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Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who has made a record of hoisting the national flag for the 12th time in a row from the ramparts of Red Fort, has only one vision—India should become a developed nation with the spirit of self-reliance... 79th Independence Day became an important milestone to strengthen this Sankalp Ki Siddhi



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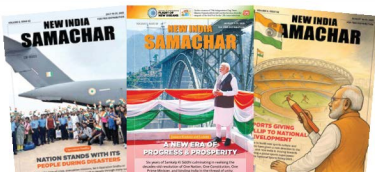
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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK...

Building a New India with Dedication

Greetings,

New paths lead to new heights. Today, New India is setting new goals, traversing new paths as envisioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi from the ramparts of the Red Fort in his 12 addresses so far, which have given a new direction to the nation. In this pursuit, realizing the resolution of **Viksit Bharat**, **Aatma Nirbhar Bharat**, and **Swadeshi** has become a successful milestone of national development. In this journey, the 79th Independence Day is adding a new chapter, which has further strengthened the collective resolve of self-reliant India with **Swadeshi**. Today, 140 crore citizens of the country have also become partners in the call of nationalism, service, and dedication. Prime Minister Modi hoisting the national flag from the ramparts of the Red Fort for the 12th consecutive time has become a symbol of trust. In the true sense, era-defining changes take time. In the last 11 years, India's development journey has laid a strong foundation for a grand India and has introduced every Indian to their strength, prowess, vigour, and effort, i.e., Indianness.

As India's global influence grows, there's a parallel increase in international interest regarding its unique identity and traditions. 'Sabka Prayas' to shape India's future is giving strength to the foundation of a new India, and everyone's dream, everyone's resolution should be united so that when the country celebrates the centenary of independence, the country should

emerge as a **Viksit Bharat** by 2047. In this issue, a record of flag hoisting from the ramparts of the Red Fort for the 12th time and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's address giving a new direction to the nation has become our cover story.

In the personality section, read about former Lok Sabha Speaker and Padma Vibhushan awardee PA Sangma. President's message to the nation on the eve of Independence Day, India Post Payments Bank and Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana in the flagship schemes are the other highlights. Union Cabinet Decisions, content on Teachers' Day on September 5, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi's fortnight-long programs, are also part of this issue.

Also, special content has been included on the laying of the foundation stone for the construction of a grand temple at the place of manifestation of Mata Sita at Punaura Dham of Sitamarhi in Bihar. A glimpse of the magnificent view of the Red Fort on the inside page of the magazine, and the 66th anniversary of the establishment of Doordarshan on the back cover, are also part of this issue.

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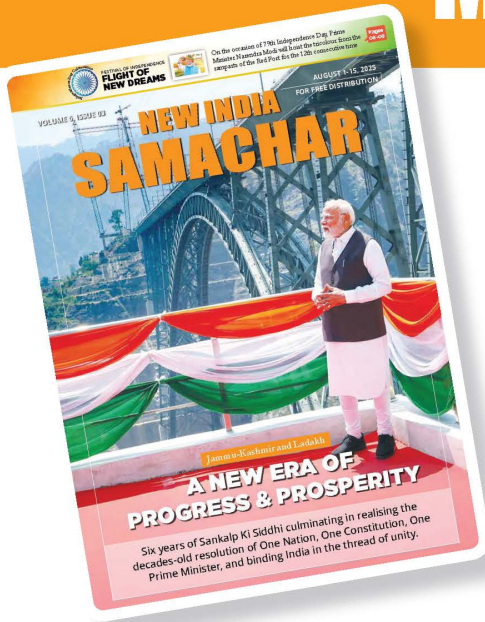
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The editor-in-chief with his team worked diligently to bring out New India Samachar magazine, which is spectacular, successful, meaningful, and helpful to everyone. This magazine presents the accomplishments and future plans of the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, which is committed to rebuilding India. Many thanks for sending this knowledge-enhancing knowledge trove free of cost.

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New India Samachar magazine gives excellent information about India

I am currently reading New India Samachar magazine, which provides impressive information about India. It keeps readers well-informed about the country's infrastructure developments. The magazine's design is also very impressive. I regret not having read any other magazine in the past that matches the quality and appeal of your magazine.

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The magazine is helpful in assessing the pace of development

I work in the postal department. Upon receiving this magazine by post, my curiosity was piqued. I read the issue and was so impressed that since that very day, I eagerly await the upcoming editions of the New India Samachar magazine. The statistics and facts in this magazine provide precise information, which is extremely helpful in accurately assessing the pace of development.

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The magazine provides information about Viksit Bharat

I have long been a reader of the fortnightly magazine New India Samachar. Through this magazine, I am getting detailed information about the projects of various government departments along with a Viksit Bharat. Through New India Samachar, we are able to see a new direction of development of the country.

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Guinness World Record for Highest Registrations

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's innovative initiative, 'Pariksha Pe Charcha' (PPC), launched to eliminate the fear of examination from the minds of students and to encourage them see it as a celebration, has achieved a unique milestone. It has been conferred with the Guinness World Record for the "Most people registered on a citizen engagement platform in one month." This recognition celebrates the unprecedented achievement of 3.53 crore valid registrations received during the 8th edition of the programme held in the year 2025. The official Guinness World Record certificate was formally awarded at a ceremony held in New Delhi in August. At the event, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said that 'Pariksha Pe Charcha' has redefined the examination system as a national approach in which stress has been transformed into a celebration of learning. Its 8th edition in the year 2025 was watched by more than 21 crore people on various media platforms. At the same time, Railway, Information and



Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnav called it a unique initiative to promote stress-free and well-being education by bringing students, parents and teachers onto one platform. He said that the Guinness World Record is proof that the public has unwavering faith in this programme. This initiative, started by Prime Minister Modi in 2018, is organised in collaboration with the Union Ministry of Education and MyGov, where he directly interacts with students and addresses major challenges like time management, digital distraction, mindfulness and emotional resilience.



e-Shram... Benefits of schemes reached 31 crore workers

So far 31 crore registrations have been done on the e-Shram portal, which was launched with the aim of providing the benefits of the social security schemes of the Central Government to crores of workers working in the unorganised sector. 14 schemes like PM Svanidhi, Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, Rashtriya Parivar Labh Yojana, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, and Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY have been added under this portal, which was launched on 21

October 2024 as a one-stop solution. Not only this, but 12 platform aggregators have also been included in it to provide the benefits of these schemes to gig workers.



Quarantine lifted; Indian horses set for global turf

Now horses prepared and trained in India will be able to directly participate in international competitions without a long quarantine process. Union Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairy Ministry, Prof. S.P. Singh Baghel gave this information in response to a written question in the Lok Sabha during the monsoon session. According to Union Minister Baghel, the World Organisation for Animal Health has recognised the equine disease-free compartment located at the Remount Veterinary Centre in Meerut. After this, India has joined the group of select countries that have global-level biosafety standards.

Group Captain Shubhanshu met PM Modi, said the world is curious about Gaganyaan

Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla's mission with Axiom-4 is not only the completion of a Milestone of India's success in space, but it is also a symbol of the ambitions of the new emerging India, about which world is curious about today. Group Captain Shubhanshu, who returned to India after completing his mission, himself mentioned this in a special meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. PM asked Shubhanshu what goes on in the minds of people of other countries about Indians. Shubhanshu said that wherever I went in the last year, people came and asked me what you people are doing and how you are doing it. Everyone knew about what India is doing in the field of space. Regarding Gaganyaan, many people used to come and ask me about its timeline. Shubhanshu also presented PM Modi with the symbol of the Axiom-4 mission and the Indian tricolour, which he had taken with him to the space station. PM Modi



himself has shared a video of his conversation with Group Captain Shubhanshu on his experiments in space, his experiences there and the learnings from him on X. At the same time, during the monsoon session, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla congratulated Group Captain Shubhanshu on India's success in space and said that the event is a moment of pride and inspiration for 140 crore Indians. Union Minister of State for Science and Technology (Independent Charge) Dr. Jitendra Singh said that today, the world has bowed down to India's capabilities.



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Health system strengthened in SC/ST and OBC dominated areas



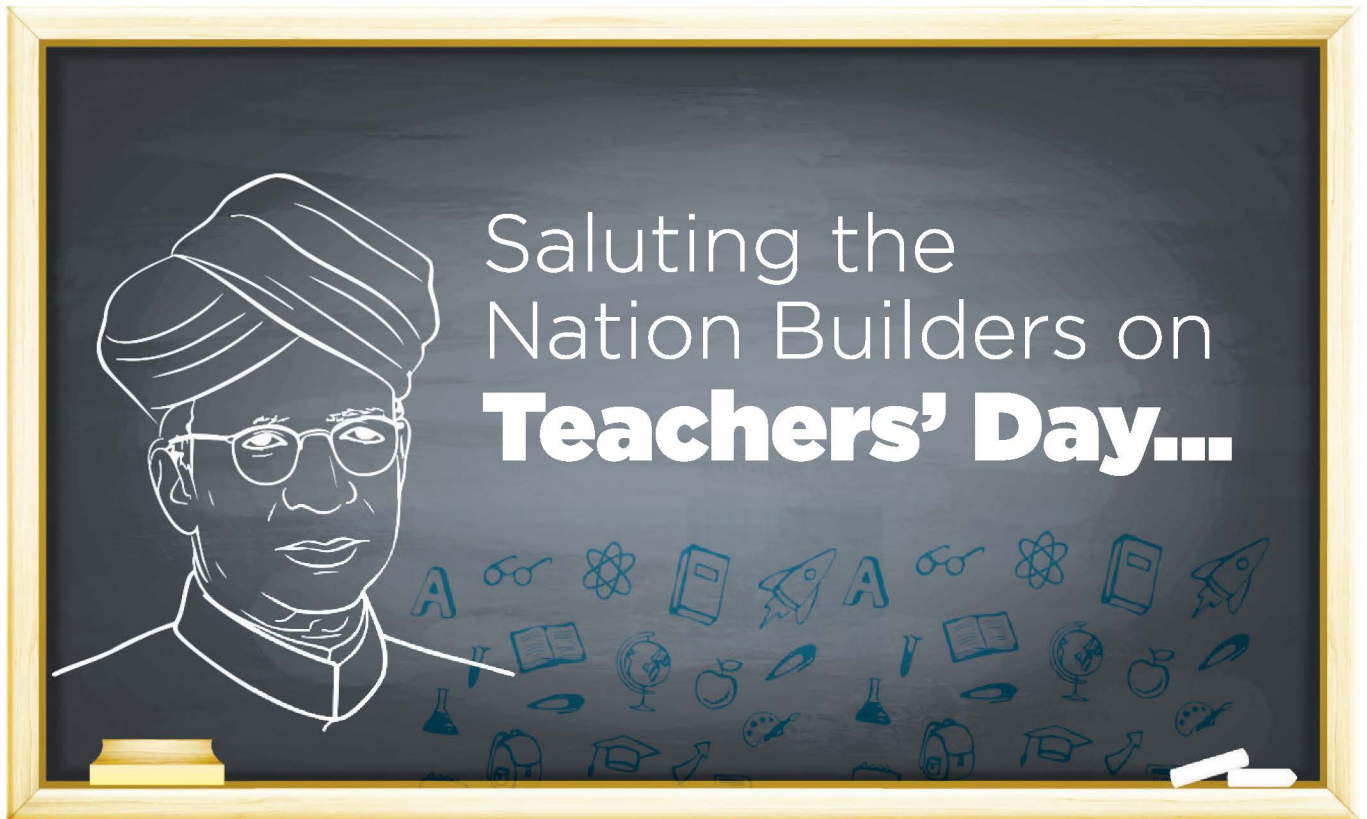
The Central government prioritises development in SC/ST and OBC-dominated areas, particularly those perceived as more backward, believing they require greater attention and resources. Together with the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, 41 other ministries or departments allocate a specific part of their yearly budget to closing the development gap in these areas. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has also taken major steps in this direction. The three-tier primary health care system has been strengthened in these areas. In this system, first comes the sub-health centre in the rural area, then the primary centre in urban and rural areas and finally the community health centre. Under the National Health Mission, the health experts are also being given an honorarium along with incentives, while 1498 mobile medical units are ensuring health services in remote tribal areas.



Face capturing for take-home rations

To deal with the problem of malnutrition, the Ministry of Women and Child Development is implementing Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Mission Poshan 2.0 in the country. Under this, supplementary nutrition is provided to children (6 months to 6 years), pregnant women, lactating mothers and adolescent girls to beat the intergenerational cycle of malnutrition by adopting a life cycle

approach. To ensure that its benefits reach the last and right beneficiary, registration of all beneficiaries through the Facial Recognition System (FRS) has been made mandatory for take-home rations. In this, eKYC is done along with capturing a live photo. After implementation on August 1, in just 5 days, out of 4.91 crore beneficiaries, face capturing and e-KYC of 3.69 cr beneficiaries have been completed.



Teachers not only shape a student's personality but also prepare the blueprint of the nation's bright future. That's why, in Indian culture, the role of a guru is held in the highest regard, alongside that of parents. September 5th is a day to remember such a great personality – Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, who, despite holding the highest office in the country, preferred to be called simply a teacher. Walking on the path shown by Dr Radhakrishnan, today over 9.8 million teachers across the country are shaping the future of approximately 24.80 crore children so that they may find their place on the path of resolve and become shining examples for the world.

Dr. Meenakshi Kumari in Bihar is working hard to change the future of Madhubani. She teaches in a Plus Two girls' school and dreams



Dr. Meenakshi Kumari
Madhubani, Bihar

that the girls of Madhubani can make a name for themselves in the future. Where people did not want to educate girls, Meenakshi started the campaign

'Read yourself and teach others too'. Hundreds of girls got inspired by her and joined the campaign. Through her poems, Meenakshi made them stand against evils like dowry and child marriage and also gave them the mantra of self-reliance through education.

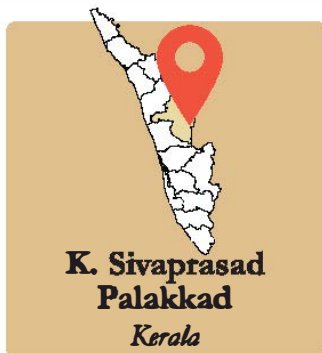
Dr Avinasha Sharma of Haryana started her career as an English lecturer in a government school in 2014. This school became the first school in the state to have an English language laboratory due to her hard work. But Dr Avinasha did



not stop here; she created a set of modules, which can be used in the language laboratory to improve

communication skills. During COVID, she decided to help the students speak English. For this, Dr Avinasha started a programme called Spoken English Program I am not Afraid of English on EDUSAT Haryana Broadcasting Channel. Seeing the success of the programme, its lessons have been given a place on the Diksha portal.

K. Sivaprasad, a teacher in Palakkad, Kerala, is known for his innovative approach to education. Along with developing special study material for students, he also introduced a special audio book system for the visually



impaired. Sivaprasad has also been conducting several training sessions to teach teachers new ways

of teaching and to make them aware of modern technologies. With the Learning Teachers Kerala Academic Consortium, he has also played an active role in setting up a science park and laboratory.

These are just a few tales of those committed educators who, through their creative initiatives, have inspired thousands of students and created new teaching methods. In addition to the conventional teaching approaches, they are helping to mould the nation's future by establishing new benchmarks for the best educators. For this, they received the National Teachers' Award.

This role of teachers in nation-building through life-building has been mentioned in every great text of India, including the Vedas and the Puranas. At a time when the country is moving towards becoming a developed nation in the year 2047 and the current generation of students has the responsibility of fulfilling the future of the country.... In such a situation, the responsibility of teachers becomes even more important. Referring to the importance of teachers, Prime Minister Narendra Modi says that behind the success of every great person lies the hard work and commitment of his teacher. Whether it is Sandipani for Krishna, Dronacharya for Arjun or Vishwamitra or Vashishtha for Ram, one can see how much a guru can bring about a great change in the life of a disciple. Plato's teacher and the great Greek philosopher Socrates had said that his father was a craftsman and his mother a midwife. But he had to do both these jobs, so he became a teacher. Because a teacher does both these jobs, in the role of a midwife he introduces his disciple to the worldly affairs, while through the role of a craftsman he creates a good citizen within his disciple. The role of teachers in life building and their importance in nation building can be understood with the words of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in which he said, "Have you ever wondered why beggars always stand outside temples and not outside cinema halls or five-star hotels? Because they know that those who come to worship in the temple will treat them with kindness. Similarly, whenever I think





New National Education Policy: Important Role of Teachers

On July 29, 2020, India marked a significant turning point in its educational journey, which is not only related to reforms but also a comprehensive restructuring through the National Education Policy (NEP). This transformative policy recognises the vital role of teachers and places strong emphasis on building a solid foundation from early childhood. It aims to integrate skill development with education for young learners while prioritising the empowerment of teachers to ensure high-quality education. The main goal is to make education a pathway to self-awareness, confidence, and readiness for the future—going beyond the limits of textbooks...

- To improve the level of school education, an integrated teaching training programme, National Initiative for School Heads and Teachers Holistic Advancement (NISHTHA), has been started. Its objective is to enhance the qualifications of teachers and promote innovative educational practices. Also, improve the quality of teaching and make it vibrant, inclusive and future-ready. It has 12 training modules, and more than 1.26 lakh master trainers have been certified.
- The National Mentoring Mission has been started, keeping in mind the excellent professionals willing to provide mentoring to

school teachers. It aims to provide teachers with development opportunities along with sharing their knowledge, qualifications, and experience with their students.

