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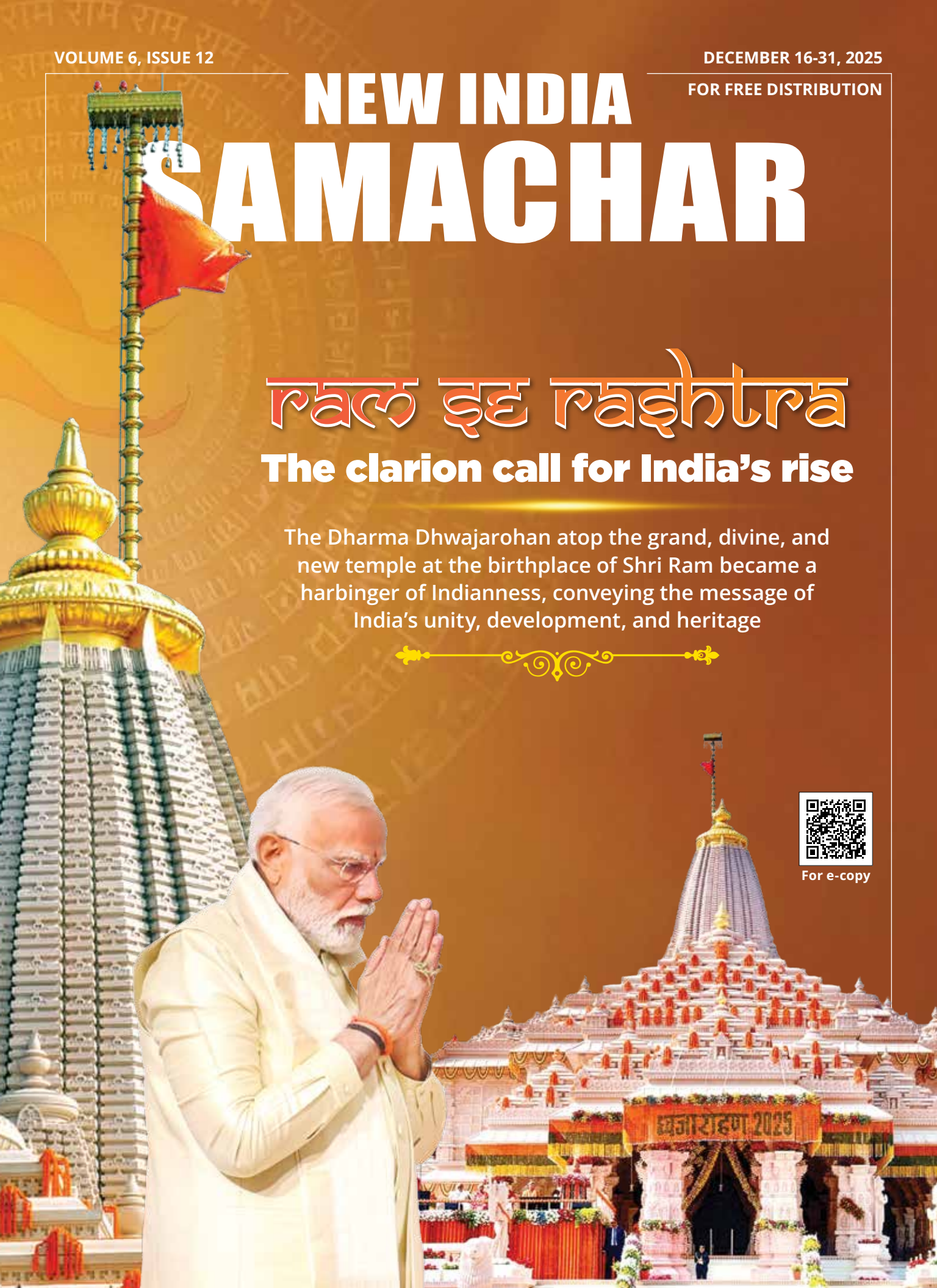
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Mann Ki Baat

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The "Mann Ki Baat" programme is a platform through which Prime Minister Narendra Modi connects directly with people living in India and abroad. In this programme, he shares his thoughts on national issues, highlights stories of people who have brought positive change to society, and encourages public participation in development and social initiatives. "Mann Ki Baat" is an excellent platform to showcase the achievements and collective efforts of the people. Here are the edited excerpts from the 30 November edition of 'Mann Ki Baat'...

- **Witnessing Inspiring Moments:** On the 26th of November, a special program was organized in the Central Hall on 'Constitution Day'. The 150th anniversary of Vande Mataram marked a grand beginning to nationwide programmes. The historic hoisting of the sacred Dharma Dhwaja at the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya. The Panchajanya Memorial was inaugurated at Jyotisar in Kurukshetra. The month of November became a unique confluence of faith, culture, the Constitution, and national pride.
- **India's New Thinking:** With the inauguration of the world's largest leap engine MRO facility in Hyderabad, India took a major step forward in the aircraft maintenance, repair, and overhaul sector. INS 'Mahe' was inducted into the Indian Navy. This is a reflection of India's new thinking, innovation, and youth power.
- **Historic Records:** The country achieved significant achievements in the agricultural sector. India set a historic record with a grain production of 357 million tonnes. Compared to 10 years ago, India's grain production increased by 100 million tonnes.
- **Success of Faith:** The failure of Chandrayaan-2 did not stop the scientists. That very day, they started writing the script for Chandrayaan-3's success. That is why when Chandrayaan-3 made a successful landing, it was not just the success of a mission. It was the success of faith built after failure.
- **New Records:** Today, India is setting new records in honey production. 11 years ago, honey production in the country was 76,000 metric tonnes. This has now increased to more than 1.5 lakh metric tonnes. Honey exports have also increased threefold in the last few years.
- **Jam Saheb of Navanagar:** A statue of Jam Saheb of Navanagar, Gujarat, was unveiled in Moshav Nevatim, southern Israel. This was a very special honour. Last year, I had the privilege of paying homage at Jam Saheb's memorial in Warsaw, Poland.
- **Natural Farming:** Educated young professionals are now adopting natural farming. Natural farming has been a part of India's ancient traditions, and it is our duty to continuously promote it to protect Mother Earth.
- **Kashi Tamil Sangamam:** Kashi Tamil Sangamam has become an important platform for all those who are passionate about the Tamil language. People of Kashi always express their joy in being a part of Kashi Tamil Sangamam. This time, the theme of Kashi Tamil Sangamam 4.0 is Learn Tamil – Tamil Karkalam.
- **Self-reliance:** Every Indian feels proud when India's security system is strengthened. It is a matter of pride for all of us that our Navy is rapidly moving towards self-reliance.

Vocal for Local: I am happy that millions of people across the country have made the spirit of 'Vocal for Local' a part of their lives. I always urge all of you to carry forward the mantra of 'Vocal for Local'.

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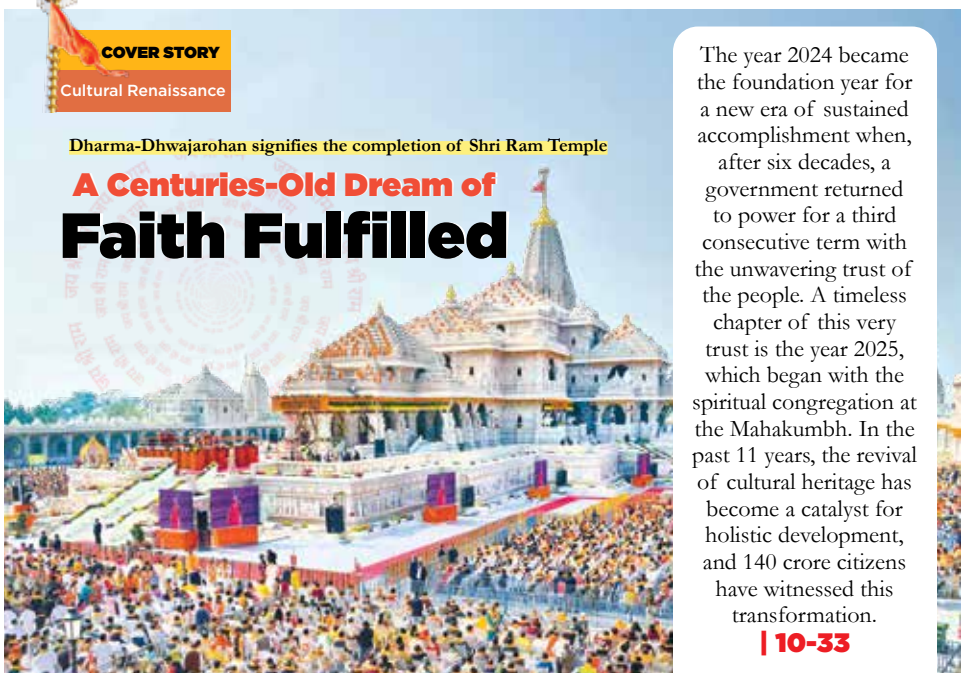
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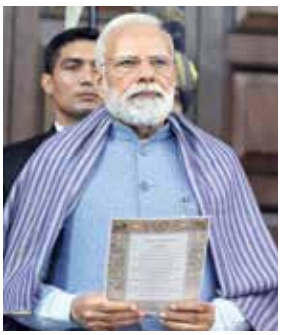
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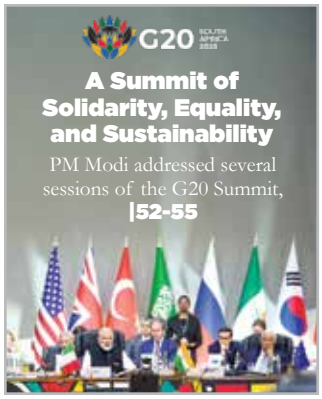
The year 2024 became the foundation year for a new era of sustained accomplishment when, after six decades, a government returned to power for a third consecutive term with the unwavering trust of the people. A timeless chapter of this very trust is the year 2025, which began with the spiritual congregation at the Mahakumbh. In the past 11 years, the revival of cultural heritage has become a catalyst for holistic development, and 140 crore citizens have witnessed this transformation.
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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK...

2025 marks a turning point in raising pride in cultural heritage

Greetings,

The arrival of the New Year is an opportunity to make new resolutions. As the countdown to say goodbye to the year 2025 starts, it is crucial to reflect on the resolutions made at the beginning of the year. The realization of resolutions give new energy to jubilantly enter the next year. The advent of the year 2025 started with Maha Kumbh, the world's largest spiritual gathering. When the year draws to an end, the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Temple in Ayodhya has been completed, underscoring that perseverance and untiring efforts pay back. This year will be remembered for millennia for rejuvenating India's glorious cultural heritage. The hoisting of the Dharma Dhwaja on the 'Shikhara' of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Temple in Ayodhya on November 25th conveyed the message of India's unity, fostering an era of Vikas Bhi Aur Virasat Bhi. This Dhwaja has become a symbol of the renaissance of Indian civilization, and 1.4 billion citizens are also ready to build a new India in the ethos of Ram Rajya

In this Azadi Ka Amrit Kaal, imbibing the resolve demonstrated by Lord Shri Ram will take the country to new heights. The words and thoughts of Lord Ram are the inspiration behind "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas" and a strong foundation for "Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas." In a true sense, this same resolve has become the cornerstone of a Viksit Bharat in the past few years.

Undoubtedly, whether it's national unity or a sense of civic duty, cultural heritage connects a nation to the world. With this vision, India, proud of its cultural heritage, is adding new dimensions to its present while embracing its remarkable history. At the same time, by assimilating Vikas and Virasat, it is writing the script for a radiant future. Our final issue of the year 2025 reaffirms the victory of an undying spirit, culminating in marking a new era of cultural renaissance.

In the personality section, read about Ramanand Sagar, who received immense adulation for his TV serial Ramayana. Constitution Day, the implementation of four labour codes, G-20, IFFI, special content on nuclear energy, decisions of the Union Cabinet, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's fortnightly programs are the other highlights.

Mann Ki Baat on the inside page and Good Governance Day on the back cover are also part of this issue.

Please keep sending us your suggestions.



(Dhirendra Ojha)

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Introduces us to new schemes

I have been reading New India Samachar for almost a year. I came across this magazine in my college and have been reading it regularly ever since. Regarding this magazine, I would like to say that it has been a good source of knowledge for me to know about new schemes and related information. Its language is very simple, and the data analysis is quite accurate. I thank you for publishing informative articles in this government-approved magazine.

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Reliable medium of information on national development and current affairs

I am Sakthidasan M. from Nidamangalam, Tamil Nadu. I am very impressed with this magazine, which is very useful for gaining information on national development and current affairs. This magazine is a beacon for students preparing for competitive exams and job seekers.

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Attractive presentation...

I regularly receive the New India Samachar magazine. I find it very informative and well-presented. I would like to request that you consider doing a feature on community radio, as it is an emerging and influential sector. It is strengthening local communication across the country. Such a story will greatly help highlight the role of grassroots media and its contribution to social development.

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Enhancement with a collection of information from across the country

New India Samachar magazine enriches our knowledge with development stories from across the country. The copy in Telugu is good. The central government is doing excellent work for tribal development by introducing social security and social justice. The schemes and policies to ameliorate the condition of underpriviledge are truly amazing. This magazine provides a very good overview of the country's progress.

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The Government of India launched "Yuva AI for All"

India at the cusp of bringing AI to every citizen

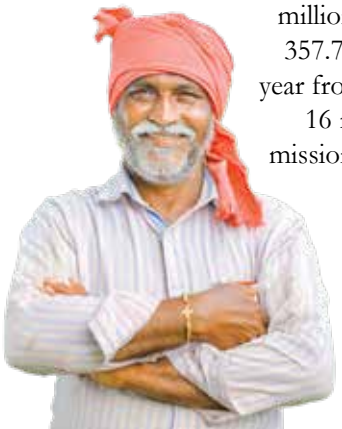
The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has launched "Yuva AI for All" to open the world of artificial intelligence to all Indians, especially youth. This is the first free course of its kind, launched under the India AI Mission. The platform offers 4.5 hours of learning, anywhere, anytime, and provides a government certificate upon completion. This initiative aims to empower 10 million citizens with basic AI skills. This course integrates global knowledge with the Indian context and focuses on ethical, responsible, and inclusive AI use.





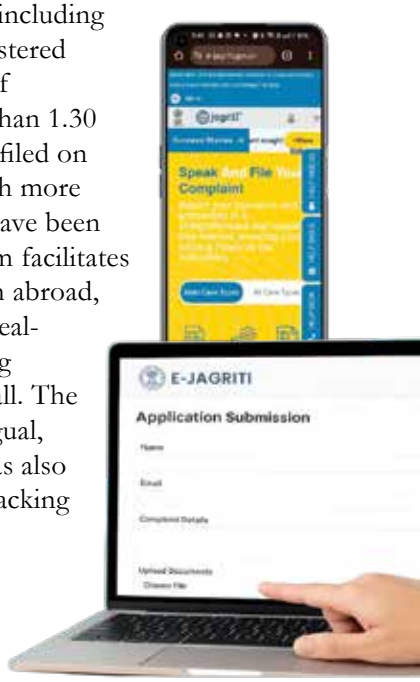
Agriculture: Another Feather added in the cap

Achieving a new milestone, food grain production in the country increased by 8% to a record 357.7 million tonnes in the 2024-25 crop year from 332.3 million tonnes in the 2023-24 crop year (July-June). Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan believes that the record food grain production is a result of farmers' efforts, the increase in the Minimum Support Price (MSP), and government policies. Food grain production has increased by 106 million tonnes in the last 10 years, reaching 357.73 million tonnes in the 2024-25 fiscal year from 251.54 million tonnes in the 2015-16 fiscal year. The government's oilseeds mission has also achieved promising results, with an increase of more than 8% compared to 39.67 million tonnes in the 2023-24 crop year.



E-Jagriti empowers consumers: 1.27 lakh cases resolved fast

The e-Jagriti platform has rapidly emerged as an effective digital grievance redressal system to strengthen consumer rights protection. According to the Consumer Affairs Ministry, since its launch on January 1, 2025, more than 2.75 lakh consumers, including 1,388 NRIs, have registered on the platform. As of November 13, more than 1.30 lakh complaints were filed on the platform, of which more than 1.27 lakh cases have been resolved. The platform facilitates filing complaints from abroad, virtual hearings, and real-time tracking, ensuring accessible justice for all. The AI-powered, multilingual, accessible interface has also facilitated real-time tracking for consumers.



Largest cleanup of the National Identification Database...

2 crore Aadhaar IDs of deceased deactivated

Accurate and reliable data helps in better decision-making, increased efficiency, and resolving problems. This is why the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has deactivated the Aadhaar numbers of over 20 million deceased individuals as part of the largest-ever cleanup of the national database. The objective is to enhance identity security, prevent fraud, and eliminate subsidy misuse. UIDAI made this decision based on data received from the Registrar General of India, the state, and various central government departments. UIDAI has also clarified that Aadhaar numbers are never duplicated to any individual. UIDAI has also launched a deceased person reporting initiative on the MyAadhaar portal. A family member can report the Aadhaar number closure by providing the required evidence, authenticating themselves and the deceased person's Aadhaar number, and providing the deceased person's registration number.



Scan to access the myAadhar portal.



Indian Navy Warship Mahe Launched, Logo Unveiled

Marking another milestone in its indigenous shipbuilding journey, the Indian Navy launched Mahe, the first anti-submarine warfare shallow water craft (ASW-SWC) of the Mahe class, at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai. Before this, its logo was unveiled. The ship's crest bears the "Urumi," the flexible sword of Kalaripayattu. It symbolizes agility, precision, and lethality. Mahe was built at Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) in Kochi. It is a cutting-edge example of the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative. The ship's motto, "Silent Hunters," symbolizes its stealth, vigilance, and unwavering resolve. The ship is small yet powerful. Designed to detect submarines, conduct coastal patrols, and secure the country's vital sea lanes, it is constructed with over 80 percent indigenous material.



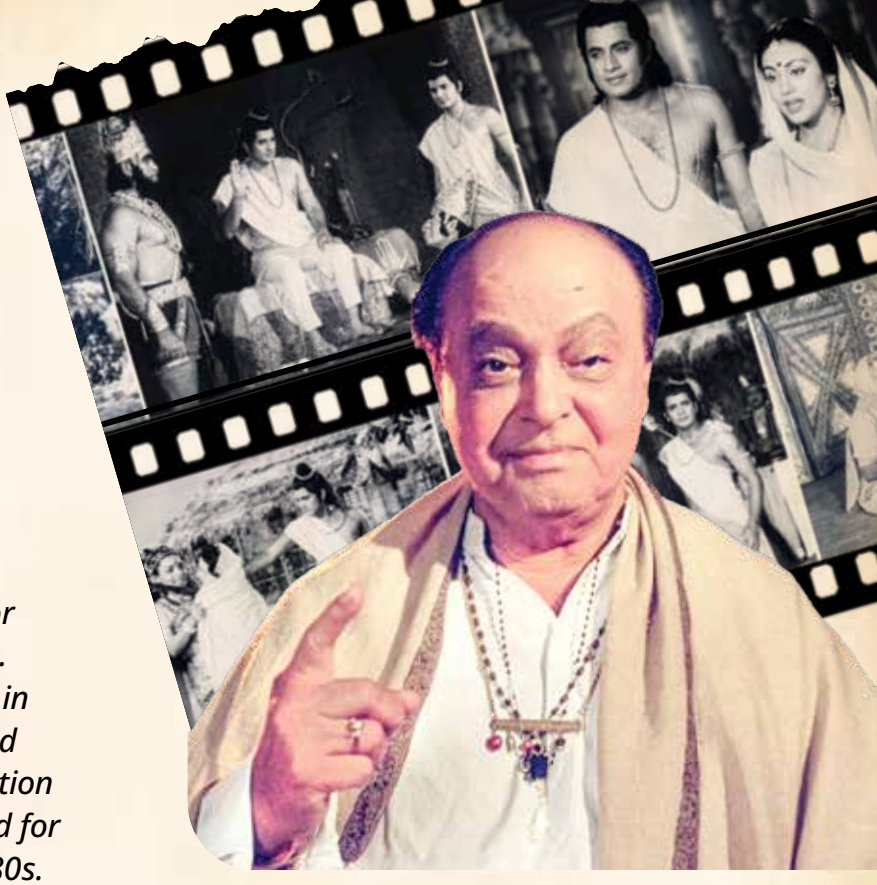
Launch of 4th Edition of the "Nayi Chetna – Initiative for Change" Campaign

To promote gender equality and women's empowerment, the Central Government has launched the fourth edition of the "Nayi Chetna – Initiative for Change" campaign. This national campaign has become a mass movement to strengthen the safety, dignity, and economic participation of women in rural India. The New Consciousness Campaign promotes women's dignity, security, and self-reliance. It strives to increase women's access to assets, credit, skills, and markets, thereby expanding entrepreneurship and livelihood opportunities for them. This nationwide campaign is being organized by the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission under the Ministry of Rural Development. The campaign will run in all states and union territories of the country until December 23, 2025.



