



One Mantra : 'Vocal for Local' One Way : 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat'

People of every age group from every corner of the country are connected through the 'Mann Ki Baat' program. Be it Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao Abhiyan or Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, love for Khadi or nature, Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav or discourse of Amrit Sarovar, whatever the Prime Minister has called for in 'Mann Ki Baat' has turned into a mass movement. In this very spirit, PM Modi, while moving towards the goal of a Viksit Bharat through the path of Self-reliance, has given the mantra of Vocal for Local. Presented here are edited excerpts from Mann Ki Baat...

- **NDRF-SDRF:** Natural disasters are testing the country during the monsoon. We have seen the great devastation of floods and landslides. Wherever there was a crisis, our NDRF-SDRF personnel and other security forces worked day and night to save lives.
- **Heartfelt thanks for helping in the disaster:** The army came forward to help in the hour of disaster. Local people, social workers, doctors, administration, and everyone made every possible effort in this hour of crisis. I express heartfelt gratitude to every citizen who has kept humanity above everything else during this testing time.
- **My country is changing:** A record number of people gathered in a stadium in Pulwama, Jammu and Kashmir. Pulwama's first day-night cricket match was played here. Earlier, this was impossible, but now my country is changing. The sight of thousands of people enjoying cricket at night in Pulwama was really worth seeing.
- **The one who plays, blooms:** The feeling of 'Ek Bharat-Shreshtha Bharat', the unity of the country, is very important for the development of the country and certainly, sports play a big role in it. That is why I say that the one who plays blooms. The more tournaments our country plays, the more it will bloom.
- **Databank of youth:** A digital platform named 'Pratibha Setu' has been created, which has a database of more than 10,000 talented youth who could not make it to the final merit list of the UPSC examination.
- **Solar Rice Mill:** Solar power is also changing the lives of farmers. The same fields, the same hard work, the same farmers, but now the fruits of hard work are much more. This change is coming from solar pumps and solar rice mills. Today, hundreds of solar rice mills have been installed in many states of the country. These solar rice mills have increased the income of the farmers as well as the glow on their faces.
- **Vishwakarma brothers:** Vishwakarma Jayanti is on 17 September. It is dedicated to those Vishwakarma brethren of ours, who are continuously passing on traditional crafts, skills, and knowledge-science from one generation to another. Our carpenters, blacksmiths, goldsmiths, potters, sculptors, carpenters masons have always been the foundation of India's prosperity. To help these Vishwakarma brothers of ours, the government has started the Vishwakarma Yojana.
- **Indian Culture:** A 51-foot-tall statue of Lord Shri Ram has been unveiled in Mississauga, Canada. People were very enthusiastic about this event. This love for Ramayana and Indian culture is now reaching every corner of the world.
- **Vocal for Local:** Never forget the matter of Swadeshi. Gifts should be made in India, attire should be that woven in India, decor should be made from materials made in India, and Luminary items should be made from India-made frills. Everything in every need of life should be Swadeshi. Say with pride, 'This is Swadeshi'. We have to move forward with this feeling. One mantra- 'Vocal for Local', One path- 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat', One goal- 'Viksit Bharat'.

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Making The Treatment Facility Accessible To Every Indian

Greetings,

In the Kumarasambhava composed by the great Sanskrit poet Kalidas, it is written - “शरीरमाद्यं खलु धर्मसाधनम्।” That is, the body is the first means of fulfilling all tasks and duties. Only when the citizens are healthy does the nation also become strong and capable. This thinking has become the basis of India's health revolution today. The dream of universal healthcare in India is coming true. The Ayushman Bharat scheme is playing a key role in achieving this vision. Today, the poorest of the poor are taking advantage of the facility of free treatment. Whereas earlier, due to the cost of treatment, crores of families used to go below the poverty line every year. Land and property had to be sold. But now a scheme like Ayushman Bharat has not only given strength to the poor-middle-class families, but has also filled them with confidence.

Also, the infrastructural development in the health sector and availability of tertiary-level healthcare facilities up to the district level, expansion of medical colleges and seats, vaccination, and most importantly, emphasis on preventive healthcare, are not only giving a new direction to the health sector but are also preparing the foundation for providing healthcare to all in the Viksit Bharat. This 23rd September marks the completion of 7 years of Ayushman

Bharat Yojana, and in this context, India's health revolution has become the cover story of this issue.

In the personality section, read about Bihar's first Dalit Chief Minister, Bhola Paswan Shastri. One year of Cruise Bharat Mission in the flagship schemes, Union Cabinet Decisions, account of the work done in the Monsoon Session of Parliament, along with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's fortnight-long programs, are the other highlights.

Along with this, special content has been included in the event organized at the Delhi Assembly on the completion of 100 years of Vitthalbhai Patel becoming the first elected Indian Speaker of the Central Legislative Assembly. Special report on India's goal of becoming a major player in the field of nuclear energy, Mann Ki Baat on the inside page of the magazine, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call for a 10% reduction in edible oil on the back cover.

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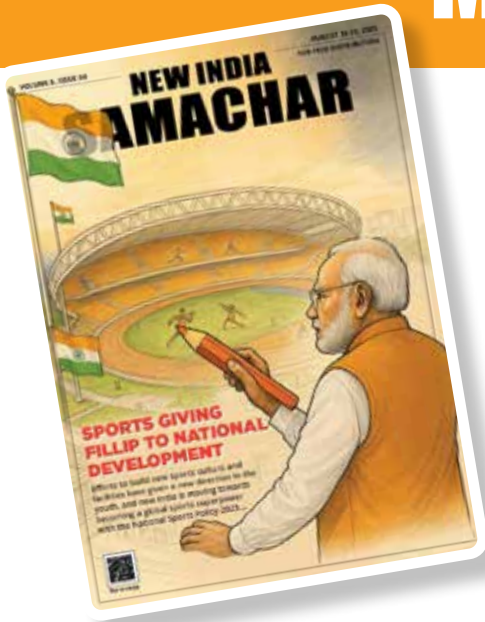
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Register in Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana

Over 3.5 crore jobs will be created: **The Government will give incentives**

Whether it is an announcement made from the ramparts of the Red Fort or the general budget, the country has seen it come true due to the changed work culture of the central government. On this 15th August, PM Modi announced the start of registration for Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana to provide employment to the youth, and on the third day, 18th August, the portal was also launched for this. More than 3.5 crore jobs are expected to be created under this scheme, for which incentives will be given by the government. The objective of this scheme is to promote employment generation in all sectors as well as increase employment potential and social security. A large number of jobs will be created in this regard, and for this, the government will financially encourage not only the job seekers but also the employers who provide jobs. The benefit of the scheme will be available for jobs created between 1 August 2025 and



31 July 2027. Registration can be done on the portal (<https://pmvbry.epfindia.gov.in> or <https://pmvbry.labour.gov.in>). Under the scheme, newly employed youth will be given incentives up to Rs 15,000 in two instalments, while employers will be given incentives up to Rs 3,000 per month per new employee for creating new employment opportunities.

The number of teachers crosses one crore, and the dropout rate has reduced

The initiative to create an environment of quality education by increasing the number of teachers and rationalising the student-teacher ratio has resulted in the number of teachers crossing one crore for the first time in the academic year 2024-25. This is an increase of about 7 per cent compared to 2022-23. The report released by the Ministry of Education states that since the introduction of UDISE Plus, this figure has been crossed for the first time in an academic year. Due to this, the student-teacher ratio has now become 10 at the foundational level, 13 at the preparatory level, 17 at the middle

level, and 21 at the secondary level, which is much better than the ratio of 1:30 recommended by the new National Education Policy (NEP). At the same time, in the academic year 2024-25, there has been a significant reduction in the school dropout rate at the elementary, middle, and secondary levels as compared to the last two years, 2022-23 and 2023-24. At the elementary stage, this rate has come down from 3.7% to 2.3% compared to the previous year, at the middle stage from 5.2% to 3.5%, and at the secondary level from 10.9% to 8.2%.



Women's employment rate doubled in 7 years

Not only women's empowerment, but also, due to the women-led development approach, the nation has witnessed revolutionary changes in every field related to women in the past 11 years. In the Sankalp Yatra of Viksit Bharat, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has also set a target of ensuring 70 per cent participation of women in the country's workforce by the year 2047. Now, due to the continuous efforts employment rate of women has doubled. According to the Periodic Labour Force Survey of the Ministry of Labour, the employment rate of women in the financial year 2017-18 was 22%, which increased to 40.3% in 2023-24. This rate has almost doubled in just 7 years and women's employment has increased by 96% in rural areas and 43% in urban areas. The employment capacity of women graduates has also increased from 42% in 2013 to 47.53% in 2024. The employment rate among women with postgraduate education and above has increased from 34.5% in 2017-



Women's employment increased

Rural
96%
Urban
areas
43%

The employability of women graduates also increased from 42% in 2013 to 47.53% in 2024.

18 to 40% in 2023-24. Not only this, women's entrepreneurship through 70 central schemes of 15 ministries and over 400 state-level schemes at the national level has also shown very positive results. While the female self-employment rate was 51.9% in 2017-18, it has increased to 67.4% in 2023-24.

Now, The Aadhar of students will be updated in schools



Now, to facilitate the convenience of students for competitive exams and admission to higher education, the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), the organisation issuing Aadhar cards, has taken a major step. There are 17 crore children in the country aged 5-15 years whose Aadhar biometric update is pending. In such a situation, UIDAI has taken a step in collaboration with the School Literacy Department. To remove the obstacle of Aadhar updates for children, the status of mandatory biometric updates will be made available on the Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) application. This will provide the facility of a mandatory biometric update to crores of students. Camps will be organised in schools for this update. With the biometric update in the Aadhar card, students will no longer have to face any difficulties while authenticating for getting the benefits of various government schemes and registration in competitive and university examinations like NEET, JEE, and CUET.

Tribal Area Rejuvenation under Adi Karmayogi Abhiyan

India's tribal communities have long served as the silent custodians of the nation's civilisational legacy, preserving a rich and diverse cultural heritage. Despite policy attention in the last 11 years, many tribal areas still need special focus. To achieve the goal of Viksit Bharat by the year 2047, the Central Government is now moving towards the empowerment of tribal communities in mission mode. Moving in this direction, the Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs has launched the Adi Karmayogi Abhiyan. As the world's largest tribal basic leadership programme, at its core is the ambition to prepare a cadre of 20 lakh

trained, motivated, and mission-driven workers. It will reach and uplift more than 10.5 crore tribal citizens in more than 1 lakh tribal-dominated villages in 30 states/union territories. Under the campaign, an ecosystem of state, district, and block-level master trainers is being created along with a standardised laboratory for state-level master trainers. Apart from organising communities, these trainers will also implement initiatives like PM Janman, Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan, and the National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission and collect data related to these areas. ●

Discussion on Operation Sindoor and achievements in space

The Monsoon Session Marks National Pride and A Victory Celebration

The monsoon session of Parliament turned into a Vijayotsav for the nation, riding high on the successes of Operation Sindoor and the journey of Shubhanshu Shukla, who hoisted the tricolor for the first time in the International Space Station. The monsoon session of Parliament, which began on 21 July, ended on 21 August, underscored the success of these two achievements. During the Session, 14 Bills were introduced in the Lok Sabha. 12 Bills were passed by the Lok Sabha, 15 bills were passed by the Rajya Sabha, and a total of 15 bills were passed by both houses of Parliament.



Parliament is the highest temple of democracy. Every year, three sessions (budget, monsoon, and winter) are held. But this time, the monsoon session of Parliament, which lasted for a month, was marked by the pride of the nation, India's military prowess, India's new defense policy, and India's self-reliance. The special discussion held in both houses of Parliament on the success of Operation Sindoor, which became a symbol of India's courage, valour, and strength against Pakistan-sponsored terrorism, and the safe return of Shubhanshu Shukla after hoisting the Indian tricolour at the International Space Station, manifested a picture of golden India of the future before the nation.

The Vijayotsav of New India was celebrated in both houses of the Parliament, and the world witnessed the military power and capability of India. Under Operation Sindoor, the Indian Army achieved 100% of its target and razed the terrorist masters' house to the ground in just 22 minutes. In this operation, the world witnessed India's self-reliance in defence and a new form of military power filled with Indianness. PM Modi himself responded to this special discussion in the Lok Sabha and said, 'I have stood up to present India's side.' His words, showcasing determination, have become a

symbol of the viewpoint of 140 crore citizens. Not only this, the return of Shubhanshu Shukla, who became the symbol of India's new space aspirations, also dominated the Monsoon Session of Parliament. The country also celebrated this successful journey that filled new zeal and enthusiasm towards science-technology, and innovation.

