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AND GENUINE SOCIAL JUSTICE'**





BJP National President & Union Minister Shri JP Nadda welcomes PM Shri Narendra Modi at "Aabhar Programme" held in BJP HQ, New Delhi after the grand victory of Mahayuti in Maharashtra & other by-elections on 23 November 2024



Following the grand victory of NDA in Maharashtra & other by-elections, BJP Karyakartas welcome PM Shri Narendra Modi and BJP National President & Union Minister Shri JP Nadda at BJP HQ in New Delhi on 23 November 2024



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BJP National President & Union Minister Shri JP Nadda, Union Ministers Shri Rajnath Singh and Shri Amit Shah welcoming PM Shri Narendra Modi to the dais during the victory celebration at BJP HQ in New Delhi on 23 November 2024



Jubilant BJP Karyakartas celebrating the grand victory of Mahayuti in Maharashtra and victory of NDA in by-elections in various states at BJP HQ in New Delhi on 23 November 2024



BJP National President & Union Minister Shri JP Nadda interacting with a sixteen-member delegation of senior leaders from Singapore's ruling party, the 'People's Action Party', as part of the 'Know BJP' initiative in New Delhi on 19 November 2024

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My heartfelt congratulations to Hon. PM Shri @narendramodi ji on being conferred with Guyana's highest national honor, 'The Order of Excellence'. This prestigious recognition is a testament to Modi Ji's immense contributions to the global community and underscores India's growing stature on the world stage. It also reflects the strengthening of the enduring partnership between India and Guyana. (21 November, 2024)



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Amidst a tectonic victory in Maharashtra & an unexpected loss in Jharkhand victories in Kundarki ( UP ) , Ramgarh ( Raj ) & Samaguri ( Assam ) gives a wonderful flavour to present victory. Congratulations to every single worker who is making this possible . (23 November, 2024)



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Congratulations @BJP4UP CM @myogiadityanath ji, Dy CM @kpmaurya1 ji and Dy CM @brajeshpathakup ji and all karyakarta on this strong victory in the by elections. With the double-engine Sarkar, and with the guidance of PM @narendramodi ji, we will work to meet the aspirations of the people of UP. (23 November, 2024)



**When PM Modi Speaks, the World Listens**

PM Modi's Addresses to foreign Parliaments over the years

- Special Session of the Guyanese Parliament
- Joint Session of US Congress x2
- Parliament of Australia
- Parliament of Fiji
- British Parliament
- National Assembly of Mauritius
- Parliament of Uganda
- Joint Session of the Bhutanese Parliament
- Nepal Constituent Assembly
- Parliament of Sri Lanka
- Parliament of Mongolia
- Parliament of Afghanistan
- Parliament of Maldives

**KAMAL SANDESH PARIVAR**  
wishes a very happy  
**GITA JAYANTI** (11 DECEMBER)  
to all of its readers



# CONGRESS POLITICS OF FAKE NARRATIVES, LIES, AND DECEITS DEFEATED

The massive mandate to Mahayuti (BJP, Shiv Sena, and NCP alliance) in Maharashtra elections, along with emphatic victories in by-elections, has further blessed the BJP and NDA with people's overwhelming love and affection. In Maharashtra, the mandate is so huge and enormous that the newly elected assembly is left with no leader of opposition and the Mahayuti getting 230 of the total 288 seats in the assembly. In the history of the last fifty years, no pre-poll alliance could reach even near the verdict that the people of Maharashtra have delivered in these elections. The BJP, which contested 148 seats, won 132 seats with a strike rate of almost 90%. It is a historic mandate that once again establishes the politics of performance and development and strengthens the resolve of 'Viksit Bharat.'

The vision of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has now become the resolve of every Indian, and people are extending their full support so that the dream of 'Viksit Bharat' is realized. The people breaking all the barriers have responded to the call of 'Ek hain to safe hain' given by the Prime Minister and defeated the divisive politics of Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA—Congress, Shiv Sena-UTB, and NCP-SP). The results show a completely decimated

**Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and BJP governments have not only shown immense respect to the constitution but also inspired every countryman to follow the path shown by Baba Saheb Ambedkar and the founding fathers of the constitution. The Congress sought to divide the people by misleading them on the various issues, but the people of Maharashtra have stood united and defeated the Congress politics of fake narratives, lies, and deceptions.**

MVA, which could not even cross the 50-seat mark, barely managing around 46 seats. The MVA, which banked on dividing the people through their vote bank and appeasement politics, has been completely rejected by the people. The MVA, which stooped to the extent of insulting the national heroes like Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, Baba Saheb Ambedkar, and Veer Savarkar, was taught a lesson that it will never forget. The results are also a resounding blow to the politics of fake narratives, lies, and deceit. The Congress, which has excelled in such low level politics and peddled lies that the constitution will be changed if NDA wins the elections, has been completely exposed. Who can deny the fact that Congress attacked and assaulted the constitution repeatedly to the extent that an emergency was imposed on the country and even fundamental rights were suspended? The Congress governments and their leaders always defied the constitution and also insulted its spirit by trying to undermine the principles enshrined in the constitution. On the other side, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and BJP governments have not only shown immense respect to the constitution but also inspired every countryman to follow the path shown by Baba Saheb Ambedkar and the founding fathers of the constitution. The Congress sought to divide the people by misleading them on the various issues, but the people of Maharashtra have stood united and defeated the Congress politics of fake narratives, lies, and deceptions.

The nation is passing through a huge transformation, and national political culture is also witnessing massive change. As the entire nation stands united in blessing the politics of performance and development, the dynamic and visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is paving the path of 'Viksit Bharat,' making the country register unprecedented achievements in every sector. The days of anti-people, corrupt, and weak-kneed policies of Congress governments are over, and in the last ten years India is witnessing a new dawn instilling a new hope and confidence in the people. The results of Maharashtra, Haryana, and by-elections across the nation show that the historic third tenure mandate given to the Prime Minister has created a new political culture wherein divisive agendas are defeated and hard work for the overall development and progress of the country is celebrated. As BJP remains committed to the development of Maharashtra and Jharkhand, the chant of 'Jai Bhawani, Jai Shivaji' resonates in the air and the nation marches ahead with the mantra of 'panch pran' and 'Viksit Bharat' in its hearts. ■

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# MAHAYUTI'S MAHA IN MAHARASHTRA

In the recently concluded Assembly elections for Maharashtra and Jharkhand, the Mahayuti registered a historic landslide victory consecutively for the third time in Maharashtra. The results were announced on 23 November 2024. The ruling Mahayuti alliance comprising the BJP,

Shiv Sena (SHS), and NCP sailed past the halfway mark very comfortably and scripting history won 230 seats with around 48.16 percent vote share in the 288-member Assembly house. The Mahayuti, decimated the Opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) handing over a humiliating defeat and



Balasaheb Thackeray) got 20 seats, the Indian National Congress 16 and the Nationalist Congress Party – Sharadchandra Pawar won 10 seats.

Breaking all previous records, this time Maharashtra voted enthusiastically registering a voter turnout of more than 65 percent which was not seen in the last three decades. The BJP-led Mahayuti combindly got about 48.16 percent of the total vote share. In the Konkan, North Maharashtra and Western Maharashtra regions, its vote share even crossed the halfway mark.

On the one hand the Mahayuti increased its vote share across all regions, while the opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi saw its support decline across the State. The BJP alone got 132 seats of the 149 seats it constated, which is nearly a majority in the 288-strong Assembly, and the tally of the alliance is nearly five times that of the MVA which was limited to 46 seats for all its partners combined.

Among others, Samajwadi Party and Jan Surajya Shakti got two seats each, Rashtriya Yuva Swabhimani Party, Rashtriya Samaj Paksha, AIMIM, CPI(M), PWPI, Rajarshi Shahu Vikas Aghadi got one seat each, while Independents won two seats.

Maharashtra- the land of great people like Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, Shahuji Maharaj, Mahatma Phule, Savitribai Phule, Babasaheb Ambedkar, Veer Savarkar, Balasaheb Thackeray, have broken all previous election records. This is the biggest victory for any party or pre-poll alliance in over 50 years. This is the third time a BJP-led alliance has been chosen by the people of Maharashtra.

As rightly said by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, this massive victory of the Mahayuti in Maharashtra was undoubtedly the triumph of development, good governance, and genuine social justice. Similarly, the forces of deception, divisive politics, and family dynasty have been defeated and decimated.

Undoubtedly, the historic third consecutive victory of the Mahayuti alliance is a reflection of the unwavering faith of the people on the public welfare policies and good governance of the double engine government under the visionary and charismatic leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

leaving it much behind with only 46 seats and 33 percent of the total votes. The majority mark in the Maharashtra Assembly is 145.

In a spectacular performance with 132 seats and 26.77 percent vote share individually, the BJP emerged as the single largest party in the state, whereas, the Mahayuti allies like Shiv Sena (SHS) got 57 seats with a vote percent of 12.38 and the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) won 41 seats with a vote percent of 9.01.

Likewise, the opposition Shiv Sena (Uddhav





## DEVELOPMENT WINS: PM MODI

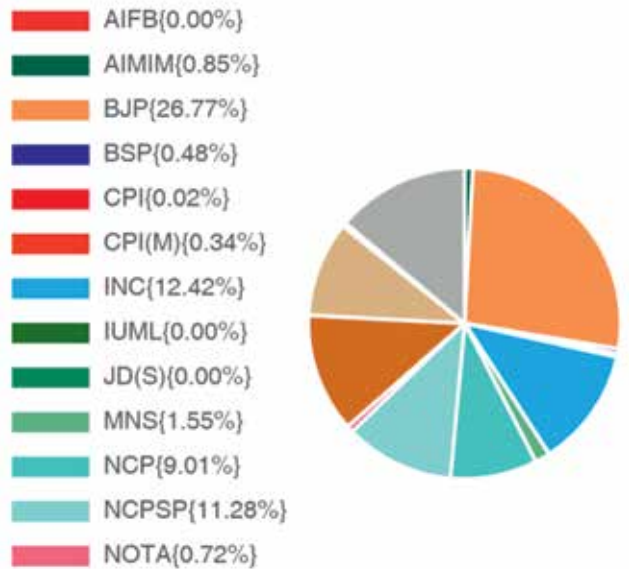
After the massive victory of the BJP-led Mahayuti in Maharashtra, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has expressed gratitude to the people for bringing the Mahayuti back with its biggest mandate ever.

In a post on the X, the PM said, "Development wins! Good governance wins! United we will soar even higher!"

Heartfelt gratitude to my sisters and brothers of Maharashtra, especially the youth and women of the state, for a historic mandate to the NDA. This affection and warmth is unparalleled. I assure the people that our Alliance will keep working for Maharashtra's progress. Jai Maharashtra!"