- Attracting the best talents in the teaching profession is imminent. The National Professional Standards for Teachers (NPST) has been started to improve the skills of teachers and their role.
- These standards mention the qualifications that teachers should have to work effectively in 21st-century schools. The teachers trained under NPST will be competent and highly skilled in providing quality education to the students.



The teacher-student relationship should be strong from the first day of class and not just during the examination period. Instead of connecting with students based on the subjects they teach, be more accessible to them. Teachers are not just in a job role but have the responsibility to shape the lives of students.

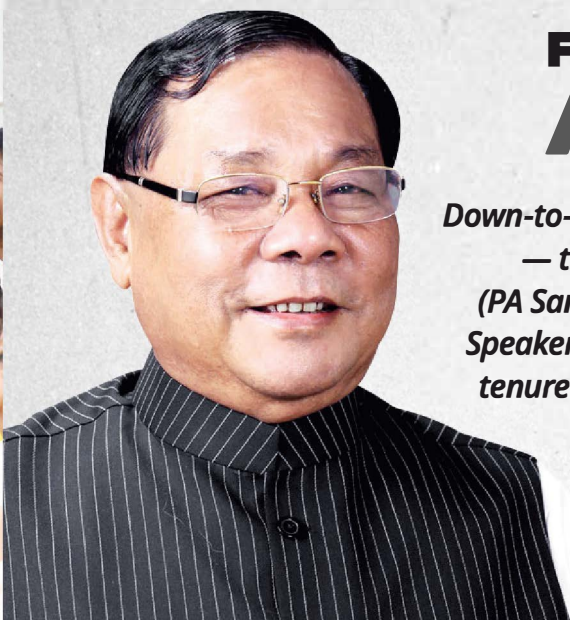
Narendra Modi
Prime Minister



Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Teachers and Teaching Mission has also been launched to promote teacher training, professional growth, and innovation in education by improving the work culture in schools, colleges, and universities. It focuses on integrated teacher education programmes to meet the professional development needs of pre-service and in-service teachers.

about India's future, I stand at the door of the teacher community like a beggar. A teacher is like a temple of knowledge, with the remarkable power to share and shape learning. It is the teachers on

whom the entire foundation of a bright and strong nation depends. That is why it is often said that the future of a country rests on how good, skilled, and qualified its teachers are. ●



Born: 1 September 1947, Died: 4 March 2016

From Northeast to Central politics... A Self-Made Leader

Down-to-earth, humble, and friendly behaviour that attracted everyone — these traits best reflect the personality of Purno Agitok Sangma (PA Sangma), who left an indelible mark on political and social life. As Speaker of the Lok Sabha, he presided over the lower house during the tenure of three Prime Ministers but never let his righteousness waver.

From Chief Minister of Meghalaya to Speaker, Sangma held various positions and worked tirelessly to bring the north-eastern states into the mainstream. He worked steadfastly for the upliftment and development of tribal communities.

The nation will always remember his contribution; he was awarded the Padma Vibhushan in 2017.

It was the time when Indian politics was going through a phase of turbulence. The era of coalition politics was becoming the new normal in the political landscape.

Atal Bihari Vajpayee took over the baton of the country, becoming Prime Minister for the first time as the leader of the largest political party. The Speaker of the Lok Sabha was to be elected before the trust vote. The opposition declared its candidate. It had never happened before in parliamentary history that the ruling party supported the opposition candidate. But all traditions were broken, and the government of the then Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee extended its support to PA Sangma. Opposition candidate Sangma

became the Speaker of the Lok Sabha with the support of the ruling party. During his short tenure from May 1996 to March 1998, three Prime Ministers (Atal Bihari Vajpayee, HD Deve Gowda, and Inder Kumar Gujral) assumed premiership. Despite the divergent views of the top leadership, he presided over the house without lowering the dignity of the house. Sangma was born on 1 September 1947 in Chapahati village of West Garo Hills district of Meghalaya. His childhood was spent amidst many difficulties. He completed a post-graduation in international relations as well as obtained a law degree. Sangma, who started his career as a teacher, soon entered politics and was elected MP for the first time in 1977 from the Tura Lok Sabha seat of Meghalaya. After this, his rise was meteoric. With a background in law and long experience as an MP and Minister, he was impartial, transparent, decent, intelligent, and witty for which he was most suitable for this dignified post. An example of his political understanding was seen even when he was not holding any public office when he met the then Chief Minister of Gujarat, Narendra Modi, on 12 May, before the results of the 2014 Lok Sabha elections. According to media reports, after that meeting, he had said that he had come to meet the 'future Prime Minister'.

In 2012, he also contested the presidential election, in which many opposition parties supported him. He died on 4 March 2016 due to a heart attack. In 2017, PA Sangma was posthumously awarded the Padma Vibhushan. ●

PA Sangma was a self-made leader who contributed a lot to the development of the Northeast. PA Sangma's tenure as the Speaker of the Lok Sabha cannot be forgotten. His down-to-earth, humble personality and his friendly nature attracted everyone.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister.



Message of President Droupadi Murmu on 79th Independence Day

Our Constitution and Democracy are Supreme

On one hand, the country is successfully redressing challenges, while on the other hand, it is also creating new records every day. Be it the development of infrastructure or becoming the fastest-growing economy, India has moved ahead at a new pace on every scale of development. This was underscored by President Droupadi Murmu on the eve of 79th Independence Day. In her message to the nation, she emphasized on unity, development, and self-reliance and extolled the Operation Sindoor. Let's read the excerpt of the President's message to the nation...

MOTHER OF DEMOCRACY

In spite of many challenges, the people of India made a successful transition to democracy. India had the oldest republics in the world. When we adopted the Constitution, it provided the edifice of democracy. We built democratic institutions that strengthened the practice of democracy. We prize our Constitution and our democracy above everything else.

PAIN OF PARTITION

As we look back on the past, we must not forget the pain inflicted by the Partition of the country. We observed Vibhajan Vibhishika Smriti Diwas. Terrible violence was witnessed, and millions were forced to relocate due to Partition. We pay tributes to the victims of the follies of history.

EXTOLLED GOOD GOVERNANCE

A large number of people have been pulled out of poverty through good governance. The government has been running a series of welfare initiatives for the poor and also for those who have risen above the poverty line but are still vulnerable, so that they do not fall below it again.

ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE ECONOMIC SECTOR

In the economic field, our achievements are all the more noticeable. With a GDP growth rate of 6.5 percent in the



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last fiscal, India is the fastest growing among the major economies in the world. Even amid stress in the global economy, demand at home is pacing ahead. Inflation has remained under control. Exports are rising. All key indicators show the economy in the pink of health.

JUSTICE, LIBERTY, EQUALITY & FRATERNITY

Our Constitution contains four values. They are - justice, liberty, equality and fraternity. These are our civilisation-al principles that we re-discovered during the Freedom Struggle. Every person is equal.

'AYUSHMAN BHARAT'- A GAME CHANGER

In the healthcare sector, we have been witnessing a paradigm shift with a variety of initiatives under Ayushman Bharat, the largest healthcare scheme of its kind in the world. This scheme has already provided cover to more than 55 crore people.

PROGRESS IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

In this Digital Age, nearly all villages have 4G mobile connectivity, and the remaining few thousands will be covered soon. This has made possible large-scale adoption of digital payment technologies, in which India has become a world leader in a short span.

LAUNCH OF INDIA-AI MISSION

AI is the next stage of technological advancement and has already entered our lives. The government has launched the India-AI mission to strengthen the country's AI capabilities. It is also helping to build AI models that answer to India's specific requirements.

MOVING TOWARDS A DEVELOPED ECONOMY

The all-round economic growth complemented by social sector initiatives has placed India well on the path of becoming a developed economy by 2047. There are three sections of society that will lead us on this path - youth, women and the communities that had for long remained on the margins.

YOUTH FULL OF CONFIDENCE

Shubhanshu Shukla's space journey to the International Space Station has fired a whole generation to dream bigger. It will prove extremely helpful for India's upcoming human space flight program, 'Gaganyaan'.

MARGINALIZED ARE BEING EMPOWERED

People belonging to a major segment of our society

Our Pride Our Daughters

Our daughters are our pride. They are breaching barriers in every field, including in the areas of defence and security. The gender gap in employment has also been reducing. With 'Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam', the empowerment of women is no longer a slogan but a reality.



comprising Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Backward Classes and other communities are shedding the tag of the marginalised. The Government has been actively helping them to realise their social and economic aspirations with several initiatives.

ZERO TOLERANCE TOWARDS CORRUPTION

We are moving ahead towards that future with sustained good governance, and zero tolerance for corruption. Let us pledge to weed out corruption.

CAPABLE ARMED FORCES

Operation Sindoor showed that our armed forces are prepared to meet any eventuality when it comes to guarding the nation. With strategic clarity and technical capability, they destroyed terrorist hubs across the border. Operation Sindoor will go down in history as an example in humanity's fight against terrorism.

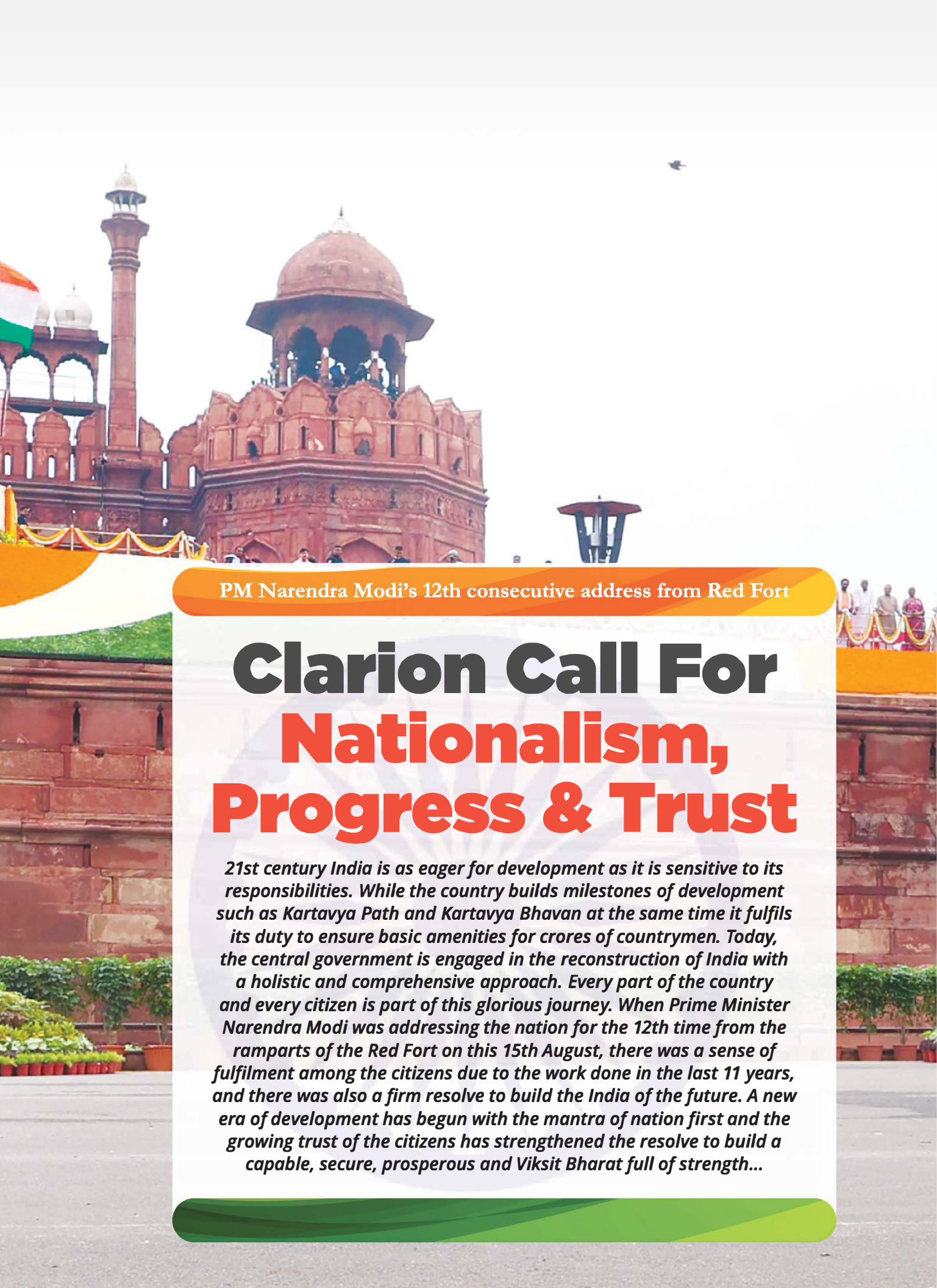
SELF-RELIANCE IN SECURITY TOO

Operation Sindoor was also a test case of the Aatmanirbhar Bharat mission in the defence sector. Our indigenous manufacturing has achieved the critical level that makes us self-sufficient in meeting many of our security requirements. These are landmark achievements in India's defence history since Independence.

PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

All of you should do what you can, to protect the environment. We must change our relationship with our land, rivers, mountains, and with flora and fauna. With contribution from all of us, we will leave behind a planet in which life will be flourishing in natural order. ●





PM Narendra Modi's 12th consecutive address from Red Fort

Clarion Call For Nationalism, Progress & Trust

21st century India is as eager for development as it is sensitive to its responsibilities. While the country builds milestones of development such as Kartavya Path and Kartavya Bhavan at the same time it fulfils its duty to ensure basic amenities for crores of countrymen. Today, the central government is engaged in the reconstruction of India with a holistic and comprehensive approach. Every part of the country and every citizen is part of this glorious journey. When Prime Minister Narendra Modi was addressing the nation for the 12th time from the ramparts of the Red Fort on this 15th August, there was a sense of fulfilment among the citizens due to the work done in the last 11 years, and there was also a firm resolve to build the India of the future. A new era of development has begun with the mantra of nation first and the growing trust of the citizens has strengthened the resolve to build a capable, secure, prosperous and Viksit Bharat full of strength...

*“The path of Sankalp
Se Siddhi has become
the basis for building
a new India, and the
feeling of Indianness
with the mantra of self-
reliance is now becoming
the resolve to build a
Viksit Bharat.”*



परिश्रम में जो तपा है,
उसने ही तो इतिहास रचा है।
जिसने फौलादी चट्टानों को तोड़ा है,
उसने ही समय को मोड़ा है।
और समय को मोड़ देने का भी
यही समय है, सही समय है।

These poem lines recited by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his historic 12th address from the ramparts of the Red Fort are the foundation of the resolve and belief of a Aatma Nirbhar Bharat-Viksit Bharat, whose motto is- ‘Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayas’ with the thought of nation first. For the fast development and the resolve of a Viksit Bharat, this mantra is most crucial to Prime Minister Modi’s vision to make India a developed nation by 2047. For this, his resolve is also firm- neither will we stop, nor will we bow down, we will continue to work hard and will build a Viksit Bharat by 2047.

In his longest Independence Day address of 103 minutes, Prime Minister Modi rolled out a bold roadmap for a Viksit Bharat- 2047 from the Red Fort. Whether it is Operation Sindoor and the contribution of Aatmanirbhar Bharat or the importance of technology in the 21st century or reforms in every sector apt for this century, Vocal for Local or reforms for ease of living, the resolve to become the third largest economic power in the world or the welfare of youth, women, farmers, tribals, they are guiding India’s success. New India has taken up the task of providing security shield to its citizens. Therefore, emphasizing on self-reliance and citizen empowerment, Prime Minister Modi presented his visionary perspective to the country on the journey filled with the spirit of India and Indianness.

When Prime Minister Narendra Modi was addressing the nation for the 12th consecutive time from the ramparts of the Red Fort, he was content with development journey undertaken in the last decade by considering 140 crore citizens as his family and also a firm resolve



Echoing from Red Fort

Big Announcements

- ✓ **Employment:** Prime Minister Viksit Bharat Rojgar Yojana of Rs 1 lakh crore - new opportunities for 3.5 crore youth.
- ✓ **GST reform:** The GST law will be reformed. Goods will become cheaper due to tax reduction.
- ✓ **Sudarshan Chakra Mission:** Launch of a state-of-the-art defence power inspired by Shri Krishna.
- ✓ **Next Generation Reforms Task Force:** New team to further accelerate India's development pace.
- ✓ **High Power Demography Mission:** Action plan for national security, unity, and demographic balance.
- ✓ **Samudra Manthan:** Exploring oil and gas in the depths of the oceans for energy independence through National Deep Water Exploration Mission.
- ✓ **Semiconductor:** Made in India chip manufactured in the country this year in mission mode.
- ✓ **National Critical Mineral Mission:** Commitment to self-reliance in critical minerals.
- ✓ **Nuclear energy:** 10 times more capacity by 2047.
- ✓ **Made in India Jet Engines:** We will move forward, considering it a national challenge
- ✓ **Interest of our people first:** No policy is acceptable that is against our farmers, fishermen, and dairy farmers.

to build a grand India by 2047. In his 12th address from the ramparts of the Red Fort, Prime Minister Modi has accelerated the journey of a Viksit Bharat in the Amrit Kaal through the efforts of the people by demonstrating India's strength, valour and effort. To make India self-reliant in every field, the ramparts of the Red Fort acted as a launch pad for development schemes just like it was marking a new dawn of independence. On this 79th Independence Day, the visionary Prime Minister made many bold announcements, which demonstrates that the nation is ready not just to step into the future, but to take a giant leap.

