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**8 Years**  
Seva, Sushasan  
Garib Kalyan

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# INTRODUCTION

**P**rime Minister Narendra Modi's NDA government has completed eight years of 'Seva, Sushasan and Garib Kalyan'. These eight years have been dedicated to working for the welfare of the poor, facilitating the middle class, empowering women, implementing pro-farmer policies, creating educational and job opportunities for our youth, ensuring social justice and developing every region of India. PM Modi has brought the politics of development - Vikasvaad - into the mainstream, making it the focal point around which political discourse and policy action revolves.

Since assuming office in 2014, PM Modi has remained firm in his resolve of keeping 'India first' in every policy formulation and action. The

government has guarded India's borders, ensured internal security, and consistently promoted our interests abroad.

From the digital revolution to the elimination of open defecation, from vaccinating the entire eligible population through indigenous vaccines to increasing defence exports

significantly, over the last eight years India has successfully achieved what was essentially considered unimaginable in the past.

These last eight years have witnessed a paradigm shift in public service delivery and the implementation of government schemes and infrastructure projects. From the completion of infrastructure projects delayed by decades to the provision of basic facilities that earlier governments failed to provide, there has been a turnaround in governance in India. The government has ensured irreversible empowerment for various marginalised groups, helping them become self-reliant by providing a social safety net.

In stark contrast to piece-meal delivery of the past, the Prime Minister has always focused on ensuring that no one is left behind and unable to access basic facilities. The



massive expansion of welfare coverage over the last eight years has allowed India to finally aspire to achieve 100% saturation. Saturation coverage of the benefits of good governance ends politics of discrimination and corruption that used to be played by providing benefits to some while denying the same to others.

Adopting stiff targets considered almost impossible to achieve earlier, and fulfilling them on time, has become the new normal under PM Modi's leadership. India has transformed from being a mere onlooker to a global leader in various spheres. In New India, development does not

involve trade-offs related to the environment – both go hand in hand. Over the last eight years, the government has given due recognition to Indian culture and values and promoted India's rich civilisational heritage across the globe.

After first assuming an elected office in 2001 as Chief Minister of Gujarat and then going on to become the Prime Minister, in the past twenty years, Narendra Modi has set a new benchmark in reforms and governance which has become a model not just in India but in many parts of the world. He has not only encouraged people to aspire but also provided adequate government support for fulfilling their rising

aspirations. He has also inspired the nation by encouraging everyone to think of the next twenty-five years as the 'Amrit Kaal' for building a strong, prosperous and inclusive India.

This book provides a detailed look at India's transformation under PM Modi's visionary leadership across fourteen areas of governance and policymaking. From welfare to culture, from ease of doing business to national security, from economic growth to ease of living, the book discusses various initiatives taken by the Modi government since 2014. The book documents the story of 'New India'.

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SERVING THE  
POOR AND  
MARGINALISED

# OVERVIEW

It was extremely distressing that even after several decades since independence even basic facilities such as banking, toilets, LPG cylinders, tap water connections, electricity connections, healthcare, etc. have not been provided to the citizens. These facilities that should have been provided to all citizens in the previous century itself are finally reaching all Indians in the 21st century due to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's tireless efforts. The umbrella of welfare schemes started by the Modi government in 2014 has successfully ensured widespread access to basic facilities for most Indians.

The Modi government has ensured that citizens, irrespective of their caste, religion, gender, region, economic class, or political preferences, received their entitled benefits. As the government has shifted focus to saturation, soon, all Indians will have access to these basic facilities. Saturation coverage of basic facilities has been the hallmark of the endeavour of the Modi government.

The Modi government has successfully managed to plug leakages in public service delivery. The government's efforts to extend welfare provisioning and poverty

alleviation have received recognition from global institutions. A recent IMF paper has credited the Modi government for ending extreme poverty in the country.

Various programmes of the Modi government have empowered marginalised groups such as Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and Other Backward Classes. PM Modi's approach towards social justice has centred around irreversible empowerment. This ensures individuals from marginalised groups become self-reliant and self-sufficient rather than remaining dependent on the political establishment for their needs. Programmes such as MUDRA Yojana and Stand Up India are creating a large pool of young entrepreneurs from marginalised groups. These individuals not only achieve better lives for their respective families but also become an inspiration for others within their respective communities.

The Modi government's historic decision to provide reservations for economically weaker sections provided much-needed support to poor households. Creating a new category meant that this extension of benefits did not reduce benefits already extended to other marginalised

groups.

The government has corrected past wrongs and ensured the long-pending rights of marginalised groups. For instance, the government's decision to implement OBC and EWS reservations in all India quota seats in medical education. This will ensure that students from these groups can also aspire to become doctors in affordable government colleges. The work done on empowering Divyangjan, transgenders, Denotified and Nomadic tribes, and other such hitherto unserved or underserved groups is also noteworthy.

An integral element of PM Modi's policy has been the effort to recognize icons of social empowerment. This builds self-pride among communities by highlighting their contribution to nation-building. For instance, the government has declared November 15 of every year as Janjatiya Gaurav Divas to commemorate the sacrifices of brave tribal fighters for the country. Such recognition increases the self-confidence of various communities and strengthens their resolve to work for the country's progress.

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# SNAPSHOT

**80 crore**

people received free food grains under

**PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana**

**6.29 crore**

tap water connections under **Jal Jeevan Mission**

over

**3**

**crore**

urban and rural houses sanctioned under

**PM Awas Yojana**

**11.5 crore**

toilets built under **Swachh Bharat**

**31.9 lakh**

street vendors got loans through **PM SVANidhi**

Nearly

**35 crore**

loans to small entrepreneurs under **MUDRA Yojana**

**Constitutional status**

to National Commission of Backward Classes

Cash transfers to **20 crore**

women during COVID lockdown

Loans of over **Rs. 5,300 crore** to SC and ST beneficiaries under **Stand Up India**

**60%**

of current ministers are SC, ST, or OBC

**Five times more**

Eklavya Residential schools sanctioned since 2014 as compared to earlier.

**Aspirational Districts**

becoming competitive in development parameters, including exports

## Antyodaya and saturation coverage end appeasement

Welfare schemes over the last eight years have been motivated by the **principle of Antyodaya** (no one is left behind). It means the government is targeting 100% saturation in every scheme.

100% coverage means everyone will get the benefits of governance!



### Irreversible empowerment for marginalised groups

- Earlier, the attitude of certain governments was to patronise the marginalised groups by ensuring some **piecemeal benefits**.
- They wanted to **keep the people dependent** on them, and hence, irreversible empowerment was denied.
- But now, PM Modi has ensured a shift from patronage-based support to **irreversible empowerment**.
- Schemes like Stand Up India and MUDRA Yojana are empowering individuals from marginalised groups by providing entrepreneurship opportunities.
- These entrepreneurs will shape aspirations and become **role models for the entire community**.

### Ending the politics of low expectations and low delivery

- Once a gas connection is given, an electricity connection is given or a tap water connection is given, **none can take it away**.
- Further, the poor become aspirational and have **higher expectations** since their basic needs are met.
- This creates greater expectations from governments and pushes them to deliver more.
- For a long time, India was **harmed by politics of low delivery and low expectations**. But now, that is being changed by PM Modi.

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# PERSPECTIVE

**45.21**  
crore  
Jan Dhan  
accounts

**28.37**  
crore people  
covered by  
PM Suraksha  
Bima Yojana

**12.76**  
crore people  
covered by  
PM Jeevan Jyoti  
Bima Yojana

**17.9**  
crore people's  
health covered by  
Ayushman Bharat

Big numbers in a  
government that  
thinks big for  
the poor.

During the last eight  
years, crores of  
households got  
access to some of the  
most basic facilities  
for the first  
time ever.

Over  
**2.3**  
crore  
houses under  
PM Awas Yojana

**22.6**  
lakh crore directly  
transferred into  
beneficiary bank  
accounts

**2.6**  
crore  
households  
electrified under  
SAUBHAGYA

**9.1**  
crore LPG  
connections  
provided under  
Ujjwala Yojana



## PRIORITIZING THE MARGINALISED

**70%** of the farmers covered by PM Fasal Bima Yojana are SC/ST/OBC

**63%** of the farmers receiving income support under PM-KISAN are SC/ST/OBC

**60%** of the houses under PMAY(G) for SC/ST

**60%** of the scholarship recipients are SC/ST/OBC

**50%** of the 35 crore MUDRA Yojana beneficiaries are SC/ST/OBC

## Mindset change in public service delivery



### Then

"Out of every rupee sent by the government, only fifteen paise reached those for whom it was intended."

- PM Rajiv Gandhi

### Now

"My dream is saturation. We should move towards 100% coverage. Government machinery should get used to this."

- PM Modi



## INCLUSIVE GOVERNANCE



**Highest ever representation** for SCs, STs, and OBCs in the Union Council of Ministers.

Introduction of **10% EWS quota** in higher education.

Reservation for **OBCs and EWS** in All India Quota seats in medical education.

**Constitutional status** to the National Commission for Backward Classes.

Protection of rights of transgenders through the '**Transgender Persons Act**'.

Establishing the National Commission for De-notified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes.

Divyangjan benefited from the number of recognised disabilities being revised **from 7 to 21**.



## DID YOU KNOW?

The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment conducts camps to distribute assistive equipment to Divyangjan. Till 2014, only 56 such camps were conducted. Since 2014, nearly 8,000 camps have been conducted, empowering over 12 lakh Divyangjan.

# SOCIAL SECURITY AND EMPOWERMENT OF WORKERS

## Thinking of platform workers

The growth of new age platforms such as aggregators has meant new kinds of jobs for workers. **India is among the first countries to think of social security for them.**

Provision has been made for a contribution from aggregators between 1-2% of turnover, up to 5%, for providing benefits to them.

## e-Shram for empowerment

**27.63**  
crore

unorganised workers registered on the portal

**400**

occupations, skill sets, education, income, social category, bank account details, captured

**Rs 2**  
lakh

accident insurance cover for each registered worker

## Pradhan Mantri Shram-Yogi Maandhan - pension for unorganised sector workers

**46.65**  
lakh

unorganised sector workers registered

**Rs**  
**3,000**

is the minimum pension they get after the age of 60



## Reducing burden, improving compliance

Employees' State Insurance  
Corporation contribution  
rates reduced

Employers' contribution  
reduced from 4.75% to 3.25%

Employees' contribution  
reduced from 1.75% to 0.75%

**24%**

### COVID-19 relief for workers

– Proportion of the monthly wages paid to the EPF accounts of workers drawing wages less than Rs. 15,000 per month

**Rs  
19,129  
crore**

– Amount disbursed by EPFO offices to 91.69 lakh workers as COVID-19 advance

# EMPOWERMENT THROUGH ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Loans to **31.9 lakh street vendors** under PM-SVANidhi programme.

More than **half of the 35 crore MUDRA loans** have been given to SC, ST, and OBC entrepreneurs.

Bank loan and business facilitation to more than **25,000 SC/ST entrepreneurs** through Stand Up India.

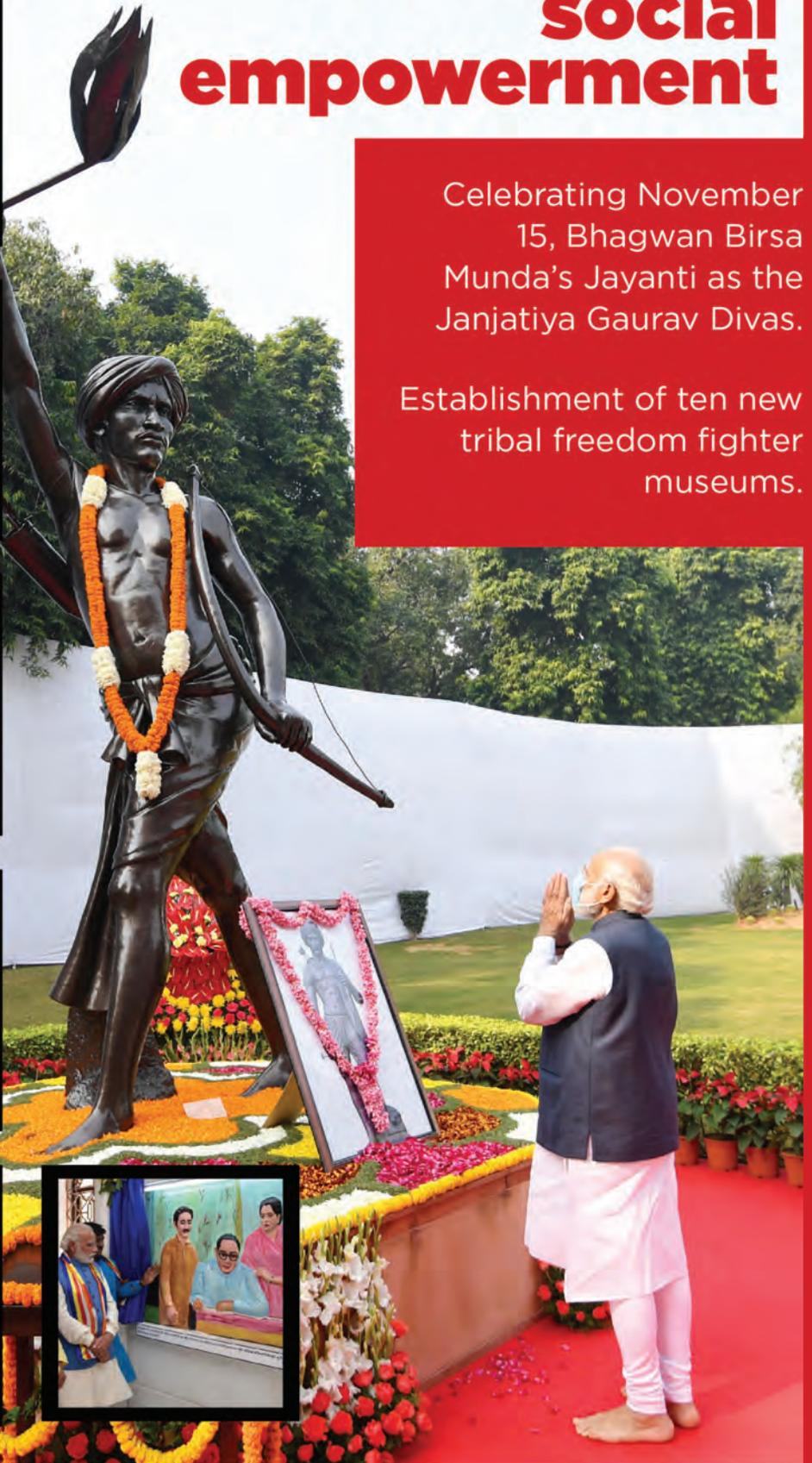


# Recognizing icons of social empowerment

Five prominent sites associated with Dr. B. R. Ambedkar redeveloped as the 'Panchteerth'

Celebrating November 15, Bhagwan Birsa Munda's Jayanti as the Janjatiya Gaurav Divas.

Establishment of ten new tribal freedom fighter museums.



# MEDIA COVERAGE

 **FINANCIAL EXPRESS**

**India kept extreme poverty below 1% despite pandemic: IMF paper**

April 7, 2022

**THE ECONOMIC TIMES** | Politics

**Appeasement politics ends with 100 pc coverage of govt schemes: PM Modi**

May 12, 2022,

**INDIA<sup>TV</sup>**

**OBC students to get 27% reservation, 10% to EWS students in UG-PG, medical, dental courses: Govt**

July 30, 2021

 **Hindustan Times**

**20 crore Jan Dhan account holding women have received Rs 10,025 crore: FM Nirmala Sitharaman**

May 17, 2020

**PM Modi's Stand-Up India scheme:  
Nearly 30% jump in loans sanctioned to  
women, SC/ST MSMEs in 2021**

December 26, 2021

## **Business Standard**

**Cabinet okays Birsa Munda birth  
anniversary as Janjatiya Gaurav  
Divas**

November 10, 2021

 **ZEEBUSINESS**

**Over 9 crore beneficiaries now registered under  
Ujjwala 2.0; know major highlights of this scheme**

Feb 23, 2022

 **moneycontrol**  
Be a PRO

**Additional 6 crore rural households got tap  
water connections since Jal Jeevan Mission  
launch: Govt**

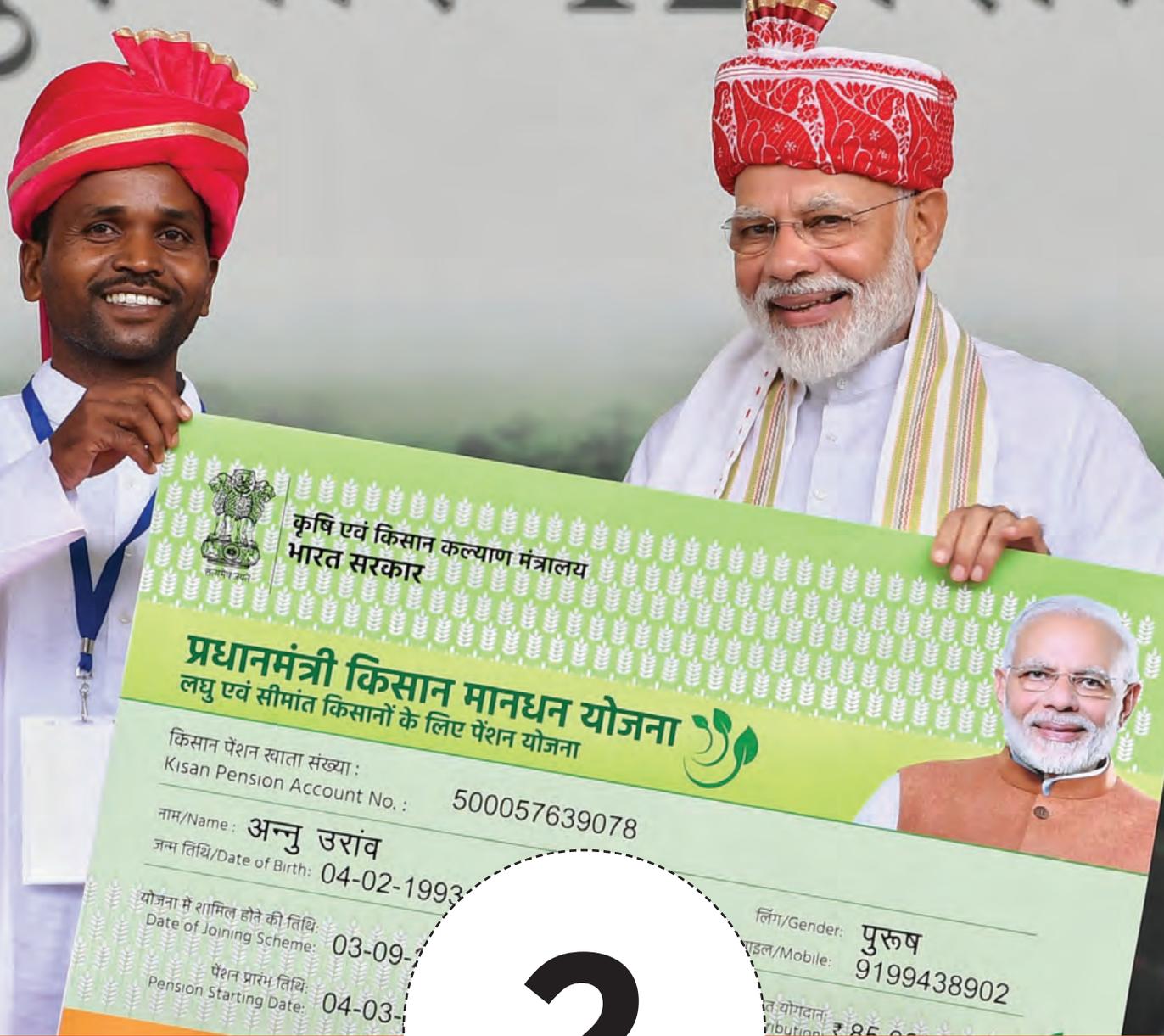
MARCH 22, 2022

 **FINANCIAL EXPRESS**

**PM SVANidhi: Loans to street vendors  
jump to nearly 90% of applications  
sanctioned**

January 5, 2022





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ENSURING  
FARMER  
WELFARE

# OVERVIEW

Over the last eight years, Indian agriculture has touched new heights due to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Beej Se Bazar Tak approach. The government has focused on protecting farmers from various risks, extending income support, improving access to information, and building forward linkages. This has led to the modernization of Indian agriculture and a substantial increase in farmer incomes.