### PARTY WISE RESULTS

Bharatiya Janata Party - BJP	132
Shiv Sena - SHS	57
Nationalist Congress Party - NCP	41
Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray)	20
Indian National Congress - INC	16
Nationalist Congress Party – NCPSP	10
Samajwadi Party - SP	2
Jan Surajya Shakti - JSS	2
Rashtriya Yuva Swabhiman Party	1
Rashtriya Samaj Paksha - RSPS	1
All India Majlis-E-Ittehadul Mu slimeen	1
Communist Party of India (Marxist)	1
Peasants And Workers Party of India	1
Rajarshi Shahu Vikas Aghadi - RSVa	1
Independent - IND	2
Total	288



Likewise, in Jharkhand, the JMM-led alliance returned to power once again with its allies. The coalition won 56 seats in the 81-member assembly. Hemant Soren's JMM won 34 seats, while its ally Congress bagged 16 seats. On the other hand, the BJP led NDA got 24 seats.

Following the results, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi thanked the people of Jharkhand and promised to work harder for the people of the state.



## VICTORY IS REFLECTION OF UNWAVERING FAITH OF PEOPLE IN GOOD GOVERNANCE: JP NADDA



Congratulating for the historic victory of the Bharatiya Janata Party in the Maharashtra Assembly elections, BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda said, "This historic victory of the Bharatiya Janata Party in the Maharashtra Assembly

elections and the landslide victory of the Mahayuti alliance is a reflection of the unwavering faith of the people on the public welfare policies and good governance of the double engine government under the able leadership of the respected Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi ji.

The people of the state have completely rejected the dynasty, appeasement and divisive politics of the Maha Aghadi including the Congress. I congratulate all the senior leadership of Mahayuti and our hard-working workers of @BJP4Maharashtra on this grand victory and express my heartfelt gratitude to the God-like voters". ■

In a post on X, the PM said, 'I thank the people of Jharkhand for their support towards us. We will always be at the forefront of raising people's issues and working for the state. I also congratulate the JMM-led alliance for their performance in the state. @HemantSorenJMM"

BJP National President and Union Minister Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda also congratulated the new government in Jharkhand and in his message he said, "We accept the mandate received in the Jharkhand assembly elections. In democracy, the instructions of the people are paramount.

The Bharatiya Janata Party is always committed to the development of Jharkhand and the respect, security and prosperity of Roti, Beti and Maati. We will continue to raise issues in the interest of the people including tribal brothers and sisters. Congratulations to all the workers dedicated to the organization during the elections and heartfelt gratitude to the people of the state". ■

## UNPRECEDENTED MANDATE IN MAHARASHTRA: RAJNATH SINGH



Congratulating on the election victory, Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh said that the landslide hat-trick victory in Maharashtra is due to the charismatic leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and

our hard-working Karyakartas. In a post on X, Shri Singh said, "Many congratulations to Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi and all the hard-working and dedicated workers of @BJP4India on the grand victory of Mahayuti in Maharashtra. By giving an unprecedented mandate, the people of Maharashtra have shown that they have faith in BJP's commitment towards good governance and development, in the NDA government's sensitivity towards the welfare of poor and credibility of Prime Minister Modiji's leadership.

I also congratulate the party President Shri @JPNadda, Chief Minister Shri @mieknathshinde, Deputy Chief Minister Shri @Dev\_Fadnavis and Shri @AjitPawarSpeaks for this landslide victory. I also congratulate the people of Maharashtra for this historic mandate and thank them wholeheartedly". ■

## VICTORY OF THE POLITICS OF PERFORMANCE: AMIT SHAH



Following the gigantic victory in Maharashtra, Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah hailed the leadership of PM Shri Narendra Modiji and 'Politics of Performance' of

the government. In a post on X, Shri Shah said, "This victory of Mahayuti is Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi led double engine government's victory of the 'Politics of Performance'. By rejecting the politics of appeasement, the people of Maharashtra have once again expressed their faith in the legacy, development and welfare of the poor policies of Mahayuti.

For this grand victory of @BJP4Maharashtra, my hearty congratulations to all the BJP Karyakartas, National President Shri @JPNadda ji, State President Shri @cbawankule ji, Chief Minister Shri @mieknathshinde ji, Deputy Chief Minister Shri @Dev\_Fadnavis ji and shri @AjitPawarSpeaks". ■



Amidst the chanting of 'Vande Mataram', 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai', 'Jai Shri Ram', and 'Modi Modi....' by a vast gathering of jubilant Karyakartas, the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi arrived at the BJP headquarters in New Delhi along with BJP National President & Union Minister Shri JP Nadda to participate at the "Aabhar Programme" following the resounding victory of the Mahayuti in Maharashtra and other by-elections in various states. With beats of Dhol and flower petals thousands of BJP Karyakartas extended a splendid welcome to the Hon'ble Prime Minister and the BJP National President. Senior BJP leaders, including Union Ministers Shri Rajnath Singh, and Shri Amit Shah garlanded and welcomed the Prime Minister to the dais.

After receiving the greetings, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the BJP Karyakartas and supporters at the party headquarters. He hailed the victory as a decisive endorsement of good governance, social justice, and development, while expressing heartfelt gratitude to the people of Maharashtra for trusting BJP's leadership for the third consecutive time.

PM Shri Modi congratulated leaders from Maharashtra for their role in the party's victory. "I would like to hail Eknath Shinde Ji, Devendra Fadnavis Ji, and Ajit Pawar Ji for their leadership in the victory in the Maharashtra polls," he said, acknowledging their efforts in securing the win. Shri Modi also saluted the people of Jharkhand, pledging intensified efforts for its rapid development.

During his victory speech, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi highlighted the by-election results, noting BJP's strong support in Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, Assam, and Madhya

Pradesh, with the NDA gaining momentum in Bihar. He emphasized the nation's growing focus on progress and expressed gratitude to Maharashtra's voters, youth, women, and farmers. Furthermore, Shri Modi



saluted the people of Jharkhand, pledging intensified efforts for its rapid development with the dedication of BJP Karyakartas.

### **Biggest victory for any party in Maharashtra**

Lauding Maharashtra for opening its heart once again, PM Modi said, “Maharashtra, the land of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, has once again shown how to confront appeasement politics. This is the biggest victory for any party or pre-poll alliance in the last 50 years. For the third consecutive time, Maharashtra has placed its trust in a BJP-led alliance. Once again, the BJP emerged as the largest party in Maharashtra, which is truly historic. This is a stamp of approval on BJP’s governance model.”

“Maharashtra’s people gave BJP more seats than Congress and its allies combined. This reflected that when it comes to good governance, the country only trusts BJP and NDA. Maharashtra became the sixth state to give BJP three consecutive mandates, following Goa, Gujarat, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, and Madhya Pradesh. This was the public’s faith in BJP’s model of good governance, and we left no stone unturned to uphold this trust,” he added.

### **“Ek Hain Toh Safe Hain”**

PM Shri Modi highlighted the election’s Maha-Mantra: “Ek Hain Toh Safe Hain”. He said Maharashtra and Haryana sent a clear mandate for unity, rejecting Congress’s attempts to divide SC/ST/OBCs with false promises. Tribals, OBCs, Dalits, and all communities backed BJP-NDA, delivering a strong blow to Congress and the INDI alliance’s divisive agenda.

### **Promote and preserve the Marathi language and culture**

The Prime Minister also spoke about the BJP’s efforts to promote and preserve the Marathi language and culture. Unlike Congress, which he said failed to take significant steps despite decades in power, the BJP granted Marathi the status of a classical language. The PM emphasized that respect for mother tongues, cultures, and historical heritage is intrinsic to the BJP’s character. Highlighting his vision for a ‘Viksit Bharat,’ he referred to the ‘Panch Praan’ he introduced from the ramparts of the Red Fort, which included pride in India’s heritage.

### **No power in the world can bring back Article 370**

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi emphasized that the Indian voter stands firmly with the principle of ‘Nation First.’ He remarked that citizens across the country reject leaders and parties driven by a ‘Kursi First’ mentality, i.e. those focused solely on power and personal gains.

Speaking about how this result serves as a mandate against those who want to reinstate Article 370, he reiterated, “This mandate from Maharashtra sends a strong message: the entire nation will adhere to only one Constitution i.e. Baba Saheb Ambedkar’s Constitution. Congress and its allies attempted to revive Article 370 in Jammu & Kashmir, but Maharashtra made it clear that such efforts will not succeed. No power in the world can bring back Article 370.”

### **Exposed the double standards of the INDI alliance**

The PM called out Congress’s hypocrisy regarding Veer Savarkar and Balasaheb Ji, stating, “This election has exposed the double standards of the INDI alliance. While Congress allied with a faction of Balasaheb’s party for power, they refused to honour his ideology. I challenged Congress’s allies to get Congress to even speak a word in favor of Balasaheb’s policies, but they couldn’t. Likewise, Congress repeatedly insulted Veer Savarkar. In Maharashtra, they momentarily halted their disrespect to seek votes but failed to recognize his sacrifices. This hypocrisy has revealed their true nature.”

Hitting out at the Congress party, PM Shri Modi said, “In India’s politics, the Congress party has now become a ‘Parjeevi’, struggling to form governments on its own. In recent elections, they were wiped out in Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Haryana, and Maharashtra. Congress’s outdated, divisive politics is failing, yet their arrogance remains sky-high.”

### **Congress’s fake secularism**

Furthermore, the PM condemned Congress’s fake secularism and remarked, “In its relentless pursuit of power, Congress has torn apart the secular spirit enshrined in our Constitution. The Constitution’s framers embraced secularism while respecting Hindu traditions, but Congress has twisted that into a false version of secularism. By sowing the seeds of

## Highlights

- Maharashtra has witnessed the triumph of development, good governance, and genuine social justice.
- The people of Maharashtra have given the BJP many more seats than the Congress and its allies combined.
- Maharashtra has broken all records. It is the biggest win for any party or pre-poll alliance in the last 50 years.
- 'Ek Hain Toh Safe Hain' has become the 'Maha-Mantra' of the country.
- Maharashtra has become the sixth state in the country that has given mandate to BJP for a third consecutive time.
- No force in the world can bring back Article 370 and insult our Constitution.



- The Maharashtra election also shows that only one Constitution will work in India and that was given to the people of the country by Dr B R Ambedkar.

appeasement, they have betrayed the very essence of our Constitution. They ignored Supreme Court rulings and created mechanisms like the Waqf Board to further their political agenda. This is nothing short of a betrayal of true secularism.”

### Congress's royal family's hunger for power

PM Shri Modi added, “Congress's royal family's hunger for power has distorted the idea of social justice. Once, Indira ji opposed casteism, but today, Congress spreads casteism to satisfy its hunger for power. Congress's priority is now the family, not the people, which harms democracy”.

The PM said the Congress and its allies were double-faced on various issues, including the Waqf Board. The voters in Maharashtra also evaluated Congress on the basis of the false promises made in other states like Karnataka, Telangana and Himachal Pradesh, he added. “Neither their false promises nor their dangerous agenda worked in Maharashtra,” Shri Modi said.