There is a plausible reason for this belief as every announcement made so far from the ramparts of the Red Fort has come true. The path of Sankalp Se

Siddhi has become the basis for building new India. India has given a message to the world that it is the country of Buddha, which does not want war, but does not spare those who start it. 'Operation Sindoor' has become a big example of this. This is why today a prosperous, strong and developed India, walking strongly on the path of policy, justice, truth, dignity and duty, is displaying its strength to the world.

IGNITING RETURN OF FAITH IN POLITICS

Viksit Bharat 2047, these are not just a catchphrase in a speech, but the nation is toiling hard to make it a reality. Every citizen of the country is becoming the driver of development to achieve this vision. The dreams of citizens conscious of this resolution are reflected in it. Youth,

From the ramparts of Red Fort

12 Years

12 Historic Steps



Swachh Bharat Mission

100% sanitation coverage target achieved in 2019. 12 crore toilets built.

Jan Dhan

56 crore+

Bank accounts have been opened so far under this scheme.

Honoring Freedom Fighters

More Than
1,70,000

People have received the benefit of the freedom fighter Samman Pension Scheme.

Jan Arogya Abhiyan

41 crore+

Ayushman cards have been made so far under Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana

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One Rank One Pension

₹1,24,000

crore additional fund has been spent on more than 25 lakh retired military personnel under One Rank One Pension.

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Gallantry Awards

www.gallantryawards.gov.in

This portal serves as India's leading online platform to remember and honour the country's Gallantry Award winners.

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Jal Jeevan Mission

15 crore+

families are getting tap water.

elderly, villagers, farmers, Dalits, tribals, people living in the mountains, forest dwellers, people living in cities, every citizen is making their invaluable contribution to the resolution of Viksit Bharat 2047. Everyone's resolution is the same - India must become self-reliant in every field as soon as possible. When the thinking of the countrymen is so comprehensive, the dreams are so big, and the resolution is unwavering, then a new resolution becomes strong in the mind of the leader of the nation.

FOSTERING SELF-CONFIDENCE

This faith of the citizens of the country is not without reason. Behind this is 11 years of tireless hard work and a transformative initiative taken with long-term thinking. Today, the citizens of the country are able to feel that when it is announced from the Red Fort that electricity will be provided to 18 thousand villages of India within the deadline and that work is completed before the target, then the trust gets strengthened. Even after so many years of independence, there were 2.5 crore families who lived without electricity in darkness and when electricity is provided to them then a trustworthy partnership between leadership and citizens is established. When LPG connection is provided to more than 10 crore houses through Ujjwala scheme, then the trust gets strengthened. When the Swachh Bharat Yojana is announced, then every Indian enthusiastically participates in it, including villagers, people living in poor settlements, and small children. As a result there is heightened awareness, there is a discussion on cleanliness, there is a continuous effort to stop each other from polluting and 12 crore toilets are constructed, then the trust gets strengthened. When farmers start getting facilities at every stage of production of their farming,

National Digital Health Mission

80 crore+

Ayushman Bharat Health Accounts (ABHA) have been created so far. All records are available in this digital health ID with one click.

Pancha-Prana of Amrit Kaal

First Pledge - Goal of Viksit Bharat. Second Pledge - Freedom from every particle of slavery. Third Pledge - Pride in our heritage. Fourth Pledge - Unity and solidarity. Fifth Pledge - Sense of duty among citizens.

Clean Politics

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Youth will be brought forward who have no political background. This will liberate politics from nepotism and casteism.

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Hydrogen Mission

50 Lakh tonnes of green hydrogen per year is the mission's target by 2030

Vishwakarma Yojana

30 lakh beneficiaries have been successfully registered under this scheme so far.

Viksit Bharat Rojgar Yojana

₹1 lakh crore fund. 3.5 crore youth will get opportunities.

then the trust gets strengthened. This is a reflection of the new consciousness that has come within India. In his historic tenure, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has become a symbol of bold and transformative decisions. Today, the country is not only resolving socio-economic-political issues, but is also overcoming challenges by considering the policy of nation first as paramount. Whereas there was a time when for a long period a large section of the society was deprived of the benefits of freedom and they were left at the mercy of fate.

CITIZEN WELFARE WITH 'DUTY PARAMOUNT'

If a new Parliament building has been built in Delhi, then more than 30 thousand Panchayat Bhavans have also been built in the country. Today, on one hand a building like Kartavya Bhavan is being built here, and at the same time more than 4 crore concrete houses have also been built for the poor. National War Memorial has been built, the Police Memorial has been built, and more than 300 new medical colleges have also been built in the country. Bharat Mandapam has been built here, and more than 1300 new Amrit Bharat railway stations are also being built in the country. The grandeur of the Yashobhoomi and nearly 90 sophisticated new airports built in the last 11 years are raising the pride of the nation. Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the nation, used to say that rights and duties are interlinked. Our rights are strengthened only by the fulfilment of duty. We expect duty from the citizens, but as a government, duty is paramount for us too. And when a government fulfils its duties seriously, it is also seen in governance. This is the reason that steadfast work is being done in the direction that

The Number 12 has Special Significance

The number 12 has special significance in Indian scriptures. The purpose of 12 years of penance in the scriptures is to help the seeker attain spiritual knowledge, self-realization. It is important to note that 12 years of penance is a rigorous and challenging process, and not everyone is able to do it. Therefore, addressing the nation for the 12th time from the ramparts of the Red Fort can be considered as the same 12 years of penance, where there was a problem for decades, no one accepted the challenge. PM Modi accepted the challenges and also found a permanent solution to it. Lord Mahavira attained knowledge from 12 years of penance. The number 12 is considered a symbol of perfection, order and time. There are 12 months in the calendar, so according to the calculations of astrology, the entire universe is divided into 12 zodiac signs. There are 12 numbers in the clock and two cycles of 12 in it. Kumbh also comes once in 12 years. According to different religious texts, there are 12 Jyotirlingas, whereas in Christianity, there is importance of 12 apostles of Jesus and in Islam, there is importance of 12 Imams. Therefore, the 12th address of PM Modi is also the 'Amrit' that has come out of the penance of 12 years of development journey, which has set out towards reconstruction by being determined to make India a developed nation in this Amrit Kaal.





Work is being done with the thought of making the lives of citizens dignified and removing obstacles in the path of development. Thinking big, thinking far ahead, thinking for the welfare of all has become synonymous with the working style of the Central Government.

citizens get a dignified life and the obstacles coming in the way of development are removed.

Today India is moving ahead by setting goals, leaving behind the old thinking, old ways, with an eye to achieving the goals. The inauguration of every project for which the foundation stone had been laid by the current central government is done in a time bound manner, so the trust is even stronger. The work culture of the central government, thinking big, thinking far ahead, thinking for the welfare of all, thinking for the happiness of all, has become synonymous with the work style. Today, be it modern infrastructure or ease of living, equal emphasis is being laid on both.

Certainly, this is the golden period of India, which is equipped with the power of the resolve of a developed India of 2047. The Amrit Yatra of making the dreams of ancestors a resolution, connecting our dreams, connecting our efforts to them, is continuing. Therefore, the nation is now calling that in the 21st century, which is India's century, we should build a golden India, build a Viksit Bharat and move forward by fulfilling those dreams.

So let us know in 12 topics how Prime Minister Narendra Modi's address from the ramparts of the Red Fort for the 12th consecutive time has paved the way for the resolution of Viksit Bharat...



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Operation Sindoor

Message of New India's New Policy

'Operation Sindoor' has become a symbol of restraint, courage, bravery, along with political, social, and strategic willpower, with a decisive victory against terrorism. The same sentiments echoed from the ramparts of the Red Fort. India, a devotee of Mahadev, has as much faith in his meditation as it believes in his Tandava. Therefore, Prime Minister Modi said in his 12th historical address that self-respecting India will never tolerate the violation of any 'Lakshman Rekha'...

- Today, I have the opportunity to salute the brave warriors of Operation Sindoor from the ramparts of the Red Fort. Our courageous soldiers punished the enemies beyond anything they could have imagined.
- On 22nd April, terrorists crossed the border and committed a massacre in Pahalgam, killing people after asking their religion, shooting husbands in front of their wives, and executing fathers in front of their children. The entire nation was filled with outrage, and the whole world was shocked by such a massacre.
- Operation Sindoor was the expression of that outrage. After 22nd, we gave our army complete freedom-let them decide the strategy, choose the targets, and select the timing. And our army accomplished something that had not happened in decades.
- Penetrating hundreds of kilometres into enemy territory, they reduced terrorist headquarters to dust and turned terrorist headquarters into ruins. Pakistan is still sleepless. The devastation in Pakistan has been so huge that every day brings new revelations.
- Our nation has endured terrorism for many decades. The heart of the country has been pierced time and again. Now, we have established a new normal: those who nurture and harbour terrorism, and those who empower terrorists, will no longer be seen as separate.
- India has now decided—blood and water will not flow together. The people of the country now fully



India has now decided that we will no longer tolerate these nuclear threats. The nuclear blackmail that has gone on for so long will no longer be endured. If our enemies continue this attempt in the future, our army will decide on its terms, at the time of its choosing, in the manner it deems fit, and target the objectives it selects, and we will act accordingly. We will give a fitting and crushing response.

understand how unjust and one-sided the Indus Waters Treaty has been. The waters of rivers originating from India are irrigating the fields of our enemies, while the farmers and the soil of our nation remain thirsty. This was an agreement that has caused unimaginable loss to our farmers for the past seven decades.

- Now, the water that rightfully belongs to India will be reserved solely for India. The form of the Indus Agreement that India has endured for decades will not be tolerated any longer. This agreement is unacceptable to us in the interest of our farmers and in the interest of the nation.

Sudarshan Chakra

Prosperity Through National Security

Any nation prospers only when its security is guaranteed. That is why today's India is ensuring an impregnable security shield on both domestic and external fronts. For this, work is being carried out in mission mode. Now the 'Sudarshan Chakra' of security will come up as announced from the ramparts of the Red Fort. In the changing war scenario, the security of citizens should be paramount; for this, by 2035, the new India will be equipped with a national security shield for all public places...

- We are moving towards prosperity, but the path to prosperity passes through security. In the last 11 years, we have worked with full dedication on all these fronts - national security, national defense, and protection of the citizens of the nation. We have succeeded in bringing about change.
- When I remember Lord Shri Krishna, we are seeing that the methods of war are changing in the whole world today. We have seen that India is proficient in dealing with every new method of war. We have shown in Operation Sindoor, whatever mastery we had in technology. Our brave soldiers and our technology scattered every attack of Pakistan like straws.
- Inspired by Lord Shri Krishna, we have chosen the path of his Sudarshan Chakra. Many of you will remember that when the battle of Mahabharata was going on, Shri Krishna had blocked the light of the Sun with his Chakra and made it dark during the day. Arjun was able to fulfill his vow of killing Jayadratha.
- Sudarshan Chakra is the result of the might and strategy of Sudarshan Chakra. Now the country will launch Sudarshan Chakra Mission. This mission Sudarshan Chakra is a powerful weapon system, it will not only neutralize the enemy's attack, but will also hit back on the enemy many times more.
- We have also decided some basic things for this mission of India. First, the research and design for this



I have taken a pledge. No matter how much prosperity there is, if there is indifference towards security, then even prosperity is of no use. I am saying today from the ramparts of the Red Fort that in the coming 10 years, by 2035, all the important places of the nation, which include strategic as well as civilian areas, like hospitals, railways, any centre of faith, will be given complete security shield through new platforms of technology.

modern system should be done in our country itself. Secondly, the Plus One strategy will work out what are the possibilities in the future in terms of warfare.. and thirdly, through this Sudarshan Chakra, we will move forward towards developing a system for targeted precise action.

- A very large tribal part of our country was bleeding in the grip of Naxalism and Maoism. It had taken roots in 125 districts. We have reduced it to 20.
- This is also a true tribute to Bhagwan Birsa Munda on the occasion of his 150th birth anniversary.

Self-reliance

Significant Element of Viksit Bharat

Be it policy or politics, when every decision is made with the vision of the nation first, realizing the resolve of shooting for the moon, then new resolutions are made.

When India decides, it creates history. Prime Minister Modi, who made self-reliance a mass movement during the Covid period, once again aligned it with the nation's power, respect, and the resolution of Viksit Bharat from the ramparts of the Red Fort, so that the journey from endeavour to prosperity gets further fillip...

- The bedrock of a Viksit Bharat is also a self-reliant India. The greater a nation's reliance on others, the more its freedom comes into question. Misfortune arises when dependency becomes a habit, when we do not even realise when we abandon self-reliance and become dependent on others. This habit is fraught with danger.
- We witnessed in Operation Sindoor the marvel of 'Made in India'. The enemy had no inkling of what weapons and capabilities we possessed, what power was destroying them in the blink of an eye.
- We held the strength of 'Made in India' in our hands, in the hands of our armed forces, they carried out their valour. The results we see today are the outcome of our consistent mission over the past ten years in the defence sector.
- 140 crore Indians are working with full potential to fulfill the resolution of a developed India in 2047, when we will celebrate 100 years of independence. To fulfil this resolve, India is today creating a modern ecosystem in every sector. The modern ecosystem will make our country self-reliant.
- Should the jet engine for our Made in India fighter jets be ours or not? We are considered the Pharma of the World. But isn't it the need of the hour that we put more energy into research and development?



Self-reliance is not confined merely to imports and exports, or to rupees, pounds, and dollars. Its meaning is not so limited. Self-reliance is linked to our capability, and when self-reliance begins to diminish, capability too continually declines. Therefore, to preserve, maintain, and enhance our capability, it is imperative to be self-reliant.

- To make the country developed, we are now moving towards 'Samudra Manthan' (churning of the ocean). Taking forward our Samudra Manthan. This is our important announcement to become energy independent.
- Self-reliance in critical minerals is essential for us, too. We have launched the National Critical Mission, exploration campaigns are underway in more than 1200 locations, and we are moving towards becoming self-reliant in critical minerals as well.
- I once spoke about toys in Mann Ki Baat. We used to import toys worth crores of rupees from abroad. Today I proudly say that my country has started exporting toys.

Energy self-reliance

Power With Conservation

Today, energy conservation is giving a new direction to the world. India has emerged as the voice of developing countries. But now, self-reliance in the field of energy is the need of today's India, so that the resolution of Viksit Bharat can be realized...

- A huge part of the budget was spent on bringing petrol, diesel, gas, etc. Lakhs of crores of rupees were wasted. We need to make the country self-reliant in energy.
- In the last 11 years, solar energy has seen a thirtyfold increase. We are building new dams to expand hydropower so that we may obtain clean energy. With Mission Green Hydrogen, India is today investing thousands of crores of rupees.
- In the field of nuclear energy, work on 10 new reactors are progressing rapidly. We are moving forward with the resolve to increase our nuclear energy capacity more than tenfold.
- Reform is a continuous process; reforms must be undertaken as per the demands of the times and prevailing circumstances. In the field of nuclear energy, we have introduced major reforms. We have now opened the doors of nuclear energy to the private sector as well.
- When the world today expresses concern over global warming, I wish to tell the world that India had resolved to achieve 50% clean energy by 2030. We achieved this target 5 years in advance.
- A huge part of the budget was spent on bringing petrol, diesel, gas etc. Lakhs of crores of rupees were wasted. If we were not dependent on energy, that money would have been used for the future of the youth of my country, that money would have been used to help the poor of my country fight against poverty, that money would have been



I wish to tell the world that India had resolved to achieve 50% clean energy by 2030. That was our target for 2030. Look at the capability of my countrymen, look at their determination to fulfil the resolve of making India developed—we achieved the 50% clean energy target in 2025 itself, five years ahead of schedule. Because we are as sensitive towards the world as we are responsible towards nature.

used for the welfare of the farmers of my country, that money would have been used to change the conditions of the villages of my country, but we had to give it to foreign countries.

- Now we are working towards becoming self-reliant. To make the country developed, we are now moving towards 'Samudra Manthan' (churning of the ocean). Taking forward our Samudra Manthan, we want to work in a mission mode towards finding oil reserves, gas reserves under the sea, and hence India is going to start the National Deep Water Exploration Mission. This is important to become energy independent.

Vocal for Local

The call of Swadeshi...

Swadeshi, as propagated by the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, has got a shot in the arm with Amrit Kaal, which is giving a new thrust to service, dedication, and resolution with an eye on making India a developed nation. 'Vocal for Local' has become the mantra of life. But even now, people buy foreign goods unknowingly. The Prime Minister called upon the citizens to adopt Swadeshi from the Red Fort and also asked the traders to put up a board - Swadeshi goods are available here...

