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## MILESTONE YEAR OF NATION BUILDING

The first year of Amrit Kaal 2023 has become a symbol of the country's improved security and prosperity, and a New India is being praised all over for scripting success stories in every field





# People of the country are leading the changes

Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his monthly radio program 'Mann Ki Baat' has been discussing several collective efforts which have brought about major changes in the society. This program has become a powerful medium to highlight achievements. When the people take up the task of nation building, then the progress of that nation is undeterred. Today in India also many changes are being brought by the people of the country. Here are the main excerpts from Mann Ki Baat...

● **Nari Shakti Vandan Act:** The Parliament of India passed the 'Nari Shakti Vandan Act', which is an example of the determination power of our democracy. This will also be equally helpful in giving impetus to the resolve of a developed India.

● **AatmaNirbhar Bharat:** The success of 'Vocal for Local' is opening the doors to AatmaNirbhar Bharat ensuring employment and guaranteeing balanced development of the country.

● **Emphasis on Swadeshi:** Business worth more than four lakh crore rupees was done in the country on Diwali, Bhaiya Dooj and Chhath. During this period, tremendous enthusiasm was seen to buy indigenous products. This campaign of Vocal for Local strengthens the economy of the entire country.

● **Behavior Change:** Swachh Bharat Abhiyan has changed people's thinking regarding cleanliness and public hygiene. Today this initiative has become a symbol of national spirit which has improved the lives of crores of countrymen.

● **Increase in patents:** Patent applications by Indians have increased by more than 31 percent in 2022. Compared to the figures of 10 years ago, today our patents are getting 10 times more approvals.

● **Helping children:** Loganathan, a resident of Coimbatore, used to get perturbed on seeing the torn clothes of poor children in his childhood. He vowed to help such children. He has been engaged

in this task for the last 25 years and has helped more than 1,500 children so far.

● **Beljipuram Youth Club:** This Club in Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh has been dedicated to skill development for the last four decades. They have empowered 7,000 women, provided skill training to children trapped in the child labour, and also trained farmers.

● **Pashmina Shawl:** You must have heard about Pashmina Shawl. Ladakhi Pashmina has also been discussed a lot for some time now. Ladakhi Pashmina is reaching the markets around the world under the name of 'Looms of Ladakh'.

● **Unique Exhibition:** Inspired by 'Mann Ki Baat', Teerthdham Prerna Teerth near Ahmedabad has organized an interesting exhibition. More than a 100 antique radios from India and abroad are displayed here. Here, all the episodes of 'Mann Ki Baat' done till now can be heard.

● **Organic fertilizer:** Varsha a resident of Chamarajanagar, Karnataka, was inspired by 'Mann Ki Baat' to stand on her own feet. Motivated by an episode of this program, she started the work of making organic fertilizer from bananas.

● **Quelling terrorism:** On November 26, terrorists had shaken Mumbai and the entire country. But it is India's fortitude that made us surmount the ordeal; we are now quelling terror with full ardor.



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## THE YEAR 2023 BECOMES A MILESTONE FOR THE RESOLUTION OF DEVELOPED INDIA

Greetings,

है कौन विघ्न ऐसा जग में,  
टिक सके वीर नर के मग में  
खम ठोक ठेलता है जब नर,  
पर्वत के जाते पांव उखड़।  
मानव जब जोर लगाता है,  
पत्थर पानी बन जाता है।

These lines as expressed in one of the poems of Rashtrakavi (national poet) Ramdhari Singh Dinkar beautifully sums up the significance of the recent tunnel rescue operation in Uttarkashi. This assumes more importance as India is nearing the end of the first year of Amrit Kaal. In a very difficult rescue operation, after 17 days of tireless hard work 41 workers were successfully rescued by overcoming unprecedented challenges. It is a reflection of the immense willpower and determination which are the key elements in India's journey of Amrit Kaal to become a developed nation. Uttarkashi Tunnel Rescue Operation has been specially included in this issue. India today is overcoming every obstacle and writing a new script of development. The first year of Amrit Kaal – 2023 has truly become the year of laying the foundation stone for a developed India by overcoming challenges. Reviewing any year at the end is as important as making resolutions at the beginning.

India has endured centuries of struggles and has created possibilities from nothing. India of the 21st century has now stepped on the path of developed India and the year 2023 has become

its foundation. The past one year has been full of such achievements, which have increased the respect of India in the world. How India has steered several development initiatives this year is the cover story of our issue this time, which would be better called a year-end review. In the personality section, Paramveer Albert Ekka has been specially included. Special content on Good Governance Day celebrated every year on 25th December, the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee is also part of the issue.

Special article and virtual summit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the conclusion of the presidency of G-20, Prime Minister's visit to Mathura on the 525th birth anniversary of Sant Meerabai, Prime Minister's flight in Tejas, interaction with the beneficiaries of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, organization of employment fair, International Film Festival of India and Union Cabinet decisions are special highlights of this issue. Mann Ki Baat as the inside cover and Indian Mathematics Day, celebrated on 22 December, the birth anniversary of the great mathematician Srinivas Ramanujan, as the back cover are also part of this issue.

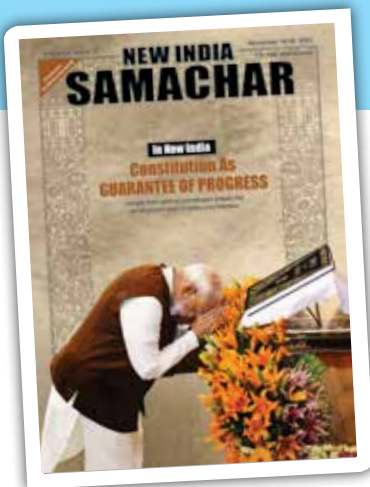
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## Information related to Nari Shakti Vandan Act commendable

Got to read the October 16-31 issue of New India Samachar. It was great to read this issue. The cover story based on Nari Shakti Vandan Act was quite interesting. We wish that the future of New India Samachar is bright.



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## Jobs will Increase in IT Hardware Production, 27 Applications Approved for PLI

India is now one of the largest IT capitals of the world. All the major IT players of the world have a presence in India. Because of the growth in electronic manufacturing in India and the success of the Production Linked Incentive Scheme (PLI) for mobile phones, the government had approved PLI Scheme-2.0 for IT hardware in May 2023. The plan covers laptops, tablets, all-in-one PCs, servers and ultra small form factor devices. The government has approved the applications of 27 IT hardware manufacturers.

With the commencement of IT hardware manufacturing by renowned companies in India, about 2 lakh employment opportunities including 50 thousand direct ones will be created. IT hardware worth about Rs 3.50 lakh crore will be produced for which companies will invest about Rs 3,000 crore. Union Minister for Railways, Communications and Electronics and IT Ashwini Vaishnaw has said that out of these 27 applicants, 23 are ready to start manufacturing immediately.

## Southeast Asia's first Night Sky Sanctuary in Ladakh

Southeast Asia's first Night Sky Sanctuary will soon start in Ladakh, the country's youngest union territory and an old civilization. It is being established in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bangalore. Union Minister of State Dr. Jitendra Singh has informed that on behalf of the Ministry of Science and Technology and the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, we will request Prime Minister Narendra Modi to inaugurate the Night Sky Reserve located in Hanle, Ladakh. The minister said the dark sky reserve, being one of 15 or 16 of its kind in the world, would attract those interested in astronomy. The Dark Sky Reserve will be located in Hanle village in eastern Ladakh as a part of the Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary. It will boost astro-tourism in India and will be one of the top locations in the world for optical, infra-red and gamma-ray telescopes. It is spread over 1,073 square kilometers. Adjacent to the Indian Astronomical Observatory, the world's second highest optical telescope of the Indian Institute of Astrophysics is located at Hanle at an altitude of 4500 metres.

## Krishi Sakhi to promote natural farming

In rural India, the role of Natural Farming Initiative will be very critical in turning the dream of the Prime Minister of making villages 'Samridhi Gaon' and self-help group members becoming Lakhpati. In this backdrop, the government wants to increase natural farming at a faster pace by assigning the role of Krishi Sakhi to the women of Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRML). For this, the Ministry of Rural Development and the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare will jointly train Krishi Sakhis. The government is moving ahead with the target of training and certifying 50,000 Krishi Sakhis in a phased manner. The Ministry of Agriculture and Welfare will take their services in various schemes. The training module has been prepared and sent to the National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE) for final review. The scheme will help small and marginal farmers to increase their productivity.





## Mixing Compressed biogas in CNG-PNG

Mandatory blending of Compressed Bio-Gas (CBG) with CNG and PNG in City Gas Distribution (CGD) areas will start. This information has been shared by Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri. Blending will be voluntary in the financial year 2024-25 while mandatory blending obligation will be applicable from 2025-26. There will be mandatory blending of 1% in the initial year, then 3% in 2026-27, 4% in 2027-28 and 5% in 2028-29. CBG Blending Obligation (CBO) will promote the production and consumption of CBG in the country. The National Biofuels Coordination Committee, chaired by Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, has announced mandatory blending of CBG in CNG (transport) and PNG (domestic) on November 24. It aims to increase demand for CBG, save foreign exchange, promote a circular economy and help in achieving the goal of net zero emissions.



## India becomes chair of International Sugar Organization (ISO)

The International Sugar Organization (ISO) has announced to make India the chair of ISO for the year 2024 in its 63rd Council Meeting. Leading the global sugar sector is a major achievement for the country which reflects the country's growing stature in the region. India, during its Chairmanship, wants to focus on bringing together member countries to adopt more sustainable practices in sugarcane cultivation, sugar and ethanol production and better utilization of by-products. India is the largest consumer and second largest producer of sugar in the world. In the sugar market, Brazil is the leader in the Western Hemisphere and India is the leader in the Eastern Hemisphere.



## PM SHRI Schools implementing the spirit of NEP 2020

Education of the future generation will play an important role in achieving the vision of a developed India. To prepare rural children for the future, it is necessary to educate children according to future needs in the 21st century. This is why PM SHRI Schools (PM School for Rising India) are being expanded to provide comprehensive and inclusive education to students with the standards set in the full spirit of the National Education Policy 2020. On November 17, Union Minister of Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated 37 PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalayas and 26 PM SHRI Navodaya Vidyalayas in Odisha. Under the scheme the PM SHRI Schools (PM Schools for Rising India) has to be set up by strengthening more than 14,500 existing schools managed by the Central Government, State Government, Union Territory or local body was announced by PM Narendra Modi in September, 2022. In the first phase, 6207 schools from 27 states and union territories have been selected.

**Current Events: Uttarkashi Tunnel Rescue Operation**

# A NEW LEASE OF LIFE

*The 41 workers who spent 17 days stuck in Uttarkashi's Silkyara Tunnel embodied, passion, vigour, and courage beyond words. It was the perseverance of the workers trapped in the tunnel that was giving strength to all the agencies in the country. They worked around the clock to save the workers. Not only the country, but also the entire world, was watching this shocking incident. The Uttarakhand government, many ministries of the central government, agencies, and experts from home and abroad collaborated to make this campaign a success.*





**O**n November 12, a part of the Silkyara tunnel in Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand, caved in during construction. As a result, 41 workers working inside the tunnel lost contact with the outside world. As the news reached the centre through the Uttarakhand government, on the directions of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, all concerned agencies were directed to safely evacuate the workers trapped in the tunnel. Even though the distance between the workers and the outside world was 60 metres, the heartbeat in bridging this distance was increasing with time. There was lots of fear. It seemed that the thread of life would be broken, but the hard work of the country's agencies, the prayers of crores of countrymen, and the direction of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to adopt a whole-government approach for this entire operation were very beneficial. As a result, all 41 workers trapped in the tunnel were safely evacuated on the night of November 28 after a long struggle of 17 days with the technical help taken from home and abroad.

After the workers were safely pulled out of the tunnel, Prime Minister Narendra Modi described the success of this entire rescue operation as an emotional moment for everyone. PM Modi saluted the spirit of all those associated with the Uttarkashi tunnel rescue operation and said that the success of the rescue operation is making everyone emotional. He appreciated the courage and fortitude of the workers who came out safely after 17 days and wished them good health. Everyone involved in the mission set a wonderful example of humanity and teamwork. The



## PM Modi interacts with the rescued workers

PM Modi told the workers that 'if something bad had happened, it is difficult to say how we would have handled it. 16-17 days is not a short period; it is important you kept each other's spirits high. I was aware of the situation but worried about it... Do you want to say anything?'

The workers stated, Sir, I was in the tunnel for 17-18 days and not once did I feel weak. There was no panic; everyone lived as brothers; everyone ate food; and everyone ate together. The area where they were trapped in the tunnel was about two and a half kilometres long, and it was where they used to walk after dinner. There was no work to be done other than eating and drinking, so we did yoga and morning walks. We are grateful to the Central Government, the Uttarakhand Government, and all the agencies that put in a lot of work round the clock.

Talking to worker, Gabbar Singh Negi, PM Modi said, "I especially thank you. The Chief Minister told me that you showed both leadership and team spirit".

"I think maybe some universities will have to prepare a case study about Gabbar Singh Negi, the person of the village, and what leadership qualities are there in him who handled the entire team even in times of crisis". Then Gabbar Singh said that all of you encouraged, did not leave any kind of deficiency, worked hard day and night, and kept moving. "Sir, if you rescue Indians stranded in other countries and bring them back to the country, we are at home. After this, Akhilesh, a resident of Mirzapur in Uttar Pradesh, and Sonu Kumar, a resident of Chhapra in Bihar, also shared their experiences with Prime Minister Modi and said, 'Sir, there was no problem in these 17 days. Mobile chargers and mobile phones were also sent inside by the agencies. When we were bored, we would talk to our family members and our mood would become lighter'.