However, during the monsoon session, there was a deadlock between the ruling and opposition parties on some issues; as a result, out of a total of 120 hours, only 37 hours of discussion could be held in the Lok Sabha and only 41 hours and 15 minutes of discussion in the Rajya Sabha. Special discussion on India's First Astronaut aboard the International Space Station - Critical role of space programme for 'Viksit Bharat by 2047' was also initiated in the Lok Sabha on 18 August, but due to continued disruption in the House, the discussion could not be completed. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla also expressed his anguish in the concluding speech on the last day of the session regarding the ongoing deadlock in the House. Referring to the expectations of the public from their representatives in a democracy, he said that to fulfill the aspirations of the citizens, the members should use their time in the House for serious and meaningful discussion on problems, issues, and important bills of public interest.

Undoubtedly, the monsoon session became a symbol of victory celebration, especially for Operation Sindoor and India's huge achievement in space. During this period, many bills that give a fillip to the country's development journey and empower the citizens were introduced, some were passed, and some were sent to the Parliament committees. However, there were dis-

Despite the interruption, the echo of policies was heard along with achievements

18th Lok Sabha Fifth Session

There was a special discussion in the House on 'Operation Sindoor' and the achievements of India's space program.

- A total of 15 bills were passed in the Rajya Sabha. A total of 15 bills were passed by both houses of Parliament.
- 14 government bills were introduced in the Lok Sabha, 12 bills were passed.
- Only 37 hours of the meeting could be held, while the allotted time was 120 hours.
- Due to the interruption, out of 419 questions included in the Lok Sabha agenda, only 55 starred questions could be answered orally.

When PM Modi said in the Lok Sabha...

Debate—and debate so much,
That the enemy trembles in fear,
Keep only one thought in mind—
That the honour of Sindoor and the valour of our army remain
unwavering, even in questions.
If Maa Bharati is attacked, a fierce retaliation must follow,
Wherever the enemy hides, we must live only for Bharat

When Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla said...

Today, we are discussing in the House: India's first astronaut in the International Space Station - the important role of the space program for 'Viksit Bharat by 2047'. The House heartily congratulates Air Force Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla on this historic occasion. His space journey and successful return are not just the success of a mission, but a source of pride and inspiration for 140 crore Indians. This achievement of Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla is a great inspiration for our youth. Today, India's space program has made its special identity in the whole world with scientific superiority, uniqueness, and reliability.

ruptions on some other issues. Therefore, the Lok Sabha Speaker gave a message from the chair - agreement and disagreement are a natural process of democracy. But the nation expects that the House should function with dignity, decorum, and decency through collective efforts. Political parties and MPs should introspect on what message the highest democratic institution is giving to its citizens. ●



Union Cabinet Decisions

Powering The Dreams Of Street Vendors

PM SVANidhi till 2030

During the global challenges of COVID-19, the PM SVANidhi Scheme became a lifeline for the livelihoods of more than 1 crore street vendors and has given a new direction to the concept of self-employment. Given its encouraging and favourable results, the Central Government has restructured this revolutionary scheme and extended it until March 2030. Committed to the welfare of every section of society, this initiative by the Central Government is not just about financial support for street vendors—it is a step that has significantly boosted their morale and self-confidence. Alongside this, the Union Cabinet has also approved several other important proposals...

DECISION: The PM Street Vendors Aatmanirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) scheme has been restructured and extended till 31 March 2030.

IMPACT: The total cost of this scheme is Rs 7,332 crore. The restructured scheme aims to benefit 1.15 crore beneficiaries, including 50 lakh new beneficiaries. It will prove to be helpful in the lives of street vendors.

- This scheme will make street vendors digitally enabled, socially safe and commercially self-reliant.
- The key features of the restructured scheme include increasing the instalment from the current Rs 10,000 to Rs 15,000 and the second instalment from Rs 20,000 to Rs 25,000. The third instalment will be Rs 50,000 as before.
- As of July 30, 2025, more than 68 lakh street vendors have been given loans worth Rs 13,797 crore. More than 96 lakh loans worth Rs 13,797 crore have been given.
- Around 47 lakh digitally active beneficiaries have done more than 557 crore digital transactions worth Rs 6.09 lakh crore, earning them a total cash-back of Rs 241 crore.
- Under the 'SVANidhi se Samridhhi' initiative, profiles

of 46 lakh beneficiaries from 3,564 urban local bodies have been prepared.

DECISION: Multi-tracking of 3 projects benefiting Karnataka, Telangana, Bihar and Assam and a new rail line to connect remote areas of Kutch in Gujarat approved.

IMPACT: Four projects of the Ministry of Railways with a total cost of about Rs 12,328 crore were approved. These projects include 1st: Deshalpar-Hajipir-Luna and Vayor-Lakhpur new line, 2nd: Secunderabad (Sanathnagar)-Wadi, 3rd: Bhagalpur-Jamalpur 3rd line and 4th: Furkat-ing-New Tinsukia doubling.

- The aim of these projects is to ensure seamless and faster transportation of passengers and goods. This initiative will provide connectivity and improve travel convenience as well as reduce logistics cost.
- This decision will reduce dependence on oil imports as well as reduce carbon dioxide emissions.
- These projects will generate direct employment for about 2.51 crore man-days during their construction.
- These four projects covering 13 districts of Gujarat, Karnataka, Telangana, Bihar and Assam will add about 565 km to the existing network of Indian Railways.

DECISION: Approval for construction of 6-lane access-controlled Capital Region Ring Road (Bhubaneswar Bypass, 110.875 km) on Hybrid Annuity Mode (HAM) in Odisha at a total capital cost of Rs 8,307.74 crore.

IMPACT: The project will provide significant benefits to Odisha and other eastern states by diverting heavy commercial traffic from the cities of Cuttack, Bhubaneswar and Khordha.

- It will increase freight efficiency, reduce logistics costs and boost socio-economic development in the region. On completion, the bypass will play a key role in regional economic development.
- It will strengthen connectivity between major religious and economic centres. It will open new avenues for trade and industrial development.



DECISION: Approval to develop a greenfield airport at Kota-Bundi in Rajasthan at an estimated cost of Rs 1,507 crore.

IMPACT: Kota is an industrial hub along with an education centre, where a modern airport has been demanded for a long time.

- The existing airport is small, which has been modernised, and now a new greenfield airport will be developed.
- This is an important infrastructure project, which aims to address the projected traffic growth in the region and will be completed in two years.
- In this project, a terminal building will be constructed in an area of 20 thousand square metres. It will be able to handle 1,000 passengers during peak hours. Its passenger-carrying capacity will be two million per annum.

DECISION: Approval for submission of bid for the Commonwealth Games 2030.

IMPACT: The Commonwealth Games will benefit local businesses and increase revenues. It will also create employment opportunities and inspire millions young Indian athletes.

- Ahmedabad has been proposed as the host city with world-class sports infrastructure.
- 72 countries are expected to participate in the Commonwealth Games.
- India's position in tourism, investment and global sports hosting will be strengthened. ●



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7 years of Ayushman Bharat

SWASTH BHARAT

Strengthening Viksit Bharat Vision

Swasth Bharat is an important constituent for the resolution of Viksit Bharat 2047. For India to be healthy, for the coming generation to be healthy, it is equally important that health services are also made highly accessible. When the people of India get access to modern hospitals and modern facilities for treatment, they will be healthier, their energy will be used in the right direction, and productivity will also be higher. With this thinking, in the last 11 years, such modern systems have been established in the health sector, where the aspirations of the poorest of the poor are being realised because inclusion is the root of the health reforms of the new India. The revolution in the health sector has now become a milestone of the most vibrant journey of making India a developed nation in Amrit Kaal, from a healthy India, to a harmonious India, from harmonious India to a strong India and from a strong India to a prosperous India...

With the motto of 'Your health, our resolve', the world's largest health scheme – Ayushman Bharat, launched on 23 September 2018, is completing 7 years. On this occasion, let us know how the initiative of the Central Government in the health sector is becoming a strong driver for Viksit Bharat...



Ayushman Bharat... Protective Cover of Jan Arogya

India rolled out the largest healthcare well-being scheme in the world thanks to the Ayushman Bharat—Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY), which is working towards universal health coverage. Offering over 60 crore people nationwide free treatment coverage of up to ₹5 lakh is not merely a programme; it is the self-confidence of a new India. It sends a strong message: instead of being shattered by the expense of treatment anymore, they will become stronger and move forward. Launched on 23rd September 2018 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi from Ranchi, Jharkhand, the world's largest health insurance scheme has become a guarantee of quality healthcare for the poor and underprivileged...

Additional top-up of Rs 5 lakh in Delhi



35th in the country to implement Ayushman Bharat, Delhi adopted the scheme in April 2025.

Beneficiaries of Delhi



Families

6.54
Lakh



30
lakh people



Senior citizens

06
Lakh

- The Delhi government has decided to give an additional top-up of Rs 5 lakh in addition to the cover of Rs 5 lakh given by the Center.

J&K is covered by Ayushman Bharat

Jammu and Kashmir is the only state in the country where 100% of the population is getting the benefit of Ayushman Bharat. It was launched by PM Modi in December 2020. Initially, only 6 lakh families of the state were getting the benefit of the scheme, but now all 21 lakh families of the state are getting the benefit.

Additional insurance of 5 lakhs to families with female in Odisha



34th in the country to implement Ayushman Bharat, Odisha adopted the scheme.

- This scheme is being implemented in Odisha in conjunction with Gopabandhu Jan Arogya Yojana.
- Under the scheme, along with a coverage of Rs 5 lakh per family per year, a provision of additional insurance of Rs 5 lakh has been made for families having female members.

Nineteen-year-old Parth Savaliya has had a persistent cough since childhood, which was diluting his efforts to become an engineer. After examination in a government hospital in Ahmedabad, it was found that his nasal bone was crooked (septum), which would cost Rs 15,000 to treat (septoplasty). This was very expensive for his family. His father sought the help of the Ayushman Bharat Yojana. This scheme bore the entire expense, which saved the family's one month's earnings, and Parth started going



Now there is no heavy out-of-pocket expense on treatment; Ayushman Bharat has given lifelong peace and health security to families.

Ayushman Bharat Important points of Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana



9.42+ crore Patients admitted to the hospital under the scheme.



32,912 Hospitals listed



- 40% of the population, which is economically weaker, is given the benefit of health insurance up to Rs 5 lakh annually on hospitalisation under Ayushman Bharat. Its basis is the Socio-Economic Caste Census-2011.
- States / Union Territories have increased the number of beneficiaries of the scheme at their own expense using non-SECC data sources.
- More than 9.42 crore patients worth more than Rs 1.25 lakh crore were allowed to get admitted to hospitals.
- More than 1,960 procedures from 27 medical specialities are getting benefits under the scheme.

to school again in a few weeks.

"I am one of the millions of people who have benefited from the Ayushman Bharat Yojana. I had a kidney problem and was treated in Patna, Bihar, under this scheme. The poor and middle-class people of the country are getting a lot of benefits from this scheme. This scheme is very impactful and beneficial." These words of contentment on getting health benefits easily and getting treatment without any cost are from Gyanendra Kumar Gupta of Bihar, whose kidney



Making an Ayushman card and checking eligibility become easier

If you are a beneficiary of Ayushman Bharat and want to get an Ayushman card, then you can get the card made by visiting your nearest UTIITSL centre. Also, if you want to check whether you are a beneficiary of this scheme or not, then you will also get information about it at the UTIITSL centre.

14555

Call the number to find out whether you are a beneficiary or not.

1800110770

Make a missed call. People of 70+ will get information on how to make an Ayushman Vaya Vandana card.



Ayushman Arogya Mandir

A large number of Ayushman Arogya Mandirs are being established under this scheme to provide primary healthcare services near homes. As of 15 July 2025, 178,154 Ayushman Arogya Mandirs have been started in the country. Comprehensive primary health care is being strengthened through the sub-health centre and primary health centre. A total of 12 types of diseases are being taken care of in it, along with communicable and non-communicable diseases and reproductive and child health services.

...otherwise, the uninsured family would have to spend money out of their pocket



The 71st survey of the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) found that 85.9% of rural families and 82% of urban families do not have health insurance. More than 17% of the Indian population spends at least 10% of their household budget on health services. Excessive expenditure on health services pushes families into debt. More than 24% of the population in rural India and 18% of the population in urban areas meet their health care expenses through some kind of loan. Now about 60 crore of the population is covered under it, which has relieved them of their worries about health expenses.

disease has been treated free of cost with the help of Ayushman Yojana. After the treatment, Gyanendra wrote a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and expressed his heartfelt gratitude. This transformative scheme has made it easy for millions of people like Gyanendra to benefit, who used to go below the poverty line due to the burden of treatment expenses about a decade ago. The revolutionary scheme of free treatment up to Rs 5 lakh has become a boon for more than 60 crore poor, middle-class, and elderly people



Ayushman Bharat, Sabka Jeevan Kavach, sensitive and reliable health security for women, the elderly, and children, so that people of all ages and every family can remain worry-free

of the country. The talk of universal healthcare in the country remained a slogan earlier, but for the first time, a government has provided the world's largest healthcare facility with free treatment up to Rs 5 lakh. When Gyanendra expressed his feelings in words to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he felt connected to the citizens. How sensitive Prime Minister Modi's thinking about the welfare of the citizens of the country is also evident in his letter written to Gyanendra, a resident of Patna, Bihar. He wrote in his letter, "I am very happy to know about the improvement in your health. The information you have shared in the letter about the successful treatment of the kidney in the past days through Ayushman Bharat Yojana has given immense satisfaction to the heart." Gyanendra has written in his letter, "The people of the country will continue to get relief and guidance from your (PM Modi) courage and personality." In response to this, Prime Minister Modi also could not stop himself from putting his feelings into words. He wrote, "We have seen the life savings of families being wiped out in one go due to medical expenses. Many times, people were even reluctant to get treatment due to the expense. Today, the Ayushman Bharat Yojana is ensuring that no Indian is deprived of treatment. This scheme has proved how a person's life gets new hope and direction when they get proper treatment."

