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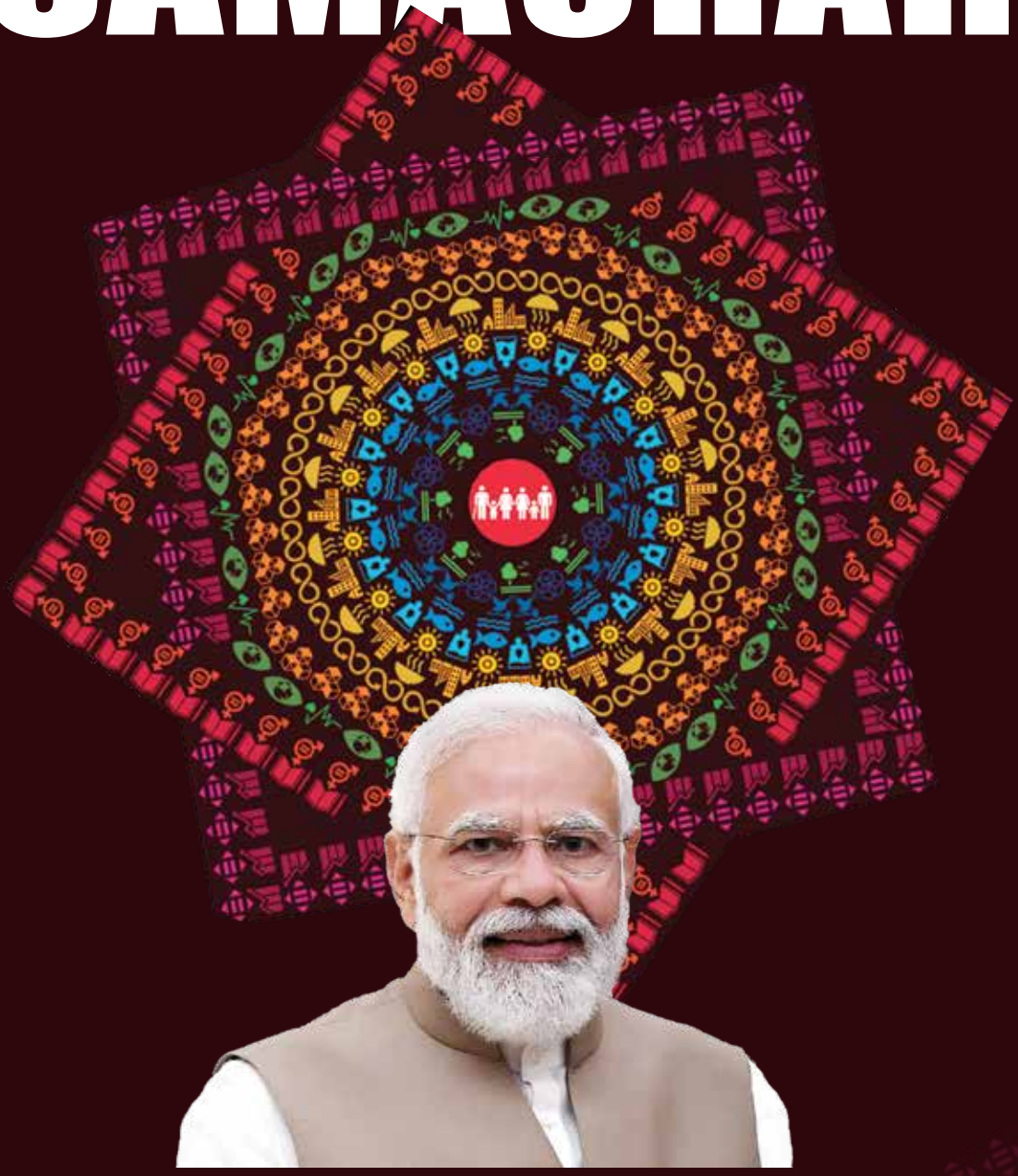

WELL-BEING
IS THE PATH OF VIKSIT BHARAT

Sustainable development is incomplete without equal development; hence, in the last decade, India has taken decisive steps towards Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with the mantra of 'Sabka Saath-Sabka Vikas'...



WE MUST COMBAT THE GROWING OBESITY IN INDIA: PM MODI

The appeal made by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the monthly Mann Ki Baat program often becomes a mass movement. In the 119th episode of Mann Ki Baat, PM Modi took the initiative to get rid of obesity and called for 10% less use of oil so that the problem of obesity can be tackled towards becoming a fit and healthy nation. Along with this, PM Modi discussed many other important issues, including the remarkable contribution of women in every field. Here are excerpts from Mann Ki Baat...

- **CHALLENGE FOR BETTER HEALTH:** I will request and challenge 10 people if they can reduce oil in their food by 10%. And I will also urge them to pass on the same challenge to 10 new people.

- **MAKING SMALL CHANGES IN HABITS:** Using less oil in food and dealing with obesity is not just a personal choice but also our responsibility towards the family. Excessive use of oil in food can cause many diseases like heart disease, diabetes and hypertension. By making small changes in our food habits, we can make our future stronger, fitter and disease-free.

- **NEW REVOLUTION:** Be it the Space Sector or AI, the ever-increasing participation of our youth is begetting a new revolution. The people of India are second to none in adopting and trying new technologies.

- **NARI SHAKTI:** In the past 10 years, about 460 satellites have been launched and this includes many satellites of other countries as well. One of the important things in recent years is that the participation of women in our team of space scientists is constantly increasing.

- **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE:** India is rapidly carving out a robust identity in the field of AI, i.e. artificial intelligence. Recently, I went to Paris to participate in a big AI conference. There, the world praised India's progress in this sector. We are also getting to see examples of how people of our country are using AI today.

- **GLOBAL SPORTING POWERHOUSE:** More than 11,000 athletes from across the country performed brilliantly in the National Games held in Uttarakhand. It also showed that those who never accept defeat definitely win. No one becomes a champion amid comfort. I am happy that with the determination and discipline of our young athletes, India is rapidly progressing towards becoming a global sporting powerhouse.

- **VIBRANT ECOSYSTEM:** We have a very vibrant ecosystem of flora and fauna and these wildlife are deeply embedded in our history and culture. Many animals are also observed as the vehicles of our Gods and Goddesses.

- **TRADITION OF WORSHIP:** Many tribes in central India worship Bagheshwar. There is a tradition of worshipping Waghoba in Maharashtra. Lord Ayyappa also has a very deep connection with the tiger. Bonbibi, whose Vaahan is the tiger, is worshipped in Sundarbans.

- **WILDLIFE CONSERVATION:** I would like to thank my tribal brothers and sisters because they actively participate in wildlife conservation activities. The population of tigers has risen continuously in Karnataka's BRT Tiger Reserve. A lot of credit for this goes to the Soliga tribe, who worship the tiger.

WHY IS PRIME MINISTER MODI'S APPEAL SIGNIFICANT?

An increase of one year in life expectancy can increase the country's GDP by 4%.

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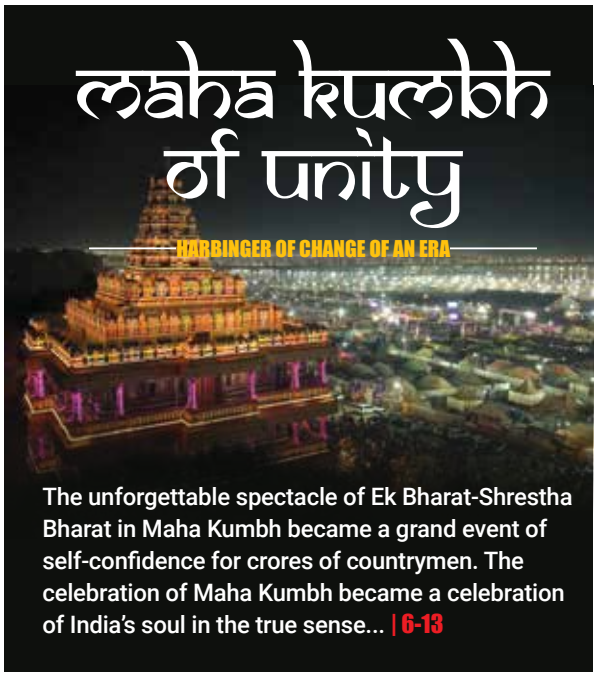

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK...

BROUGHT HAPPINESS TO THE CITIZENS IN A DECADE IN THE SPIRIT OF THE SDGs

Greetings,

Readers, although the world celebrates International Happiness Day on 20 March every year under the aegis of the United Nations, India has worked steadfastly to bring happiness to the lives of its citizens in the last decade in the spirit of the benchmark of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). PM Narendra Modi has always believed that development is strong and stable only when every person gets an opportunity and happiness reaches every section of society. Keeping in mind the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, the Central Government has specially set the direction of policy and programs in the 10-11 years. In the spirit of the SDGs many schemes were started to uproot poverty. Schemes like Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana and Mid-Day Meal played an important role in mitigating hunger and malnutrition.

Ayushman Bharat Yojana provided free health services to millions of poor families, while the Central Government made many reforms in the field of education. Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao campaign promoted women's rights, while the Swachh Bharat Mission and Jal Jeevan Mission have given a dignified life with cleanliness and water management. The Government of India has also made great progress in the field of clean energy, while through campaigns like Make in India and Atmanirbhar Bharat, work is being done towards making India self-reliant in the field of manufacturing and employment. While Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana and Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana have improved the infrastructure in rural areas, the Government has launched several schemes to eliminate social and economic inequalities. Modern urban development schemes have taken steps towards making India's cities smart and environmentally friendly, while many initiatives have been taken in the field of clean energy and sustainable agriculture. Prime Minister Modi launched several global efforts against climate change. The Modi government took several steps to protect the ocean, including plans for cleaning the beaches and protecting marine life in the oceans.

Also, the Government has taken several steps to protect the environment through the Forest Conservation and Tree Plantation Campaigns. Judicial reforms and law and order are being strengthened. Prime Minister Modi has led India on global platforms and fostered partnerships with various countries. The concept of equitable development and satisfaction in alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals has become the cover story of our issue this time.

Apart from this, in the personality section, a special article on Padma Shri Dulari Devi. Also, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's holy dip at Maha Kumbh in Prayagraj has been included in it. Along with this, other programs of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the fortnight are also part of this issue.

Keep sending us your suggestions.



(Dhirendra Ojha)

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BORDER SECURITY WILL BE STRENGTHENED



The central government has approved the proposal to purchase ammunition for the Pinaka rocket system at a cost of Rs 10,200 crore. Through the indigenous rocket system, a large amount of ammunition can be fired on the target with precision. This system will not only prevent enemies from advancing, but high strategic areas can also be targeted if needed. This decision taken by the government will strengthen India's border security along with strengthening the country's military strength. Apart from this, a contract has also been signed with Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) for upgrading the Shakti software.

GROWING INFLUENCE OF INDIA'S PHARMA SECTOR

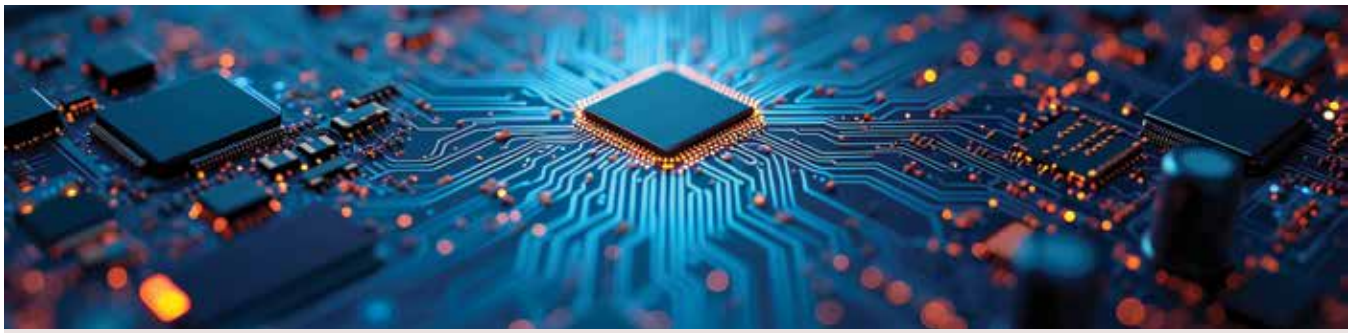
Due to the policies of the Government of India and the Production Linked Incentive (PLI), the pharma sector of the country has been progressing at a very fast pace in the last few years. India is not only becoming self-reliant in the pharma sector but is also meeting the needs of many countries of the world. According to the report of Bain & Company, India's pharmaceutical sector can achieve a 5% share in the global market by the year 2030. At the same time, according to a report, India's pharma market will reach 130 billion dollars by 2030 with a 2.4-fold increase in the next five years. Let us tell you that India is the largest producer of generic medicines globally, while India fulfills 60% of the global vaccine production.





THE INTEREST RATE ON EPF DEPOSITS WILL REMAIN AT 8.25%

The Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) will continue to offer an interest rate of 8.25% for the financial year 2024-25, just like in the previous year. This decision was made by the Central Trustee Board of EPFO in the presence of the Minister of Labour and Employment and Youth Affairs and Sports, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya. The interest will be credited to EPF accounts once the Central Government officially notifies the rate. Additionally, the Trustee Board has introduced some changes to the insurance scheme for EPF members, aimed at providing more financial support to employees' families. In the event of the member's death, a life insurance benefit of Rs. 50,000 will be provided, even if the member has not completed one year of continuous service. This benefit will now be available if the death occurs within six months of the last contribution. Furthermore, a gap of up to two months between jobs will be considered as continuous service for this insurance benefit. These amendments are expected to benefit around 20,000 members.



INDIA'S FIRST INDIGENOUS SEMICONDUCTOR CHIP

The Government of India has been focusing on semiconductors recently, with large-scale efforts underway to develop the country's infrastructure. Currently, work is going on simultaneously on five semiconductor manufacturing units in the country. Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnav said at the Global Investors Summit held in Bhopal that the first Made in India semiconductor chip will be ready by the year 2025. The government has launched a program to train 85,000 engineers in advanced semiconductor and electronics manufacturing. India is currently exporting electronics worth Rs 5 lakh crore. This includes mobiles (Rs 4 lakh crore), laptops, servers, telecom equipment (Rs 75,000 crore) and electronics products related to defence and medical sectors.

VILLAGES WILL HAVE ACCESS TO 24-HOUR ELECTRICITY



The central government's objective is to ensure 24-hour electricity supply for everyone, and significant progress is being made towards this goal. Over the past decade, there has been remarkable growth in power generation, distribution, and a reduction in power wastage. In rural areas, where the average daily electricity supply was just 12.5 hours in 2014, it has now increased to 22.6 hours. Similarly, urban areas now receive an average of 23.4 hours of electricity daily. Additionally, by 2025, there has been an 8% reduction in power supply line losses compared to 2014. With the aim of providing round-the-clock power to all villages, the government has also planned to establish one lakh electric vehicle charging stations across the country by 2030.

INDIA BECOMING A SUPERPOWER IN AGRICULTURE

In the past decade, the central government's robust policies in the agriculture sector have led to record food grain production and a rise in farmers' incomes. So far, Rs 1.72 lakh crore has been allocated to farmers under the world's largest Fasal Bima Yojana, while Rs 3.70 lakh crore has been transferred to their accounts under the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi. To ensure the safety of farmers' produce, a storage facility with a capacity of 9,750 metric tons has been set up. Additionally, the government is providing substantial subsidies to offer fertilizers at affordable prices. As a result, the country achieved its highest-ever food grain production of 332 million tonnes in the 2023-24 period.

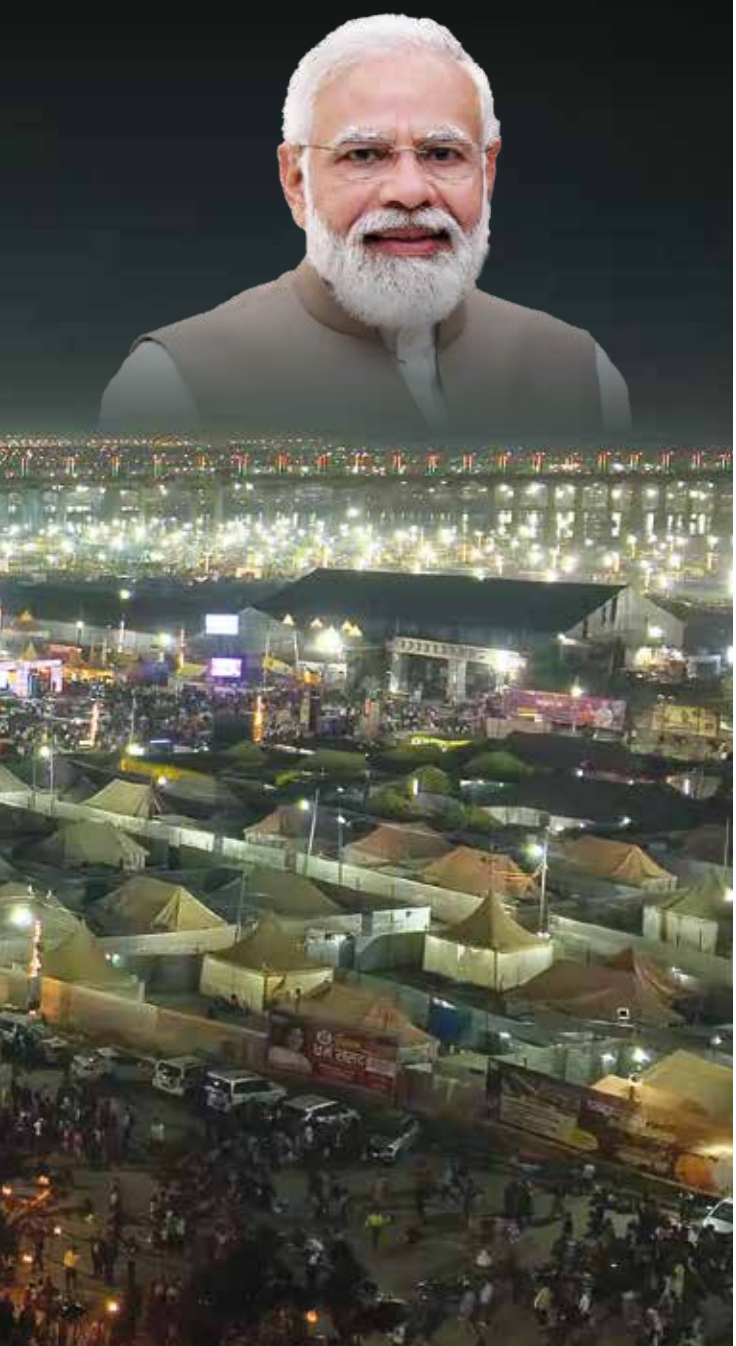


maha kumbh of unity

HARBINGER OF CHANGE OF AN ERA



In Prayagraj Maha Kumbh, we witnessed the awakened consciousness of the country. Today there is no comparison of such a huge event in the whole world, and there is no other example like this.