PM Modi says that '140 crore countrymen were worried; even the common citizen used to ask when the workers trapped in the tunnel would come out. Family members also exercised restraint and cooperated'. PM Modi said that during a G-20 meeting, world leaders also expressed concern over this incident, but the courage you have shown will provide further lessons. PM Modi said that he has told the Chief Minister of Uttarakhand that if workers want to go home, arrangements will be made as per your team's wishes. Prime Minister Modi told the workers that if he ever gets a chance to meet them, he will definitely remember them.

## Effective leadership and teamwork lead to happy results

- At 5:30 am on November 12, 2023, the under-construction tunnel connecting Silkyara and Barkot collapsed as a result of rubble falling 60 meters in the direction of Silkyara.
- 41 workmen were trapped when the mud collapsed in at a distance of 205 to 260 meters from the Silkyara portal as they were performing reprofiling work within the tunnel, 260 to 265 meters from the portal. The state and federal governments dispatched immediate resources to save the 41 workers who were stuck.
- As soon as the news of the incident was received, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister, Dr. PK Mishra, informed Prime Minister Narendra Modi about the incident and the rescue operation launched. It was also informed that the Deputy Secretary in the PMO, Mangesh Ghildiyal, has been rushed to the spot. The PMO official remained there till the operation was successful.
- Bhaskar Khulbe, a former advisor to Prime Minister Modi, was also directed to visit the site of the incident on the request of the PMO for regular monitoring of the situation.
- Under the direction of the PMO, experts associated with civil and tunnel engineering, as well as new technologies, including drones, robots, and endoscopic cameras, were deployed to make the operation a success..
- It was decided to lay a 900-mm pipe through the debris as it was the best and fastest possible solution, as per the advice of experts.
- Work on several other options was undertaken simultaneously. The tunnel was built at the place where the workers were trapped. Its length was two kilometers, and its height was 8.5 meters.
- The five options and five agencies—Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC), Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited (SJVN), Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL), National Highways Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL), and Tehri Hydro Development Corporation Limited (THDCL)—were assigned specific tasks. These five agencies worked in tandem with timely work adjustments for operational efficiency.
- When a metal object came in front of the auger drilling a pipe to reach the workers, work on another option began immediately. The Border Roads Organization (BRO) built the 1150-meter link road, which was afterwards handed over to Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL). BRO also delivered the drilling machine to the location.
- As part of the Char Dham highway project, a 4.531-km-long bi-directional, two-lane tunnel is being constructed at Silkyara to connect Gangotri and Yamunotri bases.
- On completion of the tunnel, pilgrims will have all-weather connectivity. Instead of traveling about 26 km, the 4.5 km distance will take just 5 minutes instead of the current 50 minutes.
- State and central agencies worked for more than



400 hours to make the campaign a success. The safety of 41 workers trapped inside, as well as those working outside, was taken care of.

- There is hardly any department of the government that has not been involved in this campaign. Green corridors were provided at some places to transport the necessary equipment to the spot.
- The Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), aviation sector, railways, BRO, ONGC, Ministry of Health, Telecommunications, State Government, SDRF of Uttarakhand, local administration, National Highways Authority of India, and DRDO were all involved in the rescue operation.
- Tremendous work was done at the top leadership level to coordinate all the departments and bring the scattered things together in this campaign.
- Multiple options for the rescue operation were worked out simultaneously. The other options were not closed, and work on them was also continued.
- Hospital beds were prepared in advance to take care of the stranded people after evacuation so that all the evacuated workers could be monitored under the supervision of doctors for 48 to 72 hours.



**Arnold Dix, an Australian micro-tunneling expert, was invited by the Indian government to join the rescue operation as a consultant. After which he spent many days and nights outside the tunnel with the rescue workers.**

restraint and courage shown by the family members of the workers in this challenging time are exemplary. After the safe return of the workers, Prime Minister Modi spoke to them and directed the Uttarakhand government to arrange for their return home so that they do not face any problems in reaching their families.

Prime Minister Modi wanted to speak with the workers immediately, but he directed that first the medical examination of all the workers be done, and then he would talk to them. After the medical examination of the trapped workers, the Prime Minister was informed that all the workers are medically fit and there is no problem. After this, Prime Minister Modi could not stop himself; he said that he could not wait for tomorrow because there was a lot of enthusiasm. Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to the workers who came out of the tunnel late in the night.

Despite his hectic schedule, Prime Minister Modi sought every detail of the incident from Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami and PMO officials. The seriousness of the situation can be gauged by the fact that Prime Minister's Principal Secretary P.K. Mishra personally arrived at the site to speak with the trapped workers and meet the people working there. On the PMO's instructions, necessary arrangements were made immediately so that the agencies involved in relief and rescue do not face any difficulties in their work and there is no shortage of resources. Regular contact was maintained with the workers to keep their morale up. ■





COVER STORY

First year of Amrit Kaal

2023

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# A SYMBOL OF SECURITY Prosperity, and Empowerment





Amrit Kaal's first year has been full of accomplishments. India has set new records in terms of human sensibilities and other development parameters. The achievements of this year will lay the foundation for a developed India to build a grand and prosperous India by 2047. Because the New Year brings with it new resolutions and expectations, a review of those expectations in the final month of the year is equally important because the new India "has changed, is changing, and can change." With this belief and the resolution made at the start of each year, we are moving forward and making those expectations a reality.

**As the year 2023 draws to a close, let us know how the first year of Amrit Kaal has become a milestone in the resolve of a Viksit Bharat (developed India).**

**T**his year will be remembered as the first year of Amrit Kaal, a year of pride for India and a historic year for the world in the context of India. When every citizen of the country witnesses history being made before his eyes and becomes a witness to it, his life is blessed. Such historical events become ingrained in the collective consciousness of a nation. The year 2023 has been filled with unprecedented achievements for India. Amrit Kaal's first year has come to symbolise India's security and prosperity. However, two examples imbued with national consciousness made 2023 memorable. First, on August 23, 2023, when the sun set and the world looked to the moon, it saw a new India. India's Chandrayaan-3 spacecraft reached the Moon's South Pole, a feat which no other country could achieve before.

Second, under India's presidency, the G-20 has been recognised as the People's G-20. Crores of ordinary citizens of India joined the G-20, and we celebrated it like a public festival. India hosted the leaders of the world's most powerful economic bloc at the New Delhi Summit on September 9-10. As chair of this powerful grouping, India

created history by admitting the African Union to the G-20 and unanimously adopting the New Delhi Declaration on September 9. This year of unforgettable, unprecedented, and new India is truly a year of crossing a barrage of obstacles. This is the power of 140 crore heartbeats in the country, of new energy, new faith, and new consciousness in India—a call for the rising destiny of India.

These two major achievements have once again made the world aware of India's potential and the culture of Indianness. India has shown that this is today's India—a fearless, assertive India. This is the India that thinks new and thinks in a new way, which spreads the ray of light in the world even after going into the dark zone. This India will now solve the major problems of the world in the 21st century.

These two dates in 2023 have become one of the most glorious dates in Indian history.

### Achievements infusing fresh energy

If a year begins with resolutions, its review at the year-end is equally important because it provides new energy to learn and move forward with new zeal. As a result, the resolution of a developed India



In this one year, India entered the new Parliament building. In the new building of Parliament, the Nari Shakti Vandan Act was passed in the very first session. This very year, the most successful event of the G-20 was held in Delhi. We made important agreements like the New Delhi Declaration and the Global Biofuel Alliance. In the same period, we have overtaken Europe in terms of 5G user base."

—Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



has made rapid progress towards completion in 2023. Today, India has broken through every barrier to reach the south pole of the moon, which no one has ever done before. Aditya L1 was successfully launched in India a few days later. A critical test for Gaganyaan was also successfully completed. In this year, India opened Asia's largest helicopter factory in Tumakuru. India has also made its mark in the world of sports. Army and security personnel have also won the hearts of the people by winning medals.

Athletes have won a century of medals in the Para Asian Games in the last one year. The Indian women's cricket team won the Under-19 World Cup. India successfully hosted the International Olympic Committee meeting after 40 years. By overcoming every challenge, India has risen to the top of digital transactions. Today, India is the world leader in mobile manufacturing, having overcome all obstacles. India is now one of the top three start-up countries in the world. India is currently constructing the world's largest skill pool. It has made a name for itself with the most successful events to date, such as the G-20. This demonstrates that there is no shortage of capacity or resources in India.

Whether it was human sensibilities or other development parameters, India set new records, and now India is writing new chapters of self-reliance in the field of defence. Whether it is indigenous warships or aircraft, India is now not only manufacturing but also exporting indigenous defence equipment. To empower border villages, Vibrant Village Programme has been launched. Namo Bharat, the country's first rapid rail service, was also launched. Vande Bharat Express trains have begun operations on 34 new routes.

Indigenous Vande Bharat trains and Namo Bharat trains, also known as Rapid Rail, are taking on a new identity in terms of speed. New highway construction records have been set this year, and the country has become the world's second largest road network, so India has moved forward with the goal of building road infrastructure equal to that of America by 2024 using its own capacity. Agricultural products are now demonstrating India's prosperity in the global market, while India is moving towards self-sufficiency in food grains



Today, the country is moving forward with the power of collectivity and the dream of a new nation in the direction of a Aatma Nirbhar Bharat. This is the reason why today the world is looking at India as a manufacturing powerhouse. The Central Government, which is continuously taking positive initiatives to make 'Make in India' and Aatma Nirbhar Bharat, has created immense possibilities in this direction. Make in India and self-reliance in every sector are the needs of the hour.

and other agricultural products on the one hand. It is also breaking new ground by exporting to other countries around the world. The country, which was once reliant on the world for fertilisers and faced scarcity, is no longer allowing its farmers to suffer.

## India becomes world's hope

This year was also the year of Indian democracy and India's global achievements. In this one year, India moved into the new Parliament building. The Nari Shakti Vandan Act was passed in the first session of Parliament in the new building. During this time, India rose to become the world's most powerful country in terms of real-time payments. During the same period, India's exports surpassed \$400 billion. Simultaneously, India has risen to a significant position in global GDP. At the same time, India has surpassed Europe in terms of 5G user base. Work on 6G has already begun.

In today's world, expectations from India are constantly increasing. At this critical juncture, it is critical that India's borders remain secure and that the country maintains a peaceful atmosphere.

According to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the past year has been crucial for nation building. This year, the country has made significant progress in infrastructure development. During this time, the world's longest river cruise service was started. The India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor was initiated by India. Yashobhoomi and Bharat Mandapam, two world-class convention centres, were inaugurated in Delhi. India has become the country with the largest number of universities in Asia. Meanwhile, the United Nations has awarded Dhordo, a border village in Kutch, the Best Tourism Village Award. The Santiniketan and Hoysala temples have been included on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

## Youth are drivers of change for making India developed

Be it the honour of India's sports or the honour of India's young generation, the youth who have brought glory to India are being honoured today. The platform made available this year in the form of the MY Bharat campaign will be a milestone in the Amrit Yatra of developed India. The country has to go to perfection in the schemes of development. 100 percent of villages should have roads, 100 percent of families should have bank accounts, 100 percent of beneficiaries should have Ayushman Bharat cards, and 100 percent of eligible persons should get benefits of the Ujjwala Yojana and gas connections. Be



The past year has been an important year for nation-building. This year, we have achieved many achievements in the infrastructure development of the country. Today, India has become the country with the second-largest road network in the world

**Narendra Modi, Prime Minister**

it the government's insurance scheme, pension scheme, or housing scheme, every person who is entitled to it has to be linked to it.

Be it the backward classes or the regions where development has not reached, now the country is moving forward by taking them along. The central government is ensuring that no person, no class, no region, and no corner of the country should be left behind in the development journey of society. With the resolve of all-round



development, coordinated efforts are being made for new-generation infrastructure. With this in mind, the Pradhan Mantri Gatishakti Yojana has been started. The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra is going to be the biggest development journey in parliamentary history.

India's armed forces and security forces have consistently contributed to nation building. India has overcome centuries of adversity and created opportunities from nothing. The India of the 21st century has now embarked on the path of self-reliance. That is why Prime Minister Narendra Modi says, "Now that the resolutions will also be ours, the resources will also be ours. Now the courage will also be ours, and the weapons will be ours. The breath will be ours, and the steps will also be ours. Our faith in every breath will also be immense. The players are ours, the game is also ours, and victory and invincibility are our pledges. Whether it is high mountains or deserts, sea or plains, this tricolour waving in the sky is always ours."

In this time of Amrit Kaal, time will also be ours; dreams will not be just dreams; we will write a saga of accomplishment; there will be a resolution even higher than the mountain. Courage will be the only alternative, speed and dignity will be respected in the world, and with tremendous successes, India

will be celebrated everywhere. Because those who fight with their strength, those who have power in their hands make their own destiny. The strength of India's armed forces and security forces is continuously increasing." Today, indigenous resources and world-class border infrastructure are becoming important assets for India. Over the years, more than 500 women officers have been given permanent commissions in the Indian Army. Women pilots are now flying fighter planes such as Rafale.

### **Guarantee for 2047**

In the first year of Amrit Kaal, India laid the groundwork for realising the resolution of the next 25 years, so the vision is that there should be neither absence nor influence of government in life. With this mindset, the government has transformed every policy and scheme in the general budget into a tool for nation-building. That is why Prime Minister Modi also says, "Whatever guarantee Modi gives, it is fulfilled. Our aim is that no one should be deprived of the welfare schemes for the poor."