Bringing Ramayana to Every Doorstep

The Ramayana, an important epic and sacred text, has immense significance for India and the Hindu religion and culture. Whenever the Ramayana name is taken in the same breath, the name of Ramanand Sagar comes to mind. He received adulation for his serial Ramayana, which was aired for the first time on Doordarshan in the 1980s. The characters played by actors were so realistic that they were immortalized.



Born: December 29, 1917, Died: December 12, 2005

From its very first episode broadcast in 1987, it evoked public emotion. Every Sunday morning, the streets would be empty as the people remained glued to their television sets to watch Ramayana. The characters were so popular that, as Ram and Sita would appear on the screen, people respectfully joined their hands in reverence. The man behind the serial was none other than Ramanand Sagar, who produced and directed through his production company, Sagar Arts. The popularity of the Ramayana can be gauged from the fact that after its 78 episodes were completed, viewers demanded the making of the story of Luv and Kush.

After his birth in Lahore on December 29, 1917, his mother named him Chandramouli. He lost his mother in childhood. After his mother's demise, his grandmother adopted him and changed his name to Ramanand. Thus, Chandramouli Chopra was given the name Ramanand Sagar. He overcame several hardships in his childhood; he faced a lot of hurdles in pursuing his studies despite a deep interest in it. He made a foray into the film industry and achieved new heights of success. He later brought Ramayana alive on the small screen, cherishing the dignity, ideals, and teachings of Lord Shri Ram to the masses through electronic media. He also made highly acclaimed movies like Charas and Jalte Badan, along with several romantic movies, and ventured into making serials. His famous TV serials include Vikram Aur Betaal, Dada-Dadi Ki Kahaniyaan, Ramayan, Krishna, Alif Laila, and Jai Ganga Maiya.

In 2020, when Covid made an entry into the country, in the interest of the people during the 21-day lockdown, the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and Prasar Bharati decided to re-telecast Ramanand Sagar's Ramayan on Doordarshan from March 28, 2020. This decision was taken after a public demand was made for its rebroadcast. With its re-telecast, Ramayan once again proved its popularity, breaking all TRP records as soon as it was aired on the small screen again.

Ramanand Sagar was honored with the Padma Shri by the Government of India in 2000 for his contributions to the field of art. Ramanand Sagar, a symbol of preserving and promoting Indian culture and religious values, passed away on December 12, 2005.

Indian Constitution: A Guide to the Nation's Present and Future

The Constitution of India is the guide for the nation's present and future. Over the past 76 years, whatever challenges the country has faced, our constitution has shown the right path to resolve each one of them. Today, India is undergoing a period of major transformation. It is on the path to becoming a self-reliant and developed nation. At such a crucial time, the Constitution of India is guiding us. On 26 November, on the occasion of Constitution Day, grand celebrations were organised in the Central Hall of the Constitution House, along with nationwide Constitution Day events...

Those who lived and died for freedom had many dreams. Cherishing those dreams and India's great tradition spanning thousands of years, our Constitution makers gave us the Constitution. India is called the "Mother of Democracy". Our Constitution has played a vital role in strengthening India's position as the "Mother of Democracy". The Constitution of India, which we take pride in today, bears the indelible imprint of Baba Saheb Ambedkar's able leadership. He ensured the welfare of every section of society. Equality for all and sensitivity towards all are the hallmarks of our Constitution. It protects the fundamental rights of every citizen – the poor, the Dalits, the backward, the deprived, the tribals, and women – and safeguards their interests. Recognising the importance of the Constitution, Narendra Modi, as the Chief Minister of Gujarat, undertook the 'Samvidhan Gaurav Yatra' in 2010. After becoming the Prime Minister in 2015, he announced the celebration of 26 November as Constitution Day. By initiating 'Samvidhan Diwas', he worked to make the countrymen more aware of democratic values.

On the occasion of the 11th Constitution Day, the entire nation celebrated the occasion with great enthusiasm and fervour. The President of India ad-





On Constitution Day, Prime Minister Modi shared a letter with citizens. Here it is...

My fellow Indian,
Namaste!

26th November is a day of immense pride for every Indian. It was on this very day in 1949 that the Constituent Assembly adopted the Constitution of India, a sacred document that has continued to guide the nation's progress with clarity and conviction. That is why, nearly a decade ago, in 2015, the NDA government decided to mark 26th November as Constitution Day.

It is the power of our Constitution that enabled a person like me, coming from a humble and economically disadvantaged family, to serve as the Head of the Government continuously for over 24 years. I still remember the moments in 2014, when I came to Parliament for the first time and bowed, touching the steps of the greatest temple of democracy. Again, in 2019, after the election results, when I entered the Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan, I bowed and placed the Constitution on my forehead as a mark of reverence. This Constitution has given several others, like me, the power to dream and the strength to work towards it.

On Constitution Day, we remember all the inspiring members of the Constituent Assembly, which was presided over by Dr. Rajendra Prasad, who contributed to the making of the Constitution. We recall the efforts of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar, who chaired the Drafting Committee with remarkable foresight. Several distinguished women members of the Constituent Assembly enriched the Constitution with their thoughtful interventions and visionary perspectives.

My mind goes back to the year 2010. This was when the Constitution of India completed 60 years. Sadly, the occasion did not receive the attention it deserved at a national level. But, to express our collective gratitude and commitment to the Constitution, we organised a 'Samvidhan Gaurav Yatra' in Gujarat. Our Constitution was placed on an elephant and I, along with several other people from different walks of life, had the honour of being part of the procession.

When the Constitution completed 75 years, we decided that this would be an extraordinary milestone for the people of India. We had the privilege of organising a special session of Parliament and launching nationwide programmes to commemorate this historic occasion. These programmes witnessed record public participation.

This year's Constitution Day is special for many reasons.

It marks the 150th birth anniversary of two extraordinary personalities, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and Bhagwan Birsa Munda. Both of them made monumental contributions to our nation. Sardar Patel's visionary leadership ensured the political unification of India. It was his inspiration and courage of conviction that guided our steps to act against Article 370 and 35(A). The Constitution of India is now fully in force in Jammu & Kashmir, ensuring all constitutional rights for the people, especially the women and marginalised communities. The life of Bhagwan Birsa Munda continues to inspire India's resolve to ensure justice, dignity and empowerment for our tribal communities.

This year, we also celebrate the 150th anniversary of Vande Mataram, whose words resonate with the collective resolve of Indians through the ages. At the same time, we commemorate the 350th martyrdom anniversary of Sri Guru Teg Bahadur Ji, whose life and sacrifice continue to illuminate us with courage, compassion and strength.

All these personalities and milestones remind us of the primacy of our duties, something the Constitution also emphasises through a dedicated chapter on Fundamental Duties in Article 51A. These duties guide us on how to collectively achieve social and economic progress. Mahatma Gandhi always emphasised the duties of a citizen. He believed that a duty well performed creates a corresponding right and that real rights are a result of

dressed the members of both Houses of Parliament on the occasion of Constitution Day. The Vice President of India and the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, the Prime Minister, the Speaker of the Lok Sabha, the Leaders of the Opposition in both Houses, and other dignitaries were present on the occasion. On the occasion of Constitution Day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the Constitution Day celebrations held in the historic Central Hall of the Constitution House in New Delhi. On this

the performance of duty.

25 years have already passed since this century began. In just over two decades from now, we will mark 100 years since freedom from colonial rule. In 2049, it will be a hundred years since the Constitution was adopted. The policies we frame, the decisions we take today and our collective actions will shape the lives of generations to come. Inspired by this, as we move forward to realise the dream of a Viksit Bharat, we must always place our duties towards our nation foremost in our minds.

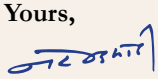
Our country has given us so much and this brings out a deep sense of gratitude from within. And, when we live with this feeling, fulfilling our duties becomes integral to our nature. To carry out our duties, it becomes imperative to put in our full capability and dedication in every task. Every action of ours should strengthen the Constitution and further national goals and interests. It is afterall our responsibility to fulfil the dreams envisioned by the framers of our Constitution. When we work with this sense of duty, our nation's social and economic progress will multiply manifold.

Our Constitution has given us the right to vote. As citizens, it is our duty to never miss the opportunity to vote in national, state and local elections where we are registered. In order to inspire others, we can think of organising special ceremonies every 26th November in schools and colleges to celebrate those youngsters who are turning 18. This way our first-time voters will feel that in addition to being students, they are also active participants in the process of nation-building.

When we inspire our youth with a sense of responsibility and pride, they will remain committed to the values of democracy throughout their lives. This sense of commitment is the foundation of a strong nation.

Let us, on this Constitution Day, reaffirm our pledge to fulfil our duties as citizens of this great nation. In doing so, we can all contribute meaningfully to the building of a Viksit Bharat that is developed and empowered.

Yours,



Narendra Modi

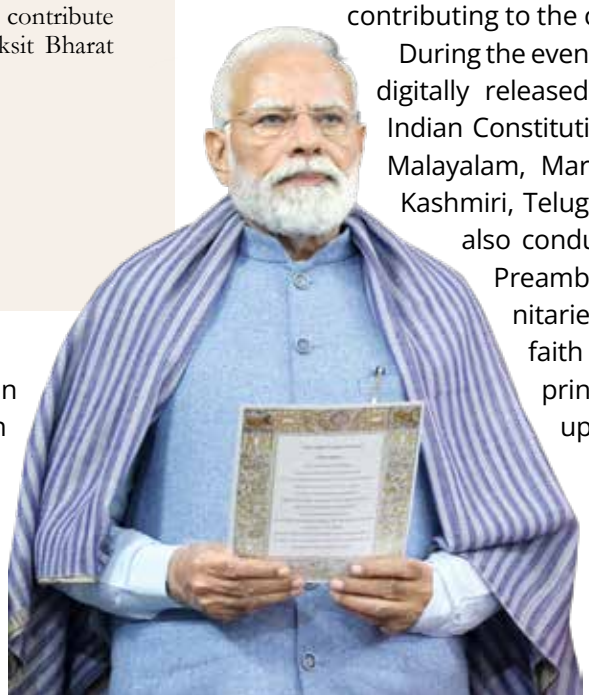
Ambedkar's Statue at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris

On the occasion of Constitution Day, a statue of Dr B.R. Ambedkar was unveiled at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris. Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed pride at the unveiling. He said that it is a matter of great honour that on Constitution Day, a statue of Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar was unveiled at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris. This is a true tribute to Dr Ambedkar and his role in the making of our Constitution. His thoughts and ideals provide strength and hope to countless people.

Preamble to the Constitution was read out at the PMO

On the occasion of Constitution Day, the Preamble to the Constitution of India was read out in the Prime Minister's Office. Senior officials were present at the reading of the Preamble. These included Dr P.K. Mishra, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister; Shaktikanta Das, Principal Secretary-2 to the Prime Minister; Tarun Kapoor, Special Secretary to the Prime Minister; and Atish Chandra, as well as other officials from the Prime Minister's Office.

occasion, he recalled the vision of the framers of the Indian Constitution and reiterated the nation's collective responsibility to strengthen constitutional ideals. Prime Minister Modi emphasized that the Constitution of India places supreme importance on human dignity, equality, and freedom. He said that while the Constitution empowers citizens with rights, it also reminds them of their duties, which must be fulfilled with utmost sincerity and commitment. He emphasized that these duties are the foundation of a strong and vibrant democracy. Reiterating the nation's resolve, Prime Minister Modi called upon citizens to strengthen constitutional values through their actions, thereby contributing to the country's progress and unity.



During the event, President Droupadi Murmu digitally released translated versions of the Indian Constitution in nine Indian languages: Malayalam, Marathi, Nepali, Punjabi, Bodo, Kashmiri, Telugu, Oriya, and Assamese. She also conducted a mass reading of the Preamble to the Constitution by dignitaries, reflecting the nation's deep faith in its noble constitutional principles and commitment to upholding democratic values.

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COVER STORY

Cultural Renaissance

Dharma Dhwajarohan signifies the completion of Shri Ram Temple

A Centuries-Old Dream of Faith Fulfilled





The year 2024 became the foundation year for a new era of sustained accomplishment when, after six decades, a government returned to power for a third consecutive term with the unwavering trust of the people. A timeless chapter of this very trust is the year 2025, which began with the spiritual congregation of the Mahakumbh. Setting numerous records, this culturally glorious year is concluding with the consecration of the sacred Dharma-Dhwaja atop the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Temple in Ayodhya – an act symbolising the completion of the temple's construction, awaited for centuries. In the past 11 years, the revival of cultural heritage has become a catalyst for holistic development, and 140 crore citizens have witnessed this transformation.

In this year-end edition, let us explore how the nation is overhauling its cultural heritage and pride in the era of Amrit Kaal, as it works to realize the dream of a Viksit Bharat...

This flag is a saga of creation through struggle; this flag is the embodiment of dreams that have been cherished for centuries. This flag is the meaningful culmination of the spiritual practice of saints and the participation of society. It is a return to our memory. It is a renaissance of our identity. It is a reproclamation of our proud civilization. This Dhwajarohan is a proclamation of the soul of humanity, the invincibility of truth, the immortality of faith, and the renaissance of culture. In a true sense, India's immortal generation is blessed, witnessing the centuries-long wait fulfilled through the tireless efforts of the past few years. India's 1.4 billion citizens have witnessed the completion of the construction of the grand Ram Temple at the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi in Ayodhya.

Whether it's cultural heritage sites or age-old monuments, all have become witnesses to a new wave of cultural renaissance. Whether cultural heritage sites or age-old monuments, all have become witnesses to a new wave of cultural renaissance. There was a time when an entire generation in the country saw the religious sites linked to our cultural heritage being destroyed by foreign invaders, and even after independence, they witnessed neglect before their eyes. This was the situation when it was believed that the success of any nation was determined by its cultural splendour.

However, on January 22, 2024, the consecration ceremony of Lord Shri Ram in Ayodhya filled everyone with pride. Now, just 22 months later, on November 25, 2025, the Dharma Dhwaja (the flag of Dharma) became a symbol of the completion of the construction of Shri Ram's birthplace in Ayodhya. With the Dhwajarohan, the wheel of time has turned once again after centuries. In this way, the completion of the Shri Ram Temple in Ayodhya conveys the message of fulfilling the resolve of a viksit Bharat. - "Ram is not merely a person but a value, a discipline, and a direction". ***"if***



The sacred Dhwaja was hoisted at the 161-foot-high peak

Size	22 x 11 feet
Fabric	Completely indigenous, parachute-grade cloth
Symbol on the flag	Emblem of Shri Ram's Suryavansh – Sun, Om, and the Kovidar tree
Flag color	Primarily saffron (Kesariya)

The temple work culminates with the Dhwajarohan of Dharma Dhwaja at the top of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Temple on November 25, 2025

Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Temple has 392 pillars and 44 entrances



- No iron or steel was used in the construction of the temple. To protect the structure from ground moisture, a 21-foot-high platform was built using granite.
- The temple has 392 pillars and 44 entrances. Pillars and walls are exquisitely carved with idols of Hindu deities.
- The Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Temple is built in the traditional Nagara architectural style, designed by Chandrakant Sompura of Ahmedabad.
- The temple is 161 feet high and has 12 doors.
- The idol of Ram Lalla is placed in the main sanctum sanctorum on the ground floor. Access is via 32 steps from the Singh Dwar.
- The complex has five pavilions: Nritya Mandap , Rang Mandap, Sabha Mandap, Prarthana Mandap, Kirtan Mandap, old Shiva temple and Sita Kup on Kuber Tila.

Shri Ram Temple in Ayodhya
A Symbol of Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat

The self-reliant Ram Temple has been built to eliminate outside dependence on resources. Similarly, all materials used in the temple's construction, including stone, wood, and brass, were sourced from different states, making the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Temple a symbol of Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat.

- The pink sandstone was brought from Rajasthan, while granite stones were brought from Telangana and Karnataka.
- The carvings were done by adroit artisans from across the country.
- The high-quality teakwood is from Maharashtra, and the handcrafted wooden doors are from Hyderabad.
- The brassware is from Uttar Pradesh. The 42 bells are from Tamil Nadu.

Built entirely using Indian tradition and indigenous technology

The Shri Ram Temple, built as a heritage of Indian culture, and the Ayodhya development plan emphasize healthy public participation, so that the construction of the temple at Ram Janmabhoomi in Ayodhya, realized after centuries of waiting, will continue to guide humanity in the present and future. The message is clear: the construction of the Ram Temple has been completed, and not only the citizens of the country, but any foreigner who visits India should definitely wish to visit Ayodhya.

Nearly 500-year-old struggle: Independent India's largest movement

- The first Ram Janmabhoomi lawsuit dates back to 1853.
- On the night of December 22-23, 1949, an idol of Ram Lalla was found in the disputed structure.
- In 1950, 2 petitions were filed in the Faizabad Civil Court.
- On February 1, 1986, the locks of the disputed structure were opened by a court order.
- On December 6, 1992, the disputed structure was demolished by kar sevaks.
- On September 30, 2010, Allahabad High Court ordered the disputed land to be divided into 3 parts between the Sunni Waqf Board, the Nirmohi Akhara, and parties representing 'Ram Lalla Virajman'. Parties did not accept the decision, so they approached the Supreme Court.
- On Nov. 9, 2019, the Supreme Court awarded the disputed land to Hindus and allocated 5 acres for a mosque.
- On February 5, 2020, the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust was announced and established.
- On August 5, 2020, PM Modi laid the foundation stone for the construction of Shri Ram Janmabhoomi.
- On January 22, 2024, the consecration of Shri Ram Lalla took place in the newly constructed temple.
- On November 25, 2025, the construction of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Temple was completed with the hoisting of the religious Dhwaja by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.



Ram means ideals, Ram means dignity, Ram means the highest character of life.

Today, all of India, the entire world, resonates with Ram. In the heart of every Ram devotee, there is unparalleled satisfaction, boundless gratitude, and immense joy. Let us read the highlights of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's speech at the Dhwajarohan ceremony of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Temple in Ayodhya on November 25…





India is to become developed by 2047 and society is to be empowered, then Ram must be awakened within each of us, consecrated in our own hearts."

Indeed, cultural heritage is a crucial chapter in India's resolve to become a developed nation. Cultural heritage is a strong link between national unity and civic duty, connecting not only the country but also the entire world. With this vision, India, proud of its cultural heritage, has been adding new dimensions to its remarkable and glorious history over the past 11 years. Embracing development and heritage, it is writing the script for a bright future. New India has transformed a holistic vision for the development of India's pilgrimage and cultural heritage into reality. The Dhwajarohan ceremony in Ayodhya, along with the completion of the construction of the Shri Ram Temple, has become a significant chapter in this endeavor. From Kashi Vishwanath Dham to Shri Kedarnath Dham, Mahakal-Mahalok, the glory of neglected places of faith has also been revived. Today, the country is experiencing firsthand how a holistic effort can become a vehicle for holistic development.

DHWAJAROHAN: SYMBOLIZING THE BEGINNING OF A NEW ERA

With the Dhwajarohan atop the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Temple, the date of November 25, 2025, has been etched in golden letters in the annuls of history. The reinstallation of the Dharma Dhwaj

- **The Fulfillment of a Centuries' Old Resolve:** The city of Ayodhya is witnessing another turning point in India's cultural consciousness. Centuries-old wounds are healing, centuries of pain are coming to an end, and centuries of resolve are attaining fulfillment today. This marks the culmination of a yajna whose fire remained ignited for 500 years, a yajna that never wavered in faith, never broke in belief even for a moment.

- **This temple is a monument of struggle:** Today, the infinite energy of Lord Shri Ram's sanctum sanctorum, the divine brilliance of the Shri Ram family, is enshrined in this most divine and magnificent temple in the form of this Dharma Dhwaja. This Dhwaja is a resolution, this Dhwaja is a success. This Dhwaja is a saga of creation through struggle; this flag is the embodiment of dreams that have endured for centuries. This flag is the meaningful culmination of the spiritual practice of saints and the participation of society.

- **Where Ideals transform into ideal behaviour:** Ayodhya is the land where ideals transform into ideal behaviour. This is the city from where Shri Ram began his life's journey. This Ayodhya showed the world how a person becomes 'Purushomtam' through the power of society and its values. When Shri Ram went into exile from Ayodhya, he was Prince Ram, but when he returned, he came as the most virtuous man. The knowledge of Maharishi Vashistha, the initiation by Maharishi Vishwamitra, the guidance of Maharishi Agastya, the friendship of Nishadraj, the love of Maa Shabari, the dedication of devotee Hanuman, all these and countless such people played an important role in his life to become the most virtuous man.