Words like incredible and extraordinary don't even begin to capture the success of organizing the Maha Kumbh, an intangible cultural heritage of humanity. People from every background and region came together for this event. The unforgettable sight of a Ek Bharat—Shrestha Bharat—became a grand celebration of self-confidence for millions of citizens. The true essence of the Maha Kumbh transformed into a celebration of India's spirit. The way the faith of 140 crore citizens united at one time, intertwining with this single festival over 45 days in Prayagraj, was truly overwhelming.

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

The feeling that came from the heart of Prime Minister Narendra Modi also gives a glimpse of the great message of this Maha Kumbh. He says, "I am overwhelmed by the hard work, efforts, and determination of the countrymen to make the Maha Kumbh of unity a success. I will go to visit Shri Somnath, the first Jyotirlinga out of the twelve Jyotirlingas. I will offer my Sankalp Pushp as a symbol of devotion and pray for every Indian. I wish that this uninterrupted flow of unity among the countrymen continues to flow like this." The thoughts that came to the mind of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the completion of Prayagraj Maha Kumbh have been written down by him in



this way...

The Mahakumbh has successfully concluded in the holy city of Prayagraj. A grand Mahayajna of Unity has been completed. When the consciousness of a nation awakens, when it breaks free from the shackles of a centuries-old mindset of subjugation, it breathes freely in the fresh air of renewed energy. The result of this was witnessed at the Ekta Ka Mahakumbh (Mahakumbh of Unity) in Prayagraj since January 13. On January 22, 2024, during the Pran Pratishtha of the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya, I spoke about Devbhakti and Deshbhakti - devotion to the divine and to the nation. During the Mahakumbh in Prayagraj, Gods and Goddesses, saints, women, children, youth, senior citizens and people from all walks of life came together. We witnessed the awakened consciousness of the nation. This was Ekta Ka Mahakumbh, where the sentiments of 140 crore Indians converged at the same place, at the same time, for this sacred occasion.

In this holy region of Prayagraj is Shringverpur, a sacred land of unity, harmony and love, where Prabhu Shri Ram and Nishadraj met. Their meeting symbolized the confluence of devotion and goodwill. Even today, Prayagraj inspires us with the same spirit. For 45 days, I witnessed crores of people from every corner of the country making their way to the Sangam. The wave of emotions at the confluence kept rising. Every devotee came with one purpose – taking a dip in the Sangam. The holy confluence of Ganga, Yamuna, and Saraswati filled every pilgrim with enthusiasm, energy, and confidence. This Mahakumbh in Prayagraj is a subject of study for modern management professionals, planning, and policy experts. Nowhere in the world is there any parallel or example of this scale.

The world watched in wonder how crores of people gathered at Prayagraj at the banks of the confluence of rivers. These people had no formal invitations, no prior communication on when to go. Yet crores of people left for the Mahakumbh of their own accord and felt the bliss of taking a dip in the sacred waters. I cannot forget those faces radiating immense joy and satisfaction after the holy dip. Women, elders, our Divyang brothers and sisters – everyone found a way to reach the Sangam. It was particularly heartening for me to see the overwhelming participation of India's youth. The presence of the younger generation at the Mahakumbh sends a profound message that the



youth of India will be the torchbearers of our glorious culture and heritage. They understand their responsibility towards preserving it and are committed to carrying it forward. The number of people who arrived in Prayagraj for this Mahakumbh has undoubtedly created new records. But beyond those physically present, crores of people who could not reach Prayagraj were also deeply connected emotionally to the occasion. The sacred water brought back by pilgrims became a source of spiritual bliss for millions. Many of those returning from the Mahakumbh were received with respect in their villages, honoured by society.

What has happened in the last few weeks is unprecedented and has laid a foundation for centuries to come. More devotees arrived in Prayagraj than anyone had imagined. The administration had estimated attendance based on past experiences of the Kumbh. Nearly twice the population of the United States participated in this Ekta Ka Mahakumbh. If scholars of spirituality analyse the enthusiastic participation of crores of Indians, they will find that India, proud of its heritage, is now surging ahead with a new-found energy. I believe this is the dawn of a new era, which will

Where there is **SCIENCE** with **FAITH**

Where there is **SOCIALITY** with **CULTURE**

Where there is **COLLECTIVITY** with **FAITH** and there is the message of **VASUDHAIVA KUTUMBAKAM** for the world...

In Maha Kumbh, new messages were also given by sages and saints, keeping in view the time, period, and circumstances. After 144 years, this time India has given us a new message for India's development journey. That message is Developed India—Viksit Bharat.

I pray to Maa Ganga, Maa Yamuna, and Maa Saraswati to forgive us in case there were any shortcomings in our devotion. I see Janata Janardan, the people, as an embodiment of divinity. In case there has been any shortcoming in our efforts to serve them, I also seek the forgiveness of the people.

script the future of a new India. For thousands of years, the Mahakumbh has strengthened India's national consciousness. Every Purnakumbh used to witness a gathering of saints, scholars and thinkers deliberating upon the state of society in their times. Their reflections used to provide a new direction to the nation and society. Every six years, during the Ardhkumbh, these ideas were reviewed. After 12 Purnakumbh occurrences spanning 144 years, obsolete traditions were given up, newer ideas were embraced, and new traditions were created to move ahead with times. After 144 years, in this Mahakumbh, our saints have once again given us a new message for India's development journey. That message is Developed India – Viksit Bharat.

At this Ekta Ka Mahakumbh, every pilgrim, whether rich or poor, young or old, from villages or cities, from India or abroad, from the East or the West, from the North or the South, irrespective of caste, creed and ideology, came together. This was an embodiment of the vision of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat that filled confidence in crores of people. Now, we must come together in the same spirit for the mission of building a developed India. I am reminded of the incident where, as a little boy, Shri Krishna revealed a snapshot of the whole universe within His mouth to His mother Yashoda. Similarly, in this Mahakumbh, the people of India and the world have witnessed the massive potential of India's collective strength. We must now move



forward with this self-confidence and dedicate ourselves towards building a developed India.

Earlier, the saints of the Bhakti movement had identified and encouraged the strength of our collective resolve across India. From Swami Vivekananda to Sri Aurobindo, every great thinker reminded us of the power of our collective resolve. Even Mahatma Gandhi experienced it during the freedom movement. Post-independence, if this collective strength had been correctly recognised and harnessed towards boosting the welfare of all, it would have become a great force for a newly independent nation. Unfortunately, it was not done earlier. But now, I am gladdened to witness the way in which this collective strength of the people is coming together for a Viksit Bharat.

From the Vedas to Vivekananda, from the ancient scriptures to modern satellites, India's great traditions have shaped this nation. As a citizen, I pray that we draw new inspiration from the memories of our ancestors and saints. May this Ekta Ka Mahakumbh help us move ahead with new resolutions. Let us make unity our guiding principle. Let us work with the understanding that service to the nation is service to the divine.

During my election campaign in Kashi, I had said, "Maa Ganga has called me." This was not just an emotion but also a call of responsibility, towards the cleanliness of our sacred rivers. Standing at the confluence of the Ganga, Yamuna, and Saraswati in Prayagraj, my resolve became even stronger. The cleanliness of our rivers is deeply linked to our own lives. It is our responsibility to celebrate our rivers, big or small, as life-giving mothers. This Mahakumbh has inspired us to keep working towards the cleanliness of our rivers.

I know that organizing such a massive event was no easy task. I pray to Maa Ganga, Maa Yamuna, and Maa Saraswati to forgive us in case there were any shortcomings in our devotion. I see Janata Janardan, the people, as an embodiment of divinity. In case there has been any shortcoming in our efforts to serve them, I also seek the forgiveness of the people.

Crores of people came to the Mahakumbh with a feeling of devotion. Serving them was also a responsibility that was carried out with the same feeling of devotion. As a Member of Parliament from Uttar Pradesh, I can proudly say that under the



PM Modi offered prayers at the Somnath temple on 2nd March.

leadership of Yogi Ji, the administration and the people worked together to make this Ekta Ka Mahakumbh a success. Be it the state or Centre, there were no rulers or administrators and instead, everyone was a devoted sevak. Sanitation workers, police, boatmen, drivers, people serving food - everyone worked tirelessly. The way the people of Prayagraj welcomed the pilgrims with open hearts despite facing many inconveniences was particularly inspirational. I express my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to them and the people of Uttar Pradesh.

I have always had unwavering confidence in the bright future of our nation. Witnessing this Mahakumbh has strengthened my conviction manifold. The way 140 crore Indians turned the Ekta Ka Mahakumbh into a global occasion is truly wonderful. Moved by the dedication, devotion and efforts of our people, I will soon visit Shri Somnath, the first among the 12 Jyotirlingas, to offer the fruits of these collective national efforts to Him and to pray for every Indian. **(Prime Minister Narendra Modi fulfilled this resolution by visiting Somnath on 2 March. He said that on behalf of all the countrymen, I dedicated the successful accomplishment of the Maha Kumbh of unity at the feet of Shri Somnath Bhagwan.)** The physical form of the Mahakumbh may have culminated successfully on Mahashivratri, but just like the eternal flow of the Ganga, the spiritual strength, national consciousness and unity that Mahakumbh has awakened will continue to inspire us for generations to come. ●

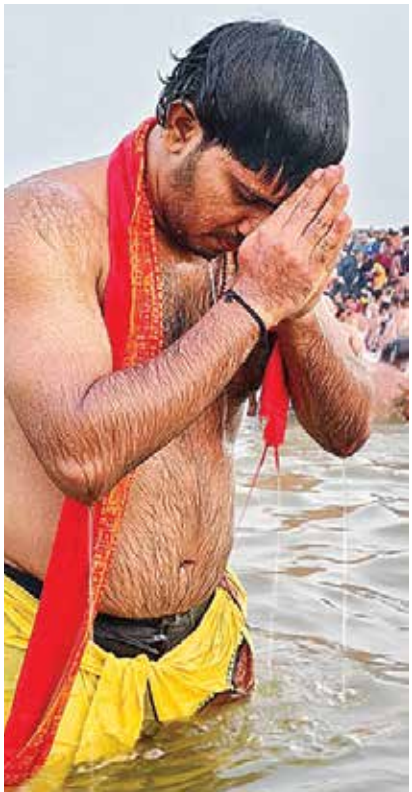
maha kumbh
OF VASTNESS AND DIVERSITY

The Maha Kumbh in 2025 saw lakhs of saints, countless traditions, hundreds of sects, and numerous Akharas come together, creating an unparalleled display of unity in diversity. This extraordinary scene, unique to the Maha Kumbh, is unlike anything seen anywhere else in the world. The 45-day event witnessed an astounding 21 crore more devotees than anticipated, making it a grand spectacle of unity, vastness, and diversity. In addition to this monumental turnout, two world records were set for cleanliness, along with another for handprint painting on the banks of the Sangam...

The Kumbh Mela, recognized by UNESCO as an intangible cultural heritage, stands as a testament to India's timeless traditions. The Maha Kumbh, held over 45 days from January 13 to February 26, spanning from Paush Purnima to Mahashivratri, saw over 66 crore devotees gather along the banks of the Ganga to take a sacred dip. This event is recognized as the world's largest peaceful gathering. The number of devotees was nearly double the population of the United States and exceeded the populations of 193 countries worldwide. Only India and China have larger populations than the number of devotees who attended the Maha Kumbh. Additionally, people from more than 80 countries participated in the grand event.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, in the Maha Kumbh closing ceremony, said that such a big gathering of faith has not happened anywhere in the world. There was no incident of kidnapping, robbery, molestation, or rape. 8 crore devotees were here on the day of Mauni Amavasya; a tragic incident took place, and condolences to all those families. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said, What will be the situation if 5 to 8 crore people suddenly

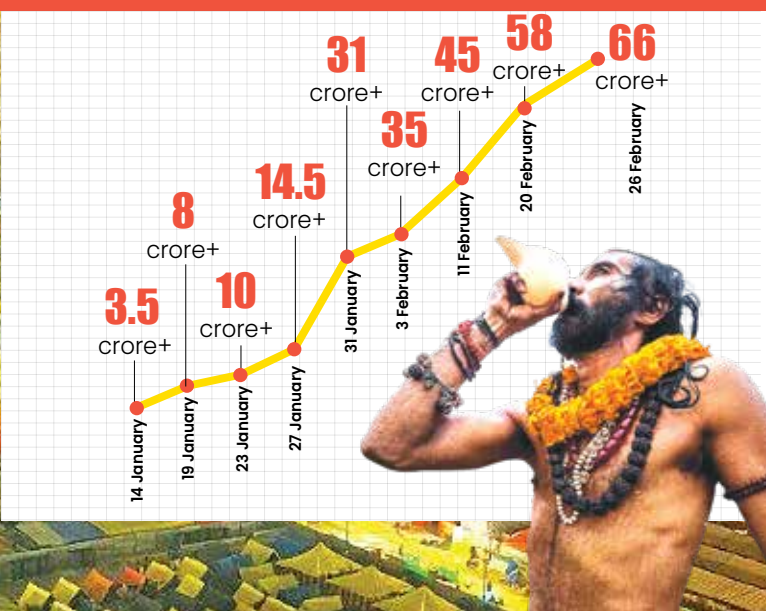








THE EXPECTED TURNOUT OF 45 CRORE DEVOTEES IN 45 DAYS WAS EXCEEDED WITHIN A MONTH, REACHING 66 CRORES+



People from more than

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countries also participated in the event of Maha Kumbh

PEOPLE WITNESSED THE DIGITAL MAHA KUMBH

To make sure that devotees arriving for Maha Kumbh 2025 could easily reach their destinations without any trouble, a system was put in place to guide them to different ghats, temples, and arenas. Along with this, for the first time, an AI chatbot was introduced, allowing devotees to easily access information for the first time, due to which devotees could easily access Kumbh-related information in 11 different Indian languages.

3 'GUINNESS BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS' MADE IN PRAYAGRAJ MAHA KUMBH

- **Record of cleaning Ganga in Kumbh Mela**
  The biggest cleaning campaign was conducted at 329 places, the most for cleaning any river in the world.
- **Record of sweeping**
  19 thousand sanitation workers and activists swept the Maha Kumbh Mela area together. The previous record was of 10 thousand people.
- **Third record for handprint Painting**
  In 8 hours, 10,102 people painted by putting their handprints. The previous record was of 7660 people.

- A total of 50,000 security personnel, including paramilitary forces, were deployed, along with 14,000 home guards. Additionally, 2,750 AI-powered CCTV cameras were set up for surveillance.
- Over 16,000 trains were operated to bring approximately 4 to 5 crore devotees to the Maha Kumbh.
- Additionally, 3,050 buses ran continuously, with 1,200 extra buses deployed on February 12.
- For the first time in 106 years, 24/7 air connectivity was provided by starting night flights at Prayagraj Airport in a day.
- 5,000 passengers also travelled from here in a day for the first time.
- 10,200 sanitation workers and 1,800 Ganga Sevadoots were deployed.

SPECIAL BATH: MAHA KUMBH OF DEVOTEES

Paush Purnima	13 January	1.5 crore+
Makar Sankranti	14 January	3.5 crore+
Mauni Amavasya	29 January	5 crore+
Basant Panchami	3 February	2.33 crore+
Maghi Purnima	12 February	2 crore+
Maha Shivratri	26 February	1.3 crore+

come to a city where 20 lakh to 25 lakh people live in one day? What will be the condition if 10 people suddenly come to a house where 5 people live? But the people of Prayagraj handled it happily. Inspired by Prayagraj, the entire state welcomed devotees and saints.

During the Maha Kumbh, several spiritual circuits were formed, including one connecting Kashi Vishwanath and Vindhyavasini, linking Ayodhya and Gorakhpur, a third connecting Lucknow and Naimisharanya via Prayagraj and Shringverpur, a fourth circuit of Lalapur-Rajapur and Chitrakoot from Prayagraj, and a fifth circuit of Vrindavan from Prayagraj. In February alone, an average of five to six lakh devotees visited Kashi Vishwanath Dham daily.emphasizing the potential for religious tourism and its contribution to the economy. Business organizations have projected a total business of Rs 3.25 lakh crore during the 45 days of the Maha Kumbh.



