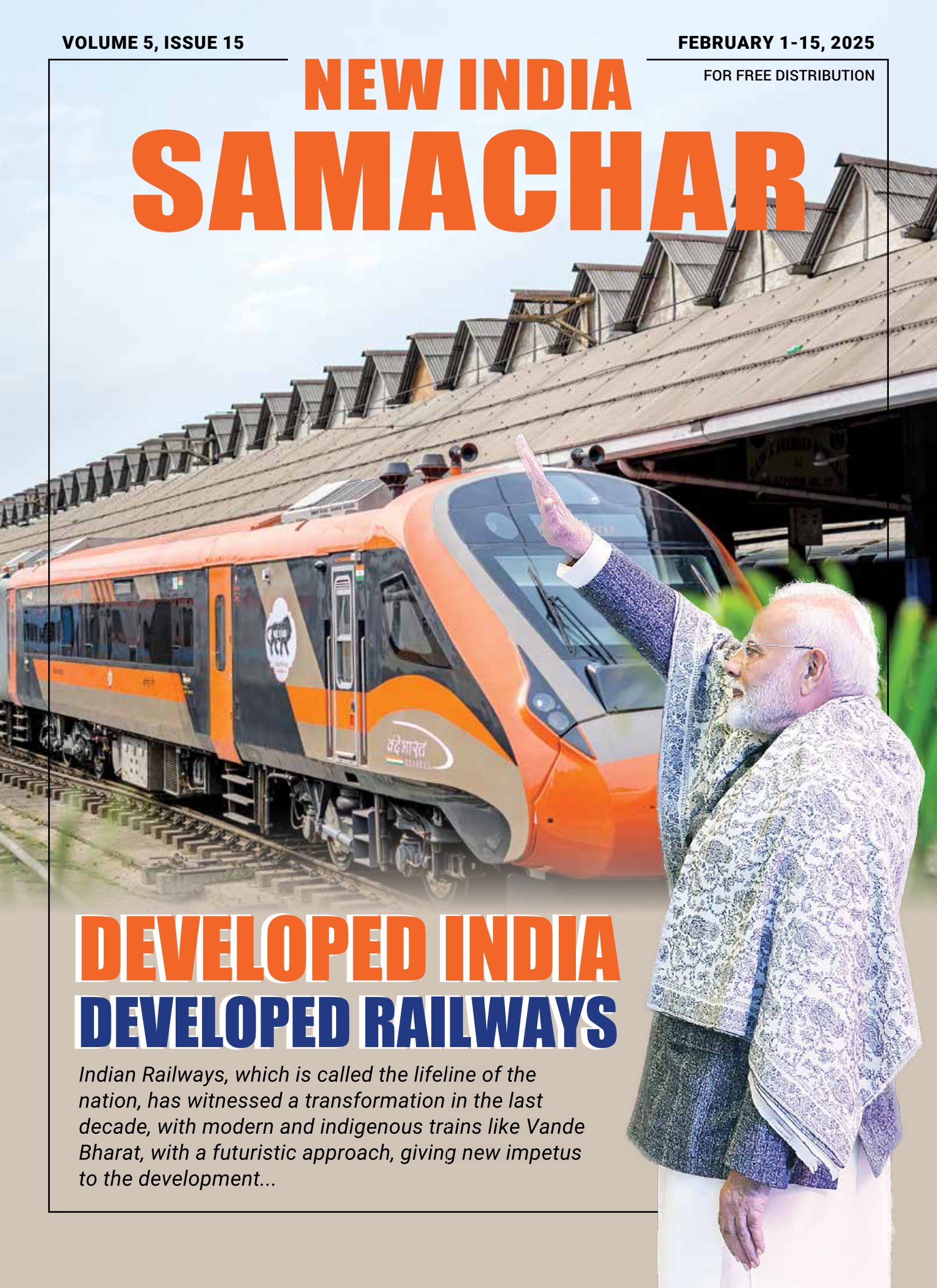
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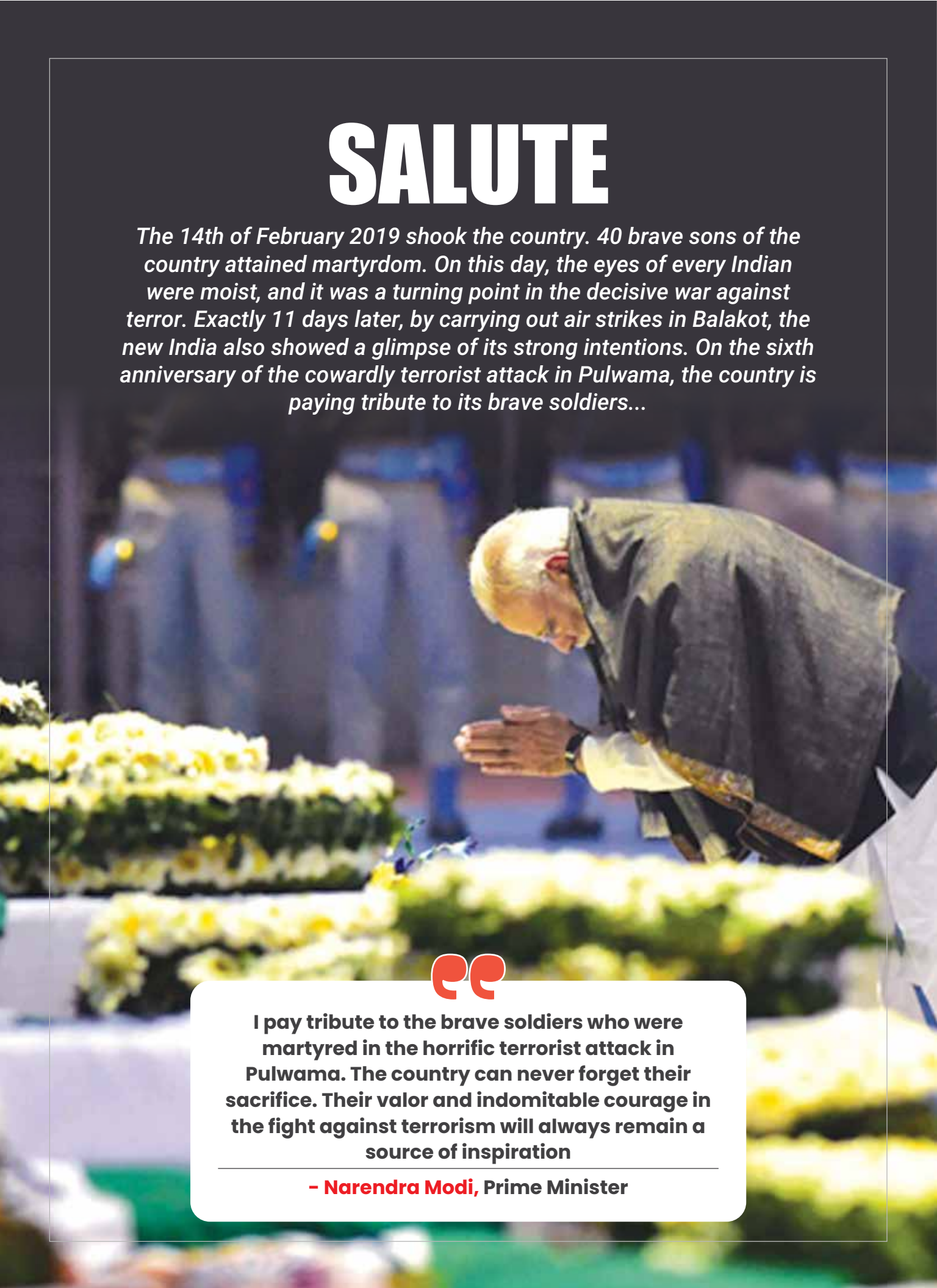


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DEVELOPED RAILWAYS

Indian Railways, which is called the lifeline of the nation, has witnessed a transformation in the last decade, with modern and indigenous trains like Vande Bharat, with a futuristic approach, giving new impetus to the development...

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I pay tribute to the brave soldiers who were martyred in the horrific terrorist attack in Pulwama. The country can never forget their sacrifice. Their valor and indomitable courage in the fight against terrorism will always remain a source of inspiration

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK...

INDIAN RAILWAYS IS BECOMING THE MAINSTAY OF 'EASE OF TRAVEL'

Greetings,

A new chapter has been added to the country's development journey with a burgeoning network of railways across North to South and East to West. It has been steadfastly undertaking initiatives to solve decades-old challenges. In the last 10 years, new India has developed at a fast speed, and in this journey, the transformation of railways has caught everyone's attention. Till a decade ago, the thought of a modern, semi-high-speed train like Vande Bharat running on Indian tracks was unimaginable. However, today a network of trains like Vande Bharat and Amrit Bharat and rail services like Namo Bharat are becoming a reality.

The laying of new railway tracks, reaching close to 100 percent electrification, and initiatives like cleanliness in trains have brought a new revolution. Unmanned crossings are being removed at a fast pace. Railway stations now have facilities that are comparable to airports. Today, the poor and the middle class are also able to access the advantage of easy and safe travel, i.e., 'Ease of Travel'.

On 15th February, the launch of Swadeshi Vande Bharat is completing six years, and on this occasion, the transformation of Indian Railways has become our cover story. Also an edited excerpt from Prime Minister Narendra Modi's first podcast is other highlight of this issue.

In the personality section, read about the inspiring story of Delhi's first woman Chief Minister and External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj on her birth anniversary, Pravasi Bharatiya Divas, and the launch of the BHARATPOL Portal developed by CBI. The unveiling of the Government of India calendar for the year 2025, Grameen Bharat Mahotsav 2025, special content on Indian Metro boosting connectivity, the first 'Mann Ki Baat' of the year 2025 broadcast on radio, along with other programs of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the fortnight, have also been included in it.

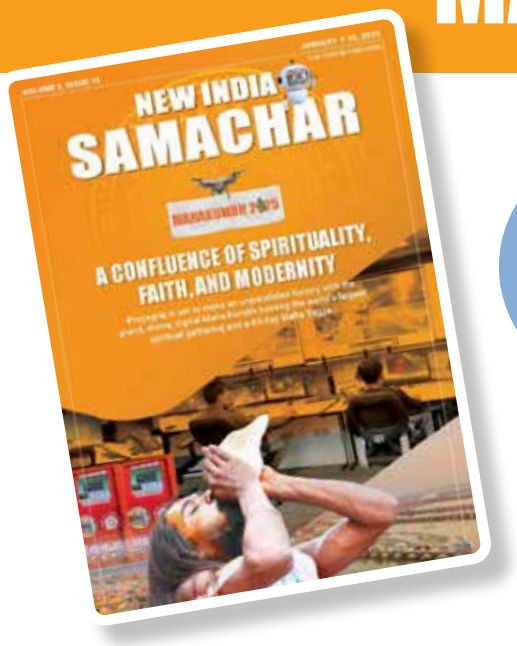
Apart from this, read about martyrs who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty in Pulwama on 14th February 2019 on the inside cover and content on Indian Coast Guard's Raising Day on 1st February on the back cover are the special features of this issue.



(Dhirendra Ojha)

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MICROSOFT EXPANSION IN INDIA



Microsoft Chairman and CEO Satya Nadella met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi where discussions related to the expansion of Microsoft in India were held. PM Modi expressed happiness to know about Microsoft's ambitious expansion and investment plans in India. Both discussed various aspects of technology, innovation and AI in the meeting. Responding to Satya Nadella's post about the meeting, PM Modi wrote that it was a great pleasure to meet you Satya Nadella. I am happy to know about Microsoft's expansion and investment plans in India.

INDIGENOUS TECHNOLOGY FOR PRODUCING PARACETAMOL

The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has developed indigenous technology to produce paracetamol, a widely used pain reliever and fever reducer. The aim of this innovation is to make India self-reliant in the production of paracetamol by reducing its dependence on imported materials in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of AatmaNirbhar Bharat. Karnataka-based Satya Deeptha Pharmaceuticals Limited will use this breakthrough to produce affordable paracetamol domestically. Currently, India imports raw materials for the production of paracetamol from several countries.

PM OFFERS 'CHADAR' AT KHWAJA MOINUDDIN CHISHTI'S SHRINE



Minority Affairs and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju offered the holy chadar at the shrine of Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti in Ajmer on behalf of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. This annual Urs, held in memory of the great Sufi saint, is a symbol of harmony, spirituality, and devotion. The Union Minister unveiled several initiatives to enhance the experience and convenience of pilgrims visiting the dargah. PM Modi wrote in response to Kiren Rijiju's post on Instagram that greetings on the Urs of Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti. May this occasion bring happiness and peace in everyone's life.



STEPS TAKEN FOR NIRANJANA RIVER REJUVENATION

The Niranjana (Phalgu) river has its special place in the cultural and religious heritage of India. This river, originating from Chatra in Jharkhand and flowing through Gaya in Bihar, is not just a water stream but a symbol of spiritual faith and cultural identity for the followers of Hindu, Jainism and Buddhism.Over time, the holy river is now facing an environmental crisis due to decreasing water flow, pollution, silt deposition, and encroachment. To discuss the plan to rejuvenate this river, a meeting was held under the leadership of the Director General of the National Clean Ganga Mission, taking important initiatives towards the conservation and revival of the Niranjana River. A multi-dimensional strategy has been prepared in the meeting for the rejuvenation and revival of the Niranjana River. This strategy is based on the scientific approach, immediate solution, and community participation.

MAHAKUMBH 2025

ABOUT 56,000 SQUARE METERS OF DENSE FOREST GROWN IN TWO YEARS

Dense forests have been developed at various places in Prayagraj for the Maha Kumbh 2025 being organized in Prayagraj. Due to this, lakhs of devotees coming to the city are getting pure air and healthy environment. Prayagraj Municipal Corporation has used the Japanese Miyawaki method to set up several oxygen banks in the last two years which have now turned into lush green forests. These efforts have not only promoted greenery but also improved air quality, playing an important role in environmental protection. The corporation has planted trees at more than 10 places in the city, covering an area of 55,800 square meters in the last two years.



LAUNCH OF REVAMPED 'BAANKNET' PORTAL FOR E-AUCTION OF PROPERTIES



Secretary, Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance launched the revamped e-auction portal 'BaankNet' which aggregates information about e-auctioned properties from public sector banks and provides buyers and investors a one-stop destination to search for different types of properties. The e-auction portal includes residential properties such as flats, houses, and open plots as well as commercial properties, industrial land, and buildings, shops, vehicles, plant and machinery, agricultural and non-agricultural land. By aggregating all the details in one place, it simplifies the process of searching and participating in property e-auctions. This makes it easier for buyers and investors to identify opportunities.

BHASHINI-ENABLED E-SHRAM PORTAL NOW AVAILABLE IN ALL 22 SCHEDULED LANGUAGES

Union Minister of Labour & Employment, Youth Affairs & Sports Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya recently launched the multilingual functionality on the e-Shram portal. In line with the vision of making e-Shram a 'one-stop solution', the portal will now be available in all 22 scheduled languages. This move marks another milestone in the Government's efforts to provide comprehensive social security to the unorganized workers in the country. The Bhashini Project of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has been leveraged to upgrade the e-Shram portal in 22 languages. The previous version was available only in English, Hindi, Kannada, and Marathi.



SUSHMA: SYMBOL OF DEDICATION, ORATORY AND COURAGE



The youngest cabinet minister in the Haryana government, the first woman Chief Minister of Delhi, the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, and the popular Foreign Minister... Beyond all these roles, Sushma Swaraj was well known for her oratory, courage, and dedication, for her the measure of success did not mean avoiding falling but standing up with more strength and clarity... The country is saluting her on her birthday...

14 FEBRUARY 1952 - 06 AUGUST 2019

Tuesday, 6 August 2019: 'Thank you, Prime Minister. I was waiting to see this day in my lifetime.' This was her last public interaction after the announcement of the abolition of Article 370 a few hours before her death, which is indicative of the fact that for Sushma Swaraj charm of power was insignificant compared to Ek Bharat- Shreshtha Bharat.

Born on 14 February 1952 in Ambala Cantt, Haryana, Sushma Swaraj started her political career in the 1970s with the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad. Her father Hardev Sharma was a prominent member of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh. After completing her graduation in Sanskrit and Political Science from Sanatan Dharma College, Ambala Cantonment, Sushma Swaraj took a law degree from Punjab University, Chandigarh. During her college days, Sushma won the award of the best NCC cadet for three consecutive years and the best Hindi speaker award three times in a row in the state level competition organized by the Language Department of the Haryana Government. While being the Foreign Minister, Sushma Swaraj gave a speech in Hindi at the United Nations in September 2016. Her speech was discussed all over the country. She used to participate enthusiastically in the World Hindi Conferences. She also made many efforts to make Hindi the official language of the United Nations.

She had been a seven-time MP and three-time MLA as well as the fifth person and the first woman to become Chief Minister of Delhi. She also held the positions of Leader of Opposition in the 15th Lok Sabha, Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Union Information and Broadcasting Minister, Union Health and Family Welfare Minister and Foreign Minister.

WHEN SHE SAID, 'YES, WE ARE COMMUNAL...'

Her dedication and clarity with regard to ideology are reflected in the Loksabha in which she said, " Yes, we are communal because we advocate singing Vande Bharat. We are communal because we fight for the respect of the national flag. Yes, we are communal because we demand the abolition of Article 370.

SUSHMA ALWAYS LENT A HELPING HAND

As foreign minister, she led large-scale evacuation mission during the Yemen crisis. Under Operation Rahat, 4,741 Indian nationals and 1,947 people from 48 countries were rescued. During the Yemen crisis, Swaraj responded to a tweet by a Yemeni woman, Saba Shawesh, who was stranded there with her eight-month-old Indian child. Sushma Swaraj ensured her rescue too. In another case, swift action was taken to rescue the sister of a man who was held captive by a human trafficking gang in the UAE. Be it a 5-year-old Pakistani girl needing a liver transplant or an Indian girl named Geeta who was unable to hear or speak, Swaraj set an example of humanity by helping whenever needed.

Remembering her, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had also said, Sushma ji's speech was not only effective but also inspiring. Everyone felt the depth of thoughts in Sushma ji's speech, and the height of her experience also set new standards every moment. These can be achieved only after prolonged sadhana.