- Today, the National Manufacturing Mission is progressing at great speed. I had once said from the Red Fort — Zero Defect, Zero Effect. Today, I want to reiterate that if we want the world to recognize our strength in the global market, we must constantly scale new heights in quality. The world accepts quality.
- For all of us engaged in the field of manufacturing, our mantra should be: “Lower price, but higher value.” Every product of ours should have higher value, but cost less. It is with this spirit that we must move forward.
- Now, the mantra for 140 crore Indians should be a prosperous India. If the sacrifices of millions could bring us freedom, then with the resolutions, hard work, self-reliance, promotion of “Vocal for Local,” and the chanting of the mantra of Swadeshi by millions, we can also create a prosperous India. That generation dedicated itself to a free India; this generation must take bold new steps for a prosperous India, that is what the times demand.
- We should buy and use only those products made in India, made with the sweat of Indian citizens, that carry the fragrance of our soil and strengthen our resolve for self-reliance. Let this be our collective pledge, and in no time, friends, we will change the world.
- Today, I want to appeal to every small trader and



“That is why I keep urging again and again, and I want to tell all the influencers of the country — help me in spreading this mantra. I appeal to all political parties, politicians, everyone: come, this is not the agenda of any one political party. India belongs to all of us. Together, let us make ‘Vocal for Local’ the mantra of every citizen’s life.”

shopkeeper, you too have a responsibility. I want traders and shopkeepers across the country to put up boards saying: “Swadeshi goods sold here.”

- Let us take pride in Swadeshi. We should use it not out of compulsion, but with strength, for our own strength and if needed, even to compel others to use it. This should be our guiding mantra.
- This is an opportunity to move forward, an opportunity to dream big, an opportunity to dedicate ourselves to our resolutions. When the government is with you and I am with you, we can now create a new history.

Technology

Moving towards becoming a tech superpower...

Technology has become a necessity in today's century. It has become such a powerful medium of rapid progress whose impact is reflected in the life of the nation and society. When India is engaged in achieving the resolve of becoming a developed nation, the importance of technology increases even more...

- The 21st century is a technology-driven century, and when it is technology-driven, a glance at history tells us that every nation that mastered technology scaled the heights of development, reached the pinnacle, and attained new dimensions of economic power.
- When we speak of various dimensions of technology, I wish to draw your attention to semiconductors. It is equally important for the youth of our country to know.
- In our country, files related to semiconductors started moving 50–60 years ago. The idea of a semiconductor factory began then. My young friends will be shocked to know that today, semiconductors have become a global force—but 50–60 years ago, the idea was stalled, delayed and shelved. The very conception of semiconductors was aborted. We lost 50–60 years. Meanwhile, many countries mastered semiconductors and established their strength in the world.
- Today, we have freed ourselves from that burden and advanced the work on semiconductors in mission mode. Six different semiconductor units are taking shape on the ground, and we have already given the green signal to four new units.
- Today is the era of IT, we have the power of data, isn't it the need of the hour? From operating systems to cyber security, from deep tech to



My fellow countrymen, especially the youth, and to those across the world who understand the strength of India's technology, I say this—by the end of this very year, 'Made in India' chip, manufactured in India by the people of India, will be available in the market.

artificial intelligence, everything should be our own, on which the strength of our own people is concentrated, we should introduce the power of their capabilities to the world.

- The coming era is of EVs (electric vehicles). Now if we don't make EV batteries, we will be dependent. Be it solar panels or all the things required for electronic vehicles, we should have our own.
- We are considered Pharmacy of the world. Isn't it the need of the hour that we put more energy into research and development, have our own patents, research new medicines that are the cheapest and most effective and use them for the welfare of mankind in times of crisis without any side effects.

Employment

India's Future in the Hands of Youth

The role of the youth is most important in achieving the grand objectives of the Amrit Kaal, because India is currently in a demographic phase where it is young, and today it has the largest youth population in the world. In such a scenario, by giving wings to the dreams and aspirations of the youth, a golden picture of a magnificent India of the future is being envisioned. For this, Prime Minister Narendra Modi says, 'This is the time, the right time...'

- Every citizen of the country is seeing the wonders of the space sector and is filled with pride. Our Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla has returned from the space station.
- We are also preparing for Aatmanirbhar Bharat Gaganyaan on our own in space. We are working towards building our own space station on our own. And I am very proud of the reforms done in space recently, more than 300 startups of my country are now working only in the space sector.
- Today, opportunities are being created for our youth in new sectors. A massive campaign is going on for skill development, self-employment, internships in big companies and hence, youth of the country.
- PM Viksit Bharat Rojgar Yojana will create new employment opportunities for approx 3.5 crore youth.
- In the last 11 years, entrepreneurship has gained tremendous strength. Today, lakhs of start-ups in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities are strengthening the country's economy and innovation.
- With the Mudra Yojana, crores of youth of our country, including our daughters, are taking loans from Mudra and doing their own business. This gives strength to others to stand on their feet.
- Sports is also important for development. When I see an environment of encouragement of sports in



We are implementing a scheme of Rs 1 lakh crore for the youth of the country. The Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rojgar Yojana is being implemented from August 15th. Under this scheme, the government will give Rs. 15000 to the youth, who gets a job in the private sector for the first time. Companies generating more opportunities for providing employment will be given incentives.

the families of my country, my heart fills with pride. I consider it a very auspicious sign for the future.

- To promote sports, we have brought forth the National Sports Policy—after several decades, we have introduced the 'Khelo India policy' in the country, so that there may be a comprehensive effort for the development of the sports sector. We want to develop a complete ecosystem from school to the Olympics.
- When I speak of fitness, I also wish to place before you a matter of concern. Obesity is becoming a very grave crisis for our nation. I had made one small suggestion—that every family should resolve that when cooking oil comes into the house, it should be 10% less than usual.

Amrit Kaal

New Era of Reforms

Reform, perform, and transform are such aspects of Prime Minister Modi's working style, which has been experienced by the nation for more than a decade. And as a leader, he has consistently lived up to those expectations. The ability to take bold decisions has started a new era of reforms in India, which is strengthening the goal of Amrit Kaal...



- It is our responsibility not to waste our energy on diminishing someone else's achievements. From my vast experience, I say this: let us not expend our energy in undermining others; instead, we must devote our entire energy to improving our own abilities.
- The past decade has been one of Reform, Perform, and Transform. But now, we must add new strength to our efforts. In recent times, we have undertaken many reforms – we have abolished more than 40,000 unnecessary compliances. Not only that, but we have also scrapped over 1,500 obsolete laws.
- This time also a very significant reform has taken place in the Income Tax Act. We have decided to abolish more than 280 sections.
- Our reforms are not limited to the economic front alone—we have also implemented reforms to make life easier for citizens. The promptness of income tax refunds is a result of reforms. Faceless assessments are a result of reforms. Exempting income up to Rs 12 lakh from income tax. Never before did anyone imagine that income up to Rs 12 lakh could be entirely tax-free, but we have made it a reality today.
- When the strength of the nation increases, its citizens reap the benefits. Since the days of British rule, we were bound under the penal code, living under the constant fear of punishment. 75 years of independence

For the next generation reforms, we have decided to constitute a task force. Current rules, laws, policies, and procedures must be redrafted to suit the 21st century, to fit the global environment, and to align with the vision of making Bharat a Viksit Bharat by 2047. The task force has been created to accomplish this within the prescribed period.

passed in this manner. We have abolished the penal code and brought in Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

- This Diwali, I am going to make it a double Diwali for you. This Diwali, you fellow countrymen are going to get a very big gift. We are coming with the next generation of GST reforms. Our MSMEs, our small entrepreneurs, will get a huge benefit. Everyday items will become very cheap.
- When demographic change occurs, particularly in border areas, it creates a crisis for national security. It threatens the unity, integrity, and progress of the country. We have decided to launch a High-Power Demography Mission.

Economy

A New Era of Economic Prosperity

When there is a strong will and a stable environment, it is easy to make a firm decision – and when hard work is added to that decision, it leads to success. With this thinking, an initiative has been taken to give a new shape to the economy since 2014. As a result, India is now the fourth largest economy in the world, and in the coming years, it will emerge as the third economic superpower...

- Today the country is moving at a fast pace towards becoming the third largest economy. We are knocking at the doors and we will achieve it very fast.
- Today inflation is under control, our forex exchange reserves are very strong, our macroeconomic indicators are very strong, global rating agencies also constantly praise India, expressing more and more confidence in the Indian economy.
- We are making new efforts in this direction



Today the entire world is confident about India's economy and economic condition. Amidst so much instability, India's financial discipline and the energy of India's finances remain a ray of hope. When the economy is in the grip of crisis, the belief that India is the only one to get out of it has grown in the world.

so that the benefits of this growing economy reach the poor of my country, the farmers of my country, the women power of my country, the middle class of my country, and it becomes a source of strength for the development of my country.

- Today, be it social media or any other platform, we are working on the world's platforms. We have shown the world that our own UPI platform is surprising the world today.
- We have the capability; India alone is doing 50% of the real time transactions through UPI.

Nari Shakti and farmers

The Foundation of A Strong India

Self-reliant agriculture is the foundation of a self-reliant India, and Nari Shakti is the pathfinder of a new India. The central government stands with the farmers in all three phases: before, during and after sowing of crops. For the past decade, initiatives have been taken to empower Nari Shakti from a socio-political-economic point of view, and the country is creating a new history...

- In last 10 years, women's self-help groups have done wonders. Today, their products are reaching markets across the world. Our women's self-help groups are doing business worth lakhs and crores of rupees.
- We had pledged to make 3 crore women Lakhpati Didi. I am satisfied that we are working at a fast pace.
- From startups to the space sector, our daughters are leading the way. They're excelling in sports, shining in the armed forces, and proudly standing shoulder to shoulder, playing a vital role in the nation's progress.
- The country's farmers have a huge contribution to India's economy. The hard work of Indian farmers is paying off. Last year, the farmers of my country broke all old records in grain production.
- Today India is number one in the world in production of milk, pulses, jute etc. Today it has become the second largest fish producer in the world. Today India has also reached the second position in the world in the production of rice, wheat, fruits and vegetables.
- Agro products worth Rs 4 lakh crore have been exported. The farmers have shown us their strength.
- Whether they are small farmers, cattle rearers, fishermen, we are providing them the benefits of the country's development schemes. Whether it is PM Kisan Samman Nidhi, rain water harvesting, irrigation schemes, quality seeds, fertilizer requirement, in every sector today farmers have a trust in crop insurance. He is becoming courageous, the country is getting its



In our country, there are 100 districts where agriculture has not progressed as much as in other regions. To empower the farmers of these districts, we have launched the PM Dhan-Dhanya Krishi Yojana. Through this initiative, support will be provided to strengthen agriculture in these areas, so that the farmers there can progress and stand at par with farmers from the rest of India.

results too. Earlier this was a matter of imagination, today it has become a reality.

- To save livestock and get rid of foot and mouth disease, we have administered 125 crore doses free of cost.
- India's farmers, India's cattle rearers, India's fishermen, these are our biggest priorities. Modi is standing like a wall against any harmful policy related to the farmers of India, the fishermen of India and the cattle rearers of India. India will never accept any compromise regarding its farmers, its livestock farmers, its fishermen.

Governance

Good Governance...

The thinking of 'nation first' and 'citizen first' is the basis of all the schemes and policies of the central government. In the last decade, work has been done from both short-term and long-term perspectives, and the result of that is that 25 crore people have come out of poverty, and dignified life has filled the people with self-confidence...

- I have not had to read in books what poverty is. I know it, I have been in the government too and hence my endeavour has been that the government should not be confined to files. The government should be in the lives of the citizens of the country. Whether they are Dalits, oppressed, exploited, or deprived, governments should be proactively positive for them, the governments should be pro-people. We are making continuous efforts in that direction.
- For every person in need in society, some people think that government schemes used to be earlier as well - no, we are implementing government schemes on the ground. We emphasize saturation, because if there is any true execution of social justice, it is in saturation where no eligible person is left out, where the government goes to the eligible person's home, and ensures they get what is rightfully theirs.
- When Jan Dhan accounts were opened, it wasn't just about opening a bank account - it gave people self-respect, the feeling that the doors of the bank are open for me too. This confidence is what we have instilled.
- Ayushman Bharat helped people get good healthcare. When we help senior citizens with more than 5,00,000 rupees for their health needs, it shows our concern.
- Today, with PM Awas, 4 crore poor people have received houses. For street vendors, there is the PM SVANidhi scheme, this scheme has now enabled them to do business freely. This change shows that the government should be present in the lives of even the last person in society. That is why these grassroots schemes are designed, implemented.



There was a time when the poor, the oppressed, the tribal communities, the deprived, the differently abled, and our widowed mothers and sisters had to wander from place to place for their rights, spending their whole lives going from one government office to another. Today, the government comes to your doorstep with a saturation approach. Crores of beneficiaries are receiving the benefits of government schemes, and Direct Benefit Transfer has been a truly revolutionary step.

- But when we take schemes directly to the homes of the poor, when we instil confidence in their hearts, then 25 crore poor people of my country defeat poverty, rise above it, and create a new history. Today, over 25 crore poor people in the last 10 years — have overcome poverty and stepped out of it, creating a new “neo-middle class.”
- Mahatma Jyotiba Phule's principles and the mantras he gave us carry inspiration for us - the mantra of “priority to the backward.” By giving priority to the backward, we want to reach the heights of transformation.

Cultural heritage

Unity in diversity

Ek Bharat-Shreshtha Bharat is not just a word today; it has become the power of unity in diversity. The initiatives being taken, keeping nation and society in mind, have given it further strength, while development and heritage have now become a part of Indian culture...

- The strength of our culture lies in our diversity. We wish to celebrate diversity, to cultivate the habit of celebrating diversity. It is our pride that Bharat Maa, like a magnificent garden, is adorned with flowers of countless kinds, each adding to her rich diversity. This diversity is our great inheritance and our great pride.
- We have seen at the 'Maha Kumbh' in Prayagraj how India's diversity is lived in crores of people, united in one emotion, one spirit, one endeavour—something that appears truly wondrous to the world. The success of the 'Maha Kumbh' is a resounding testament to India's unity and strength.
- Our country is richly endowed with linguistic diversity. That is why we have accorded classical language status to Marathi, Assamese, Bangla, Pali, and Prakrit. The more our languages develop, the more enriched they become, and the stronger our entire knowledge system will grow.
- Our manuscripts hold vast treasures of knowledge, yet there has been indifference towards them. Under the Gyan Bharatam Mission, we are now working across the nation to locate handwritten texts, manuscripts, and centuries-old documents and to use today's technology to preserve their wealth of knowledge for future generations.
- Our clear belief is that this country is not built by governments alone. This nation is built by the toil of crores of people – by sages, saints, scientists, teachers, farmers, soldiers, and labourers – everyone's efforts contribute to nation-building. Contributions come



I had spoken about Panch Prana from this Red Fort. Today, I want to remind my countrymen once again from the Red Fort. To build a Viksit Bharat, we will neither stop nor bow down; we will keep working hard, and we will build a Viksit Bharat before our eyes in 2047.

from individuals and from institutions alike.

- Today, with great pride, I wish to mention one such institution. One hundred years ago, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh was founded. These 100 years of service to the nation constitute a proud and golden chapter. With the resolve of nation-building through character-building, with the aim of serving Maa Bharati, the swayamsevaks have, for a century, dedicated their lives to the welfare of the motherland.
- Service, dedication, organisation, and unmatched discipline – these have been its hallmarks. In a sense, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh is the world's largest NGO, with a century-long history of devotion. Today,

from the ramparts of the Red Fort, I salute all the swayamsevaks who have contributed to this century-long journey of national service, and the nation takes pride in this grand and dedicated journey of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, which will continue to inspire us.

- When we talk about democracy and independent India, then our constitution is the best lighthouse for us, our centre of inspiration, but 50 years ago, the Constitution of India was strangled. No generation of the country should ever forget this sin of murdering the Constitution. We should move forward by strengthening our dedication towards the Constitution of India; it is our inspiration.
- We will not allow even a single particle of slavery to remain in our lives, in our systems, or in our rules, laws and traditions. We will not rest until we are free from all forms of slavery.
- We will be proud of our heritage. The biggest ornament, the biggest jewel, the biggest crown jewel of our identity is our heritage; we will be proud of our heritage.
- 'Unity' is the most powerful mantra among all these, and hence it will be our collective resolve that no one



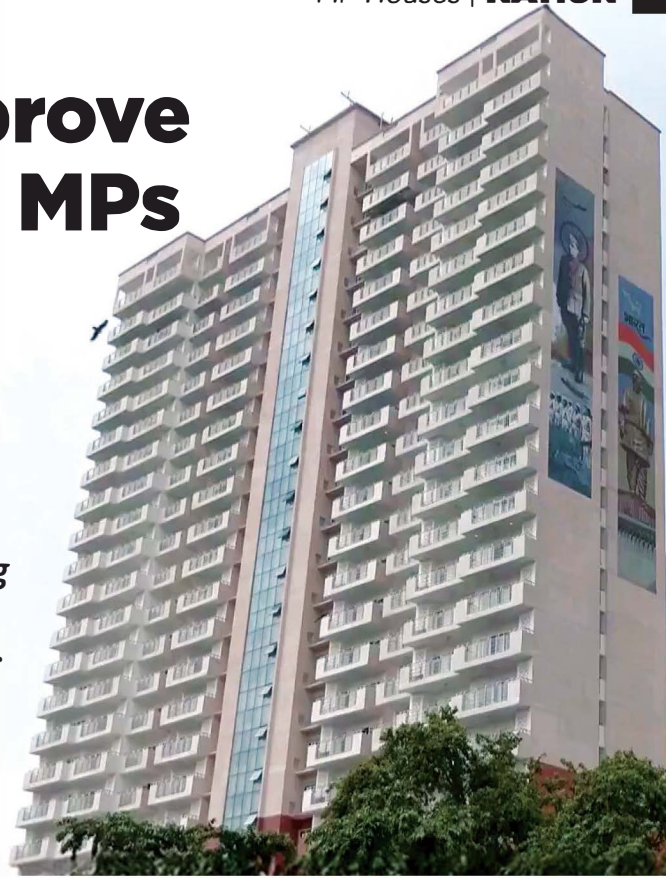
"This country is not built by governments alone; it is not built only by those who hold the reins of state power; it is not built solely by those who administer governance. This nation is built by the toil of crores of people – by sages, saints, scientists, teachers, farmers, soldiers, and labourers – everyone's efforts contribute to nation-building."

should be able to break the thread of unity.

