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# A HISTORIC WIN FOR BJP A COLOSSAL DEBACLE FOR AAP-DA

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- SHRI NARENDRA MODI  
(Prime Minister of India)

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- Shrimati Nirmala Sitharaman

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quality and  
affordable  
education**

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skilled and  
employed  
labour**

**High-quality  
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BJP National President and Union Minister Shri JP Nadda welcoming Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to the 'Karyakarta Abhinandan Samaroh' at BJP headquarters in New Delhi on 08 February 2025



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and BJP National President and Union Minister Shri JP Nadda receiving the greetings of Karyakartas at the 'Karyakarta Abhinandan Samaroh' at BJP headquarters in New Delhi on 08 February 2025



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi receiving the greetings of enthusiastic Karyakartas at the 'Karyakarta Abhinandan Samaroh', BJP headquarters in New Delhi on 08 February 2025



BJP National Vice-President and Delhi incharge Shri Baijayant Panda and leaders of Delhi BJP welcoming PM Shri Narendra Modi at the 'Karyakarta Abhinandan Samaroh', BJP headquarters in New Delhi on 08 February 2025



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressing a massive gathering of Karyakartas after the historic victory of BJP in Delhi assembly elections at BJP headquarters in New Delhi on 08 February 2025





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**@Narendramodi**

I assure every family of Delhi that the double engine government will repay the debt of your love and trust by bringing development here at double the speed.

*(08 February, 2025)*

**@JPNadda**

BJP's landslide victory in the by-election of Milkipur Assembly of Ayodhya district in Uttar Pradesh is a symbol of people's unwavering support for the public welfare policies and development works of the double engine government under the guidance of respected Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi ji. I congratulate all the workers of @BJP4UP for this victory and congratulate the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh @myogiadityanath ji, BJP State President @Bhupendraupbjp ji.

*(08 February, 2025)*



**@AmitShah**

The Modi government is continuously working to improve the living standards of sanitation workers. In this direction, today the Union Cabinet approved the extension of the tenure of the National Safai Karamchhari Commission (NCSK) by three years. This decision will not only improve the working conditions of sanitation workers but will also help in ensuring their dignified life and secure future. Thanks to Modi ji for this decision that will bring change in the lives of sanitation workers.

*(07 February, 2025)*



**@Rajnathsingh**

I congratulate Finance Minister Smt. @nsitharaman for presenting an excellent and epoch-making budget that aligns with Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi's vision of a Viksit Bharat.

*(01 February, 2025)*



**@B.L Santhosh**

Thank You Delhi . You acted when it was needed the most . With this victory comes a huge responsibility of transforming Delhi into HOW it should be .Under PM Sri @narendramodi leadership , every worker of @BJP4Delhi will work to make this happen.

*(08 February, 2025)*



**@Nirmala Sitharaman**

Thanking the Delhi voters for reposing their faith in @BJP4Delhi. Under PM @narendramodi's guidance and @BJP4India adhyaksh ji Shri. @JPNadda's leadership we dedicate to serve the aspirations of the people of Delhi. Appreciate the hard work and dedication of every karyakarta.

*(08 February, 2025)*



**BJP Pens History with Big First Time Wins in Delhi Elections!**

**BJP Wins for the 1st time**

Since 1993 in

Jangpura

Mangolpuri



Since 2008 in

New Delhi

Vikaspuri



**KAMAL SANDESH PARIVAR**

*wishes a very happy*

**MAHA SHIVARATRI (26 FEBRUARY)**

*to all of its readers*



# A NEW DAWN OF HOPE AND TRUST

As the people shower their blessings on BJP in Delhi, the guarantee of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has become the guarantee of all the guarantees. While the politics of lies, deceit and treachery have been defeated, the politics of performance, good governance and credible leadership have emerged victorious with flying colours. The AAP government led by Arvind Kejriwal in Delhi had become a symbol of corruption, the looting of public money, betrayal of public trust, misrule and the politics of deception, becoming an AAP-da (disaster) for the NCR, causing untold miseries for the people and forcing them to suffer even for the basic amenities during its decade-long rule. As an epitome of power-centric, opportunist and unprincipled politics, Arvind Kejriwal made tall claims and finally got completely exposed, making the people punish him with a crushing defeat. As the AAP saw a decline of around 10% of votes while getting decimated with only 22 seats, the BJP not only got 48 seats out of 70 but also saw an increase of more than 9% of votes along with its allies. The people of Delhi who had blessed the BJP with all seven seats consecutively for the last three Lok Sabha elections have this time reposed their complete faith in assembly elections too, responding to the appeal of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. As the BJP prepares to form a government in Delhi to fulfil its commitment, a new dawn of hope and trust has made the ambience positive and vibrant across the nation.

The Union Budget for FY 2025-26 is a historic budget in many ways and is set to revolutionise the Indian economy. While setting the pace for Viksit Bharat with a range of reforms and emphasis on inclusivity, this

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budget reinvigorates the Modi government's commitment to 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikaas' through inclusive development across all sections. The Union Budget is powered by four key engines: agriculture for rural prosperity, MSMEs for entrepreneurship and job creation, investment for infrastructure and innovation, and exports for global competitiveness and economic growth. The budget focuses on six key domains, namely, taxation, power sector, urban development, financial sector, regulatory reforms and mining. Apart from a number of relief measures, through the present budget, the Modi government has continued on its path of reducing the tax burden on the middle class by raising the "nil" tax slab to an income of Rs. 12 lakh from the existing Rs. 7 lakh, thus allowing persons with Rs. 1 lakh income per month to have zero tax liability. This budget has a holistic six-pronged goal in its sight, namely, accelerating growth, securing inclusive development, enhancing spending power of India's middle class, invigorating private sector investments and uplifting household sentiments. In addition to the core cohorts of GYAN, the Modi government has emphasised a renewed commitment to empowering the middle class while boosting its capability and unlocking its potential in order to secure its goal of Viksit Bharat@2047.

It is to be noted that despite having inherited a broken economy characterised by high non-performing assets and the corporate sector in despair, the Modi government has been successful in positive fiscal consolidation through a targeted three-fold policy of encouraging public investments, gradually increasing the capital expenditure outlay, and targeted public service delivery. It is by virtue of these proactive measures that, despite the global economy facing elevated inflation and slowdown in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, India has emerged as a shining exception. As the fastest-growing major economy in the world today, under Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's visionary leadership, the nation congratulates Union Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman for presenting such a futuristic budget in accordance with the aspirations of every section of society while paving the path for Viksit Bharat. ■





# DEVELOPMENT WITH GOOD GOVERNANCE TRIUMPH

## ELECTION RESULTS HAVE RID THE CAPITAL OF “AAP-DA”

In the recently concluded Assembly elections for Delhi, the BJP registered a landslide victory after a gap of 27 years and won the assembly election with significant numbers, defeating the corrupt Aam Aadmi Party from power. The results were announced on 08 February 2025. The NDA registered a resounding triumph with a two-thirds majority, winning 48 seats in the 70-seat assembly house with more than 47 percent vote share. While the incumbent Aam Aadmi Party got 22 seats taking a massive hit from its 2020 tally of 62 seats in Delhi. The AAP faced a severe rout after a decade of misrule and lost the election under rampant corruption, false promises made to the people, non-performance, and politics of anarchy, and chaos. Whereas, the Congress recorded three consecutive ducks with a meagre 6 percent vote share.