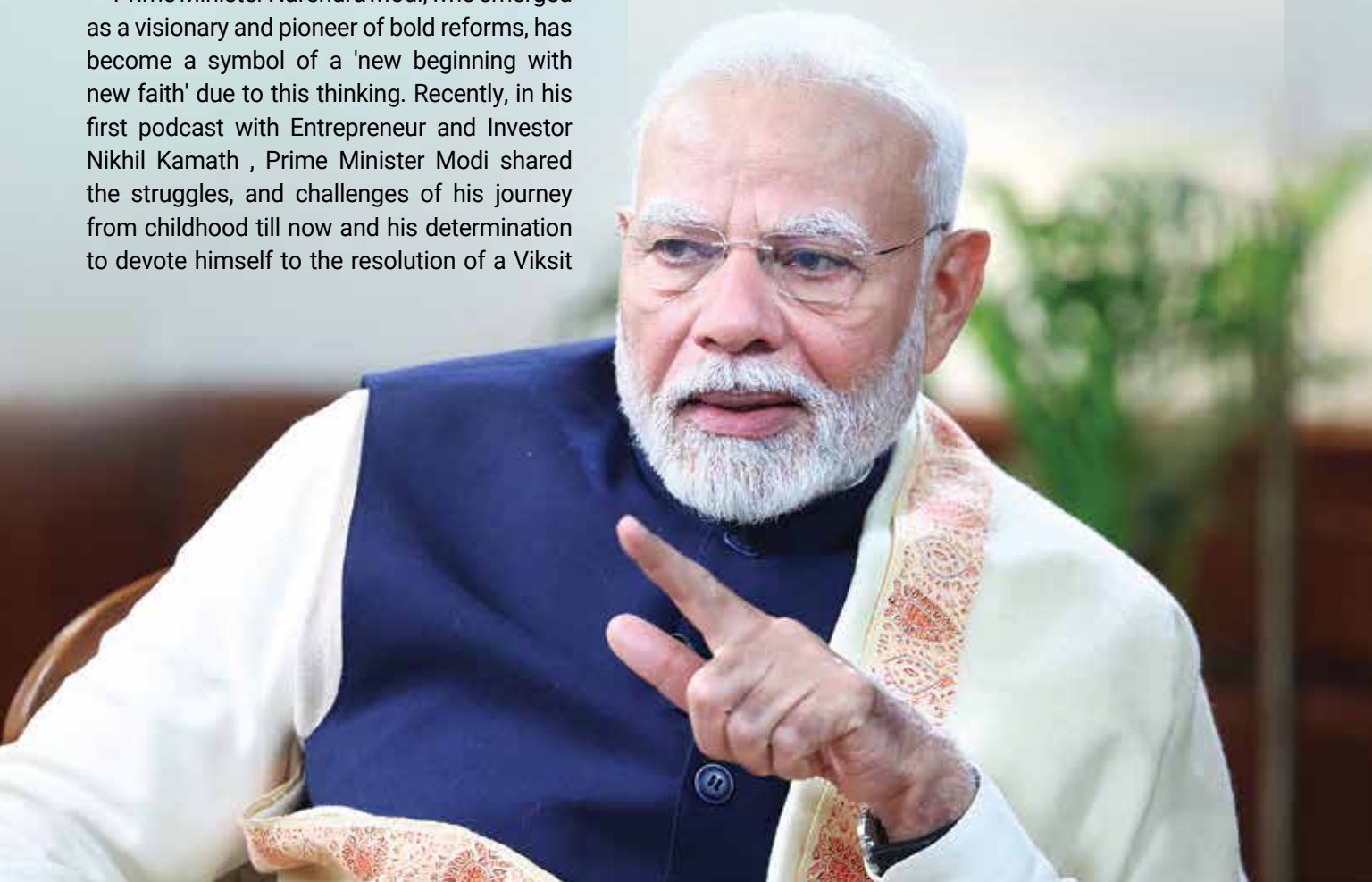
THE TOUCHSTONE OF MY EVERY WORK IS "NATION FIRST"

The journey from being an ordinary student in childhood to becoming a politician and from being a Chief Minister to the Prime Minister, learning from failure and achieving success through the important stages of the journey

Those who do not let adversities shake their beliefs whether tired or losing out and breaking down. Fighting the biggest challenges, turning even the biggest adversity into an opportunity for the prosperity of the nation, and creating a new history. Not getting tired, not stopping, not pausing, only moving forward with tireless hard work and whose every thought is based on 'Nation First'. This has become the indelible identity of the strong leadership of the new India.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who emerged as a visionary and pioneer of bold reforms, has become a symbol of a 'new beginning with new faith' due to this thinking. Recently, in his first podcast with Entrepreneur and Investor Nikhil Kamath , Prime Minister Modi shared the struggles, and challenges of his journey from childhood till now and his determination to devote himself to the resolution of a Viksit

During my first and second tenure as Prime Minister, I used to think in terms of the past. Earlier we were here, now we will go here. Now in the third tenure, the scope of my thinking has changed. My dreams have expanded. My desires are increasing. What I mean to say is that I want a Viksit Bharat in 2047.



Bharat. Read about the viewpoints of PM Modi on several issues... Here are the edited excerpts of the podcast:

ON HIS CHILDHOOD...

On being asked about his childhood by Nikhil Kamath, PM Modi said that everyone knows that I was born in a small town Vadnagar in the Mehsana district of North Gujarat. When we were young, the population was probably only 15,000, I remember this roughly. My village was part of Gaekwad State. Gaekwad State had a specialty. Every village was an advocator of education. I studied in the primary school here. Chinese thinker Hiuen Tsang also spent time in Vadnagar. PM Modi said that Chinese President Xi Jinping told me about this. Narrating the story, PM Modi said that after becoming PM, President Xi Jinping called me and said that there is a big connection between the two of us. He told me that he wanted to go to my village Vadnagar. Because when Hiuen Tsang returned to China from Vadnagar, he stayed in Xi Jinping's village.

ON HIS FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES...

Prime Minister Modi said that I left home at a very young age. Leaving home means leaving everything. I was not in touch with anyone, so there was a huge gap. When I became CM, some desires arose in my mind. One desire that arose was that I would call all my old friends from class to the CM House. My motive behind it was that I did not want anyone close to me to feel that I had become a very important person. I am the same person who had left the village years ago. Probably 30-35 people had gathered. At night we had dinner, chatted, and refreshed old childhood memories. But, I did not enjoy it much because I was looking for a friend, while they were looking at me as the Chief Minister. So that gap was not bridged and probably there is no one left in my life to call me 'tu'. I had a teacher, Ras

ON THE THINKING OF NATION FIRST...

The Prime Minister said that I had said from the Red Fort that the country needs one lakh such youth who come into politics and I believe that if the aim is to take...get...become, then its life is not very long. The first training that an entrepreneur has is to grow, here the first training is to devote oneself, to give whatever one has. For them how my company or my profession become number one is their priority. For me it is Nation First, this is a huge difference and the society also accepts only the person with the thinking of Nation First.

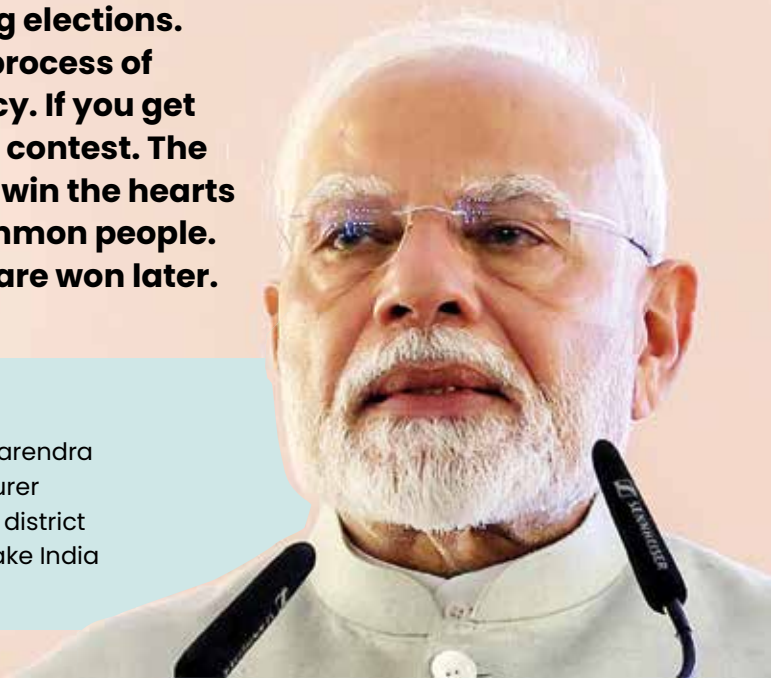




ON IDEOLOGY IN POLITICS

On the question of the ideology of a politician, Prime Minister Modi said that idealism is more important than ideology in politics. I do not say that there will be politics without ideology. But idealism is very much needed. Gandhiji had his own path for independence and Savarkar had a different one.

Coming into politics should not mean contesting elections. That is a process of democracy. If you get a chance, contest. The work is to win the hearts of the common people. Elections are won later.



PROMISE TO MAKE INDIA DEVELOPED...

Referring to his recent visit to Kuwait, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that I went to a labour colony there. A labourer asked when an international airport will be built in his district in India? He said that this is the aspiration that will make India developed in 2047.

Bihari Manihar. He passed away some time ago. He was around 93-94 years old. He would always write letters to me, in which he would write 'Tu' (you). I had it in my mind to honor all my teachers publicly, because they have contributed a lot in making me. I organized a program in which around 30-32 teachers participated. I honored all of them publicly. I did two more things. One, I had left home a long time ago, so I did not know many of my family members who also had children. So I called everyone and met them. Besides, while working in the Sangh, I used to go to many houses to have food. I called them too.

ON THE ENTRY OF YOUTH IN POLITICS...

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that becoming a politician and being successful in politics... are two different things. I believe that for that you need dedication and commitment, you should be a partner of the people in their happiness and sorrow, and you should be a good team player. If you say that you are a great person and you will dictate over everyone, everyone will follow your orders, then your politics may work, you may win the election but there is no guarantee that you will become a successful politician. I believe that good people should keep coming in politics and they should come with a mission, not with ambition.

ON SENSITIVITY IN POLITICS...

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that sensitive people are needed in politics, people are needed who feel happy if someone is benefited. The second topic is allegations and counter-allegations, so in a democracy, you should accept that there will be allegations against you, there will be many kinds of allegations but if you are right, you have not done anything wrong, then you will never have any problem.

IN THE CHANGING TIMES OF SOCIAL MEDIA AND TROLLING...

On trolling in social media in the present times, Prime Minister Modi said that sometimes people ask me. Especially small children ask that you get abused so much day and night, how do you feel? I tell them a joke. I say that I am an Ahmedabadi and our Ahmedabadi



ON LEARNING FROM FAILURES...

PM Modi said that on the day of Chandrayaan-2 launch, many people told me that I should not go. I asked why? So he said, "Sir, this is uncertain, every country in the world fails, Success is achieved only after trying it four-six times." I went and in the last second we fell apart. All the people sitting outside were worried. No one had the courage to tell the Prime Minister, but as much as I understand technology, I felt that something was wrong. Finally, a senior officer came and told me. I said, "Don't worry, I greeted everyone." I went to the guest house from there. But, I could not sleep. After about half an hour, I called everyone. I said, "If these people are not tired, then I want to meet them at 7:00 in the morning before leaving." Because the launch not being successful was a big shock for the country. I went in the morning and told all the scientists that if there is any failure, then the responsibility is mine, you tried, don't be disappointed." Whatever confidence they had, I aroused it. You can see, Chandrayaan 3 was successful.

MENTION OF THE BIGGEST MOMENT...

Mentioning the happiest moment in his life, PM Modi said that when I had gone to hoist the tricolor flag in Srinagar's Lal Chowk and our yatra was attacked near Phagwara in Punjab, bullets were fired, five or six people were killed, many people were injured, so there was tension in the whole country about what would happen. It was very difficult to hoist the tricolor in Srinagar Lal Chowk. The tricolor was burnt in Lal Chowk. After hoisting the tricolor flag, we came to Jammu, my first call from Jammu was to my mother, it was a happy moment for me and the other thought in my mind was that mother must be worried that these bullets have been fired and where has he gone, so I remember I made the first call to my mother, I understand the significance of that call today.

people have a different identity their jokes are very popular. I said that an Ahmedabadi was going on a scooter and collided with the person in front, then the person in front got angry, and a fight started. He started abusing, this Ahmedabadi kept standing with his scooter, he kept abusing, meanwhile, someone came and said, yaar bhai, what kind of a person are you, he is abusing and you are just standing like this. The Ahmedabadi says, he is only giving, he is not taking anything. I have also made up my mind like this.

ON EMOTIONALITY, MENTAL STRESS, ANXIETY, AND RESTLESSNESS...

Prime Minister Modi said that I am in such a position that I have to stay above emotions. The 2002 Gujarat elections were the biggest test of my life. I have had many opportunities to win elections in my life, even when I fought and when I made others fight. I did not even watch TV. Not even at the time of the results. At 11-12 pm, the drum beats started being heard from outside the CM bungalow below my house and I told people not to give me any information until noon. Then our operator sent a letter saying that Sir, you are leading with a two-thirds majority. So I do not believe that nothing would have happened inside me, but I had some thoughts that could overpower it, so it became different for me. Similarly, once there were bomb blasts at five places in my area, you can imagine what the situation would be like as a Chief Minister. I said that I wanted to go to the police control room, but my security people refused. Then I said that I would go to the hospital. They said that Sir, bombs are exploding there too. So you can imagine how much restlessness or anxiety I would have as a Chief Minister. But my approach was that I got absorbed in my mission, so I experienced it differently, perhaps, I got a sense of responsibility in it.

Referring to the Godhra incident, he said, I became an MLA for the first time in my life on 24 February 2002. I went to the assembly for the first time on 27 February. I was an MLA for 3 days and suddenly the news of such a big incident in Godhra started coming, a train was set on fire, gradually the news came. It was very natural that I was restless. As soon as I came out of the House,



I said that I want to go to Godhra. From here we will go to Baroda, from Baroda we will take a helicopter, then they said that there is no helicopter, so I said look for other alternatives. ONGC had a helicopter, which was a single engine. I was told that VIPs cannot be taken with it. I said that I am not a VIP, I am a common man. Even then they refused, so I said that I will give it in writing, if something happens then it will be my responsibility. After this, when I reached Godhra, I saw the painful scene there. You can imagine, I am also a human being, I could feel the horror of incidence. But, I knew that I am in such a position that I have to keep my emotions, the natural tendencies of a human being, out of them, stay above everything and I tried to handle myself by doing whatever I can.

ON THE CHANGING PERCEPTION OF INDIA IN THE WORLD...

On how the perception of India has changed around the world, PM Modi recalled the day when he said that a day will come when the world will stand in line for Indian visa. PM Modi said that I used to say publicly that if NRIs do not come back to India, they will regret it, because the world is changing. America had refused to give me a visa while I was in the CM post. I had said then that doing this to the head of an elected government is wrong and undemocratic. I had said in a press conference that day that one day the world will stand in line for Indian visa. I said this in the year 2005. This is 2025, I can see that this is India's time.

EXPLAINED THE MEANING OF MAXIMUM GOVERNANCE...

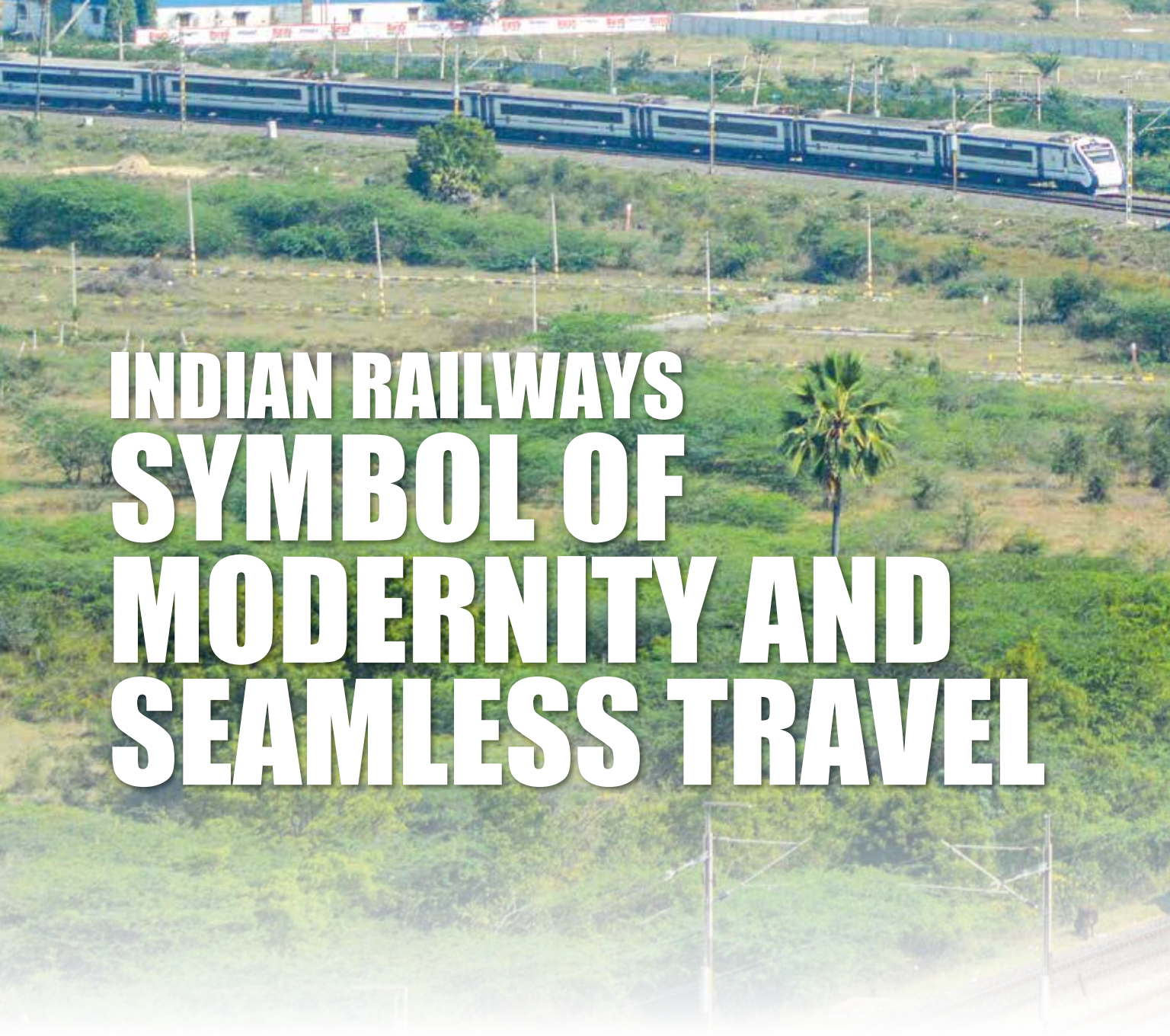
PM Modi said, 'The government has removed 40,000 compliances to increase the speed of work in various departments. We often misunderstand the concept of minimum government-maximum governance. Some people believe that minimum government means fewer ministers and fewer employees. However, this is not my understanding. I created separate ministries for skill, cooperation and fisheries. PM Modi said that when I say minimum government, it has to be understood. I mean that we removed 40,000 compliances to increase the speed of work. 15,000 unnecessary laws were abolished. Otherwise, different departments will demand the same thing. If one department has it, then it should be used by all. Work should be done in one go.'

ON THE DEMOCRATIZATION OF TECHNOLOGY...

PM Modi said that now I can transfer money to the accounts of 100 million farmers in just 30 seconds. I can send cylinder subsidy money to the accounts of 13 crore people of the country in just 30 seconds. India's UPI is a wonder for the world. India has taught the world how to democratize technology. For this you just need a mobile. This is a technology-driven century. The government has created an innovation commission and innovation fund.

ON THE WORLD'S GROWING TRUST IN INDIA...