In fact, any country's progress is directly related to the progress of its economy. When there is despair and negativity in the country, it has a negative impact on all aspects of life. However, with positive thinking, the new India is writing a new chapter of progress. Today, the country is advancing in every field and setting new records on a daily basis. The achievements of the previous year show how far India has come. Prime Minister Modi, who is committed to a developed India on such an energetic start in the first year of Amrit Kaal, says, "If the country is moving forward at this speed and on this scale, then Modi's guarantee of your bright future is sure."

Certainly, this year's achievements will serve as a foundation for a developed India because if the resolution turns into an accomplishment, it will infuse new energy in the mind and also provide enthusiasm to move forward with greater strength in the next year. This energy will pave the way for building a grand and prosperous India by 2047. Let us know in the following pages how the year 2023 is implementing the resolve of a developed India.





# Milestone Achievements

For India, the first year of Amrit Kaal has been a year of achievements from land to sky. Chandrayaan-3 landed on the south pole of Moon, where no country had ever reached, so as the first mission to study the Sun has also been successful. It has proved that where there is willpower, success is guaranteed.

## Chandrayaan-3

July 14, 2023, will always be inscribed in golden letters in India's space sector. Chandrayaan-3, which flew on July 14, set foot on the south pole of Moon on August 23, where no country had been able to reach. The place where the lander landed was named 'Shiv Shakti' Point, and the spot where Chandrayaan-2 left its mark was named Tiranga.

## Surya Mission Aditya L-1

The country's first Sun mission, Aditya L-1, was successfully launched on September 2. Aditya L-1 will travel a distance of about 15 lakh kilometres from Earth through the PSLV-C57 rocket. It will take about 125 days, i.e., about 4 months, to reach Sun-Earth's Lagrange Point-1.

## Gaganyaan

The Gaganyaan test rocket for human space flight took a successful step towards success on October 21. The first Crew Escape System Test Vehicle test of Mission Gaganyaan has been successful. A total of 20 tests, including three uncrewed ones, are to be conducted on this mission.

## Asia's largest helicopter factory

Asia's largest helicopter factory, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) in Tumakuru, Karnataka, is dedicated to the nation. This will make India self-reliant in helicopter design, development, and manufacturing.

Spread over  
**625**  
acres

this factory will  
have the facility to  
manufacture more than  
1,000 helicopters in the  
3 to 15-tonne category  
in the future



# Excellence in sports

While India has given its best performance in the Asian Games, the para-athletes have also given their best ever performance. Women players won the World Cup in Under-19 Cricket, and then after 12 years, our cricket team reached the final of the Cricket World Cup.



## Century of medals in Asian Para Games

India gave its best performance in the Hangzhou Asian Games 2022, winning 107 medals, including 28 gold, which is the best performance in the Asian Games so far. India won a total of 111 medals, including 29 gold medals, in the Asian Para Games 2022, which is its best performance till date.



**Uttarakhand now has Astro turf and Velodrome Stadium.**

- **After 40 years, India successfully organised a meeting of the members of the International Olympic Committee. Earlier, the IOC session was organised in 1983.**
- **The Atal Bihari Training Centre for Disability Sports Centre was built in Gwalior.**

## The National Games 2023 in Goa

The National Games were held for the first time in Goa, with over 10,000 athletes from across the country and a record 43 sports disciplines across 28 venues. 33 disciplines were included in the National Games 2015.





# Historic Initiative

The year 2023 was historic as the new Parliament building was inaugurated, and Sengol was established in the new Parliament House. Also, in its very first session the women's power got a boost. The establishment of 'Sengol' makes the spirit of August 15, 1947 unforgettable. It is a symbol of infinite hope, infinite possibilities and a determination to build a strong and prosperous nation.

## New Parliament Building

In the development journey of every country, there come some moments which become immortal forever. In the same way May 28, 2023 has also become an indelible mark in Indian history. In the first year of Amrit Kaal, the new building of Parliament House was inaugurated on this day whereas the first session took place on 19 September.

- 21 islands of Andaman and Nicobar archipelago named after Param Vir Chakra winners, giving new identity to these unnamed islands.
- The 100th edition of Mann Ki Baat aired on 30 April. People from all over the world listened to it.
- Millets got recognition as Shree Anna in the general budget.



## Nari Shakti Vandan Act

The first bill in the new Parliament House was passed as the Nari Shakti Vandan Act. This proposal was pending for three decades.



# Leading the World in Economic Progress

This period was also the year of flourishing Indian democracy and India's global achievements. India's influence on the world stage has increased, the world now wants to know and understand India. Be it the consensus in the G-20 leaders' summit, the targets set in the Bio-Fuel Alliance or the adoption of UPI, the world is now acknowledging India's strength.



- In the same year, the most successful event of G-20 was held in Delhi in which the New Delhi Declaration was unanimously declared. Important agreements like the Global Biofuel Alliance were signed.
- A conference of MPs-speakers of G-20 countries was held.
- World Health Organization's Traditional Medicine International Conference was held at the Traditional Medicine Center established in Jamnagar, Gujarat, in which 150 delegates from 17 countries participated.
- Area Office and Innovation Center of International Telecommunication Union (ITU) established in India.
- During this period, India became the most powerful country in the world in terms of real-time payments.
- During the same period, India's exports crossed \$400 billion.
- In the world of startups, India also made

significant progress and made fast strides in terms of unicorns.

- In the same period, we have overtaken Europe in terms of 5G user base.
- Repatriation of Indians under Operation Ajay from Israel and Operation Dost from Turkey.
- Ferry service started between Sri Lanka and India after 40 years.
- After Apple, now Google has announced to make Made in India smartphones.



Agreements worth

**6 Lakh crore**

signed in Global Maritime Summit

**1.87 lakh crore**

GST collection record made, in April, 2023



# Infrastructure becomes the basis of progress

India of the 21st century can touch the heights of development by maximizing the potential of infrastructure. This is the reason why the nation is continuously making achievements in infrastructure development. Today India has become the country with the second largest road network in the world. The world is also moving forward on India's digital public infrastructure proposal.



MV Ganga Vilas

## 'MV Ganga Vilas'

The world's longest river cruise 'MV Ganga Vilas' was flagged off from Varanasi on 13 January. It completed its 3200 km maiden voyage at Dibrugarh crossing 28 river systems on 28 February.

## Vande Bharat Train

The Government of India's 'Make in India' strategy has gained momentum with the launch of Vande Bharat, the country's first indigenous semi-high-speed train, which will operate 68 trains on 34 new routes. A total of 400 new-generation Vande Bharat trains are to be produced.

## Country's first water metro

This water metro, connecting 10 depots in and around Kochi city of Kerala, will operate on electric hybrid mode. It is built by Kochi Shipyard Limited. Kochi's waterways are 1100 km long. This will help meet the pledge of zero carbon emissions by 2050.



Water Metro

- ▶ The Ghaziabad-Aligarh Expressway has made history by achieving a remarkable feat: the laying of Bituminous Concrete over a distance of 100 lane kilometers in an unprecedented time of 100 hours.



Convention Center

- ▶ Two world class convention centers in Delhi, Bharat Mandapam on 26 July and Yashobhoomi on 17 September, were inaugurated.



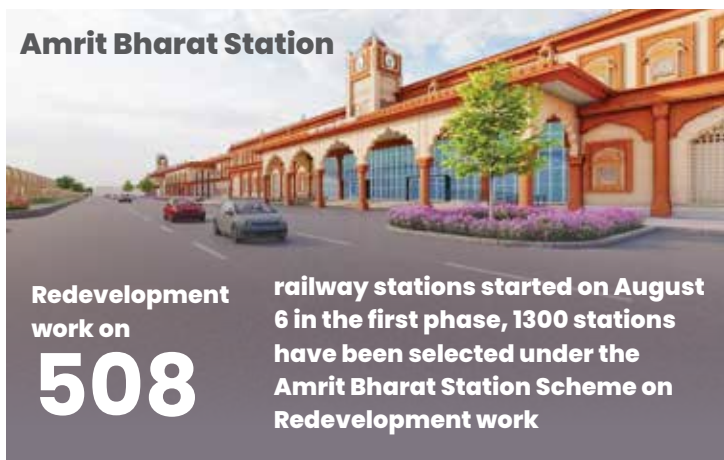


## Country's first rapid rail

The country got the gift of its first rapid rail Namo Bharat on 28 October. The Namo Bharat train has modernity, rapidity and amazing speed. This train, built with a speed of 180 km per hour, will in future connect Delhi to Meerut in less than an hour of travel time

- India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor announced
- India has become the country with the highest number of universities in Asia in the QS World Rankings.

### Amrit Bharat Station



Redevelopment work on

**508**

railway stations started on August 6 in the first phase, 1300 stations have been selected under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme on Redevelopment work





# New work culture of development and justice

Achieving the targets of announcements has become a specialty of the working style of the Central Government. Be it the announcement made from the Red Fort or the announcement of the general budget every year, the set targets are being realized before deadline. As a result of this, the 10 thousandth Jan Aushadhi Center was dedicated to the nation ahead of time and the new target has been set to build 25,000 centres.

- AIIMS Guwahati inaugurated and foundation stone laid for a 500-bed super specialty hospital for advanced research in collaboration with IIT Guwahati.
- The scheme announced in the general budget this year to provide 7.5 percent interest rate on deposits of Rs 2 lakh for women has been launched.
- Recruitment process of 38,800 teachers and support staff started in 740 Eklavya Model Residential Schools.
- The plan to build 157 nursing colleges announced in the general budget got Cabinet approval. This will add 15700 nursing graduates every year.
- Agriculture Aggregator Fund was announced in the budget so that young entrepreneurs can start agri startups in rural areas, work on it started after the approval of the cabinet.

## PM-PRANAM Scheme

- PM-PRANAM (PM Program for Restoration, Awareness, Nourishment and Improvement of Mother Earth) approved by the Cabinet in June 2023. The scheme aims to reduce the use of chemical fertilizers by encouraging states to



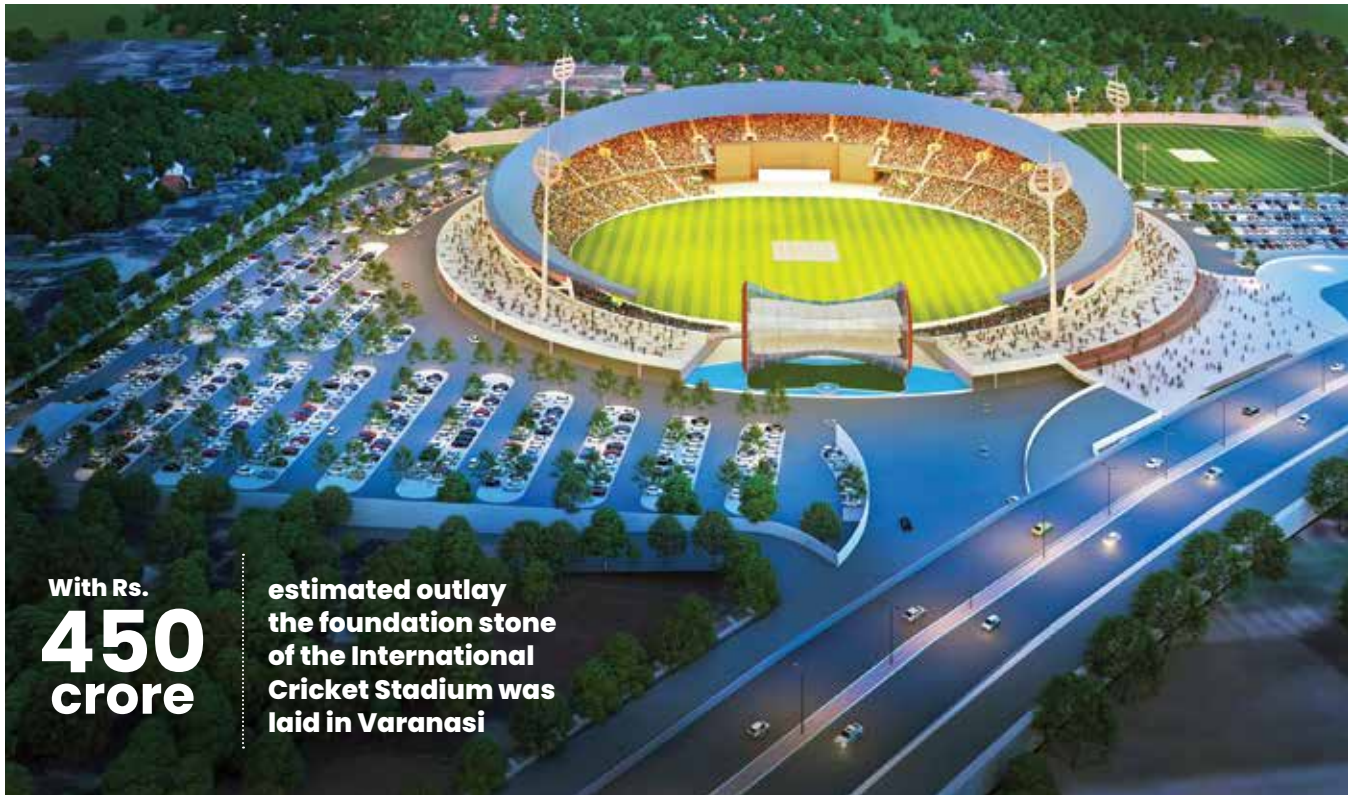
adopt alternative fertilizers.

- The Mission to Eradicate Sickle Cell Anemia was launched on 1 July. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has set the target of freeing India from this by Amrit Kaal i.e. 2047.

Costing Rs.

