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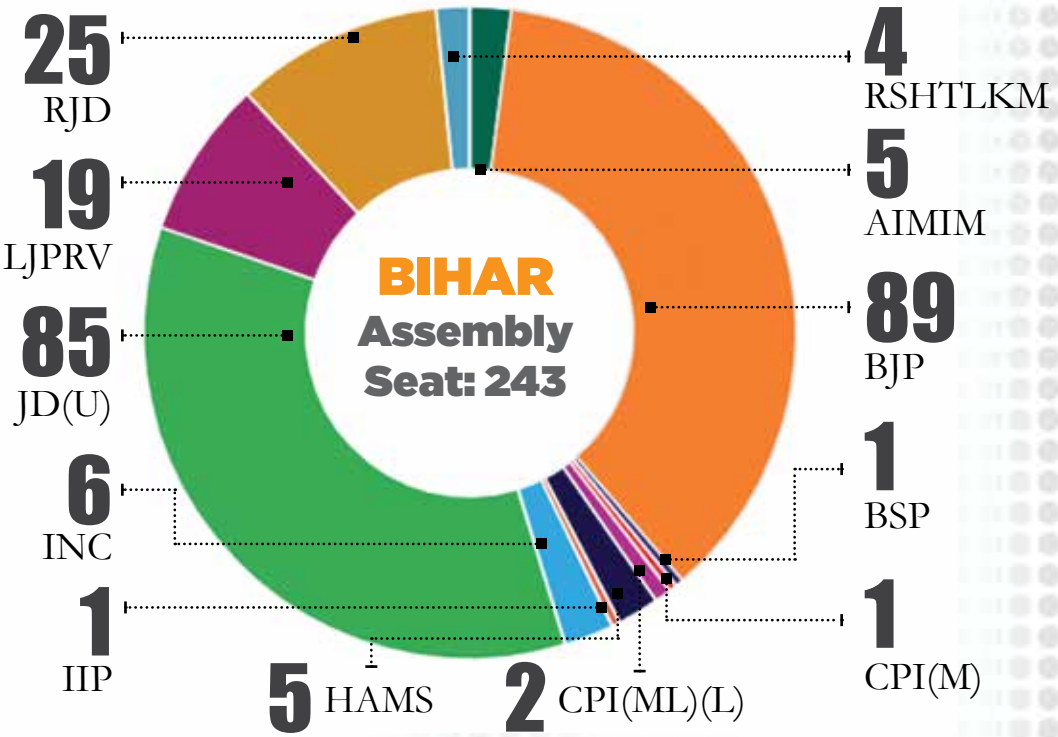
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A Glance at the Results

The state of Bihar is called the mother of democracy. The record voter turnout in the Bihar Assembly Elections 2025 is a testament to the fact that the electorate is voting for social justice, where every family gets equality, respect, and opportunities. The message of this celebration of the festival of democracy is that the Indian citizens now only want development, fast development to become a Viksit Bharat.

Records Created

- Election Commission of India conducted a successful election for the Bihar Assembly Elections 2025, with a turnout of 67.13%, the highest since 1951
- Highest ever participation by female voters with a polling percentage of 71.78%* in Bihar since 1951



Source: Election Commission of India

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>
> **Narendra Modi, Prime Minister**

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK...

Cooperatives are shaping India's future

Greetings,

Cooperatives have played a pivotal role in promoting social and economic prosperity. They have not only strengthened the democratic fabric of India but also served as a powerful instrument for empowering the weaker and marginalized sections of society, providing them with better employment opportunities and achieving social and financial inclusion.

Cooperatives in the country have a long and rich tradition, playing a key role in the economic movement before independence. The establishment of the Ministry of Cooperation in 2021 reinvigorated this sector. Today, India has over 844,000 cooperative societies and over 300 million members. The country is giving an impetus to the cooperative ecosystem, fostering a new economic model that will lead India to achieve the aim of becoming a $5 trillion economy, and taking the country to a fast pace of development.

In the four and a half years since the Ministry of Cooperation was established, this sector has received a fillip with over 100 administrative and policy initiatives. This initiative, based on the five Ps - People, Platform, PACS, Policy, and Prosperity has revitalized India's cooperative movement. The cooperative sector, guided by the mantra of "Sahkar Se Samriddhi," is shaping India's destiny. The United Nations declared 2025 the International Year of Cooperatives, and recently, two cooperatives from India, Amul and IFFCO, ranked first and second, respectively, among the top 10 cooperatives in the world. In the year 1946, on December 14, the cooperative famous as Amul was registered. Under this backdrop, "Sahkar Se Samriddhi" serves as the cover story for this issue.

In the personality section, read about India's art icon Nandlal Bose. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's interaction with the ICC Women's World Cup champion and his stern approach to the Delhi blast are the other highlights of this issue. Along with it, special content on International Day of Persons with Disabilities, nuclear energy, Union Cabinet decisions, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's fortnightly programs are part of this issue.

Additionally, the magazine features special content on Bihar Assembly Elections 2025 results on the inside page and the 70th Mahaparinirvan Diwas of Baba Saheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar, celebrated on December 6, on the back cover.

Keep sending us your suggestions.



(Dhirendra Ojha)

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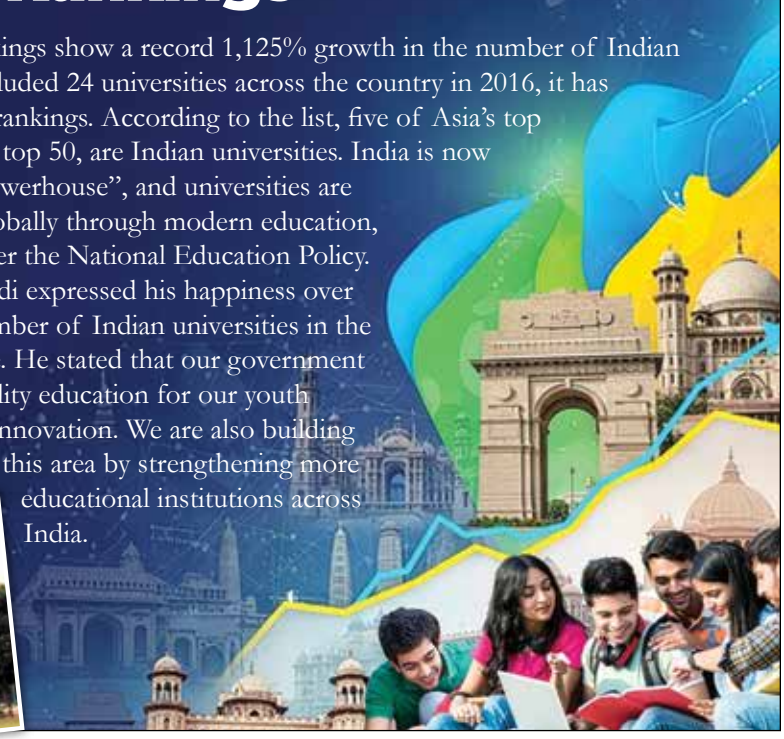
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NEWS BRIEFS

India Shines in QS Asia University Rankings

The QS Asia University Rankings show a record 1,125% growth in the number of Indian universities. While the list included 24 universities across the country in 2016, it has increased to 294 in the 2026 rankings. According to the list, five of Asia's top 10 universities, and 28 of the top 50, are Indian universities. India is now becoming Asia's "research powerhouse", and universities are establishing a new identity globally through modern education, research, and innovation under the National Education Policy. Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed his happiness over the record increase in the number of Indian universities in the rankings over the past decade. He stated that our government is committed to ensuring quality education for our youth by focusing on research and innovation. We are also building institutional capacity in this area by strengthening more educational institutions across India.





Samrat Rana Creates History with Gold Win



India's Samrat Rana created history by winning the gold medal in the men's 10m air pistol event at the ISSF Shooting World Championships in Cairo. With this victory, Rana became the first Indian to win an individual air pistol world title. Rana won the gold medal in the men's 10m air pistol event with a score of 243.7, while Varun Tomar, also from India, took home the bronze.

Bihar's Gogabeel Lake Receives Ramsar Site Status

India has achieved another major milestone in environmental conservation. Gogabeel Lake, one of the country's wetlands, has been granted Ramsar Site status. Spread over 86.63 hectares, this lake is located in Katihar district of Bihar. With this achievement, Bihar now ranks third after Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh, while India ranks first in Asia and third globally. The number of Ramsar sites in the country has now increased to 94, with 67 new sites added in the last 11 years.



Scrap sales brought in about ₹4,100 crore

Under the Special Cleanliness Campaign, over ₹4,085 crore has been earned through the disposal of scrap from various central government offices under Special Cleanliness Campaign 5.0. This campaign to clean up government offices by removing junk has been underway since 2021. According to Union Minister of State Dr Jitendra Singh, the amount earned from selling scrap is equivalent to the total budget of a mega space mission or several Chandrayaan space missions. A significant outcome of the Special Cleanliness Campaign was freeing up of 23.175 million square feet of space, previously filled with waste materials, old furniture, and junk. This campaign has freed up enough space to build a massive mall or other large structure for economic activities.



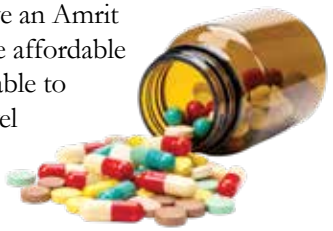
Lucknow Wins Unesco's "Creative City Of Gastronomy"

UNESCO has awarded the 'Creative City of Gastronomy' honour to Lucknow, a city renowned worldwide for its unique arts and cultures. This represents unprecedented recognition and honour for India's timeless traditions, culture, and values on a global stage. This honour symbolizes the city's exceptional contribution to its distinctive culinary heritage and rich traditions. This recognition has enhanced Lucknow's global reputation. Now, its flavours will reach across the world. Expressing delight at Lucknow being declared a 'Creative City of Gastronomy' by UNESCO, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "Lucknow is synonymous with a vibrant culture, at the core of which is a great culinary culture. I am glad that UNESCO has recognised this aspect of Lucknow, and I call upon people from around the world to visit Lucknow and discover its uniqueness."



"Amrit Pharmacy" to double in number

Launched in 2015 with the aim of providing affordable and quality medicines, "Amrit Pharmacy" has provided millions of patients with 50 to 90% cheaper medicines and implants over the past 10 years. There are currently 255 Amrit Pharmacies across the country, with a target to increase to 500 in the near future. More than 6.85 Crore patients have benefited from Amrit Pharmacy. Medicines worth over ₹17,000 crore have been dispensed to these patients, resulting in savings of approximately ₹8,400 crore. Union Health and Family Welfare Minister J.P. Nadda stated that every medical college and every district hospital should have an Amrit Pharmacy to ensure affordable medicines are available to citizens at every level of the healthcare system.



Infused Indian Identity on the Pages of the Constitution



Born: December 3, 1882, Died: April 16, 1966

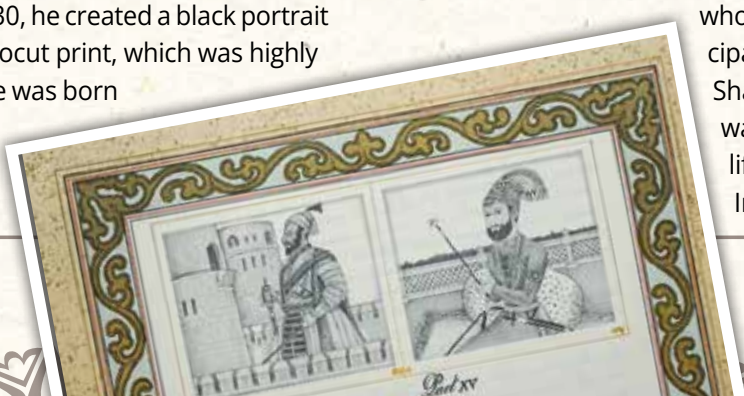
The nationalist painter Nandalal Bose, regarded as the father of modern Indian art, elevated Indian painting to its greatest heights. A magician with the brush, he portrayed India's essence in the illustrations of the Constitution's pages and designed the sketches for the country's highest civilian honours – the Bharat Ratna and the Padma Shri. On the birth anniversary of such a legendary artist, a grateful nation pays its tribute...

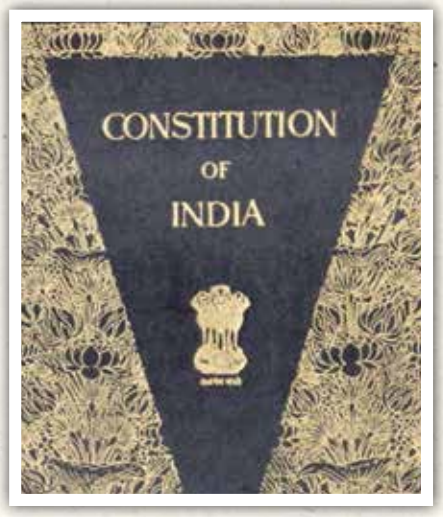
Nandalal Bose, a pioneer of modern Indian art and an internationally renowned artist, enriched the original handwritten pages of the Indian Constitution with Indian identity. It was not possible to paint on all the pages of this 221-page document. Therefore, he created 8x13-inch illustrations at the beginning of each section of the Constitution. There are 22 parts in total. This allowed him to adorn this original copy of the Indian Constitution with 22 of his paintings. These 22 paintings took four years to complete. His work not only keeps alive the historicity of the Constitution but also makes us realise the Indian culture, rich history, religion, tradition, high human values and unity.

The Constitution also features images of Lord Rama, Buddha, Mahavira, Guru Govind Singh, Gurukul, the message of the Bhagavad Gita, Shivaji, Lakshmibai, Nalanda University, and Nataraja. Through these paintings, he taught patriotism to his countrymen. His famous paintings include "Dandi March", "Santhali Kanya", and "Sati's Sacrifice". During the Salt Satyagraha in 1930, he created a black portrait of Gandhiji on a white linocut print, which was highly acclaimed. Nandalal Bose was born on December 3, 1882, in Munger district, Bihar, to architect Purnachandra Bose and Kshemani. His ancestral village was in Hooghly, Bengal.