BJP which saw several obstacles created by AAP leaders, false allegations like ‘Water Poisoning’ and false propaganda throughout the poll campaign, finally secured its huge victory. The BJP, in comparison with the last assembly election, increased its vote share by around 9 percent and increased 40 seats. This will be the first time in four decades that a single party will govern all the National Capital Region (NCR) states, including Delhi, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, and Rajasthan.

During the election campaign, PM Shri Narendra Modi led the BJP from the front and motivated the party Karyakartas for victory. PM Shri Modi set the tone and tenor of the campaign by naming AAP as “AAP-da”. The PM also sent a letter to all citizens of Delhi appealing to them to allow BJP to serve in the 21st century. His gigantic rallies changed the mood





# VINS HS: PM MODI



## JANA SHAKTI IS PARAMOUNT: NARENDRA MODI

Following the historic victory of BJP in Delhi Assembly elections, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi congratulated all the winning candidates and the Karyakartas and expressed gratitude to the people for their blessings. In a post on the 'X', PM Shri Modi said, "Jana Shakti is paramount!"

Development wins, good governance triumphs. I bow to my dear sisters and brothers of Delhi for this resounding and historic mandate to @BJP4India. We are humbled and honoured to receive these blessings.

It is our guarantee that we will leave no stone unturned in developing Delhi, improving the overall quality of life for the people and ensuring that Delhi has a prime role to play in building a Viksit Bharat.

I am so proud of each and every @BJP4India Karyakarta, who has worked very hard, leading to this outstanding result. We will work even more vigorously and serve the wonderful people of Delhi".

of the Karyakartas and voters. Along with the PM, the massive rallies and roadshows of BJP senior leaders like BJP National President and Union Minister Shri JP Nadda, Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh, Union Minister of Home and Cooperation Shri Amit Shah and others helped the party to secure a comfortable win with a historic come back in Delhi.

The BJP kept up the tempo throughout the campaign. Its campaign was focused on cleaning Yamuna, making the Yamuna riverfront, reducing air pollution, and restoring the deteriorating quality of life, robust infrastructure, social security to women, and rapid development of Delhi among others. This effort was reflected in the results and BJP candidates cutting across caste, region, and religion won their respective seats. Even the Jhuggi seats which were considered the fort of AAP, were won by BJP.

As rightly said by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, "Delhi has chosen progress over an era of chaos". PM Shri Modi guaranteed that in the very

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first Assembly session, the CAG report would be tabled in the House. "Every corruption link will be investigated, and those who looted will have to return what they stole. This too is Modi's Guarantee". Shri Modi said this victory comes with new responsibilities. He emphasised that the BJP guarantees reform and performance, and with the participation of every Delhi resident, the transformation will happen at an even faster pace.

Congratulating everybody involved for the victory of the party, BJP National President and Union Minister Shri JP Nadda expressed heartfelt gratitude to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Karyakartas and the people of Delhi for their overwhelming support and appreciated the relentless efforts of the dedicated Delhi BJP Karyakartas. He said winning all 7 Lok Sabha seats and 48 Assembly seats in Delhi proves that 'Dilli Ke Dil Mein Modi Baste Hain'.

The way BJP performed this time will be

## DEEP GRATITUDE TO PEOPLE OF DELHI FOR CHOOSING INTEGRITY OVER CORRUPTION, TRUTH OVER LIES: JP NADDA

BJP National President and Union Minister Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda Congratulated the people and Karyakartas for the landslide victory of BJP in Delhi.

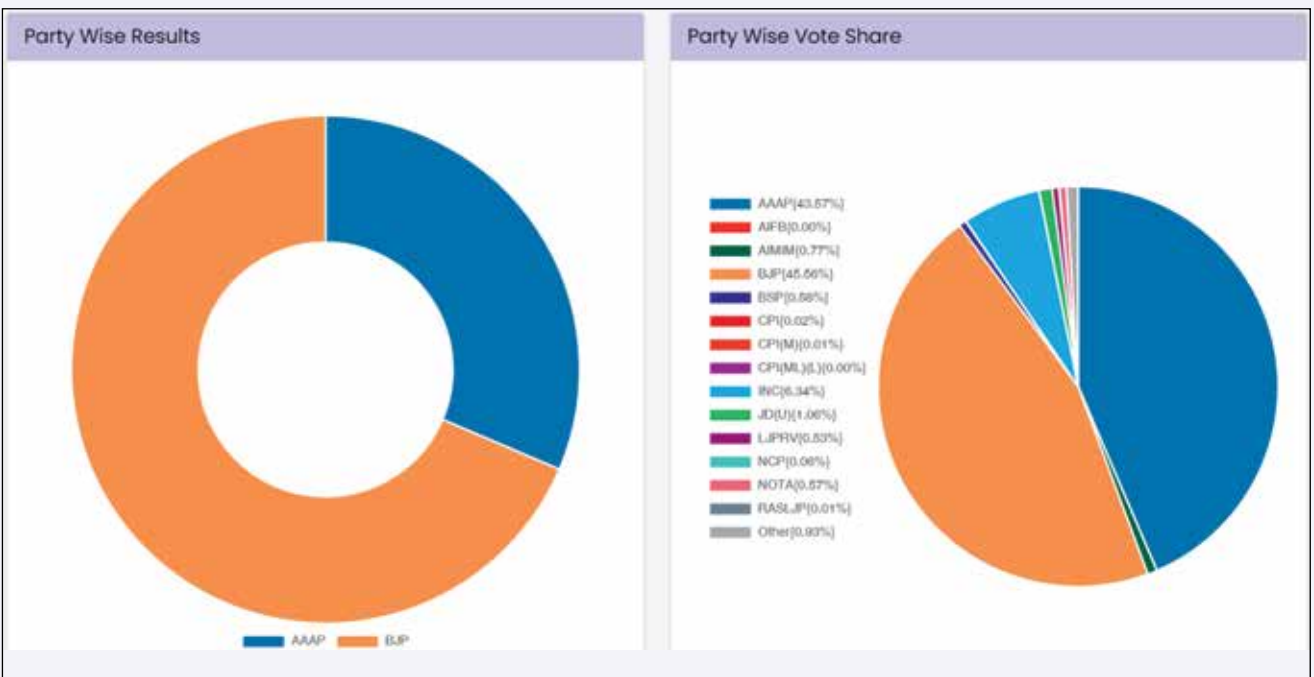


In a social media post he said, "My heartfelt congratulations to @BJP4Delhi on their landslide victory in the Delhi Assembly Elections. This historic mandate reflects the people's trust in Hon. PM Shri @narendramodiji's vision for a brighter and more progressive future for Delhi.

My deep gratitude to the people of Delhi for choosing integrity over corruption, truth over lies, and a government truly committed to working for their welfare.