Highlighting urban development under BJP-NDA rule, the PM reiterated, “BJP is focused on building global-standard infrastructure, including expanding metro networks, modern electric buses, coastal roads, and airport modernization. We are also committed to cleanliness and to providing new opportunities for youth across various sectors, fostering an environment conducive to innovation and startups. Our goal is to make Indian cities among the best in the world.”

### Elections come and go, but BJP's goal is to build a developed India

Shri Narendra Modi reinforced ‘Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas,’ stating, “I have always said that we need to bring new youth into politics. Today, NDA candidates without political family ties have earned voter trust, a promising sign.” He continued, “Elections come and go, but BJP's goal is to build a developed India. In just 10 years, we moved from the 10th to the 5th largest economy. Soon, India will be the 3rd largest. United, we will achieve every goal.”

### Support for NDA has increased

“The results of by-elections in many states of the country have also come and our number in the Lok Sabha has increased by one more seat. UP, Uttarakhand, and Rajasthan have given full support to BJP. People of Assam have once again expressed their trust in the BJP. We also had success in Madhya Pradesh. Support for NDA has increased in Bihar too. This shows that the country now wants only development,” Shri Modi said. He also congratulated and applauded all BJP and NDA workers across the country.

### We will work even harder for the rapid development of Jharkhand

On Jharkhand, where the JMM came back to power, PM Shri Modi said, “We will work even harder for the rapid development of Jharkhand, and every single BJP worker will contribute their utmost efforts towards this goal.” ■



# PEOPLE AGAIN ENDORSES PM MODI'S LEADERSHIP AND 'VIKASVAAD': JP NADDA

**B**JP National President and Union Minister Shri JP Nadda on 23 November 2024 hailed BJP's grand victory in Maharashtra Assembly polls and by-elections in various states as historic and said people have put their seal on the Prime Minister's vision for the country's development, rejecting the opposition's politics of division and appeasement.

## It's a historic day

Addressing an the "Aabhar Programme", organised at the BJP headquarters after the grand victory of BJP-led Mahayuti, Shri Nadda said, "It's a historic day,". He said in the latest round of elections, the people of Maharashtra and other states have put their stamp on PM Shri Narendra Modi's agenda of development and his resolve to serve the nation, he said.

"People have once again endorsed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership and 'Vikasvaad', and those who were dividing the country on the lines of caste misleading people have fallen flat on their face in these elections," he said.

## Recently elections gave a strong reply to INDI alliance

He said, "Results of these elections and the one held in Haryana recently have given a strong reply to those in INDI alliance who were living in the illusion that they will gain to power by pursuing appeasement politics and dividing people on the lines of caste and religion," he added.

## Thackeray betrayed people's mandate in 2019

Shri Nadda also took on Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray and said that the BJP-led NDA had won in the 2019 Maharashtra assembly polls but Uddhav Thackeray betrayed and insulted the people's mandate succumbing to his greed for power.

The BJP had won the 2019 elections as well but Uddhav Thackeray betrayed us. Maharashtra has rejected him in these elections. "Today people have rejected him and given a message that they



## Highlights

- People have put their seal on the Prime Minister's vision for the country's development, rejecting the opposition's politics of division and appeasement.
- Those who were dividing the country on the lines of caste misleading people have fallen flat on their face in these elections.
- Results of these elections and the one held in Haryana recently have given a strong reply to those in INDI alliance.
- BJP-led NDA had won in the 2019 Maharashtra assembly polls but Thackeray betrayed and insulted the people's mandate succumbing to his greed for power.
- The poll results also reflect the mood of the nation.

are with Shri Narendra Modi, Mahayuti, BJP, (Eknath Shinde's) Shiv Sena and NCP (of Ajit Pawar)," he added. The poll results also reflect the mood of the nation, he added.

## Accepting people's mandate in Jharkhand

Shri Nadda accepted people's mandate in Jharkhand and asserted that his party will play the role of constructive opposition in the state and fight against infiltration from Bangladesh till the last breath. ■

# NDA SWEEPS

## By-polls in different states

Along with the Assembly Elections, By-polls in vacated Assembly and Lok Sabha seats were also held in 14 states. In the Assembly contests, Uttar Pradesh led with nine seats, followed by Rajasthan with seven, West Bengal with six, and Assam with five. Punjab and Bihar had four seats each, Karnataka three, while Madhya Pradesh, Sikkim, and Kerala had two each. Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Uttarakhand, and Meghalaya had one seat each. The by-poll results for 48 seats in 14 States were announced on 23 November 2024.

In Uttar Pradesh, the by-poll was held in nine seats of which the BJP-led NDA won seven seats. The BJP alone got six seats while its ally RLD got one seat. The Samajwadi Party won two seats. The BJP, which had won only one of these nine seats in the 2022 State election, won six of them this time. After the victory, CM Yogi Adityanath credited Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for the success.

Likewise, in Rajasthan, the BJP won five seats. The BJP retained tribal-dominated Salumber and secured victory in Jhunjhunu, Khinwsar, Ramgarh and Deoli-Uniara. The Congress, which won four of the seven seats in the 2023 Assembly election, lost three and won Dausa by a slender margin. The BAP retained its Chorasi seat in Dungarpur district

In Bihar, the NDA swept all four seats and dealt a blow to the RJD-Congress coalition. The BJP claimed Tarari in Bhojpur and Ramgarh, while the Janata Dal (United) won the RJD stronghold of Belaganj. The Hindustani Awam Morcha (Secular) leader Jitan Ram Manjhi's daughter secured Imamganj.

In Uttarakhand, the BJP won the Kedarnath Assembly seat. In Madhya Pradesh, the BJP retained Budhni, which was vacant after Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan's election to Parliament.

In Chhattisgarh, the BJP won Raipur by over 46,000 votes. The seat became vacant after the BJP

### NDA'S PRO-PEOPLE EFFORTS RESONATE ALL OVER: PM MODI

Following the victories in By-polls PM Shri Narendra Modi congratulated and said, "NDA's pro-people efforts resonate all over! I thank people across various states for blessing NDA candidates in the various by-polls held. We will leave no stone unturned in fulfilling their dreams and aspirations".

### VICTORY IS FOR THE HARD WORK OF THE DEDICATED KARYAKARTAS: JP NADDA

BJP National President and Union Minister Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda said, "The overwhelming majority received by the BJP in the by-elections held in various states of the country shows that the people have unwavering faith in the public welfare and national welfare policies led by the successful Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi ji.

The defeat of Congress and INDI alliance on various seats makes it clear that the public is with the good governance and development of NDA. This victory is the result of the incredible hard work of the dedicated Karyakartas of the state and the immense support of the public. Hearty congratulations to all and gratitude to the voters".

veteran Shri Brajmohan Agrawal moved to Parliament. Gujarat saw the BJP win the Vav Assembly seat which has been one of the party strongholds for decades.

The National People's Party an NDA partner, retained the Gambegre Assembly seat in Meghalaya, while in Assam, the BJP-led NDA secured all five seats, with the BJP winning three while in Sikkim, the NDA ally Sikkim Krantikari Morcha's both candidates won unopposed. ■







## SPECIAL SCREENING OF 'THE SABARMATI REPORT'

BJP National President and Union Minister Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda on 19 November, 2024 attended the special screening of the film "The Sabarmati Report" with journalists at a multiplex in Delhi. Speaking to the journalists on this occasion, Shri Nadda said this is a very unfortunate truth, where 59 people including innocent children, women were burnt alive and it took almost 22 years for this truth to come out in the open. This is an honest effort to put the whole truth of Godhra in front of everyone, for this I appreciate the entire team of "The Sabarmati Report" and congratulate them.

On this occasion, BJP National Vice President Shri Bajjyant Jai Panda, National General Secretary Shri

## 'UPA TRIED TO HIDE THE TRUTH OF GODHRA INCIDENT'

Arun Singh, Delhi BJP State President Shri Virendra Sachdeva, BJP National Media Head Shri Anil Baluni and many other party leaders were present.

Shri Nadda said "The Sabarmati Report" is a film based on truth, it is based on the incident that happened in Godhra, but it was very unfortunate that the Congress led UPA, which practices the politics of appeasement, tried to hide the truth of the Godhra incident and at that time Sonia Gandhi was the chairperson of the UPA. The so-called left liberals also tried to ensure that the truth does not come out. An "eco-system" of the so-called left liberals tried its best to bury it. Shri Nadda requested the people of the country to definitely watch "The Sabarmati Report" to know how the Godhra incident happened and how the karsevaks were burnt alive.

The BJP National President said everyone knows very well that the Sabarmati Express did not catch fire in Godhra, but was set on fire. Although, the Congress-led UPA governments and the so-called liberal community had committed the heinous sin of hiding this truth, which is one of the biggest crimes against humanity. ■



## 'KNOW BJP' INITIATIVE

## BJP National President had a fruitful interaction with the Singapore delegation

As part of the 'Know BJP' initiative, a sixteen-member delegation of senior leaders from the ruling People's Action Party (PAP), Singapore met the BJP National President and Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare and Chemicals and Fertilisers Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda at the BJP HQ in New Delhi on 19 November 2024.

The PAP delegation was led by Senior Minister of State for Communication and Information & health Dr Janil Puthuchery, and comprised of three Ministers, and four Members of Parliament, among others.

Shri Nadda discussed BJP's historical evolution, organizational structure, and the contributions of its dedicated Karyakartas especially at the grassroots levels. Key aspects of the party's efforts toward socio-economic development, empowerment initiatives, and its commitment to inclusive growth were shared. The interaction concluded with a mutual commitment to exploring opportunities for future partnerships in areas of shared interest.

BJP Foreign Affairs Department In-charge Dr Vijay Chauthaiwale was also present in the meeting.