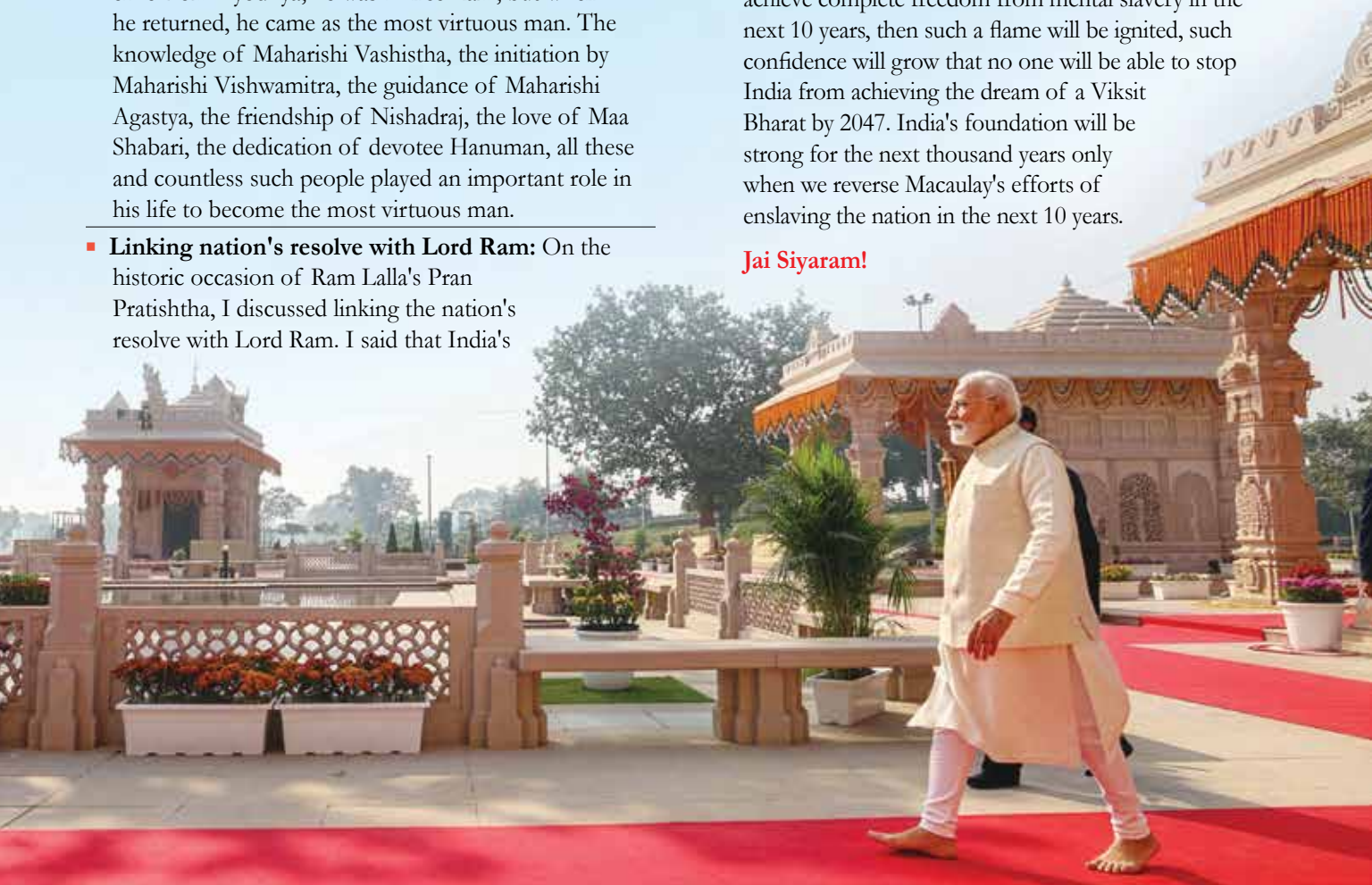
- **Linking nation's resolve with Lord Ram:** On the historic occasion of Ram Lalla's Pran Pratishtha, I discussed linking the nation's resolve with Lord Ram. I said that India's foundation must be strengthened for the next thousand years. Remember, those who think only of the present do injustice to future generations. We must think about the present as well as future generations. Because this nation existed before us and will continue even after us, and it will exist even when we are gone.

- **Shri Ram's conduct must be imbibed:** We are a vibrant society, and we must work with foresight. We must keep the coming decades and centuries in mind. For this, we must learn from Lord Ram. We must understand his personality, imbibe his behavior, and remember that Ram means ideals, Ram means dignity, Ram means the highest character of life.

- **Freedom from the mentality of slavery:** Along with pride in our heritage, another important point is complete freedom from the mentality of slavery. 190 years ago, in 1835, an Englishman named Macaulay sowed the seeds of uprooting India from its roots. Macaulay laid the foundation of mental slavery in India. Ten years later, in 2035, that unholy event will complete 200 years. Just a few days ago, I had urged in a program that for the next 10 years, we should move ahead with the goal of freeing India from the mentality of slavery.

- **The Dream of a Viksit Bharat:** If we resolve to achieve complete freedom from mental slavery in the next 10 years, then such a flame will be ignited, such confidence will grow that no one will be able to stop India from achieving the dream of a Viksit Bharat by 2047. India's foundation will be strong for the next thousand years only when we reverse Macaulay's efforts of enslaving the nation in the next 10 years.

Jai Siyaram!



It is the temple of national consciousness in the form of Ram. Lord Ram is the faith, foundation, thought, law, consciousness, prestige, and pride of India.

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister
(On the occasion of the Pran Pratishtha ceremony of Ram Lalla in Ayodhya, January 22, 2024)

has transformed Ayodhya into a global spiritual centre. Following the consecration of the grand Shri Ram Temple on January 22, 2024, this ritual on November 25, 2025, not only marks the completion of a yagna (sacrifice), but also marks the beginning of a new era. The Dhwajarohan symbolizes the completion of the temple's construction, a cultural celebration, and the beginning of a new chapter of national unity. It is not just a date on the calendar but the dawn of a new era. The Dharma Dhwaj of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Temple is a blend of ancient traditions and modern technology. The Dharma Dhwaj features a shining sun, symbolizing the brilliance and valour of Lord Shri Ram. It bears the inscribed 'Om' along with an image of the Kovidara tree. The sacred saffron flag will convey a message of dignity, unity, and cultural continuity, embodying the ideals of Ram Rajya.

The Kovidara tree is a symbol of Lord Rama's lineage. It is made entirely from indigenous materials. Its fabric has three layers so that it remains strong even in sunlight, rain, and strong winds. Golden fabric has been added along the edges. Traditional methods have been used to highlight every line and colour on the flag. The flagpole's base is designed with a special ball-bearing chamber, allowing it to rotate 360 degrees and keep the flag fluttering smoothly even in strong winds. The army's assistance was also sought



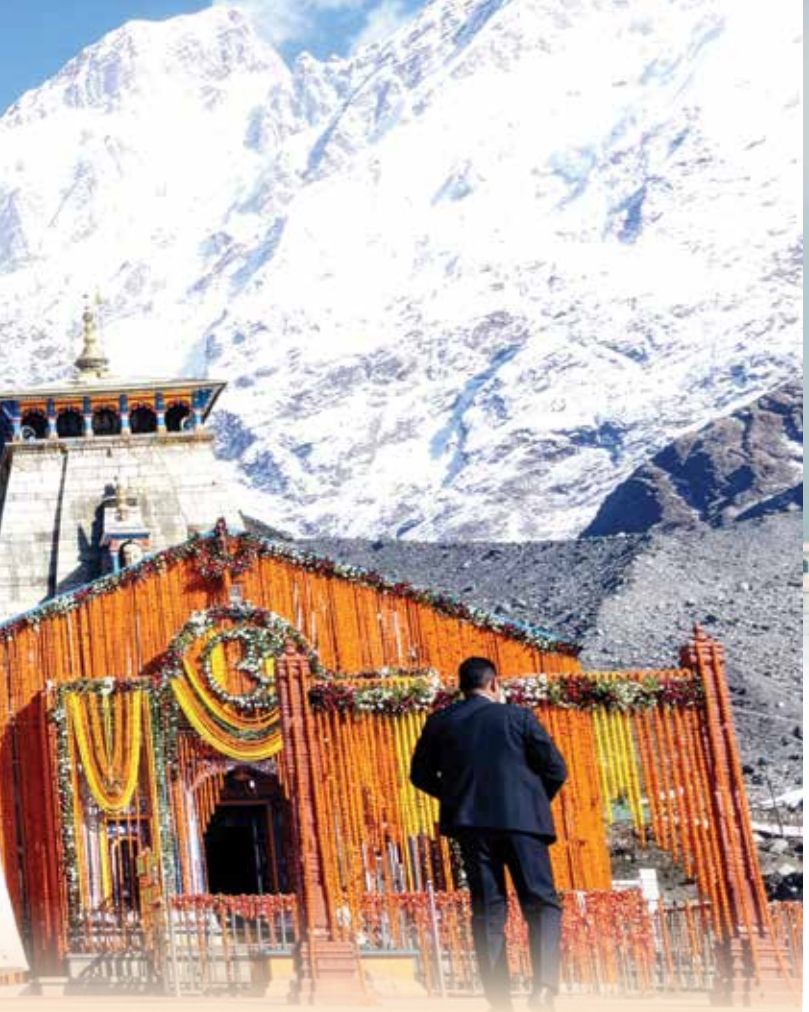
Redevelopment of Shri Kedarnath Dham

Shri Kedarnath is one of the 12 sacred Jyotirlingas, located at an altitude of 11,968 feet in the Rudraprayag district of Uttarakhand. The temple is open to pilgrims for approximately 6 to 7 months a year, from Akshaya Tritiya (April-May) to Diwali (October-November).

- The 2013 disaster caused massive devastation to the pilgrimage town. Many buildings in the temple complex were damaged.

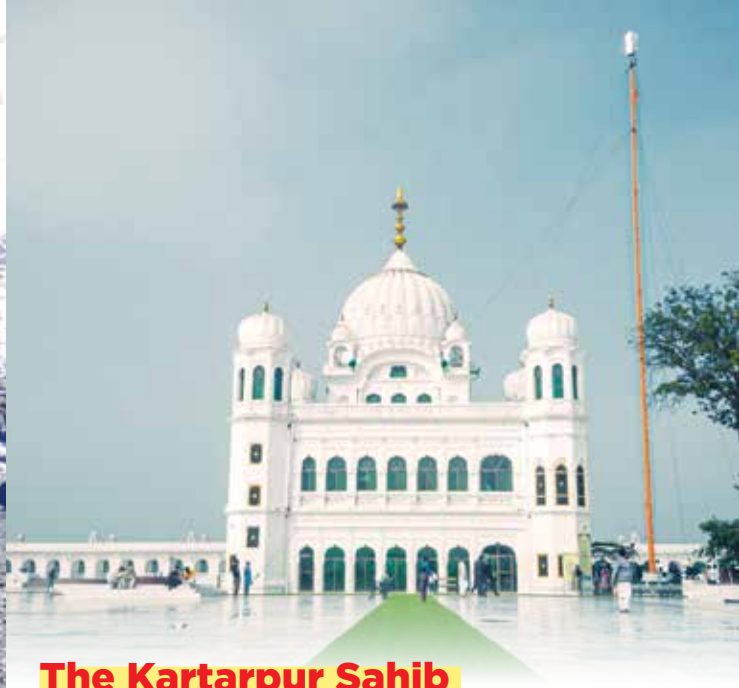
₹1,300 Crore, Kedarnath-Badrinath Dham was rebuilt for the divine Char Dham Yatra.

- In 2017, PM Modi envisioned the Shri Kedarnath Dham Reconstruction Plan to restore the spiritual glory and divine form of Kedarnath Dham.
- Approximately 30,000 tons of debris were removed, and an 840-foot-long stepped temple corridor was developed.
- Construction of an arrival plaza at the confluence of two rivers and the use of local stones in the temple plaza.
- Reconstruction of the damaged Shri Adi Guru Shankaracharya Samadhi, with a 12-foot-tall statue installed, which was unveiled by PM Modi.
- Kedarnath Dham, has a meditation cave. In November 2021, PM Modi spent 17 hours there, which became a



center of attraction among devotees.

- Construction of a large Sangam Ghat on the banks of the Mandakini and Saraswati rivers to facilitate bathing and religious rituals.
- India's 200,000th 5G site was activated in Gangotri, dedicated to the Char Dham fiber connectivity.
- The government is working on Kedarnath-Manaskhand connectivity. Efforts are underway to ensure that visitors to Kedarnath and Badrinath Dham can easily access Jageshwar Dham, Adi Kailash, and Om Parvat.
- The foundation stone for the Gaurikund-Kedarnath and Govindghat-Hemkund Sahib ropeways has been laid. These projects are giving new impetus to development in Uttarakhand.
- Landslide and subsidence management work is being carried out at 17 locations on NH-107 from Rudraprayag to Gaurikund at a cost of ₹357 crore.
- The 125-km-long Rishikesh-Karnprayag new rail line project will provide connectivity to religious and tourist destinations like Devprayag and Karnaprayag with India's national capital.
- Around 17 lakh devotees have come to Shri Kedarnath Dham in 2025 for Dev Darshan.
- Before 2014, the record number of Chardham pilgrims was 24 lakh, which has reached around 55 lakh in 2024-25.



The Kartarpur Sahib Corridor cherishes the rich culture of Sikhism

Over the past 11 years, in a bid to boost pride and learn from our heritage and culture, many significant initiatives have been undertaken, 400th Prakash Parv of the Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji, the 550th Prakash Parv of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, and the 350th Prakash Parv of Guru Gobind Singh Ji, the removal of GST on langar, the construction of the Kartarpur Sahib Corridor, the designation of Sultanpur Lodhi as a heritage city, the establishment of Guru Nanak Chair at a British university, the repatriation of copies of the Guru Granth Sahib from Afghanistan to India, and the facilitation of Sikh pilgrims' travel to Pakistan. To commemorate the sacrifice of the Sahibzadas, the celebration of Veer Bal Diwas on December 26th was started.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off the first batch of pilgrims from the Kartarpur Corridor checkpost at Dera Baba Nanak in Gurdaspur on November 9, 2019.
- On October 24, 2019, India signed an agreement with Pakistan to facilitate the travel of pilgrims from India to Gurdwara Darbar Sahib Kartarpur, Narowal, Pakistan, via the Kartarpur Sahib Corridor.
- Since the opening of the Kartarpur Sahib Corridor, 230,000 pilgrims have used the Kartarpur Sahib Corridor to visit Gurdwara Sri Darbar Sahib until December 2023.

₹120 crore was spent to build a four-lane, 4.2-kilometer-long highway connecting Dera Baba Nanak to the Amritsar–Gurdaspur Highway

From Raja Ram of Orchha to Bhakt Ram of Rameshwaram, from Shabari's Prabhu Ram to Mithila's Pahuna Ram Ji. Ram resides in every home, in every Indian heart, and in every particle of Bharat.

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

in assessing the flag's quality. The flag has always held special significance in the army, and history bears witness that the flag is not only an identity but also a symbol of inspiration, courage, and dedication. This is not merely a ritual but also the culmination of the journey that began 500 years ago to build the Shri Ram Temple. In the Sanatan tradition, a temple is considered complete only when the flag is hoisted at its peak. Therefore, the saffron flag fluttering on the top of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi temple is giving the message of revolutionary change, which was awaited for centuries, and now it will enhance the pride of Indianness for many centuries to come.

AYODHYA IN ITS GRAND, DIVINE, AND RENEWED FORM

There are two key pillars of building a developed 21st-century India. First, pride in our heritage, and second, every possible effort for development. With this vision, new projects worth thousands of crores of rupees have been realised for the transformation of Ayodhya. Roads have been improved, intersections and ghats have been beautified, and new infrastructure is being created. In other words, Ayodhya's development is reaching new heights. All temple construction work has been completed, including the

Increased Expenditure on Cultural Heritage Conservation

- The Ministry of Culture is implementing Centenaries and Anniversaries Schemes- Kala Sanskriti Vikas Yojana, Development of Museums, Development of Libraries & Archives, Global Engagement and International Co-operation, and National Mission on Manuscripts to promote and disseminate the art & Culture.
- The Ministry of Culture's budget, which was ₹2,164 crore in 2013-14, has increased to approximately ₹3,361 crore in the financial year 2025-26.
- Since the inception of the National Mission for Monuments and Antiquities, 12,41,349 antiquities and 11,406 built heritage sites have been documented and published as of July 2025.



655

Antiquities have been returned to the country from 1976 to July 2025, of which only 13 were returned before 2013.

3,697

Ancient monuments, archaeological sites, and remains have been declared as of national importance in the country.

Revival of the Shri Ujjain Mahakal Temple Corridor

- The Mahakal Temple in Ujjain is the only temple in the world to house a south-facing Shivalinga. This is why the Mahakaleshwar Jyotirlinga holds special significance among the 12 Jyotirlingas in India.
- The corridor project will expand the temple complex nearly seven-fold.





- The goal is to double the current annual tourist footfall of 15 million.
- The 'Mahakal Lok' features a grand entrance and a 384-meter-long mural wall depicting 25 stories of Shiva.
- This great center of spirituality has been given its grandest facelift through the Mahakal Lok project, which Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated on October 11, 2022.
- The plaza covers an area of 2.5 hectares and is surrounded on one side by a lotus pond with a fountain and a statue of Shiva.
- 108 pillars line the Mahakal Path, depicting the Ananda Tandava form (dance form) of Lord Shiva. Religious sculptures depicting the life of Lord Shiva have been installed along the Mahakal Path.
- The Mahalok Project includes the development of facilities and the expansion of the area, and the entire complex is monitored 24/7 by an Integrated Command and Control Center using artificial intelligence and surveillance cameras.

Kamakhya Temple Corridor



The area surrounding the Kamakhya Temple in Guwahati, Assam, has been expanded from 3,000 square feet to approximately 100,000 square feet. The renovation of six temples is included in this project.

On February 5, 2020, Union Home Minister Amit Shah announced the formation of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust in Parliament. 15 trustees were appointed to the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust, with a provision for one trustee to always be from the Dalit community.

main temple and the six temples within the precincts dedicated to Lord Shiva. Lord Ganesha, Lord Hanuman, Surya Dev, Goddess Bhagwati, Goddess Annapurna, and Sheshavatar Temple have also been completed.

Flagstaffs and sacred Kalash have been installed on them. All works directly related to the convenience of visitors or arrangements have also been fully completed. Every work being carried out in Ayodhya related to development and heritage is inspired by the life values of Lord Shri Ram. Restoring Ayodhya's glory involves centuries of patience, countless sacrifices, renunciation, and penance. In the nearly one and a half years since the Pran Pratishtha ceremony, which concluded on January 22, 2024, more than 450 million devotees have visited Ayodhya. Additionally, projects worth approximately 50,000 crore rupees are reshaping Ayodhya. The Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Temple construction project has also created history. It is the first religious project in the world to receive the Sword of Honour from the British Safety Council and the highest safety award from India's National Safety Council. This demonstrates that the construction was carried out not only with faith but also in accordance with global engineering and safety standards. The city of Ayodhya is no longer merely a city of temples and devotion; with holistic development, it is becoming a beacon of life's path that will

The Ayodhya of the Treta Yuga gave humanity ethics, while the Ayodhya of the 21st century is offering humanity a new model of development. Back then, Ayodhya was a center of dignity, and now it is emerging as the backbone of a Viksit Bharat pursuit. The Ayodhya of the future will be a confluence of divine grandeur and innovation.

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

continue to remind future generations that religion is not merely a ritual of worship, but a perspective of conduct and the foundation of society.

Along with the Ayodhya railway station, a world-class airport has also been constructed. The entire region is benefiting from connectivity and international tourism. Alongside the development of Ayodhya, work is also underway to develop the Ramayana Circuit. The development initiative that began in Ayodhya is expanding to the entire surrounding region. This cultural development also has many social and international dimensions. The construction of Nishadraj Park at Shringaverpur Dham, with its 51-foot-tall bronze statue of Lord Rama and Nishadraj, will convey an inclusive message committed to equality and harmony. Similarly, the construction of the Queen-Ho Memorial Park in Ayodhya will serve as a medium to strengthen India-South Korea's international relations and strengthen cultural ties between the two countries. The government's launch of the Ramayana Express train is a great initiative towards spiritual tourism.

The vision of Ayodhya Vision 2047 is now

Pamban Bridge, Tamil Nadu



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Pamban Bridge on April 6, 2025. It is India's first vertical lift bridge, connecting Rameswaram Island to the Indian town of Mandapam.
- The bridge holds deep cultural significance. According to the Ramayana, the construction of the Rama Setu began at Dhanushkodi near Rameswaram. Connecting Rameswaram to the mainland, this bridge stands as a remarkable achievement of Indian engineering on the global stage.
- Constructed at a cost of over ₹700 crore. Its length is 2.08 km, with 99 spans and a 72.5-meter vertical lift span that rises to a height of 17 meters, facilitating smooth movement of ships and ensuring uninterrupted train operations.
- Constructed with stainless steel reinforcement, high-grade protective paint, and fully welded joints, the bridge offers greater durability and requires less maintenance. It has been designed for dual rail tracks to meet future demands. A special polysiloxane coating protects it from corrosion, ensuring longevity in harsh marine environments.







Religious sites in Kashmir regain their glory

In August 2019, Article 370 was abrogated from Kashmir. A zero-tolerance policy on terrorism was also adopted. This thwarted the threat of terrorism, allowing the restoration of ruined and abandoned religious sites.

