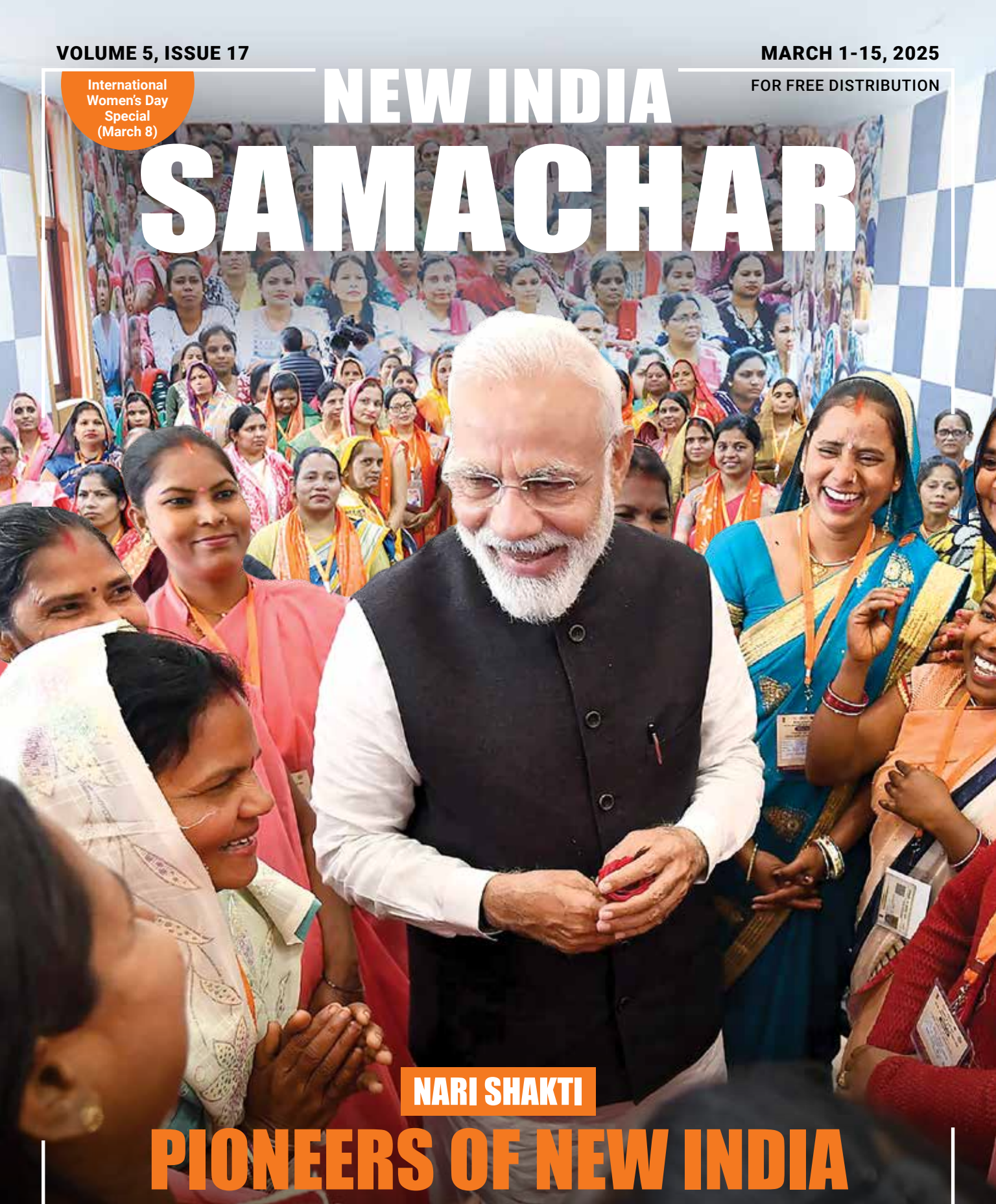
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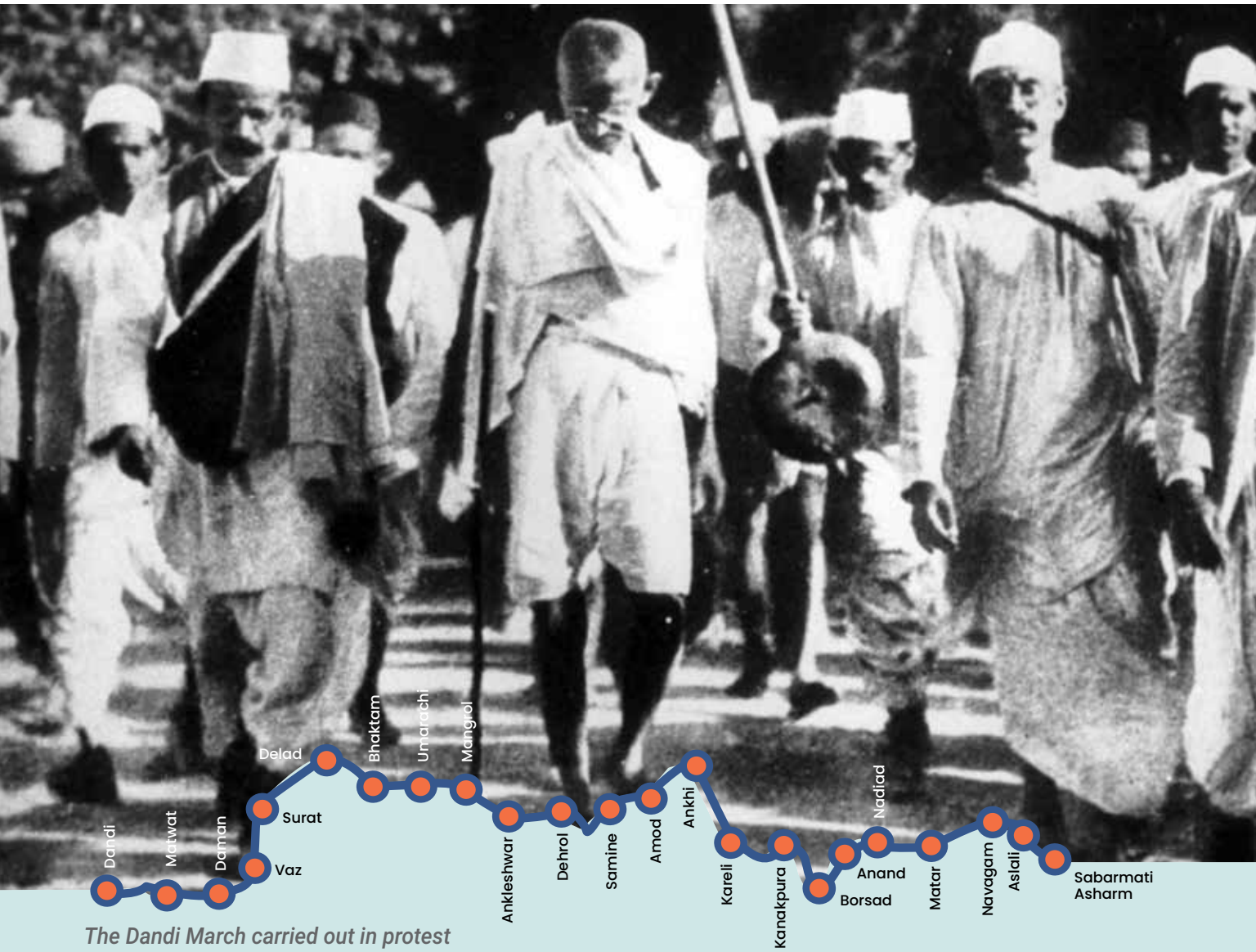


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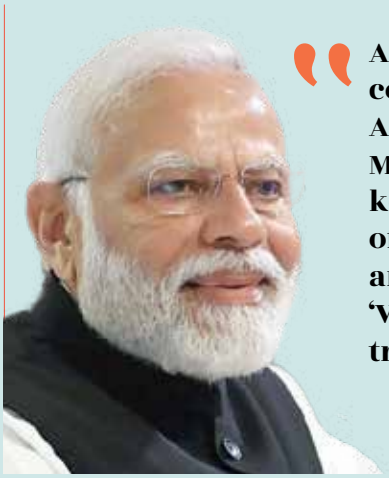
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-Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

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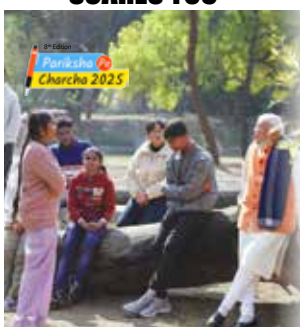
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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK...

NARI SHAKTI
MAKES ITS PRESENCE FELT IN THE DEVELOPMENT CYCLE OF NEW INDIA

Greetings,

Happy International Women's Day 2025! It is an undisputed truth that when women prosper, the world prospers. Under this backdrop, empowering women is not only a moral obligation but also imperative for social development. With this approach, the Government of India has given priority to promoting women's empowerment in the country. By starting various schemes for the empowerment of women from the year 2014, women-friendly policies and schemes have been made for them at every stage so that not only Nari Shakti develops, but development led by Nari Shakti becomes the foundation stone of New India.

Women are playing a dominant role in the development cycle of New India. When a woman takes up any responsibility, she puts in her blood, sweat, and toil to take the Sankalp to Siddhi. Now it is the responsibility of everyone to take forward this journey of women empowerment at a fast pace to ensure the rise of Nari Shakti in Amrit Kaal. The central government approach is that respect for Nari Shakti should not be just a symbol, but to ensure the participation and leadership of women in every field so that they can actively be part of India's journey of prosperity.

India's development journey is inextricably linked with the empowerment of the country's women. Recognizing this, the central government has kept Nari Shakti paramount in its policymaking in the last decade. It is the result of these efforts that Nari Shakti has emerged as the lodestar of the new India today. This has become our cover story on the occasion of International Women's Day.

Apart from this read about Major Sandeep Unnikrishnan, awarded with the Ashok Chakra Award in the personality section, decisions of the Union Cabinet, Pariksha Pe Charcha that boosts the morale of students, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's reply to the motion of thanks on the President's address in Parliament. Also, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's other programs of the fortnight including his visit to USA and France are included in it. The inside page of the magazine carries special content on the Dandi March anniversary on March 12, and the back cover features World Wildlife Day, celebrated on March 3.



(Dhirendra Ojha)

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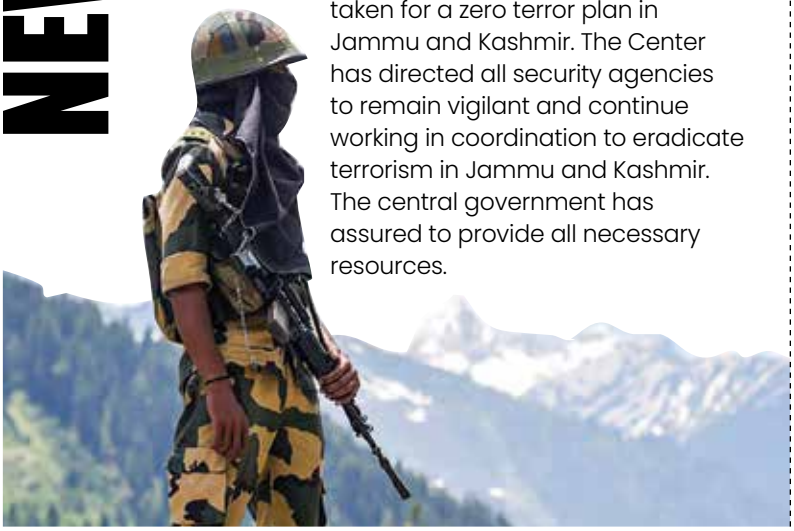
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NEWS BRIEFS

CONCRETE STEPS FOR ZERO TERROR PLAN IN J&K

Union Minister of Home and Cooperation Amit Shah chaired high-level meetings in New Delhi to review the security scenario in Jammu and Kashmir. In the meeting, Home Minister Amit Shah directed the BSF to ensure 'zero infiltration' from international borders by strict vigilance, strengthening of the border grid, and using advanced technologies for surveillance and border security. Monitoring terror financing, cracking down on narco-terrorist cases, and eliminating the entire terror ecosystem in Jammu and Kashmir are the priorities of the central government. Strong steps are being taken for a zero terror plan in Jammu and Kashmir. The Center has directed all security agencies to remain vigilant and continue working in coordination to eradicate terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir. The central government has assured to provide all necessary resources.



INDIA BECOMES THE WORLD'S 2ND LARGEST MOBILE MANUFACTURER



With Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Make in India' vision, India is becoming a major hub of global manufacturing. Production of electric and electronic goods contributes a lot to this. In 2014, there were two units of mobile production, which have now increased to more than 300. In 2014-15. Only 26% of mobile phones sold in India were manufactured here, with the rest imported. Today, 99.2% of mobile phones sold in the country are made in India. The value of mobile phone manufacturing in 2014 was Rs 18,900 crore, which has increased to Rs 4. 22 lakh crore in 2024. In 2014, Exports were negligible, which have now increased to more than Rs 1.29 lakh crore. Mobile businesses have created about 12 lakh direct and indirect jobs in the country in the last decade.

GRAMMY AWARD TO CHANDRIKA KRISHNAMURTHY FOR TRIVENI ALBUM

Indian-American Chandrika Krishnamurthy Tandon has once again brought global attention to Sanatan culture by winning the prestigious Grammy Award, one of the most coveted honors in the music world. While the Mahakumbh was being held in the country, the Grammy Awards ceremony (Music Mahakumbh) was being held in Los Angeles, USA. Chandrika was presented with the award for her Triveni album, which is loaded with Vedic mantras. Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated musician Chandrika Tandon on winning the Grammy Award for her album Triveni. PM Modi appreciated her passion for Indian culture and her achievements as an entrepreneur, philanthropist, and musician.