Emphasizing his stand on the issue of war and conflict going on around the world, PM Modi said that we are not impartial. We are in favor of peace. The advice given to the countries currently struggling has increased India's credibility. Along with Russia and Ukraine, India also said the same to Iran, Palestine and Israel. These countries trust India. This is the reason why India's credibility has increased. The world trusts our words.



INDIAN RAILWAYS SYMBOL OF MODERNITY AND SEAMLESS TRAVEL

India is striving towards becoming a developed nation, and along with speed, Indian Railways has become a medium of connecting hearts, societies, and opportunities to the people. Keeping in mind the contribution of developed railways in developed India, record investments have been made in the last decade. Railways are being modernized by introducing modern trains like Vande Bharat and Namo Bharat, safe tracks, and well-equipped stations with technology. In this series, the country's first semi-high-speed train, 'Vande Bharat,' was launched on 15 February 2019. In just six years, almost all the states have got Vande Bharat connectivity. The plight of railways has changed in the last decade, while from the beginning of 2025, India has started rail projects rapidly...



Indian Railways transports 2.3 crore passengers from one part of the country to another at low cost every day.

₹2,65,200 CRORE
is the total capital expenditure for 2024-25. This is the highest budget allocation so far.

The third decade of this century is the decade of the transformation for Indian Railways. In the past 10 years, the entire rail scenario seems to have changed, and by the end of this third decade, it will establish new dimensions. Indian trains will not lag behind anyone in the world. Safety, convenience, cleanliness, sensitivity, and capability. Indian Railways will achieve a new position in the whole world; it is moving towards achieving this goal. The Namo Bharat train has been started. Earlier, the country got a modern train like Vande Bharat. Under the Amrit Bharat Station Abhiyan, the work of modernizing the railway stations of the country is also going on at a fast pace. Indian Railways is close to achieving the target of 100 per cent electrification. The triveni of Namo Bharat, Amrit Bharat, and Vande Bharat will become a symbol of modernization of Indian Railways by the end of this decade.

Today, work is also going on at very fast pace on the multimodal transport system in the country. Different

> **In the past few years, the railways have raised hopes of solving decades-old problems through hard work. But we still have a long way to go. We will not stop until Indian Railways becomes a guarantee of comfortable travel for everyone, poor and middle class. I am confident that this development of infrastructure taking place in the country will play a big role in eliminating poverty.**
>
> **- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister**



modes of transport are being connected with each other. Multimodal connectivity has also been taken care of with the Namo Bharat train. In the past 10 years, everyone has seen a new India being built, and we are seeing the changes in the railways before our eyes. The facilities that the people of the country used to dream about, people used to wish that if only India had these, but today they are seeing them happening before their eyes. Till a decade ago, a modern, semi-high-speed train like Vande Bharat was never thought of, heard of, or even spoken about. Till a decade ago, it was very difficult to imagine a modern train like Amrit Bharat. Till a decade ago, no one had ever thought of a great rail service like Namo Bharat. Till a decade ago, it was unbelievable that the Indian Railways would be electrified so fast. Till a decade ago, cleanliness in trains and stations considered a big thing. Today all these have become a part of everyday life. Till a decade ago, unmanned crossings had become an identity of Indian Railways. In the last 10 years, more than 30 thousand km of new railway tracks

> **This third decade of the present century is the decade of transformation of Indian Railways. "I am not in the habit of small dreams and walking slowly. I want to give a guarantee to the young generation of today that by the end of this decade Indian trains will be second to none in the world. Indian railway will achieve a new pedestal in the world in safety, cleanliness, facilities, coordination, sensitivity, and capability.**
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> **- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister**



VANDE BHARAT SLEEPER
THE JOURNEY WILL BE COMFORTABLE

Indian Railways has launched the country's first indigenously designed semi-high-speed Vande Bharat train with modern passenger coaches, advanced safety features, and passenger amenities. The number of these trains has reached 136 in just 6 years. It has covered 333 districts in 24 states. So far 4.2 crore passengers have traveled by Vande Bharat.

Indian Railways is working on a plan to run Vande Bharat sleeper i.e. sleeper class trains for long and medium-distance travel. It has reached a significant milestone, achieving a peak speed of 180 km/h during trial runs. After finalizing the design of the Vande Bharat Sleeper Class, 10 trains are under production. Rail Coach Factory, Chennai has also started production of 50 Vande Bharat sleeper coaches.

136

Vande Bharat has covered 333 districts in 24 states.



Additional 200

Vande Bharat Coach tenders have been allotted to technology partners for manufacturing

FULLY NON-AC AMRIT BHARAT TRAINS

Indian Railways has recently introduced the fully non-AC Amrit Bharat train. 4 Amrit Bharat Express Services were introduced in the year 2024. It has 12 sleeper coaches and 8 general class coaches. Equipped with state-of-the-art technology similar to Vande Bharat trains, this train gives a noise-free and shock-free travel experience. It is equipped with modern safety and passenger amenities like modular toilets with pressurized flushing systems, mobile charging sockets, etc. After the successful operation of the initial fleet, plans are underway to produce 50 additional Amrit Bharat trains.

have been laid. Today, hundreds of overbridges and underbridges have ensured uninterrupted and accident-free movement. Till a decade ago, modern facilities like airports was unimaginable. Only the rich can afford. Today, poor and middle-class people are able to experience the same facilities at the airport and even at the railway station.

With the aim of making Indian Railways the world's modern transport system, the central government is working on four parameters. **First**- special emphasis is being laid on the modernization of the railway infrastructure. **Second**- how railway passengers can get modern facilities with ease and safety. **Third**- establishing railway connectivity in every corner of the country. As a result of this, today many areas of Jammu-Kashmir and the Northeast are getting connected to the railway for the first time. **Fourth**- railways are creating employment and supporting industries. Today, the reach of railways is continuously expanding due to these parameters.

'VANDE BHARAT', A SYMBOL OF SELF-RELIANT INDIA

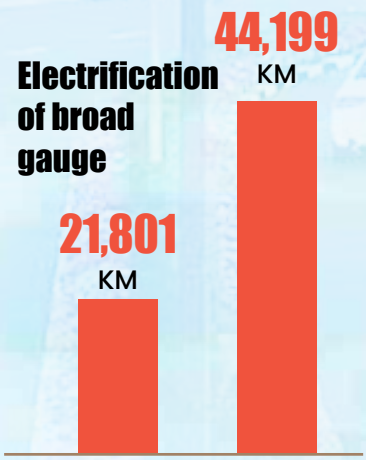
The Vande Bharat train is giving a new impetus to the dream of a new and rapidly changing India. The indigenous Vande Bharat train is rapidly spreading across the country. Today, 136 Vande Bharat services on more than 50 routes are making people's journeys pleasant. The Government of India is preparing to build unrivalled railway network through the Vande Bharat train in the coming years, on which the Railway Ministry has also started work. The Vande Bharat trains running in every corner of the country is not only a symbol of the resolve and capability of the new India but is also becoming a symbol of India moving towards self-reliance by leaving the mentality of slavery. It is a symbol of that India, which is on the path of rapid change. Such an India, which is impatient about its dreams, its aspirations. Such an India, which wants to reach its goal by moving fast.

Be it a spiritual city of the country, a commercial

NET ZERO CARBON TARGET 2030

Indian Railways has set a target of becoming a net zero carbon emitter by 2030. About 487 MW of solar plants and about 103 MW of wind power plants have been commissioned by November 2024. In addition, 100 MW of Renewable Energy - Round the Clock (RE-RTC) has also started flowing. About 2014 MW of renewable energy capacity has been added.

Electrification of broad gauge



97%

of the broad gauge network has been electrified so far, which was up to 35 percent by 2014.

THE MOST POWERFUL HYDROGEN TRAIN ENGINE

India has made the world's most powerful hydrogen train engine. Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw has said that the train engine developed by the Indian Railways is 1,200 horsepower. Currently, only four countries in the world have hydrogen trains with a capacity of 500-600 horsepower. The first such train is expected to be on a trial run soon on the Jind-Sonipat route in Haryana. The hydrogen-powered rail engine manufactured in India has been developed using indigenous potential.



AMRIT BHARAT STATIONS
WILL BE HI-TECH

Indian Railways has started the development of railway stations with a long-term perspective under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. Keeping in mind the needs of the passengers, the plan includes preparing a master plan for improving the approach roads of these stations as well as operation area, lifts, and escalators as per the need, free WiFi, kiosks for one station-one product, better passenger facility system, executive lounge, and many other facilities. The redevelopment of railway stations across the country will have a qualitative impact on the economy with an increase in employment generation and improvement in economic development.

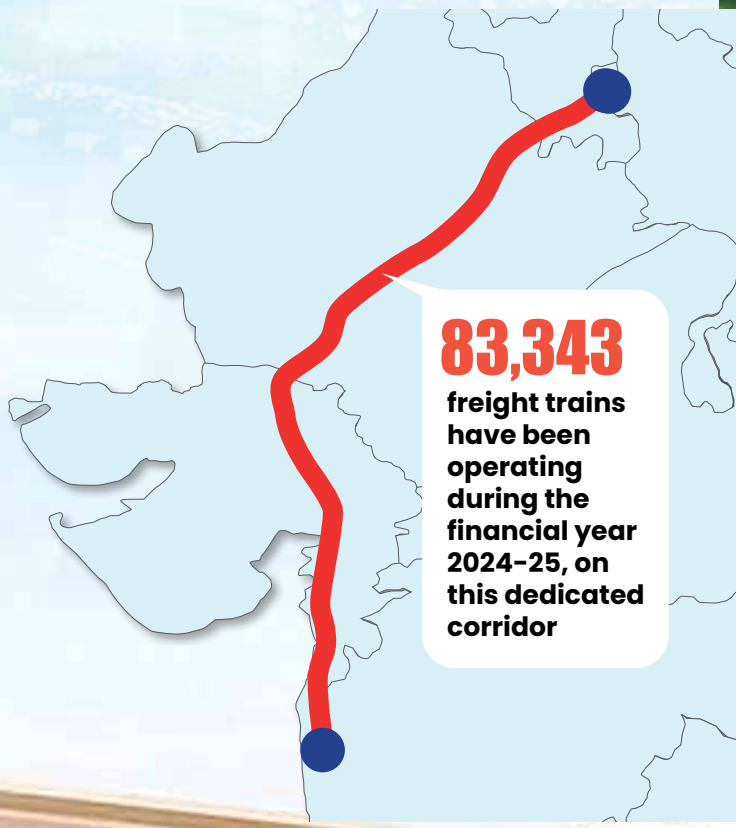
2,000 railway stations are equipped with solar energy.

1,337

stations have been identified for the scheme by December 2024, out of which work has started on about 1,200 stations.

TWO FREIGHT CORRIDORS
FOR GOODS TRAINS

Indian Railways has started the work of building two dedicated corridors for goods trains. Ludhiana to Sonnagar (1,387 km) Eastern Freight Dedicated Corridor and Jawaharlal Nehru Port Terminal to Dadri (1,506 km) Western Corridor, out of 2,843 km, 2,741 km (96.4%) of the corridor has been made operational.



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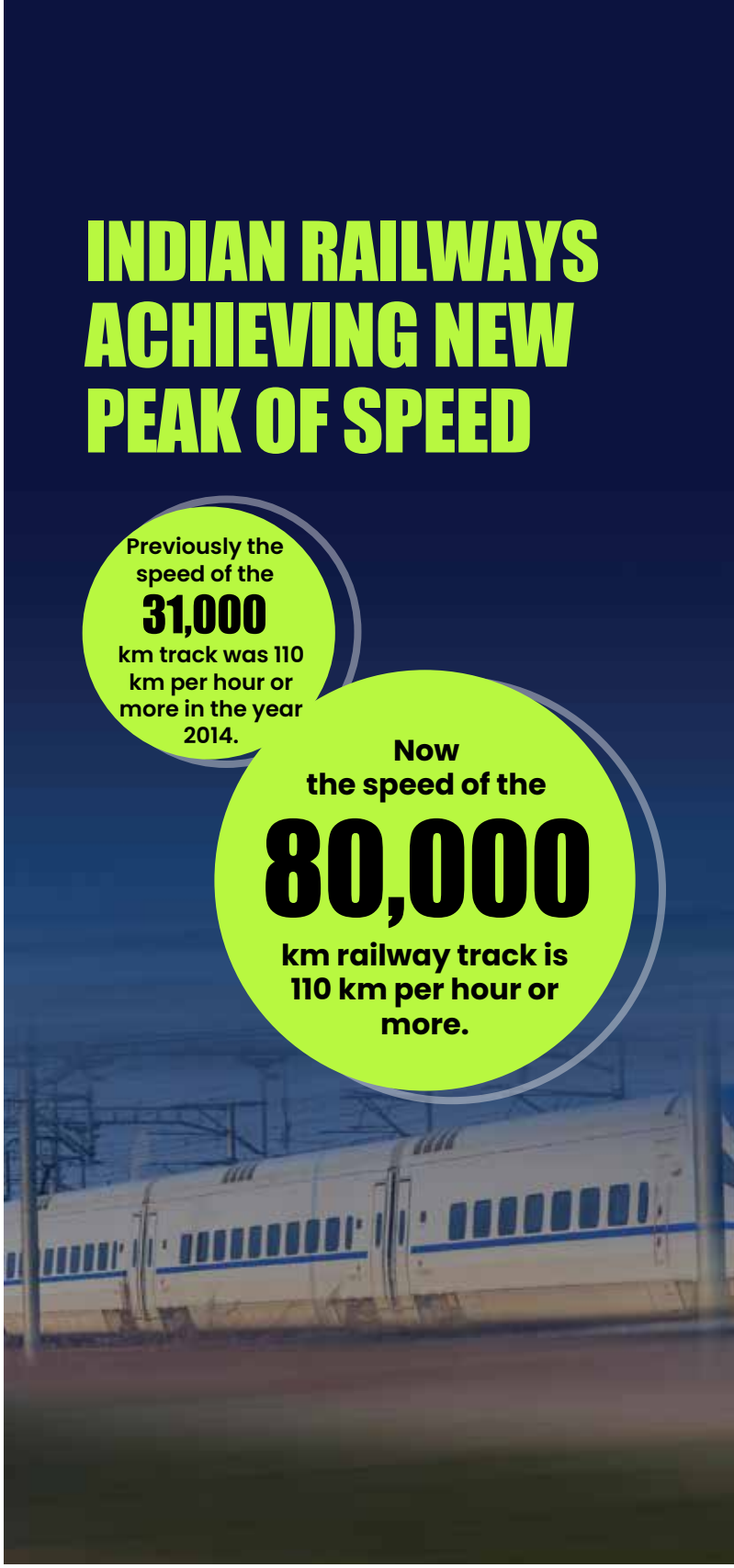
freight trains have been operating during the financial year 2024-25, on this dedicated corridor



city, or a mythological city, Vande Bharat connectivity is being ensured in all the cities so that along with increasing trade, tourism, culture, and heritage can also be preserved. On 15 February 2019, Prime Minister Modi started the first Vande Bharat train between New Delhi and Varanasi. The indigenously built Vande Bharat train is the country's first semi-high-speed train, which runs at a speed of 160 kilometers per hour. High-speed connectivity saves time and also accelerates the pace of development in the country. That's why the work of connecting cities through new waterways and air connectivity along with waterways is going on very fast in the country. Indian Railways is also rapidly adapting to a modern avatar. This is also increasing ease of traffic, saving time and creating employment opportunities.

In the changing India, it is very important that the standard of living of all the countrymen improves and the quality of life becomes better. People should breathe good air, garbage heaps should be removed, there should be good means of transport, and there should be good educational institutions for studies and better medical facilities. Today the Government of India is giving special emphasis to all these. Also, the amount India is spending on public transport today has never been as much in the country before. Amidst this atmosphere full of confidence, the India of Amrit Kaal is working together on its present and future needs. The PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan has been prepared to ensure coordination among all stakeholders from planning to implementation of infrastructure. Keeping in mind the skills as per the need of the railways, the country's first Gatishakti University has also been established.

A new logistics policy has been implemented to reduce the cost of transportation in the country and to minimize the cost of export. Emphasis is being laid on multimodal connectivity so that one mode of transport in the country supports the other. The main aim of all these efforts is to increase the ease of travel for the citizens of India and save their valuable time. The Vande Bharat trains, with a speed of 160 km per hour, is a reflection of this sentiment. The speed of trains has not only increased, but the common perception that



trains are not punctual in India have been changed. Goods trains that used to run at an average speed of 25 km are now running at a speed of 90 km per hour.

SPEED AND SCALE FOR EASE OF TRAVEL

The way Indian Railways is being transformed is a symbol



UNDER SEA TUNNEL CONSTRUCTION STARTED FOR HIGH-SPEED BULLET RAIL

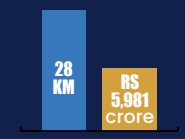
Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail Project (508 km) is the only approved project of high-speed rail in India, which is being worked on with the technical and financial assistance of the Government of Japan. Land acquisition work has been completed. By December 2024, 368 km of pier foundation, 346 km of pier construction, and 234 km of girder launching work have been completed. About 21 km tunnel is to be built under the sea on this corridor, the work of which has been started.

UNDERWATER METRO RAIL RAN IN KOLKATA

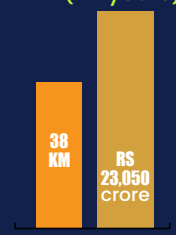
For the first time in the country, a new history was created when the train passed under the Hooghly River on the metro line running between Esplanade and Howrah Maidan in Kolkata. PM Modi inaugurated the first underwater metro tunnel in 2024. This is the first metro rail in the country that passes through a tunnel built under a river. Howrah Metro Station is the deepest metro station in India.

- The metro project in Kolkata started in 1972.
- 66 km of metro line has been constructed
- Construction work of 59 km of metro is going on in and around Kolkata.

NETWORK INCREASED RAPIDLY



From 1972 to 2014 (42 years)



2014 to 2024 (10 years)

of the new work culture of New India. Whatever India does today, it does at unprecedented speed and scale. Today's India has stopped dreaming small. The resolve of developed railways for developed India is becoming a reality. In February 2024, the foundation stone of more than 2,000 railway-related projects was laid and inaugurated simultaneously. Then the foundation stone was laid for the rejuvenation of more than 550 railway stations in more than 300 districts of 27 states. This shows at what speed India's train of progress is moving forward. Amrit-Bharat stations will be symbols of both heritage and development. For example, Balasore

railway station in Odisha has been designed on the theme of the Lord Jagannath temple. You will see the influence of local architecture at Rangpo railway station in Sikkim. Sanganer railway station in Rajasthan displays 16th-century hand-block printing. The design of Kumbakonam station in Tamil Nadu is based on the architecture of the Chola period. Ahmedabad railway station is inspired by Modhera Sun Temple. Dwarka station in Gujarat is inspired by the Dwarkadhish temple. The railway station of IT city Gurgaon will be dedicated to IT. That is, Amrit Bharat station will introduce the world to the specialty of that city. In the construction of these stations, special attention has also been given to the convenience of the disabled and the elderly.

For decades, the Railways had to be a victim of selfish politics. But now the Indian Railways is becoming the mainstay of ease of travel for the countrymen. But now Indian Railways is becoming the mainstay of ease of travel for the citizens of the country. The railways, which always complained of being in losses, is now going through the biggest phase of transformation.

