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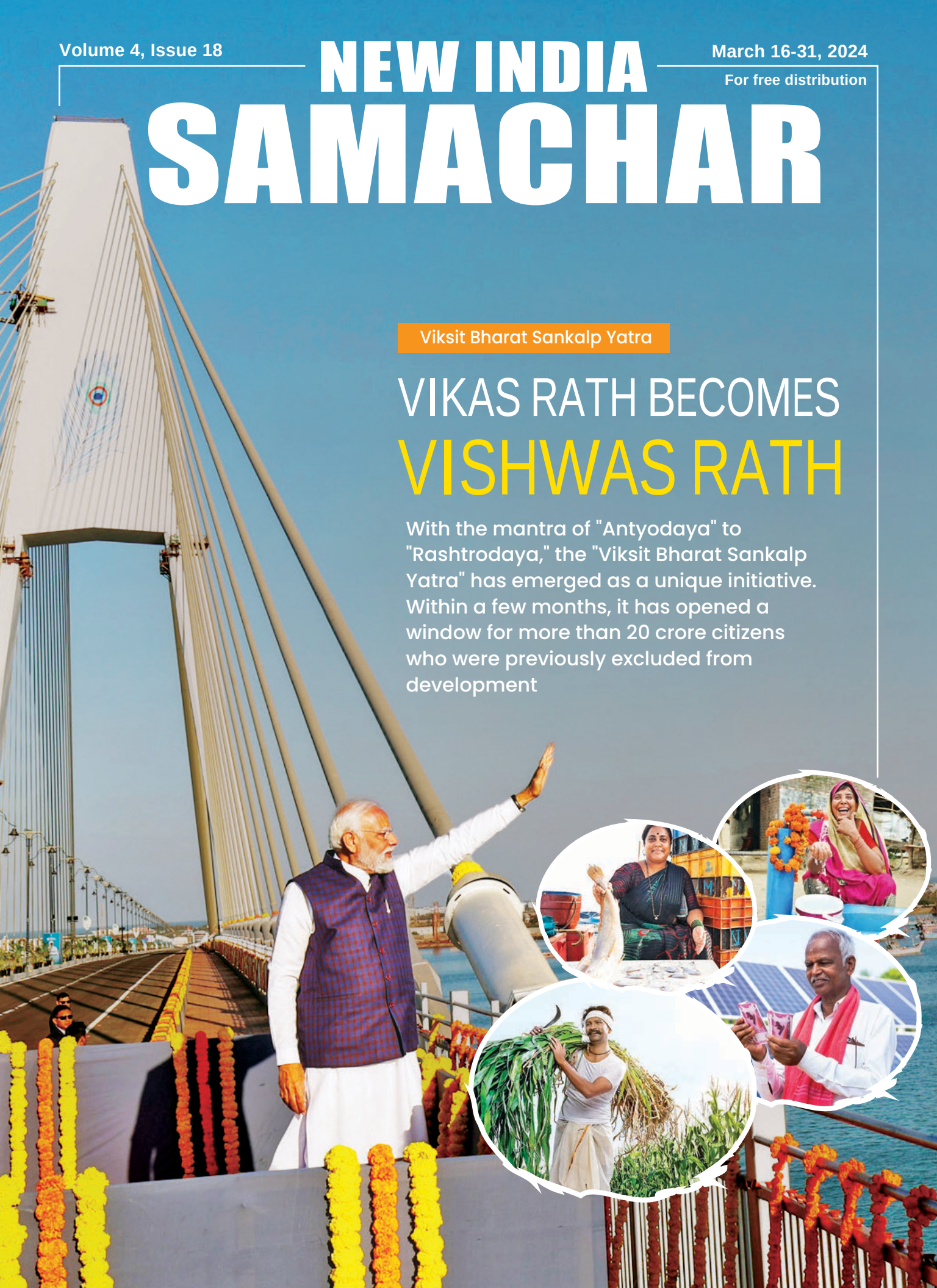
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Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra

VIKAS RATH BECOMES VISHWAS RATH

With the mantra of "Antyodaya" to "Rashtrodaya," the "Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra" has emerged as a unique initiative. Within a few months, it has opened a window for more than 20 crore citizens who were previously excluded from development





FIRST TIME VOTERS
SHOULD VOTE IN RECORD NUMBERS

The program 'Mann Ki Baat' stresses the collective strength and achievements of the country which encompasses the enduring spirit- of the people, by the people, for the people. Its biggest achievement is that it has been kept away from politics but its role has been pervasive and visible in every aspect. Nevertheless, following the political decorum, 'Mann Ki Baat' will not be telecast for three months due to the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. 'Mann Ki Baat' receives a lot of suggestions, reactions, and inputs full of positivity. Many countrymen who are working to improve the lives of others by becoming a ray of hope for them are eulogized in the programme. Here are the main excerpts from 'Mann Ki Baat'...:

- **Women's Power:** India is touching new heights of progress in every field. Who would have thought till a few years ago that in our country, women living in villages too would fly drones? But today this is becoming possible.
- **Number of tigers:** Technology is being used extensively for the conservation of wildlife in different parts of our country. In the last few years, due to the government's efforts, the number of tigers in the country has increased.
- **Home Stay:** Tribal families living in Khatkali village near Tiger Reserve in Melghat have converted their houses into homestays with the help of the government. This is becoming a big source of income for them.
- **Focus on education:** Musahar has been a very deprived community in Bihar; a very poor community. Bhim Singh Bhavesh has focused on the education of the children of this community so that their future can be bright. He has enrolled about 8 thousand children of the Musahar caste in school.
- **Our Culture:** The beauty of India lies in its diversity and the different colors of our culture. It is good to see how many people are selflessly engaged in efforts to preserve and beautify Indian culture. You will find such people in every part of India.
- **Social Media:** Social media has also helped a lot in showcasing people's skills and talents. Our young friends in India are doing wonders in the field of content creation. No matter what the social media platform, you will find young people sharing different content on different topics.
- **National Creators Award:** The voice of the youth of the country who are creating content has become very effective today. To honor their talent, the National Creators Award has been started in the country.
- **Folk Singer:** Venkappa Ambaji Sugetkar, resident of Bagalkot, Karnataka, is a folk singer. He has sung more than 1000 Gondhali songs and has also widely propagated stories in this language. He has also imparted training to hundreds of students without charging fees.
- **My first vote:** A few days ago, the Election Commission started another campaign – 'My first vote – for the country'. Through this, first-time voters have been especially urged to vote in maximum numbers
- **Vote:** The more our youth participate in the electoral process, the more beneficial its results will be for the country. I would also urge first-time voters to vote in record numbers.
- **Post achievements on social media:** 'Mann Ki Baat' is undergoing a break for three months, and the achievements of the country will not stop even for a while, therefore, keep posting the achievements of the society and the country on social media with the hashtag 'Mann Ki Baat'.

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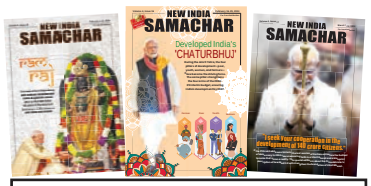
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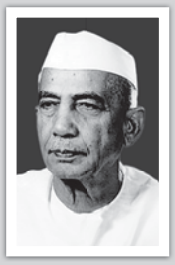
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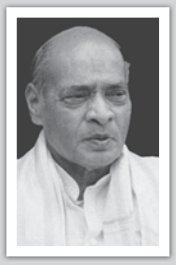
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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK...

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra
Becomes the journey of the nation

Greetings,

Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay used to say, "The one who is sitting on the last rung of the society; Be it Dalit, victim, exploited, deprived, villagers, poor, farmer... First of all, he should rise. To make the nation strong and self-reliant, the society will have to provide social and economic development to these people who are at the last step." This idea of Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay is the guiding principle behind Antyodaya and this is the basic mantra of the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi – "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayas." Be it Purvanchal or North East or North-South-East-West India, taking inspiration from this idea, India of the twenty-first century is taking steps to turn it into reality the dream of Viksit Bharat by 2047. The testimony of this is seen in the most unique initiative in parliamentary history – 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra', which started on 15 November 2023.

No one should be left behind. A glimpse of this guiding force has been seen by the country and the world in the steps taken by the Central Government in the last few years. The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, which started with the idea that no one should be deprived of the benefits of various schemes, is taking giant steps with the 'Modi Ki Guarantee Ki Gaadi'. The Prime Minister believes that 100% saturation i.e. taking the benefits of the scheme to the last eligible person is true social justice and true secularism. Due to the immense public support received by this Yatra, it has not only become a resolve of a new India giving priority to the underprivileged but has also become a medium of Sankalp Se Siddhi. This Yatra has become an indication that 140 crore countrymen have decided to make a developed India which has become our cover story this time. While this journey is the story of the development of the last decade (2014-2024), it has become a witness of the resolve to make a developed India in the next 25 years. Women, farmers, youth, and the middle-poor class have become its most important constituent.

In the personality section, the nation salutes the country's first Chief of Defense Staff General Bipin Rawat on his birth anniversary with a special article. Also, read about the inspirational stories of Bharat Ratna awardees PV Narasimha Rao, MS Swaminathan, and Chaudhary Charan Singh in this issue. The Prime Minister's tribute to Sant Shiromani Acharya Shri 108 Vidyasagar Ji Maharaj Ji, and various programs of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who strengthened the concept of development of the nation through the development of the state by gifting projects worth lakhs of crores of rupees in almost a dozen states are the other highlights of this issue.

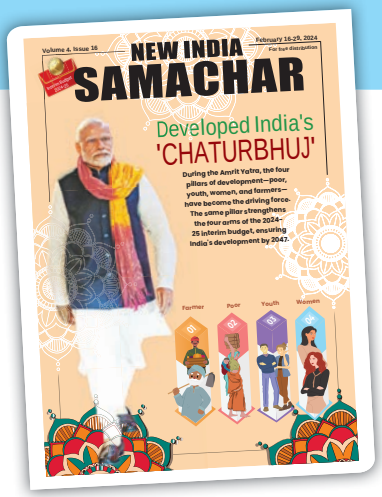
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I am very grateful to you for sending New India Samachar Magazine by email. The published article gave us a detailed insight into the significance of Northeast India, the changes that have taken place in the region since 2014, and the significant reduction in incidents of insurgency. All the articles in this magazine are excellent and worth reading. The magazine provides detailed information about all the current developments and changes.

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The publication serves to raise awareness

The New India Samachar magazine contributes significantly to raising public awareness. It demonstrates how far India has come because of the Prime Minister's welfare initiatives. At the same time, the magazine informs the public about new schemes.

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Information about India's development is available in simple language

New India Samachar publishes information about the development of India in a very good and understandable way. The Nal se Jal programme in rural areas, Pradhan Mantri Sadak Yojana, schemes for the welfare of farmers, the progress of Indian Railways—everything is published in it in a grand manner.

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Magazine a guide for young people

I have been reading New India Samachar magazine since 2023. The quality of the fine print has a positive impact on the mind. Realistic color images are incredible. It gives us confidence that we will become powerful. Motivation arises to devote one's efforts to the nation. The magazine is a rich resource for young people.

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New India Samachar magazine is praiseworthy

Got an opportunity to read the issue of New India Samachar Magazine from January 1 to 15, 2024. This is a New Year's special issue. There is a heading on the main page, “Decade of Fulfilling Resolutions,” which is a living example of India's progress. Your work is very commendable. I am a regular reader of the magazine, and I thank you very much for this beautiful magazine.

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Clean, shining 'Saswad': The rise from 15th to the top in a year



The city of Saswad in Maharashtra has fully defined the Swachh Bharat Mission's new song, 'Naya Sankalp Hai, Naya Prakalp Hai'. In the mission, there is healthy competition among cities in terms of cleanliness; therefore, it is taking the form of a people's movement because of behavioral change in the general population. New names are being added to the cleanliness rankings. Saswad, which was placed 15th only a year ago, has attained the highest rating in the category of cities with less than one lakh inhabitants in the 'Swachhata Survey Awards 2023' as a result of its efforts. At Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi, President Droupadi Murmu congratulated the city for reaching the number one spot in the All India Clean City rankings. The city has also been awarded a 3-star rating in the field of garbage-free cities. Water + City has been designated as being above ODF + + in the category of open-defecation-free cities. This Saswad city is also ranked as the 14th cleanest city in the country.



Jal Jeevan Mission's 'Stay Informed, Stay Empowered' Citizen Corner

Jal Jeevan Mission, which provides tap water to homes across villages in India, has launched a 'Citizen Corner' on the Mission's dashboard to provide citizens with information related to water quality and water resources. Citizen Corner is a one-stop solution where water quality and other information about your village will be available in real time with a single click. Here, people can complain about water quality through an online complaint form and a state toll-free number. The address of the nearest water testing laboratory will be found in this corner, where the test can be done.

In the Citizen Corner, you will get information about the names of the beneficiaries of your village and whether their houses have water connections or not. Whether the village has submitted the action plan or not, this can also be seen on the dashboard of the Jal Jeevan Mission.

https://ejalshakti.gov.in/jjm/citizen_corner/villageinformation.aspx

Successful flight of the Tejas MK1A with a digital flight control computer



The Tejas MK1A prototype with an Indian-made digital fly-by-wire control computer flew for the first time on February 19. The digital fly-by-wire flight control computer (DFCC) was integrated into the prototype LSP7 and successfully flight-tested. The test boosts confidence towards the delivery of 83 Tejas MK1As to the Indian Air Force in the time frame of February 2024 to February 2028 under the contract with HAL (Hindustan Aeronautics Limited).The DFCC for Tejas (Mk1A) has been indigenously developed by the Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE), Bengaluru. All critical flight control parameters and performance were found to be satisfactory during flight-testing. Defense Minister Rajnath Singh described the development and successful flight-testing of this critical system for Tejas MK1A as a major step towards self-reliance.

Country's first Skill India Center launched in Odisha

India needs a skilled and competent workforce to carry forward its development journey in the 21st century. New Age and Future Skills Skilled and competent workforce is available at a premium in global markets. Keeping this in mind, a level playing field has been envisioned for ambitious youth. In this context, the Skill Development Center has been started. Union Minister of Education, Skill Development, and Entrepreneurship Dharmendra Pradhan launched the country's first Skill India Center in Odisha on February 20. The introduction of low-cost courses at the center will empower the youth on a large scale and make them part of the emerging job market.

This initiative of the Skill India Center is designed to build the capabilities and knowledge of youth in high-demand professions like media and entertainment, leather, tourism, and hospitality. This center will be in line with the changing needs of the industry. Will promote standardization and create employment opportunities.







Transportation of agricultural products gets easier through Kisan Rail and Krishi Udan

Kisan Rail Seva and Krishi Udaan Yojana are proving to be very important in making transportation of agricultural produce easier and strengthening the rural economy. Both of these schemes have streamlined the movement of perishable goods, thereby increasing the access of marginal or remote farmers to markets.

Kisan Rail Service: Under this scheme, started in August 2020, 2364 Kisan Rail services have been operated until November 15, 2023, in which 7.93 lakh metric tons of perishable goods have been transported. Until March 31, 2022, 50 percent subsidy was given on the transportation of vegetables and fruits through Kisan Rail, and thereafter, 45 percent subsidy.

Krishi Udan Scheme: This scheme was launched in August 2020 to ensure seamless, cost-effective, and time-bound air transportation of agricultural products from the hilly and tribal areas of the North-East. The scheme envisages exemptions for landing charges, parking charges, etc. In this scheme, 58 airports in the country, including 25 in the North Eastern, Hilly, and Tribal areas, are involved, which are working to bridge the gap between the farmer and the market.

DPI has the potential to increase India's GDP growth by three times by 2030

India's digital public infrastructure (DPI) has the potential to triple GDP growth by 2030. A recent NASSCOM report states that the economic value added by DPI could potentially increase to about 4.2 per cent of GDP by 2030. Digital public infrastructure is a set of common platforms or networks that are used to provide citizen-centric services. India's robust DPI infrastructure, like UPI, Aadhaar, GSTN, and FASTag, is impacting 1.3 billion people. The use of DPI in logistics and transport has reduced 3.2 million metric tons of carbon emissions. At the same time, it is estimated that, due to digital services, every citizen saved 2 working days in the year 2022.





General Bipin Rawat
An extraordinary commander

BORN: MARCH 16, 1958 | DIED: DECEMBER 08, 2021

General Bipin Rawat was a visionary leader, experienced soldier, and military reformer renowned for his beliefs, conviction, and decisiveness. Throughout his four-decade career, General Rawat made significant contributions to military and national security challenges. He, like any true and resolute soldier, was dedicated to the nation's security regardless of his own safety. His perseverance, dedication, and patriotism will continue to inspire future generations.

The country's first Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) Bipin Rawat, was born on March 16, 1958, in Pauri, Uttarakhand. General Bipin Rawat was an alumnus of the National Defence Academy, the Defence Services Staff College in Wellington, and the High Command National Defence College. He studied command and general staff at Fort Leavenworth. During his long career in the Army, General Rawat commanded a battalion of the Army along the Line of Actual Control in the Eastern Sector of the Army and columns of the Army in Kashmir. He played an important role in curtailing insurgencies in the North East. General Rawat also commanded a brigade of troops from various countries in the Republic of Congo. He had the experience of handling a number of military operations in the Western Command of the Army and was subsequently appointed as the Chief of the Army Staff on December 31, 2016. He was instrumental in planning the surgical strikes across the Line of Control in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir in 2016.