PETROL AND DIESEL ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT PACS

The government has allowed Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) to operate retail petrol and diesel outlets as well as LPG distribution in a bid to expand its role in the cooperative sector. In this regard, the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has issued revised guidelines. for the selection of regular and rural retail shop dealers. In this context, 286 PACS from 25 states and union territories submitted online applications for setting up petrol and diesel outlets, out of which the oil marketing company has selected 26 PACS.These committees have been linked to more than 20 activities so far because of the bylaws enacted to make PACS viable. Now they have started providing other services, including common service centers, Jan Aushadhi Kendras, booking of railway tickets.



Union Home and Cooperatives Minister Amit Shah, while chairing a meeting of the Parliamentary Advisory Committee on The Cooperatives Ministry expressed confidence that soon PACS will also be able to sell airline tickets.

PM SURYA GHAR: MORE THAN 8.46 LAKH FAMILIES BENEFITED

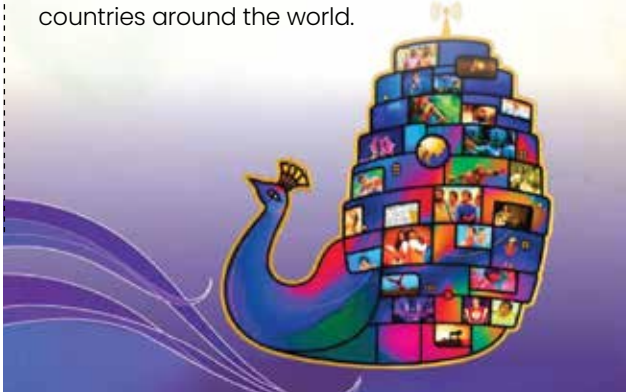
PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana is the world's largest domestic rooftop solar energy scheme. It has successfully completed a year empowering India's solar revolution. The scheme is to provide free electricity to households by facilitating rooftop solar panels. As of January 27, 2025, 8.46 lakh households have benefited from rooftop solar installation under the scheme. The top five states with the highest number of families benefiting from the scheme are Gujarat, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala, and Rajasthan. By March 2027, the scheme is targeted to be expanded to 10 million households.

NSDC TO EXPAND THE FIELD OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT

The central government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been constantly focusing on skill development. In this context, the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) has recently decided to expand skill development opportunities across the country. 50 new Future Skills Centres and 10 NSDC International Academies are planned to be established to advance skill development and training programs. More than 300 programs will be run covering 12 key emerging technologies as per the need of the industry. It aims to train more than 2 lakh people and prepare training infrastructure in 2.70 lakh square metres.

INDIA WILL BECOME THE GLOBAL ENTERTAINMENT HUB

India will become the centre of global entertainment. The Government of India is constantly working on creativity and new genres. Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the advisory board of the World Audio Visual and Entertainment Summit (WAVES), which brings together the world of entertainment, creativity, and culture. In the meeting, dignitaries from various sectors not only reiterated their support but also shared valuable suggestions on how to further our efforts to make India a global entertainment hub. The highlight of Waves is the Create in India Challenge, for which over 70,000 participants have submitted applications. Key events include the Animation Film Making Competition, Trailer Creation Competition, Waves 2025 introducing AI-powered solutions to combat misinformation in live broadcast, the 'Reel Making' Challenge, Waves Comics Creator Championship, and many more. Thousands participated in these events from countries around the world.





DO NOT COME UP; I WILL HANDLE THEM

The Indian Army is considered a symbol of indomitable valor and courage, with countless stories of heroism and sacrifice that continue to inspire the nation. Major Sandeep Unnikrishnan is one such symbol of sacrifice and oblation…From the moment he joined the army, he played a crucial role in the victory during the Kargil War and later made the supreme sacrifice for the nation while chasing away the terrorists in the 26/11 attack in Mumbai.

On the night of 26-27 November 2008, when India's financial capital Mumbai was under cowardly terrorist attacks, Major Sandeep was leading a team to rescue people trapped in Hotel Taj. He entered the hotel with a team of 10 commandos and showered bullets on the terrorists. After taking one of his comrades to a safe place, he chased the terrorists. The terrorists, terrified of him, escaped to the second floor. While he was rescuing some people in the midst of continuous firing, a terrorist fired continuously at him from behind. Sandeep was badly injured in this attack, and he attained martyrdom. When Major Unnikrishnan's body wrapped in the tricolor was brought to Bangalore, a large number of people, including his family members and friends, paid tribute to this braveheart with tearful eyes.

Major Sandeep not only saved his comrades but also stopped them, saying, "Don't come up; I will handle them." His extraordinary courage and leadership inspired his comrades to eliminate all the terrorists and successfully complete the mission assigned to them. He was awarded the country's highest peacetime gallantry award, the Ashok Chakra, on 26 January 2009.

Born on March 15, 1977, in Kozhikode, Kerala, Sandeep Unnikrishnan was one such brave soldier who made a distinct identity in his early days in the NDA. During the Kargil war in 1999, Unnikrishnan of the Bihar Regiment led a team of six soldiers and captured an important post of the enemy. Major Unnikrishnan, an officer of the Bihar Regiment, was commissioned in the Indian Army in June 1999, and in January 2007 he was made the training commander of the Special Operations Group of the NSG.

His father, who works at ISRO, once told in one of his memoirs about Unnikrishnan that Sandeep always wanted our country to win. When India lost a match, he would get very disappointed. Whenever any project of ISRO failed, he would console me. He did not like defeat. Sandeep did not want to see any mother crying over the dead body of any of his colleagues. This is why he often used to say that his mother should also not cry but bear this sorrow.



8th Edition Pariksha Pe Charcha 2025

THERE WILL BE NO FEAR OF EXAMS

"DEAL FIRST WITH THE SUBJECT THAT SCARES YOU"

Exams often cause stress to students and their families however Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Pariksha Pe Charcha program is changing this narrative. Each edition highlights innovative ways to deal with exam-related anxiety. The 8th edition of Pariksha Pe Charcha was organized on 10 February at 11 am at Sundar Nursery, New Delhi. In this event, PM Modi discussed many issues affecting students in an informal conversation…

Breaking the practice of closed-room interaction with students, this time Prime Minister Narendra Modi discussed Pariksha Pe Charcha with them in the open ambience of Sundar Nursery, Delhi for an hour. With more than 5 crore participation, this year's program was massive. This year, 36 students from all states and union territories were selected from government schools, Kendriya Vidyalaya, Sainik School, Eklavya Model Residential School, CBSE, and Navodaya Vidyalaya. Through Pariksha Pe Charcha 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inspired 'exam warriors' to learn and excel with enthusiasm and without apprehensions. The new edition of Pariksha

8th Edition

Pariksha Pe Charcha 2025

2018: FIRST EVER CONVERSATION

Pariksha Pe Charcha was organized on 16 February 2018 at Talkatora Stadium, New Delhi. More than 2500 students were present in this program and more than 8.5 crore students from all over the country joined the program.

2019

Expanding reach

The second edition of Pariksha Pe Charcha was held on January 29, 2019, with participation levels rising even higher. Students, teachers and parents participated in the interaction that lasted for over ninety minutes.

2020

Fostering participation

2.63 lakh entries were received for the event held on January 20, 2020 at Talkatora Stadium, New Delhi. Indian students from 25 countries, both in India and abroad, participated.

2021

Virtual interaction

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 4th edition of the PPC was held online on April 7, 2021.

2022

Return to face-to-face interactions

PM Modi interacted with students, teachers and parents in the 5th edition of Pariksha Pe Charcha on April 1, 2022 at Talkatora Stadium, New Delhi. 9,69,836 students, 47,200 staff and 1,86,517 parents watched the live telecast of Pariksha Pe Charcha-2022.



Pe Charcha explains ways to better deal with exam stress and provides in-depth insights. PM Modi told the students in the Pariksha Pe Charcha (PPC) program that failures should be a teacher. Life is not just exams. Life does not stop due to failure. Over the years, the Pariksha Pe Charcha program has transformed exam-related stress into positive energy. This program has empowered and encouraged students to do well even under pressure. The inclusiveness, digital reach, and innovative methods of this program ensure its continued success. Every year, the Pariksha Pe Charcha program further strengthens the message that exams are not the end, but a beginning. While interacting with the students, PM Modi also distributed sweets made of sesame seeds.

CHALLENGE SUBJECTS THAT WE DON'T LIKE

While talking to students, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that we immediately spend time on our favorite subjects. We don't even touch the subject that we don't like at all. Challenge yourself. Think, "What's with this geography? Why isn't it cooperating with me? I'll defeat it." Develop a determination to conquer it. Be it mathematics—"Come on, let's have a face-off. I'm ready for the battle." Foster a winning mindset—never give up or bow down. We will start our fight. There should be a feeling in the mind that I have to be a winner, I don't have to bow down.

2023

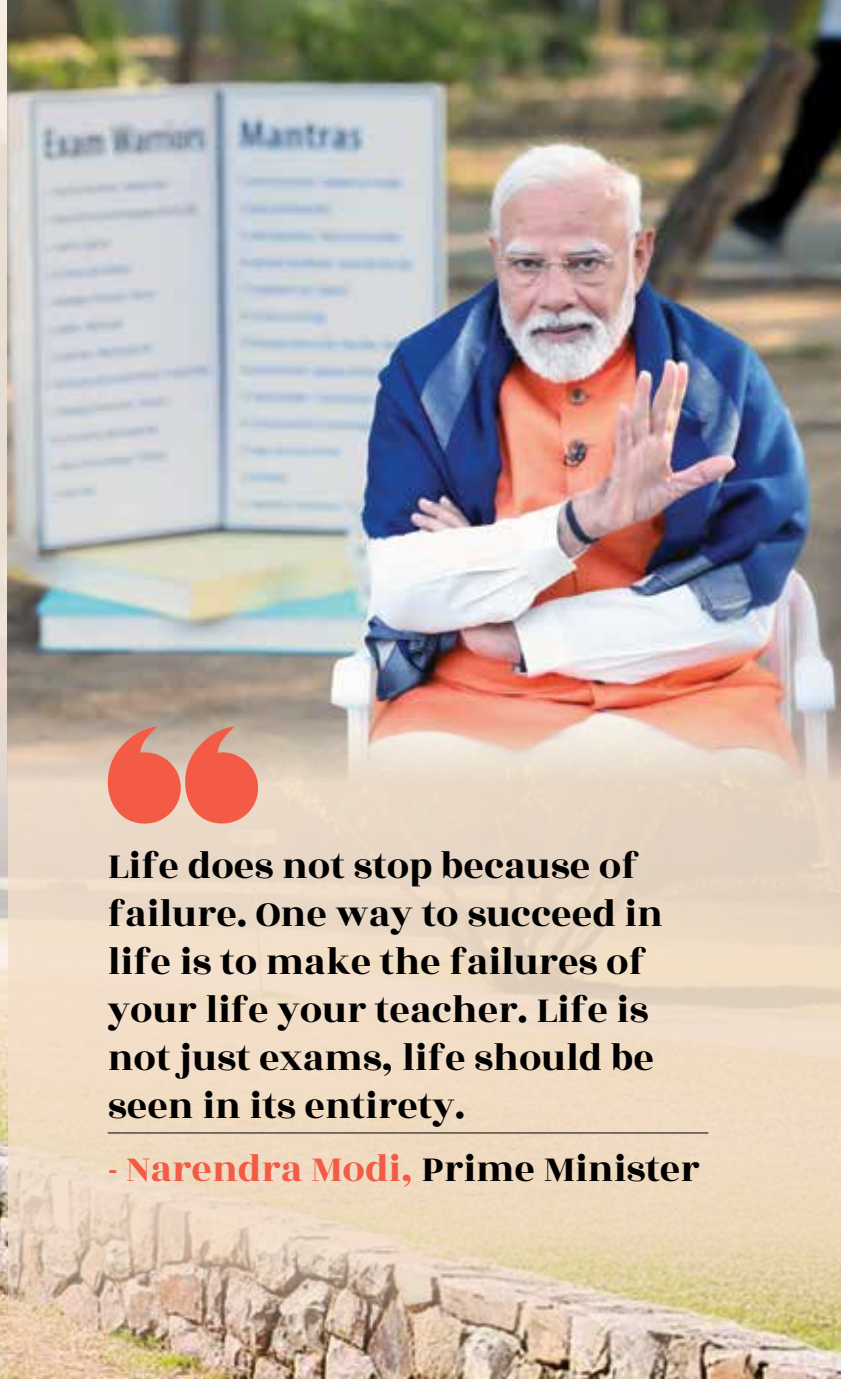
Expansion of Participation

The sixth edition of Pariksha Pe Charcha was held on January 27, 2023. The event was broadcasted live on multiple TV channels and YouTube channels. 7,18,110 students, 42,337 staff and 88,544 parents watched the live telecast.

2024

Nationwide Participation

The seventh edition was held on January 29, 2024 at Bharat Mandapam. There were 2.26 crore registrations on the MyGov portal for the event. For the first time, 100 students from Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) participated in it. It was attended by around 3,000 participants including students, teachers, parents and winners of Kala Utsav.



Life does not stop because of failure. One way to succeed in life is to make the failures of your life your teacher. Life is not just exams, life should be seen in its entirety.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

BE CAREFUL ABOUT THE PROPER USE OF TIME

While telling the students the trick of time management, PM Modi said that first of all, we should think about completing our tasks on time. I am very careful about how I can make the most of my time. I don't let time go to waste. According to time management, one should decide the work by writing it on paper and then see that I have decided that tomorrow I will definitely do three things. If I can do three things, I will do them and then mark the next day whether I did them or not.

BOOKS VS. SUCCESS IN LIFE

During the program, a student asked that whenever we go to take an exam, there is always a worry in the mind that what if I fail in it. There is always a lot of worry about the consequences of failing. In such a situation, how to avoid failure? In response, PM Modi asked that in school, in class 10th and 12th, 40% and 30% of children fail, what happens to them? To which the student said that let's try again. PM Modi then asked what if we fail even after that? Answering this question himself, he said that see, life does not stop. You have to decide whether you want to be successful in life or be successful through books. One way to be successful in life is you make all the failures of your life your teacher. Secondly, life is not just exams, life should be seen in its entirety.