All this is happening today because India has jumped from the 11th position to the 5th position in the economy. Ten years ago, when India's economy was at the 11th position, the average budget of the Railways was around Rs 45,000 crore.

Today, when the country is the 5th largest economic power, the railway budget is more than Rs 2.5 lakh crore. In such a situation, it can be imagined that when India becomes the third largest economic superpower in the world, how much more the country's strength will increase. In the past 10 years, corruption has been curbed and looting of government money has been prevented. Therefore, the speed of laying new railway lines has doubled. Today, from Jammu and Kashmir to the Northeast, Indian Railways is reaching such places that people had never even imagined. The work of the dedicated freight corridor of more than 2500 km completed. Honesty is one of the key factors behind it.

That means the money you paid in the form

KISAN RAIL

ACCESS TO MARKETS WILL BE EASY

Since the launch of Kisan Rail service in August 2020, the Railways has operated 2,364 Kisan Rail services. This service has transported about 7.9 lakh tonnes of goods from Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Delhi, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Nagaland, Punjab, Rajasthan, Telangana, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. Railways has given a subsidy of about Rs 154 crore for this.



ONE STATION-ONE PRODUCT

ARTISANS GOT A NEW MARKET

Indian Railways started the 'One Station-One Product' scheme on an experimental basis, which was gradually implemented across the country. Under this scheme, better opportunities are provided to local artisans, potters, weavers, and craftsmen to display and sell indigenous and local products through sales centers at railway stations.

- 2170 sales centers have been started at 1906 stations in the country. More than 83 thousand beneficiaries have taken advantage of this scheme.

BHARAT GAURAV TRAIN

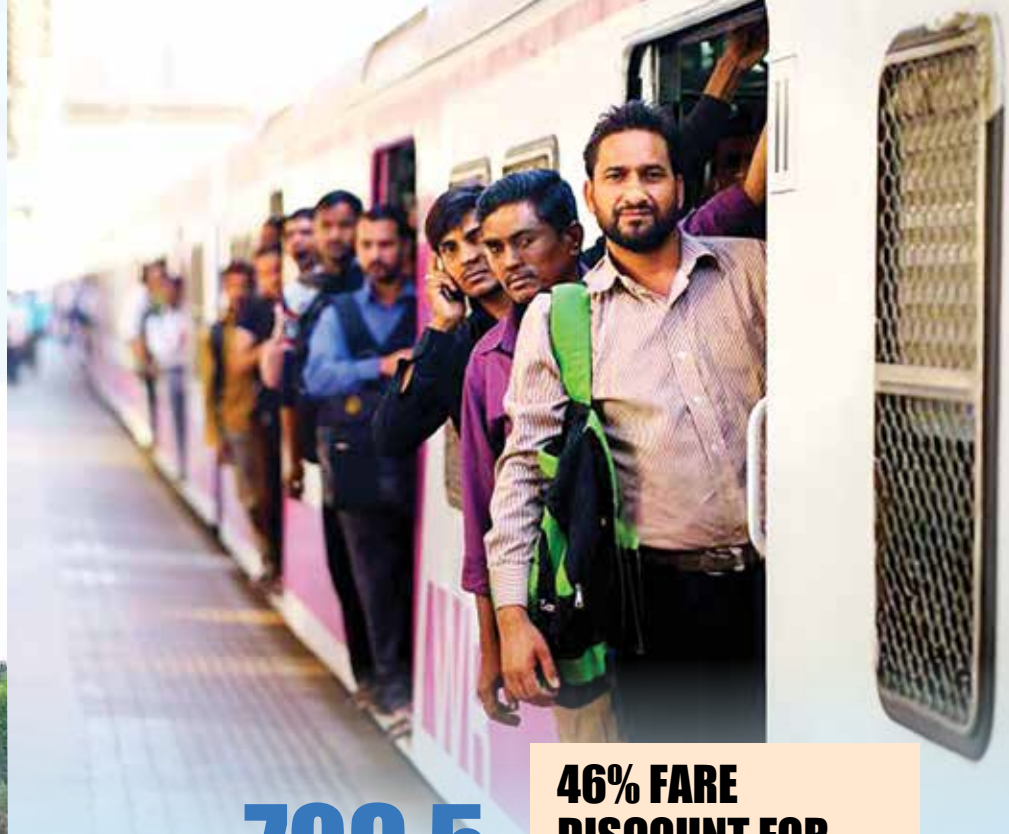
WILL PROVIDE A GLIMPSE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

Bharat Gaurav tourist trains are theme-based tourist circuit trains aimed at showcasing India's rich cultural heritage and magnificent historical sites. It was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. In 2024 alone, 1,04,077 people have traveled through Bharat Gaurav trains in 158 trips.

SMALLEST STEAM ENGINE

The smallest steam engine 'Baby Sivok' built in 1881 is now displayed at India's highest railway station (Ghum Station), giving tourists a solid connection with the rich heritage of the railways.





709.5

crore passengers have traveled in reserved class and 6,863 crore passengers in unreserved class between 2013-14 and 2023-24.

46% FARE DISCOUNT FOR EVERY PASSENGER

Railways give a 46% subsidy on fares to all passengers. According to Indian Railways, a subsidy of Rs 56,993 crore was given on passenger tickets in 2022-23. This is equal to an average subsidy of 46% given to every person traveling by train. For easy understanding, it can also be said- if the cost of providing the service is Rs 100, then the price of the ticket is Rs 54.

HERITAGE RAILWAY STATION

Kashi Railway Station, built in the year 1882 under Northern Railway, has been included in the list of heritage railway stations.



of tax, in the form of a ticket, every penny of it is being spent in the interest of railway passengers today. The Government of India gives a discount of almost 50 percent on every railway ticket.

PASSENGER COMFORT AND SAFETY PRIORITISING

Indian Railways is the most trusted companion of the poor and middle class of the country. The number of people who travel by train in India in a day is more than the population of many countries. But, it was unfortunate that earlier, not much attention was paid to modernizing the Indian Railways. Now the central government is engaged in the transformation of Indian Railways. The government has made an unprecedented increase in the railway budget.

The railway budget has now been increased eight times compared to 2014. Whether it is doubling of railway lines, electrification, running new trains, construction of new routes, work is being done on all these at a fast pace.

Indian Railways is actually the vehicle of the common Indian family. If parents, children, grandparents, everyone has to travel together, then the railway has been the biggest means of transport for people for decades. Should this vehicle of the common Indian family not have been modernized with time? Was it right to leave the railways in such a bad state? But in the last decade, keeping in mind the convenience and safety of passengers, railways are being developed with a holistic approach. As a result of this, today when someone returns from another city or a faraway place, the first thing he is asked is how his journey was. That person does not only tell about his travel experience, he talks about the entire journey from leaving home to reaching the destination. He tells how much the railway stations have changed, he tells how systematic the operation of trains has become. His experiences include the behavior of the TTE, the tablet in his hand instead of paper, security arrangements, quality of food, all kinds of things. Therefore, every railway employee has to constantly remain sensitive for ease of travel, to give a good experience to the passengers.

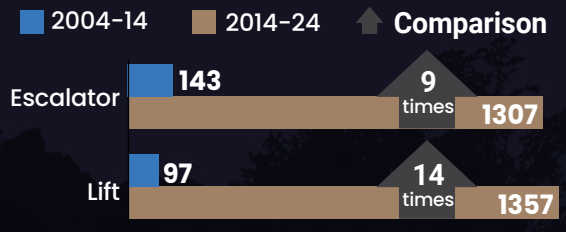
NEW RAIL TRACKS ARE BEING LAID AT TWICE THE SPEED

2009-14	2014-24
7,599 KM	31,180 KM

A Comparison between 2004-14 and 2014-24

	2004-14	2014-24	Comparison
Expenditure on railway track renewal	47,038	1,09,577	2.33 times
Newly added railway tracks (km)	14,985	31,180	2.08 times
Unmanned gates	8,948 (2014)	0 (2019)	100% reduction
Manned gates abolished	1137	7075	6.21 times
Fog pass safety device	90 (2014)	19,742	219 times
Recruitment made in railways	4.11 lakh	5.02 lakh	20% More

14 times more lifts installed at railway stations



NEW IDENTITY OF RAILWAYS IN AMRIT KAAL

There are thousands of railway stations in the country that are from the era of slavery, in which there was not much change even after 75 years of independence. Developing India will now have to modernize its railway stations as well. With this thought, for the first time, a campaign for the development and modernization of railway stations has been started in India.

MEASURES TAKEN FOR RAILWAY SAFETY

BUDGET FOR INVESTMENT ON TRACK RENEWAL AND SAFETY

2024-25 **1,08,776** crore rupees

2023-24 **1,01,650** crore rupees

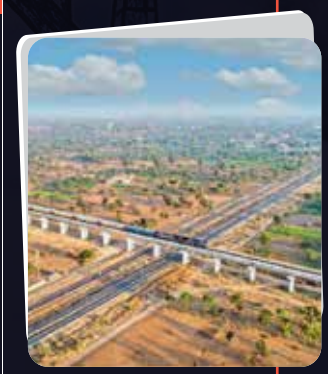
Interlocking arrangements were made at 11,082 level crossings

- An electronic interlocking system has been provided for centralized operation at more than 6600 stations to prevent accidents caused by human error.
- Vigilance control devices (VCDs) have been installed in all rail engines to improve the alertness of loco pilots.
- Retro-reflective sigma boards are provided on the masts so that the crew can be warned about the signal ahead when visibility is poor due to fog.
- GPS-based fog safety devices are provided for loco pilots in fog-affected areas so that the loco pilot can know the distance of important landmarks, signals, and railway gates on the way.
- The supply of 130 and 260-meter-long track panels has been increased to speed up the renewal of railway tracks and avoid welding.
- Ultrasonic flaw detection testing of rails is being used to detect problems in railway tracks and replace defective tracks.
- Railway Protection Force has more than 6.31 lakh personnel from constables to Inspector General rank officers.

SAFETY IS NOW A PRIORITY



Other important indices showing safety in rail operation- accidents per million train kilometers have come down from 0.11 in 2014-15 to 0.03 in 2023-24. This is an improvement of more than 73 percent.



12,000 overbridges and underpasses have been constructed in 10 years. This ensures increased safety and efficient train operations, which is an important milestone in the development of railway infrastructure.



Unmanned crossings have been eliminated
Unmanned level crossings have been 100% manned or have been eliminated.



Today, a record number of foot over bridges, lifts, and escalators are being constructed for the convenience of railway passengers in the country. Recently, the work of redeveloping more than 1,000 big stations in the country has been started. These new stations built in Amrit Kaal will be called Amrit Bharat stations. These stations will become the identity of New India in the coming days.

In Amrit Kaal, country has resloved to accomplish Ek Bharat Shreshta Bahrat. In 2047, when the country will celebrate 100 years of independence, to achieve the goal of a developed India in 2047, the development of every state and its people is equally important. In the earlier governments, when the cabinet was formed, the most discussed topic was who would get the Railway Ministry. It was believed that more trains would run in the state from which the Railway minister belonged. And even in that, it used to happen that new trains were announced, but very few would hit the tracks. This self-centered thinking did great harm not only to the Railways but to the country. It harmed the people of the country. Now the country cannot take the risk of keeping any state behind. Now the thought of moving forward with the vision of Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas has brought revolutionary changes in the Railways.

RAILWAYS BECOMES THE CARRIER OF INDUSTRIAL PROGRESS

Indian Railways is not only a means of public transportation but is also the biggest carrier of the country's agriculture and industrial progress. If the speed of the train is fast, time will be saved. Due to this, milk, fish, fruits, vegetables, and many such products will be able to reach the market quickly. This will also reduce the cost of industries. This will give impetus to Make in India, Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan. Today, India is being considered the most attractive destination for investment in the whole world. A big reason for this is also this modern infrastructure. In the coming 5 years, when these thousands of stations will be modernized, the capacity of Indian Railways will increase, and



MANUFACTURING OF LHB COACHES INCREASED 16 TIMES IN A DECADE

Period 2004-14	Period 2014-24
2,337	36,933

RUBs AND ROBs HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED THREE TIMES IN THE LAST DECADE



FOREIGN TOURIST FACILITIES

Taking an initiative towards ensuring confirmed reservations to foreign tourists, an online reservation facility has been made available 365 days in advance.

- Railway passengers have now been given the option to change their boarding point online till the chart is prepared.
- Under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, every coach of Indian Railways is now equipped with bio-toilets.









MORE FACILITIES IN GENERAL CLASS

According to the current policy, in the structure of mail or express train, there is a provision of 12 coaches of the general class and non-AC sleeper class and 8 AC coaches in a 22-coach train. This provides more convenience to the passengers who travel in general class and non-AC sleeper class coaches.

- 13,523 trips of special trains were made in the year 2024 to provide seats to the extra rush of passengers during the Holi and summer holidays.
- During Durga Puja, Deepawali, and Chhath, between October 1 and November 30, 2024, special trains made 7,990 trips, benefiting 1.8 crore passengers.
- To meet the increased demand for unreserved seats, more than 900 coaches have been added to mail and express trains running with LHB coaches till November 2024 in the current financial year.
- Railways has been manufacturing modern LHB coaches since 2018. So far, more than 75 pairs of trains have been converted into trains with modern LHB coaches.
- Keeping in mind the increasing demand, Indian Railways has planned to manufacture 10,000 non-AC coaches including general class and sleeper class coaches. During the last five years, about 5,200 passenger coaches of various classes have been added to various services, including 1,100 general class coaches.
- Before 2014, the number of stations equipped with CCTV surveillance facilities was 123, in the last decade CCTVs have been installed at more than 800 stations.

WI-FI FACILITY

has been started at more than 6,000 stations.



THE INDIAN RAILWAY NETWORK HAS THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF RAILWAY STATIONS IN THE WORLD

- India has the highest number of 7,325 stations compared to other rail networks in the world.
- More rail tracks have been laid in India in the last 10 years than the total rail network of countries like South Africa, Ukraine, Poland, UK and Sweden.
- When Indian Railways completes 100% electrification, it will become the largest green rail network in the world.



JAMMU BECOMES THE NEW DIVISION OF RAILWAYS

Indian Railways has set up a new railway division in Jammu under Northern Railway, which was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on January 6, 2025. The headquarters of Jammu Division is located in Jammu city which is an important station for connecting India to the far northern regions. This division will meet the rail transport needs of Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, and parts of Punjab. The new division has been created by dividing the existing Ferozepur Division of Northern Railway. The jurisdiction of the new division includes 11 important goods sheds/ goods terminals, which will help transport food grains, petroleum, cement, sugar, coal, fertilizers, seasonal fruits, and vegetables. This division has 3 Gati Shakti cargo points. A freight management terminal is being built at Bari Brahmana near Jammu. There is also a plan to build three goods sheds in the Kashmir region.

UDHAMPUR-SRINAGAR-BARAMULLA RAIL LINK PROJECT COMPLETED

To provide an alternative and reliable transport system to Jammu & Kashmir, the Government of India had planned a 272 km long railway line from Udhampur to Baramulla under the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link Project (USBRL) which will connect Kashmir Valley with the Indian Railways network. The project involves the laying of a railway line in extremely rugged and mountainous terrain with the most difficult and complex Himalayan geology with the construction of a large number of tunnels and bridges. The rail link has been completed and soon the direct rail journey from Kanyakumari to Kashmir will commence.

- Udhampur-Katra (25 km): Commissioned in July 2014.
- Banihal-Qazigund (18 km): Section completed and commissioned in June 2013, including the 11.2 km T-80 Pir Panjal tunnel.
- Qazigund-Baramulla (118 km): Work done in a phased manner and section commissioned, the final part of which was opened in 2009.
- Katra-Banihal (111 km): Banihal-Sangdalan (48 km) dedicated to the nation, Reasi-Sangdalan (46 km) work was completed on 20 February 2024 and CRS certification was received on 1 July 2024.
- Katra-Reasi (17 km): Work completed and CRS certification received.

then another very big revolution attracting investment take place. That is why Prime Minister Narendra Modi says, "I am not in the habit of dreaming small dreams and going slow. I want to guarantee today's young generation that by the end of this decade, you will not find India's trains lagging behind anyone in the world." With the efforts of the Central Government, Indian Railways is achieving new heights in the world in safety, cleanliness, facilities, coordination, sensitivity, and capacity. Indian Railways is close to the target of 100 percent electrification. Initiatives like Namo Bharat and Vande Bharat and modernization of railway stations under the Amrit Bharat Railway Station Yojana have been listed. This trinity of Amrit Bharat, Vande Bharat, and Namo Bharat will symbolize the modernization of Indian Railways by the end of this decade.

SOPHISTICATED RAILWAYS FOR DEVELOPING INDIA

Modernization of railway stations is necessary for

ANJI KHAD BRIDGE AND CHENAB ARE UNMATCHED EXAMPLES OF ENGINEERING

Anji Khad Bridge: It is the first cable-based bridge of Indian Railways. It uses 96 cables weighing 849 metric tons. Anji Bridge has been constructed in the Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir under the most challenging Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla rail link project of Indian Railways. This bridge is situated in the Himalayan hills which is a region of rugged hills and natural complexities and prone to earthquakes. The length of this bridge is 725.5 meters. The main bridge over Anji Khad is a cable-stayed bridge with a total length of 473.25 meters with a main span of 290 meters. Anji Khad Bridge connects tunnels T-2 and T-3 on the Katra-Banihal section of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link Project. Anji Khad bridge has a main pylon 193 meters high from the top of the foundation which is situated at a height of 331 meters from the river bed. This bridge is designed to withstand heavy storms blowing at a speed of 213 kmph. Even if 40 kg of explosives are detonated on its deck, the bridge will not be damaged.



Chenab Bridge: The construction of an arch bridge over the Chenab River in the Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir has been completed, which is the world's highest railway bridge. Its construction cost Rs 1,486 crore. The length of the bridge is 1315 meters and the height of the bridge from the river bed is 359 meters. The design period of the bridge is 120 years. 28,660 metric tons of steel have been used in the construction of the bridge. Even if the wind blows at a speed of 266 kilometers per hour, there will be no damage to the bridge or any problem in the movement of trains.

RAILWAY PROJECTS WORTH MORE THAN RS 70,000 CRORE UNDERWAY IN ODISHA

PM Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the Raigarh Railway Division in Odisha on January 6, 2025. While this will strengthen the railway infrastructure of the state, it will also boost tourism, business, and employment in South Odisha. This is the region where a large number of tribals live. Odisha has abundant natural resources and a vast coastline. Due to this, there is a lot of potential for international trade here. Several railway projects worth more than Rs 70,000 crore are underway in the state.