I thank BJP Karyakartas for their tireless efforts, whose hard work and dedication have made this victory possible." ■

PARTY WISE RESULTS	
PARTY	WON
Bharatiya Janata Party - BJP	48
Aam Aadmi Party - AAP	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>70</b>





## VICTORY OF FAITH IN THE LEADERSHIP OF PM MODI: RAJNATH SINGH



Congratulating on the landslide victory in the Delhi Assembly elections Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh said that the people of this country have faith in PM Shri Modiji's credibility and the politics of good governance

and development of the BJP. In a social media post, Shri Singh said, "BJP's landslide victory in the Delhi Assembly elections is a victory of faith in the leadership of Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi and the policies of @BJP4India. The people of this country have faith in Modiji's credibility and the politics of good governance and development of the BJP."

I heartily congratulate Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Party President Shri JP Nadda, Delhi State BJP President Shri Virendra Sachdeva, and all the party workers for this magnificent victory.

After almost 27 years, the people of Delhi have given their trust and blessings to BJP. For this, I express my gratitude to the people of Delhi.

A developed Delhi is very important to fulfill the resolution of a developed India. After this victory, the double engine government will give a new impetus to the development of Delhi". ■

## BEGINNING OF A NEW ERA OF DEVELOPMENT IN DELHI: AMIT SHAH



Following the historic victory of BJP, Union Home and Cooperative Minister Shri Amit Shah in a post on 'X' said, "Modi is in the heart of Delhi..."

The people of Delhi have demolished the 'Sheesh Mahal' of lies, deceit, and corruption and have worked to free Delhi from AAP-DA's misrule.

Delhi has taught a lesson to those who break their promises, setting an example for those across the country who make false promises to the public. This marks the beginning of a new era of development and trust in Delhi".

"Delhiites have shown that the public cannot be misled by repeated false promises. The public has responded to the dirty Yamuna, dirty drinking water, broken roads, overflowing sewers and liquor shops open in every street with their votes.

I heartily congratulate all the workers of @BJP4Delhi who worked day and night for this grand victory in Delhi, BJP National President Shri @JPNadda ji and State President Shri @Virend\_Sachdeva ji.

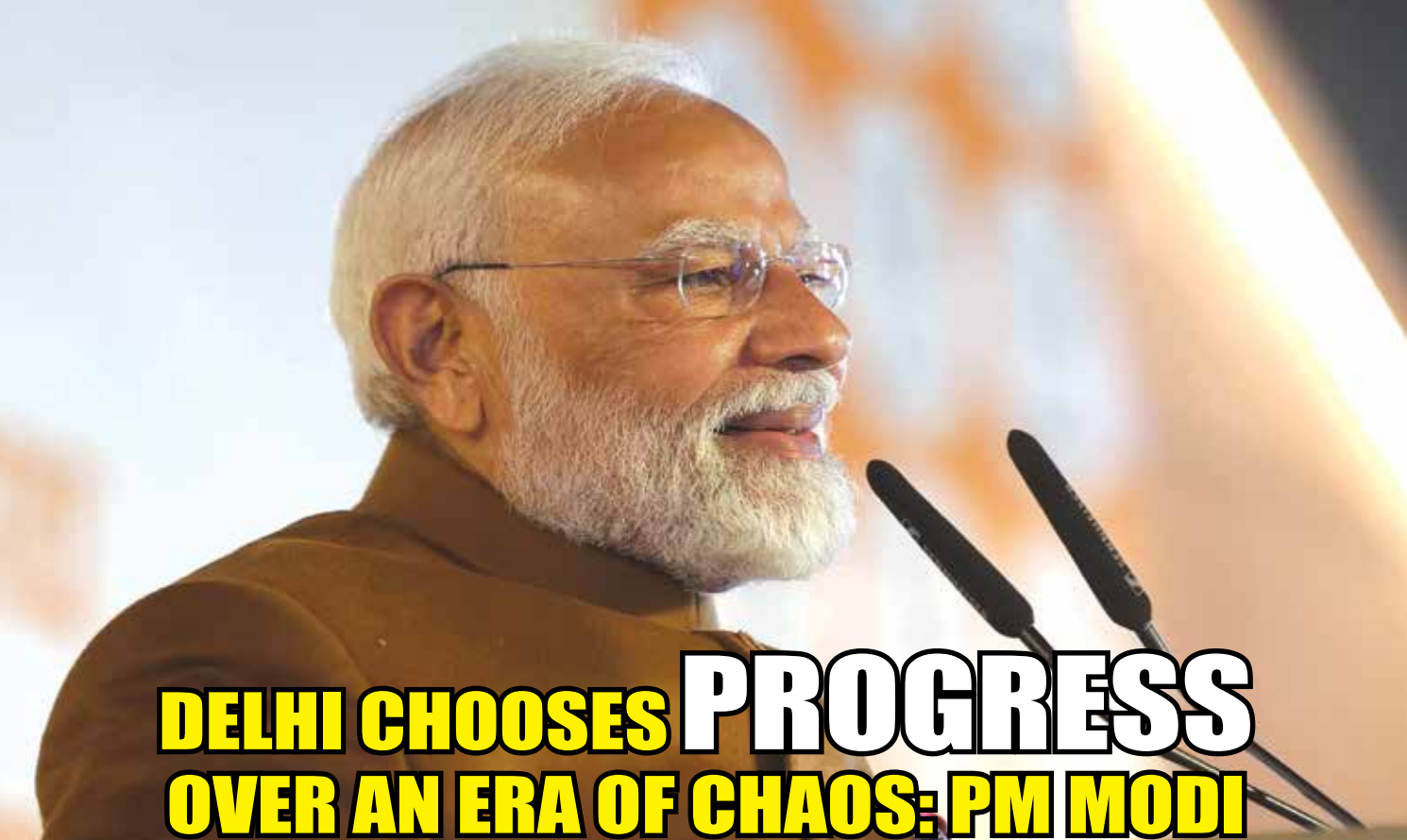
Be it the respect for women, the self-respect of unauthorized colony residents or the immense possibilities of self-employment, Delhi will now become an ideal capital under the leadership of Modiji". ■

remembered for a long time to come. However, this election will also be remembered for the colossal debacle of AAP-da which was thrown out of power by the people of Delhi, after serious charges of corruption, liquor scam, 'Sheesh Mahal' scam and severe allegations of rampant corruption in every department. Among the heavyweights, AAP national convener and former CM Arvind Kejriwal, former deputy CM Manish Sisodia, senior AAP leaders Saurabh Bharadwaj, Satyendra Jain, Durgesh Pathak, and many others bite the dust and, with it, the basic edifice of Arvind Kejriwal's politics crumbled down.

Following the grand victory, Delhi BJP President Shri Virendra Sachdeva congratulated PM Shri

Narendra Modi, BJP National President Shri JP Nadda, other senior leaders and party Karyakartas and said that the victory against the Aam Aadmi Party was expected as people's anger at Kejriwal's party was visible throughout due to their failure in governance and sheer corruption. He said that the party emerged successful in convincing people for a double-engine government under PM Shri Modi's dynamic leadership.