Recognizing his keen interest in sculpture and painting from childhood, his parents enrolled him in an art school in Kolkata. Nandalal Bose, a pioneer of modern Indian art, wrote three books: Rupavali, Shilpakala, and Shilpa Charcha, in addition to his work on painting and teaching. In 1930, when Mahatma Gandhi was arrested during the Dandi March, Nandalal Bose made a painting depicting Gandhi walking with his walking stick. This marked the beginning of Nandalal Bose's involvement in the freedom struggle. Nandalal Bose was awarded the Padma Vibhushan for his contributions to the arts. A disciple of Abanindranath Tagore, Nandalal Bose also made significant contributions to India's independence movement.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi remembered Nandalal Bose during his Mann Ki Baat address on August 25, 2019. He mentioned that before the Congress session in Haripura, Gujarat (1937–38), Mahatma Gandhi had invited Nandalal Bose, who was then the Principal of Kala Bhavana at Shantiniketan. Gandhi wanted him to depict the lifestyle of the people of India through art and to













Nandalal Bose's artwork enhances the beauty of our Constitution and gives it a new identity. His artistic pursuits have immortalized Nandalal Bose, along with the Constitution.

Narendra Modi,
Prime Minister

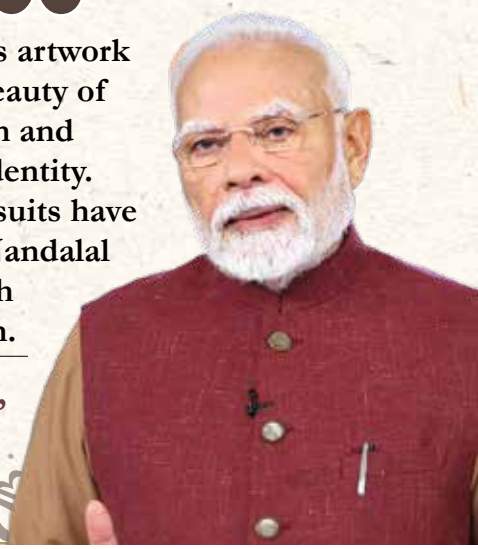


exhibit this artwork during the session. Bose visited the villages around Haripura and ultimately created some art canvases depicting life in rural India. These invaluable works gained immense attention at the famous art exhibition, the Venice Biennale, in 2019.

Later, on December 17, 2024, Union Home Minister Amit Shah also remembered Nandalal Bose in the Rajya Sabha, on the occasion of 75 years of the Indian Constitution. He said that in keeping with the spirit of the written Constitution, Nandalal Bose had illustrated various events that give prominence to India's history, religion, culture, traditions, and human values.

In his artwork, one can find depictions of Lord Rama, Buddha, and Mahavira, as well as visuals symbolizing India's ancient education system through the Gurukul. These works convey messages about how our education policy should be. Alongside illustrations of the Bhagavad Gita, he also included images of Shivaji and Lakshmibai, teaching lessons of patriotism. The depiction of the Gurukul reminds us of the ancient system of learning, while the image of Nataraja symbolizes how balance should be maintained in life.

Furthermore, in the Republic Day parade on January 26, 2025, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment's tableau presented the glorious journey of the Constitution over 75 years. Nandalal Bose's artwork was prominently displayed on sculptural panels. Nandalal Bose passed away on April 16, 1966.

Terrorism will not be tolerated

The Conspirators will not be spared...

In keeping with its commitment to national security and the safety of every citizen, the Central Government has sent out a strong message against terrorism. The nation is united against the terrorist attack that occurred near Delhi's Red Fort on the evening of November 10th, and the world too has also expressed its support for India. Reiterating its zero-tolerance policy towards this cowardly and despicable act, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "Those behind this conspiracy will be brought to justice!"

India's zero-tolerance policy against terrorism is clear. India advocates peace and does not seek war, but it will not allow terrorism to become a menace. Three major strikes against terrorism in the past 11 years – the Uri surgical strike, Operation Balakot, and Operation Sindoor – are a testament to that resolve and commitment. Whenever terrorists have challenged India's security and sovereignty, India's 1.4 billion citizens have responded with solidarity. Now, a very restrained approach has been shown to the cowardly act of terror near the Red Fort in Delhi, and after a thorough investigation of all aspects, further investigation of the case has been handed over to the National Investigation Agency (NIA).

Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired a meeting of the Union Cabinet after returning from Bhutan. The Cabinet expressed deep condolences to the people killed in the terrorist incident of a car bomb blast near the Red Fort in Delhi on the evening of 10 November 2025. The Cabinet observed two minutes' silence in memory of the deceased.

Resolutions Passed in the meeting

- The country has witnessed a heinous terror incident, perpetrated by anti-national forces, through a car explosion near the Red Fort on the evening of 10 November 2025. The explosion resulted in multiple fatalities and caused injuries to several others.
- The Cabinet pays its solemn respects to the victims of this senseless act of violence and conveys its heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families.
- The Cabinet prays for the speedy recovery of all those injured and appreciates the prompt efforts of the medical personnel and emergency responders, who have been providing care and support to the victims.
- The Cabinet unequivocally condemns this dastardly and cowardly act that has led to the loss of innocent lives.
- The Cabinet reiterates India's unwavering commitment to a policy of zero tolerance towards terrorism in all its forms and manifestations.
- The Cabinet also recorded its appreciation for the statements of solidarity and support from many governments around the world.
- The Cabinet notes with appreciation the timely and coordinated response of the authorities, security agencies, and citizens who acted with courage and compassion in the face of adversity. Their dedication and sense of duty are deeply commendable.
- The Cabinet directs that the investigation into the incident be pursued with the utmost urgency and professionalism so that the perpetrators, their collaborators, and their sponsors are identified and brought to justice without delay. The situation continues to be closely monitored at the highest levels of the government.
- The Cabinet reaffirms Government's steadfast resolve to safeguard the lives and well-being of all Indians, consistent with its enduring commitment to national security and the safety of every citizen.







Our agencies will get to the bottom of this conspiracy, The perpetrators behind it will not be spared.

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

(During an event in Bhutan)

Upon receiving information about the terrorist attack in Delhi on the evening of November 10th, teams from the Delhi Police Special Cell, Crime Branch, NIA, NSG, and Forensic Science (FSL) arrived at the scene. Union Home Minister Amit Shah immediately took charge and informed Prime Minister Narendra Modi about the incident. Keeping in mind the sensitivity of the situation, Union Home Minister Amit Shah clarified that the incident was being investigated from all angles. The Home Minister immediately went to the hospital to meet the injured and, from there, directly visited the site to assess the situation. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, upon returning from Bhutan, also went directly to the hospital to meet the injured and reiterated that the culprits would be severely punished.

Commemorating 150 Years of Vande Mataram

Vande Mataram...
The Song of Freedom Fighters

Vande Mataram - "Maa, I bow to You" - these words are a mantra, an energy, and a solemn resolve. It fills our present with self-confidence and instills renewed courage for the future, believing that there is no resolve or goal that we Indians cannot achieve. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the year-long commemoration of the 150th anniversary of Vande Mataram, a symbol of resistance and patriotism, in New Delhi on November 7th...

The 150th anniversary of Vande Mataram, the enduring legacy of unity, resistance, and national pride, will be celebrated until November 7th, 2026. Several activities to commemorate the significance of this song are being organized across the country, since November 7th, 2025. Along with the main event, the full version of "Vande Mataram" was sung en masse at public places nationwide. These celebrations seek to reinvigorate the spirit of Vande Mataram for today's India, and to connect the nation's glorious past with its aspirations for a united, self-reliant, and culturally rich future. The Government of India will celebrate the festival in four phases.

Inaugurating the year-long commemoration, Prime Minister Narendra Modi underscored the message that while the idea of a nation as a 'Maa' may seem surprising to those who view the nation solely as a geopolitical entity, India is different. In India, a 'Maa' is the one who gives birth, nurtures, and rises above all adversity when her child is in need. Maa Bharati possesses immense power, guiding us in adversity and destroying our enemies. The notion of the nation as a mother, and of the mother as a divine embodiment of Shakti, inspired a freedom movement that sought





This is how Vande Mataram became the national song

Vande Mataram, India's national song...This composition, as an immortal national song, has inspired countless generations of freedom fighters and nation-builders. It is an enduring symbol of national identity and collective spirit. 'Vande Mataram' was first published in the literary magazine Bangadarshan on November 7, 1875. Later, its author, Bankim Chandra Chatterjee, included it in his novel 'Anandamath.' Rabindranath Tagore set music to it. On January 24, 1950, Dr. Rajendra Prasad made a statement in the Constituent Assembly: "The composition consisting of words and music entitled 'Jana Gana Mana' is the national anthem of India, subject to such alterations in the words as the Government may authorise as occasion arises; and the song Vande Mataram, which has played a historic part in the struggle for Indian freedom, shall be honoured equally with Jana Gana Mana and shall have equal status with it. I hope this will satisfy the Members." His statement was adopted, and Rabindranath Tagore's Jana Gana Mana was adopted as the national anthem of independent India, and Bankim Chandra's Vande Mataram as the national song.

"Vande Mataram, besides being the song of the martyrs of the freedom movement, serves as a source of eternal inspiration. It not only reminds us how we achieved independence but also tells us how we must protect it. Whenever the national flag is hoisted, these words spontaneously rise from our hearts:
Bharat Mata ki Jai! Vande Mataram!

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



equal participation of both men and women. PM Modi says that this vision has enabled India to once again dream of a nation in which Nari Shakti is at the forefront of nation-building.

Quoting the lines from Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay's original song: "Tvam hi Durga, the bearer of the tenth-fold grace, the lotus-lead, the devotee of knowledge, the giver of lotus petals, the giver of knowledge, the giver of prosperity, Lakshmi, and Durga, the bearer of weapons and scriptures." PM Modi emphasized that Maa Bharati is also Saraswati, the giver of knowledge, Lakshmi, the giver of prosperity, and Durga, the bearer of weapons and scriptures. We must build a nation that excels in knowledge, science, and technology, that is at the pinnacle of prosperity through the power of knowledge and science, and that is self-reliant for national security. November 7th also marked the 11th anniversary of the implementation of One Rank One Pension for army personnel. When our armies thwart the enemy's evil intentions, when terrorism, Naxalism, and Maoist terror are crushed, the country's security forces are inspired by a single mantra: Vande Mataram.



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That is, even small things, small resources, when combined, can accomplish great results. This verse from our scriptures is of immense importance for the ancient system developed in India-cooperatives. A quarter of the world's cooperative societies are present in India, and nearly a third of India's rural population is directly connected to them for their social and economic needs. In the past few years, the Central Government has brought about radical changes and infused new energy into the cooperative sector, which had a special symbiosis with Indian culture for decades. As a result, the cooperative-based economic model has become the key engine of India's growth, realizing the goal of a Viksit Bharat by 2047.



As the curtain is about to fall on the International Year of Cooperatives (IYC) 2025, what could be more prouder moment than the fact that two Indian cooperatives—Amul and IFFCO have been ranked first and second among the world's top 10 cooperatives. Amul was registered on December 14, 1946, under the leadership of Tribhuvan Das Patel. On achieving these remarkable feats, let's explore how the Central Government has institutionalized the cooperative movement through policy reforms and initiatives to realize the dream of a Viksit Bharat by 2047.

A proud moment for India!

Hearty congratulations to Amul and IFFCO for securing the top two ranks among the world's top ten cooperatives. It is an honor to the tireless dedication of millions of women associated with Amul and farmers contributing to the IFFCO. It is also a testament to the boundless potential of the cooperatives, which is being transformed into a global model of empowerment and self-reliance by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji."

This message given on November 4 by Union Minister of Cooperation, Amit Shah, who is the first to hold this portfolio infused new energy into cooperatives, the very essence of Indian culture... a vision of the vastness of the fundamental Indian idea of cooperation... an excellent demonstration of the power of collectivism... an introduction to a lifestyle filled with Indianness... a glorious mantra of Sahkar Se Samriddhi. These two achievements also mark the fulfillment of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's resolve, which he shared at an Amul event on February 22nd last year: "Today, Amul is the eighth largest dairy firm in the world. You have to make it the world's largest dairy entity as soon as possible." The government stands with you in every way, and this is Modi's guarantee." Prime Minister Modi's resolve was realized within two years, demonstrating how the Ministry of Cooperation, which came into being only a few years ago, has given a new direction to the cooperative sector. As a result, two Indian cooperatives have reached the top positions in the world. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while praising this achievement, said, "Congratulations to Amul and IFFCO. India's cooperative sector is very energetic and is transforming the lives of many people. Our government is taking several steps to further encourage this sector in the future."

Sahkar Se Samriddhi

National Cooperative Policy 2025

- Roadmap for rapid, comprehensive, and systematic development of the cooperative sector.
- Goal: Strengthen rural economy and engage youth.

50 crore people to join the cooperative framework in 10 years, boosting their economic contribution threefold.

- Every district will have a model cooperative village based on multipurpose PACS.
- 'White Revolution 2.0' through dairy cooperatives. Women's empowerment and employment will be promoted.
- Promote food self-sufficiency by increasing the production of pulses, oilseeds, maize, and coarse grains.

Target in 10 years

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Mission Pillars	Objectives	Strategies

To be achieved



Now let's understand these remarkable achievements with examples...

Today, Amul has become the harbinger of the White Revolution in the country. Through its network of 3.6 million farmers, 18,000 village committees, and 18 district unions, Amul collects 3.5 Crore liters of milk daily across the country. In 2024-25, Amul's turnover exceeded ₹90,000 crore, indicating that 3.6 million farmers, with 65 percent participation of

Changes transforming the lives of villagers and poor farmers

- The Ministry of Cooperation is transforming lives of the poor, farmers, and villagers across the country.
- Through the Export Society, farmers are receiving significantly higher prices for organic wheat.
- PACS has been integrated with 25 other initiatives, including Common Service Centers, Micro ATMs, Har Ghar Nal, and Bank Mitra.
- Following revisions to PACS bylaws, training of District Cooperative Bank inspectors across the country has been completed.
- PACS, which are providing Jan Aushadhi Kendra services, are raising awareness about the availability of affordable medicines.



