal of zero carbon emissions by 2070.

India has consistently given importance to the theme of climate with the spirit of One Earth, One Family, One Future in its G-20 Presidency. India agreed to a Green Growth Pact for a sustainable future. Not only this, a commitment was made to triple renewable energy. India promoted the field of hydrogen for alternative fuels and also launched the Global Biofuel Alliance. A study by the International Energy Agency says that with this approach, India can reduce carbon emissions by 2 billion tonnes per year by 2030.

PM Modi said,"We don't have much time to correct the mistakes of the last century. A small part of humankind exploited nature indiscriminately, but the price is being paid by all humanity, especially the inhabitants of the Global South. We have to resolve that every country will fulfil the climate targets it is setting for itself. We have to work together and cooperate with each other. All developing countries must have a fair share of the global carbon budget. It has to be resolved to continuously develop innovative technology. Rise above your self-interest, transfer technology to other countries, and strengthen the clean energy supply chain."

'Transforming climate finance'

Speaking at the COP-28 Presidency Session on Transforming Climate Finance, Prime Minister Modi said that India has given a lot of priority to both sustainable development and climate change in the G-20 Presidency. India has been successful in building consensus on many subjects through joint efforts. All the countries of the Global South, including India, have played a very small role in climate change, but its effects are much more felt in these countries. Despite the lack of resources, these countries are committed to climate action. Climate finance and technology are critical to meeting the aspirations of the Global South. The countries of the Global South expect developed countries to help them as much as possible to combat climate change. The G-20 has agreed that climate action requires trillions of dollars of climate finance by 2030. Prime Minister Modi welcomed the announcement by the UAE to set up a Climate Investment Fund.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the Leadership Group for Industry Transition Programme at COP-28, the Green Credit Programme at COP-28, and the COP-28 Presidency Session on Climate Change, besides jointly hosting the second leg of the India-Sweden Leadership Group for Industry Transition.

Jointly hosted the Global Green Credit Initiative

India jointly hosted the Global Green Credit initiative with the United Arab Emirates at COP-28. The Prime Minister of Sweden, the President of Mozambique, and the President of the European Council are also involved in this initiative. PM Modi had invited these countries to join the initiative. A web platform was also launched during the event, which will serve as a compendium of policies and best practices that encourage eco-friendly actions. The objective of this global initiative is to facilitate global engagement, collaboration, and partnership through the exchange of experiences and best practices and the planning of positive actions through programmes like Green Credit.

PM Modi participated in the COP-28 Presidency session

Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the COP-28 Presidency Session on 'Transforming Climate Finance' in Dubai, United Arab Emirates,



Hosting the second phase of the Leadership Group for Industry Transition

India and Sweden jointly hosted the second leg of the Leadership Group for Industry Transition during COP-28. PM Modi and Swedish PM Ulf Kristersson jointly launched Phase II of the Leadership Group for Industry Transition (LeadIT 2.0) for the period 2024–26 at COP 28 in Dubai. India and Sweden also launched the Industry Transition Platform, which will connect governments, industries, technology providers, researchers, and think tanks from both countries. Prime Minister Modi informed that LEAD IT 2.0 will focus on the following points:

- Inclusive and equitable industry transformation.
- Collaborative development and transfer of low-carbon technologies.
- Financial support to emerging economies for industry transformation.

Despite having 17 percent of the world's population, India accounts for four percent of global carbon emissions.

on December 1, 2023. The programme focused on making climate finance more accessible and affordable for developing countries. The world leaders adopted the 'United Arab Emirates Declaration on a New Global Climate Finance Framework'. The declaration includes meeting commitments, achieving ambitious results, and broadening the sources of concessional finance for climate action. Expressing the concerns of the Global South, Prime Minister Modi stressed the urgency of providing the means of implementation, especially climate finance, to developing countries to achieve their climate ambitions and implement their NDCs. PM Modi welcomed the operationalization of Loss and Damage and the establishment of the UAE Climate Investment Fund at COP-28.