General Rawat emphasized modernization, technology, and the army's future-changing battle doctrine. Furthermore, he had extensive experience with high-altitude warfare and counter-terrorism operations. General Bipin Rawat became India's first Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) on January 1, 2020. He was instrumental in establishing India's joint theater command and promoting the indigenization of military equipment.

General Bipin Rawat was a valiant soldier who worked tirelessly to make the country's troops self-sufficient. His entire life was that of a warrior, always disciplined and devoted to the glory of his country. His zeal inspired the armed forces to put the Agnipath plan into action. Agnipath is the most significant change of the armed forces since independence. With over 41 years of Army experience, General Rawat has received numerous gallantry and meritorious service decorations for his distinguished service. He was posthumously awarded the Padma Vibhushan in 2022.

He died in an Air Force helicopter crash in Kannur, Tamil Nadu, on December 8, 2021. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while expressing condolences on the demise of General Bipin Rawat, said, "He was an exceptional soldier. As a loyal patriot, he made significant contributions to the modernization of the Armed Forces and the overall security system. He had remarkable strategic vision. I am deeply saddened by his loss. General Bipin Rawat, India's first CDS, excelled in a variety of armed forces-related areas, including defense reform. He had extensive experience in the Army. India will never forget his outstanding service". ●

Saint Shiromani Acharya Shri 108 Vidyasagar Ji Maharaj attains Samadhi

"I would especially urge the coming generations to study extensively about the commitment of Sant Shiromani Acharya Shri Vidyasagar Ji Maharaj towards nation-building."



Narendra Modi,
Prime Minister

The life of Saint Shiromani Acharya Shri 108 Vidyasagar Ji Maharaj is like a guide not only in the spiritual world but also in areas like health, education and environment. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has expressed his views about Saint Shiromani Acharya Shri 108 Vidyasagar Maharaj Ji. The Prime Minister has written, "It is my good fortune that I have been in his constant company."
Read his article dedicated to divine and inspirational personality of Saint Shiromani Acharya Shri 108 Vidyasagar Maharaj Ji

Sant Shiromani Acharya Shri 108 Vidhyasagar Ji Maharaj Ji attained Samadhi and left us all saddened. His life is a spiritually rich epoch graced with profound wisdom, boundless compassion and an unwavering commitment to uplift humanity. I have had the honour of receiving his blessings on numerous occasions.

Thus, I feel a deep sense of loss, akin to losing a guiding light that has illuminated the path for countless souls, including myself. His warmth, affection and blessings were not just gestures of goodwill but profound transmissions of spiritual energy, empowering and inspiring all those fortunate enough to have come in contact with him.

Pujya Acharya Ji will always be remembered as a Triveni of wisdom, compassion and service. He was a true Tapasvi, whose life epitomised the ideals of Bhagwan Mahavir.

His life exemplified the core principles of Jainism, embodying its ideals through his own actions and teachings. His care towards all living beings mirrored Jainism's profound respect for life. He lived a life of truthfulness, reflecting Jainism's emphasis on honesty in thought, word, and deed. He also led a very simple lifestyle.

It is due to stalwarts like him that the world continues to be inspired by Jainism and the life of Bhagwan Mahavir. He stood tall among the Jain community but his impact and influence were not limited to only one community. People across faiths, regions and cultures came to him and he worked tirelessly towards spiritual awakening, particularly among the youth.

Education was an area very close to his heart. His journey



from Vidhyadhar (his childhood name) to Vidhyasagar was one of deep commitment to acquiring and imparting knowledge. It was his firm belief that education is the cornerstone of a just and enlightened society. He championed the cause of knowledge as a means to empower individuals, enabling them to lead lives of purpose and contribution. His teachings emphasised the importance of self-study and self-awareness as the pathways to true wisdom, urging his followers to engage in lifelong learning and spiritual growth.

At the same time, Sant Shiromani Acharya Vidhyasagar Ji Maharaj Ji wanted our youngsters to get an education that is also rooted in our cultural ethos. He often said that it was because we drifted away from the learnings of the past that we were not able to find solutions to key challenges like water scarcity.

He also believed that a holistic education is one that focusses on skilling and innovating. He took immense pride in India's linguistic diversity and encouraged youngsters to learn Indian languages.

Pujya Acharya Ji himself wrote extensively in Sanskrit, Prakrit and Hindi. The heights he reached as a saint, and how grounded he was on the earth, is seen clearly in his iconic work Mookmati. Through his works, he gave a voice to the downtrodden.

In the domain of healthcare too, Pujya Acharya Ji's contributions were transformative. He was associated with several efforts, especially in underserved areas. His approach to healthcare was holistic, integrating physical well-being with spiritual wellness, thereby addressing the needs of the person as a whole.



I would especially urge the coming generations to study extensively about Sant Shiromani Acharya Shri Vidhyasagar Ji Maharaj Ji's commitment to nation building. He would always urge people to rise above any partisan considerations and instead focus on national interest. He was one of the strongest votaries of voting because he saw it as an expression of participation in democratic processes. He advocated healthy as well as clean politics, even saying that policy making has to be about people's welfare, not self interest (Lokneeti is about Loksangrah not Lobhsangrah).

He believed that a strong nation is built on the foundation of its citizens' commitment to their duties—towards themselves, their families, society, and the country. He encouraged individuals to cultivate virtues such as honesty, integrity and self-reliance, which he saw as essential for the creation of a just, compassionate, and thriving society. This emphasis on duties is of great importance as we work towards building a Viksit Bharat.

In an era where environmental degradation is rampant world over, Pujya Acharya Ji called for a way of life which would minimise the harm being inflicted on nature.

Likewise, he saw a paramount role for agriculture in our economy, also stressing on making agriculture modern as well as sustainable. His work towards reforming jail inmates was also noteworthy.

The beauty of our land is that for thousands of years, our soil has produced greats who have shown light to others and made our society better.

Pujya Acharya Ji stands as a towering figure in this illustrious lineage of saints and social reformers. Whatever he did, he did not just for the present but also the future.

In November last year, I had the opportunity to visit the Chandragiri Jain Mandir in Dongargarh in Chhattisgarh. Little did I know that this visit would be my last meeting with Pujya Acharya Ji. Those moments were very special. He spoke to me for a long time, blessing me for my efforts in serving the nation.

He expressed joy on the direction our nation is taking and the respect India is getting on the world stage. He was filled with enthusiasm while talking about the work he was doing. Then and always, his gentle gaze and serene smile were enough to instill a sense of peace and purpose. His blessings felt like a soothing balm on the soul, a reminder of the divine presence within and around us.

Sant Shiromani Acharya Shri 108 Vidhyasagar Ji Maharaj Ji's void is deeply felt by all who knew him and were touched by his teachings and his life.

However, he lives on in the hearts and minds of those he inspired. In honouring his memory, we commit to embodying the values he espoused. In this way, we not only pay tribute to a great soul but also take forward his mission for our country and people. ●

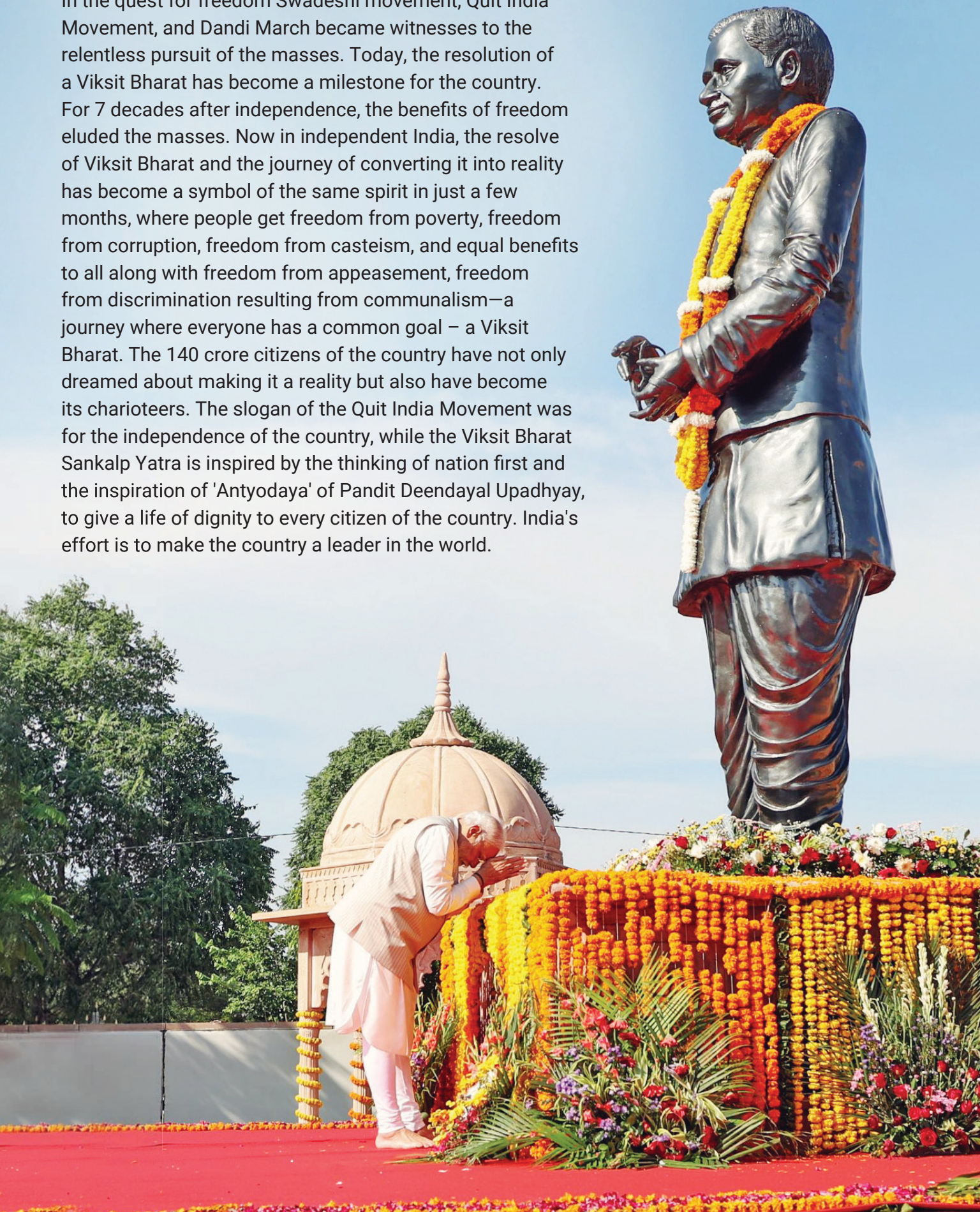
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With the mantra of Nation First and Antyodaya...

'Vikas Rath' becomes the 'Vishwas Rath' of Viksit Bharat



In the quest for freedom Swadeshi movement, Quit India Movement, and Dandi March became witnesses to the relentless pursuit of the masses. Today, the resolution of a Viksit Bharat has become a milestone for the country. For 7 decades after independence, the benefits of freedom eluded the masses. Now in independent India, the resolve of Viksit Bharat and the journey of converting it into reality has become a symbol of the same spirit in just a few months, where people get freedom from poverty, freedom from corruption, freedom from casteism, and equal benefits to all along with freedom from appeasement, freedom from discrimination resulting from communalism—a journey where everyone has a common goal – a Viksit Bharat. The 140 crore citizens of the country have not only dreamed about making it a reality but also have become its charioteers. The slogan of the Quit India Movement was for the independence of the country, while the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra is inspired by the thinking of nation first and the inspiration of 'Antyodaya' of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay, to give a life of dignity to every citizen of the country. India's effort is to make the country a leader in the world.



Gurvinder Singh Bajwa of Gurdaspur, Punjab, believes that the biggest benefit of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra is that farmers have organized into small groups to get the best possible profits in the agriculture sector. He says that now the farmer feels that he will get all the support. Whereas in Mizoram, Shuyaa Ralte of Aizawl has been doing organic farming since 2017. He says that he has been able to sell his produce to various companies up to New Delhi. Due to this, his income has increased significantly from Rs 20,000 to Rs 1.5 lakh.

Syed Khwaja Moinuddin of Nandyala, a member of a 102-year-old cooperative group in Andhra Pradesh, says that it was only after the initiative of the present government that NABARD gave a loan of Rs 3 crore to the group for storage under the Agricultural Infrastructure Scheme. This helped the group build five warehouses. Bhoomika Bhurayya, a woman belonging to a farmer family from Kanker, Chhattisgarh, said that she has availed the benefits of various government schemes including Van Dhan Yojana, Ujjwala Gas Connection, Jal Jeevan, MNREGA Card, Ration Card, and PM Kisan Samman Nidhi.

Kushala Devi, who works in a primary school in Rohru, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, is raising two children alone. She received assistance of Rs 1.85 lakh to build a house under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. This has helped her in building a permanent residence. Also, Rs 6,000 is transferred into her account every year because she possesses some land. Kushala Devi said that her children are getting an education and their lives have improved significantly after the construction of the house. Meghna, a single mother living in Mumbai and a beneficiary of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, currently runs a catering business. Meghna got a loan of Rs 90,000 through Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana. This helped her buy utensils and expand her business. Meghna said that she got the loan within 8 days of applying and she also repays her loan on time. She also talks about obtaining an education loan for her son. Meghna's son is currently studying in France. She has expanded her business with the help of Mudra Yojana and SVANidhi Yojana.

Dharam Rajan, a banana grower from Kozhikode, Kerala, and a beneficiary of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra told the Prime Minister about availing the benefits of Kisan Credit Card Loan, PM Kisan Samman Nidhi, PMJBY, PMSBY. Nazia Nazir, resident of Sheikhpura, Jammu, and Kashmir, works as a milk seller and her husband drives an auto. She is also a beneficiary of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra. She thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for giving the benefits of gas connection under the Ujjwala scheme, education in government schools, and extending the term of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana for the next 5 years. Another beneficiary of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, transgender Mona from Chandigarh, said that through PM SVANidhi Yojana, she got a loan of Rs 10,000 from which she opened a tea shop.

There are many such success stories and the number of beneficiaries joining them has reached 19 crore people in just a few months. It has become a beacon of parliamentary history in independent India where the central government is directly reaching the doorsteps of the citizens. The public enthusiasm is so high that Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself had to give instructions to extend the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra which started on 15 November 2023 and was expected to end on 26 January 2024. The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, which started with the aim of 'Purna Siddhi', is now targeting to take the benefits of various schemes to all sections, areas, villages, cities, and every nook and corner of the country that was left out in the Amrit Kaal, so that the development is all-round, all-touching and inclusive. The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra has now taken the form of a mass movement.

More than 19 crore people joining this journey in such a short span is unprecedented in itself. The Central Government itself is reaching out to the person on the last pedestal and connecting them with various schemes. Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra has become not just an initiative of the government but also the journey of the country. It has become a journey of dreams, it has become a journey of resolutions, it has become a journey of trust and that is why that guarantee Van by Prime Minister Modi is being welcomed with great enthusiasm by every region and every family of the country today as a hope for their better future. Be it villages or cities, everywhere there is excitement and enthusiasm for it. Be it a metropolis like Mumbai or the remote villages of Mizoram, the mountains of Kargil, or the sea coast of Kanyakumari, Modi's guarantee Van is reaching every corner of the country. The poor people who spent their lives waiting to get the benefits of government schemes are seeing a meaningful change today. Hardly anyone would have thought that someday government employees, government officers, the babus, and the leaders would themselves reach the door of the poor and ask whether they got the benefit of the government scheme or not. But now it is becoming a reality and it is happening with complete honesty. With the 'guarantee Van' government offices, public representatives are reaching the countrymen in



Since the launch of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra on November 15, 2023, the Prime Minister has regularly interacted with the beneficiaries of the Yatra across the country. Four rounds of talks have been held through video conferencing (November 30, December 9, December 16, and December 27). In addition, the Prime Minister met and interacted with the beneficiaries of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra on two consecutive days (December 17–18) during his visit to Varanasi.

Nation First and Antyodaya became the basis of sabka saath, sabka vishwas, and sabka prayas.



The basis of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra is the philosophy of Ekatma Manavwad (integral humanism) and Antyodaya, which is one of the guiding principles of the Central Government. This principle can be seen in combination with Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas, which is also reflected in the policies decided by the government for the development of poor, rural areas.

Deendayal Upadhyay and his economic policies have always talked about emphasizing the welfare of the poor. His economic thinking has included the man standing at the last mile. He had said, 'The measure of success in economic policymaking and progress is not how much benefit the people at the top of society are getting from it, but how much benefit the people at the bottom of society got from those policies. Antyodaya means the welfare of the person at the lowest level of society. He had also said, 'It is our thinking and our principles that these poor and uneducated people are our God; this is our social and humanitarian religion.'

Inspired by his idea of Antyodaya, the Central Government, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is moving towards the path of Antyodaya. Committed to the welfare of the poor, rural people, farmers, youth, and women coming from the most exploited sections of society.

The average standard of living has increased due to providing social security to the poor. Mudra, Jan Dhan, Ujjwala (providing gas connections to the poor), cleanliness mission, construction of toilets, Deendayal Gram Jyoti Yojana, housing scheme, affordable medicines and treatment—work on all these schemes has been taken forward. Agriculture is being improved with the use of technology, and special arrangements are being made for irrigation techniques with the

their villages and localities and the satisfaction is visible on the faces of the people.