Since 2014, the Modi government has taken multiple measures to make farming in India less risky by building a safety net for farmers and reducing their dependence on rainfall for irrigation. Earlier, an extended dry spell or crop damage after just a few days of untimely rains would drive lakhs of farmers into heavy indebtedness. The Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana changed this status quo. Launched in 2016, the scheme overhauled the agriculture insurance system and has provided a much-needed safety net for farmers. The PM Krishi Sinchayee Yojana has expanded irrigation coverage and reduced

farmers' dependence on rainfall for irrigation.

Record production and consequent increase in procurement by the government have led to an unprecedented rise in farm incomes. Moreover, the gradual transition towards payment to farmers through DBT has protected farmers from unfair charges and commissions charged by intermediaries.

In 2019, the government launched the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi to provide an assured cash transfer of Rs. 6,000 per year to farmers. This supplemental income received through regular instalments has enabled even small farmers to purchase better quality inputs, improve their land productivity, and increase their income.

Indian farmers are steadily transitioning towards 'smart' farming as useful scientific information and the latest innovations in agriculture are being made available to them. Rich insights from soil health cards issued by the government have helped farmers make efficient use of various inputs and maximize their yield. Through multiple programmes, small farmers are being

encouraged to adopt natural and organic farming. This has led to lower investments on inputs, higher farm incomes and protection from the perils of climate change and various uncertainties.

Strengthening forward linkages of agriculture is necessary for improving the condition of farmers. Linking agriculture markets throughout the country through the e-NAM initiative has brought transparency and increased competition in agriculture markets. This has not only enabled farmers to get better prices for their yield but also reduced price distortions that hampered consumer interests. The Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for food processing industries is a turning point for Indian agriculture as there will be a massive increase in domestic demand for farm produce.

The steady increase in farm yields and stability of Indian farmers over the last eight years has brought a paradigm shift in Indian agriculture. Today, Indian farmers aren't producing for just self-consumption or sale in the domestic market. Instead, they seek to export their products and feed the world.

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# SNAPSHOT

**4-fold**

rise in agriculture  
budget in 2014-22  
over 2007-14

**Rs. 1 lakh  
crore**

through Agriculture  
Infrastructure Fund

**11.78  
crore**

**PM Kisan**  
beneficiaries

**23  
crore**

**Soil Health Cards**  
distributed

**109%**

growth in non-  
basmati rice exports  
from FY 2013-14 to  
FY 2020-21

**1,500%**

increase in  
**oilseeds**  
procurement  
at MSP

**7,350%**

increase  
in **pulses**  
procurement  
at MSP

Fertilizer subsidy  
increased by

**140%**

to protect farmers  
from global  
price surge

**Rs. 18  
lakh crore**

agriculture credit  
to be provided  
in 2022-23

Over  
**Rs. 1.2 lakh  
crore** settled in  
claims under  
**PM Fasal Bima  
Yojana**

**Rs. 93,068  
crore**

allocated for  
**PM Krishi  
Sinchayee Yojana**  
for 2021-26

**1,000 Mandis**  
now linked through  
**eNAM**

# POINTS TO REMEMBER



## Beej se Bazaar Tak

- The Modi government has stood by Indian farmers and provided support across various stages of the agriculture cycle.
- **From seeds to soil health, from insurance to irrigation, from MSP to markets** – a comprehensive approach has led to the empowerment of farmers at every step.

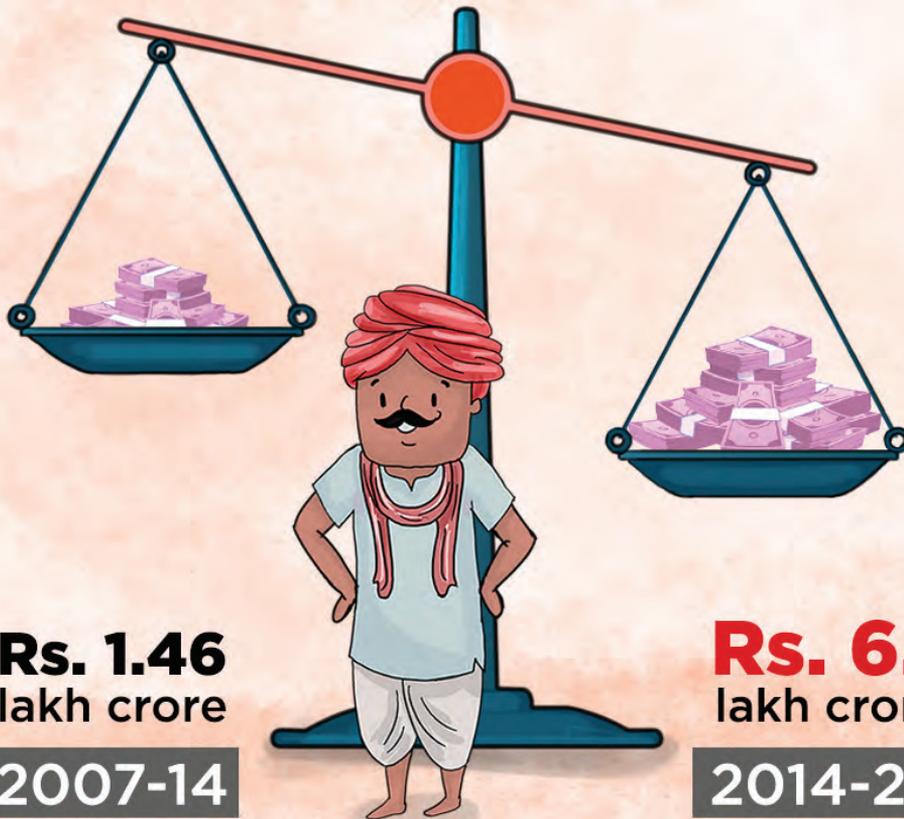
## Market linkages to improve farmer income

- **eNAM:** Unified national market has increased competition, provided better price discovery.
- **Farmer Producer Organisations:** Sale through FPOs is facilitating better prices and higher returns for farmers.
- **Forward linkages:** Number of mega food parks has shot up from 2 in 2014 to 22 in 2022!

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# PERSPECTIVE

## 4-fold rise in budget allocation for agriculture



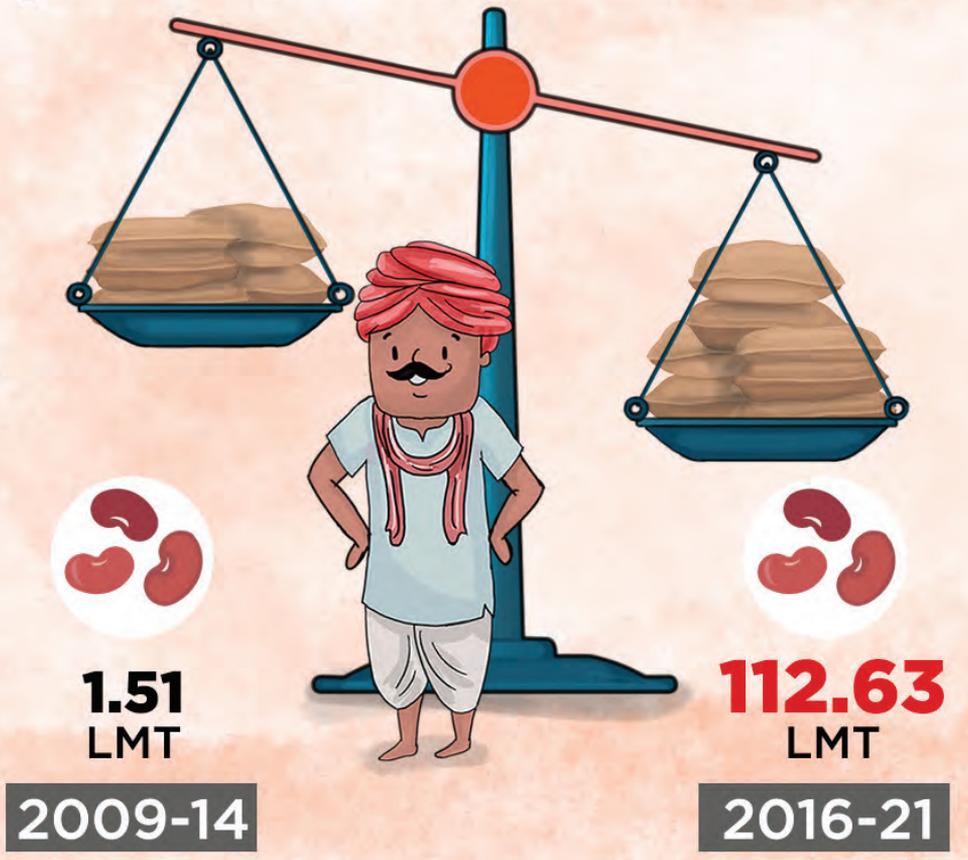
**Rs. 1.46**  
lakh crore

**2007-14**

**Rs. 6.1**  
lakh crore

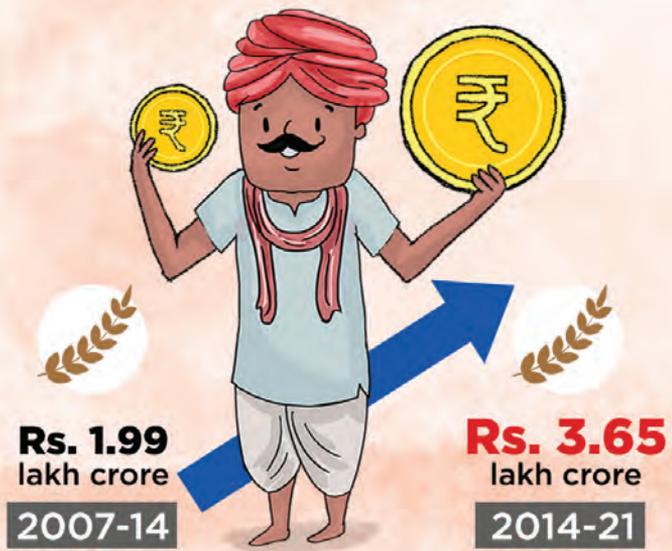
**2014-22**

# 74-fold rise in pulses procurement at MSP

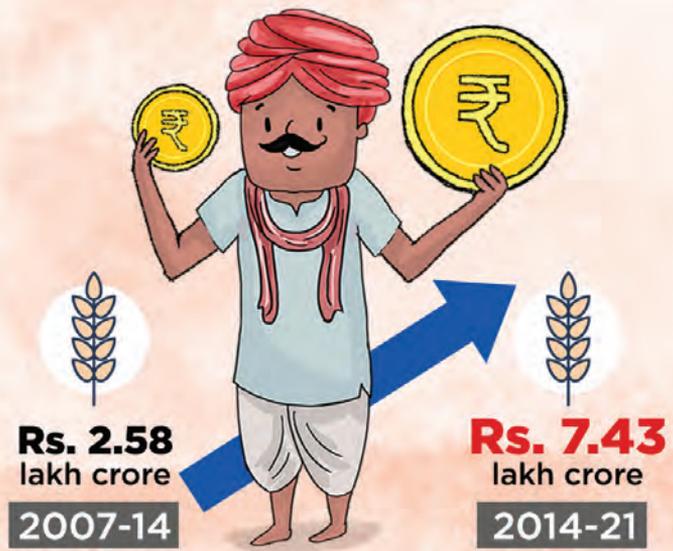




## MSP payment for wheat



## MSP payment for paddy





# Adding to farmers' income sources



▶ Promoting income generation through installation of solar panels on barren land.

Annual milk production rose 44% from 2013-14 to 2019-20.



▶ Separate Department of Fisheries for increased focus.

Export of honey doubled in the last 8 years.



▶ Ethanol procurement up from 38 crore litres in 2013-14 to over 350 crore litres in 2020-21.

# Pulses

Modi government  
turned the sector around

## BEFORE

Low cultivation,  
minimal  
procurement, high  
import dependence,  
and exorbitant  
consumer prices.

## NOW

High cultivation,  
surge in  
procurement due to  
high MSP, low import  
dependence, and  
affordable prices  
for consumers



# MEDIA COVERAGE

## THE TIMES OF INDIA

PM Modi launches Rs 1 lakh crore agri-infra fund, says move to enhance India's ability to compete globally

Aug 9, 2020

## Business Standard

India's non-basmati rice exports grows 109% from FY2013-14 to FY2021-22

April 21, 2022

## THE ECONOMIC TIMES | News

PM Modi releases Rs 20,900 cr to farmers under PM-KISAN scheme

Jan 01, 2022

## *The Indian* EXPRESS

After paddy record, wheat procurement at all-time high

June 1, 2021

## THE ECONOMIC TIMES | News

Punjab farmers received Rs 8,180 crore MSP payment via DBT this year: Centre

Apr 26, 2021







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# NARI SHAKTI FOR NEW INDIA

# OVERVIEW

**P**rime Minister Narendra Modi considers women-led development a central dimension of India's progress and necessary for strengthening India. In the last eight years, the Modi government has launched numerous welfare schemes that have aimed to empower women and make them lead India's development journey. These programmes have provided much-desired assistance to women at various stages in their lives. They have also unshackled Indian women and freed them from the drudgery they experienced in daily life. However, rather than merely limiting his role to the distribution of state-led welfare benefits, PM Modi is using the power of mass movements to bring about social transformation. His efforts are enabling women to overcome social barriers and fulfil their aspirations.

The Modi government has taken a remarkable lifecycle-based approach towards women empowerment. A wide range of government programmes assist women at various stages - from childhood to adulthood and even during old-age - to ensure their safety and empowerment. At every step, opportunities are opened up to help increase

women's choices as well as empower them to take those decisions to their logical conclusion.

Mission Poshan fulfils the nutritional requirements of children, adolescent girls, pregnant women, and lactating mothers. One Stop Centres (OSCs) assist women in distress. The Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) and Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA) incentivize institutional deliveries and regular health check-ups for pregnant women and lactating mothers. The impact of this approach has been evident in many outcomes, such as an improved sex ratio at birth, a rise in institutional deliveries, declining infant mortality, and a lower maternal mortality rate. Programmes such as MUDRA Yojana have allowed crores of women across the country to pursue micro-level entrepreneurship and become financially independent.

PM Modi has made unshackling women and freeing them from the drudgery of everyday life a key objective of policymaking. Every flagship welfare scheme launched by the Modi government has improved the lives of women across the country. LPG

cylinders under the Ujjwala Yojana have saved crores of women from chronic respiratory disorders through smoke-free kitchens and ended the daily ordeal of collecting firewood for cooking. Due to the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, crores of women can access toilets at their convenience without any fear over safety or violation of dignity. Walking long distances to collect water for daily consumption is becoming history as households across the county are getting private tap water connections under the Jal Jeevan Mission. As owners of the family home received under PM Awas Yojana, women are becoming active participants in household decision-making.

Since 2014, PM Modi has been a pillar of support and encouragement for Indian women in their quest to break innumerable barriers, open new doors for themselves, and fulfil their aspirations. In the last 8 years, there has been a massive increase in women police personnel. In 2018, PM Modi announced a landmark decision to allow permanent commission for women in the armed forces. Across diverse fields, women are taking the lead in India's rise, from sports to academics to performing arts.

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# SNAPSHOT

For the first time in India,  
**1,020 women**  
per 1,000 men  
(NFHS-5)

**Paid maternity leave**  
increased from  
12 weeks to  
**26 weeks.**

**3.11 crore**  
free antenatal  
check-ups  
conducted under  
**PM Surakshit  
Matritva Abhiyan**

**2.78 crore**  
women assisted  
through  
**PM Matru  
Vandana Yojana**

Over  
**21 crore**  
sanitary pads  
ensured at Re. 1 in  
**Jan Aushadhi  
Kendras**

**2.73 crore**  
**Sukanya Samridhi**  
Yojana accounts

**9 crore**  
smoke-free  
kitchens

**68%**  
of 2 crore  
**PM Awas-Gramin**  
beneficiaries  
are women

Over  
**23 crore**  
MUDRA LOANS to  
Women  
beneficiaries

**Permanent  
commission**  
for women in  
armed forces

**Sex ratio**  
at birth has risen to  
937 in 2020-21

**Maternal  
Mortality Rate**  
has declined to  
103 in 2020-21

# POINTS TO REMEMBER



## Why women support PM Modi - Social transformation for women empowerment

- Proposal to **raise marriageable age of women** from 18 years to 21 years helps with education and employment.
- **Law against Triple Talaq** protects Muslim women from exploitation.
- **Increase in paid maternity leave** period from 12 weeks to 26 weeks makes work-life balance possible for working women.
- Scrapping of Article 35A has given rights to women in J&K that were historically denied.

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## Removing drudgery from the daily life of women In rural or semi-urban areas, even getting basic necessities used to be a battle for women. But, not anymore.

THEN	NOW
Women walked long distances to lakes, ponds or borewells and brought back heavy loads of water.	Jal Jeevan Mission's 6 crore tap water connections come as a boon!
Women inhaled smoke from wood-fired kitchens. They went out to collect firewood for cooking.	Ujjwala Yojana's 9 crore LPG connections freed women from respiratory diseases.
Women had to go to isolated places to relieve themselves, endangering their health, safety and dignity.	Swachh Bharat's 11 crore toilets have removed these worries.
Kerosene lamps harmed respiratory health and eyesight of people in poor families, especially women and children	2.6 crore SAUBHAGYA electricity connections have made kerosene lamps a matter of the past.

# PERSPECTIVE

## DID YOU KNOW ?

68% of the total 35 crore borrowers under MUDRA Yojana are women entrepreneurs. And almost half of the government recognised start-ups are led by women!