PM Modi called for active deliberations on the following issues related to climate finance at COP 28:

Progress on the new collective quantified target on climate finance, replenishment of the Green Climate Fund and Adaptation Fund, affordable finance by the MDBs for climate action, and developed countries to phase out their carbon emissions before 2050

PM's address at the Green Credit Programme

Prime Minister Modi addressed the high-level event on 'Green Credit Programme' at COP-28. In this, he said that the scope of carbon credits is very limited, and this philosophy has been influenced by the commercial element in a way. The carbon credit system lacks the sense of social responsibility it should have. Therefore, a new philosophy has to be emphasised in a holistic manner, and this is the basis of green credit. Prakriti Rakshati Rakshita means nature protects the one who protects nature. From the stage of COP-28, PM Modi called for joining this initiative. Together, let's build a greener, cleaner, and better future for this planet and for our future generations. ●



India's ancient heritage is attracting tourists from all over the world

The history of India is thousands of years old. There was a time when stories of India's prosperity were popular in the world. Even today, India's culture and ancient heritage attract tourists from all over the world. The country is embarking on a progressive journey with the feeling of 'pride in heritage'. On December 8, PM Modi inaugurated the 'India Art, Architecture and Design Biennale 2023' at the Red Fort in Delhi as well as the Global Investors Summit 2023 in Dehradun, Uttarakhand.

Every nation has its own symbols which introduce the world to its past and its values. The work of crafting these symbols is inspired by the art, culture and architecture of the nation. The country's capital Delhi is popular for many such symbols in which the grandeur of Indian architecture can be seen. The 'India Art, Architecture and Design Biennale' being organized in Delhi is special in many ways. Art, architecture and culture have been a source of both diversity and unity for human civilization. Despite being the most diverse nation in the world, it is this diversity that binds India together.

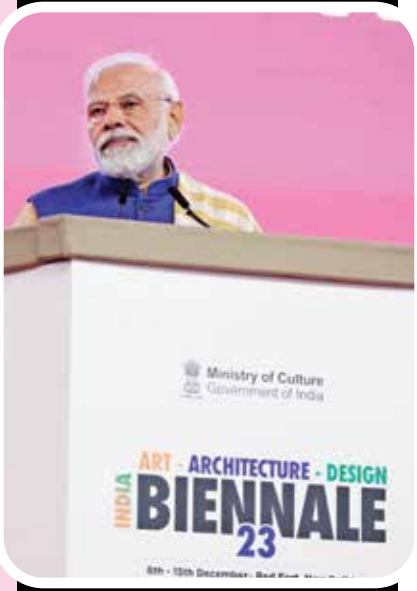
Today, work is being carried out in every field related to art and architecture in the country with a sense of pride. The Biennale being organized in India is another great step in this direction. Earlier, International Museum Expo and Festival of Libraries were also organized in Delhi in August. Through these programmes, the effort is to institutionalize the global cultural initiatives. The Central Government wants that India's events should also get recognition in the world like Biennales of Venice, Sao Paulo, Singapore, Sydney, Sharjah and Art Fairs of Dubai and London. To achieve these goals, 'AatmaNirbhar Bharat Center for Design' was also inaugurated on 8th December. This center will provide a platform

Experience divinity and development in Uttarakhand

जहां अंजुली में गंगा जल हो, जहां हर एक मन बस निश्छल हो,
जहां गांव-गांव में देशभक्त हो, जहां नारी में सच्चा बल हो,
उस देवभूमि का आशीर्वाद लिए मैं चलता जाता हूं!
इस देव भूमि के ध्यान से ही, मैं सदा धन्य हो जाता हूं।
है भाग्य मेरा, सौभाग्य मेरा, मैं तुमको शीश नवाता हूं।

Recalling these lines of poetry written about the grandeur of Uttarakhand, Prime Minister Modi says that this is the state where you experience both divinity and development together. PM Modi says that I have closely seen the feelings and possibilities of Uttarakhand, lived and experienced it. PM Modi said, 'It is said that water and youth are of no use to mountains. The water flows away and as youth fades, you have to go elsewhere to survive. But Modi has decided, now the youth of the mountains and the water of the mountains will also be useful to the mountains.' At the inauguration of the Uttarakhand Global Investor Summit 2023 in Dehradun, Prime Minister Modi said that even in terms of capacity, this Devbhoomi will definitely open many doors for investment. Today, Uttarakhand is a shining example of the mantra with which India is moving ahead, development and heritage. Today there is policy driven governance in the country. Every countryman feels that it is his responsibility to build a developed India.