The mandate of Delhi is clear. BJP's victory is historic. The people of Delhi have driven out 'AAP-da'. Delhi has been freed from the 'AAP-da'. Development, vision and trust have won in Delhi and ostentation, anarchy, arrogance and the 'AAP-da' that had engulfed Delhi have been defeated. ■



# DELHI CHOOSES PROGRESS OVER AN ERA OF CHAOS: PM MODI

Following the resounding victory of BJP, grand celebrations took place across the country. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi participated in the 'Karyakarta Abhinandan Samaroh' held at the BJP headquarters in New Delhi on 08 February 2025. Amidst the chanting of 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai' and 'Modi Modi' by jubilant Karyakartas Shri Narendra Modi arrived at the BJP headquarters. BJP National President & Union Minister Shri JP Nadda, Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah, other senior BJP leaders along with thousands of BJP Karyakartas extended a splendid welcome with Dhol beats and flower petals to the Hon'ble Prime Minister. After receiving the greetings Shri Modi addressed the enthusiastic Karyakartas and supporters at the 'Samaroh' and hailed the triumph of the party as a win for development, vision and trust. "Today, the people of Delhi are filled with both enthusiasm and relief. The enthusiasm is for victory, and the relief is from freeing Delhi from the AAP-da", Shri Modi said "Delhi has chosen progress over an era of chaos". Following is the excerpts of the speech:

With heartfelt gratitude, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi praised Delhi's rich diversity, calling it a 'Mini India.' He emphasised that the city's vote represents the unity of various regions and communities, expressing his appreciation to the people for placing their trust in the BJP's leadership.

Addressing the previous governance, Shri Modi criticised AAP-da's politics of protests and chaos, saying, "Delhi faced roadblocks in metro expansion, housing for the poor, and healthcare. With BJP's win, we promise stable governance and development."

Shri Modi reiterated that wherever the NDA has been in power, there has been good governance. "From UP

to Gujarat, to Bihar, and Haryana, our governments have consistently delivered on their promises and we will do the same for Delhi." He also mentioned the BJP's win in Milkipur, Ayodhya.

## Modi ki Guarantee

The PM commended the BJP's approach to serving the poor and middle class and acknowledged the support of Delhi's women. "Nari Shakti has always been our backbone. Delhi's women have placed their trust in me, and I assure them, every promise will be fulfilled. This is Modi ki Guarantee!"

"With BJP in power, Delhi will be transformed into a



modern city. Our focus will be on mobility, infrastructure, and providing new opportunities to the youth”, he reassured. He reaffirmed his commitment to restoring the Yamuna River to its pristine glory. PM Shri Modi quoted ancient scriptures and emphasised, “We bow to Maa Yamuna, the giver of prosperity and well-being. But those in power insulted this faith, letting pollution and negligence take over.”

### **AAP-da leaders turned out to be utterly corrupt**

Coming down heavily on AAP, Shri Modi said that the AAP-da leaders entered politics claiming they would transform it, but they turned out to be utterly corrupt. “Today, I was listening to Anna Hazare Ji’s statement. For a long time, he had been enduring the pain caused by the misdeeds of these ‘AAP-da’ people. Today, even he must have felt relieved,” he added.

Listing the corruption charges against AAP-da leaders, the PM said, “The party that was born out of a movement against corruption has now been consumed by it. This is the only party in the country whose Chief Ministers and Ministers have gone to jail on corruption charges. Those who once certified themselves as honest and labelled others as corrupt have been exposed as the real culprits. This was a massive betrayal of Delhi’s trust. But now, Delhi’s verdict is in.”

### **CAG report, in the very first Assembly session**

PM Shri Modi guaranteed that in the very first Assembly session, the CAG report would be tabled in the House. “Every corruption link will be investigated, and those who looted will have to return what they stole. This too is Modi’s Guarantee,” he added.

### **A strong message to Congress**

Slamming Congress for devouring its allies, PM Shri Modi remarked, “Once again, the people have sent a strong message to Congress. In Delhi’s elections, Congress has scored a double hat-trick of zeroes. The country’s oldest party has failed to open its account in the national capital for six consecutive elections. Earlier, I said that Congress had become a parasitic party. It doesn’t just sink itself; it takes its allies down with it.”

Furthermore, he added, “Congress steals the language of its allies, hijacks their issues, and then eats into their vote banks. In Uttar Pradesh, the Congress is trying to snatch the vote bank that SP and BSP believed was theirs. In Tamil Nadu, Congress mimics DMK’s rhetoric to woo its voters. In Bihar, Congress is poisoning politics with casteism to

### **Highlights**

- Today, the people of Delhi are filled with enthusiasm and relief.
- The enthusiasm is for victory and the relief is from freeing Delhi from the AAP-da.
- Delhi’s mandate made it clear that the real owners of Delhi are its people, rejecting those who treated the capital as their personal domain.
- In Delhi’s elections, Congress has scored a double hat-trick of zeroes.
- Congress leaders openly say they are fighting against Bharat, against the Indian state. This is the language of Naxalites.
- If capable youth do not enter politics, the wrong people will take over.
- To build a developed India, we need fresh leadership and innovation at every level.

weaken its ally, RJD.”

### **Congress ties to Urban Naxal ideology**

Exposing Congress for its ties to Urban Naxal ideology, Shri Modi proclaimed, “Those who align with Congress are doomed because Congress no longer represents national interest - it serves Urban Naxal interests. Congress leaders openly say they are fighting against Bharat, against the Indian state. This is the language of Naxalites. It is the language of anarchy. And in Delhi, AAP was pushing this same Urban Naxal ideology.”

### **One lakh youth to enter politics**

Encouraging the youth to join politics, Shri Modi stated, “I have called upon one lakh youth to enter politics because India needs a genuine political transformation. A developed India requires new energy, fresh ideas, and innovative thinking in 21st-century politics. I say this because if capable youth do not enter politics, the wrong people will take over. To build a developed India, we need fresh leadership and innovation at every level.”

Concluding the speech, Shri Narendra Modi asserted that this victory comes with new responsibilities. He emphasised that the BJP guarantees reform and performance, and with the participation of every Delhi resident, transformation will happen at an even faster pace. He called for collective efforts toward Delhi’s development and working together to make Delhi the developed capital of Viksit Bharat. ■

# PEOPLE OF DELHI REJECTED AAP-DA AND BROUGHT ABOUT A CHANGE IN DELHI: JP NADDA



BJP National President and Union Minister Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda addressed the 'Karyakarta Abhinandan Samorah' at BJP central office, New Delhi on 08 February 2025. In his address, Shri Nadda greeted PM Shri Narendra Modi, expressed heartfelt gratitude to the people of Delhi for their overwhelming support and appreciated the relentless efforts of the dedicated Delhi BJP Karyakartas. He said winning all 7 Lok Sabha seats and 48 Assembly seats in Delhi proves that 'Dilli Ke Dil Mein Modi Baste Hain'. 'During the event, Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Union Home & Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah were present on the stage. Following are the excerpts of the speech:

**B**JP National President Shri JP Nadda expressed heartfelt gratitude to the people of Delhi for giving their immense support and blessings to the BJP under the dynamic leadership of PM Shri Narendra Modi. He also thanked the dedicated party Karyakartas who worked tirelessly, went door-to-door, and turned the public's enthusiasm for BJP and Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's policies into votes through their unwavering efforts.