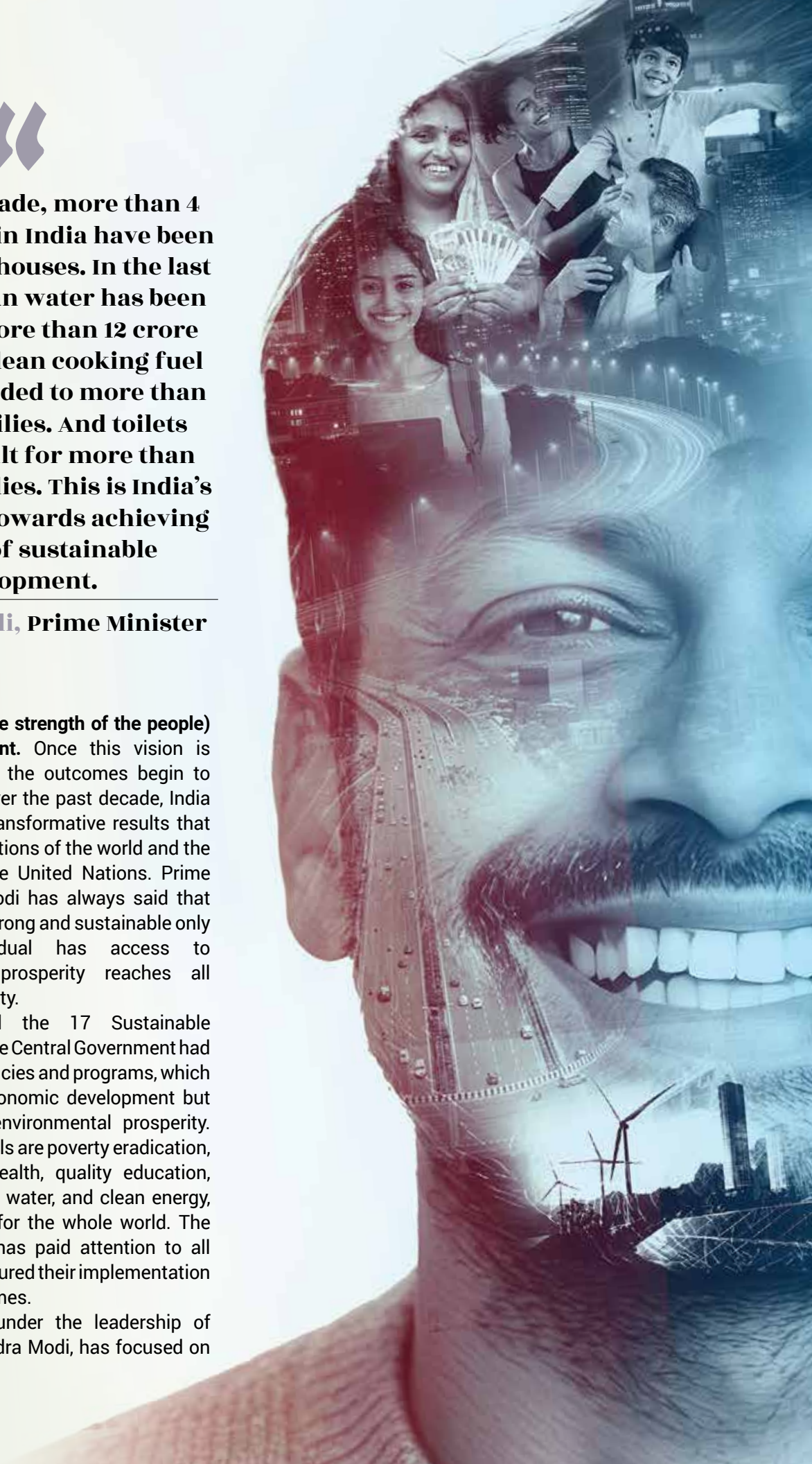
MANTRA OF CONTENTMENT STEP TOWARDS HAPPINESS

It's often said that to live a fulfilling life, you should anchor it to a purpose. In the year 2013, the United Nations decided to celebrate International Happiness Day on 20 March every year, and in the very next year, 2014, a new beginning was made in India, which adopted the mantra of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, and Sabka Vishwas' and started working rapidly on the 17 standards of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). Keeping the happiness and well-being of the people in mind in its strategies, over the past 10-11 years, the Central Government has consistently aligned its efforts with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) to improve the lives of 140 crore citizens, leading to a transformation in India's socio-economic landscape and paving the way towards a Viksit Bharat.

On the basis of the standards of Sustainable Development Goals, let us know how the Central Government has made the happiness, peace, prosperity, and well-being of the citizens a public right by taking the initiative of reaching 100% beneficiaries through its schemes and policies in the last decade....

In the last decade, more than 4 crore families in India have been provided with houses. In the last five years, clean water has been supplied to more than 12 crore households. Clean cooking fuel has been provided to more than 10 crore families. And toilets have been built for more than 11.5 crore families. This is India's commitment towards achieving the goals of sustainable development.

- Narendra Modi, **Prime Minister**



Janshakti (the strength of the people) is paramount. Once this vision is established, the outcomes begin to reflect it. Over the past decade, India has seen transformative results that align with the expectations of the world and the SDG Goals set by the United Nations. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has always said that true development is strong and sustainable only when every individual has access to opportunities, and prosperity reaches all segments of the society.

Keeping in mind the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, the Central Government had set the direction of policies and programs, which aimed not only at economic development but also at social and environmental prosperity. Some of the major goals are poverty eradication, zero hunger, good health, quality education, gender equality, clean water, and clean energy, which are important for the whole world. The Central Government has paid attention to all these aspects and ensured their implementation through various schemes.

The government, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has focused on

those aspects that aim to make the lives of the people simple, prosperous, and happy. Keeping this in mind, many such schemes have been started for the poor, women, children, and the elderly, which have a direct impact on their quality of life. Not only this, when a global disaster like Covid occurred, the central government took steps to keep the citizens safe, first by giving the mantra of 'Jaan hai to jahan hai'. This shows the priority and humane approach of the central government.

SABKA SAATH-SABKA VIKAS

Inspired by the motto of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, and Sabka Vishwas,' Prime Minister Narendra Modi has initiated a paradigm shift in governance that has paved the way for inclusive, development-oriented, and corruption-free governance. The Prime Minister worked at speed and scale to realize the objective of Antyodaya and ensure that even the most marginalized individuals in society benefit from government programs and initiatives. As a result, prominent global organizations have recognized India's remarkable success in reducing poverty at an unprecedented rate. According to the report of Niti Aayog, 25 crore people in India have come out of multidimensional poverty. The credit for this goes to various initiatives and decisions taken by the central government, keeping in mind the interests of the poor. Today India is successfully running the world's largest healthcare program, 'Ayushman Bharat.' The Lancet, one of the world's most prestigious health magazines, has praised Ayushman Bharat and said that this scheme is removing the dissatisfaction related to the health sector in India. The magazine also praised PM Modi's efforts to prioritize universal health coverage.

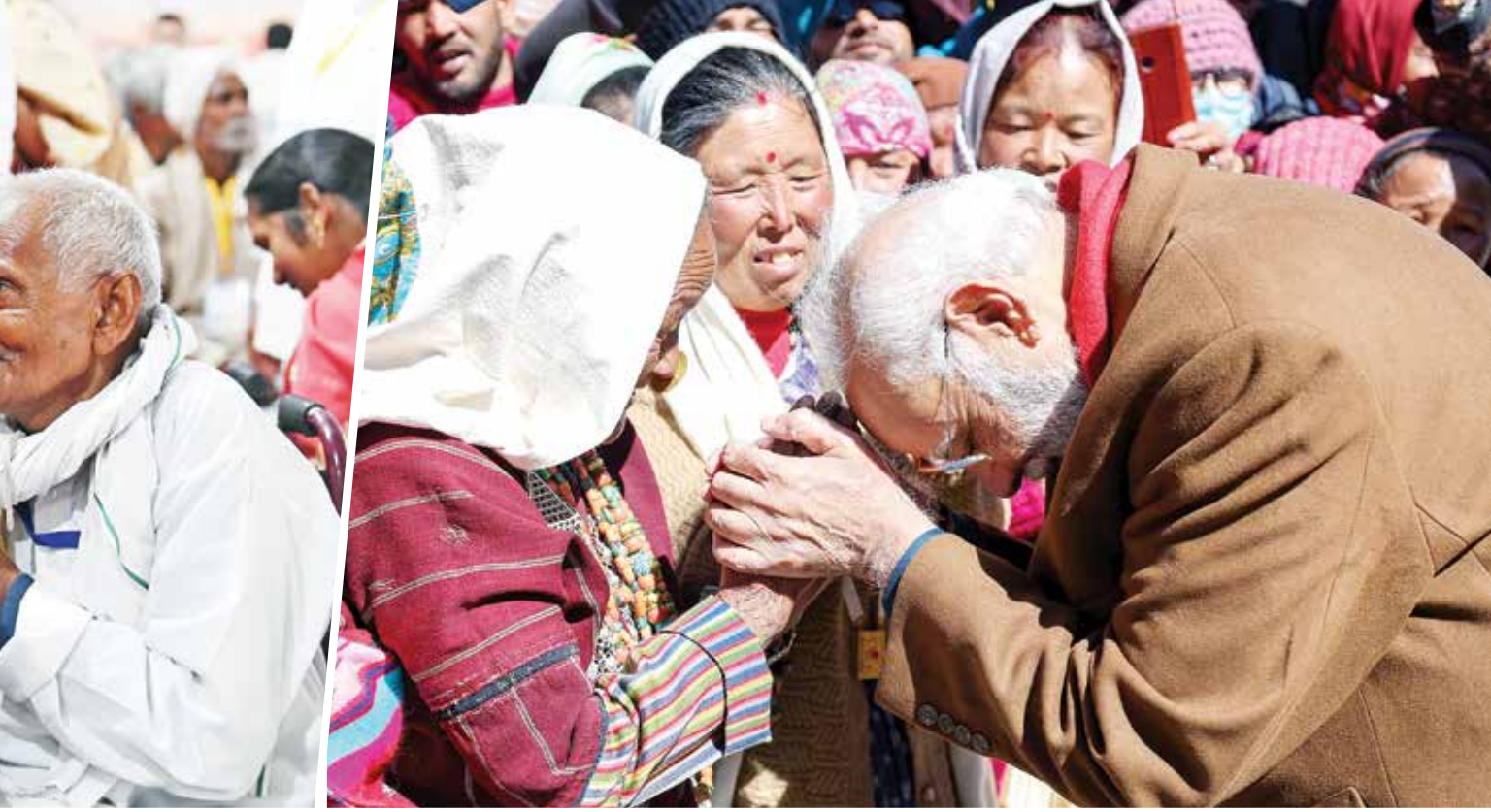
Basic necessities such as housing, electricity, water, education, healthcare, and sanitation are fundamental to living with dignity. Prime Minister Narendra Modi took the initiative to achieve these goals by setting a concrete plan and a fixed time frame. To connect the poor to the financial stream, PM Modi launched the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, which aimed to open a bank account for every Indian. These accounts not only connected the poor to the bank, but also opened other avenues of empowerment. Going a step ahead of Jan Dhan, the central government emphasized public security by providing insurance and pension cover to the most vulnerable sections of society. JAM



"Since independence, we have been walking with the dream of eradicating poverty from India. We chose the path of eradicating poverty by empowering the poor. We have given priority to education and skill development. Today, our attack on poverty includes expansion of traditional development schemes, but we have also started a new era of inclusion and empowerment and have transformed distant dreams into immediate possibilities.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

Trinity (Jan Dhan-Aadhaar-Mobile) has eliminated middlemen and also ensured transparency and speed through technology. The Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana launched in 2016 to provide free LPG connections to the poor has proved to be important in bringing smiles to the faces of crores of women, while through the



INDIA'S PERFORMANCE CONTINUES TO IMPROVE

India's overall SDG score improved to 71 in 2023-24 from 66 in 2020-21 and 57 in 2018. Kerala and Uttarakhand were the best-performing states, scoring 79 points each. There are 32 states and Union Territories (UTs) in the leading category, with 10 new entrants, including Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Chhattisgarh, and Uttar Pradesh.

Saubhagya Yojana, electricity reached 18,000 villages that were deprived of electricity even after 70 years of independence. Prime Minister Modi aims for no Indian to be homeless, and to realize this vision, over 4.53 crore houses were sanctioned under the PM Awas Yojana between 2014 and 2024. One of the first Cabinet decisions after assuming power for a third term in June 2024 was to provide assistance for the construction of houses to 3 crore additional rural and urban families, underlining the Central Government's commitment to address the housing needs of the country and ensure dignity and quality of life for every citizen.

Similarly, agriculture is a sector that is very close to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. During the interim budget of 2019, the government announced a monetary incentive scheme for farmers in the form of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi. Regular installments are being paid almost every 3 months since the scheme was launched on 24 February 2019. Various initiatives have been launched towards farmer welfare, like the Soil Health Card, e-NAM for better markets, and a renewed focus on irrigation. On 30 May 2019, PM Modi fulfilled a major promise by creating a new Jal Shakti Ministry to oversee all aspects related to water resources.

On 2 October 2014, on Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary, the Prime Minister launched the 'Swachh Bharat Mission' to promote cleanliness across the country. This mass movement has had a massive historic impact. Sanitation coverage has increased from 38% in 2014 to 100% in 2019. Many states and union territories have been declared open defecation free (ODF). Concrete steps have been taken for a clean Ganga. The World Health Organization praised the Swachh Bharat Mission and said that it could save the lives of 3 lakh people.

The Government of India believes that transportation is an important means towards change. That is why the Government of India is working to create next-generation infrastructure like highways, railways, I-ways, and waterways. The UDAN (Ude Desh Ke Aam Nagrik) scheme has made the aviation sector more people-friendly and promoted connectivity. PM Modi launched the 'Make in India' initiative to transform India into an international manufacturing powerhouse. This effort has yielded transformative results.

PM Modi has a deep passion for environmental issues. He has always believed that work should be done to create a clean and green planet. Taking it further than just addressing climate change, Prime Minister Modi has emphasized the importance of climate justice. In 2018, leaders from various nations gathered in India for the inauguration of the International Solar Alliance. This alliance is an innovative effort to promote solar energy for a better planet. In view of his efforts towards environmental protection, PM Modi was awarded the United Nations' 'Champions of Earth Award.' PM Modi has always given priority to justice for the citizens through administrative reforms. In Gujarat, he started evening courts to solve the problems of the people, and at the Centre, he started PRAGATI (Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation), a step to expedite the pending projects that are delaying development.

...SO THAT NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND

Realizing Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya's Antyodaya vision, the central government's goal is to reach 100% saturation, i.e., 100% beneficiaries. For this, the central government has chosen the path of satisfaction, where people of every society and every class should get what is their right without any discrimination. Prime Minister Modi says, "For me, when I speak of 100% saturation, it signifies satisfaction. It represents social justice, secularism, and respect for the Constitution."

Over the past decade, 10 crore women from underprivileged and rural backgrounds have joined self-help groups. The empowerment of these women, who were once at the bottom of society, has grown significantly, and their social status has improved. The government has increased their support to Rs 20 lakh. These initiatives are focused on enhancing their work capacity and scaling up their operations, which is now



"We are behind every scheme, 100% saturation... that is, implement it 100 percent, whoever is its beneficiary, he should not be left out, we are working in that direction. We want that the one who is entitled to something should get it. The game of 15 paise for 1 rupee cannot work anymore. To make the country a developed India, we will have to get rid of appeasement, we have chosen the path of satisfaction, not appeasement. We have walked on that path. Every society, every class of people should get their rights without any discrimination, this is satisfaction.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



having a highly positive effect on the rural economy.

Without strengthening the rural economy, we cannot build a Viksit Bharat. Therefore, efforts are being made to touch all aspects related to the rural economy. In the past decade, the agriculture budget has been increased 10 times. In the past 10 years, 12 lakh crore rupees have been spent for the sole purpose of providing cheap fertilizers to farmers.

Under the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme, approximately three and a half lakh crore rupees have been directly transferred into farmers' accounts. Additionally, a record increase in the Minimum Support Price (MSP) has been implemented, and procurement has tripled in the last decade compared to previous years. Farmers now also receive three times more in affordable loans than before. In the past, farmers had to manage on their own during natural disasters, but now they receive better support. Under PM Crop Insurance, farmers have received Rs 2 lakh crore in a decade. An important decision has been taken regarding a change in the education policy. Emphasis has been laid on studying in the mother tongue and examination in the mother tongue. Eklavya model schools have expanded for tribal youth. 10 years ago there were about 150 Eklavya schools. Today, there are 470, and now the central government is moving forward in the direction of more than 200 Eklavya schools.

CONTINUOUS MONITORING THROUGH SDG INDEX

To track India's progress on Sustainable Development Goals, NITI Aayog introduced the SDG India Index in 2018. This index evaluates national advancement through 113 different indicators. Through this, the contribution and performance of all the states and union territories of the country, along with the efforts of the central government towards achieving the goals of sustainable development, are evaluated. Through this, the goal-wise score of the states and union territories is calculated on 17 goals. They have also been classified into four categories based on the score: Aspirant (0-49), Performer (50-64), Front-Runner (65-99), and Achiever (100). Along with this, a dashboard named SDG India Index was also created based on the performance of the states.

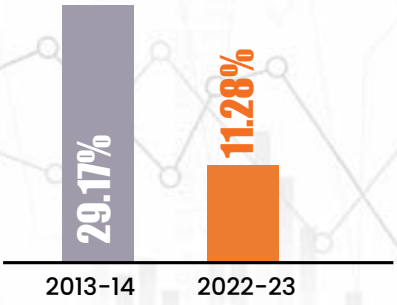


GOAL 1 NO POVERTY

END OF ALL FORMS OF POVERTY

Eradicating poverty in all its forms is one of the biggest challenges facing humanity. It has been a big challenge for the world along with India. It is the result of the policies of the Central Government that in the last 10 years 24.82 crore people came out of the poverty...

PROPORTION OF PEOPLE LIVING IN POVERTY



95.40% Families live in pucca and semi-pucca houses.

99.74%

of those seeking employment were offered employment under MNREGA in 2023-24. The number of workers registered in MNREGA has crossed 25 crore by November, 2024.

- 54.58 crore accounts were opened under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana till January 15, 2025. About 56% of the accounts are of women. These accounts have deposits of Rs 2.46 lakh crore.
- 10.05 crore women families have been linked to Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihood Mission from self-help groups so far.
- 22.52 crore persons have been enrolled in Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, in which Rs 17,600 crore has been given for 8.8 lakh claims.
- 49.12 crore people have been covered so far in Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, about Rs 3,000 crore has been given for accident claims.