# Comprehensive support through lifecycle based approach

## Birth

### Battle:

Being born

### Weapon:

Beti Bachao  
Beti Padhao

### Outcomes:

India's overall sex ratio rises to 1,020 (per 1,000 males) in 2019-21



## Girl Child

### Battle:

Access to nutrition

### Weapon:

Mission  
POSHAN

### Outcomes:

A total outlay of over Rs. 1.81 lakh crore to ensure proper nutrition



## Schooling

### Battle:

Access to separate toilets

### Weapon:

Swachh  
Vidyalaya  
ensured toilets in every school

### Outcomes:

4.17 lakh separate toilets for girls in schools constructed



## Education

### Battle:

Access to financial assistance

### Weapon:

45 lakh girls/women got scholarships

### Outcomes:

Over 2.73 crore Sukanya Samriddhi A/cs holding Rs. 80,000 crore



Women face battles at every step, every decision, and every stage. But the Modi government has initiatives that act as weapons to help them in each such stage.

### Employment

**Battle:**

Access to opportunities

**Weapon:**

Reduced EPFO contribution for new women employees

**Outcomes:**

Reduction in contribution from 12% to 8%



### Serving the nation

**Battle:**

Entry restricted into armed forces

**Weapon:**

Permanent commission for women across wings



### Entrepreneurship

**Battle:**

Access to funds

**Weapon:**

Over 23 crore MUDRA loans given to women



### Family

**Battle:**

Decision-making power

**Weapon:**

68% of over 2 crore PMAY-Gramin homes have women as sole/joint owners



# India's overall sex ratio rises to 1,020

(per 1,000 males)  
for the first time ever



## Maternal Mortality Rate





# MEDIA COVERAGE

**HT** Hindustan Times

**In a first, 34 CRPF women commandos inducted into elite anti-Maoist CoBRA unit**

Feb 06, 2021



## THE TIMES OF INDIA

**68% beneficiaries under MUDRA scheme women: Govt**

Mar 30, 2022



# mint

**India has more women than men for the first time on record**

25 Nov 2021



**the pioneer**

**Sex ratio at birth improved by 19 points at Nat'l level**

30 December 2021

## THE TIMES OF INDIA

**Maternal mortality ratio improves to 103, India may hit global goal of 70 in advance**

Mar 14, 2022





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# YOUTH-LED DEVELOPMENT

# OVERVIEW

**P** rime Minister Narendra Modi's unmatched connect with the country's youth has ensured that the government has been able to not only fulfil their aspirations but also harness immense talent for national progress. Today's youth see nothing as unattainable and aspire to make India a global leader in uncharted territories that earlier generations usually avoided. Rather than dismissing their 'can do spirit,' the Prime Minister has consistently created a conducive environment through an enabling policy framework.

Unlike earlier generations that used to aspire for salaried jobs, a large segment of today's youth seeks to explore self-employment opportunities. In multiple addresses since 2014, the Prime Minister has encouraged the Indian youth to pursue their desire to start entrepreneurial ventures and become job creators rather than just job seekers. His encouragement has played an instrumental role in creating a critical attitudinal shift in society, the cornerstone of the success of India's startup ecosystem. Today, youngsters are willing to take risks to fulfil their dreams. They know that PM Modi will provide constant

support in their endeavour.

Through the Startup India programme launched in 2016, the Modi government has taken numerous measures to promote startups and entrepreneurship. This includes tax exemptions, easing regulations, and reducing the compliance burden.

Like entrepreneurship, sports was considered a forbidden field for most youngsters. It used to be viewed merely as a leisure activity, and parents usually discouraged children from professionally pursuing sports. PM Modi brought a crucial mindset change and introduced various policies that have allowed innumerable youngsters to fulfil their dream of pursuing sports as a career. India saw its best performance ever in the Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics recently. This has been an outcome of long-term planning and support through the flagship TOPS programme.

World class education and skill development opportunities being created by the Modi government are empowering our youth and contributing to the collective dream of building a strong labour force. In the last eight years, record numbers of new IITs, IIMs, medical colleges, and universities have been opened across the country.

Since its launch, more than 1.34 crore youngsters have received skill training under the PM Kaushal Vikas Yojana and improved their employability.

The National Education Policy (NEP) approved in 2020 is bringing a paradigm shift in the Indian education system through much needed and long-pending reforms in school and higher education.

The Modi government has focused on providing meaningful employment to the Indian youth that enables them to achieve a better life for their family. India has become a preferred destination for investment, and employment opportunities are being created for crores of young Indians. The massive rise in new EPFO accounts confirms the Modi government's success in creating new formal jobs. Consistent efforts to assist MSMEs and programmes such as Production Linked Incentive Scheme for domestic production have contributed towards job creation. The record exports achieved in 2021-22 have taken job creation and hiring to a positivity level that is better than even the pre-pandemic years! Moreover, the current unemployment level is lower than the pre-pandemic levels indicating new employment opportunities for crores of youngsters.

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# SNAPSHOT

## **National Education Policy**

after nearly four decades!

## **100-fold jump**

in the number of recognised start-ups since 2016

Close to **150 athletes** being supported through

## **TOPS programme**

## **Best ever Olympics**

(7 medals) and Paralympics (19 medals) in Tokyo 2020

## **1.34 crore**

people trained under **PM Kaushal Vikas Yojana**

## **7 new IIMs**

established, bringing the total to 20 as of 2022

## **3.52 crore new EPFO subscribers**

added in 2017-2022

## **23 lakh**

**direct and indirect jobs** created by tech start-ups in 2017-2021

## **Number of AIIMS tripled,**

India soon to have 22 AIIMS

## **7 new IITs**

opened across the country, total IITs now 23 (as of 2022)

## **1,000 Khelo India centres**

being set up

## **320 new universities**

established

# POINTS TO REMEMBER

## Indian youth: from job seekers to job creators

- PM Modi is changing societal mindset and creating wider **acceptance for risk takers**.
- Self-employment and entrepreneurship are becoming popular occupational choices.
- Various schemes are aimed at giving **institutional support to entrepreneurs**.

## 2021: A remarkable year for Indian sports

- India won the **highest ever medal tally** in its history in Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics.
- **Long-term planning** since 2014 led to this

record success.

- Extensive support to sportspersons through **TOPS** programme.
- Khelo India is **making sports a mass movement** and building a sporting culture across India.

## Ensuring jobs for young India

- Robust economic policies are creating lakhs of new employment opportunities annually.
- **Record goods exports** of over \$420 billion in 2021-22, of which massive engineering exports were a part.
- **1.34 crore people skilled** under PM Kaushal Vikas Yojana, improving employment prospects.

- **3.52 crore new EPFO subscribers added** between 2017 and 2022 – each is one formal job!
- 1.2 crore new EPFO accounts added in 2021-22, **despite the pandemic**.
- Most surveys indicate robust hiring sentiment and **lesser unemployment than pre-pandemic years!**
- **MUDRA Yojana** supported crores of new entrepreneurs and created jobs.
- Tech start-ups created **23 lakh direct and indirect jobs** in the 2017-2021 (NASSCOM)

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## Did you know?

### Direct Job Indicators

- EPFO subscribers increased by 3.52 crore from 2017 to 2022
- Over 1 crore youth between the ages of 18-28 years added to EPFO since April 2020
- India's start-up ecosystem created nearly 23 lakh direct and indirect jobs in 2017-2021 as per a NASSCOM report
- Hiring activity in pandemic-hit 2021 was 34% higher than 2020 as per a CII study
- The Naukri Job Speak Index saw an impressive 41% rise from 1,925 in January 2021 to 2,716 in January 2022

### Indirect Job Indicators

- India's goods exports hit a record \$420 billion in 2021-22
- Engineering exports in 2021-22 were 45% more than 2020-21
- Apparel exports in 2021-22 showed a 30% growth. It is estimated that each additional \$1billion of apparel exports creates 1.5 lakh jobs!

# PERSPECTIVE

## PM Modi personally supports Indian youth's 'can do' spirit

### COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING START-UP CULTURE

"Another change that is now visible is that earlier if a youth launched any start-up, people used to say

'Why don't you do a job?  
Why a start-up?

But now people say –  
'Job is alright, but why don't you create your own start-up'?

And the first reaction to seeing young people who are already in start-ups is:  
'Wow, it is your start-up!'"

**PM Modi's address at Prarambh – Startup India International Summit 2021**

### ENCOURAGING YOUTH

"Today's youth has a "Can Do" spirit which is a source of inspiration for every generation."

**PM Modi's address at National Youth Festival 2022 (January 12, 2022)**

### ENABLING THEIR ENERGY

"I am fully committed to converting the energy of the youth into the energy of the country."

**PM Modi's address at interaction with start-ups (January 15, 2022)**

# MAKING INDIA A SPORTING POWER



## EFFORTS

Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) has provided comprehensive support to Indian athletes.

1,000 Khelo India centres being set up to find grassroots talent.

Over 2,500 athletes selected under Khelo India provided with assistance of Rs. 6.28 lakh/year.

## RESULTS

### Tokyo Olympics 2020

1 Gold, 2 Silver, and 4 Bronze, highest ever tally

### Tokyo Paralympics 2020

19 medals as compared to 12 medals in all previous Paralympics.

# Education expansion in 7 decades versus 8 years

7 decades (1947-2014)	8 years (Since 2014)	Total as of 2022
7 AIIMS	15 AIIMS approved/operational	22 AIIMS
387 medical colleges	219 medical colleges	606 medical colleges
82,000 medical seats	66,000 medical seats	1.48 lakh medical seats
16 IITs	7 IITs	23 IITs
13 IIMs	7 IIMs	20 IIMs
723 universities	320 universities	1,043 universities

# MEDIA COVERAGE

**INDIA  
TODAY**

**7: India records its best-ever medal tally at Tokyo Olympics, breaches London 2012 mark**

August 7, 2021

**ThePrint**

**PM Modi inaugurates IIT campus in Bhubaneswar, launches projects worth Rs 14,523 cr in Odisha**

24 December, 2018

**THE  HINDU**

**Govt to start 1000 Khelo India centres to employ retired sportspersons: Rijiju**

DECEMBER 08, 2020

**Business Standard**

**PM Modi lauds youth for taking India to world's top 3 in creating startups**

January 28, 2022

**THE TIMES OF INDIA**

**Today's youth has a 'Can Do' spirit, a source of inspiration for every generation: PM Modi**

Jan 12, 2022



#UP Metro : साकार होते सपने



# कानपुर मेट्रो

## प्रगति के बढ़ते कदम...



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MIDDLE CLASS  
AND EASE  
OF LIVING

# OVERVIEW

Since 2014, ease of living in everyday life is becoming a reality for households across the country, be it in urban areas or rural, be it poor or the middle class. From welfare programmes to infrastructure investment, from modifying government processes to introducing protective regulation, ease of living for citizens has been the central objective of policymaking under the Modi government.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has ensured that ease of living has ceased to remain a privilege of a few. The Modi government has assured that citizens across all segments of the society have access to basic facilities such as banking, LPG connections, sanitation, electricity, tap water, and affordable healthcare. Government programmes for providing these facilities are ensuring that India's aspirational class experiences a significant improvement in the quality of daily life over the last eight years. Today, a smoke-free kitchen or uninterrupted power supply is a reality rather than just a dream for most households in the country.

Lower taxation and affordable borrowing rates

have led to massive savings for middle-class households and expanded their disposable income. Positive changes in income tax exemptions and direct tax reforms have reduced their tax burden and made tax filing simpler for the middle class. The Goods and Services Tax has led to a decline in a wide range of everyday expenses for consumers. From items of daily household consumption to leisure activities such as eating out in restaurants, affordability has increased after the introduction of the GST.

Crores of urban middle-class households are fulfilling their lifelong dream of owning a house. A sharp reduction in interest rates and the Modi government's Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme under PM Awas Yojana have enabled people to buy their first home. Alongside this, strengthening the regulatory framework through steps such as the formation of the Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) has ensured that the lifetime earnings of citizens are protected by a legal framework that upholds the rights of homebuyers.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's big push on

infrastructure since 2014 has also helped middle-class households reduce expenditure. The UDAN programme has provided air connectivity to numerous tier 2 and tier 3 cities and ensured that air travel isn't limited to the affluent. Travelling by train isn't the default option for middle-class households anymore as the UDAN scheme has made air travel more affordable. In the last eight years, a record number of metro rail projects have been approved and commissioned in numerous cities. As a result, citizens are now shifting from private vehicles to public transportation and making considerable savings without compromising on comfort.

The Digital India initiative has made the government more accessible and transparent to citizens. Now, citizens can access hundreds of services provided by central and state governments at the click of a button through the UMANG app. Apps like Digilocker have removed the need to carry physical copies of documents.

Through various steps for ease of living, the Modi government is transforming the daily life of Indian citizens, removing routine worries and raising their quality of life.

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# SNAPSHOT

Income upto  
Rs 5 Lakh to get  
**full tax  
rebate**

**Decline**  
in effective tax rate  
from 12.7% in 2013  
to 8.3% in 2022  
(Rs. 15 lakh p.a.)

More than  
**20,500**  
government  
services  
accessible through  
**UMANG App**

**Rs. 25,000**  
crore  
under  
**SWAMIH fund**  
for stalled real  
estate projects

**86,942**  
cases  
disposed of by  
**RERA** across 30  
states/UTs

**CLSS**  
reduced  
home loan  
burden by  
**Rs. 48,000 crore!**

**PM Awas**  
**Yojana-Urban**  
sanctioned over  
**1.23 crore**  
houses

**Metro**  
expanded  
from 5 cities in  
2014 to 27 cities in  
2022

**Over 86 lakh**  
people  
have availed  
affordable air  
travel under  
**UDAN**

More than  
**10 crore**  
**Digilocker**  
users

Cost of  
internet data  
down by  
**97%**

**ODF**  
status  
for  
**4,371 cities**

# POINTS TO REMEMBER

## Taxes are no more a worry because...

- **E-filing** has become the norm.
- **Refunds** arrive in a matter of days, not months.
- Faceless assessments and appeals **reduce harassment**.
- Tax rates have actually **reduced!**

## A trusted government, a trusting government

- Modi government has created an **atmosphere of mutual trust**.
- By taking steps like enabling **self-attestation**, the government has

shown it trusts citizens.

- The increase in the number of IT returns from 3.91 crore for FY13-14 to 7.14 crore for FY20-21 shows that the **people trust the government** to use their taxes correctly!

## Owning a house within everyone's reach, whether poor or middle class

- **For the poor**, there is PM Awas Yojana in both rural and urban areas
- **For the middle class**, the Credit Linked Subsidy scheme brings down interest rates. Home loan interest rates are also down!

- **RERA** ensures timely delivery of homes, so that the money of homebuyers is not stuck.

## 'Ease of Travel' and improved connectivity

- **Expansion of metro rail** is making local travel in cities much easier for urban residents.
- **UDAN** scheme has enabled affordable air travel and connectivity to many tier 2 and tier 3 cities.
- **Car loan interest rates have fallen** from almost 11% in 2014 to less than 8% now.

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## Did you know?

- 40% of Indians are covered under Ayushman Bharat
- The total per capita spending on healthcare nearly doubled from Rs. 1,008/person in FY15 to Rs. 1,944 in FY20
- India registered 231% (83.4 crore) growth in Internet connections
- World's cheapest sanitary pads (Re. 1) are sold at 8,700 Janaushadhi Kendras
- At 26 weeks of paid maternity leave, India ranks higher than China, Singapore, Germany, and USA
- India added over 5,700 new colleges since 2014, that is almost 2 new colleges per day
- Vande Bharat Mission operated around 2.17 lakh flights and brought over 1.83 crore people home from all over the world

# PERSPECTIVE

## Connecting India's cities

### Metro:

Metro connectivity used to be present in only 5 cities as of 2014. Now, it is in 27!



### Electric Buses:

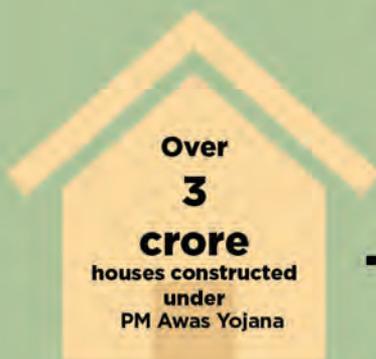
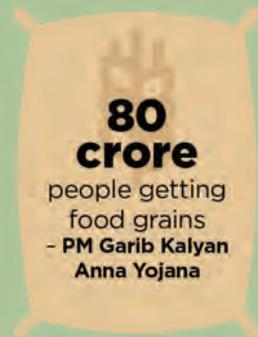
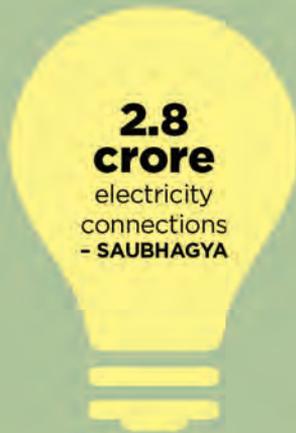
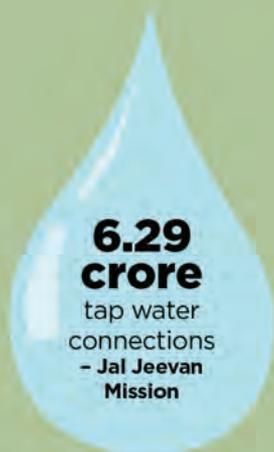
Procurement of electric buses for five cities - Kolkata, Delhi, Bangalore, Hyderabad and Surat.



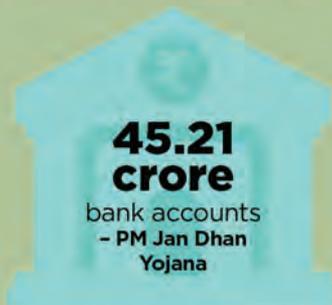
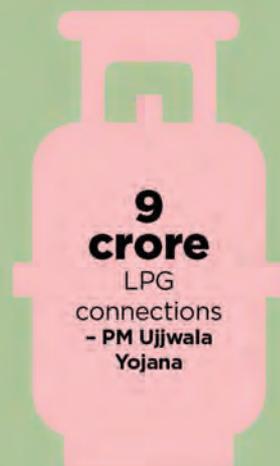
### Air Travel:

Number of operational airports almost doubled, from 74 in 2014 to 140 in 2022!





**Ease of living is not an 'elite only' concept for PM Modi - making rural and poor citizens' lives easier**



## A DAY IN THE LIFE OF MIDDLE CLASS

# HOW EASE OF LIVING HAS BEEN ENSURED



- \* Waking up in a **home of your own**. Builder delivered on time due to RERA.



- \* **Saved Rs. 2.3 lakh** in housing loan due to Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme



- \* **Drop in home loan interest rates** helped save lakhs more!



- \* Got an e-rickshaw to the metro. Paid Rs. 30 via **BHIM UPI**, saved time



- \* The number of cities with metro **quadrupled since 2014**



- \* Watching a motivational video in the metro. Data rates **97% down**



- \* Time for tax returns. **Easy e-filing done.**



- \* Refunds appear in **just a few days**



- \* Eating out, **GST is just 5%**. Taxes used to be 20% earlier.



- \* Buying medicines for parents at Jan Aushadhi, **50% lesser than market price**



- \* Massive **savings on electricity bills** due to UJALA LED lights



- \* **Watching Yoga videos**, bought with the profit from spouse's MUDRA-funded boutique

## Savings for middle class - income tax

For Rs. 15 lakh income, here is the difference the Modi government made to your taxes and savings!