Noteworthy, the sixteen-member PAP delegation was on a visit to India at the invitation of BJP from 17 to 21 November, as part of the KNOW BJP initiative. During their visit, apart from the meeting with BJP National President the PAP delegation also met other senior BJP leaders in New Delhi. The primary objective of this visit is to enhance party-to-party relations between the BJP and the PAP, and to provide the delegation with a deeper understanding of the BJP's structure, functioning, and future vision. ■

# **Our government put a lot of emphasis on education, income and medical health for tribal community: PM Modi**

*Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi visited Jamui, Bihar on 15 November, 2024 to commemorate Janjatiya Gaurav Divas, marking the commencement of the 150th Birth Anniversary Year celebration of Dharti Aaba Bhagwan Birsa Munda. Shri Modi unveiled a commemorative coin and postal stamp in honour of Bhagwan Birsa Munda. He also inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of multiple development projects worth over Rs 6,640 crore aimed at uplifting tribal communities and improving infrastructure in rural and remote areas of the region.*

*Shri Modi participated in the Grih Pravesh of 11,000 Awas built under Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN). He also inaugurated 23 Mobile Medical Units (MMUs) launched under PM-JANMAN and an additional 30 MMUs under Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA) to enhance healthcare access in tribal areas.*

*Prime Minister inaugurated 300 Van Dhan Vikas Kendras (VDVKs) to promote tribal entrepreneurship and support livelihood generation and 10 Eklavya Model Residential Schools, worth around Rs 450 crore, dedicated to tribal students. He also inaugurated two Tribal Freedom Fighters' Museums in Chhindwara and Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh and two Tribal Research Institutes in Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir and Gangtok, Sikkim to document and preserve the rich history and heritage of tribal communities.*

*PM Shri Modi laid the foundation stone of 500 km of new roads to improve connectivity in tribal regions and 100 Multi-Purpose Centres (MPCs) to act as community hubs under PM JANMAN. He also laid the foundation stone of 25 additional Eklavya Model Residential Schools, worth over Rs 1,110 crore, furthering the commitment of quality education for tribal children.*

*Shri Modi also sanctioned various development projects that include 25,000 new Awas under PM JANMAN worth around Rs 500 crore and 1.16 lakh Awas under Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA) worth over Rs 1960 crore; 66 Hostels under PM JANMAN and 304 Hostels under DAJGUA worth over Rs. 1100 crores; 50 new Multi-Purpose Centres, 55 Mobile Medical Units and 65 Anganwadi Centres under PM JANMAN; 6 Centres of Competency for Sickle Cell Anaemia elimination along with 330 projects for upgradation of Ashram Schools, hostels, Government Residential Schools among others under DAJGUA, worth around Rs 500 crore.*

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi said that this year this occasion was even more special as the country was marking the commencement of 150th Birth Anniversary Year celebration of Bhagwan Birsa Munda. He added that the celebrations would go on for the upcoming year. The Prime Minister also congratulated the one crore people from various villages who had joined virtually in the event at Jamui, Bihar. Shri Modi welcomed the descendant of Birsa Munda, Shri Budharam Munda and descendant of Sidhu Kanhu, Shri Mandal Murmu on the occasion.

## **Beginning the Janjatiya Gaurav year**

Highlighting the celebration of Janjatiya Gaurav divas and beginning the Janjatiya Gaurav year, Shri Modi said the celebrations marked an honest attempt to correct a major historical injustice. He added that the Tribals had not received their due recognition in the society in the post-independence period. Highlighting the contributions of tribal society, the Prime Minister said it was the tribal society which transformed Prince Ram to Lord Ram as well as led the fight for centuries to protect India's culture and independence. However, he added, there were attempts to wipe





out such important contributions of tribal society in the decades after independence fueled by selfish politics. Enlisting the various contributions of tribals for India's independence like the Ulgulan movement, Kol rebellion, Santhal rebellion, Bhil movement, Shri Modi said the contributions of tribals was immense.

He added that various tribal leaders from across India like Alluri Sitarama Raju, Tilka Manjhi, Sidhu Kanhu, Budhu Bhagat, Telang Kharia, Govinda Guru, Telangana's Ramji Gond, Madhya Pradesh's Badal Bhoi, Raja Shankar Shah, Kuvar Raghunath Shah, Tantya Bhil, Jatra Bhagat, Lakshman Naik, Mizoram's Ropuliani, Raj Mohini Devi, Rani Gaidinliu, Kalibai, Gondwana's queen Rani Durgavati Devi and numerous others could never be forgotten.

### **The Mangarh Massacre**

Shri Modi also remarked that the Mangarh Massacre, where the Britishers had killed thousands of tribals, could not be forgotten.

Emphasising that BJP Government's mindset, be it in the field of culture or social justice, was different, Shri Modi said it was their good fortune to elect Smt. Droupadi Murmu as the President of India. He added that she was the first adivasi President of India and the credit for all the works incepted under the PM-JANMAN yojana goes to the President. Underlining that the Rs 24,000 Crore PM JANMAN yojana was launched for the empowerment of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs), Shri Modi said under the scheme, development of settlements of the most backward tribes of the country is being ensured. He noted that the scheme had completed one year today and thousands of pucca houses were given to the PVTGs under the scheme. The Prime Minister also noted that the road development projects were under progress to ensure connectivity

between PVTG settlements and drinking water was ensured under the Har Ghar Jal scheme in many houses of PVTGs.

### **A strong network of 7000 Ekalavya schools across the country**

Shri Modi was pleased that the tribal children were coming forward in various fields like medical, engineering, armed forces or aviation. He said, this was the result of creation of better prospects from school to higher education in the last decade in the tribal areas. The Prime Minister underlined that the BJP Government had added 2 new Tribal Universities in the last decade as against the one Central tribal university in six decades of post-independence period. He added that many degree and engineering colleges along with Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) were started in the Tribal dominated areas in the last decade. Shri Modi also noted that in the last decade, 30 new Medical colleges were started in the tribal areas along with ongoing works in many new medical colleges including one in Jamui, Bihar. He added that a strong network of 7000 Ekalavya schools across the country was also being developed.

### **BJP Government eased the laws related to Bamboo farming**

The Prime Minister remarked that laws related to Bamboo were very strict even after 70 years of Independence causing huge difficulties to tribal society. He added that BJP Government had eased the laws related to Bamboo farming. Shri Modi noted that around 90 forest products were brought under the ambit of Minimum Support Price (MSP) as against 8-10 forest products in the past. He added that more than 4,000 Van Dhan Kendras were operating today in India, helping around 12 lakh tribal farmers. ■

## Name of Sarai Kale Khan Chowk changed to 'Bhagwan Birsa Munda Chowk' and a grand statue unveiled in New Delhi

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah unveiled a grand statue of Bhagwan Birsa Munda at Baansera Park in New Delhi on the occasion of his 150th birth anniversary year on 15 November. The event was attended by Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs Shri Manohar Lal Khattar, Lieutenant Governor of Delhi Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena, Union Minister of State Shri Harsh Malhotra, and several other dignitaries.



government has also decided to change the name of Sarai Kale Khan Chowk to 'Bhagwan Birsa Munda Chowk'.

Union Home Minister said that Bhagwan Birsa Munda not only became the savior of his original tribal culture, but in his short life of 25 years, he explained to many people

of the country through his deeds how to lead one's life and what should be the aim and goal in our lives.

In his address during the program, Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah said that in 2021, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had announced that the birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda (November 15) would be celebrated as Janjatiya Gaurav Divas (Tribal Pride Day). He stated that it was on this very day that Bhagwan Birsa Munda was born in a small village in Jharkhand. Shri Shah said that in commemoration of the 150th birth anniversary of Birsa Munda, the coming year, till 15 November 2025, will be celebrated as Adivasi Gaurav Varsh. He said that on the occasion of the 150th birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, the Modi

He said that Bhagwan Birsa Munda has definitely been one of the great heroes of freedom struggle. He said that born in the year 1875, Bhagwan Birsa Munda at a very young age, raised his voice against religious conversion during his secondary education. Shri Shah said that when the whole of India and two-thirds of the world was ruled by the British, at that time Birsa Munda displayed the courage of standing firmly against religious conversion and later this determination and bravery transformed him into a leader of this country. He added that from the jail in Ranchi to the Queen of England, national hero Birsa Munda ji had become the voice of the countrymen. ■

## Darbhanga AIIMS will bring a huge change in the health sector of Bihar: PM

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 13 November laid the foundation stone and inaugurated various development projects worth around Rs 12,100 crore in Darbhanga, Bihar. The development projects comprise health, rail, road, petroleum and natural gas sectors.

In a major boost to health infrastructure in the region, Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of AIIMS, Darbhanga worth over Rs 1260 crore. It will have a super-specialty hospital/AYUSH block, Medical College, Nursing College, night shelter and residential facilities among others. It will provide tertiary health care facilities to the people of Bihar and nearby regions.

A special focus of projects is boosting connectivity

in the region through new projects in both road and rail sectors. Prime Minister inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of multiple National Highway projects worth around Rs 5,070 crore in Bihar. He inaugurated the four lane Galgalia-Araria section of NH-327E. Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of eight National Highway projects.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister said that voting is going on in the neighbouring state of Jharkhand and the people of the state are casting their votes for a Viksit Bharat. He urged the citizens of Jharkhand to come forward in large numbers. The Prime Minister also paid tributes to Late Sharda Sinha ji and lauded her incomparable contributions to music, especially her compositions of Chathh Mahaparv. ■



# JANJATIYA GAURAV DIVAS

## Celebrating Tribal Heritage

**Bhagwan Birsa Munda taught us how to live in harmony with our surroundings and be proud of our culture. Inspired by him, we are working to fulfil his dreams and to empower our tribal communities. ~ PM SHRI NARENDRA MODI**

Since 2021, Janjatiya Gaurav Divas has been celebrated with great zeal across India to honor the sacrifices of tribal freedom fighters. The tribal communities played a vital role in India's freedom struggle, with movements like those led by the Santhals, Tamars, Kols, Bhils, Khasis, and Mizos, Tribal movements against British rule, like the Ulgulan (Revolution) led by Birsa Munda, were not only pivotal in challenging British oppression but also inspired a national awakening. To ensure the sacrifices of these unsung heroes are never forgotten, the Indian government declared 15th November as Janjatiya Gaurav Divas during the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav in 2021, marking 75 years of India's independence.

### Schemes for the Welfare of Tribes

In addition to Janjatiya Gaurav Divas, the government has launched several programs and initiatives aimed at supporting tribal communities through socio-economic empowerment, sustainable development, and cultural preservation. According to the 2011 Census, India's Scheduled Tribe (ST) population stands at 10.42 crore, or 8.6% of the total population, comprising over 705 distinct groups spread across remote and often inaccessible areas.

### Government Initiatives and Financial Support for Tribal Development

The Indian government's efforts for tribal development began with the Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) in 1974-75, evolving into the Scheduled Tribe Component (STC) and the Development Action Plan for Scheduled Tribes (DAPST). Financial support has grown significantly, with the DAPST budget increasing from Rs. 25,000 crore to Rs. 1.2 lakh crore in 2023-24. For 2024-25, the Union Budget has allocated Rs. 13,000 crore to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, marking a 73.60% rise from the previous year.

### Launch of Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan

On October 2, 2024, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh

Abhiyan in Hazaribag, Jharkhand. With an outlay of over Rs. 79,156 crore, this ambitious program aims to address critical gaps in social infrastructure, health, education, and livelihood development across approximately 63,843 tribal villages. The Abhiyan benefits over 5.38 crore tribal people.

### Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN)

Along with the Dharti Aaba program, the Prime Minister launched projects under the Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN). This significant initiative was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on November 15, 2023, during Janjatiya Gaurav Divas in Khunti District, Jharkhand. This aims to uplift Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs). With a budget of Rs. 24,104 crore for 2023-24 to 2025-26, the initiative focuses on improving the quality of life for PVTG communities.

### The Pradhan Mantri Adi Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAAGY)

The scheme aims to provide basic infrastructure in villages with a significant tribal population. Under the scheme, 36428 villages having 50% tribal population and 500 Scheduled Tribes (STs) have been identified for providing basic infrastructure facilities.



## Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS)

The Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) were launched in 2018-19 as part of a Central Sector Scheme to provide quality education to Scheduled Tribe (ST) children in remote areas, offering them opportunities for higher education and employment. These schools follow the Navodaya Pattern and accommodate 480 students from Class VI to XII.