Cooperatives are a top priority for the Centre

- For the first time in the country, a data bank of cooperative societies has been created. The database includes data from 8.44 lakh cooperative societies across 30 different sectors, with approximately 32 crore members.
- Maharashtra has the largest share of cooperative societies at 27%, followed by Gujarat at 10%.
- Housing cooperatives have the highest share of 23% among the cooperatives, followed by dairy societies at 18% and primary agricultural credit societies at 13%.

157%

Increase in cooperative societies in Jammu and Kashmir, from 4,098 in 2021 to 10,535 at present.

More than 20% of India's population is involved in the cooperative movement in some form, while the global average is only 12%.

women, have successfully run such a large cooperative with small contributions from farmers for so many years. This highlights the immense potential for cooperatives in the country. For Amul, Prime Minister Narendra Modi says, "After India's independence, many brands were built in the country, but none like Amul. Today, Amul has become the symbol of the strength of India's livestock farmers. Amul means trust. Amul means development. Amul means public participation. Amul means empowerment of farmers. Amul means the integration of modernity with time. Amul means the inspiration for a self-reliant India. Amul means big dreams, big resolutions, and even bigger achievements."

Similarly, IFFCO has recorded a turnover of ₹41,000 crore and a profit of ₹3,000 crore. IFFCO is a multi-state cooperative society, with 35,000 cooperative societies across the country, mostly Primary

Making PACS multipurpose, multifunctional, and transparent

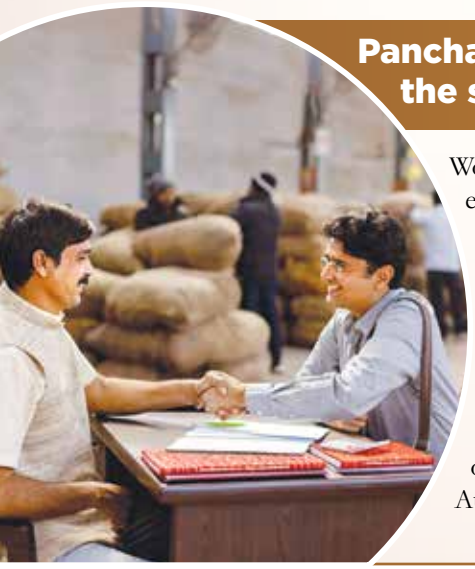
More than 13 crore farmer members are associated with the Primary Agricultural Credit Societies(PACS). Model bylaws were developed to make PACS a multi-purpose, multi-faceted, and transparent institution. PACS membership was made more inclusive and broad by providing representation to women and SC and ST communities. PACS are being transformed into multi-service centres by linking them to 25 economic activities. More than 300 government schemes and services are now being provided through them.

32 states and union territories have adopted it so far

Computerisation Empowers PACS

₹2,925 Crore computerization project for PACS was approved

73,493 PACS projects approved, with approximately 60,000 onboarded. Hardware has been procured by 30 states and union territories.



Panchayat and village within the scope of cooperation

Work has begun on a plan to establish new PACS, dairy, and fisheries cooperatives to bring all panchayats and villages under the ambit of cooperative institutions. A total of 24,417 new PACS, dairy, and fisheries cooperatives have been registered across the country since the scheme's launch on February 15, 2023, and until August 15, 2025.

The World's Largest Food Storage Scheme in the Cooperative Sector

- By combining several schemes and missions, a project has been approved for food storage warehouses, custom hiring centres, primary processing units, and other agricultural infrastructure at the PACS level to prevent grain wastage and reduce transportation costs.
- Warehouse construction has been completed in 11 PACS across 11 states as part of a pilot project. Now, expanding this initiative, more than 500 PACS have been identified for warehouse construction.
- The State Government, NAFED, and NCCF have assured rent for the warehouses to be constructed in 225 PACS. Construction work has begun in 129 other PACS, of which 65 have been completed.
- Slight amendments have been made to the Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI) scheme to enhance financial viability, reduce construction costs, and reduce subsidies.

Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) and marketing-related societies, as its members. Over 5 crore farmers have become IFFCO members through these societies, and today IFFCO is a pillar of the country's Green Revolution, producing 9.3 million metric tons of urea and DAP. IFFCO's Nano Urea and Nano DAP are being exported to Brazil, Oman, the United States, Jordan, and 65 other countries worldwide.

The International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) has now ranked Amul first and IFFCO second in the global rankings, demonstrating that the cooperative concept and culture remain powerfully alive today. Furthermore, India's Uralungal Labour Contract Cooperative Society Limited won the Asia Pacific Cooperative Excellence Award in 2023 in the Entrepreneurial Cooperative Award category.

The list of powerful and inspiring cooperative

PACS as Common Service Centres

Considering the reach of PACS at the rural level, a multi-ministerial and multi-agency agreement was signed to enable them to provide more than 300 services, such as banking, insurance, Aadhaar enrolment, health services, PAN card services, and railway, bus, and air ticket booking. As of 10 November 2025, 50,355 PACS have started delivering common service centre facilities to the rural population.

- PACS have registered 1,863 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs). This will help farmers gain market linkages and ensure fair prices for their produce.
- PACS have been included in the priority list for retail petrol and diesel outlets. 393 PACS across 27 states and union territories have applied. PACS have been given the option to convert their wholesale consumer petrol pumps into retail outlets.
- The government has now allowed PACS to apply for LPG distributorships.
- PACS are eligible to operate and maintain tap water supply systems in rural areas; 539 PACS have been identified for this purpose.
- PM Kusum Yojana and PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana have also been linked to PACS. Initially, 100 cities have been selected for the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana.

36,592

PACS now operate as Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samriddhi Kendras (PMKSK), ensuring easy access to fertilizers and services for farmers.

20 lakh dairy farmers will be able to become members of the organized cooperative society



Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah inaugurated a multi-state cooperative organization called Sardar Patel Cooperative Dairy Federation Limited in July 2025. It has an initial capital of ₹200 crore. Over 20 lakh dairy farmers from over 20,000 villages across 20 states will be able to become members. Through this federation, farmers will benefit from assured milk procurement, better veterinary care, enhanced animal nutrition, and access to modern dairy technologies. Investments in robust cold storage infrastructure, cold storage centres, and efficient processing facilities will further strengthen quality standards. It will help meet the demand for safe and hygienic dairy products.



stories is endless, and statistics reveal their importance across the country and the world. There are over 8,00,000 cooperative societies in the country, with over 300 million members, and they operate extensively in approximately 30 sectors. Every fifth person in the country is involved with cooperatives. Cooperatives have become a instrument for the development of the poor and the marginalized. Cooperatives, in a way, touch every family in the country. Today, approximately 91% of villages in the country has entity engaged in agricultural development, rural development, and self-employment through cooperatives, contributing to the nation's development. This is strengthening the rural economy, fostering the growth of self-employment and small entrepreneurship. Social inclusion is increasing, and new standards are being set in innovation and research. Furthermore, the cooperative sector

Cooperatives

Giving Fillip to Sahkar Se Samriddhi

The Ministry has launched over 100 initiatives to strengthen the cooperative movement. The National Cooperative Policy 2025 was launched on July 6, 2025. To promote the mantra of Sahkar Se Samriddhi, numerous schemes and initiatives were launched, and several tax reliefs, including income tax and GST, were provided.

Today, more than [redacted] cooperative organizations are active in the country, directly or indirectly involving approximately 32 crore people. Furthermore, approximately 94 percent of farmers are associated with cooperatives in some form or another.

The tax rate on cooperative societies with income between ₹1 crore and ₹10 crore has been reduced from 12% to 7%. This has reduced the tax burden on cooperative societies.

- Cash transactions by cooperative societies up to ₹2 lakh have been exempted from income tax penalties. The limit for cash deposits and payments by PACS and Primary Cooperative Agriculture and Rural Development Banks has been increased from ₹20,000 to ₹2 lakh.



- New manufacturing cooperative societies have been imposed a flat lower tax rate of 15%, compared to the previous rate of 30%.
- The minimum alternate tax rate for cooperative societies has been reduced from 18.5% to 12%.
- Cooperative sugar mills will not be required to pay any additional tax if they pay higher prices for sugarcane to farmers or up to the State Advised Price (SAP) starting April 2016.
- GST on molasses was reduced from 28% to 5%, allowing cooperative sugar mills to generate higher profits for their members by selling molasses at higher rates.
- Cooperative sugar societies were allowed to claim payments made to sugarcane farmers prior to the assessment year 2016-17 as expenses. This is expected to provide relief of over ₹46,000 crore. Additionally, a ₹10,000 crore loan scheme was launched to empower cooperative sugar mills.
- Cooperative sugar mills were given priority in ethanol procurement, and cooperative sugar mills were placed on par with private companies in ethanol procurement under the Ethanol Blending Programme.
- More than 60 policy reforms have been implemented in the cooperative sector to increase transparency, employment, and sustainability.
- Dairy and fisheries cooperatives are also being

globally connects over 12 percent of humanity through 3 million cooperatives, with the 300 largest cooperatives generating a turnover of US$2,409.41 billion. They also promote sustainable economic development by providing quality employment and work opportunities to 280 million people, representing 10 percent of the world's employed population. Recognizing the importance of cooperatives, the

"The cooperatives in India have travelled from idea to movement, from movement to revolution and from revolution to empowerment. Cooperatives can give new energy to global cooperation."

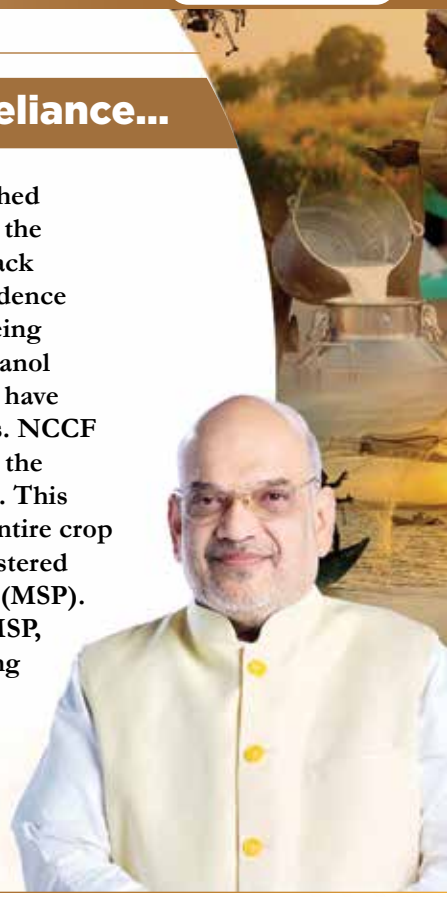
Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

designated as Bank Mitras of central and state cooperative banks. They are also being provided with micro ATMs to provide doorstep financial services. Nearly 10,000 micro ATMs have been distributed in Gujarat.

- To expand the reach of cooperative banks and provide dairy cooperative members with the necessary liquidity, RuPay Kisan Credit Cards are being issued to cooperative society members.
- The conversion of 1,000 existing fisheries cooperatives into Fish Farmer Producer Organizations (FFPOs) has also been initiated, for which business plans are being prepared by the Cluster Best Business Organizations. 70 FFPOs have already been registered to facilitate market linkages and processing facilities for fishermen.
- A central scheme, "Grant-in-Aid to the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)," with an outlay of ₹2,000 crore for the period 2025-26 to 2028-29, has been approved. This will enable the NCDC to raise approximately ₹20,000 crore from the open market over four years. Approximately 2.9 crore members of 13,288 cooperative societies across the country, covering diverse sectors such as dairy, animal husbandry, fisheries, sugar, textiles, food processing, warehousing and cold storage, labour, and women-led cooperatives, are expected to benefit from this scheme.

Farmers' Path to Self-Reliance...

The Ministry of Cooperation has launched the Self-Reliance Campaign to increase the production of pulses (tur, lentil, and black gram) in the country and reduce dependence on imports. Maize production is also being promoted to meet the targets of the ethanol blending program. NCCF and NAFED have been assigned the responsibility for this. NCCF e-samyukti and NAFED have launched the e-samridh portal for farmer registration. This portal guarantees the purchase of the entire crop of tur, urad, lentil, and maize from registered farmers at the Minimum Support Price (MSP). However, if market prices exceed the MSP, farmers can earn higher profits by selling their produce in the open market. To date, more than 4.141 million farmers are registered on the e-samyukti portal, and 11.07 lakh farmers are registered on NAFED's e-samridhi portal.



- Cooperatives were allowed to register as 'buyers' on GeM, enabling them to procure goods and services from approximately 67 lakh vendors with cost-effective procurement and greater transparency. More than 574 cooperative societies have been onboarded.
- The Cooperative Ranking Framework for evaluating and ranking cooperatives was launched in January 2025. The National Cooperative Database portal can generate rankings across seven key sectors.
- The Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002, was amended under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies (Amendment) Act, 2023, to strengthen governance in multi-state cooperative societies, enhance transparency and accountability, and improve the electoral process.
- An amount of more than Rs 4,548 crore has been returned to 22.56 lakh valid depositors of the Sahara Group cooperative societies in a transparent manner through a portal.

United Nations General Assembly declared 2025 the International Year of Cooperatives, with the theme: "Cooperatives Build a Better World."

Indeed, cooperatives have been the vanguard of Indian culture for decades. This idea is India's idea. Cooperatives are the very essence of Indian culture, and India has championed the idea of cooperatives and promoted them throughout the world. For the world, cooperatives are a model, but for India, they are the foundation of culture and a way of life. Cooperatives have become a force multiplier that transforms individual strengths into collective social strengths. It can also be said that cooperation is deeply rooted in the foundation of Indian society, fostering the spirit of collaborative achievement of social and economic goals. However, for a long time,

White Revolution 2.0...

A New Chapter in India's Rural Transformation

White Revolution 2.0 aims to expand the reach of dairy cooperatives to farmers in areas of the country where these cooperatives have not yet reached. By joining dairy cooperatives, farmers will have access to a better market for their milk. White Revolution 2.0 aims to expand the reach of cooperatives, increase milk procurement by 50%, create new employment opportunities in rural areas, and empower women economically. Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah has launched the SOP of White Revolution 2.0.