Financial Year	2013-14	2022-23
Total income	15,00,000	15,00,000
Chap VIA Deduction	1,00,000	2,00,000
80D	15,000	25,000
Total Income	13,85,000	12,75,000
Basic Exemption	2,00,000	2,50,000
Taxable Income	11,85,000	10,25,000
Total Tax	1,85,500	1,20,000
Cess (at 3%)	5,565	4,800
Effective tax rate	12.7%	8.3%
Total tax	1,91,065	<b>1,24,800</b>

**Saving of Rs. 66,265!**

## Owning a home is within reach

Assuming a loan of Rs. 30 lakh, the Modi government is saving homebuyers a massive amount in reduced EMIs!

Savings on Educational Loan EMIs	May 2014	May 2022
Loan Amount	30 lakh	30 lakh
Rate of interest	10.30%	6.65%
Tenure	20 years	20 years
EMI	29,549	22,633

**Savings of Rs. 82,992 per year!**



**Cheaper loans for higher education**

Assuming a loan of Rs. 10 lakh, here's the difference Modi government made to educational loans!

Savings on Educational Loan EMIs	May 2014	May 2022
Loan Amount	10 lakh	10 lakh
Rate of interest	14.75%	8.65%
Tenure	5 years	5 years
EMI	23,659	20,589
Total payable	14,19,540	12,35,340

**Saving of Rs. 1.84 lakh!**

**Significant savings on everyday items**

Pre-GST (%)	Post-GST (%)
27%	18%
27%	18%
27%	18%
27%	18%
4%	0%

# MEDIA COVERAGE

**ET** TravelWorld.com  
From The Economic Times

## 86.05 lakhs passengers travelled under RCS- UDAN flights till January 2022: Government

February 12, 2022.



The making of fastest developed Metro Rail System in the country: Kanpur Metro

10/01/2022

**NEWS 18**

Home Loan Interest is All-Time Low Now. Best Time to Buy a House? Know the Rates

SEPTEMBER 10, 2021

## THE TIMES OF INDIA

Housing-for-all plan cemented, Rs 48,000 crore for 80 lakh units

Feb 2, 2022

THE ECONOMIC TIMES News

Mega relief for middle class: No tax up to Rs 5 lakh

Feb 01, 2019

**ET** Healthworld.com

From The Economic Times

## Over 3 lakh teleconsultations done in a day at Ayushman Bharat-Health and Wellness Centres

PTI • April 18, 2022, 04:40 IST

THE TIMES OF INDIA

Experts hail PM Modi's 5G roadmap, thrust on mobile manufacturing

IANS / May 17, 2022, 16:29 IST

moneycontrol

UPI reaches a watershed moment with digital transaction value shooting past \$1-trillion mark in FY22

MARCH 31, 2022 / 08:02 AM IST





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INFRA AT  
SPEED AND  
SCALE

# OVERVIEW

Over the last eight years, India has taken a crucial step towards becoming a global economic powerhouse by building world-class infrastructure. The Modi government has completed numerous infrastructure projects that were hitherto considered unachievable due to inordinate delays and other constraints. A trade-off between speed and scale is history as timely completion of public works projects has become a norm rather than an exception under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership.

Thinking big and delivering without delay have been hallmarks of infrastructure development under the Modi government. PM Modi's active role has made the infrastructure turnaround possible. Rather than merely announcing new projects, the Prime Minister has regularly monitored the progress of projects through the PRAGATI platform. This led to the successful completion of various long-delayed projects.

The last eight years have witnessed a remarkable improvement in connectivity in the country. The daily average highway construction reached an all-time high and has consistently remained far

higher than pre-2014 levels. Similarly, a rapid increase in the construction of rural roads has made access to roads nearly universal in the hinterland. Indian railways has also witnessed a massive capacity expansion in the last eight years through line doubling and electrification of railway tracks. In just eight years, the Modi government has built and operationalised 66 airports and ensured air connectivity to innumerable tier 2 and tier 3 cities. Metro rail is not limited to metropolitan cities anymore. In the last eight years, metro rail projects have reached 18 cities. Improved connectivity has proven to be a game-changer for the Indian economy. It has facilitated commerce and unlocked the economic potential of numerous towns and cities. Also, connectivity has reduced costs and logistical hurdles for Indian enterprises.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has often suggested that connectivity in the digital age isn't limited to physical connectivity. Digital connectivity and IT infrastructure have become critical determinants of economic growth. To unleash the power of high-speed

internet, the government has now resolved to connect all six lakh plus villages.

The Pradhan Mantri Gati Shakti Masterplan announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi demonstrates a new vision for a new India. This is the most extensive plan for infrastructure development in the history of independent India, as the government plans to invest nearly Rs. 100 lakh crore in the coming years. Integrated long-term planning under Gati Shakti will improve last-mile connectivity and multi-modal connectivity across the country and bolster India's economic progress for many decades. Rather than taking a myopic project-based approach, the master plan provides a comprehensive strategy for infrastructure development in the country. The lack of coordinated planning has led to massive wastage of public resources in the past.

The new infrastructure will make India one of the leaders in the global supply chain and ensure that it remains the world's most preferred destination for investment. Gati Shakti will also lead to the creation of a large number of direct and indirect jobs since infrastructure is known to be a job-intensive sector.

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# SNAPSHOT

**500%**

increase in road transport and highway budget allocation since 2014

**400**

world-class **Vande Bharat Trains** to be manufactured

Speed of highway construction reaches **37 km/day**

Rural road connectivity at

**99% coverage**

**34**

**straight months** without rail passenger fatalities

**Length of metro**

went from 248 km in 2014 to **791 km** in 2022

**Rs. 100 lakh crore**

for infrastructure with **PM Gati Shakti** Masterplan

Over 300 projects reviewed by PM Modi through

**PRAGATI** meetings

**66 airports**

operationalized since 2016

4268 projects for urban development completed under

**AMRUT**

**3.26 lakh kms** of rural roads built since 2014

**111**

**waterways** declared as **National Waterways** (NWs) under the National Waterways Act, 2016

# POINTS TO REMEMBER

## From delays to delivery

- Crucial infrastructure projects **stalled for decades** are finally getting completed and **delivered to the public**.
- **PM Modi has personally overseen** and monitored the completion of more than 300 projects through the PRAGATI platform.
- The government ensured that the Covid pandemic did not affect the timely completion of infrastructure projects.

## New infrastructure records for New India

- Record for **fastest**

**highway construction** per year - 37 km per day in 2020-21

- Record for **fastest road construction**
  - 2.5 km 4-lane concrete road built in 24 hours
  - 1-lane 25-km bitumen Solapur-Bijapur road in 24 hours
- **Tallest statue** in the world – Statue of Unity
- **World's highest railway bridge** being built – Chenab bridge
- **World's longest highway tunnel** above 10,000 feet – Atal Tunnel

## Infrastructure for India's Amrit Kaal with Gati Shakti

- **Long-term planning** for India's infrastructure needs through PM Gati Shakti Masterplan.
- The pumping in of Rs. 100 lakh crore through an integrated platform ensures **efficient use of funds**.
- **Last-mile connectivity** and multi-modal connectivity improve across India due to this.
- Infrastructure creation also spurs **massive job creation** at all levels.

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## Did you know?

- PM Gati Shakti is institutionalizing holistic planning and inter-departmental coordination through a **single integrated portal**.
- Connecting **16 central government departments**, the integrated portal will provide **visibility** of ongoing infrastructure projects and facilitate **interaction** between various stakeholders.
- Gati Shakti will ensure **seamless coordination** among all stakeholders and **real-time tracking** of various projects.
- PM Gati Shakti will lead to **better planning of projects, massive cost savings, and faster completion** of projects.
- The government will develop **100 PM Gati Shakti cargo terminals** for multimodal logistic facilities over the next three years.

# PERSPECTIVE

## DELIVERING LONG-PENDING PROJECTS



### **Saryu Nahar Irrigation Canal in UP**

Year of Approval: 1978

Delayed by 4 decades

Delivered in the Modi era



### **Kosi Rail Maha Setu in Bihar**

Year of Approval: 2003-04

Delayed by 2 decades

Delivered in the Modi era



### **Kollam Bypass Project in Kerala**

Year of Approval - 1975

Delayed for almost 50 years!

Delivered in the Modi era



### **Bogibeel Rail-Cum Road Bridge Over Brahmaputra**

Year of Approval - 1997

Delayed by 2 decades

Delivered in the Modi era



### **Atal Tunnel - Longest Tunnel at 10,000 Feet**

Year of Approval - 2000

Delayed by 2 decades

Delivered in the Modi era



### **Eastern and Western Peripheral Expressway around Delhi**

Year of Approval - 2006

Delayed by a decade

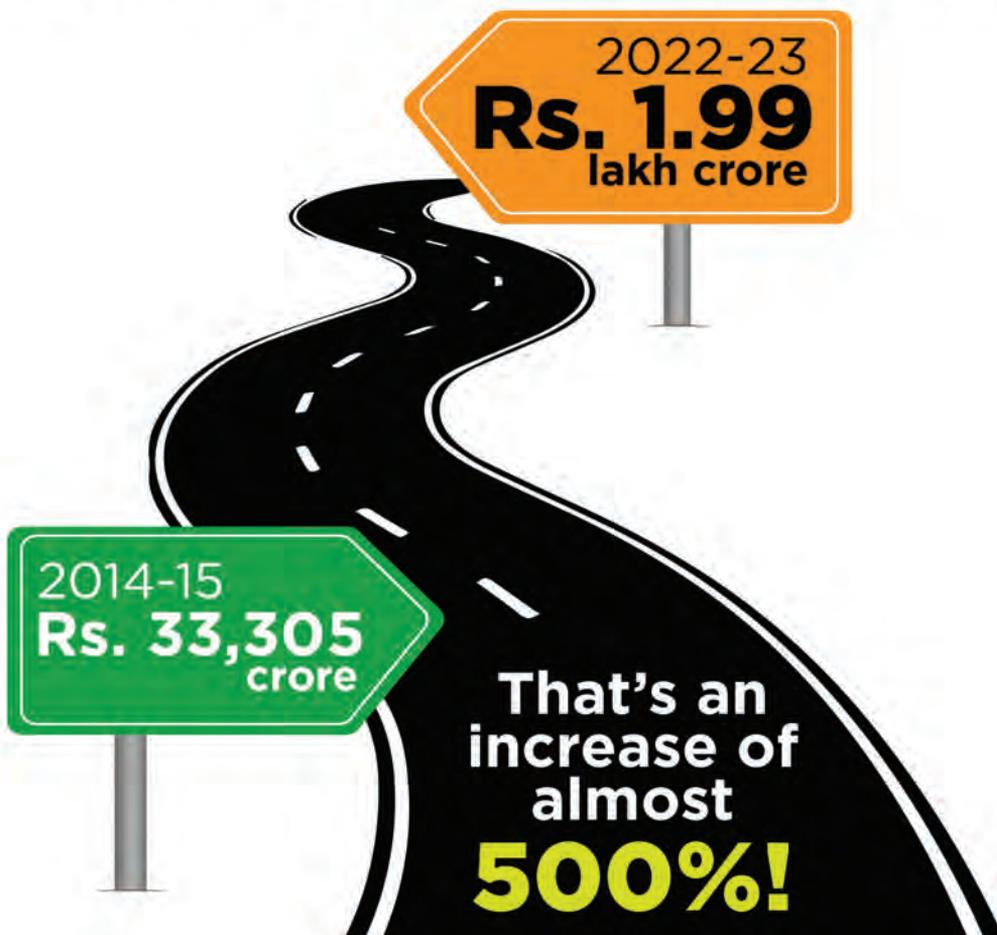
Delivered in the Modi era

## Railways put India on the fast track to growth

In 2021-22:



## Massive increase in budget allocation for roads and highways



Did you know?



34 continuous months from March 2019 saw zero passenger fatalities. And 2,000 km of the railway network will be brought under Kavach, indigenously developed technology for preventing train collision.

Speed of highway construction up by over **200%**

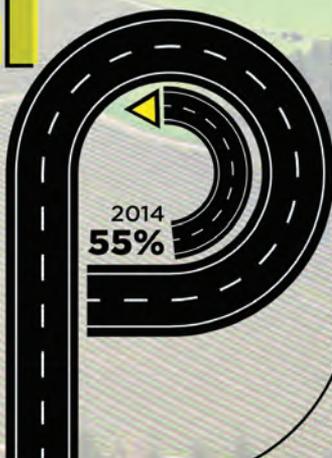


With Modi government, pace of building highways has tripled

**Rural road connectivity**

2022 **99%**

The percentage of eligible habitations connected has surged







## Did you know?

The Chenab bridge in Jammu And Kashmir, the world's highest railway bridge, is under construction, and once completed it will stand 359m above river bed level, higher than the Eiffel Tower of Paris!

# MEDIA COVERAGE

**NEWS 18**

**PM Modi Reviews Projects Worth Rs 20,000 Crore at 'Pragati' Meeting**

NOVEMBER 24, 2021

**THE ECONOMIC TIMES | News**

Infra planning, implementation, monitoring to get new direction from Gati Shakti: PM Modi

Feb 28, 2022

**THE TIMES OF INDIA**

**PM Modi dedicates Kosi Rail Mahasetu to the nation**

Sep 18, 2020

**NEWS 18**

**Union Budget 2022: 400 Vande Bharat Trains to be Made in Next 3 Years, Says FM Sitharaman**

FEBRUARY 01, 2022

**THE HINDU**

Highways construction touches record 37 km per day: Gadkari

APRIL 02, 2021

## **Business Standard**

Govt sanctions four national highway projects worth Rs 4,500 crore

February 22, 2022 23:57 IST

## **FINANCIAL EXPRESS**

Indian Railways records highest ever freight loading for January; details

February 22, 2022 5:46:25 pm

## **Business Standard**

Gati Shakti Yojana to give tech push for quicker delivery of infra projects

October 18, 2021 06:03 IST





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# HEALTHCARE AND PANDEMIC MANAGEMENT

# OVERVIEW

**T**he Covid pandemic has been the most significant public health challenge for any government since independence. Despite the stiff challenge, India not only remained resilient and managed an effective response but also emerged as a global role model. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's remarkable leadership and consistent efforts by the government since 2014 to augment India's healthcare capacity helped the country successfully fight the pandemic.

The Modi government undertook a science-based approach for managing the pandemic. In early 2020, when many global leaders refused to even consider Covid to be a serious threat, India had already initiated its Covid management policy. For instance, even before a single Covid case was reported in the country, India had started screening travellers arriving from abroad. Moreover, realising that essential supplies for pandemic management required coordination across various sectors, Prime Minister Narendra Modi adopted a 'whole of government' approach. This ensured that various government departments worked simultaneously and coordinated their actions.

The paradigm shift in India's healthcare system since 2014 was visible during the pandemic. Accessible and affordable quality healthcare has become a reality for citizens. Earlier, medical expenditure used to be a severe economic burden for low-income households and often led them into debt traps. In 2018, the Modi government gave a permanent relief from this burden to around 18 crore households by launching the Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, the world's largest health insurance programme.

The government's telemedicine programme - eSanjeevani, bridges the urban-rural divide in access to specialist doctors. The Jan Aushadhi Kendras, located in more than 700 districts, provide quality generic medicines to citizens at affordable rates. The government has overhauled the country's immunisation programme by launching Mission Indradhanush, which has protected an entire generation from diseases that could have led to massive expenditure on medical treatment.

The Modi government has brought a crucial turnaround in medical education. Few government colleges, high fees

in private medical colleges, and massive corruption in seat allocation had severely limited opportunities for medical education earlier. In the last eight years, the Modi government has approved/established 15 AIIMS and innumerable new medical colleges. Further, the government's bold decision to replace the Medical Council of India with the National Medical Commission has ended corruption in medical education. In 'New India,' a talented student from a humble background in the hinterland can fulfil her dream of becoming a doctor.

In the past year, India has successfully rolled out the world's largest vaccination drive ever. This marks a landmark change for India. In the past, the country has had to wait for decades and lose innumerable lives before starting vaccination. Until now, more than 1.9 billion doses of Covid vaccine have been administered across the country. It is a historic achievement that India has been able to conduct this massive exercise entirely through indigenous vaccines.

The Modi government's multi-dimensional outlook covering preventive and curative healthcare has led to an improvement in individual wellness rather than merely improving health outcomes.

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# SNAPSHOT

**3.28 crore**  
hospital admissions under **Ayushman Bharat**

Over **1.18 lakh** Ayushman Bharat **Health and Wellness Centres**

**8,700+** **Jan Aushadhi Kendras**

Over **5 crore** mothers and children protected by **Mission Indradhanush**

**15** new AIIMS and **200+** medical colleges being added

More than **2.7 crore** citizens purchased affordable medicines from **AMRIT pharmacies**

Over **190 crore COVID vaccine doses** administered

Over **22 crore digital health IDs** created

**50,000** made in India ventilators provided through **PM CARES**

From no domestic manufacturing of PPEs to **5 lakh kits per day**

**1,500+** **PSA plants** sanctioned by the central government

**2.34 crore teleconsultations** through HWCs

# POINTS TO REMEMBER

## Ahead of the curve, due to proactive leadership

- At a time when many world leaders failed to even recognise COVID-19 as a threat, even before India had a single case, **screening began in airports.**
- Long before many other countries took it seriously, in the first week of March 2020, **PM Modi said he would avoid gatherings** such as Holi Milan and set an example.
- Mask mandates were enacted in large parts of India **long before the WHO** called for them.
- At a time when many countries were only thinking of massive mortalities, in April 2020, India had already **set up a vaccine task force** to save lives.
- India started using Rapid Antigen Tests to speed up testing long before WHO

recommended it.

- The fact that India went into an **early lockdown** has been universally acknowledged. This helped ramp up medical infra.

## Future-proofing India with PM-ABHIM

- PM-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission to invest **Rs. 64,180 crore** on health infra.
- Support for 17,788 rural health and wellness centres in 10 high focus states.
- Establishing 11,024 urban health and wellness centres in all the states.
- 3,382 block **public health units** in 11 high focus states.
- Setting up integrated **public health labs** in all districts.
- Establishing **critical care hospital blocks** in all districts with a population

of more than 5 lakh.

## Digital is the way – ABDHM

- With the success of CoWIN and Aarogya Setu, the **power of tech in healthcare** has been seen.
- Ayushman Bharat Digital Health Mission (ABDHM) is creating a seamless online platform for healthcare.
- Citizens create their ABHA (Ayushman Bharat Health Account) numbers, to which their **digital health records are linked.**
- With the citizen's consent, this data can be accessed by healthcare professionals.
- ABDM facilitates **evidence-based decision making** for effective health interventions.
- **21.9 crore ABHAs** have been created so far!

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## INDIA AND VACCINES – a slice of history and present

Vaccine	Global introduction	Introduction in India
BCG	1927	1978
DPT	1948	1978
OPV	1961	1978
TT	1926	1983
Measles	1963	1985
Hepatitis-B	1982	2002
Rubella	1971	2017
IPV	1955	2015
Rotavirus	2006	2016
Pneumococcal	2000	2017
COVID-19	December 2020	January 2021

The speed at which India's COVID-19 vaccines were developed shows a New India that does not have to wait decades for vaccines or depend upon other countries.