## People ensured BJP's victory

BJP National President emphasized that both this election and the previous Lok Sabha election have delivered a clear message from the people of Delhi. In the Lok Sabha elections, the BJP secured all 7 seats, and in the Delhi Assembly elections, the people ensured BJP's victory in 48 seats. These results highlight that "Dilli ke dil me Modi Baste hain." Over the past 10 years, under the leadership of PM Shri Narendra Modi, the nation has witnessed a significant transformation in its political culture—moving away from casteism and corruption toward development, uplifting villages, the poor, and the underprivileged, and improving their standard of living. These election results stand as a testament to this progress.

## PM Modi revolutionised Indian politics

Shri Nadda remarked that there was a time in politics when leaders relied on making alluring speeches and false promises to win over people, only to abandon them later. PM Shri Narendra Modi revolutionized Indian politics by introducing the concept of report card governance—delivering not only on promises made but also exceeding expectations with actions beyond those commitments. This is why the people today know that "Modi ki guarantee, guarantee poori hone ki guarantee hai."

## "Kattar Beimaan" leader

BJP National President conveyed that the outcome of this election sends a powerful message against the "Kattar Beimaan" leader and the party. They had turned Delhi into a massive dumping ground. Despite standing atop garbage heaps in the last election and promising to clean the city, they ended up creating piles of trash in front of every household. Those who claimed to provide clean water forced Delhi's people to drink filthy water. Those who boasted about improving world class education were the very ones who denied two-thirds of Delhi's school children the chance to study science. Those who advocated for better roads were responsible for making people walk through potholes.



### Pledge to take Delhi forward once again

This Delhi's election sends a clear message that Delhi does not need such a party, and the people of Delhi have made their decision by sending AAP-da home. AAP-da is a factory of lies. It's an encyclopedia of falsehoods. "AAP-da Jhooth Ki Sampada Hai." And it's a factory of finding new, innovative ways to indulge in corruption. However, the people of Delhi have delivered a strong response to AAP-da, clearly demonstrating that this historic victory, under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, will fulfill the pledge to take Delhi forward once again.

### Work towards moving Delhi forward

Shri Nadda pointed out that the trust of the people has placed in the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, along with the promises made by the BJP, has been reflected in the commitments the party has fulfilled in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, and Odisha. Now, it's Delhi's turn. The Bharatiya Janata Party will fulfill its promises here as well and work towards moving Delhi forward. Shri Nadda conveyed his gratitude and appreciation to the Prime Minister Shri Narendra

### Highlights

- During the election campaign, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi declared, "AAP-da nahi sahenge, badal ke rahenge."
- Echoing this sentiment, the people of Delhi rejected the 'AAP-da' and gave the BJP a historic majority.
- Led by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the Bharatiya Janata Party has consistently secured victories, with the people reaffirming their trust in 'Modi ki Guarantee' every time.
- Arvind Kejriwal's Aam Aadmi Party specializes in crafting new techniques for spreading lies. This 'AAP-da' has become a factory and a complete encyclopedia of falsehoods.
- The Delhi Assembly election results serve as a stern response to the corrupt leaders of the Aam Aadmi Party.
- Kejriwal's defeat sends a clear message that the people of Delhi support his imprisonment over the liquor scam.

Modi and sincerely thanked the people of Delhi for the blessings they have given. ■

## BJP SWEEPS in MILKIPUR By-poll in Uttar Pradesh

Marking a decisive victory over the Samajwadi Party, the Bharatiya Janata Party clinched the Milkipur assembly seat in Ayodhya District of Uttar Pradesh on 08 February 2025. Due to the welfare policies and development works of the double-engine government both at the centre and in the state, the BJP registered an emphatic win.

As per the data released by the election Commission of India, the BJP candidate Shri Chandrabhanu Paswan secured a comfortable victory by over 61,710 votes against SP's Ajit Prasad, further consolidating the party's position in the Ayodhya region. The win was so emphatic that the SP candidate lost even in his own booth.

The by-election was necessitated following the resignation of the sitting MLA from Milkipur, Awadhesh Prasad. ■

### PM MODI LAUDS BJP VICTORY IN MILKIPUR BYPOLL

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi lauded BJP's victory in the Milkipur by-poll in Ayodhya district of Uttar Pradesh and said, "Aaj desh tushtikaran nahi BJP ki santushtikaran ki policy ko chun raha hai. Today, along with Delhi, the BJP has got victory in Ayodhya's Milkipur. Every section has voted for the BJP in large numbers."

### UNWAVERING SUPPORT, FOR THE WELFARE POLICIES AND DEVELOPMENT WORKS OF BJP: JP NADDA

Following the by-poll victory BJP National President and Union Minister Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda congratulated and said, "The resounding victory of BJP under the guidance of Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi ji in the by-election of the Milkipur assembly constituency in Ayodhya district of Uttar Pradesh symbolises the unwavering support of the people for the welfare policies and development works of the double-engine government.

I congratulate all the workers of @BJP4UP for this victory and extend my congratulations to the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh @myogiadityanath ji and BJP state president @Bhupendraupbjp ji".

# NO INCOME TAX ON MONTHLY INCOME OF UPTO 1 Lakh



- ✔ Salaried class to pay nil income tax upto Rs. 12.75 Lakh per annum in new tax regime
- ✔ Union budget recognises 4 engines of development – agriculture, msme, investment and exports
- ✔ Benefitting 1.7 Crore farmers, 'prime minister dhan-dhaanya krishi yojana' to cover 100 low agricultural productivity districts
- ✔ "Mission for aatmanirbharta in pulses" with a special focus on tur, urad and masoor to be launched
- ✔ Loans upto Rs. 5 Lakhs through kcc under modified interest subvention scheme
- ✔ Fy-25 estimated to end with fiscal deficit of 4.8%, Target to bring it down to 4.4% In fy-26
- ✔ Significant enhancement of credit with guarantee cover to msme from Rs. 5 cr to Rs. 10 cr
- ✔ A national manufacturing mission covering small, medium and large industries for furthering "make in india"
- ✔ 50,000 Atal tinkering labs in government schools in next 5 years
- ✔ Centre of excellence in artificial intelligence for education, with a total outlay of Rs. 500 crore
- ✔ Pm svanidhi with enhanced loans from banks, and upi linked credit cards with Rs. 30,000 limit
- ✔ Gig workers to get identity cards, registration on e-shram portal & healthcare under pm jan arogya yojana
- ✔ Rs. 1 Lakh crore urban challenge fund for 'cities as growth hubs'
- ✔ Nuclear energy mission for r&d of small modular reactors with an outlay of Rs. 20,000 crore
- ✔ Modified udan scheme to enhance regional connectivity to 120 new destinations
- ✔ Rs. 15,000 Crore swamih fund to be established for expeditious completion of another 1 lakh stressed housing units
- ✔ Rs. 20,000 Crore allocated for private sector driven research development and innovation initiatives
- ✔ Gyan bharatam mission for survey and conservation of manuscripts to cover more than one crore manuscripts
- ✔ Fdi limit enhanced for insurance from 74 to 100 per cent
- ✔ Bcd exempted on 36 lifesaving drugs and medicines for treating cancer, rare and chronic diseases

Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman presented the Union Budget 2025-26 in Parliament on 1st February 2025. Quoting Telugu poet and playwright Shri Gurajada Appa Rao's famous saying, 'A country is not just its soil; a country is its people.' – the Finance Minister presented the Union Budget 2025-26 with the theme "Sabka Vikas" stimulating balanced growth of all regions.