NEW TERMINAL STATION INAUGURATED AT CHARLAPALLI, TELANGANA

PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the Charlapalli new terminal station in Telangana. The terminal station has been built at a cost of about Rs 413 crore. This terminal will promote regional development by connecting to the Outer Ring Road. This station, connected to the Outer Ring Road, will greatly promote development in the region. Modern facilities like lifts, escalators, and solar panels are available on the platform of the station. The new terminal will reduce congestion pressure on the existing stations of Secunderabad, Hyderabad, and Kacheguda, thereby making travel more convenient for people.





a developing India. Keeping this thought in mind, for the first time in India, a campaign for the development and modernization of railway stations has been started. Today, a record number of foot over bridges, lifts and escalators are being constructed for the convenience of rail passengers in the country. Amrit Bharat Station Yojana has been started for the redevelopment of 1,309 stations across the country. The work of redevelopment of more than 500 major railway stations of the country has also been started. These stations are being redeveloped at a cost of more than Rs 24,470 crore, which have been named Amrit Bharat Stations. Work is going on rapidly on doubling of railway lines, gauge conversion and new routes in entire India including the eastern part of the country. Soon the capitals of all the states of the Northeast will be connected to the railway network. Before 2014, there were less than 6 thousand railway overbridges and underbridges in the country, but now its number has increased to more than 10,000. The number of unmanned railway crossings on major lines has now become zero. Soon 100 percent of the electrification of railway lines will be completed. Whereas before 2014, barely 35 percent of the railway lines were electrified. By the year 2030, India will be a country whose railway network will run on net zero emissions.

In the last 10 years, the central government has tried to change the status of Indian Railways with great sincerity and hard work; Vande Bharat Express is a glimpse of those works. In the past years, railways have been among those sectors that have made a lot of progress in manufacturing under Make in India. Along with this, modernization of rail coach factories in the country, work of converting diesel engines into electric, and new factories have also been started for this. Earlier, online reservation in railway tickets used to move at a snail's pace. But today more than 20 thousand tickets can be booked in a minute. Earlier, the situation was such that it used to take at least

NATIONAL AUTOMATIC TRAIN PROTECTION - KAVACH

KAVACH is an indigenously developed Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system. The system continuously monitors the speed of the train and automatically adheres to the permissible speed limit. If the speed of the train exceeds the permissible speed limit or fails to comply with specific signal aspects, the ATP immediately activates the emergency brake to stop the train. KAVACH was adopted in July 2020. KAVACH has been installed on 1548 route km of the South Central Railway and North Central Railway. Work is in progress on the Delhi-Mumbai and Delhi-Howrah corridors (about 3000 km). Bids invited for 15,000 Routine Km (RKM).

10,000
locos are being equipped with KAVACH protection technology.

9,000
technicians were trained.

CONNECTING WITH INDIAN CULTURE AND HISTORICAL HERITAGE - PRAVASI BHARATIYA EXPRESS

Indian Railways launched a special Pravasi Bharatiya Express. In this train, about 150 people will visit tourist and faith-related destinations. This train presents a great opportunity for people of Indian origin in the age group of 45 to 65 years. In this three-week journey, the passengers will visit places like Ayodhya, Varanasi, Patna, Gaya, Mahabalipuram, Rameswaram, Madurai, Kochi, Goa, Ekta Nagar, Pushkar, Ajmer and Agra. At every stop, they will get to experience the cultural diversity, historical heritage, and rich traditions of India.

27
countries

150
passengers

visit to
14
destinations



Around
12,00,000
employees/ officers in Indian Railways

2,037
are loco pilots

1,00,000
women are employed in Indian Railways



Surekha Yadav is the first woman loco pilot of Vande Bharat Express.

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2024-25

The total capital expenditure for Railways is Rs 2,65,200 crore, of which the gross budgetary support is Rs 2,52,200 crore.

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lakh crore spent till the first week of January 2025.

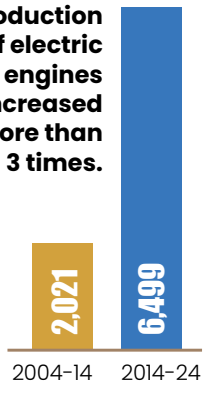
SECURITY

Out of the budgetary allocation of Rs 34,412 crore, Rs 28,281 crore was spent on security-related works, which is 82% of the allocated amount.

ROLLING STOCK

The budgetary provision was Rs 50,903 crore, out of which Rs 40,367 crore was spent, which is 79%.

Production of electric engines increased more than 3 times.



> **Our government has also given priority to the expansion of railways in the North East. Work is being done at a fast pace on the doubling of railway lines, gauge conversion, electrification, and construction of new routes.**
>
> **- Narendra Modi,**
> **Prime Minister**

two years for a railway project to get approval, now a railway project in the country gets approved in three or four or at most six months. Such efforts have brought new momentum to the railway works. A major campaign has been launched to eliminate unmanned crossings from broad gauge lines across the country. Whereas before 2014, there were more than 8 , 300 unmanned railway crossings in the country, due to which accidents used to happen every day. But now, with the elimination of unmanned railway crossings on broad gauge lines, accidents have also reduced.

Whether it is the work of laying railway tracks or electrification work in the country, it is happening at twice the speed than before. By giving priority to the busiest routes of the country, they are being freed from conventional trains. Pollution is also being reduced from electric trains, diesel cost is also being saved and the speed of trains has also increased. Obviously, these efforts to modernize the railways have also created new employment opportunities.

THE IDEA OF BUILDING THE WORLD'S BEST RAIL NETWORK

21st-century India may be working with new thinking and new approach. But it was the



misfortune of the country that an important system like railways, which has a huge role in the life of a common man was politicised. India was handed over a huge railway network after independence. If previous governments had shown the will, they could have modernized the railways very fast, but for political gain, for populist promises, the development of railways was sacrificed.

Looking at political selfishness, it was decided who would become the railway minister and who would not. Political selfishness decided which train would run on which station. Political selfishness led to announcements of such trains in the budget, which never ran. Thousands of unmanned crossings in the country were also left to their own fate. Safety of



RAIL CONNECTIVITY INCREASED IN THE NORTHEAST

Before 2014, only Guwahati of Assam was connected to the rail network in the North Eastern region. Under the 'Capital Connectivity' project, now Itanagar-Arunachal and Agartala of Tripura have also been connected to it. In 2022, for the first time, a goods train reached Rani Gaidinliu Railway Station in Tamenglong, Manipur. In 2023, the first electric train reached Meghalaya.
The Agartala-Akhaura railway project connecting Bangladesh and the northeastern states of India has significantly reduced the time taken to cover the distance between Kolkata and Agartala. Nagaland has got its second station after 100 years. The commissioning of new railway lines in the region has increased threefold.
To improve rail connectivity with the northeastern states and the rest of India, 18 railway infrastructure projects (13 new lines and 5 doublings) of 1368 km, costing about Rs 75 thousand crore, are in different stages of planning, approval, or construction. These projects fall fully or partially in the Northeast region. Of these, 313 km length has been commissioned. By March 2024, about Rs 41 thousand crore has been spent on them. Talking about the last 10 years, more than 1700 km of the section was converted into new lines, gauges conversion, or doubled. In these ten years, an average of 173 km of new tracks were built per year, whereas during 2009-14 this figure was only 67 km per year, that is, 170% of new tracks have been built in the last decade. Not only this, in the last decade, an average of 142 km of tracks were electrified per year, which was zero during 2009-14. During the same period, 470 rail flyovers and underbridges were constructed in the region.
Out of the Rs 2.62 lakh crore received by Indian Railways as capital expenditure in the financial year 2024-25, Rs 10,376 crore has been set aside for the Northeast region, which is 5 times more than the annual average budget outlay during the period 2009-14. Earlier, Rs 74,972 crore has already been allocated for 18 ongoing projects involving 1,368 km of new tracks.



MAHA KUMBH

RAILWAYS' 13 THOUSAND REGULAR/ SPECIAL TRAINS

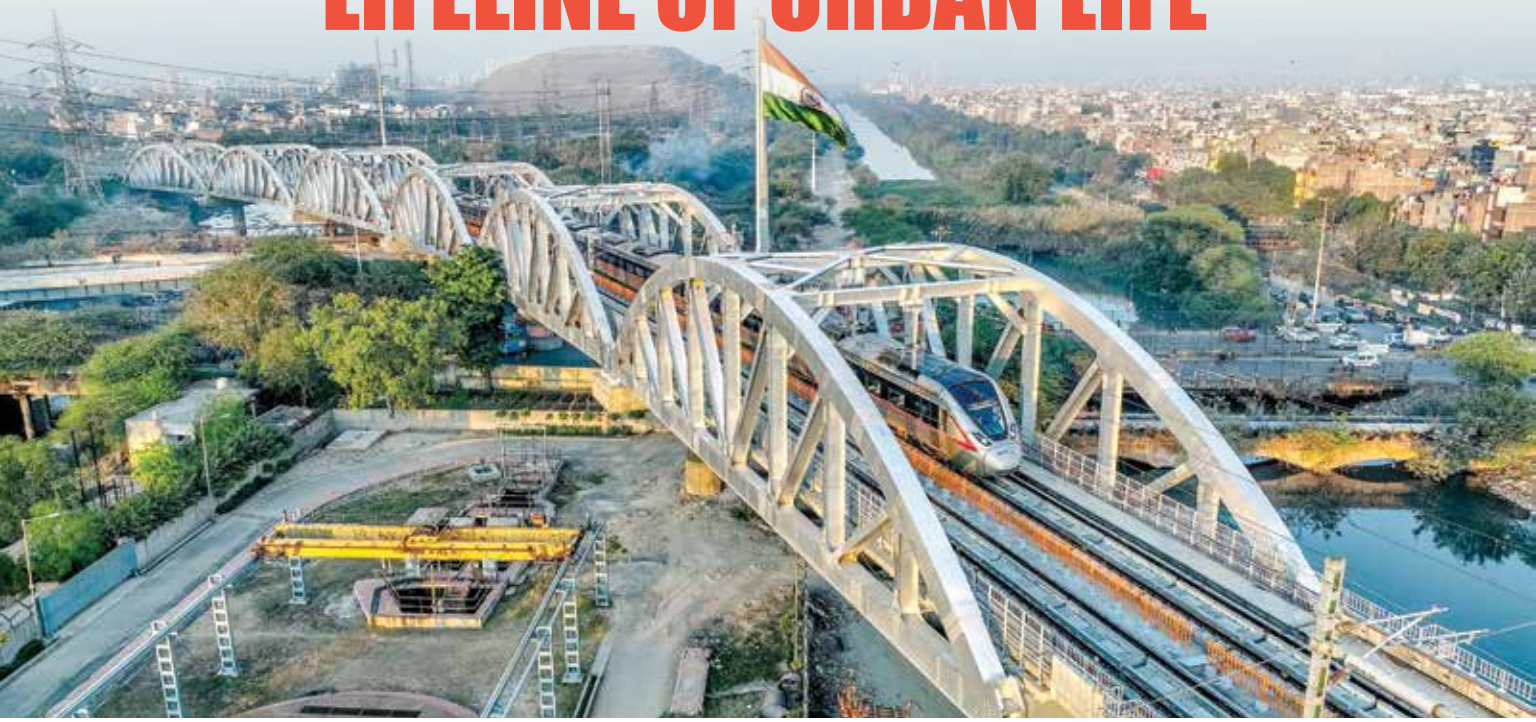
Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw told the Parliament that keeping in mind the rush of passengers expected during Maha Kumbh, a complete blueprint of running 13 thousand trains including 10,000 regular trains had already been prepared. This shows a focused effort to serve the middle class and economically weaker families.

railways, cleanliness of railways, cleanliness of railway platforms—everything was ignored. When the country's politics changed in 2014, its leadership decided that the railways would be transformed. In the past 10 years, it has been the constant endeavor of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to make Indian Railways the best rail network in the world.

Everyone knows what kind of news used to come about Indian Railways before the year 2014. Sometimes the news of the death of school children used to be heart-wrenching. Today, the broad gauge network has become free from unmanned crossings. Today every Indian is filled with pride seeing the transformation of Indian Railways. Today Indian Railways has become much safer. To strengthen passenger safety, the Made in India Kavach system is being expanded in the railways. Certainly, today, from north to south, east to west, railways are adding new chapters to the country's development journey. In the past years, the railways have raised hopes of solving decades-old problems through their hard work. But there is still a long way to go in this direction. The central government is determined that it will not stop until Indian Railways becomes a guarantee of a comfortable journey for everyone.

INDIA IS POISED TO BECOME THE SECOND-LARGEST METRO NETWORK IN THE WORLD

METRO AND NAMO BHARAT RAPID RAIL ARE BECOMING THE LIFELINE OF URBAN LIFE



Transformation at a massive pace has become the identity of the new India. Whether planning or implementing, the work is going on at a new speed and on a larger scale. As a result, India, which was not even among the top 10 countries in the world in terms of metro network till 2014, is today the third largest network in the world. Soon we will be the country with the second-largest metro network. After Metro, now Water Metro and Namo Bharat Rapid Rail have become the lifeline of urban life...

Prime Minister Narendra Modi says that if infrastructure connectivity increases, the pace of development will also increase. The pace of construction of metro networks in the last decade is one of the biggest examples of this. During this period, more than 750 km of new metro network has been built in the country, which was only 248 km till 2014. At the same time, in just a decade, the metro has grown from 5 cities in the country to 23 cities in 13 states and has become the most reliable means of fast and safe travel. About one crore people travel in it daily. Prime Minister Narendra Modi believes that during the tenure of the current government, India will have the second-largest metro network in the world.

Along with the metro, the central government has also started the rapid rail service, taking an important



TOP THREE COUNTRIES WITH THE LONGEST METRO NETWORKS

China	4,201 km
United States	1,408 km
India	1,000+ km

OPERATING METRO NETWORK IN INDIA

2014	248 km	5 cities
2024	1,000 km	23 cities

MORE THAN **1,000** km of new metro routes in the country are operating now

AVERAGE PASSE-NGERS PER DAY

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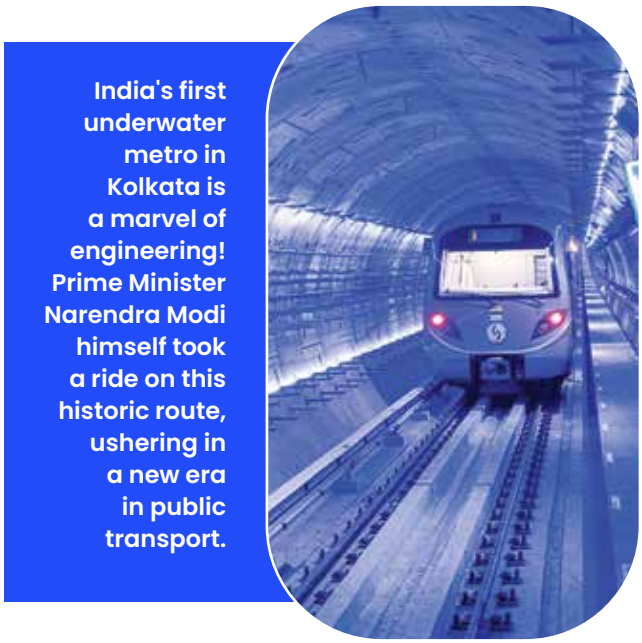
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6 KM OF NEW METRO NETWORK IS BEING ADDED EVERY MONTH

before 2014 — **600 M**

2024 — **6 KM**



India's first underwater metro in Kolkata is a marvel of engineering! Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself took a ride on this historic route, ushering in a new era in public transport.



KOCHI WATER METRO BECAME THE PRIDE OF INDIA

Kochi in Kerala is the first city in the country to launch the water metro project. It connects 10 islands around the city with electric hybrid boats. The first boat was launched here in December 2021. After this, in April 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated it to the nation. It was started with 23 electric boats, which will be increased to 78. This entire system works like a metro network. People can also travel in it on the token of Kochi Metro.

THE FUTURE OF METRO TRAVEL IS SWADESHI

MORE THAN **1,000** metro coaches were produced in 5 years

First Make in India driverless metro train set handed over to Delhi Metro Rail Corporation

METRO MANUFACTURED IN INDIA, IS READY FOR THE WORLD

- Delhi Metro is building a metro rail system in Bangladesh.
- Provided consultancy services in Jakarta.
- Exported metro coaches to Canada and Australia.

step towards high-speed connectivity. Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut corridor on March 8, 2019. The construction of a 17 km section of this corridor between Sahibabad and Duhai in Ghaziabad was also completed before the scheduled time of June 2025. Here on October 20, 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi also inaugurated the country's first rapid rail. In this section, a distance of 17 km is being covered in just 12 minutes. By December 2024, Namo Bharat Rapid Rail has been started on a 42 km stretch between Sahibabad and Meerut South. In January

METRO RAIL RIDES ARE AVAILABLE IN THESE CITIES OF THE COUNTRY

City	Metro Running (in KMS)	Metro rail network under construction (in KMS)
Delhi and NCR	'Including Namo Bharat Rapid Rail' 435	155
Bangalore	77	140
Hyderabad	69	-
Kolkata	58	175
Chennai	54	119
Jaipur	12	-
Kochi	28	11
Lucknow	23	-
Kanpur	9	24
Agra	6	24
Nagpur	40	44
Pune	33	33
Mumbai	90	176
Thane	-	29
Ahmedabad / Gandhi Nagar	59	9
Surat	-	40
Bhopal	-	28
Indore	-	32
Patna	-	32



Driverless Metro: India started its first driverless metro service on 28 December 2020 on the Magenta Line of the Delhi Metro of India.



THE FIRST METRO RAIL NETWORK BECAME A REALITY IN TWO DECADES

1969 The initiative for a metro system was started through the Metropolitan Transport Project in India.

1984 The first metro covered a distance of 3.4 km between Esplanade and Bhawanipur in Kolkata.

1995 The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) was established to bring world-class mass rapid transport to Delhi.

2002 The DMRC launched its first metro corridor between Shahdara and Tis Hazari in Delhi. The stage was set for one of the largest metro networks in the country.

2011 The first section of the Namma Metro (Bengaluru Metro) was built.

2017 The Chennai Metro expanded with the inauguration of the Green Line section from Koyambedu to Nehru Park, a milestone for metro development in South India.

2020 The first phase of the Kochi Metro was completed. With the commissioning of the Thaikudam-Petta section, Kerala became part of the growing metro network in India.

2025, another 13 km corridor was added. Now the Rapid Rail is directly connected to the country's capital along with covering 11 stations spread over 55 km. The distance of 55 km from New Ashok Nagar in Delhi to Meerut South is being covered in just 40 minutes. The train is available every 15 minutes in this section. If you want to travel from start to end on this section, then you will have to pay Rs 150 for a standard coach and Rs 225 for a premium coach. Namo Bharat Rapid Rail between Ahmedabad and Bhuj was launched on September 17, 2024, and consists of 12 coaches.

THE 21ST CENTURY JAMMU AND KASHMIR IS WRITING A NEW SCRIPT OF DEVELOPMENT

Jammu and Kashmir once again gaining its identity as 'heaven on earth' The central government, together with the people here, is laying a strong foundation for a golden future. From the sports arena to farmland and cities to villages, from new industrial policy to strengthening democracy at the grassroots level, the government has worked steadfastly. With the fast growth in tourism, industry, employment, and business, another feather was added to the cap when Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 12-kilometer-long Sonamarg tunnel project on January 13...



Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the central government is working rapidly towards making the country a developed nation. In this, work is being done for development in every part of 'heaven on earth' Jammu and Kashmir. A network of road and rail networks is being laid from cities to villages and from remote hilly areas to inaccessible places. Presently road and highway projects worth about Rs 1.5 lakh crore in different parts of Jammu and Kashmir are in progress. 99 percent of villages with a population of 250 or more have been connected with the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana. The central government wants to connect Jammu and Kashmir directly with the rest of the country so that trade and tourism can be promoted and the distance between hearts can also be eliminated.

Praising the beautiful snow-capped mountains and pleasant weather, PM Modi said that his eagerness to visit Jammu and Kashmir had increased after seeing the pictures recently shared by the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir on social media. The opening of the Sonamarg tunnel will make the lives of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, and Kargil easier. Even after heavy snowfall and landslides, the destination can be reached easily through this tunnel. The tunnel will maintain connectivity with Sonamarg during the winter season and will promote tourism in the entire region. PM Modi said that the construction of the Sonamarg tunnel started in 2015 after his government came to power.

PM Modi said that Jammu and Kashmir is

INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR

A network of roads and highways is being laid to make travel easier to the remote hilly areas of Jammu and Kashmir. For this, four important corridors worth Rs 50 thousand crores are being constructed.

JAMMU-UDHAMPUR-SRINAGAR ROUTE

This passage covering 250 km is being built for Rs 16,000 crore. It will have a total of 33 tunnels, out of which 15 have been completed, and work is going on 18 tunnels. After the construction of this corridor, it will take five hours less to cover this distance. The work on this project will be completed by December 2025.

JAMMU-CHENANI-ANANTNAG

This passage covering 202 km is being prepared at a cost of Rs 14,000 crore. A total of five tunnels will be constructed in this corridor. Its construction will reduce the distance by 68 kilometers. The project will be completed by December 2025.

JAMMU-AKHNOOR-SURANKOTE-POONCH ROUTE

This 202 km long passage is being built for Rs 5,000 crore. DPR work has started.

SURANKOTE-SHOPIAN-BARAMULLA-URI

This 303 km long passage is to be built for Rs 10,000 crore. DPR of 197 km is ready. It is to be completed by the year 2026-27. This will facilitate the movement of people from Surankote to Poonch and Rajouri from Srinagar.



becoming a hub of tunnels, high bridges, and ropeways. The world's highest tunnel and the highest railroad bridge are being built here. These include the cable bridge that enhances Kashmir's railway connectivity, the Zojila, Chenani Nashri, and Sonmarg tunnel projects and the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla rail link project.

PM Modi said that more than 14 tunnels like Sonamarg are being constructed, which will make Jammu and Kashmir one of the most connected regions of the country. Improved connectivity will allow tourists to reach previously untouched and unexplored areas of Jammu and Kashmir. The tourism sector has benefited from the peace and progress achieved in the region in the last decade. More



than 2 crore tourists visited Jammu and Kashmir in 2024. The increase in the number of tourists has benefited local businesses, including hotels, homestays, dhabas, clothing stores, and taxi services. This is a new era for Jammu and Kashmir. After 40 years, the region hosted international cricket leagues and car racing around the beautiful Dal Lake. Gulmarg is becoming the winter sports capital of India, having hosted four Khelo India Winter Games and is also hosting its fifth edition. In the last two years, 2,500 athletes from across the country have participated in various sports tournaments in Jammu and Kashmir. More than 90 Khelo India centers in the region are providing training to 4,500 local youth. PM Modi said that work is being done to make Kashmir even more beautiful and prosperous, in which the youth, elderly, and children of the region are getting steadfast support. The people of Jammu and Kashmir are contributing to the progress of the region and the nation by working diligently to turn their dreams into reality.

WINTER TOURISM, ADVENTURE SPORTS, AND LOCAL LIVELIHOOD WILL GET A BOOST

The approximately 12 km long Sonamarg tunnel project has been constructed at a cost of more than Rs 2,700 crore. It includes a 6.4 km long Sonamarg main tunnel, an exit tunnel, and an approach road. It is located at an altitude of more than 8,650 feet above sea level. This will promote winter tourism, adventure sports, and local livelihood. When the Zojila tunnel is completed in 2028, the national highway connecting with the Sonamarg route will not only ensure connectivity between Srinagar Valley and Ladakh but the distance will also be reduced from 49 km to 43 km. The speed of vehicles will increase from 30 km per hour to 70 km per hour. Better connectivity will boost defense logistics, promote economic development and sociocultural integration in Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh.

BHARATPOL WILL NOW TIGHTEN THE NOOSE ON FUGITIVE CRIMINALS



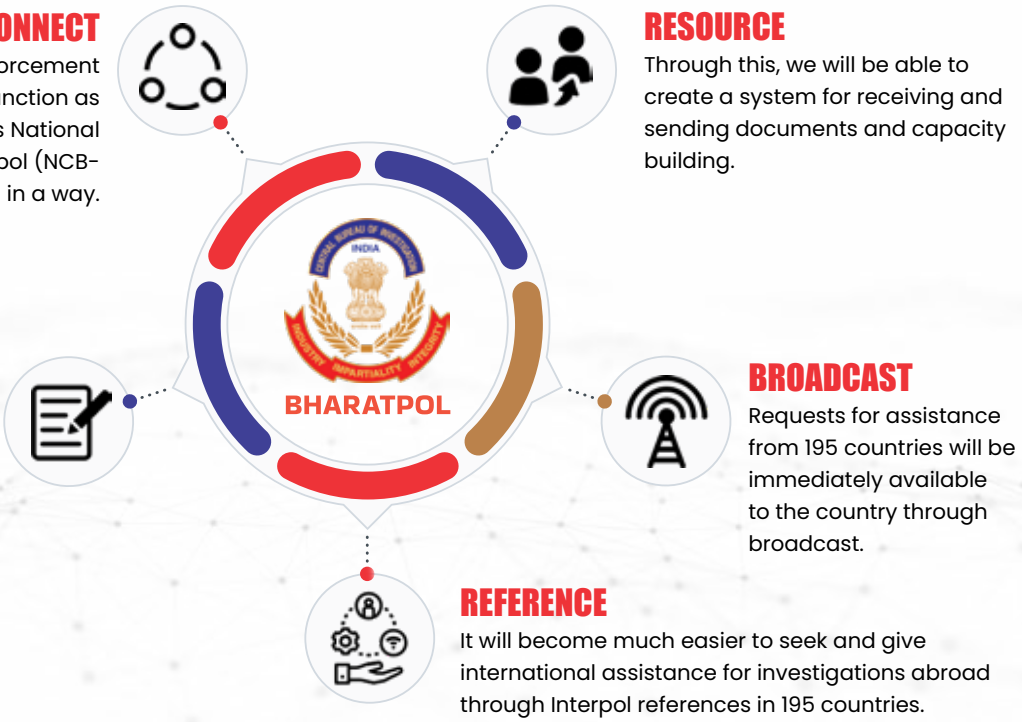
There are many instances where fugitives after committing crimes have fled abroad. Criminals take advantage of the long and difficult process of extradition from many countries. That is why BHARATPOL Portal has now been launched to empower the law enforcement agencies of the country. It will not only enable Indian agencies and police to share real-time information, but the state police will also be able to directly seek help from Interpol...

Due to the spike in international crimes including cybercrime, financial crime, online radicalization, organized crime, drug trafficking, and human trafficking, criminal investigation requires speed and real-time international assistance. To deal with this challenge, the CBI has developed the BHARATPOL portal. It is available through the official website of the CBI and will bring all stakeholders on a common platform. Launching it at a program organized on January 7 in Delhi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said that the BHARATPOL portal has been created after a very detailed exercise and the real-time interface is the specialty of this portal. This will ensure direct and effective communication between agencies for crime control. He said that through this portal, along with real-time data sharing with the global

> **With the launch of BHARATPOL under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India is entering a new era in international investigation. Through BHARATPOL, every agency and police force in India will be able to connect with Interpol very easily and speed up the investigation.**
>
> **- Amit Shah**
> **Union Home and Cooperation Minister**

FIVE MAJOR PILLARS OF BHARATPOL

BHARATPOL has five major pillars through which all law enforcement agencies will have access to technical platforms of assistance.



network, issuance of Red Corner Notices, and other notices, other countries will also be able to act quickly on our requests.

This portal will streamline the processing of all requests for international assistance through Interpol, including the issuance of red notices and other color-coded Interpol notices. The BHARATPOL portal will become a transformative tool for field-level police officers, increasing their efficiency in dealing with crimes and security challenges. By facilitating easy and fast access to international assistance, BHARATPOL will strengthen India's efforts to combat international crimes. Home Minister Amit Shah said that for many years, criminals who commit crimes in India and flee to other countries of the world have remained out of the reach of laws. He said that now the time has come to use modern systems to bring criminals who are out of the reach of the law into the clutches of the law.

THE NEW SYSTEM WILL HELP IN DEALING WITH CRIMES LIKE TERRORISM

The new system will be of great help in dealing with crimes like drug smuggling, arms smuggling, human trafficking, and cross-border terrorism. State police will be able to share information about such crimes with the police of 195 countries through the network of BHARATPOL. The biggest benefit from this will be to get access to international data. Under this, 19 types of Interpol databases will be available to young officers for analysis, setting up crime prevention systems, and catching criminals. Through this, new challenges of cybercrime can also be dealt with in a better way and at a faster pace. In the program, Home Minister Amit Shah also presented police medals to 35 award-winning CBI officers who have been awarded the President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service and the Union Home Minister Medal for Excellence in Investigation.



DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATION
THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF VILLAGES

About 70 percent of India's population lives in villages, and the agricultural sector contributes more than 18 percent to the country's GDP... that is why it is the strongest link in the foundation of Viksit Bharat. To further strengthen this foundation, Prime Minister Narendra Modi started the Grameen Bharat Mahotsav in New Delhi on January 4. The purpose is to develop India - to build a self-reliant rural India for 2047...

People associated with villages and who grew up there know what is the power of India's villages. Whoever lives in a village, the village also lives within him. Whoever has lived in a village, also knows the ways to live in the village. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's childhood was also spent in the simple environment of a small town and even when he left home, most of his time was spent in the village. Because of this, he not only understands the problems of the villages but also knows the immense possibilities there. A resolve to serve the poor in the villages ignited in his mind and he got inspired to solve the problems. At the inaugural ceremony of Grameen Bharat Mahotsav 2025, PM Modi said that the experiences of the villages also play a role in the work being done in the rural areas of the country today. Since 2014, I have been steadfastly serving rural India every moment. Giving a dignified life to the people of the village is the priority of the government. Our vision is that the people of the villages of India should be empowered and they should get maximum opportunities in the village itself, they should not have to migrate. To make the life of the people of the village easier, we ran a campaign to guarantee basic facilities in every village.

When the intentions are good, the results are also satisfactory. The country has started getting the results of the hard work of the central government in the last 10 years. PM Modi said that for the strengthening of the rural economy, it is very important that economic policies are made keeping in mind every section of the village. I am happy that in the last 10 years, the government

FACTS REVEALED IN A SURVEY

- A very big survey was conducted in the country a few days ago which revealed that compared to the year 2011, the consumption in rural India i.e. the purchasing power of the villagers has increased almost three times.
- This means that the rural people are spending more than before on buying products of their choice.

Earlier, the people of the village had to spend more than **50%** of their income on food and drink.



- This is the first time that the expenditure on food and drink has come down to less than 50 percent in rural areas as well.
- Along with this, the expenditure on buying other products has increased. This means that people are spending on improving their lives.
- Another big thing that came to light in this survey is that the difference in consumption between the city and the village has reduced. Earlier, a per capita family in the city used to spend as much on shopping and now gradually the villagers have also started spending as much as the city people.

GRAMEEN BHARAT MAHOTSAV 2025 HELD FROM 4 TO 9 JANUARY

Grameen Bharat Mahotsav 2025 was organized from 4 to 9 January. The theme of this festival was 'Building a Resilient Rural India for a Viksit Bharat 2024'. Its motto was 'If villages grow, the country grows'. The festival aimed to enhance rural infrastructure, create a self-reliant economy, and promote innovation within rural communities through various discussions, workshops, and masterclasses. Its objectives included promoting economic stability and financial security among the rural population with a special focus on North-East India by focusing on financial inclusion and adopting sustainable agricultural methods.

AN IMPORTANT STUDY OF THE SBI

An important study by the State Bank of India has come out recently. In this report of the bank, it has been told that...

Rural poverty reduced by 21%

2012 26%
2024 5%



INFRASTRUCTURE GAVE MOMENTUM TO VILLAGES AND EMPLOYMENT

Today most of the villages in the country are connected to a network of highways, expressways, and railways.



4 lakh km of roads have been built in rural areas in 10 years under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana.

More than **94%** of rural families in the country have telephone or mobile facilities today.

- Villages are also becoming modern villages of the 21st century in terms of digital infrastructure.
- World-class technology like banking services and UPI is available in villages.
- Before 2014, there were less than one lakh Common Service Centres in the country which has now increased to more than 5 lakh. Dozens of government facilities are available online at these Common Service Centres.

has made special policies and taken decisions for every section of the village. The intentions, policies, and decisions of the government are kindling new energy in rural India. Our aim is that the people of the village should get maximum financial help in the village itself. They should be able to do farming in the village and new opportunities for employment and self-employment should also be created in the villages. ●



ANDHRA WILL EMERGE AS THE CENTRE FOR FUTURISTIC TECHNOLOGIES

The confluence of infrastructure and technology not only brings change in society and life; it also plays an important role in accelerating the economy. In continuation to this, Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone and inaugurated development projects worth more than two lakh crore rupees in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, on January 8…

The Andhra Pradesh government has set a target of becoming a 2.5 trillion dollar economy by the year 2047. For achieving this, the state government has started the 'Swarna Andhra@2047' initiative. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has assured the state Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu that the central government will provide all possible help to achieve this. The state will be given priority by the Center in the field of rail, road, pharma, energy, and technology to green energy.

Andhra Pradesh is an important center for IT and technology due to its innovative nature. PM Modi said, "Now the time has come for Andhra Pradesh to become the center of future technologies." The National Green Hydrogen Mission was launched in 2023 with a target to produce 5 million metric tonnes of green hydrogen by 2030. In the initial phase, two green hydrogen centers will be set up, one of which will be in Visakhapatnam. Visakhapatnam will be one of the few cities in the world to have large-scale green hydrogen production facilities. This green hydrogen centre will create many employment opportunities and develop a manufacturing ecosystem in Andhra Pradesh.

At the same time, the foundation stone of the Bulk Drug Park project was laid in Nakkapalli. Andhra Pradesh is one of the three states in the country where such a park is being set up. This park will provide excellent infrastructure for manufacturing and research, which will increase the enthusiasm and confidence of investors and benefit local pharma companies.

viewing the opportunity of urbanization in Andhra Pradesh, the government laid the foundation stone of Krishnapatnam Industrial Area. It is also known as Kris City. This smart city will be part of the Chennai-Bengaluru Industrial Corridor which will attract investments worth thousands of crores of

GREEN ENERGY

For green energy and a sustainable future, PM Modi laid the foundation stone of the state-of-the-art NTPC Green Energy Limited Green Hydrogen Hub Project at Pudimadaka near Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh. This is the first green hydrogen center under the National Green Hydrogen Mission. It will have an investment of about Rs 1,85,000 crore. This project will contribute significantly to achieving India's non-fossil energy capacity target of 500 GW by 2030.

AVENUES FOR EMPLOYMENT

The foundation stone of the Bulk Drug Park was laid at Nakkapalli in Anakapalli district. This will create thousands of jobs and will also accelerate economic development due to its proximity to the Visakhapatnam-Chennai Industrial Corridor (VCIC) and Visakhapatnam-Kakinada Petroleum, Chemicals, and Petrochemicals Investment Region. The foundation stone of the Krishnapatnam Industrial Area (KRIS City) under the Chennai-Bengaluru Industrial Corridor was also laid in Tirupati district. KRIS City is being envisioned as a greenfield industrial smart city under the National Industrial Corridor Development Programme. It is estimated to generate around 1 lakh direct and indirect jobs.



Andhra Pradesh is such a big hub of IT and technology because of its innovative nature. Now is the time for the state to become a hub for future technologies.

***- Narendra Modi,* Prime Minister**

STRENGTHENING RAIL AND ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE

PM Modi dedicated rail and road projects worth over Rs 19,500 crorerail to the nation. This includes the foundation stone of South Coast Railway Headquarters in Visakhapatnam and other projects. These projects will reduce congestion, improve connectivity, and boost regional social and economic development.

rupees and create lakhs of industrial jobs in Andhra Pradesh. PM Modi said his goal is to make Andhra Pradesh a top state in the country in the industrial and manufacturing sectors. The government is promoting manufacturing through initiatives like the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme, resulting in India being counted among the top countries in the world for manufacturing.

The foundation stone of the headquarters of South Coast Railway Zone has been laid in the new city of Visakhapatnam. The establishment of South Coast Railway Zone Headquarters will expand agricultural and trade activities in the region, providing new opportunities for tourism and local economy. The infrastructure revolution in Andhra Pradesh with better connectivity and facilities will change the landscape of the state.

The coastal area of Andhra Pradesh has been the gateway to India's trade for centuries. The central government is promoting the blue economy in mission mode to utilize maritime opportunities. To increase the income and business of people involved in fisheries, several steps are being taken like modernization of Visakhapatnam Fishing Harbour, provision of facilities like Kisan Credit Card to fishermen and ensuring maritime safety.



INDIAN DISPORA PLAYING A KEY ROLE IN GLOBAL GROWTH

The Indian diaspora has overcome all kinds of difficulties and not only made their country proud but also raised India's prestige abroad as brand ambassadors. To honour the work of such people and to connect with each other, the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Conference has become an important platform whose scope is expanding year after year. Taking this forward, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Conference in Odisha on January 9....

India's talent is being appreciated in different countries of the world, and the contribution of dispora is very important in the economy of the big countries of the world as well as in global economic development. This is the reason why the world is admiring India's talent. Today, Indian professionals are working in big companies of the world in key positions. This is not only leading to the development of that country, but India has also created a distinct identity for itself at the global level. More than 3.5 crore NRIs are working in different countries of the world and are helping in increasing the economy of their country as well as that of other countries. The 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas convention was organized in Bhubaneswar from 8 to 10 January in partnership with the Ministry of External Affairs and the Government of Odisha. The theme for this year was the "Diaspora's contribution to a Viksit Bharat".

NRIs from more than 50 countries participated in this three-day convention. A program has started to take NRIs on a tour of the country's tourist spots and places of religious importance by a special tourist train. For this, Prime Minister

PM MODI'S ADVICE FOR DIASPORA

- How challenges can be turned into opportunities can be shown through films and documentaries.
- Proposal to establish a university chair for the purpose of studying and researching Girmitiya heritage.
- About 150 people visited 17 places related to tourism and faith through the special Pravasi Bharatiya Express train.
- Urge to connect the world with heritage by visiting small towns and villages and sharing your experiences.
- Encourage to bring at least five friends of non-Indian origin on India tour.
- Appeal to young members to participate in 'Know India' quiz to understand India better.
- Take advantage of 'Study in India' program and Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR) scholarship scheme.
- Reward the achievers by giving certificates in collaboration with the Indian Embassy and Consulate.
- Urge to buy 'Made in India' food packets, clothes and other items locally or online.