- Fulfilling our duty towards Maa Bharati is no less than worship, no less than penance, no less than adoration, and with the same feeling, for the welfare of the motherland, while putting in our utmost hard work, we will devote ourselves to achieving the target of Viksit Bharat by 2047; we will not leave any opportunity with whatever capability we have. Not only that, but we will create new opportunities, and after creating them, we will keep moving ahead with the strength of 140 crore countrymen, keep moving ahead, and keep moving ahead.

New Flats Will Improve Ease Of Living For MPs

A good house and office multiply positive energy. Cleanliness, proper lighting, and modern facilities increase efficiency. This is the reason why the central government is overhauling its government offices and government residences with modern facilities and building them afresh. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated multi-storey flats for Members of Parliament on Baba Khark Singh Marg in New Delhi on August 11, which has 184 Type-VII flats, which will improve the ease of living for MPs...



The 21st-century India is as eager for development as it is sensitive towards its responsibilities. On one hand, the country is building Kartavya Path and Kartavya Bhavan; on the other hand, it is also fulfilling its duty of providing tap water to millions of citizens. While it is building new houses for MPs, it is also making Griha Pravesh for 4 crore poor families through the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana a reality. A new Parliament building has been built, and hundreds of new medical colleges have also been established. After inaugurating the MPs' flats, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the benefits of these initiatives are reaching every section of society.

PM Modi said that just now at the inauguration of Kartavya Bhavan, I had said that the rented buildings in which many ministries were running were about 1500 crore rupees per year. This was a direct waste of the country's money. Similarly, the government expenditure also increased due to the lack of sufficient residences for MPs. But despite the lack of MP residences, not a single new residence was built for Lok Sabha MPs from 2004 to 2014. Therefore, since 2014, about three hundred and fifty MP residences have been built, including these flats, as a campaign. ●



Complex has 4 towers: Krishna, Godavari, Kosi, and Hooghly

PM said: Rivers bind in thread of unity

184 flats have been built in four multi-storey towers. These towers named after the rivers - Krishna, Godavari, Kosi, and Hooghly. PM Modi said that these rivers give life to crores of people. Taking a jibe at those who see every development project in the country through the prism of politics, he said, "If one of these towers is named Kosi, then some people will have a problem; they will see Bihar elections, not the Kosi river. I would say that the tradition of naming rivers binds us in the thread of unity of the country. Now with their inspiration, a new stream of happiness will flow in the lives of our public representatives as well."

New complex to make MPs' life easier

- This flat is equipped with modern facilities with a 3-star rating of Green Building with energy conservation, renewable energy, and effective waste management.
- Every flat has a carpet area of about 5,000 square feet, which is sufficient for residential and official work. It includes office and accommodation for employees.



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Kartavya Bhavan

Tapabhoomi That Will Shape India's Future

Only by taking a new path, successful paradigms are built. Today, the new India is setting new goals and traversing new paths. Last year, the new Parliament House became the identity of the new, aspiring, and self-reliant India of the 21st century, and now Kartavya Bhavan-3 will become a new symbol of work culture along with good governance. Dedicating it to the nation on 6 August, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that this is not just a building, but the new Tapabhoomi that will shape India's future and make the dreams of the countrymen come true...

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KARTAVYA BHAVAN 3



Today, inspired by history, India is scripting a new chapter with the dreams of the future. In Delhi, the heart of democracy in the country, from the National War Memorial to the Kartavya Path and the new Parliament House to Bharat Mandapam, new paradigms of modern construction have become a reality. At the same time, more than 30 thousand Panchayat Bhavans, more than 4 crore concrete houses for the poor, more than 300 new medical colleges, more than 1,300 new Amrit stations being built, and 90 new airports are scripting a new saga of the leadership's vision for holistic development. On the other hand, as a transparent, sensitive, and citizen-centric model of good governance, systems like Mission Karmayogi, digital platforms like iGOT, e-office and digital file tracking have brought revolutionary changes in the administrative processes and made the path of the government system easier.

This idea of good governance has got a new thrust with Kartavya Bhavan-3, which is the first but important milestone in the Common Central Secretariat under the Central Vista project, started towards making the administrative structure of the Central Government more efficient, transparent, and futuristic. This vision

of building a New India was underscored by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the program organized during the inauguration of Kartavya Bhavan 3. He said that this is not just a new building or infrastructure, but the policies that will shape the Viksit Bharat in Amrit Kaal will be formulated in these structures, and the direction of the nation will be determined from these institutions in the coming decades. Referring to naming the building as Kartavya Bhavan, PM Modi said that the word 'Kartavya' in Indian culture is not limited to responsibility but is the essence of India's action-based philosophy. Kartavya Bhavan is not just the name of a building, but it is sacred ground to make the dreams of crores of Indian citizens come true.

OLD BUILDINGS, RS 1,500 CRORE RENT, DAILY HASSLES... KARTAVYA BHAVAN WILL SOLVE THEM

The buildings from which the major ministries of the central government are currently operating were constructed between the 1950s and 1970s. These include old buildings like Shastri Bhawan, Krishi Bhawan, Udyog Bhawan, and Nirman Bhawan. These buildings are now structurally outdated and inefficient in many

cases. You can guess why these modern buildings were needed by looking at how an important ministry like the Home Ministry continued to function from a building with inadequate infrastructure for almost 100 years. Many ministries of the Government of India are currently operating from 50 different locations across Delhi. Many ministries are still working from rented buildings. The central government alone spends an amount of Rs 1,500 crore annually on rent. Due to offices being in different places, 8 to 10 thousand employees have to visit these buildings daily. Due to this, not only does the movement of vehicles and traffic congestion increase, but money and time are also wasted. PM Modi said that the first building has been completed, but the construction of many other buildings is in progress. When the old offices are shifted to the new building, the employees will get access to the necessary facilities as well as a better environment.

CITIZENS GOT THE BENEFIT OF GOOD GOVERNANCE...

Discussing the important steps taken towards good governance in the country during the last 11 years, PM Modi said that initiatives like JAM Trinity-Jan Dhan, Aadhar, Mobile, and Government e-Marketplace (Gem) are being discussed and appreciated all over the world today. He said that there were about 10 crore beneficiaries in schemes like ration card, gas subsidy, and scholarship, whose existence could not be verified, and in such a situation, money was being transferred in the name of fake beneficiaries. The government used technology by improving the policies and removed 10 crore fake names from the list of beneficiaries. This decision of the government saved more than Rs 4.3 lakh crore of the country from going into the wrong hands. To streamline the functioning, many departments were merged. The Jal Shakti Ministry was formed to ensure water security, and the Ministry of Cooperation was formed to empower the cooperative movement. Key ministries like the Fisheries Ministry to prioritize the fisheries sector and the Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Ministry to focus on youth empowerment were formed. These reforms have increased the efficiency of governance and accelerated the delivery of public services.



Solar energy, e-charging station, and many more special features

This is our Kartavya Bhavan-3



It will have the offices of Home, Foreign, Rural Development, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Department of Personnel and Training, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, and the Principal Scientific Advisor to the Prime Minister.



This 7-floor (ground floor + 6) building is spread over an area of 1.5 lakh square meters and has two basements.



It has been designed to consume 30 percent less energy.



Special glass windows have been installed to keep the building cool and protect it from external noise pollution.



LED lights, sensors to turn off lights when not needed, and smart lifts to save power have been installed to save energy.



The solar panels installed on the roof of the building will generate more than 5.34 lakh units of electricity every year.



Charging stations have been arranged for electric vehicles.



Solar water heaters will meet over a quarter of the daily hot water requirement.



It will meet a major part of its water needs by treating wastewater. That is, there will be no wastage of water in this building.

Construction of other parts of the Common Central Secretariat (CCS) continues

- **CCS 1 and 2:** These buildings are being constructed. The work is in the final stages.
- **CCS 10:** This building is being built on the land of the erstwhile Raksha Bhawan.
- **CCS 6 and 7:** It is being constructed on the old Vitthal Bhai Patel House and Vigyan Bhawan Annex plot.



A file, a complaint, an application, it may seem like just an everyday task. But for someone, that one paper can be their hope; the entire life of so many people can be linked to one file. A file that is related to 1 lakh people, if it is delayed even for a day on your table, it leads to the loss of 1 lakh man-days.

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

North and South Blocks will now house the Yuge Yugeen Bharat Sangrahalaya

India is moving forward with the vision of 'Development and Heritage'. With this thought, PM Modi said that the historic North and South Blocks will now turn into part of India's living heritage. These iconic buildings will be converted into public museums named 'Yuge Yugeen Bharat Sangrahalaya' so that every citizen can see the journey of India's rich civilization.



POVERTY HAS TO BE COMPLETELY ERADICATED

Referring to past efforts, PM Modi said that within the walls of old buildings, important decisions and policies were made, due to which 25 crore citizens came out of poverty. With increased efficiency in new buildings, poverty has to be completely eradicated, and the dream of Viksit Bharat has to be realized.

This historic rejuvenation of the country's capital will prove to be a decisive step towards realizing the new aspirations of Viksit Bharat. ●



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Kashi

Driving The Nation's Progress

Continuing the Mahayagna of development, rebuilding Kashi has become a symbol of determination and resolve. Continuing this, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is also MP from Varanasi, boosted Kashi's prosperity on August 2 by launching and laying the foundation stone for projects worth over Rs 2,100 crore.

Along with accentuating its spiritual, religious, and historical significance, Kashi is rapidly advancing. Be it Shri Kashi-Vishwanath Dham or the Rudraksh International Convention Centre, end-to-end connectivity or overall development of every sector, including education and health Kashi is transforming according to vision of Varanasi MP and Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Kashi is touching new heights every day. This is the reason why the development of Kashi is now giving direction to the country. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has taken the development of Varanasi forward as a Mahayagya. In this series, on August 2, he inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of more than 50 projects costing more than Rs 2,100 crore. These projects have been prepared keeping in mind several areas, including infrastructure, education, healthcare, tourism,

Kashi Entering A New Era Of Progress

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the steadfast development of Kashi continues. The development projects launched on August 2 will give further impetus to the prosperity of Kashi. ..



4-lane widening of the Varanasi-Bhadohi road

Cost
₹269
Crores

Ease
It will help to ease traffic in Kashi.

₹42
Crores

2-lane road and overbridge project near Hardatpur railway station on the Mohan Sarai-Adalpur Road completed.

Other road projects will facilitate movement from border districts.



₹130 Crores
spent on Jal Jeevan Mission for completion of 47 drinking water projects.

22,000
Houses will get a Clean water supply, and more than 1.5 lakh people will benefit

₹73
Crore

allocated for state-of-the-art facilities such as radiation machines, robotic surgery units, and CT scan at BHU and Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital.

- 53 primary schools have been renovated at Rs 8 crore to provide quality educational facilities to 7000 students. Water purification, renovation and reconstruction works also completed for the development of tourist-religious destinations at a cost of Rs 30 crore.
- The synthetic hockey ground at Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Sports Stadium was reconstructed at a cost of Rs 9 crore.



urban development, and cultural heritage. Its aim is to bring about overall urban transformation, cultural rejuvenation, better connectivity, and an increase in the quality of life in Varanasi.

BEAUTIFICATION OF KASHI

Outlining several projects launched, including a new rail overbridge, initiatives under the Jal Jeevan Mission, reconstruction of schools in Varanasi, construction of a homeopathic college, and efforts to preserve the legacy of Munshi Premchand, PM Modi said that these projects will accelerate the creation of a grand, divine, and prosperous Varanasi. He remarked that visiting Sevapuri is a matter of fortune, describing it as the threshold of Maa Kalka Devi. He expressed happiness that the government has beautified Maa Kalka Dham, making it more magnificent and improving access to the temple. The Prime Minister recalled Sevapuri's revolutionary history, noting its significant contribution to the freedom struggle. He highlighted that this is the very Sevapuri where Mahatma Gandhi's vision came to life, with spinning wheels in the hands



Foundation stones laid for various projects worth over ₹1,600 crore

- 881 crore worth of Smart distribution and underground cabling work will be carried out in Varanasi city.
- 86 crore has been allocated for the construction of the Government Homoeopathic Medical College and Hospital.
- Rs 500 crore for Roads and bridges' widening and strengthening. The works also include urban development initiatives such as park development, multi-level parking, pond conservation, and other related projects.
- 74,000+ assistive aids were distributed by the Prime Minister to various Divyangjana and Elderly beneficiaries.

Call for Swadeshi

PM Modi said that Varanasi is a city of intellectuals. India is on the path to becoming the world's third-largest economy. India must remain vigilant about its economic interests. We also have to create a feeling within ourselves, and that feeling is – we should take a pledge of Swadeshi. The pledge to sell Swadeshi goods will also be a true service to the country. The dream of a developed India will be fulfilled only with everyone's efforts.

In the future, buying Vocal for Local means choosing Swadeshi — for our homes, our lives, and our nation. We started with this mantra.

of men and women in every household. He also pointed out a meaningful coincidence: through projects like the Chandpur-Bhadohi Road, the weavers of Varanasi are now being connected with those of Bhadohi. This, he said, will benefit both the artisans of Banarasi silk and the craftsmen of Bhadohi.

OPERATION SINDOOR...

After Operation Sindoor, Prime Minister Modi had reached his parliamentary constituency for the first time. Under this backdrop, he said, "Such occasions in life inspire a lot. The unity of the country awakens a new consciousness in every matter, and only then is Operation Sindoor successful. The unity of 140 crore countrymen becomes the strength of Operation Sindoor." He linked the development work and Operation Sindoor with both the forms of Lord Shiva in these words, "Today, so much work of development and public welfare was done in the city of Mahadev! Shiva itself signifies welfare! But Shiva has one more form, and that is Rudra Roop! When there is terror and

injustice, then our Mahadev embodies the fierce Rudra Roop. PM Modi asserted that during Operation Sindoor, the world witnessed this Rudra form of India, declaring, "Anyone who attacks India will not be spared, even in the depths of the underworld." "During Operation Sindoor, the world witnessed the power of India's indigenous weaponry and the effectiveness of India's air defence systems, indigenous missiles, and drones, which demonstrated the strength of an Atmanirbhar Bharat," said the Prime Minister. He specifically emphasised the impact of India's BrahMos missiles, noting that their presence has instilled fear in every enemy of the nation.



Another mantra of development **Greater Priority For The Most Underserved**

The central government's Sankalp to change the plight of farmers for building a prosperous nation is moving towards its Siddhi. The world's largest DBT scheme started in the direction of making farmers self-reliant – the 20th instalment of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi was released from Kashi...

Agriculture in India is not just a mean of profession but has become a journey of self-reliance and glorious transformation. To make farmers capable, modern, and self-reliant, the government has supported the farmers at every step. From understanding the fertility of the soil to saving every drop of water, from seeds and fertilisers to the market, from making loans easier to bringing modern equipment like drones to the fields, under this resolution, the agriculture budget has been increased five times in the last 11 years. So that farmers can get better facilities, technology, and support. The basis of developed India is empowered farmers; this is the basic mantra of the Government of India. Keeping in mind the interests of the farmers, the central government launched the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana.

PM Kisan Samman Nidhi is one of the world's largest Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) schemes today. Under this, an amount of Rs 3.90 lakh crore has been given directly to the bank accounts of farmers so far. In fact, in the last 11 years, the central government has not

only made schemes for agriculture welfare but has also built a strong relationship with the farmers by understanding needs of fields so that their income increases. The record MSP purchase of crops like wheat, paddy, pulses, oilseeds, and cotton gave farmers a fair price for their hard work. Under crop insurance payment, more than Rs 1.83 lakh crore has been paid to farmers for compensation in natural disasters. This has proved that the farmer is not alone in times of crisis; the government stands as his shield. Therefore, on the occasion of releasing the 20th instalment of Kisan Samman Nidhi from Kashi, Prime Minister Modi also said, "Our government is constantly working for the prosperity of farmers... Today PM Kisan Samman Nidhi has become an example of the firm intentions of the central government." It is true that when this scheme was started, there was an apprehension that it would be discontinued. But since 2019, this scheme has been continuing.

FOCUS ON AGRICULTURALLY BACKWARD DISTRICTS.

On this occasion, Prime Minister Modi informed that this month, the Central Government has approved another big scheme. Its name is Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhanya Krishi Yojana. 24 thousand crore rupees will be spent on this scheme for the welfare of farmers, for the agricultural system, and for agricultural development. The districts of the country which were left backward, where agricultural production is also decreasing and the income of farmers is also low, will be the focus of Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhanya Krishi Yojana.