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NOT BEING SICK DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE ARE HEALTHY

PM Modi told the students that not being sick does not mean that we are healthy. We should weigh ourselves on the scale of wellness. Whether we get enough sleep or not or we get too much sleep, it also has to do with nutrition. On this, a student said Sir, we get more sleep during the preparation for the exam and later we do not get any sleep at all. On this, PM Modi said that sleep has a very important role in nutrition and fitness. Along with this, PM Modi also asked the students to consume seasonal fruits.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO LEARN TEAMWORK TO BECOME A LEADER

PM Modi said that leadership cannot be imposed. Are the people around you accepting you? If you bombard them with knowledge, they won't. They are accepting your behavior. Now you gave a speech on cleanliness and you are making it dirty... then you cannot become a leader. It is very important to learn teamwork to become a leader. Patience is very necessary.

PM MODI MADE STUDENTS MEDITATE

PM Modi made students meditate. He told the students that look, now this fountain is running, listen to its sound for a moment, do you hear any song in it? Observe what is going on in your mind. Did you hear the sound of birds? Five sounds must have come together. Have you ever identified which sound is coming from where and its source? If you did this, your attention got focused. Attach yourself to its power. Along with this, PM Modi also talked about Pranayam. He said that, yes Pranayam works a lot. You generate a different type of energy.

WHEN HE ADVISED TEACHERS, THAT CHILDREN NEED AN OPEN SKY

PM Modi said that in Pariksha Pe Charcha, I always tell the families and teachers of the students that if you confine the children within walls and make them a prisoner of books, then the children can never grow. They need an open sky. They need some things of their choice. If he does his favorite things well, he will also study well. One should not live with the feeling that exams are everything in life. If you make up your mind to this extent, I am sure that you can convince your family and teachers as well.

TEACHERS SHOULD NOT COMPARE STUDENTS

Prime Minister Modi urged teachers not to compare students. He said that teachers create an environment in the school. The few good, smart students are always pampered. The rest are not considered at all, sit on the last bench, it is not your job. This makes them depressed. I also request teachers not to make any comparisons between students. Stop interrupting students, if you want to say something, then say it separately, look son you are very good. You are very hardworking, pay some attention to this. In such a situation, the student will then think that I should work hard, should deliver the best. I will do better than last time, I will also do well for myself and my friends.

TRY TO UNDERSTAND YOUR CHILDREN

PM Modi urged parents and family members to try to understand their children. Try to know them, understand their desires, understand their capabilities, monitor what they do according to the potential they have. If possible, help them. Suppose you see that they are interested in sports, then take them to watch a sports event, they will get motivated.

...THEN HE WOULD HAVE TAKEN THE SKILL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

PM Modi said that someone once asked me that if

RECORD NUMBER OF STUDENTS REGISTERED TO PARTICIPATE IN PARIKSHA PE CHARCHA

The 8th edition of the Pariksha Pe Charcha (PPC) program has seen unprecedented growth with 3.56 crore registrations. While 1.55 crore people participated in nationwide 'Jan Andolan' activities. Thus, Pariksha Pe Charcha became a historic journey with more than 5 crore participants. There were 3.56 crore registrations in the year 2025, while there were 2.26 crore registrations in the 7th edition.

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Pariksha Pe Charcha 2025

SEVEN INFORMATIVE EPISODES IN PARIKSHA PE CHARCHA

Seven informative episodes were organized under Pariksha Pe Charcha 2025. Eminent personalities from various fields came together in this program to guide the students.

- **Sports and Discipline:** On this topic, MC Mary Kom, Avani Lekhara and Suhas Yathiraj discussed goal setting, coping skills and stress management through discipline.
- **Mental Health:** Famous actress Deepika Padukone talked about emotional issues and mental health.
- **Nutrition:** Experts Shonali Sabharwal, Rujuta Diwekar and Revant Himatsingka motivated the students on food habits, sleep and nutrition.
- **Technology and Finance:** Gaurav Chaudhary and Radhika Gupta interacted with the students on the topic of using technology as a tool for acquiring knowledge and financial literacy.
- **Creativity and Positivity:** Vikrant Massey and Bhumi Pednekar motivated the students to stay away from negativity and remain positive.
- **Concentration and Mental Peace:** Sadhguru gave a mantra on the topic of mental peace and concentration.
- **Success Stories:** Toppers and participants of UPSC, IIT-JEE, CBSE, NDA, ICSE shared the impact of Pariksha Pe Charcha on them.



PM MODI PLANTED SAPLINGS WITH STUDENTS

Referring to the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign with the students, Prime Minister Narendra Modi also planted saplings with them. He also explained the method of watering the plants. He said that a clay pot should be placed next to the trees that have been planted. It should be filled with water once a month so that its growth will be faster.

you were not the Prime Minister, but a minister, and someone asked you to take a department, which department would you have liked? So I replied, I would have taken the Skill Development Department.

WHEN A STUDENT RECITED A POEM

There is so much noise in these markets, There is so much noise in these streets, Why do you sit with your pen, writing a ghazal? What do you wish to write on the pages of that book? What thoughts fill your mind, full of endless questions? Perhaps the ink itself is writing the answers. Then why do you gaze at the sky? What do you seek in these stars? What is it that lingers in your thoughts? ●

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THE PIONEERS OF NEW INDIA
NARI SHAKTI



India's population by 2036 will be 152.2 crore, of which about 75 crore will be women. If they get the right opportunities, India can move forward at double speed. With the same approach, by recognizing the potential of 'Aadhi Abadi' initiatives have been taken to empower them socially, politically, and economically in the past decade. As a result, the women of India today are independent, economically empowered, and full of resolve. They have a sense of security... they are not only dreaming but also realizing it. The efforts of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government have brought about a revolutionary change in the decades-old stereotypes of girls or women...

As the world celebrates International Women's Day (March 8), let us know how women are becoming the pioneers of innovation in India, as it moves towards the 'Swarnim Varsh' of independence...









Our Vedas have referred to women as 'पुरन्धिः योषा' ('Purandhi: Yosha'). In other words, women should be able to take responsibility for their city and their society; women should lead the country. Women reflect leadership with ethics, integrity, and dicision -making power. That is why our Vedas, our traditions, have called for women to be competent, capable, and give direction to the nation. With this vision, India made women-led development the global agenda while chairing the G-20, and this has become the motto of today's India. It is the result of the efforts of the past decade with this mindset that today, be it the army or startups, sports or research, daughters in the new India are making their mark in every field. Whether it is the increasing participation of women in Parliament or the historically high number of women compared to men in the sex ratio, this shift is an indication of how potent the new India of the Amrit kaal will be. Today, India is moving out of the old way of thinking and carrying the mantra of women-led development.

In fact, as India moves towards its swarnim varsha, it has, in a sense, handed over the reins of development to half the population- "Aadhi Abadi". Special focus has been laid on advancing women at all levels, ensuring their bigger roles and contributions. According to an International Monetary Fund report, women's workforce participation on par with men could boost India's GDP by 27 per cent. If 50 per cent of skilled women join the workforce, the growth rate could rise 1.5 per cent to 9 per cent per year. That is why women empowerment has been at the heart of all the welfare schemes launched by the central government to make life easier for women and provide new opportunities for employment and self-employment to women.

The government has not backed down from the uplifting women where old notions and old beliefs had

to be broken. The success of the 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' campaign that is being seen today, the awareness that has come in the society through the efforts of the government, are continuously increasing the number of daughters. For the first time in the country, there are more women than men, and the health of women is even better than before.

Prime Minister Safe Motherhood Campaign, or the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMVVY), they have succeeded in saving the lives of both mother and child. Almost 50 per cent of the beneficiaries of the Ayushman Bharat scheme are women. The central government is trying to remove every obstacle from daughters' education to their careers. Be it the construction of separate toilets for girls in government schools in the country or the scheme linked to sanitary pads, it has greatly reduced the dropout rate of girls. The Swachh Bharat Abhiyan has not only enhanced the dignity of women but also provided them with a safe environment. Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana has opened savings accounts for the better future of millions of daughters across the country for the first time. The new National Education Policy has also taken several important steps for the education of daughters.

The central government has also ensured that there are no restrictions for women in any job and any field of work. Therefore, recruitment of women in every sector, from mining to the advance fronts in the army, has been opened up. Daughters are now studying and training in everything from military schools to military training schools. Maternity leave has been increased from 12 weeks to 26 weeks. Moreover, schemes have been implemented for economic empowerment.



PROMOTING THE ECONOMIC PROSPERITY OF RURAL WOMEN

Schemes like Self Help Groups, Lakhpati Didi, and Drone Didi have given a new thrust to the economic empowerment of rural women

90.87 lakh self-help groups

10.05 crore rural families have been linked to self-help groups so far.



- Rs 9.74 lakh crore has been given to women-led self-help groups from the start of the mission till December 15, 2024.
- 25,385 women welfare cooperative societies are registered in the country. There are 1,44,396 dairy cooperative societies, where a large number of rural women are working in this sector.

The government has set a target of making **03** crore women Lakhpati Didi.

1.25 crores Lakhpati Didi have been made till January 2025.

Under the Lakhpati Didi scheme, the government gives a loan of five lakh rupees to women associated with self-help groups. This is an interest-free loan.

DRONE DIDI SHOWCASES PSYCHOLOGICAL CHANGE IN THE VILLAGE



1,094 drones have been distributed to the Drone Didi of self-help groups in the financial year 2023-24, out of which 500 drones have been distributed in the Namo Drone Didi scheme.

- These days Drone Didi is being discussed a lot. Seeing women flying drones, a psychological change has come in village.
- Under this scheme, 15,000 drones are to be given by 2025-26. They are also to be given training in agricultural work and operating drones so that new livelihood opportunities are created.

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

BECOMES THE NEW BASIS OF WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

Nari Shakti is at the center of the resolution of Viksit Bharat, while their economic strength is indispensable for new India. Various departments and ministries of the government are not only making plans and programs keeping in mind the 'economic well-being' of Nari Shakti but it is also being monitored at the micro level....

While Standup India and Mudra Yojana facilitate bank loans and entrepreneurial activities for women, the funds reserved for Nari Shakti in many types of funds including Startup India, and the provision of mentors also make their path easier. Schemes like PM - Svanidhi, MGNREGA, and Credit Guarantee Fund for Micro and Small Enterprises provide employment, self-employment, and loan facilities to women.

₹30,000

crore was transferred to the accounts of 20 crore women between April and June 2020 during COVID-19.

THE FOUNDATION OF ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE WAS LAID BY JAN DHAN YOJANA

Women are the biggest beneficiaries of the world's largest financial inclusion initiative



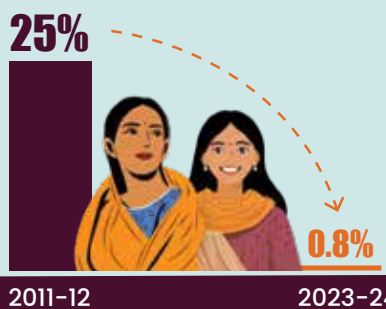
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crore i.e. about 56 percent of accounts were opened by women under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Initiative. As of January 15, 2025, the total number of Jan Dhan accounts reached 54.58 crores.

MAHILA SAMMAN SAVINGS CERTIFICATE OFFERS HIGHER INTEREST ON SAVINGS

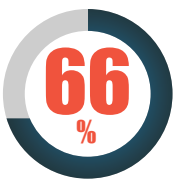
- More than 43 lakh accounts have been opened in the scheme till October 31, 2024. Mahila Samman Savings Certificate Scheme for women and minor girls was launched on March 31, 2023, as a commemoration of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'.
- In this, any woman can open accout in her name or for minor minor girl by her guardian till March 31, 2025, or before.
- Account holders in the scheme can open an account for two years with a minimum of Rs 1,000 and a maximum of Rs 2 lakh. The interest rate in this account is 7.5 percent per annum.

POVERTY RATE AMONG ADULT WOMEN DECREASED BY MORE THAN 24 PERCENT



BIMA SAKHI WILL LEAD THE GROWING INSURANCE SECTOR

- Women are being given financial strength to make them a part of rapid and sustainable national development. On December 9, 2024, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Bima Sakhi Yojana.
- 1,00,076 women have registered to become Bima Sakhi, and 51,552 started working as Bima Sakhi. Training of about 49 thousand is going on.
- These Bima Sakhis have sold more than 77,000 policies. Premium of more than 85 crore rupees has come.



of the business has been done by Bima Sakhis in rural areas. Out of the total number of insurance done so far, 62 percent of women have taken the policy

COVER STORY
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY SPECIAL

STANDUP INDIA, MUDRA SCHEME MADE THE PATH OF WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS EASY WHILE STARTUP INDIA GAVE A NEW DIRECTION

STANDUP INDIA

83% of beneficiaries of Standup India, which provides loans from Rs 10 lakh to Rs 1 crore for starting a business, are women. Under the scheme, every bank has been given the target of providing loans between Rs 10 lakh and Rs 1 crore to at least one woman borrower.

2,15,582
Female beneficiaries

2,59,797
Total sanctioned loans

MUDRA SCHEME

Under the Mudra scheme, loans ranging from Rs 50,000 to Rs 20 lakh are given in four categories for self-employment so that they can establish and expand their business activities.

70%
beneficiaries are women

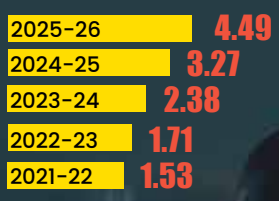
34.96
Female beneficiaries

51.67
crore Total sanctioned loans

INNOVATION AND RESEARCH

- The Power Scheme of the Science and Engineering Research Board, which promotes opportunities for women in exploratory research, was launched in 2020. 97 projects were nurtured in research grants, in which 42 fellowships were given to women.

STRONG GENDER BUDGET ON THE PATH OF DEVELOPMENT LED BY WOMEN, INCREASED ALMOST 3 TIMES IN 5 YEARS



Note: Figures in lakh crore rupees



WOMEN-LED DEVELOPMENT AS A GLOBAL AGENDA

Women-led development as a global agenda has focused significantly on women empowerment globally. In this context, the new Parliament of India, on September 20-21, 2023, marked a historic moment for the empowerment of women. The 33 per cent women reservation bill in Parliament and the legislature, which was once considered paramount to politics and power, was made a reality by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He also made the occasion special and called a special session with a special purpose to enter the new building of Parliament. Now, whenever it comes to the first inauguration of the new Parliament House, every Indian, especially the women, will have their heads held high with pride. The Nari Shakti Vandan Act is not a general law. It is a proclamation of the new democratic commitment of the new India.