A healthy person is not a burden on their family and plays an active role in the process of nation-building. By aligning this reality with policies and schemes, the Central Government has initiated a new revolution in the health sector over the last 11 years. Today, the campaign to provide better health facilities to every poor person in the country is going on at a fast pace. For this, major reforms have been made in health education, along with this, there has been a significant increase in medical seats in the country. Under the Ayushman Bharat Yojana, quality health services are being delivered to every village in the country. Affordable medicines are being made available to the poor and middle class through the Jan Aushadhi Yojana. There is a digital platform to track the vaccination of pregnant women and children. Crores of people have a unique digital health identity. With telemedicine, no one is far away from access to a doctor now. There has been encouraging progress due to the initiatives of the



To transform the health sector of the country, we have worked on a national approach, a new national health policy. From Swachh Bharat Abhiyan to Ayushman Bharat and now Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission, many such efforts are part of this.

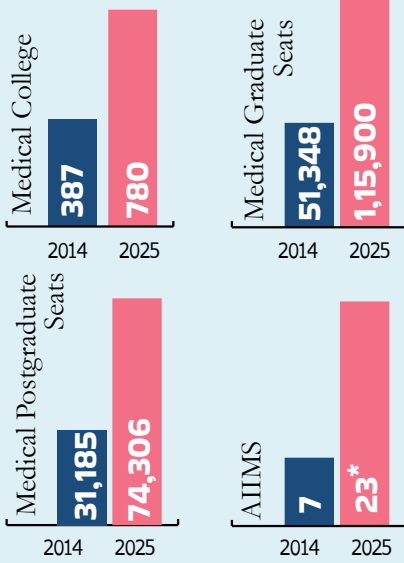
Narendra Modi,
Prime Minister





When Healthcare Facilities Improved, Positive Results Followed

Scope of Medical Education has Changed



* Graduate studies started in 19 of these.

13,86,157

allopathic doctors are registered, according to the National Medical Commission.

811 people are served by 1 doctor

157


Medical colleges have been approved by upgrading district/referral hospitals, out of which work has started in 131.

75

Projects were approved. For the super specialty block under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana. Out of these, 71 projects are completed.

Increased health spending saved people's money

During the last decade, tremendous change has been seen in the matter of financing health-related activities. The central government has reduced the burden of the common man's expenditure on treatment through its welfare schemes. There has been a big change in the situation from 2013-14 to 2021-22. In 2013-14, the government's share in the total expenditure on health was 28.6%, and the common people's share was 64.2%. In 2021-22, the expenditure of common people on treatment has fallen to 39.4%. At the same time, the government's expenditure has increased to about 48 per cent.

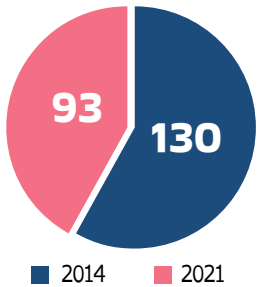
- + The Economic Survey 2024-25 says Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana has helped reduce out-of-pocket expenditure, registering savings of over Rs 1.25 lakh crore.
 

Central Government. There has been a significant reduction in the expenditure incurred individually as a percentage of total health expenditure. Also, there has been a significant increase in government health expenditure. So far, about two lakh health-wellness centers have been built. Now, special work is being done on building the network of good hospitals and modern labs at the block level. In the 6-7 decades of independence, what could not have been achieved has been done in the last 11 years. A record number

of new AIIMS and medical colleges have been opened in the country. This increasing number of hospitals shows that medical seats are also increasing at the same pace, so that the dream of a poor child to become a doctor is easily fulfilled. No middle class child has to go abroad for medical studies out of compulsion. A campaign is underway to increase medical seats. In the last 11 years, a total of more than one lakh new seats of MBBS and MD have been added.

In fact, in a country where access to healthcare was

Decline in maternal-infant mortality rate

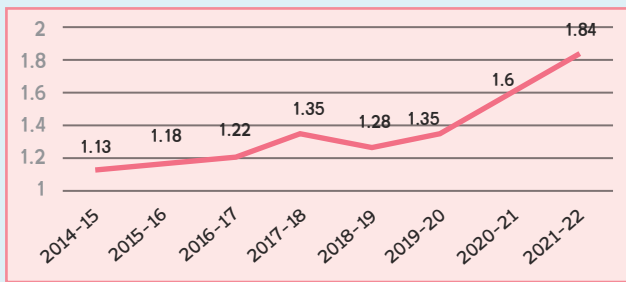


According to the report of the United Nations Maternal Mortality Estimation Inter-Agency Group (UN-MMEIG), the maternal mortality rate in India has declined by 86% between 1990 and 2023.

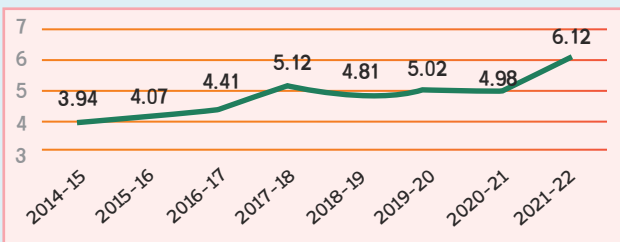


Maternal mortality rate (per lakh births)

Share of expenditure on the health sector in GDP increased steadily

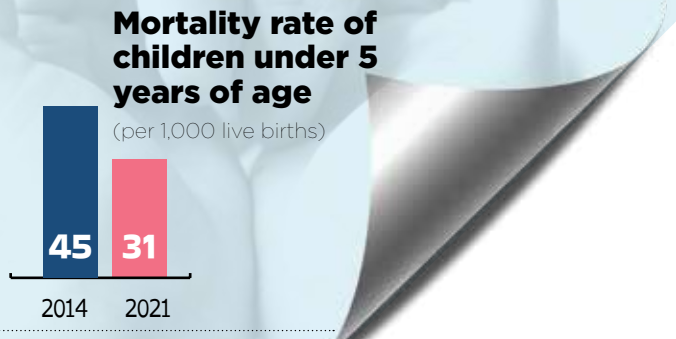
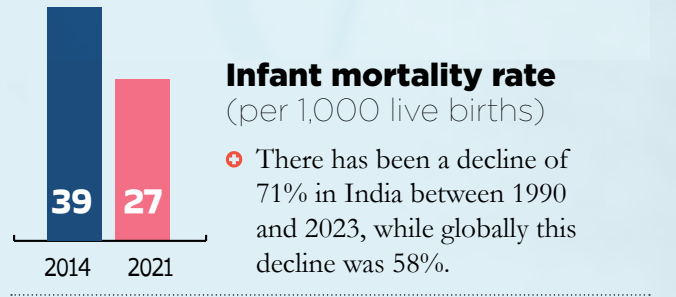


Share of government expenditure on health increased in the general government expenditure



(*Note- all figures in percentage)

once dependent on privilege, Prime Minister Modi has redefined the foundation of public health facilities by ensuring that no Indian is left behind. Before 2014, health was a neglected sector in India, even after 70 years of independence, universal healthcare remained on paper. But the current central government has made it a reality with the Ayushman Bharat scheme. The health budget has increased by 85%, ensuring that resources reach every corner of the country. Before Prime Minister Modi came to power



(*Data as per Sample Registration System Statistical Report 2021)

in 2014, health care in India was a burden on the poor. Families often had to choose between medical treatment and other necessities. This is changing rapidly. Out-of-pocket expenditure on health has decreased rapidly.

NOW, AFFORDABLE, ACCESSIBLE, RELIABLE HEALTH SERVICES REACH EVERY HOME

India's healthcare system has transformed in the last



11 years of historic initiatives **The Foundation Of The Health Revolution In India**

National Health Policy-2017

With the aim of achieving universal health coverage by ensuring equal, affordable, and quality healthcare for all in India, the Union Cabinet approved the new National Health Policy on 15 March 2017.

Amrit Pharmacy

Implants and medicines for serious diseases at half price

The central government has started Amrit Pharmacy in many government hospitals to provide relief to patients suffering from serious diseases. Here, medicines, implants, surgical disposables, and surgical equipment are available at a discount of up to 50 percent compared to market rates. Expensive medicines for cancer and heart disease are available at affordable rates.

Over **6** crore citizens have benefited so far



Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendra

Means Quality medicine at affordable price

The Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana was started to make the expensive medicines available to the common man at 50 to 90% cheaper prices. About 17,000 medicine centers have been opened till June 30 this year. The target is to increase their number to 25 thousand by March 2027.

Benefit

2,110

types of medicines and 315 surgical equipment are available at affordable prices.



₹ 38,000

crore estimated savings of the common man in the past 11 years.

Knee transplant became easier...

In August 2017, the price of artificial knees was fixed. Under this, the price of the most commonly used cobalt chromium knee was reduced by 65% and the maximum price was fixed at Rs 54,720. The price of knees made of special metals like titanium and oxidized zirconium was reduced by 69% and the maximum price was Rs 76,600.



Relief for heart patients

The central government gave the biggest relief to heart patients in February 2017 by fixing the price of bare metal stents at Rs 7,260 and drug-eluting and biodegradable stents at Rs 29,600. This was about 85% less than the then market prices.



A strong health infrastructure in any country is not only important for citizen welfare but also contributes to economic progress and social stability. With this thought, many such initiatives were taken in the past 11 years, which laid the foundation of a new revolution in the health sector in India...

Maternal health schemes

Foundation of survival and a strong future

Maternal mortality has been a public health issue in India for a long time. Many important efforts have been made in this direction. Under the Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram, more than 16.60 crore beneficiaries have been served since 2014-15 to promote free institutional delivery and newborn care. At the same time, institutional delivery has been encouraged through conditional cash transfer in the Janani Suraksha Yojana, in which more than 11.07 crore women have benefited by March 2025. On the other hand, Surakshit Matritva Aashwasan (SUMAN) has strengthened respectful and quality care for pregnant women, under which 90,015 SUMAN health facilities have been notified across India by March 2025.

Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana:

₹5,000 benefit on first delivery,
₹6,000 on second delivery of a girl.



PM Ayushman Bharat Health Infra Mission

Taking lessons from COVID-19, PM Modi launched the country's biggest initiative on 25 October 2021 to transform the basic health infrastructure. It was named Pradhan Mantri-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission. This transformative initiative aims to build a strong health system at the primary, secondary, and tertiary levels by the year 2025-26 with a total outlay of Rs 64,180 crore, so that epidemics, public health emergencies, and disasters can be dealt with effectively in the present as well as in the future.

Day Care Cancer Centers in Hospitals

According to a study by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), the number of cancer patients in India will increase by 13% by the end of 2025 as compared to 2020. This is the reason why the central government has decided to set up 200 cancer centers in the country in 2025-26. Apart from this, the government is planning to set up Day Care Cancer Centres (DCCC) in all district hospitals in the next 3 years. 36 life-saving medicines have been completely exempted from basic customs duty so that affordable medicines are available to patients.

11 years. The Ayushman Bharat scheme was launched in 2018 to give security cover to poor families from the heavy cost of treatment. Today, this scheme is benefiting about 41 crore people. It emphasizes insurance, disease prevention, and digital technology, which have provided affordable and easy treatment to needy people. From the very beginning, the Ayushman Bharat scheme was aimed at addressing two major problems - the lack of good healthcare in villages and the high cost of treatment for poor families. Before 2018, people living in villages often faced these difficulties. To solve this problem, the government launched the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY), under which every family can get free treatment up to Rs 5 lakh every year. In just seven years, the number of people getting Ayushman cards has exceeded 41 crores. It is not just an Ayushman card; it is a life cover for the poor.

OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENDITURE ON TREATMENT BY CITIZENS HAS REDUCED

The biggest reason for the achievements in the health sector is that people no longer have to spend as much out of their pockets on treatment as before. In 2014, when the Ayushman Bharat scheme was not launched, people used to bear about 62% of their treatment expenses themselves. Now it has come down to just 38%. People across the country have saved more than Rs 1.25 lakh crore with the help of Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana. Along with this, people have saved more than Rs 38,000 crore by purchasing cheap medicines from Jan Aushadhi Kendras. Under the "Ayushman Arogya Mandir" initiative, about 2 lakh wellness centers have been opened. These centers screen people



in villages and mohallas, especially for diseases like high blood pressure, diabetes. Due to this scheme, more than 200 crore tests have been done so far, which helps in early identification of diseases and reduces the need for expensive treatment. Also, under the “Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission” launched in October 2021, hospitals in the country have been improved by spending more than Rs 64,000 crore. In areas that were previously left behind, special arrangements for critical patients, monitoring centers, and primary health units have now been created.