**710**  
crore

**the new integrated terminal building of Veer Savarkar International Airport at Port Blair, was inaugurated**



With Rs.  
**450**  
crore

estimated outlay  
the foundation stone  
of the International  
Cricket Stadium was  
laid in Varanasi



## Increased self-reliance in defense sector

India today is producing defense equipment worth more than Rs 1 lakh crore, while defense product exports have increased by more than eight times since 2016. During the last year, 500 women officers were commissioned, women pilots flew Rafale fighter aircraft and women officers were deployed on warships.

No one had imagined that 'Aatmanirbharta' would become the most talked about word in the world and Oxford Dictionary also declared the word 'Aatmanirbharta' as the word of the year. **The entire country united to fulfill this vision of Prime Minister Modi's national policy.**



## e-court

➤ E-Court Project Phase-3 was approved by the Cabinet for 4 years in September, 2023, Rs 7210 crore will be spent on the scheme. The third phase of the e-Courts project in India is based on the philosophy of "Access and Inclusion".





## Steps towards Developed India

Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a clarion call to make India developed in the Amrit Kaal. He called for Panch Pran from the Red Fort and AatmaNirbhar Bharat and Vocal for Local became mass movements. The initiatives of the last 9 years have become the pillars for achieving the resolve of a developed India, to which 2023 has added new dimensions as the first year of Amrit Kaal...

### Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra

- Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, launched on 15th November to ensure that the benefits of the Central Government schemes reach 100% beneficiaries i.e. till the level of saturation. It will continue till 26th January next year. This journey will make every poor and deprived person a beneficiary of government schemes.



### Mera Yuva Bharat i.e. My Bharat

On the conclusion of Amrit Mahotsav of Independence, on 31st October, Mera Yuva Bharat i.e. MyBharat was launched for the youth on the Kartavya Path. It will create a unique youth network that will realize the dream of a developed India and harness the potential of the youth.

- Construction of Amrit Vatika started near India Gate to symbolize the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and the resolve for a developed India.



**13.5  
crore**

People came out of poverty. Due to the efforts of the Centre, the number of new middle class coming out of the poverty line has swelled and their aspirations for development has increased.

**26  
crore**

Ayushman Bharat cards were issued which is a record





Jammu and Kashmir Vistadome train

- The first Vistadome train started in Jammu and Kashmir.
- In October 2023, the number of PM SVANidhi beneficiaries crossed 50 lakh.
- Rae Bareilly Modern Coach Factory made a record of manufacturing 10 thousand coaches from inception till 10 April 2023.
- Made a record in fruit-cereal-vegetable production.
- Bhoomi puja at Nilwande Dam in Maharashtra which was pending for 50 years.
- India's first Indian Air Force Heritage Center inaugurated in Chandigarh.
- Inauguration of a section of Mehsana-Bhatinda-Gurdaspur gas pipeline in Rajasthan.
- Laying the foundation stone and inauguration of Airport Terminal Building and IIT Campus in Jodhpur.
- More than 500 skill development centers started in Maharashtra.
- Cabinet approved Turmeric Board for turmeric farmers. The Board will promote research and development in new products as well as develop traditional knowledge for value added



Delhi-Vadodara Expressway

- Delhi-Vadodara Expressway was inaugurated.
- In the same year, metro service was expanded in Bengaluru.



Bengaluru Metro

products. 30 varieties of turmeric are grown in 20 states of India.

- 'One World TB Summit' was held in March 2023 at Rudraksh Convention Centre, Varanasi, where the goal of TB-free India by 2025 was reiterated.

With Rs.

**900**  
crore

estimated outlay the announcement for tribal university in Telangana was made. It will be named after the tribal goddess Sammakka Sarakka

Rs. **79,000** crore

provision has been made in the budget for the scheme in the financial year 2023-24 for PM Awas Yojana. About four crore houses have been constructed so far.

Rs. **30**  
thousand  
crore

Steel Thermal Power Project inaugurated in Telangana.

Rs. **24**  
thousand  
crore

modern steel plant inaugurated in Bastar, Chhattisgarh.



# New identity for cultural heritages

Along with preserving India's heritage and culture, New India is also strengthening the cultural infrastructure. Many countries of the world are now returning the artefacts to India which were stolen from it and were taken to other countries.

## Grand Ram Temple

The inauguration of the grand Ram temple in Ayodhya has been scheduled for January 22, 2024. For this, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been invited by Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Trust as the chief guest.

- On the lines of Kashi-Tamil Sangamam, Saurashtra-Tamil Sangamam was organized on 26 April this year. Kashi-Telugu Sangamam became the basis of Ek Bharat-Shrestha Bharat and cultural exchange.
- On the lines of Kashi-Tamil Sangam, Yuva Sangam phase-3 started in the education sector. Portal launched for registration. This includes youth of 18-30 years. Yuva Sangam, started under Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat, is inspired by the National Education Policy 2020. In this, participants visit another state for 5-7 days.

## Amrit Dharohar Yojana

This initiative was launched on June 5, 2023. Its objective is to promote the conservation values of Ramsar sites. The plan, based on mission LiFE and participatory approach, is to be implemented over three years in which conservation of Ramsar sites will be ensured through public participation.

## Mangrove Initiative for Coastal Habitat and Regular Income (MISHTI)

The scheme will be launched this year and will be implemented in 11 states and 2 union territories over a period of five years. In this, mangroves of approximately 540 square km area will be developed. 'MISHTI' will contribute to the efforts of 'Mangrove Alliance for Climate (MAC),' an inter-governmental group to promote mangroves.

- Bhoomi puja of Rani Durgavati memorial in Jabalpur.
- This year, Dhordo, a border village of Kutch, has received the Best Tourism Village Award from the United Nations.
- Shantiniketan and Hoysala temples included in UNESCO's World Heritage List.



# New initiatives, which will boost development

The present government has taken several initiatives this year which will expand the scope of its development work. As the work of making border villages modern and government schools model has started, the youth are being given a new platform to hone their talents, where these youth will be able to directly connect with the government.



## Vibrant Village Program

This Vibrant Village Program with central assistance of about Rs 5,000 crore was launched by Union Home Minister Amit Shah in April 2023 from Kibithu, a border village in Arunachal Pradesh. 2,967 villages in 19 districts have been identified for development under this program.

## PM Janman

Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan PM Janman Yojana launched as announced in the General Budget. The scheme having outlay of Rs 24,000 crore, is aimed at reaching those tribal who were not reached earlier. It is envisaged to increase the social, economic and social level and all-round development of about 75 tribal communities.

## Aspirational Block Program

Following the success of Aspirational Districts, the Aspirational Block Scheme was launched in over 500 blocks in January, 2023. The Aspirational District Program has changed the lives of about 25 crore people. The success of the Aspirational Block Program will be guaranteed not because it is unprecedented but the people working for it are extraordinary.

## PM SHRI School

Under the Prime Minister's School for Rising India (PM-SHRI) scheme, 14,500 schools across the country will be upgraded to model schools. On July 29, Rs 630 crore was released as the first installment to 6,207 schools. Special attention is also being given to latest technology, smart classrooms, sports and modern infrastructure.



## PM Vishwakarma Scheme

Launched in September, 2023. The scheme focuses on Vishwakarma Saathis having different types of skills. The government will spend Rs 13 thousand crore on this. Training will be given for this. During the training, they will get a voucher for a toolkit worth Rs 15,000. Loan up to Rs 3 lakh will be available without guarantee.





Growing Trust and confidence in Swadeshi

# Prime Minister Modi's sortie on 'TEJAS'

*Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visionary thinking has provided the people of India with another reason to be proud. India's rapid transition to self-sufficiency has boosted its faith in its own capabilities to new heights. Prime Minister Modi not only witnessed the moment but also became the first Prime Minister of the country to fly in the indigenously designed and developed two-seater fighter aircraft Tejas in Bengaluru on November 25. PM Modi expressed his admiration for the abilities of Indian scientists and engineers and described this experience as memorable.*



"**S**uccessfully completed a sortie on the Tejas. The experience was incredibly enriching, significantly bolstering my confidence in our country's indigenous capabilities, and leaving me with a renewed sense of pride and optimism about our national potential," Prime Minister Modi posted on X.

Tejas, a two-seater state-of-the-art fighter aircraft, has been designed with contemporary concepts and technologies such as quadplex digital fly-by-wire flight control system, advanced glass cockpit, integrated digital avionics system and advanced composite materials for the airframe.

This fighter aircraft has given a further boost to the country's defence capabilities and preparedness.

IAF test crew have been involved with the Tejas project right from conceptual stage until prototype testing. The first version of the aircraft was inducted into the IAF in 2016. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) currently has the capacity to manufacture 8 LCA aircraft per year. This is being extended to 16 aircraft per year until 2025, and then an additional production line is being set up that will produce up to 24 aircraft per year on commissioning. In the coming years, Tejas will be the largest fleet of fighter aircraft operated by the Indian Air Force.

Prime Minister Modi visited HAL's units and appreciated its growing capabilities and production facilities. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said India's defence manufacturing is growing at a rapid pace under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The Prime Minister took stock of the production facilities for LCA Tejas aircraft in Bengaluru. On this occasion, he was briefed about the technology-related work being done in HAL towards realising the vision of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat.' Prime Minister Modi inspected the production line of LCA Tejas and interacted with engineers on various features of the aircraft.

Prime Minister Modi was informed that HAL is striving to take the level of indigenous content in aircraft beyond 70 percent and take India towards self-reliance in defence and aerospace in the next 3–4 years under the indigenization drive as part of the Atmanirbhar Bharat vision. PM Modi was also



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**Flying in Tejas today, I can say with utmost pride that, due to our hard work and dedication, we are no less than anyone in the world in the field of self-reliance. Heartiest congratulations to the Indian Air Force, DRDO, and HAL, as well as all the people of India.**

**Narendra Modi, Prime Minister**



shown various indigenous helicopters, like the Light Combat Helicopter (LCH) Prachanda, the Advanced Light Helicopter (WSI Rudra), and the Light Utility Helicopter.

HAL briefed PM Modi about the combat and demonstration capabilities of Prachanda, with an emphasis on high-altitude deployments in Leh, Ladakh, and the Eastern Himalayan regions. The helicopter can fly up to an altitude of six kilometres. The defence forces need 156 additional Prachanda helicopters to augment the nation's defence preparedness and efforts towards self-reliance. ■

## Free ration scheme extended, women SHGs to get drones

*The welfare of the country's poor has always been a top priority for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government. On the ground, this government has fulfilled the mantra of welfare of the poor. The Union Cabinet approved to extend the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana for another five years. This demonstrates the Union Government's dedication and commitment to improving food and nutritional security in the country. Apart from this, several other proposals have been approved, including the provision of drones to women's self-help groups.*



**DECISION:** The Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana to be extended for the next five years, starting January 1, 2024. Identified poor families across the country will continue to get five kg of food grains every month.

**IMPACT:** With this decision of the government, about 81.35 crore beneficiaries of the country will continue to get free food grains. About Rs 11.80 lakh crore will be spent on food subsidies in the next 5 years.

**DECISION:** The Cabinet approved the plan to provide drones to women's self-help groups. Drones will be made available to 15000 women from self-help groups chosen under the scheme.

**IMPACT:** This will greatly benefit women in self-help groups as well as farmers in the country. Their income will rise, and they will experience new levels of happiness. A self-help group member will be required to complete five days of drone pilot training. The member will receive ten days of training in the use of agricultural nutrients and pesticides.

**"Our government is committed to ensuring that none of my family members sleep hungry. Keeping this sentiment in mind, we have extended the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana for the next five years".**

**– Narendra Modi,  
Prime Minister**

**DECISION:** Approval for the continuation of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Fast Track Special Courts for the next three years.

**IMPACT:** This decision will help end sexual and gender-based violence. The scheme aims to provide justice within a stipulated period in cases of rape and sexual exploitation of minor girls. The centre's share will be funded from the Nirbhaya Fund.

**DECISION:** The Cabinet approved the Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM Janman) to

improve the socio-economic conditions of particularly vulnerable tribal groups.

**IMPACT:** This mission will provide basic facilities like roads, connectivity, and sustainable livelihood opportunities to the habitations of vulnerable tribal groups. Besides, it will not only provide basic facilities like housing, drinking water, education, and health but will also make their lives more comfortable and safe.

**DECISION:** The Union Cabinet approved the Terms of Reference for the Sixteenth Finance Commission.

**IMPACT:** The terms of reference for the Sixteenth Finance Commission will be notified in due course. The Sixteenth Finance Commission will submit its report by October 31, 2025, and its recommendations will be implemented for the next five years. The Fifteenth Finance Commission was constituted on November 27, 2017, and its recommendations are valid until the financial year 2025–26.■



**More than 51,000 appointment letters distributed**

# Employment generation is top priority, Yuva Shakti is getting new opportunities

*Employment generation for the youth across the country has been the top priority of the Central Government. Rozgar Mela is an important part of this priority, which was once again organized on 30th November. In this event, Prime Minister Narendra Modi provided appointment letters to more than 51,000 youth who have been selected for jobs with various government departments. The newly appointed personnel will contribute to strengthening the industrial, economic and social development of the country through their creative ideas and role-related competencies. This will help in realizing the vision of developed India...*



## More than 7 lakh youth got jobs

Till now a total of 11 Rozgar Mela have been organized in the country. Under this, till now Prime Minister Narendra Modi has provided appointment letters to more than 7 lakh youth.

**S**akshi Goswami, resident of Janakpuri, Delhi, has received the appointment letter in the Rozgar Mela. While talking to New India Samachar, she says that the Rozgar Mela made this moment memorable for her. She also expresses her gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Central Government for the teacher job in Kendriya Vidyalaya. Sakshi has been appointed as a teacher in Kendriya Vidyalaya in Dehradun. In the Rozgar Mela organized at 37 places across the country, appointment letters were given to more than 51 thousand youth including Sakshi. On this occasion, Prime Minister Narendra Modi told the newly appointed employees that the campaign to provide Government jobs to lakhs of youth in the country is continuing. As employees of the Government of India, you all have to fulfill big responsibilities. Whatever position you hold, whatever field you work in, your top priority should be the ease of living of the countrymen.