Resolve of new India to give priority to the deprived

Social justice is assured only when everyone gets the benefits of government schemes equally and in the same spirit. For some reason, there were still many poor people in many states who did not have adequate information about the schemes. There were many poor people who were not able to avail the benefits of the schemes. Against such a backdrop, the sensitive Prime Minister Narendra Modi, as the head of the Central Government, was wondering how long will those people be left to their fate. With this thinking, the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra has reached every village of the country in mission mode, which has proved to be revolutionary in making every poor and deprived person a beneficiary of government schemes. This is the reason that today these words of Prime Minister Narendra Modi have not only become an indication of the willpower to bring the resolution to fruition but have also become a guarantee of development.

The Journey of Sankalp Se Siddhi

The Prime Minister had announced from the ramparts of the Red Fort to take benefits of various schemes to the 100 percent of entitled people. Be it the campaign of making India AatmaNirbhar a mass movement or reaching out to marginalized people, India has gone far beyond the target and has laid a strong foundation.

The country has gained momentum in every field, land, water, and sky. The efforts of the last



intention of doubling the income of farmers. Many investments are also being made in villages with the help of the Union Budget. Inspired by the thoughts of Deendayal Upadhyay, the government is committed to using the country's resources only for the progress of the country, for which this government is taking strict steps to curb corruption, stop black money, and stop the looting of public money. The path to a better India will be found only by eradicating poverty.

Pandit Deendayal said, "The one who is sitting on the last rung of society—be it Dalit, victim, exploited, deprived, poor, farmer—should rise first. To make the nation strong and self-reliant, society will have to provide social and economic development to these people who are at the last step." This idea of Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay is the inspiration of Antyodaya, which is the basic mantra of the government led by Prime Minister Modi transforming lives through: "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, and Sabka Prayas."

Following the path of Ekatma Manavwad (Integral Humanism) and Antyodaya, today the Central Government is taking steps towards a self-reliant India by realizing the dreams of every section of the country, the pioneer of which is Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay. Integral Humanism and Antyodaya of Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay, who gave the philosophy of Sarvajan Hitaya, Sarvajan Sukhaay, i.e., Antyodaya, is the essence of the speech given in four parts from April 22 to 25, 1965, in Mumbai. Be it the new national education policy or service to the poor or the initiative to make self-reliance a movement, it is all part of Panditji's economic philosophy. If the Central Government's financial inclusion scheme is reaching the last person in society today, it is an example of Pandit ji's Antyodaya.

It is due to the influence of Pandit Deendayal's thoughts that Prime Minister Narendra Modi started 'Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana', which has today become a new revolution in rural India. Prime Minister Modi says that Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay has shown the path of Antyodaya, i.e., the rise of those who are in the last line of society. India of the 21st century is working for Antyodaya, taking inspiration from this idea. Work is being done to bring those who are at the last level of development to the first level of development. Be it Purvanchal, Eastern India, the North East, or more than 100 aspirational districts of the country, unprecedented development work is taking place in all the areas

few years have proved that 21st-century India can set big goals and make them come true. Now the new India is equipped with resolutions to take the development journey to its completion without any ifs and buts, so that when the country completes 100 years of independence, the goals of the countrymen turn into reality to realize its grand resolutions of a Viksit Bharat. This is a resolve to take everyone's support and make everyone's dreams come true. Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra is taking government schemes and facilities to those people who till now have been left out of them and do not even have information about them. If there is information then how to get it, they do not know the way. The enthusiasm that is visible in every village regarding the guarantee Van of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is visible in every corner of India, be it North, South, East, West,

There is a direct relationship, an emotional relationship, between the Central Government and the people of the country, and when I say, you are my family members; this is a humble effort by your servant to reach out to my family members. I am coming to your village by van. Our government is not a mai-baap government; rather, our government is a servant government of the Mother-Father. This Modi serves you in the same way a child serves his parents.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

a very small village, or a big village. At some places where there is no vehicle route, people come to the Van themselves to take the information, which is amazing in itself.

Such a big 'Vikas Yatra' for the first time

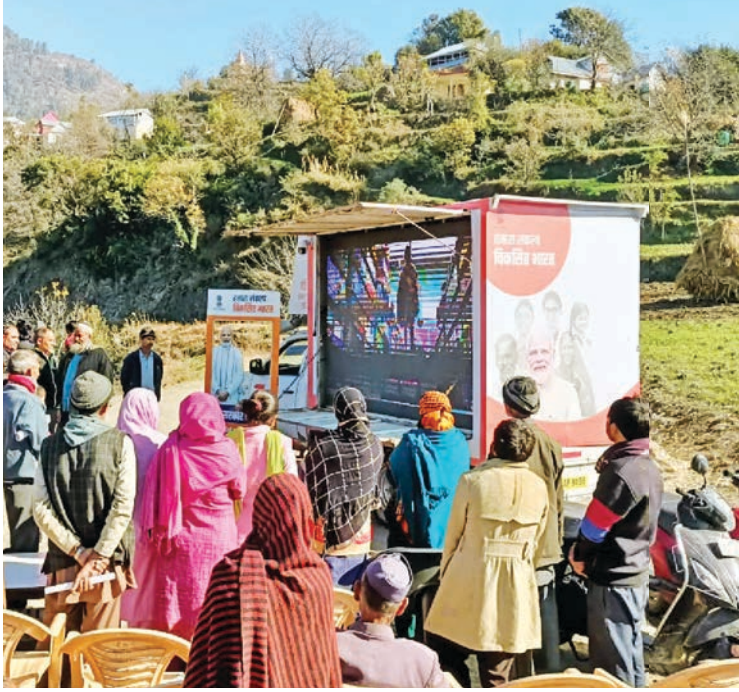
Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra has been started with the aim that every eligible citizen of India should get full benefits of all the schemes of the Central Government and no one should be deprived. For the first time, such a big journey is being undertaken by the government to reach out to the masses. Vans equipped with information are reaching 2.5 lakh gram panchayats of the country. It is being sent to 18 thousand places in urban areas also. Its objective is to make people aware of which schemes are being run for them, what benefits are expected in them, how many people have benefited from it and the left out people can take advantage of it. This is an important step towards making India developed. The vans sent by the government have reached people's doorsteps and through videos, they were told which schemes are running and how. In what way can one benefit from it? Those people who have not benefited from this journey are also taking advantage of it. On the Janjatiya Gaurav Divas, it was started in the tribal and remote districts of the country. Be it a hilly area, desert, or forest, the Central Government's Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra will reach everywhere. In 2018 also, the Central Government had launched a similar Gram Swaraj Abhiyan. In this campaign also, every village was reached with seven major schemes. This time the journey is bigger and with more plans than before.

A people's movement became a journey filled with public trust.

As many people participated in this journey and as the Vikas Rath moved ahead, people started saying that now it is not just a Vikas Rath, it is a guarantee van by Prime Minister Modi. The countrymen have taken this unique campaign forward by making it a mass movement. This journey has become an indication that 140 crore countrymen have decided that now they have to make a Viksit Bharat. It is not without reason that there is so much enthusiasm for the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra in every corner of the country. The reason for this is that in the last ten years, they have seen the extraordinary work

Modi has come to find out who is left. So that I can complete that work in the coming five years. Therefore, wherever you go in the country, you definitely hear one thing, and I believe that it is the voice of the hearts of the countrymen; they are saying it from the heart, on the basis of experience, where they lose hope from others. Modi's guarantee starts from there. That is why there is a lot of buzz about Modi's guarantee vehicle.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



of the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, which has created immense confidence in the minds of the people. The reason for this is that the people of the country have also seen that period when, for many decades after independence, a large population of the country remained deprived of basic facilities. Unless a middleman was found, one could not reach the office, one could not even get a

paper unless the middleman was given money. No house, no toilet, no electricity connection, no gas connection, no insurance, no pension, no opening of bank account. More than half of India's population did not even have bank accounts. This situation of despair has been changed by Prime Minister Modi's government. He says, "The government that exists in the country today is a government that considers the people as Janardhan, God and we are people who work in the spirit of service, not in the spirit of power. Even today, I have decided to go from village to village with you in the same spirit of service. Today the country has left behind the earlier extremes of misgovernance. Now good governance means 100 percent benefit should be given, there should be saturation. No one should be left behind, whoever deserves it should get it."

People joined the journey connecting village and city

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra has become a big medium to reach such people who till now were not able to connect with the government schemes. Panchayats have formed 'Swagat Samitis' in every village to welcome the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra. Village elders and people from all sections of the society have been included in the 'Swagat Samitis'. Even though Prime Minister Modi has flagged off the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, the truth is that today the countrymen have taken command of this yatra.

The central government is also committed to the social security of the people living in the city. The government has worked seriously to ensure that everyone gets social safety coverage even after the age of 60. So far 6 crore people in the country have joined Atal Pension Yojana. This ensures a regular pension of up to Rs 5,000 after the age of 60 years. Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana has also become a big hope for the poor living in the city.

Kahani Meri Zubaani is a special attraction of this journey. That is, the beneficiaries themselves tell how they got the information about the Central Government scheme under which they are getting benefits, how they applied, what kind of documents had to be given, and how they got the benefits. Its objective is to make people aware of the Central schemes and to motivate those who have not got the benefits to get it. This yatra involves reaching

25 crore people have come out of poverty in 10 years. The government stood with these 25 crore people at every step, and these 25 crore friends took advantage of the government schemes, used the money properly, adapted their lives to the scheme, and helped 25 crore people defeat poverty. That means my 25 crore friends have overcome poverty. You can imagine how happy I would have been and how much my confidence would have grown. Yes, these schemes can take us out of poverty. Therefore, in the coming days, I also need your help to eliminate poverty in India. If you want other poor people to overcome poverty like you do, then you will have to become my partner and give them strength. I am confident that you will become my soldier and my partner and support me in the fight to defeat poverty.

- Narendra Modi,
Prime Minister

out to people and creating awareness of schemes providing sanitation facilities, essential financial services, electricity connections, access to LPG cylinders, housing for the poor, food security, proper nutrition, reliable healthcare, and clean drinking water.

The golden picture of India in 2047

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision is clear: if we have to build a grand and divine edifice of developed India in the next 25 years, then we will have to further strengthen its four Amrit pillars. Now we have to focus our efforts on the four pillars with even more energy than what has been done in the last 10 years. These pillars are:

First Amrit Pillar: Women of India, Our Women Power

Second Amrit Pillar: Farmers of India, our cattle rearers, our fish farmers, our Annadata

Third Amrit Pillar: Youth of India, our youth power

Fourth Amrit Pillar: India's middle class, India's poor.

The Prime Minister says that the stronger we strengthen these four pillars, the greater will be the building of a developed India. Today, there is talk of India's success everywhere: in the 10 years of the central government, more than 25 crore people have come out of poverty. When there was a change in power at the Centre in 2014, a very large population of India was deprived of basic facilities. In such a situation, Prime Minister Modi started working in the spirit of sevak and started giving preference to those who were deprived. For those who were considered the farthest, the government itself went to them. For those who had been neglected for decades, the central government became their strength. The bureaucracy was the same, but if the thinking changed, the results changed. Before 2014, the sanitation coverage in the villages of the country was less than 40 percent. Today we are

For me, those who are poor and deprived, for whom even the doors of government offices are closed, whom no one asks, Modi asks them first. Not only does Modi ask, Modi also worships him. For me, every poor person in the country is a VIP. Every mother, sister, and daughter in the country is a VIP for me. Every farmer in the country is a VIP for me. Every youth in the country is a VIP for me.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



reaching the target of 100 percent. Earlier, only 50–55 percent of households had LPG connections. Today, women have freedom from smoke in almost 100 percent of households. Earlier, only 55 percent of children in the country were able to get life-saving vaccines. Today, almost 100 percent of the children are being vaccinated. In the seven decades after independence, only 17 percent of rural households in the country had access to tap water. Today, it is also reaching 70 percent due to the Jal Jeevan Mission. Even after so many decades of independence, 18,000 villages were left without electricity. It took a tough resolution to electrify these 18 thousand villages, and we proved it. There were more than 110 districts in the country that were lagging behind on every parameter of development. Education, health, and facilities in these districts, which have been in deplorable condition for decades, are now being expanded through the Aspirational Block Programme to ensure the success of the Aspirational District Campaign.

Certainly, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's working style of taking resolutions to completion is the basis of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra. The way Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra has given the message that in the last 10 years, the nation has set a new example of progress. But this is not perfection; now India's aim in Amrit Kaal is to reach the benefit schemes to every section, region, village-city, and every corner of the left-out society so that the development is all-round, all-touching, and inclusive. If the country stands up like this and 140 crore countrymen are filled with the same enthusiasm and resolve that now we have to take the country forward, change everyone's life, everyone's power should be respected, and that power should be used. , then the country should move forward. Prime Minister Modi says that once this resolution is formed in the mind, then in the coming 25 years, such a banyan tree will be formed, which will realize the resolution of a developed India by 2047. If the mind is made up, then the destination is not far. In the true sense, this Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, in a way, has become the work of the country.



The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra is an attempt to saturate the schemes developed by the central government to benefit the people sitting at the end in order to achieve the goal of Viksit Bharat. Let us know about the programmes that this Modi-guaranteed Vikas Rath is implementing to assist the targetted beneficiaries.



PM SVANidhi



This is a central sector scheme in which working capital loan facilities are provided up to 50,000 rupees. Regular repayment and digital transactions are encouraged. It is helping to empower street vendors. New opportunities to move forward on the economic ladder will open.

11,198 crore rupees worth 84.10 lakh loans approved

43% OBC and 19 percent Scheduled Caste beneficiaries

92.31 crores of rupees in cashback were given to encourage the use of digital payments.



44% of beneficiaries are women

PM Vishwakarma

PM Vishwakarma aims to improve accessibility as well as the quality of the products and services of artisans and craftsmen while ensuring that Vishwakarmas are integrated into domestic and global value chains. The scheme commenced on September 17, 2023.



24 lakh beneficiaries target to be included in the scheme by the financial year 2024–25.

3.82 lakh Applicants were successfully registered after three levels of screening.

97.65 lakh applications were received.

13,000 crore rupees will be spent on the scheme by 2030-31.

PM Ujjwala Yojana



PM Ujjwala Yojana aims to provide free LPG connections to poor women and was launched in 2016. More than 10 crore connections have been given in the scheme to empower women, reduce indoor pollution, and promote clean cooking fuel. The scheme has been extended with an additional subsidy of Rs 300.

23.12 Lakhs of applications were received during the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra

2.16 Crores of connections were given in Ujjwala 2.0.

10.14 Crores of connections were given until January 29, 2024.

32.76 Lakh Aadhaar verification of LPG consumers was done during the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra.



Start-up India

The flagship initiative Startup India launched on 16 January 2016 aims to create a strong and inclusive ecosystem for innovation and entrepreneurship while promoting startup culture.

1,20,550 recognized start-ups in the country.

12.42 lakh direct employment generated as informed by the startups to the government.

80% districts have a presence of startups

56,000 Plus, startups have at least one woman director.

Prime Minister Mudra Yojana

The scheme provides collateral-free loans up to Rs 10 lakh to non-corporate, non-agriculture micro-enterprises in three categories.

23.38 lakh crore rupees worth, 46.15 lakh loans were given till 26 January 2024.



1.12 Crore jobs were created through the Mudra Yojana in three years during 2015–2018, as revealed in the national-level sample survey.

66% Shishu category Mudra loan beneficiaries, 19% Kishore, and 15% Tarun category loan beneficiaries contributed to additional employment generation.



Stand-Up India

The Stand-Up India scheme facilitates bank loans between Rs 10 lakh and Rs 1 crore to at least one Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe borrower per bank branch for setting up Greenfield ventures.

2.18 lakhs of applicants given loans

49,252 Crore rupees loans disbursed

1.48 lakh bank branches are providing loan facility

Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY



Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY is the world's largest health insurance scheme. It is completely paperless and cashless. It aims to cover more than 12 crore poor and vulnerable families, i.e., about 55 crore beneficiaries annually, with hospitalization insurance of up to Rs 5 lakh. This is the bottom 40% of the Indian population.

2.78 crore plus cards were generated during the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra.

51.03 lakh cards were distributed during the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra.

13.3 lakh bedded 27,742 hospitals are empanelled in the scheme, including 11,973 private hospitals.

30.8 crore Ayushman Cards have been generated till 29th January.

79,174 crore rupees were approved for 6.22 crore hospitalizations.

PM Awas Yojana—Urban

PM Awas Yojana-Urban is being implemented from June 2015. In this housing scheme applicable to urban areas, all eligible people are being provided pucca houses every season. Approval has been given to continue until December 31, 2024, with all work areas except the credit-linked subsidy scheme for the completion of houses sanctioned before March 31, 2022.



80.05 lakh
House construction completed

2 lakh crore rupees central assistance

1.18 crore
Housing units sanctioned

Swachh Bharat Abhiyan—Urban



The scheme was launched on October 2, 2014, with the objective of making urban India free from open defecation, establishing efficient solid waste management practices, and bringing about behavioral change. In the first phase, urban India achieved open-defecation-free status. Swachh Bharat Mission Urban 2.0 was launched on October 1, 2021, with a vision of garbage-free cities by 2026.

63.04 lakh individual toilets constructed whereas the target was 58.99 lakh.

6,36,826 public toilets constructed whereas the target was 5,07,587 toilets

1,191 Cities accorded ODF++ status

In **90,935** Wards door-to-door garbage collection begins



PM e-Bus Service

The PM e-Bus service has been launched with the aim of increasing the share of electric bus (e-bus)-based public transport in cities. The scheme will augment electric bus operations in the city by extending central assistance of Rs 20,000 crore for 10,000 electric bus operations on the PPP model. Reductions in carbon emissions and green urban mobility initiatives will get support.

The PM e-Bus service was approved on August 16, 2023.

100% Central assistance in a Union Territory without a Legislative Assembly.