The Government of India is making unprecedented investment in 21st century modern connectivity infrastructure in Uttarakhand. Modern connectivity is not only making life easier, it is also making business easier. This is opening up new possibilities in agriculture, tourism and other sectors bringing a golden opportunity for investors. This is an unprecedented time for India, for Indian companies, for Indian investors. India is going to become the third largest economy in the world in the next few years. PM Modi said, I assure the countrymen that in my third term the country will be among the first three in the world. PM Modi appealed to the investors to develop themselves along with Uttarakhand and also participate in the development of Uttarakhand.



"I would like the event to expand further, with more and more countries coming together. I am confident that this event will prove to be an important beginning in this direction."

- Narendra Modi,
Prime Minister

to promote the unique and rare arts of India. This will bring together artisans and designers and help them innovate according to the market. With this, the artisans will also get knowledge about design development, and they will also become proficient in digital marketing. Indian craftsmen have so much talent that with modern knowledge and resources they can leave their mark in the whole world.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that starting the creation of cultural spaces in 5 cities of India is also a historic step. Along with Delhi, these cultural spaces to be built in Kolkata, Mumbai, Ahmedabad and Varanasi will further enrich these cities culturally. These centers will also put forward new ideas to strengthen local art. PM Modi believes that art, architecture and culture flourish only when there is freedom of thoughts in the society and freedom to work in one's own way. When the central government talks about culture, it welcomes and supports every kind of diversity. The country presented this diversity to the world through the organization of G-20 in different states and cities of the country. Civilizations prosper only through interaction and cooperation, hence the participation of all other countries of the world and our partnership with them is important in this direction. ●



KALYAN SINGH: THE LEADER WHO MADE PUBLIC WELFARE HIS LIFE MANTRA

BORN: 5 JANUARY 1932 | DIED: 21 AUGUST 2021

A public leader and promoter of good governance, Kalyan Singh established unique models of service, good governance and social justice. He was a public leader who dedicated every moment of his life to the upliftment of the poor and backward. He left an indelible mark at the national level with his political skills, administrative experience and development-oriented approach. He was popular among the public because of his simplicity. The life of Kalyan Singh, who considered public welfare as the mantra of life and lived a simple life, will always inspire others to contribute to nation building…

He lived his life in such a way that he fulfilled the name given by his parents. He lived his entire life for public welfare and made it the mantra of his life. Kalyan Singh had become a name of trust and a committed decision maker in every part of India. He undertook public welfare throughout his life. Whenever he got any responsibility, he always became an inspiration for others and emerged as a symbol of confidence of the common people.

Kalyan Singh was born on 5 January 1932 in Atrauli, Uttar Pradesh. His parents' names were Sita Devi and Tejpal Singh.

Born in an ordinary farmer family, Kalyan Singh became active in public life in his youth. People used to affectionately call him 'Babuji'. He kept the national interest paramount in every role, be it MLA, Chief Minister or Governor. Rising from a very poor class to become a mass leader, he remained steadfast to achieve the goals of his ideology.

Kalyan Singh was also a tall leader of Shri Ram Janmabhoomi movement and did not shy away from giving up power for this pursuit. His entire life was dedicated to the welfare of the poor and development of Uttar Pradesh to make it the best state of the country. Kalyan Singh, while being the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, gave a fear-free and public-welfare administration to the people. He died on 21 August 2021. To pay true tribute to this great personality, the Government of India honored him posthumously with Padma Vibhushan in 2022.

Kalyan Singh had a very close relationship with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. It can be gauged from the fact that when Kalyan Singh was hospitalized due to illness, Prime Minister Modi used to constantly inquire about his health. Countless people were praying for his speedy recovery. At that time, PM Modi, remembering his relationship with Kalyan Singh, had said that one always got something to learn from talking to him. Talking to him has always been a learning experience.