In today's changing India, you all are also witnessing an infrastructure revolution. Today the country is spending lakhs of crores of rupees on modern expressways, railway stations, airports and waterways. When the government spends money

on infrastructure on such a large scale, it is natural that no one can deny that it also creates millions of new employment opportunities. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that today a big change has also come that the projects that were stuck for years are being completed on mission mode. Newly inducted appointees will also get an opportunity to train themselves through Karmayogi Prarambh, an online module on the iGOT Karmayogi portal.

## Employees will work for ministries and departments

The new employees inducted from across the country will work for various ministries and departments of the government including Department of Revenue, Ministry of Home Affairs, Department of Higher Education, Department of School Education and Literacy, Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Ministry of Labor and Employment. This employment fair was organized at 37 places across the country. ■



## G-20 TO WORK TOGETHER ON AI, deepfakes, and terrorism

India chaired the G20 for a year in which it held more than 200 meetings in more than 60 locations to make the G20 the People's G20. The 18th G20 Summit, held in New Delhi on September 9–10, unanimously adopted the G20 Leaders' Declaration. At the initiative of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, a virtual summit of G-20 leaders was held on November 22 to follow up on these announcements and reiterate the pledges. This is the second time in two-and-a-half months that PM Modi has hosted world leaders. This is a testimony to India's growing strength and leadership capability at the global level.





India took over the G20 Presidency Ceremonial Gavel on November 16, 2022. In the year since then, along with the members, India has moved ahead on the resolve to make the G20 inclusive, ambitious, action-oriented, and decisive and has taken it to new heights. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had proposed the virtual summit to review the status of expeditious implementation of the announcements that were unanimously adopted at the G-20 Leaders' Summit in New Delhi. The virtual summit was held on November 22, wherein important outcomes and action points of the New Delhi Summit were discussed. Leaders of all G-20 member countries, including the President of the African Union, nine guest countries, and 11 heads of international organisations, were invited to the conference.

This virtual summit provided another opportunity for global leaders to meet amid the many ongoing crises in the world. Such meetings are invaluable in resolving geopolitical challenges. This was the first time that G-20 leaders met twice in a year. The activities done so far were reviewed, with development being the main agenda. India stands united in the fight against terrorism.

India is emerging as the voice of the Global South. The African Union, which has 54 countries, was unanimously admitted to the G-20. Their issue was also raised at the virtual summit. This strengthens India's position. A call for human-centric development was made. To implement the DPI in the countries of the Global South, a proposal to establish a Social Impact Fund and an initial contribution of \$25 million were announced. It was anticipated that the rest of the G-20 countries would also join this initiative.

Addressing the virtual summit, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that in the era of artificial intelligence, there is a need to use technology in a responsible manner. There is a growing concern about the negative use of AI all over the world. India's clear thinking is that "we should work together on global regulation of AI. We have to move forward by understanding the seriousness of deep fakes. We want AI to reach people, and it should be safe. With this approach, the Global AI Partnership Summit will be held in India next month, and I am confident that all of you will cooperate in this as well." The discussions during the virtual conference covered the priorities of the Global South, the fight between Israel and Hamas, as well as the issue of terrorism. The G-20 members appeared to agree on key issues

**In today's world, full of mistrust and challenges, it is mutual trust that binds us and connects us to each other. This year, we have expressed faith in "One Earth, One Family, One Future." Moving away from controversies, unity and cooperation have been shown. I can never forget the moment when all of us in Delhi unanimously welcomed the African Union to the G-20. The message of inclusivity given to the entire world is unprecedented.**

**Narendra Modi, Prime Minister**

### **On the grave situation in West Asia, the G-20 agreed on these points.**

- Zero tolerance towards terrorism.
- The deaths of innocent people, especially children and women, are unacceptable.
- Humanitarian aid should arrive quickly, safely, and effectively.
- Consensus on the release of hostages.
- Consensus on the temporary cessation of hostilities and the release of hostages.
- A permanent solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is needed.
- The restoration of regional peace and stability is essential.
- Diplomacy and dialogue are the only solutions to geopolitical tensions.

### **South Africa is now with India in the new troika**

India holds the G20 presidency until November 30, 2023. India, Brazil, and South Africa joined the new G20 Troika during the Brazilian G20 Presidency in 2024.



## Highlights from PM Modi's speech

- India's G-20 presidency has given a voice to the Global South. At the Voice of the Global South Summit, about 130 countries appreciated the decisions of the New Delhi G-20 Summit.
- The G-20 has emphasised adopting a human-centric approach with innovation and digital technology. The G-20 has renewed faith in multilateralism.
- New challenges have emerged in the last few months after the virtual summit proposal. Our coming together is a symbol that we are sensitive to all issues.
- Terrorism is unacceptable. Civilian deaths, wherever they occur, are deplorable.
- It is important to ensure that the fight between Israel and Hamas does not take any regional form. 'One family' has the power to work for peace. India is ready to move forward.
- The concerns of the Global South have to be given top priority while moving the world of the 21st century forward. This country is going through so many difficulties for which they are not responsible.
- Implement the action plan adopted to accelerate the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals. The Aspirational District Programme is the best example of progress in the SDGs at the local level in India. This one campaign has changed the lives of 25 crore people in India.
- The digital public infrastructure repository that was decided to be created at the New Delhi Summit is now ready. More than 50 DPIs from 16 countries have joined it.
- India has started Green Credit with regard to environmental protection. Through the Global Biofuel Alliance launched in New Delhi, we are promoting the development of alternative fuels while reducing carbon.
- The G-20 has recognised lifestyle for the environment as a pro-planet approach. Renewable energy is expected to triple by 2030. Climate finance has recognised the need to move from billion to trillion. In a few days, during the COP-28 being held in the UAE, concrete steps need to be taken on all these initiatives.
- A new working group on women's empowerment has also been formed. India has decided to provide 33% reservation for women in Parliament and Legislative Assemblies for women-led development.

## Workshops on G-20 Leaders' Declarations in New Delhi

In November, NITI Aayog held a series of workshops on 10 themes to follow up on the G20 Leaders' declaration and recommendations in New Delhi. These themes include G20 to G21, Data for Development, Implementing the Goa Roadmap for Tourism, Digital Public Infrastructure, Accelerating Progress on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Inclusive Trade for Prosperity, Indian Development Model, Nari Shakti: Towards Women-led Development, Multilateral Development, Reforming Banks, Climate Finance, and Green Growth. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals has only seven years left. With this in mind, the New Delhi G20 Leaders' Declaration encourages accelerating progress and outcomes on the 17 SDGs at the subnational, national, and international levels.



between Israel and Hamas, including the release of hostages, the dispatch of relief supplies to Gaza, and a permanent pause in fighting.

In his concluding remarks, Prime Minister Modi said, "We had made common commitments in many areas in the New Delhi Declaration; we have again resolved in the virtual conference to take forward those commitments. Apart from the development agenda, they have also shared views on global conditions and their economic and social implications. On the issues that have been agreed upon, the G-20 stands ready to provide all possible support. PM Modi expressed confidence that under Brazil's presidency, the G-20 will continue to move forward with a human-centric approach. In the spirit of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, together we will continue to work for the aspirations of the Global South, paving the way for global peace, stability, and prosperity. Priority will be given to food security, health security, and sustainable development. Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) will definitely move towards improving global governance. ●





# TOWARDS A BRIGHTER FUTURE: INDIA'S G20 PRESIDENCY AND THE BEGINNING OF A NEW MULTILATERALISM

**Narendra Modi**, Prime Minister, India



*India completed 365 days as G-20 Chair on November 30. The G-20 grouping, which is considered the world's economic forum, has now become a truly people-centric G-20 under India's chairmanship, and the summit's New Delhi Declaration has become an important milestone. During its presidency, India introduced the world to Indianness and transformed it into a massive festival of public participation, with over 200 events in over 50 cities. Here is a special article by Prime Minister Narendra Modi outlining how India, as the G-20 President, has shown the world a new human-centered path.*

**T**oday marks 365 days since India assumed the G20 presidency. It is a moment to reflect, recommit, and rejuvenate the spirit of “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam” (one earth, one family, one future). As we undertook this responsibility last year, the global landscape

grappled with multifaceted challenges—recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, looming climate threats, financial instability, and debt distress in developing nations—all amid declining multilateralism. In the midst of conflicts and competition, development

cooperation suffered, impeding progress.

Assuming the G20 Chair, India sought to offer the world an alternative to the status quo, a shift from GDP-centric to human-centric progress. India aimed to remind the world of what unites us, rather than what divides us.

Finally, the global conversation had to evolve. The interests of the few had to give way to the aspirations of the many. This required a fundamental reform of multilateralism, as we knew it.

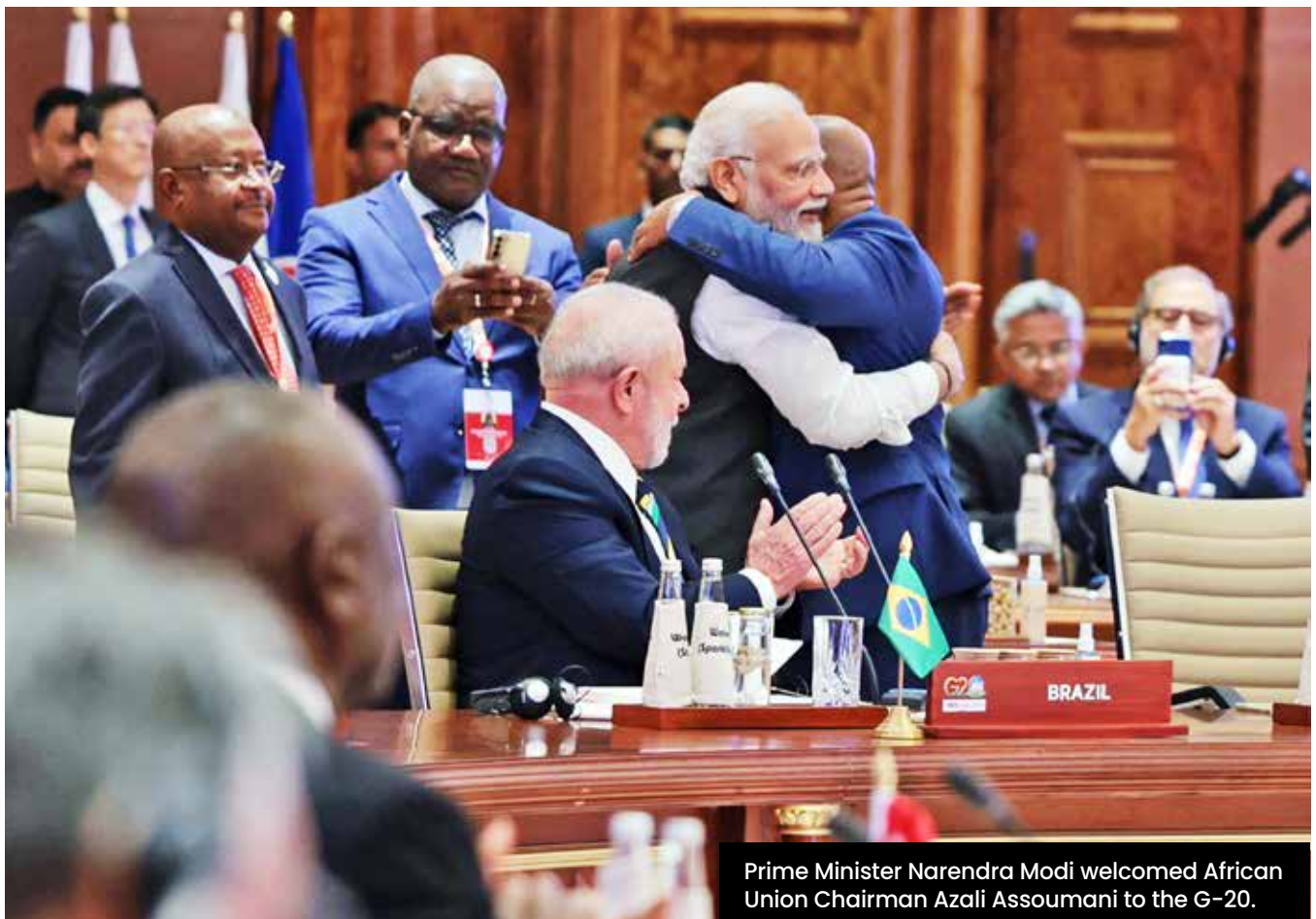
Inclusive, ambitious, action-oriented, and decisive—these four words define our approach as G20 president, and the New Delhi Leaders' Declaration (NDLD), unanimously adopted by all G20 members, is testimony to our commitment to deliver on these principles. Inclusivity has been at the heart of our presidency. The inclusion of the African Union (AU) as a permanent member of the G20 integrated 55 African nations into the forum, expanding it to

encompass 80% of the global population. This proactive stance has fostered a more comprehensive dialogue on global challenges and opportunities.

The first-of-its-kind "Voice of the Global South Summit," convened by India in two editions, heralded a new dawn of multilateralism. India mainstreamed the Global South's concerns in international discourse and has ushered in an era where developing countries take their rightful place in shaping the global narrative. Inclusivity also infused India's domestic approach to the G20, making it a people's presidency that befits the

world's largest democracy. Through "Jan Bhagidari (people's participation) events, the G20 reached 1.4 billion citizens, involving all states and Union Territories (UTs) as partners. On substantive elements, India ensured that international attention was directed to broader developmental aims, aligning with the G20's mandate.