This is a huge and very strong step towards building a Viksit Bharat from 'everyone's effort' in the Amrit kaal. To improve the standard of living of women and to improve the quality of life, a new era of development led by women is guaranteed to bring to the country. It is a direct proof of Prime Minister Modi's resolve. There had been an effort to get the bill passed for nearly three decades. There were various obstacles in the way of this law ensuring reservation for women, decades-old stumbling blocks, but when the intention is pure, the efforts are transparent, the troubles are overcome, and the goals are achieved. It's also a record in itself that the legislation got such broad support in the House.

The Nari Shakti Vandan Act will determine the role of Nari Shakti in the development of India. The year 2047 will be a milestone in building a Viksit Bharat. It will give a new direction to

In every development initiative launched by our government, we give utmost priority to empowering the girl child and strengthening our Nari Shakti. Our focus is on ensuring respect as well as opportunities for the girl child.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

women's leadership in women's empowerment. It will give historical recognition to women leadership in building a new India and will prove to be an inspiration for the entire world.

This is a true tribute to the Matri Shakti (the mother power), which has a 50 per cent stake in a population of 140 crore. Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke about women-led development to the entire world. While chairing the G20, India made the world realize that mother power, daughters, can not only participate in policies but also secure their position in policy-making. This is because for the current central government, women empowerment is not a political issue but a resolution. One example of this is that when Prime Minister Modi was the Chief Minister of Gujarat, he donated all the amount he received as salary for the education of the children of the employees of the Gujarat Secretariat. Not only that, the proceeds from the auction of all the presents they received were donated to the education of the children.

Imagine you are the elected leader of 140 crore countrymen, with a large fan base on social media, and you completely hand over your social media account to 7 women for the whole day.

DATA REFLECTS THE STORY OF THE ROBUST ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN



Around **2.21** crore women-owned MSMEs are registered.

More than **1.63** lakh women-led MSMEs are registered on the GeM portal and have received orders worth over Rs 31,000 crore.

More than **2.26** crore women farmers were released the amount till the 18th installment of PM Kisan Yojana.

10% discount is given on the annual guarantee fee to support women entrepreneurs under the Credit Guarantee Scheme for Micro and Small Enterprises.

- 90% guarantee coverage is given to women while 75 percent guarantee coverage is given to other entrepreneurs.
- Appointment of at least one woman director has been made mandatory in every listed company having capital of more than Rs 100 crore or turnover of over Rs 300 crore.
- Over 32 thousand women were trained under PM Janman Yojana till December 2024, total training was given to 38,396.
- 44.62 lakh PM Svanidhi loans were sanctioned to women. This is about 45% of the total sanctioned 99.15 lakh loans.
- Enrollment of women artisans in the total enrollment of Pradhan Mantri Vishwakarma Yojana is 75.46%. There are 1.04 lakh women's loan accounts in PM Vishwakarma Loan Yojana.
- 10 crore women insured under Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana
- 22.84 crore women insured under Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana
- Employment percentage for 15 years and above increased to 41.7 percent in the estimated labor force participation rate of Periodic Labor Force Survey 2023-24, which was just 23.3 percent in 2017-18.
- 1.50 crore women joined EPFO.
- 39% of beneficiaries are women in the Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Srijan Karyakram. It is a credit-linked subsidy program.
- 33% of women are required to be included in the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushal Yojana. This is an employment-linked skill development program for youth in the age group of 15-35 years.
- Over 3.16 lakh women have passed training till February 7, 2025, in the Samarth scheme being run by the Ministry of Textiles for capacity building in the textile sector.

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SAFE WOMEN
PROSPEROUS NATION

Women's safety has found pre-eminence today. These include strict prevention of crimes through strict laws, effective delivery of justice, timely redressal of complaints, and easy assistance for victims. The central government has taken many important steps in this direction in the last decade...

The new provisions and strictness in the three new laws of India are reducing the cases of crime against women. India's progress is inspired by Nari Shakti. If women are given opportunities and become a part of policy-making, then this can further speed up the progress of the country.

802
One Stop Centres are functioning in 758 districts. 10.43 lakh women have received assistance till December 31, 2024.



STEPS TOWARDS INVESTIGATION AND STRONG MECHANISM WITH STRICT LEGAL PROVISIONS

- Initiatives towards reducing crimes against women. Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2018 passed to provide severe punishment including death penalty for those found guilty of raping a girl below 12 years of age.
- Provision to complete police investigation within 2 months in cases related to sexual crimes. A national database to identify habitual sexual offenders.
- To prevent cyber crimes against women, 14 states including Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Odisha, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand have started Cyber Forensic Training Laboratory.
- Among the projects funded by the Nirbhaya Fund, safe city projects are underway in 8 cities (Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Chennai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Lucknow and Mumbai). Under this, the use of technologies like drones, CCTV, and smart lighting systems is included.



MISSION SHAKTI INITIATIVES TOWARDS SAFETY AND SECURITY

- Mission Shakti was launched to enhance women's safety, empowerment, and participation in the workforce. It aims to address gender bias, and discrimination, against women through skill development, capacity building, financial literacy, and access to micro-credit.
- Integrated services provided at one place through One-Stop Centres (OSCs), such as police, medical and legal aid, counseling, and psychological support, ensure comprehensive support for women affected by violence.
- A toll-free women's helpline (181) also provides emergency and non-emergency assistance. Mission Shakti has created an enabling environment for women to move forward and make active contributions to society.

What a feeling you will have. Yes, Prime Minister Narendra Modi handed over his Twitter (now X) account to seven women on International Women's Day. It is a wonderful example of equality in words and deeds that is indeed giving equal rights and opportunities to women power at the heart of the new India, where women are also moving towards empowerment with security and respect.

Moreover, the number of women in technical education has doubled since 2014 in industrial

> **The contribution of Nari Shakti in India's development journey cannot be negated. The first decision of the new House- The new House was inaugurated with the blessings of the Matri Shakti through the Nari Shakti Vandan Act.**
>
> - Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

REGULATION FROM SURROGACY TO ABORTION

- After cases of renting out wombs of unmarried women due to financial constraints came to the fore, the central government implemented the surrogacy law to protect the interests of the surrogate mother in this direction. Special provisions related to physical, and mental health and insurance have been made in this.
- The Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act was approved to provide relief to women suffering from violence. Under this, the time limit for abortion was increased from 20 to 24 weeks.

SHE BOX

She-Box Portal https://shebox.wcd.gov.in is an online system designed to help in better implementation of various provisions of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act, 2013.

- Complainant details are confidential.

The investigation has to be completed within 90 days

INITIATIVES LIKE THE PANIC BUTTON HAVE MADE TRAVEL EASIER

- Arrangements like GPS and panic buttons in taxis have been made for the first time keeping women's safety in mind.
- Under the 'Meri Saheli' initiative, the focus has been on the safety of women passengers traveling alone in long-distance trains throughout their journey, i.e. from the starting station to the destination station.
- A campaign is run against the entry of male passengers in the compartment reserved for women and legal action is taken against violators.



FAST TRACK COURT

747 Fast Track Special Courts functional including 406 POCSO Courts, by December 2024

The government formulated a centrally sponsored scheme in October 2019 to implement the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2018 and especially to dispose of cases related to the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO). The scheme aims to establish fast-track special courts, including exclusive POCSO courts, across the country for speedy disposal of rape and POCSO Act cases.

THE NUMBER OF WOMEN IN PATENT FILING INCREASED BY 345 TIMES



UJJWALA MAKES KITCHENS SMOKE-FREE

The Ujjwala Yojana, launched in 2016 to free women from kitchen smoke, has proved to be a transformative step.

More than **10 crore** gas connections have been given so far under the Ujjwala scheme.

Benefits...Data from the World Health Organization shows that cooking with traditional fuels - wood, coal, etc. - caused 5 lakh deaths in India every year, but this effort of the central government has reduced the cases of respiratory diseases among women by 20 percent.

SELF-DEFENSE TECHNIQUES FOR DAUGHTERS

Under the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan, the teaching of self-defense techniques to girls from classes 6 to 12 in government schools was started.

training institutions. About one-fourth of the space scientists in India are women. The success of major programs like Chandrayaan, Gaganyaan, and Mission Mars is due to the talent and hard work of women scientists. Today, more women than men are entering higher education in India. Female pilots in the Indian Air Force are now flying fighter jets. Women officers in all armed forces are being deployed in operational roles and combat fronts. More than 40 million accounts have been opened

WOMEN AT THE CENTER OF THE NEW STORY OF SOCIAL CHANGE

It is difficult to make the country developed without taking half the population of the country on the path of progress. Whether it is about health or social upliftment... now women power is at the center of every new story of change. This is the reason why for the last decade, importance has been given to the progress of half the population and women-led development. It is the impact of policies of the government that half the population of the country is moving rapidly towards self-reliance, education, and equality while overcoming difficulties and challenges...

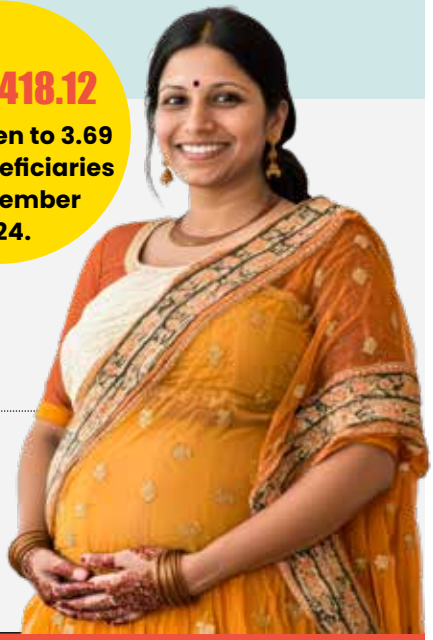
PRADHAN MANTRI MATRU VANDANA YOJANA

Under the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana, financial compensation is provided for loss of wages due to pregnancy and delivery. This scheme was previously limited to the first child, but if the child is a girl, then it has been extended to cover the second child as well. This is a step towards promoting gender equality.

Maternity benefit of **Rs 5,000** for the first child is being given directly into the beneficiary's account under this scheme.

The second child of eligible beneficiaries is also provided a cash incentive of Rs 6,000 under PMMVY, provided the second child is a girl.

RS 16,418.12 crore given to 3.69 crore beneficiaries till December 2024.



SPECIAL CARE IS BEING TAKEN FOR DAUGHTERS RIGHT FROM THEIR BIRTH

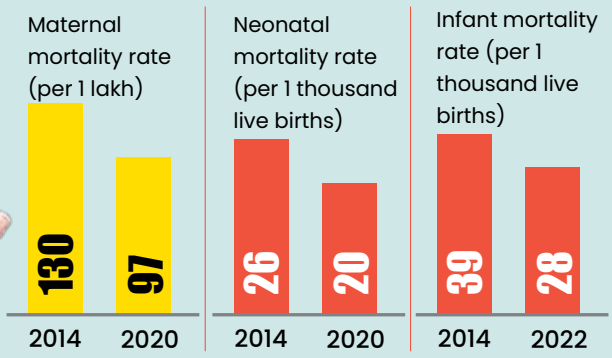
Institutional deliveries

97.3% 2023-24

61% 2014-15



Decline in maternal and infant mortality rate



The mortality rate of children under 5 years of age decreased from 45 in 2014 to 32 in 2020.

The sex ratio at birth increased from 918 in 2014-15 to 930 in the year 2023-24.

under the Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana, which was launched to make the lives of girls safer in the country. Today, female pilots account for 5 per cent of aircraft flying worldwide, compared to 15 per cent in India, an increase in the last 10 years. At the social level, the vices such as triple talaq that caused oppression of women, have been stopped by enacting laws. Millions of Muslim women today are protected from the inhuman evil practice of triple talaq. The implementation of this law has reduced the number of triple talaq by 80-82 per cent in a few years.

There has been an increase of more than



in the number of educated girls aged 10 years and above, after the implementation of Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao.

BETI BACHAO, BETI PADHAO

Prime Minister Narendra Modi started the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao campaign on 22 January 2015 from Panipat in Haryana. Under this, many important initiatives have been taken for the social, educational, and economic strength of girls and women.



More than **4.1** crore Sukanya Samriddhi accounts have been opened under the Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana.

Rs 2.64 lakh crore was deposited in Sukanya Samriddhi Account.

JANANI SURAKSHA YOJANA

Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY) is a conditional cash transfer scheme to promote institutional deliveries.

MATERNITY BENEFIT ACT

- According to this, the crèche facility was started in establishments with 50 or more employees.
- The government increased paid maternity leave from 12 weeks to 26 weeks, of which not more than eight weeks shall precede the date of expected delivery.
- Provision of working from home was also made with the consent of the employer and the woman, depending on the nature of work assigned to the woman worker.



MISSION POSHAN 2.0

Mission Poshan was started to tackle the problem of malnutrition among children, adolescents, pregnant women, and lactating mothers across the country.

After the expected success, the second phase of Mission Poshan was implemented in March 2018.

10,02,05,340 beneficiaries have received benefits till 2024



PROGRESS OF MATRI SHAKTI, PROGRESS OF THE NATION

Baba Saheb Bhimrao Ambedkar said, "If women are making progress in a country, I think that society, that nation, is making progress." Undoubtedly, women play an integral role in society. Without their progress, the overall progress of society stops. Empowering women is not only a moral imperative but also a strategic necessity for social development. Acknowledging this, the central government has given priority to promoting Nari Shakti, or women empowerment, within the country. With a commitment to improving

the lives of women and removing barriers to their progress, the government aims to ensure that women are active participants in India's journey to prosperity. Prime Minister Narendra Modi says, "Women-led development is crucial in taking the country forward." The Government of India considers women-led development as the central dimension of the nation's progress and the need to strengthen India. In the past decade, the Government of India has launched several welfare schemes aimed at empowering women and enabling them to lead India's development journey.