EVERY ELDERLY PERSON GETS RELIEF FROM HEALTH WORRIES

India’s elderly population is steadily rising. According to a report, the number of elderly people will be 17 crore by 2026, about 23 crore by 2036, and 35 crore by the year 2050, that is, more than 20 percent of the total population. In the last few years, the main reasons for the continuous increase in the population of senior citizens are the impactful schemes related to health, pension, and self-employment and self-reliance by the central government for them. Senior citizens should not only live a long life but also live a safe, respectful, creative, and dignified life. For this, a revolutionary step was taken under the Ayushman Bharat scheme at the end of 2024. Now every Indian citizen of 70 years and above has been included in this scheme, irrespective of their income or background. With this, about 6 crore elderly people started getting treatment facilities. At this stage of age, when health concerns are high, it has become a sensitive effort to get rid of it. Now the elderly will be able to get free treatment even in big hospitals. By January 2025, more than 40 lakh elderly people had enrolled in this scheme, so that they did not have to worry about health issues.

SCHEME BECAME A BOON FOR WOMEN

Women and frontline health workers have been the major strength and beneficiaries of the Ayushman Bharat scheme. Under this scheme, about 49 percent of Ayushman cards belong to women, and 48 percent of those admitted to the hospital are women. In February 2024, the government also included 37 lakh Asha

Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission

More Than **80.47** crore Ayushman Bharat Health Accounts (ABHA) created

71.44 crore electronic health records have been linked to various health portals

More Than **4.21** lakh verified health facility centers registered.

More Than **6.93** lakh verified health professionals registered.

(Note: Data till 1 September-2025)

Telemedicine service e-Sanjeevani Now offers treatment at home

In the year 2020, during the time of Covid, when it became difficult for people to consult doctors even for minor diseases, free tele consultation was started in the form of e-Sanjeevani with the aim of free and remote medical consultation.

36+ crore people have benefited so far.

130 specialty doctors are available on e-Sanjeevani.

2,32,291 Healthcare providers have been linked to it so far.

Digital Health Mission

New Chapter Of Facilities In Health Services



In a country like India with a population of 140 crores and geographical challenges, providing the benefits of health services to the last person is no less than a challenge. Therefore, with the aim of making it accessible to the common man by adding technology to health services, the National Digital Health Mission was started in 2020. After the success of the pilot project, it was implemented across the country as Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission. Under this, every Indian is being given a health ID. This health account contains details of every investigation, every disease, doctor visits, medicines taken

and diagnosis. Even if the patient shifts to a new place or meets a new doctor, this is a portable service. He just has to tell ABHA (unique number), all the information related to his health will be available.

Along with this, Healthcare Professionals Registry for a comprehensive database of registered healthcare professionals, Health Facility Registry for a digital repository of healthcare facilities across India and Integrated Health Interface Platform for hospitals, doctors, laboratories under an open network to provide healthcare facilities digitally were also launched.



Important for you...

Here's how you can Create your 'ABHA Card'

You can make your ABHA card through the official website
<https://abha.abdm.gov.in/abha/v3/>.

- ⊕ After visiting the website, you have to click on 'Create ABHA Number'. After this, you have to click on the option of Aadhaar or Driving License.
- ⊕ Whichever option you select, after that you have to fill your details. For example, enter the Aadhaar number, after that an OTP will come on the mobile. Enter it.
- ⊕ Also enter your e-mail address.
- ⊕ After this, click on the option Next on the page and proceed. Your ABHA card will be ready.

U-WIN

To further enhance efficiency and accountability in vaccination delivery, the Government launched the U-WIN platform, a digital initiative under the Universal Immunisation Programme (UIP). It is a digital platform that streamlines and tracks vaccination for pregnant women and children (0-16 years).

10.48 crore beneficiaries have been registered on U-WIN till May 2025.



93.91
lakh deliveries

1.88
crore vaccination
sessions

41.73
crore vaccine
doses recorded

workers, Anganwadi workers, and helpers in this scheme, recognizing their important role. By providing security to these workers, this scheme is strengthening primary health services in India. Another major success of India's healthcare sector is the inclusion of Delhi in the Ayushman Bharat scheme. Earlier, the people of Delhi were not getting the benefits of this scheme due to political reasons and had to depend on expensive private treatment. But under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi, the central government extended this scheme to Delhi, which has now ensured free and good-quality treatment to the economically weaker people.

SCHEMES OF SOCIAL CONCERN HAVE CHANGED THE FACE

Healthy thought is a prerequisite for a healthy mind. An unhealthy society or an uneducated society can be the biggest impediment to the journey of Viksit Bharat. In 21st-century India, the ability to fulfil dreams starts from the individual and family, but if the population is not educated, not healthy, then neither is that house happy, nor is that country happy. Therefore, the central government has brought about revolutionary changes by implementing various schemes of social concern related to health. Today, everyone should have their own concrete house, for which there is a housing scheme. Also, Electricity in every house, free cooking gas has been made a reality in every kitchen

Covid challenge

This is How the Nation Fought



In the year 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic not only presented a challenge but also gave the skill to prepare for future difficulties. When this pandemic was spreading in India, along with the whole world, the country started a radical change in its health infrastructure. India not only fought this challenge but also emerged as a global leader by running the world's largest vaccination campaign with an indigenous vaccine...

Biggest achievement

220.67+

Creore vaccine doses were successfully administered in India.

- More than 2.50 crore doses were administered in a single day on 17 September 2021 on the occasion of PM Modi's birthday. Record of highest dose in a day.
- Under the Vaccine Maitri programme, India provided 30 crore doses to other countries of the world with the mantra of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' (The World is One Family), and One Earth-One Health.

Historic progress in infrastructure

Testing Lab

14 | **3,400**
 March, 2020 | Now

ICU Beds

2,168 | **1.45** Lakh
 March, 2020 | November, 2023

Oxygen Beds

50,583 | **5.5** Lakh
 March, 2020 | November, 2023

PPE Kit Manufacturing | March, 2020 0 **Capacity now** **4.5 lakh per day**

- More than 1,500 PSA oxygen plants installed. These plants were set up with the help of PM CARES as well as various ministries and PSUs.
- More than 36,840 tonnes of liquid medical oxygen were transported to severely affected states through 900 oxygen trains.
- 4,176 railway coaches converted into fully functional isolation and quarantine facilities. Air Force airlifted cryogenic oxygen tankers and essential medical equipment.





through Ujjwala, 12 crore toilets have been constructed through Swachhata Mission, clean water facility is being ensured for about 16 crore rural families through Jal Jeevan Mission. Today, covering about 60 crore Indians, Ayushman Bharat Yojana is ensuring high-quality and affordable healthcare to the poor and the neo-middle class. 'The Lancet', one of the world's most reputed health journals, has praised Ayushman Bharat and said that this scheme is removing the dissatisfaction related to the health sector in India. All these social concern schemes have played a transformative role in defeating the health challenge. 'The Lancet' has reported in one of its studies that due to Ayushman Bharat, there has been a significant improvement in the timely initiation of cancer treatment. Patients witnessed a 90 percent increase in access to cancer treatment within 30 days. Now the new India has resolved that together we will build an India that will be clean, healthy, and fulfill the dream of Swaraj.

JAN AUSHADHI: "LESS PRICE, BETTER MEDICINE"

Many times, there is no need to get admitted to the hospital for treatment. The medicine prescribed by the doctor has to be taken at home. The facility of getting



Inclusion is at the core of India's health reforms. We run Ayushman Bharat, the world's largest health insurance scheme. The health of the world depends on how well we take care of the most vulnerable. Developing countries are particularly affected by health challenges. India's vision provides a model that is replicable, scalable, and sustainable.

Narendra Modi,
Prime Minister

India Has Restored Global Recognition To Yoga, Ayurveda, And Traditional Medicine

Today, yoga, Ayurveda, and traditional medicine have once again received global recognition, and behind this is the thinking of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, with which a special AYUSH Ministry was formed for them for the first time in 2014. Now the attitude towards Ayurveda and yoga has changed not only in the country but all over the world, and their acceptance has also increased...

7,51,768
doctors are currently registered in the AYUSH medical system

India has established itself as a leading country globally in evidence-based traditional medicine, and the AYUSH Research Portal is now hosting more than 43,000 studies.



- International Yoga Day was organised for the first time on 21 June 2015. On 11 December 2014, the United Nations declared 21 June as International Day of Yoga on the proposal of India.
- The number of dissertations published in the last 10 years is more than the publications of the last 60 years.
- The AYUSH sector has demonstrated rapid economic growth, and the size of its manufacturing market increased from \$2.85 billion in 2014 to \$23 billion in 2023. The AYUSH industry is rapidly moving towards the \$200 billion target.
- Infrastructure is being strengthened under the AYUSH Grid, and there is a renewed focus on the integration of artificial intelligence.
- iGOT a platform to host more holistic content like Y-Break Yoga.
- Digital technologies are being leveraged to promote yoga.
- The establishment of the World Health Organisation Global Centre for Traditional Medicine in Jamnagar, Gujarat, is a historic achievement, which strengthens India's leadership in the field of traditional medicine.
- PM Modi laid the foundation stone of the new building of the Central Ayurveda Research Institute in Rohini, Delhi, on 5 January 2025.
- In the last decade, the AYUSH system has expanded to more than 100 countries. 10 new AYUSH institutes are being opened in the country to expand the traditional system of medicine.
- The Government of India launched the 'Ayush Investment Sarathi' portal on 29 May 2025. It is a dedicated, investor-focused digital platform.

cheap medicine from medical stores is also available. The Jan Aushadhi Project of India (PMBJP) has not only removed the worries of crores of people of the country regarding the expenditure on medicine but has also made their lives easier. The project has had a positive impact on the lives of the common man. More than 12 lakh citizens of the country are buying medicines from Jan Aushadhi Kendras every day. The medicines available here are 50 to 90 percent cheaper than the market price. Not only this, when kidney disease becomes severe, dialysis has to be done continuously,

it has to be done regularly, one has to travel far away, and it costs a lot. Therefore, the central government has opened more than 1500 dialysis centers in more than 700 districts of the country. A free dialysis facility is also available here.

EMPATHY BECAME THE FOUNDATION OF THE HEALTH REVOLUTION

The older generation is well aware that earlier, if any person became ill in the house, it meant that the entire family would go through hardship. If someone in a poor



PM Dialysis Programme led to savings of ₹8,000 crore

Under the Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Program (PMNDP), patients are being dialyzed using 11,757 hemo-dialysis machines at 1,674 centers in about 750 districts of 36 states and union territories across the country. Till June 3, 2025, a total of 27.86 lakh patients have availed dialysis service. During this period, a total of 342.25 lakh sessions of hemo-dialysis were conducted. It is the result of the Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Program that, till now, a total of Rs 8,000 crore has been saved by the patients through this scheme.

family was seriously ill, it affected every member of the family. There was a time when people had to sell their houses, lands, jewelry, etc., to get treatment. The poor would be devastated on hearing the cost of treatment for a serious illness. The elderly mother would think about whether to get herself treated or spend on the education of her grandchildren. The elderly father would think about whether to get himself treated or look after the household expenses. Therefore, the elders of the poor family could see only one way out. Silently bear the troubles. Bear the pain. Silently wait for death. The helplessness of not being able to get treatment due to a lack of money would shatter the poor. The sensitive Prime Minister Narendra Modi felt that pain, and out of that sensitivity, the Ayushman Bharat Yojana was born. The central government has decided that the government will bear the cost of hospitalization of the poor up to Rs 5 lakh. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has also said many times from the public platform, "I want my health to be such that it does not become a burden for

the country. I want to live as a healthy person till my last breath." Due to the conscious approach and sensitivity towards health, health has become the top priority on the agenda of any government for the first time. For a long time, it has been the aspiration of the country that there should be such a modern health system in the country that cares for even the poorest of the poor. A health system that cares for the health of the poor, protects the poor from diseases, and if they fall ill, then provides them with the best treatment. A good health facility system does not mean only building 'just structures. The health system of any country becomes strong only when it provides solutions in every way, supports at every step. Therefore, in the last 11 years, holistic health care has been kept as the top priority in the country. The amount of work done in the field of health in India in the last 11 years has not been done even in the last 70 years. The healthier the citizens of a country, the faster the pace of progress of that country. With this thought, giving priority to the health of its citizens, the



In 11 years, the health sector has created a new history. A record number of AIIMS and medical colleges have been built, the burden on health has reduced, and comfort and security have increased.