16,322 cooperative milk societies have been registered so far.



Initiative to transform the dairy sector from Kachre Se Kanchan

A key objective of White Revolution 2.0 is to develop a development model in the dairy sector that ensures environmental protection, resource reuse, and sustainable growth in farmers' income. Toward this end, the government has taken steps to promote sustainability and circularity in the dairy sector, adopting climate-smart practices across the dairy value chain, promoting efficient resource use, and building a low-emission and income-generating ecosystem through renewable resources. To this end, three multi-state cooperative societies will be established:

- For livestock feed production, disease control, and artificial insemination.
- For cow and buffalo dung management.
- For the management of dead cattle hides, bones, and horns.

this sector was fragmented and lacked uniformity across the country. To ensure equitable development of the country's rural economy, a separate Ministry of Cooperation was established in 2021 to strengthen the cooperative movement and take its benefit to every household. Over the past 11 years, rural India has witnessed unprecedented develop-

"Cooperatives in India are giving a new impetus to our dairy sector... our rural economy.

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



ment in basic physical infrastructure such as roads, housing, telecommunications, electricity, toilets, and cooking gas. This has advanced rural aspirations. Now that the infrastructure is being developed at a fast pace, the rural economy needs to be further strengthened, organized, and integrated with the market. In this context, the cooperative-based economic model is poised to become a key engine of India's growth, contributing to the realization of the goal of a Viksit Bharat by 2047.

THE COOPERATIVE MOVEMENT IN INDIA

Before independence, some farmers in the Anand-Kheda district of Gujarat were selling milk to Polson Dairy in Mumbai. On one occasion, farmers demanded a price increase, and Polson Dairy stopped buying milk. The farmers, under the leadership of Tribhuvandas Kishibhai Patel, feeling helpless, approached Sardar Patel. He said, "If you accept slavery, you will endure exploitation. If you don't want to do that, you should form your own cooperative society and trade your milk yourself." Then, under the leadership of Tribhuvan Das Patel, history was made on December 14, 1946, when the Kheda District Cooperative Milk Producers' Union, commonly known as Amul, was registered under the

Cooperatives are a model for the world, but for India, cooperatives are the foundation of culture, a way of life. Today, in India, we are working to develop India by combining the power of government and cooperation. We are following the mantra of Sahkar Se Samriddhi.

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

Bombay Cooperative Societies Act of 1925. This was the first cooperative that had a humble beginning, which started from a small village collecting 250 liters of milk. From there, the journey to becoming Amul, the world's strongest cooperative brand, was paved by Tribhuvan Das Patel. Tribhuvan Das, under the inspiration from great leader like Sardar Patel, was one of the individuals who laid the foundation

Cooperative Banks

Empowered by Government Initiatives

Since the formation of the Ministry of Cooperation, the efforts to strengthen the Cooperative banks have received a boost through steps that include opening new branches, allowing door-step services to customers, establishing a nodal officer at the RBI, and increasing housing loan limits.

- Urban cooperative banks are now eligible to open 10% of their previous financial year's total branch openings or a maximum of 5 branches without prior RBI approval.
- The RBI has permitted urban cooperative banks to provide doorstep services to customers. Account holders of these banks can now avail banking services such as cash withdrawals and deposits, KYC, demand drafts, and life certificates at their doorsteps.
- Urban cooperative banks can now obtain notified status by being included in RBI's Schedule II upon meeting financially sound and well-managed criteria and maintaining a minimum required deposit balance.



Priority sector lending target for urban cooperative banks has been reduced from **75% to 60%** to facilitate their operations.

Housing loan limits for urban cooperative bank members have been increased from

10% to **25%** (up to Rs. 3 crore)

- The loan limit has been increased from Rs. 1 crore to Rs. 3 crore, enabling these banks to meet higher loan demand, support business growth, and increase their competitiveness in the SME loan sector.



- The RBI has approved the establishment of an umbrella organization for the urban cooperative banking sector, paving the way for approximately 1,500 urban cooperative banks to acquire the necessary information technology infrastructure and operations.
- Urban cooperative banks have been permitted to conduct one-time settlements on outstanding loans, similar to other banks. Cooperative banks are now able to provide a process for technical write-offs and other services to borrowers through board-approved policies.
- The individual housing loan limit for rural cooperative banks has been increased by two and a half times to ₹75 lakh.

of cooperatives in India. The Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation, also known as Amul, is the result of Tribhuvan Das's vision.

Amul's turnover in 2003 was ₹2,882 crore. Today, Amul's sales have exceeded ₹90,000 crore. This is many times more than many large multinational companies. In this massive movement, no one's share capital exceeds ₹100. Poor farmer women collected ₹100 each to build it. Today, the world is watching with amazement, and the Amul Group's turnover, including milk and other related businesses, has surpassed ₹90,000 crore. This group alone provides self-employment to 3.6 million women in Gujarat.

After independence in 1947, the cooperative movement gained momentum, as they were given a significant role in various five-year plans formulated by the Planning Commission. In 2002, the central



- A nodal officer has been designated within the RBI for regular communication with urban cooperative banks.
- The license fee for onboarding cooperative banks into the Aadhaar-enabled payment system has been reduced by linking it to the number of transactions. This is enabling members to access banking services at home through biometrics.
- The government has constituted a task force on reforms for urban cooperative banks and cooperative credit societies under the National Federation of Urban Cooperative Banks and Credit Societies, and two reports have already been submitted.

RBI increases priority sector lending limit for agricultural cooperatives (dairy) from



- This move will enable banks to provide greater credit support to these societies, strengthening agricultural infrastructure and increasing rural credit flow.

government announced the National Cooperative Policy. This policy aimed to strengthen the overall development of cooperatives in the country. A ministerial-level task force was formed to prepare an action plan for implementing this policy. This task force recommended that a single law be implemented instead of parallel laws in the states. The cooperative system in India can broadly be classified into two types: credit and non-credit cooperatives.

Gross Domestic Product and employment generation are two key metrics for measuring economic progress in India. The world's largest food grain storage scheme aims to strengthen both these aspects, increasing the income of PACS while also creating rural employment opportunities.

Amit Shah, Union Minister of Home Affairs and Cooperation

Credit cooperatives ensure loans at affordable interest rates for agriculture, consumption, and marketing in rural areas; consumer cooperatives meet the consumption demand of farmers at concessional rates. Marketing societies eliminate middlemen in commodity transactions, ensuring remunerative prices for products. Cooperatives also undertake activities related to marketing, processing, distribution, and supply for agricultural and small-scale industries.

There are over 800,000 registered cooperative societies in the country, with over 300 million members engaged in agriculture and allied activities. The cooperative sector has always played a vital role in the overall economic development of the country. The cooperative model is generating widespread financial prosperity by empowering the economically disadvantaged sections of Indian society to drive economic growth.

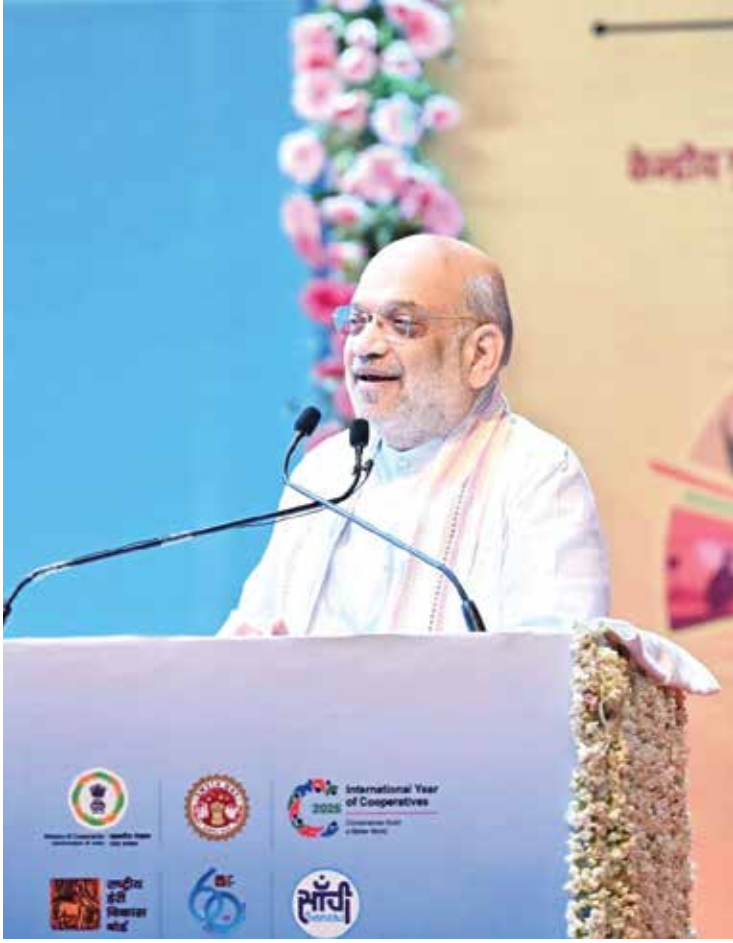
MINISTRY CREATED WITH THE MANTRA OF SAHKAR SE SAMRIDDHI

Cooperatives are aligned with India's fundamental philosophy, nature, and culture. The central government, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, took a historic step to realize the mantra of Sahkar Se Samriddhi by establishing a new ministry on July 6, 2021, the Ministry of Cooperation. Its objective was to provide a distinct administrative, legal, and policy framework to strengthen the cooperative sector. The cooperative-based development model is highly relevant

in the country, where each member performs their duties in accordance with their responsibilities. The new Ministry of Cooperation is working to facilitate ease of doing business for cooperatives, streamline processes, and enable the development of multi-state cooperatives. The cooperative economy model has been prevalent in the country since ancient times. Currently, mass movements like Amul have brought the benefits of cooperation to every village and every family. The cooperative movement plays a crucial role in increasing farmers' incomes and strengthening the rural economy, making villages self-reliant. The Central Government signaled its deep commitment to community-based development partnerships with the establishment of the Ministry of Cooperation. Long-term vision and administrative reforms to strengthen cooperative institutions through the "Sahkar Se Samriddhi" approach have transformed the cooperative sector.

THE COOPERATIVE SECTOR: BEFORE AND NOW

For more than seven decades, farmers, the rural population, and cooperative leaders in the country had been demanding a separate Ministry for Cooperatives. This demand was realized by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. With the establishment of the Ministry of Cooperation, a new chapter in the development of cooperatives began. For more than seven decades, this sector has not received the attention it deserved. The cooperative movement, too, was exhibiting uneven progress across various regions. It was doing well in the West and South, moderate in the Central Region, weak in the North, and even weaker in the East. With the establishment of a separate Ministry of Cooperation, this sector received structural institutional attention. A cooperative database was developed in collaboration with all state governments. Today, anyone can access data on the number of cooperatives in each region, and also the information on dairy, PACS, marketing, fisheries, and housing is also easily available. Following this, the central government decided to create 200,000 new primary cooperative societies (PACS), ensuring that not a single Panchayat in the country is without a PACS. Thanks to the efforts of the Central Govern-



"The National Cooperative Policy 2025 provides a comprehensive roadmap for sustainable cooperative development in the country. This roadmap also includes coordination with the Government of India schemes to strengthen the cooperative ecosystem at the grassroots level. Under the cooperative-led White Revolution 2.0, efforts are underway to increase milk procurement by 50% over the next five years.

Amit Shah, Union Minister of Home Affairs and Cooperation



Cooperatives contribute one-third of sugar production, one-fourth of fertilizer production, one-fifth of agricultural loans, paddy and fish procurement, and one-tenth of milk production and distribution in the country.

Bharat Taxi

India's First Cooperative-Based Mobility Platform

Sahakar Taxi Cooperative Limited is the country's first cooperative-based mobility platform, which aims to empower drivers and provide affordable and reliable transportation to the public. Based on cooperation, transparency, and shared ownership, Sahakar Taxi is a people-centric approach to traditional ride-hailing platforms. Set to launch soon under the name "Bharat Taxi," the platform aims to transform the mobility landscape in India. This initiative aims to transform the mobility ecosystem with a cooperative-driven, transparent, and citizen-first ride-hailing platform. The project is being jointly promoted by the National Cooperative Development Corporation, along with IFFCO, NAFED, Amul, Kribhco, NDDB, NCEL, and NABARD.

ment, the bylaws of the Central Government's model PACS have been approved across the country, from Kashmir to Kanyakumari and from the Northeast to Dwarka.

This change has integrated more than 25 economic activities into PACS. It has integrated an election system and incorporated a common accounting software, available in all languages. PACS provide short, medium, and long-term agricultural loans. They now distribute improved seeds, grow fruits and vegetables, and engage in beekeeping. PACS fisheries society, PACS dairy, are being formed, and other activities such as sericulture are also undertaken. PACS also operates as a Common Service Center.

Today, over 50,000 PACS have been developed as common service centers across the country, covering over 300 central and state government schemes. Birth and death registrations, air and railway ticket bookings, and any verification process are all being done through PACS. 36,000 Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samriddhi Kendras (PMKVKs) are operating nationwide. More than 4,000 Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendras (PMJAYs) are being established here. Also, a number of PACS are starting their own petrol pumps. Several PACS have applied for LPG distribution. Grain storage, which had previously been left to private hands, is now being implemented under PM Modi's leadership as the world's largest food storage scheme. So far, work has begun in 76 of the 500 identified PACS warehouses. Work on 11 PACS warehouses has been completed, and paddy and wheat purchased through PACS are being delivered from storage to each person under the Muft Anna Yojana.

Computerized software has been provided for all these activities. All transactions have become online. In a way, a new modern revolution has taken place in the cooperative sector. The formation of two lakh



Prosperity through 3 National Multi-State Cooperatives

Three national-level cooperative societies have been formed to promote the prosperity of the cooperative sector, agriculture, and farmers.

1. National Cooperative Organics Limited

Ensures the collection, certification, testing, procurement, processing, storage, branding, labeling, packaging, and marketing of organic products, ensuring farmers receive a fair price for their produce.

7,031

PACS and cooperative societies have become members.

Products have been launched under the brand name "Bharat Organics." 25 organic products are available in the Delhi-NCR region.