90% Central Assistance to Hilly States, North Eastern States, Union Territories with Legislative Assembly.

AMRUT

The Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) has been launched with the aim of making all statutory towns in the country 'Jal Surakshit' and providing functional water tap connections to all households

From **485** Cities and towns the scheme was launched on 25 June 2015.



82,958 crores rupees worth 5901 projects are under construction, of which projects worth Rs 75,571 crore have been completed.

60 cities in Uttar Pradesh are included in the AMRUT scheme.



PM Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana

Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana was launched in November 2008 with the objective of providing affordable and quality generic medicines to all. In this, Jan Aushadhi Kendras have been opened.

- 1,965 medicines and 293 surgical items are included in the centre's list.
- 50.72 crore Jan Aushadhi Suvidha napkins were sold at the price of Rs. 1.
- The common man saved Rs 28,000 crore in the last nine years by purchasing medicines from these centres.
- More than 21,000 youth were included in the scheme, which provided a source of sustainable livelihood.

50-90% cheaper in price as compared to the branded medicine in the open market

10,624 Jan Aushadhi Kendras operational across the country till 31st January.

25,000 Jan Aushadhi Kendras are targeted to be opened by 31st March 2026.

Regional Connectivity Scheme: UDAN

Regional Connectivity Scheme – 'Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik' was launched on 21 October 2021 with the objective of increasing regional connectivity to unserved or underserved airports of the country and making air travel affordable for the common man. With this, air connectivity is being increased in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities.



Over
519
routes were made operational after the launch of 'UDAN'.

1.33
crore passengers have benefited from the UDAN scheme so far.

76
airports, two water aerodromes and 9 heliports under plan made operational.

21
Greenfield airports have been identified for development, of which 12 became operational.

Vande Bharat Train and Amrit Bharat Station Scheme

India's first indigenously designed and manufactured semi-high-speed Vande Bharat train, equipped with advanced safety and features, was launched. High speed, advanced safety standards, and world-class service are the hallmarks of this train.

- The AMRUT Bharat Station Scheme envisages development of stations. This includes making a master plan of each station and its implementation. Improving the station building, integrating the station from both ends of the city, creating facilities for the disabled among others are also part of the plan.

Vande Bharat trains have given a huge boost to the manufacturing sector in India. Vande Bharat trains have given a huge boost to the manufacturing sector in India.

- 82 Vande Bharat trains started running until 31 January.
- The speed of the section has been increased to 130 kmph on 10,981 route km.
- Work is underway to increase the speed to 160 kmph on the New Delhi to Mumbai and New Delhi to Howrah route.





Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY)

Scheme to provide life insurance coverage of Rs 2 lakh to people aged 18-50 years at an annual premium of

just Rs 436

16.2
crore plus enrolments





Sickle Cell Anaemia Eradication Mission

The objective of this mission is to enable access to affordable and quality health care for all SCD patients in tribal areas and to reduce the spread of this disease through awareness, change in practices, and screening.

1.72 crore people have been screened.

5.69 lakh people found to have sickle cell trait

1.04 lakh test positive for sickle cell disease

As many as 42.30 lakh people were screened during the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, of which around 71,000 tested positive. The patients were shifted to the higher primary health centres.

Admission to Eklavya Model Residential Schools

The National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS) has been set up with the objective of providing quality education to ST children through the establishment of Eklavya Model Residential Schools. EMRSs provide free education to Scheduled Tribe children from Class VI to XII in residential settings.



694 Eklavya Model Residential Schools approved

402 Schools are operational

272 schools out of 694 sanctioned schools have construction work completed

1.23 lakh students are studying in these schools



Scholarship Schemes

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs provides financial assistance to the state, individual beneficiaries, and institutions as per the planned norms. Under these scholarship schemes, about 30 lakh ST students are being assisted through DBT.

5.27 lakh beneficiaries in Pre-Matric Scholarship



22.19 lakh beneficiaries in Post-Matric Scholarship



1-lakh products available at 119 retail outlets of TRIFED.

Van Dhan Vikas Kendra

Van Dhan Yojana, a component of 'Mechanism for Marketing Minor Forest Produce through Minimum Support Price and Development of Value Chain' was launched on April 14, 2018. The collection and sale of MFP contribute 40–60% of the tribal annual income. Value addition helps them triple or quadruple their income. The program addresses the pressing problems that tribals face.

3.27 lakh artisan families are associated with TRIFED centres

3,225 Van Dhan Vikas Kendras in 340 districts

55,036 Van Dhan Self Help Groups

9. 64 lakh beneficiaries approximately of the Van Dhan Yojana

PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana

Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PM-GKAY) is a scheme as part of Atmanirbhar Bharat to supply free foodgrains to migrants and the poor. The scheme was launched in view of the difficulties caused by the COVID-19 crisis. In the first seven phases, 11.18 crore metric tons of foodgrains were allocated at a cost of Rs. 3.91 lakh crore in 28 months.



81.35

crore people will get free rations for the next five years,under the PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana.

11.80

crore rupees to be spent over five years.

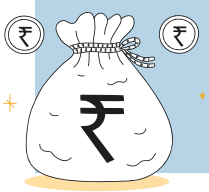
Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana: National Rural Livelihoods Mission



It is a flagship poverty alleviation programme implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development, which aims to reduce poverty by enabling poor households to access gainful self-employment and skilled-wage employment so that the poor have the opportunity for sustainable and diversified livelihood options.

9.98 crore plus women households have been included in 90.39 lakh self-help groups.

Saras collection has been created as a store front in the government e-marketplace GeM for the sale of self-help group products. The ministry has signed an MoU with the e-commerce site.



An e-commerce platform (www.esaras.in) has also been launched by the Ministry for online marketing of products of Self Help Groups.



PM Awas Yojana (Gramin)

Implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development, the scheme aims to provide pucca houses with basic amenities to 2.95 crore homeless families living in kutcha and dilapidated houses by March 2024.

2.94 crore houses have been sanctioned for the beneficiaries.

Over **2.55** crore houses have been completed till 1st February.

1.20 lakh rupee assistance is given to the beneficiaries of plain areas and Rs. 1.30 lakh to the beneficiaries of hilly states.

Toilet construction, tap water, electricity and LPG connections are also provided.

PM Kisan Samman Nidhi

The central scheme was launched in February 2019. Under the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana, all landholding farmer families are provided income support of Rs 6,000 per year in three equal installments.



11 crore plus farmers are beneficiaries.

2.81 lakh crore has been given to these beneficiaries in 15 installments.

- The amount is sent to the bank account of the beneficiary through Direct Benefit Transfer, or DBT, in three equal installments.
- It is the responsibility of the state and union territory to identify and verify eligible beneficiaries under the scheme.

During the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, a saturation campaign was conducted in the PM Kisan Yojana, under which more than 50 lakh farmers were included in the scheme.



Kisan Credit Card (KCC)

Kisan Credit Card provides simplified access to short-term credit at concessional interest rates to farmers involved in agriculture, fisheries, animal husbandry, and poultry activities through various financial institutions, including banks and cooperative societies.

- In 2018-19, the KCC scheme was made available to livestock farmers and fish farmers with interest subvention benefits.
- The interest rate applicable to borrowings in 2023–24 is 7%, and the interest subvention rate is 1.5%.
- A 3% annual incentive is given to the farmers who pay the loan on time.
- There are 7.44 crore active KCC accounts.
- The balance in these accounts is Rs 9.17 lakh crore.
- Active accounts of 26.20 lakh livestock farmers and 1.04 lakh fish farmers.

Upto **3** Lakh rupees loan is given to cardholder farmers at a concessional rate of interest.

UJALA Yojana

UJALA is part of the energy efficiency awareness efforts in the country. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched it on January 5, 2015. The objective is to promote efficient use of energy, increase consumer awareness about the use of energy-efficient appliances, and reduce the cost of LEDs by increasing their demand.



382
crore bulbs were sold from the Indian market after the UJALA scheme.

36.86
crore LED bulbs were distributed till February 8th.

47,880
mn kWh of energy is being saved annually.

19,152
Crore rupees annual savings

Annual carbon emission reduction of 3.87 crore metric tons.

Saubhagya Yojana

Moving towards 100% electrification of villages, Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana - Saubhagya was launched with the objective of providing electricity to all unelectrified households in the country. The scheme is the world's largest universal electrification initiative, in collaboration with the central and state governments.



2.62
crore households electrified under the scheme.

6.19
lakh villages electrified under the scheme.

Digital payment infrastructure



As a part of the Government of India's strategy to digitize the financial sector and the economy, digital payment transactions have been steadily increasing over the last few years. These include UPI, UPI 123Pay, RuPay Debit Card, IMPS, BHIM Aadhaar Pay, Bharat Bill Payment System, FASTag, and e-RUPI, among others.

13,462 crore digital transactions were done in 2022–23; only 2071 crore transactions were done in 2017–18.

62% of digital transactions took place through BHIM-UPI in 2022–23

123 Pay launched for feature phone users, is currently available in 20 languages.

108 lakh crore rupees worth transactions took place in the current financial year until October 2023.



Khelo India

Access to training facilities at Khelo India has become more affordable and closer to home. Through the Khelo India Youth and University Games, talent is being developed at the grassroots level. Scholarships and financial aid have enabled athletes to focus on training without financial constraints. At present, the old champion athletes at the Khelo India centres are training more than 19,500 athletes.

17,000 plus sports infrastructures

Over **2,500** sports infrastructures are Olympic-level

900 plus Khelo India centers, more than 13,000 players are taking training

2,841 players are being trained in 21 disciplines.

Over **23,000** players are being given incentives

3,000 athletes were given the recognition of Khelo India Athlete

23.68 crore people participated in the Fit India Movement.

6.28 lakh per annum scholarships for training, coaching, diet, medical insurance, kits, and out-of-pocket allowances being given to Khelo India athletes.

880 Crore rupees budget in the current financial year under Khelo India





POSHAN Abhiyaan

Launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in March 2018 to improve the nutritional status of children aged 0–6 years, adolescent girls, pregnant women, and lactating mothers in a time-bound manner by adopting a coordinated and result-oriented approach. POSHAN Abhiyaan has now been re-organized as part of Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0.

Over **10.10** crore beneficiaries of the scheme.

- The scheme is for the holistic development of all children up to the age of 6 years, with a focus on key development areas identified in the National Education Policy 2020.
- The nutrition helpline is 14408, which has been launched for grievance redressal.
- The training of 13.1 lakh Anganwadi workers is to be done in two phases, from 2023 to 2026, to enhance their skills.
- 10.01 crore beneficiaries are registered on the Poshan Tracker application.



Initially, only 3.23 crore (17%) households had tap water facilities; today, it has reached above 14.27 crore, i.e., 74%.

Har Ghar Jal-Jal Jeevan Mission

On August 15, 2019, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Jal Jeevan Mission from the ramparts of the Red Fort. It is the world's largest water supply scheme, which aims to improve the lives of villagers by supplying potable water in an adequate quantity of prescribed quality (minimum 55 lpcd) at affordable service delivery charges to every rural household in India with a functional household tap connection.

2.02 lakh
villages reported themselves as' Har Ghar Jal, "out of which more than 1.01 lakh villages were certified by the respective Gram Sabha.

Over
22.98 lakh
women have been trained to test water using field testing kits.

2,118
drinking water quality testing laboratories were commissioned.

About **1**
crore water samples were tested using field testing kits.

Jan Dhan Yojana



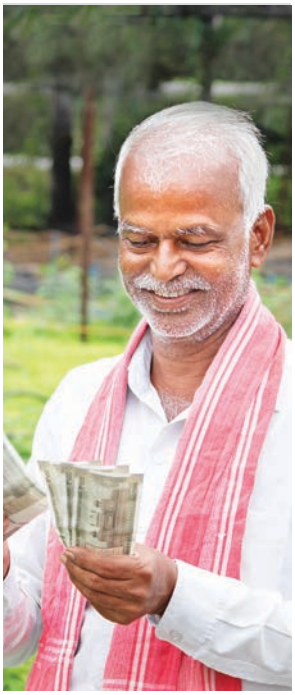
A scheme to open a basic bank account for unbanked people. A free RuPay debit card is given along with an accident insurance plan of Rs 2 lakh. An overdraft facility of Rs 10,000 is available to Jan Dhan account holders.

55.54 crore PM Jan Dhan accounts have been opened.

28.60
crore accounts have been opened by women

2.17
lakh crore rupees in these accounts till January 2024.





Atal Pension Yojana

A scheme for providing pension coverage for unorganized sector workers was launched on May 9, 2015. Individuals aged between 18 and 40 who have a savings account in a bank or post office are eligible for the scheme.

6,17,96,389
enrolled in the Atal Pension Yojana.



SVAMITVA Yojana

The SVAMITVA scheme provides a record of rights to the rural population through the use of the latest drone survey technology. There are many benefits to this scheme. Properties became eligible for bank loans, resulting in a reduction in property disputes and comprehensive village-level planning with the help of digital maps, which will provide the means to transform communities.

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states and UTs have signed a MoU with the Survey of India for the implementation of the SVAMITVA Scheme.

- A drone survey in 2.93 lakh villages was completed.
- More than 1.75 crore property cards have been prepared for about 1.10 lakh villages.
- States are following a rigorous process for land verification, settlement of claims and objections, and preparation of property cards.

Some states, like Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, and Maharashtra, are using mobile or web-based applications for verification at the ground level.

PM-PRANAM

PM-PRANAM stands for PM Programme for Restoration, Awareness, Nourishment, and Improvement of Mother Earth. The objective of this scheme is to reduce the use of chemical fertilizers by encouraging the states to adopt alternative fertilizers. On June 28, 2023, the Cabinet approved the scheme.

- 50% of the subsidy saved by reducing the consumption of chemical fertilizers as compared to the average consumption of the last 3 years will be given as a grant to the concerned state or UT.

The consumption data will come out after the end of the financial year 2023–24.





Fertilizer companies have informed the government about the decision to set up six more nano-urea plants.

Nano Fertilizer Promotion

Nano-urea (liquid) is a nanotechnology-based fertilizer. The 4% nanonitrogen mixed in it effectively meets the nitrogen requirements of the crops. Unlike conventional urea, nano urea facilitates targeted spraying, which reduces the need for chemical fertilizers, increases efficiency, and saves cost.

- The study revealed that two sprays of nanourea as top dressing with a standard quantity of nitrogen yielded a yield gain of 3–8%.

25-50%

Urea was saved in various crops.

21.5

crore bottles annual production capacity plants set up at four places

7.32

crore Nano Urea bottles were sold between August 2021 and January 2024 across the country.

Union Cabinet Decisions

INCREASE IN SUGARCANE FRP
SIX RAILWAY PROJECTS APPROVED

The Central Government is committed to fulfill every resolution related to the welfare of farmers across the country. With this aim the Union Cabinet has approved the proposal to increase the price of sugarcane purchase. This will benefit crores of sugarcane producing farmers. The Cabinet also approved the proposal of 6 multi-tracking projects of Indian Railways and Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana. These projects will make the people in these areas 'self-reliant' through comprehensive development in the area, thereby increasing their employment and self-employment opportunities. The Cabinet also approved many other proposals...



DECISION: Approval of 'Fair and Remunerative Price' (FRP) of sugarcane payable by sugar mills to sugarcane farmers for the sugar season 2024-25.

IMPACT: FRP of sugarcane has been fixed at Rs 340 per quintal at the basic recovery rate of 10.25 percent. This decision of the Central Government will benefit more than 5 crore sugarcane farmers (including family members) and lakhs of other people associated with the sugar sector. This affirms the efforts towards fulfillment of PM Modi's guarantee of doubling farmers' income.

DECISION: The Umbrella Scheme on 'Safety of Women' will be continued till the year 2025-26.

IMPACT: On this scheme Rs 1179.72 will be spent from 2021-22 to 2025-26. A total of Rs 885.49 crore will be provided by the Home Ministry and Rs 294.23 crore will be financed from the Nirbhaya Fund. The project includes upgradation of Central Forensic Science Laboratories including setting up of National Forensic Data Centre. This project will ensure foolproof and scientific investigation of crimes against women and children.

DECISION: The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved six multi-track projects by Indian Railways to ease travel, reduce logistics costs, reduce oil imports, and reduce CO2 emissions.
IMPACT: These projects will augment the existing line capacity of various sections, leading to the smooth running of trains. Along with punctuality, less time will be taken for the coaches to return. There will be a reduction in congestion and an increase in rail traffic. The projects will generate direct employment equivalent to about 3 crore mandays during construction. The financial outlay of these projects will be around Rs 12,343 crore, and construction is likely to be completed by 2029–30.

DECISION: Extension of the Fisheries Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) for the next 3 years up to 2025–26 with an already sanctioned amount of Rs. 7522.48 crore and budgetary support of Rs. 939.48 crore.
IMPACT: The expansion of various fisheries FIDFs will expedite the development of various fisheries infrastructure in the state, such as fishing harbours, fish landing centres, ice plants, cold storage, fish transportation facilities, an integrated cold chain, modern fish markets, brood banks, hatcheries, aquaculture development, fish seed farms, fisheries training art centers, fish processing units, mariculture, and aquatic quarantine facilities.

DECISION: The Flood Management and Border Areas Programme (FMBAP) was approved with a total outlay of Rs 4,100 crore for a period of 5 years, from 2021–22 to 2025–26.
IMPACT: Under the Flood Management Programme (FMP) component of FMBAP, central assistance will be provided to the state governments for undertaking critical works related to flood control, anti-erosion, development of drainage systems, anti-sea erosion, etc., with a total outlay of Rs. 2,940 crore. The scheme provides for incentivizing states that implement flood plain zoning, identified as an effective non-structural measure for flood management.