Central Government started a new initiative of Universal Healthcare with the Health Policy of 2017. Today, the country is working on not one but six fronts with a record investment of thousands of crores of rupees to provide health facilities to the poorest of the poor.

- First front - To promote preventive healthcare.
- Second front - To open small and modern hospitals in every village.
- Third front - To open medical colleges and big institutes of medical research in cities.
- Fourth front - To increase the number of doctors and paramedical staff across the country.
- Fifth front - To provide affordable medicines and cheap equipment to the patients.
- Sixth front - To ameliorate the difficulties faced by patients by using technology.

Not only treatment, the government is also taking care of the facilities after coming out of the hospital post-treatment, so that those who have come out of poverty line do not go back below the poverty line in any way. For this, the scheme of free food ration is continuing. It is the result of the efforts of the central government that 25 crore people have come out of poverty and a new middle class has been created.

CONTRIBUTION OF UNIVERSAL VACCINATION TO HEALTH SECURITY

Healthcare has become one of the most transformative sectors in India in the last 11 years. Under the strong leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the country has seen consistent progress in vaccination and disease eradication. From newborns in tribal villages to school children in cities, the government has aimed to reach every corner of the country and not leave anyone behind. Before 2014, India had challenges like low coverage of vaccination, high rate of TB, widespread measles in women and children, and frequent outbreaks of diseases like rubella and malaria. Today, by 2025, this picture has changed; India has one of the most ambitious and successful health missions in the world. Prime Minister Modi's people-centric governance model which clearly reflects the spirit of service, dedication, and taking everyone along.

Since earlier crores of children were deprived of life-saving vaccines, Mission Indradhanush was started in 2014, keeping that in mind. At the same time, the U-WIN portal was launched in October 2024 to ensure that no one misses vaccination. Now the entire record of vaccination has become digital. With the help of a live dashboard and SMS alerts, the incidents of missing vaccines have now reduced. Just like Aadhaar made identity transparent and connected everyone, the U-WIN portal is working to make vaccination easy, transparent, and accessible to all.

GLOBAL OUTREACH OF INDIA'S AYUSH

India has long been a leading hub of holistic healthcare, with traditional systems of medicine such as Ayurveda and Yoga deeply rooted in its ancient civilization and deep knowledge tradition. Yet, for decades, this invaluable knowledge was ignored by successive governments and considered outdated rather than

valuable. But the current Central Government's approach has changed that completely. They have revived India's traditional medical heritage with pride and purpose. A historic moment came on December 11, 2014, when India created history at the United Nations General Assembly – on this day, 177 countries together supported the resolution declaring June 21 as International Yoga Day. This was not just global recognition of Yoga; it marked the moment when India re-embraced its cultural and spiritual heritage and proudly dedicated it to the whole world.

A GLOBAL MISSION OF ONE EARTH-ONE HEALTH

Health is another pillar of our shared priorities. India's health insurance scheme – Ayushman Bharat – covers nearly 60 crore people. But India's concern for health is not limited to Indians alone. India's mission of "One Earth, One Health" sees health as a shared global responsibility. India stood with Africa during the Covid pandemic. During that time, vaccines and medicines were made available. Under the "Arogya Maitri" initiative, India also supported Africa through training, hospital equipment, and medicines. India is set to supply a Bhabhatron radiotherapy machine to Namibia for advanced cancer care. This machine, developed in India, has been in use in 15 countries. This machine has helped about five lakh serious cancer patients in different countries.

Undoubtedly, Ayushman Bharat Yojana is a health revolution towards the goal of Viksit Bharat. In fact, studies show that even a one-year increase in life expectancy due to better healthcare leads to an increase of up to 4 percent in GDP. When Ayushman Bharat Yojana enters its eighth year, its main objective is to ensure that no Indian is left alone in a health crisis. It can be easily understood how important this scheme is for a diverse country with a large population. Today, the country and its leadership are determined to free the poor and middle class of the country from the burden of expensive treatment. Today, the country is moving rapidly in this direction. Ayushman Bharat has created such a global model of inclusive and universal health care where the nation is saying - Ayushman Bhava. ●



Before 2014, healthcare was a neglected sector. Today, whether you are rich or poor, live in a remote village or a metro city, you are part of a system that guarantees quality healthcare. This is the new India under PM Modi, which is rapidly transforming into a 'developed India' where healthcare is for all.

J.P. Nadda

Union Health Minister



A Message Of Progress By Honoring Bihar's Grandeur

Gayaji is a symbol of India's eternal faith and is also a living example of spiritual and cultural heritage. It is called the land of salvation due to the blessings of Lord Vishnu, and Lord Buddha attained enlightenment here. Remembering the greatness of this holy land, Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone and inaugurated multiple development projects worth Rs 12,000 crore for Bihar from the sacred land of Gaya ji on 22 August...



Development with heritage has become the mantra of a new and emerging India, and modern infrastructure is its identity. On the path toward a Viksit Bharat, Prime Minister Narendra Modi added a new chapter in this ongoing journey by visiting the sacred land of Gaya Ji. Inaugurating and laying the foundation stones for development projects worth over ₹12,000 crore in Gaya, which is a symbol of India's rich cultural heritage, he emphasised that these projects—linked to energy, health, and urban development—will strengthen Bihar's industries and create new job opportunities for the youth.

Highlighting the importance of a Viksit Bihar for a Viksit Bharat, PM Modi reflected on the transformations over the past 11 years. He reiterated his commitment to removing difficulties from the lives of the poor and making the lives of women easier. Here are five important points of Prime Minister Modi's address.....

1. Guarantee of Convenience, Safety & Dignity

Over the past 11 years, 4 crore pucca houses have been built for the poor. Noting that more than 38 lakh houses have been constructed in Bihar alone, and over 2 lakh families in Gaya district have received their own pucca homes, PM Modi emphasised that these are not just houses but symbols of dignity for the poor. He stated that these homes are equipped with electricity, water, toilets, and a gas connection. This means that even poor families have been guaranteed a life of comfort, security, and dignity.

2. Operation Sindoor Fulfilled from Bihar's Soil

Recalling his address in the programme organised in Madhubani after the cowardly terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, PM Modi said that Bihar is the land of Chandragupta Maurya and Chanakya. Whenever an enemy has challenged India, Bihar has stood as the shield of the country. When there was a terrorist attack in Pahalgam, our innocent citizens were killed after being asked their religion. The Prime Minister recalled that it was from the land of Bihar that he had vowed to eliminate terrorism, and today, the world is witnessing the fulfilment of that resolve taken on Bihar's soil. Operation Sindoor has drawn a new line in India's defence strategy.

3. Corruption is no longer tolerated

Referring to his fight against corruption, PM Modi said that there was not a single stain of corruption in his tenure as Prime Minister, starting from 2014. He said that the Constitution expects honesty



4. Bihar is now on the path of comprehensive development

Prime Minister Modi reminded people of the old times by presenting the blueprint of the development journey of Bihar, which once suffered the pain of migration due to illiteracy and unemployment, but is now moving on a new path of progress. He said that a Chief Minister had said from the stage that he will not allow people from Bihar to enter his state. The government is now responding to such challenges with the development of Bihar. In the past years, solutions to old problems have been found, and new paths of progress have also been created. The government is working with the thought that the sons and daughters of Bihar should get employment here, get a life of respect, and be able to take care of their parents.

and transparency from every public representative. Our government is bringing a strict anti-corruption law, which will also cover the Prime Minister, Chief Minister, and Ministers. If someone goes to jail, they will have to get bail within 30 days; otherwise, they will have to leave the chair on the 31st day. He said that today the law is that if a small government employee is kept in custody for 50 hours, he is automatically suspended. But if someone is a Chief Minister, a Minister, or a Prime Minister, then he can enjoy power even while being in jail. How can this happen?

5. Indians have a right to India's facilities

Referring to the demographic change of the country, PM Modi said that this threat is also on Bihar. The increasing number of infiltrators in the country is a matter of concern. The demography is changing rapidly in the border districts of Bihar. Therefore, the NDA government has decided that the future of the country will not be decided by infiltrators. The infiltrators will not be allowed to snatch employment opportunities from Bihar's youth. The facilities to which the Indian people have a right will not be allowed to be looted by infiltrators. To deal with this threat, I have talked about starting a demographic mission. Very soon, this mission will start its work, and we will throw out every intruder from the country.



Impetus to Bihar's prosperity: Many gifts, including the Aunta-Simaria bridge

More Than
₹1,870
crore was spent
on constructing

8.15
km long
bridge

- The construction of new bridge between Aunta of Mokama and Simaria of Begusarai will provide better road connectivity to Madhubani, Supaul, Araria, Begusarai with Sheikhpura, Nawada, Lakhisarai of southern Bihar. This also includes a 1.86 km long 6-lane bridge over the river Ganga.
- The old Rajendra bridge was closed for heavy vehicles, due to which the distance increased by 100 km. Now this distance can be covered in just 8 km. There will be relief from traffic jams. Local industries and the agriculture sector, including Barauni Thermal Plant, Refinery, and Sudha Dairy, will get a boost.

- The Amrit Bharat Express between Gayaji and Delhi and Buddhist Circuit Train between Vaishali and Koderma flagged off. This will give a new identity to the cultural heritage on the global stage with modern facilities, comfort, and security
- Inauguration of the first unit of 660 MW capacity out of the 1,320 MW thermal power project worth about Rs 6,900 crore in Buxar. This will give impetus to employment opportunities, industrial development, and infrastructure development
- Inauguration of Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital and Research Center in Muzaffarpur. It includes advanced oncology OPD, IPD ward, operation theater, modern laboratory, blood bank, and 24-bed ICU and HDU
- This hospital with state-of-the-art facilities will become a new ray of hope for the patients of Bihar and the entire eastern India. It will be a big support for the lower and middle-class families



1,600 families received houses under PM Awas Yojana.

Urban	Rural
4,260	12,000
Grih Pravesh ceremony of beneficiaries	

Symbolically handed over the keys of the houses to the 5 main beneficiaries

Water projects

Under the Namami Gange, STP and Sewerage Network in Munger, water supply project in Aurangabad, Bodh Gaya, and Jehanabad were inaugurated.

- Four Lane road were constructed on NH 31 from Bakhtiyarpur to Mokama

It is this new India that is setting new standards of modern infrastructure construction and, under the concept of Antyodaya, is giving the poor, women, farmers, and youth the right to live with dignity and pride. Where there is a resolve to preserve heritage, there is also the capability to build new things. Where the goal is to build a Viksit Bharat with

proper participation of every state in development. Today, Bihar is also moving ahead with this vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi of a Viksit Bharat. That is why the central government is moving ahead on the path of fulfilling the dreams of the youth of Bihar and giving new wings to the aspirations of the people. ●

Gujarat Fosters the Pace of Aatmanirbhar Bharat

With its world-class infrastructure, industry-friendly legislation, and strong logistics network, Gujarat has emerged as the industrial growth engine of India and has become a popular destination for both foreign and local investors over the past three decades. In the last few years, Gujarat has not only attracted big corporate houses but has also seen unprecedented investment in manufacturing, renewable energy, and startup sectors. Taking this forward, from the land of Bapu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for development projects worth over ₹5,400 crore...

It is said that only those who have lived among the poor, the farmers, the women, and the middle class—sharing in their struggles—can truly understand their pain. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who rose from the small town of Vadnagar to become the Chief Minister of Gujarat and eventually the Prime Minister of India, carries with him a vision for a Viksit Bharat that is deeply shaped by the hardships and challenges of his past.

The concrete steps taken by him as



Chief Minister after the devastating earthquake in 2001 to establish Gujarat as a model of development for the country by pulling it out of the crumbling system are enough to tell about his vision. The lessons learnt from Gujarat and the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to develop the state along with the country were also visible during his two-day visit on 25 and 26 August. PM Modi said that today, it is a coincidence that what Gujarat taught me is being used in the development of the country. On the first day of his visit, he inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of development projects worth more than Rs 5,400 crore in Ahmedabad, which also includes projects related to railways worth Rs 1,400 crore. On the second day, he flagged off Suzuki's first electric car, manufactured in India under the Green Mobility initiative in Hansalpur, and started the production of hybrid battery electrodes at the TDSG lithium-ion battery plant.

Referring to Gujarat's contribution to an Aatmanirbhar Bharat self-reliant India with industrial development, PM Modi said that at one time, people used to taunt this state for having nothing, but now every type of industry is expanding on the land of Gujarat. Powerful electric locomotive engines are being made in the Dahod Rail Factory. Metro coaches are being exported to other countries. Motorcycles and cars are being produced in large numbers. After making aeroplane parts and their export, now the work of making transport aircraft has now started in Vadodara. Gujarat has a major share in India's solar, wind, and nuclear energy capacity. Gujarat is also becoming a big centre for electric vehicle manufacturing. The grand memorial of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, located in Kevadia, Gujarat, as the Statue of Unity, has become a centre of inspiration for the country and the world. The Sabarmati River in Ahmedabad, which used to be a dry drain, is now adding to its glory with the Sabarmati River Front.