The four classes upon which the central government has focused for a Viksit Bharat include the poor, youth, Annadata (Farmers), and women. The needs of those people, their aspirations and their welfare are the highest priority of the government. When they advance, the country progresses. The lives of these four classes need to be improved, and they are receiving assistance from the government in an effort to improve their standard of living. The empowerment of these people and their welfare will also move the country forward. Encouraging women power, the central government has given impetus to women empowerment through entrepreneurship, ease of life and dignity. About 70 per cent of the beneficiaries of the Mudra scheme are women entrepreneurs. Under this, Rs 30 crore loans have been given to women entrepreneurs. According to one study, the scheme has improved women's economic power and increased their participation in social decisions.

Enrollment of women in higher education has increased to 28 per cent. The participation of girls and women in enrollment for STEM courses has risen to 43 per cent. This number is the highest in the world. The number of

DAUGHTERS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Enrolment of women in higher education increased from 1.57 crore in 2015 to 2.07 crore in 2022 by 31.6 percent.

Enrolment in higher education has increased by more than **28%** in the last 10 years.



- 43% of the enrolment in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) courses includes girls and women, this number is the highest in the world.
- Enrolment of girls in secondary education. The Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) has increased from 75.51% in 2014-15 to 78% in 2023-24.



SANITARY NAPKINS FOR RS. 1

Sanitary pads for women were started to be sold at Rs. 1 under more than 10 thousand Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Kendras across the country. 100% tax exemption by government on sanitary napkins to make them affordable and easily accessible.

More than **60** crore sanitary pads have been sold so far.

THE LAW AGAINST TRIPLE TALAQ

The Central Government enacted a law against triple talaq on August 1, 2019. Triple talaq was made a punishable offense.

JAL JEEVAN MISSION BRINGS FREEDOM FROM THE HASSLE OF FETCHING WATER

There was a time when people used to carry pots far away to fetch drinking water in rural India. Jal Jeevan Mission has now made this a thing of the past.

More than **15.44** crore households covered under Nal se Jal so far.

17% of rural households had tap connections till August 2019, which figure has now increased to 79.74%.





BOOSTING RESPECT WITH THE SWACHH BHARAT MISSION

Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the Swachh Bharat Mission from the ramparts of the Red Fort in 2014. This proved to be an important step in terms of women's self-respect. Under the Swachh Vidyalaya Mission, it was ensured that all schools have at least one functional toilet for girls.

12 crore houses under the Swachh Bharat Mission.
Toilets have been built in

3,00,000
deaths have been prevented due to the Swachh Bharat Mission.

RIGHT TO HOUSE UNDER PM AWAS YOJANA

Under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, priority was given to allocating houses in the name of women. At the same time, now under the second phase of the housing scheme in rural areas, it has been made mandatory to allocate houses in the name of the female head.



4.53
crore houses approved by February 2, 2025.

Construction of houses worth
Rs 3.56
crore has been completed.

75%
of the approved houses are owned entirely or jointly by women.

TOP IN THE WORLD IN NUMBER OF WOMEN REPRESENTATION

To bring women into the mainstream of political leadership at the grassroots level, the government made important amendments to the Constitution. To promote women's empowerment, 33% reservation for women was given from Panchayat to Legislative Assembly and Lok Sabha.

- On September 28, 2023, Nari Shakti Vandan Act, 2023 (Constitution 106th Amendment), according to this, there is a provision to reserve one-third of the seats for women in the Lok Sabha and the State Legislative Assemblies including the Legislative Assembly of the National Capital Territory of Delhi.
- In the 73rd Amendment, at least 33% of the seats in Panchayati Raj institutions have been reserved for women.
- There are currently more than 14.50 lakh elected women representatives (EWRs) in the Panchayati Raj Institution, which is about 46% of the total elected representatives.

women in the workplace is steadily increasing. Of the 40 million houses that have been given to families under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, about 75 per cent are owned by women. There are also more than 9 million self-help groups currently functioning in the country, in which about 100 million women are involved. These women self-help groups are being given crores of rupees by the government.

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT WITH SOCIAL JUSTICE

In the vision of a new India, empowering women is not just seen as a matter of social equality, but also as a crucial factor for driving economic progress. The recognition and respect for women's strength embodies the essence of this emerging India. Honoring anonymous women who have become inspirations for society at the Padma Awards makes Amrit Yatra feel good. About 100 million women involved in SHGs are from rural backgrounds, from disadvantaged families. These women at the bottom of society have been empowered, their social status has been raised and the central government has increased their assistance to Rs 20 lakh so that they can carry on this work. Continuous efforts are being made to increase their working capacity and scale. It is having an extremely positive impact on the rural economy.

The central government has set a target of making 30 million women Lakhpati in its third term and has emphasized on economic programmes. Today, many villages in the country are talking about Drone Didi, it has brought a psychological change in the village, seeing women driving drones in the hands of villagers is changing the attitude towards women and today

WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION

FROM POLICE TO ARMY ; ADMISSION IS OPEN TO MILITARY SCHOOLS

Daughters today enjoy equal opportunities in every domain, unlocking paths that were previously inaccessible. This includes taking on responsibilities like flying fighter planes in the armed forces or joining military institutions such as the National Defense Academy.



WOMEN PILOTS

India has more than **15%** women pilots compared to the world. According to the International Society of Women Airline Pilots, this number is only five percent in the world.

SHAKTI SADAN

2,92,681 women have been helped through **404** Shakti Sadans.

Shakti Sadan is an integrated relief and rehabilitation home for women living in distressed situations, including trafficked victims.

PADMA SAMMAN

258 women have been awarded Padma Awards in the last 11 years, including 23 this year.



PROVISION FOR RECRUITMENT OF WOMEN IN OTHER RANKS IN THE MILITARY POLICE CORPS OF THE INDIAN ARMY IN 2019.

More than **2.63** lakh women are deployed in police service across the country. This number is three times more than in 2013-14.



There are **10,493** women officers serving in the army. Out of which 4,734 are Army Nursing Service officers. In 2014-15, the total number was three thousand.

- On January 1, 2024, the first full-fledged Sainik School for girls, Sanvid Gurukulam Sainik School, was inaugurated in Vrindavan, Mathura, Uttar Pradesh.
- All Sainik Schools have started admitting girls in 10% of the vacancies in Class 6 from the 2021-22 session.
- Admission of girls for NDA - 2022 was started in November 2021.
- 20 women fighter pilots have been commissioned in the Indian Air Force.
- 28 women officers have been deployed on ships in the Navy.
- The provision of recruitment of women for other ranks in the Military Police Corps in the Indian Army was started in 2019.



Namo Drone Didi is working in farms. Women have always played a huge role in the rural economy of India. The central government is further expanding this role. Today, women in the village are redefining rural life as bank sakhi and insurance sakhi. Women in villages are making a new revolution through self-help groups. 11.5 million women in villages have been made Lakhpati Didi.

Mudra Yojana is also playing a huge role in empowering women. Millions of women have ventured into the industry by taking up business initiatives for

the first time, establishing themselves as industrialists. The Mahila Samman Savings Certificate Scheme for women and minor girls was launched on March 31, 2023 to commemorate the Amrit Mahotsav of Independence. As of October 31, 2024, 43,30,121 accounts have been opened under it. The account under this Mahila Samman Savings Certificate Scheme can be opened by a woman for herself or by a parent on behalf of a minor girl till or before March 31, 2025.

The nation's policies with sensitivity to women including 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' have brought awareness in the society. People now hope to see daughters embrace independence and thrive on their own.They want to secure their future. Women today are excelling at the global level aligned with the dreams of the nation. The efforts of the central government have been the mainstay behind this progress of women. For the first time in the country, there were more women than men and the health of women is even better than before. Whether it is the Prime Minister Safe Motherhood Campaign or the Prime Minister Matru vandana Yojana, we have been successful in saving the lives of both mothers and children. Almost 50 per cent of the beneficiaries of the Ayushman Bharat scheme are women.

EMPOWERMENT WITH SAFETY

When women are safe and prosperous, the world is prosperous. Their economic empowerment boosts development. Their access to education drives global progress. Their leadership promotes inclusiveness, and their ideas inspire positive change. The most effective way to empower women is a woman-led development approach. India has taken a decisive step in this direction. The President of India, Droupadi Murmu, is an inspiring example in her own right. She comes from an ordinary tribal background. But now she leads the world's largest democracy and is contributing as commander-in-chief of the world's second largest defense force. In this mother of democracy, the 'right to vote' was granted equally to all citizens, including women, by the Indian Constitution from the very beginning. The right to contest elections was also given to all on an equal basis.

It is with the aim of providing women with a safe environment and equal participation in development that many efforts related to women's security have been made at the national level. Today, the priority of the country is to improve the lives of women and their full participation in India's development journey. The central government is also considering raising the marriage age for daughters to 21 years, treating sons and daughters equally. Today, the country has stringent laws addressing crimes against women, including the provision of the death penalty for severe offenses such as rape. A large number of fast-track courts are also being set up across the country. Systems are also being improved to ensure strict compliance with laws. Be it increasing the number of women help desks in police stations, helplines available 24 hours a day, or portals to deal with cyber crimes, many such efforts are becoming a shield for the safety of women. The present central government is working with a policy of 'zero tolerance' on crimes against women.

Not just legal protection, the central government has been campaigning for women's self-respect. Most of the central government schemes are made with women in the family at the center. Moreover, earlier in Jammu and Kashmir, women and their children were denied the right to ancestral property if they married a non-Kashmiri, but after the repeal of Articles 370 and 35A, women in the region have got that right. The law has also become more stringent in cases where NRIs marry and then abandon their spouses. Mission Shakti is another important effort of the government. It aims to increase the safety, empowerment, and participation of women in the workforce. The mission aims to address gender bias, discrimination, and responsibility of care on women through skill development, capacity building, financial literacy, and access to microcredit. Integrated services, such as police, medical and legal assistance, counseling, and psychosocial support, provided in one place through One-Stop Centers (OSCs), ensure comprehensive support for women affected by violence. A toll-free women's helpline (181) also provides emergency and non-emergency assistance. Mission Shakti has created an enabling environment for women to advance and make active contributions to society.

Certainly, by transforming women from welfare recipients to agents of empowerment, the government has succeeded in making sweeping changes in the lives of women in its country. From addressing gender discrimination to promoting education, health, housing, entrepreneurship, and security, such initiatives have tremendously improved the lives of women and contributed to the overall progress of the country. Today, it is not only about women's development but also about women-led development. ●



VIKSIT BHARAT GETS MOMENTUM, 'PROGRESS WITH SAVINGS' MODEL

On the first day of the budget session, President Droupadi Murmu addressed the joint session of Parliament and outlined the achievements of the government, while also mentioning the roadmap of a Viksit Bharat. In support of the Motion of Thanks on the President's address, Prime Minister Narendra Modi presented the model of 'Progress with Savings' along with the ambitious resolution of a Viksit Bharat, highlighting the important decisions taken during the 10-year tenure...

Prime Minister Narendra Modi answered every question raised by the opposition on the address of President Droupadi Murmu eloquently in his speech of about 95 minutes in the Lok Sabha and about 92 minutes in the Rajya Sabha, Prime Minister Modi said that the President discussed in detail all the topics like India's achievements, the world's expectations from India, the self-confidence of the common man of India, the resolution of a Viksit Bharat, and also showed the country the way forward. PM Modi said that we are in 2025, in a way a quarter of the 21st century has passed. Time will decide what happened in the 20th century after independence and in the first 25 years of the 21st century, how it happened? But the President's address is going to instill new confidence in the country for the next 25 years and boost the ambition of Viksit Bharat. Viksit Bharat is not just a government dream, it is the dream of 140 crore countrymen. In 20-25 years time period, many countries of the world have turned themselves into developed nations, so India has immense potential. What did Prime Minister Modi say on which issues during his dialogue in both houses of Parliament... **Read edited excerpts...**

STRENGTH TO BUILD A VIKSIT BHARAT

Prime Minister Modi said that where connectivity increases, possibilities also increase. Like the first NaMo Rail connecting Delhi-UP, such connectivity, such infrastructure should reach all the major cities of India, this is our need and our direction.

THE CULTURE OF STALLING, DELAYING AND MISLEADING HAS ENDED

The metro rail network has also surpassed 1,000 kilometers and work is going on adding another 1,000 kilometers. Infrastructure is a very big strength in the journey from a developing nation to a developed one. It is also important for infrastructure projects that it is completed on time. During the Congress regime, stalling, delaying, this was a part of their politics. The projects were under the political purview.
We created a system called Pragati. I myself regularly monitor infrastructure projects through this Pragati platform. Such projects worth about Rs 19 lakh crore were stuck.



- Oxford University has suggested in its report that other developing countries also have a valuable opportunity to revolutionize the development of infrastructure by learning from the experiences of Pragati.
- PM Gatishakti National Master Plan has been prepared for the right planning and timely execution of infrastructure projects. It has 1,600 data layers.
- This is only our third term. We will steadfastly make a modern and capable India as per the requirement of the country and to realize the resolve of Viksit Bharat.

ON THE UPLIFTMENT OF THE POOR...

Prime Minister Modi said that we have given true development to the poor, not false slogans. Our government has worked to create maximum opportunities for the people of SC, ST and OBC communities. PM Modi said that we have shaped the schemes in the direction that the poor should defeat poverty. We have faith in their capabilities. Now all the studies have repeatedly said that in the last 10 years, 25 crore countrymen have come out of poverty by defeating the poor.

FALSE PROMISES VS TRUE DEVELOPMENT

- How difficult it is to live under a thatched roof with plastic sheets during the rainy season. Not everyone can understand this. So far, the poor have got 4 crore houses.
- We have given 10% reservation to the poor of the general category. The entire nation has accepted this very openly
- We have made changes in the education policy. We have emphasized on studying in the mother tongue and taking exams in the mother tongue. Due to this change, today the poor child has started dreaming of becoming a doctor or engineer.