# PERSPECTIVE

## Comprehensive coverage for every healthcare need of the poor



### To prevent diseases

#### Mission Indradhanush

Over 5 crore pregnant mothers and children immunised  
Push for AYUSH and Yoga

### For primary care

**Ayushman Bharat  
Health and Wellness Centres**  
1.18 lakh HWCs  
Hypertension screenings - 20.1 crore  
Diabetes screenings - 16.69 crore  
Teleconsultations - 2.34 crore



### For secondary and tertiary care

#### Ayushman Bharat - PMJAY

Health cover of Rs. 5 lakh  
Ayushman cards - 17.9 crore  
Hospital admissions - 3.28 crore  
Treatments worth Rs. 37,606 crore

### For medicines

#### Jan Aushadhi Kendras

8,721 kendras sell medicines at lower prices  
Since 2019, over Rs. 10,000 crore saved for citizens



# Historic ramping up of infrastructure to fight COVID-19

Testing labs

**4000**  
labs

**14**  
labs



March 2020

Now

Domestic  
manufacturing of  
PPE kits

**5**  
lakh  
per day

**0**



March 2020

Now

ICU beds

**1.39**  
lakh

**2168**



March 2020

Now

Oxygen-supported  
beds

**5**  
lakh

**50,583**



March 2020

Now

# Innovative solutions improved **COVID MANAGEMENT**



## **Oxygen Express Trains**

Close to 900 Oxygen Express Trains delivered more than 36,840 Tonnes of liquid Oxygen.



## **Air Force**

Air Force deployed for transportation of cryogenic tankers.



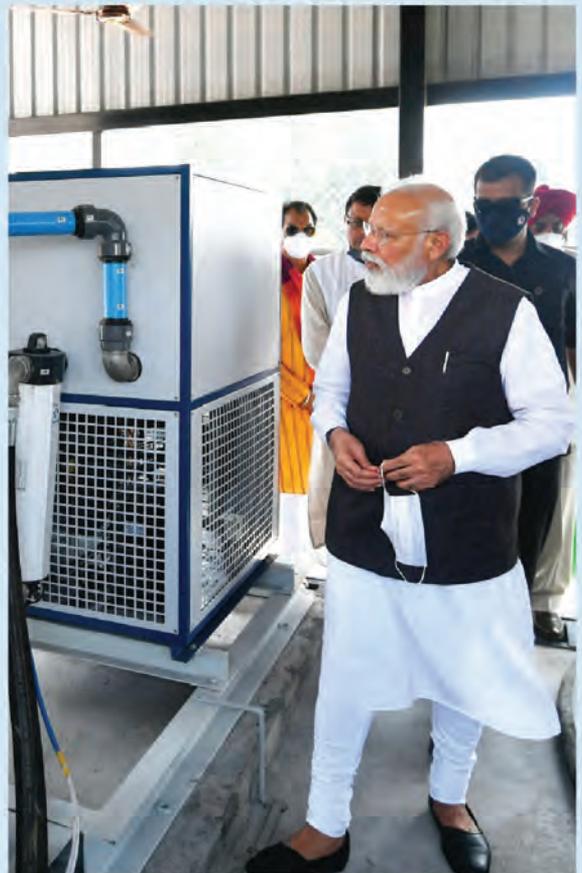
## **Isolation Coaches**

Railways converted 4,176 coaches into quarantine/isolation facilities



## **Makeshift facilities**

Paramilitary forces and central agencies operated makeshift quarantine facilities

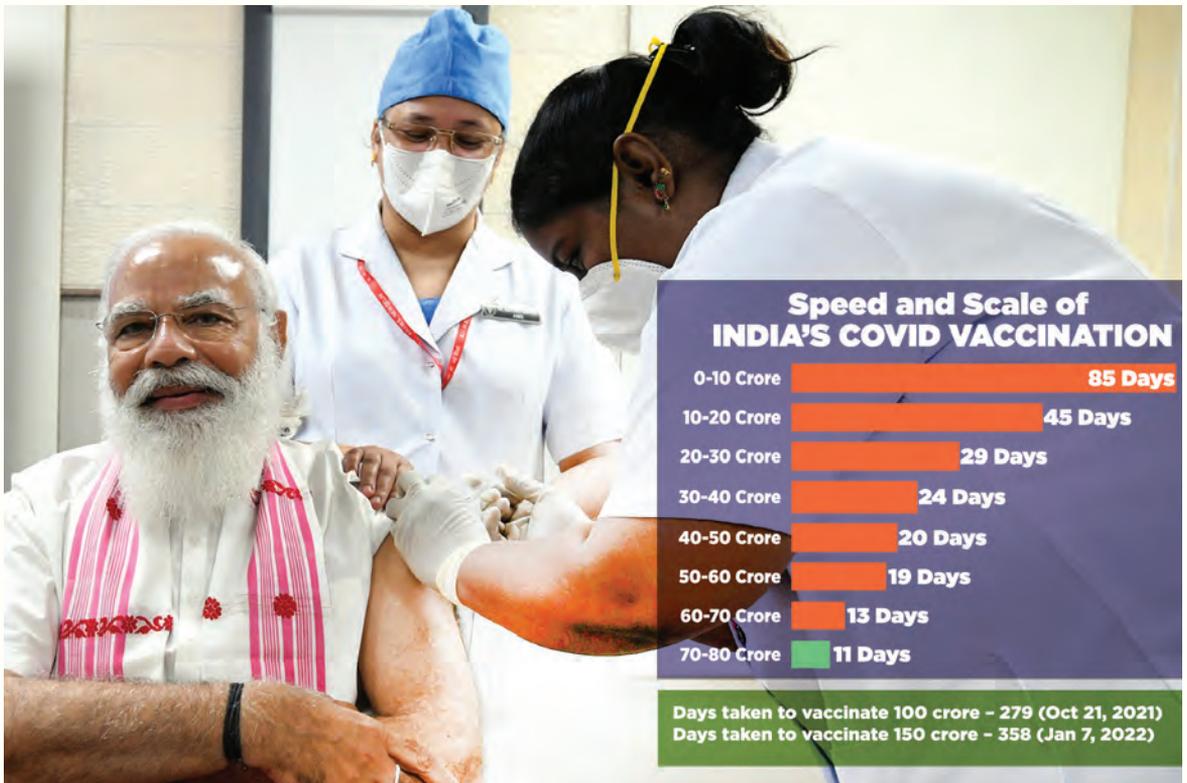
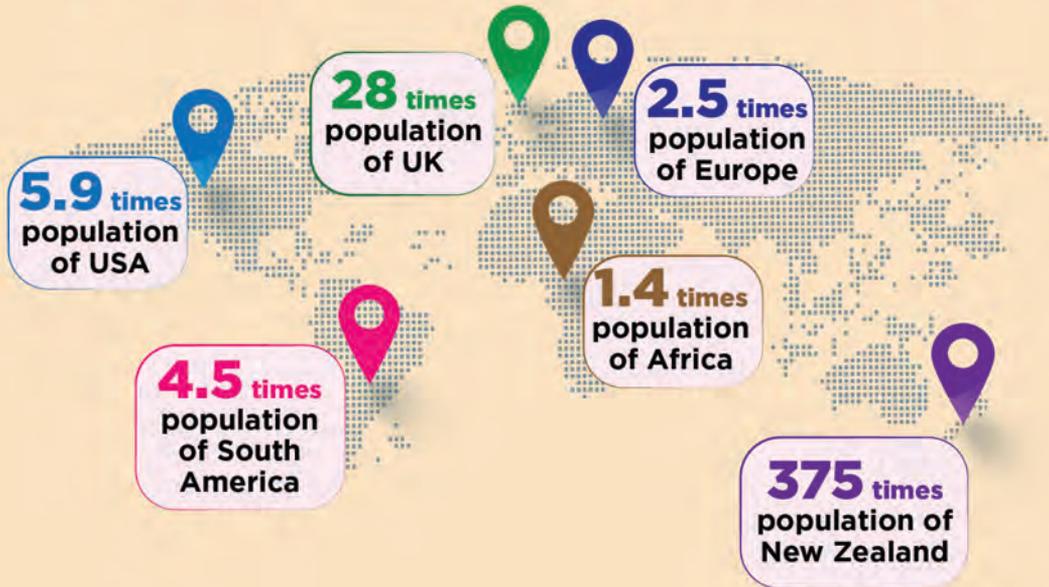


## **PSA plants**

1500+ PSA plants sanctioned by the central government.

# How many vaccine doses has India administered?

## Here is one way to look at it



# MEDIA COVERAGE

## The Tribune

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

**3.28 crore availed free hospitalisation under Ayushman scheme:  
PM on World Health Day**

World Health Day is celebrated on April 7 every year

Apr 07, 2022

## THE HINDU

**Health schemes, lower drug prices led to  
annual saving of ₹50,000 crore for needy  
families: PM Modi**

MARCH 07, 2021

## mint

**Over 21.9 cr ABHA Health IDs have been created under  
Ayushman Bharat Digital Health Mission: Mandaviya**

14 May 2022

## THE TIMES OF INDIA

**Shot in the arm: India records 2.5 crore jobs on PM's  
birthday**

Sep 18, 2021

## FINANCIAL EXPRESS

Read to Lead

**India becomes second largest producer  
of PPE Kits; daily production capacity  
surpasses 5 lakh**

September 18, 2020





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# NATIONAL SECURITY AND FOREIGN POLICY

# OVERVIEW

**T**he Modi government won the people's hearts in 2014 with a simple yet powerful mantra of putting 'India first.' From protecting our nation's borders to giving a befitting response to our adversaries, from promoting India's interests abroad to safeguarding Indians settled abroad, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's decisions have consistently reflected his promise of 'India First'.

The Prime Minister's zero tolerance for terrorism has ensured that the country is much safer today. In stark contrast to the earlier era, when our citizens used to be under attack at will, our citizens feel much more secure. Over the last eight years, India has made terrorism a significant issue on global platforms and taken the lead in the world's battle against terrorism.

Under PM Modi's leadership, India is getting accustomed to taking giant strides rather than small steps. This spirit of 'New India' is reflected in our rapidly rising defence production and exports. From being a country that was

heavily dependent on imports for even basic weapons and defence equipment, India is moving towards becoming self-reliant in defence production. Defence exports have increased over 6-fold in the last eight years, and India is exporting defence equipment and weapons to many countries. This success has been possible due to government efforts such as providing appropriate incentives for defence production, enabling foreign investment, and building defence industrial corridors.

The defence industry is emerging as one of the most vibrant sectors of the Indian economy. In the last eight years, innumerable new jobs have been created in the industry, and the surge in exports has helped in improving India's trade deficit. Moreover, self-reliance in defence production also strengthens our diplomatic interests across the globe.

There has been an unprecedented strengthening of India's position abroad in the last eight years. India's voice is now being heard and respected by countries across

the globe. From climate change to international conflicts, from terrorism to global trade, the world is eagerly looking towards India for its views and solutions.

Since 2014, Indian diaspora located across the globe has felt assured that PM Modi is always looking out for their safety and wellbeing. They know that if an adverse situation arises, the Indian government will leave no stone unturned to protect them. In the past year, the government ensured the safe evacuation of hundreds of stranded Indians in Afghanistan under Operation Devi Shakti. As a guardian of Indic culture and traditions, the government ensured that swaroops of the Guru Granth Sahib were safely brought to India. Earlier this year, when hundreds of Indian students were stranded in Ukraine after the Russian attack, India launched Operation Ganga to rescue them safely. From overcoming logistical hurdles to using diplomatic channels, the Modi government has consistently gone to great lengths to ensure its citizens' safety.

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# SNAPSHOT

## **Zero deaths**

due to terrorism outside of J&K, Punjab & Northeast since 2016

Historic decision to remove **Article 370** and **Article 35A** from the Indian Constitution

**68%** of capital acquisition budget earmarked for domestic production

**6-fold rise** in **defence exports**

More than **1.83 crore** passengers facilitated through **Vande Bharat flights**

Over **300 items** added to the **defence indigenisation list**

**22,500** Indians **evacuated from Ukraine**

**LWE**  
**77% reduction in incidents** in 2021 as compared to 2009  
**85% reduction in fatalities** in 2021 as compared to 2010

**74% FDI** in **defence** through automatic route

**Rs. 500 crore** sanctioned for **defence startups**

**Ordinance Factory Board** converted into **7 defence PSUs**

Over **20 crore** COVID-19 vaccines for over 100 countries through **Vaccine Maitri**

# POINTS TO REMEMBER

## Zero-tolerance to terrorism

- **No major terrorist attack** in Indian cities in non-conflict zones since 2014.
- Appropriate response to cross-border terrorism through **Surgical Strikes in 2016 and Air Strikes in 2019**.
- Sponsors of terror have been **globally isolated** and cut to size.
- India has made **terrorism a global issue** and is leading global discussions on this issue.
- Strengthening legal framework through **UAPA** amendment.

## What is a positive indigenisation list and why does it matter?

- Three positive indigenisation lists with 310 items were released since August 2020.
- These lists contain a **roadmap of those weapons, arms and systems that India will not import** in future.
- Knowing such a roadmap and mandate for domestic procurement helps domestic manufacturers ramp up production.
- This boosts India strategically and at the same time, creates jobs for youth.

## Investment for Aatmanirbhar defence sector

- **FDI limit in defence raised** to 74% through automatic route.
- In Budget 2022-23, **68% of the capital procurement** budget for Defence is for domestic industry.
- Incentives for **defence corridors** in Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.
- Defence corridor in Bundelkhand of Uttar Pradesh will transform the poor region into a powerhouse.

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The first-ever in-person Leaders' Summit of the Quad, September 2021

## India's voice matters

Whether it is the Russia-Ukraine situation, climate change, terrorism or COVID-19, India has played a constructive role, offering inclusive leadership at a time when the world seems divided into camps.

India's voice is sought after, heard and respected.

# PERSPECTIVE

## Surge in India's defence exports

Total value of defence exports

**Rs. 11,607**  
crore

2021 \_\_\_\_\_

**Rs. 1,941**  
crore

\_\_\_\_\_ 2014



**Greater defence exports means  
greater job opportunities**

**DID YOU  
KNOW?**



**The conviction rate in  
terror financing cases  
investigated by the  
National Investigation  
Agency (NIA) is**

**94%**

# DID YOU KNOW?

**53% fall was seen  
in incidents of  
LWE violence.  
It was 509 in 2021  
in comparison to  
1,089 in 2015.**



## Terrorist incidents and infiltration down in Jammu and Kashmir since removal of Article 370



Estimated net infiltration	
2018	143
2019	138
2020	51
<b>2021</b>	<b>34</b>

Number of terrorist incidents	
2018	417
2019	255
2020	244
<b>2021</b>	<b>200</b>



# India's Rising Stature in the global arena

**Many top global and civilian awards for PM Modi's leadership and governance.**

**When India talks, the world listens. We have emerged as a crucial power on various issues such as climate change, terrorism, and Covid.**

## **India's Covid diplomacy:**

- o Medicines for over 100 countries.
- o Export of 20 crore Covid vaccines under Vaccine Maitri.

**Economic agreements with Australia and UAE. FTAs in the works with various other countries too.**

# PM Modi IS THE RESCUER-IN-CHIEF!

## UKRAINE-2022

22,500 rescued

### UKRAINE-2014

1,000  
PEOPLE

mostly students,  
evacuated



### SYRIA-2014

In July 2014, **46 Indian nurses**  
captured by the ISIS were rescued.

Over **7,000**  
INDIANS

**were evacuated**  
during this crisis  
in Iraq and Syria.



### LIBYA-2014

Over **40 Indian nurses**  
trapped in the Libyan crisis  
were brought home safely.

Over **3,710**  
INDIANS

**were evacuated**  
from Libya.



### YEMEN-2015

In **2015 in Yemen** India  
not only rescued its own people  
but also others.

In Operation Raahat, **4,748**  
INDIANS

**and 1,962 foreigners**  
**from 41 countries**  
were rescued.





### SUDAN-2016

were rescued from South Sudan in July 2016.

**153**  
PEOPLE



### NEPAL-2015

Nepal was devastated by an earthquake in 2015.

India conducted **Operation Maitri** and rescued many foreigners

and **5,188**  
INDIANS



### YEMEN-2017

In 2017, from Yemen, a **Christian priest Tom Uzhunnalil** who was kidnapped by ISIS in 2016 was rescued.



### AFGHANISTAN-2021

In 2021, when **Afghanistan** fell to the Taliban, over **550**  
PEOPLE

were evacuated



### CHINA-2020

In early 2020, when the COVID-19 pandemic struck, flights were sent to Wuhan, China, to bring back

**637**  
INDIANS



**7**  
MALDIVIANS

### VANDE BHARAT MISSION

The full-fledged **Vande Bharat Mission** brought back a whopping **1.83 crore people** through **2.17 lakh flights** during the pandemic!

In a show of great respect, **5 holy saroops of Sri Guru Granth Sahib** were brought back in another flight later.



# MEDIA COVERAGE

## THE HINDU

India's stature on the global stage has grown significantly, says EAM Jaishankar

DECEMBER 21, 2021

### THE TIMES OF INDIA

**A trade deal that will create jobs: Trade ministers of India and Australia outline the depth of the bilateral FTA and its potential**

April 10, 2022, 8:56 PM IST

## THE ECONOMIC TIMES | News

**How Narendra Modi government rescued 3,500 Indians from war zone Yemen**

## Hindustan Times

**Terror incidents in Kashmir declined since abrogation of Article 370: Centre**

Dec 14, 2021

## THE ECONOMIC TIMES | News

**Govt permits up to 74% FDI under automatic route in defence sector**

Sep 17, 2020

## **THE TIMES OF INDIA**

**India ensured safe evacuation of 22,500 Indians from Ukraine under 'Operation Ganga': Jaishankar**

ANI / Updated: Mar 15, 2022, 18:50 IST

## **THE HINDU**

**Defence exports increased 700% in last three years: Gen. Bipin Rawat**

SEPTEMBER 09, 2020

## **BusinessToday.In**

**India-UAE FTA may benefit \$26 bn worth of domestic goods subjected to 5% duty**

Feb 20, 2022

## **Business Standard**

**Russia's Putin describes India as a great power, and a time-tested friend**

December 6, 2021 20:09 IST





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ECONOMY  
AND  
REFORMS

# OVERVIEW

**T**he global Covid-19 pandemic since 2020 had a severe economic fallout and affected all countries across the globe. While many economies continue to struggle with sluggish economic growth and record-breaking inflation, India remains the sole bright spot. This has been recognized by global institutions such as the IMF and World Bank which have forecasted India to be the fastest-growing country among major economies in the world. Various indicators of economic performance, from GST revenues to manufacturing activity, indicate that the Indian economy has not only bounced back but even breached pre-pandemic levels.