- 4.53 crore houses have been approved under the PM Awas Yojana till February 2, 2025. Construction of 3.56 crore houses has been completed.
- Around 99 lakh rural youth and farmers have been trained under the Kaushal Vikas Yojana from 2021-22 to 2023-24.
- Old age, widow and disability pension is being given to 3.09 crore beneficiaries under the National Social Assistance Program.
- The enrollment in Atal Pension Yojana has reached 7.33 crore by January 2025.

SUCCESS STORY...

JEEVAN JYOTI TOOK CARE OF LEELABAI'S FAMILY WITH JAN DHAN

Leelabai Porte of Karimitikara, Jashpur in Chhattisgarh is one of those whose family was supported by Jan Dhan account and the benefits of Jeevan Jyoti Insurance Scheme received through it in difficult times. It was the year 2015, Leelabai's family with her husband Abhiram had two sons and two daughters. The family was making a living by farming and odd labour. As the bank branch was 7 km away from the village, no one had a bank account. One day a Bank Mitra came to the village and told about the benefits of the account. Leelabai says, they opened our bank account by taking thumb impression from a small machine along with identity card . My husband also filled the form of Jeevan Jyoti Yojana through that account. I did not know this then. In June 2015, my husband died due to heat stroke. When the Bank Mitra got information about this, he told us about my husband's insurance and after the necessary documentation, two lakh rupees were deposited in my account.

GOAL 2 ZERO HUNGER

There are many reasons including climate change and drought, due to which a large part of the population struggled with hunger and malnutrition for years. That is why the Sustainable Development Goals have given special emphasis on ending hunger and malnutrition...

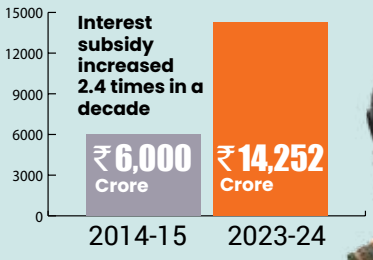
99.01%
beneficiaries covered under National Food Security Act.

18.70%
women have body mass index less than 18.5, in the age group of 15-49.

32.10%
Children under the age of five are underweight, (Target 13.3%)

35.50%
Children under the age of five are stunted (Target 23.7%)

- 3,295 projects have been approved under the National Livestock Mission till February, 2025. The cost of the project is Rs 2,381 crore, a subsidy of about Rs 1,100 crore has also been given in the scheme.
- 24.77 crore soil health cards issued to farmers after testing as a component of Pradhan Mantri- Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana till February 11, 2025. 8,272 soil testing laboratories established across the country.
- 8 crore Kisan Credit Cards made, their loan limit increased from Rs 3 lakh to Rs 5 lakh. In the last 10 years, interest subsidy of more than Rs 1.44 lakh crore was given on Kisan Credit Card loans.





3-year average production of rice and wheat is
3,052.25 kg per hectare

- There are about 10.13 crore beneficiaries under Poshan Abhiyan till December 2024. Objective: To improve the nutritional status of children aged 0-6 years, adolescents, pregnant women and lactating mothers.
- Rs 1,30,794 crore is to be spent on the National PM Poshan mission from 2021-22 to 2025-26.
- 99.8% ration cards have been linked to Aadhaar cards. EPOS devices have been installed at 99.6% fair price shops, which has made the ration distribution system transparent. Ration supply chain has been computerized in 31 states and union territories.
- Crops of 42.21 crore hectares of 63.19 crore farmers were insured under the Fasal Bima Yojana till 2023-24. Rs 32,475 crore paid to the farmer for claim of Rs 1,75,276 crore.
- 33.17 lakh farmers benefited from the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana from the beginning till February 2025. 1,646 schemes have been approved.
- 13.4 lakh farmers have benefited from the Technology Demonstration and Climate Resilient Agriculture Capacity Building programmes of National Innovation in Climate Resilient Agriculture in 151 climate vulnerable districts of the country.
- More than 17 lakh saplings planted under National Mission on Edible Oils-Oil Palm during Mega Oil Palm Plantation Drive 2024. National Edible Oil Mission- Oil Seeds up to 2030-31 also approved.

80.67
crore people are being given free food grains under Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana



E-NAM CHANGED FORTUNE OF TELANGANA'S RESIDENT

SUCCESS STORY...

Musku Vidyasagar of Velkattur village in Balkonda Mandal in Telangana has 7 acres of land. He has 20 years of experience in farming and marketing agricultural products, is among those who have given a new identity to their business through e-NAM. He sold 26.16 quintals of white soya at e-NAM, which saved him Rs 1,427 as additional commission and saved Rs 1,501 in the form of other reduced charges. On 26.16 quintals of produce, got a profit of Rs 2,929 in a single transaction of produce worth Rs 70,000. Thus, by selling 270 quintals of soya, Vidyasagar earned a profit of more than Rs 30,000 on his agricultural produce in 2016, which used to go to commission agents. Moreover, he received payment for produce within 24 hours of sale through online transactions.



GOAL 3 HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Chronic and fatal diseases are one of the main factors that push families towards poverty and deprivation. That is why healthy and happy life has been given importance in the third place in the Sustainable Development Goals. While India's score in this area was 52 in 2018, it has come to 77 in 2023-24. Know how India's efforts were successful in this direction...

Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births) under 5 years of age decreased from 36 in 2016-18 to 32 in 2018-20.

97
is the maternal mortality rate per 1,00,000 live births.

93.23%
Children in the age group of 9-11 months have been fully vaccinated.

- Total deliveries in health institutions reached 97.18%.
- 3.69 crore beneficiaries were given Rs 16,418.12 crore under Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana till December 2024.
- 32 deaths per thousand births among children under five years of age.
- 0.05 HIV patients per thousand unaffected population.
- Life expectancy reached 70 years.
- 12 deaths in road accidents per one lakh population.
- 49 health workers per one lakh population.
- 1,75,338 Ayushman Arogya Mandirs have been started till November 2024.



- 55 crore people from 12.37 crore families will get free treatment up to Rs 5 lakh through Ayushman Bharat.
- 17.7% decline in TB patients per lakh population in 2023 vis a vis 2015.
- Sanitary napkins made available to 46.4 lakh adolescent girls till November in the financial year 2024-25.
- 220 crore Covid vaccine doses given.
- 13,822 Jan Aushadhi Kendras have been opened till September 2024. 25,000 more centers are to be opened.
- Target of eliminating sickle cell anemia by the year 2047. Target of screening 7 crore people in the age group of 0-40 by 2025-26.
- More than 32.6 crore patients got medical consultation from e-Sanjeevani.
- Mission Poshan started to tackle the problem of malnutrition among children, adolescents, pregnant women and lactating mothers across the country... More than 10.02 crore people have taken benefit till 2024.

SUCCESS STORY...

AYUSHMAN BHARAT GAVE ZAINAB A NEW LIFE

This is about the time of Covid, when the whole country had come to a standstill under the shadow of this dreadful virus. People were incarcerated in their homes. In Vidisha, Madhya Pradesh, Firoz and his entire family were also taking full precautions as per the guidelines given by the health department. Despite this, one day his entire family was diagnosed with Covid. His 6-year-old innocent daughter Zainab affected most. Zainab was admitted to the Covid hospital. Because of the Ayushman card, they did not have to spend even a single rupee. After a few days, Zainab returned home with the same smile.

GOAL 4 QUALITY EDUCATION

Education helps to play a positive role in the society with knowledge, skills, confidence and self-reliance, and also builds personality, character, and ideals. This is why it has been placed at number four in the Sustainable Development Goals.

96.5%

Adjusted net admission rate for elementary education. It was 87.26% in 2018-19. 14 states and union territories have achieved 100%.

- Water is available in 98.33% middle schools and electricity in 91.77%.
- Dropout rate at secondary level has come down to 13% in 2021-22. It was 21% in 2013-14.
- There has been an increase of 13.8% in higher education institutions by 2022-23 as compared to 2014-15.

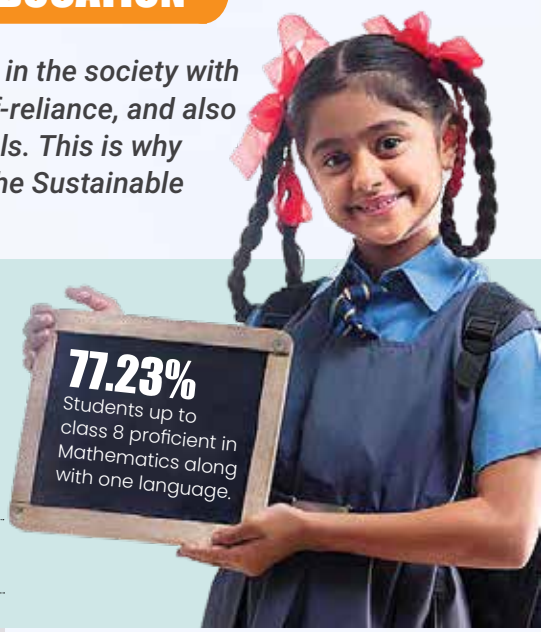
100%

Gross Enrolment Ratio is targeted to be achieved by 2030 under the new National Education Policy.

28.4%

Gross Enrolment Ratio for the age group of 18-23 in higher education by 2021-22.

18 **Students per teacher**



76.70% **Literacy rate reached for people aged 15 years and above.**

- The government approved 'Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM Poshan)' to provide food in government schools from 2021-22 to 2025-26.
- More than 18,72,000 Scheduled Caste students were released an amount of more than Rs 437 crore as pre-matric scholarship.
- More than 41,32,000 Scheduled Caste students received an amount of more than Rs 4965 crore under post-matric scholarship.

11,920

PM Shri schools have been opened so far. Target to open 14,500.

718

Eklavya Model Residential Schools have been approved so far. Of these, 476 have been started, in which 1,36,330 students are studying.





DREAM GETTING FULFILLED DUE TO SCHOLARSHIPS

Taram Neeling of Arunachal Pradesh is one of those students whose dream of becoming an engineer has been fulfilled through the PM Special Scholarship Scheme. Taram, who has done B.Tech in Agricultural Engineering, says that the amount of about Rs 73,000 received in the first installment of the scholarship not only saved the family from financial burden, but also fulfilled other needs like books in difficult times. On the other hand, Deepak Shankar of Surat in Gujarat has a similar story. Visually challenged Deepak wanted to become an engineer after scoring good marks in 12th. This became a reality with the PM Scholarship Scheme. The help of Rs. 3.10 lakh received for fees, maintenance and books provided financial help in difficult times.

SUCCESS STORY...

GOAL 5 GENDER EQUALITY

Gender inequality has remained a challenge for the whole world for a long time. Women's rights have been considered important under the fifth goal of sustainable development. India is among those countries where the contribution of women power is being given the most important place in the development journey with strong commitment...

930
is the sex ratio at birth in 2023-24. It was 918 in 2014-15.



79.4%
is the enrollment rate of girls in secondary school.

74.1%
Married women are in favor of family planning.

0.76
is the ratio of female-male income (regular salaried employees)

- 13.96% are female operational landholders.
- 53.90% of adolescent girls and women in the age group of 15 to 59 years have mobile phones.
- 88.70% married women participate in at least 3 household decisions as per NFHS 5.
- 51.67 crore total sanctioned loan number under Mudra scheme. 34.96 crore women beneficiaries i.e. 70% beneficiaries are women.
- Over 4.1 crore Sukanya Samriddhi accounts have been opened till November 2024 having Rs 2.64 lakh crore deposited in them.

404
Shakti Sadan homes benefited 11,196 women

802
One Stop Centres are working in 758 districts. 10.43 lakh women got help till December 31, 2024.

- **All India Council for Technical Education is providing 10,000 scholarships (Pragati) to girl students taking admission in technical education.**
- **Women Helpline (181-WHL) has helped lakhs of women in distress.**

Decision to provide labs and smart classrooms in Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) and hostels. 7 lakh girls will be benefited from this initiative with an estimated cost of about Rs 290 crore.



SUCCESS STORY...

DAUGHTER'S SUKANYA ACCOUNT PUT AN END TO HUSNA'S WORRIES

Husna from Motihari, Bihar, was often worried about her daughter's future. One day, Husna came to know about Sukanya Samridhi Yojana through television. She immediately went to the nearest State Bank branch and opened an account under the scheme. Husna, who has been living amidst many financial crises, never forgets to deposit one thousand rupees in her daughter's account every month since then. Thanking Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Husna says that this scheme has helped in laying the foundation for her daughter's future.

GOAL 6 CLEAN WATER-SANITATION

Clean drinking water and sanitation is one of the most basic needs of life. Through programs like Jal Jeevan Mission and Swachh Bharat Mission, India has taken the most concrete initiative in fulfilling this basic need.



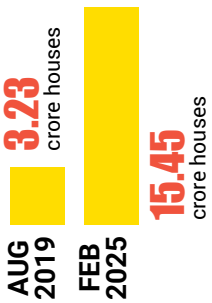
94.70%
Separate toilets for girls in schools.

99.29%
Rural families have access to better drinking water.

- Construction of toilets in 100% rural homes under Swachh Bharat Mission-Rural.
- 100% districts verified as open defecation free.

MORE THAN 80%
rural families have tap water supply in their homes, which was only 16.8% in 2019. 100% rural homes in 11 states and union territories have tap water.

TAP WATER SUPPLY IN RURAL FAMILIES INCREASED BY ALMOST 5 TIMES



- 1.24 lakh km of water network and 35,332 km of sewer network approved in AMRUT 2.0.
- 1 crore hectare of land has been connected with micro irrigation facility in the last 10 years.
- Construction of more than 68,000 AMRUT Sarovar by January, 2025.
- More than 1.66 crore water related works by January 31, 2025.
- 705 Jal Shakti Kendras built.
- 139 crore saplings planted in the last 5 years.
- 467 projects approved so far in Namami Gange Mission.
- 59.26% of total available groundwater was extracted in 2021-22.

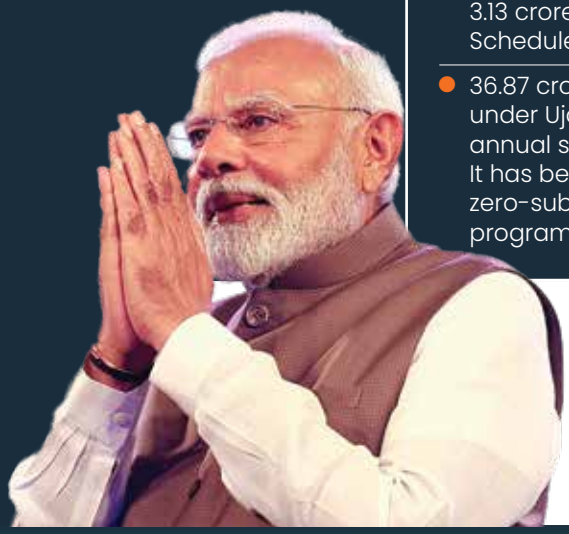
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AWAKENED THE SPIRIT OF CLEANLINESS IN BIHAR

Public participation and community awareness wrote the story of cleanliness in Bihar. A special three-month program was started here to increase sanitation coverage. Under the campaign, 10 days from 15th to 24th of every month from April to June 2023 were dedicated to cleanliness. Under this, Jeevika Didi, Safai Karamchari, Swachhagrahi and other volunteers together ran the Swachhata Se Samriddhi Abhiyan. Through this, work was done to educate the communities for cleanliness activities of Shramdaan, connect them with the campaign and motivate them for cleanliness. During this, extensive public participation gained momentum for the cleaning of public places, roads, garbage sites, banks of River Ganga, tourist, historical and religious places and the result... Today Bihar is among the top states in terms of sanitation coverage.

SUCCESS STORY...

GOAL 7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY

Affordable and clean energy means energy services that are easily available, affordable, reliable and sustainable for the environment. With schemes like Saubhagya, Ujala, PM Surya Ghar, India is taking important steps in this direction with robust measures...



100%
Electricity reached homes

96.35%
Clean cooking fuel (LPG and PNG) connection in homes

- 2.86 crore rural homes were electrified under the Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana (Saubhagya) started in October 2017.
- More than 10.33 crore people got LPG connection under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana. Out of these, 3.13 crore beneficiaries are from Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe.
- 36.87 crore LED bulbs distributed under Ujala Yojana, leading to annual savings of Rs 19,153 crore. It has become the world's largest zero-subsidy domestic lighting program.

6 LAKH
stand-alone off-grid solar pumps installed under PM Kusum Yojana; the target is 14 lakh.

- Green Energy Corridor has added 9,136 circuit km transmission lines. This has improved power supply (urban areas: 23.4 hours/day, rural areas: 21.9 hours/day).
- National Green Hydrogen Mission is expected to reduce fossil fuel imports by Rs 1 lakh crore. Production-utilization of targeted quantity is expected to reduce CO2 emissions by 50 MMT annually.
- 16.14 Electric vehicle buyers were assisted in Phase-II of FAME India scheme. In the first phase, 2.55 lakh vehicles were subsidized. More than 11 thousand charging stations are to be installed under this scheme.
- More than 28 lakh vehicles are to be subsidized under PM e-Drive two-year scheme to reduce India's dependence on fossil fuels and carbon emissions. The scheme with an expenditure of Rs 10,900 crore was launched in September 2024.

1.71 crore registrations were done in PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana. About 8.9 lakh residential houses were benefited by installing rooftop solar power under the scheme. A model solar village will be developed in every district.

Farmers moved ahead with the target of installing 10 thousand megawatt renewable energy power plants, work is also going on to solarize 35 lakh grid connected agricultural pumps.

UJJWALA GAVE RAMVATI'S FAMILY FREEDOM FROM SMOKE

SUCCESS STORY...

Earlier, food was cooked on the 'chullah' in Ramvati's house in Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh. Remembering that time, Ramvati says, we had to go far to collect wood for the 'chullah'. Sometimes, there were days when we could not get wood, and the children had to sleep hungry. Cooking on the chullah produced a lot of smoke, causing it to enter her eyes and blacken the walls. She was worried about its impact on her health. Now, after getting a gas connection through the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, all these worries of Ramvati have vanished. Geeta's story from Bareilly is also like Ramvati's. Geeta says that now she is neither worried about wet wood nor smoke in the eyes.