Modi flagged off the first journey of the NRI Express.

PM Modi said that Pravasi Bharatiya Divas has become an institution to strengthen the bond between India and its diaspora. PM Modi highlighted that together we celebrate India, Indianness, our culture, and progress, along with connecting to our roots.

Noting that hundreds of years ago, the traders and merchants from Odisha undertook long marine voyages to places like Bali, Sumatra and Java, the Prime Minister said that Bali Yatra is still commemorated in Odisha. He also noted that Emperor Ashoka had chosen the path of peace here while the world was expanding empires through the power of the sword. PM Modi urged that this legacy inspires India to tell the world that the future lies in Buddha and not in war.

> **I have one appeal, especially to all the young friends of the diaspora. You should participate as much as possible in the Bharat Ko Jaaniye Quiz. This will help you understand India better. You should also make sure to benefit from the 'Study in India' program.**
>
> ***Narendra Modi,* Prime Minister**

Indians naturally embrace diversity and integrate easily into the society they live in while respecting local rules and traditions. Indians serve the host countries with sincerity. They contribute to their development and prosperity while always keeping India close to their hearts. In the past 10 years, India has lifted 25 crore people out of poverty and has grown from being the 10th largest economy in the world to the 5th largest economy. India will soon become the 3rd largest economy. Every sector in India is reaching new heights. Renewable energy, aviation, electric mobility, metro networks, and bullet train projects are breaking records.

HELPING DIASPORA GOVERNMENT'S PRIORITY

The well-being, safety, and security of the diaspora is the highest priority of the central government. It is India's responsibility to assist the diaspora in crisis situations, which reflects the key principle of India's foreign policy. Over the last decade, Indian embassies and offices around the world have been working sensitively and proactively. Fourteen new embassies and consulates have been opened in the past two years. The scope of the OCI card is being expanded to include 7th-generation Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) from Mauritius and 6th-generation persons from Suriname, Martinique, and Guadeloupe.



YEAR 2025: UNVEILING OF THE CALENDAR OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

JANBHAGIDARI SE JANKALYAN

The new year brings new promises and a new calendar is the reminder of achieving the milestones. Union Minister for Information & Broadcasting, Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw launched the official calendar of the Government of India in New Delhi on January 7. Designed and produced by the Central Bureau of Communication (CBC) based on the theme of Janbhagidari se Jankalyan (Public Welfare through Public Participation), this calendar not only showcases the initiatives for farmers and women but is also a reflection of the government's commitment to inclusiveness, transparency, and participatory governance...

The country is entering the 11th year of good governance in the year 2025 since its beginning in 2014. The Calendar of the Government of India 2025 marks another chapter in the long-standing tradition of dispensing information about the progress of the nation and transformative governance. Underscoring the impact of transformational governance, the government has chosen 'Jan Bhagidari se Jan Kalyan' i.e. public welfare through public participation as the main theme for the calendar for the year 2025. Unveiling the calendar, Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Railways and Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw highlighted the visible impact of transformational governance in various sectors over the last decade. The calendar demonstrates the role of transformational governance in improving the living

CALENDAR ENCAPSULATING THE MESSAGE OF SABKA SAATH, SABKA VIKAS, AND SABKA VISHWAS



JANUARY

The calendar begins with Moto सर्वेषां मङ्गलं भूयात् i.e welfare of all.



FEBRUARY

It highlights progress for agriculture, women empowerment & youth. The mantra अन्न का वर्धन हो i.e that is more food grain production.



MARCH

The theme of this month is शक्ति रूपेण संस्थिता implying giving credit to women in nation-building by calling them Shakti.



APRIL

Theme: ' उत्तिष्ठत जाग्रत प्राप्य वरान्निबोधत'. The youth called upon to gain knowledge by rising & awakening



MAY

For infrastructure, the calendar reflects the mantra of "Nation thrives in prosperity"



JUNE

Theme: 'Suchita only paves the way for cleanliness'. The page of the month of June is dedicated to cleanliness.



JULY

Theme: "Exercise Is The Surest Recipe For Wellness". Also, sports get prominence on this page.



AUGUST

Theme: "जीवेत शरद शतम्". It highlights the benefits of health services to the most deprived sections of the country.



SEPTEMBER

Theme: 'उद्यमेन हि सिध्यन्ति कार्याणि...'. This page depicts the contribution of PM Modi in motivating the enterprises.



OCTOBER

The theme of this month is ऐक्यं बलं समाजस्य i.e. unity is the strength of society.



NOVEMBER

Theme: "माता भूमि पुत्रोऽहं पृथिव्या". It highlights tribals contribution characterized by Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas.



DECEMBER

The theme of this month is based on "अपरिमितं भव्यम्" (The Future Holds Limitless Possibilities).

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the calendar's inclusivity mirrors the government's vision of connecting with citizens from every linguistic and cultural background. It is an important way to reach out to people from village panchayats to remote areas.

conditions of the poor, empowering women, and driving infrastructure development in the country. It also underscores the importance of participatory governance which is the core objective of the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Citizen participation has been key to the success of government schemes from programs like Swachh Bharat Mission to initiatives like Ayushman Bharat.

THE MANTRA OF TAKING RISKS WILL OPEN NEW POSSIBILITIES TO ACHIEVE NEW HEIGHTS

The country celebrates National Youth Day on 12 January, the birthday of Swami Vivekananda, the most influential personality of the 19th century as a spiritual leader and philosopher. Swami Vivekananda's belief in the aspirations of youth and a strong resolve in the heart is also the basis of the contribution to the cause of Viksit Bharat. In the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue 2025, PM Modi called upon the youth to come out of their comfort zone and take risks...



Making the celebrations of National Youth Day more grand and participatory, this time the Youth Dialogue was organized by the Department of Youth Affairs of the Government of India from 10-12 January 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. Prime Minister Modi interacted with more than 3 thousand energetic youth leaders selected from across the country and paid tribute to Swami Vivekananda. He said that if Swami Vivekananda was among us in person, he would have filled India with a new confidence after seeing this awakened power of the youth of the 21st century.

The future of the youth is linked with the economic progress of the country. Prime Minister Modi said, 'India is moving very fast towards the milestone of 5 trillion dollar economy. Today India's economy is almost 4 trillion dollars. India's strength has increased many times more than this. India's infrastructure budget is more than 6 times i.e. more than Rs 11 lakh crore compared to the last ten years i.e. 2014. When India becomes a 5 trillion dollar economy, the scale of development will be even bigger. India is expected to cross the milestone of

VIKSIT BHARAT OF DREAMS MEANS...

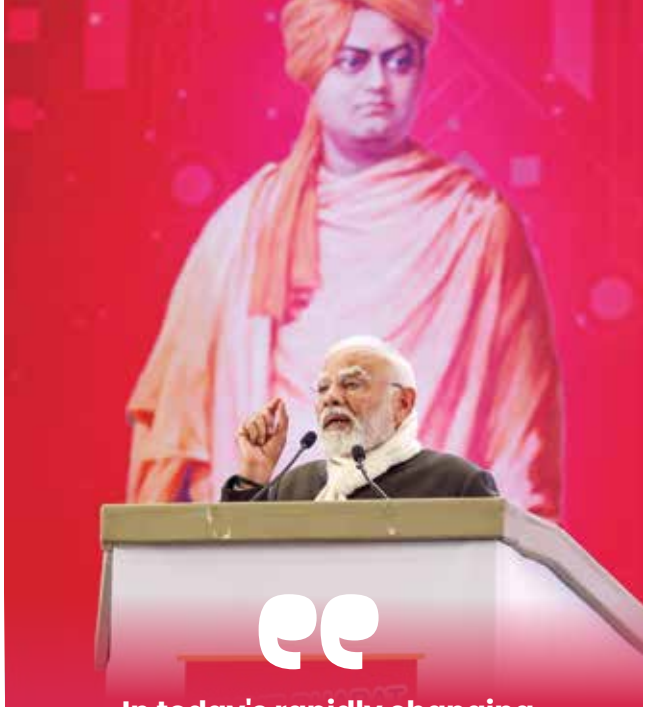
- Which will be economically, strategically, socially, and culturally strong.
- Where the economy will also be strong and the ecology will also be prosperous.
- Where there will be maximum opportunities for good education and good earnings.
- Where there will be the world's largest young skilled manpower.
- Where the youth will have limitless possibilities.

INDIA IS ACHIEVING NEW ACHIEVEMENTS

- Every week a new university, every day a new ITI, every third day an Atal Tinkering Lab and every day two new colleges are being built.
- There are 23 IITs in the country, in just one decade the number of IIITs has increased from 9 to 25 and the number of IIMs has increased from 13 to 21. In 10 years AIIMS have tripled and medical colleges have doubled.
- QS ranking of 46 educational institutions as compared to 9 in 2014.

NOW IT IS THE TURN OF NATIONAL YOUTH POLICY

The Central Government is in the process of drafting the National Youth Policy 2024 with SDGs so that their true potential can be unleashed. Its objective is to learn from experience in improving capabilities for youth development, youth leadership and development, health, fitness and sports, and work for social inclusion.



In today's rapidly changing world, two messages of Swami Vivekananda should be a part of every youth's life. Institution and innovation. The institution is formed when we expand our ideas and work with team spirit. Today every youth should expand his personal success as a team success. This spirit will take Viksit Bharat forward as Team India.

***- Narendra Modi,* Prime Minister**

- 6.39 crore people were trained in the Rural Literacy Campaign (PMGDisha) till March 2024, the target was 6 crore.
- The unemployment rate in usual conditions for youth aged 15-29 years has come down to 10.2 percent in the latest Periodic Labour Force Survey 2023-24, from 17.8 percent in 2017-18.

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youth got training in the schemes of the Skill India Mission. The aim of this mission is to prepare the youth of India for the future and make them skilled related to the industry.

10 trillion dollars by the end of the next decade. When there is such a big economy, the careers of the youth will move forward, there will be more opportunities. Today's youth will get the most benefit.

In his dialogue on the last day of Yuva Mahotsav, Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed hope that the current young generation will not only bring about the biggest change in the history of the country but will also be the biggest beneficiary of that change. He said that in this journey we just have to avoid the habit of comfort zone. This situation is very dangerous. To move forward, it is necessary to take risks by coming out of the comfort zone. This life mantra will take you to new heights of success.

The Prime Minister watched motivational presentations on topics like women's empowerment, sports, culture, startups, infrastructure, etc. Motivating the youth of the country to come into politics, he said that it can become the best medium to implement their ideas. PM Modi said that for me there is a bond of friendship with the youth of my country. The strongest link of friendship is - trust. This belief inspired me to form the MY Bharat portal. This belief formed the basis of the Viksit Bharat Young Leader Dialogue. This belief of mine says - the strength of India's youth power will make India a developed nation as soon as possible.



150TH FOUNDATION DAY CELEBRATION OF INDIAN METEOROLOGICAL DEPARTMENT

INDIAN METEOROLOGICAL DEPARTMENT
A SYMBOL OF INDIA'S SCIENTIFIC JOURNEY

The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) was established on 15 January 1875. IMD has not only served crores of Indians in 150 years but it is also a glorious journey of modern science and technology in the country. The forecast accuracy of the Meteorological Department has increased in the last ten years, so now to make India a climate-smart nation with Mission Mausam and IMD Vision-2047 document for weather resilience and climate change adaptation were also launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on its 150th Foundation Day...

Meteorology is the most important strength of the disaster management capacity of any country. To reduce the impact of natural disasters, the efficiency of meteorology needs to be maximized. India has constantly understood its importance. Today, success is being achieved in mitigating the impact of disasters that were earlier left as destiny. At the 150th Foundation Day celebrations of the India Meteorological Department, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that in the past years, the country has seen many big cyclones and disasters, but in most of them we have been able to reduce the loss of life to zero or minimum. The Meteorological Department has a very important role in these successes. This unity of science and preparedness also reduces the economic loss of lakhs of crores of rupees.

In every part of the world, humans have made continuous efforts to understand the weather and the environment. In this direction, India is a country where systematic studies and research have been

done in the field of meteorology even thousands of years ago. Here traditional knowledge was defined in a modern way. PM Modi said that a lot of work was done on meteorology in astrological texts like Vedas, Samhita, and Surya Siddhanta. A lot of information is also available in the Sangam literature of Tamil Nadu and the folk literature of Ghagh Bhaddari in the north. Meteorology was not just a separate branch. These also included astronomical calculations, climate studies, animal behavior, and social experiences.

UNPRECEDENTED EXPANSION IN IMD'S INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY IN 10 YEARS

The progress of scientific institutions in any country shows its awareness of science. Exploration and innovation in scientific institutions are part of the nature of the new India. In the last 10 years, there has been an unprecedented expansion in the infrastructure and technology of IMD. Doppler weather radar, automatic weather station, runway weather monitoring system, district-wise rainfall monitoring station, and many such modern infrastructures have been created, and they have also been upgraded. Meteorology is also getting full benefit of India's space technology and digital technology. The country has 2 meteorological observatories named Maitri and Bharati in Antarctica. Ark and Arunika supercomputers have been started in the year 2024. This has increased the credibility of the Meteorological Department more than ever before.

ACCURATE WEATHER INFORMATION REACHING 90 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION

IMD has launched special campaigns to ensure that weather information is accurate and reaches everyone. Today, more than 90 percent of the country's population is getting access to early warning facilities. Anyone can get information about the weather of the last 10 days and the coming 10 days at any time. Weather forecasts also reach directly on WhatsApp. Services like the Meghdoot mobile app were launched where information is available in the local languages of the country. Till 10 years ago, only 10 percent of the farmers and livestock farmers of the country were able to use weather-related tips. Today this number has increased to more than 50 percent. Even warnings like lightning strikes are being received by people on mobile. Earlier, when lakhs of sea fishermen in the country used to go to the sea, their families used to worry but now, with the help of IMD, they also get timely warnings. People's safety has increased due to real-time updates. Along with this, sectors like agriculture and the blue economy are also gaining strength.



Our disaster management capacity has been built due to meteorological advancements. The whole world is benefiting from this. Today our flash flood guidance system is also giving information to Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka. If any disaster occurs anywhere in our neighborhood, India is the first to lend its hand for help.

***- Narendra Modi,* Prime Minister**

LAUNCH OF MISSION MAUSAM

'Mission Mausam' was launched to make India ready for every weather condition in the future, and to make India a climate-smart nation. Mission Mausam is also a symbol of India's commitment to a sustainable future and future preparedness. The mission aims to make the country a climate-smart nation by developing state-of-the-art weather monitoring technology and systems and implementing high-resolution atmospheric observation, next-generation radar and satellites, and high-performance computers. It will provide air quality data to improve the understanding of weather and climate processes. PM Modi also released the IMD Vision-2047 document for weather awareness and climate change adaptation. A commemorative postage stamp and coin were also released on the occasion.

INDIA BECOMING THE WORLD'S STRONGEST NAVAL POWER

The Navy is responsible for patrolling and safeguarding deep and turbulent water. They protect our maritime borders with courage, dedication, and discipline. With its ambition to become the world's strongest naval power, on January 15, Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated three leading warships to the nation from the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai...

January 15 is a significant day for adding to India's maritime strength, the glorious history of the Navy, and the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan. For the first time, a destroyer, a frigate, and a submarine were commissioned to strengthen the 21st-century Navy from the same land where Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj showcased India's naval power. It is a matter of pride for the people of the country that these warships are indigenously built.

The country has a rich history encompassing long sea voyages, commerce, naval defense, and ship industry. Taking inspiration from this, India is becoming an important maritime power (political control and influence of a country on sea areas) of the world. The three warships dedicated to the country by PM Modi on January 15 are just a glimpse of this. The inclusion of these three warships in the Navy has given new strength to India's security and progress.

In the last few years, the country has transformed the maritime sector, due to which today's India has made its mark as a reliable and responsible partner in the whole world and especially in the Global South. The central government has a clear policy that India works in the spirit of development and not expansionism. India will play a big role in giving direction to global security, economy, and geopolitical dynamics.

> **"We are taking a big step towards strengthening the 21st-century Navy. This is happening for the first time when a destroyer, a frigate, and a submarine are being commissioned together, and the most proud thing is that these three frontline platforms are Made in India.**
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> ***-Narendra Modi,* Prime Minister**





INDIAN ARMY TOWARDS SELF-RELIANCE

In the last 10 years, all three armies of India have adopted the mantra of self-reliance. Understanding the seriousness of the need to reduce India's dependence on other countries in times of crisis, work is being done. The country's largest helicopter manufacturing factory and a factory to manufacture transport aircraft for the armed forces have started in Karnataka. The army has prepared a list of more than 5,000 such equipment and tools that will no longer be imported from abroad. When an Indian soldier moves forward with equipment made in India, his confidence is high. Tejas fighter planes have established India's reputation to a new level.

For economic progress and energy security, it is necessary to protect the waters of our region and ensure freedom of navigation. Along with this, the supply routes and sea routes for trade should be kept safe. The Navy also has the responsibility to protect this entire region from terrorism, arms, and narcotics smuggling. So India must become a global partner to keep the sea safe and prosperous.

INS Surat, the fourth and last warship of the P15B Guided Missile Destroyer Project, is one of the largest and most sophisticated destroyer warships in the world. It has a state-of-the-art weapon-sensor package and advanced network-centric capabilities with 75% indigenous content.

OUT OF 40 NAVAL SHIPS, 39 ARE MADE IN INDIAN SHIPYARDS

The defense corridor being built in Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu will give further impetus to production. In the last 10 years, 33 ships and 7 submarines have been inducted into the Navy. Out of these 40 naval ships, 39 are made in Indian shipyards. This includes the grand and huge INS Vikrant aircraft carrier and nuclear submarines like INS Arihant and INS Arighat. India's defense production has crossed Rs 1.25 lakh crore. India is exporting defense equipment to more than 100 countries.

DEPLOYED IN THE SECURITY OF THE NATION

- INS Nilgiri, the first warship of the P17A stealth frigate project, has been designed by the Warship Design Bureau of the Indian Navy. It has been inducted into the Navy with enhanced capability to stay at sea for a long time and advanced features. It represents the next generation of indigenous frigates.
- INS Vagsheer, the sixth and last submarine of the P75 Scorpene project, represents India's growing expertise in submarine construction and has been built in collaboration with the Naval Group of France.