In a meeting held in Ahmedabad, PM Modi recalled the glorious saga of Gujarat. He gave the message that this land is the land of two Mohans. One is Sudarshan Chakradhari Mohan, i.e., Dwarkadhish Shri Krishna, and the other is Charkhadhari Mohan, i.e., the saint of Sabarmati,



Message Of Swadeshi Again From Bapu's Land

PM said- Buy only Swadeshi this festival

Referring to the upcoming festivals of Navratri, Vijaydashami, Dhanteras and Deepawali, PM Modi once again said that... I am requesting you, make a mantra in your life... whatever we buy, it will be Made in India, Swadeshi. I want to tell the traders, you can make a huge contribution in taking this country forward. You decide, you will not sell foreign goods and with great pride put up a board that Swadeshi is sold at my place.

The seeds of 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' were sown in Gujarat

PM Modi laid the foundation stone of the second phase of Sardardham Girls' Hostel. Through a video message, he also recalled the achievements of his tenure as the Chief Minister of the state, which later became the foundation of the Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao campaign. PM Modi said that at that time, there were challenges in the state, like not sending daughters to school and the dropout ratio being very high. From infrastructure to all facilities in schools, he increased them. Started a movement to eradicate female foeticide. In Gujarat, a worshipper of Shakti, he strengthened the campaign of 'daughter and son being equal'. This seed sown in Gujarat has today become a mass movement in the country in the form of Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao.





New chapter in Make in India...

Electric Vehicles will be Exported from Gujarat to Over 100 Nations

India's journey of Make in India, Make for the World added another new chapter on August 26, when Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off Suzuki's first battery electric vehicle E-Vitara manufactured in India in Hansalpur, Gujarat. These cars, manufactured in India, will be exported to more than 100 countries, including advanced markets like Europe and Japan. With this achievement, India will now serve as the global manufacturing hub of Suzuki's electric vehicles. The foundation of this plant was laid by PM Modi in 2012 as the Chief Minister of Gujarat. On this occasion, PM Modi said that India also has the strength of democracy, the advantage of demographics, and a huge reservoir of skilled workforce, which is beneficial for every partner. Suzuki is manufacturing in India, and the vehicles produced here are being exported to Japan. This not only reflects the strength of India-Japan relations but also reflects the growing confidence of global companies in India.



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- The Prime Minister also inaugurated the next phase of India's battery ecosystem with the start of local production of hybrid battery electrodes at the TDSG lithium-ion battery plant.
- It is a joint venture of Toshiba, Denso, and Suzuki.
- Batteries are the most critical part of the electric vehicle ecosystem.
- Until a few years ago, batteries in Bharat we completely imported. To strengthen EV manufacturing, it was necessary that India also manufacture them.
- With this vision, the foundation of the TDSG battery plant was laid here in 2017. Now 3 Japanese companies will jointly manufacture cells in India for the first time.
- Battery cell electrodes will also be prepared locally in India.
- This will give new strength to India's self-reliance. This will further accelerate the business of hybrid electric vehicles.

Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi. He said that Sudarshan Chakradhari Mohan has taught how to protect the country and society. Operation Sindoor has become a symbol of the valour of the Indian Army and the willpower of India of Sudarshan Chakradhari Mohan. Similarly, Charkhadhari Mohan had shown the path to India's prosperity through Swadeshi. Therefore, when the world is going through the era of politics of

economic selfishness, he again called for Swadeshi from the land of Gandhi and assured small entrepreneurs, small shopkeepers, farmers, and animal breeders that the central government will not let them be harmed. No matter how much pressure comes, we will keep increasing our strength to withstand it. ●



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Metro Gives A New Pace To Kolkata's Development

West Bengal is not just a cradle of India's golden history but also the bedrock of its prosperous future. This is the reason why the vision of 'Viksit Bengal' is included in the resolution of the Central Government initiative of India's rise from Purvodaya. With this vision, in the last 11 years, the Central Government has steadfastly worked on modern infrastructure-connectivity in West Bengal, and on 22 August, taking it one step further, Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave a development gift of Rs 5,200 crore, including three new sections of Kolkata Metro Rail...

From the bustling platforms of the capital Delhi to the emerging railway lines of Surat and Bhopal, the Metro is quietly weaving the fabric of a new India. It is fast as well as clean. It is the lifeline of future India, which the country eyes to make the backbone of public transport. West Bengal, known for being the first place to have a metro network in India, is now ready to make the metro the backbone of its public transport. Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated 3 new sections of the Kolkata Metro. The total length of these sections connecting 7 new stations is 13.61 km. Along with the inauguration of a subway connected to Howrah station, he also laid the foundation stone of the 6-lane elevated Kona Expressway.

With these projects dedicated to West Bengal for promoting modern connectivity, PM Modi, referring to the importance of infrastructure in the construction of a new India, said that in the year 2030, India is moving towards becoming the third-largest economy in the world. In this, the role of cities like Kolkata is very significant. This event is testimony to how today's India is transforming its cities. Everyone feels proud to hear that the world's

Metro corridor has expanded 7 times in Kolkata

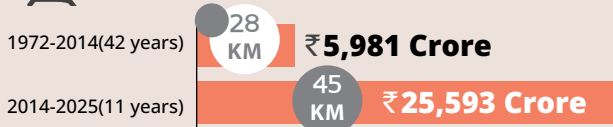
Railway-highway projects get momentum

The metro project in Kolkata started in 1972, and in 1984, services started on the first 3.4 km line.

Since then, about 70 km of metro rail has been constructed. A target has been set to complete the 130 km metro network by the year 2027.



■ Metro Line ■ Expense



- In the last decade, 42 rail projects of more than 4,400 km and costing about Rs 68 thousand crore, which fall fully or partially in West Bengal, have been approved. Out of these, 1702 km of length has been commissioned.
- Work is going on for 34 projects of 286 km of National Highway in West Bengal. Its cost will be around Rs 10,900 crore.

Connectivity in road, track, air, and water increased

Sector	Now 2025-26	Then 2013-14
Metro	24 cities 1,050 km length	5 cities 248 km length
Metro construction	6 km monthly	680 meters monthly
Metro passengers	1.12 crore daily	28 lakh daily
Railway line electrification	More Than 40,000 KM	20,000 KM
Airports	160	74
Waterways	30	3

third-largest metro network is now in India. PM Modi said that 21st-century India also needs a 21st-century transport system. Therefore, today we are developing modern transport facilities in the country, from rail to road, metro to airport, and connecting them.

West Bengal has now joined those states of the country where 100% electrification of railways has been done. The Government of India has fulfilled the long-standing demand for the MEMU train between Purulia and Howrah. Along with the operation of 9



Lifeline for modern connectivity

- The 3 new sections given to Kolkata Metro include 2.45 km between Esplanade-Sealdah, 6.77 km connecting Noapara to Jai Hind Airport and 4.39 km between Ruby-Belegghata.
- Through the Noapara-Jai Hind Airport section, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport has been directly connected to the metro service for the first time. Through the new sections, the metro will now be able to reach those areas, where earlier it took 45 minutes to 1 hour to reach by road.
- The 7.2 km long six-lane elevated Kona Expressway, to be built at a cost of more than Rs 1,200 crore, will increase connectivity between Howrah, the surrounding rural areas, and Kolkata.

Youth of India have the right to the resources of the country

Prime Minister Modi also showed his concern about the demographic challenge and infiltrators. He said that today, in the countries which are called developed and which have no dearth of resources, there is a campaign going on against intruders. India has limited resources. We have to provide employment to our youth. We will not allow those intruders in our country who are snatching employment from our youth and who are torturing our sisters and daughters.

Vande Bharat trains on different routes of West Bengal, 2 Amrit Bharat trains are also running.

In another public meeting held in Kolkata, PM Modi said that till the potential of West Bengal is not increased, the journey of Viksit Bharat will not be successful. We say, **बांग्लार उदोय तबेई, विकोशितो भारोतेर जाँय!** Therefore, in the last 11 years, the central government has provided every help for the development here. ●



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AatmaNirbhar Bharat is the Foundation of a Developed Nation

India's economy is a strong pillar on the global stage today. While many countries of the world are facing economic uncertainty, India continues to progress rapidly with remarkable stability. This resilience is the result of visionary policies implemented by the Government of India over the past decade. Experts now predict that India's contribution to global growth could soon reach 20%, underscoring its rising influence in the world economy. At the Economic Times World Leaders Forum held on 23 August, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that India, which is growing with the mantra of reform, perform and transform, has the power to even bend the course of time ...

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With the mantra of Reform, Perform, Transform, Bharat today is in a position to help the world emerge from slow growth.”

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

The strength of the Indian economy becomes more clear when we look at the current state of the global economy. India is currently the fastest growing major economy in the world and is soon moving towards becoming the third largest economy. At the Economic Times World Leaders Forum held in Delhi on 23 August, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that when the fundamentals of an economy are strong, its effect is visible in all sectors. As the country's economy is getting stronger, employment opportunities are also increasing. This can also be understood from these figures... that in the month of June, 22 lakh formal jobs were added to the EPFO database, which is the largest number ever in a month. India's retail inflation is at its lowest level since 2017 and India's foreign exchange reserves have

India Meeting Global Needs With Self-Reliance...

India's electronics exports



Around **₹35,000** crore was recorded in the 65 years after Independence.

It has now increased to **₹3.25** lakh crore

India's automobile exports

Earlier Around **₹50,000** crore a year.

Now it has increased to **₹1.5** lakh crore in a year



- India is set to achieve another milestone by exporting electric vehicles to 100 countries
- Expenditure on research and development has more than doubled compared to 2014, while the number of patents filed has increased 17 times
- India meeting global needs with self-reliance...
- A research development and innovation scheme worth Rs 1 lakh crore has been approved.
- Last year, India exported agricultural products worth Rs 4 lakh crore.
- Out of 800 crore vaccine doses globally last year, 400 crore were manufactured in India.

India's Space Missions

Conducted **42 missions** from 1979 to 2014.

Completed **more than 60** missions in the past 11 years.

India had only one space startup in 2014, while today there are more than

300

reached an all-time high. India's solar PV module manufacturing capacity was around 2.5 GW in the year 2014, while at present it has reached 1000 GW. Delhi airport has also entered the elite Hundred-Million-Plus Club of global airports. Today, the annual passenger handling capacity of this airport is over 100 million. Only six airports in the world are part of this exclusive group.

Referring to a common phrase, 'missing the bus', PM Modi said that if opportunities are not taken advantage of, they slip away. India's previous governments missed many such opportunities in the field of technology and industry. He said that this is not a criticism of anyone, but in a democracy, comparative analysis often helps to clarify the situation more effectively. After 2014, India changed its approach and now resolved not to miss any opportunity. India not only built Made-in-India 5G but also deployed it across the country at the fastest pace. Now India is working rapidly on Made-in-India 6G technology. Semiconductor-related factories are being set up in India. India's goal is to move forward with a long leap. PM Modi said that reforms in India are neither driven by any compulsion nor by any crisis. Reforms are a reflection of India's commitment and conviction. Referring to major steps such as repealing unnecessary laws and simplifying rules and procedures, he said that processes and approvals are being digitised. Many provisions are being decriminalised. Work is being done to simplify the GST system, which will also reduce prices.

India is fully committed to becoming a developed nation by 2047. The foundation of developed India is self-reliant India, and it should be evaluated on three criteria...speed, scale and scope. India performed well in all these three areas during the global pandemic. During this time, when the demand for essential commodities suddenly increased and global supply came to a halt, India took many decisive steps to manufacture essential goods domestically. The world is also looking at India's speed, scale and scope in the energy sector. India set a target of generating 50 per cent of its total power capacity from non-fossil fuel by 2030, which was achieved five years ahead of schedule. ●



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Prayagraj

Varanasi

Limca Book of Records: On January 13, 2023, PM Narendra Modi flagged off MV Ganga Vilas, which made the world's longest river journey from Varanasi to Dibrugarh, covering a distance of 3,200 km through 27 river systems of 5 Indian states and Bangladesh. This historic journey found a place in the Limca Book of Records.