The Modi government's comprehensive approach for managing the economic fallout of the pandemic ensured minimal effects and swift recovery. The government's Aatmanirbhar Bharat plan turned the crisis into an opportunity and gave much-needed impetus to economic growth. The swift recovery can be attributed to extending adequate support to various sectors of the economy and a string of structural reforms since 2014. These reforms strengthened the Indian economy and enabled it to withstand the drastic effects

of the pandemic. The Modi government's dynamic FDI policy has made India the preferred global destination for investment. Moreover, numerous decisions for improving the ease of doing business have promoted both domestic and foreign investment. Unlike earlier governments, the Modi government has made MSMEs, a central focus of its economic policy. The government's Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme during the Covid pandemic protected more than one crore MSMEs and saved them from possible permanent closure. Moreover, reforms such as revision of MSME definition and changes in labour and environment laws have allowed MSMEs to expand their operations and grow.

PM Modi's clarion calls for 'Make in India' and building an Aatmanirbhar Bharat have led to a transformation of India's manufacturing sector. This has also given a huge boost to our exports which have crossed more than \$400 billion for the first time in the country's history. The Production Linked Incentives (PLI) schemes have led to a turnaround in numerous sectors of the economy. From a net importer earlier, India has become a manufacturing hub for

mobile phones and is annually exporting mobile phones worth more than \$5.5 billion. PLI Schemes across 14 sectors have created lakhs of jobs and placed the Indian economy on a rapid growth trajectory.

PM Modi has consistently assured the country's wealth creators adequate support in their efforts towards innovation and making India self-reliant. This is reflected in his personal focus and support for the Indian Semiconductor Mission (ISM) and its vision of building a semiconductor and display manufacturing ecosystem in India. This will make India one of the few countries with such manufacturing capabilities and further boost economic wellbeing and job creation. Global acknowledgement of India's economic progress is visible in numerous countries' desire to quickly finalize trade deals with India.

The dream of a digital economy is becoming a reality. Over the last few years, UPI has already become the preferred mode of payment. From street vendors to luxury stores, from Dhabas to five-star hotels, everyone is using UPI for making and accepting payments. Cashless transactions not only improve ease of living but also expand formalisation of the economy.

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# SNAPSHOT

India to be  
**world's fastest  
growing major  
economy**  
in 2022

**40%**  
of global real-time  
digital payments  
happened in India  
in 2021

**Rs. 20  
lakh crore**  
**Aatmanirbhar  
Bharat Package**  
during Covid saved  
economy

**Services PMI**  
reached **ten year  
high of 58.4** in  
October 2021

**Monthly GST  
collections**  
at all-time  
high of  
**Rs. 1.68  
lakh crore**  
in April'2022

Record  
**\$670  
billion**  
of goods and  
services exports  
in FY22

Over  
**Rs. 3.19  
lakh crore**  
sanctioned  
for MSMEs  
under **ECLGS**

**PLI schemes**  
to create  
**60 lakh  
additional jobs**  
over next 5 years

From importer  
of mobiles to  
**\$5.5  
billion**  
**in mobile exports**  
for 2021-22

Over  
**Rs. 5.49  
lakh crore**  
of **bad loans**  
**recovered**

Highest ever  
**annual FDI inflow** of  
**\$83.57 Billion**  
in FY 2021-22

India is now  
home to  
**100  
Unicorns**

# POINTS TO REMEMBER

## World's fastest growing major economy – why growth is not just a number

- There is a global consensus that India will remain the **world's fastest growing** major economy.
- High growth will lead to **greater resources** for the government and allow further expansion of welfare schemes and infrastructure projects.
- High growth leads to the creation of **new employment opportunities**.
- New opportunities lead to a steady rise in incomes and **distribution of benefits of growth** to every section of society.

## Aatmanirbhar Bharat: turning adversity into opportunity

- Robust economic management by PM Modi since the pandemic started

has **turned adversity into opportunity**.

- All economic indicators pointing towards India's economic resurgence.
- From MSMEs to MNCs, all firms have witnessed expansion in output and contributed to a **historic rise in services, manufacturing and exports**.
- Hiring sentiment at an all-time high in many sectors, **ensuring growth converts to jobs**.

## Reforms by conviction and consensus

- PM Modi has started a new trend of reforms by conviction and consensus by personally pushing **many structural reforms** at a difficult stage.
- Cooperative federalism means the **Centre is encouraging states** to voluntarily undertake

reforms, by incentivising them.

- Reforms have protected the interests of all stakeholders.

## Building a better economy

- Introduction of Goods and Services Tax (GST) has led to **greater formalisation**.
- **Sharp decline in NPAs** and economic offences due to strict action by the government for recovering dues.
- IBC has salvaged the situation for the Indian banking and corporate sectors.
- India is rapidly transforming into a **'Digital Economy'**.

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## Creating a base for 'Growthade'

- Record resource mobilisation through IPOs from Rs. 1,205 crore in 2013-14 to Rs. 1.12 lakh crore in 2021-22
- National highways increased from 91,287 km in 2014 to 1,41,000 km in 2021-22
- Number of operational airports increased from 74 in 2014 to 140 in 2022
- Extension for availing 15% tax rate for new manufacturing units till 2024, and tax incentives by a year for start-ups, will give a boost to sectors that have flourished in the last few years and created jobs
- The net Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) are down 59%
- 2021 saw a housing up-cycle after a decade, with prices and volumes surging

# PERSPECTIVE

## GLOBAL CONSENSUS ON INDIA'S RAPID GROWTH

India to be the fastest growing major economy as per various global institutions.



## TAX COLLECTIONS SIGNAL

A STRONG ECONOMIC REVIVAL

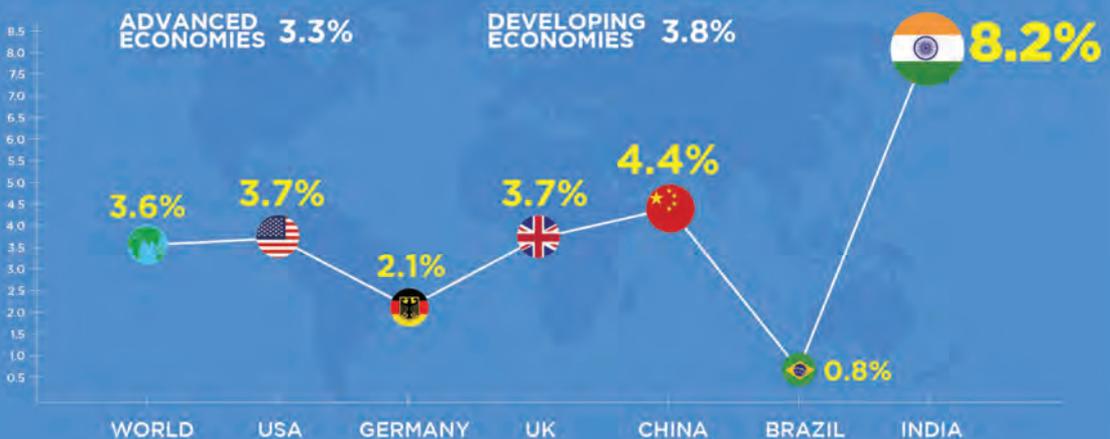


**All time high** monthly GST collection in April 2022

Tax-GDP ratio at **highest ever** level of 11.7%, in 2021-22

**Sharp increase** in corporate tax collection in 2021-22 despite cut in corporate tax rates

## GROWTH FORECAST BY IMF'S WORLD ECONOMIC OUTLOOK FOR 2022





# NEW INDIA

## A MANUFACTURING POWERHOUSE BREAKING EXPORT RECORDS

**PLI SCHEMES POWER MANUFACTURING**

Provided incentives worth Rs. 1.97 lakh crore across 14 sectors.

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Generated investment of Rs. 2.34 lakh crore.

**MANUFACTURING POWERS EXPORTS**

Goods exports crossed \$400 billion for the first time ever, in 2021-22.

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50% rise in exports of engineering goods.

# DID YOU KNOW?

India attracted **\$763.83 BILLION** as FDI in 21 financial years from 2000 to 2021

Out of these 21 years, **7 years**

of the Modi Government (2014-21)

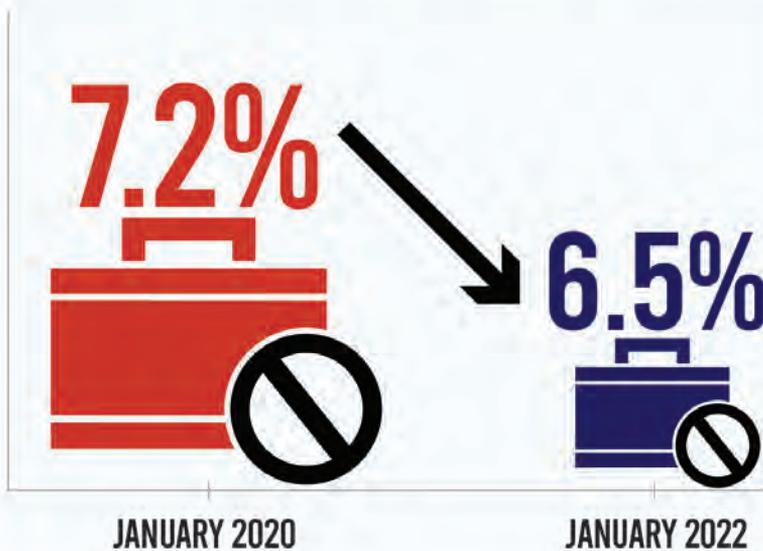
accounted for a whopping 58% of the FDI received, clocking **\$440.27 ! BILLION**



## EMERGENCY CREDIT LINE GUARANTEE SCHEME SAVES MSME SECTOR

- MSME loan accounts worth **Rs. 1.8 lakh crore saved** from becoming NPAs by extending credit
- This saved **1.5 crore jobs**.
- And if each job affected a family of 4, it saved **6 crore people's livelihoods!**

## UNEMPLOYMENT IN INDIA IS BELOW PRE-PANDEMIC LEVELS!



# MEDIA COVERAGE

THE ECONOMIC TIMES | News

GST collections in April touch all-time high of Rs  
1.68 lakh crore

May 02, 2022

INDIA<sup>TV</sup>

IMF projects India's growth of 8.2% in 2022, making it world's fastest-growing major economy

April 19, 2022

THE ECONOMIC TIMES | Rise

Exports of \$400 billion may help India break into  
top 15 in global merchandise export ranking

Mar 25, 2022

THE HINDU  
**BusinessLine**

PM Modi unveils ₹20-lakh-crore package for 'Atmanirbhar Bharat  
Abhiyan'

Dec 06, 2021

**THE ECONOMIC TIMES** | News

**PLI scheme draws investment of ₹2.34 lakh crore  
in 14 sectors**

Apr 21, 2022

 **The Indian EXPRESS**

**‘Services PMI grows to 5-month high in  
April’**

May 6, 2022



**90% Indian tech CEOs predict  
double-digit growth in hiring in  
2022: Survey**

Feb 19, 2022

**THE ECONOMIC TIMES**

**Indian job market registered 15% YoY growth in  
hiring demand in April**

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EASE OF  
DOING  
BUSINESS

# OVERVIEW

**P** rime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of making India an attractive investment destination and the transformative reforms over the last eight years led to a historic improvement in ease of doing business and an unprecedented rise in foreign direct investment. This is not only supporting existing enterprises but also encouraging a new wave of risk-taking, be it among small entrepreneurs or new start-ups. Rather than being merely an urban phenomenon, start-up culture has now spread to all parts of the country.

Since 2014, rent-seeking and red-tapism have been replaced by a red carpet. The government is not an obstacle in the path of risk-takers but is an active enabler. Entrepreneurs and investors in India are now delighted by a business-friendly environment and a government that actively addresses their concerns and redresses grievances. This paradigm shift has been made possible through landmark decisions such as removing retrospective taxation and Angel Tax.

The Prime Minister's mantra of transparency and reducing compliance requirements demonstrates

a government that trusts its citizens. This trust is being reciprocated in the rising number of taxpayers and record tax collections. Meanwhile, the tax cuts have increased the investible surplus available to companies. Similarly, promoting self-regulation, self-certification, computerised random labour inspections and faceless assessment/appeal in taxes has not only dealt a blow to 'Inspector Raj' but also improved compliance.

The National Single Window System allows obtaining all approvals through a single platform. Moreover, the Modi government has reduced unnecessary compliance burden by repealing more than 1,400 archaic laws and nearly 25,000 compliances. These used to create unnecessary costs and hurdles for Indian enterprises.

From the ease of starting a business to ease of getting electricity, from labour reforms such as the new labour codes to the decriminalisation of many sections of the Companies Act, the gamut of different steps taken firmly establish that the environment for wealth creators is the best that it has ever been. Never before has India witnessed such enthusiasm

for entrepreneurship and start-ups. The number of new government-recognized start-ups annually has increased by almost 19 times between 2016-17 and 2021-22.

India's efforts to improve the ease of doing business are being acknowledged on the global stage. This is evident in consistent improvement in various international rankings. For instance, the country's ranking in the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business Index surged from 142 in 2014 to 63 in 2019.

Apart from numerous reforms and landmark decisions, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has successfully led a mindset transformation. Unlike previous governments, the Modi government not only considers entrepreneurs as wealth creators but also as partners in national development. Concerted efforts to improve the Ease of Doing Business have led to a historic expansion in the pool of wealth creators. This has increased resources available to the government for poverty alleviation and infrastructure creation. Further, lower compliance costs not only lead to greater earnings for firms but also higher incomes for employees and more hiring.

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# SNAPSHOT T

**Rise of 79 ranks,**  
from 142 in 2014 to  
63 in 2019, in **Ease  
of Doing Business**  
rankings

**1.67 lakh**  
**new companies**  
**registered**  
in 2021-22;  
highest ever  
in a single  
financial year

**4 new**  
**labour codes**  
to promote  
labour welfare

**Retrospective  
tax repealed**

**Angel tax  
repealed**

**Corporate  
tax cut**  
to 15% from 25% for  
new manufacturing  
companies

**16 out of 81**  
offences under  
**Companies Act**  
**decriminalised**

**25,000**  
unnecessary  
**compliances**  
**scrapped**

**1,400+**  
**archaic laws**  
repealed

**Number of  
approvals**  
needed to start  
a business down  
from 14 to  
**just 3**

**Four-fold rise**  
in the number of  
**patents granted**

National Single  
Window System  
has ensured  
**easier  
compliance**

# POINTS TO REMEMBER

## **Painless, faceless, seamless tax system**

- Tax rates are not a pain anymore. India has one of the **lowest corporate tax rates of 15%** for new manufacturing companies.
- For existing companies, the government **reduced corporate tax rates from 30% to 22%**.
- Retrospective tax adversely affected India's image among global investors and has accordingly been scrapped. Similarly **angel tax has also been scrapped**.
- Most tax processing and assessments happen online, which makes filing returns, assessments, appeals and refunds **seamless and quick**.
- **Faceless assessment and appeals** remove chances

of harassment, reducing inspector raj.

## **From red-tapism to red carpet**

- Various economic reforms and incentives have made India the most **preferred destination for investment**.
- **Single window system** is available for approvals and clearances, reducing hassles.
- The number of documents needed for company incorporation has been reduced.
- **FDI rules have been liberalised** in many sectors and hence, FDI has broken all records in the past few years.

## **Trust in industry and entrepreneurs**

- The '**Growth Ambassadors of India**', our entrepreneurs are powering India's growth story by creating jobs.
- A new mindset of trust has been created where the government and citizens trust each other.
- **Self-regulation and Self-compliance are the norm**.
- **Ending 'Inspector Raj'**, reforms in labour inspection processes and environmental laws have curbed rent seeking and corruption.

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## **Did you know?**

- PM Modi made it easier to start a business by reducing the number of approvals needed from 14 to just 3 steps.
- Since 2014, PM Modi has repealed more than 1,400 Union laws that were redundant or outdated.
- India's fintech adoption rate (87%) is higher than the global average (64%), making it one of the largest digital markets in the world.
- India's goods exports touched a record \$420 billion in FY2022, which is more than the entire GDP of Pakistan (\$350 Billion).
- Electronics manufacturing has grown by 300% since 2014.
- India is the third-largest startup ecosystem in the world after the United States and China.
- India's position in World Bank's rankings for getting construction permits rose from 181 in 2018 to 27 in 2020 under PM Modi.
- No. of patents granted has gone up by 77% - from 6,326 in 2015-16 to 28,391 in 2020-21

# PERSPECTIVE



## EASE AT EVERY STEP

### EASE OF STARTING BUSINESS:

The number of steps required for company incorporation reduced from 14 in 2014 to 3 in 2022.

### EASE OF COMPLIANCE:

The National Single Window System provides a single platform for obtaining all required approvals.

### EASE OF EXIT:

The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code allows easy winding up of companies.

## EASIER TO PROTECT INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Obtaining Patents, Trademarks, and Copyrights has become much easier

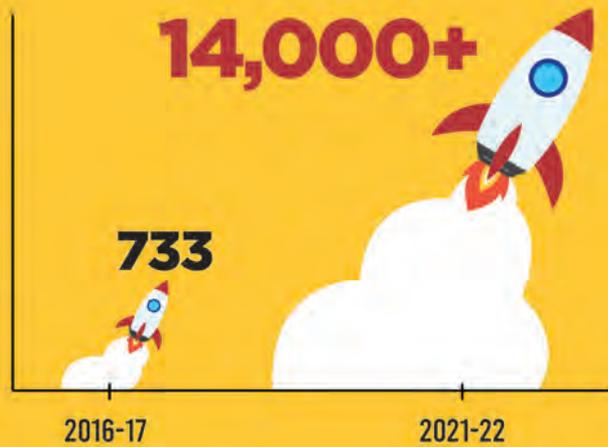


- o Reduction in filing fees.
- o Introduction of e-filing.
- o Simplifying the process and reducing issuance time.

## INDIA'S EODB RANKINGS

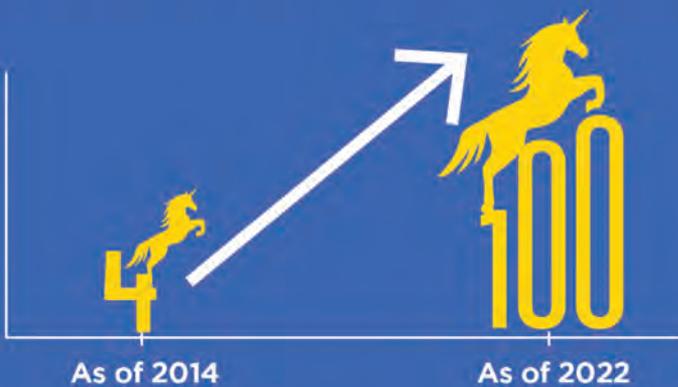


**19-FOLD  
INCREASE  
IN NEW START-UPS  
RECOGNIZED  
ANNUALLY**



Number of govt recognized start-ups

# UNICORN EXPLOSION



**NUMBER OF UNICORNS IN INDIA**

## INDIA

### INNOVATES

GLOBAL INNOVATIONS INDEX RANKING



NUMBER OF PATENTS GRANTED



# MEDIA COVERAGE

## **Business Standard**

India jumps 2 spots to 46th rank  
in Global Innovation Index 2021

September 21, 2021

## **BusinessToday.In**

Over 25,000 compliances reduced to aid ease of doing  
business, says DPIIT

Dec 23, 2021



India Receives Highest FDI of \$81.72 Billion in COVID-19  
Pandemic Year

MAY 25, 2021

**B B C**

**NEWS**

## Retrospective tax: Global investors cheer as India scraps policy

6 August 2021

**ETNOWNEWS.COM**

## India becomes the world's third largest startup ecosystem, follows USA, china

8/6/2021 11:21:57

**THE ECONOMIC TIMES**

## Optimism for hiring workforce at 11-year high: Report

May 13, 2022, 05:08 PM IST





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NORTHEAST  
– A GROWTH  
ENGINE

# OVERVIEW

**T**he government's Northeast policy has successfully changed the region's economic landscape and has also brought hearts closer. Apart from responsiveness to the needs of the people, this has been made possible by improving physical connectivity and making the region's interests and policy priorities salient to the central government.