VILLAGES, FARMERS & AGRICULTURE

Talking about an empowered farmer, a strong nation, PM Modi said that without strengthening the rural economy, we cannot build a Viksit Bharat. Therefore,

MENTION OF MILESTONES

we have tried to touch every sector of the rural economy. The PM said that our ethanol blending decision has made a difference of Rs 1 lakh crore, almost all this money has gone into the pockets of farmers. Our farmer is a strong pillar among the 4 pillars of Viksit Bharat. In the last decade, the budget of agriculture has been increased 10 times.

- To provide cheap fertilizers to farmers, Rs 12 lakh crore has been spent in the last 10 years. About Rs 3.5 lakh crore has reached the farmers' accounts directly from PM Kisan Samman Nidhi.
- Record MSP has been increased and three times more purchases have been made in the last decade compared to earlier. Farmers get easy and cheap loans, there has also been a three-fold increase in that. Farmers have received Rs 2 lakh crore under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana .
- With the inspiration of Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar, a campaign was launched to complete more than 100 major irrigation projects, which were pending for decades. Work started to connect rivers.



TALKING ABOUT WOMEN EMPOWERMENT AND UPLIFTMENT...

Referring to the strong intentions of the government towards economic and social empowerment of women, PM Modi said that in the last 10 years, 10 crore women have joined self-help groups. These women are from deprived families, from rural background. The government has increased their assistance to Rs 20 lakh. Since I have taken forward the Lakhpati Didi scheme, about 1.25 crore women have become Lakhpati Didis. A psychological change has come in the villages due to Drone Didi scheme. Mudra Yojana is also playing a very big role in empowering women power. Similarly, Stand Up India, whose aim was to give a loan of Rs 1 crore without guarantee from the bank to any woman of any society including SC, ST community we have doubled it this time in the budget.

STRONG INTENTIONS

Figures presented tell the story of change

PM Modi said that out of the houses given to 4 crore families, about

75%

of the houses are such whose ownership rights are given to women.



When a woman is forced to defecate in the open, such people cannot understand the pain she goes through.

We have overcome the difficulties of our sisters and daughters by building more than 12 crore toilets.

- After 75 years of independence, more than 16 crore houses in the country did not have tap water connection. Our government has worked to provide tap water to 12 crore families in 5 years.
- Muslim women were forced to live in difficulties, we have abolished triple talaq and given rights and equality to Muslim daughters in accordance with the spirit of the Constitution.

ECONOMY AND INDUSTRY



A new economy has always been expanding from time to time in our country. Today, gig economy is developing as an important area in big cities. It is estimated that today there are about one crore gig workers in the country and we are also working in that direction.

STEPS FULL OF IMMENSE POSSIBILITIES

- We have said in this budget that such gig workers should get themselves registered on the e-shram portal. They will get an ID card after coming on the e-shram portal, the benefit of Ayushman Yojana will also be given.
- There are immense employment opportunities in the MSME sector. These small industries are a symbol of self-reliant India. Our policy is clear, MSME should get seamless amenities and support.
- We are moving forward by giving strength to the entire ecosystem of the manufacturing sector including MSME. We are starting Mission Manufacturing.
- We have upgraded the criteria for improvement in the MSME sector twice in the last 10 years. Loan was given without any guarantee. We took steps towards customized credit cards, credit guarantee coverage for small industries.

ON THE TOPIC OF MIDDLE CLASS...

Regarding the aspirations of the middle class of the country, PM Modi said that today our middle class is full of confidence. In the last 10 years, we have increased the savings of the middle class by reducing the income tax. We want to increase the strength of the neo middle class. A very large part of the tax has been reduced to zero in this budget. In 2013, there was tax exemption on income up to two lakhs, today we have exempted up to 12 lakhs.

MENTION OF ASPIRATIONS, TALK OF ACHIEVEMENTS

TALKING ABOUT YOUTH DREAMS...

PM Modi said that the biggest role in building a Viksit Bharat is of the youth of the country who are currently in schools and colleges. They are going to be the biggest beneficiaries of a Viksit Bharat. They are our strength. In the last 10 years, we have been working with a well thought out strategy to strengthen this section. What should be the education system of the 21st century, was not even thought of earlier. After about three decades, we have brought a new National Education Policy in which PM SHRI schools are being built. The number of Eklavya model schools for tribal children, increases to 470.

JUSTICE WITH HOPES

PUBLIC WELFARE THROUGH SAVINGS

PM Modi said that I am talking about savings but earlier the headlines of newspapers used to be, scams worth so many lakhs. It has been 10 years and due to no scams, the country has saved lakhs of crores of rupees, which are being used in the service of the people. The purchases made from the Gem portal with transparency in government purchases were done at a lesser cost. This saved the government Rs 1.15 lakh crore. We have used the remaining money to build the country. The infrastructure budget 10 years ago was Rs 1 lakh 80 thousand crore which was increased to Rs 11 lakh crore. Schemes should be such that the public also saves money. The people who have taken advantage of the Ayushman Bharat scheme have also saved Rs 1.20 lakh crore. The families who have taken medicines from the Jan Aushadhi Kendra have saved about Rs 30 thousand crore on medicines. UNICEF also estimates that the families in whose homes toilets are built have saved about Rs 70,000 in a year.

JIBE ON SCAMS, TALK ON SUCCESSES

- The PM said that a WHO report states that due to availability of tap water, the families have saved an average of Rs 40,000 on the expenses incurred on other diseases.
- PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana: Wherever this scheme has been implemented, those families are saving an average of Rs 25 to 30 thousand on electricity in a year.
- Farmers who have used the Soil Health Card scientifically have saved Rs 30,000 per acre.
- Due to the scheme promoting LED, electricity was saved and there was more light. Rs 20,000 crore has been saved by the country.

Due to cleanliness efforts, the government has earned ₹2,300 crore in recent years by selling scrap from government offices



FAITH IN THE CONSTITUTION...

The PM said that along with the sections in the Constitution, there is also a spirit of the Constitution and to strengthen the Constitution, the spirit of the Constitution has to be lived. I want to tell with examples that we are the people who live the Constitution. Our commitment to the Constitution inspires us to take strong and public welfare decisions. The PM said, during my tenure as Chief Minister, I prepared all the speeches of the Governor on the Golden Jubilee of Gujarat in the last 50 years in the form of a book, because we understand the spirit of the Constitution, we know how to live it. In the year 2014, when we came to the Centre, there was no recognized opposition party, we decided that we will call the leader of the largest party. This is the nature of living the Constitution and the spirit of democracy.

RESPECT FOR DEMOCRACY

A BLUNT REPLY TO THE OPPOSITION

PM Modi said that there will be many places in Delhi where some families have built their own museums. The work was done with the money of the public. What is the spirit of democracy, what is it called to live the Constitution, we built the PM Sangrahalaya. We give utmost importance to the unity of the country and hence we built the world's tallest Statue of Unity dedicated to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. For seven decades, Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh were deprived of the rights of the Constitution. We demolished the wall of Article 370. He said that those who live with the Constitution in their pockets do not know what kind of troubles you forced Muslim women to live in. We have worked to give rights to Muslim daughters by abolishing triple talaq. It is the Congress which had shattered the sentiments of the Constitution makers immediately after independence. When there was no elected government in the country. The gentlemen who were sitting, amended the Constitution. They crushed the freedom of speech, and kept roaming around the world with the tag of Democrat. I cannot forget those days of Emergency and perhaps those pictures are still present today.

THE COUNTRY'S ENERGY SECTOR IS CRUCIAL IN THE RESOLUTION OF VIKSIT BHARAT

INDIA ENRICHING NATURE WHILE PROMOTING DEVELOPMENT

The energy sector plays an important role in the journey of a country from a developing to a developed nation. That is why, when the world is facing an unprecedented energy crisis due to growing population and climate change, this sector is among the most important priorities for India, moving forward with the determination of a Viksit Bharat. Inaugurating India Energy Week in Delhi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi also mentioned it and reiterated India's commitment to enrich nature while promoting development...

If India's energy sector has improved significantly in the past decade, it is thanks to the commitment of the central government that has followed the path to become the first G20 nation to achieve the targets of Paris agreement. India has already met the target of 40% installed power capacity from non-fossil fuels by November 2021. It has also achieved 200 gigawatts of capacity under a new target of 500 gigawatts of renewable energy by the year 2030. Referring to these achievements of India in his address, Prime Minister Narendra Modi emphasized that India's energy ambitions are built on five pillars: harnessing resources, encouraging innovation among brilliant minds, economic strength and political stability, strategic geography, and making energy trade attractive and easier. Prime Minister Modi said that India's sedimentary basins hold numerous hydrocarbon resources, some of which have already been identified, while others await



ACHIEVEMENTS

- India is the first G20 country to achieve the targets of Paris agreement. Today, India is the world's third largest producer of solar energy.
- India's solar power generation capacity has grown 32-fold in the last 10 years.
- Through schemes like PM Surya Ghar, ordinary families and farmers of the country have been made 'Urza datta'. This is creating new skills in the solar sector, creating a new service ecosystem.
- India currently has an ethanol blending rate of 19%. This has increased the income of the farmers along with the saving of foreign exchange. This year, India is trying to achieve a 20% ethanol blending rate.
- During India's presidency of the G20, the global biofuels alliance was formed, which is steadily growing. 12 international organizations and 28 nations have joined. It is turning trash into wealth.

GOALS IN ANOTHERS 5 YEARS

PM Modi said that the next two decades are very important for a Viksit Bharat and in the next five years we are going to cross many major milestones. Many of our energy goals are in line with the 2030 deadline.

- India's total non-fossil fuel based energy capacity has reached 217.62 gigawatts and the country is now moving towards an ambitious target of 500 gigawatts of renewable energy capacity by 2030.
- Achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2030 for railways.
- Includes producing five million metric tons of green hydrogen annually.
- India is currently the world's fourth largest refining hub and is working to increase its capacity by 20%.

STEPS TAKEN FOR ENERGY SECURITY

- Government has exempted a number of items relating to the manufacture of EVs and mobile phone batteries from basic customs duties.
- In the past 10 years, solar PV module manufacturing capacity has increased from 2 GW to about 70 GW.



Experts around the world are emphasizing that the 21st century belongs to India. India is driving not only its growth but also the growth of the world, with the energy sector playing a significant role.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

INDIA'S EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE IN ENERGY CONSERVATION

India has the best performance in terms of energy conservation compared to other countries in the world. Global energy intensity improved by 2% during 2010-19, compared to 2.5% in India, according to the International Energy Agency. Global energy intensity improved by 1.3% during 2021-24, while India's energy intensity improved by 1.6%.

exploration, the Prime Minister highlighted that to make India's upstream sector more attractive, the Government introduced the Open Acreage Licensing Policy (OALP). PM Modi noted that changes to the Oilfields Regulation & Development Act now offer stakeholders policy stability, extended leases, and improved financial terms. He emphasized that these reforms will facilitate the exploration of oil and gas resources in the maritime sector, increase production, and maintain strategic petroleum reserves. This will lead to a rise in the utilization of natural gas in the near future.

IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY 2020

PROMOTING ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION

A student is like the backbone of his nation, on which its future depends. At a time when the whole world is going through a period of change in the landscape of knowledge, education with skills rather than rote learning becomes more important. In the year 2020, India's new National Education Policy was implemented with this objective in mind. It also marked the beginning of a new chapter, which has not only enhanced the intellectual potential of the students but also ensured their overall development...

India is moving forward with the resolve to develop; the most essential requirement for achieving this goal is the youth being equipped with all the necessary skills of life. In tune with this mantra of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 has emphasized the need for strong basic education. This approach aims to remove earlier deficiencies and create environments where every child develops fully. The National Education Policy aims to break the cycle of educational disparities, especially for disadvantaged students. The results since the implementation of the NEP have also been extremely pleasing. As a result, amidst a rapidly changing global economy, India today is moulding itself as an efficient and robust nation



Government schools outpaced private schools in basic skill development

- Enrollment of children aged 6 to 14 has reached a high of 98.1 per cent in 2024 in the last 20 years.
- The number of under-age children in Class-1 in 2024 is at the lowest level of 16.7 percent in line with the policy of the National Education Policy.



The Nipun Bharat Mission has also played an important role in accelerating this change in the education sector. The measures taken under it have yielded excellent results. Learn what goals started the journey of change...

Clear goals: Focus on acquiring specific basic skills.

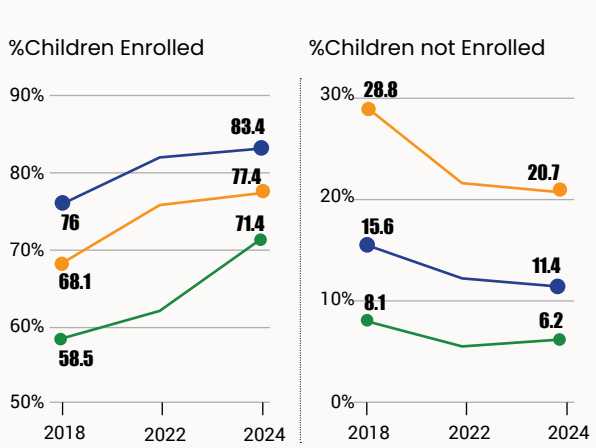
Innovative Pedagogy: Encourage information and experimental learning with the help of toys to stimulate interest in learning.

Rural Effectiveness: Bridging the deficiencies of traditional means of education.

Teacher training: Provide intensive training programs to equip teachers with context-specific, effective teaching strategies

STEP BY STEP, RESULTS HAVE GOT BETTER

Continued Growth in Pre-Primary Enrollment



Source: Annual Status of education Report(Rural) 2024

Over 70% of children aged 3-5 are now enrolled at the preschool level, showing significant improvement

- It ensures that early childhood education in some format is accessible to everyone, an important trend.
- Enrollment rates have stabilized since the pandemic, and the number of children aged 3 to 5 not attending school between 2018 and 2024 has also decreased.



by combining skills with education. The success of the national education policy can be assessed on the basis of better enrollment and a skilled workforce with knowledge competence. This is also evident in the Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) survey results. Nationwide household surveys have revealed the enrollment and learning outcomes of children in rural India.