DECISION: Approval for amendment to the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Policy in respect of the Space Sector.
IMPACT: Under the revised FDI policy, 100% FDI is allowed in the space sector. The liberalised entry routes under the revised policy are aimed at attracting potential investors to invest in Indian companies in the space. Increased participation in the private sector will help in generating employment, imbibing modern technology, and making the sector self-reliant. This is likely to integrate Indian companies into global value chains.

DECISION: Approval for the proposal of Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samriddhi Sahyog Yojana (PM-MKSSY), a Central Sector Sub-Scheme under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada for Micro and Small Enterprises in the Fisheries Sector.
IMPACT: The PM-MKSSY envisages an investment of over Rs 6,000 crore over the next four years. The objective is to formalize the fisheries sector and support the micro- and small-scale enterprises associated with fisheries.

DECISION: The PM-Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojna was approved with a total outlay of Rs 75,021 crore for installing rooftop solar power and providing up to 300 units of free electricity every month for one crore households.
IMPACT: As an exemplary example of rooftop solar adoption in rural areas, a model solar village will be developed in every district of the country. Urban Local Bodies and Panchayati Raj Institutions will also benefit from various incentives to promote RTS installations in their areas.

DECISION: Approval for the establishment of the International Big Cat Alliance.
IMPACT: Alliance will be headquartered in India and will receive a one-time budgetary support of Rs 150 crore for a period of five years from 2023–24 to 2027–28. The seven big cats include the tiger, lion, leopard, snow leopard, puma, jaguar, and cheetah.

DECISION: Approval for inclusion of 3 new fertilizer grades under the NBS Scheme and Nutrient-Based Subsidy Rates on Phosphatic and Potassic (P and K) Fertilizers for Kharif Season, 2024.
IMPACT: The availability of fertilizers to farmers at a subsidized, affordable, and reasonable price will be ensured. Rationalization of subsidies on P and K fertilizers in view of recent trends in international prices of fertilizers and inputs. ●

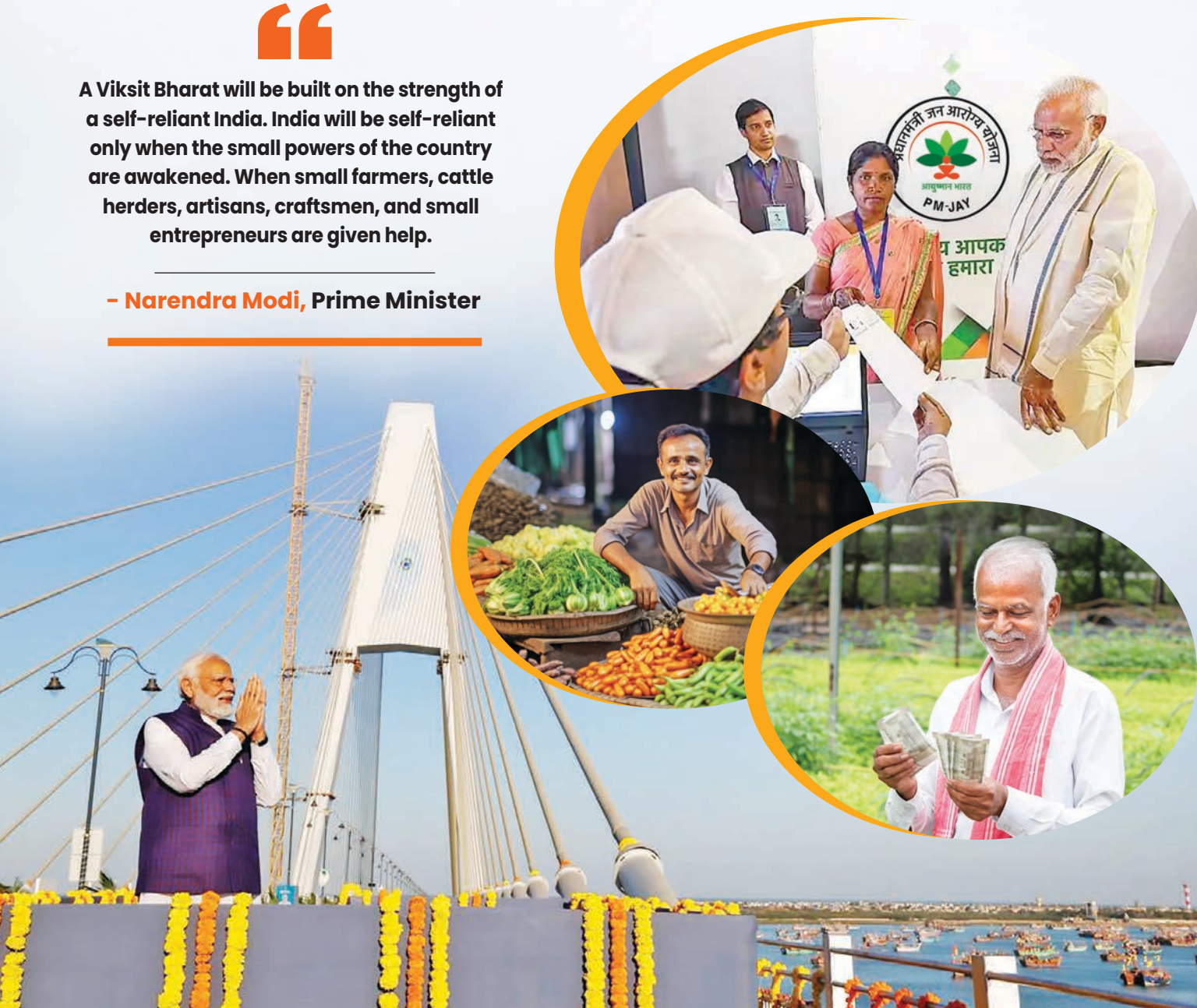
Mantra of the Nation

Development of the States for a Viksit Bharat

The country is making big resolutions today. It is also dreaming big and dedicating itself to making, these dreams come true. The world is also amazed at the progress taking place in India. They are confident that a huge country like India can dream big dreams and can also fulfill them. In the last 10 years, unprecedented investment has been made in village roads, national highways, or other infrastructure. The development of a nation is possible only through the development of states. Keeping this mantra at the center, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, under the ground-breaking program in the second fortnight of February, laid the foundation stone for 14,000 projects worth more than Rs 10 lakh crore and inaugurated development projects worth Rs 3.5 lakh crore so that the four pillars of Viksit Bharat—youth, women, farmers, and the poor—are empowered.

A Viksit Bharat will be built on the strength of a self-reliant India. India will be self-reliant only when the small powers of the country are awakened. When small farmers, cattle herders, artisans, craftsmen, and small entrepreneurs are given help.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister





Odisha to become a hub of education and skill development

The resolve of a Viksit nation cannot be fulfilled unless the last person standing in every state and society of the country is Viksit. In Odisha on February 3, Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone and inaugurated development projects worth over Rs 68,000 crore in road, rail, power, gas, education, and other sectors.

Dedicated schemes to the nation, start getting benefits

Dhamra-Angul pipeline section (412 km) of Jagdishpur-Haldia and Bokaro-Dhamra Pipeline Project (JHBDPL). Built at a cost of over Rs 2,450 crore under 'Pradhan Mantri Urja Ganga', the project will connect Odisha to the national gas grid.

- NTPC Darlipali Super Thermal Power Station (2x800 MW) and NSPCL Rourkela PP-II Expansion Project (1x250 MW) in Sundergarh district.
- Inauguration of Coal Infrastructure Projects of Mahanadi Coalfields Limited, First Mile Connectivity (FMC) Projects—Bhubaneswar Phase-I, and Lajkura Rapid Loading System (RLS) at Talcher Coalfields in Angul District.
- Launch of the IB Valley washery, constructed at a cost of over Rs 550 crore in Jharsuguda district.
- Mahanadi Coalfields Limited constructed the 50-kilometer-long second track of Jharsuguda-Barpali-Sardega rail line phase 1 at a cost of Rs 878 crore.
- Four lanings of the Rimuli-Koida section of NH-215 (New NH-520), and four lanings of the Biramitrapur-Brahini bypass end section of NH-23 (New NH-143).
- Sambalpur-Talcher Doubling Railway Line (168 km) and Jharatarbha-Sonepur New Railway Line (21.7 km) enhance rail network capacity. He also flagged off the Puri-Sonepur-Puri weekly express train.

Permanent campus of the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) in Sambalpur and the Jharsuguda Head Post Office Heritage Building.

New projects for which foundations were laid

- Rs 27,000 crore worth Neyveli Lignite Corporation (NLC) Talabira Thermal Power Project.
- NTPC Talcher Thermal Power Project, Stage III (2x660 MW) in Angul District.
- Nagpur-Jharsuguda natural gas pipeline section (692 km) of the Mumbai-Nagpur-Jharsuguda pipeline. The project will improve the availability of natural gas in states like Odisha, Maharashtra, and Chhattisgarh. It will ensure power supply to Odisha, as well as many other states, at a lower cost.
- Redevelopment of Sambalpur Railway Station, whose architecture is inspired by Sailashree Palace.

We can achieve the goal of a Viksit Bharat only when every state of India becomes Viksit. Therefore, in the past years, we have supported Odisha more and more in every sector.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister





Assam gets development projects worth Rs 11,000 crore

Our pilgrimages, temples, and religious sites are more than just tourist attractions. Rather, these are everlasting reminders of our civilization's thousands-year history. On February 4, the foundation stone for the Maa Kamakhya Divya Lok Project was laid, reinforcing a sense of pride in cultural heritage, while Assam received development projects totaling Rs 11,000 crore.

The path to the future will be easier with these projects.

- The Maa Kamakhya Divine Project (Maa Kamakhya Access Corridor) was approved under the Prime Minister's Development Initiative (PM-Divine) scheme. Kamakhya Temple will provide world-class facilities to the visiting pilgrims.
- Laid the foundation stone of several road upgradation projects worth over Rs 3,400 crore, in which 43 roads, including 38 bridges, will be upgraded as part of the South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Corridor connectivity.
- Laid the foundation stone for projects to boost sports infrastructure in the state. The projects include an international standard sports stadium at Chandrapur and upgrading the Nehru Stadium to a FIFA standard football stadium.
- The Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone for the development of the infrastructure of Gauhati Medical College and Hospital and the development of a medical college in Karimganj.
- The Prime Minister inaugurated two 4-lane projects. These projects will help improve the connectivity of Itanagar from Dolabari to Jamuguri and Biswanath Chariyali to Gohpur and boost the overall economic development of the region.

Whatever work is being done today has only one goal. The goal is a happy and prosperous life for India and Indians. The aim is to make India the third-largest economic power in the world. The aim is to make India a Viksit nation by 2047. Assam and the North East have a big role in this.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



Rs 1,330 crore for the 'Viksit Bharat-Viksit Goa' program

The central government is running a big scheme for the welfare of the poor as well as making record investments in infrastructure because it believes that wherever development projects are run, new employment opportunities are created. On February 6, the 'Viksit Bharat-Viksit Goa 2047' event in Goa received over Rs 1,330 crore in gifts.

Inauguration and foundation stone laying of projects in Goa

- Inauguration of the new campus of the National Institute of Water Sports. He also inaugurated a 100 TPD complete waste management facility in South Goa
- The foundation stone laid for a passenger ropeway with tourism activities connecting Panaji and Reis Magos and the construction of a 100 MLD water treatment plant in South Goa.
- Under the job fair, appointment orders were distributed to 1930 new government recruits in various departments.

The permanent campus of the National Institute of Technology, Goa, is dedicated to the nation.





New projects giving impetus to development in Haryana

Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated to the nation and laid the foundation stone of several development projects worth Rs 9750 crore in Rewari, Haryana, on February 16. These projects relate to urban transport, health, rail, and tourism.

Gurugram Metro Rail Project: Laid the foundation stone for the Gurugram Metro Rail Project to be Viksit at a cost of about Rs 5,450 crore. This 28.5-kilometer project will connect Millennium City Center to Udyog Vihar Phase 5. The rapid metro rail at Maulsari Avenue station near Cyber City will connect to the existing metro network in Gurugram. It will also expand on the Dwarka Expressway.

AIIMS Rewari: Laid the foundation stone of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Rewari, Haryana. The village will be Viksit on 203 acres of land in Majra Mustil Bhalkhi at a cost of approximately Rs 1,650 crore. In this, facilities including a 720-bed hospital complex, a 100-seat medical college, a 60-seat nursing college, and a 30-bed AYUSH block will be prepared as per AIIMS standards.

Inauguration of Anubhav Kendra Jyotisar, Kurukshetra: This experiential museum has been built at a cost of approximately Rs 240 crore. The museum is spread over 17 acres, including more than 1,00,000 square feet of indoor space. It will bring to life the epic tale of the Mahabharata and the teachings of the Geeta. Jyotisar is the holy place in Kurukshetra where Lord Krishna imparted the eternal knowledge of the Bhagavad Gita to Arjuna.

Railway Projects: Doubling of Rewari-Kathuwas railway line (27.73 km), Doubling of Kathuwas-Narnaul railway line (24.12 km), Doubling of Bhiwani-Dobh Bhali railway line (42.30 km), and Manheru-Bawani Kheda railway line (31.50 km). The Rohtak-Meham-Hansi railway line (68 km) was dedicated to the nation. This rail line will reduce the travel time between Rohtak and Hisar.

Today, the whole world is eager to invest in India, and Haryana has emerged as an excellent state for investment.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

Modi's guarantee is for those who have nothing to guarantee the banks. The same people are the beneficiaries of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi for small farmers, Mudra Yojana for guarantee-free loans to the poor, Dalits, PM Svanidhi Yojana for backward and OBC communities, and street vendors.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

5,450 crore rupees

Gurugram Metro Rail development project foundation laid





Viksit Bharat, Viksit UP: Business, Development, and Environment of Trust

If there is a true intention to change, then no one can stop it. This is the reason why today UP is the state that has the highest number of expressways in the country. Today, UP is the state that has the highest number of international airports in the country. Today, UP is the state where the country's first rapid rail is running. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated 14 thousand projects worth more than Rs 10 lakh crore on February 19 in the fourth ground-breaking ceremony of investment proposals received at the UP Global Investors Summit 2023, which strengthens this ecosystem of development in UP. On February 23, the foundation stone of development projects worth more than Rs 13 thousand crore was laid in Varanasi and dedicated to the nation.

Beneficiaries should not be deprived of the scheme. Earlier in Uttar Pradesh, people had to stand in long lines to get benefits. Now the government itself is coming to the doorstep of the poor. The double-engine government in UP has laid equal emphasis on ease of living and ease of doing business. When life is easy, doing business becomes easy.

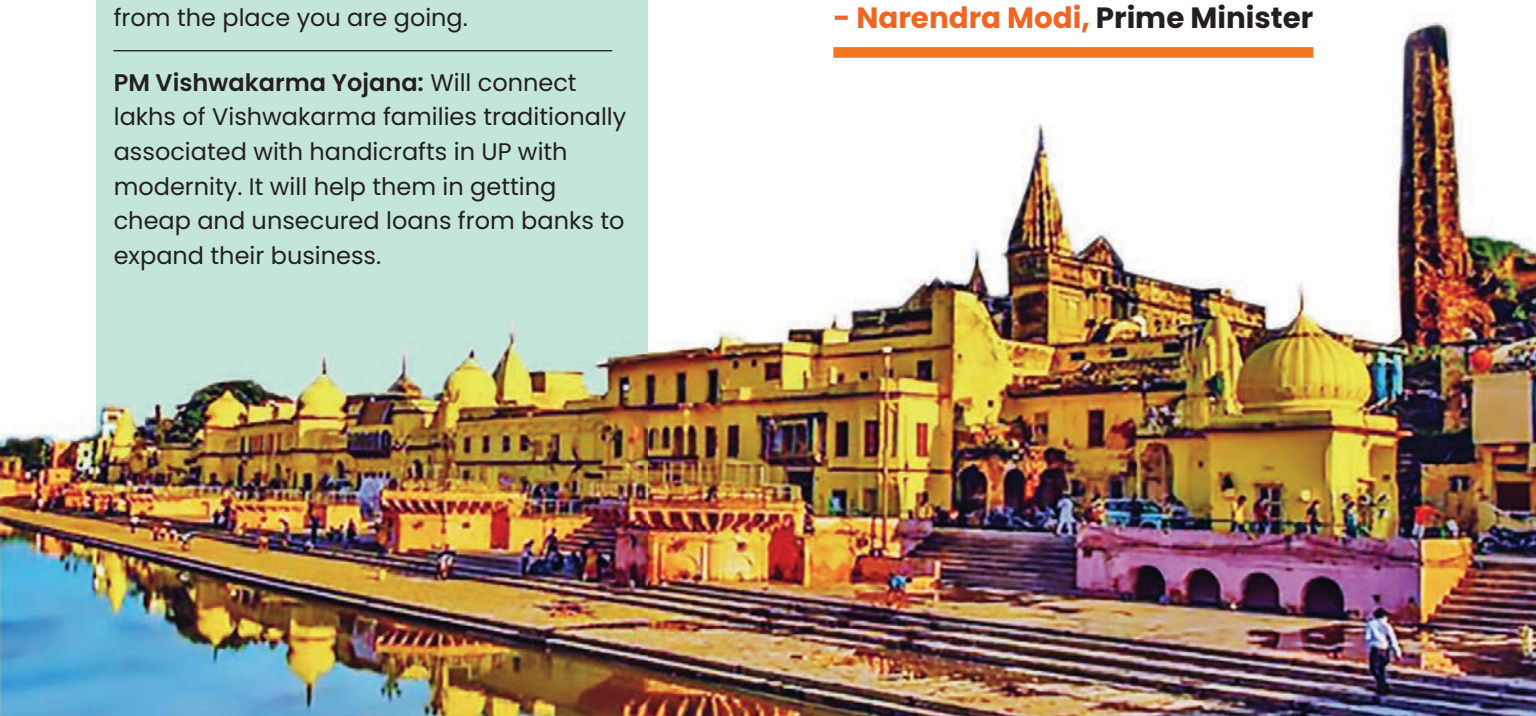
Potential to become the biggest tourism hub in UP: Today, every person in the country wants to come to Varanasi and Ayodhya. Due to this, unprecedented opportunities are being created for small entrepreneurs, airline companies, and hotel-restaurant owners in UP. PM Modi has urged all the tourists in the country that when you make a budget for going on a tour, keep 10% of it for buying something from the place you are going.