- The 300-year-old Raghunath Temple, a church in Dalgate, and a mosque in Srinagar were selected as the first sites for restoration under the Smart City project.
- The Raghunath Temple has regained its glory. Now, it not only a place of worship but also hosts exhibitions to introduce youth to the heritage.
- In June 2021, the renovated Shiva Temple in Gulmarg was reopened after a grand inauguration ceremony by the Army.
- In May 2022, prayers were also offered at the Martand Sun Temple in Anantnag district. Earlier, in February 2021, prayers were also started at the Sheetalnath Temple from Basant Panchami.
- Every year, devotees visit the Kheer Bhawani Temple in central Kashmir, about 27 kilometers from Srinagar, to offer prayers.
- This temple holds a sacred place in the spiritual life of Kashmiri Pandits. In the year 2022, on the auspicious occasion of Jyeshtha Ashtami, 18 thousand Kashmiri Pandits and devotees had darshan of Maa Kheer Bhawani.

Buddhist Circuit Gains Air Connectivity

On October 20, 2021, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Kushinagar International Airport, which has led to an increase in tourist arrivals and created more employment opportunities for local residents.

- Kushinagar is an international Buddhist pilgrimage center, where Lord Gautam Buddha attained Mahaparinirvana. It is also the focal point of the Buddhist Circuit, which includes the pilgrimage sites of Lumbini, Sarnath, and Gayaji.
- The Central Government is developing a Buddhist Circuit for Buddhist sites associated with Lord Buddha. Key development initiatives under the Buddhist Circuit include connectivity, infrastructure and logistics, cultural research, heritage and education, public awareness, communication, and outreach.
- The airport is attracting more Buddhist followers from India and abroad to Kushinagar. Traveling to Lumbini, Bodhgaya, Sarnath, Kushinagar, Shravasti, Rajgir, Sankisa, and Vaishali on the Buddhist Circuit is now taking less time.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi became the first PM to visit Lumbini, the birthplace of Lord Buddha.

Pandharpur: Palkhi Marg to ease travel

- On November 8, 2021, PM Modi dedicated to the nation over 223 km of road projects to improve highway connectivity to Pandharpur.
- These include the Mhaswad-Piliv-Pandharpur, Kurduwadi-Pandharpur, Pandharpur-Sangola, the Tembhurni-Pandharpur section of NH 561A, and the Pandharpur-Mangalvedha-Umadi section of NH 561A.
- In an effort to facilitate the travel of pilgrims to Pandharpur, PM Modi laid the foundation stone for the four-laning of five sections of the Shri Sant Dnyaneshwar Maharaj Palkhi Marg and three sections of the Shri Sant Tukaram Maharaj Palkhi Marg.
- This is part of our efforts to further popularize the Warkari tradition among the youth of India.

Cultural heritage is not just history; it is the shared consciousness of humanity. Whenever we visit historical sites, our thinking transcends current geopolitical factors.

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

rapidly taking shape. New connectivity, state-of-the-art infrastructure, rapid tourism development, and initiatives like Smart City and Solar City are establishing Ayodhya globally as a sustainable, inclusive, and modern city. Access to Shri Ayodhya Dham has become easier, safer, and more accessible than ever for millions of devotees. This city of Lord Shri Ram is emerging on the world map as a cultural capital, where heritage is respected and unprecedented development is also taking place.

DEVELOPMENT AND HERITAGE GO TOGETHER

Any country in the world, if it wants to reach new heights of development, must preserve its heritage. Our heritage inspires us and shows us the right path. Therefore, today's India is moving forward by assimilating both the ancient and the new. Cultural heritage is an important chapter in India's resolve to become a developed nation. Since ancient times, India has been considered a centre of knowledge related to science and technology in the world. There was a period when foreign rulers and the colonial era caused so much damage to many key institutions that they have not been revived to this day. However, this description of the importance of 'country, time, and situation' is mentioned in ancient



Sun Temple Fully Solar Powered

- Second only to the Konark Sun Temple, the Modhera Sun Temple is a fine example of temple architecture in Gujarat. Built in the 11th century, it is located 30 kilometers from Patan city, in Bechraji taluka of Mehsana district, on the left bank of the Pushpavati River, a tributary of the Rupen River.
- On October 9, 2022, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated heritage lighting at the Modhera Sun Temple in Gujarat, India's first heritage site to be fully solar-powered. 3D projection mapping also started.
- In May 2020, the Government of India launched a plan for 100% solarization of the historic Konark Sun Temple and Konark city in Odisha. This will meet the city's energy needs.
- This plan was launched to promote PM Modi's vision of developing the Konark Sun Temple as a "Sun City."
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi showcased India's heritage and strong history to the world during the G-20 Summit by showcasing the Konark Sun Temple and Nalanda University.

Destinations under the Swadesh Darshan-Prashad Scheme

Swadesh Darshan is a centrally funded scheme. The Ministry of Tourism has approved 76 projects under this scheme so far. Under this scheme, tourist destinations are being equipped with state-of-the-art facilities. Under the Prasad Scheme, 47 projects with an estimated cost of ₹1594.40 crore have been approved, and 26 new destinations have been identified. Its objective is the holistic development of selected pilgrimage sites in the country.

- The Ministry of Tourism has now revamped its Swadesh Darshan Scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD 2.0). Its objective is to develop sustainable tourist destinations with a tourist- and destination-centric approach.





Redevelopment of India's oldest Jyotirlinga Temple

Shri Somnath Temple

The circumstances under which the Somnath Temple was destroyed, after which its restoration, facilitated by the efforts of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, hold a profound message for the nation. Places of faith and culture like Somnath are crucial centers for the nation's learning from the past...

- Nearly 10 million devotees from different states, across the country, and around the world visit the Somnath Temple every year.
- **Circuit House:** A new Circuit House was inaugurated in Somnath, Gujarat, on January 21, 2022. From every room in the Circuit House, visitors can view the sea and the peak of Somnath.
- **Samudra Darshan Path:** Keeping in mind the natural beauty of Somnath, the Samudra Darshan Path was built under the Central Government's 'Prashad' scheme. This 1.5-kilometer-long Samudra Darshan Path is built along the seashore.
- **Somnath Exhibition Gallery:** This gallery is themed on temple architecture. The fragmented remains of the Somnath Temple are preserved here. The temple's architecture, significance, and other information are provided in Hindi and English, as well as in Braille.
- **Ancient Somnath Temple:** The Maratha queen Mato Shri Ahilyabai Holkar of Indore established the ancient Somnath Temple in 1783. It was here that Somnath Mahadev was worshipped during the period of attacks on Somnath. The old temple complex, with its sacred worship area and inaccessible entrance, has been renovated to include a total area of 1,800 square meters. The temple's entrance has been streamlined.
- **Shri Parvati Temple:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for this temple in August 2021. The trust is carrying forward its commitment to construct the temple in the Sompura Salat style, developing the sanctum sanctorum and the Nritya Mandap at a cost of approximately ₹30 crore.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired a meeting of the Somnath Trust on October 30, 2023. The Trust's environmentally friendly measures and how the temple complex can leverage the latest technology to make the pilgrimage experience even more memorable were reviewed.

Deoghar (Baba Baidyanath Dham) Air connectivity achieved

- In July 2022, PM inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for development projects worth over ₹16,800 crore in Deoghar.
- Modern facilities are being expanded at Baba Baidyanath Dham in Deoghar, Jharkhand, under the Prasad Scheme.
- Inauguration of Deoghar Airport to provide air connectivity to Baba Baidyanath Dham at a cost of ₹400 crore.
- Construction of two large Tirtha Mandali Bhavans and the Shivganga Pond, each with a capacity of 2,000 pilgrims.
- Laying the foundation stone of Deoghar AIIMS in March 2018 to provide better and modern treatment to patients from Deoghar and across Jharkhand.
- PM Modi inaugurated the In-Patient Department (IPD) and Operation Theatre facilities at AIIMS.

India is witnessing a remarkable cultural renaissance. The restoration of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya, the grand renovation of the Kashi Vishwanath Temple, and the expansion of Mahalok in Ujjain all reflect our nation's awakening, which is reinvigorating its spiritual heritage with renewed vigor

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

sacred texts, and in the past 11 years, we have witnessed major and clear changes in the overall approach to religion. From geopolitics to foreign policy, the integration of 'Indian consciousness' and the emphasis on 'we' have had a profound impact on the world's view of India. Even in the original copy of the Indian Constitution, the section on fundamental rights depicts Lord Shri Ram, Mother Sita, and Lakshman returning to Ayodhya after victory. This is proof that Lord Shri Ram is the source of inspiration for fundamental rights. The efforts to rebuild the Lord Shri Ram Temple had been ongoing for 500 years. Under the guidance of Prime Minister Modi's, the path to the construction of the Ram Temple was finally cleared.

With the construction of the Kashi Vishwanath Corridor, the image of Kashi has transformed. The Kashi-Tamil Sangamam is celebrated as a festival. The Kashi Tamil Sangamam is not just a celebration of culture, but also a heart-warming dialogue of faith and heritage, where the sentiments of Tamil Nadu connect with Kashi. This unwavering celebration, Kashi Tamil Sangamam 4.0, was held this year again from December 2nd to 15th. People from around the world consider

PM Modi's nine resolutions include his call to citizens to visit at least 25 places in the country that are connected to our heritage.

Hemkund Sahib Ropeway

- In October 2022, Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for the Hemkund Sahib Ropeway Project, connecting Govindghat to Hemkund Sahib.
- It will be approximately 12.4 kilometers long. The journey, which currently takes a day, will take only 45 minutes.
- This ropeway will eliminate the hassle of walking on the difficult paths of Hemkund Sahib. This ropeway will also connect Ghangaria, the gateway to the Valley of Flowers National Park.

Girnar Ropeway

- Mount Girnar is home to Goddess Amba. It also boasts the Gorakhnath Peak, Guru Dattatreya Peak, and a Jain temple. The construction of a world-class ropeway has now provided convenience and the opportunity for everyone to visit. Previously, it took 5-7 hours to reach the temple. Now, the ropeway covers that distance in just 7-8 minutes. This new facility has attracted more devotees and tourists.



- On October 24, 2020, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the ropeway in Girnar. The construction of the ropeway from the foothills of Bhavnath to the Ambaji Temple on Girnar Mountain is establishing its place on the global map.
- Initially, 25-30 cabins with a capacity to carry eight people were installed. The 2.3-kilometer distance can now be covered in just seven and a half minutes with the ropeway.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi strictly observed 11 days of special Yama-Niyam (religious rituals) before becoming the Mukhya Yajaman at Pran Pratishtha of Shri Ram Lalla on January 22, 2024, and broke his fast with Charanaamrit after the Pran Pratishtha of Shri Ram Lalla in the sanctum sanctorum.



Redevelopment of City of Shaktipeeth

Pavagadh in Gujarat

Pavagadh is a city of spirituality, history, nature, art, and culture. On one hand, it is home to the Shaktipeeth of Goddess Mahakali, and on the other, to the heritage of Jain temples. Pavagadh has been a center of religious harmony, reflecting India's historical diversity. UNESCO has listed the archaeological site of Champaner as a World Heritage Site.

- On June 18, 2022, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the redeveloped Shri Kalika Mata Temple in Pavagadh, Panchmahal. The Shikhar Dhwaja was hoisted after five centuries and 75 years of independence.
- It is one of the oldest temples in the region.
- The temple has been reconstructed in two phases. The first phase was inaugurated by the Prime Minister in April 2022.

Shared Heritage and Tribal Museums

- To give due recognition to the sacrifices and contributions made by tribal people in the country's freedom struggle, 'Museums of Tribal Freedom Fighters' is being established on the instructions of Prime Minister Modi.
- The first museum dedicated to tribal freedom fighters is the Bhagwan Birsa Munda Museum in Ranchi. Ten other tribal museums are being constructed.
- Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas is dedicated to tribal freedom fighters.
- Rashtrapati Bhavan Museum - Phase 2, New Delhi.
- Unveiling of the statue of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose on the Kartavya Path and a long-standing demand fulfilled. Subhash Chandra Bose Museum, Delhi.
- Kranti Mandir – a museum dedicated to freedom fighters.
- Renovation of the Jallianwala Bagh Memorial Complex.
- National Museum of Indian Cinema, Mumbai.
- The Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya is dedicated to former prime ministers in New Delhi.
- India has acquired 642 antiquities since 2014, compared to only 13 before 2014. 578 cultural artefacts have been brought back to India from the United States since 2016.

themselves fortunate to immerse themselves in the cultural depth of India and its spiritual capital, Kashi. This has also given new wings to the economic progress of Varanasi and the surrounding region. The transformation of the Somnath Temple, Mahakal Lok in Ujjain, Kamakhya Temple in Guwahati, Jagannath Temple in Odisha, and the Char Dham has successfully placed India on the global stage in cultural and spiritual terms. Ujjain, which has been the centre of Indian history for thousands of years, is once again heralding a new era of India's grandeur. Today, Kedarnath is also reaching new heights of development. By developing the Buddha Circuit, India is once again inviting the world to the land of Buddha's penance. In a true sense, the richness of cultural heritage has now become the lifeblood of the nation.

Additionally, the Sun Temple in Mehsana, Gujarat, built during the Chalukya period, has been restored. The government has worked to revive numerous cultural and spiritual centres, such as the Tukaram Maharaj Temple in Pune and the Kalika Mata Temple in Gujarat. These centres of faith are not just structures but are the life force of India, like the lifeblood of life. They are such powerhouses for us that they keep us alive even in the most difficult circumstances. This vision has led to revival initiatives with a long-term vision over the past few years.

While Kartarpur Sahib was left on the other side of the border at the time of the partition of the country, now the doors of the holy Gurdwara Kartarpur Sahib have been opened, fulfilling the faith of millions of Sikhs. In order to defend their religion, the sons of Sri Guru Gobind Singh, the 10th Guru of the Sikhs, chose to be martyred. To honour those brave children, Prime Minister Modi declared December 26 Veer Bal Diwas. The recent construction and opening of India's new

The coming times is full of new opportunities and new possibilities, and in this crucial period, the thoughts of Lord Rama will be our inspiration.

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

Parliament building have also brought back memories of the country's golden age. On May 28, Prime Minister Modi installed the 'Sengol' (sceptre) linked with the Chola dynasty in the new Parliament, marking a historic event for the country.

During this period of cultural renaissance, the country is working to revitalize faith centres of all religions. Himalayan culture and Buddhist culture are being preserved. Even abroad, the resurgence of Indian temples and the construction of new temples have become symbols of Indian culture. The Namami Gange movement was created as an effort to rejuvenate the Ganga river. The Ganga is significant not only religiously but also culturally. Important attempts have been made to elevate the cultural centres that have emerged along the Ganga River.

The Ganga holds not only religious but also cultural significance. Significant steps have been taken to bring the cultural centres developed along the Ganges to the global stage and banks to the global stage, as well as to establish the Ganga as Gyan and Arth Ganga. Because of his attachment to culture and cultural roots, Prime Minister Modi has personally visited the border areas, Kedarnath Dham, Badrinath Dham, and other religious sites of other sects several times in the last 11 years, making significant progress toward the revival of India's diverse cultures. UNESCO has acknowledged many cultural heritage sites in



Inspirational statues of revered personalities

Indians have immense faith and devotion in statues. This is why tall statues of great men and religious leaders are being installed across the country to introduce the new generation to culture, religion, and heritage and to convey a message of pride in their heritage.

- **Statue of Unity: The World's Tallest Statue**
  The 182-meter statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the architect of India's unification, built in Kevadia, Gujarat, is the tallest in the world. It was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on October 31, 2018.
- **Statue of Equality: World's Tallest Seated Statue**
  This 216-foot-tall sitting statue in Hyderabad is the world's tallest statue in memory of the 11th-century Vaishnavite saint Sri Ramanujacharya. He promoted the idea of equality in all spheres of life, including religious affiliation, caste, and creed. On February 5, 2022, Prime Minister Modi unveiled this statue made of Panchdhatu.
- **Statue of Prosperity**
  Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled a 108-foot-tall bronze statue of Bengaluru's founder, Nadaprabhu Kempegowda, on November 11, 2022.
- **Suheldev Memorial**
  Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the Suheldev Memorial in February 2021 in Bahraich district, Uttar Pradesh. He also remembered Suheldev's contribution to the protection of Indianness.
- **Sant Tukaram Temple**
  Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the temple of Jagadguru Shri Sant Tukaram Maharaj in Dehu, Pune. After the death of Shri Sant Tukaram Maharaj, a stone temple was built with 36 stone masonry but was not being operated as a temple. It also houses a statue of Sant Tukaram.



Unveiling a 77-foot-tall statue of Lord Ram in Goa

Today's India... is advancing its cultural identity with renewed resolve and renewed confidence. The Ramayana Circuit, the Krishna Circuit, the development of Gaya, and the unprecedented management of the Kumbh Mela are all examples of this. This awakening inspires future generations to remain connected to their roots. In this context, on November 28th, Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Goa to attend the 550th anniversary celebrations of the Sri Sansthan Gokarna Partagali Jeevottam Math, where he unveiled a 77-foot-tall bronze statue of Lord Ram. This statue was created by renowned sculptor Ram Sutar. He also inaugurated the Ramayana Theme Park and released a special postage stamp and a commemorative coin. On this occasion, PM Modi urged devotees from across the country to visit the statue, calling it a special experience. At the event, Prime Minister Modi reiterated his nine appeals, similar to those he made at the Sri Krishna Matha in Karnataka, saying that the dream of a developed India will only be realized if we consider environmental protection our dharma. The earth is our mother, and the teachings of the monasteries teach us to respect nature.

A Math that protects humanity and culture, along with religion

The Shree Sansthan Gokarna Partagali Jeevottam Math, located in South Goa, is marked by a spirit of service that has supported every section of society for centuries. When the region faced adversity, the math provided support to the community. Today, from education to hostels, from elderly care to assistance to needy families, the math has consistently dedicated its resources to public welfare. PM Modi says that every initiative of the math is a testament to the fact that when spirituality and service go hand in hand, society gains stability and the inspiration to progress. For centuries, a continuous flow of devotion, saintly traditions, and cultural pursuits has flowed on the sacred land of Goa. This land, along with its natural beauty, also holds the identity of "South Kashi." The Partagali Math has further deepened this identity.



Scan the QR code to view the Prime Minister's full programme.

The Union Cabinet, in its resolution on the consecration of Shri Ram Lalla in Ayodhya, stated, "The nation gained independence in 1947, and the consecration took place on January 22, 2024." The resolution stated that the Prime Minister has, through his actions, boosted the nation's morale and strengthened the country's cultural history.

India since 2014. This certification is a significant step toward global acknowledgement of Indian culture and the revival of Indian cultural heritage. Today, India is forging a distinct global identity as a new economic-strategic powerhouse as well as a hub of information, science, and culture, all while conserving its cultural heritage.

RESTORING CULTURAL PRIDE

In the last 11 years, Indian cultural, spiritual, and historical glory has been restored. India has achieved an unprecedented feat in preserving and assimilating cultural heritage. Indian culture got global recognition in 2014, the day the world accepted Prime Minister Narendra Modi's proposal and recognized International Yoga Day. The colonial mindset was visible for about 7 decades after independence, so the necessary steps to preserve the cultural heritage were not taken.

During the colonial period, foreign invaders caused a lot of damage to Indian culture. Historical treasures and heritage stolen or looted from India are being brought back to India. As the leader of a government imbued with a complete Indian mindset, Prime Minister Modi has not only preserved the culture and tradition by becoming the pioneer of Indian

Scientific Investigation of Dwarka and Bet Dwarka

The Underwater Archaeology Wing of the Archaeological Survey of India resumed the scientific investigation of Dwarka and Bet Dwarka in February 2025 and March 2025, respectively. Previous scientific investigations were conducted between 2005 and 2007. Remotely operated vehicles, underwater cameras, life jackets, and specialised diving gear have been purchased for this purpose.



Models of the Ram Temple and Ram Darbar Icons... Bids up to ₹51 lakh

The public's faith and belief in the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi, a site of India's rich cultural heritage and spiritual significance, can be gauged by the fact that Prime Minister Narendra Modi received bids of up to ₹51 lakh to take home the model of the Ram Temple and Ram Darbar gifted to him.

- Over 9,000 gifts and souvenirs have been auctioned so far, with a model of the Ram Temple among the top 15.
- The 143 mementos that fetched bids of over ₹5 lakh include models of the Ram Temple and 15 Ram Darbar. There were also several models whose bids started at ₹5,000-₹6,000.
- Of the top 100 that fetched the highest price in the E-auction of PM Modi's gifts, 35 relate to religious and cultural identities. All of these were bid for over ₹10 lakh.

Bought a Ram Temple model for ₹51 lakh



A wooden model of the Ram Temple, housed in a glass case, depicts it on a raised platform at the birthplace of Lord Ram. The sanctum sanctorum and five pavilions are depicted, with a small red triangular flag placed atop the spire. It was auctioned in 2021 for ₹51 lakh, with bids starting at ₹2.5 lakh. Another model attracted 81 bidders. This Ram Temple model went for over 11.85 lakh rupees, with bidding starting at just 10,800 rupees. Another model, which started at 5,400 rupees, was purchased for over 10.85 lakh rupees. 103 people bid for it.