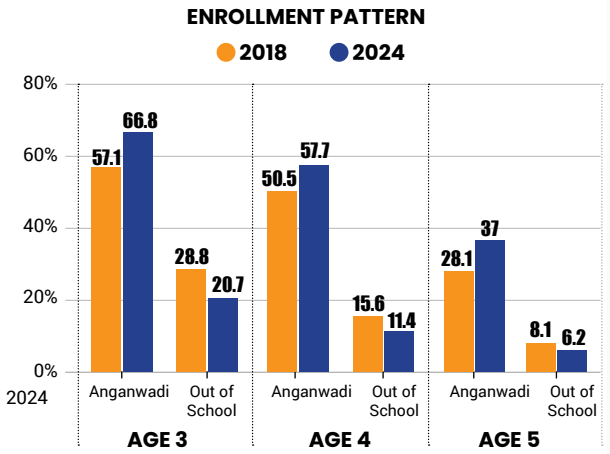
Improvement in basic skills

The Annual State of Education Report 2024 covers the pre- and post-COVID situation in great detail. Accordingly, our primary and secondary class students have proven far better in terms of basic skills after recovering from this COVID era than before this period.

These results in the field of education have

BACKBONE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD

Anganwadi centers have become the backbone of early education



Source: Annual Status of education Report(Rural) 2024

Anganwadi for a parent or say parents is the first and direct step towards the essential development of their child. Children also get nutrition and immunization facilities here. Early childhood development has been strengthened by higher enrollment in states with more Anganwadis of NEP.

SMART AND SAFE

Teens embrace digital literacy

TEENS 14-16 YEARS

ACCESS

90% of Boys and Girls have a smartphone at their home

DIGITAL SAFETY

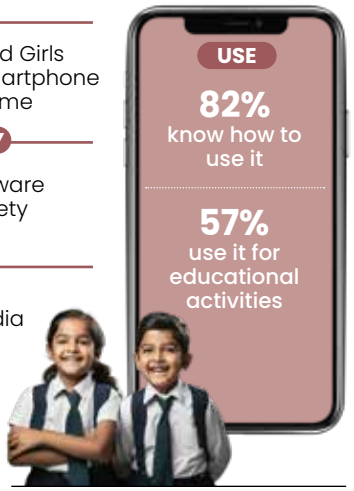
More than 55% are well aware on the safety aspects

76% use for social media activities

USE

82% know how to use it

57% use it for educational activities



Source: Annual Status of Education Report (Rural) 2024

They are comfortable in finding online information related to education, and they are also aware of security features.

SCHOOLS HAVE BECOME MORE ROBUST
PROGRESS IN INFRASTRUCTURE REFORM

- Improved cleanliness and hygiene in schools after the epidemic.
- Better infrastructures and upgraded classrooms in schools have significantly improved student attendance and promoted better engagement between teachers and students. This has also improved learning outcomes.

REMARKABLE PERFORMANCE
IN DOUBLE ENGINE STATES



- Uttar Pradesh has seen tremendous improvement in literacy and reading skills in the last 20 years.
- With access to electricity in schools increasing to nearly 90 per cent by 2024 in Madhya Pradesh, literacy and numeracy have also improved significantly.
- Gujarat also shows better performance in education at the basic level.

enabled India to move rapidly on the path of progress. This assistance to disadvantaged children in the next five years will set the direction of the country for the next 25 years. The reopening of schools after the pandemic has led to tireless efforts at the educational level in all the States, which have brought to the fore the good results of reaching out to children, inclusiveness, and basic education.

The determination to keep children in school during challenging times underlines effective government policies. This shows that the National Education Policy as an important component with the Skilled India Mission is not just a plan but a strategic investment to secure India's human resource capital competitiveness for a developed India by 2047 by addressing learning gaps.

US-FRANCE TOUR

MAKE INDIA GREAT AGAIN

The meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Donald Trump in the Oval Office of the White House on February 13, drew the world's attention. At a time when there are global uncertainties due to many American decisions, Prime Minister Narendra Modi put Nation First at the forefront by associating Make India Great Again with Make America Great Again. The warmth of the relations between the two countries was also visible from the issues of mutual talks to the joint statement...



India is following its policy of realism, where instead of building relations based on interests only for any regional or global goal, they are balanced based on values related to its interests. Instead of being expansionist, India eyes increasing its role as the world's fastest-growing economy with a sense of equality. Due to this changed role of India in the world, its relations with America have become stronger with time. The closeness of the two countries on bilateral issues ranging from the strategic partnership in the Indo-Pacific to trade, technology, anti-terrorism, and energy is setting a new paradigm. An example of this strength in relations was also seen during the meeting of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, when President Trump said, 'I missed you a lot.' President Trump also called PM Modi 'a great friend' and 'a wonderful person'. Prime Minister Modi also recalled the growing scope of India-US relations during President Trump's first term in the White House and greeted him on his second term. Also, he said that the people of America are familiar with President Trump's Make America Great Again (MAGA). The people of India are also moving towards a Viksit Bharat 2047 on the track of heritage and development. Viksit Bharat means Make India Great Again i.e. MIGA. When India and America work together, MAGA+MIGA becomes MEGA Partnership. Mega Partnership for Prosperity and this Mega Spirit gives new scale and space to our goals. In the bilateral meeting, many important issues including multilateral cooperation and illegal migration between the two countries were discussed in detail. Prime Minister Modi and President Trump also launched the 'US-India COMPACT', meant to boost opportunities for military partnership, accelerated commerce, and technology.

AN IMPORTANT STEP TOWARDS ENERGY SECURITY

The US gave its strong support to India joining the International Energy Agency as a full member. The US supported India in increasing energy trade ensuring energy security and establishing itself as a major supplier of crude oil, petroleum products, and natural gas. India and the US announced the full realization of the 123 civil nuclear agreement.

- The US will become India's major oil and gas supplier.
- A major boost to the US nuclear industry in India.
- Reforms in the laws to welcome US nuclear technology in India.



COOPERATION WILL EXPAND IN TRADE AND INVESTMENT

India and the US have taken a bold decision to promote bilateral trade. Under 'Mission 500', a target has been set to more than double the total bilateral trade to $500 billion by the year 2030. The US welcomed India's decision to increase market access for US agricultural products along with reducing tariffs on US products in the fields of bourbon, motorcycles, ICT products, and metals. India appreciated the steps taken by the US to increase India's export of mangoes and pomegranates.

10-YEAR FRAMEWORK FOR DEFENSE RELATIONS

- To further advance defense relations, both countries this year announced a 10-year framework for the US-India Major Defense Partnership in the 21st Century.
- Work will be undertaken on the co-production of anti-tank guided missiles Javelin and infantry combat vehicle Stryker to rapidly meet India's defense requirements.
- Six additional P-8I maritime patrol aircraft will be procured for India's maritime surveillance in the Indian Ocean region.

Decks cleared for India to acquire the F-35 stealth fighter.

India will get military supplies worth billions of dollars from the US.



DISCUSSION ALSO HELD ON THE WORLD'S LARGEST TRADE ROUTE INDIA-MIDDLE EAST-EUROPE-CORRIDOR

- India and America will jointly build this historic trade route.
- This route will connect India, Israel, Italy and America.
- There will be integration of roads, railways and undersea cables.
- Economic and strategic partnerships will get a big boost.

WILL WORK TOGETHER ON ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

India is ready to take back verified Indian citizens living illegally in America. PM Modi said that the people who have come to America illegally from India are from normal families. This is also a case of human trafficking. Therefore, India and America will have to work together in this and destroy its entire ecosystem.

AMERICA-INDIA RELATIONS BECOME STRONGER

- New Indian consulates will open soon in Los Angeles and Boston.
- American universities invited to set up offshore campuses in India.
- Mutual relations between people will get a boost.

We have close cooperation with America in the field of space. The NISAR satellite built with the mutual cooperation of ISRO and NASA will soon fly to space on an Indian launch vehicle.





STRONG PARTNERSHIP ON INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY

The two countries announced new initiatives such as US-India Transforming the Relationship Utilizing Strategic Technology (Trust), Roadmap for Development of AI Infrastructure and Indus X. These initiatives will strengthen government, academic and private sector cooperation, ensuring the development and safe use of advanced technologies in areas such as defense, artificial intelligence, semiconductors, quantum, biotechnology, energy and space between the two countries.

CRACKDOWN ON TERRORISM... TAHAWWUR RANA'S EXTRADITION APPROVED

The two countries resolved to eliminate safe havens for terrorists from every corner of the world. It was decided to strengthen cooperation against terrorist groups including Al Qaeda, ISIS, Jaish-e-Mohammed and Lashkar-e-Taiba to prevent heinous acts like the 26/11 Mumbai attacks and the Abbey Gate bombing in Afghanistan on August 26, 2021. America announced that it has approved the extradition of Tahawwur Rana to India.





PRESIDENT TRUMP GIFTED A BOOK, WROTE...

MR. PRIME MINISTER, YOU ARE GREAT

On his US visit, Prime Minister Modi met President Trump as well as Vice President JD Vance, National Security Advisor Michael Waltz, National Intelligence Director Tulsi Gabbard and the head of the US Department of Government Efficiency and Tesla CEO Elon Musk.

- President Trump gifted a book 'Our Journey Together' to PM Modi. This 320-page book has pictures of 'Howdy Modi' and 'Namaste Trump' programs held in 2019. Trump wrote a message on this book - Mr. Prime Minister, you are great.
- PM Modi gave a puzzle with Madhubani folk painting to Vice President JD Vance's son Ivan, a wooden railway toy set to his second son Vivek and a wooden alphabet to daughter Mirabel Rose Vance.
- Elon Musk gave PM Modi a momento made of SpaceX's Starship Flight Test 5's heat shield. This shield protects the spacecraft from extreme temperatures. At the same time, PM Modi gifted Rabindranath Tagore's The Crescent Moon, The Great RK Narayan Collection and Vishnu Sharma's Panchatantra book to Musk's children.





INDIA-FRANCE
STRATEGIC COOPERATION IS GETTING STRONGER

India and France have long-standing cultural, trade, and economic ties. Defence partnership is at the heart of the relationship between the two countries. On January 26, 2025, the India-France Strategic Partnership will complete 27 years. Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in France on his sixth visit to strengthen ties and cooperation between the two countries. where he discussed bilateral relations with the French President Emmanuel Macron, The two leaders reviewed cooperation in the strategic areas of defence, civil nuclear energy, and space. They also discussed ways to strengthen collaboration in the fields of technology and innovation.

Defence, security, civil nuclear affairs, and space cooperation are the key pillars of India-France strategic relations. It now also includes a strong Indo-Pacific component. In recent years, the partnership has also included maritime security, digitalisation, cybersecurity and advanced computing, counter-terrorism, climate change, renewable and sustainable development, and growth. Taking this forward, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and French President Emmanuel Macron have expressed satisfaction over health, culture, tourism, education, and people-to-people relations. Along with this, it has been decided to further strengthen mutual engagement in the Indo-Pacific and global forums and initiatives. Many important decisions were finalised in the field of mutual relations between the two countries.

Both leaders said there is an urgent need to reform the United Nations Security Council and agreed to coordinate closely on multilateral forums, including the United Nations Security Council. France once again reiterated India's permanent membership in the Security Council. Both countries will celebrate India-France Innovation Year in New Delhi in March

Loss of jobs is AI's most feared disruption. But, history has shown that work does not disappear due to technology. Its nature changes and new types of jobs are created. We need to invest in skilling and re-skilling our people for an AI-driven future.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister.





PM'S INVITATION TO FRENCH COMPANIES

PM Modi and French President Macron jointly addressed the 14th India-France CEO Forum in Paris. The prime minister invited the CEOs of French companies present at the forum to visit India and called upon French companies to partner with India, citing the opportunities available in many emerging sectors.

INDIA WILL HOST THE NEXT AI SUMMIT

India will host the next AI summit. This offer was made by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the co-chairmanship of the AI summit held in Paris, France, which was accepted. While co-chairing the AI summit, PM Modi said that AI is a technology that can change the lives of millions of people by improving many sectors, including politics, economy, security, education, agriculture, health, and society. PM Modi said that India is building its own large language model for AI in view of its diversity.

2026. Both countries clearly condemned terrorism in all its forms, including cross-border terrorism. There was agreement on destroying terrorism financing networks and safe havens. There was also agreement that no country should provide safe haven to those who finance, support, or carry out terrorist acts.

In the context of the Jaitapur nuclear power plant project, India and France reached an agreement to strengthen their civil nuclear cooperation, emphasising the peaceful utilisation of nuclear energy. Both leaders welcomed the equity partnership of 13 million euros in the areas of financial inclusion and women empowerment. In the bilateral meeting, it was also agreed to organise several cultural programs in the year 2026 to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the first cultural agreement between India and France in 1966. Along with this, a better environment will be created to achieve the target of 30 thousand Indian students in France by 2030. This number is expected to reach 10,000 in 2025.



BHARAT TEX

VISION OF THE POSSIBILITIES OF DEVELOPED INDIA

From East to West, North to South, India has a wide range of traditional costumes that showcase the cultural diversity of India. Today, India has become the sixth largest exporter of textiles and garments worth Rs 3 lakh crore, and now the target is to increase it to Rs 9 lakh crore by the year 2030. This has been strengthened by global events like Bharat Tex- 2025 organized at Bharat Mandapam in the capital New Delhi from 14-17 February, in which more than 120 countries participated…

The textile sector contributes more than 2 percent to India's total gross domestic product (GDP), and after the agriculture sector, it is also the second largest sector employing 45 million workforce. India's share in the world's textile and garment market is currently 4.5 percent with an export of 37 billion dollars. Behind these success figures are the hard work and policies of a decade, through which the Indian textile sector has touched this height. While addressing 'Bharat Tex 2025', Prime Minister Narendra Modi not only recapitulated this journey of a decade but also reiterated his resolve to take this sector further ahead with new thinking and new resolutions. PM Modi said that in the last decade, foreign investment in our textile sector has doubled. Textiles hold an important place in the country as the largest employment-generating enterprise. When investment is coming in this sector, growth is taking place, then its benefits are also being received by millions of people working in the textile sector. This sector is contributing 11 percent to India's manufacturing. This is the reason why the government has emphasized Mission Manufacturing in this year's budget.