In line with this theme, the Finance Minister outlined the broad Principles of Viksit Bharat to encompass the following:

- a) Zero-poverty;
- b) Hundred per cent good quality school education;
- c) Access to high-quality, affordable, and comprehensive healthcare;
- d) Hundred per cent skilled labour with meaningful employment;
- e) Seventy per cent women in economic activities; and
- f) Farmers making our country the 'food basket of the world'.

The Union Budget 2025-2026 promises to continue Government's efforts to accelerate growth, secure inclusive development, invigorate private sector investments, uplift household sentiments, and enhance spending power of India's rising middle class. The Budget proposes development measures focusing on poor (Garib), Youth, farmer (Annadata) and women (Nari). The Budget aims to initiate transformative reforms in Taxation, Power Sector, Urban Development, Mining, Financial Sector, and Regulatory Reforms to augment India's growth potential and global competitiveness. The highlights of the Budget are as follows:

## PART A

### Budget Estimates 2025-26

- The total receipts other than borrowings and the total expenditure are estimated at Rs. 34.96 lakh crore and Rs. 50.65 lakh crore respectively.
- The net tax receipts are estimated at Rs. 28.37 lakh crore.



- The fiscal deficit is estimated to be 4.4 per cent of GDP.
- The gross market borrowings are estimated at Rs. 14.82 lakh crore.
- Capex Expenditure of Rs.11.21 lakh crore (3.1% of GDP) earmarked in FY2025-26.

## **AGRICULTURE AS THE 1ST ENGINE OF DEVELOPMENT**

### **Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana - Developing Agri Districts Programme**

- The programme to be launched in partnership with the states, covering 100 districts with low productivity, moderate crop intensity and below-average credit parameters, to benefit 1.7 crore farmers.

### **Building Rural Prosperity and Resilience**

- A comprehensive multi-sectoral programme to be launched in partnership with states to address under-employment in agriculture through skilling, investment, technology, and invigorating the rural economy.
- Phase-1 to cover 100 developing agri-districts.

### **Aatmanirbharta in Pulses**

- Government to launch a 6-year “Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses” with focus on Tur, Urad and Masoor.
- NAFED and NCCF to procure these pulses from farmers during the next 4 years.

### **Comprehensive Programme for Vegetables & Fruits**

- A comprehensive programme to promote production, efficient supplies, processing, and remunerative prices for farmers to be launched in partnership with states.

### **Makhana Board in Bihar**

- A Makhana Board to be established to improve production, processing, value addition, and marketing of makhana.

### **National Mission on High Yielding Seeds**

- A National Mission on High Yielding Seeds to be

launched aiming at strengthening the research ecosystem, targeted development and propagation of seeds with high yield, and commercial availability of more than 100 seed varieties.

### **Urea Plant in Assam**

- A plant with annual capacity of 12.7 lakh metric tons to be set up at Namrup, Assam.

## **MSMEs AS THE 2ND ENGINE OF DEVELOPMENT**

### **Revision in classification criteria for MSMEs**

- The investment and turnover limits for classification of all MSMEs to be enhanced to 2.5 and 2 times respectively.

### **Fund of Funds for Startups**

- A new Fund of Funds, with expanded scope and a fresh contribution of Rs. 10,000 crore to be set up.

### **Scheme for First-time Entrepreneurs**

- A new scheme for 5 lakh women, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes first-time entrepreneurs to provide term-loans upto Rs. 2 crore in the next 5 years announced.

### **Support for Food Processing**

- A National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management to be set up in Bihar.

### **Furthering “Make in India”**

- A National Manufacturing Mission covering small, medium and large industries for furthering “Make in India” announced.

## **INVESTMENT AS THE 3RD ENGINE OF DEVELOPMENT**

### **I. INVESTING IN PEOPLE**

#### **Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0**

- The cost norms for the nutritional support to be enhanced appropriately.





**PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI'S  
REMARKS ON UNION BUDGET 2025-26**

# **VIKSIT BHARAT BUDGET 2025-26 IS A FORCE MULTIPLIER: PM**

**The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi delivered his remarks on the Union Budget 2025-26 via video message on 1st February. Highlighting that today (1st February) marked an important milestone in the journey of India's development, Shri Modi remarked that this budget reflects the aspirations of 140 crore Indians and fulfills the dreams of every citizen. He highlighted that several sectors were opened up for the youth, and the common citizen will drive the mission of Viksit Bharat (Developed India). The Prime Minister emphasized that this budget is a force multiplier which would increase the savings, investment, consumption, and growth. He congratulated the Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman and her team for this 'People's Budget'.**

Prime Minister remarked that typically, the focus of the budget is on how to fill the Government's treasury. However, he said this budget focused on how to fill the pockets of the citizens, increase their savings, and make them partners in the country's development. He emphasized that this budget lays the foundation for these goals.

"Significant steps have been taken towards reforms in this budget", said Shri Modi and highlighted the historic decision to promote the private sector in nuclear energy. He added that civil nuclear energy will ensure a significant contribution to the country's development in the future. He emphasized that all employment sectors were given priority in the budget. Pointing out two major reforms that will bring significant changes

in the coming time, Shri Modi said that granting infrastructure status to shipbuilding will boost the construction of large ships in India, accelerating the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan and including hotels at 50 tourist destinations under the infrastructure category will significantly boost tourism, providing new energy to the hospitality sector, which is the largest employment sector. The Prime Minister stated that the country was progressing with the mantra of "Vikas bhi, Virasat bhi" (Development and Heritage). He mentioned that significant steps were taken in this budget to preserve one crore manuscripts through the launch of the Gyan Bharatam Mission. Additionally, a National Digital Repository inspired by Indian knowledge traditions will be created.

Remarking that the announcements made in the

budget for farmers will lay the foundation for a new revolution in the agricultural sector and the entire rural economy, Shri Modi highlighted that under the PM Dhan-Dhanya Krishi Yojana, irrigation and infrastructure development will take place in 100 districts. He emphasized that increasing the limit of the Kisan Credit Card from 3 lakh to 5 lakh will provide greater assistance to farmers.

Highlighting that the budget has exempted income up to 12 lakh from tax, the Prime Minister said tax reductions were made for all income groups, which will greatly benefit the middle class and those who have been newly employed.