Ram Darbar attracts bids of nearly ₹30L

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath presented a glass Ram Darbar idol of Lord Ram, Maa Sita, Lakshman, and Hanuman to Prime Minister Narendra Modi at an event. It was auctioned in October 2022. The base price was set at just ₹32,400, but 131 people expressed interest in taking it home, and the final bidder, who bid nearly ₹30 lakh, won the Ram Darbar idol. In another auction, a Ram Darbar icon along with a model was purchased by a devotee with a bid of ₹10 lakh. The price rose from ₹16,200 to ₹10 lakh in just the seventh bid. Another model, showing the intricately carved pillars and magnificent minarets, was sold for ₹55,000 and reached ₹10 lakh. It was gifted to Prime Minister Modi by Union Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal and auctioned in October 2024.



PM Modi's gifts have exported the country's culture abroad

- A pink enamelled ship from Kashi arrived in Australia.



- A Buddha made of sandalwood from Jaipur arrived in Japan.
- Rogan paintings from Kutch, Gujarat, arrived in Denmark.
- A copper plate depicting Jewish history arrived in Israel.
- PM Modi gifted "Bhagavad Gita" in a hardcover made of khadi to several global leaders, including former US President Barack Obama and former Japanese PM Shinzo Abe.

"India is passing through a decisive phase today. The nation's youth power, growing self-confidence, and inclination toward cultural roots are together shaping a new India. Our resolve to build a Viksit Bharat will be fulfilled only when the three streams of spirituality, national service, and development flow together.

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

culture but has also done unprecedented work for its renaissance. As a result, Indian culture has been restored on the global stage, as high as the Himalayas and as deep as the sea.

When a country's cultural and historical history, as well as its economic power, are acknowledged, that country gains respect and recognition on the global stage. India was once recognized as the world's centre of knowledge, science, and spirituality, but its importance declined throughout the long period of slavery. During that period, Western culture and civilization were seen to be superior. In this context, as the leader of New India, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has ushered Indian culture into a new era of renaissance through a vision of development and heritage. He has also set the country a new goal of liberation from the slave mentality by 2035. Today, respect for Indian culture has grown among the country's younger population, and they are proud of their Indianness.

AMRIT KAAL: FROM RAM TO THE NATION – FROM THE DIVINE TO THE COUNTRY

What is that idea which unites India? What is India as a nation? What is that fundamental thought that binds together all these diverse societies, communities, and cultures? Prime Minister Modi gives a clear answer to this – India has a cultural identity. It is a civilization thousands of years old. Look at its vastness: more than a hundred languages and thousands of dialects. It is often said that if you travel just twenty miles within the country, the language, customs, cuisine, and even attire change. From South to North India, diversity is evident everywhere. However, if you delve deeper, you will find a common thread running through it all. As I often say, the name of Lord Ram resonates across the country—you will hear his name on every-

Today, as the Kovidar is once again consecrated in the courtyard of the Ram Mandir, it is not merely the return of a tree but the return of memory, the resurgence of identity, and the renewed proclamation of a proud civilization.

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

one's lips. If you travel from Tamil Nadu to Jammu and Kashmir, you will inevitably come across people whose names incorporate 'Ram' in some form. In Gujarat, someone might be called 'Ram Bhai'; in Tamil Nadu, 'Ramachandran'; and in Maharashtra, 'Rambhau'. This cultural continuity binds Bharat together. Take, for example, the act of bathing in our country. People typically bathe using water from a bucket, yet they invoke the names of rivers from every corner of India. The prayer 'Gange cha Yamune chaiva Godavari Saraswati, Narmada Sindhu Kaveri jalesmin sannidhim kuru' signifies that one is spiritually bathing in the waters of all these rivers, encompassing the entire nation.

Not just this, India has a tradition of sankalp (sacred resolve). Whenever someone takes a vow, performs a ritual, or even during a wedding, it begins from the universe itself: "Jambudvipe, Bharatkhande, Aryavarta..." gradually coming down to the village, then to the family, and finally invoking the family's deities.

This Indian culture, which gives the message of unity in diversity, has become the basis of the resolve of Viksit Bharat in the Amrit Kaal. Regarding how the ideals of Lord Ram teach good governance, Recalling that during the consecration of the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya, PM Modi said the nation collectively resolved to move from devotion to nation-building—

Vitthal Rukmini Temple

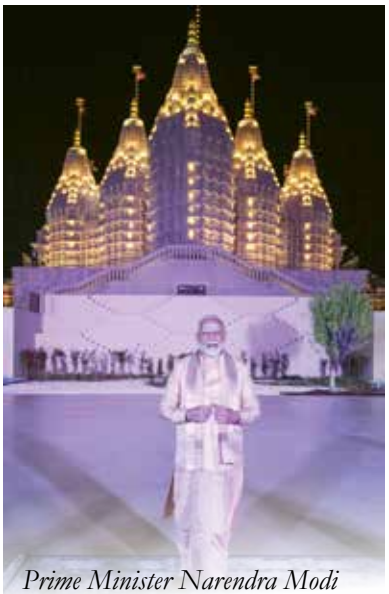
- On June 14, 2022, PM Modi unveiled a plaque at the Vitthal Rukmini Temple in Dehu, Maharashtra.
- The central government has arranged for 4-lane connectivity to the temple so that devotees do not face any difficulties in reaching the temple.

Amrit Vatika, Witness to Golden India

- Over 20,000 delegates from across the country arrived in Delhi on October 31, 2023, carrying over 8,500 Amrit Kalash.
- On October 31, 2023, the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' programme, which awakened the spirit of patriotism, concluded with the slogan 'My Land, My Country'.
- More than 23.6 crore indigenous saplings were planted across the country under the theme of Vasudha Vandan. 2.63 lakh Amrit Vatikas were created.

World leaders accompany PM Modi to heritage sites

- The Prime Minister of Japan and the President of France enjoyed the ancient cultural heritage of Varanasi.
- The prime ministers of Britain, Israel, and Japan, along with the presidents of the United States and China, experienced the serenity of the Sabarmati Ashram. The Chinese President described his visit to the Sabarmati Ashram as the most memorable moment of his life.
- The Prime Ministers of Britain and Australia visited the Akshardham Temple in Delhi.
- The First Lady of South Korea arrived in Ayodhya.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the BAPS temple in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, in February 2024. PM Modi described it as a new and golden chapter in human history.

Temples are being built abroad

- In 2019, a large sum of money was announced for the reconstruction of Lord Krishna Shrinathji in Manama and Abu Dhabi.
- In February 2022, PM Modi announced that a Swaminarayan Hindu temple would be built in Bahrain. The Bahraini government has allocated land for this purpose. This temple will be the second such temple in the Middle East to be built by BAPS, after the one in the United Arab Emirates.



India's Enduring Cultural and Religious Ties with Southeast Asian Countries

Various records and research collections of the Government of India indicate that India has enduring cultural and religious ties with Southeast Asian countries such as Cambodia, Indonesia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, and Vietnam. These centuries-old ties are evidenced by the influence of Indian philosophical systems, religious practices, epics, temple architecture, iconography, and performing arts throughout the region. The Angkor Wat temple complex in Cambodia is an example of Indian influence on Southeast Asian architecture and art. The Archaeological Survey of India, in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs, has undertaken conservation and restoration work to foster religious and cultural engagement abroad...

Religious and Cultural Centres	Country
My Son Temple and Nehan Tower	Vietnam
Vat Phou Temple	Laos
Earthquake-damaged temples and pagodas	Myanmar
Preet Vihar and Ta Prohm	Cambodia
Frida Mosque	Maldives

- Organising an International Conference on Ramayana Traditions in Southeast Asia (Indonesia, Thailand, Cambodia, and Laos).
- Exhibition on Ramayana in Southeast Asia showcasing Reamker of Cambodia, Kakawin Ramayana of Indonesia and Ramakien of Thailand.
- The Conference on Shared Buddhist Heritage, as well as the Festival of India, was organised in these countries.

from "Dev to Desh" and "Ram to Rashtra."

"Ram se Rashtra" means "रामराज बैठे त्रैलोका। हरषित भए गए सब सोका।" Its essence is a rule of good governance and public welfare! It means governance driven by the spirit of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas. "Ram se Rashtra" means "नहिं दरिद्र कोउ, दुखी न दीना।" That is, a nation where no one is poor, no one is distressed, and India moves forward free from poverty. "Ram se Rashtra" means "अल्पमृत्यु नहिं कवनिउ पीरा।" That is, there should be no premature death due to illness — meaning the creation of a healthy and happy India.

"Ram se Rashtra" also means "मानउं एक भगति कर नाता।" This signifies that our society should be free from discrimination and inequality and that social justice should prevail everywhere. Not just this — "Ram se Rashtra" also conveys "निसिचर हीन करउं महि भुज उठाइ पन कीन्ह।" Meaning, a pledge to eliminate anti-human forces, to destroy terrorism! And this is exactly what the nation has witnessed in Operation Sindoor. India, committed to the eradication of terrorism, is breaking the backbone of terrorists.

This is the Amrit Kaal of India's development. Today, India is filled with the capital and energy of its youth. The youth of today represent that generation of India that is hoisting the tricolour on the Moon, travelling 1.5 million kilometres and completing the Aditya mission by going near the Sun, and showcasing its prowess with Tejas in the sky and Vikrant in the sea. Proud of its heritage, this elixir of life must write India's new dawn. By treading both the paths of the purity of tradition and the infinity of modernity, India will reach its goal of prosperity. That is why Prime Minister Modi says, "The thoughts of Ram should be in the minds of the people as well as in the hearts of the people; this is the stepping stone to nation-building." Building a developed India requires the collective power of society, and the divine courtyard of the Ram Temple

has emerged as a conscious place of India's collective strength. Ayodhya of the Treta Yuga gave humanity ethics, and the Ayodhya of the 21st century is offering humanity a new model of development. Ayodhya was then a center of dignity, now it is emerging as the backbone of a developed India. The Ayodhya of the future will be a confluence of mythology and innovation. With a resolve to advance the ideals of Lord Shri Ram, Prime Minister Narendra Modi says,

"Ram connects not with distinctions, but with emotion. For him, a person's devotion is important and not their lineage. He values values, not lineage. He values cooperation, not power. Today, we are moving forward with the same spirit. In the last 11 years, every section of society—women, Dalits, backward classes, extremely backward classes, tribal communities, the deprived, farmers, workers, and youth—has been placed at the centre of development. When every person, every section, every region of the country is empowered, everyone's efforts will be put into fulfilment of that resolve. Only through everyone's efforts will we be able to build a developed India by 2047, when the country celebrates 100 years of independence." India, filled with a sense of development and heritage, is ready to restore Ramrajya, putting national interest before self-interest.

SEPARATE DEPARTMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

After the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi came to power, the Ministry of External Affairs created a separate department to oversee the restoration, renovation, and support of India's cultural heritage. The central government's cultural diplomacy is focused on creating, rebuilding, and revitalizing India's rich traditions for the benefit of the entire world. Indian culture is leaving

Foreign guests offered prayers in Ayodhya-Kashi and received a replica of the Ram temple

- In July 2025, PM Modi presented a replica of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya to Trinidad and Tobago's PM Kamla Persad Bissessar, along with holy water from the Saryu River and the Maha Kumbh Mela held in Prayagraj.
- In September 2025, PM Modi expressed his happiness at seeing Bhutan's Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay and his wife praying at the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Temple in Ayodhya and said that the ideals of Lord Shri Ram give strength and inspiration to millions of people around the world.
- In February 2024, Fiji's Deputy Prime Minister Biman Prasad visited the Ram Janmabhoomi Temple.
- On September 12, 2025, Dr Navin Chandra Ramgoolam, Prime Minister of Mauritius, along with his wife, performed aarti and offered prayers to Ram Lalla.
- Six special commemorative postage stamps dedicated to the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Temple were issued. Many countries around the world, including Australia, Cambodia, the United States, and New Zealand, have issued postage stamps depicting events in the life of Lord Ram.
- The ASI handed over the bronze statues of Ram, Lakshmana, and Sita to Tamil Nadu's Idol Branch. These statues—stolen from the Rajagopala Vishnu Temple in 1978—were returned by London's Metropolitan Police to the Indian High Commission in September 2020.
- Seven natural heritage sites across the country have been included in the Tentative List of UNESCO World Heritage Sites. With this, the number of Indian heritage sites on the tentative list has increased from 62 to 69. India now has a total of 69 sites under consideration by UNESCO, including 49 cultural, 17 natural, and 3 mixed heritage sites. This achievement demonstrates India's unwavering commitment to the preservation and promotion of its exceptional natural and cultural heritage.



The then Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Rishi Sunak, along with his wife, visited the Swaminarayan Akshardham Temple in Delhi on September 10, 2023. The couple also performed a puja there.



The Bhagavad Gita helps us understand the purpose of life

9 resolutions requested from the Sri Krishna Math

Lord Sri Krishna's teachings are practical in every era. The words of the Gita guide not only individuals but also national policy. On November 28th, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Golden Tirtha Mandap in front of the sanctum sanctorum at the Sri Krishna Math, dedicated to Lord Krishna in Udupi, Karnataka, and dedicated a golden shield to the sacred Kanakana Kindi. He also recited the Srimad Bhagavad Gita with one hundred thousand people, from which he offered nine resolutions to the citizens...

Key Points of PM Modi's Address

- Shri Krishna delivered the message of the Gita on the battlefield, which teaches us that the end of tyrants is also essential for the establishment of peace and truth. This is the core of the nation's security policy. India proclaims "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" and also repeats the mantra "धर्मो रक्षति रक्षितः"
- From the Red Fort, he gives the message of Shri Krishna's compassion, and from the same ramparts, he also proclaims Mission Sudarshan Chakra.
- Just last year, I visited Shri Dwarka Ji under the sea and brought blessings from there. Visiting this statue has given me a profound spiritual joy.

PM Modi urged citizens to take a new resolution vital for the present and future

- We must conserve water.
- We will plant trees. One tree in each house, under 'EK PED MAA KE NAAM'
- We must strive to improve the life of at least one poor person in the country.
- As responsible citizens, we must all embrace Swadeshi.
- We must promote natural farming.
- We will adopt a healthy lifestyle. We will use millets and reduce the amount of oil in our food.
- We must embrace yoga and make it a part of our lives
- Manuscripts, Contribute to the preservation of manuscripts.
- We will visit at least 25 places in the country that are connected to our heritage.

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> **"The entire life of Lord Krishna, every chapter of the Gita, conveys the message of compassion, duty, and well-being. For us Indians, the year 2047 is not only a period of Amrit Kaal but also a time of duty to build a developed India. Our every effort should be for the country.**
>
> **Narendra Modi, Prime Minister**

an indelible mark globally. Today, foreign guests visiting India often express a desire to visit Ayodhya or other heritage-related sites. During its G-20 presidency as well, India showcased its culture, diversity, and civilizational legacy. The gifts that Prime Minister Modi presented to foreign guests at the G-20 New Delhi Summit were also reflected India's rich cultural heritage. During the past 11 years of his tenure, the wheel of history has turned, and India is witnessing a new cultural resurgence. The Central Government is working towards recognition of Indian faith, culture, and heritage not only in the country but also across the world. In 2018, Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of a Hindu temple in Abu Dhabi, and in 2019, he announced a significant amount for the reconstruction of Lord Krishna's Shrinathji in Manama and Abu Dhabi. PM Modi's government has worked towards the restoration of Indian temples in Cambodia and other countries. The Dhwajarohan on November 25, 2025, is a reflection of India's great cultural heritage, which will remain etched in the consciousness of every Indian and guide humanity for centuries to come. The reinstallation of the flag of religion on the summit of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi temple in Ayodhya has ushered in a new era of peace and prosperity. Inspired by the ideals of Ramrajya, the nation has begun to fulfil its resolve for a developed India. ●

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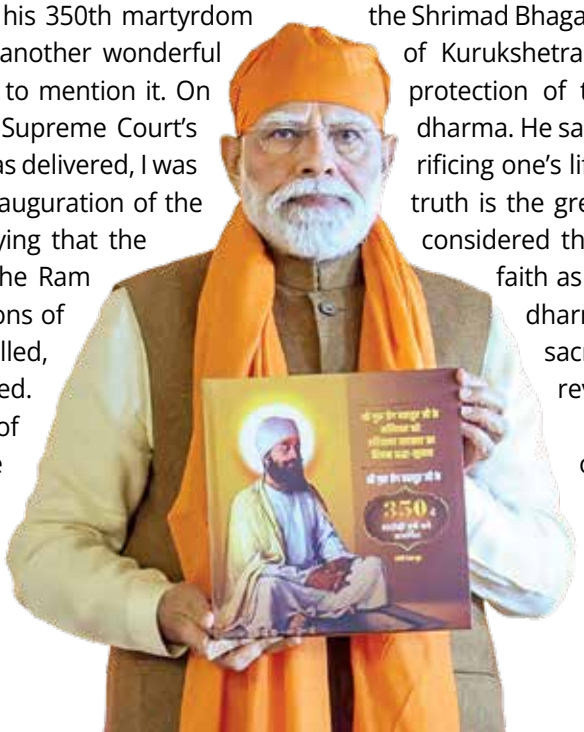
The Tradition of the Gurus...

Foundation of Nation's Character, Culture, and Core Spirit

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, a custodian of Indian religion and culture, arrived in Ayodhya, the city of Ramayana, on the morning of November 25th for Dhwajarohan of the Dharma Dhwaja upon the completion of the monumental Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Temple. In the evening, he visited Kurukshetra, the city of the Gita Upadesh. Here, he inaugurated the newly constructed 'Panchjanya Memorial' in honor of Lord Krishna's sacred conch and visited the 'Mahabharata Experience Center.' He also addressed a program paying homage to the ninth Sikh Guru, Shri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji, on his 350th martyrdom day...



Prime Minister Narendra Modi described the November 25th event as a wonderful confluence of India's heritage. In the morning, he visited Ayodhya, the city of Ramayana, then Kurukshetra, the city of Gita, and referred to it while paying homage to Shri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji on his 350th martyrdom day. He said, "5-6 years ago, another wonderful coincidence happened. I want to mention it. On November 9, 2019, when the Supreme Court's decision on the Ram Temple was delivered, I was in Dera Baba Nanak for the inauguration of the Kartarpur Corridor. I was praying that the path for the construction of the Ram Temple be paved, the aspirations of crores of Ram devotees be fulfilled, and all our prayers be fulfilled. The decision came in favor of the Ram Temple on the same day. Now, today, after Dhwajarohan of Dharma Dhwaja in Ayodhya, I have got the opportunity to seek blessings from the Sikh Sangat."



On the land of Kurukshetra, PM Modi also inaugurated the Panchajanya Memorial and offered prayers at Brahma Sarovar, one of India's holiest pilgrimage sites. It is said to be associated with the divine revelations of the Shrimad Bhagavad Gita. Standing on this very land of Kurukshetra, Lord Shri Krishna declared the protection of truth and justice as the greatest dharma. He said, "स्वधर्मे निधनं श्रेयः" meaning, "Sacrificing one's life for one's dharma on the path of truth is the greatest." Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji also considered the protection of truth, justice, and faith as his dharma, and he defended this dharma with his life. Because of this sacrifice, Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib is revered as "Hind Di Chadar."

During the event, the Government of India released a commemorative postage stamp and a special coin dedicated to Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji. Prime Minister Modi said at the



The Dhwajarohan of the Dharma Dhwaj at the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Temple took place on the auspicious Panchami Tithi of the Shukla Paksha (waxing phase of the bright fortnight) of the month of Margashirsha, which coincides with the Abhijit Muhurta (the auspicious time of the marriage of Lord Rama and Mother Sita). This day symbolizes the divine union. This day also marks the martyrdom of the ninth Sikh Guru, Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji. He meditated continuously for 48 hours in Ayodhya in the 17th century, further enhancing the day's spiritual significance.



event, "I wish that our government continues to serve the Guru tradition in this manner." In honor of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji's 350th martyrdom anniversary, the Government of India is celebrating a year-long commemoration.

In Kurukshetra, PM Modi also visited an exhibition showcasing Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji's indomitable courage, sacrifice, and our cultural heritage. He said that the strong form of India today is also a reflection of the sacrifice and dedication of great men like Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib. Personalities like Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji are rare in history. His life, his sacrifice, and his character are a great inspiration. In that era of Mughal invaders, Guru Sahib set an example of bravery. Last month, these sacred 'Joda Sahibs' of Guru Maharaj were taken from Delhi to Patna Sahib as part of a sacred pilgrimage. There, I also had the opportunity to bow my head before these sacred 'Joda Sahibs'. PM Modi, while describing the return of three original forms of Guru Granth Sahib from Afghanistan to India some time ago as a moment of pride for every citizen of the country. He further said that our government has made an effort to connect every pilgrimage site of the Gurus with the form of modern India.