GOAL 8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

Inclusive and sustainable economic growth is the most important benchmark of the progress of any country. While schemes like PLI have given new impetus to economic development in India, the reduction in the unemployment rate also shows its important commitment towards this goal.

3.40%
was the unemployment rate in 2022-23 whereas this rate was 6.2% in 2018-19.

5.88%
Annual growth rate of per capita GDP in 2022-2023.

- 56% Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan accounts have been opened by women.
- 95.70% of households have a member with a bank or post office account.

18 **ATMs and 12 banking outlets per 1 lakh population.**

NEHA'S FAMILY GOT A SMILE THROUGH SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Neha Pethari of Kushalpura, Rajasthan is the backbone of her family today. However, this was not the case some time ago. Her family, which was struggling with financial crisis, found it difficult to even arrange for the essential items. Neha joined the Prime Minister Skill Development Center. After undergoing sewing training from here, Neha now runs her own shop in the village. The Skill Development Center not only created a new confidence of self-reliance in Neha, but also inspired her to do something. Neha says, I could never even imagine that I could run the entire family alone, but today with a strong determination I want to take my work further.

SUCCESS STORY...

- An investment of Rs 1.46 lakh crore has come in 14 sectors of PLI till August 2024. Production of more than Rs 12.50 lakh crore. 9.5 lakh jobs created and exports of more than Rs 4 lakh crore.
- Rs 13,554 crore expenditure has been approved for the Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Srijan Karyakram from the year 2021-22 to 2025-26.
- There are more than 2.27 crore beneficiaries in PMKVY, PM-NAPS, and Jan Shikshan Sansthan Yojana being run under the Kaushal Vikas Yojana.
- In February 2025, the Union Cabinet approved the continuation of the Kaushal Vikas Yojana till 2025-26.
- Training was given to 1.61 crore candidates till Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana 4.0. About 45% of them are women. About 43% of the certified candidates got placement.
- Over 51.67 crore loans, amounting to over Rs 32.61 lakh crore, were sanctioned under Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana from April 2015 to February 2, 2025.
- 27.73 lakh trainees got opportunities in the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme, while 8.80 lakh trainees got opportunities in the National Apprenticeship Training Scheme.
- 10.05, crore women families were linked to 90.90 lakh SHGs, these groups are given loans up to Rs 20 lakh. Loans worth more than Rs 9.74 lakh crore were given.
- 71.65 lakh, street vendors were identified in the National Urban Livelihood Mission, about 10 lakh self-help groups were formed, skill development of 15.45 lakh youth and more than 17 lakh bank loans were given.
- More than 4.63 crore micro, small, and medium enterprises are registered on the portal.
- 61.60% labor force participation rate.



GOAL 9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

Industrial development is the backbone of any country's economy, while strong infrastructure is its foundation, and innovation is the most important step towards improving the future. With the mantra of reform, perform, and transform, India has accelerated its pace of progress in this area...

99.70%

Targeted settlements have been connected with an all-weather road network under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana.



- The infrastructure sector has a 14.34% share in gross value addition.
- 11.42% of the workforce is employed in the infrastructure sector.
- The service sector has a 54.18% share in the total gross value addition.
- India is ranked 46th among 132 countries in the Global Innovation Index 2021.
- 93.30% of households have at least one mobile phone.
- 95.08% villages have 3G or 4G mobile internet coverage.



DIGITAL INDIA

141 CRORE

Aadhaar numbers have been generated so far. 61.01 crore were generated till March 2014.

11 CRORE

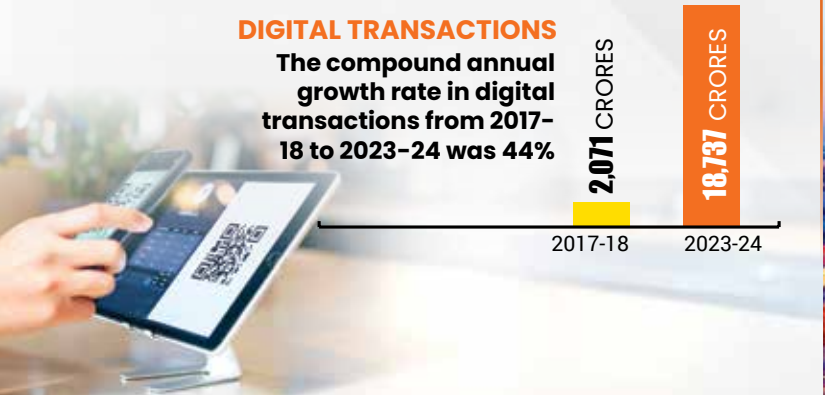
Farmers' IDs are targeted to be generated by 2026-27, including the digital identities of all farmers of Northeast. More than 2 crore IDs have been generated.



- More than 2.51 lakh Gram Panchayats have been onboarded in e-Gram Swaraj.
- Transactions worth more than Rs 23.24 lakh crore were done through UPI in December 2024, as against only Rs 707.93 crore in December 2016.
- 49% of global digital real-time payments are happening in India, according to the ACI Worldwide Report 2024.

DIGITAL TRANSACTIONS

The compound annual growth rate in digital transactions from 2017-18 to 2023-24 was 44%



- The number of users of DigiLocker, a leading platform for digital document verification, has increased to 46.52 crores as on February 1, 2025.
- 556.37 crore learning sessions conducted on Diksha, the world's largest digital education platform, till July 2024.

PM GATI SHAKTI

- 228 major infrastructure projects worth Rs 15.89 lakh crore were evaluated in the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan.
- Rs 75,000 crore was budgeted for more than 100 infrastructure projects of rail and road transport in 2023-24.
- On a pilot basis, preparation of district master plans in 27 aspiring districts has been started in October 2024 through the PM Gati Shakti District Master Plan Portal.

INDUSTRIAL CORRIDOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

- 11 industrial corridors are being developed under the National Industrial Corridor Development Program.
- 12 new Industrial Smart City projects costing Rs 28,602 crore have been approved for the development of key infrastructure packages.



BHARAT MALA PARIYOJANA

- Projects worth Rs 8.54 lakh crore covering 26,425 km length have been awarded, out of which 19,201 km has already been completed under Bharatmala Pariyojana.

PM MITRA PARK

- 7 PM Mitra Parks have been approved to be set up by 2027-28. Sites have been identified at Virudhunagar in Tamil Nadu, Warangal in Telangana, Navsari in Gujarat, Kalaburagi in Karnataka, Dhar in Madhya Pradesh, Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh, and Amravati in Maharashtra.

MAKE IN INDIA AND STARTUPS

- The central government is focusing on 27 sectors under Make in India 2.0. The Make in India initiative was launched in 2014 to make India a hub of manufacturing, design, and innovation.
- 1,57,706 companies have been recognized as startups in more than 55 industries by December 2024. These companies created more than 17.2 lakh direct jobs. 118 companies have become unicorns.

NATIONAL LOGISTICS POLICY (NLP 2022)

- Improving India's Logistics Performance Index ranking by 2030 and ranking among the top 25 countries is one of the key objectives of the National Logistics Policy 2022.
- The National Logistics Policy was launched on September 17, 2022, as a supplement to PM Gatishakti NMP.

India is ranked 22nd in the international shipment category of the Logistics Performance Index 2023. It is ranked 38th in terms of total score.

SUCCESS STORY...

DIGITAL INDIA OPENED THE WAY TO EMPLOYMENT FOR AQIB

Aqib of Varanasi had many dreams in his eyes after completing his studies. Digital India gave Aqib a new path. After getting information from a friend, Aqib started a Common Service Centre. This not only employed Aqib, but also brought convenience to the people living nearby, because for various types of certificates and other works like opening an account, they had to go far away, now they are being done at Aqib's centre. Yasin says, Now the work for which I had to travel a long distance is being done at Aqib's centre, so what can be better than this for me.

EASE OF DOING BUSINESS

- To increase the ease of doing business in India, the Centre for Processing Accelerated Corporate Exit (C-PACE) was established in the Companies Act, 2013, to centralise and expedite the voluntary strike-off process of companies.
- 25,515 companies were struck off in the last two financial years. The average time for processing such applications is now 70-90 days.
- 63 offences decriminalised under the Companies and LLP Act.
- Over 54 formats converted into straight through process which earlier required approval of regional offices.
- Shifting of registered office of a company made zero cost.



GOAL 10 REDUCE INEQUALITIES

ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICT AND BLOCK PROGRAM

- The Aspirational District Program was launched in January 2018 to effectively transform 112 least developed districts of the country. Aspirational districts are monitored on 49 key indicators.
- UNDP's 'Aspirational District Program: An Evaluation' report states that it has made significant progress in various aspects, such as accelerated development through better governance and competitive federalism.
- The Aspirational Block Program was launched on January 7, 2023, covering 500 of the most difficult and relatively underdeveloped blocks from 329 districts.

> **"The government has tried to serve the people with the mantra of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas' and the principles of 'Sarva Panth Sambhav, ' which means that all religions are equal. "**
>
> **- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister**



VIBRANT VILLAGE PROGRAM: NEW DIRECTION OF CHANGE

The Vibrant Village Program was launched in 2023 for the development of selected villages in 46 blocks of 5 states and union territories along the northern border with a budget of Rs 4,800 crore.



- Rs 2400 crore has been allocated for the construction of roads and bridges, while 626 infrastructure and 901 employment-related projects have already been started.
- 4G connectivity will be available in 362 villages by June 2025, while electricity has been provided to 474 out of 662 villages.

PM VISHWAKARMA YOJANA: RESPECT TO SKILL

- 27.25 lakh beneficiaries have been registered till February 10, artisans and craftsmen of 18 trades working with their hands and tools.
- A loan of Rs 1 lakh is given in the first installment with a repayment period of 18 months and Rs 2 lakh in the second installment with a repayment period of 30 months at 5% interest.
- More than 12.40 lakh beneficiaries completed the training by November, 2024, and loans of Rs 1,190 crore were given to 1.49 lakh beneficiaries.

UMBRELLA PROGRAM FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF MINORITIES

- The population of Muslim, Christian, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, and Parsi minority communities in the country is 19.3%., 90 minority concentration districts, 710 blocks and 66 towns were identified for their upliftment. The 15-point Prime Minister's new program includes schemes and initiatives of various ministries for the welfare of minorities, which can contribute to the overall socio-economic development of minorities. 4.68 lakh beneficiaries have been trained under the Seekho aur Kamao scheme, while about 1.20 lakh beneficiaries have been trained under the Nai Manzil scheme and Ustad scheme. Rs 14,660 crore has been spent by the Ministry of Minority Affairs for the welfare of minorities in the last five years.

45.61%	28.57%	50.40%
seats reserved for women in Panchayati Raj Institutions	representation of SC/ST in the Legislative Assembly	ratio of male and female workers working as professional and technical staff

PM JANMAN

- Prime Minister Janjati Adivasi Nyay Mahabhiyan (PM Janman) launched for the socio-economic development of 75 PVGT communities living in 18 states and one union territory.
- 9 ministries are working to benefit 11 lakh PVGT families. 3.36 lakh houses and 4485 km of connecting roads were constructed, and 1.50 lakh houses were electrified.

PRADHAN MANTRI VIKAS PEHAL (PM-DEVINE) FOR NORTHEAST REGION

- The Union Cabinet has approved the Prime Minister's Development Initiative for the North East Region (PM DEVINE) scheme for the Northeast Region with an expenditure of Rs 6,600 crore from 2022-23 to 2025-26.
- 36 projects worth Rs 4927 crore have been approved under the scheme till January 31, 2025. Projects related to education, health, tourism, connectivity, and livelihood are included.

Infrastructure Development Scheme PMJVK

Work has been done on 5.97 lakh projects worth **₹25,196** crore under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK).



GOAL 11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

Sustainable development cannot be achieved without making significant changes in the way urban areas are built and managed. The 11th goal is based on this fact. From PM Awas Yojana to Amrut, Hriday, and Smart City Mission, India is moving in this direction...



More than 78% of waste is being processed by urban bodies.



More than 95% of houses are equipped with toilets through Swachh Bharat Mission Urban.

- Door-to-door garbage collection has started in 100% of the wards.
- Total 8,058 projects worth Rs 1,64,514 crore in 100 smart cities. Out of these, 7,491 projects worth Rs 1,50,157 crore, i.e. 93% work, is completed.

CITIES 2.0 APPROVED FROM 2023 TO 2027 TO PROMOTE URBAN DEVELOPMENT.



7,293

Electric buses approved for 14 state and 4 union territory cities. An amount of Rs 983.75 crore was approved for power and civil depot infrastructure development.

- 4.53 crore houses approved under PM Awas Yojana by February 2, 2025, construction of 3.56 crore houses has been completed.
- Under PM Svanidhi Yojana, Rs 13,764.55 crore has been distributed to more than 68 lakh street vendors so far.
- Under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT), 58,66,237 tap water connections were given. 2,449 parks were developed. 37,49,467 sewer connections and 62,78,571 LED street lights were installed.
- Central assistance of Rs 428 crore approved for 77 projects under National Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojana (HRIDAY).

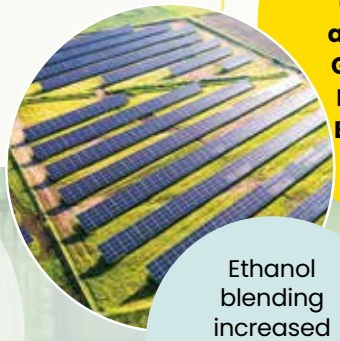
Namo Bharat Rapid Rail's scope was extended to 55 km with 11 railway stations.

Metro network of 1,000 km. Metro now reaches 23 cities in 13 states.



GOAL 12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION & PRODUCTION

Electricity generation from renewable energy improved from 36.37% in 2020 to 43.28% in 2024. 94.86% industries comply with environmental standards.



₹32.45

lakh crore investment commitment was made at the fourth edition of the Global Renewable Energy Investment Meeting and Expo (RE-INVEST) 2024 in Gandhinagar.



The Union Cabinet approved the National Biofuel Policy 2018 with several amendments. In this, the main initiative is to take efforts to achieve the target of 20 percent ethanol blending in petrol before the year 2030 in 2025-26 itself.

Ethanol blending increased from 1.53% in 2014 to 15% in 2024.

16,71,606

Number of vehicles sold under FAME India. 1,02,517 tonnes of CO_2 reduction.

- In line with the LIFE (Lifestyle for Environment) campaign announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2021, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change notified the Ecomark Rules on 26 September 2024. It will replace the Ecomark Scheme of 1991.
- As of January 2025, the country's non-fossil fuel energy capacity reached 217.62 GW. The CCDC Wind Initiative has significantly expanded wind power development, taking the installed capacity of this sector to 48.16 GW.

54.99%

of hazardous waste was recycled from the total hazardous waste generated.



166.43

kg fossil fuel consumption per capita.

90.52%

of bio-medical waste generated was treated.

65.24%

Nitrogen fertilizer is used out of a total nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium (NPK).

3.04

tonnes of plastic waste is generated per year per 1,000 population.





19.20
is India's Disaster Preparedness Index. It measures the level of people's preparedness for disasters.

15
deaths per 10 lakh people have occurred due to weather-related disasters.



GOAL 13 CLIMATE ACTION

Climate change is the biggest obstacle to sustainable development today. Environmental protection is a big challenge in pace to industrialization, so India remains a center of hope with its customs and policies. Whether it is an environment-friendly lifestyle or development with solar energy... India has taken strong steps towards environmental protection along with biodiversity.

43.28%
Electricity production from renewable energy reached. In 2020, it was 36.37%

97.86
GW installed capacity of energy development from National Solar Mission reached.

In **2016**
It was 9.01 GW.



- 94.86% of industries comply with environmental standards.
- India is ranked 7th in the Climate Change Index 2024 in terms of environmental protection efforts and progress. It was the 30th in 2014.
- The National Action Plan on Climate Change outlines eight national missions to promote sustainable development with a focus on climate change.
- The National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) covers 130 cities in 24 states and union territories. Of these, 97 cities have improved air quality in terms of PM10 concentration in FY 2023-24 as compared to 2017-18.
- The National Mission for Green India aims to combat climate change while protecting India's forests.



- Helped replace 181 lakh metric tonnes of crude oil with ethanol blending between 2014 and 2024.
- 544 lakh metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions reduced so far.
- Rs 1.1 trillion of foreign exchange has been saved.

- PM-KUSUM and PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana are accelerating the adoption of solar energy among farmers and households.
- 417.98 MW installed capacity achieved through solar power plants on barren, non-cultivable land.
- 6.69 lakh electric agricultural pumps have been converted to solar-powered pumps so far.

NATIONAL MISSION FOR SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE (NMSA)

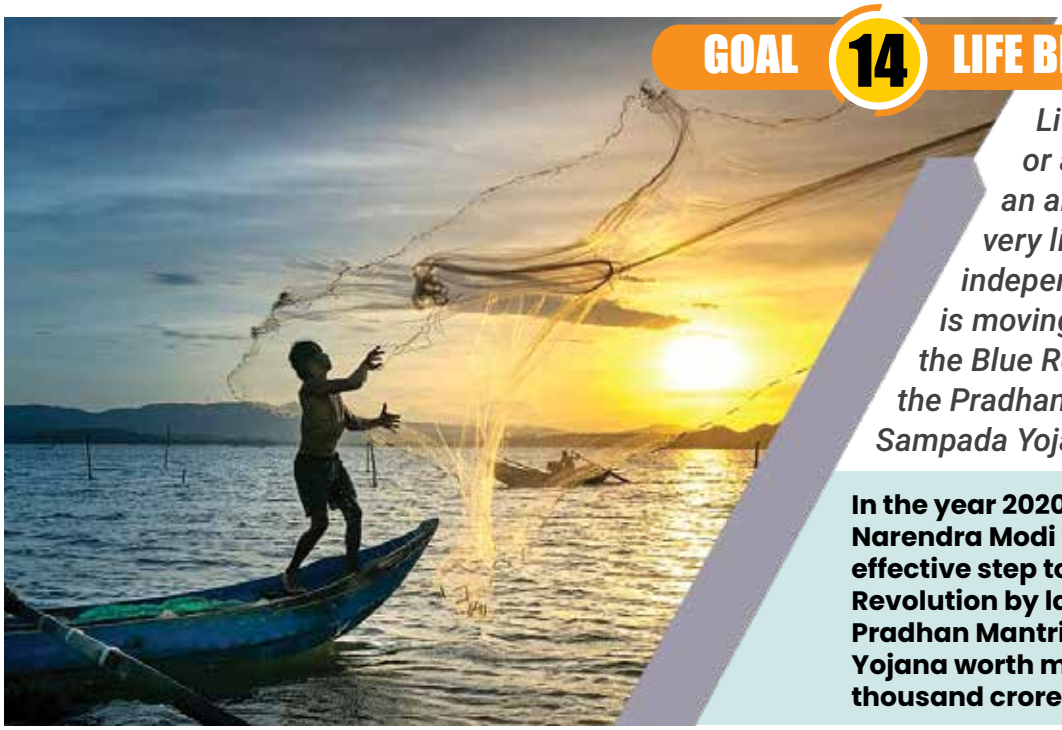
Three major components

- Rainfed Area Development.
- On-farm Water Management.
- Soil Health Management.