A big challenge for farmers has been the weather; sometimes it rains too much, sometimes hail falls, sometimes frost! To protect farmers from this, the PM Fasal Bima Yojana was started. The Central Government has ensured that farmers get the right price for their crops; for this there has been a record increase in MSP. Warehouses are being built to ensure that the grains are safe. To modernise agriculture, research is being taken to the fields. For this, a specially developed Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan was run in the months of May and June. With the mantra of 'Lab se Land', direct communication has been done with more than 1.25 crore farmers. ●

PM Kisan Samman se Samridhhi...

- The 20th installment was transferred. So far, more than Rs 3.90 lakh crore has been transferred.
- 10 thousand farmer producer organizations are making farmers self-reliant.
- With the help of Rs 1 lakh crore through Agriculture Infrastructure Fund, agriculture is touching new dimensions with the development of infrastructure after harvesting.
- In the last 11 years, by giving fertilizer subsidy of Rs 14 lakh crore, fertilizer has been supplied to the farmers at the right time and at affordable prices.
- The Kisan Samridhhi Kendras established across the country are today providing fertilizers, solutions, technology, and guidance to farmers in one place.
- It is the result of the efforts of the Central Government that there has been record production in the field of food grains and horticulture in the country.
- Rs 1.83 lakh crore has been paid under the PM Fasal Bima Yojana.



₹21,000 crore had been transferred to the bank accounts of 10 crore farmer brothers and sisters across the country under the PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme. And when money goes from Kashi, it automatically becomes Prasad.

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister
(while releasing the 20th installment from Kashi)



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Maa Sita temple to be built in Punaura Dham

Ramak Ayodhya, Sitak Mithila... Confluence of faith



In January 2024, the Pran Pratishtha of Lord Shri Ram in the grand temple built in Ayodhya was not only a spiritual landmark but a moment of salvation for civilization. It was also the proclamation of that historic cultural renaissance of India, the foundation of which has been laid by Prime Minister Narendra Modi with the mantra of 'Vikas Bhi, Virasat Bhi'. To further boost cultural heritage, on August 8, Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah laid the foundation stone of a grand temple at Punaura Dham, the place of manifestation of Maa Sita on the holy land of Mithila in Bihar...



Mithila, the holy land of Maa Sita, is a center of reverence and worship as well as a vibrant showcase of Indian art, spirituality, and cultural splendor. In the year 2003, the then Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee gave constitutional status to Maithili by including it in the Eighth Schedule. This has got a further fillip with the efforts of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who has given state gifts to the world leaders inspired by Mithila art and culture. The imprints of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's great campaign of development with heritage are now also visible in Mithila. In this endeavour, a massive plan for the overall development of the temple and its surrounding complex has been started at Punaura Dham in Sitamarhi, the birthplace of Maa Sita, for Rs 890 crore. Union Home and Cooperation Minister

Punaura Dham: Birthplace of Maa Sita and a hub of faith

Punaura Dham in Sitamarhi district of Bihar state is the holy birthplace of Jagat Janani Mata Sita. It has been a glorious center of faith and devotion since ancient times. Lakhs of devotees from many states of India consider the Ramayana Circuit Yatra complete only after visiting Punaura Dham. Every year, grand programs are organized here on the occasions of Mata Janaki Janmotsav, Hanuman Jayanti, Ramnavami, and Vivah Panchami. Inspired by the development of Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Ayodhya, a comprehensive and visionary plan has been prepared for the redevelopment of Punaura Dham. An additional 50 acres of land have been acquired for its implementation.

Features of Maa Janaki temple

- A grand temple of Shaktiswarupa Jagatjanani Maa Janaki will be built in Punaura Dham in an area of more than 68 acres for nearly Rs 890 crore.
- Rs 137 crore will be spent on the renovation of the existing temple of Mata Sita, and Rs 728 crore will be spent on the Parikrama Path and other structures.
- Here, the life of Maa Sita and the stories of Ramayana will be exhibited in the Parikrama Path, Dhyan Kendra Vatika, along with reconstruction of sacred water sources, Dharamshalas, canteens, medical facilities, and a digital gallery.
- Also, 3D experience will allow common people to witness events from the lives of Mata Janaki and Lord Shri Ram.
- It will also include the development of Valmiki Nagar of Ramayana Circuit with Rs 52 crore, Pulhar Sthan of Madhubani with Rs 31 crore, Panthapakar of Sitamarhi with Rs 24 crore, Ahilya Sthan with Rs 23 crore, Ram Reka Ghat with Rs 13 crore, and Sita Kund of Munger Gaya with Rs 7 crore.



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Amit Shah laid its foundation stone in a program organized on August 8. He said that cultural heritage is an important chapter in the resolve to make India a developed nation. The result of this thinking has been seen from the revival of the Somnath temple to Kedarnath, Kashi Vishwanath Corridor, and Mahakal Corridor to the Pran Pratishtha of Ramlala in Shri Ram Temple in Ayodhya.

Describing Mithila as an integral jewel of Indian culture, the Union Home Minister said that Mithila has been the center of our culture from the scriptures like Valmiki Ramayana, Mahabharata, to Buddhist and Jain literature. Mithila has been a great center of learning of theology, astrology, music, literature, grammar, language, and tantra knowledge. He said that this grand temple to be built on

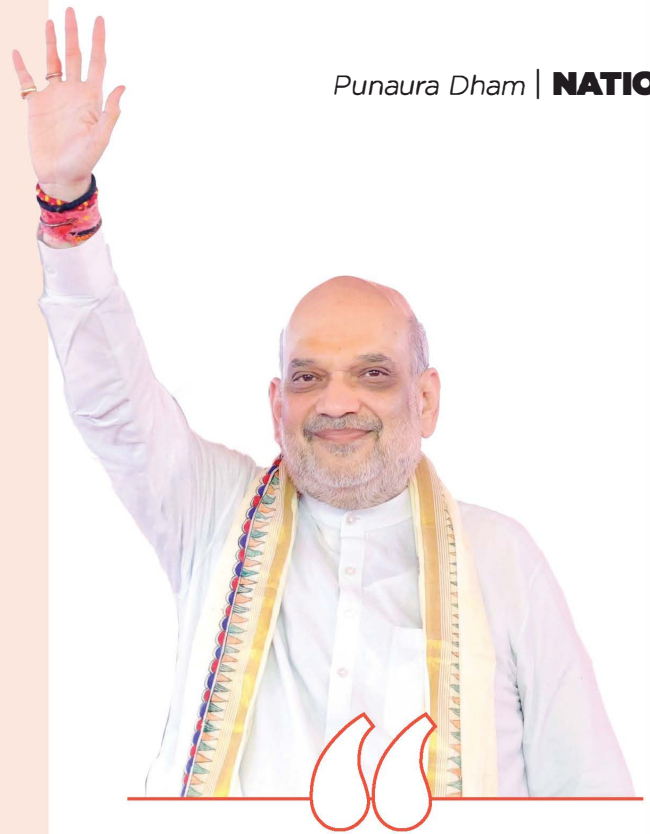
Special Focus on Bihar's Development

₹83

thousand crores worth of
development gifts given by
PM Modi in his 6 visits



- Sitamarhi's National Highway 527 is being built of concrete, and it is being made so strong that even a plane will be able to land on it after 2 years.
- Sitamarhi-Sursand-Jaynagar-Nirmali railway section is being built with Rs 2,400 crore, Sitamarhi-Jaynagar-Naraiya road is being doubled with Rs 474 crore.
- Bahargaon to Sitamarhi-Sursand road work is going on with Rs 201 crore and Khagaria-Purnia section is being constructed on National Highway 31 with Rs 1,600 crore.
- Jayanagar, Darbhanga, Narkatiyaganj, and Bhikhna are being converted into double gauge with Rs 1,193 crore.
- The Samastipur-Darbhanga line is being doubled with Rs 624 crore. 10 railway stations of Bihar are becoming Amrit stations.
- A new line is being built from Sitamarhi to Shivhar for Rs 567 crore. The Muzaffarpur to Sitamarhi railway line is being built for Rs 71 crore.
- Riga's sugar mill has been started in Sitamarhi. Financial assistance for Western Kosi Nagar has been approved by the Government of India.
- Earlier, Rs 1132 crore was spent every year for the development of railways in Bihar, but the central government has spent Rs 10,066 crore for railways in Bihar only in 2025-26.
- Also, 8 new medical colleges have been built.
- The doubling of the Muzaffarpur-Sugoli line is being done for Rs 1,465 crore.
- PM Modi has promoted the welfare of Makhana farmers by forming the Makhana Board.



The Modi government is steadfastly promoting tourism and enriching the experience of devotees by providing excellent connectivity to pilgrimage sites, archaeological sites, and historical heritage sites across the country. Now the Amrit Bharat train has been started between Sitamarhi and Delhi. This will not only promote religious tourism here but will also provide the gift of smooth travel to the people of Sitamarhi and the surrounding areas. Along with this, industry, trade, and employment will also get a new impetus.

Amit Shah, Union Home and Cooperation Minister

the birthplace of Maa Janaki will open a new door of prosperity for Mithila and Bihar. Today, from here, the work of making Mithila again a place of learning and a center of culture is being started.

Laying the foundation for the overall development of the Punaura Dham temple complex, the birthplace of Maa Janaki, is an auspicious occasion not only for Sitamarhi, Mithila, and Bihar but for

the entire country and the world. Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has developed the Punaura Dham temple and its complex at the birthplace of Maa Sita with crores of rupees. During the program, Union Home Minister Amit Shah flagged off the Amrit Bharat train from Sitamarhi to Delhi through video conference. ●



Farmers' Strength Drives National Progress

“ The welfare of our farmers is our top priority. India will never compromise on the interests of its farmers, livestock rearers, and fisherfolk brothers and sisters. I know that our expenses will have to bear a huge price, but I am ready for it. Today, India is ready for farmers, fishermen, and livestock rearers. We are constantly working on these goals – increasing the income of farmers, reducing expenditure on farming, and creating new sources of income.”

These words of the top leadership of any nation are enough to express the importance of the concerned sectors and to show solidarity. In his address at the MS Swaminathan Centenary International Conference on August 7 in New Delhi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave a clear message through these words... No matter how powerful a nation is, India will not compromise with the interests of its farmers under any pressure...

The Government considers the strength of farmers as the foundation of the country's progress, and this is because they are the source of livelihood for 42.3 percent of the country's population and contribute to 18.2 percent of GDP. This is the reason that in the last 11 years, the policies made by the Central Government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi not only worked effectively on doubling the income of farmers but also on increasing the self-confidence and trust of farmers. From the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana to the PM Fasal Bima Yojana and fertiliser subsidy, farmers have received economic support, while the arrangement of irrigation of crops has also made the work of farming easier. Also financial assistance being given to co-operative and self-help groups has given new impetus to development in rural areas.

PM Modi said that 21st-century India is fully committed to becoming a developed nation, and this goal will be achieved through the



MS Swaminathan Award for Food and Peace

The MS Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) and The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) have started the MS Swaminathan Award for Food and Peace from this year. This year, the award was given to Nigerian scientist Prof. Adenle. This international award will be given to those people from developing countries who have done great work towards food security.

contribution of every section of society and every profession. India's scientists now have another opportunity to create history. He highlighted that the previous generation of scientists ensured food security, stressing that the current focus must shift towards nutritional security.

PM Modi stated that some individuals have contributions that transcend time and space. Professor Swaminathan was one such great scientist. He made science a medium of public service. He made the food security of the country the aim of his life. He not only did research but also inspired farmers to change farming methods.

In the conference organised with the theme 'Ever-green Revolution: The Path to Bio-Happiness', PM Modi said that Prof. Swaminathan taught us that farming is not just about crops; it is about life. He highlighted that the dignity of every individual connected to the field, the prosperity of every community, and the protection of

Rs 3,900 Crore claims credited to 35 lakh farmers

The nation has seen transformation through programmes like the PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi, Direct Benefit Transfer, and the Soil Health Card. Another example of the government's dedication to the welfare of farmers is the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana. By offering insurance at extremely affordable rates and using technology-based assessment for crop losses, the scheme has addressed the shortcomings of the old system that often denied farmers their rightful compensation in times of loss. In the

Over 35 lakh farmers received insurance claims through DBT in a program organized on August 11 in Rajasthan

old system, where the farmer used to get a claim if the crop of the entire tehsil or block was destroyed, now even if the crop of one farmer is destroyed, he is entitled to payment. In this series of helping the food providers, on August 11, for the first time in the country, an amount of more than Rs 3,900 crore was paid simultaneously into the bank accounts of more than 35 lakh farmers as a crop insurance claim. The Union Agriculture Minister said that a new system of payment has been implemented in the interest of farmers, in which immediate payment of farmers' claims will be possible proportionately only on the subsidy of the Centre without waiting for the premium contribution amount of the states. From Kharif 2025, if any state government delays in giving its subsidy, then a penalty of 12% will be imposed. Rs 2.20 Lakh crore worth of claims have been settled since the scheme's inception in 2016.

nature form the strength of the government's agricultural policy. PM stated that the interests of small farmers must be given top priority. He emphasised the importance of empowering women working in the farms.

PM Modi said, witnessing the current heights of Indian agriculture, Dr M. S. Swaminathan would surely feel proud wherever he may be. He said that India today ranks first in the production of milk, pulses, and jute. He noted that India is second in the world in the production of rice, wheat, cotton, fruits, and vegetables, and added that India is also the world's second-largest fish producer. The Prime Minister shared that last year, India achieved its highest-ever food grain production. He emphasised that India is setting records in oilseeds as well, with soybean, mustard, and groundnut production reaching record levels. ●



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5 years of PM Matsya Sampada Yojana

New Thrust To The Fisheries Sector

Kedar Bind of Ghazipur, Uttar Pradesh, is 75 years old. He wanted to do fish farming since his youth, but could not gather resources. At this advanced age, he came across an advertisement for the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana in the newspaper and decided to apply. The government approved his application and provided him with financial assistance of Rs 5.60 lakh for Rohu fish farming. Bind, who began fish farming on 8 bighas of land in July 2023, shares, "As age advances, self-respect often feels at risk, but the Matsya Sampada Yojana has helped me preserve my dignity."

After graduating from Varanasi with a degree in agriculture and a post-graduation in social work, K.N. Singh started working in the corporate world. Meanwhile, the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana was started in 2020. Singh left his job and thought of doing something on his own. He started the work of preparing fish seeds in the Recirculatory Aquaculture System (RAS). To gain people's trust, he started his own fish business using the prepared seeds. When he took this project forward at a cost of Rs 55 lakh, he also got a grant of Rs 21.70 lakh. Singh says this gave him a lot of encouragement in the initial days. In just 3 years, he has established himself as a successful businessman. The company's annual turnover is around Rs 40 lakh. It has a net profit of Rs 12 lakh, and at the same time, 10 families are being supported.



Countless such success stories are the result of the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana, the foundation of which was laid by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 10 September 2020. The objective was to create new employment opportunities along with making India the leader in the fisheries sector, which is full of immense possibilities. This scheme has established fish farming as a form of self-employment and has also given opportunities to thousands of people in almost every state. By extending this scheme, which was started for the year 2024-25, by one more year, the government has breathed new life into this sector...

Rangeen Machhli app

If you want to do ornamental fish farming business, run an aquarium shop for their sale or keep ornamental fish at home then 'Rangeen Machhli' app developed by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research-Central Freshwater Aquaculture Research Institute (ICAR-CIFA) in collaboration with the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana is very beneficial. It was launched on September 12, 2024. The app provides comprehensive information on care, breeding and maintenance practices related to colourful or aquarium fish in eight Indian languages.

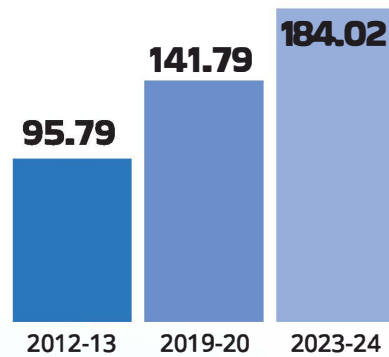


While only Rs 3,682 crore was invested in the fisheries sector in 67 years after independence, the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana, which started with an investment of Rs 20 thousand crore, has ushered in a new era of blue revolution in India. Under the scheme, the effect of structural reforms and technical and financial assistance, along with the upgrading of modern infrastructure related to fish farming, is that while fish production was 95.79 lakh tonnes in 2013-14, it reached 184.02 lakh tonnes in 2023-24. Inland and aquaculture fish production increased tremendously from 26.78 lakh tonnes in 2004-14 to 77.71 lakh tonnes in 2014-24. Going far beyond the target of employing about 55 lakh people, more than 63 lakh fishermen and fish farmers have got livelihood opportunities through this scheme.