Whether it's the completion of the Kartarpur Corridor, the construction of the ropeway project at Hemkund Sahib, or the expansion of the Virasat-e-Khalsa Museum at Anandpur Sahib, the country has strived to accomplish all these tasks with utmost devotion, embracing the glorious tradition of the Gurus as its ideal. Everyone knows how the Mughals crossed all limits of cruelty, even with the brave Sahibzadas. The brave Sahibzadas accepted being bricked into the wall but did not abandon their duty and dharma. To honor these ideals, Veer Bal Diwas is now celebrated every year on December 26th. The history of the Sikh tradition and the teachings of the Gurus have also been included in the national curriculum, so that these ideals of service, courage, and truth become the foundation of the thinking of the new generation. ●

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India's Growth Model is an Inspiration for the World



We have not only expanded the scope of the social security cover, but we are also steadfastly working on the mission of saturation, meaning that not a single beneficiary should be left out of the benefits of any scheme. When a government works with this goal, seeking to reach every beneficiary, the scope for any kind of discrimination is eliminated.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

As the world is apprehensive about the obstacles facing the global economy, India is moving steadily and rapidly toward a brighter future. Today, India is not only an emerging market but also an emerging model. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, speaking at the sixth Ramnath Goenka Lecture in New Delhi on November 17, said that the world is recognizing India's growth model as a model of hope...

The past four to five years have been full of challenges for the world. In 2020, the corona-virus pandemic plunged the global economy into uncertainty. Global supply chains were hit very hard, and the world began to spiral into despair. Amidst these crises, India's economy achieved high growth rates. In 2022, the European crisis impacted global supply chains and energy markets. Despite this, the country's economy continued to grow rapidly in 2022-23. In the sixth Ramnath Goenka Lecture, Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke about India's development and its promise to reach every person. PM Modi said that even when the situation in West Asia deteriorated in 2023, the growth rate remained strong. Even this year, when the world is experiencing instability, our growth rate is still around 7 percent. Despite numerous challenges, they failed to halt India's progress.

It is crucial for a country's development that the benefits of development reach everyone. When the benefits of government schemes reach every-one, including the oppressed, the exploited, and the deprived, social justice is ensured. When fast social justice is ensured, the country progresses rapidly on the path of development. This is why today's India is eager to develop and become self-reliant. PM Modi described the work done on



Committed to duty, guided by national interest

Goenka drew inspiration from a Gita verse: सुख दुःखे समे कृत्वा, लाभा-लाभौ जया-जयौ। ततो युद्धाय युज्यस्व, नैवं पापं अवाप्स्यसि।। which means happiness and sorrow, gain and loss, and defeat and victory are the same side of the coin and fight for the fulfillment of your duty; by doing so, you will not only fight for the fulfillment of your duty; but also not commit any sin. He prioritized national interest over ideology. After independence, when the issue of Hyderabad and the atrocities of the Razakars gained momentum, he helped Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. Furthermore, in the 1970s, when the student movement in Bihar needed a leader, he, along with Nanaji Deshmukh, prepared Jayaprakash Narayan to lead the movement. Even during the Emergency, he did not bow down. No matter how powerful the forces, he always stood by the truth and put duty above all else.

Free ourselves from Macaulay's mentality of slavery BY 2035

Prime Minister Modi called for...We are not against the English language. We support Indian languages. 2035 will mark 200 years since the injustice committed by Macaulay in 1835. Therefore, I want to make a call to the entire nation: in the next 10 years, we must resolve to free ourselves from the slave mentality that Macaulay has instilled in India. These 10 years are crucial. We must end the journey that began in 1835 by 2035. My dream is to end this thinking.





Social justice is now a reality

A campaign to build 120 million toilets for people forced to defecate in the open brought dignity to the lives of the poor.

57 Crore Jan Dhan bank accounts achieved financial inclusion for them.

4 Crore people given pucca houses, which gave them the courage to dream new dreams and increased their risk-taking capacity.

25 Crore people have defeated poverty in the last 11 years.

social security in the last 11 years as remarkable. Ten years ago, only 250 million people were covered by social security. Now, this number has increased to 940 million, and this is true social justice.

RAMNATH GOENKA GAVE A NEW HEIGHT TO POWER OF MASS MOVEMENTS

Ramnath Goenka gave a new height to the power of journalism, expression, and mass movements in Indian democracy. As a visionary, an institution builder, a nationalist, and a media leader, he established the Indian Express Group not just as a newspaper, but as a mission among the people of India. Remembering Ramnath Goenka, PM Modi noted that under his leadership, the group became the voice of India's democratic values and national interests. Therefore, in this era of the 21st century, as India moves forward with the resolve to develop, its commitment, efforts, and vision are a great inspiration for us. ●

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Four Labour Codes Implemented

Transforming Labour Governance
Respect for All, Security for All

The power of "Satyameva Jayate" (truthful victory) is equally powerful for national development, because through the hard work of everyone, the thinking of everyone, the enthusiasm of everyone, and the contribution of every worker, a new India is becoming self-reliant. Following Prime Minister Narendra Modi's mantra of "Shrameva Jayate", four labour codes were implemented on November 21, 2025. These reforms are a major step towards empowering, protecting, and respecting every worker in the country...

A person who works is a labourer, a "Shramyogi," devoted to work. Addresses many problems of individuals, society, and the nation, and fulfils essential needs. There is a need to view them with respect and give them recognition, along with timely reforms in government systems. The dignity of labour and the worker in social life, the pride of the "Shramyogi", is the collective responsibility of the nation.

In a historic decision, the Government of India has announced that the four Labour Codes – the Code on Wages, 2019, the Industrial Relations Code, 2020, the Code on Social Security, 2020, and the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020 – are being made effective from 21st



Code 1 The Code of Wages, 2019

The Code on Wages, 2019, seeks to simplify, consolidate, and rationalize the provisions of four existing laws.

Key Issues

- ✓ Under the Wage Code, 2019, the number of rules has been reduced from 163 to 58, the number of forms from 20 to 6, and the number of registers from 24 to 2.
- ✓ **Minimum Wage:** This code ensures the right to a minimum wage for all workers in both the organized and unorganized sectors
- ✓ **Wage Determination:** The government will determine minimum wages by considering workers' skill levels, geographical areas, and job conditions. Previously, the minimum wage applied only to scheduled employment, which covered approximately 30% of the workforce.
- ✓ **Gender Equality:** There will be no discrimination on the basis of gender in recruitment, wages, and conditions of employment for the same work.
- ✓ **Wage Payment:** Previously applicable only to employees earning up to ₹24,000 per month, it will now apply to all employees above this salary limit.
- ✓ **Overtime Compensation:** Employers cannot pay overtime wages at a rate less than double the normal wage for any work performed beyond regular working hours.
- ✓ One Nation, One Wage Code – consolidates four existing wage laws into one, providing a uniform definition of wages, workers, employees, etc.



"Shramev Jayate! Our government has given effect to the Four Labour Codes. It is one of the most comprehensive and progressive labour-orientated reforms since Independence. It greatly empowers our workers. It also significantly simplifies compliance and promotes 'Ease of Doing Business'.

Narendra Modi,
Prime Minister

November 2025, rationalising 29 existing labour laws. By modernising labour regulations, enhancing workers' welfare and aligning the labour ecosystem with the evolving world of work, this landmark move lays the foundation for a future-ready workforce and stronger, resilient industries driving labour reforms for Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who gave the slogan "Shramev Jayate" from the ramparts of the Red Fort on August 15, 2015, welcomed the implementation of the four labour codes, stating that these codes ensure social security, timely wages, and a safe workplace for working brothers and sisters. Furthermore, they will lay a strong foundation for better and more profitable opportunities. Our mothers, sisters, and young people will

Code 2 The Industrial Relations Code, 2020

The Industrial Relations Code (IR Code) acknowledges the fact that the survival of the worker depends upon the survival of the industry. It promotes harmony and ease of doing business.

Key Issues

- ✓ **Reduced compliance burden:** The number of rules has been reduced from 105 to 51, the number of forms from 37 to 18, and the number of registers from 3 to zero.
- ✓ **Fixed-term employment:** Full parity in wages and benefits, time-limited contracts permitted. Gratuity eligibility after one year.
- ✓ **Reskilling Fund:** A fund established by contributing an amount equivalent to 15 days' wages to train each retrenched employee.
- ✓ **Trade union recognition:** A union with 51% membership will be recognized as a negotiating union.
- ✓ **Expanded definition of worker:** Includes employees, journalists, and workers earning up to ₹18,000 per month.
- ✓ **Women's representation:** Ensures proportional representation of women in grievance committees to resolve gender-sensitive issues.
- ✓ **Work from home provision:** Permitted in service sectors with mutual consent.
- ✓ **Tribunals:** A two-member tribunal consisting of a judicial and administrative member for dispute resolution.
- ✓ **Direct tribunal access:** Parties can approach the tribunals directly after conciliation fails within 90 days.

Code 3 The Code on Social Security, 2020

The Code on Social Security incorporates nine existing social security acts. This code provides social security to all workers, covering life, health, maternity, and provident fund benefits.

Key Issues

- ✓ **Time-bound EPF inquiries:** A five-year limit has been set for initiating EPF inquiries and recovery proceedings.
- ✓ **Reduced EPF Appeal Deposit:** Employers appealing against EPFO orders will now have to deposit only 25% of the assessed amount.
- ✓ **Self-Assessment for Construction Cess:** Employers can now self-assess cess liabilities in respect of building and other construction work.
- ✓ **Inclusion of Gig and Platform Workers:** New definitions of social security coverage have been included – 'aggregator', 'gig worker', and 'platform worker'.
- ✓ **Social Security Fund:** A dedicated fund is proposed to finance schemes covering life, disability, health, and old-age benefits for unorganized, gig, and platform workers.
- ✓ **Expanded definition of dependents:** Extended to grandparents. Dependent parents-in-law of female employees are also included.
- ✓ **Uniform definition of wages:** 'Wages' now includes basic pay, dearness allowance, and retaining allowance.
- ✓ **Inclusion of travel accidents:** Accidents occurring while travelling between home and workplace are now considered employment-related.
- ✓ **Gratuity:** The eligibility period has been reduced from 5 years to 1 year.

especially benefit from them. PM Modi believes that these reforms will create a strong ecosystem that will protect workers' rights in the future and will give new impetus to India's economic growth. This will not only create new job opportunities but also increase productivity. It will also accelerate India's journey towards a Viksit Bharat.

Many of India's labour laws were framed in the pre-Independence and early post-Independence era (1930s–1950s), at a time when the economy and world of work were fundamentally different. While most major economies have updated and consolidated their labour regulations in recent decades, India continued to operate under fragmented,

Code 4

Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions of Service Code 2020

This Code has been formulated by incorporating, simplifying, and rationalizing relevant provisions of 13 central labour laws. It ensures worker rights and safe working conditions. This will promote economic growth and employment. It will make India's labour market more efficient, fair, and future-ready.

Key Issues

- ✓ **Unified Registration:** A uniform threshold of 10 employees has been set for electronic registration.
- ✓ **Extension to Hazardous Work:** The government can extend the provisions of this Code to any establishment with even a single employee.
- ✓ **Simplified Compliance:** A framework of one licence, one registration, and one return has been introduced for establishments.
- ✓ **Expanded Definition of Migrant Workers:** The definition of migrant workers now includes workers who are employed directly, through contractors, or migrate on their own.
- ✓ **Health:** Free annual health check-up for employees.
- ✓ **Appointment Letters:** Appointment letters will be issued, indicating wages and social security to enhance transparency and accountability.
- ✓ **Employment of Women:** Women can work in all types of establishments and during night hours with consent and safety measures.
- ✓ **Expanded definition of media worker:** 'Working journalists' and 'cine workers' now include workers in all forms of electronic media and audio-visual production.
- ✓ **National Database for Unorganized Workers:** There will be a national database for unorganized workers, including migrant workers.
- ✓ **Compensation to Victims:** In case of injury or death, courts may direct at least 50% of the fine imposed to be paid as compensation to the victims or their legal heirs.
- ✓ **Safety Committees:** Establishments with 500 or more workers will form safety committees with employer-worker representation.
- ✓ **Social Security Fund:** A fund has been established for the welfare and benefit distribution of unorganized workers.



> **Labour reforms have ensured timely wages, social security for all workers, safe and respectful workplaces, greater rights for gig and platform workers, and the empowerment of youth and women.**
>
> **Dr Mansukh Mandaviya,**
> **Union Minister of Labour and Employment**

complex and, in several parts, outdated provisions spread across 29 Central labour laws. These restrictive frameworks struggled to keep pace with changing economic realities and evolving forms of employment, creating uncertainty and increasing the compliance burden for both workers and industry. The implementation of the four Labour Codes addresses this long-pending need to move beyond colonial-era structures and align with modern global trends. Together, these codes empower both workers and enterprises, building a workforce that is protected, productive and aligned with the evolving world of work — paving the way for a more resilient, competitive and self-reliant nation.

Union Cabinet Decisions

Indigenous Integrated REPM Factory to Make a Foray in India



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The Union Cabinet approved a plan to establish India's first integrated ecosystem for sintered rare earth permanent magnet (REPM) manufacturing. This REPM ecosystem will make India a manufacturing hub for electric vehicles, renewable energy, electronics, aerospace, and defense applications. This will generate significant employment for youth. Furthermore, the Union Cabinet also approved the Pune Metro Rail Project Phase-2 and two railway multi-tracking projects...

DECISION: Approval of a ₹7,280 crore project to promote sintered rare earth permanent magnet manufacturing.

IMPACT: This one-of-a-kind initiative aims to establish an integrated REPM manufacturing capacity of 6,000 metric tons per year in India. This decision will further strengthen India's national capabilities in strategic sectors such as renewable energy, e-mobility, defense, and space. High-tech manufacturing will be encouraged, leading to increased self-reliance. India will be positioned as a major manufacturing country in the global REPM market. Sintered rare-earth permanent magnets are the most powerful permanent magnets made from alloys of rare-earth elements such as neodymium and samarium. India's REPM consumption is expected to double between 2025 and 2030, driven by rapidly growing demand for electric vehicles, renewable energy, industrial applications, and consumer electronics. Currently, India's REPM demand is primarily met through imports. The scheme has to be completed in 7 years from the date of award.

DECISION: Pune Metro Rail Project Phase 2: Kharadi-Khadakwasla (Line 4) and Nal Stop-Warje-Manik Baug (Line 4A) approved.

IMPACT: Lines 4 and 4A, totaling 31.6 kilometers with 28 elevated stations, will connect IT hubs, commercial areas, educational institutions, and residential clusters of East, South, and West Pune. The project will be completed in five years at an estimated cost of ₹9,857.85 crore. According to projections, daily ridership on Lines 4 and 4A is expected to reach 4.09 lakh combined in 2028, increasing to nearly 7 lakh in 2038, 9.63 lakh in 2048, and over 11.7 lakh in 2058. With the approval of these corridors, the Pune Metro network will span over 100 kilometers. With Lines 4 and 4A, Pune will not only get more metro tracks, but also a faster, greener, and more connected future. This corridor will reduce commute times, decongest traffic, and provide citizens with a safe, reliable, and affordable option.



> **"The Union Cabinet's decision on two multitracking projects covering four districts in Maharashtra and Gujarat will enhance rail infrastructure. Mobility, operational efficiency, and service reliability will increase. Multi-modal connectivity and logistics efficiency will also improve."**
>
> **Narendra Modi, Prime Minister**



DECISION: Approval of two railway multi-tracking projects covering four districts in Maharashtra and Gujarat.

IMPACT: The total estimated cost of the project is 2,781 crore. These two projects, covering four districts in the states of Maharashtra and Gujarat, will expand Indian Railways' existing network by approximately 224 kilometers. This initiative will strengthen Dwarkadhish Temple connectivity and the freight corridor. The approved multi-tracking project will improve connectivity to approximately 585 villages, with a population of approximately 3.2 million. The increased line capacity will significantly enhance mobility for Indian Railways, resulting in improved operational efficiency and service reliability. The project will add 18 MTPA of freight capacity. It will also result in savings of 30 million liters of fuel and a reduction of 160 million kg of CO_2, equivalent to planting 6.4 million trees. Through this development, these projects will make local people self-reliant, increasing employment and self-employment opportunities for them. These projects include -

- Devbhoomi Dwarka (Okha) - Kanalus Doubling - 141 km
- Badlapur - Karjat Third and Fourth Lines - 32 km



A Nation Moving Towards a State-of-the-Art Security System for a Viksit Bharat

India, advancing towards the goal of becoming a developed nation by 2047, is working tirelessly to achieve comprehensive transformation in all sectors. Security is the most important foundation for any nation, and therefore, the annual DGP Conference serves as a platform to further enhance police administration through technology in the changing times, while also adapting future technologies to the ground-level needs of policing.

From the ramparts of the Red Fort, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the launch of Mission Sudarshan Chakra to protect the nation against enemy attacks. Similarly, security arrangements are being continuously strengthened on the domestic front. Moving this initiative forward, Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the 60th All India Conference of Directors General/Inspectors General of Police in Raipur on November 28-30, while Prime Minister Narendra Modi presided over it. The theme of this conference was "Viksit Bharat: Security Dimensions." It was organised in Raipur, the capital of Chhattisgarh, which holds special significance, as India aims to achieve complete liberation from Naxalism by March 31, 2026.

The conference reviewed the progress made so far in dealing with the challenges faced by the police and prepared a visionary roadmap for building a secure India. In particular, issues such as combating left-wing extremism, fighting terrorism, disaster management, women's safety, and the use of forensic science and AI were prominently discussed.

Over the past seven years, the security perimeter has been strengthened by building 586 fortified police stations. As a result, the number of Naxal-affected districts has decreased from 126 in 2014 to 11.

On the final day of the conference, Prime Minister Modi emphasised the urgent need to change public perception of the police, especially among the youth, by promoting efficiency, sensitivity, and accountability. He emphasised the need to strengthen urban policing, revitalize tourist police, and increase public awareness about the new Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, and Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, which have replaced colonial-era criminal laws. Prime Minister Modi presented the

Increased Importance of the DGP/IGP Conference

The Prime Minister has taken a keen interest in the DGP Conference since 2014. Unlike the earlier symbolic presence, he encourages free and informal discussions at the conference, allowing top police officers to directly brief the Prime Minister on key policy-making and internal security issues affecting the country. Since 2014, Prime Minister Modi has also begun a new practice of holding it outside Delhi.

- In 2014, it was held in Guwahati.
- In 2015, it was held in Dhordo, Gulf of Kutch.
- In 2016, it was held at the National Police Academy, Hyderabad.
- In 2017, it was held at the BSF Academy, Tekanpur.
- In 2018, it was held in Kevadia.
- In 2019, it was held at IISER, Pune.
- 2020 DGP Conference was held virtually due to COVID.
- Held in Lucknow in 2021.
- Held in New Delhi in 2022.
- Held in Jaipur in 2023.
- Held in Bhubaneswar in 2024.
- Held in Raipur in 2025.



A holistic government approach is needed to address drug abuse, combining enforcement, rehabilitation, and community-level intervention.

Narendra Modi, **Prime Minister**

The central government has provided a permanent solution to the three hotspots that have been a scourge for the country for the past 40 years: Naxalism, the Northeast, and Jammu and Kashmir.

President's Police Medals for Distinguished Service to Intelligence Bureau officers. He also presented awards to three cities that performed best in urban policing. This award was first instituted to encourage innovation and improvement in urban policing.

In fact, human resource management has been among the priorities of the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. This can be gauged from the fact that during previous governments, the Prime Minister or the Home Minister would participate only formally-either in the inaugural or the closing session of the administrative meetings of Directors General of Police and Inspectors General of Police.

But PM Modi changed this, and whether it was a meeting of Directors General of Police of all states or a dialogue with IAS and IPS officers, he or Home Minister Amit Shah attended these meetings throughout, establishing a framework for better coordination at the top level. Prime Minister Modi has consistently shown keen interest in this annual conference, encouraging candid discussions. He has created an environment where new ideas on policing can emerge.

Safran Aircraft Engine Services Centre Opens

Aviation and Shipping Sectors to gain new momentum

India's aviation and shipping sectors are growing rapidly. Consequently, the need for maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) facilities is also increasing. To this end, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Safran Aircraft Engine Services India facility in Hyderabad on November 26th.





85% of the country's maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) work has been taking place outside the country, leading to significant time and financial costs. Furthermore, aircraft are often grounded for extended periods. This situation is not conducive to a large aviation market like India. This is why India is now working on aviation-related MRO systems alongside shipping. Safran's global training, knowledge transfer, and partnerships with Indian institutions will build a resilient workforce in the country that will provide new impetus and direction to the entire MRO ecosystem in the years to come. This facility will create numerous employment opportunities for the youth of South India. Prime Minister Narendra Modi elucidated that the country does not want to limit itself to aviation MRO but is also working on a large scale on the shipping-related MRO ecosystem.