National Cyclone Risk Reduction Project (NCRMP)

Implemented in 8 coastal states in two phases. Andhra Pradesh and Odisha in Phase-I and six states, Goa, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, and West Bengal under Phase-II.





GOAL 14 LIFE BELOW WATER

Life under water, or aquatic life, is an area that received very little attention after independence. Now India is moving forward with the Blue Revolution through the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana...

In the year 2020, Prime Minister Narendra Modi took the most effective step towards the Blue Revolution by launching the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana worth more than Rs 20 thousand crore.

- On 25 December 2024, the foundation stone of the Ken-Betwa River Linking National Project was laid in Madhya Pradesh.
- This is the country's first river-linking project.
- More than 65 lakh population of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh will directly benefit from this.

According to the Forest Status Report 2023, the total mangrove cover in India is 4,991.68 square kilometers. This is 0.15 percent of the total geographical area of the country.

SAGARMALA PROGRAM

Identified for implementation of about 839 projects with an estimated cost of Rs 5.5 lakh crore.

272 projects of the Sagarmala program have been completed so far with an investment of Rs 1.41 lakh crore.



3,682 crore was invested in the fisheries sector only since independence till the launch of this scheme.

The National Scheme for Conservation of Aquatic Ecosystem is being implemented for the conservation and management of wetlands (including lakes) in the country.

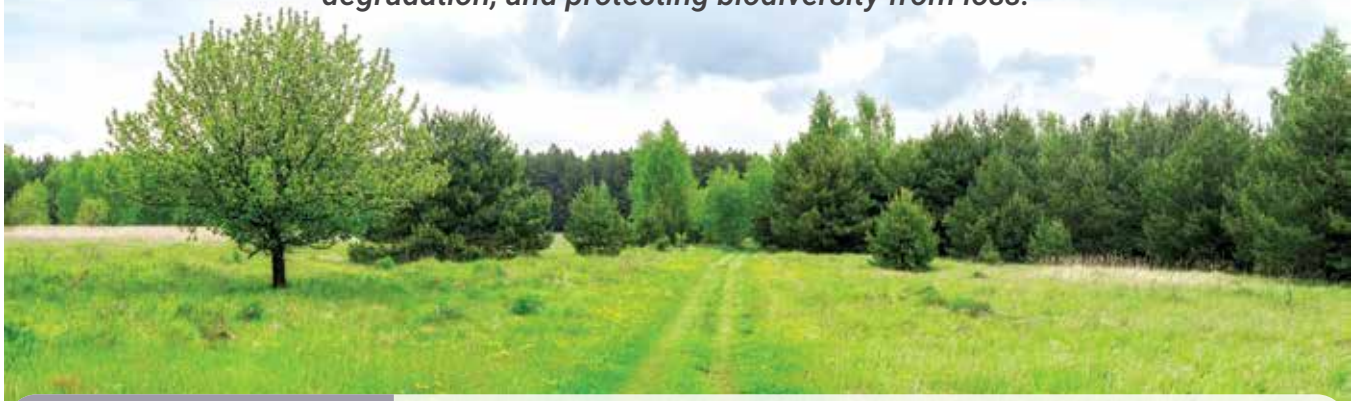
SUCCESS STORY...

PM MATSYA SAMPADA YOJANA BECAME THE SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE IN THE VILLAGE OF SIRSA

In Sirsa, the land started becoming barren due to the rising level of saline water in the village adjoining the Rajasthan border. When the support of Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana was received, the farmers there started rearing shrimp in saline water. Fish farmer Sumitra says that she started shrimp farming in 2021. Brought three lakh fish fry from Chennai. Although it takes 120 days, after 106 days only, shrimps worth Rs 25 lakh were sold, and money came into the account immediately. In 2022, Sumitra started shrimp farming on five acres instead of two and a half acres. She says that there is very little chance of loss in this, so fish farmers are increasing.

GOAL 15 LIFE ON LAND

Safeguarding life and maintaining land ecosystems are its most important objectives. In line with the 15th goal of sustainable development, India has taken important steps toward tackling desertification, preventing land degradation, and protecting biodiversity from loss.



8,27,357
sq km. is the forest and tree cover of the country

This is **25.17** percent of the total geographical area.

7,15,343
sq km. (21.76%) forest cover

1,12,014
sq km. (3.41%) tree cover

India is the country with the largest tiger range in the world.

Chhattisgarh's Guru Ghasidas-Tamor Pingla was notified as the 56th Tiger Reserve.

75%
of the total global population of tigers is here

- India is committed to redeveloping 26 million hectares of barren land by 2030.
- Out of this, more than 22.50 million hectares of land have already been developed.
- India has 8% of the world's biodiversity. It has many species that are not found anywhere else in the world.

₹ 715
crore was allocated to Project Tiger during the last three years.

India has by far the largest number of wild Asian elephants, with 33 elephant reserves.

It is estimated that their number in India is around **30,000**



SUCCESS STORY...

'VRIKSHO KI MAA' WHO TRANSFORMED BARREN LAND INTO LUSH GREEN FORESTS

Padma Shri Tulsi Gowda, known as 'Vriksho Ki Maa, ' dedicated more than 60 years to planting and caring for millions of trees in Karnataka. This transformed barren land into lush green forests. Her work left a lasting legacy in environmental conservation. Tulsi Gowda never received any formal education, yet her knowledge made her famous as the "Encyclopedia of Forests". She selflessly devoted her life to caring for and protecting the Earth.



GOAL 16 PEACE, JUSTICE, STRONG INSTITUTIONS

The feeling of violence and insecurity not only affects the public psyche but also hurts the development of the country. This is the reason why peace, justice, and strong institutions have been kept as the 16th goal of sustainable development. India has taken strong steps in this direction with many important steps, including adopting new Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita replacing old laws of 1860...

89.10%

Birth registration of children below 5 years of age is done. The target is to bring it to 100 percent.

- 3 cases of corruption registered per 10 lakh population.
- 19 cases of missing children per 10 lakh figure. The Sustainable Development Goal is to bring this figure to 0.
- 37 cases of cognizable crimes related to children were registered per 1 lakh figure.
- The rate of filing chargesheets has increased by 71%. The target is to file chargesheets in 100% of the cases.
- There are 2 courts per one lakh people. The Sustainable Development Goal in this direction is 4.25.

MODERNIZATION OF POLICE FORCES

154.84

policemen per one lakh population



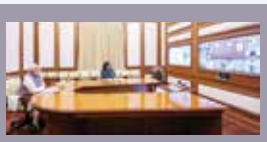
- 17,166 police stations in the country are connected and use the criminal tracking network and system.
- To catch fugitive criminals, police of all states have been linked to the Bharatpol portal. Police and central agencies of 195 countries are connected to it.

RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT

The Right to Information Act 2005 was passed by the Parliament. This law is now applicable throughout the country.

INTEGRATED CHILD PROTECTION SCHEME

The Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) is a centrally sponsored scheme, whose primary objective is to establish a safety net of dedicated and quality personnel, structures, and services for child protection across the country.



363 PROJECTS with a total cost of Rs 19.12 lakh crore were reviewed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi through the Pragati 2.0 platform till December 2024. It was launched in March 2015 to check the progress of pending projects and fix timelines.

NATIONAL GRAM SWARAJ ABHIYAN

- Training programs are being organized for this in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA).
- 2.54 lakh Gram Panchayats prepared and uploaded development plans for 2024-25 using the e-Gram Swaraj digital platform.
- 2.41 lakh Gram Panchayats completed online transactions for 15th Finance Commission grants, while 5.15 lakh audit plans and audit reports were prepared in the Panchayat Mission Mode Project.

DEVELOPMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE JUDICIARY INCLUDING GRAM NYAYALAYAS

- By October 2024, 313 Gram Nyayalayas are functional across the country. More than 2.99 lakh cases have been disposed of in these from December 2020 to October 2024. There are 688 district courts across the country.
- Legal service institutions have been established from taluka level to Supreme Court level to provide free legal aid to the poor and weaker sections of the society.

GOAL 17 PARTNERSHIPS

The important 17th goal of sustainable development is linked to global partnership towards achieving all 16 goals. From the International Solar Alliance to Life Movement, many of India's initiatives have been appreciated by the world on global platforms...

MISSION LIFE (ENVIRONMENTAL-FRIENDLY LIFESTYLE)

- **Mission Life:** A global initiative launched by India in the year 2022. This initiative inspires everyone to do simple and environmentally friendly work in their lives.
- **Seven major themes of this initiative:** saving water, conserving energy, reducing waste, managing e-waste, eliminating single-use plastic, promoting food systems as much as possible, and healthy lifestyle.
- **UNEA Resolution:** The United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) unanimously passed a resolution on sustainable lifestyles in the sixth session held in Nairobi, Kenya, on 1 March 2024. This proposal, based on the principles of Mission Life, was presented by India.



INTERNATIONAL SOLAR ALLIANCE

- India and France announced the International Solar Alliance (ISA) at the COP 21 held in Paris in 2015. It is the only one of its kind international alliance in the world headquartered in India.
- The goal of ISA is to achieve an investment of 1 trillion US dollars in solar energy by 2030.
- It also aims to provide energy access to 1 billion people and install **1,000** gigawatts of solar energy capacity.
- ISA is working towards reducing global carbon emissions. Along with this, it will reduce 1,000 million tons of carbon dioxide annually. Currently, 120 countries are its members.

IMEC INITIATIVE IN THE FIELD OF INFRASTRUCTURE

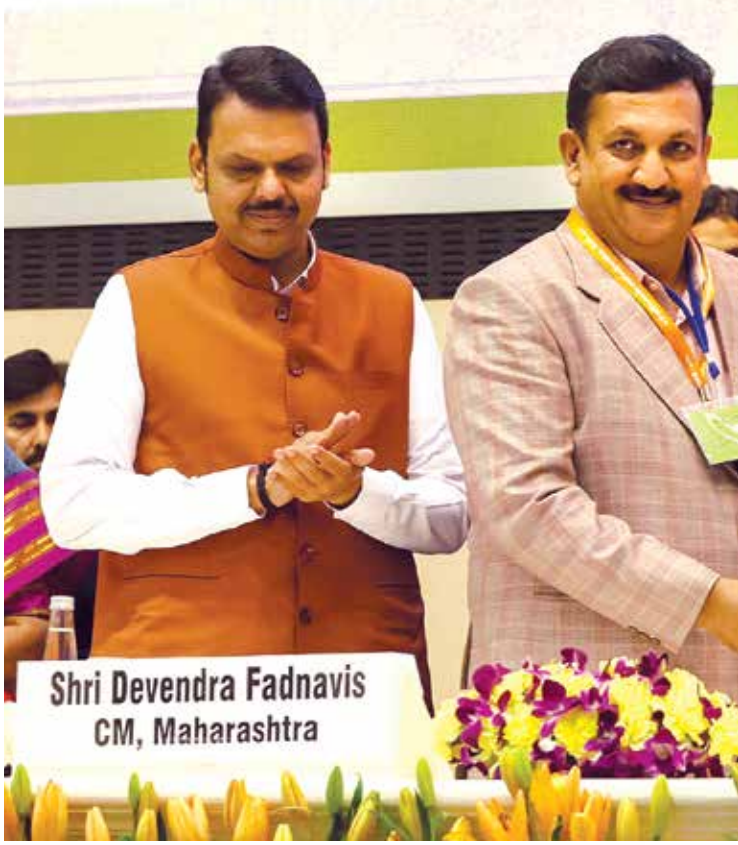
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and then US President Joe Biden co-chaired the program on Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment and the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC) during the G20 summit in Delhi on 9 September 2023.
- It includes an eastern corridor connecting India to the Gulf region and a northern corridor connecting the Gulf region to Europe. It will include railway and ship-rail networks and road transport routes.
- It aims to increase investment and connectivity between India, the Middle East, and Europe.





LANGUAGE TEACHES THE LESSON OF PROSPERITY THROUGH HARMONY

Language is not only a medium of communication; it is the carrier of our civilization and culture as well as its soul. When languages are born in the society, they play an equally important role in the construction of the society. Recently, Marathi has been given the status of a classical language, which more than 12 crore Marathi-speaking people spread across the country and the world have been waiting for for decades. During an event, Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the Akhil Bharatiya Marathi Sahitya Sammelan in New Delhi on February 21...



There has never been any mutual enmity among Indian languages, rather they have always adopted and enriched each other. The current government at the Center last year gave the status of classical language to Marathi, Pali, Prakrit, Assamese, and Bengali together, after which the number of classical languages has now risen to 11. PM Modi said at the inauguration of the 98th Akhil Bharatiya Marathi Sahitya Sammelan in New Delhi that the it is not limited to any language or region, but this Sammelan has the fragrance of the freedom struggle as well as the cultural heritage of Maharashtra and the nation.

This Sammelan from 21 to 23 February celebrated the timeless relevance of Marathi literature with panel discussions, the launch of about 50 books, an exhibition of books at 100 book stalls, and the recitation of more than 2,600 poems. At the Marathi Sahitya Sammelan held after 71 years in the national capital, Prime Minister Modi said that during the long period of hundreds of years of slavery, the Marathi language also became the lingua franca of freedom from the invaders. Fighters like Vasudev Balwant Phadke, Lokmanya Tilak, and Veer Savarkar gave tough times to the British. Marathi

Marathi is a complete language. That is why Marathi has valor and bravery. Marathi has beauty, sensitivity, equality, and harmony, it has the voice of spirituality and the wave of modernity. Marathi also has devotion, power, and wisdom.

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister





KNOW THESE STEPS FOR LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT AND PRESERVATION...

- On getting the status of Shastri language to any language, it includes respect for that language, creation of centers of excellence for the study of ancient languages , and professional chairs in central universities.
- The Bharatiya Bhasha Sansthan, Mysore is doing the work of documenting the mother tongue or Indian language and their culture spoken by less than 10 thousand people. In the first phase, 117 tribal languages have been identified, so that work can be done on those languages.
- Provisions have been made in the National Education Policy 2020 to promote multilingualism and keep Indian languages alive. As far as possible, provision has been made to keep the medium of education in the mother tongue or local language at least till class 5 and maximum till class 8.

Course material including textbooks and educational institutions is available in

33 **Indian languages on the Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing (DIKSHA) portal.**

LANGUAGE IS LIKE A MOTHER

Language is like a mother who wants to give her children the latest and maximum knowledge and does not discriminate. The language embraces every idea and every development. Marathi was born from Sanskrit, but the Prakrit language has an equal influence on it. PM Modi said that many times when an attempt is made to create discrimination in the name of language, the shared heritage of languages gives the right answer to it. It is our collective responsibility to enrich the languages and adopt them. That is why today we are seeing all the languages of the country as mainstream languages. We are promoting education in all major languages including Marathi.

LITERATURE IS THE GUIDE OF SOCIETY

It is said that literature is not only a mirror of society but also its guide. That is why institutions related to literature have a very important role in the country through programs like Sahitya Sammelan. In 2027, this tradition of Sahitya Sammelan will complete 150 years. Then the 100th conference will be held. PM Modi has expressed his wish to make this occasion special. Recognize young talent, and more and more people should learn Marathi, for this you should promote online platforms and initiatives like Bhashini.

WE SHOULD NOT REMAIN CAPTIVE TO OLD THINKING

There is a verse by poet Keshavsut- जुनें जाऊं द्या, मरणालागुनि जाळुनि किंवा, पुरुनि टाकासडत न एक्या ठायी ठाका, that is we cannot remain captive to old thinking. PM Modi said that human civilization, thoughts, and language keep evolving continuously. Today India is one of the oldest living civilizations in the world. Because we have constantly evolved, added new ideas, and welcomed new changes. The world's largest linguistic diversity in India is testimony to this. This linguistic diversity of ours is also the most basic basis of our unity.

language and Marathi literature made a huge contribution to their role in achieving freedom. Lokmanya Tilak also wrote Geeta Rahasya in Marathi. This Marathi composition filled the entire country with new energy.

Referring to the glorious work of the Marathi language and Marathi literature in opening the doors of social liberation for the exploited and deprived sections of society, Prime Minister Modi said that great social reformers like Jyotiba Phule, Savitri Bai Phule, Maharishi Karve, Baba Saheb Ambedkar had worked to inculcate the thinking of a new era in Marathi language.



EVEN IN GLOBAL UNCERTAINTY, ONE THING IS CERTAIN
INDIA'S RAPID GROWTH

To achieve the goal of Viksit Bharat 2047, the government is prioritizing four key areas: investment in infrastructure, inclusive growth, manufacturing expansion, and simplification of laws. India's rapid growth is certain. To attract global investors, Assam organized Advantage Assam 2.0, and Madhya Pradesh organized the Global Investors Summit in February, inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, where investment proposals worth Rs 30 lakh crore were received...