As of now, 1.29 lakh tribal students are enrolled across these schools. The government has approved a total of 728 EMRS schools, with 440 new schools (excluding 12 overlapping locations).

## Key Government Scholarships and Fundings for Tribal Empowerment

The government offers various scholarships and financial support to empower tribal communities.

### 1. Pre-Matric and Post-Matric Scholarship Schemes

These scholarships aim to reduce dropout rates and support tribal students' education:

- Pre-Matric Scholarship: Financial assistance for ST students in Classes IX and X.
- Post-Matric Scholarship: Financial aid for ST students from Class XI to post-graduate courses.

### 2. National Overseas Scholarship for ST Students

This scheme offers meritorious ST students the chance to pursue post-graduate, doctoral, and post-doctoral studies at international universities. With an emphasis on excellence and global exposure.

### 3. National Fellowship for ST Students

This fellowship scheme supports tribal students pursuing higher education through a fully digital process, ensuring timely financial assistance and grievance redressal via DigiLocker integration.

## Schemes for Income Generation and Economic Empowerment

The government has launched several schemes to empower tribal communities, focusing on income generation and economic development.

- The Term Loan Scheme offers soft loans up to 90% of business costs, with repayment terms of 5 to 10 years.
- The Adivasi Mahila Sashaktikaran Yojna (AMSY) provides concessional loans up to Rs. 2 lakhs at 4% interest for tribal women.
- The Micro Credit Scheme supports tribal self-help

groups with loans up to Rs. 5 lakhs.

- The Adivasi Shiksha Rinn Yojana (ASRY) provides soft loans for tribal students pursuing higher education.

## Health Initiatives for Improved Outcomes

The government has launched several health initiatives aimed at improving outcomes for tribal communities.

### 1. Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission

Launched by PM Modi on July 1, 2023, in Madhya Pradesh, the mission targets the elimination of Sickle Cell Disease (SCD).

### 2. Mission Indradhanush

Immunization Campaign focuses on ensuring full immunization for children up to two years of age and pregnant women, with a special emphasis on tribal communities.

### 3. Nikshay Mitra Initiative

The Nikshay Mitra Initiative targets tuberculosis (TB), offering diagnostic, nutritional, and vocational support to TB patients, particularly those from tribal communities.

### 5. National Health Mission (NHM)

The National Health Mission developed comprehensive guidelines for the prevention and control of haemoglobinopathies, including Sickle Cell Disease (SCD), which are common among tribal population.

### 6. Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana

Supports maternal and child health, offering financial assistance to tribal women for prenatal and postnatal care.

## Honouring and Celebrating India's Tribal Communities

To honour the sacrifices of tribal freedom fighters, the government has sanctioned the establishment of 10 Tribal Freedom Fighters' Museums across states where tribals fiercely resisted British rule.

All these initiatives, along with other steps taken by the government, have paved the path of bringing the tribal communities into the mainstream while honouring their cultures, legacies and ways of life.

## Conclusion

The government has introduced various initiatives to empower these communities, focusing on education, health, and socio-economic development. By raising awareness and fostering solidarity, we can ensure the preservation of tribal cultures while improving their quality of life and integrating them into India's progress. ■



# BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE FOR RURAL INDIA

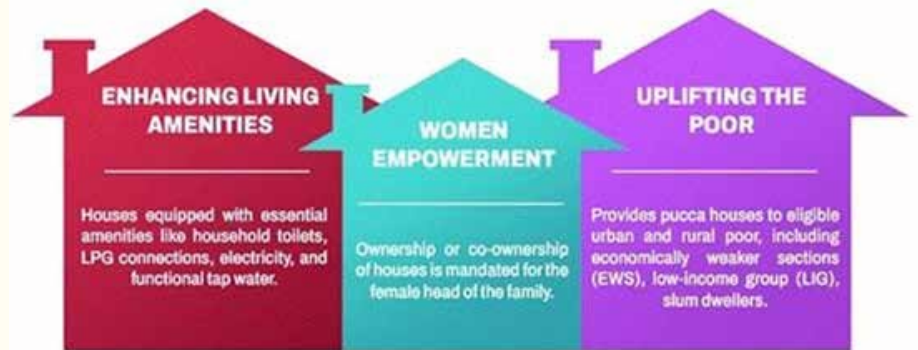
In May 2014, Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s vision and the government’s steadfast commitment to building and providing pucca houses for poor people in rural and urban areas culminated in the launch of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana—Urban (2015) and Gramin (2016).

## Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Rural

The Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Rural (PMAY – Rural) was launched on 20th November 2016, aiming to provide housing for the poorest segments of society. Beneficiaries are selected through a rigorous three-stage validation process that includes the Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC 2011) and Awaas+ (2018) surveys, Gram Sabha approvals, and geo-tagging. This ensures that aid reaches the most deserving individuals. The scheme has further incorporated IT and Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) for efficient fund disbursement. It has also implemented region-specific housing designs, and evidence-based monitoring through geo-tagged photos at various construction stages.

Originally targeting 2.95 crore houses to be completed by 2023-24, the scheme got extended with 2 crore more houses, with a total outlay of Rs. 3,06,137 crore for FY 2024-29 and Rs. 54,500 crore allocated for FY 2024-25.

On August 9, 2024, the Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, approved the proposal for financial assistance to be provided for the construction of two crore more houses at the existing unit assistance of Rs.1.20 lakh in plain areas and Rs.1.30 lakh



in North Eastern Region States and Hill States of Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir, and Ladakh.

### Application Process

To avail benefits under PMAY-G, beneficiaries must go through a simple online registration process: <https://web.umang.gov.in/landing/department/pmayg.html>

### Progress under PMAY-G:

Under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Gramin (PMAY-G), the Government has set an ambitious target to build 3.32 crore houses. As of November 19, 2024, 3.21 crore houses have been sanctioned, and 2.67 crore houses have been completed, significantly improving the living conditions of millions of rural families.

The scheme has also placed a special focus on women empowerment, with 74% of sanctioned houses owned by women solely or jointly. The scheme now aspires to provide

100% ownership to women. Skilled employment has also been a priority, with almost 3 lakh rural masons trained in disaster-resilient construction, boosting their employability.

The construction of houses for two crores more households is expected to benefit nearly ten crore individuals. The approval would facilitate the building of safe and secure houses of good quality with all the basic amenities for all people without housing and people living in dilapidated and kutcha houses. This will ensure the safety, hygiene and social inclusiveness of the beneficiaries.

### Key Features of PMAY-G are:

A minimum unit (house) size of 25 sq. mt., including a dedicated area for hygienic cooking.

The beneficiaries construct quality houses using local materials and trained masons.

The beneficiary also has a wide selection of structurally sound, aesthetically, culturally,

and environmentally appropriate house designs available rather than standard cement concrete house designs.

## **Institutional Loan for Construction**

Loan up to Rs. 70,000 is available to eligible beneficiaries at a 3% reduced interest rate for the construction of their permanent house.

The maximum principal amount for which subsidy can be availed is Rs. 2,00,000, ensuring that the construction cost is covered comprehensively.

This additional loan support helps ease the financial burden on beneficiaries, making home construction affordable for rural households.

## **Convergence with Government Schemes for Enhanced Benefits**

PMAY-G works in conjunction with various other government initiatives to ensure comprehensive support for rural households. These schemes aim to improve the quality of life by addressing multiple needs such as sanitation, employment, cooking fuel, and water supply.

- Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin (SBM-G): Beneficiaries receive up to Rs. 12,000 to construct toilets, ensuring better sanitation facilities in rural homes.
- MGNREGA (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act): Eligible households can avail 95 days of employment as unskilled labour, specifically under Rural Mason Training, with a daily wage of Rs. 90.95.

- Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY): Under this scheme, each house is entitled to a free LPG connection, promoting cleaner and safer cooking fuel.
- Piped Drinking Water & Electricity Connections: Beneficiaries are provided with access to piped drinking water and electricity connections, improving their living standards and reducing the health risks associated with unsafe water and irregular power supplies.
- Social & Liquid Waste Management: PMAY-G also converges with government programs for managing waste, ensuring better health and hygiene for the beneficiaries.
- Payment Transfer Process

To ensure transparency and efficiency, all payments under PMAY-G are made electronically. Payments are directly transferred to the beneficiaries' bank accounts or post office accounts that are linked to Aadhaar, ensuring that funds reach the intended recipients without delays.

Technological innovation plays a pivotal role here. The Awaas+ 2024 mobile app ensures transparent beneficiary identification with Aadhaar-based face authentication and 3D house designs in collaboration with the Central Building Research Institute (CBRI), enabling beneficiaries to choose suitable designs.

## **Eligibility Criteria for Beneficiaries**

The beneficiaries of PMAY-G are identified using specific criteria, ensuring that the most deserving households, especially those

facing housing deprivation, are prioritized. 4. Under this scheme, the beneficiaries are identified through SECC 2011 and Awaas+ (2018) surveys, verified by Gram Sabhas. Over the last decade, the permanent waiting list of SECC 2011 has been saturated, and more than 20 states' Awaas+ 2018 lists are also completed.

## **The eligibility criteria are as follows:**

- **Houseless Households:** All households without any shelter.
- **Households with Kuccha Houses:** Households living in homes with kuccha walls and kuccha roofs or houses with zero, one, or two rooms as per the Socio Economic and Caste Census (SECC) 2011.

## **Compulsory Inclusion Criteria:**

The following categories of people are automatically included in the list of beneficiaries:

- Destitute households or those living on alms.
- Manual scavengers
- Primitive Tribal Groups.
- Legally released bonded laborers.

## **Priority for Assistance**

\*As on November 19, 2024

## **Within the universe of eligible beneficiaries, priority will be given to the following categories:**

- Houseless households.
- Households with zero or fewer rooms (in the case of households with more than one room, priority will be given to those with fewer rooms).