PM Modi said that this new facility will help establish India as a global MRO hub. It will also create new opportunities for youth in the high-tech aerospace world. Spread across 45,000 square meters within the GMR Aerospace and Industrial Park (SEZ), this state-of-the-art facility has been developed with an initial investment of approximately ₹1,300 crore. Once fully operational by 2035, the facility will employ over 1,000 highly skilled Indian technicians and engineers.

> **"India has rapid growth, a stable government, a reform-oriented mindset, a huge young talent pool, a vast domestic market, and, most importantly, for those investing in India, we consider them not just investors but co-creators.**
>
> **Narendra Modi, Prime Minister**

Today, India is among the world's fastest-growing domestic aviation markets. Demand for air travel in India is steadfastly increasing, leading the country's airlines to consistently expand their active fleets. Indian airlines have placed orders for over 1,500 new aircraft. This will further strengthen the MRO ecosystem in the future. PM Modi also urged the Safran team to explore the potential for aircraft engine and component design in India. In fact, today's India isn't just dreaming big, it's taking big decisions and achieving even greater heights. ●

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"One Acre, One Season": The New Mantra of Natural Farming

Natural Farming...

India on Its Way to Becoming a Global Hub

"Natural farming is an indigenous Indian concept-not imported from elsewhere-but born from tradition and aligned with the environment." These words from Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the inauguration of the South India Natural Farming Summit 2025 in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, on November 19, signal a new era of natural farming. From this platform, PM Modi gave the mantra of "One Acre, One Season" to increase farmer participation in the National Natural Farming Mission...

Agriculture and farmers are at the heart of India's economy and culture. Not only does the agriculture sector contribute 17% to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), but it also provides employment to more than 60 percent of the country's population. This is why, over the past 11 years, the central government has worked extensively in this sector, leading India towards agricultural self-reliance. Agricultural exports have nearly doubled. This year, farmers have received assistance worth over ₹10 lakh crore. The central government's National Mission on Natural Farming marked one year since its launch in November 2025. During this period, approximately five and a half lakh farmers have joined the mission. At the inauguration ceremony of the South India Natural Farming Summit 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi stated that India is on its way to becoming a global hub for natural farming. Our biodiversity is taking a new shape, and the country's youth are now seeing agriculture as a modern and scalable opportunity. This will give a significant





National Farmers' Day - December 23

Prospering Farmers...

Strengthening of Rural Economy

Farmers, revered as the lifeline of the nation and "Annadatas", are the foundation of India's prosperity. National Farmers' Day, observed every year on December 23rd, celebrates the contributions of these farmers. On this occasion, let us understand how the Central Government has been strengthening the rural economy over the past 11 years through new schemes, initiatives, and financial support to make farmers self-reliant, increase their income, and foster prosperity in New India...

Budget for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare

₹21,933 Crore — 2013-14

₹1,37,756 Crore — 2025-26

Hallmark of Success (Data as of July 2025)

24.88

Lakh farmers enrolled in the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maandhan Yojana.

78.41 crore applications have been insured under the PM Fasal Bima Yojana since 2016, with claims paid worth ₹1.83 lakh crore.

- Crop damage by wild animals and waterlogging in paddy crops are both included in the PMFBY. Crop damage by wild animals is recognized as the fifth 'add-on cover' in the localised risk category. Farmers must report crop damage within 72 hours with geotagged photos on the crop insurance app. Will be implemented nationwide from the Kharif season 2026.

Over **₹93,000** crore allocated under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana for the year 2021-26, 112 irrigation projects implemented. Dependence on the monsoon reduced.

7.71 crore farmers received ₹10 lakh crore in the KCC Scheme;with loan limit was raised to ₹5 lakh.

25.17 crore soil health cards issued. 8,272 soil testing laboratories established.

boost to the country's rural economy.

Expanding natural farming is a key requirement of 21st-century agriculture. In recent years, the growing demand for food has led to a rapid increase in the use of chemicals in agricultural fields and on farms. Excessive use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides is leading to a decline in soil fertility and impacting moisture. Along with this, the cost of agriculture is also steadily increasing. The solution to this problem lies in crop diversification and natural farming. Based on these facts, PM Modi has stated that we must move towards natural farming. This is both our vision and our need. Natural farming helps us cope with climate change. It can maintain the health of our soil. It can also protect people from harmful chemicals. State governments and FPOs play a vital role in this natural farming campaign. In the past few years, 10,000 FPOs have been formed. With the support of FPOs, we should create small clusters or groups of farmers. Provide facilities for cleaning, processing, and packaging, and connect directly to online markets. This will further increase the profit potential for farmers involved in natural farming.

MULTICULTURAL FARMING IS CORE PHILOSOPHY OF NATURAL FARMING

Farmers in South India are advancing by combining

₹4 lakh crore deposited in farmers' accounts

The central government is continuously taking steps to empower farmers. On Nov. 19, 2025, under the PM-KISAN scheme launched in the 2018-19 financial year, PM Modi transferred ₹18,000 crore to the accounts of 9 crore farmers as the 21st installment. So far, more than ₹4 lakh crore has been transferred to the bank accounts of small farmers under this scheme.

Even educated youth are now turning to agri-training

PM Modi also interacted with farmers involved in natural farming. The farmers informed him about more than 100 natural products from South India – highlighting honey as a key item – along with a thousand traditional varieties of paddy, four types of tea including white tea, and products made from banana waste. They also shared details about 25 GI-tagged products. PM Modi spoke about Gujarat's "Cattle Hostel" concept for clean villages and efficient livestock care. When he asked whether young people were coming for training, the farmers said that a large number of youth are actively participating. Earlier, such individuals were considered eccentric, but now they earn ₹2 lakh per month and are seen as sources of inspiration.

- 1,13,419 projects under the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund received ₹66,310 crore in approvals and attracted ₹1,07,502 crore in investment.
- 1.8 lakh centres established as one-stop shops for Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samriddhi Kendra.
- 14.99 lakh hectares of land were brought under organic farming under Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana by forming 52,289 clusters. 25.30 lakh farmers benefited.
- More than 1.79 crore farmers and 4,518 FPOs registered on e-NAM, and trade worth about Rs 4.5 lakh crore was done on e-NAM.
- 41 Mega Food Parks have been established, up from just 2 in 2014.



Natural farming has begun on over 5.45 lakh hectares of land

More than 1.43 million farmers have joined the National Mission on Natural Farming, approved by the Union Cabinet on November 25, 2024, with an outlay of ₹2,481 crore, as of August 2025. These farmers are practising natural farming on over 5.45 lakh hectares. Under this mission, each farmer is given an incentive of ₹4,000 per year (per farmer per acre) for two years.

Benefits of Natural Farming...

A study conducted by the Indian Agricultural Systems Research Institute on the farms of 484 farmers at 20 locations in 16 states revealed that natural farming leads to a 0.25% increase in soil organic carbon content and a 29% reduction in production costs. According to an ICAR study, the benefit-cost ratio has improved by 15% to 270% in three states.

agricultural innovation with the core philosophy of Indian farming. This includes multicultural farming. In many regions of South India – such as Kerala or the hilly areas of Karnataka – farmers grow coconut, areca nut, and various fruit trees together in the same field. In the lower sections, spices and pepper are cultivated.

Prime Minister Modi also considers this to be the core philosophy of natural farming. He wants to take this model of farming to the national level. He has urged state governments to consider how this type of natural farming can be implemented across different regions of the country. PM Modi has described South India as a living university of agriculture.

NATURAL FARMING MUST BECOME A SCIENCE-BACKED MOVEMENT

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's appeal... "We must ensure that natural farming truly becomes a science-backed movement. I urge all scientists and institutions to make natural farming a core part of the agricultural curriculum. Go to villages and make farmers' fields your laboratories. When farmers' traditional knowledge, the power of science, and government support are combined, farmers will prosper and our Mother Earth will remain healthy." ●

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Nuclear Energy

New Strength of Viksit Bharat

The role of nuclear energy in accelerating India's resolve to become a developed nation is becoming more powerful. Expanding its reach as a clean, reliable, long-term energy source and implementing indigenous technologies, emerging research capabilities, and cutting-edge projects, India is today firmly positioned among global nuclear power nations. With these efforts, India is moving towards a sustainable, secure, and self-reliant energy future...

To achieve the broader objectives of a developed India, ensure energy reliability, and reduce dependence on fossil fuels, the Government of India has outlined major developments under a long-term energy transition strategy. As part of this, the central government has set an ambitious target of 100 GW of nuclear power capacity by 2047. Strategic interventions and infrastructure investments are underway to achieve this goal, with a focus on indigenous nuclear technology and public-private partnerships.

Recognizing nuclear energy as a critical component for achieving energy security, the government has launched the Nuclear Energy Mission for a Developed India. This



Government Initiatives to Expand India's Nuclear Capacity

India is actively expanding its nuclear power capacity to meet growing energy demands and achieve environmental goals. The government has taken steps to increase nuclear power capacity from the current 8,780 MW to 22,480 MW by 2031-32. This expansion includes the construction and commissioning of ten reactors with a total capacity of 8,000 MW in Gujarat, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Haryana, Karnataka, and Madhya Pradesh. Pre-project activities have begun for another ten reactors, which are planned to be completed by 2031-32. Furthermore, the government has granted in-principle approval to establish a 6 x 1208 MW nuclear power plant in collaboration with the United States at Kovvada in Srikakulam district in the state of Andhra Pradesh.

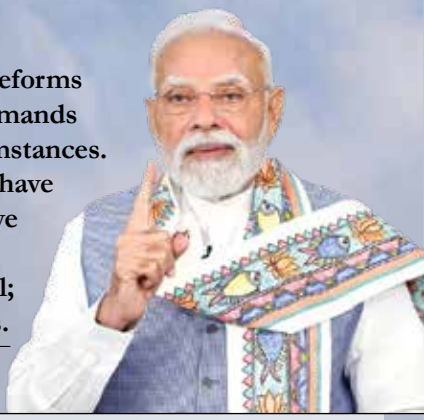
On September 19, 2024, the country achieved a significant milestone in the field of nuclear energy. Unit 7 of the Rajasthan Atomic Power Project, one of the country's largest and the third indigenous nuclear reactor, has reached criticality. The plant initiated a controlled fission chain reaction. This symbolizes India's growing capability to build and operate indigenous nuclear reactors powered by homegrown technology.

- By 2047, India is moving forward with a resolve to increase its nuclear power capacity more than tenfold.
- **Annual nuclear power generation increased by 60%** from 35,592 million units in 2014-15 to 56,681 million units in 2024-25.
- **Installed nuclear capacity increased by 71%** from approximately 4,780 MW in 2014 to 8,780 MW in 2025 across 25 nuclear reactors operated by Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL).

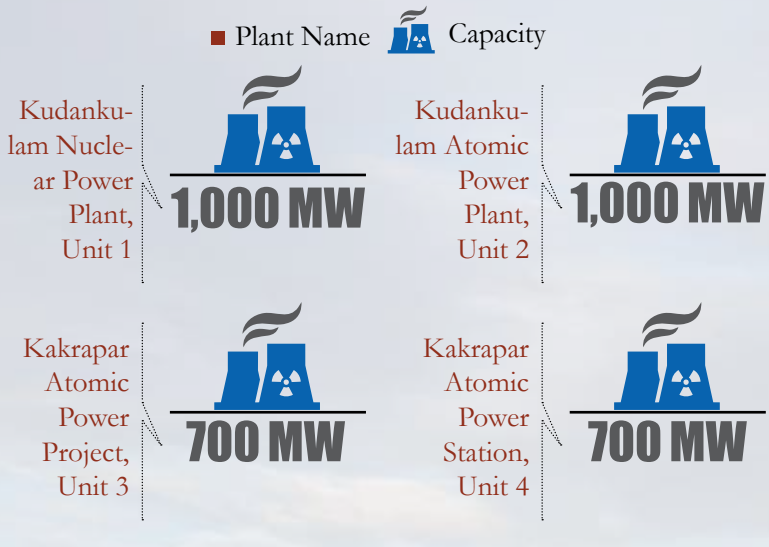


Reform is a continuous process; reforms must be undertaken as per the demands of the times and prevailing circumstances. In the field of nuclear energy, we have introduced major reforms. We have now opened the doors of nuclear energy to the private sector as well; we want to combine our strengths.

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



New nuclear reactors commissioned in 11 years





initiative aims to enhance domestic nuclear capabilities, promote private sector participation, and accelerate the deployment of advanced nuclear technologies such as small modular reactors. The government has allocated ₹20,000 crore for this initiative, with the goal of developing at least five indigenously designed and operational small modular reactors by 2033.

G20 SOUTH AFRICA 2025

Solidarity, Equality & Sustainability
Highlights of the Summit

The G-20 Summit held in Johannesburg, South Africa, marked the advent of a new era of global partnership, social justice, and sustainable development. Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the summit from November 21 to 23 at the invitation of South African President Cyril Ramaphosa. During his visit, he addressed several sessions of the Summit and held bilateral meetings with several global leaders, during which several important decisions were taken.



During the G-20 summit in 2023, under India's presidency, the African Union was made one of its members. The G20 summit was held in South Africa for the first time from November 21 to 23. This time, the theme of the G-20 Summit was "Solidarity, Equality, and Sustainability." South Africa, through this summit, sought to advance the outcomes of the previous summits held in India and Brazil. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who attended the G-20 summit for the 12th time, presented the country's vision in alignment with 'वसुधैव कुटुम्बकम' and 'One Earth, One Family, and One Future'.

FIRST SESSION

In the first session of the summit on November 22, PM Modi said that commendable work has been done under South Africa's presidency on issues such as skilled migration, tourism, food security, AI, the digital economy, innovation, and women's empowerment. Over the past several decades, the G-20 has shaped global finance and global economic growth. PM Modi proposed to create a Global Traditional Knowledge Repository within the G-20, which could serve as the basis for the Indian Knowledge Systems Initiative. This could become a global platform that would help disseminate humanity's

collective knowledge to future generations. Promoting Africa's development and young talent is in the global interest. This is why India has proposed the G-20-Africa Skills Multiplier Initiative. This could operate under a 'train-the-trainers' model for different sectors. PM Modi stated that the collective goal is to train one million trainers in Africa over the next decade. India has proposed the formation of a G20 Global Healthcare Response Team, composed of trained medical experts from G20 countries, ready for rapid deployment in the event of a global health crisis or natural disaster. We must work together to ensure that the voice of the Global South is amplified in all global institutions.

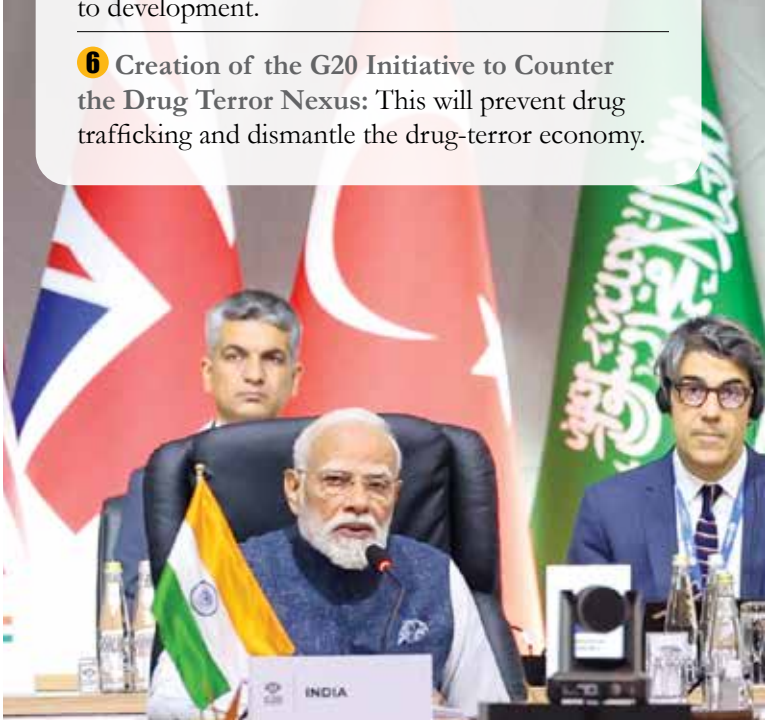
SECOND SESSION

PM Modi said that natural disasters pose a significant challenge to humanity. Therefore, global cooperation must be strengthened to address natural disasters. With this vision, India established the Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group during its G20 presidency. South Africa has also taken this agenda forward. India believes that space technology benefits all humanity. Therefore, India has proposed the G20 Open Satellite Data Partnership. This will make satellite data and analysis from G20 space agencies more accessible, interoperable, and useful for countries in the Global South.

Sustainability and clean energy are essential for global growth. Critical minerals play a vital role in ensuring this. Therefore, India has proposed the G20 Critical Mineral Circularity Initiative. This initiative could promote innovations such as recycling, urban mining, and second-life batteries. During the G20 summit in New Delhi, India pledged to triple renewable energy and double energy efficiency by 2030. To achieve this goal, developed countries must fulfill their commitments to provide affordable climate finance and technology in a timely manner.

The Prime Minister outlined India's vision for development, progress, and well-being for all, placing six points before the G20 for consideration...

1. **Building the G20 Global Traditional Knowledge Repository:** This will harness humanity's collective wisdom for the benefit of future generations.
2. **Building the G20 Africa Skills Multiplier:** This program aims to create a pool of 10 Lakh certified trainers to skill youth in Africa. This will build local capacities and promote long-term development on the continent.
3. **Building the G20 Global Healthcare Response Team:** This will comprise healthcare experts from each G20 country and can be deployed to address global health challenges in any part of the world.
4. **Establishing the G20 Open Satellite Data Partnership:** Through this program, satellite data from G20 space agencies will be made available to developing countries for activities such as agriculture, fisheries, disaster management, and more.
5. **Creation of the G20 Critical Minerals Circularity Initiative:** This initiative will promote recycling, urban mining, second-life battery projects, and a variety of innovations. It will help strengthen supply chain security and develop cleaner pathways to development.
6. **Creation of the G20 Initiative to Counter the Drug Terror Nexus:** This will prevent drug trafficking and dismantle the drug-terror economy.





Global Institutions Are Far From 21st-Century Realities agrees IBSA

IBSA (India, Brazil, and South Africa) is not just a group of three countries; it is an important platform connecting three continents, three major democratic powers, and three large economies. All three countries agreed that global institutions are far from 21st-century realities. None of the three countries is a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council. This clearly demonstrates that global institutions do not represent today's world. Therefore, IBSA must unanimously send a message to the entire world that institutional reform is no longer an option, but a necessity. This year, IBSA was chaired by Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva. At the meeting, Prime Minister Modi noted that the first meeting of the National Security Advisors of the three countries was held in 2021 under India's IBSA chairmanship. The three countries can institutionalize this to strengthen security cooperation. On counter-terrorism, the Prime Minister emphasized the need for strong coordination, saying that there should be no room for double standards when fighting terrorism. Technology plays a vital role in ensuring human-centric development. PM Modi proposed the establishment of an 'IBSA Digital Innovation Alliance' to facilitate the sharing of digital public infrastructure like UPI, health platforms like CoWIN, a cybersecurity framework, and women-led technology initiatives among the three countries.

PM Modi holds bilateral talks with global leaders

Prime Minister Narendra Modi met with South African President Cyril Ramaphosa, Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney, Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi, and Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese.



India-South Africa

The two leaders reviewed bilateral relations and expressed satisfaction with progress in various areas of cooperation, including trade and investment, food security, skills development, mining, youth, and people-to-people ties. They discussed ways to enhance cooperation in the areas of artificial intelligence, digital public infrastructure, and critical minerals. Prime Minister Modi thanked President Ramaphosa for the relocation of South African cheetahs to India and invited him to join the India-led International Big Cat Alliance.

AI IMPACT SUMMIT भारत 2026 INDIA

India will host the AI Impact Summit in February 2026, with the theme: For the welfare of all, for the well-being of all. India has invited G-20 countries to participate.



India-Canada

The Prime Ministers of the two countries discussed cooperation in trade and investment, defense, education, space, science and technology, and energy. PM Carney expressed support for the AI Summit being hosted by India in February 2026. They agreed to commence negotiations on a high-profile Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), to double trade between the two countries to $50 billion by 2030. The two leaders stressed the importance of regular high-level dialogue.



India-Japan

The two leaders reaffirmed the importance of the India-Japan Special Strategic and Global Partnership, based on civilizational ties, shared values, mutual goodwill, and a commitment to a free and open Indo-Pacific. The two leaders emphasized their commitment to further deepen the India-Japan partnership for regional and global peace, prosperity, and stability. The leaders acknowledged the continued progress made in bilateral relations during the 15th India-Japan Annual Summit.



India-Australia

The two leaders discussed further strengthening bilateral cooperation in a wide range of areas, including political and strategic issues, defense and security, trade and investment, energy, critical minerals, technology, mobility, education, and people-to-people contacts. They also exchanged views on regional and global issues of mutual interest. They reiterated their commitment to elevate the India-Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership to even greater heights.