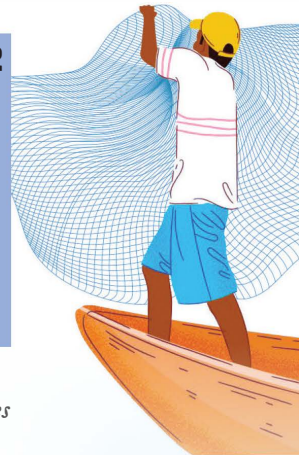
NOW FOCUS ON SMALL FARMERS

After the success of almost achieving the targets set in the scheme, it has been extended till the end of the 15th Finance Commission cycle, i.e., 2025-26. Along with this, a new Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sam-

Fish production doubled in 11 years



**Note: Figures in lakh tonnes*



Per capita fish consumption

Increased from 5 kg per annum in 2013-14 to 13.1 kg

Aquaculture productivity

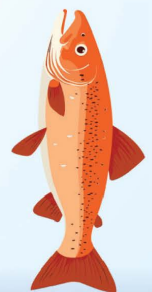
Increased from 3 tonnes per hectare to 4.7 tonnes per hectare.

Fisheries export

Increased from ₹46,663 crore in 2019-20 to ₹60,525 crore in 2023-24



2019-20



2023-24

More than 3 crore people depend on fisheries in India





Modern infrastructure is also being built for fishing through PM Matsya Sampada Yojana. The central government is giving subsidies to fishermen to provide modern boats for deep-sea fishing. Fishermen have also been given the facility of the Kisan Credit Card. Due to such efforts, both fish production and export have increased manifold in the last 10 years. In the future, the income of our fishermen will also increase greatly, and their lives will become easier.

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

These infrastructures have been approved under the PM Matsya Sampada Yojana

6,694

Mobile fish kiosks

27,189

Cold chains with fish transportation facilities

- 634 ice plants or cold storages
- 26 fishing harbours
- 22 fishing landing centres
- 21 wholesale fish markets approved



Focus on welfare of fishermen-fish farmers

- Insurance of Rs 5 lakh on death or total physical disability
- Insurance of Rs 2.5 lakh on partial disability
- Rs 3,000 per fisherman for livelihood and nutrition for 3 months during the fishing ban



ridhi Saha Yojana has been launched with the aim of providing work-based identity to 20 lakh fishermen, fish farmers, and fish sellers, including micro- and small enterprises of the fisheries sector. Rs 6,000 crore will be spent on the scheme for four years from FY 2023-24 to FY 2026-27. In this, an attempt is being made to formalise the unorganised fisheries sector by creating a National Fisheries Digital Platform.

FACILITIES WILL INCREASE FURTHER THROUGH COASTAL FISH CLUSTERS

The central government is going to take another initiative to promote competition in the fisheries sector as well as to make it more economically strong and expand the possibilities of high income. Under this, 34 clusters related to fish production, processing, and marketing are being created. Along with notifying 17 of these, standard operating procedures have also been issued.

12 THOUSAND FISHERIES COOPERATIVES WILL BE FORMED IN 10 YEARS

With the aim of economically empowering fishermen and fish-producing farmers, assistance is being given for the establishment of the Fisheries Farmer Producer Organisation (FFPO) under the scheme. Initially, approval has been given to convert 2,000 existing fisheries cooperatives into FFPOs and the formation of 195 new FFPOs. Along with this, an action plan has also been prepared to form 12 thousand fisheries cooperatives in two phases by the year 2032-33 through the National Fisheries Development Board.

100 CLIMATE-FRIENDLY COASTAL VILLAGES WILL BE DEVELOPED

The central government is working on a plan to develop 100 coastal fishermen villages as climate-friendly under the Matsya Sampada Yojana. Under this, the village's resistance to the effects of climate change is being increased through infrastructure and economic activities. Apart from this, 11 integrated aquaparks have also been approved. An expenditure of about Rs 683 crore is estimated on the scheme. ●

Delhi-National Capital Region

Revolution in the Field of Connectivity

The capital of a country showcases the pace of development. Delhi is now becoming a model of development in India's journey to become a developed nation. Shedding its tag of a region struggling with overcrowding, infrastructural challenges, and snarling traffic jams, Delhi and the National Capital Region have now become witnesses to the transformative phase of modern infrastructure construction in the country. Another feather was added to its cap in the development journey on 17 August, when PM Modi gave a new impetus to connectivity here with two national projects worth Rs 11,000 crore...

In the last 11 years, work has been going on to boost big infrastructure projects to increase connectivity in Delhi and NCR. This has made it easier for the people of Delhi-NCR to commute from one place to another, and at the same time, it has also helped in reducing pollution on a large scale. The central government is moving towards making Delhi a model of development, and this is also visible in the policies and decisions of the central government. Giving a new gift of connectivity to

the National Capital Region (NCR), Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated two major National Capital Highway projects costing Rs 11,000 crore in Delhi, which include the Delhi section of Dwarka Expressway and Section 4 of Urban Extension Road - II. These are structural marvels that will give direction to the mobility, environmental balance, and economic future of the capital region. These two projects will improve the connectivity for the people of Delhi, Gurugram, and the entire National



Capital Region. Traveling to offices and factories will become easier. Traders, entrepreneurs, and farmers will benefit greatly from this connectivity. PM Modi said that today's India is defined by its aspirations, dreams, and resolutions - these are elements that the whole world is now experiencing.

When the world looks at India and assesses its progress, it first evaluates the national capital, Delhi. This is the reason why the central government is working rapidly on developing Delhi as a model of development so that everyone can truly experience that it is the capital of a progressing and confident India.

In the last 11 years, the government has worked steadfastly at various levels to achieve this progress. In terms of connectivity, Delhi-NCR has seen unprecedented improvements in the last decade. Modern and wide expressways have been built. Delhi-NCR now represents the world's largest area in terms of metro network. This region is also equipped with transport systems like Namo Bharat Rapid Rail. Regarding the Dwarka Expressway and Urban Extension Road, PM Modi said that they have been constructed with excellent standards. After the Peripheral Expressway, now Delhi's infrastructure and connectivity will be further strengthened. Referring to the Eastern and Western Peripheral Expressways, PM Modi said that Delhi-NCR needed such infrastructure for many decades. Despite this, due to the bottleneck, it was stuck for a long time. Such apathy was witnessed in the whole country regarding development projects. Firstly, the budget for infrastructure was very less earlier, and even the approved projects were not completed for years. In the last 11 years, we have increased the infrastructure budget by more than 6 times. Now the emphasis is on completing the projects quickly. The Eastern and Western Peripheral Expressway is now providing services with pride, and projects like Dwarka Expressway are getting ready.

CLEANING OF THE YAMUNA

Referring to the cleaning campaign launched in the Yamuna River in Delhi by the state government, PM Modi said that 16 lakh metric tonnes of silt have been removed from it. 650 DEVI (Delhi Electric Vehicle Interconnector) electric buses have been introduced



Projects giving respite to Delhi-NCR

- The travel time has been reduced from three hours to 45 minutes with Delhi-Meerut Expressway.
- More than 3 lakh vehicles pass through NH 48 between Delhi and Gurugram every day.
- Dwarka Expressway was built to reduce the pressure on commuters and provide a signal-free route.
- Urban Extension Road-II will bring revolutionary improvement in connectivity to areas like Alipur, Bawana, Rohini, Mundka, Bakkarwala, Najafgarh, Dwarka, Mahipalpur, West Delhi, and South Delhi.
- Now, the traffic coming from Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir will be able to reach Delhi International Airport seamlessly. This will provide relief from jams in areas like Dhaula Kuan, Mukarba Chowk, Outer Ring Road, and NH 9.
- The distance from Delhi-Haryana Sindhu Border to the airport, which was earlier covered in 2 hours, can now be covered in 40 minutes.
- Nearly 10 lakh metric tonnes of waste extracted from Bhalswa and Ghazipur landfills have been used in road construction. Also, 10 thousand trees have been planted instead of being cut.

Projects which were inaugurated

- The Delhi section of Dwarka Expressway and Urban Extension Route-II (UER-2) has been developed to decongest the capital.
- It aims to improve connectivity, reduce travel time, and reduce traffic congestion in Delhi and its surrounding areas.
- The 10.1 km long Delhi section of Dwarka Expressway has been developed for Rs 5,360 crore.
- This section will also provide multi-modal connectivity to Yashobhoomi, Delhi Metro's Blue Line and Orange Line, the upcoming Bijwasan railway station, and the Dwarka cluster bus depot. The capital is being revamped, which integrates India's past with the future.

This section includes

Package I: From Shiv Murti Square to Road Under Bridge (RUB) in Dwarka Sector-21

5.9 KM section

Package II: From Dwarka Sector-21 RUB to Delhi-Haryana border

4.2 KM section

Provides direct connectivity to Urban Extension Road-2.

Start of the Alipur to Dichaun Kalan section of Urban Extension Road-II (UER-2) with new links to Bahadurgarh and Sonipat, constructed at a cost of about Rs 5,580 crore.

This will ease traffic on Delhi's Inner and Outer Ring Roads as well as busy places like Mukarba Chowk, Dhaula Kuan, and NH-09. The new routes will provide direct access to Bahadurgarh and Sonipat.

“We have to make Delhi such a model of development...where everyone feels that yes, this is the capital of a progressing India.”

Narendra Modi
Prime Minister

in Delhi. The fleet of electric buses in the city is expected to cross 2,000 soon. This initiative will strengthen the mantra of 'Green Delhi-Clean Delhi'. PM Modi said that people who once lived in slums in Delhi are now getting permanent houses. Areas deprived of basic amenities like electricity, water, and gas connection have now been provided with these necessities.

LIFE & BUSINESS WILL BECOME EASIER

PM Modi announced that many major reforms will be done in the coming days to make both life and business easier. Next-generation reforms are being planned for the Goods and Services Tax (GST). The government aims to further simplify GST and revise tax rates. The government's goal is to bring the benefits of reform to every household, especially the poor and the middle class.

VOCAL FOR LOCAL IS EMPOWERING INDIA

PM Modi said that to empower India, we should take inspiration from Chakradhari Mohan, and to make India self-reliant, we should follow the path of Chakradhari Mohan. He said that Vocal for Local, i.e., being vocal for local products, should become the life mantra for every citizen. This mission is not difficult for the nation, because whenever India has taken a resolution, it has always fulfilled it.

It is the result of the efforts of the central government that, in this great campaign of building modern infrastructure in Delhi along with the country, many such milestones have been established in the last 11 years, which have emerged as a symbol of change. The new Central Secretariat, Kartavya Bhavan-3, the new Parliament, and Kartavya Path are in front of everyone. At the same time, modern conference centers like Bharat Mandapam and Yashobhoomi are enhancing the glory of Delhi today. With excellent infrastructure, Delhi today is becoming a capital that brings together India's past with its future. ●



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Your Face, Your Identity

Overcoming geographical challenges, India Post Payments Bank has brought banking services directly to the doorsteps of people with the mantra of 'Aapka Bank-Aapke Dwar'. This scheme is completing seven years on 1 September 2018. Prime Minister Narendra Modi was the first to open his account under this scheme to give a message to promote the goal of financial inclusion. Face identification has improved banking experiences, which is becoming modern and easy with the inclusion of new technology...

For a large population of India, banking services for a long time had remained inaccessible. The reason for this was the long distance of banks from homes and sometimes a lack of trust. India Post Payments Bank was started to bring the benefits of banking services to these people at their doorstep. The objective was to provide equal opportunities to every citizen to become financially secure and empowered in order to make the country prosperous. In the age of technology, the postman who used to bring letters to homes brought banking facilities to homes, while the network of IPPB has now spread to 650 branches and more than 1.63 lakh service centers, i.e., access points across the country. In just 7 years, more than 11 crore customers from 5.57 lakh villages and towns have expressed their trust in this

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to open an account in IPPB, or get information related to services, or can also email at contact@ippbonline.in.

bank with a network of 3 lakh postal employees. Moving forward in the direction of making banking more secure, inclusive, and seamless, IPPB has now introduced a face authentication facility through Aadhaar for customer transactions, so that no customer is deprived of the benefits of facilities due to the limitations of biometric fingerprint or OTP verification. For this, more than 1.90 lakh postmen and rural postal workers have been equipped with biometric devices along with smartphones.



These benefits will be available with the face authentication facility

- **Elderly** - whose fingerprints are not easily scanned in the machine.
- **Divyangjan** - who find it difficult with traditional methods.
- **Illness or emergency** - when it is not possible to use the phone or fingerprint.
- **Common citizens** - who want easy and hassle-free banking.

This technology is important because

- There is no scope for fraud as the face is linked to Aadhaar.
- No hassle of OTP or waiting, direct transaction.
- Be it village or a city, this will bridge the urban-rural divide

Aadhaar and Digital Life Certificate Services at Your Doorstep

IPPB is providing Aadhaar-based services at the doorstep of people through postmen and rural postal workers. This includes the facility of a digital life certificate and child enrollment. For these services, IPPB has tied up with various departments of the central and state governments, so that services can be provided at home as per the requirement to the general public, pensioners, and children. IPPB provides the facility of submitting a digital life certificate for any pensioner of the central government, state government, or the Employees Provident Fund Organization. It also provides mobile number update in Aadhaar for the citizen and child enrollment services for children aged 0-5 years.

7.03

Crore Aadhaar-linked accounts have been opened till December 2024.

7.68

Crore customers' mobile numbers updated in Aadhaar.

More Than **24** Lakh digital life certificates issued for pensioners.

PM Modi's appeal...

Get your Jan Dhan account re-KYC done

The world's biggest financial inclusion initiative, Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, launched in 2014, has completed 11 years. More than 55 crore bank accounts have been opened through this scheme so far. In the banking sector, it is mandatory to get your accounts KYC done after 10 years. Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself appealed to the people to complete the KYC process at a program organized in Varanasi on August 2. He said that a huge campaign has been started across the country from July 1 to complete this work. Banks themselves are reaching out to every Gram Panchayat. Banks have set up camps in about one lakh such Gram Panchayats. Lakhs of people have also got their KYC done again. This campaign is going to continue further. I would ask every person who has a Jan Dhan account and who has not got their KYC done to definitely get it done.

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Through India Post Payments Bank, it is our resolve to provide banking facilities to every poor, common man of the country, in every corner of the country, to the people living in remote mountains, to our tribals living in dense forests, to those groups living in some far-off island, that is, to every Indian's doorstep.

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



India Is Moving Towards Goal Of Tech Self-Reliance



The importance of technology in the 21st century can be realised from the fact that for the first time in the country, the person standing at the last in the queue of society became the direct beneficiary of government schemes. In such a situation, when Prime Minister Narendra Modi reached the city considered a tech hub for the inauguration and foundation stone laying of infrastructure development projects, he emphasised the importance of technology in the resolution of Viksit Bharat. Also, he set the priority of making India self-reliant in technology...

The way political superpowers influenced the 20th century, it is believed that technology superpowers will hold the primary leadership position in the 21st century. With this secret mantra, the nation's first leader, who was born in independent India, penned a script for excellent government that not only put the world in awe with its development but also raised India's stature in international forums. It is the result of better use of technology that science and technology have become such a tool for India's development that administrative reforms, electricity, railway reforms, curbing corruption, tax transparency, one country-one tax through GST, Skill India, Startup India, Digital India, steps in the interest of farmers and

women, changes in the field of education to defence modernisation and such projects pending for decades which seemed impossible earlier are becoming a reality. Be it the development of infrastructure or India's rapid economic progress, technology has given it momentum. Prime Minister Narendra Modi emphasised this while inaugurating and laying the foundation stone for development projects valued at approximately ₹23,000 crore in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

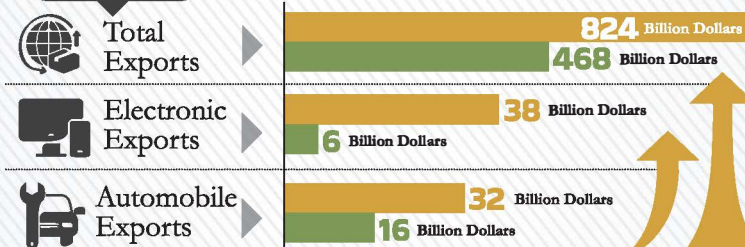
The speed at which India's economy is growing – and in the last 11 years, it has moved from 10th to become the third-largest economy in the world – the youth of India, especially the youth of Karnataka, have a significant role in it. PM Modi said that Bengaluru

India's big leap in the last 11 years

Sector	Now 2025	Then 2014
 Economy	Moving towards the top three	It was 10th
 Metro network	24 cities 1,013 km	Limited to 5 cities 248 km
 Railway line electrification	40,000 km+	20,000 km
 Number of airports and waterways	160+ Airports 30 Waterways	74 Airports 3 Waterways
 AIIMS/ Medical colleges	22 AIIMS 704 Medical Colleges	7 AIIMS 387 Medical Colleges
 IIT, IIM	23 IITs IITs 25 and IIMs 21	16 IITs IITs 9 and IIM-13

Exports

● Now 2025 ● Then 2014



Work made easy

- More than 2,200 government services are available on mobile platforms.
- Through the Umang app, citizens can complete government work from home.
- DigiLocker has eliminated the hassle of managing government certificates.
- Today India has become the third largest metro network in the world.

“Through initiatives like the India AI Mission, India is advancing toward global AI leadership. The Semiconductor Mission is also gaining momentum, and India will soon have its own made-in-India chip.”

Narendra Modi
Prime Minister



is emerging as a city that has become a symbol of the rise of a new India. Bengaluru is now recognised alongside major global cities. Now the time has come for India to not only compete at the global level but also lead. India and the world saw the power of technology and the success of Make in India in the defence sector during Operation Sindoor. This is the reason why Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, “Our next big priority should be to become self-reliant in technology.” Indian technology companies have left their mark all over the world. Now is the time for the youth of the country to give more priority to the needs of India. The country is moving forward with the determination of a developed India; that journey will be completed step by step with Digital India.