At the critical midpoint of the 2030 Agenda, India delivered the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), taking a cross-cutting, action-oriented approach to interconnected issues, including health, education, gender equality, and environmental



Prime Minister Narendra Modi welcomed African Union Chairman Azali Assoumani to the G-20.



sustainability. A key area driving this progress is robust digital public infrastructure (DPI). Here, India was decisive in its recommendations, having witnessed the revolutionary impact of digital innovations like Aadhaar, UPI, and Digilocker firsthand. Through the G20, we completed the Digital Public Infrastructure Repository, a significant stride in global technological collaboration. This repository, featuring over 50 DPIs from 16 countries, will help the Global South build, adopt, and scale DPIs to unlock the power of inclusive growth.

For our One Earth, we introduced ambitious and inclusive aims to create urgent, lasting, and equitable change. The Declaration's "Green Development Act" addresses the challenges of choosing between combating hunger and protecting the planet by outlining a comprehensive roadmap where employment and ecosystems are complimentary, consumption is climate-conscious, and production is planet-friendly. In tandem, the G20 Declaration calls for an ambitious tripling of global renewable energy capacity by 2030. Coupled with the establishment of the Global Biofuels Alliance and a concerted push for green hydrogen, the G20's ambition to build a cleaner, greener world is undeniable. This has always been India's ethos, and through Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE), the world can benefit from our age-old sustainable traditions.

Further, the Declaration underscores our commitment

to climate justice and equity, urging substantial financial and technological support from the Global North. For the first time, there was a recognition of the quantum jump needed in the magnitude of development financing, moving from billions to trillions of dollars. The G20 acknowledged that developing countries require \$5.9 trillion to

**It is a matter of great pride that during India's chairmanship, the G20 achieved 87 outcomes and adopted 118 documents, which is significantly higher than in the past.**

fulfil their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) by 2030. Given the monumental resources required, the G20 emphasised the importance of better, larger, and more effective multilateral development banks. Concurrently, India is taking a leading role in UN reforms, especially in the restructuring of principal organs like the UN Security Council, that will ensure a more equitable global order.

Gender equality took centre

stage in the Declaration, culminating in the formation of a dedicated Working Group on the Empowerment of Women next year. India's Women's Reservation Bill 2023, reserving one-third of India's Parliament and state legislative assembly seats for women, epitomises our commitment to women-led development.

The New Delhi Declaration embodies a renewed spirit of collaboration across these key priorities, focusing on policy coherence, reliable trade, and ambitious climate action. It is a matter of pride that during our presidency, the G20 achieved 87 outcomes and adopted 18 documents, a marked rise from the past.

During our G20 presidency, India led deliberations on geopolitical issues and their impact on economic growth and development. Terrorism and the senseless killing of civilians are unacceptable, and we must address them with a policy of zero tolerance. We must embody humanitarianism over hostility and reiterate that this is not an era of war.

I am delighted that during our Presidency, India achieved the extraordinary: it revitalised multilateralism, amplified the voice of the Global South, championed development, and fought for the empowerment of women everywhere.

As we hand over the G20 Presidency to Brazil, we do so with the conviction that our collective steps for people, planet, peace, and prosperity will resonate for years to come.●

525th birth anniversary celebrations of Meerabai in Mathura

# MATHURA AND BRAJ

## Not To Lag Behind In The Development Race

*For the first time, the country is emerging from the mindset of slavery in the "Amrit Kaal" of independence. Today, the country is moving forward with pride in its heritage, from Vishwanath Dham in Kashi and Mahakaal in Ujjain to the construction of Ayodhya Temple.*

*Mathura and Braj will not be left behind in this development race. On November 23, Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the 'Sant Meerabai Janmotsav' in Mathura, Uttar Pradesh, and said the day will come when more divinity will be seen in the Braj region.*



India is very proud of its timeless culture and spiritual sites. This is why a lot of work is being done to ensure better conservation of these sites and move ahead with development. In this series, 'Uttar Pradesh Braj Teerth Vikas Parishad' has been established for the development of Braj. This council is doing a lot of work for the convenience of the devotees and the development of pilgrimage sites. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who was attending the 'Sant Meera

Bai Janmotsav' in Mathura, Uttar Pradesh, said that this change and development happening in the Braj region and the country is not just a change in the system. It is a symbol of the changing nature of our nation and its reawakening consciousness. The Mahabharata is proof that wherever India is reborn, there are definitely the blessings of Shri Krishna. With the power of that blessing, we will fulfil our resolutions and build a Viksit Bharat (developed India).

A holy place like Mathura

has been the confluence of various streams of the Bhakti movement. Many saints, like Malukdas, Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, Mahaprabhu Vallabhacharya, Swami Haridas, and Swami Hit Harivansh Prabhu, came here and breathed new consciousness and life into Indian society. This devotional sacrifice continues unabated even today, with the blessings of Lord Shri Krishna. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "This Braj region is not only the land of devotion and love, but it has also





**Prime Minister Narendra Modi released a commemorative stamp and coin in honour of Sant Meera Bai on her 525th birth anniversary**

## Hema Malini Presented A Dance Drama

A delightful and captivating cultural event was organised in 'Braj Raj Mahotsav' of Mathura. In this, actress and Mathura MP Hema Malini gave a brilliant presentation. The presentation of her dance drama dedicated to every aspect of the life of Saint Meera Bai enthralled everyone. Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed his gratitude to Hema Malini as well as all the people associated with this presentation.



been the centre of our literature, music, culture, and civilization. This region has upheld the country even in difficult times. However, when the country became independent,

## Meera Bai Raised India's Consciousness Through Devotion And Spirituality.



Meera Bai was born in the valiant state of Rajasthan, where she made numerous sacrifices for the country's honour and culture. Sant Meera Bai is well known for her devotion of Lord Krishna. She wrote many hymns and verses that are still popular today. She poured the nectar of devotion and spirituality into India's consciousness. Vrindavan holds a special place in her mind and soul. Meera Bai had explained devotion, dedication, and reverence in simple terms. She also showed society the way forward that was much needed at the time. Mirabai demonstrated that a woman's self-confidence has the power to guide the entire world. She regarded Saint Ravidas as her Guru and openly stated, Guru Milia Sant Guru Ravidas Ji, Gutki of Dinhi Gyan. Mirabai was not only a great woman of the mediaeval period, but she was also a great social reformer and pioneer. Mirabai and her verses are the light that shines in every era and period. Mirabai teaches us to break free from stereotypes and stay connected to our values in the face of today's challenges. Her devotion is also simple and firm. She is not afraid of anything. She simply motivates us to keep working. Sant Mirabai, who came from Rajasthan and poured the stream of love in Mathura-Vrindavan, spent time in Dwarika as well.

## Efforts of the Central Government to Develop the Entire Area

There are numerous areas related to Kanha's Leelas (divine plays of Krishna). It includes places like Mathura, Vrindavan, Bharatpur, Karauli, Agra, Firozabad, Kasganj, Palwal, and Ballabhgarh. They are located in various states. The Government of India is making an effort to collaborate with different state governments to develop this entire region.

## Performs darshan and pooja at Shri Krishna Janmabhoomi Mandir

After performing darshan and pooja at Shri Krishna Janmabhoomi Temple in Mathura, Uttar Pradesh, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that he had the good fortune of divine worship at Shri Krishna Janmabhoomi Temple in Mathura. The beautiful darshan of Girdhar Gopal, settled in every corner of Braj, left me emotional. I prayed for happiness, prosperity, and well-being for all of my family members across the country.

unfortunately, this sacred pilgrimage did not receive the importance it deserved. Those who wanted to split Bharat from its past and who were indifferent to Bharat's culture and spiritual identity could not give up the slave mentality

even after independence. They kept Braj Bhoomi deprived of development." Prime Minister Narendra Modi also visited the exhibition. The occasion marks the beginning of numerous year-long programmes in the memory of Sant Meera Bai. ●



# Resolve to walk together on the path of development

*The government should identify the needs of the citizens and give their rights to every entitled person, this is also natural and true social justice. With this spirit and approach, for the first time the Central Government has taken out Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra on a large scale to take its schemes to the persons on the last pedestal. On completion of 15 days of Sankalp Yatra, Prime Minister Narendra Modi talked to its beneficiaries on 30 November. In the same program, the 10000th Jan Aushadhi Kendra and the Mahila Kisan Drone kendra were also inaugurated, which is a symbol of fulfilling the promises...*

**B**albeer, a resident of Jammu, who is engaged in agricultural work, has benefited from many schemes of the Central Government including Kisan Samman Nidhi. Balbeer tells that her village is the last village on the border of Jammu and getting full benefit of farming schemes. I used a Kisan Credit Card to buy a tractor which helped in farming. Like Balbeer, Purna Chand Beniya, resident of Raigarh,

Odisha, is also a farmer and a beneficiary of many government schemes. Beniya explains how schemes like Ujjwala have changed his life. While talking to Prime Minister Modi, he said that now he is quite confident about dreaming of a bright future for his children. Prime Minister Modi welcomed Beniya by saying 'Jai Jagannath'. The Prime Minister asked Beniya to gather information from the officials accompanying the Sankalp Yatra

van so as to know what schemes are available for his benefit.

Ruchi Kumari, manager of a Jan Aushadhi Kendra in Deoghar, Jharkhand, says that while interacting with the poor and middle class, she realized the need for affordable medicines because the medicines are available in the market for Rs 100. It is usually available in the center for Rs 10 to 50. Ruchi also talked about the use of social media to promote the scheme.





Like Ruchi, Jan Aushadhi Yojana beneficiary Sona Mishra has managed to save around Rs 10,000 per month by purchasing medicines at affordable prices from Jan Aushadhi Centre.

From Balbeer of Jammu to

Purna Chand Beniya of Odisha and from Ruchi Kumari, the manager of Jan Aushadhi Kendra, to Sona Mishra, the beneficiary of this scheme, many people across the country are taking advantage of

## Prime Minister Mahila Kisan Drone Kendra launched

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched 'Pradhan Mantri Mahila Kisan Drone Kendra'. These drone centers will provide drones to women self-help groups (SHGs) so that they can earn livelihood using this technology. Under this scheme, 15 thousand drones will be given to women in three years. PM Modi said that women like Raman Amma have proved that drones will go beyond the scope of technology in agriculture and will also emerge as a symbol of women empowerment. Women's participation is very important in the resolution journey of developed India.



**The resolve of a developed India rests firmly on 4 Amrit Stambhs. These are- women power, youth power, farmer brothers-sisters and poor families. For me, the biggest castes are the poor, youth, women and farmers. Only the upliftment of these four castes will make India developed**

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

various schemes of the Central Government. Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government has launched the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, the aim of which is to know the experiences of those who have benefited from the central government schemes. Prime Minister Narendra Modi says to those who have not gotten this benefit, I want to complete that work in 5 years and find the right people who really need it. Then I also want to invest the government's budget in it and hence this van which is the guarantee of Modi's development is going to reach every village of India.

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, launched across the country with the aim of ensuring maximum reach out to the targeted beneficiaries of the government's major schemes, will continue

till January 26 next year. This journey started from 15th November. In just 15 days of its launch, the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra van has reached more than 12 thousand panchayats. Nearly 30 lakh people have taken advantage of it in some way or the other. During the dialogue in the program, Balbeer from Jammu said that at some places, people are taking time off to join this journey because the people of every village have started understanding the importance of development. People are welcoming the government employees participating in the yatra.

During the same program, PM Modi inaugurated the Mahila Kisan Drone Centre, inaugurated the 10,000th Jan Aushadhi Center opened in AIIMS-Deoghar and pledged to increase the number of Jan Aushadhi Centers to 25 thousand. This year, from the ramparts of the Red Fort, PM Modi had announced plans to provide drones to women self-help groups (SHGs) and increase the number of Jan Aushadhi Centers to 25 thousand. This program of 30th



November marks the fulfilment of these promises.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi says that when the government took out this yatra, it had said that it is a 'Vikas Rath', but now people have started saying that it is not a 'Rath' but it is a vehicle of development guaranteed by Modi. People watching the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra are saying that now India is not going

to stop, now India is moving forward. India is neither going to stop nor is it ever going to get tired. If 140 crore countrymen have taken the pledge of a developed India, then this country is going to become developed.

PM Modi says that the enthusiasm for the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra is not without reason. People have seen the work of ten years, and have immense faith in the Government of India. Whereas after independence, a large population of the country remained deprived of basic facilities for many decades. This situation of despair was overcome by the present government. The government working with a spirit of service has ensured good governance i.e. 100% benefit and saturation of the schemes, whoever is entitled should get the benefit. ●

## Women are key participants in the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra

To avail the full benefits of the major schemes of the government, Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra is being run across the country so that the benefits of these schemes reach all the targeted beneficiaries in a time bound manner. It has been a constant endeavor of the Prime Minister to ensure women-led development and women are key participants in the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra. The entire government machinery and employees have a big role in this entire campaign. All the government representatives associated with this campaign are doing a great job of serving the country and society.





Peace agreement with UNLF

# Beginning of a new era of peace in Manipur

*Since 2014, the Indian government has signed agreements with several armed groups in the Northeast to bring the insurgency to an end and promote development. On November 29, the Government of India and the Government of Manipur signed a historic peace agreement with the valley-based United National Liberation Front (UNLF), Manipur's oldest armed group. This agreement, signed in New Delhi, will help to usher in a new era of peace in the entire North-East, particularly in Manipur.*

**D**uring the last decade, the Indian government has taken several steps to promote peace and prosperity in the Northeast. The Central Government is committed to ridding the North-East of militancy and ushering in a new era of peace in Manipur. The Government of India and the Government of Manipur made agreements with the UNLF in accordance with this resolution. The UNLF was founded in 1964 and has operated both inside and outside of Indian territory.