On his demise, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had said that Kalyan Singh was a politician, senior administrator, grassroot leader and a very good person. He has left behind an indelible contribution to the development of Uttar Pradesh. The coming generations will always be grateful to Kalyan Singh for his contribution in the cultural upliftment of India. He had deep faith in Indian values. He was proud of our age-old traditions. He gave voice to crores of people from the deprived section of the society. He made many efforts towards the empowerment of farmers, youth and women. ●

A person without a finger or IRIS can enrol in Aadhaar



A person who is eligible for Aadhaar but cannot provide fingerprints can enrol using only the iris scan, and a person whose iris cannot be captured for whatever reason can enrol using only his fingerprints.Enrollment is possible even if you are unable to perform both biometric and Iris scans. Under the biometric exception enrollment guidelines for such an individual, a photograph is taken. UIDAI enrols about 1,000 people per day under extraordinary enrolment. So far, UIDAI has issued Aadhaar numbers to about 29 lakh people whose fingers were missing or unable to provide iris or both biometrics.

One such particular case was reported in Kerala, where a woman was unable to enrol for Aadhaar as she did not had fingers. In view of this, Union Minister of State for Electronics and IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar directed the UIDAI to take immediate steps. The nomination team then visited the house of Josimol P. Jose at Kumarakom in Kottayam district of Kerala. Her Aadhaar numbers has been prepared. Earlier, the Aadhaar enrolment operator did not follow the extraordinary enrolment process, which has been in place since August 1, 2014.

1.3 crore LED streetlights light up roads in the country

A national programme of street lighting was launched to ensure good lighting on roads with low power consumption. Under this, Energy Efficiency Services Limited has installed 1.3 crore LED street lights by December 2023 across the country. The scheme was launched in January 2015.

This information was given by the Union Minister of Power and Renewable Energy, R.K. Singh, in a reply to a question in the Lok Sabha. On the other hand, Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana Saubhagya was launched with the objective of providing electricity connections to all willing un-electrified households in rural areas of the country and all willing poor households in urban areas, for which about three crore new connections were given. At the same time, about 37 crore LED bulbs were distributed cheaply under the Ujala scheme with the aim of reducing electricity consumption, which led to a revolution in LED bulbs.

India re-elected to the International Maritime Organisation

India has been re-elected to the Council of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) with the highest number of votes among the 10 nations with the highest interest in international maritime trade. The two-year tenure is up to 2024–25. The 10 countries with the highest interest in international maritime trade are India, along with Australia, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, and the United Arab Emirates.Union Minister of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal has said that the maximum number of votes in the IMO is an indication of the government's determination to strengthen India's contribution to international maritime operations. IMO is the leading authority governing the maritime industry, supporting global trade, transport, and all maritime operations. As part of the Amrit Kaal Vision 2047 Action Plan, 43 initiatives have been identified, of which the major initiative focuses on strengthening our global maritime presence. ●



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वाराणसी में विकसित भारत संकल्प यात्रा के लाभार्थियों से संवाद का सौभाग्य मिला। उनसे यह जानकर बहुत संतोष हुआ कि हमारी जन-कल्याणकारी योजनाओं से गरीब भाई-बहनों और वंचितों के जीवन में काफी बदलाव आ रहा है।



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आज सुप्रीम कोर्ट द्वारा, संविधान की धारा 370 और 35A को समाप्त करने के प्रधानमंत्री श्री @narendramodi के निर्णय और उस पूरी प्रक्रिया को सही ठहराया गया है। उच्चतम न्यायालय का यह ऐतिहासिक निर्णय हर भारतवासी को हर्षित करने वाला है।

जम्मू एवं कश्मीर में धारा 370 को समाप्त करके प्रधानमंत्री मोदी ने न केवल एक नया अध्याय लिखा है बल्कि भारत की एकता और अखंडता को नई मज़बूती भी दी है। आज जम्मू एवं कश्मीर विकास के एक नये युग में प्रवेश कर चुका है।



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@AmitShah

अब जम्मू-कश्मीर के युवाओं के हाथों में बन्दूक नहीं लैपटॉप होंगे। मोदी जी के नेतृत्व में नए कश्मीर बनने की शुरुआत हो गयी है।



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Inaugurated by PM Shri @narendramodi Ji, the #SuratDiamondBourse stands as the world's largest and most modern center for international diamond and jewellery business.
This state-of-the-art facility aims to elevate the capabilities of Indian designers and materials, fostering employment generation, attracting investments, and positioning India as a leading player in the global diamond, gems, and jewellery market.