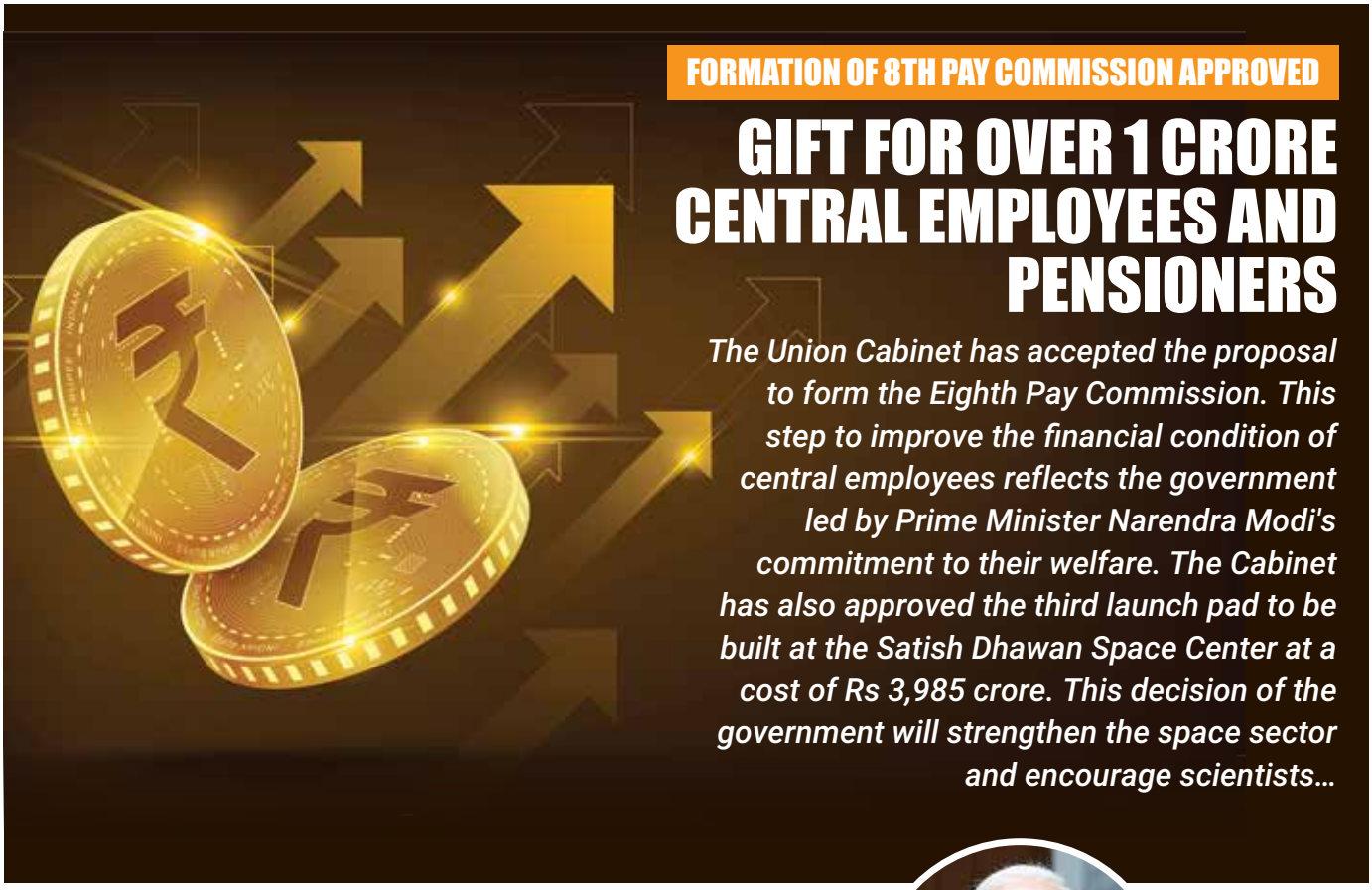
'SEVA BHAVA' IS THE MAINSTAY OF SPIRITUAL CULTURE

India is not just a piece of land surrounded by geographical boundaries; it is a living land. There is a living culture; the consciousness of this culture is spirituality. If we want to understand India, we must first imbibe spirituality. This is the reason why people from all over the world are reaching India to imbibe spirituality. Also, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated ISKCON's project Shri Shri Radha Madanmohanji Temple in Kharghar, Navi Mumbai, on January 15...

The design and concept of the Shri Radha Madanmohanji temple complex spread over nine acres reflects the tradition of spirituality and knowledge. It includes a temple with many deities, a Vedic education center, a proposed museum and auditorium, a healing center, etc. Apart from this, a garden inspired by the 12 forests of Vrindavan is also being developed here. The temple complex will become a sacred center enriching the faith as well as the consciousness of India. It aims to promote universal brotherhood, peace, and harmony through Vedic teachings. PM Modi said that ISKCON followers around the world remain united by their devotion to Lord Krishna. Srila Prabhupada Swami promoted the importance of Vedas, Vedanta, and Gita during India's freedom struggle and connected Bhakti Vedanta to the consciousness of the common people. At the age of 70, when most people considered their duties fulfilled, Srila Prabhupada Swami started the ISKCON mission and traveled the whole world, spreading the messages of Lord Krishna to every corner. When one connects his soul to this cultural consciousness, he can truly see India.

Citing experts, PM Modi said that the investment made in shipbuilding has twice the positive impact on the economy, i.e. if we invest Rs 1 in shipbuilding, then about Rs 1.82 paise circulates in the economy. Currently, 60 big ships are under construction in the country. Their cost is about Rs 1.5 lakh crore. That is, by investing this much money, about Rs 3 lakh crore will circulate in the country's economy. It has a 6-fold impact in terms of employment. Most of the materials for ships come from the country's micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs). Therefore, if 2,000 workers are engaged in building a ship, then about 12 thousand jobs are created in the MSME sector.

PM Modi said that the misuse of marine resources like rare mineral wealth and fish has to be prevented and their management capacity needs to be developed. The country needs to invest to find new sea routes for trade and strengthen maritime communication. In the last few years, India has been continuously taking steps in this direction. In the entire Indian Ocean region, India has made its mark as the first country to provide help. In the last few months, the Navy has saved hundreds of lives and protected national and international cargo worth thousands of crores of rupees. This has increased the world's trust in India. As a result, India's economic cooperation with ASEAN, Australia, the Gulf, and African countries is continuously getting stronger. India's presence and capability in the Indian Ocean region is a major basis for this strengthening of relations.



FORMATION OF 8TH PAY COMMISSION APPROVED

GIFT FOR OVER 1 CRORE CENTRAL EMPLOYEES AND PENSIONERS

The Union Cabinet has accepted the proposal to form the Eighth Pay Commission. This step to improve the financial condition of central employees reflects the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's commitment to their welfare. The Cabinet has also approved the third launch pad to be built at the Satish Dhawan Space Center at a cost of Rs 3,985 crore. This decision of the government will strengthen the space sector and encourage scientists...

DECISION: The Cabinet has approved the proposal to form the 8th Central Pay Commission (CPC) for all central government employees. Seven pay commission recommendations have been implemented since 1947, with the last one implemented in 2016.

IMPACT: More than 45 lakh central employees and over 68 lakh pensioners will benefit. The period of the 7th Pay Commission is from 2016 to 2026. It is recommended to constitute the Eighth Pay Commission before the expiry of the Seventh Pay Commission in 2026. The Commission will hold detailed discussions with the State Governments and all stakeholders in this regard in the due course of time. The Chairman and two members of the Commission will also be selected before the discussions are started.

DECISION: Approval for setting up a third launch pad at ISRO's Satish Dhawan Space Center at Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.

IMPACT: It will be used for ISRO's Next Generation Launch Vehicle. It will also provide support as a standby launch pad for the second launch pad at Sriharikota. This third launch pad will enhance the launching capacity for future Indian human space flight missions. It is targeted to be set up within 4 years. A total amount of Rs 3984.86 crore is required for this. This includes a launch pad and related facilities. ●



We all are proud of the efforts of all the government employees who are working to build a Viksit Bharat. Cabinet decision on 8th Pay Commission will improve quality of life and also boost consumption

– *Narendra Modi*, Prime Minister



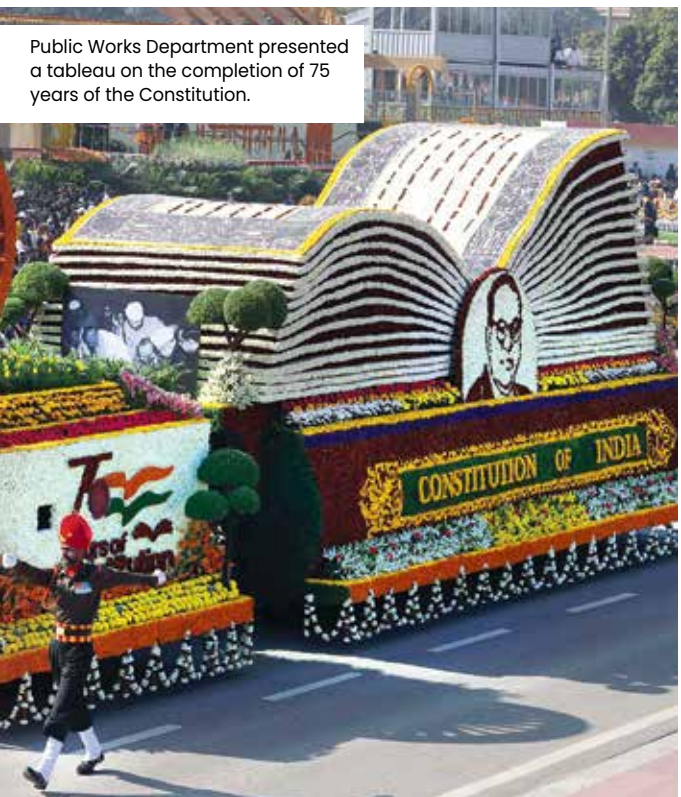
JANA-GANA-MAN

MILITARY MIGHT AND UNIQUE CULTURAL DIVERSITY DISPLAYED ON KARTAVYA PATH

The Constitution completed 75 years, and the country celebrated the 76th Republic Day. While indigenous military power was displayed on the Kartavya path, 5,000 cultural artists displayed India's unique cultural diversity for the first time from Vijay Chowk to C Hexagon under the title ***'जयति जया ममः भारतम'****. This presentation lasted for 11 minutes in which more than 45 dance styles were presented. Thirty one tableaux were presented on the theme 'Golden India: Heritage and Development'. This was the first time when the Armed forces presented a tableau depicting joint operation, coordination and integration on the Kartavya path...*







Public Works Department presented a tableau on the completion of 75 years of the Constitution.





Uttar Pradesh: Tableau of Maha Kumbh.



Women squad of CRPF.



For the first time, more than 45 dance styles were displayed from Vijay Chowk to C Hexagon for 11 minutes under the title "जयति जया ममः भारतम", showcasing the unique cultural diversity of India.





For the first time: Joint operation of Navy, Army and Air Force shown together. India's defence production capability was also displayed through the indigenous Arjun tank, Tejas fighter aircraft, INS Visakhapatnam under 'Strong and Secure India' to show the spirit of unity and integration.

Camel squad of BSF.









Captain Dimple Singh Bhati made history as the first woman officer of the Indian Army to salute President Draupadi Murmu by climbing a 12-feet high ladder, setting a world record.





For the first time, a 160-member marching contingent and a 190-member band contingent from Indonesia marched past along with the Indian Armed Forces contingents on the kartavya path .







Missile 'Pralay' included in the Republic Day parade for the first time. DRDO has developed it. The missile is capable of carrying nuclear weapons. It is capable of hitting targets located at a distance of 150 to 500 kilometres.



"KUMBH, PUSHKARAM, GANGA SAGAR MELA PROMOTE SOCIAL INTERACTION, HARMONY, AND UNITY"



The 'Mann Ki Baat' program provides a common platform for the collective efforts of the nation and the collective will of the people. In this backdrop the first 'Mann Ki Baat' of the year 2025 was special. In this program Prime Minister Narendra Modi touched upon the subjects of Republic Day, the importance of the Constitution, National Voter's Day, technology, startups, and Melas like Maha Kumbh that promote harmony and unity. Presented here are excerpts from 'Mann Ki Baat'...

- **Salute to great personalities:** This year marks the 75th anniversary of the implementation of the Constitution. I salute all those great personalities of the Constituent Assembly, who gave us our sacred Constitution. Long discussions took place on many topics during the Constituent Assembly. Those discussions, the thoughts of the members of the Constituent Assembly, and their words are our great heritage.
- **National Voter's Day:** 25 January is National Voter's Day. It is important because on this day the 'Election Commission of India' was established. Our constitution makers have given a very important place in the constitution to our Election Commission and people's participation in democracy.
- **Thanks to the Election Commission:** I would like to thank the Election Commission, which has, from time to time, modernized and strengthened our voting process. The Commission used the power of technology to give more power to the power of the people.
- **Mahakumbh of unity:** An Unforgettable sea of humanity, incredible visuals, and an extraordinary confluence of equality and harmony! The festival of Kumbh celebrates unity in diversity. There is no discrimination, no casteism anywhere in this tradition that has been going on for thousands of years. In Kumbh, the rich and the poor all become one.
- **Tradition of India:** 'Kumbh', 'Pushkaram', and 'Ganga Sagar Mela', these festivals enhance our social interaction, harmony, and unity. These festivals connect the people of India with the traditions of India. Just as our scriptures have emphasized Dharma, Artha, Kama, and Moksha in the world, similarly our traditions and festivals also strengthen the spiritual, social, cultural, and economic aspects.
- **Pran Pratishtha Parv:** The first anniversary of the Pran Pratishtha of Ramlalla was celebrated on the day of 'Paush Shukla Dwadashi'. This year 'Paush Shukla Dwadashi' was on 11 January. On this day, lakhs of Ram devotees took blessings of Ramlala by having his darshan in Ayodhya. This Dwadashi of Pran Pratishtha is the Dwadashi of the re-establishment of the cultural consciousness of India. Therefore, this day of Paush Shukla Dwadashi has also become a day of Pratishtha Dwadashi in a way.
- **Record in Space Technology:** At the beginning of 2025, India has achieved many historic achievements in the field of space. All the achievements are proof of how farsighted the scientists and innovators of India are to provide solutions to the challenges of the future. Our country is setting new records in space technology today. I wish the scientists, innovators, and young entrepreneurs of India all the best on behalf of the whole country.
- **9 years of startups:** More than half of the startups that have been formed in our country in 9 years are from tier 2 and tier 3 cities. When we hear this, every Indian's heart is delighted, that is, our startup culture is not limited to big cities. When we hear that cities like Ambala, Hisar, Kangra, Chengalpattu, Bilaspur, Gwalior, and Washim are becoming centers of startups, then the mind fills with joy.
- **Salute to Netaji:** Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose was a visionary. Courage was ingrained in his nature. Not only this, he was also a very efficient administrator. At the age of just 27, he became the Chief Executive Officer of Kolkata Corporation. After that, he also took over the responsibility of Mayor. I salute Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.



Narendra Modi
@narendramodi

We are all proud of the efforts of all Government employees, who work to build a Viksit Bharat. The Cabinet's decision on the 8th Pay Commission will improve quality of life and give a boost to consumption.



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प्रधानमंत्री जी के नेतृत्व में भारत ने 2047 तक विकसित राष्ट्र टूबनने का लक्ष्य रखा गया है। स्वाभाविक सी बात है, इस लक्ष्य कोपाने में अभी कई सारी चुनौतियां हमारे सामने हैं। लेकिन हमें डटकर उन चुनौतियों का सामना करना है। चाहे वह Technology के front पर हों, या फिर Warfare के front पर, आने वाले समय में कई नए Challenges हमारे सामने आएँगे। RM



Amit Shah
@AmitShah

Congratulations to the central government employees on PM Shri @narendramodi Ji's decision to constitute the 8th Pay Commission in today's #CabinetDecisions. The move made to enhance the financial well-being of the employees demonstrates the Modi government's commitment to their welfare.



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Historic reform on the horizon!
The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi Ji, has approved the establishment of the Eighth Central Pay Commission for Central Government employees and pensioners.

This landmark commission, set to take effect from January 1, 2026, will recommend salary and pension revisions, ushering in a new era of financial empowerment.



Kiren Rijiju
@KirenRijiju

केंद्रीय कर्मचारियों के हित में मोदी सरकार का अभूतपूर्व निर्णय...

माननीय प्रधानमंत्री श्री @narendramodi जी के नेतृत्व में सरकार ने 8वें वेतन आयोग के गठन को स्वीकृति देकर सरकार ने बजट से पहले बड़ा उपहार दिया। यह निर्णय कर्मचारियों के जीवन और अधिक आसान बनाएगा और वो पूरी तत्परता से भारत निर्माण में अपना सहयोग देंगे।

#CabinetDecisions



Dharmendra Pradhan
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The Cabinet decision on the 8th Pay Commission will boost welfare and benefit lakhs of central government employees.

Congratulate our hardworking employees of the central government. PM Shri @narendramodi ji remains committed to ensure the welfare and well-being of our citizens.

SUBMARINE, DESTROYER, FRIGATE BUILT IN INDIA

3 warships join Navy, PM says India key to global security

Modi: Spirit of development, not expansionism, country's intent

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi (left) and three Chief of the Naval Staff — (from left) Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi, Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan and Vice Admiral Tarun Sobti — in the nation on their commissioning in Mumbai Wednesday.

VIKSIT BHARAT DIALOGUE

PM: Step out of comfort zone, time for India's quantum jump

Says country on course to become a $10-tn economy by end of next decade



Prime Minister Narendra Modi visits an exhibition at the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue in New Delhi. PTI

IMD is a symbol of India's scientific journey: PM Modi



PM Narendra Modi visits an exhibition during the 150th Foundation day celebrations of the India Meteorological Department (IMD) in Delhi on Tuesday.

Z-Morh tunnel just the start of big J&K upgrade, says PM

Centre Gives Timelines For ₹1L Cr Projects

6.4KM TUNNEL TO UP TOURIST FOOTFALL BY 40%

PM opens ₹170cr Iskcon temple in Mum, starts work of Vedic museum

Navi Mumbai: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday inaugurated the Sri Sri Radha Madanmohanji temple in Kharghar, constructed as part of Iskcon's Glory of Maharashtra initiative, reports BB Nayak. The ceremony was attended by Maharashtra governor C P Radhakrishnan, CM Devendra Fadnavis, deputy CM Eknath Shinde, and Mathura MP Hema Malini.

Measures included road closures near the temple complex, situated close to the golf course and Kharghar Central Park, with over 5,000 police personnel for public safety. The complex, built at a cost of Rs 170 crore, spans nine acres and required 12 years for completion.

The PM also laid the foundation for the construction of a cultural centre and Vedic museum within the premises. The complex incorporates various facilities, including Srila Prabhupada's Memorial, educational institutions, healthcare centres, and community service initiatives. Kharghar ISKCON president Sura Das Prabhu said: "It was a great honour to have the Prime Minister inaugurating the temple."

Bonding over food: PM's day-out with 3K youths at Bharat Mandapam



Mistakes are inevitable, I'm human, not God: Modi



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URGING THE youth to step outside their "comfort zone" while underlining that this is the time for a "quantum jump" to have a developed nation by 2047, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said Sunday that India is rapidly moving towards a $5-trillion economy and will surpass the $10-trillion mark by the end of the next decade.

Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue in New Delhi on National Youth Day, Prime Minister Modi said the country is in the most decade and is working towards it with full dedication.

"India is rapidly moving towards becoming a $5-five trillion economy, which will greatly expand development and facilities," he said. He projected that by the end of the next decade, India will surpass the $10-trillion mark.

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INDIAN COAST GUARD DAY

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"On the raising day of indian coast guard, I convey my best wishes and greetings to all their personnel and staff. Their dedication to maritime safety, national security and care for the environment is unparalleled. India salutes them for their unwavering vigilance and service. – *Narendra Modi*, Prime Minister



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