All Bharat Organics products are tested for over 245 pesticides in accredited laboratories.

2. National Cooperative Exports Limited (NCEL)

Provides all facilities related to exporting farmers' products to the international market, with the entire profit going to the farmers.

- **9,425** PACS & cooperative societies have become members of NCEL.
- **13.09** lakh metric tonnes of agricultural commodities such as rice, wheat, maize, sugar, onion, cumin, etc. have been exported with an estimated value of ₹5,397 crore.

3. Bharatiya Beej Sahkari Samiti Limited (BBSSL)

As an umbrella organization, this organization leverages the schemes and policies of various ministries of the Government of India to produce, test, certify, procure, process, store, brand, label, and package basic and certified seeds through PACS.

It will also enter into contracts with small farmers for traditional seeds so that they can also benefit from them.

22,995

PACS and cooperative societies have become members of BBSSL. Seeds have been launched under the 'Bharat Beej' brand.

new multi-purpose PACS will revive the country's co-operative movement in a balanced manner. Today, more than 550 cooperative societies are registered on the GeM portal. The income tax surcharge on societies has been reduced from 12 percent to 7 percent. MAT has been reduced from 18.5 percent to 15 percent, and income tax penalties have been exempted under Section 269ST for transactions less than Rs 2 lakh. The rate for cooperative societies involved in construction has been reduced from 30 percent to 15 percent. The cash deposit limit for PACS and others has been increased from Rs 20,000 to Rs 2 lakh. The TDS exemption limit has been increased from Rs 1 crore to Rs 3 crore. As a result of the strengthening of the cooperative sector, investors in the Sahara Group are getting their money

back from the company. Whenever the country has faced any crisis, the cooperative movement has pulled the country out. Cooperative banks work for the people without profit consideration because cooperation is deeply ingrained in Indian culture.

A cooperative taxi service named Sahkar Taxi, including Ola and Uber, is emerging in India, which will also register cars, bikes, and autorickshaws, with profits going directly to the drivers. A cooperative insurance company is also being formed, which will insure all cooperatives. It is likely to become the largest cooperative insurance company in the private sector.

THE TRINITY OF THE COOPERATIVE SECTOR

The Ministry of Cooperation is committed to transforming cooperatives into vibrant and successful business entities. Three national-level cooperative societies have been formed to promote the cooperative sector, agriculture, and the prosperity of farmers. The central government has established a national cooperative organization called National Cooperative Exports Limited (NCEL), with over 8,000 PACS affiliated to it. Through this, the produce of the country's farmers is exported abroad, with the entire profit going to the farmers. Additionally, through National Cooperative Organic Limited (NCOL), organic items produced by farmers is purchased, tested, and packaged under the Bharat brand name and sold in the markets. Today, farmers from 5,000 PACS are selling their organic produce through this organization in markets both domestically and internationally. These include organic rice, flour, grains, millet, sugar, jaggery, tea, coffee, whole spices, organic oil, honey, ground spices, dry fruits, organic gram flour, organic gram dal, masoor dal, organic kidney beans, toor dal and whole green gram - today all these 100% organic items are available under the name Bharat Brand. Similarly, where earlier only big farmers were associated with Bharatiya Beej Sahkari Samiti Limited (BBSSL), now farmers with 2.5 acres of land have also been associated for seed production. Today, farmers from more than 20 thousand PACS are engaged in seed production. There are two and a half times more profits in seed



"India's cooperative sector is very dynamic and is transforming the lives of many people. Every fourth cooperative society in the world is present in India. India is experiencing an era of women-led development... We are focusing very comprehensively on this. Women also play a significant role in the cooperative sector.

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

According to the International Cooperative Federation: a cooperative is "an autonomous association of people who voluntarily come together to pursue their economic, social, and cultural interests through common ownership and democratic control."

cultivation than growing crops, which earlier small farmers were not able to do, but now it has become possible.

COOPERATIVES: A PATH TO ENTREPRENEURSHIP FOR THE CAPITALLESS

The cooperative sector is the only way to connect capitalless individuals with entrepreneurship. According to economists, GDP is a key indicator of a country's economy, but with a population of 1.4 billion, GDP, along with employment, is also a significant driver. To date, 35,395 new cooperatives have been formed, which is right on track to achieve the target of establishing 200,000 multipurpose cooperative societies in the country over the next five years. The cooperative sector is opening up a path to prosperity for the landless and capitalless. India has become the world's largest milk producer. Milk production, which was 140 million tons in 2014-15, has now surpassed 240 million tons. A circular economy is getting a boost. Cooperative dairies will also provide fodder and vaccinations to the livestocks of private milk sellers. They will also collect their dung and use it to produce gas. When an animal dies, cooperative dairies will also provide farmers with higher market prices for its skin and bones through cooperatives. This project has already begun with a provision of ₹10,000 crore. Under the cooperative-led White Revolution 2.0, launched on December 25, 2024, efforts are being made to increase milk procurement by 50% over the next five years. Over the past four years, the Ministry of Cooperation has implemented over 100 initiatives to strengthen PACS, dairy, fisheries, cooperative banks, sugar cooperatives, and governance systems, including digital reforms, policy changes, financial support, and institutional capacity building.

To strengthen the cooperative movement, the central government, under the guidance of Prime Minister Modi, has collaborated with states to launch inclusive cooperative initiatives. Decades of neglect

National Cooperative Development Corporation

Footprint Expands

To expand its geographical reach, the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) opened a regional office in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh, and sub-offices in Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Sikkim, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, and Nagaland. NCDC's loan disbursements have increased from ₹24,733 crore in the 2020-21 fiscal year to ₹95,183 crore in 2024-25. This amount was only ₹5,735.51 crore in 2014-15.

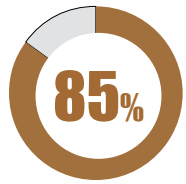


More than 30 types of cooperative societies in the country

Cooperatives have grown rapidly in the country in the past few years. Cooperative societies operate in more than 30 categories. Here are the names and numbers of some of the important categories...

Name of Society	No. of Societies
Livestock and Poultry Cooperatives	16,735
Marketing Cooperatives	9,219
Miscellaneous Non-Credit	30,623
Multipurpose Cooperatives	20,368
Primary Agricultural Credit Societies	99,359
Transport Cooperatives	4,174
Tribal SC/ST Cooperatives	1,516
Women Welfare Cooperatives	25,067
Agriculture and Allied Cooperatives	27,143
Agro Processing Cooperative Societies	22,925
Consumer Cooperatives	21,772
Credit & Thrift Societies	80,331
Dairy Cooperatives	1,43,500
Fishery Cooperatives	25,894
Handloom Textile and Weavers Cooperatives	19,613
Housing Cooperatives	1,92,147
Labour Cooperatives	44,859

Today, Amul has a turnover of ₹90,000 crore. At Amul,



consumer price reaches directly over 36 lakh dairy farmers.

and administrative malpractices have left most Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) financially weak and inactive. The government began expanding the scope of PACS and making them economically viable. Cooperatives are a system that not only enriches economically aspiring individuals in society but also makes them part of the broader mainstream economy. Cooperatives are a powerful tool for improving the plight of those with little or no capital. While cooperatives have a rich tradition in the country, the campaign of ameliorating the economic plight of marginalized citizens that began before independence got a shot in the arm during the tenure of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

NEW NATIONAL COOPERATIVE POLICY

The new National Cooperative Policy, 2025, was launched on July 24, 2025. This policy provides a roadmap and comprehensive framework for the

Efforts to boost the new generation's affinity for cooperatives

Although approximately 320 million people in the country are associated with cooperatives in some form or another, the central government wants to strengthen the cooperative foundation by associating it with the future generation. This is why, under the guidance of the Ministry of Cooperation and in consultation with NCERT, the National Council for Cooperative Training (NCCT) has developed a special curriculum on cooperatives. Its goal is to make school students aware of the role of cooperatives in nation-building and inspire them to pursue a career in the cooperative sector. This special curriculum will be offered to secondary-level students in schools with the NCERT curriculum.

- Under the direction of the Ministry of Cooperation and the efforts of the National Council for Cooperative Training (NCCT), NCERT has included a chapter on cooperation in the Class 6 curriculum to provide students with basic knowledge of the cooperative movement.
- Vaibhav Shankar Mittal National Institute of Cooperative Management, Pune, has initiated to launch a new course, 'PGDM-Cooperation', affiliated to AICTE, New Delhi, for the academic session 2025. 30 students can be admitted to this course.

TSU will guide cooperative governance, education, and research

Tribhuvan Cooperative University (TSU) will not only empower rural India but also pave the way for transparent, professional, and inclusive development. It will provide a new direction for cooperative education, research, and governance in India. It will be the premier institution for cooperative education. A three-tier curriculum system has been designed. At the operational level, courses will be offered to those with 10th-grade education to provide essential foundational knowledge and technical skills. Diploma programs will be offered at the supervisory level, suitable for those in middle management of cooperative institutions. At the managerial level, degree and PhD programs will be offered. The university will develop e-learning platforms using cutting-edge technologies to provide quality education to cooperative workers living in remote areas.

- TSU will establish sector-specific educational and training centers in various states, to establish institutions related to dairy cooperatives in Gujarat, fisheries cooperatives in Kerala, cooperative finance in Maharashtra, and women's cooperatives in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.
- The curriculum will be in alignment with the National Education Policy 2020, emphasizing multidisciplinary studies. The university aims to train 800,000 students annually through digital platforms. The university will be fully operational in 2026.



systematic and all-round development of the cooperative sector. The policy's mission is to achieve 16 objectives over the next 10 years, grouped under six strategic missions. The objective of the National Cooperative Policy, 2025, summarized in one sentence, is to make India a developed nation by 2047 through "Sahkar Se Samriddhi."

COOPERATIVE UNIVERSITY TO CONNECT THE YOUNGER GENERATION WITH COOPERATIVES

With the mantra of generational development, Tribhuvan Cooperative University has been established in Gujarat. Parliament enacted a law for this in March 2025. However, its jurisdiction will be across India. This will provide trained resources



Amit Shah: The Mantra of "Sahkar Se Samriddhi" Close to His Heart

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah's interest in the cooperative movement began during his active involvement in Gujarat politics. He has been involved with cooperatives since the age of 18 and has experienced its strengths and weaknesses closely. His deep insight into the cooperative movement was recognized nationally when he served as the national convener of the cooperative cell of a political organization in 2001. He is also credited with reviving two moribund banks—the Ahmedabad District Cooperative Bank and the Madhavpura Bank in Ahmedabad. Cooperation in the country needed significant changes, and when Prime Minister Narendra Modi formed the Ministry of Cooperation, Amit Shah was given the responsibility. As the country's first Union Cooperation Minister, in a short span of time, he has transformed the sector at the administrative and policy levels with numerous new schemes, policy initiatives, and reform measures. By passing a bill in Parliament, he has brought this sector into the mainstream of national discourse. It is a result of his efforts and Prime Minister Modi's visionary thinking that 'Sahkar Se Samriddhi' has become a popular term in India's economic planning and progress. The closeness of the cooperative sector to his heart and its importance in building a nation and society is evident in his statement, "Being the Home Minister of the country is a huge achievement, as Sardar Patel was also the Home Minister. But the day I was appointed Cooperation Minister, I believe I received a department even bigger than the Home Ministry. This is a ministry that works for the poor, farmers, villages, and livestock of the country."

to the cooperative sector. The Cooperative University has been established based on the experience gained from the cooperative development achieved by the Central Government in nearly 4.5 years. This will eliminate nepotism in cooperative jobs. Instead, a degree will now be a crucial criterion in the cooperative sector. Only those with degrees and diplomas, and merit, will receive jobs. This will usher in a new cooperative culture. This Cooperative University will provide education to 800,000 students annually. Affiliated colleges and schools will open across the country. It will also offer courses for 10th and 12th grades, as well as courses in engineering and chartered accountancy.

The goal of employment for everyone, raising their standard of living, and guaranteeing a good life cannot be fulfilled without cooperatives. Recognizing this importance, the central and state governments have jointly ushered in a new era of the cooperative movement in India. The cooperative movement is ensuring the progress of India's rural society and creating a new concept of social capital. The success of cooperatives depends on four things: determination, clear intentions, hard work, and a spirit of unity. With this spirit, cooperatives are becoming a means to fulfill the dreams of ordinary citizens. ●

150th Birth Anniversary of Dharti Aaba Bhagwan Birsa Munda

Tribal Welfare a Top Priority



The country has adopted the mantra of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas.' This mantra has transformed the lives of millions over the years while strengthening the nation's unity and integrating tribal communities, neglected for decades, into the mainstream. On November 15th, marking the 150th birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, Prime Minister Narendra Modi called for a pledge to strengthen the mantra of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas" so that no one is left behind in the developmental journey...

Whenever the nation's honour, dignity, or self-rule were at stake, our tribal society stood at the forefront. Our freedom struggle is the biggest example of this. Numerous heroes and heroines from the tribal community, Tilka Manjhi, Rani Gaidinliu, Sidhu-Kanhu, Bhairav Murmu, Budhu Bhagat, and inspirational figures like Alluri Sitarama Raju carried forward the torch of freedom. Similarly, so many brave warriors, including Tantya Bhil of Madhya Pradesh, Veer Narayan Singh of Chhattisgarh, Telanga Kharia of Jharkhand, Rupchand Konwar of Assam, and Laxman Naik of Odisha, made immense sacrifices for freedom, fought tirelessly, and never allowed the British to sit in peace. The tribal community led countless revolutions and shed their blood for independence. Recalling the contributions of the tribal community at the Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas event in Dediapada, Gujarat, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that we cannot forget the contribution of the tribal community in the freedom movement. In 2021, the birth anniversary of Lord Birsa Munda was celebrated as Janjatiya Gaurav

> **For the progress of any society, its true participation in democracy is equally important. Therefore, our goal is to ensure that our brothers and sisters from the tribal community reach high positions in the country and lead the nation. You see, today the President of the country is a tribal woman.**
>
> **Narendra Modi, Prime Minister**



Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail Corridor Project Progressing Smoothly

PM Modi visited the bullet train station under construction in Surat, Gujarat, and reviewed the progress of the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail Corridor. He interacted with the team behind India's first bullet train project and inquired about the project's progress, including adherence to speed and schedule targets. The staff reported that the project is progressing smoothly without any difficulties.