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Jammu and Kashmir's GDP soared by 15% in 2022-23, surpassing the national average.
A testament to visionary leadership and a boost from tourism, the region is on an impressive growth trajectory.
All thanks to Hon PM @narendramodi ji for steering the way!
#JammuKashmir



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Govt plans to take PM Gati Shakti global, starting with neighbours

Ohirendra Kumar & Subhash Narayan

NEW DELHI: The government plans to take the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan (PMGS-NMP) global to help developing as well as developed nations streamline their infrastructure-planning processes with an integrated digital tool.

According to officials privy to the development, the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan may first be offered to neighbours Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka for the planning and execution of certain cross-border infrastructure projects. Later a separate product will be developed for other overseas projects, based on the framework for domestic projects.

The official cited above said that technical architecture would be shared with countries looking to adopt PM Gati Shakti portal to see how projects go from drawing board to execution.

"We are already showcasing the Gati Shakti Master Plan to other countries. In the neighbourhood, we had delegation-level visits to Nepal and also showcased the master plan to Bangladesh at the invitation of the government there. We have also showcased the tool to 33 countries in Central Asia and South-east Asia," said Sumita Dawra, special secretary, department for promotion of industry and internal trade.

The tool was also showcased at a recent UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia Pacific (UNESCAP) conference in Hong Kong, at the Asia Pacific Business Forum, and at the September G20 meeting in Delhi, Dawra said.

"A lot of interest has been generated, even from private companies, as they also need clearances and want their governments to adopt such geo-spatial technologies that can help speed up projects," Dawra added.

Queries sent to commerce ministry remained unanswered.

The PMGS-NMP has also digitized land records of 13 states and four union territories—another aspect countries may want to explore. The programme will reduce the time and cost of implementing projects as it provides easy access to this data to stakeholders.

Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman has asked the Niti Aayog to map industrial corridors, freight corridors, PM Mitra Parks, and defence corridors to bring them under the PM Gati Shakti scheme.

The details of sharing PM Gati Shakti are yet to be worked out. It may involve adopting country-specific versions of the existing tool or developing similar ones in each country.



PMGS-NMP will help nations streamline their infra-planning processes.

Modi urges youth: Like Make in India, start wedding revolution



Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami launch the state government's 'Bharat of Himalaya' brand in Kichha town on Friday. PTI

AVANEESH MISHRA

DEHRADUN: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday urged couples to host their destination weddings in India and not abroad, saying the country has the potential to become a "major wedding destination for the world". India has enough beautiful places to host a "Bharat Vivah", Modi added.

"Because of our historical richness, our rich geography, we have great potential for that. We have people who have the talent and the skill for creating," he said.

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PM: Initiatives like India Art must be institutionalised

Times News Network

New Delhi: India's economic growth translates into growth opportunities for the world, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said while inaugurating the central government's maiden India Art, Architecture and Design Biennale (IAADB) 2023 at Red Fort on Friday.



PM Modi at India Art, Architecture and Design Biennale at Red Fort

Underscoring the significance of hosting the biennale at Red Fort, Modi said the fort's courtyards had stood witness to the rich architectural heritage of India, and which were among the many symbols that narrated the story of India's art, culture, past and its values to the rest of the world.

The PM underscored the government's efforts to set up cultural spaces in Kashi, Mumbai, Ahmedabad and Rikhiz, and said IAADB was a step in this direction. "Art and culture are essential to connect the human mind with the inner self and recognise its potential."

On Friday, the PM also inaugurated the Ambedkar International Centre for Design, which, he said, will provide a platform to promote unique and rare crafts of India and train artisans and designers in design development as well as innovative technology marketing. "Whenever there is the term of art, it is there closest to nature. Therefore, art is pro-nature, pro-environment and pro-climate."

He also highlighted India's rich tradition of art and design, reflected in the design of stepwells, forts and temples, and cited the example of Patan ki Mandi in Jaisalmer, a group of five mansions built in a way to work like natural air conditioning. "All this architecture was not only long-lasting but also environmentally sustainable."