Earlier, the Northeast was never considered mainstream and repeatedly side-lined in policymaking. This was evident in the number of visits by earlier Prime Ministers and members of their Cabinet to the region. Over the last eight years, Delhi itself has reached the doorstep of the Northeast through regular visits by the Prime Minister, his ministerial colleagues, and senior bureaucrats. The Prime Minister has himself become an ambassador of Northeast culture as he proudly wears traditional attire from the region in public meetings. Through him, the Northeastern culture has reached the entire

country and beyond.

Various states in the Northeast have faced severe internal security challenges for decades. Under the Modi government, the centre has seriously tackled these challenges and saved innumerable lives through proactive response. The signing of peace accords has led to peace and a decline in violence in the region. These efforts have paved the way for reducing AFSPA coverage in the region. Long pending disputes between various states in the Northeast had been a major concern in the region. Many decades-long disputes are finally getting permanently resolved through the active efforts of the Modi government. This will give a further boost to integration and trust and pave the way forward for long-term peace and progress.

Lack of physical connectivity and poor infrastructure had contributed to the Northeast's isolation for many decades. Innumerable long-pending infrastructure projects were completed and delivered to

the public in the last eight years. The long list of projects includes iconic projects such as Bogibeel Bridge, inaugurated by PM Modi in 2018, sixteen years after its announcement by PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee. Even basic railway connectivity was lacking in the region until the Modi government took it up on a mission mode. Over the last eight years, the Modi government has focused on expanding the railway network in the region.

The Modi government has extended unprecedented support for reviving traditional sectors of the economy in the region. The landmark decision to declare Bamboo as grass and the launch of the National Bamboo Mission gave a fresh impetus to the production of Bamboo based products in the region. On numerous occasions, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has highlighted the success of Sikkim in promoting organic farming and becoming the world's first 100% organic state. From being on the margins of the India story, the Northeast is quickly becoming one of the country's growth engines.

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# SNAPSHOT

## **Reduction**

in AFSPA areas in the region

## **Bogibeel bridge**

completed after 16 year delay

## **80% decline**

in insurgency in the region

## **Peace accords**

like the **Bodo Accord, Naga Accord and Bru-Reang accord** brought peace to the NER

## **6 airports**

built in the last eight years

Connecting all state capitals with **broad-gauge**

## **1.55 lakh Ha**

of land being utilized for organic farming

**4,016 km** of road projects currently ongoing

Around 2,000 projects worth over **Rs. 22,000 crore**

sanctioned for the region

## **National Bamboo Mission**

established to boost bamboo and allied industry

**21 medical colleges**

being set up in Assam

## **3.3 lakh**

gatherers benefitted under **Van Dhan Yojana**

## Taking Delhi to the doorstep of the Northeast

PM Modi has visited the Northeast at least 50 times. This is a record for any Prime Minister. When he shows his priorities through such actions, the whole government machinery understands the importance of this region.

### Peace for Progress

- Naga Peace Accord, 2015
- Twipra Peace accord, 2019
- Bodo Peace Accord, 2020
- Bru-Reang Peace Accord, 2020
- Karbi-Anglong Peace Accord, 2021
- Assam-Meghalaya boundary agreement, 2022
- Peace accords have reduced violence considerably in the region.
- Significant drop in insurgency and civilian deaths.

- Decades long border disputes finally getting resolved amicably.

### The track to growth

- The Modi government is steadily bringing all parts of the Northeast on India's railway map.
- Three state capitals— Assam, Tripura and Arunachal Pradesh – are connected by broad gauge rail.
- Work on connecting other state capitals is on track.

- Reducing travel time between Northeast and other states improves economic opportunities.
- Connectivity will enable commerce and the sale of goods produced in the Northeast across the country.
- Economic activity will reduce migration for employment and fuel further development.

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## Did you know?

After 75 years of independence, the first-ever goods train reached Manipur in 2022!



# PERSPECTIVE

## VIOLENCE DOWN IN THE NORTHEAST



**74%**

reduction in  
insurgency incidents  
in 2021 compared  
to 2014

**84%**

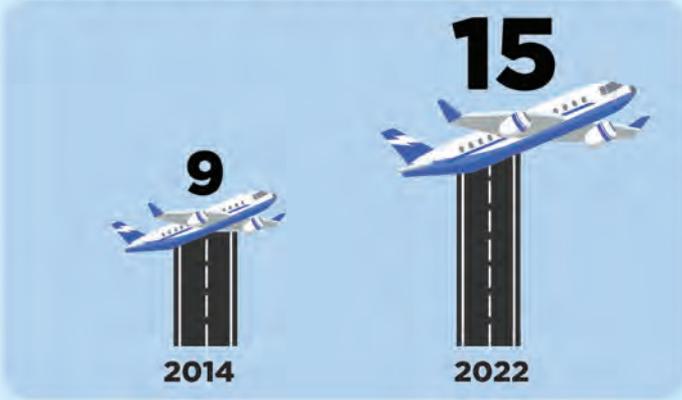
reduction in civilian  
casualties in 2021  
compared to 2014

**60%**

reduction in  
security forces  
casualties since  
2014



# OPERATIONAL AIRPORTS IN THE NORTHEAST



**Making dreams fly and take a life of their own**

## PROMOTING NORTHEAST'S RICH CULTURAL HERITAGE



**Rani Gaidinliu**  
tribal freedom fighter  
museum set up in Manipur



**Sivasagar**  
in Assam being developed  
as an iconic site with an  
on-site museum

## DID YOU KNOW?

**Assam will have South Asia's largest cancer care network with 14 hospitals.**

**7 have been inaugurated already and 7 more are under construction.**



**Seven cancer hospitals are being built in Phase 1 in Dibrugarh, Kokrajhar, Barpeta, Darrang, Tezpur, Lakhimpur, and Jorhat.**

**In phase 2, seven new cancer hospitals will be built at Dhubri, Nalbari, Goalpara, Nagaon, Sivasagar, Tinsukia, and Golaghat.**

# POWERING FARMING IN THE NORTHEAST

Northeast will shape  
India's expansion in  
**edible oil production.**

The region is being  
transformed into a global  
**hub for organic farming.**

Van Dhan Vikas Yojana  
**helped 3.3 lakh gatherers**  
and 19,155 SHGs

**Reclassification of  
Bamboo** as grass and the  
National Bamboo Mission  
have boosted Bamboo  
Industry

# MEDIA COVERAGE



## **Union Budget 2022 Allots Rs 1,500 crore for Development of North-East, Gets a Thumbs-up**

February 1, 2022

## **THE TIMES OF INDIA**

**After decades, AFSPA to go from parts of 3 North East states**

Apr 1, 2022



## **THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS**

**First goods train chugs into Manipur 75 years after independence**

29th January 2022

**Assam: Modi launches South Asia's largest cancer care network**

Apr 28, 2022

**Assam, Meghalaya sign 'historic' agreement to end 50-year border dispute**

Mar 29, 2022





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CONSERVING  
CULTURAL  
HERITAGE

# OVERVIEW

India's cultural traditions and rich heritage have never got the prominence they got in the last 8 years. Prime Minister Narendra Modi takes pride in the country's rich civilizational history and gives due recognition to the cultural heritage. The Modi government is deeply aware of the nation's rich culture and has taken much-needed steps for preserving our heritage.

After decades of neglect, various sites of civilizational significance have been redeveloped and revived through the efforts of the Modi government. The Kashi Vishwanath Corridor and various other projects in Varanasi have transformed the by lanes, ghats, and temple complexes in the city. The 900 km Chardham road project will provide seamless all-weather road connectivity to the four holy Dhams. PM Modi personally monitored the progress of redevelopment projects in Kedarnath, a temple extremely close to his heart. The newly unveiled statue of Adi Shankaracharya in the Kedarnath complex will be an eternal symbol of civilizational and cultural unity across regions. In August 2020, PM Modi participated in the Bhoomipujan for the

Ram Mandir in Ayodhya, a memorable moment in the history of modern India.

Bringing back the nation's lost heritage has been a priority for the Modi government. Over centuries, innumerable priceless artefacts, some with deep cultural and religious significance, had been stolen and smuggled abroad. The Modi government adopted a proactive approach for 'bringing back our gods'. On numerous foreign visits, PM Modi discussed this matter with global leaders and multilateral institutions. Today, innumerable countries are themselves reaching out to India to send back stolen artefacts and antiquities. India's efforts have, in fact, inspired similar efforts in Africa and other parts of the globe. PM Modi has successfully initiated a global movement.

The Modi government has extended special recognition to a wide range of nation-builders. The Statue of Unity in Gujarat, the world's largest statue, has not only put Kevadia on the global tourism map but also become a spot for remembering the man who delivered national unity. Projects such as revamp of the Jallianwala Bagh complex and the development of sites related to Dr. B.R.

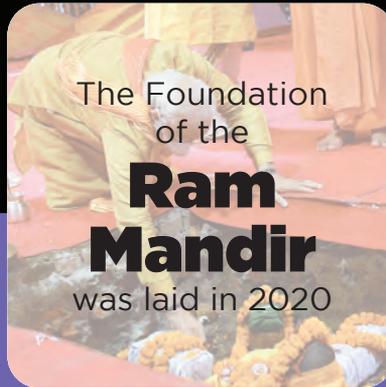
Ambedkar as 'Paanchteerth' will etch the sacrifices and achievements of our nation-builders and freedom fighters in public memory. The Modi government has given recognition to all national heroes irrespective of their politics or ideology. This is best showcased in the newly inaugurated Pradhan Mantri Sangrahalaya, a museum in Delhi celebrating the lives and contributions of all Prime Ministers of India.

Innumerable bravehearts have lost their lives while protecting Bharat Mata. In 2019, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the National War Memorial in New Delhi which remembers those who made the supreme sacrifice for the country. Though it had been under consideration since 1961, not much progress was made in this crucial project. Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave much-needed momentum to this project and work started after approval in 2015.

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# SNAPSHOT

World class  
**Kashi  
Vishwanath  
Corridor**



The Foundation  
of the  
**Ram  
Mandir**  
was laid in 2020

**15**  
**tourism circuits**  
being developed  
under **Swadesh  
Darshan**

**228**  
**stolen artefacts**  
brought back  
since 2014,  
only 13 till 2014

**Kedarnath**  
redevelopment  
project with an  
outlay of  
**Rs. 130  
crore**

**889 km**  
of NHs to be  
developed under  
**Char Dham NH  
connectivity  
programme**

**Somnath Temple**  
reconstruction  
project with an  
outlay of  
**Rs. 3.5  
crore**

**National War  
Memorial**  
and National  
Police Memorial  
finally become  
a reality

Development of 12  
heritage cities under  
**HRIDAY  
scheme**

**10**  
New **Tribal  
Freedom Fighter  
Museums** being  
established

**Rs. 1,200  
crore**  
invested in  
developing  
cultural sites under  
**PRASHAD scheme**

Opening of  
**Kartarpur  
Sahib Corridor**  
for Sikh pilgrims

# POINTS TO REMEMBER

## IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF LOKMATA AHILYABAI HOLKAR

Lokmata Ahilyabai Holkar, one of the greatest queens, is still remembered for rejuvenating temples. PM Modi is following in her footsteps!

Lokmata Ahilyabai Holkar	PM Modi
Built the present Kashi Vishwanath Temple in Varanasi	Developed the Kashi Vishwanath Corridor around the temple
Revamped famous ghats of Varanasi	Ghats cleaned; Ganga pollution reduced through Namami Gange
Refurbished Sarayu Ghat in Ayodhya	Bhoomipujan of Bhavya Ram Mandir done
Rebuilt Juna Somnath Temple	Development works around the Somnath temple, building Parvati Mandir

### Unlike leaders of the past, PM Modi wears his culture on his sleeve

- PM Modi has never shied away from giving our culture its due respect.
- The government, too, works to promote India's culture and values.
- In gifts that PM Modi gives to dignitaries and the places he takes world leaders to, our cultural heritage can be seen.
- He has also made proactive efforts to ensure the return of stolen antiquities and artefacts.

### From Somnath to Kedarnath, from Ayodhya to Ajmer, from Varanasi to Velankanni

- Modi government considers it a duty to preserve sites of importance, irrespective of

region or religion.

- While PM Modi's work in Somnath, Ayodhya, Kedarnath, etc, are well known, places of every religion are being developed under PRASHAD scheme.
- Upgrade of Cheraman Juma Mosque, Hazratbal, Ajmer, St Thomas Shrine and Velankanni has been taken up.
- St Luke's Church in Kashmir was renovated and reopened after 3 decades.

### Honouring India's greats

- Statue of Unity honours Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's contribution to creating a united India.
- Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's legacy being honoured, from releasing files to installing his statue

at India Gate.

- Mahatma Gandhi's legacy carried forward through Sabarmati Ashram redevelopment.
- Panchteerth brings Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar to the centre of India's discourse and recognizing his contributions.
- Jallianwala Bagh memorial's uplift helps make memories of the freedom struggle relevant to future generations.
- 10 Tribal Freedom Fighter Museums being developed.
- No political bias in recognizing and respecting nation builders. Neither one person, nor one party, but a museum for all Prime Ministers at PM Sangrahalaya.

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# PERSPECTIVE

## DID YOU KNOW?

Before 2014, only 13 stolen antiquities were returned to India from abroad. **Since 2014**, due to PM Modi's sustained political and diplomatic initiatives, **228 stolen antiquities have been recovered** and are in various stages of return to India.





Statue of Adi Guru Shankaracharya in Kedarnath temple



Promenade at Somnath temple



Harappan City Dholavira, a UNESCO World Heritage site



Jallianwala Bagh Smarak complex

# Celebrating Sikh culture RESPECTING THE HOLY GURUS



350<sup>th</sup> Prakash Parv of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji



550<sup>th</sup> Prakash Parv of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji



Opening of Kartarpur Sahib Corridor

## PM Sangrahalaya, New Delhi





# COMMEMORATING INDIA'S HEROES

**National War Memorial**  
Pending since: 1961  
Approved: 2015  
Inaugurated: **2019**



**National Police Memorial**  
Pending since: 1994  
Approved: 2014  
Inaugurated: **2018**



Statue of Unity



An aerial view of the Kashi Vishwanath corridor

# MEDIA COVERAGE

## THE TIMES OF INDIA

**PM Modi urges everyone to visit National War Memorial on first Mann Ki Baat of 2022**

Jan 30, 2022

## timestravel

**India will soon have Tribal Freedom Fighters' Museum to honour unsung tribal heroes**

Dec 6, 2021

## HT Hindustan Times

**PM Modi opens Kashi Vishwanath corridor**

Dec 14, 2021



## THE TIMES OF INDIA

**After over 100 years, Annapoorna idol on way back to Kashi from Canada**

Nov 21, 2020

## Business Standard

**Devi of Kanyakumari will soon meet Vaishno Devi with single road: PM Modi**

April 24, 2022 21:17 IST





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# TECH-POWERED INDIA

# OVERVIEW

**P** rime Minister Narendra Modi is India's first tech-savvy Prime Minister.

A tech-enthusiast since his youth, he has made technology and digital solutions central to governance. In Gujarat first, and now in India, he has worked on bridging the digital divide, democratising technology and bringing rapid digitalization of governance.

In the last eight years, there has been a meteoric rise in mobile ownership across India. The sharp decline in the cost of data has led to deep penetration of the internet, bridging the urban-rural divide.

Technology adoption by the government over the last eight years has ensured a remarkable increase in transparency in governance. Today, all government programmes have a digital dashboard that provides all details of beneficiaries. These dashboards have enabled citizens to hold the government accountable and considerably reduced leakages in public service delivery. Digital delivery of public services is eliminating corruption and promoting ease of living. From Direct Benefits Transfer to faceless tax assessments, reducing discretion is eliminating rent seeking tendencies in the officialdom and empowering

citizens. Technology has also made governance in India more efficient and effective. From the adoption of biometric authentication to the creation of digital single-window approval systems, governance is undergoing a paradigm shift in India.

The Modi government has effectively deployed technology and digital tools for ensuring transparency and plugging leakages in governance. For example, the introduction of Direct Benefits Transfer and Aadhar authentication in various welfare scams have led to the elimination of lakhs of ghost beneficiaries, enormous savings for the government, and timely delivery of benefits to citizens. In 2021-22, the government saved more than Rs. 2 lakh crore due to the distribution of benefits through DBT.

Even public procurement, a common avenue for bureaucratic corruption earlier, has now become digital as the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) portal is being utilized by government departments and PSUs for their procurement. The portal is successfully eliminating corruption and streamlining public procurement in the country.

The rapid digitalization

has also been an opportunity to unlock India's economic potential and fulfil the aspirations of millions of entrepreneurs. Innumerable tech-based start-ups across the country have been facilitated through various programmes such as Start Up India.

Under PM Modi, technology is being democratized. The programme to take optic fibre to every Gram Panchayat in the country is running at full steam. The cost of data is affordable. The digital divide is going to be a thing of the past as all segments of the country are actively using modern technology - from digital payments to communication. India is becoming a digital economy as UPI has become the preferred mode of payment for all merchants - from the local vegetable market to the biggest mall in the city. Digital delivery of vaccines through the CoWIN platform allowed India to ensure equity and accessibility in vaccine distribution.

India is leading a global revolution for digitalization. Other countries are looking towards India for providing tech solutions such as the CoWIN platform. As a responsible country, India is ensuring open-source access to these digital tools and supporting developing countries in their transition towards digitalization.

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# SNAPSHOT

Among  
**120 crore  
mobile  
subscribers**

in India in 2021,  
75 crore use  
smartphones

**1.77  
lakh**

Gram Panchayats  
connected with  
**optic fiber**

**Cost per GB  
of data  
declined**

from Rs. 308 to  
less than Rs. 10

Savings of over  
**Rs. 2.2  
lakh crores**  
through **DBT**

Record  
procurement of  
**Rs. 1 lakh crore**  
on **GeM portal**

**New  
start-ups**  
in **555 districts**  
across country

**558  
crore**  
**UPI transactions**  
in April 2022

In 2021,  
**40%**  
of the **world's  
digital transactions**  
were from India!

**Internet  
users**  
in India have  
**more than doubled**  
in the past 5 years

**4.63 lakh**  
operational  
**Common Service  
Centres (CSCs)**  
under Digital India

**5.67 lakh km**  
of optical fibre  
cable laid under  
**Bharat Net**

**104  
Satellites**  
launched in a  
Single Flight by  
ISRO - an unbroken  
world record!

# POINTS TO REMEMBER

## NEVER UNDERESTIMATE INDIA'S POOR!

### Then

Will you go to a village fair, buy potatoes and tomatoes and pay Rs. 7.5 by credit card? What will the poor lady (seller) do? Is there a POS machine there? Is there a power source there? Is there internet there?