"The budget has a 360-degree focus on manufacturing to strengthen entrepreneurs, MSMEs, and small businesses, creating new jobs", emphasised the Prime Minister. He highlighted that sectors like clean tech, leather, footwear, and the toy industry had received special support under the National Manufacturing Mission. He stressed that the goal was clear to ensure Indian products to shine in the global market.

Pointing that the budget places special emphasis on creating a vibrant and competitive investment environment in the states, Shri Modi highlighted the announcement to double the credit guarantee for MSMEs and startups. He mentioned the introduction of a scheme to provide loans up to Rs. 2 crore without guarantee for SC, ST, and women first-time entrepreneurs. He emphasized the significant announcement for gig workers, with their registration on the e-Shram portal for the first time, enabling them to access healthcare and other social security schemes. The Prime Minister stated that this reflects the Government's commitment to the dignity of labor. He highlighted that regulatory and financial reforms, such as Jan Vishwas 2.0, will strengthen the commitment to minimum government and trust-based governance.

Concluding his address, the Prime Minister remarked that this budget not only addresses the current needs of the country but also helps in preparing for the future. He highlighted the initiatives for startups, including the Deep Tech Fund, Geospatial Mission, and Nuclear Energy Mission. He extended his congratulations to all citizens for this historic budget. ■



### **BUDGET WILL DRIVE THE ASPIRATIONS OF GAREEB, YUVA, ANNADATA AND NARI: JP NADDA**

In series of posts on social media BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda said, "The Union Budget 2025 is a visionary roadmap that embodies the aspirations and dreams of 140 crore Indians, lighting the way towards Hon. PM Shri @narendramodi ji's vision of a 'Viksit Bharat.' By focusing on the four engines-Agriculture, MSME, Investment, and Export, #ViksitBharatBudget2025 will drive the aspirations of Gareeb, Yuva, Annadata and Nari, ensuring that no one is left behind on the road to progress.

I express my gratitude to our PM Modi Ji & Congratulate Finance Minister @nsitharaman ji & her team for the visionary and futuristic, growth oriented and all inclusive Budget." ■

### **Atal Tinkering Labs**

- 50,000 Atal Tinkering Labs to be set up in Government schools in next 5 years.

### **Broadband Connectivity to Government Secondary Schools and PHCs**

- Broadband connectivity to be provided to all Government secondary schools and primary health centres in rural areas under the Bharatnet project.

### **Bharatiya Bhasha Pustak Scheme**

- Bharatiya Bhasha Pustak Scheme announced to provide digital-form Indian language books for school and higher education.

### **National Centres of Excellence for Skilling**

- 5 National Centres of Excellence for skilling to be set

up with global expertise and partnerships to equip our youth with the skills required for “Make for India, Make for the World” manufacturing.

### **Expansion of Capacity in IITs**

- Additional infrastructure to be created in the 5 IITs started after 2014 to facilitate education for 6,500 more students.

### **Centre of Excellence in AI for Education**

- A Centre of Excellence in Artificial Intelligence for education to be set up with a total outlay of Rs. 500 crore.

### **Expansion of medical education**

- 10,000 additional seats to be added in medical colleges and hospitals next year, adding to 75000 seats in the next 5 years.

### **Day Care Cancer Centres in all District Hospitals**

- Government to set up Day Care Cancer Centres in all district hospitals in the next 3 years, 200 Centres in 2025-26.

### **Strengthening urban livelihoods**

- A scheme for socio-economic upliftment of urban workers to help them improve their incomes and have sustainable livelihoods announced.

### **PM SVANidhi**

- Scheme to be revamped with enhanced loans from banks, UPI linked credit cards with Rs. 30,000 limit, and capacity building support.

### **Social Security Scheme for Welfare of Online Platform Workers**

- Government to arrange for identity cards, registration on e-Shram portal and healthcare under PM Jan Arogya Yojna, for gig-workers.

## **II. INVESTING IN THE ECONOMY**

### **Public Private Partnership in Infrastructure**

- Infrastructure-related ministries to come up with a 3-year pipeline of projects in PPP mode, States also encouraged.

### **Support to States for Infrastructure**

- An outlay of Rs.1.5 lakh crore proposed for the 50-year interest free loans to states for capital expenditure and incentives for reforms.

### **Nuclear Energy Mission**

- Amendments to the Atomic Energy Act and the Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act to be taken up.
- Nuclear Energy Mission for research & development of Small Modular Reactors (SMR) with an outlay of Rs.20,000 crore to be set up, 5 indigenously developed SMRs to be operational by 2033.

### **Shipbuilding**

- The Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Policy to be revamped.
- Large ships above a specified size to be included in the infrastructure harmonized master list (HML).

### **Maritime Development Fund**

- A Maritime Development Fund with a corpus of Rs. 25,000 crore to be set up, with up to 49 per cent contribution by the Government, and the balance from ports and private sector.

### **UDAN - Regional Connectivity Scheme**

- A modified UDAN scheme announced to enhance regional connectivity to 120 new destinations and carry 4 crore passengers in the next 10 years.
- Also to support helipads and smaller airports in hilly, aspirational, and North East region districts.

### **Greenfield Airport in Bihar**

- Greenfield airports announced in Bihar, in addition to the expansion of the capacity of Patna airport and a brownfield airport at Bihta.

### **Western Koshi Canal Project in Mithilanchal**

- Financial support for the Western Koshi Canal ERM Project in Bihar.

### **Mining Sector Reforms**

- A policy for recovery of critical minerals from tailings to be brought out.

### **SWAMIH Fund 2**

- A fund of Rs. 15,000 crore aimed at expeditious





### **BUDGET HAS TAKEN SPECIAL CARE OF THE MIDDLE AND SALARIED CLASS: RAJNATH SINGH**

I congratulate Finance Minister Smt. @nsitharaman for presenting an excellent and epoch-making budget that aligns with Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi's vision of a Viksit Bharat.

This budget has taken an all inclusive approach; from empowering poor sections of our society, to farmers to MSME to industries, and also strengthening research in advanced technologies like artificial intelligence, The Budget has taken special care of the middle and salaried class. I wholeheartedly welcome the decision to provide income tax relief for annual incomes up to 12 lakh rupees per annum.

PM Modi's vision of making India self-reliant in defence has further got a big boost in this budget. Rs. 6.81 lakh crore have been allocated for the Ministry of Defence for FY 25-26. The capital outlay of 1,80,000 crore on defence forces will further help in the modernisation, technological advancement and capabilities of our defence forces.

I am confident that under the able leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, this budget will further strengthen the security and ensure the prosperity of country and take a big leap in realising the vision of Viksit Bharat. ■

completion of another 1 lakh dwelling units, with contribution from the Government, banks and private investors announced.

### **Tourism for employment-led growth**

- Top 50 tourist destination sites in the country to be developed in partnership with states through a challenge mode.



### **BUDGET IS THE ROADMAP FOR MODI JI'S SELF-RELIANT INDIA: AMIT SHAH**

I congratulate Pm Shri Narendra Modi and Finance Minister Smt. @nsitharaman Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah said, "The #ViksitBharatBudget2025 is the blueprint of the Modi government's vision towards building a developed and best India in every field.