India-Italy

The two countries adopted the 'India-Italy Joint Initiative to Combat Terrorism Financing'. This initiative aims to strengthen bilateral cooperation against terrorism and enhance partnership in multilateral forums such as the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) and the Global Counter Terrorism Forum (GCTF). The two leaders reviewed the progress of the bilateral strategic partnership in areas such as trade and investment, defense, security, space, science and technology, education, and people-to-people contacts. The two leaders also expressed satisfaction with the progress of the Joint Strategic Action Plan 2025-29.

INDIA'S MESSAGE TO THE G-20

- Growth must be sustainable
- Trade must be trusted
- Finance must be equitable
- Progress must be inclusive

THIRD SESSION

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the third session of the Summit (theme: "A Fair and Just Future for All – Critical Minerals; Decent Work; Artificial Intelligence"). He called for a tectonic shift in the way critical technologies are promoted. They should be based on "human-centric" rather than "finance-centric," "global" rather than "national," and "open source" rather than "exclusive models." AI systems impact human life, security, and public trust, and therefore must be made accountable. Most importantly, AI should enhance human capabilities, but the ultimate responsibility for decision-making should always remain with humans.

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56th
International Film Festival
of India Concludes

The Magic of Cinema Will Last Forever



The 56th International Film Festival of India (IFFI), held in Goa, featured several new initiatives that reflect innovation and inclusivity. The festival aimed to encourage emerging filmmakers and provide them with a platform to showcase their talent. It offered young talents the opportunity to showcase their creativity, share ideas, and gain international recognition. The cinematic radiance of the 56th IFFI event, which concluded on November 28 at Goa's Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium, will continue to shine for ages to come...

The International Film Festival of India was held in Goa from November 20 to 28, 2025. India is the world's largest country in terms of film production and film-viewing audiences. Indian cinema is making a strong impact globally, and the 56th International Film Festival of India is an important milestone in this endeavour. Powerful stories and vibrant performances lit up the silver screens and stages during IFFI's nine-day film festival, captivating audiences and demonstrating a global spirit of art. Emerging artists walked the red carpet, and spectacular cultural performances were presented, while established and emerging cinematic talents were honoured.

Addressing the closing ceremony of IFFI 2025, Union Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting and Parliamentary Affairs, Dr L. Murugan, stated that this year's IFFI featured tableaux and cultural exhibitions from various states and Goa-based production houses, showcasing India's rich cultural heritage. This year's festival celebrated the birth centenary of legendary film personalities such as Guru Dutt, Raj Khosla, Ritwik Ghatak, Bhupen Hazarika, P. Bhanumathi, Salil Chowdhury, and K. Vaikunth. The Waves



A Golden Saga: Celebrating Rajinikanth's 50-Year Iconic Film Career

The legendary actor Rajinikanth, who completed 50 years in Indian cinema, was specially honoured at the closing ceremony. This achievement reflects his enduring impact on the nation's film culture. The iconic actor, who has mesmerised Indian audiences for half a century, expressed his gratitude to the Central Government for this honour. Actor Rajinikanth said, "When I look back, it feels like time has flown by because I love cinema and acting. I would like to live a hundred lives as an actor and as Rajinikanth. Thank you very much for your love and affection. This honour belongs to the entire film industry—producers, directors, technicians, distributors, exhibitors, and everyone involved."

'Gondhal' Wins Silver Peacock for Direction

- Santosh Davakhar received the Silver Peacock Award for his direction of the Marathi film 'Gondhal'.
- Ubeimar Rios received the Silver Peacock Award for Best Male Actor, and Zara Sofia Ostan received the Silver Peacock Award for Best Female Actress.
- Iranian filmmaker Hesam Farahmand and Estonian filmmaker Tonis Pil were declared joint winners for Best Debut Feature Film of a Director.
- 'Skin of Youth', directed by Ashley Mayfair, won the prestigious 'Golden Peacock' Award for Best Feature Film.
- Akinola Davis Jr, director of 'My Father's Shadow', received the Special Jury Award.
- Karan Singh Tyagi, director of the Hindi film 'Kesari Chapter 2', won the Best Debut Director of an Indian Feature Film.
- Bandish Bandits Season 2 won the Best Web Series (OTT) Award.
- The Norwegian film 'Safe House' receives the prestigious ICFT-UNESCO Gandhi Medal.

56th International Film Festival of India



81 countries showcased over 240 films

160 films in the international arena, including 13 world premieres.

Over **80** award-winning films and 21 official Oscar-nominated films will be screened at IFFI 2025.

- Over 55 films under the 'Cinema of the World' category and a special selection of 133 international films that have previously screened at various film festivals.

Film Bazaar generated revenue of over ₹1,050 crore for emerging filmmakers, while 125 young talents participated in the CMOT programme, demonstrating IFFI's commitment to nurturing new creators. For the first time in IFFI's history, 50 films directed by women were screened.

Speaking on the occasion, Secretary of the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting Sanjay Jaju stated that Prime Minister Narendra Modi said at the WAVES Summit that this is the time for the dawn of the orange economy. Jaju further said that IFFI 2025 has taken a bold step in that direction—creating opportunities for creators and showcasing Indian talent proudly on the global stage. He also said that the Indian Institute of Creative Technology (IICT) will help creators to not only hone up their skills and craft but also learn the technology, which is also an integral part of any creative production.

India's Gen Z...

Mastering skills to provide innovative solutions

India, a leader in the global satellite launch ecosystem, is now recognized as a strategic superpower in the space sector, with increasing private sector participation. Opening space to the private sector is providing immense opportunities for youth. Meanwhile, Gen Z... is also providing innovative solutions in every field. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Skyroot Infinity Campus in Hyderabad on November 27th and unveiled Vikram 1, first privately developed Indian orbital rocket, reflecting India's space journey.



In just the last 6-7 years, India has transformed its space sector into an open, cooperative, and innovation-driven ecosystem. India possesses capabilities in the space sector that few countries in the world possess. The country's youth are finding solutions to every problem with their innovation, risk-taking, and entrepreneurial spirit. When the government opened the space sector, the country's youth, especially Gen Z, came forward. Today, more than 300 space startups in the country are giving new hope to India's space future.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said at the ceremony that today's event is a reflection of how India will emerge as a leader in the global satellite launch ecosystem in the future. India's space journey began with limited resources. From carrying rocket parts on bicycles to developing the world's most reliable launch vehicle, India has proven that dreams are not determined by resources, but by determination. Expansion of the space sector is essential, as it has become a strong medium of communications, agriculture, maritime surveillance, urban planning, weather forecasting, and national security. This is why historic reforms were made in India's space sector. The government formulated a new space policy and opened the sector to private innovation. IN-SPACe was established to provide ISRO's facilities and technology to startups.

"ISRO has given a new impetus to India's space journey for decades. Credibility, capacity, and value... India has distinguished itself in every way.

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

Key Facts

- The Skyroot Infinity Campus covers an area of approximately two lakh square feet. It is capable of building one orbital rocket per month for the design, development, integration, and testing of multiple launch vehicles.
- Skyroot is an Indian private space company founded by Pawan Chandna and Bharat Dhaka, alumni of the Indian Institutes of Technology and former ISRO scientists.
- India is also considering opening up the nuclear sector to the private sector.

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Laurels for India in the Field of Sports



Whether it is the Women's Kabaddi World Cup 2025 or the Women's T20 World Cup for the Blind, Indian women athletes have brought laurels to the nation, which has raised the pride of every countryman. Indian athletes also performed spectacularly in the World Boxing Cup final. Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed his happiness over these impressive achievements. He also interacted with the winning cricket team.

The Indian contingent's remarkable achievement at the 2025 World Boxing Cup Finals

9 Gold | **6** Silver | **5** bronze

Won a total of 20 medals

With their hard work, commitment, and skill, Indian athletes have made the nation proud in the world of sports, a testament to Indian talent and sportsmanship spirit. Furthermore, their success has served as an inspiration for aspiring athletes.

Congratulating the Indian women's kabaddi team on winning the Kabaddi World Cup 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "Heartiest congratulations to the Indian women's kabaddi team for bringing glory to the nation. The players displayed incredible passion, skill, and dedication." Their victory will inspire countless youngsters to take up Kabaddi, dream big, and aim high.

Not only this, but PM Modi also congratulated the Indian athletes for their excellent performance at the World Boxing Cup Final 2025, saying that this was possible due to the boxers' determination and resolve.

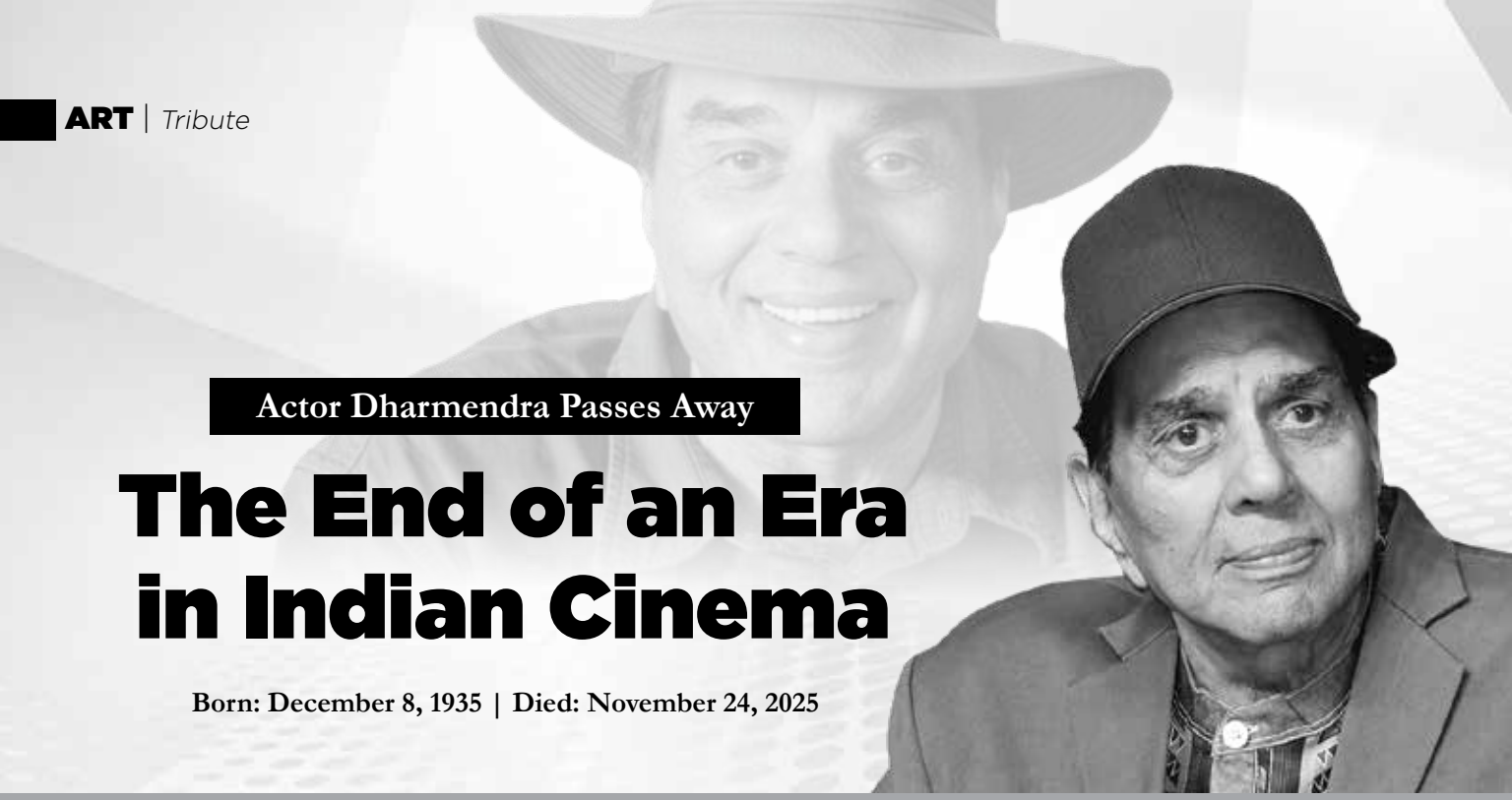
India to host CWG 2030

India has officially been awarded the hosting rights for the 2030 Commonwealth Games, with Ahmedabad declared the host city. The Games are held every four years, and India has been chosen to host the Games after 20 years. Upon the announcement, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "I am extremely happy that India has been awarded the hosting rights for the 2030 Commonwealth Games! Congratulations to the people and sports ecosystem of India. It is our collective commitment and sporting spirit that has firmly established India on the global sports map. In the spirit of 'वसुधैव कुटुंबकम्', we are ready to celebrate these historic Games with great enthusiasm."



"Congratulations to the women's cricket team for making history by winning first Blind Women's T20 World Cup! What is even more commendable is that team remained unbeaten throughout the series. This is truly a historic sporting achievement." A shining example of hard work, teamwork, and determination. Every player is a champion! My best wishes to the team for their future endeavors. This success will inspire generations to come. Narendra Modi, Prime Minister





Actor Dharmendra Passes Away

The End of an Era in Indian Cinema

Born: December 8, 1935 | Died: November 24, 2025

Debut Film: "Dil Bhi Tera Hum Bhi Tere" (1960) Honours: Padma Bhushan

Actor Dharmendra, known as the "He-Man" of the film industry, is no longer with us. He passed away on November 24. India will never forget his grace, simplicity, and powerful portrayal in films. The nation offers its humble tributes to this legendary artist.

Dharmendra, who touched the hearts of millions of Indian citizens for six decades with his exceptional acting, has passed away – an irreparable loss for Indian cinema. Coming from a humble background, he carved an indelible mark in the film industry. He was among those rare actors who brought every character he portrayed to life. He won the hearts of millions of viewers across all age groups. As a towering figure in Indian cinema, he leaves behind a legacy that will continue to inspire new generations of artists. He will also remain with us forever through his performances. ●

...When Prime Minister Narendra Modi had called Dharmendra

Once, when actor Dharmendra had fallen ill, Prime Minister Narendra Modi called him. After this call, Dharmendra said in a video, "I don't know why, but I feel a lot of love for you. A few days ago, when I fell a little ill, you spoke to me on the phone and said, 'Dharmendra, you are strong; stay strong.' He gave me a lot of encouragement. I felt energized, and I was very happy. Our country's Prime Minister has sent us his best wishes and asked about my health. You have not only called India 'Mother', but you have truly considered her your mother. You have loved your Bharat Mata. May you make our country number one."



"The passing of Dharmendra Ji marks the end of an era in Indian cinema. He was an iconic film personality, a phenomenal actor who brought charm and depth to every role he played. The manner in which he played diverse roles struck a chord with countless people. Dharmendra Ji was equally admired for his simplicity, humility and warmth. In this sad hour, my thoughts are with his family, friends and innumerable fans. Om Shanti."

Narendra Modi,
Prime Minister



Narendra Modi
@narendramodi

श्रमेव जयते!

आज मेरे श्रमिक भाई-बहनों के लिए एक ऐतिहासिक दिन है। हमारी सरकार ने चार लेबर कोड लागू कर दिए हैं। आजादी के बाद यह श्रमिकों के हित में किया गया सबसे बड़ा रिफॉर्म है। यह देश के कामगारों को बहुत सशक्त बनाने वाला है। इससे जहां नियमों का पालन करना बहुत आसान होगा, वहीं 'ईज ऑफ डूइंग बिजनेस' को बढ़ावा मिलेगा।

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वर्ष 2047 तक, जब हमारा Viksit Bharat का लक्ष्य साकार होगा, तब तक भारत में कई महिलाएं Cabinet Secretaries भी बन चुकी होंगी। यह सारी चीज़ें बताती हैं कि हमारी नारी शक्ति भी इस देश की विकास यात्रा में अपना contribution देने के लिए तैयार हैं और मौका मिलने पर कोई ऐसा पद नहीं, जिसे वो हासिल न कर सकें: रक्षा मंत्री श्री @rajnathsingh



Amit Shah
@AmitShah

आज 'संविधान दिवस' पर बाबासाहेब डॉ. भीमराव अंबेडकर जी, डॉ. राजेंद्र प्रसाद जी सहित संविधान सभा के सभी महान सदस्यों को नमन और देशवासियों को इस दिवस की हार्दिक शुभकामनाएँ।

दुनिया के सबसे बड़े लोकतंत्र भारत का संविधान हर देशवासी को समान अवसर, सम्मानपूर्ण जीवन, राष्ट्रीय कर्त्तव्य और अधिकार प्रदान कर मजबूत राष्ट्र निर्माण का मार्ग प्रशस्त करता है।

प्रधानमंत्री श्री @narendramodi जी ने 'संविधान दिवस' की शुरुआत कर लोकतांत्रिक मूल्यों के प्रति देशवासियों को अधिक सजग बनाने का कार्य किया है।



Nitin Gadkari
@nitin_gadkari

🇮🇳 भारतीय संविधान हमारे लोकतंत्र की आत्मा है। संविधान दिवस के अवसर पर देश को प्रगतिशील संविधान देने वाले बाबासाहेब आंबेडकर जी और सभी देशभक्तों को नमन।🙏 सभी को भारतीय संविधान दिवस तथा 🇮🇳 राष्ट्रीय कानून दिवस की हार्दिक शुभकामनाएं।🙏🇮🇳

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संविधान दिवस के अवसर पर प्रधानमंत्री @NarendraModi जी द्वारा देशवासियों के नाम लिखा गया पत्र अत्यंत प्रेरणादायी है।

इस पत्र में हमारे संविधान की महानता, जीवन में मौलिक कर्तव्यों का महत्व और पहली बार मतदाता बनने को एक उत्सव की तरह मनाने का संदेश, बहुत सरल भाषा में समझाया गया है।

यह पत्र न केवल प्रेरणा देता है, बल्कि हमें अपने दायित्वों और लोकतांत्रिक मूल्यों को और गहराई से समझने की दिशा भी दिखाता है।

DGP-IGP meet a great forum to share best practices, says Modi



PM Narendra Modi and Union home minister Amit Shah at the conference in Raipur on Saturday.

PM Modi unveils country's 1st pvt orbital rocket at Hyd event



Constitution allowed someone like me to head govts: PM Modi



128TH 'MANN KI BAAT'

Modi Urges People to Explore Winter Tourism Spots

Our Political Bureau

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday underscored the great potential of winter tourism in the country and the growing interest among people in places located at high altitudes and almost inaccessible locations as he urged citizens to explore such hill stations.

In his 128th "Mann ki Baat" address, he said, "Winter has arrived and so has the season for winter tourism. Many countries have made winter tourism a major pillar of their economy and have the world's most successful winter festivals and winter sports models. These countries have made experiences like skiing, snowboarding, snow trekking, ice climbing and family snow parks part of their identity. They have also transformed their winter festivals into global attractions," Modi said, adding that India too has a huge potential and should tap it.

The PM underlined that India has not just mountains and hilly regions but also unique local cultures that are a big attraction.

Apart from these events in hilly states, there is also navy-related tourism in the country which offers a great learning experience, Modi said.

The Himalayas continue to attract tourists and adventure sports enthusi-

350TH MARTYRDOM ANNIVERSARY OF GURU TEGH BAHADUR

Op Sindoor showed new India does not bow before terror: PM



Nation must break free from British-era legacy of 'slave mentality': PM



Centuries-old wounds healing, pain finding closure: Modi at Ram temple

Hoists Flag To Mark Completion Of Shrine Work

Arvind Chauhan, Neha Lakchandani & Shalabh

Ayodhya: Hoisting a 'dharm dhwaj' (religious flag) atop the Ram temple to declare the completion of the shrine construction, PM Modi said on Tuesday that "centuries-old



PM Modi during the flag-hoisting ceremony at Ram temple in Ayodhya

"Ram is not a person but a value, a discipline and a direction. India must break free from the mentality of slavery and take pride in its civilisational identity... Macaulay sowed the seeds of separating India from its roots 190 years ago. We gained independence but not freedom from inferiority... Next 10 years should be dedicated to reversing this mindset — PM Modi

Following brotherhood principle of Guru: PM

PM Modi paid glowing tribu to Guru Tegh Bahadur on his 350th martyrdom anniver sary in Kurukshetra on Tues day, saying the ninth Sikh Gu ru considered the protection of truth, justice and faith hi dharma and sacrificed his life to defend it. "India has follo wed Guruji's principle of offe ring brotherhood to the worl but not compromising with it

Good Governance Day

Promoting the idea of Good Governance

Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, and Sabka Prayas



Good governance means public welfare and promoting the culture of improving the lives of ordinary people. It involves building systems and resources that make life easier. Governance should not be either power-centric or authority-centric, but rely on trustworthy services. Policies should be formulated with clear intentions and sensitivity. Every eligible person should receive their full rights without any discrimination. This principle of good governance has become the hallmark of the central government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Good Governance Day, established in 2014 on the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee (December 25) to promote government accountability and raise public awareness, has become a symbol of the trust of the people of the country...



For our government, good governance means:

- Everyone should be heard.
- Facilities for every citizen.
- Every Indian should have access to opportunities.
- Every citizen should experience security.
- Every system must ensure accessibility.

For us, there is only one mantra for good governance: Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, and Sabka Prayas
-Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

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