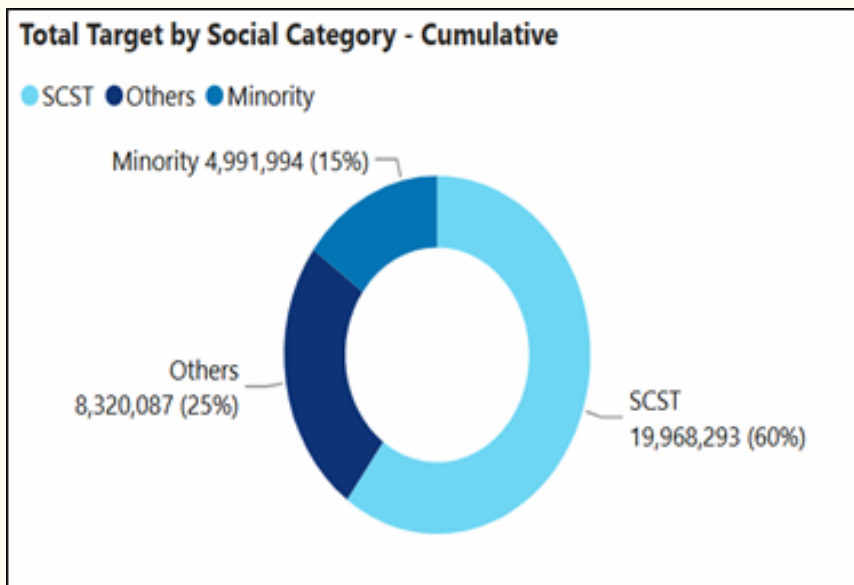


**Special prioritization will also be given based on cumulative deprivation scores, calculated using the following socio-economic parameters:**

- Households with no adult member aged 16 to 59.
- Female-headed households with no adult male member.
- Households with no literate adult above 25 years.
- Households with a disabled member and no able-bodied adult.
- Landless households dependent on manual casual labor.
  - Earmarking of Targets

**PMAY-G also ensures targeted assistance for specific disadvantaged groups:**

- Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST): The scheme reserves a minimum 60% of targets for SC/ST households, with 59.58 lakh SC houses and 58.57 lakh ST houses completed. Another crucial initiative for fulfilling the objective of “Housing for All” is the Dharati Aaba Tribal Village Utkarsh Abhiyan which focuses on tribal development, covering 63,843 villages, benefiting over 5 crore tribal people across 30 States/UTs. This initiative addresses housing and critical gaps in social infrastructure, health, education, and livelihoods, with 72.31 lakh tribal families already benefitting. 5% of the target is reserved for differently-abled beneficiaries, and another 5% prioritizes housing for families affected by



- natural disasters, such as the Fani Cyclone in Odisha
- Minorities: 15% of the total funds at the national level are earmarked for Minority households. The allocation of targets among States/UTs is based on the proportionate rural population of minorities according to the Census 2011 data.
- Exclusion Criteria
  - Certain households are excluded from the scheme based on their financial status and assets. The following households will be automatically excluded:
  - Households with a Kisan Credit Card having a credit limit of Rs. 50,000 or above.
  - Government employees or those with non-agricultural enterprises.
  - Households with monthly income over Rs. 15,000 or those paying income tax.
  - Households owning assets such as refrigerators, landline phones, or irrigated land (more

than 2.5 acres). To enhance inclusivity, the exclusion criteria have been reduced from 13 to 10, conditions such as ownership of a fishing boat or motorized two-wheeler have been removed, and the income threshold has been raised to Rs. 15,000 per month.

**CONCLUSION**

The Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Gramin (PMAY-G) has made remarkable progress in transforming the living conditions of millions of rural families by providing safe and secure housing. PMAY-G is more than a housing scheme—it is a movement to empower rural India, ensure social equity, and uplift marginalized communities. With the recent approval for constructing two crore additional houses, the Government continues to reinforce its commitment to achieving “Housing for All,” ensuring that every eligible household has access to quality housing and a dignified life. ■

## EPFO ADDS 18.81 LAKH NET MEMBERS DURING SEPTEMBER 2024

### 9.47 Lakh New Members Enrolled

The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has released provisional payroll data for September 2024, revealing a net addition of 18.81 lakh members. This represents a 9.33% year-on-year growth as compared to September 2023, signifying increased employment opportunities and heightened awareness of employee benefits, bolstered by EPFO's effective outreach initiatives.

### Key highlights of the EPFO Payroll Data:

- **New Membership:**

EPFO enrolled around 9.47 lakh new members in September 2024, representing an increase of 6.22% in the new members from the previous year in September 2023.

- **Rejoining Members:**

The payroll data highlights that approximately 14.10 lakh members exited and subsequently rejoined EPFO.

- **Growth in Female Membership:**

Gender-wise analysis of payroll data unveils that out of the new members added during the month, around 2.47 lakhs are new female members. This figure exhibits year-over-year growth of 9.11% compared to September 2023.

- **State-wise Contribution:**

State-wise analysis of payroll data denotes that net member addition in the top five states/ UTs constitutes around 59.86% of net member addition, adding a total around 11.26 lakh net members during the month. Of all the states, Maharashtra is leading by adding 21.20% of net members during the month. The states/UTs of Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Delhi, Haryana, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh and Telangana individually added more than 5% of the total net members during the month. ■

## 20.58 LAKH NEW WORKERS ENROLLED UNDER ESI SCHEME

The provisional payroll data of ESIC on 19 November reveals that 20.58 lakh new employees have been added in the month of September, 2024. 23,043 new establishments have been brought under

the social security ambit of the ESI Scheme in the month of September, 2024 thus ensuring social security to more workers. Further, the Year on Year analysis shows a growth of 9% in net registrations compared to September'2023. ■

## AYUSHMAN VAY VANDANA ENROLMENT UNDER AB PM-JAY TOUCHES 10 LAKH WITHIN 3 WEEKS OF ITS ROLLOUT

### Around 4 lakh enrolments under Ayushman Vay Vandana card are by females

In a significant milestone, more than 10 lakh senior citizens aged 70 and above have enrolled for the newly launched Ayushman Vay Vandana Card, enabling them to access free healthcare benefits under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY). This achievement comes within three weeks of the card's rollout by Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on October 29, 2024. Around 4 lakh enrolments under Ayushman Vay Vandana card are by females.

Since the launch of the Ayushman Vay Vandana Card, treatments worth over Rs 9 crore have been authorized, benefiting more than 4,800 senior citizens aged 70 and above, including over 1,400 women. These treatments cover a range of conditions, including coronary angioplasty, hip fractures/replacement, gallbladder removal, cataract surgery, prostate resection, and stroke, among others. ■

## DRDO CARRIES OUT SUCCESSFUL TRIAL OF INDIA'S FIRST LONG-RANGE HYPERSONIC MISSILE

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) conducted a successful flight-trial of India's first long-range hypersonic missile from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha late on November 16, 2024. This hypersonic missile is designed to carry various payloads for ranges greater than 1,500 kms for the Armed Forces.

The missile was tracked by various range systems, deployed in multiple domains. The flight data obtained from down range ship stations confirmed the successful terminal maneuvers and impact with high degree of accuracy.

This missile has been indigenously developed by the laboratories of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Missile complex, Hyderabad along with various other DRDO

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laboratories and Industry Partners. The flight-trial was carried out in the presence of senior scientists of DRDO and officers of the Armed Forces.

In a post on X, Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh described the flight-trial as a historic achievement which has put India in the group of select nations having capabilities of such critical and advanced military technologies. He congratulated DRDO, Armed Forces and the Industry for the successful flight trial. ■

### DRDO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETES FLIGHT TESTS OF GUIDED PINAKA WEAPON SYSTEM

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully completed the Flight Tests of Guided Pinaka Weapon System as part of Provisional Staff Qualitative Requirements (PSQR) Validation Trials. The flight tests have been conducted in three phases at different field firing ranges.

During these tests, the PSQR parameters viz., ranging, accuracy, consistency and rate of fire for multiple target engagement in a salvo mode have been assessed by extensive testing of rockets. Twelve (12) rockets from each production agency from two in-service Pinaka launchers upgraded by the launcher production agencies have been tested.

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh has complimented DRDO and the Indian Army for the successful PSQR Validation Trials of the system and stated that the induction of this Guided Pinaka Weapon System will further boost the artillery fire power of the Armed Forces. ■

### GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL ASSESSMENT AND INDEX 2023 LAUNCHED

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh has launched Grievance Redressal Assessment and Index (GRAI) 2023 in the presence of Shri V. Srinivas, Secretary, Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), Govt. of India.

Grievance Redressal Assessment and Index (GRAI) was conceptualized and designed by the DARPG, Govt. of India based on the recommendation of Parliamentary Standing Committee of Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions with an objective

to present organization-wise comparative picture and provide valuable insights about strengths and areas of improvement regarding grievance redressal mechanism. The first edition of GRAI 2022 was released on 21 June 2023. ■

### OVER 2,400 YOUTH SECURE JOBS AT BHARATPUR KAUSHAL MAHOTSAV

National Skill Development Corporation under the aegis of Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship on 19 November announced the successful conclusion of Bharatpur Kaushal Mahotsav, where more than 2,400 youth received job offers from leading employers across multiple sectors.

Shri Jayant Chaudhary, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Ministry of Education, presided over the event, where he personally handed over job offer letters to successful candidates. The mega recruitment drive witnessed an overwhelming response from the corporate sector, with more than 70 industry leaders participating actively in the initiative. Major employers including e-commerce giants Flipkart and Zepto, global food chain Burger King, and premium dining brand Barbeque Nation, along with other prominent companies, collectively brought over 20,000 job opportunities to Bharatpur Kaushal Mahotsav. ■

### CUMULATIVE OVERALL EXPORTS REGISTER AN ESTIMATED GROWTH OF 7.28%

Merchandise exports during October 2024 was USD 39.20 Billion, as compared to USD 33.43 Billion during October 2023, registering a positive growth of 17.23%. The cumulative value of merchandise exports during April-October 2024 was USD 252.28 Billion, as compared to USD 244.51 Billion during April-October 2023, registering a positive growth of 3.18%.

Non-Petroleum exports in October 2024 valued at USD 34.61 billion registered an increased by 25.63% in comparison with Non-POL exports of USD 27.55 billion in October 2023. The cumulative Non-Petroleum exports in April -October 2024 valued at USD 211.34 billion registered an increased by 7.34% in comparison with USD 196.88 billion in April -October 2023. The non-petroleum merchandise export of April-October 2024 surpassed the record of USD 206.2 billion in April-October 2022. ■



## BJP Sangthak Pradyuman Kumar no more

BJP's National Sangthak (Organizer) and senior RSS Pracharak Shri Pradyuman Kumar passed away in Delhi on 19 November 2024.

He was around 75 years old. Many BJP leaders have condoled his demise.

BJP National President paying tribute to Shri Pradyuman Kumar, said, "Your life dedicated to the service of Maa Bharati and expansion of the organization is an inspiration for all of us. I salute your unique loyalty, sacrifice and dedication to the society, nation and ideology. Om Shanti!"

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Minister Shri Amit Shah in post on X said, "Received the sad news of the demise of BJP's National Organiser and senior RSS Pradyuman Kumar Ji. Pradyuman Ji, who was devoted to the ideology throughout his

life, played a significant role in expanding the organisation. Pradyuman Ji, who inspired the youth to put the nation first throughout his life, will remain a source of inspiration for future generations. The entire BJP family is with his family in this hour of grief. May God give a place to the departed soul in His feet. Om Shanti Shanti Shanti!"

Shanti Shanti Shanti!"

His last rites was performed in his native place of Sadulshahar in Rajasthan. Many leaders from the state and the country attended his last rites. ■

## Former Rajya Sabha Member Gopal Vyas passes away

Senior BJP leader and former Rajya Sabha Member Shri Gopal Vyas passed away on 07 November 2024. Shri Gopal Vyas is a name that is associated not only with Chhatisgarh but every corner of the country.