Inauguration & Foundation for Rapid Development

- Inauguration and foundation stone laying of several development projects aimed at uplifting the Dediapada tribal communities of Gujarat and improving infrastructure in rural and remote areas of the region.
- Griha Pravesh (Housewarming) of one lakh houses: Constructed under the Prime Minister Janjati Adivasi Nyay Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN) and Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DA-JAGUA).
- Inauguration of 42 Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) dedicated to tribal students at a cost of approximately ₹1,900 crore.
- Inauguration of 228 multi-purpose centers serving as hubs for community-based activities, the Center of Competence at Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh, and the Tribal Research Institute (TRI) building for the preservation of tribal culture and heritage in Imphal, Manipur.
- Flagged off 250 buses to 14 tribal districts of Gujarat to improve connectivity in tribal areas.
- Laying the foundation stone for 748 kilometers of new roads to enhance connectivity in tribal areas and 14 Tribal Multi-Marketing Centres (TMMCs) under DA-JAGUA to serve as community centers.

2,320+ crore to be spent on **building Eklavya Model Residential Schools, for which the foundation stone was laid**

Diwas. Tribal pride has been an integral part of India's consciousness for thousands of years.

When tribal youth are given the opportunity, they have the power to achieve great heights in every field. Courage, hard work, and ability are inherited from their traditions. The example of the sports world shows how tribal sons and daughters have contributed significantly to raising the glory of India worldwide. Furthermore, the central government is working day and night to ensure a bright future for tribal children. PM Modi said that in the past five to six years alone, the central government has invested more than 18,000 crore rupees in Eklavya Model Residential Schools across the country. Necessary facilities have been provided for girls in the schools. As a result, the number of tribal children enrolled in these schools has increased by 60 percent.

OFFERED PRAYER TO DEVMOGRA MATA

PM Modi visited the Devmogra Mata Temple on November 15th, marking Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas. He offered a prayer to Devmogra Mata and sought blessings for the good health and progress of all citizens. PM Modi described the experience as sacred and urged people across the country to visit the temple to receive the goddess's blessings.

BEST WISHES ON JHARKHAND'S FOUNDATION DAY

PM Modi extended his best wishes on Jharkhand's Foundation Day. Jharkhand is a glorious land rich in vibrant tribal culture. Recalling the legacy of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, he said the history of this sacred land is filled with inspiring stories of courage, struggle, and dignity.

Scan the QR code to watch the Prime Minister's program.



Towards Self-Reliance
Empowering Divyangjans

The International Day of Persons with Disabilities celebrates the unwavering determination and resilience that turn limitations into opportunities. Over the past decade, the Central Government's progressive policies have strengthened these possibilities. Let us explore how, over the past 10 years, the Central Government has taken efforts to make the lives of persons with disabilities dignified and self-reliant...

Opportunity and faith empower individuals to realize their fullest potential. An example of this is found in the accomplishments of 16-year-old Sheetal Devi, an archer from Jammu and Kashmir, who, despite lacking both arms, uses her teeth and feet to shoot an arrow with a bow. Born with a rare condition called phocomelia, her endurance paid off with the government's support at every step. Sheetal enrolled in an Indian Army youth program, and this laid the foundation for her athletic career. She competed in archery at the Hangzhou Asian Para Games and won a gold medal in the women's individual compound open event. Countless success stories of persons with disabilities in the country are inspiring, all made possible by the central government's policies, decisions, and initiatives to empower them.



Divyangjan-centric initiatives to empower them

The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, has launched 16 initiatives to empower persons with disabilities across India. One of these is the Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan, which was launched on International Day of Persons with Disabilities (December 3) in 2015. This nationwide initiative, launched with the aim of universal accessibility for Divyangjans, has completed 10 years and has enhanced accessibility...

1. Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan 2. Sugamya Bharat Yatra 3. Pathways to Access 4. High-Power Spectacles 5. Divyasha E-Coffee Table Book 6. Kadam Knee Joint 7. The Awareness Generation and Publicity Scheme 8. Accessible Storybooks 9. In Standard Bharti Braille Code 10. Braille Books Portal 11. MoU with Infosys BPM 12. Employability Skills Book 13. Infosys Springboard Skill Programme 14. Google Extension for Persons with Hearing Impairment 15. E-Sanidhya Portal 16. Computer-Based Indian Intelligence Test by NIEPID, Secunderabad

Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan has improved accessibility at every level



153 **international and domestic airports now offer wheelchairs, ramps, accessible toilets, tactile paving, elevators, and dedicated parking facilities.**

Over **42,000** buses are partially accessible and 8,695 are fully accessible.



709 railway stations are now equipped with ramps, toilets, elevators, help desks, parking, and drinking water facilities.

3,120 bus terminals are Divyangjan-friendly.

Better education for children with disabilities...

- NCERT textbooks for grades 1 to 6 have been converted to Indian Sign Language. Textbooks for grades 1 to 3 have also been converted to ISL.
- The Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre, in collaboration with the National Institute of Open Schooling, developed a curriculum for ISL as a language subject at the secondary level.
- An ISL dictionary of over 10,000 words has been developed.

Nearly **1.26** **crore Unique Disability Identification cards have been issued.**



Life Made Easier for Divyangjan

- Niramaya Health Insurance Scheme provides health coverage up to ₹1 lakh for Divyangjan for certain categories of disabilities.
- Financial Assistance Up to ₹50 Lakh Financial assistance for the treatment of 63 rare diseases at 14 designated Centers of Excellence under the National Policy for Rare Diseases, 2021.

2.68 **crore Divyangjan, represents 2.21% of the total population, as per the 2011 Census.**

Decisions and Actions Empowering Divyangjan

- During the last 11 years, 31.16 lakh Divyanjan were provided with assistive devices and aids worth over ₹2,415 crore.
- The Department for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities organized a camp, during which 10 Guinness World Records were created.
- Before 2014, only 7 lakh people were provided with artificial limbs and devices. Since 2014, more than 3.1 million persons with disabilities have been provided with artificial limbs.

Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016

- The number of recognized disability categories was increased from 7 to 21, so that more persons with disabilities could benefit.
- The reservation in government jobs was increased from 3% to 4%.
- The reservation in higher education institutions was increased from 3% to 5%.



Ease of Justice Fostering
Ease of Living and Doing Business

When justice is accessible to all and reaches every individual regardless of their social or financial background, it becomes the foundation of social justice. To strengthen and simplify this fundamental right to justice, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated a two-day national conference on "Strengthening the Legal Aid Delivery Mechanism" on November 8th.

India's legal system no longer operates on a system of punishment, but is instead focused on justice. Justice is a fundamental right of every individual, and everyone should have easy access to it. The National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) is playing a vital role in ensuring ease of access to justice and legal aid. This year marks the 30th anniversary of NALSA. Over these three decades, NALSA has made significant efforts to connect the judiciary with the poorest citizens of the country. From the national level to the taluka level, legal services authorities act as a bridge between the judiciary and citizens. Today, through Lok Adalats and pre-litigation settlements, lakhs of disputes are being resolved swiftly, amicably, and at low cost. The Legal Aid Defence Counsel System, initiated by the Government of India, has resolved nearly 8 lakh criminal cases in just three years. These efforts of the government have ensured ease of justice for the poor, the oppressed, the deprived, and the marginalized across the country.

Over the past 11 years, the government has consistently focused on enhancing Ease of Doing Business and Ease of Living. More than 40,000 unnecessary compliances for businesses have been removed. Through the Jan Vishwas Act, over 3,400 legal provisions have been decriminalized, and more than 1,500 obsolete laws have been repealed. PM Modi reiterated that "Ease of Doing Business and Ease of Living are truly possible only when Ease of Justice is

Community Mediation Scheme Launched...

A People's Movement for Access to Justice

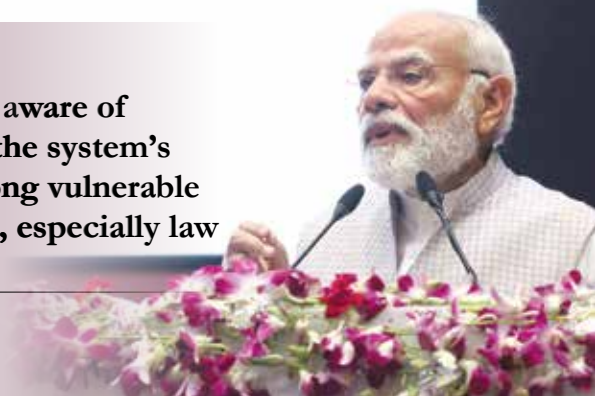
During the 20th National Conference on Strengthening Legal Aid Mechanisms and to commemorate Legal Services Day, Prime Minister Modi launched the Community Mediation Training Module of the Community Mediation Scheme to facilitate mutual consent and peaceful dispute resolution. This will bring justice and community solutions to the people. PM Modi stated that the new module is reviving the ancient Indian tradition of resolving disputes through dialogue and consensus. From village panchayats to village elders, mediation has always been a part of India's civilisation. The new Mediation Act advances this tradition and modernizes it. Community mediation will create resources that will help resolve disputes, maintain harmony, and reduce litigation.

Translations of judgements into 18 Indian languages started

Justice must be delivered in a language that is understood by the recipient. This principle must be considered at the time of drafting laws. When people comprehend the law in their own language, it leads to better compliance and reduces litigation. PM Modi stressed the need for judgements and legal documents to be made available in local languages. He commended the Supreme Court's initiative to translate over 80,000 judgements into 18 Indian languages. He expressed full confidence that this effort will continue at the High Courts and district courts as well.

Over 800,000 Cases Resolved Through Amicable Agreement

- Over 861,000 cases have been resolved through amicable agreements through mediation, and free legal aid has been provided to 1.6 crore citizens.
- Over the past decade, the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) has expanded its network to 37 state authorities, 707 district authorities, and 2,440 law societies.
- NALSA has strived to simplify and facilitate justice for victims of human-wildlife conflict through the Access to Justice Scheme 2025 and the Veer Parivar Sahayata Yojana.
- NALSA has embraced innovation and digitalization to facilitate access to justice.
- More than 13.11 lakh cases involving women, children, Scheduled Castes, and Scheduled Tribes have been resolved through permanent Lok Adalats across the country, and victims have been provided compensation of over ₹2,354 crore.



A poor individual cannot access justice unless they are aware of their rights, understand the law, and overcome fear of the system's complexity. Therefore, enhancing legal awareness among vulnerable groups, women, and the elderly is a priority. Our youth, especially law students, can play a key role in bringing about change.

Narendra Modi, **Prime Minister**

also ensured. In recent years, several steps have been taken to enhance the Ease of Justice. Technology is now serving as a medium for inclusion and empowerment. The e-Courts project has demonstrated how technology can modernize and humanize the judicial process in justice delivery. From e-filing to electronic summons service, and virtual hearings to video conferencing, technology has made everything easier. The budget for the third phase of this project has been increased to over ₹7,000 crore.

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Path of Progress...

Fast Travel With Vande Bharat

Infrastructure has been a key driver of economic growth in developed countries. India is also rapidly progressing in this direction. To expand India's modern rail infrastructure, Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off four new Vande Bharat Express trains from Varanasi on November 8th...



Imagine an area where there has been no rail service for a long time, no rail tracks, and no station. As soon as tracks are laid and a station is built, the town automatically begins to develop. Similarly, a village has been without a paved road for years. As soon as a good road is built, farmers' produce begins to reach the market. Infrastructure isn't limited to building large bridges and highways; when such facilities are developed, they foster development in the entire region. In the last 11 years, many new airports have been built in the country, along with starting several Vande Bharat trains, giving new impetus to development. While flagging off four Vande Bharat Express trains from Varanasi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that all these efforts are linked with development. Today, India is also moving on this path of development at a very fast pace. With the launch of four new Vande Bharat trains, more than 164 new Vande Bharat trains are now operating in the country.

For centuries, pilgrimages have been considered a source of consciousness in India. These journeys are not just a path to the spiritual experience but a sacred tradition that connects the soul of India. Prayagraj, Ayodhya, Haridwar, Chitrakoot, Kurukshetra, and countless such pilgrimage sites are centers of spirituality. Today, as these holy places are being connected to the Vande Bharat network, it is also fulfilling the task of connecting India's culture, faith, and development journey. This is an important step towards making India's heritage cities symbols of the country's development. PM Modi said that these pilgrimages also have an economic aspect. Over the past 11 years, development work in Uttar Pradesh has overhauled

Vande Bharat Express is equipped with numerous features

- 140 seconds to reach a speed of 160 km/h.
- A joyful, comfortable, and safe journey.
- Infotainment system in every coach.
- Air conditioning ducts for better ventilation and even heat distribution.
- Bio-vacuum toilets with touch-free features.
- Enhanced fire safety measures in all coaches.
- Equipped with Kavach (Train Collision Avoidance System).
- Special toilets for the disabled and information in Braille.
- Emergency lighting, emergency windows, and talk bank units in all coaches.

Passenger-friendly travel to promote tourism

- Promote regional connectivity.
- Reduce travel time.
- Offer passengers modern, comfortable, and efficient travel options.
- Promote regional development, tourism, and economic prosperity.