- P. Chidambaram, in 2017, while speaking of digital payments

### Now



India recorded **558 crore** UPI transactions in April 2022!

### Towards a Digital India

- The massive **rise in smartphone ownership** is rapidly bridging the digital divide.
- Significant **drop in the cost of data** has led to a surge in internet usage.
- **Digital literacy** is facilitating the

digitalization of governance.

### From Direct Bicholia Transfer to Direct Benefits Transfer

- DBT enabled by JAM trinity – Jan Dhan – AADHAR – Mobile Phone
- Transforming public

service delivery by **plugging leakages.**

- **No commission to middlemen** for access to welfare schemes.
- Massive savings due to the **elimination of ghost beneficiaries.**

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# PERSPECTIVE

## Eliminating CORRUPTION IN PROCUREMENT



**GeM**  
Government  
e Marketplace

Government e-Marketplace (GeM) portal was launched in 2016 for all government procurement. Prices on GeM are **9.5% lower** than other online platforms.

**In FY 2021-22**



Annual procurement  
**Rs. 1 lakh crore**



Procurement from MSMEs  
**57%**



## Plugging Leakages Through DBT

**BIG** NUMBERS  
IMPACT



**In 2021-22**  
Total DBT: Rs. **6.08 lakh crore**  
Transactions: **694 crore**



Total Savings (2014-21):  
Rs. **2.22 lakh crore**



Total Direct Benefits  
Transfer since 2014:  
Rs. **22.46 lakh crore**

## Elimination of Ghost Beneficiaries

**3.99 crore** duplicate or fake ration cards cancelled

**4.11 crore** duplicate or fake LPG connections cancelled

# Bridging India's Digital Divide

Internet penetration in India (in crore)

**2015: 30.2**  
**2021: 83.3**

Cost per GB of wireless data (in Rs.)

**2014 - 308**  
**2022 - 9.53**

**Bharat Net: high-speed internet in rural India**

**5.67** lakh km of Optical Fibre Cable laid in rural India

**1.77** lakh GPs are service ready

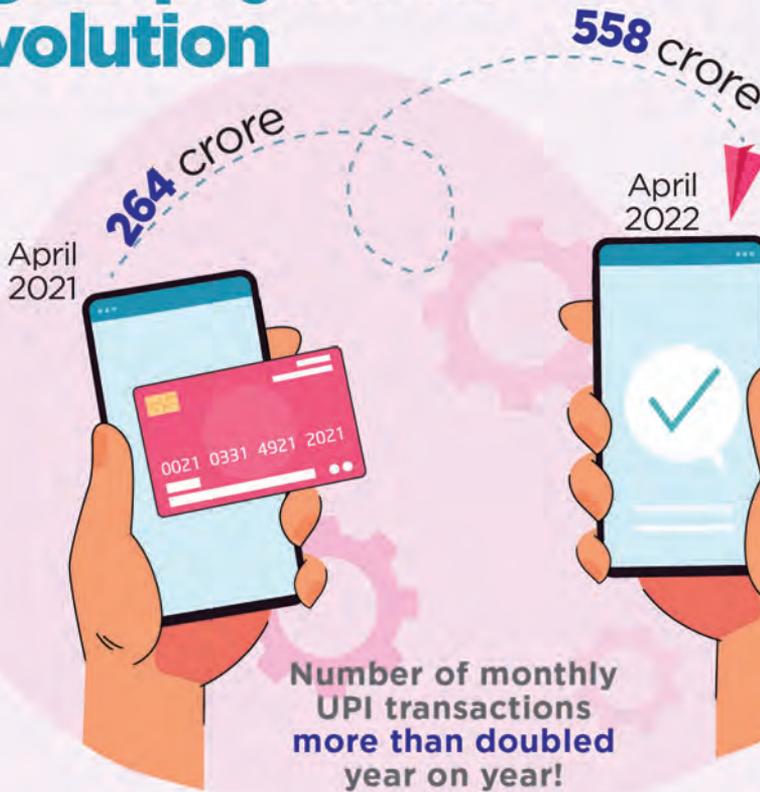
**Telephone connections in rural India (in crore)**

**2014: 37.7**  
**2022: 51.9**

**Pradhan Mantri Digital Saksharta Abhiyan**

**4.04** lakh training centres  
**5.04** crore people trained

# UPI powering India's digital payments revolution



In 2021, 40% of global real-time payments originated in India

## MEDIA COVERAGE

### Business Standard

ISMC to invest Rs 22,900 cr in Karnataka on semiconductor fabrication plant

May 1, 2022

## Business Standard

45% growth in active internet users in rural India since 2019: Study

May 5, 2022

 **FINANCIAL EXPRESS**  
Read to Lead

**UPI transactions cross \$1-trillion mark in FY22**

April 2, 2022



 **FINANCIAL EXPRESS**  
Read to Lead

**DBT savings: Rs 2.23L cr & counting**

November 30, 2021

## THE TIMES OF INDIA

### Total of 379 stations under central railway connected with Wifi

Dec 21, 2021, 19:53 IST

## THE ECONOMIC TIMES

### Local 5G test bed to help digitise economy, boost startups: Piyush Goyal

May 19, 2022, 08:55 AM IST



### UPI reaches a watershed moment with digital transaction value shooting past \$1-trillion mark in FY22

MARCH 31, 2022





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ENVIRONMENT  
AND  
SUSTAINABILITY

# OVERVIEW

**F**rom the times of Chief Minister Narendra Modi to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, one consistent theme in governance is the illustration that development and environmental conservation can go hand-in-hand. Under PM Modi's leadership, there has been rapid development without hurting the environment and, in fact, while protecting it.

Over the last eight years, India has emerged as a global leader in the fight against climate change. From negotiations over global climate change deals to the adoption of renewable energy, India is leading international efforts for environmental protection and shaping the global agenda.

When PM Modi took over in 2014, India was globally seen as a roadblock in climate negotiations. However, the Prime Minister has given solutions to forge a path forward. Since COP 21, the Prime Minister's principle of climate justice has ensured that equity concerns aren't ignored in climate change negotiations. India has remained focused on providing a 'fair deal'. It has ensured that advanced economies cannot abdicate their responsibility towards environmental protection. At the same time, India is also meeting ambitious climate

goals.

At the COP 26 at Glasgow last year, PM Modi shared his five-point agenda - 'Panchamrit,' for countering climate change. This provides a comprehensive approach that most countries can replicate.

India's global efforts have been accompanied by consistent steps within the country by the Modi government. The Modi government has brought transparency and objectivity to environmental law compliance. This has not only generated trust in the government but also helped in ensuring that sustainable development becomes possible.

The government's remarkable efforts for environmental protection have led to many commendable achievements. There has been a significant increase in forest cover in the country. Over the past decade, the tiger population in India has more than doubled. While many countries fail to fulfil their climate targets, India has hit targets long before deadlines. For example, the target for achieving 40% of installed electricity capacity from non-fossil sources, which was set at COP 21, was fulfilled nine years ahead of schedule.

The Namami Gange programme, a flagship initiative of the government, has

successfully arrested pollution of the holy river and improved water quality at numerous locations. This cause has been extremely close to PM Modi's heart, as evident in his decision to donate all proceeds from an auction of gifts he received to the Namami Gange programme.

The last eight years have witnessed a rapid transition towards renewable sources of energy. India has had the fastest growth rate in renewable energy capacity addition among large economies. Numerous incentives for the renewable energy sector and lower cost of inputs have led to a massive decrease in renewable energy tariffs. Further, the UJALA programme has led to thousands of crores of savings while reducing carbon dioxide emissions.

People's participation has been central to the Prime Minister's vision of providing a clean and healthy environment. From cleanliness to avoiding single-use plastic, he has often encouraged citizens to make lifestyle changes to contribute to the environment. By transforming these causes into mass movements, he has ensured impact at scale rather than a temporary shift in public habits.

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# SNAPSHOT

As per 2018 census **India's Tiger population** has **doubled**

Projects worth over **Rs. 30,853 crore** launched under **Namami Gange Mission**

India has pledged to achieve **net-zero emissions by 2070.**

India has achieved **COP 21 targets** **9 years ahead** of schedule

**Renewable energy capacity** has **more than doubled** since 2014

**Solar energy installed capacity** has **grown 1,900%** since 2014

Nearly **70%** reduction in **solar energy tariffs** since 2014

**20 lakh** Solar pumps to be installed under **PM-KUSUM**

**36 crore** LED bulbs distributed under **UJALA scheme**

**Over 10 Indian beaches** now have **Blue Flag Certification**

Palli in Jammu and Kashmir is India's first **'carbon neutral panchayat'**

**World's largest solar park** (Over 2,200 MW) commissioned in Bhadla, Rajasthan

# POINTS TO REMEMBER

## Ensuring sustainable development

- Modi government has demonstrated that **development can go hand-in-hand with environmental protection.**
- Environmental law reforms under PM Modi have led to **both better compliance and ease of doing business.**

## India is shaping the global climate change debate

- Unlike the past, India

is now a **leading voice** in climate change negotiations.

- India has made '**climate justice**' central to global climate change discourse.
- PM Modi's '**Panchamrit**' and '**LIFE – Lifestyle For Environment**' initiatives highlight India's position as a global role model in countering climate change.

## Transformation of India's green landscape through Jan Bhagidari

- Big targets and speedy

achievement have been hallmarks of India's renewable energy policy.

- Since 2014, there has been a 20-fold increase in solar energy capacity.
- PM Modi has encouraged people's participation in environmental protection.
- From Swachh Bharat to the end of single-use plastic, he has motivated citizens and brought a voluntary change in everyday habits.

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## Did you know?

At the COP26 Summit in Glasgow, PM Modi pitched for a 'one-word movement' before the world in the form of 'LIFE' which stands for 'Lifestyle for Environment'

The Prime Minister called upon the world to make '**Lifestyle for Environment**' i.e. **LIFE** a global mission to fight climate change. The vision emphasizes not only energy production but also energy conservation and sustainable living. These solutions include energy-efficient ACs, geysers, heaters and ovens.

# PERSPECTIVE

**Prime Minister's PANCHAMRIT for protecting the environment**

Reduce the total projected carbon emissions by **one billion tonnes** till 2030

Reduce the carbon intensity of the economy by **less than 45%** by 2030

Meet **half** of its energy requirements from renewable energy by 2030

Achieving **net-zero** target by 2070 India – a global climate change leader

Non-fossil energy capacity of **500 GW** by 2030



**MASSIVE SAVINGS THROUGH UJALA LEDS**

**36.79 crore** LED bulb distributed

**47,785 million KWH** Energy saved per year

**Cost saving per year Rs 19,114 cr**



## REALIZING THE DREAM OF A CLEAN GANGA

**WORDS**

*"It's my destiny to serve Maa Ganga"*

*- PM Modi in 2014*



### Namami Gange programme launched in 2014 as a flagship initiative

- 357 projects sanctioned at cost of Rs. 30,780 crore. Out of these 178 projects have been completed.
- Increase in Sewage Treatment Plant capacity has led to a cleaner river.
- Aquatic species like dolphins are returning.
- Millions of litres of pollutants that used to be dumped into the river stopped.

**ACTION**

# The story of India's massive renewable energy push

PM Modi promised the world that India would hit 500 GW non-fossil fuel based energy capacity by 2030.

Ambitious? But India is already setting record pace.

Non-fossil fuel based energy is 40.1% of total installed capacity.

India's installed clean energy capacity grew a whopping  
**126%** since 2014!

As of March 2014

**72.22 GW**

was India's installed clean energy capacity.



In just 8 years, he has more than doubled that to

**163.33 GW**

Here's how India is an emerging global leader in renewable energy!

- India now has the **4<sup>th</sup> largest** clean energy capacity in the world.
- India has the **4<sup>th</sup> largest** installed wind energy capacity.
- India has the **5<sup>th</sup> largest** solar installed capacity.

The Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index ranks countries on attractiveness of investment and deployment opportunities. See how India jumped in ranks... 



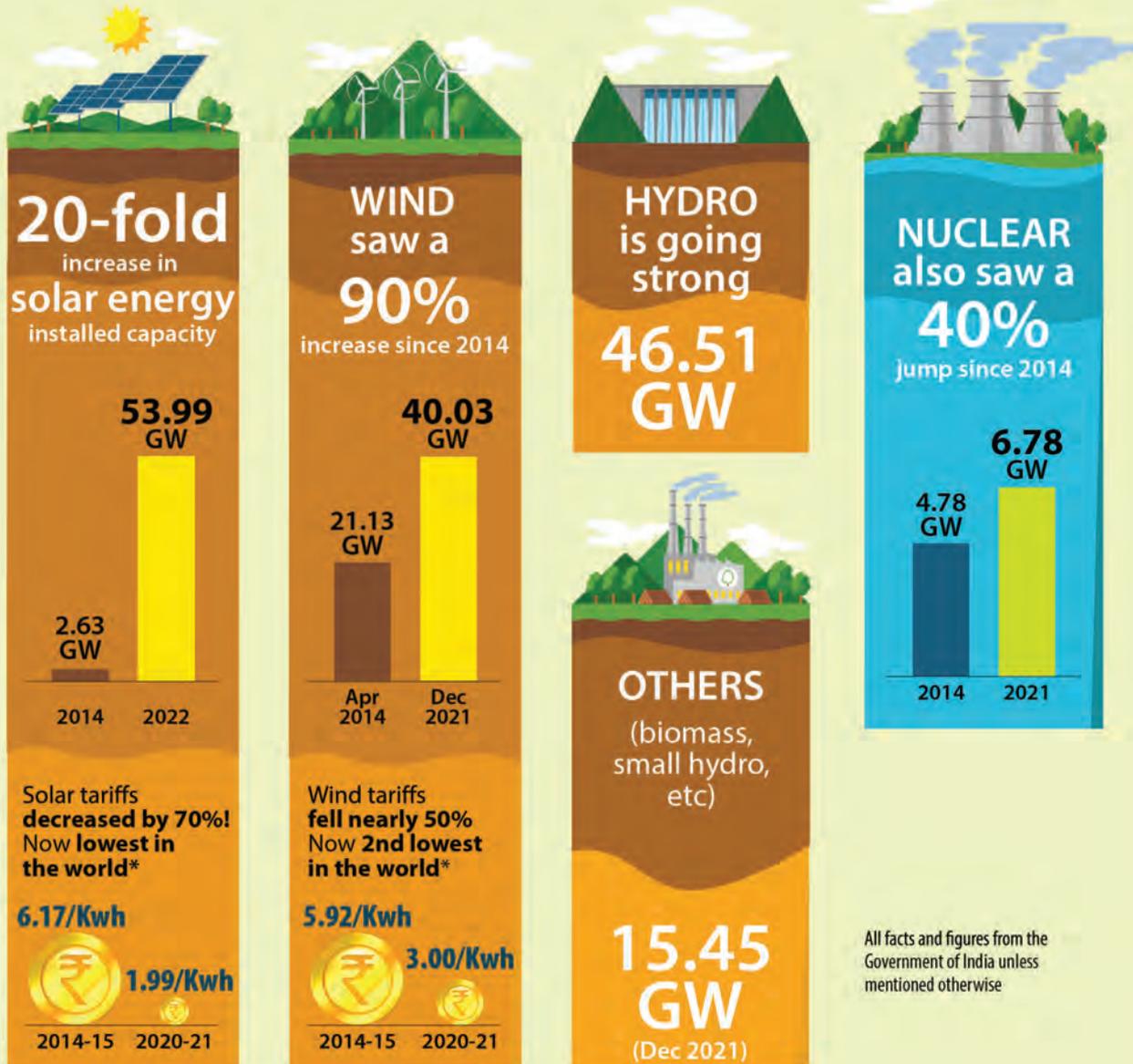
Rising up in the  
**Renewable Energy Country  
Attractiveness Index**



FEBRUARY  
2014

OCTOBER  
2021

## What is behind this massive surge?



It is not enough to increase capacity. Adoption matters too. Hence, tariffs have also been reduced.

### India is leading by example

Achieved COP21 target of 40% energy from non-fossil fuel sources almost a **decade ahead of schedule**.

India remains on track to fulfil the **Sustainable Development Goals**.

### Bringing A Global Transformation

PM Modi spearheaded the global initiative to form the **International Solar Alliance** which has 86 member countries.

# MEDIA COVERAGE

 **Hindustan Times**

**'One Sun, One World One Grid': PM Modi calls for global solar grid at COP26**

Nov 03, 2021

## **Business Standard**

**PM Modi donates Rs 1.4 crore Seoul Peace Prize money to Namami Gange fund**

February 22, 2019

**THE ECONOMIC TIMES** | Industry

**US joins India-led International Solar Alliance as 101st member**

Nov 11, 2021

**THE ECONOMIC TIMES** | News

Dec 28, 2020

**Budget 2020: Govt expands PM KUSUM scheme for solar pumps, targets to cover 20 lakh farmers**

**ET** Energyworld.com

From The Economic Times

## India's solar power capacity has grown 18 times in seven years: Minister

December 07, 2021

**HT** Hindustan Times

PM Modi delivers India 'panchamrit' gift at COP26 to fight climate change: Five commitments in detail here

Nov 01, 2021

**Bloomberg**

Asia Edition

## Modi Outshines Biden on Glasgow Climate Stage: COP26 Daily

1 November 2021

**The Guardian**  
News website of the year

Narendra Modi pledges India will reach net zero emissions by 2070

Mon 1 Nov 2021

# 8 YEARS, 8 MODI SCHEMES,

## 8 flagship schemes of Modi government

### Swachh Bharat Mission

**2014**

Expanding access to toilets to all the rural households

**11.23 Crore**

HOUSEHOLD  
TOILETS  
CONSTRUCTED

### PMSBY: Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana

**2015**

Gol's accident insurance scheme

**28.18 Crore**

CITIZENS ENROLLED

### PMJDY: Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana

**2014**

Expanding universal access to banking and financial services

**45.21 Crore**  
BANK ACCOUNTS

### PMMY: Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana

**2015**

Micro-credit to small business owners of up to Rs. 10 lakh

**34.93 Crore**  
LOANS SANCTIONED



-  Launch Year
-  Details of Benefit
-  No. of beneficiaries

# OVER 8 CRORE BENEFICIARIES

that have transformed over 8 crore lives

PM-Kisan: Pradhan Mantri  
Kisan Samman Nidhi

**2019**

Assured cash transfer of  
Rs. 6,000 per year to farmers.

**12.04 Crore**  
FARMERS

Pradhan Mantri  
Ayushman Bharat  
Yojana Card

**2018**

Access to  
health insurance  
coverage for free

**17.9 Crore**  
HEALTH INSURANCE  
CARDS



PMUY:  
Pradhan Mantri  
Ujjwala Yojana

**2016**

Free connections  
to clean-cooking  
fuel (LPG)

**9 Crore**  
WOMEN

PMJJBY:  
Pradhan Mantri  
Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana

**2015**

Govt's life insurance scheme

**12.65 Crore**  
CITIZENS ENROLLED











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