Shri Gopal Vyas was born on 15th February 1932 in the house of Shri Poonamchand Vyas and Smt. Jethabhai Vyas. From childhood, Shri Vyas had a great sense of devotion towards the nation, and he was always ready to serve the people. His well-wishers affectionately call him 'Sriru Bhaiya'. He was educated at Jabalpur Engineering College.

For a while, Shri Gopal Vyas was unwell and passed away on 07 November.

He carried out his duties as Prant Pracharak, Kshetra Pracharak of the RSS, worked with the Vishwa Hindu Parishad and BJP. He represented Chhattisgarh in the Rajya Sabha.



Shri Gopal Vyas had been Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) from Chhattisgarh state from 3rd April 2006 to 2nd April 2012.

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Shri Vishnu Deo Sai expressed deep condolences on the demise of Shreegopal Vyas. ■



PM Modi Story



## Narendra Modi's linguistic prowess on display during 1990s USA visit

(Narrated by: Jyotindra Mehta, Gujarat)

In the 1990s, Shri Narendra Modi as a BJP leader was invited by the United States, along with two other leaders, to explore the country and study its democratic processes. This initiative aimed to offer young Indian leaders a deeper understanding of American democracy and governance.

During this visit he delivered a speech at the "Friends of BJP Forum" in New York. This event drew a significant number of Indians residing in the U.S., and Shri Jyotindra Mehta, who was also present at the forum, shared his reflections on the occasion.

"Shri Narendra Modi delivered the speech in English," Shri Mehta recounted. "While he is an



accomplished orator in Gujarati and Hindi, no one expected him to have such a good command of English. His proficiency in all three languages was exceptional."

Shri Mehta emphasised that language was never a barrier for Shri Narendra Modi in expressing his thoughts. "Shri Modi's ability to communicate clearly and effectively in multiple languages demonstrates his exceptional linguistic skills," Shri Mehta added.

"Even in English, which was not his first language, he conveyed his ideas with impressive clarity." The experience not only highlighted Shri Modi's linguistic versatility but also his clarity of thought. ■

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## NARENDRA NATH BAIRAGI



Originally from Bangladesh, Shri Narendra Nath Bairagi came to Andaman to seek asylum. As a prominent social worker in his village, he constantly helped the poor and downtrodden.

Shri Narendra Nath Bairagi is one of the founding members of BJP in Andaman & Nicobar Islands in 1990. He was appointed as the District President of the Diglipur Organizational District. In those days, the Congress party ruled from the Panchayat to the Parliament, and nobody had the guts to challenge the Congress in a place like the Andaman & Nicobar Islands

because of their dictatorial and arrogant control. The leaders and members of the Congress party made numerous threats against Shri Bairagi ji's life and subjected him to social and political discrimination. However, he continued to work towards strengthening the BJP over the entire North Andaman region.

Shri Narendra Nath's effective working style & field activities nurtured BJP and inspired thousands of people of that region to join the party which started paying dividends over the years. Due to his efforts together with the team he had built over the years,

**NARENDRA NATH BAIRAGI**

Date of Birth <b>01/01/1933</b>	Gender <b>male</b>
State <b>Andaman And Nicobar Islands</b>	District <b>North And Middle Andaman District</b>
Town/City <b>DIGLIPUR</b>	Level <b>District</b>
Post in Organisation <b>District President</b>	Active years <b>1990-1995</b>

the BJP succeeded in winning 14 out of 15 Panchayats in Diglipur in the year 2015. ■



# TAPPING THE POTENTIAL OF THE CREATIVE ECONOMY

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As the 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) kicks off today in Goa, the spotlight is firmly on the theme, “Young Filmmakers – The Future is Now”. Over the next eight days, IFFI will showcase hundreds of films, host master classes with industry stalwarts, and honour the finest in global cinema. This convergence of global and Indian cinematic excellence underscores India's creative economy as a powerhouse

of innovation, employment, and cultural diplomacy.

India's creative economy has emerged as a \$30-billion industry, contributing nearly 2.5% of GDP and providing livelihoods to 8% of the workforce. Spanning cinema, gaming, animation, music, influencer marketing, and more, the sector reflects the vibrancy of India's cultural landscape. With a thriving influencer marketing sector valued at Rs. 3,375 crore, and over 200,000 full-time content creators,

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this industry is a dynamic force driving India's global aspirations. Notably, more and more cities, such as Guwahati, Kochi, and Indore, are becoming creative epicentres, fuelling a decentralised creative revolution.

India's 1.1 billion internet users and 700 million social media users

are driving democratisation of creativity. Social media platforms and OTT services enable creators to connect directly with global audiences. The rise of regional content and vernacular storytelling has further diversified the narrative, making India's creative economy truly inclusive. Content creators are achieving unprecedented economic success, with those having over one million followers earning between Rs. 20,000 and Rs. 2.5 lakh per month.

This ecosystem is monetarily rewarding and also a platform for cultural expression and societal impact.

The creative economy has a profound influence that extends well beyond Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth. It significantly impacts various sectors, including tourism, hospitality, and technology, by supporting ancillary industries.

Additionally, digital platforms empower marginalised voices, promoting social inclusion, diversity, and the preservation of cultural heritage. Through its storytelling prowess, India enhances its global soft power, from Bollywood to regional cinema, showcasing its rich cultural narrative on the world stage. The sector also aligns with





The Create in India challenge is a pioneering initiative designed to unlock the immense potential of India’s creator economy. Launched as part of the build-up to WAVES, these challenges aim to inspire and empower talent in key sectors such as animation, gaming, music, OTT content, and immersive storytelling

global sustainability goals, as seen in eco-friendly production practices and the rise of sustainable fashion, demonstrating its commitment to environmentally conscious growth.

To elevate India’s creative economy on the global stage, the government is prioritising three key pillars – nurturing a robust talent pipeline, strengthening infrastructure for creators, and streamlining processes to empower storytellers. As part of this vision, the establishment of the Indian Institute of Creative Technology (IICT) underscores the government’s commitment to fostering innovation and creativity. The IICT aims to ensure that Indian creators — whether in cinema, animation, gaming, or digital arts — continue to thrive as a unifying cultural force domestically and

a leading influence in global entertainment. By embracing the latest technologies in filmmaking, immersive experiences, and interactive entertainment, India is poised to redefine the future of content creation.

The World Audio Visual & Entertainment Summit (WAVES) is a landmark initiative to position the country as a global powerhouse in content creation and innovation. WAVES serves as a dynamic platform where creators, industry leaders, and policymakers converge to shape the future of the audiovisual and entertainment sectors. Aligned with PM’s Create in India vision, the summit fosters collaboration, showcases India’s creative potential, and encourages global partnerships.

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is a pioneering initiative designed to unlock the immense potential of India’s creator economy. Launched as part of the build-up to WAVES, these challenges aim to inspire and empower talent in key sectors such as animation, gaming, music, OTT content, and immersive storytelling. With over 14,000 registrations and active participation from startups, independent creators, and industry professionals, the initiative showcases India’s innovative spirit.

As we embark on this eight-day celebration of cinematic brilliance at IFFI, the message is clear: India’s creators are poised to lead the global creative economy. The Union government is fully committed to supporting this ecosystem — through policy reforms, infrastructure development, and incentives for innovation. To our creators, the call to action is simple yet profound: Embrace cutting-edge technologies like 5G, virtual production, and artificial intelligence. Leverage platforms that transcend geographical barriers and tell stories that resonate globally while reflecting India’s unique identity.

The future belongs to those who innovate, collaborate, and create seamlessly. Let India’s creative economy be a beacon of inspiration, driving economic growth, cultural diplomacy, and global leadership. Together, let us ensure that every Indian creator becomes a global storyteller and that the world looks to India for the stories that shape tomorrow. ■

**(The writer is Union Minister for Railways, Information & Broadcasting, Electronics & Information Technology, Government of India)**



## India pulled 250 million people out of poverty in the last ten years: PM Modi

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi during his five days visit (from 18 to 23 November 2024) of three-countries participated in 31 bilateral meetings and informal interactions with world leaders.

As per official sources these diplomatic engagements included a bilateral meeting with the Nigerian president in Nigeria, 10 bilateral meetings on the sidelines of the G20 Summit in Brazil and nine during his visit to Guyana.

In Brazil, Prime Minister Modi held bilateral meetings with the leaders of the country, besides those of Indonesia, Portugal, Italy, Norway, France, the UK, Chile, Argentina and Australia. These were marked by his maiden bilateral meetings with Indonesian leader Prabowo Subianto, Portugal's Luis Montenegro, the UK's Keir Starmer, Chile's Gabriel Boric, and Argentina's Javier Milei, the officials noted.

On the sidelines of the G20, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi also had informal interactions and meetings with the leaders of Singapore, South Korea, Egypt, the USA and Spain and with the heads and executives of various international organisations like Ursula von der Leyen of the European Union; Antonio Guterres of the United Nations; Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala

of the World Trade Organization; Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus of the World Health Organization; and Kristalina Georgieva and Gita Gopinath of the IMF.

In Guyana, Prime Minister Shri Modi held bilateral meetings with the leaders of Guyana, Dominica, Bahamas, Trinidad & Tobago, Suriname, Barbados, Antigua & Barbuda, Grenada and St Lucia.

### Social Inclusion and the Fight against Hunger and Poverty

On November 18th and 19th local time (from 18th to 20th JST), the G20 Rio de Janeiro Summit was held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, hosted by Brazil as the G20 Presidency. It was chaired by H.E. Mr. Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressing the opening session of the G 20 Summit on 'Social Inclusion and the Fight against Hunger and Poverty' thanked the President of Brazil, H.E Mr. Luis Inacio Lula Da Silva, for hosting the Summit and for his gracious hospitality. He appreciated the Brazilian G20 agenda focused on Sustainable Development Goals, noting that this approach highlighted the concerns of the Global South and took forward the people-centric decisions of the New Delhi G20 Summit. He further

underscored that the Indian G20 presidency's call for "One Earth, One Family, One Future" continued to resonate at the Rio conversations.

Speaking about India's initiatives to deal with hunger and poverty, Prime Minister noted that India had pulled 250 million people out of poverty in the last ten years and was distributing free foodgrains to 800 million people in the country. Speaking about India's success in tackling food security, PM emphasized that its approach based on 'Back to Basics and March to Future' was yielding results. He further elaborated on measures taken by India to foster women-led development.

Prime Minister also highlighted the steps taken by India to strengthen food security in Africa and elsewhere. In this regard, he welcomed the Brazilian initiative to establish a Global Alliance against Hunger and Poverty, underlining that the Global South was severely impacted by food, fuel and fertilizer crises created by the ongoing conflicts, and therefore, their concerns ought to be given primacy.

## **Sustainable Development and Energy Transition**

Addressing the session of the G 20 Summit on Sustainable Development and Energy Transition he noted that during the New Delhi G 20 Summit, the group had resolved to triple renewable energy capacity and double the energy efficiency rate by 2030. He welcomed Brazil's decision to take forward these sustainable development priorities.