PM Vishwakarma Yojana: Will connect lakhs of Vishwakarma families traditionally associated with handicrafts in UP with modernity. It will help them in getting cheap and unsecured loans from banks to expand their business.

PM Modi urges food-processing entrepreneurs: You should work on the mantra of zero impact, zero defect. You should work with only one goal that there should be at least one Made in India food packet on the dining tables of countries across the world.

The development projects are related to rail, road, airport-related, animal husbandry, industry, sports, skill development, sanitation, health, spirituality, tourism, and LPG gas. These projects will give impetus to the development of not only Kashi but the entire Purvanchal region. New employment opportunities will also be created.

– Narendra Modi, Prime Minister





Varanasi

Since 2014, many development projects have been started in the fields of road, rail, aviation, tourism, education, health, drinking water, urban development, and sanitation in Varanasi, UP. This has led to the rejuvenation of Varanasi and surrounding areas. On February 23, development gifts worth more than Rs 13,000 crore were received.

Inauguration of the following projects

- Inaugurated LPG Bottling Plant of HPCL at Sewapuri; Banas Kashi Sankul Milk Processing Unit at UPSIDA Agro Park Karkhianv; various infrastructure works at UPSIDA Agro Park Karkhianv; and Silk Textile Printing Common Facility Centre for weavers.
- Urban waste to charcoal plant by NTPC at Ramna, upgradation of water supply network in Sis-Varun area, online waste monitoring, and SCADA automation of STPs and sewerage pumping stations.
- Inauguration of several projects related to tourism and spiritual tourism in Varanasi, including the Panchkoshi Parikrama route with ten spiritual tours and redevelopment of public facilities at five halts of the holy path.
- The launch of the electric catamaran ship provided by the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) for Varanasi and Ayodhya includes seven change room floating jetties and four community jetties.
- Inaugurated Sigra Sports Stadium Phase-1 and District Rifle Shooting Range, which is a step towards strengthening the sports infrastructure in the city.

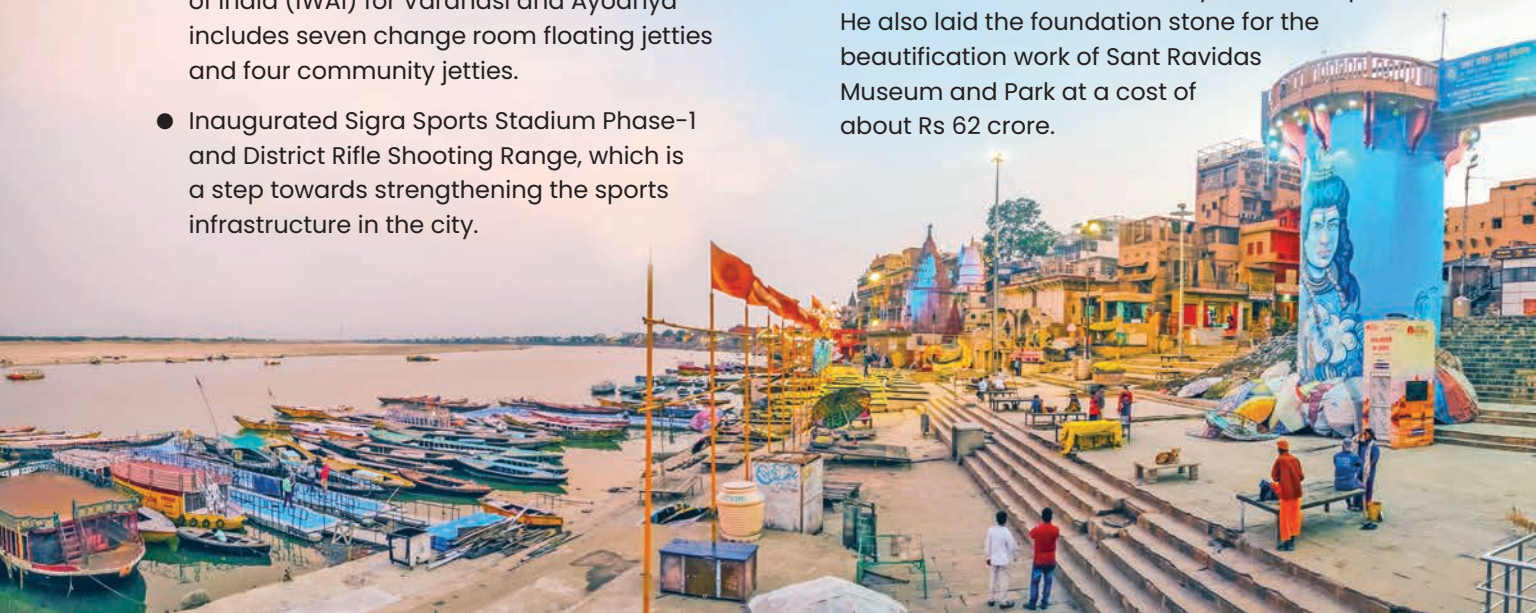
Foundation stones laid for these

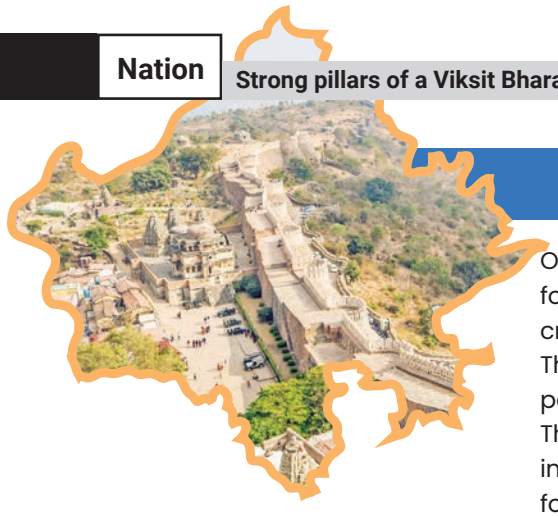
- Projects for rejuvenation of ponds and re-development of parks and the design and development of 3-D urban digital maps and databases are also included.
- The Prime Minister laid the foundation stone for 13 community ghats of IWAI in different cities and the quick pontoon opening mechanism at Ballia.
- Inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for several road projects, including four lanings of the Ghargra-Bridge-Varanasi section of NH-233. He laid the foundation stone for four lanings of the Sultanpur-Varanasi section of NH-56, Package-1; six lanings of Phase-1 of the Varanasi-Aurangabad section of NH-19; four lanings of the Varanasi-Hanumana section on NH-35; and the construction of the Varanasi-Ranchi-Kolkata Expressway Package-1, including the ROB near Babatpur on the Varanasi-Jaunpur rail section.
- To give a fillip to the famed textile sector of Varanasi, the foundation stone of the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) in Varanasi was laid, which will strengthen the education and training infrastructure in the textile sector.

Laid the foundation stone for a new medical college, the National Centre of Ageing at BHU.

Unveils a statue of Sant Guru Ravidas

Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled the newly installed statue of Sant Ravidas at Ravidas Park near Sant Guru Ravidas Janmasthali Temple in Seer Govardhanpur, near BHU. He also inaugurated various development works worth about Rs 32 crore in the vicinity of the birthplace. He also laid the foundation stone for the beautification work of Sant Ravidas Museum and Park at a cost of about Rs 62 crore.





Viksit Bharat, Viksit Rajasthan

On February 16, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of several development projects worth over Rs 17,000 crore, along with addressing the 'Viksit Bharat Viksit Rajasthan' event. These projects pertain to multiple sectors, including road, rail, solar power, power transmission, drinking water, petroleum, and natural gas. This shows the untiring efforts of Prime Minister Modi to transform the infrastructure landscape of Rajasthan and create new opportunities for development in the state. These projects will help generate many employment opportunities in the state.

National Highway Projects: Inauguration of three packages of 8-lane Delhi-Mumbai Green Field Alignment (NE-4): Bawli-Jhalai Road to Mui Gaon Section; Hardevganj Village to Mej Nadi Section; and Takli to Rajasthan/Madhya Pradesh Border Section. Connectivity to this section will be better. He also inaugurated the 6-lane Greenfield Udaipur Bypass connecting the Chittorgarh-Udaipur highway section of NH-48 at Debari to the Udaipur-Shamlaji section of NH-48 at Kaya village, which will also help in reducing traffic congestion in Udaipur city.

Railway projects: The Prime Minister inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of eight important railway projects in Rajasthan worth about Rs 2,300 crore. The projects dedicated to the nation include various projects for electrification of railway routes, including the Jodhpur-Rai Ka Bagh-Medta Road-Bikaner section (277 km), the Jodhpur-Falodi section (136 km), and the Bikaner-Ratangarh-Sadulpur-Rewari section (375 km). The foundation stone of the maintenance facility for Vande Bharat sleeper trains at Bhagat Ki Kothi (Jodhpur), maintenance of all types of rakes like Vande Bharat and LHB at Khatipura (Jaipur), construction of a coach maintenance complex for the maintenance of trains at Hanumangarh, and doubling of the Bandikui to Agra Fort rail line were also laid.

Renewable Energy: Inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of important solar projects worth about Rs 5,300 crore promoting renewable energy in Rajasthan. He laid the foundation stone for the NLCIL Barsingsar Solar Project, a 300 MW solar power project to be set up near Barsingsar Thermal Power Station in Bikaner. He also laid the foundation stone for the 300 MW Solar Power Project of NHPC Limited under CPSU Scheme Phase-II and dedicated it to the nation. The 300 MW NTPC Green Energy Limited Nokhra Solar PV Project was developed in Bikaner.

Power Transmission Projects: Dedicated to the nation, the National Power Transmission Sector projects worth more than Rs 2,100 crore in Rajasthan.

Jal Jeevan Mission: The Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone of several other projects worth about Rs 2,400 crore, including projects under Jal Jeevan Mission, which are aimed at strengthening the infrastructure for providing clean drinking water in Rajasthan.

The Bottling Plant: He also dedicated Indian Oil's LPG bottling plant in Jodhpur to the nation. The plant is equipped with state-of-the-art infrastructure and an automation system for operation and safety.

When I talk about Viksit Bharat, it is not just a word or a sentiment; it is also a campaign to enrich the lives of every family. Viksit Bharat is a campaign to eliminate poverty, create quality employment, and provide modern facilities in the country.

– Narendra Modi, Prime Minister





Viksit Bharat, Viksit Chhattisgarh ': Gifts of over Rs 34,500 crore

"Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the" "Viksit Bharat, Vikas Chhattisgarh" "programme on February 24." He inaugurated, laid the foundation stone, and dedicated to the nation projects worth more than Rs 34,500 crore. These projects in the road, railway, coal, power, and solar energy sectors will strengthen the state and create new opportunities for the people of Chhattisgarh.

- Lara Super Thermal Power Project Phase-I of the NTPC dedicated to the nation. It has been built with an investment of about Rs 15,800 crore. He laid the foundation stone for Lara Super Thermal Power Project Phase II of the NTPC. Phase II of the project will be constructed on the available land on the Phase I campus. Thus, no additional land will be required for expansion. It will entail an investment of Rs 15,530 crore.
- Equipped with highly efficient supercritical technology (for Phase-I) and ultra-supercritical technology (for Phase-II), the project will ensure lower specific coal consumption and lower CO2 emissions.
- 50% of the power from both Phase I and Phase II of the project will be allocated to the state of Chhattisgarh. It will also play an important role in improving the power situation in several other states and union territories, including Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Goa, Daman and Diu, Dadra, and Nagar Haveli.
- The Prime Minister inaugurated three major First Mile Connectivity (FMC) projects of South Eastern Coalfields Limited. These projects will help in the faster, more environmentally friendly, and more efficient mechanized extraction of coal. The project will ensure mechanized movement of coal to coal handling plants.
- Inaugurated the Solar PV Project at Rajnandgaon, promoting the generation of renewable energy. The project will generate an estimated 243.53 million units of electricity annually and reduce carbon dioxide emissions by about 4.87 million metric tons over 25 years.
- He also inaugurated the Bilaspur-Uslapur flyover. This will ease traffic and remove bottlenecks in coal traffic from Bilaspur towards Katni.
- Dedicated to the nation, a 55.65 km-long section of NH-49 and a 52.40 km-long section of NH-130. The first project will help in improving the connectivity of Ambikapur city with Raipur and Korba city and provide impetus to the economic growth of the region.

A 50 MW solar power plant in Bhilai was also dedicated to the nation. This will help in the utilization of solar energy in the running of trains.

In the coming 5 years, when India will become the third largest economic power in the world, Chhattisgarh will also be at new heights of development. When corruption ends, development begins, and immense employment opportunities are created.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



Gujarat gets several development projects, including Sudarshan Setu

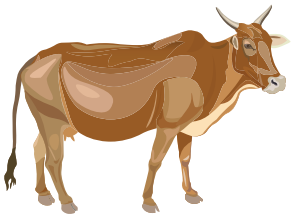


This is a wonderful period in India's development journey when work is being done at a rapid pace in the country. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's goal is to change the lives of the countrymen standing at the bottom of society. Today, every effort being made in the new India is working to create a legacy for the future generation. The new and modern roads and railway tracks that are being built are the paths of developed India. On February 22, PM Modi inaugurated multiple development projects worth more than Rs 60,000 crore, and on February 25, he inaugurated projects worth more than Rs 52,250 crore.

The foundation stone of several development projects in Mehsana and Navsari

He laid the foundation stone for several development projects at two public functions held at Mehsana and Navsari in Gujarat. These projects cover important sectors such as roads, railways, energy, health, internet connectivity, urban development, water supply, tourism, petroleum and natural gas, and tribal development.

- Several important projects were dedicated to the nation, including Bharat Net Phase II of Tarabh, Mehsana, and Gujarat Fiber Grid Network Limited.
- The foundation stone for many important projects, including the new district-level hospital and Ayurvedic hospital in Anand district, was laid.
- Development of the Rinchadiya Mahadev Temple and Lake in the Ambaji area of Banaskantha and several road projects in Gandhinagar, Ahmedabad, Banaskantha, and Mehsana.
- Dedicated to the nation several development projects, including several packages of the Vadodara-Mumbai Expressway. Other projects include several road projects in Bharuch, Navsari, and Valsad; a rural drinking water supply project in Tapi; and an underground drainage project in Bharuch.
- He also launched the construction work for the PM Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM MITRA) Park at Navsari.
- The foundation stone for important projects, including the construction of the Bharuch-Dahej Access Controlled Expressway, was also laid.
- Dedicated to the nation, two new pressurized Heavy Water Reactors (PHWRs) at Kakrapar Atomic Power Station (KAPS), Unit 3 and Unit 4,.



Work is being done in the country to eradicate foot and mouth disease in animals by 2030.

PM Modi on tour of Dwarka and Rajkot on February 24 and 25

Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Gujarat on February 24th and 25th, 2024. He offered prayers and darshan at the Bet Dwarka temple on February 25. After the ceremony, the Sudarshan Setu was dedicated to the nation. He then offered prayers at the Dwarkadhish temple.







Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicates Sudarshan Setu to the nation

Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated to the nation the Sudarshan Setu connecting the Okha mainland and Bet Dwarka Island, built at a cost of about Rs 980 crore at Dwarka. It is the longest cable-stayed bridge in the country, at 2.32 km.

- The Sudarshan Setu exhibits a unique design, with a walkway decorated with shlokas of the Srimad Bhagavad Gita and images of Lord Krishna on both sides.
- It also has solar panels installed on the upper part of the walkway, producing one megawatt of electricity. This bridge will facilitate transportation and significantly reduce the travel time of devotees traveling between Dwarka and Bet-Dwarka Marg.

1.5 **Lakh cubic meters of concrete have been used; more than 40 Eiffel Towers could have been built.**



10,000

Tons of steel used, the bridge rests on 152 cables.

- Before the construction of the bridge, pilgrims had to depend on ferry transport to reach Bet Dwarka. This iconic bridge will also serve as a major tourist attraction in Devbhoomi Dwarka.
- Dedicated pipeline project in Vadinar, which involves replacing the current offshore lines, abandoning the current pipeline end manifold (PLEM), and relocating the entire system (pipeline, PLEM, and interconnecting loop line) to the new location.
- Dedicated to the nation, Rajkot-Okha, Rajkot-Jetalsar-Somnath, and Jetalsar-Vansjaliya Railway Electrification Projects.
- Laid the foundation stone for the widening of the Dhoraji-Jamkandorna-Kalavad section of NH-927.