While inviting people to visit the week long biennale and the three month long exhibition until March 31, Modi said, "Art, architecture and culture flourish when there is freedom of thought and freedom to voice in one's own way. With this tradition of debate and dialogue, diversity automatically flourishes. We welcome and support every kind of diversity."

The PM also underlined India getting global qualities — self-interest, adding that with India emerging as the biggest economy in the world, everyone sees a better future. "The vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat brings new opportunities. Similarly, India's revival in the field of science and technology will also contribute to humanity."

India to be an active contributor in the evolution of AI: PM

S Ravendra Singh
New Delhi

India, as one of the youngest nations with a vibrant start-up ecosystem and a talented workforce, is poised to be an active contributor to the evolution of artificial intelligence (AI) in the not-so-distant future, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Friday.

India offers solutions that are scalable, secure, affordable, sustainable, and replicable on a global scale, India's Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) architecture is prime example of such innovative efforts. Modi said, adding that India is using AI for various productive purposes," he said.

AI SUMMIT 2023

Inviting everyone to participate in the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence Summit 2023, to be held between December 12 and 14, he said decades of fast-paced innovation and the power of human endeavour have brought us to a point where what was once considered to be in the realm of imagination.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi

"In this whirlwind of rapid advancement, AI is one area that stands out as a beacon of hope, guiding us towards a future where the extraordinary is not just a dream but a reality," he said.

"India's selection to its council in November 2023 reflects its dedication to Safe and Trusted AI. As the lead Chair of the GPAI, India reaffirms its commitment to harnessing technology, particularly AI, for the welfare of people, ensuring that nations of the Global South are not the last to reap its benefits," Modi said.

CLEARING PATH

The PM further said India is dedicated to charting the path for responsible AI governance, emphasising the importance of ethical, inclusive, and human-centric AI solutions. "It is fortunate and gratifying that the GPAI, an entity engaging in initiatives to foster the development, deployment, and adoption of an open, safe, secure, and accountable AI, has its founder, are crucial. The GPAI brings along 29 member countries and the European Union (EU), making it a unique platform for global collaboration," he said.

India's GDP growth reflection of reforms in last 10 yrs: Modi

Press Trust of India

GANDHINAGAR: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said India's GDP growth of 7.7% in the first six months of the current fiscal year is a reflection of the country's strengthening economy and the transformative reforms carried out in the last 10 years.

Addressing the Infinity Forum 2.0 conference at the GIFT City via video link, Modi said his government wants to turn the Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT) it emerging as its core hub, the PM said. He urged experts to share their ideas on developing a market ecosystem for green credits.



PM Modi interacts with Union minister Anurag Thakur during a visit that event. The PM also addressed the Infinity Forum.

On the occasion, Prime Minister Modi congratulated the people of Gujarat over inclusion of the state's traditional Garba dance on the UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

Infinity Forum is the first International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)'s flagship financial technology event

ON THE UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE LIST

'GARBA OF GUJARAT'



UNESCO recently added 'Garba of Gujarat' in the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity under the provisions of the 2003 Convention. This is India's 15th intangible cultural heritage listed on this list. Prime Minister Narendra Modi shared a garba composed at the beginning of Navratri in October 2023. Meet Brothers and Divya Kumar gave voice and music to this garba. PM Modi has written garba songs in the past.

- This achievement underlines the important role of Garba as a unifying force promoting social and gender inclusivity.
- Garba is deeply embedded in its religious and devotional roots. Garba is evolving into a vibrant tradition that brings communities together.
- This achievement highlights the commitment and efforts of the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, towards the protection, promotion, and preservation of our intangible cultural heritage.
- The Gujarat government organised several curated 'Garba' events in the districts to celebrate the achievement.
- Yoga in 2016, Kumbh Mela in 2017, and Durga Puja of Kolkata in 2021 have also been included in this list.



"Garba is a celebration of life, unity, and our deep traditions. Its inscription on the UNESCO Intangible Heritage List reflects the beauty of Indian culture before the world. This honour inspires us to preserve and promote our heritage for future generations. Congratulations on this global acceptance."

– Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

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