Prime Minister elaborated on the steps taken by India to foster sustainable development. He stated that India had provided housing to 40 million families in the last ten years; 120 million households with clean drinking water in the last five years; 100 million families with clean cooking fuel and 115 million families with toilets.

Highlighting that India was the first G 20 country to meet its Paris commitments, Prime Minister noted that India has set an ambitious target to produce 500 gw of renewable energy by 2030, of which 200 gw has been achieved. He further spoke about the global initiatives taken by India, such as the International Solar Alliance, Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure, Mission LiFE, One Sun One World One Grid, and Global Biofuel Alliance to foster

## **PRIME MINISTER MODI HOLDS OFFICIAL TALKS WITH PRESIDENT OF NIGERIA**

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi was on a State Visit to Nigeria from 17-18 November 2024. He held official talks with the President of Nigeria, Bola Ahmed Tinubu, in Abuja on 17 November. Upon arrival at the State House, Prime Minister was accorded a ceremonial welcome with a 21-gun salute.



The two leaders had a restricted meeting which was followed by delegation level talks. Prime Minister recalled his warm meeting with President Tinubu at the G 20 Summit in New Delhi. He noted that the two countries enjoy special bonds of friendship defined by a shared past, common democratic values and strong people-to-people ties. Prime Minister conveyed his sympathies to President Tinubu for the destruction caused by the recent floods in the country. President Tinubu thanked Prime Minister for India's timely assistance with relief material and medicines.

The two leaders reviewed the ongoing bilateral cooperation and discussed ways to further strengthen India-Nigeria Strategic Partnership. Expressing satisfaction at the progress of ties, they agreed that there was immense potential for collaboration in the fields of trade, investment, education, energy, health, culture, and people-to-people ties.

Shri Modi also addressed the Indian diaspora at an event organized in his honour by the Indian community in Abuja, Nigeria. The Prime Minister expressed happiness over the grand welcome he received with special warmth and exuberance by the Indian community. He said that the love and friendship received from the community was a huge capital to him. ■



a sustainable planet. Calling for giving primacy to the sustainable development needs of the Global South, particularly the Small Island Developing States, Prime Minister urged countries to support the Global Development Compact announced by India at the third Voice of the Global South Summit.

## PM's GUYANA VISIT

Upon arrival in Georgetown in Guyana, Prime Minister was warmly received by President, Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali and Prime Minister, Mark Anthony Phillips. And almost the entire cabinet of Guyana was present, both at the airport and at the hotel, to receive Prime Minister. He was accorded a ceremonial reception at the airport, and on arrival at the hotel. He was received by the President again, by the Prime Minister of Grenada, Prime Minister Dickon, and Prime Minister Mia Mottley of Barbados, and several cabinet ministers. He was also given great honor by being presented with the key to the city of Georgetown by the Mayor of Georgetown. It was remarkable that so many people had turned up at the hotel, even despite the lateness of the hour. It was nearly midnight by the time Prime Minister had reached the hotel, and he was given a tumultuous welcome to Georgetown.



President Mohamed Irfaan Ali welcomed Prime Minister at the State House with a ceremonial guard of honor. The two leaders held restricted meeting, as well as delegation-level talks. During the interactions, they discussed the entire gamut of India-Guyana relations. Ten agreements were exchanged between the two sides, and these covered areas

such as hydrocarbons and energy, health and pharmaceuticals, agriculture, digital cooperation, culture, defence and security studies, etc.

Prime Minister and President, together, planted a sapling in honor of President Ali's mother at the State House as part of the initiative of 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam', highlighting the shared commitment to sustainability between India and Guyana. President Irfaan Ali, in a very heartwarming gesture, hosted Prime Minister over a traditional 7-curries meal.

## 2nd India-CARICOM Summit

After holding bilateral engagements with Guyana, Prime Minister co-chaired the 2nd India-CARICOM Summit, along with Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell of Grenada, the current Chair of CARICOM. The Summit was attended by Heads of States and Government of 11 member States; Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Dominica, Guyana, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, and the foreign ministers of Belize, Jamaica and St. Kitts and Nevis. The Secretary-General of the Caribbean Community, Dr. Carla Barnett, was also present.



The leaders witnessed a fly past of the recently acquired HAL 228 aircraft, two of which Guyana has received from India and have been commissioned. This is to further strengthen the India-CARICOM partnership. Prime Minister put forward seven pillar proposals as C-A-R-I-C-O-M, as CARICOM, standing for C for Capacity building, A for Agriculture and food security, R for Renewable energy and climate change, I for Innovation, technology and trade, C for Cricket



and culture, O for Ocean economy and maritime security, and M for Medicine and health care.

CARICOM leaders in one voice applauded these initiatives from India. They highly appreciated Prime Minister's special efforts to strengthen relations with the Group. His seven pillars encompassing all the issues of relevance to CARICOM nations was highly appreciated. These include issues facing CARICOM countries, such as high incidence of non-communicable diseases such as cancer and diabetes, shortage of skilled manpower, climate resilience and sustainable development, energy security including exploitation of renewable energy, national security including coastal surveillance, connectivity, particularly inter-island maritime connectivity for both goods and passengers, and women empowerment and the promotion of women's cricket.

The leaders were highly appreciative of all the initiatives that have been taken by the Prime Minister, and they in particular appreciated the fact that at the height of COVID pandemic, India had come to the assistance of the CARICOM countries by donating vaccines and also providing other forms of medical assistance. They also appreciated the fact that Prime Minister's initiatives correctly matched the felt need of the CARICOM countries and the leader after leader expressed a view that India is like a family member of the CARICOM community. They thanked Prime Minister for the visit and commended India's efforts for proposing a roadmap to further our ties.

Following the India-CARICOM Summit, which was only the second such summit held between the two sides, the first one was on the margins of the United Nations General Assembly in New York in 2019. So, this was really the very first Summit that was happening in the CARICOM country.

### PM addresses the Special Session of Parliament in Guyana

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi also addressed the Special Session of Parliament of Guyana, where he emphasized the power of democracy and humanity to address the world's issues. He was given a standing ovation. Later, Prime Minister paid tributes to the statue of Mahatma Gandhi and the Arya Samaj monument. Prime Minister also visited the Indian Arrival monument and paid homage to the forefathers

who arrived in Guyana 186 years ago. He visited the Saraswati Vidya Niketan School, which he had also visited in his first visit to Guyana 24 years ago. He had spent some time at this school at that time.

In short while, Prime Minister addressed the gathering of the Indian diaspora. India's relations with Guyana, date back to more than 185 years, with the first arrival of Indians on the 5th of May, 1838. Today, the Guyanese Indian community comprise roughly 40% or about 300,000 out of Guyana's total population and is a very vital link in our relationship. Prime Minister has also interacted with some of the people he met here 24 years ago during his visit and he also interacted with some of the famous cricketers of Guyana, including Clive Lloyd, Alvin Kallicharran, Shiv Narayan Chanderpaul, Devendra Bishoo, Hetmyer and others. ■

**Apart from the recently highest civilian honours bestowed by Guyana, Dominica & Nigeria PM Shri Modi also received these following awards /honours**

**15 Highest Civilian Honours Bestowed on PM Modi**  
An Honour for 140 crore Indians

- Order of St. Andrew the Apostle
- Greece's Grand Cross of the Order of Honour
- France's Grand Cross of the Legion
- Egypt's Order of the Nile
- Republic of Palau's Etoak Award
- Papua New Guinea's Order of Logohu
- Fiji's Order of Fiji
- Bhutan's Order of the Druk Gyalpo
- US Government's Legion of Merit
- Bahrain's King Hamad Order of the Renaissance
- Maldives' Order of Nisihan Izzaddin
- UAE's Order of Zayed Award
- Afghanistan's State Order of Ghazi Amir Amanullah Khan
- Saudi Arabia's Order of King Abdulaziz
- Palestine's Grand Collar of the State of Palestine

# PM MODI CONFERRED WITH THE ORDER OF EXCELLENCE OF GUYANA

In a ceremony at the State House President of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, conferred upon Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi the highest national award of Guyana, "The Order of Excellence", for his 'visionary statesmanship, for championing the rights of developing countries on the global stage, for exceptional service to the global community and for his commitment to strengthening India-Guyana



relations on 21 November 2024.

While accepting the award, PM Modi dedicated the honour to the people of India and to the deep-rooted historical ties between the people of the two countries. He emphasized that his State Visit is testament to India's continued commitment towards deepening India-Guyana friendship.

Shri Narendra Modi is only the fourth foreign leader to be conferred with the highest National award of Guyana. ■

## PM MODI CONFERRED WITH DOMINICA'S HIGHEST NATIONAL AWARD

Her Excellency Sylvanie Burton, President of the Commonwealth of Dominica conferred the highest National Award - "Dominica Award of Honour" on Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, for his statesmanship, support to Dominica during the Covid 19 pandemic and his commitment



to strengthening India and Dominica ties. Prime Minister of Dominica H.E. Mr. Roosevelt Skerrit also graced the occasion. President of Guyana, H.E. Dr. Irfaan Ali, Prime Minister of Barbados, H.E. Mia Amor Mottley, Prime Minister of Grenada, H.E. Mr. Dickon Mitchell, Prime Minister of Saint Lucia, H.E. Philip J. Pierre, and Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda, H.E. Mr. Gaston Browne also witnessed the award ceremony.

Shri Modi dedicated the honour to the people of India and to the deep-rooted historical and cultural ties between India and Dominica. He expressed confidence that the bilateral bond between the two nations will continue to grow and deepen in the years ahead. ■

## PM MODI CONFERRED WITH "GRAND COMMANDER OF THE ORDER OF NIGER"

In a ceremony at the State House, the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, H.E. Mr. Bola Ahmed Tinubu conferred the national award - "Grand Commander of the Order of Niger" on PM Shri Narendra Modi for his statesmanship and stellar contribution to fostering India-Nigeria ties.



While accepting the award, PM Shri Modi dedicated the honour to the people of India and to the longstanding, historical friendship between India and Nigeria. He further stated that the recognition underscores the Strategic Partnership between the two countries and their shared commitment to the aspirations of the Global South.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is the first foreign leader to be conferred with this award since 1969. ■





President of Nigeria, Mr. Bola Ahmed Tinubu welcomes PM Shri Narendra Modi at the Presidential Villa in Abuja, Nigeria on November 17, 2024



PM Shri Narendra Modi attends a community event at Abuja in Nigeria on November 17, 2024



PM Shri Narendra Modi receives warm welcome by President of Brazil, Mr. Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva at G20 Rio Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on November 18, 2024



PM Shri Narendra Modi in a group photograph at the 'Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty' with world leaders during G20 Summit at Rio de Janeiro in Brazil on November 18, 2024



PM Shri Narendra Modi in a family photo with CARICOM Leader on the sidelines of India-CARICOM Summit at Georgetown in Guyana on November 20, 2024



PM Shri Narendra Modi receives a ceremonial Guard of Honour in Georgetown, Guyana on November 20, 2024





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