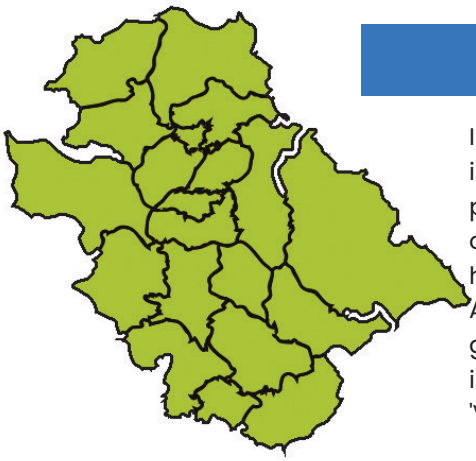
Inauguration of multiple development projects in Rajkot

In Rajkot, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for multiple development projects worth over Rs 48,100 crore. These sectors include health, roads, railways, energy, petroleum and natural gas, and tourism, among others.

- In a significant step towards strengthening healthcare in the country, five All India Institutes of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) at Rajkot (Gujarat), Bathinda (Punjab), Rae Bareli (Uttar Pradesh), Kalyani (West Bengal), and Mangalagiri (Andhra Pradesh) were dedicated to the nation.
- More than 200 healthcare infrastructure projects worth more than Rs 11,500 crore in 23 states and UTs were dedicated to the nation.
- The National Institute of Naturopathy named 'Nisarg Gram' was inaugurated in Pune.
- Dedicated to the nation, 21 projects of the Employees State Insurance Corporation worth about Rs 2,280 crore.

9,000 **crore rupees**

new Mundra-Panipat pipeline project foundation stone laid.



Rs 32,000 crore for the development of Jammu and Kashmir

In an effort to fulfill the resolve of Viksit Bharat,Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated, dedicated, and laid the foundation stone of development projects worth more than Rs 32,000 crore at a public function in Jammu on February 20. These projects are related to several sectors, including health, education, rail, road, aviation, petroleum, and civil infrastructure. Appointment orders were also distributed to about 1,500 newly recruited government employees in the programme. Prime Minister Modi also interacted with the beneficiaries of various government schemes under the 'Vikas Bharat Vikas Jammu' programme.

Major boost to education sector: In a significant step towards the upgradation and development of education and skill infrastructure across the country, projects worth about Rs 13,375 crore were inaugurated and foundation stones were laid.

New Terminal Building, Jammu Airport: The foundation stone of a new terminal building at Jammu Airport was laid. Spread over an area of 40,000 sqm, the new terminal building will be equipped with facilities to serve around 2000 passengers during peak hours. This environment-friendly new terminal building will strengthen air connectivity. It will boost tourism and trade and provide impetus to the economic growth of the region.

Various Railway Projects Dedicated to the Nation: Various railway projects in Jammu and Kashmir, including the new railway line between Banihal-Khari-Sumbar-Sangaldan (48 km) and the newly electrified Baramulla-Srinagar-Banihal-Sangaldan section (185.66 km), were dedicated to the nation.

The foundation stone for many important road projects was laid: The foundation stone of several important road projects, including two packages (44.22 km) of the Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway connecting Jammu to Katra, Phase II of four lanings of Srinagar Ring Road, five packages for the upgradation of the 161 km-long Srinagar-Baramulla-Uri section of NH-01, and the construction of Kulgam Bypass and Pulwama Bypass on NH-444, was laid.

CUF Petroleum Depot: The foundation stone of the CUF (Common User Facility) Petroleum Depot project in Jammu was also laid. The fully automated state-of-the-art depot will be developed at a cost of around Rs 677 crore. ●

Other projects: A number of development projects worth over Rs 3,150 crore were also inaugurated, and foundation stones were laid for strengthening civic infrastructure and the provision of public amenities across Jammu and Kashmir.

Along with education and skill development, strong infrastructure, from air travel to rail and road transport, is getting ready in Jammu and Kashmir.

AIIMS Jammu was inaugurated.

All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) was inaugurated at Vijaypur (Samba) in Jammu to provide comprehensive, quality, and holistic health services to the people of Jammu and Kashmir. The foundation stone of the institute was laid by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in February 2019. AIIMS has been established under the Central Sector Scheme of the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana.





Cooperation plays an important role in the development of agriculture

The power of cooperatives has a huge role in strengthening the foundation of agriculture and farming. Taking this idea forward, the present central government formed a separate Ministry of Cooperation to promote the development of rural areas. The resolve of a Viksit Bharat will also be incomplete without the modernization of agricultural systems. That is why Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of several initiatives in the cooperative sector at Bharat Mandapam in Delhi on February 24.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the pilot project of the world's largest foodgrain storage in the cooperative sector, which is being done in 11 Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) in 11 states. He also laid the foundation stone for an additional 500 PACS across the country for the construction of godowns and other agricultural infrastructure. The initiative is aimed at integrating PACS warehouses with the foodgrain supply chain, strengthening food security, and boosting economic growth in the country. Prime Minister Narendra Modi also inaugurated a project for the computerization of 18,000 PACS across the country in line with the government's vision of 'Sahakar se Samriddhi'. The objective is to re-energize the cooperative sector and empower small, marginal farmers.

Quoting a scripture, PM Modi said that big work can be accomplished by connecting

Cooperation can transform a simple subsistence system into a huge industrial capacity. This is a proven way of rejuvenating the country's economy, especially the rural and agricultural economies.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

Increasing income in rural areas

Cooperatives play an important role in increasing the income of people living in rural areas. Referring to the progress made by cooperative societies in the dairy cooperative society and honey sector, the Prime Minister said that in the last 10 years, the production of honey has increased from 75 thousand metric tons to 1.5 lakh metric tons, and the export of honey has increased from 28 thousand metric tons to 80 thousand metric tons. The scope of NAFED, TRIFED, and state cooperative societies should be further expanded. These decisions are helping a lot in increasing the income of people living in rural areas and improving their quality of life.



small resources together. The same model was followed in the ancient system of villages in India. Cooperatives have the potential to transform the normal system associated with daily life into a large entrepreneurial system. This is an effective way to transform the rural and agrarian economies. Through the new Ministry of Cooperation, the government aims to bring together the disparate strengths of India's agriculture sector.

There is a target of 10,000 FPOs in the country, of which 8,000 have become operational. The benefits of cooperatives are now reaching fishermen and livestock farmers as well. More than 25,000 cooperative units are working in the fisheries sector. A target has been set to set up 2 lakh cooperative societies in the coming years. While narrating the success story of Amul and Lijjat Papad, PM Modi also highlighted the commendable role of women in these enterprises. The government has given priority to women in policies related to the cooperative sector. Board representation for women was ensured by amending the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act.

Cooperatives have the potential to solve the individual problems of farmers with collective strength. PM Modi drew attention to the world's largest storage scheme of 700 lakh metric tons launched by the government, which is to be completed in the next 5 years at a cost of Rs 1.25 lakh crore. This will help the farmers store their produce and sell it at the right time according to their needs, as well as take loans from banks.

PM Modi said that the modernization of agricultural systems is very important for building a developed India. These committees are functioning as Jan Aushadhi Kendras, while thousands of PM Kisan Samriddhi Kendras are also being operated. Along with the cooperative societies operating in the areas of petrol, diesel, and LPG cylinders, PACS is also playing the role of water committees in many villages. Cooperative societies are now functioning as common service centers in villages and providing hundreds of facilities. With the emergence of technology and digital India, services are reaching farmers on a large scale. This will create employment opportunities for youth.

Considering the importance of cooperative institutions in the journey of developed India, an appeal has been made to these institutions to contribute to the goals of self-reliant India. A developed India is not possible without a self-reliant India. Therefore, cooperative institutions should list the items for which the country is dependent on imports and also find out how the cooperative sector can help them produce them locally. The role of cooperative societies is important in natural farming and in making farmers energy and fertilizer donors. Cooperative societies should come forward for global branding of the efforts of small farmers. PM Modi has appealed that efforts be made to make millets (coarse grains) available on tables across the world.

On awareness of skill development and training in the cooperative sector, Modi said farmers associated with cooperative societies should be taught to analyse soil health and cultivate crops accordingly. This will create a new environment and re-energise the agriculture sector. Suggesting the creation of a portal for sharing best practices, a system for online training, and modules for furthering best practices, he said that PACS and cooperatives will also have to learn from each other. Transparency should be ensured in the elections of cooperative organizations to increase trust. The Prime Minister said that the cess on cooperative societies with income between Rs 1 crore and Rs 10 crore will be reduced from 12 percent to 7 percent. This has led to an increase in capital for the committees. ●



The rapidly growing nation's mobility sector will gain strength with the vision of Amrit Kaal

Today's India is on a fast path to become developed by 2047. The mobility sector has a huge role in achieving this goal. Challenging the sea and the mountains, India is creating new records of infrastructural development, from Atal Tunnel to Atal Setu, presenting an example of engineering achievements. Increasing investment in infrastructure is going to create immense possibilities in the mobility sector in the next 25 years. Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2024, which will showcase these possibilities at the global level...

India's largest and first-of-its-kind mobility exhibition – India Mobility Global Expo 2024 was held on 2nd February at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. The exhibition featured participation from over 800 exhibitors from over 50 countries showcasing cutting-edge technology, sustainable solutions, and various aspects of mobility, while over 600 automotive component manufacturers and 28 vehicle manufacturers participated. Over a thousand brands from over 13 global markets showcased their products, technologies, and services at the exhibition.

India is making new policies keeping in mind future needs. India's capital expenditure was less than Rs 2 lakh crore in 2014, which has increased to more than Rs 11 lakh crore. This will provide many opportunities to India's mobility sector. This unprecedented expenditure has transformed rail, road, airport, waterway transport, and all other forms of transport. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while addressing the mobility sector, said that India's economy is growing rapidly and India is set to become the third largest economy in the world during the third term of the current government. To harness the immense possibilities of the future, the respective industries should transform themselves rapidly. The mobility sector in the country is witnessing an unprecedented environment and you should take advantage of it.

Mobility sector transformed in a decade

4 Lakh km of rural roads and 90 thousand km of national highways have been built.

- In the 10 years before 2014, 12 crore vehicles were sold, whereas in the 10 years after 2014, more than 21 crore vehicles were sold.
- 10 years ago, only 2 thousand electric cars were sold annually in India, which today has increased to 12 lakh per year.
- The number of passenger vehicles increased by 60 percent and two-wheelers by 70 percent in a decade.
- Car sales in January 2024 have broken all previous records.
- 75 new airports have been built in India in a decade.
- 3,500 km of high-speed corridors have been developed. 15 new cities have metro connectivity. 25,000 railway routes have been constructed.
- Fast-tag technology saves fuel and time, bringing an annual benefit of Rs 40,000 crore to the economy.
- India is the world's third-largest market for passenger vehicles.
- India is one of the top three countries manufacturing commercial vehicles globally.
- National Electric Mobility Mission is promoting the manufacturing of electric vehicles.
- The government has invested Rs 10 thousand crore to generate demand for electric vehicles.
- India's Shipping Ministry is moving towards building hybrid ships using indigenous technology.



The speed and scale of our government have also changed the definition of mobility in India. The emphasis of our government has been that the projects should be completed on time, not stuck, not deviated, and not pending.

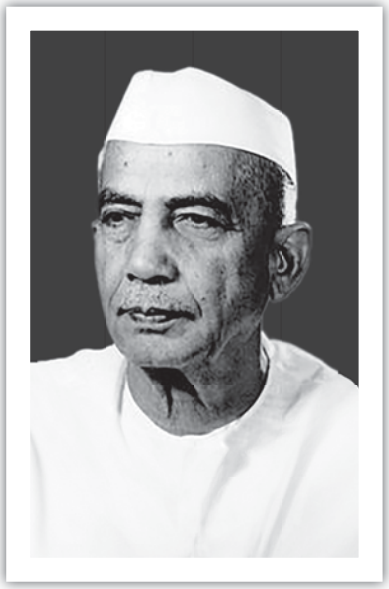
- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

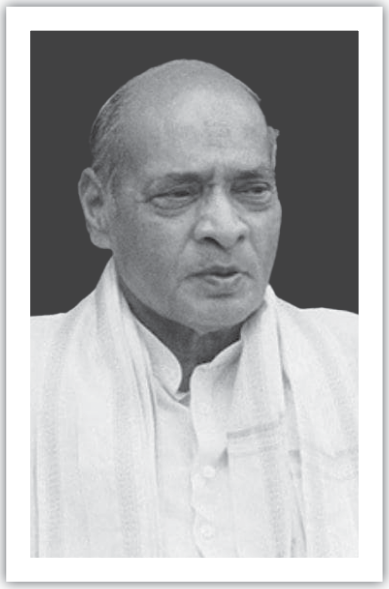
Government to launch a new initiative for drivers

Prime Minister Narendra Modi sees trucks, taxis, and other drivers as essential components of the social and economic system. These drivers travel for hours without stopping. Accidents do happen in tough circumstances. In light of the issues, the current central government has begun work on a new system to provide comfort to drivers during their travel. Modern buildings with driver facilities will be built on all national highways as part of this program. These structures will provide complete provisions for food, clean drinking water, bathrooms, parking, and driver rest areas. The government intends to begin construction of 1,000 such structures across the country in the first phase of this program. The convenience of driving will be improved by these structures. This will also improve their health and help them avoid accidents.

The growing economy and burgeoning economic power of the middle class will instill new confidence in the mobility sector. The mobility sector will gain strength. In the last 10 years, due to the efforts of the government, about 25 crore people have come out of poverty. When a citizen comes out of poverty, a means of transportation, be it a bicycle, two-wheeler, or four-wheeler, becomes his first necessity. PM Modi told the people associated with the auto industry that under the scrapping policy, the government gives exemption in road tax on buying new vehicles if you have scrapped the old vehicles. Can the auto industry also give such incentives to encourage people? ●







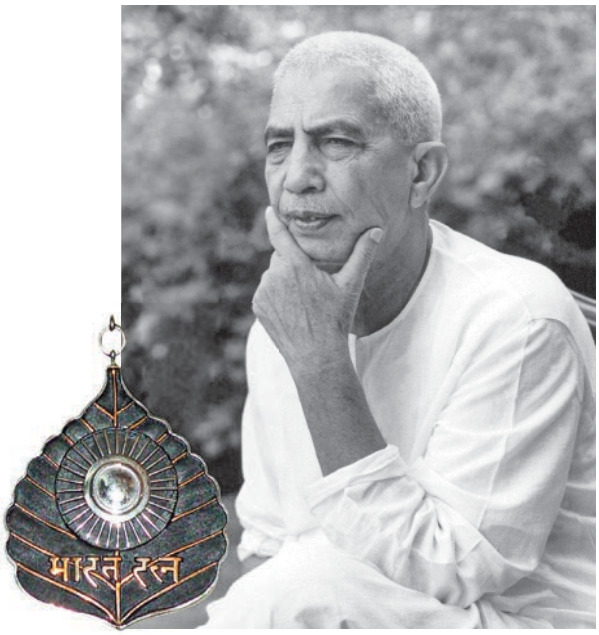


Chaudhary Charan Singh, P. V. Narasimha Rao, and Prof. M. S. Swaminathan

BHARAT RATNA FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO NATION BUILDING

The Government of India decided to award the Bharat Ratna posthumously to former Prime Minister Chaudhary Charan Singh, who dedicated his entire life to the rights and welfare of farmers; former Prime Minister Narasimha Rao, who served the nation in various capacities as a distinguished scholar and politician; and eminent agricultural scientist MS Swaminathan, as announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself on social media on February 9th. This year, the central government also decided to award Bharat Ratna to Jannayak Karpoori Thakur and former Deputy Prime Minister Lal Krishna Advani.

Chaudhary Charan Singh remained dedicated to the rights and welfare of farmers



Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on the announcement of former Prime Minister Chaudhary Charan Singh being given the country's highest civilian award, Bharat Ratna, said that he had dedicated his entire life to the rights and welfare of farmers.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi posted on Twitter, "It is our government's good fortune that the country's former Prime Minister Chaudhary Charan Singh ji is being honored with Bharat Ratna. This honor is dedicated to his incomparable contribution to the country. He had dedicated his entire life to the rights of farmers and their welfare. Be it the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh or the Home Minister of the country, even as an MLA, he always gave impetus to nation building. He also stood firmly against the emergency. His dedication to our farmer brothers and sisters and his commitment to democracy during the emergency are inspiring to the entire country."

Charan Singh was born in 1902 into a middle-class farmer family in Noorpur, in the Meerut district of Uttar Pradesh. There have been only a few politicians in the country who have achieved so much popularity by living among the people and working with ease. Charan Singh, a dedicated public activist and a firm believer in social justice, got a lot of strength from the confidence he gained by living among lakhs of farmers. Chaudhary Charan Singh led a very simple life, and in his free time, he used to read and write.

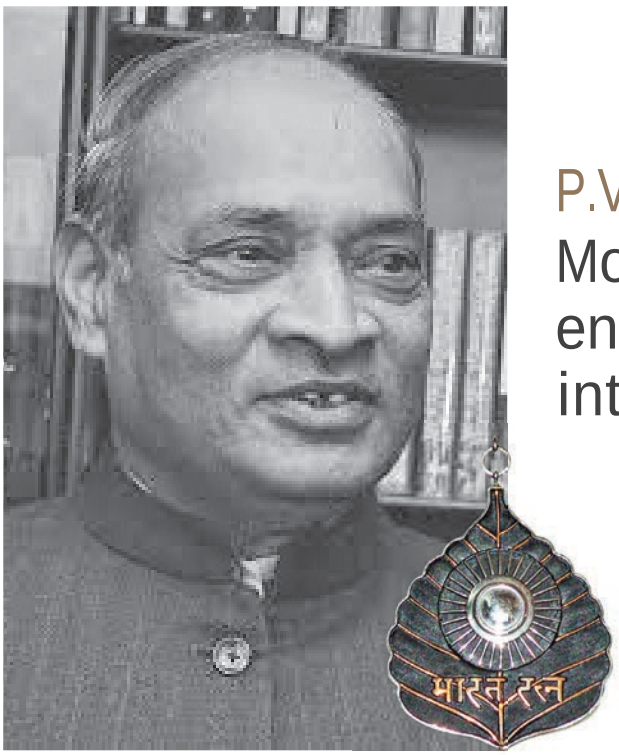
Whenever the issue of protecting the rights of hardworking farmers came up, he stood firmly. He also worked tirelessly for the empowerment of marginalized people. He was also at the forefront of strengthening the democratic values of India. Former Prime Minister Chaudhary Charan Singh fought for the interests of farmers throughout his life. He believed that prosperous farmers and a strong agricultural system were the foundation of a bright India.