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah stated on 'X' that this is a historic achievement in realising Prime

Minister Narendra Modi's vision of all-inclusive development and providing a better future to the youth of North-East India. The Home Minister welcomed the UNLF into democratic processes and wished them well on their journey towards peace and progress.

## **Agreement will be crucial in restoring peace and normalcy**

As part of the Government of India's conflict resolution initiative, political agreements have been finalised with several ethnic armed groups in the North-East for peace and development in the region. For

the first time, Manipuri armed groups based in the Valley have agreed to shun violence, return to the mainstream, and respect the Constitution of India and the law of the land. The return of the UNLF to the mainstream will also encourage other valley-based armed groups to participate in the peace process in the years to come. This agreement will prove to be an important step towards restoring peace and normalcy in the state. Senior officials of the Union Home Ministry, the Manipur government, and representatives of the United National Liberation Front signed the agreement, in New Delhi.



# 'ATAL'

## PILLAR OF GOOD GOVERNANCE

*Bharat Ratna former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee had taken the resolution to transform governance into good governance and Swaraj into Suraj during his tenure. Now, with his unwavering inspiration, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone of good governance in the last 10 years, for which the country was waiting for decades. Good Governance Day, started in the year 2014 on Atal ji's birth anniversary (25 December) to increase the accountability of the government and bring awareness among the people, has become a symbol of trust of the people of the country...*

**G**overnance means the system that operates any policy-plan, but when the same government ensures the success of its plans-policies then it is called good governance. There has been an old concept in the country that the welfare of the people and development of the nation is achieved only through monetary ways. But when the public opinion changed this thinking in 2014, the new leadership also showed through its work that the most essential condition for the success of government works and government schemes is good governance, sensitive governance, governance

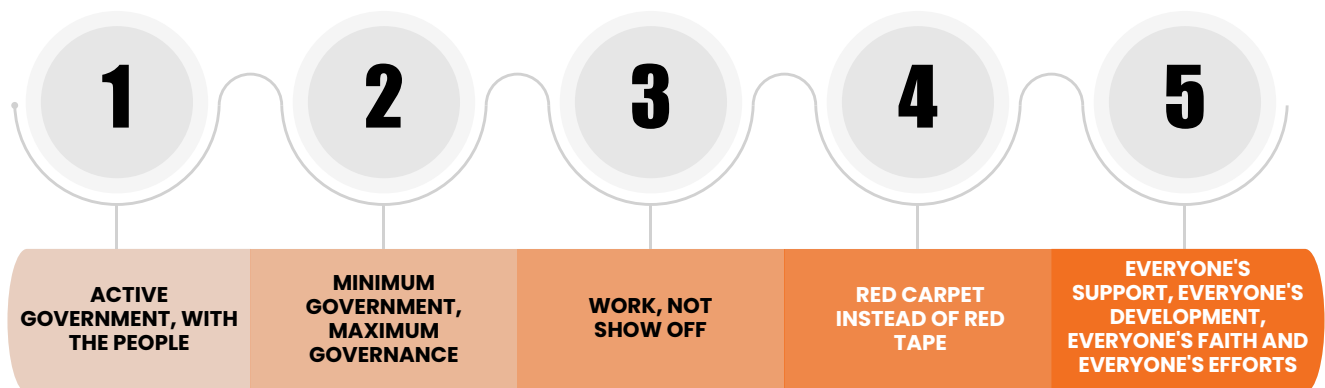
dedicated to the common people. When there is continuous monitoring of the work of the government then naturally the set targets are achieved within the time limit. In such a situation, the more emphasis is given on good governance, the more easily the goal of development reaching the last mile will be achieved.

In fact, the approach of reaching the person at the last pedestal and the policy of taking the schemes to saturation complement each other. In true sense, good governance is the key to the progress of any country. With this thinking, the present Central Government has been committed to provide

a transparent and accountable administration by working for the betterment and welfare of the common people for the last 10 years. Taking forward the goal and principle of 'Citizen First', citizens have been made participants and empowered in governance by connecting them directly with the government through technology. An important step for good governance is to simplify the processes of government so that the entire system can be made transparent and faster. For this, more than 1500 laws were removed. The steps such as self-verification instead of affidavits symbolized the trust relationship between citizens and the



## Five mantras of good governance



## Central government's initiatives to ensure good governance

### Aarambh



It is an initiative to bring together trainees from All India Services, Group-A Central Services, Foreign Services on one platform through a common foundation course. Its objective is to eliminate the traditionally divided thinking at departmental and service level. The aim is to develop the ability of civil officers to work seamlessly with different departments and sectors. It was started in 2019 under the 94th Foundation Course.

### DICGC

Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) has increased the scope of deposit insurance from Rs 1 lakh to Rs 5 lakh per depositor. Showing concern about the poor and middle class it has been ensured that depositors will definitely get back up to Rs 5 lakh when the bank comes into trouble.

government. Redressal of public grievances was given highest priority in all the ministries. Pending files are disposed of by running a special campaign every year in October. By optimistically entering the era of good governance, the new India is fulfilling its promise of providing liberal and accountable governance.

The country has abundance of resources but the people of the country remained away from reaping the benefits of its natural wealth and resources. An important reason at the root of the problems was lack of good governance. But Prime Minister Narendra Modi is trying to take the country to new heights through good governance, taking inspiration from the penance of Atal Bihari Vajpayee's life. The idea of Sabka Saath-Sabka Vikas is all-inclusive and all-touching. Former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee worked to connect every corner of the country and built roads. Prime Minister Modi says, "I would say only this if the good governance of Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ji has to be explained in one sentence then I will say, 'Bharat Marg Vidhata'. The work of taking the world of roads to new heights and connecting the people was

## First posting

To ensure access to good governance to all citizens, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had asked senior government officials to visit the place of their first posting. This will enable them to know what kind of change has taken place there. Prime Minister Modi had said, "All the officers went to the place of their maiden posting and shared their experiences which are very inspiring."

## Recruitment time period reduced

Earlier, the Staff Selection Board used to take about 15-18 months to induct new recruits. Today it takes only 6-8 months. Difficult process made online and easy. Provision for self-verification of documents of applicants has also been made. Interview for Group 'C' and Group 'D' was also abrogated.

## Faceless assessment

To reduce the difficulties of taxpayers, the Central Government has made arrangements for faceless assessment. With this, taxpayers do not need to go to the Income Tax Department office or meet the officer. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the 'Transparent Taxation-Respect for the Honest' portal on 13 August 2020. Major reforms like faceless assessment, faceless appeal and taxpayer charter have been included in this platform.

## 'Prashasan Gaon Ki Aur'

It has been the vision of Prime Minister Modi to bring the citizens of all the districts and tehsils of the country closer to the administration. Under this, crores of applications for service delivery were disposed of during the 'prashasan gaon ki aur' campaign.



## National Conference of Chief Secretaries

Taking an important step to accelerate the partnership between the Central and State Governments, the National Conference of Chief Secretaries is being organized every year under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. This conference is now being organized outside the capital Delhi also. The first such conference of Chief Secretaries was held in Dharamshala from 15 to 17 June 2022. The second national conference was organized on January 6 and 7, 2023 in New Delhi.



## Aspirational District and Aspirational Block

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Aspirational Districts Program in January 2018. After the success of the Aspirational District Programme, the Aspirational Block Program was launched on 7 January 2023. It has been started to improve the standard of living and ensure inclusive development for all 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas'. Be it health, nutrition, education or exports, the success of aspirational districts on various parameters is encouraging. The Aspirational District Program has changed the lives of 25 crore people. After this success, Aspirational Block Program was started for which a portal was also launched.





## Award given by government is a source of motivation

While giving awards to civil servants on Lok Seva Diwas, Prime Minister Modi had said that this award is a step which will motivate the officers. The awards given also reveal the priorities of the government. Priority programs like Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, Deendayal Upadhyaya Kaushalya Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana and digital payments are important for the new India.



## Environment conducive to hardworking and high performing officers

Prime Minister Modi is very keen to ensure that hardworking and good performing officers are provided with a conducive work environment. Such officers should get service benefits on time so that they remain motivated to give their best in nation building. The result of this is that central government employees are being promoted on a large scale. New measures have been initiated for the promotion of those who have been serving in lower level positions in the administration for 30-35 years without promotion.

## Identification and solution of challenges

PM Modi told the trainee civil service officers at the valedictory function of the 96th Common Foundation Course at the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA) that whether the work is small or big, wherever you go to work, there will be people who make life difficult. Identify challenges hindering development. As Prime Minister, I did this and it has been very beneficial. Be it pucca houses for the poor or identifying aspirational districts and working for their development. The PM has also urged the new officers to identify 5 to 10 such challenges and if they get rid of these problems, the people will be very happy. Trust in the government and respect for you will increase.

done by Vajpayee Ji.

PM Narendra Modi has implemented Vajpayee ji's vision of 'maximum governance, minimum government' by adopting the policy principle. Nation First, Citizen First is the motto of the government today. Development of the underprivileged is the priority of the government. The government is moving from aspirational district to aspirational block approach to strengthen good governance. Instead of considering the border villages of the country as the last villages, the government is running the Vibrant Village Scheme, considering them as the first villages. To achieve 100 percent saturation, the government and administration will need to work harder and come up with innovative solutions. Prime Minister Modi has said that in a democratic system there should be three clear goals. The first is that there should be a change in the life of even the common man in the country, there should be ease in his life and he should also realize it. Common people should not have to struggle in dealing with government work, they should not face any problem in getting benefits and services. The PM said, "It is the responsibility of the system to take the dreams of the common man to the level of resolution. This resolution should be taken to fruition and this should be the aim of all of us. In this journey from dream to resolution and 'Sankalp Se Siddhi', we should be available to help them at every step." ●



# PARAM VIR ALBERT EKKA: 1971 WAR HERO

**BORN: 27 DECEMBER 1942 | DIED: 3 DECEMBER 1971**

Lance Naik Albert Ekka's bravery helped him defeat the enemy army in the 1971 India-Pakistan war. Despite the fact that he was in danger of being killed, Ekka continued to strive for victory. He attained martyrdom on the battlefield while fighting with unwavering courage. His bravery helped India win the Battle of Gangasagar. Ekka was posthumously awarded the Param Vir Chakra. His sacrifice for the sake of the motherland continues to inspire his countrymen even today.

**D**uring the 1971 Indo-Pakistan war, an Indian soldier stationed at Gangasagar noticed that his company was suffering heavy losses due to enemy machine gun fire. It was the evening of

December 3, 1971. Without caring for his own safety, the jawan stormed the enemy bunker and silenced the light machine gun by bayoneting two enemy soldiers. Suddenly, a medium-machine gun started firing from a building.

Despite his injuries, he crawled forward and killed an enemy soldier with a grenade. Even though the light machine gun was still firing, the jawan showed incredible bravery by breaking into the bunker and killing the enemy.



In this way, he foiled the enemy army's attack and attained martyrdom while ensuring his victory for his side. This young martyr was none other than Lance Naik Albert Ekka, who was posthumously awarded the Param Vir Chakra for his outstanding bravery, determination, and bravery of the highest order. This medal was important because, for the first time, a soldier from Bihar (now Jharkhand) and the Brigade of Guards received it. It was also the first Param Vir Chakra to be awarded to a jawan posted in the eastern sector.

Albert Ekka was born on December 27, 1942, into a tribal family in Zari village of Gumla district in undivided state of Bihar. His father's name was Julius Ekka, and his mother's name was Mariam Ekka. Being of a courageous nature, he cherished the dream of joining the Indian Army. On his 20th birthday, his dream came true when he joined the army and joined the Bihar Regiment. Later, when the 14 Guards was formed, Albert and some of his comrades were transferred there. Albert was a skilled warrior as well as a skilled hockey player. His skill of hunting with bow and arrow in the forest proved beneficial to the army. He used to aim his gun accurately.

The 1971 India-Pakistan war will be remembered for a long time. Despite the fact that the war was fought between India and Pakistan, it resulted in the

formation of a new country, Bangladesh. Many soldiers sacrificed their lives to give freedom to Bangladesh. One of those soldiers was Albert Ekka. When the war began in 1971, the Indian Army was fighting on both the eastern and western fronts. The Indian squads had to make their way to their main target in Bangladesh. The Battle of Gangasagar was crucial in this regard. Lance Naik Albert Ekka's contribution to the Indian Army's victory in this war was unprecedented.

## **ON THE COUNTRY'S 50TH REPUBLIC DAY IN 2000, THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ISSUED A POSTAGE STAMP IN HIS MEMORY. ALBERT EKKA BLOCK WAS ALSO NAMED AFTER HIM IN HIS HOME DISTRICT OF GUMLA.**

Albert's daring attacks saved his comrades' lives and helped in achieving of the goal. The enemy was forced to abandon 'Akhaura' after their defeat at Gangasagar. Soon, the Indian troops were on their way to 'Dhaka' on their victory march. This 29-year-old young soldier sacrificed his life for the country

with full dedication.

On December 3, 1978, the Army Postal Service issued a special postal cover to honour Albert Ekka. A major roundabout in Ranchi has been named after Albert Ekka, and a massive statue of him has been erected there. On the country's 50th Republic Day in 2000, the Government of India issued a postage stamp in his honour. Albert Ekka Block has been named after him in his home district of Gumla.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had remembered Albert Ekka on Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas on November 15 this year in Khunti, Jharkhand. He had said that every corner of Jharkhand is associated with such great personalities, their courage, and their relentless efforts. Figures like Tilka Manjhi, Sidhu Kanhu, Chand Bhairav, Phulo Jhano, Nilambar, Pitambar, Jatra Tana Bhagat, and Albert Ekka have enhanced the glory of this land.