The country will progress only when the cities are equipped with all the modern facilities and the people are skilled. This is the reason why the country's infrastructure is being strengthened and modernised. Taking this forward, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Yellow Line of Bangalore Metro, costing about Rs 7,160 crore, in Bengaluru on August 10 and laid the foundation stone of the Bangalore Metro Phase 3 project (Orange Line) to be built at a cost of more than Rs 15,610 crore. After the start of both lines, 25 lakh people will be able to travel by metro in a comfortable manner every day. Along with this, three Vande Bharat Express trains were also flagged off at KSR Railway Station in Bengaluru. This Vande Bharat train will run between Bengaluru and Belgaum, Nagpur and Pune, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra, and Amritsar. PM Modi said that “In the 21st century, urban planning and urban infrastructure are the important needs of our cities.” Bangalore is being prepared for the future. In the last few years, the central government has started projects worth thousands of crores of rupees here, and now it is gaining momentum. ●



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Ujjwala Beneficiaries will Continue to Get a Subsidy

Four more semiconductor projects also approved

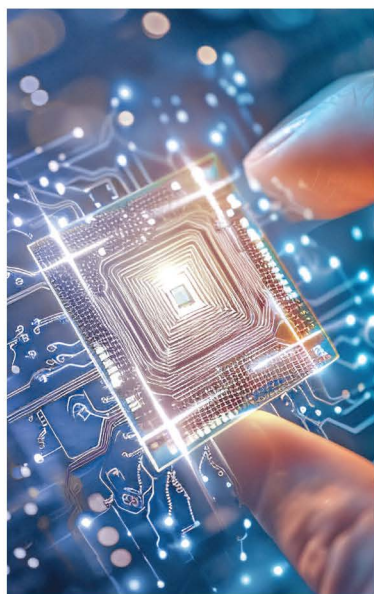
Women's power is at the heart of the Central Government initiatives, while self-reliance is the key mantra of industrial development. This is also clearly visible in the recent decisions of the Union Cabinet. Under this, approval was given to extend the subsidy of the PM Ujjwala Yojana, which has more than 10 crore women beneficiaries, for one more year. On the other hand, India took another resilient step towards becoming a global hub of semiconductor production with the approval of 4 more projects...

DECISION: A subsidy of Rs 12,000 crore will continue for the beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana till 2025-26.

IMPACT: Under the PM Ujjwala Yojana, launched to provide smoke-free kitchens to promote the health and convenience of women of poor families across the country, a subsidy of Rs 300 per refill till 9 cylinders will continue in the financial year 2025-26 as well. An expenditure of Rs 12,000 crore is estimated. Let us tell you that India is dependent on imports for about 60% of its LPG needs. To ensure that poor families are not affected by the surge in global prices, in May 2022, the government started a subsidy of Rs 200 on every cylinder along with free connection under the Ujjwala scheme. In October 2023, it was increased to Rs 300. As of July 1, 10.33 crore connections have been given under the Ujjwala scheme.



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DECISION: Approval to four more semiconductor projects with an outlay of Rs 4,600 crore under the India Semiconductor Mission.

IMPACT: India launched this mission in 2021 to become a global production hub with self-reliance in the field of semiconductor chips. This decision is yet another big step in this direction. Under this, a silicon carbide semiconductor plant for Rs 2,066 crore in Bhubaneswar, Odisha will be setup. Its annual capacity will be to manufacture 9.6 crore chips. A 3D glass manufacturing plant will also be set up in Odisha with an investment of Rs 1,943 crore. A chip packaging plant has been approved in Andhra Pradesh, which will be set up by Advanced System in Package Technologies Pvt Ltd with an investment of Rs 468 crore. Electronic components manufacturer CDIL will set up a semiconductor project in Punjab with an investment of Rs 117 crore. These projects are expected to generate employment for 2,034 skilled professionals. With these four projects, the total number of projects approved under the India Semiconductor Mission has gone up to 10, with a total investment of about Rs 1.60 lakh crore in 6 states.

DECISION: Approval of Phase-1B of 11.165 km long Lucknow Metro Rail Project costing Rs 5,801 crore.

IMPACT: It will have a total of 12 stations, including 7 underground and 5 elevated stations. After the commissioning of Phase-1B, the total length of the metro rail network in Lucknow city will be 34 km. This will significantly improve the public transport service of the oldest and most densely populated areas of the city.

DECISION: Approval of the 'MERIT' scheme to promote quality and research in technical education.

IMPACT: Under the Multidisciplinary Education and Research Improvement in Technical Education (MERIT) Scheme, assistance will be given to 175 engineering colleges and 100 polytechnic institutes of the country. The objective of the scheme is to strengthen the quality, equity, and administrative efficiency of technical education in alignment with the National Education Policy 2020. The central government will spend Rs 4,200 crore on this scheme from the year 2025-26 to 2029-30.

DECISION: Rs 30,000 crore approved as compensation to public sector oil marketing companies for losses in domestic LPG.

IMPACT: The compensation amount will be distributed to the oil marketing companies by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas. The amount will be given in 12 installments. The compensation will help the oil companies to meet critical requirements like the purchase of crude oil and LPG, repayment of loans, and maintaining their capital expenditure.

DECISION: Approval for four new components

with a total outlay of Rs 4,250 crore under the existing Central Sector Special Development Packages (SDP) scheme for Assam and Tripura.

IMPACT: This scheme is specifically targeted at the northeastern states of Assam and Tripura. It is a new initiative under the ongoing Central Sector Scheme of Special Development Packages. Earlier, the MoU-based package given for the Bodo and Karbi groups has yielded positive results in peacebuilding and development.

DECISION: Approval of investment proposal for the construction of 700 MW Tato-II Hydroelectric Project in Shi Yomi district of Arunachal Pradesh at an outlay of Rs 8,146.21 crore.

IMPACT: The project will generate 2,738.06 million units of electricity. The power generated from the project will also help in improving power supply in Arunachal Pradesh and balancing the national grid. The project will provide a wide range of benefits, including direct and indirect employment opportunities to local suppliers, enterprises, micro, small, and medium enterprises.

DECISION: Approval of the construction of a 4-lane highway in Tamil Nadu with an outlay of Rs 2,157 crore.

IMPACT: A 46 km-long section will be constructed between Marakkanam and Puducherry under the East Coast Road. This highway will be developed under the hybrid annuity mode. It will play an important role in regional economic development and strengthen connectivity between major religious and economic centers. ●

A beacon of Self-Reliant India

The first element of a self-reliant India is a nation where citizens have self-confidence. An India that has an affinity for Swadeshi products, which involves the sweat and skill of Indian artisans. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision to turn this dream of a self-reliant India into a reality, lakhs of citizens are also making their contribution, who are setting new standards of success by advancing the manufacturing of traditional products. These include Naveen Kumar of Nalanda in Bihar and Kavita Dhawale of Maharashtra...



Naveen Kumar is advancing the handloom of Nalanda

Naveen Kumar of Nalanda in Bihar has taken a giant stride with the inclusion of modern means amid difficult beginnings. Naveen's family, a resident of the Nepura village of Silav block, has been associated with the handloom sector for several years. They are engaged in the handmade production of silk shirting, kurta, saree, and dress material from handloom. Earlier, he used to work with a 'pit loom' but now, under a project of the Ministry of Textiles, he has got a new 'frame loom', which has made it possible to work on the roof as well.

After the formation of the cooperative society, 261 weavers and workers have become self-reliant by joining it. This group from Silav region also makes the famous

Bawan Buti saree and silk thread. PM Modi praised Naveen's achievements in his 'Mann Ki Baat' program.

Naveen says, "Under the government's schemes, now the children of the weaver community are also getting the opportunity to study in prestigious institutes like the National Institute of Fashion Technology. This is giving technical strength to their skills."



Impetus to Kavita's skill after getting government help

With a long history, Paithani sarees are famous not only for their silk threads but also for the art of making them. Today, Kavita Dhawale, a resident of Paithan, her birthplace, is among those who have not only taken this art form to new heights but have also emerged as a symbol of women's empowerment in her area. It was a huge challenge for Kavita to reach out to others from a small room with limited space and a lack of facilities. After getting two looms from the government, Kavita kept up the pace of her work. Now she is not only selling self-made Paithani sarees but is also earning three times more profit than before. Kavita's annual income has reached around Rs 20 lakh. When Prime Minister Narendra Modi took her name in 'Mann Ki Baat', Kavita was overjoyed. She thanked Prime Minister Modi for recognizing the efforts of the artisans involved in the production of Paithani sarees as a traditional and excellent handloom product of Maharashtra.



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हम बीज से बाजार तक किसानों के साथ खड़े हैं: PM
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“ किसानों के जीवन में बदलाव के लिए, उनकी आय बढ़ाने के लिए, खेती पर होने वाला खर्च कम करने के लिए, एनडीए सरकार पूरी शक्ति से काम कर रही है।

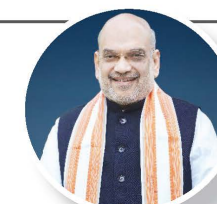
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आज की तारीख: 2 अगस्त 2024



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जब हम कहते हैं कि हर भारतीय नागरिक को सुरक्षित, आत्मनिर्भर और सम्मान के साथ जीने का भरोसा मिलना चाहिए, तो यह सिर्फ सामाजिक कल्याण की बात नहीं होती, यह हमारी राष्ट्रीय संप्रभुता के संकल्प की अभिव्यक्ति भी होती है।



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मोदी सरकार देश भर के तीर्थ स्थलों, पुरातात्विक स्थलों और ऐतिहासिक धरोहरों को उत्तम कनेक्टिविटी प्रदान कर श्रद्धालुओं के दर्शन-पूजन और पर्यटन को निरंतर बढ़ावा दे रही है।

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मैंमों जानकी मंदिर



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On this National Handloom Day, let's celebrate the timeless artistry, heritage, and craftsmanship of India's weavers. Their threads weave not just fabric, but stories of tradition and pride. Let's support and promote our handloom sector for a more sustainable and culturally rich future.

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Dharmendra Prasad

मन्यंत्री प्रधानमंत्री श्री @narendramodi जी द्वारा शुरू किया गया 'जल जीवन विमान' आज न केवल एक दृढ़ संकल्प का प्रतीक है, बल्कि ग्रामीण भारत की जीवन रेखा में क्रांतिकारी बदलाव का प्रतीक भी बन चुका है। जल जीवन विमान के तहत 15.7 करोड़ घन मीटर तक नल से जल कनेक्शन पहुंचाने, इस अभियान की व्यापकता और प्रभाव को दर्शाता है। जल जीवन विमान ने जल आपूर्ति को सुनिश्चित कर महिलाओं के जीवन को सुगम बनाते हुए ग्रामीण कल्याण में सुधार किया है। प्रधानमंत्री जी का हर घर जल का सपना अब एक सार्वजनिक वास्तव बन चुका है। यह अभियान जल संचयन का समर्थन होने के साथ ही ग्रामीण भारत को एक स्वच्छ, समृद्ध और समन्वयक जीवन देने की दिशा में भारत का परम साहसिक कदम है।



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मोदी सरकार ने गढ़े रोजगार के नए आयाम! 10 वर्षों में UPA : 3 करोड़ रोजगार 10 वर्षों में Modi Govt : 17 करोड़ से अधिक रोजगार आने वाले समय में प्रधानमंत्री विकास भारत रोजगार योजना से करोड़ों नए रोजगार के अवसर भी पैदा होंगे।

Modi inaugurates MP residential complex

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NEW DELHI: When Members of Parliament (MPs) are free of their own problems, they can devote their time and energy more effectively on addressing people's problems. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Monday after inaugurating a complex of multi-story flats for parliamentarians in the national capital.

"They will see the Bharat ahead. To such narrow-minded people, I would just say that the tradition of passing after them is not together in the third and then their family," Modi said.

The three other towers in the new complex at Bhojpur Singh Marg, close to Parliament House, are also named after rivers — Krishna, Godavari and Gomti. Modi said that these new flats will put an end to the shortage of accommodation for MPs.

Modi said despite a lack of housing, no new residence was built for MPs between 2004 and 2014, when the Congress-led UPA was in power, while more than 250 houses have been built by his government since 2014.

Compared to the government housing for parliamentarians, Modi said these new flats will give them freedom from all the problems that troubled lawmakers.

Due to inadequate housing provisions, government expenditure on subsidised housing for MPs was substantial, however, with these flats, there will be no need for further government spending, he noted.



PM Narendra Modi and Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla during the inauguration of a residential complex for MPs on Monday.

Cabinet gives approval for four semiconductor plants

The projects, which will come up in Odisha, Punjab and Andhra Pradesh, will have a cumulative value of ₹4,594 crore, and are being supported by the ₹76,000-crore India Semiconductor Mission

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Union Cabinet on Tuesday approved four projects under the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM). Two of the projects will be in Bhubaneswar in Odisha, and one each will be in Punjab and Andhra Pradesh.

The cumulative value of the projects is ₹4,594 crore. This brings the number of projects under the ₹76,000-crore mission, which provides financial support to semiconductor units, to 10.

The first chip from one of the previous six units — some are competing, so it's not clear which — is expected to be rolled out by the end of the year.

The firms behind the four new projects are SiC-Sem (which will make a silicon carbide integrated fa-



Evolving field: Union Minister of Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw announces the Cabinet decisions in New Delhi on Tuesday. www.punjabkeparade.com

ctility in Info Valley, Bhubaneswar; Continental Device India Private Limited, which will expand its existing "discrete semiconductor manufacturing facility" in Mohali; 3D Glass Solutions Inc., which will set up a "vertically integrated advanced packaging and embedded glass

substrate unit" in Bhubaneswar; and Advanced System in Package (ASIP) Technologies, which will set up a semiconductor unit in Andhra Pradesh, with the location yet to be chosen.

Union Minister of Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaish-

naw said that having the capacity to work on silicon carbide technology, an "evolving" field, was strategically important for India. "IT Bhubaneswar already has a ₹45 crore investment in a silicon carbide research unit, and the results have been very good," he added.

After 18 years, India scores S&P upgrade amid tariff gloom

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Likewise, India's first sovereign rating upgrade from S&P Global Ratings since 2007 on Thursday, raising its long-term credit ratings by a notch, Indian government debt, which has been rated at S&P's lowest investment grade of BBB- for 18 years, now stands a notch higher at BBB.

The agency cited the country's resilience, fiscal conservatism and its macroeconomic policies as key factors in its decision, which comes three months after DUSSEIM's rating upgrade to a similar investment grade.

India's credit rating has long been a subject of debate, with the government's decision to upgrade its rating seen as a sign of confidence in the country's economic growth and its ability to manage its debt.

"This upgrade is a tribute to India's consistent record of growth and its ability to manage its debt, while maintaining a robust growth performance in the post-2014 period, including during the global capital markets, rebalancing the capital and trade flows, and the government's commitment to private sector-led growth and innovation," the agency said.



S&P cited monetary policy framework, reforms, economic growth as key factors in its decision.

Economy is in the pink of health, says President Murmu

Our Bureau
New Delhi

President Droupadi Murmu on Thursday said India's economy is "in the pink of health" and the country is well on its way to becoming a developed nation by 2047, with growth powered by calibrated reforms and "sagacious economic management" by the Modi government.

In her address to the nation on the eve of the 79th Independence Day, the President said India clocked a 6.5 per cent GDP growth rate in

the last fiscal, making it the fastest-growing major economy even amid global headwinds. "Demand at home is paced, inflation is under control, exports are rising. All key indicators show the economy in the pink of health," she noted.

She credited the combination of calibrated reforms and sagacious economic management alongside the contribution of farmers, workers, and entrepreneurs for the buoyancy, while highlighting rising infrastructure investments, digital transformation, and welfare initiatives that have lifted mil-



CELEBRATING FREEDOM: President Droupadi Murmu addresses the nation on the eve of the 79th Independence Day.

lions out of poverty and narrowed income gaps. Murmu said regional disparities are fading, weaker States are catching up, and India's self-reliance push is

boosting confidence. "The all-round economic growth complemented by social sector initiatives has placed India well on the path to becoming a developed

operation Sino-Indian will go down in history as an example in humanity's fight against terrorism," the President observed. Operation Sindoor, according to her, was also a test case of the Atmanirbhar Bharat mission in the defence sector.

Our indigenous manufacturing has achieved the critical level that makes us self-sufficient in meeting many of our security requirements, she said. The President concluded with a call to unite against corruption, protect the environment, and work together for a prosperous, equitable, and self-reliant India.

India and Singapore review ties

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New Delhi, August 13

INDIA AND SINGAPORE on Wednesday reviewed their bilateral relations in a meeting in Singapore. The meeting was held in the context of the 79th anniversary of India's independence and the 50th anniversary of Singapore's independence.

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Doordarshan, the main organ of the broadcasting service, was started on 15 September 1959.

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In the rapidly changing times, the role of media and TV channels is also changing very fast. The 21st century is bringing revolution, especially through communication and dialogue. ... My experience is that “content is connect.” That is, when you have better content, people automatically engage with you...

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



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