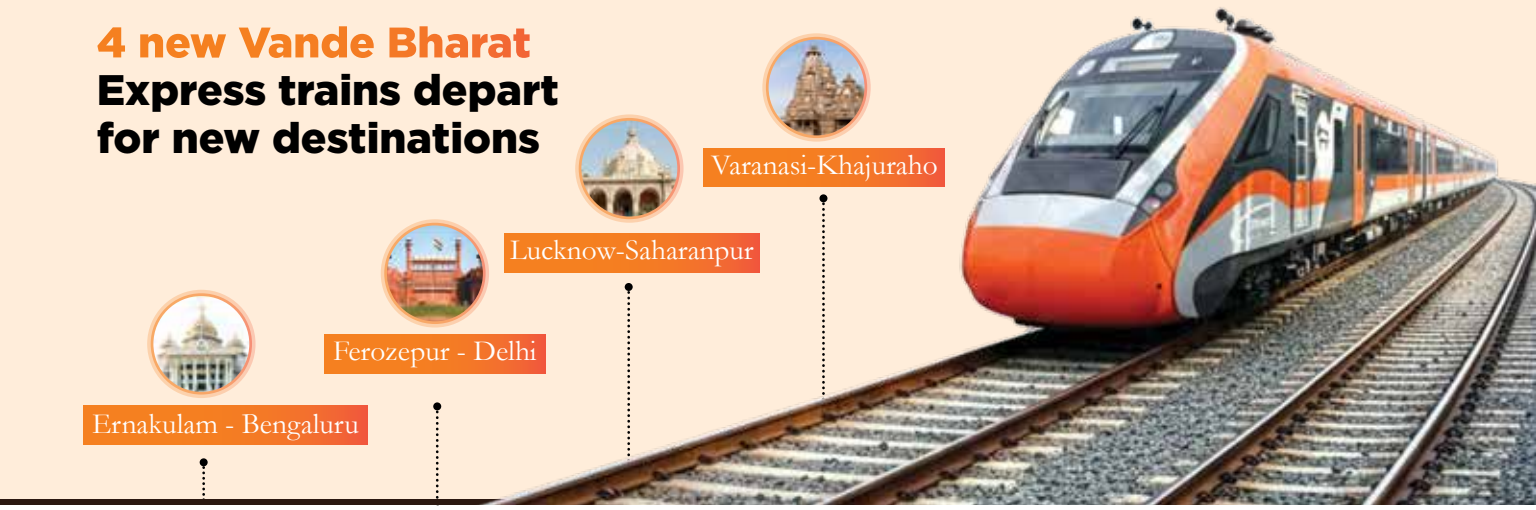
"Today, trains like Vande Bharat, Namo Bharat, and Amrit Bharat are laying the foundation for the next generation of Indian Railways. This is a complete campaign to transform Indian Railways. Vande Bharat is a train built for Indians, by Indians, and for Indians. Every Indian is proud of it."

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

Vande Bharat Express makes travel easier & faster...

- Banaras-Khajuraho Vande Bharat: Direct connectivity has been established on this route. Saving approximately 2 hours and 40 minutes compared to the currently operating trains.
- Lucknow-Saharanpur Vande Bharat: Travel time will be approx 7 hours and 45 minutes. This will save approximately 1 hour of travel time.
- Firozpur-Delhi Vande Bharat: The fastest train on this route. It will complete the journey in just 6 hours and 40 minutes.
- Ernakulam-Bengaluru Vande Bharat: Travel time will be reduced by more than 2 hours. This will take 8 hours and 40 minutes.

4 new Vande Bharat Express trains depart for new destinations



the pilgrimage experience. Last year, 11 Crore devotees visited Kashi to visit Baba Vishwanath. Since the construction of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya, more than 6 Crore people have taken obeisance of Ram Lalla. These pilgrims have benefited Uttar Pradesh's economy by thousands of crores of rupees. They are a source of steady income for hotels, businesses, transport companies, local artists, and boatmen. As a result, hundreds of young people in Banaras are now starting new businesses in every field, from transportation to Banarasi sarees. All this is opening doors to prosperity for Kashi as well as Uttar Pradesh.

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'Devbhoomi Uttarakhand'
Heartbeat of India's Spiritual Life

In the 25 years since its inception, Uttarakhand has expanded beyond its mountainous boundaries, expanding its rich spiritual and cultural heritage to include infrastructure, education, tourism, agriculture, skill development, and business. That's why, at Uttarakhand's Silver Jubilee celebrations, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that if the state decides to, it can be established as the "Spiritual Capital of the World" in the coming years...

November 9 marks fulfillment of demand for statehood by the central government led by Atal Bihari Vajpayee 25 years ago after a long and dedicated struggle in Uttarakhand. Those who fought for the creation of this state will be delighted to see the heights Uttarakhand has reached today. Expressing satisfaction with the commitment of the central and state governments to elevate the state's potential to new heights, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for various development projects worth over ₹8,140 crore at the Silver Jubilee celebrations of Uttarakhand's establishment (November 9).

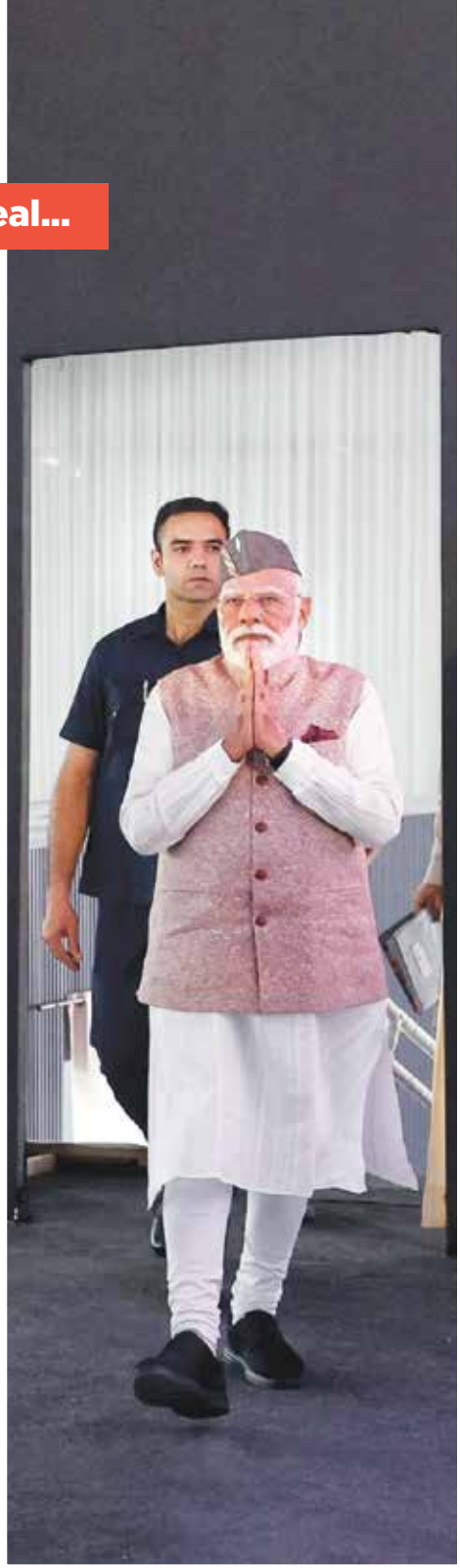
PM Modi also inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for several projects related to education, health, tourism, and sports, which will accelerate the state's development journey. These projects will also create new employment opportunities. The Jamarani and Song Dam projects will play a crucial role in addressing the drinking water problem in Dehradun and Haldwani. PM Modi stated that over ₹2 lakh crore worth of projects are currently underway in the state. The Rishikesh-Karnaprayag rail project is progressing, and the Delhi-Dehradun Expressway is nearly complete. He noted that the foundation stones have been laid for the Gaurikund-Kedarnath and Govindghat-Hemkund Sahib ropeways. These projects are accelerating development in Uttarakhand.

DEVELOPMENT HAS ACCELERATED IN LAST 25 YEARS...

Sharing his deep emotional bond with the state and its people and recalling his own spiritual journeys to the region, Prime Minister Modi said that the struggles, hard work, and determination of his brothers and sisters living in the mountains have always inspired him. Recalling that 25 years ago, when Uttarakhand was newly formed, the challenges were immense, PM Modi said that resources were limited, the state budget was small, sources of income were scarce, and most needs were met through central assistance. The Prime Minister noted that 25 years ago, Uttarakhand's

PM Narendra Modi's appeal...

- Every assembly constituency in Uttarakhand should have a complete package comprising of yoga centres, Ayurveda centres, and naturopathy institutes, which would attract foreign tourists.
- Every vibrant village in Uttarakhand should be developed into a mini tourist hub, promoting homestays, local cuisine, and culture.
- Campaigns like "One District One Festival" should be launched to bring local festivals and traditions, such as Nanda Devi, Jauljivi, Bageshwar's Uttarayani, Devidhura, Shravani, and the Butter Festival, to the world map.
- All hill districts in Uttarakhand should be developed as horticulture centres, considering the potential for fruit cultivation.
- For the "Wed in India Initiative", Uttarakhand should develop facilities on a large scale and identify and develop five to seven key sites.



These projects will accelerate the state's development...

PM Modi laid the foundation stone for projects worth over ₹7,210 crore and inaugurated projects worth over ₹930 crore in various sectors, including drinking water, irrigation, technical education, energy, urban development, sports, and skill development.

More Than

28,000

Farmers received assistance of ₹62 crore directly into their bank accounts under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana.

Inaugurations

23 areas, under the AMRUT scheme include water supply coverage in Dehradun, an electric substation in Pithoragarh district, solar power plants in government buildings, and an astroturf hockey field at the Haldwani Stadium in Nainital.

Laying of foundation stone

The Song Dam drinking water project, will provide 150 MLD of drinking water to Dehradun, and also Jamarani Dam multipurpose project will be built in Nainital, a women's sports college in Champawat, and a state-of-the-art dairy plant in Nainital.

budget was only ₹4,000 crore, which has now crossed ₹1 lakh crore. In this period, electricity generation in the state has increased fourfold, and the length of roads has doubled. He added that earlier, only 4,000 air passengers arrived here in six months, whereas today, more than 4,000 passengers arrive by air in a single day.

The state has numerous inspiring success stories in areas such as infrastructure, education, industry, tourism, health, power, and rural development. In the past 25 years, the number of engineering colleges in Uttarakhand has increased more than tenfold. Previously, there was only one medical college, while today there are 10. Vaccine coverage was below 25 percent, but now nearly every village in Uttarakhand falls within the ambit of vaccine coverage.

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Nuclear Plants Safe Against All Disasters

One of the key concerns flagged for atomic and nuclear plants is their safety. In India, these plants and their surroundings are protected and secured, which follows a very high benchmark and standard. Even high magnitude earthquakes of 8.6 to 9.0 on the Richter scale cannot damage the country's nuclear plants. While tapping nuclear energy for peaceful use, special safeguards have been taken to ensure the safety and security of the people living in its surroundings.

India's nuclear energy capacity currently stands at 8,780 MW from 24 reactors, while efforts are underway to achieve a capacity of 13,600 MW. Of this, 2,000 MW has been installed with the cooperation of Russia, and 320 MW with the United States. Nuclear energy accounts for 3% of the country's total electricity generation. The Indian government is pursuing a Nuclear Energy Mission to augment the nuclear energy generation in the country while regularly evaluating and maintaining strict safety and security protocols. Recently, in a reply given by the Minister of State for the Department of Atomic Energy, in Parliament, it was stated that a re-assessment of safety is undertaken following any major incident relevant to nuclear safety anywhere in the world

Following the devastating earthquakes in Russia and Japan, including the 2011 Fukushima Daiichi nuclear accident, the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board undertook a comprehensive evaluation of Indian power plants to assess their capacity and preparedness to withstand earthquakes, floods, and other major natural disasters. The assessment concluded that the safety systems in place at India's nuclear power plants are robust enough to remain unaffected even in the event of an earthquake measuring up to 9.0 on the Richter scale. However, safety assessments are conducted regularly in accordance with guidelines. It was also affirmed that every nuclear power plant located in coastal areas is designed with standard technical parameters to withstand earthquakes, tsunamis, storm surges, and floods. Furthermore, personnel are trained to respond to such situations.

> **Nuclear power plants generated approximately 56,581 million units of electricity in the financial year 2024-25.**

A Robust Framework for Nuclear Emergency Management

In India, the design of nuclear power plants (NPPs) integrates comprehensive safety concepts, features, and systems, while strict compliance with established operational procedures greatly minimizes the likelihood of serious accidents. A robust framework for managing nuclear emergencies is in place. Comprehensive measures have been established to ensure the safety of communities residing near nuclear power plants, supported by well-defined emergency response systems that include the following:

- Nuclear power plant location selection, construction, and operation are all carried out in accordance with stringent regulatory and safety requirements set by the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board.
- To minimize the potential impact on public areas due to radioactive emissions in the event of an emergency, a containment zone is identified around the NPP plant. This is to ensure immediate precautionary and prompt protective action.
- Districts or states that host nuclear power plants have district and state-level disaster management plans, which are developed in coordination with the National Disaster Management Authority.
- Each nuclear facility has a 1.5-kilometer no-go zone, a 5-kilometer deactivation zone, and a 16-kilometer emergency planning zone around it.



“We are moving forward with a resolve to increase the country’s nuclear power capacity more than 10-fold by 2047. We achieved the 50% clean energy target in 2025, five years ahead of the 2030 target.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

The Atomic Energy Regulatory Board conducted 86 inspections of operational plants over the past two years. These inspections found no deficiencies in radioactive waste management or emergency preparedness plans.

PRIVATE SECTOR TO PARTNER IN NUCLEAR POWER GENERATION

The Nuclear Energy Mission targets generating 100 gigawatts of nuclear energy by 2047. Private sector participation has also been permitted in this sector. Also, the Department of Atomic Energy has formed a working group to consider aspects of nuclear power plant construction, ownership, operation, nuclear safety and security, and waste management. Arrangements have been made to retain foreign partners in the nuclear energy sector in accordance with the government’s existing FDI policy.

NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS TO HELP ACHIEVE NET ZERO

Over the past five years, 2,100 megawatts of nuclear energy capacity have been connected to the grid. During this period, approximately 241 billion units of clean electricity have been generated from nuclear power plants. This has reduced emissions equivalent to more than 20.7 crore tons of carbon dioxide (CO_2) into the environment. In the long term, nuclear energy will increase the availability of clean electricity, which will not only ensure the country’s energy security but will also help in achieving the goal of net zero by 2070.

PM Modi interacts with ICC Women's World Cup champions

A Symbol of New India's Sporting Spirit

From the international stage to the sports field, India's flag is flying high everywhere today. Adding yet another golden chapter to this glory, the daughters of the nation elevated India's pride by winning the ICC Women's World Cup 2025. Prime Minister Narendra Modi met these World Cup-winning women cricketers and praised their spirit, hard work, and courage...