On January 23, 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi named 21 islands in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands after Param Vir Chakra awardees. One of these islands is also named after Albert Ekka. "Just as the sea connects different islands, the spirit of 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat' unites every child of Mother India," PM Modi said. All 21 Param Vir Chakra awardees had one resolve: nation first, India first. Their resolve has now been immortalised forever in the name of these islands. ●



## 54TH INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL OF INDIA

# India Becoming Popular FILM SHOOTING DESTINATION

The 54th International Film Festival of India (IFFI), held in Goa, took on a new look this year, departing from its traditional format. Infused with the art of storytelling through creativity and cinematic brilliance, IFFI, one of Asia's most prestigious film festivals, saw a slew of Indian and international films this year. IFFI's reputation as an ideal platform for collaborations, productions, and cutting-edge technology grows year after year. This festival, which ran from 20-28 November had many glimpses of cinematic journey

The 54th International Film Festival of India became a celebration of unity in diversity, bringing together creative talents, filmmakers, cinema lovers, and cultural enthusiasts from all over the world. Furthermore, it became a symbol of the spirit of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'. The international premiere of British filmmaker Stuart Gat's film, *Catching Dust*, kicked off the nine-day film festival.

The country's media and entertainment industry is rapidly

expanding. The Indian government has also taken significant steps in this direction. As a result, the media and entertainment industry in India is growing at a rate of 20% per year. We are now one of the world's five largest markets. India's film market is one of the largest in the world, not just in Southeast Asia. The post-production work coming here and the films being produced here demonstrate that the world is interested in them. India is becoming a content hub, with regional films going global. Speaking at the programme's

launch, Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting and Youth Affairs & Sports Anurag Singh Thakur said Prime Minister Narendra Modi wants to make India the most sought-after location for filming and post-production based on the strength of talent among our youth and children and the innovation of our industry stalwarts. He said both the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha have approved the Cinematograph (Amendment) Bill, 2023.

### Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award given to Michael Douglas

At the 54th IFFI closing ceremony in Goa, Hollywood actor and producer Michael Douglas received the prestigious Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award 2023. Michael Douglas stated that, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Information and Broadcasting Minister







Anurag Singh Thakur, India has invested more money in film production in recent years. This is an exciting time for the Indian film industry. The presence of over 78 countries at the 54th IFFI demonstrates its strength. He expressed his

delight at receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Douglas, a two-time Academy Award winner, stated that in college, he studied Satyajit Ray's works, such as Pather Panchali and Charulata. Catherine Zeta Jones, Michael Douglas'

wife and multi-award-winning actress, also interacted with media. Catherine stated that India is very special to her and her family. She spoke about a personal connection to India, telling how an Indian doctor saved her life when she was 18 months old.

## 'Panchayat Season 2' wins Best Web Series (OTT)

The best web series (OTT) award was given to Panchayat Season 2, directed by Deepak Kumar Mishra. The award was instituted recently. The plot revolves around a young man who works as a panchayat secretary in the remote fictional village of Phulera in Uttar Pradesh. In the series, Jitendra Kumar plays Abhishek Tripathi.

- Indian filmmaker Rishabh Shetty won the Special Jury Award. He was given this award for the critically acclaimed film Kantara.
- Regar Azad Kaya, a promising Syrian Arab Republic filmmaker, won Best Debut Feature Film for his film When the Seedlings Grow.
- Anthony Chen's Drift, a French, British, and Greek co-production, was honoured with the prestigious ICFT-UNESCO Gandhi Medal.

## Madhuri Dixit is recognised for her contributions to Indian cinema.

Madhuri Dixit was awarded for her contributions to Indian cinema. During her four-decade career, she left an indelible imprint on the Indian film industry. Her ability to bring diverse characters to life has captivated audiences of all ages. She has received six Filmfare Awards and has been nominated for Best Actress a record fourteen times. She began her film career with Abodh (1984) and rose to prominence with Tezaab (1988). In 2014, she was appointed UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador to India.

### Three times more entries received

This year, IFFI received 2926 international entries from 105 countries, which is more than three times the previous year. The nine-day festival screened more than 270 films across four venues. The festival saw 13 world premieres, 18 international premieres, 62 Asia premieres, and 89 India premieres. 32 entries in 10 languages from 15 OTT platforms were received for the Best Web Series (OTT) award. This year, 15 feature films (12 international and 3 Indian films) competed for the prestigious Golden Peacock Award.

### Incentives announced for foreign film production

The incentive outlay for film production in India has been increased from 30 percent to 40



percent. The incentive amount for foreign film production in the country is 40 percent of the expenditure incurred, with an increased limit of Rs 30 crore (over USD 3.5 million) and an additional 5 percent bonus for significant Indian content. The move will further strengthen India's efforts to attract medium- and big-budget international film projects to the country.

### 75 Creative Minds of Tomorrow

The 75 Creative Minds of Tomorrow initiative was launched to help young people excel in the field of filmmaking and become tomorrow's leading filmmakers and artists. It began two years ago, in 2021. It is expected that this will provide limitless opportunities for emerging talent to shape their careers. Around 600 people applied for the positions, and 75 were chosen. These 75 young filmmakers and artists came from a variety of backgrounds and locations, including Bishnupur in Manipur, Jagatsinghpur in Odisha, and Sadarpur in Madhya Pradesh.

The participants came from India's 19 states and union territories. A selection jury and a grand jury panel of distinguished individuals chose them. All 75 participants were under the age of 35.

**Cine Mela:** This year, for the first time, a film festival was organised. It showcased an extraordinary celebration of India's rich diversity through regional films, food, music, culture, and more.

### IFFI: One of Asia's leading film festivals

The International Film Festival of India (IFFI), established in 1952, is one of the most prominent film festivals in Asia. The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India hold the festival every year in the host state of Goa. The best films from India and around the world are screened here. All relevant information related to the 54th IFFI was shared on the festival website, PIB website, IFFI social media accounts (X, Facebook, and Instagram), and on the social media handles of PIB Goa. ●

### Golden Peacock and Silver Peacock Awards

- The Persian film *Endless Borders*, directed by Abbas Amini, won the Golden Peacock Award for Best Film.
- Bulgarian director Stefan Komandarev won the Silver Peacock for Best Director.
- Pouria Rahimi Sam was awarded the Silver Peacock Award for Best Actor (Male).
- French actress Melanie Thierry was awarded the Silver Peacock for Best Actor (Female) for her brilliant role in the film *Party of Fools*.





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Nitin Gadkari  
@nitin\_gadkari

I am completely relieved and happy as 41 trapped laborers in the Silkyara Tunnel Collapse have been successfully rescued. This was a well-coordinated effort by multiple agencies, marking one of the most significant rescue operations in recent years. Various departments and agencies complemented each other despite facing numerous challenges.



Piyush Goyal  
@PiyushGoyal

Historic peace pact!  
The oldest valley-based armed group in Manipur, the United National Liberation Front (UNLF), has signed a peace agreement with the Govt. of India and the Govt. of Manipur, choosing to renounce violence and end its 6-decade-long armed movement.



Anurag Thakur  
@anuragthakur

A warm welcome to the Film Bazaar at the 54th International Film Festival of India! It's an honour to be here with you, celebrating the art of storytelling in the spirit of collaboration. In its 17th year, the Film Bazaar has become an indispensable cornerstone of the IFFI, going beyond borders and evolving into one of Asia's biggest film markets.



PM Narendra Modi being garlanded during an election rally at Satna in Madhya Pradesh.

## PM: Building houses for poor with same devotion as Ram temple



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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 9

Modi releases ₹18,000-cr 15th instalment of PM Kisan

**BRASSY PLAN:** Congress leader Jyoti Bansiya questioned the timing of PM's farm payments ahead of the upcoming assembly elections.

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday released the 15th instalment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme, worth ₹18,000 crore, to farmers across the country. The release of the 15th instalment marks a significant milestone in the scheme's history, which aims to provide financial support to small and marginal farmers. The PM-KISAN scheme is a flagship program of the Modi government, designed to ensure that farmers have access to credit and financial resources to improve their livelihoods. The release of the 15th instalment is part of a larger effort to support farmers and ensure their financial stability. The PM-KISAN scheme has been a key focus of the Modi government's agricultural policy, and its successful implementation is a testament to the government's commitment to farmers. The release of the 15th instalment is a significant step towards achieving the government's goal of making farmers financially independent and self-reliant. The PM-KISAN scheme has been a key factor in the success of the Modi government's agricultural policy, and its continued implementation is essential for the growth and development of the Indian agricultural sector. The release of the 15th instalment is a significant step towards achieving the government's goal of making farmers financially independent and self-reliant. The PM-KISAN scheme has been a key factor in the success of the Modi government's agricultural policy, and its continued implementation is essential for the growth and development of the Indian agricultural sector.

Says Cong has no roadmap for growth

the Congress rule, there was such corruption all around that the dream of the poor to have a permanent house was

and the country's enemies have lost their courage. "Your one vote will strengthen Modi in Delhi. Your one vote will destroy Congress in MP," he said, adding that if "the Congress is voted to power free ration and free health treatment will stop".

## BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF TRIBAL ICON BIRSA MUNDA PM launches ₹24k-cr scheme for vulnerable tribal groups

ANUPRAKASH ANAND  
PRITHI, NOVEMBER 10

**FROM NESTER:** Narendra Modi Wednesday launched a ₹24,000-crore pensionable scheme for vulnerable tribal groups in the birth anniversary of tribal icon Birsa Munda. The PM, addressing a gathering in Prithi, Jharkhand, said the scheme is a landmark step towards ensuring the welfare of vulnerable tribal groups.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi pays tribute to Birsa Munda in Prithi in Jharkhand on Wednesday.

Just 100 miles from the Munda Sahi in the Bhagwan Birsa Munda Memorial Park, the PM, addressing a gathering in Prithi, Jharkhand, said the scheme is a landmark step towards ensuring the welfare of vulnerable tribal groups.

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## PM releases 15th instalment under PM-Kisan scheme

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15

Ahead of polls in agriculturally significant states like Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, PM Narendra Modi released the 15th instalment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme.

The release of the amount, which comes during the poll season in Madhya Pradesh, Chhat-

## Modi unveils ₹24k-cr tribal welfare plan

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**BANKRUPT:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday unveiled a ₹24,000 crore welfare plan aimed at benefiting 3.8 million people from particularly vulnerable tribal groups (PVTGs) across 220 districts, marking a mega push by the government to reach out to tribal communities just months ahead of general elections.

Launching the mission in Jharkhand's Khunti district on the birth anniversary of tribal icon and freedom fighter Birsa Munda, Modi also underlined



PM Modi in Khunti's Khunti district.

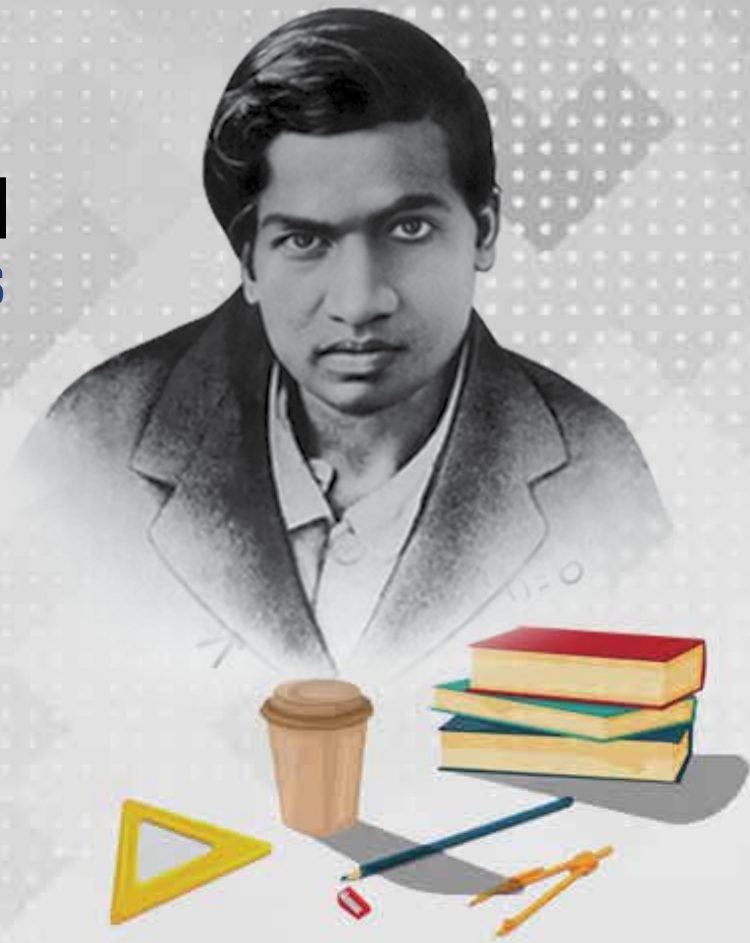
of BasicCamp-Geoghar section of Western Jharkhand. He also

# SRINIVAS RAMANUJAN

## The Wizard of Mathematics

*Mathematics wizard Srinivas Ramanujan had given about 3500 mathematical formulas. 1729 is known as the Ramanujan number which is the sum of the cubes of two numbers 10 and 9. Mathematics Day is celebrated every year on 22 December on his birth anniversary.*

- Srinivas Ramanujan made significant contributions in simplifying many mathematical problems. He died on 26 April 1920 at the age of 33 due to TB.
- He was one of the youngest Fellows of the Royal Society and the first Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge.



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**- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister**

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