At the same time, Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah also expressed happiness over the announcement of former Prime Minister Chaudhary Charan Singh being honored with the Bharat Ratna. He said that he was extremely happy with the announcement of former Prime Minister Chaudhary Charan Singh being honored with 'Bharat Ratna'.

Chaudhary Saheb, who was dedicated to farmers throughout his life, did many things for the welfare of farmers. Chaudhary Saheb remained dedicated to preserving democratic values throughout his life and fought the emergency boldly. Through his decisions, he told the entire country that a farmer's son can take policy decisions ranging from the country's livelihood. I express my gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for honoring crores of farmers and working people in the country through the honor of Chaudhary Saheb.

Nature has given a lot to India. The people here have a great cultural heritage. They have the capacity to work hard and continuously. It will be my utmost duty to serve all the residents of the country as equally as possible. I will make every effort to increase the moral and economic strength of the country and improve life.

Chaudhary Charan Singh, from his address to the nation as Prime Minister on July 28, 1979.



P.V. Narasimha Rao

Moved India forward and enriched its cultural and intellectual heritage

Born on June 28, 1921, in Bangra village of Karimnagar, Hyderabad, P.V. Narasimha Rao is known as a person who took charge of India when the country was facing a deep economic crisis.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid tribute to Narasimha Rao in the monthly radio program 'Mann Ki Baat' on June 28, 2020. He had said that when we talk about PV Narasimha Rao ji, his image as a politician naturally emerges before us. However, it is also true that he knew many languages. Could speak Indian and foreign languages. On the one hand, he was steeped in Indian values, and on the other hand, he had knowledge of Western literature and science. He was one of the most experienced leaders in India. Besides, there is another aspect of his life that is noteworthy, which we should also know about. Narasimha Rao Ji joined the freedom movement in his teenage years. When the Nizam of Hyderabad refused permission to sing Vande Mataram, he actively participated in the movement against him. At that time, he was just 17 years old. From a young age, Narasimha Rao was at the forefront of raising his voice against injustice. He left no stone unturned to raise his voice. Narasimha Rao also understood history very well. His rise from a very humble background, his emphasis on education, his penchant for learning, and above all, his leadership abilities—everything is memorable.

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As a distinguished scholar and statesman, Narasimha Rao served India extensively in various capacities. He is equally remembered for the work he did as Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Union Minister, and as a Member of Parliament and Legislative Assembly for many years. His visionary leadership was instrumental in making India economically advanced, laying a solid foundation for the country's prosperity and growth.

Narasimha Rao's tenure as Prime Minister was marked by significant measures that opened India to global markets, fostering a new era of economic development. Furthermore, his contributions to India's foreign policy, language and education sectors underscore his multifaceted legacy as a leader who not only steered India through critical transformations but also enriched its cultural and intellectual heritage."



Professor M.S. Swaminathan

Transformed Indian agriculture, ensuring food security and the prosperity of the country

Prof. MS Swaminathan loved India and wanted our country, especially our farmers, to live in prosperity. He was academically brilliant and could have chosen any career option, but he was so moved by the Bengal famine of 1943 that he decided that if there were one thing he would like to do, it would be to transform the agricultural sector.

At a very young age, he met Dr. Norman Borlaug and understood his work deeply. In the 1950s, America requested that he join as a faculty member, but he rejected it, as he wanted to stay in India and work for the country. In the first two decades after independence, we faced many challenges, and one of them was the food shortage. In the early 1960s, India was suffering from famine. Meanwhile, the strong commitment and vision of Professor Swaminathan ushered in a new era in the agriculture sector.

His pioneering work in specific areas, such as agriculture and wheat breeding, led to a significant increase in wheat production. It was the result of such efforts that India transformed from a food-deficient country to a food-self-sufficient nation. Because of this brilliant achievement, he got the title of 'Father of the Indian Green Revolution', which is absolutely right. Professor Swaminathan had also done effective research on dealing with pests affecting potato crops.



There is another aspect of Professor MS Swaminathan's personality that is extremely noteworthy. He greatly encouraged innovation and mentorship. When he received the first World Food Prize in 1987, he used the prize money to establish a non-profit research foundation. He nurtured countless talents and instilled in them a passion for learning and innovation. Professor Swaminathan was also an institution builder. He is credited with establishing many such centers where vibrant research is being conducted today.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the award of Bharat Ratna, the highest civilian award, to Dr. MS Swaminathan, renowned for his important role in the Green Revolution. Prime Minister Modi posted on Twitter, “It is a matter of immense joy that the Government of India is conferring the Bharat Ratna on Dr. MS Swaminathan Ji, in recognition of his monumental contributions to our nation in agriculture and farmers' welfare. He played a pivotal role in helping India achieve self-reliance in agriculture during challenging times and made outstanding efforts towards modernizing Indian agriculture. We also recognise his invaluable work as an innovator and mentor and encouraging learning and research among several students. Dr. Swaminathan's visionary leadership has not only transformed Indian agriculture but also ensured the nation's food security and prosperity. He was someone I knew closely and I always valued his insights and inputs."



Narendra Modi
@narendramodi

To pray in the city of Dwarka, which is immersed in the waters, was a very divine experience. I felt connected to an ancient era of spiritual grandeur and timeless devotion. May Bhagwan Shri Krishna bless us all.



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माननीय प्रधानमंत्री श्री @narendramodi जी के नेतृत्व में किसान कल्याण को समर्पित मोदी सरकार ने देश के गन्ना किसानों को आगामी सीजन के लिए अनुपम सौगात दी है। केंद्रीय कैबिनेट ने चीनी मिलों द्वारा 1 अक्टूबर 2024 से 30 सितंबर 2025 के बीच गन्ने की खरीद के FRP में 8 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि कर 340 रुपये प्रति क्विंटल FRP तय की है। देश के 5 करोड़ से अधिक गन्ना किसानों के हित में लिए गए इस फैसले के लिए मैं मोदी जी का हृदय से आभार व्यक्त करता हूँ।



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छोटे छोटे बुनकरों, कारीगरों, लघु और कुटीर उद्योगों के राष्ट्रीय प्रचारक, प्रधानमंत्री मोदी जी।

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Ahead of Lok Sabha election, Modi launches projects worth ₹48,100 cr.

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Facing his third Lok Sabha election, Prime Minister Narendra Modi chose Rajkot, the city where he was first elected an MLA, to launch projects worth ₹48,100 crore across the country.

This included the inauguration of five All India Institutes of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in five States and India's longest cable-stayed bridge at Dwarka in Gujarat.

Recalling his long association with Rajkot, Mr. Modi mentioned that 22 years ago he had taken oath as an MLA on the same day, after being elected from Rajkot II Assembly seat. "I have done my best to live up to the trust of the people of Rajkot. I can see that generations have changed but affection for Modi is beyond any age limit," he said in his address.



Grand launch: Sudarshan Setu, India's longest cable stayed bridge that will connect Okha mainland and Beyt Dwarka Island in Gujarat. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the bridge on Sunday. PTI

In the Arabian Sea, to pay obeisance at the submerged remains of Old Dwarka, which he referred to in his speech.

"To those deputed I was wondering about the glorious past of India. When I came out, I was carrying a new tradition of development work, inaugurations, and laying foundation stones across the country. "Today's programme is a testament to this effort. Through this single programme, we are continuing past to take such events to the people. Earlier only one AIIMS in the country, and that too in Delhi. In the seven decades since Independence, only seven AIIMS were approved but even these were never completed," he said. "But now, in just 10 days, seven new AI-

Drone Didis earn PM's praise for boost to farming in rural India

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New Delhi: PM Narendra Modi hailed "Nari Shakti" during his 'Mann Ki Baat' radio address and lauded the contribution of women in the country's development journey ahead of March 8 observed as "International Women's Day". Through an interaction with Sunita Devi from Sitapur, the PM brought into focus the inspiring journey of 'Drone Didis' — women steering change by manoeuvring drones to improve and facilitate farming practices in rural areas.

"Who would have thought till a few years ago that in our country, women living in villages too would fly drones? But today this is becoming possible. Today, there is so much discussion about Drone Didi in every village," the PM said.

A mother of two, Sunita is a farmer and said during rains, it was hard for farm workers to enter the fields as they were filled with water. She said some processes at such times could be easily done by using a drone while standing along the boundary of the farm. "Farmers feel very satisfied as a lot of time is saved and now even big farmers are reaching out to drone didis for using a drone for spraying," she said.

'NARI SHAKTI'

Urging women listening to the programme to share their views, the PM said his mission was to make 'Lakhpati Didis'. This is a scheme where the govt will handhold rural self-help group women to engage in a sustainable livelihood option to be able to earn a minimum of Rs 1 lakh per annum.

Pointing out that women were making an impact across all fields, the PM said women had also demonstrated their leadership abilities in natural farming, water conservation and sanitation.

He went on to interact with Kalyani Prafulla Patil from Maharashtra. An MSc in microbiology, Kalyani is a mother of two and has been working in the gram panchayat for three years where she has been at the forefront of encouraging organic farming and creating an organic spray out of 10 types of flora that the women collected in the village. The panchayat has been focussing on rain water harvesting and has made 20 recharge shafts in the village and secured sanction for another 40.

"Whether it is Sunita ji or Kalyani ji, the success of woman power in myriad fields is very inspiring. I once again appreciate this spirit of our woman power from the core of my heart," the PM said.



PM Modi

STRONGER RURAL ECONOMY HOLDS KEY TO VIKSIT BHARAT: MODI

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NEW DELHI: Strengthening the rural economy is needed to achieve the goal of Viksit Bharat or developed India, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Thursday, adding that his government was focussing on improving the lives of small farmers through various schemes and initiatives linked to animal husbandry, fisheries and bee-keeping, among others.

Modi's comments came amid farmer protests in Punjab and Haryana.

"The previous government had a fragmented view towards the rural economy, while the present government is making progress by prioritising every aspect of the village," he said at the Golden Jubilee celebration of the Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF), which markets its products under the brand name Amul. →P9

Modi lays foundation stone for 10 projects worth ₹34K cr in C'gar

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PRIME Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of multiple development projects worth ₹34,427 crore in several important sectors in Chhattisgarh under 'Viksit Bharat, Viksit Chhattisgarh' on Saturday.

He was participating in the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra programme organised in Raipur through video conferencing. Nine projects worth ₹18,800 crore were launched and the foundation stone of a mega venture of ₹15,600 crore was laid by him.

"Viksit Chhattisgarh will be a reality with the empowerment of farmers, youth and women's ability. The BJP has made it (Chhattisgarh) and BJP only will elevate (nurture) it", said the PM and further added that the state has had work-ing for farmers, talented youth and a wealth of nature. Chhattisgarh always had whatever is required to ensure (its) development but those who ruled the country for



In last *Mann Ki Baat* before polls, PM urges first-timers to vote

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday broadcast his last monthly *Mann Ki Baat* radio programme before the Lok Sabha elections.

"The atmosphere of Lok Sabha elections is all pervasive in the country and as happened last time, there is a possibility that the code of conduct might also be in place in the month of March," Mr. Modi said in the final broadcast of his term. Adhering to political decorum, *Mann Ki Baat* will not be broadcast for the next three months in the run-up to the election, he added.

"I would also urge first-time voters to vote in record numbers. On turning 18, you are getting a chance to elect a member for the 18th Lok Sabha. That means this 18th Lok Sabha will also be a symbol of youth aspiration. That is why the importance of your vote has risen further," Mr. Modi said.

In this 108th episode of the programme, ahead of Women's Day which falls on March 8, Mr. Modi interacted with rural women from Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra.

He had a conversation with Sitapur-based Sunita Devi who completed her training in flying drones and is now employing drones to spray fertilizer on her fields. "I have sprayed 35 acres using drones," Ms. Devi said.

Mr. Modi said that during the the past few years through the efforts of the government, the number of tigers in the country has increased. The number of tigers in the Tiger Reserve of Chandrapur has risen. "The help of AI is being taken to reduce conflict between humans and tigers in Chandrapur district. Here cameras have been installed on the border of the villages and the forest. Wherever a tiger comes near a village, with the help of AI, people get an alert on their mobile," the Prime Minister said.

Cabinet clears hike in sugarcane FRP by 8%, says govt is pro-farmer

NEW DELHI: The Union Cabinet on economic affairs chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday approved a hike in prices for sugarcane, known as fair and remunerative price or FRP, payable by millers to cane growers for the fiscal year 2024-25.

The council of ministers cleared an FRP of ₹340 per quintal of sugarcane for the sugar year beginning on October 1 2024. Unlike in other crops, sugar is a tightly regulated commodity and millers have to statutorily pay the FRP to farmers for cane procured from them.

The new rate, about 8% higher than the FRP of the current financial year, will be applicable for a cane recovery rate of 10.25%. Recovery rate is the amount of sugar derived from crushing a given quantity of cane and varies geographically.

"The Modi government has worked continuously for welfare of farmers. Over 99% of cane dues have been cleared by mills to farmers. In 2022-23, total dues of ₹1.14 lakh crore have been paid to farmers," Union minister Anurag Thakur said. →P11

PM launches ₹1.2L cr grain storage plan, world's largest

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New Delhi: PM Modi on Saturday inaugurated and laid foundation stone of multiple initiatives, including a pilot project for world's largest grain storage plan for cooperative sector, and said modernisation of agriculture systems is must for making India a developed country.

Currently, there exists a huge gap between grain production and storage capacity in the country. Data shows that storage capacity with regards to food grain production is only 47% in India, whereas it is 161% in the US, 140% in Brazil, 130% in Canada and 107% in China.

Other key projects, whose foundation stones the PM laid, include additional 500 primary agricultural credit societies (PACS) for construction of godowns and other agri-infrastructure. He also inaugurated a project for computerisation in 18,000 PACS under overall digitalisation plan with a financial outlay of Rs 2,500 crore.



PM Modi with home minister Amit Shah during the inauguration & foundation stone-laying ceremony in New Delhi on Saturday

The pilot project of mega storage plan is being carried out in 11 PACS in 11 states — Uttar Pradesh (Mirzapur), Madhya Pradesh (Balaghat), Tamil Nadu (Theni), Tripura (Gomati), Uttarakhand (Dehradun), Rajasthan (Sri Ganganagar), Maharashtra (Amravati), Assam (Kamrup), Gujarat (Ahmedabad), Karnataka (Bidar) and Telangana (Karimnagar). Thousands of PACS from across the country will join it in the next couple of years with an aim to reach 100% storage capacity before 2027.

Pointing to the losses incurred by farmers due to lack of storage infrastructure, the PM drew attention to the world's largest storage plan of 700 lakh metric tonnes which is to be completed in the next five years at a cost of Rs 1.2 lakh crore.

The PM underlined that the move would enable farmers to store their produce and sell it at the right time according to their own needs while also helping to avail loans from banks.

Union home and cooperation minister Amit Shah, agriculture minister Arjun Munda, food & consumer affairs minister Piyush Goyal and junior cooperation minister B L Verma were also present on the occasion.

India, Greece to ink mobility pact soon, double trade by 2030: Modi

NEW AVENUES. Cooperation deepening in security, defence, trade, investment, education, tourism: Greek PM

Our Bureau
New Delhi

India and Greece will soon sign a mobility and migration partnership agreement to ease skilled migration between the two countries and boost bilateral trade by 2030, said Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The Indian PM and his Greek counterpart, Kyriakos Mitsotakis, in their bilateral meeting in New Delhi on Wednesday discussed strengthening of cooperation in multiple areas including defence, security, in a joint statement following the meeting with Mr. Mitsotakis. India-Greece bilateral trade in 2022-23 was about $3.7 billion, with India's exports at $700.73 million and imports at $3.16 billion, per government data.

Noting that he was visiting India for the first time in his official capacity, Mr. Mitsotakis said there is immense untapped potential to build on the positive momentum in bilateral relationship.

"The joint declaration that we signed in Athens a few months ago and which we unveiled our intentions to a strengthening our cooperation in issues such as illegal migration, fighting human trafficking, but also offering young Indians an opportunity to come and work in Greece and benefit from the growth of our economies," he said in his statement.

Later, at the inaugural session of the Raisina Dialogue 2024, Mitsotakis highlighted the "great promise" of the proposed India Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC). He said it would expedite connectivity between



OPTIMISTIC. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Prime Minister of Greece Kyriakos Mitsotakis (left) during a joint press statement after their meeting, in New Delhi, on Wednesday.





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In the deep waters of the sea, I was thinking about the glory of our India and how high its level of development has been. When I came out of the sea, along with the blessings of Lord Krishna, I also brought with me the inspiration of Dwarka. Today my resolutions of development and heritage have got a new strength, new energy, today divine faith has been attached to my goal of a developed India.

– Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

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