Cruise Tourism in India gets a Fillip

Kolkata

Dhaka

*(Representational Map)

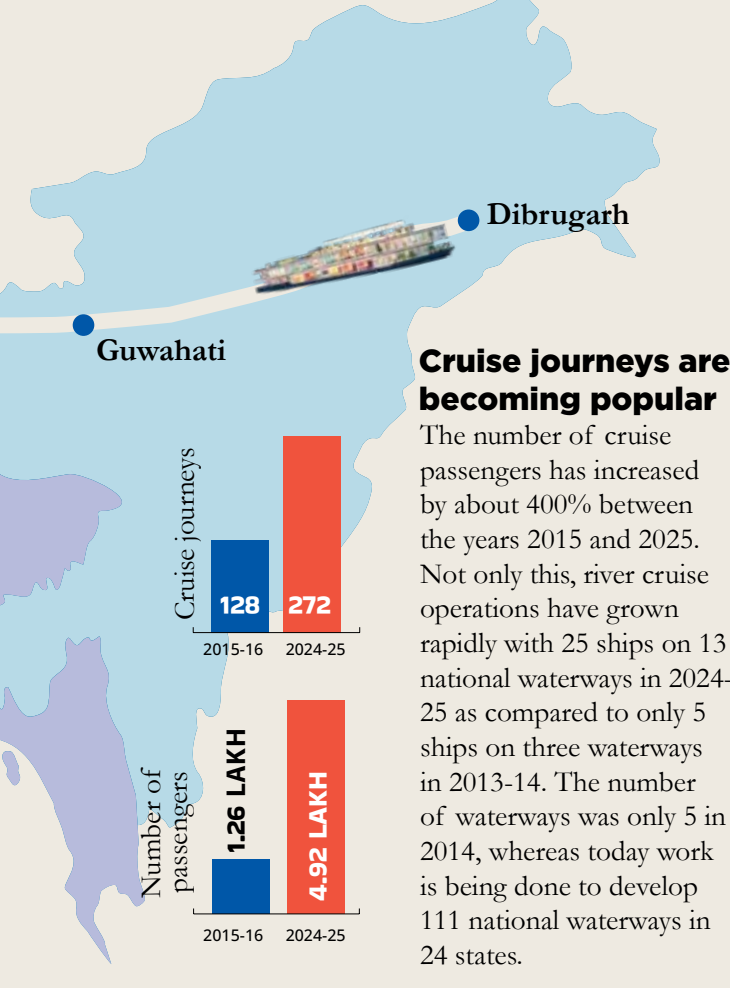
With a nearly 7,500 km long coastline and a 20 thousand km long waterway network, India has the capability and capacity to exploit it fully for fast progress.

With this aim, 'Cruise Bharat Mission' started with a 5-year goal to generate new employment opportunities along with national-international connectivity, world-class hospitality facilities, recreation, and promoting culture by connecting cruise tourism, which was once considered a spendthrift luxury, to the common man.

This 30th September marks the completion of one year of 'Cruise Bharat Mission', amid this backdrop, let us know how a new era of cruise tourism is getting an impetus in India...

There was a time when big ships used to ply the rivers of our country, but after independence, this sector faced abject apathy. Now, after decades, with a new approach, New India is scripting a new chapter of revival by linking its heritage with development. In the last 11 years, development work has been done on strengthening waterways just like roads, rail, and air. Now with an eye on exploiting its full potential, Cruise Bharat Mission is transforming the country into a global cruise tourism hub by initiating sea travel and promoting the experience of the beautiful locations of India. The target of this mission is to establish 10 sea cruise terminals, 100 river cruise terminals, and 5 marinas in five years. If we compare the last decade, the number of sea cruise passengers has increased by about 400 percent. The central government believes that by 2047, this number will reach 50 lakhs.

So far, 15 river cruise circuits have been made operational on 13 national waterways covering 9 states. The mission plans to start 51 river-cruise circuits in 14 states and 3 union territories. Its objective is to make India an attractive cruise tourist destination with state-of-the-art infrastructure and other facili-



Cruise Bharat Mission's 2029 Targets

4

Lakh jobs to be created in the cruise sector.
Initial target: 1 lakh.

10

Lakh sea cruise passengers in the future, a sharp rise from 5 lakh at present

15

Lakh river cruise passengers in the future from the present 5 lakh

- There will be 10 international cruise terminals; currently, there are 2.
- 100 river cruise terminals in future; currently, there are 50.

“Waterways are not only good for protecting the environment but also save money. According to a study, the cost of transportation by waterways is two and a half times less than by road, while the cost is one-third less than by rail. You can imagine how much fuel is saved by waterways, and how much money is saved.

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

Cruise Bharat Mission's 3-Phase Plan

- Phase 1 (October 2024 to September 2025):** Modernization of current terminals with market research, master planning, and cruise partnerships with neighboring countries.
- Phase 2 (October 2025 to March 2027):** Developing new cruise terminals with a focus on areas full of tourism potential.
- Phase 3 (April 2027 to March 2029):** Connecting cruise circuits across the Indian subcontinent.

Steps taken to promote cruise tourism

- Priority in providing platforms at ports.
- A rationalized tariff in terms of port charges and passenger charges. Discount in port tariff from 10% to 30%.
- Cabotage has been waived for foreign cruise vessels, allowing them to transport Indian nationals from one Indian Port to another.
- The E-Visa and on-arrival visa facilities extended.
- e-Landing Card has been introduced. Valid for all ports in cruise itinerary.
- Rationalised cruise tariff has been introduced.

ties, so that a large section of foreign tourists can be attracted to India. Also, cruise shipping can be made popular among Indian tourists.

The movement of inland ships continues on National Waterway Number-One (1,390 km) from Varanasi to Haldia, started by the Inland Waterways Authority of India. In the last financial year, 4,229 ships moved on this waterway passing through Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, and West Bengal.

CRUISE TERMINALS IN 6 MAJOR PORTS OF THE COUNTRY

At present, there are 6 major ports in the country: Mumbai Port in Maharashtra, Mormugao in Goa, Kochi in Kerala, Chennai in Tamil Nadu, New Mangalore Port in Karnataka, and Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh. Also, there are cruise facilities in Puducherry, Lakshadweep, and Sri Vijayapuram in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. At the same time, 29 national waterways are operational in 11 states by the financial year 2024-25, out of which 3 national waterways are exclusively dedicated to cruise traffic. ●



PM JAN DHAN

Empowering The Deprived Against Poverty

"When Jan Dhan accounts were opened, it was not just a bank account. It gave the poor self-respect that the doors of the bank are open for them, too. They can also go to the bank and talk with their hand on the table; we have instilled this confidence."

These words of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, articulated from the ramparts of the Red Fort on the 79th Independence Day, are enough to understand the self-respect that people have gained along with their bank account. Through this Jan Dhan scheme started in the year 2014, not only have more than 56 crore bank accounts been opened so far, but it has opened the doors of new opportunities of development and economic empowerment for crores of citizens of India...

Due to decades of neglect and wrong policies, the poor were gripped by an inferiority complex. The banks were nationalized in the name of the poor, but the doors of the banks were closed for 40 percent of the country's population. Seeking help in every difficulty, dependent on others for every need, the society used to turn its back on the poor, considering them the responsibility of the government. Services like bank accounts, credit cards, insurance, and pensions were treated as only for the rich, not for the poor. But, PM Modi ignited a hope in the deep darkness of despair with the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana. What was a dream for poor started coming true. Bank Mitra and Bank Sakhi themselves

started going to the poor from city to city, village to village. When the zero-balance Jan Dhan account of the poor was opened in the bank, their life changed. Prime Minister Modi made the poor and deprived warriors in the fight against poverty by handing over the passbook of Jan Dhan accounts.

The poor got a Rupay card with a Jan Dhan account. Atal Pension Yojana provides security of a pension in old age. Insurance is no longer the privilege of the rich. The Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana and Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana provided the poor families with a sure assurance of insurance protection and help in difficult times.

Jan Dhan Yojana is an example of true socialism



One bank account, Many facilities increased

- Now money is not stashed in a kitchen container, but is safe in the bank. RuPay card has provided both financial security and convenience. Now there is freedom from the clutches of moneylenders.
- Banking services are reaching every home through 'Bank Mitra', due to which people are getting financial assistance without any hassle.
- Now, cash is not required for payment; a mobile phone is enough. UPI has made transactions easy and safe.
- An increase in savings: Due to the amount deposited in the bank and direct benefit transfer from the government, household savings have also increased.
- Financial inclusion: Women account holders + nearest banking touchpoint have empowered women at the grassroots level.
- Trust in good governance: In the JAM revolution, banking facilities have reached the last corner of the country through Jan Dhan accounts + linkage with Aadhaar + mobile access.
- JAM Trinity has eliminated the middlemen, and more than Rs 45 lakh crore has been transferred directly to the bank accounts of the beneficiaries of more than 320 schemes. The country has saved Rs 4.3 lakh crore.

Access to Banks

Bank Mitra + Digital Banking Unit = Banking in every village

- With over 21.6 lakh banking touchpoints, India has made banking available within a 5 km radius to over 6 lakh villages, i.e., 99.9%.

More accounts than the total population of the European Union



38.71

crore RuPay debit cards issued

- More than 67% of bank accounts are opened in rural and semi-urban banks
- 18.69 crore beneficiaries in urban areas
- 31.33 crore i.e. about 56% Jan Dhan accounts belong to women

56.21

crore Jan Dhan accounts opened



(Note: Figures in crores, as on 20 August 2025)



From financial exclusion to empowerment! PM Jan Dhan Yojana has transformed lives across India. When the marginalized people are financially connected, the whole nation moves ahead together. This is what the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana has achieved. It has enhanced the dignity of the people and given them the power to write their own destiny.

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

in the country. This successful scheme of a country free from all discriminations like religion, caste, and class has truly realized the concept of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas'. The deprived and exploited for decades have got their rights. A new self-confidence has awakened in the country. Today, banking services are reaching within a radius of five kilometers in villages. People are using the RuPay card easily. Digital transactions have now increased in every village. To continue this benefit, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has appealed, "I will urge every person who has a Jan Dhan account to get their KYC done again."●

India is emerging as a major Nuclear Energy Power

Amidst the growing global energy crisis and environmental challenges, India has taken rapid steps to address it, considering nuclear energy as a powerful medium of sustainable development. From the development of indigenous technologies to international cooperation, India is now not only becoming self-reliant but is also emerging as a key player on the global nuclear map. The central government has set an ambitious target of 100 gigawatt nuclear power capacity by the year 2047...

India is moving towards positioning nuclear energy as a major pillar in India's energy mix, with a set target of nuclear power capacity by the year 2047. This will help in ensuring energy reliability and reducing dependence on fossil fuels. To achieve this goal, investments are being made in infrastructure along with strategic policy changes focusing on indigenous nuclear technology and public-private partnerships. Considering nuclear energy as an important component to achieve energy security and sustainability, the government has launched the Nuclear Energy Mission for Viksit Bharat. The initiative aims to enhance domestic nuclear capacities, promote private sector participation, and accelerate the deployment of advanced nuclear technologies such as small modular reactors.

In the budget for the financial year 2025-26, the government has launched the Nuclear Energy



Mission, which focuses on research and development of small modular reactors. The government has allocated Rs 20,000 crore for this initiative, which aims to develop at least five indigenously designed and operational small modular reactors by 2033. This mission is in alignment with India's commitment to achieve 100 gigawatt nuclear power capacity by the year 2047, which will prove to be a milestone in reducing carbon emissions and meeting future energy demands. Not only this, it has also been decided that the government is also considering amendments to the Atomic Energy Act and the Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act to facilitate the implementation of the Nuclear Energy Mission. These amendments are expected to boost private sector investment in nuclear power projects.

PARTNERSHIP WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO ACHIEVE THESE OBJECTIVES

- Establishment of India's Small Reactors.
- Research and Development of India's Small Modular Reactor.
- Research and Development of New Technologies for Nuclear Energy.

Minister of State for the Department of Atomic Energy and Department of Space, Dr Jitendra Singh, said India's nuclear energy journey initiated by Dr Homi Bhabha was often met with scepticism at the domestic and international levels due to restrictive global policies and misplaced fears of nuclear proliferation. However, since 2014, India has undergone a sea change under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and its nuclear energy programme has gained greater acceptance as a key component of clean and sustainable power generation. Dr Singh pointed out

Recent developments in the field of the nuclear power sector...

- **India's oldest uranium mine, Jadugoda Mines:** Significant discovery of new reserves in and around the existing mine lease area. This will increase the life of the mine by more than 50 years.
- **First two units of 700 MW PHWR:** Commercial operation started in FY 2023-24.
- **Country's first Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR 500 MW):** Many milestones achieved in 2024. Prominent among them are filling of primary sodium, purification of filled sodium, and commissioning of all four sodium pumps (2 primary sodium pumps and 2 secondary sodium pumps).
- **NPCIL and National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC):** Signing of supplementary joint venture agreement for the development of nuclear power facilities in the country.
- Resulting in the construction, ownership, and operation of nuclear power plants, including 4 x 700 MW PHWR Mahi-Banswara Rajasthan Atomic Power Project.



Highlights of New and Renewable Energy Sector

RECORD RENEWABLE ENERGY ADDITIONS

234.24

GW of renewable energy capacity (excluding 8.78 GW nuclear) has been achieved as of 12 August 2025,

500

GW non-fossil capacity by 2030 is India's target

■ **Hydropower Capacity:**

Large hydropower capacity is 49.62 GW, and small hydropower capacity is 5.10 GW as of 12 August 2025.

■ **Wind Power Capacity:**

51.67 GW as on 12 August 2025.

Global Capacity

India ranks fourth in the world in renewable energy capacity and wind power, and third in solar power.