The central government is focusing extensively on state-of-the-art infrastructure and capacity building for the future. In pursuit of the Viksit Bharat 2047 vision, the government is focusing on four key priorities: infrastructure investment, inclusive development, expansion of manufacturing, and the simplification of laws. With these initiatives, India's rapid growth appears assured to draw global investors; Assam hosted Advantage Assam 2.0, and Madhya Pradesh organized the Global Investors Summit in February, both inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. These events collectively garnered investment proposals totaling around Rs 30 lakh crore.

India is consistently making huge investments in infrastructure. Over the past five years, the central government, public sector enterprises, and state governments have invested Rs 65.75 lakh crore in this sector, which accounts for approximately 5.48% of the GDP. It does not include data on private sector investment. As a result of the government's

GOVERNMENT'S FOCUS ON THE NORTHEAST

- Northeast India holds significant importance for Prime Minister Narendra Modi, which is why numerous major schemes have been launched for the region over the past decade. Initiatives like PM-DEVINE for infrastructure development and the North East Venture Fund have opened up many new employment opportunities.
- The Unnati scheme has also been started to promote the industrial potential of the Northeast. The semiconductor sector is new for India as well, and Assam has been chosen to give it momentum.
- As new industries take root in the Northeast, investors both from India and abroad will explore new opportunities in the region.

THROUGH THE STARTUP INDIA INITIATIVE

2054 startups have been recognized in Ashtalakshmi

1487 of them coming from Assam alone.

- The development and infrastructure of the North East region can be gauged from the fact that 54 ministries have been given the responsibility to spend 10% of their budget for the North East region.
- Thirty projects have been approved under the North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme, out of which 10 have been completed.
- In the past decade, many peace agreements have been signed in the North East, resolving border disputes have progressed in a cordial manner, which has reduced the cases of violence in the North East to a great extent. The country has to write a new future for Ashtalakshmi, and the government is taking every step for this.





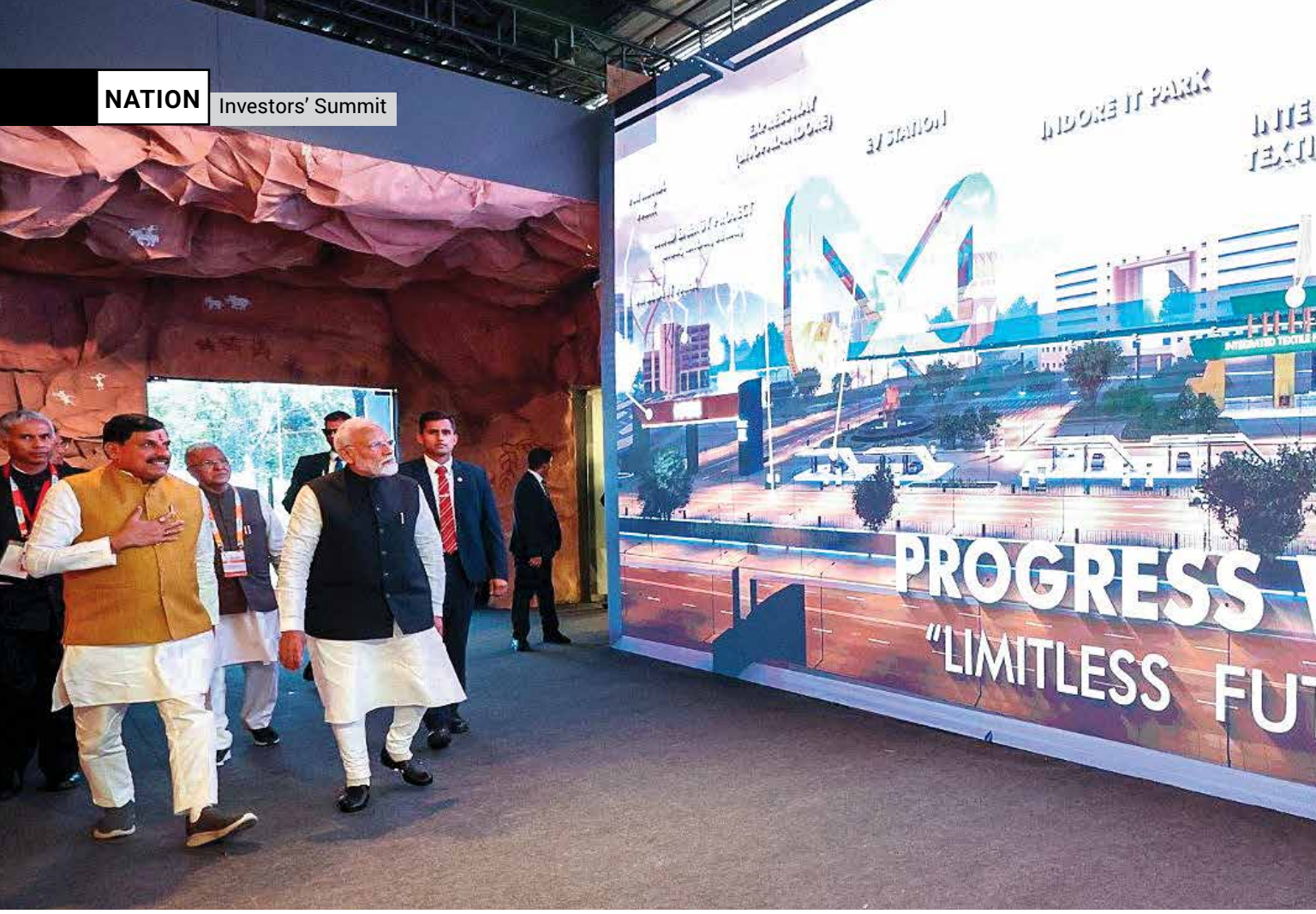
"The progress of the 21st century world depends on digital revolution, innovation, and technological advancements. The better prepared we are, the stronger we will be globally."

Narendra Modi
Prime Minister

policies and investments, India is optimistic about producing its first 'Made in India' semiconductor chip by 2025. Additionally, a program has been launched to train 85,000 engineers in advanced semiconductor and electronics manufacturing.

On 25th February, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the two-day Advantage Assam 2.0 Investment and Infrastructure Summit in Guwahati, Assam, aimed at boosting investment and advancing Assam's development for a Viksit Bharat. The summit saw participation from various international organizations, global leaders, investors, policymakers, industry experts, and ambassadors from 60 countries, along with startups and students. Before the summit, the Assam government's cabinet approved investment proposals totaling Rs 1.22 lakh crore. On the very first day of the event, MoUs worth approximately Rs 90,000 crore were signed.

"Despite global uncertainties, experts



THE FUTURE OF THE WORLD IS WITH INDIA

Investment means a strong foundation for the future... which gives wings to every dream and friendly policies give them shape. When Prime Minister Modi inaugurated the Global Investors Summit (GIS) 2025 in Madhya Pradesh, which is considered the heart of the country due to strong connectivity, abundant resources, and unlimited possibilities, he emphasized these strengths of the state and said that the future of the world is in India...

This is the first time in the history of India that the whole world is so optimistic about India. All over the world... whether it is the common people, policy experts, various countries, or institutions... everyone has great expectations from India. The comments received about India in the last few weeks will encourage investors. Recalling the recent statement by the World Bank that India will continue to be the fastest-growing economy, the Prime Minister highlighted that a representative of the OECD had remarked that "the future of the world is in India.". Prime Minister Modi also reiterated his statement from the Red Fort that this is the right time to invest

unanimously agree on one certainty: India's rapid growth," said the PM. He emphasized that today's India is working with a long-term vision for the next 25 years of this century, which is a very strong reason for this trust. He highlighted that the world has immense trust in India's young population, which is rapidly becoming skilled and innovative. He noted the growing confidence in India's neo-middle class, emerging from poverty with new aspirations. Underscoring the trust the world places in India's 140 crore people who support political stability and policy continuity. India is constantly making reforms, strengthening the supply chain, making free trade agreements with different regions of the world, While India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor is also bringing many new possibilities. PLI has been implemented in the economic sector for ease of doing business,



GIS 2025

The two-day Global Investors Summit (GIS) 2025 in Bhopal is an important platform to establish Madhya Pradesh as a global investment hub. It includes departmental summits; special sessions on pharma and medical equipment, transport and logistics, industry, skill development, tourism, and MSMEs, etc. It also includes international sessions like the Conference of Global South Countries, the Latin America and Caribbean Session, and the Special Session for Key Partner Countries. It had over 25,000 registrations and was attended by over 100 foreign delegates from over 50 countries, including ambassadors, high commissioners, and consuls general. Key investment sectors focused agriculture, food processing, textiles and apparel, mining, IT, renewable energy, urban development, and tourism.

LEADER IN FIELD OF ENERGY

Addressing the summit, PM praised efforts made by Madhya Pradesh in the field of energy and said that India's energy sector has grown phenomenally in the last decade.

70 billion dollars have been invested in the renewable energy in the last 10 years

- It has created more than 1 million jobs in the clean energy sector last year alone. Madhya Pradesh has benefited greatly from this boom.
- Madhya Pradesh is producing more power than the demand, with a power generation capacity of around 31,000 MW, of which 30 per cent is clean energy.

PM ARRIVED LATE TO THE VENUE DUE TO BOARD EXAMINATIONS

Prime Minister Modi himself reached the venue late instead of the scheduled time so that the students of Bhopal did not get delayed in reaching their centers for board examinations in Madhya Pradesh. On reaching the programme, he also apologized for this at the beginning of his address.

and invest heavily in Madhya Pradesh.

PM LISTED THE QUALITIES

Madhya Pradesh is the fifth largest state in India in terms of population, one of the top states in India in terms of agriculture and minerals. Madhya Pradesh is blessed with the life-giving Narmada River. It has the potential to become one of the top five states in India in terms of GDP. Pointing to the transformational journey of Madhya Pradesh in the last two decades, Prime Minister Modi said that there was a time when the state faced major challenges of electricity and water, and the law and order situation was even worse. These circumstances made industrial development difficult. Two decades ago, people were hesitant to invest in Madhya Pradesh. But today Madhya Pradesh has become one of the top states in the country for investment.

CONNECTIVITY INCREASED DUE TO INVESTMENT IN INFRASTRUCTURE

PM Modi has said that Madhya Pradesh has benefited greatly from the development of infrastructure. The Delhi-Mumbai Expressway, which connects two major cities, passes through Madhya Pradesh, providing better connectivity to the ports of Mumbai and the markets of North India. It now has a road network of more than five lakh kilometers. The industrial corridors of the state are connected by modern expressways, ensuring rapid development in the logistics sector.

startups, and manufacturing. This combination of institutionalreform,industry,infrastructure,andinnovation is the basis of India's progress.

Prime Minister Modi said that Eastern India and Northeast India are embarking on a new journey of the future. It is hoped that as the country moves towards a Viksit Bharat, Eastern India and Northeast will showcase their true potential in this direction. Assam's contribution to India's growth is constantly increasing. He noted that the first edition of Advantage Assam Summit was held in 2018, when Assam's economy was worth Rs 2.75 lakh crore. Today, Assam has become a state with an economy of approximately 6 lakh crore. Furthermore, he said that the numerous investments in Assam have turned it into a state of unlimited possibilities. ●

MEGA JHUMOIR:
SPECTACULAR CULTURAL EXTRAVAGANZA

The 'Jhumoir Binandini' event was held at Sarusajai Stadium in Guwahati on February 25 to showcase Assam's cultural heritage on a global stage. Prime Minister Narendra Modi was also present to grace the event. During the program, nearly 8,000 artists performed the Jhumoir dance, representing the tea tribe and tribal communities of Assam, setting a new record. This performance was a powerful symbol of Assam's diverse cultural fusion, highlighting values of inclusiveness, unity, and cultural pride. The event also commemorated two significant milestones: 200 years of the tea industry and 200 years of industrial development in Assam.

After attending the event, Prime Minister Modi said such grand events were not only a testament to the pride of Assam but also showcase India's great diversity.

More Than 60 Ambassadors from various countries were also present here to experience Assam.

There was a time when Assam and the Northeast were neglected in terms of development and culture, but now Modi himself has become the brand ambassador of the culture of the Northeast. The rich cultural heritage of Assam is not limited to Jhumoir. While more than 11 thousand artists created a Guinness World Record by performing Bihu in 2023, plans are also being made to perform the traditional Bagurumba dance of the Bodo community in the future.



BAGESHWAR DHAM MEDICAL AND SCIENCE RESEARCH INSTITUTE TO PROVIDE FREE TREATMENT TO UNDERPRIVILEGED CANCER PATIENTS.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of Bageshwar Dham Medical and Science Research Institute in Madhya Pradesh. The institute is being built to ensure better health services for people of all sections.

₹200 crore cancer hospital will offer free treatment to underprivileged cancer patients

10 acres of land will be used for its construction

In the first phase, a 100-bed facility will be ready. It will be equipped with state-of-the-art machines and will also have specialist doctors.

Prime Minister Modi expressed in the program that our temples, our monasteries, and our holy places have long been not only centers of worship and resources but also hubs of scientific knowledge and social awareness. It was our ancient sages who gifted us with the sciences of Ayurveda and yoga, which have now gained global recognition. When I was entrusted with the responsibility to serve the nation, I embraced the mantra of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas' as the guiding principle of the government. This vision of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas' is firmly rooted in providing healthcare and treatment for all.



19TH INSTALLMENT OF PM-KISAN SAMMAN NIDHI RELEASED

RESPECT TO THE 'ANNADATA' FROM THE LAND OF BIHAR

Bihar, the state with 2.9% of India's land area and third largest population, is not only an important link in the mantra of 'India's rise from the east', but is also an important partner in the agricultural prosperity of the country. Bihar has more than a 5 percent share in the total agricultural land of the country and about a 7 percent share in the total grain production. This is the reason why Prime Minister Narendra Modi released the 19th installment of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi to the 'Annadata' of the country from the land of Bihar...

While outlining his commitment towards the upliftment of the Annadata, one of the four strong pillars of India's development journey, Prime Minister Narendra Modi mentioned the programs and achievements of the central government and also extolled the holy land of Bihar from Bhagalpur. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that coming to this land of Mandranchal is a great fortune in itself. This land has faith, heritage, and also the potential of a Viksit Bharat. This is the land of martyr Tilka Manjhi, it is also the Silk City. Reiterating his mantra of India's rise from the East, PM Modi said that Bihar is its most important pillar. Now Bihar will have the same place in Viksit Bharat as Pataliputra had in ancient prosperous India.

Referring to the steps taken in the interest of



PRADHAN MANTRI KISAN SAMMAN NIDHI COMPLETES 6 YEARS



So far, farmers have received about

3.7 lakh crore rupees of support

- Under the 19th installment of PM Kisan, an amount of Rs 22 thousand crore was directly transferred to the accounts of more than 9.8 crore farmers in the country. This includes about Rs 1,600 crore sent to the accounts of 75 lakh farmers of Bihar.
- One of the world's largest Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) schemes.
- Annual assistance of Rs 6,000 to farmers.
- More than 85% of PM Kisan beneficiaries are small and marginal farmers.
- At least one out of 4 PM Kisan beneficiaries is a female beneficiary.

PM MODI GAVE MANY DEVELOPMENT GIFTS TO BIHAR AND THE NATION

₹33.80 crore investment under the Rashtriya Gokul Mission,



the Inauguration of the Regional Centre of Excellence (COE) for Indigenous breeds in Motihari.

- Inauguration of a milk product plant in Barauni with an investment of Rs 113.27 crore.
- Inauguration of doubling of Warsaliganj-Nawada-Tilaiya rail section (36.45 km) with an investment of Rs 526 crore.
- Inauguration of Ismailpur-Rafiganj road over the bridge with an investment of Rs 47 crore.
- 10,000 farmer-producer organizations dedicated to the nation.

FARMERS ARE GETTING SUPPORT FROM THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT FROM SEED TO MARKET.



ABOUT **25** crore soil health cards were made across the country.

- In the last 10 years, wheat, paddy, cotton, pulses, and oilseed crops were purchased at MSP with an amount of more than Rs 20 lakh crore.
- 1.72 lakh crores given to farmers as crop insurance from 2016 to 2023.
- High-yielding seed varieties increased from 1390 to 2900.
- India ranks first with nearly 25% contribution to global milk production.
- With a fertilizer subsidy of Rs 12 lakh crore, farmers got fertilizers at the right time and affordable prices.
- Under the Traditional Agriculture Development Scheme, more than 25 lakh farmers benefited from organic and natural farming in 15 lakh hectares.
- More than 100 crore vaccinations against foot and mouth disease (FMD) made livestock safe.
- Record increase in agriculture budget - almost 5 times from Rs 22 thousand crore in 2014 to Rs 1.27 lakh crore this year.
- More than 1,400 agricultural markets connected to the e-NAM platform, facilitated transactions of more than Rs 4 lakh crore.
- Per Drop More Crop- Micro irrigation coverage increased from 42 lakh hectares to 100 lakh hectares.
- Promotion of modern agriculture through 2.25 lakh Pradhan Mantri Krishi Samridhi Kendras (PMKSK).

farmers, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that there was a time when farmers were surrounded by crisis, but in the last decade, the central government has worked with full force to solve all their problems. Today, farmers are getting the support of the central government at every step, from seeds to market. PM Modi said that the government thinks about the farmers, and works for their welfare. Therefore, the



BIHAR ON THE NEW PATH OF PROSPERITY

- Today, the cooperative milk union in Bihar buys 30 lakh liters of milk every day. Due to this, every year, more than three thousand crore rupees are reaching the accounts of the cattle farmers of Bihar.
- 10 years ago, Bihar was one of the 10 states of the country in fish production. Today, Bihar has become one of the top-5 fish producing states in the country.
- National Institute of Food Technology and Entrepreneurship will be established in Bihar. Three new centers of excellence will also be established in the field of agriculture in Bihar.
- In this year's budget, assistance has been announced for the Western Koshi Canal ERM project. With this project, 50 thousand hectares of land in the Mithila region will come under irrigation.
- Bihar government is setting up a very big power plant in Bhagalpur, coal will be supplied to it. For this, the central government has approved the coal linkage.
- After Nalanda University, now a Central University is also being built in Vikramshila. Soon the central government is going to start work on this.

PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI VISITED BIHAR 4 TIMES IN 8 MONTHS

The importance of development in Bihar for the central government can be understood from the fact that PM Modi visited the state 4 times in the last 8 months and gave many gifts of development...

- **19 July 2024:** Inauguration of the new campus of Nalanda University in Rajgir, Bihar. The university has been envisioned as a joint collaboration between India and East Asia Summit (EAS) countries.
- **13 November 2024:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of several development projects worth Rs 12,100 crore in Bihar and dedicated them to the nation.
- **15 November 2024:** On November 15, PM Modi reached Jamui in Bihar to celebrate Janjatiya Gaurav Divas where he inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of several development projects worth more than Rs 6640 crore.
- **24 February 2025:** 19th installment of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi released. Launch of several development projects for the state from Bhagalpur, Bihar.

"Makhana has become a major part of breakfast in the cities of the country today. I also eat Makhana 300 days out of 365 days. This is a superfood, which now has to be taken to the markets of the world. Therefore, in this year's budget, it has been announced to create a Makhana Board for Makhana farmers. This will help my farmers of Bihar.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

money that farmers had to spend on urea and DAP is being spent by the central government itself. In the last 10 years, about Rs 12 lakh crore that had to go out of your pocket to buy fertilizers has been saved. The central government has given that from the budget.

10 THOUSANDTH FPO ON THE SOIL OF BIHAR

Explaining the role of the Farmer Producer Organization (FPO) in augmenting the income of farmers, PM Modi said that the government had set a big target of creating 10 thousand FPOs in the country. The country has achieved this target. The land of Bihar is witnessing the formation of the 10 thousandth FPO. This FPO working on maize, banana, and paddy has been registered in Khagaria district. Today about 30 lakh farmers of the country are associated with these FPOs. About 40 percent of them are women.

MILESTONE IN THE DEVELOPMENT JOURNEY OF VIKSIT BHARAT

SCHOOL OF ULTIMATE LEADERSHIP (SOUL)

For India to move ahead with the resolution of becoming a developed nation, the country must prepare leaders in every field. This is the need of the hour. The country will have to prepare such leaders who work not only to create but also to set trends and the School of Ultimate Leadership (SOUL) will play a significant role. New energy will have to be generated with new ideas and creativity in every sector; only then will we be able to lead not only at the national but also at the global level. In this direction, SOUL is being established, which will prepare leaders from different fields on a large scale according to the needs of the country and the world.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the first edition of the SOUL Leadership Conclave from 21 to 22 February at Bharat Mandapam, Delhi. In this two-day conference, inspirational stories from the lives of leaders from politics, sports, art, media, the spiritual world, public policy, business, and the social sector were shared. The country's top leadership also wants the youth of the country to come into politics with new ideas. With this thought, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had said from the Red Fort that one lakh youth should come into politics.

India is emerging as a global power. Therefore, world-class leaders and international leadership are needed to foster the pace in all areas. Energetic leaders are needed in every field who can find solutions to global complexities. Future leadership will not be limited to power only, but innovation and influential capacity are also necessary for leadership. While solving the problem, keep the country's interest paramount even on the global platform. PM Modi said that the country will have to prepare such leaders who can understand the international mindset along with the Indian mindset. Keep





There is no word that cannot be made into a mantra, there is no herb that cannot be made into a medicine, and there is no person who is incapable.

PM MODI ON SHARED GOALS

- The bond formed by shared purpose is stronger than blood ties.
- Moving forward with shared goals and collective efforts yields the best results.
- If a person dedicates himself to his goals, he works to the best of his abilities.
- Shared purpose fosters an unprecedented sense of team spirit.

The School of Ultimate Leadership (SOUL) will shape leaders who excel nationally and globally.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

OBJECTIVE OF THE SCHOOL

The School of Ultimate Leadership is a leadership institute in Gujarat that will enable public servants to move forward in the public interest. It aims to broaden the landscape of political leadership in India through training. It aims to include those who move forward not through hereditary politics but through ability, commitment, and passion for public service. SOUL brings the knowledge, skills, and expertise needed to guide the way to address the complex challenges of leadership.

yourself ready every moment according to strategic decisions, crisis management, and future needs. In the coming times, leaders will be needed for areas like deep tech, space, biotech, and renewable energy, so the country will have to pay special attention to these areas. India needs such leaders who can develop new institutions of global excellence. The foundation being laid today will be a source of pride for generations to come.

It is necessary to prepare good leaders in every field and this is the need of the hour. PM Modi believes that the SOUL is not just the name of the organization, but it will be the soul of India's social life. In the future, a new and huge campus of SOUL will be built near GIFT City in Gujarat. The School of Ultimate Leadership will prepare such leaders who can make their mark in the whole world including politics. The SOUL will develop a mindset of critical thinking, risk-taking, and finding solutions.



INDIA AND QATAR

MOVE TOWARD A STRONG PARTNERSHIP

Qatar has been India's important ally in the Middle East with historic ties of friendship, trust, and mutual cooperation. The deep bond between the two countries in the last decade was also witnessed in the two-day visit of Qatar's Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani to India when Prime Minister Narendra Modi broke protocol and personally received him at the airport. President Droupadi Murmu also welcomed him at the formal banquet and said that a glimpse of our centuries-old relations can be seen in the art, music, and food of our people, whether it is biryani or strong tea...

Indian expatriates constitute about 25 percent of Qatar's total population and Qatar's 70 percent share in India's gas imports reflects the strong relations between the two countries. Not only this, but as the world's fastest-growing economy, developing nations along with developed nations are also looking towards India with hope, and Qatar also wants to significantly contribute to this. Qatar's Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani also laid the foundation for a stronger future between the two countries on his visit to India from February 17-18.

India-Qatar have set a target to double bilateral trade by the year 2030. Given India's rapidly growing economy, Qatar decided to open a Qatar Investment Authority (QIA) office in India. This was



THESE DECISIONS WILL OPEN NEW OPPORTUNITIES...

- Establishment of bilateral strategic partnership.
- Revised agreement for the avoidance of double taxation and prevention of fiscal evasion concerning tax on income and its protocol.
- Agreement between the Ministry of Finance of India and the Ministry of Finance of Qatar on financial and economic cooperation.
- Cooperation in the field of youth and sports.
- Cooperation in the field of documents and archives.
- Agreement between Invest India and Invest Qatar.
- Agreement between the Confederation of Indian Industry and the Qatar Businessmen Association.

CONSENSUS REACHED ON THESE...

- Condemnation of all forms of terrorism including border. Agreement on cooperation to deal with such a threat.
- Agreement on strengthening cooperation in sharing information and intelligence, drug trafficking, cybercrime, and other international crimes.
- Qatar expressed its desire to promote the export of Indian pharmaceutical products and medical equipment.
- The Joint Working Group on Labour and Employment will meet regularly to address issues of mutual interest, dignity, and security of migrants and workers.
- Both sides called for reform of UN institutions, including the Security Council, as necessary. Agreed to closely cooperate and support each other in the UN, including supporting each other's candidatures on multilateral forums.
- Agreed to advance e-governance and share best practices in the digital sector.



welcomed by the Government of India. Qatar appreciated the steps taken by India in creating a favorable environment for foreign direct investment and foreign institutional investment. Qatar has expressed interest in exploring investment opportunities in infrastructure, technology, construction, food security, logistics, hospitality, and other areas of mutual interest. Given the conducive business environment in India, Qatar has announced to invest US $ 10 billion in India.

Bilateral economic cooperation between India and Qatar has been a strong pillar, taking it forward, both countries will now work together in new areas so that the relationship can be further strengthened. Given the newly established strategic partnership, the two sides decided to move forward through political, trade, investment, energy, culture, education, technology, innovation, sustainability and people-to-people ties, and infrastructure-based cooperation.

Businesses play a vital role in driving economic growth. Emphasizing the importance of trade exhibitions to promote commercial partnerships, enhance bilateral trade, and diversify and facilitate investment, India welcomed the operationalization of India's Unified Payment Interface (UPI) at QNB points of sale in Qatar and hoped to soon launch UPI nationwide in Qatar. The two countries agreed to explore the possibility of settlement of bilateral trade in their respective currencies. ●





CREATED HISTORY WITH MITHILA PAINTING HONOURED WITH PADMA SHRI AWARD

Dulari Devi of Bihar is illiterate and hails from the lowest rung of society. Despite facing immense poverty and hardships, she refused to be defeated. Instead of succumbing, she rose stronger than ever. When her hands held the brush, her art in the form of Mithila painting started spreading colours in front of the world. In 2021 she was awarded Padma Shri. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presented the country's budget wearing her Mithila painting saree…

This is the story of Dulari Devi of Bihar, who was born amidst deprivation and poverty. Born in a very poor Mallah family, Dulari Devi got married at an early age and had children, but troubles did not leave her. Amidst poverty and hardships, Dulari Devi began cleaning and doing household chores in others' homes, but destiny had different plans for her. The mop was soon replaced by a brush in her hand, marking the beginning of her journey into Mithila painting. Since then, she has never looked back. Today, Mithila painting is her sole focus, a passion that has earned her recognition both nationally and internationally.

When the Padma Shri was announced, she expressed her emotions with these words: "I have endured immense hardship. I learnt Mithila painting after a lot of struggle. I am very happy." After receiving the Padma award at Rashtrapati Bhavan, she met Prime Minister Narendra Modi. During this, she also gifted a painting to PM Modi. Expressing gratitude for this gift, PM Modi said, "Dulari Devi ji is among those who have been awarded the People's Padma. She is a talented artist who hails from Madhubani, Bihar. During an informal conversation with the award winners after the ceremony, she presented me with her artwork. Congratulations and gratitude to her."

Not only this, when Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presented her 8th budget, Bihar had a lot of expectations from her, which she successfully met. In addition, her saree gained attention for its Bihar connection. Actually, the saree she wore was adorned with Mithila painting, which was made by none other than Dulari Devi herself.

Dulari Devi gave this saree to Nirmala Sitharaman at the time of farewell when she came to Mithila Chitrakala Sansthan in Madhubani. Also, she requested her to wear this saree on the day of the budget. Dulari Devi took a month to prepare this saree made of Bangalore silk. Twin fish and a lotus flower were painted in this saree. Fish, makhana, and paan are very famous in Mithila. Mithila painting is made completely by hand and has stories related to gods and goddesses, nature, mythology, and marriage. It is specially prepared with natural colours, which makes this saree eco-friendly. The speciality of the Madhubani painting saree makes it different and special from the common saree. It is not just a garment but is also considered a symbol of the rich cultural heritage of Bihar.



Narendra Modi
@narendramodi

बीते 10 वर्षों में हमारे प्रयासों से देश में कृषि क्षेत्र का तेजी से विकास हुआ है। हमारे लाखों छोटे किसानों को मिल रही आर्थिक मदद से बाजार तक उनकी पहुंच बढ़ी है। इसके साथ ही कृषि की लागत कम हुई है और उनकी आय में भी वृद्धि हुई है।

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Indian Coast Guard की स्थापना से लेकर अब तक, हम इसकी यात्रा पर नज़र डालें, तो हम देखते हैं, कि एक छोटी शुरुआत से बढ़ते हुए, यह force, आज एक Formidable force के रूप में विकसित हुआ है। आज, हमारी coast guard, दुनिया की सबसे Perfect and efficient, Marine forces में से एक है। हमारे Coast guard को, न केवल हमारे देश के भीतर, बल्कि Global community के बीच भी trustworthy force के रूप में देखा जाता है। यह Indian Coast Guard की, निश्चित ही एक बड़ी उपलब्धि है: रक्षा मंत्री श्री @rajnathsingh



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भारतीय बीज सहकारी समिति लिमिटेड (BBSSL) पारंपरिक बीजों के संरक्षण-संवर्धन के लिए निरंतर प्रयासरत है।
आज नई दिल्ली में BBSSL के मीठे बीजों से संबंधित बैठक की अध्यक्षता कर फलों, सब्ज़ियों और खाद्यान्न के मीठे बीजों के डेटाबेस के लिए विस्तृत कार्य योजना बनाने का निर्देश दिया। साथ ही, BBSSL विभिन्न क्षेत्रों के चुनिंदा पारंपरिक बीजों के जैविक उत्पादन तथा बाजार में उनकी व्यापक उपलब्धता भी सुनिश्चित करे।



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स्पेस सेक्टर हो, या फिर AI, हमारे युवाओं की बढ़ती भागीदारी एक नई क्रांति को जन्म दे रही है। नई तकनीक को अपनाने और आजमाने में भारत के लोग किसी से पीछे नहीं हैं। - प्रधानमंत्री श्री @narendramodi जी

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#PMKisan के 6 वर्ष, किसानों का उत्कर्ष!
DBT के माध्यम से सीधे बैंक में आर्थिक सहायता, MSP पर ऐतिहासिक खरीद, बेहतर बाजार तक पहुंच, कृषि बजट में बढ़ोतरी और ऐसे कई आधुनिक सुधारों के साथ मोदी सरकार लगातार किसानों को सशक्त बना रही है।
हमारे अन्नदाताओं के सम्मान, समृद्धि और सुरक्षा सुनिश्चित करने के लिए प्रधानमंत्री @NarendraModi जी का आभार।



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बीता दशक भारत के लिए एनर्जी सेक्टर की अभूतपूर्व ग्रोथ का रहा है।
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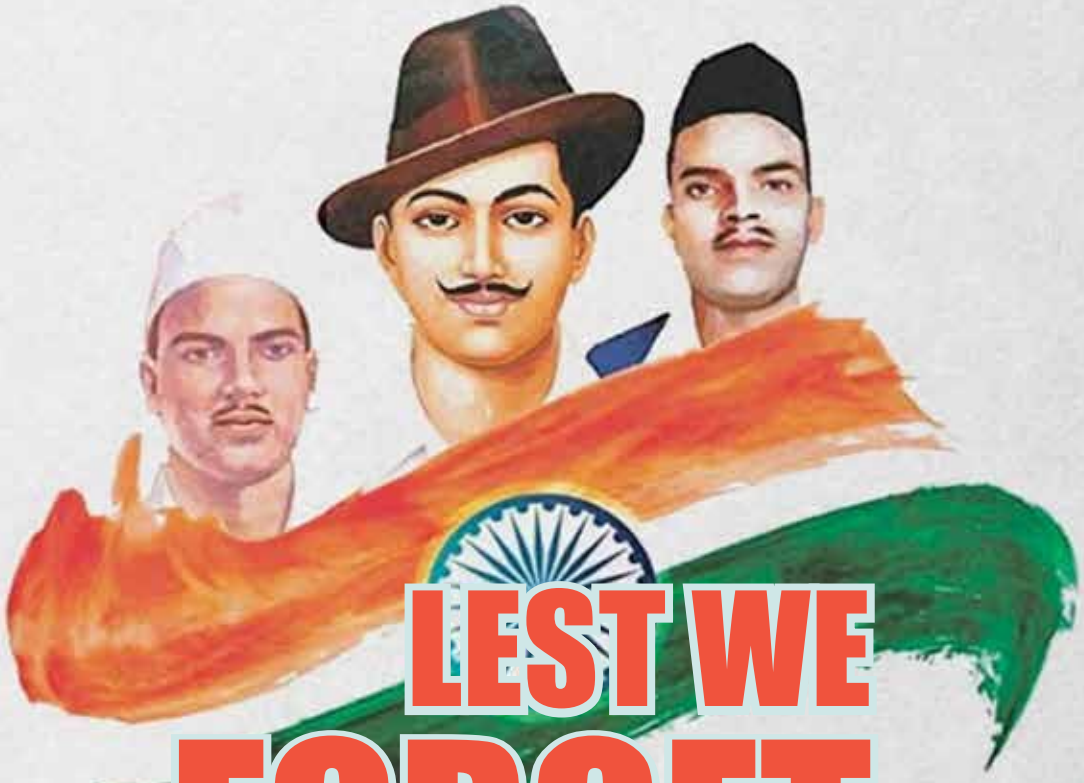


LEST WE FORGET

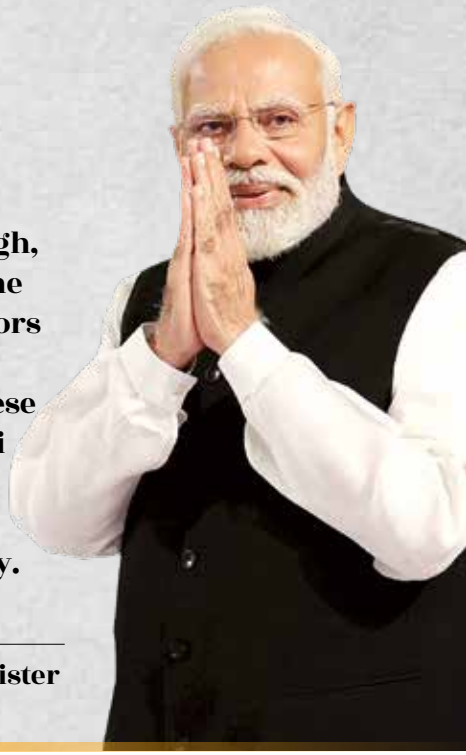
SHAHEEDI DIVAS- 23 MARCH

The British government had massacred innocent people in Jallianwala Bagh in 1919. After the massacre, a 12-year-old boy went to the site of the incident. He was shocked to think how someone could be so cruel. That innocent boy started seething with anger. There in the garden, he vowed to fight against the British rule. That boy was none other than Bhagat Singh. Without worrying about their lives, Bhagat Singh and his comrades carried out revolutionary activities, which contributed significantly to the independence of the country. Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev and Rajguru were hanged on 23 March 1931. As long as they lived, they had only one mission, to liberate India from injustice and British rule...

"Salute to the immortal martyrs Veer Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev, and Rajguru, the revolutionary ambassadors of freedom, on Shaheedi Divas. The sacrifice of these great sons of Maa Bharati will remain a source of inspiration for every generation of the country.

Jai Hind!

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



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