When Indian players play on the field, the entire nation stands firmly behind them. The roar of India's enthusiasm echoes through the stadium, and every victory carries the pride of every citizen. That is why, since taking baton of the country in 2014, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been working continuously to ensure that athletes have all the necessary facilities and constant motivation. Inspired by his vision, sports are no longer confined to the field – they have become a movement of New India.

Continuing this spirit of encouragement, during his meeting with the ICC Women's World Cup 2025 champions at his residence on November 6, the Prime Minister said, "Truly, you all have done something remarkable. In India, cricket is not just a sport – it has become a part of people's lives. When cricket thrives, India feels good, and even the slightest setback in cricket shakes the entire nation. My best wishes to all of you."

PM NARENDRA MODI'S MOTIVATION WAS THE TURNING POINT

The women cricketers recalled the moment when they met Prime Minister Narendra Modi after losing the final match in 2017, saying that the motivation they received from him back then continues to inspire them even today. During her conversation





Members of the Indian Women's Cricket Team Meet the President

Members of the women's cricket team, who won the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025, also met President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan on November 6, 2025. The President congratulated each member of the Indian Women's Cricket team and said that they have created history by winning the Cricket World Cup. Millions of Indians in every corner of the country and abroad are celebrating this victory. The President said that they have become role models. The younger generation, especially girls, will be inspired to move ahead in life.



Cricketer Harleen Kaur Deol said in an interaction, "Sir, I wanted to ask about your skincare routine. You glow so much, Sir." The Prime Minister responded modestly, saying he had not paid much attention to that subject. A player remarked that it is the love of crores of Indians that makes him glow. The Prime Minister agreed, stating that such affection from society is indeed a great strength. He noted that he has completed 25 years in government, including as Head of Government, and that receiving such blessings even after such a long tenure has a lasting impact.

> **"Every Indian is extremely proud of Team India's World Cup victory. It was truly wonderful to interact with the women's cricket team."**
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> **Narendra Modi, Prime Minister**

with the Prime Minister, Captain Harmanpreet Kaur said, "You (Prime Minister) had told us that whenever we get another opportunity, we should give our best. Today, we have returned after winning the final, and it feels wonderful to meet you again." Vice-captain Smriti Mandhana also mentioned the 2017 meeting and spoke about the benefits and inspiration they gained from that interaction.

PROMOTE FIT INDIA

During the meeting, Prime Minister Narendra Modi remarked that they have great motivational power due to their success. He suggested that after returning home, they should visit the schools they studied in and spend a day interacting with students. He said the children would ask many questions and remember them for life, and that the experience would also motivate the players. PM Modi then proposed selecting three schools and visiting one each year, adding that it would motivate the players as well as the students. The Prime Minister emphasized the importance of contributing to the Fit India Movement, especially in addressing obesity. He advised reducing oil consumption by 10% and said that hearing such messages from the players would have a strong impact. He encouraged them to advocate for Fit India, especially for daughters, and contribute actively.

TEAM SPIRIT MATTERS A LOT

During his meeting with the women players, PM Modi spoke about the importance of team spirit. Team spirit matters a lot in sports. It is not something that should exist only on the field. When you spend 24 hours together, a kind of bonding develops. Everyone gets to know each other's weaknesses and strengths. That's when efforts are made to cover up the weaknesses and strengths. That's when we try to cover up weaknesses and highlight and enhance strengths.



India and Bhutan

Bridging Borders, Sharing Culture

India's relations with Bhutan, nestled in the lap of the Himalayas, is defined not only by borders but also by shared culture and emotions. For decades, this bond has continued to grow on the path of trust, cooperation, and mutual prosperity. To further elevate these ties, Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Bhutan on November 11 and 12. During this visit, several important decisions and agreements were made between the two countries...

India and Bhutan share an enduring bond of friendship and cooperation, based on deep mutual trust, understanding, and goodwill. This partnership is a cornerstone of India's 'Neighbourhood First' policy and a model for friendly relations with a neighbouring country. Therefore, at the invitation of King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck, Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Bhutan on a two-day visit. During his visit, PM Modi attended the 70th birth anniversary celebrations of the Fourth Druk Gyalpo in Thimpu and also participated in the Global Peace Prayer Festival. India's ancestors are inspired by the principle of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam", meaning the whole world is one family. Consequently, he prayed for everyone's happiness through the mantra "Sarve Bhavantu Sukhinah". Paying tribute to the Fourth King of Bhutan, Modi described his life as a blend of wisdom, simplicity, courage, and selfless service to the nation. He said that at the young age of 16, he assumed enormous responsibility and steered the country forward with his visionary leadership. During his 34-year reign, he championed both Bhutan's heritage and development. He played a decisive role in establishing democratic institutions and promoting peace in border areas. He emphasized that nation-building is not solely driven by gross domestic product (GDP), but by the well-being of humanity. The Fourth King of Bhutan played a significant role in strengthening the friendship between India and Bhutan. The







Announcements...

1,200 Megawatt | **Punatsangchhu-I Hydroelectric Project: Work on the main dam structure has been approved to resume**

- Grant of land for the construction of a Bhutanese temple/Buddhist monastery and guest house in Varanasi.
- Decision to establish an immigration checkpoint at Hatisar across Gelephu.
- Line of credit of ₹4,000 crore to Bhutan.

Agreements signed between the two countries

- Renewable energy, mental health services, and healthcare between the two countries.
- Renewable energy, health, and medical sectors.
- Establishment of a institutional linkages between the PEMA Secretariat and the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences of the Government of India.

Thanks to Bhutan for its solidarity after Delhi incident

PM Modi said that while today is an important day for the Royal Family of Bhutan and all those who believe in world peace, he has arrived here with a heavy heart, as the horrific incident in Delhi a day earlier has deeply pained everyone. He was in constant contact throughout the night with all agencies involved in the investigation. Our agencies will get to the bottom of this conspiracy, The perpetrators behind it will not be spared, All those responsible will be brought to justice. The Prime Minister expressed gratitude for Bhutan's spirit of solidarity following the Delhi incident.

"At the programme to mark the 70th birthday of His Majesty the Fourth King, the people of Bhutan expressed solidarity with the people of India in the wake of the blast in Delhi through a unique prayer. I will never forget this gesture."

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

friendship between the two countries continues to flourish on the foundation he laid.

The foundation of India-Bhutan hydropower cooperation was laid under the leadership of the Fourth King. PM Modi remarked that this visionary foundation has enabled Bhutan to become the world's first carbon-negative country – an extraordinary achievement.

Bhutan ranks among the highest globally in per capita renewable energy generation and currently produces 100% of its electricity from renewable sources. Expanding this capacity further, a new hydroelectric project exceeding 1,000 megawatts is being launched today, increasing Bhutan's hydropower capacity by 40%. PM Modi emphasized that this partnership is not limited to hydro-electric power; India and Bhutan are now taking significant steps together in solar energy as well. Both countries are also focusing on enhancing connectivity. A decision

Inauguration of 1020 MW Punatsangchhu-II Hydroelectric Project, constructed under a bilateral agreement between the Government of India and the Government of Bhutan.

has been made to connect the cities of Gelephu and Samtse to India's vast rail network. Upon completion, this project will provide greater access for Bhutanese industries and farmers to India's vast market. India will also soon establish an immigration checkpoint near Gelephu to facilitate visitors and investors. Last year, India announced a ₹1,000 crore aid package for Bhutan's five-year plan. This funding is being used in areas ranging from roads to agriculture, financing to healthcare, and other areas. This will make life easier for Bhutanese citizens. ●

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Union Cabinet Decisions

Approval of Export Promotion Mission

Promoting Sustainability and Self-Reliance

To strengthen global competitiveness and accelerate the progress towards Aatmnirbhar Bharat, the Union Cabinet has approved the Export Promotion Mission and the Credit Guarantee Scheme for Exporters. This will enhance export competitiveness, strengthen the supply chain, and create new employment opportunities. This decision will further enhance the impact of "Made in India" globally. The Cabinet also approved a proposal to rationalize royalty rates for four critical minerals: graphite, caesium, rubidium, and zirconium.

DECISION: The Export Promotion Mission was approved to strengthen India's export ecosystem with an outlay of ₹25,060 crore.

IMPACT: The mission will provide a comprehensive, flexible, and digitally driven roadmap for export promotion from fiscal years 2025-26 to 2030-31. The mission marks a strategic shift from multiple schemes to a results-based and adaptive ecosystem that can address global trade challenges and emerging exporter needs. This flagship initiative was announced in this year's budget to strengthen India's exports, especially for first-time exporters and labour-intensive sectors of MSMEs.

DECISION: Approval to launch the Credit Guarantee Scheme for Exporters (CGSE)

IMPACT: Under this scheme, the National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Limited will provide 100% credit guarantee coverage to member lending institutions, enabling additional credit facilities of up to ₹20,000 crore to eligible exporters, including MSMEs.

- This scheme is expected to enhance the global competitiveness of Indian exporters and promote diversification into new and emerging markets.
- This will boost employment and further strengthen the country's journey towards a Viksit Bharat.

DECISION: Approval to rationalize royalty rates for graphite, caesium, rubidium, and zirconium minerals, which are important for green energy.

IMPACT: This decision will promote the auction of mineral blocks containing caesium, rubidium, and zirconium. This will enable the utilisation of not only these minerals but also critical minerals found alongside them, such as lithium, tungsten, REES, niobium, etc. Increasing indigenous production of these minerals will reduce imports and supply chain disruptions while also creating employment opportunities in the country. graphite, caesium, rubidium, and zirconium are critical minerals for high-tech applications and the energy transition.

- Graphite is a crucial component of electric vehicle (EV) batteries. It is primarily used as anode material.
- Zirconium is used in various industries, including nuclear energy, aerospace, healthcare, and manufacturing.
- Caesium is primarily used in high-tech electronics.
- Rubidium is used in the manufacture of specialised goggles used in fibre optics, telecommunications systems, night vision devices, and more.



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This Cabinet decision will boost sustainability and self-reliance. It will strengthen supply chains and create job opportunities as well.

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Bullet train experiences being logged for future projects: PM

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday visited the under-construction bullet train station at Surat in Gujarat and reviewed the progress of the Mumbai-Ahmedabad high-speed rail corridor.

He also interacted with the team of India's first bullet train project and enquired about the progress of the project, including adherence to speed and timetable targets. Workers assured him that the project was advancing smoothly without any difficulties.

They told the PM about the rigorous training and engineering control processes. Modi said as the experience gained in the bullet train project were being recorded and compiled like a reference book, the country could move decisively towards large-scale implementation of bullet trains. Maximising such records could benefit future students and contribute to nation-building, he added.

The Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail Corridor spans approximately 508 km, covering 352 km in Gujarat and Dadra & Nagar Haveli and 98 km in Maharashtra.

It will connect major cities, including Sabarmati, Ahmedabad, Anand, Vadodara, Bharuch, Surat, Bilimora, Vapi, Boisar, Virar, Thane and Mumbai, marking a transformative step in India's transportation landscape.

Built with advanced engineering techniques on a par with international standards, the project features 465 km (about 81 per cent) of the route on viaducts, ensuring minimal land disturbance and enhanced safety. So far, 325 km of viaduct work has been completed, and 17 of the 21 river bridges have been constructed.

Upon completion, the bullet train will reduce travel time between Mumbai and Ahmedabad to nearly two hours. The project is expected to boost business, tourism and economic activity along the entire corridor, catalysing regional development.



PM Narendra Modi during a visit to an under-construction bullet train station in Surat. PTI

Justice begins in school

FROM LITIGATION TO DIALOGUE — LESSONS FROM PM







Prime Minister Narendra Modi joins Bhutan King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck and his wife Jetsun Pema at the Grand Kuenrey Hall in Thimphu on Wednesday. PTI

Tribal pride crucial part of India's consciousness: PM

Indonesia interested in buying BrahMos missiles, says Rajnath

India reaffirms its support to Bhutan's 13th five-year-plan

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INDIA ON Wednesday reaffirmed its "unwavering" support to Bhutan's 13th five-year-plan as Prime Minister Narendra Modi held talks with former king Jigme Singye Wangchuck and joined Bhutanese leadership to attend the Kalachakra initiation ceremony, hosted as part of the

On the National Democratic Alliance's (NDA) victory in the Bihar elections, Singh said the people of the state did a wonderful job. "... all records have been broken, and no caste or religion has mattered."

Singh said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has raised India's prestige worldwide, and now, when India speaks, the world listens, which was not the case earlier.

"This image of India has been built on the strength of our leadership and the hard work of our workers," he said.

Singh, in his speech, also exhorted the BJP workers to not ever lose their self-respect and work for the party with dedication. "I tell all my workers to follow the rules. Lord Ram also followed the rules, hence he is called Maryada Purushottam," he said, according to the statement.

with our Act East Policy," Modi said on social media.

In the morning, Modi inaugurated the "Kalacakra Wheel of Time Empowerment" at the Global Peace Prayer Festival that was attended by top Bhutanese leadership, including Bhutan King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck and Singye.

"This is an important ritual with great cultural significance for Buddhists around the

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70th Mahaparinirvan Diwas

The Indian Constitution, drafted under the guidance of Dr Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar – the pioneer of social justice, the chief architect of the Indian Constitution, and Bharat Ratna awardee – is not merely a document but the very mantra of nation-building. It paved the way to transform the dreams of every Indian into rights and opportunities. On December 6, 1956, Babasaheb attained Mahaparinirvan, giving us a Constitution that ensures our dignity and equality. For this generation of Indians will remain forever grateful to Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar... A heartfelt salute to Babasaheb, the pride of our nation.



Dr Ambedkar International Centre in Delhi



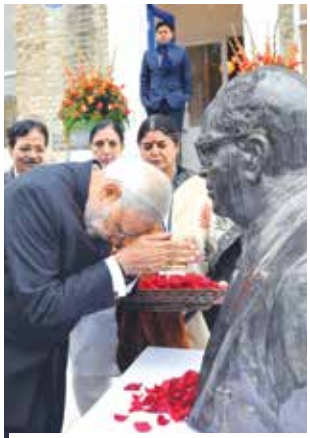
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