FROM 5 F TO NEW PATHS OF GROWTH

Prime Minister Modi said that last year in Bharat Tex, I talked about 5 F factors in the textile industry like farm, fiber, fabric, fashion, and foreign. This vision is now becoming a mission for India. This mission is opening new paths of growth for



THE BIGGEST PLATFORM FOR INDIA'S TEXTILE INDUSTRY

Bharat Tex is being organized every year since last year as the largest global event in the country's textile sector. This time the event was held from 14 to 17 February at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. Through this, the entire textile value chain from raw materials to finished products was brought to one place, on one platform. The Bharat Tex platform is the largest and most comprehensive event of the textile industry, which includes a mega expo spread over two places and showcases the entire textile ecosystem. More than 5000 exhibitors, 6000 international buyers from more than 120 countries along with policy makers and global CEOs participated in Bharat Tex 2025.

SKILLS TO HANDS ALONG WITH TECHNOLOGY

Prime Minister Modi said that any sector progresses only when a skilled labor force is available for it. In the textile industry, skill plays the biggest role. That is why we are also working to create a pool of skilled talent for the textile industry. We are also trying to ensure that in this era of technology, the credibility of handloom and hand skills are given equal importance. The skills of handloom artisans reach the world markets, their capacity increases and they get new opportunities. We are also working in this direction. In the last 10 years, more than 2400 big marketing events were organized to promote handloom. An e-commerce platform named India-hand-made has also been created to promote online marketing of handloom products.

farmers, weavers, designers, and traders.

EMPHASIS ON VISIONARY APPROACH

Referring to the solution in the textile sector and the creation of possibilities, Prime Minister Modi said that for this we are working with a visionary and long-term approach. We have announced the Cotton Productivity Mission to strengthen India's share in the world's cotton market and make it globally competitive.

FOCUS ON EMERGING SECTORS

Prime Minister Modi said that our focus is on emerging sectors of the textile industry like technical textiles. He said, that when I was the Chief Minister of Gujarat, I used to meet textile businessmen. At that time, when I used to talk to them about technical textiles, they used to ask me, what do you want, today I am happy that India is making its mark in this. We are promoting indigenous carbon fiber and products made from it. India is also moving forward in the direction of making high-quality carbon fiber. Along with these efforts, we are also taking policy decisions that are needed for the textile sector.

FROM KHADI FOR NATION TO KHADI FOR FASHION

PM Modi said that earlier other countries of the world used to tell us to wear black, we used to wear it. Now we will tell the world what to wear. That is why today, on the one hand, traditional Khadi is also being promoted, and fashion trends are also being analyzed through AI. The way Khadi is progressing today and attracting people from all over the world, we should promote it further. Earlier when the freedom movement was going on, Khadi was for the nation, now it should be for fashion.

Hundreds of years ago when India was at the peak of prosperity, the textile industry played a very big role in our prosperity. Today when we are moving ahead with the resolve of a Viksit Bharat, once again the textile sector is going to make a huge contribution to it. Events like Bharat Tex are strengthening India's position in this sector. I am confident that this event will create new records of success every year and touch new heights. ●

PM MODI SAID IN ET NOW GLOBAL BUSINESS SUMMIT THAT THE REAL FOUNDATION OF

VIKSIT BHARAT IS TRUST

Whether it is speeding up justice by freeing the country from colonial era mentality or fostering mutual trust by ending property disputes in villages, special programs for aspiring districts left behind in the path of progress, or reaching out to the poor in villages by improving the banking system. Whether it is changing the 'fear of business' to 'ease of doing business' or preparing the country for Industrial Revolution 4.0 and making the private sector a partner in the journey of Viksit Bharat. With a decade in government, it has made 'trust' necessary for everyone - citizens, government, and business...



If India is looking stronger and more confident than ever on the global stage today, then behind this are those steps in the form of reforms, which have given birth to a new revolution of reforms. The trust of the public has been an important factor in forming the government for the third consecutive time. While mentioning this in ET Now Global Business Summit 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi emphasized the progress of the last decade. He said that imagine if these reforms had not happened, could so many changes have been brought about. The Prime Minister said that the country was running even during the Congress rule, but the country was witnessing the tardy pace of development and high corruption. PM Modi said that if that had continued, the important period of the country would have been destroyed.

Talking about the direction and condition of the country's economy and economic pace, Prime Minister Narendra Modi also mentioned many important issues and the results of his journey of a decade. He said that in 2014, the Congress government was moving with the goal that in 2044, India will be made the third largest economy in the world from the 11th. 30 years... this was the pace of development then. Now we can see that in just a decade, India has become the top 5 economy of the world. He said, "I am saying with full responsibility that now in the next few years you will see India becoming the third largest economy in the world."

LEAVING NPA BEHIND, TODAY THE BANK IS IN PROFIT OF 1.25 LAKH CRORES

Presenting the blueprint of the reforms done in the banking sector in front of everyone, PM Modi said that ten years ago, it was argued that if there are no bank branches in the country, how will financial inclusion happen? Today, there is a bank branch or banking correspondent within a radius of 5 kilometers of almost every village in the country. It has become very easy to get a loan for MSMEs today. Today, even street vendors have been given easy loans. The loan amount given to farmers has also been more than doubled. Till 10 years ago, news of record scams and NPAs of banks used to be published. Today, from April to December, government banks have recorded a record profit of more than Rs 1.25 lakh crore.

'EASE OF DOING BUSINESS' REPLACES 'FEAR OF BUSINESS'

Prime Minister Modi said that in the last decade, 'Ease of doing business' has replaced 'fear of business'. Due to GST, the single market system that has been created in the country is also benefiting the industry a lot. In the last decade, there has been unprecedented development in infrastructure. Due to this, logistics costs are decreasing in the country, capacity is increasing. Hundreds of compliances have been abolished, and now with Jan Vishwas 2.0, compliances are being reduced even more. I firmly believe that the interference of the government in society should be reduced, for this, the government is also going to form a commission.

NOW IS THE TIME FOR PERFORMANCE BASED POLITICS

Prime Minister Modi said that today our politics has become performance-oriented. Now the people of India have clearly said - only he will survive who stays connected to the ground and shows results on the ground. Therefore, it is very important for the government to be sensitive to the problems of the people.

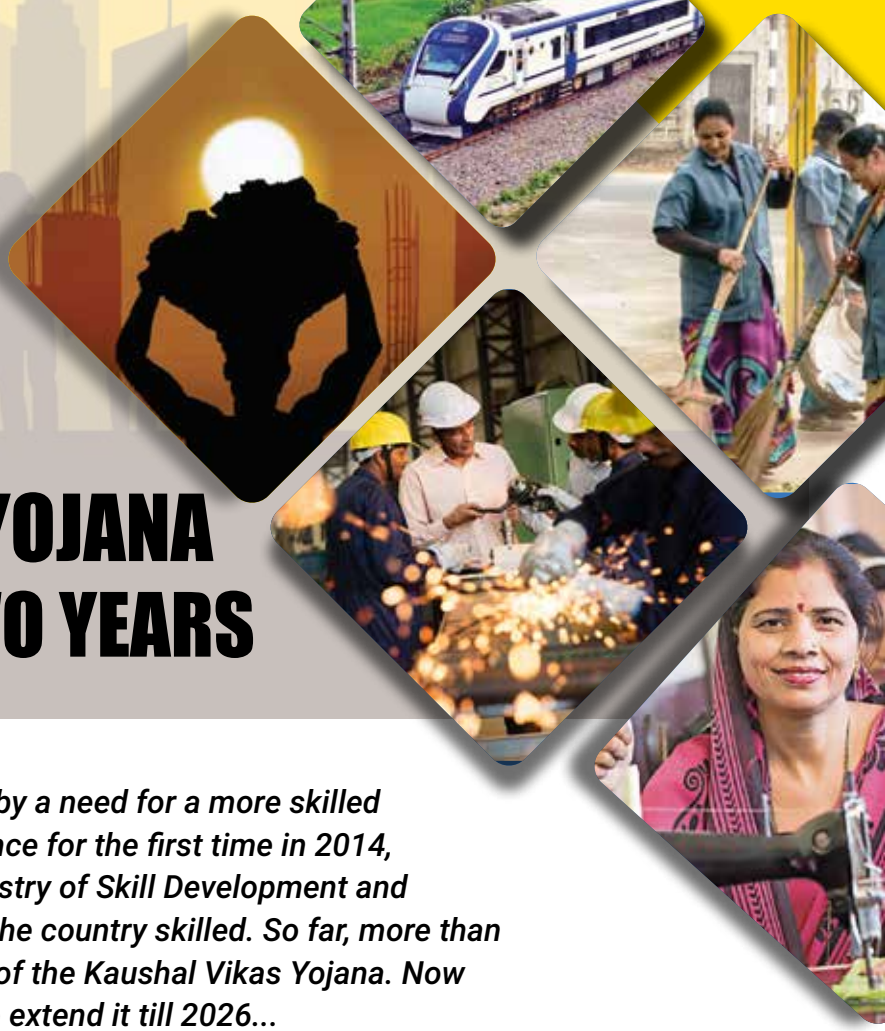


MENTION OF REFORMS...

PM Modi said that earlier those reforms used to be done which were compelled to be done. Today reforms are being done with firm conviction. We kept hearing for a long time that justice delayed is not justice... but how to fix it was not discussed. Referring to the old laws, Prime Minister Modi said that the penal codes that were in place till some time ago were made in 1860. We had become accustomed to living in a slave mentality. How could justice be obtained in a system which has punishment at its core. Therefore, due to this system, it used to take many years to get justice. We changed it with the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita. There was hard work behind this.

PM Modi said that in a UN study, the lack of property rights of the people of a country has been considered a big challenge. The situation was the same in India too, but who would take so much headache? For this, the Svamitva scheme was started. Under this, a drone survey of more than 3 lakh villages in the country was done. Property cards were given to more than 2.25 crore people. PM Modi said that the districts which were left out considering them backward, we considered them as aspirational districts. 500 blocks of 100 such districts were declared aspirational and were successful in bringing about change at the ground level.

Calling upon all the industrialists who had come to the conference, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the real foundation of Viksit Bharat rests on trust. It is very important to have this element in every citizen of the country, every government, every business leader. The government is working with full force to increase trust among the countrymen. From business to the interests of new entrepreneurs, the government is working in this direction. ●



KAUSHAL VIKAS YOJANA EXTENDED FOR TWO YEARS

An increasing demand is accompanied by a need for a more skilled labor force. Understanding its significance for the first time in 2014, the government formed a separate Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship to make the youth of the country skilled. So far, more than 2.27 crore youth have taken advantage of the Kaushal Vikas Yojana. Now the central government has approved to extend it till 2026...

DECISION: Restructuring of Kaushal Vikas Yojana

IMPACT: The Union Cabinet has approved the continuation of Kaushal Vikas Yojana till 2026. Rs 8,800 crore has been approved for its restructuring. The central government has now merged the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana 4.0, Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Prashikshan Protsahan Yojana, and Jan Shikshan Sansthan Yojana under the overall central sector scheme of 'Kaushal Vikas Yojana'. This will help in preparing the workforce for the future in terms of skilled, demand-based, and technically capable industries across the country.

DECISION: The tenure of the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis is now till 31 March 2028.

IMPACT: The Union Cabinet has approved the proposal to extend the tenure of the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis for three years till 31 March 2028. This will help in facilitating the socio-economic upliftment of sanitation workers, improving the working conditions in the sanitation sector, and achieving the goal of reaching zero mortality while doing hazardous cleaning work. About Rs 50.91 crore will be spent on this. The National Commission for Safai Karamcharis Act, 1993 was enacted in September 1993. A statutory National Commission for Safai Karamcharis was first constituted in August 1994.

DECISION: Approval of the proposal to form the proposed South Coast Railway Zone in Visakhapatnam.

IMPACT: The Waltair Division has been truncated and included in this zone. This will be the 18th zone of the Railways. This is a big step towards strengthening the infrastructure of the Railways. This decision has been taken under the Andhra Pradesh Reorganization Act. It also fulfills the commitment made by the Parliament. This zone will improve the functioning of the railways. Services will improve and regional connectivity will be strengthened. ●



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Modi's Exam Tips: Stay Disciplined, Focused, Passionate

Urges parents to nurture child's interests, teachers to support all

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New Delhi: Exhorting students to stay focused and play to the ballard not to the gallery, Prime Minister Narendra Modi sought to underline the importance of discipline, time management, challenging oneself, using technology productively as well as the need to share built up emotions with family members.

In a free-wheeling interaction with students from across the country the Prime Minister held his annual 'Pariksha pe Charcha' at Bharat Mandapam in Delhi, calling parents to also discipline all their non-academic interests.

In response to questions posed by participating students, he said that exams should not be treated as the only basis of 'gyan' or knowledge is not a separate potential future stress carrier in communications.

He also called upon students to focus on bettering oneself everyday and focus on the mental aberrations with failure.

He also called upon parents to detest from social competition vis a vis their children and urged them to support their instead of comparing them with others like 'neighbours'.

Urging parents not to force children to pursue specific careers, the PM reminded that such an approach only builds constant pressure and stress for the child. He also revealed teachers

CAREFUL TECH USE

PM urges students to use technology productively instead of wasting hours on non-productive scrolling

Modi, Macron seal deals on N-energy to power AI

10 Pacts Signed, Modi Heads to US



Powerful medium, says PM Modi on World Radio Day



Musk Meets Modi, Talks Stars and eCars

PM also interacts with US NSA Mike Waltz, discusses 'defence, tech and security'



Tulsi Gabbard 'strong votary' of India-US friendship: PM Modi





PM invites global energy majors to invest in India



Modi to CEOs in France: India becoming biggest centre of diversification, it is right time to invest



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> On World Wildlife Day, best wishes to wildlife lovers. Today is an opportunity to celebrate the incredible diversity of life on our earth and to reiterate our commitment to protecting them. I also appreciate all those who are at the forefront of ongoing wildlife conservation efforts and are cooperating fully. **– Narendra Modi, Prime Minister**



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