Solar Capacity

116.24 GW as on 12 August 2025. Solar power alone contributes 48% to India's total renewable energy capacity.

PM-Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana

Launched with an outlay of Rs 75,021 crore for one crore families. 58.81 lakh applications have been received till 14 August 2025. A total of 17.24 lakh families have benefited under this scheme. Subsidy of Rs 9,841.77 crore has been released.

60% increase in annual nuclear power generation

2014-15
35,592
Million Unit

2024-25
56,681
million units

Installed nuclear capacity

71% increase, from 4,780 MW in 2014 to 8,780 MW in 2025 across 25 nuclear reactors operated by Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited.

that, unlike in the past, the announcement of a 100 GW nuclear target has not faced any negative impact, reflecting India's growing credibility in the global nuclear community and recognition of its responsible and transparent approach to nuclear energy development.

INITIATIVES TO INCREASE NUCLEAR CAPACITY...

India is actively increasing its nuclear power capacity to meet growing energy demands and achieve environmental goals. The government has set a target to increase nuclear power capacity from 8,180 MW to 22,480 MW by the year 2031-32. Achieving this target includes the construction and commissioning of ten reactors of a total of 8,000 MW in Gujarat, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Haryana, Karnataka, and Madhya Pradesh. Apart from this, the government

New reactors commissioned in the last 11 years...

Mar-2017

Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant (KKNPP)
Unit-2 Capacity

1,000 MW



Dec-2014

Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant (KKNPP)
Unit-1 Capacity

1,000 MW

Jun-2023

Kakrapar Atomic Power Project (KAPP)
Unit-3 Capacity

700 MW

March-2024

Kakrapar Atomic Power Project (KAPP)
Unit-4 Capacity

700 MW

April 2025

Rajasthan Atomic Power Project (RAPP)
Unit-7 Capacity

700 MW



Civil nuclear energy will ensure a significant contribution to the development of the country in the future.

**Narendra Modi,
Prime Minister**

has given in-principle approval to set up a 6 x 1208 MW nuclear power plant in collaboration with the US at Kovvada in Srikakulam district of Andhra Pradesh. Not only this, but work has also been started on some other reactors. India's nuclear power plants operate with strict security protocols and international monitoring. Radiation levels in Indian nuclear plants consistently remain well below global standards, reflecting the country's commitment to safe and sustainable nuclear capacity.

The government is taking many effective and far-reaching

initiatives to make the country self-reliant in the energy sector. As a result of this, solar energy has increased thirty times. India is investing thousands of crores of rupees towards Mission Green Hydrogen. In fact, India is moving ahead with the resolve to increase nuclear power capacity by more than 10 times by 2047. It is a result of the policies of the Government of India that the country has achieved a 50% clean energy target in 2025 itself, which is five years ahead of the target set for 2030. ●



100 years of Vitthalbhai Patel becoming the first elected Indian Speaker of the Central Assembly

The House is the Engine of Democracy

The house plays a critical role where healthy traditions are established, policies are formulated in the interest of the country, laws are crafted, and the direction of the nation becomes naturally clear. In this, the role of the Speaker of the House is very important. The dignity of the Speaker rests on the pillar of impartiality and justice. Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the two-day All India Assembly Speakers' Conference organized in the Delhi Assembly on the completion of 100 years of Vitthalbhai Patel, becoming the first elected Indian Speaker of the Central Assembly...

During Vitthalbhai Patel's tenure, the Legislative Department and the Legislative Assembly Secretariat were established in the Centre and all states. At that time, Vitthalbhai had remarked that no legislative assembly can function under the control of elected governments. The assembly must remain independent to ensure the meaningfulness of debates held within it. Recalling his remarks, Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah said at the conference on August 24 that this is an important occasion for all of us. We should work to enhance the dignity of the post of Speaker in the Legislative Assemblies. We should establish an impartial platform for the voice of the people of our states. Ensure fair debate by the ruling and opposition parties. Also, ensure that the proceedings of the Houses are conducted according to the rules of the Legislative Assembly, Lok Sabha, and Rajya Sabha. Brainstorming is the best means of solving the problems of the people in a democracy. Whenever the assemblies have lost their dignity, we have had to suffer very bad consequences. The dignity of the assemblies should be

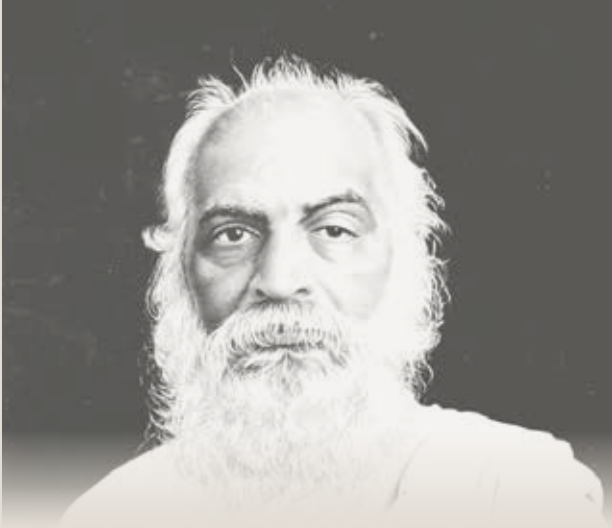
Central Assembly used to run from Delhi Assembly Complex

Under the Act of 1919, during British rule, the central legislature was expanded to a bicameral system with the creation of the Legislative Assembly (Lower House) and the Council of State (Upper House). The lower house was the Central Legislative Assembly with 144 members, of which 104 were elected and 40 nominated. It used to function from the present Delhi Assembly building. In August 1925, the great freedom fighter Vitthalbhai Patel was elected the first Indian Speaker of the Central Assembly. Prominent figures of the freedom movement articulated the nation's aspirations for independence and represented the will of the people through their legislative actions. The Central Legislative Assembly and the Council of States ceased to exist on 14 August 1947.

such that they become a medium to express the voice of the people in the interest of the country.

In India, the Speaker has been accorded the status of an institution. If anyone has the most difficult role in the House, it is that of the Speaker. They are elected from a political party but, upon taking the oath, assume the role of an impartial umpire. In nearly 80 years, we have deepened the foundations of democracy to profound levels, proving that democracy is ingrained in the very essence and nature of the Indian people. The Union Home and Cooperation Minister said that after independence, there have been many changes in power in India, and there have been peaceful transfers of power without a single drop of blood being shed. The basic reason for this is that we have preserved our legislative process very well, and we have also made changes in our system according to the times.

Union Minister Amit Shah said that if there is no meaningful debate in the corridors of Parliament and Legislative Assemblies, then they will remain only lifeless buildings. Preventing Parliament and Legislative Assemblies from functioning for political interests is not a debate. Protest should be restrained. Symbolic protests have their place, but the emerging tradition of obstructing the House day after day, throughout entire sessions, under the pretext of protests, requires reflection from the public and elected representatives. ●



Strengthened democracy

- The great freedom fighter Vitthalbhai Patel was elected the Speaker of the Central Assembly in August 1925, marking the beginning of legislative history by Indians.
- Vitthalbhai Patel laid the foundation of running the country democratically based on Indian ideas.
- Vitthalbhai Patel decided to establish the Legislative Department and the Assembly Secretariat in the Central Government and all the states, which was also accepted by the Constituent Assembly.
- Vitthalbhai Patel established many traditions. Especially for legislative work and the duties of the Speaker, those traditions are still guiding like a luminous lamp.
- Vitthalbhai Patel faced several challenges many times, but he overcame them.
- He neither allowed the dignity of the Assembly Speaker to diminish nor did he stop the House from suppressing the voice of the country. He also did not allow the then mentality of the British to dominate the work of the Assembly.



Vitthalbhai Patel strengthened Indian democracy by laying the foundation of legislative traditions. While being the Speaker of the Assembly, he not only maintained the dignity of the House but also presented an ideal example of democratic values by giving every member the full right to speak. As a speaker, he is a source of inspiration for all the speakers of the Legislative Assembly. Today, it is the duty of every speaker to promote fair, positive, and constructive debate so that the interests of every section of the country can be protected.

Amit Shah

Union Home and Cooperation Minister

A Paragon of Bihar's Politics



Birth: 21 September 1914
Death: 9 September 1984

The legacy of Bhola Paswan Shastri, who is a symbol of truth, loyalty, simplicity, and sacrifice, is still relevant. Born into a very poor family, Shastri is also called the 'Videh of Bihar's politics', who reached new heights despite coming from a humble background. He studied Sanskrit when it was considered the language of the upper castes. Shastri, who went to jail during the freedom movement, was the Chief Minister of the state three times, but spent his entire life in penury, yet did not let any stain come on his probity...

Bhola Paswan Shastri, a son of Bihar's soil, who was a symbol of simplicity and honesty, has the distinction of being the first Dalit Chief Minister of the state. Bhola Paswan Shastri, who dedicated his life to the welfare of farmers and laborers, had such simplicity that even while being a minister and Chief Minister, he used to do his work comfortably by sitting under a tree many times. It is also said that he did not hesitate to sit on a blanket spread on the ground and used to settle matters there itself by holding meetings with officials. He was committed to the country and society, denouncing worldly life.

When the country was under British rule and the countrymen were yearning for freedom, Bhola Paswan Shastri, born in Baigachhi of Purnia district, was influenced by the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, and jumped into the freedom movement. With his hard work and dedication, he went to Banaras and studied Sanskrit and obtained a Shastri degree, then Shastri was added to his name. He was intellectually very strong, and his scholarship impressed everyone. Later, he became influenced by the thoughts of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar.

Bhola Paswan Shastri became the Chief Minister of Bihar for the first time in 1968. However, he could hold on to the post for only three months. He again became the Chief Minister for 13 days in 1969 and for 7 months in 1971. Along with state politics, he was also active in central politics. Despite holding various posts, he earned only as much as the salary. He had neither his own luxurious bungalow nor his own car. He spent his childhood in a hut and spent the last days of his life in a hut. It is also said that when he died on 9 September 1984, the family did not even have enough money to perform his last rites.

On 10 March 2014, while being the Chief Minister of Gujarat, Prime Minister Narendra Modi also remembered Bhola Paswan Shastri and paid tribute to him in a rally in Purnia. At the same time, while addressing the Jan Bhavna Mahasabha in Purnia, Bihar, on 23 September 2022, Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah remembered Bhola Paswan Shastri. He had said that this Purnia district has given Bhola Paswan Shastri, the first Dalit Chief Minister of Bihar. ●



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बस-बस के लिए जो भी समय आए...तो हम हीन
हैं।



उपहार वही जो
भारत में बना हो...
भारत के लोगों द्वारा बनाया गया ही।



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Amit Shah @AmitShah

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India, China committed to fair resolution of border issue: Modi

After PM meets the Chinese President, Xi, says ready for 'reasonable and mutually acceptable' solution on border. Xi says border issues should not define overall relations, foreign secretary says India, China economies can stabilise world trade

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi, as he moves with Chinese President Xi Jinping on Sunday, underscored the importance of peace and tranquillity on the India-China border for continued development of bilateral relations.



Improved India Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Chinese President Xi Jinping during a meeting on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit in Chinese city of Tianjin, May 14

Meeting on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit in the northern Chinese city of Tianjin, the two leaders agreed on the need to strengthen people-to-people ties through direct flights and visa facilitation, building on the resumption of the Kalashwanjari Yezha and tourist visa, and an improving relationship between the neighbours. Mr Xi said the border issue should not de-

low overall relations. "The two leaders issued with satisfaction the successful deescalation of the border question," the Ministry of External Affairs said in a statement following the meeting. Mr Xi, Modi called for mutual support in combating terrorism, Foreign Secretary Vijayendra Mishra said at a press briefing on Sunday night.

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The Hindu Bureau

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PMJDY has become the largest financial inclusion scheme in the world, benefiting over 500 million people. The scheme has helped millions of people access banking services for the first time.

India, Japan talk semiconductors

Japanese chip makers plan to tie up with India

Japan's Economic Affairs Minister Taro Aso



Japanese officials

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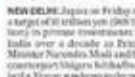


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Freedom from obesity A Call from Red Fort

Obesity is a big problem and the root of many diseases. This is the reason why Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who considers the citizens of the country as his family, appealed from the ramparts of the Red Fort to get rid of this growing problem. PM Modi, who brought a new awareness in the country with calls like cleanliness, Aatma Nirbhar Bharat, has now taken a step further and advocated that every family in the country should reduce the use of oil in food by 10%. This call is an important step for the nation, because a Swasth Bharat is the basis of a Viksit Bharat...



- According to the study, today one in every eight people is affected by obesity, while in the coming years every third person will be obese.
- According to the estimates of the National Family Health Survey-5, 24% women and 23% men are overweight or obese.
- WHO data shows that in 2022, about 250 crore people around the world were overweight, that is, their weight was much more than required.



If we want to increase our potential, first of all, we have to focus on our fitness and well-being. Do you remember one of my suggestions for fitness and weight loss? Reduce oil in food by 10%, and reduce weight. When you are fit, you will be more super hit in life.

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

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