This budget, which covers every sector - from farmers, poor, middle class, women and children's education, nutrition and health to Start Up, innovation and investment - is the roadmap for Modi ji's self-reliant India. I congratulate Prime Minister Shri @narendramodiji and Finance Minister Smt. @nsitharamanji for this comprehensive and visionary budget.

The middle class is always in PM Modi's heart. Zero Income Tax till Rs. 12 Lakh Income. The proposed tax exemption will go a long way in enhancing the financial well-being of the middle class. Congratulations to all the beneficiaries on this occasion. ■

### **III. INVESTING IN INNOVATION Research, Development and Innovation**

- Rs.20,000 crore to be allocated to implement private sector driven Research, Development and Innovation initiative announced in the July Budget.

#### **Deep Tech Fund of Funds**

- Deep Tech Fund of Funds to be explored to catalyze the next generation startups.

#### **PM Research Fellowship**

- 10,000 fellowships for technological research in IITs

and IISc with enhanced financial support.

## Gene Bank for Crops Germplasm

- 2nd Gene Bank with 10 lakh germplasm lines to be set up for future food and nutritional security.

## Gyan Bharatam Mission

- A Gyan Bharatam Mission for survey, documentation and conservation of our manuscript heritage with academic institutions, museums, libraries and private collectors to be undertaken to cover more than 1 crore manuscripts announced.

## EXPORTS AS THE 4TH ENGINE OF DEVELOPMENT

### Export Promotion Mission

- An Export Promotion Mission, with sectoral and ministerial targets, driven jointly by the Ministries of Commerce, MSME, and Finance to be set up.

### BharatTradeNet

- 'BharatTradeNet' (BTN) for international trade to be set-up as a unified platform for trade documentation and financing solutions.

### National Framework for GCC

- A national framework to be formulated as guidance to states for promoting Global Capability Centres in emerging tier 2 cities.

## REFORMS AS FUEL: FINANCIAL SECTOR REFORMS AND DEVELOPMENT

### FDI in Insurance Sector

- The FDI limit for the insurance sector to be raised from 74 to 100 per cent, for those companies which invest the entire premium in India.

### Credit Enhancement Facility by NaBFID

- NaBFID to set up a 'Partial Credit Enhancement Facility' for corporate bonds for infrastructure.

### Grameen Credit Score

- Public Sector Banks to develop 'Grameen Credit Score' framework to serve the credit needs of SHG

members and people in rural areas.

## Pension Sector

- A forum for regulatory coordination and development of pension products to be set up.

## High Level Committee for Regulatory Reforms

- A High-Level Committee for Regulatory Reforms to be set up for a review of all non-financial sector regulations, certifications, licenses, and permissions.

## Investment Friendliness Index of States

- An Investment Friendliness Index of States to be launched in 2025 to further the spirit of competitive cooperative federalism announced.

## Jan Vishwas Bill 2.0

- The Jan Vishwas Bill 2.0 to decriminalize more than 100 provisions in various laws.

## PART B

## DIRECT TAX

- Revised tax rate structure
  - o In the new tax regime, the revised tax rate structure will stand as follows:

0-4 lakh rupees	Nil
4-8 lakh rupees	5 percent
8-12 lakh rupees	10 percent
12-16 lakh rupees	15 percent
16-20 lakh rupees	20 percent
20- 24 lakh rupees	25 percent
Above 24 lakh rupees	30 percent

- No personal income tax payable upto income of Rs 12 lakh (i.e. average income of Rs 1 lakh per month other than special rate income such as capital gains) under the new regime.
- This limit will be Rs 12.75 lakh for salaried tax payers, due to standard deduction of Rs 75,000.
- The new structure will substantially reduce the taxes of the middle class and leave more money in their hands, boosting household consumption, savings and investment.

- The new Income-Tax Bill to be clear and direct in text so as to make it simple to understand for taxpayers and tax administration, leading to tax certainty and reduced litigation.
- Revenue of about Rs. 1 lakh crore in direct taxes will be forgone.
- Introduction of a safe harbour for tax certainty for non-residents who store components for supply to specified electronics manufacturing units.

### Extension for incorporation of Start-Ups

Extension of the period of incorporation by 5 years to allow the benefit available to start-ups incorporated before 1.4.2030.

### Extension of investment date for Sovereign and Pension Funds

Extension of the date of making investments in Sovereign Wealth Funds and Pension Funds by five more years, to 31st March, 2030, to promote funding from them to the infrastructure sector.

## INDIRECT TAX

### Rationalisation of Customs Tariff Structure for Industrial Goods

#### Union Budget 2025-26 proposes to:

- Remove seven tariff rates. This is over and above the seven tariff rates removed in 2023-24 budget. After this, there will be only eight remaining tariff rates including 'zero' rate.

### Relief on import of Drugs/Medicines

- 36 lifesaving drugs and medicines fully exempted from Basic Customs Duty (BCD).
- 6 lifesaving medicines to attract concessional customs duty of 5%.
- Specified drugs and medicines under Patient Assistance Programmes run by pharmaceutical companies fully exempted from BCD; 37 more medicines added along with 13 new patient assistance programmes.

### Critical Minerals :

Cobalt powder and waste, the scrap of lithium-ion battery, Lead, Zinc and 12 more critical minerals fully exempted from BCD.

### Lithium Ion Battery:

35 additional capital goods for EV battery manufacturing, and 28 additional capital goods for mobile phone battery manufacturing exempted. ■

## TDS/TCS rationalization for easing difficulties

- Rationalization of Tax Deduction at Source (TDS) by reducing number of rates and thresholds above which TDS is deducted.
- The limit for tax deduction on interest for senior citizens doubled from the present Rs 50,000 to Rs 1 lakh.
- The annual limit of Rs 2.40 lakh for TDS on rent increased to Rs 6 lakh.
- The threshold to collect tax at source (TCS) on remittances under RBI's Liberalized Remittance Scheme (LRS) increased from Rs 7 lakh to Rs 10 lakh.
- The provisions of the higher TDS deduction will apply only in non-PAN cases.
- Decriminalization for the cases of delay of payment of TCS up to the due date of filing statement.

## Ease of Doing Business

- Introduction of a scheme for determining arm's length price of international transaction for a block period of three years.
- Expansion of the scope of safe harbour rules to reduce litigation and provide certainty in international taxation.
- Exemption of withdrawals made from National Savings Scheme (NSS) by individuals on or after the 29th of August, 2024.
- Similar treatment to NPS Vatsalya accounts as is available to normal NPS accounts, subject to overall limits.

## Employment and Investment

### Tax certainty for electronics manufacturing Schemes

- Presumptive taxation regime for non-residents who provide services to a resident company that is establishing or operating an electronics manufacturing facility.



# REAL GDP GROWTH TO GROW BETWEEN 6.3 AND 6.8 PER CENT IN FY26

Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, **Smt NIRMALASITHARAMAN** presented the Economic Survey 2024-25 in the Parliament on 31st January. The highlights of the survey are as follows;

## State of the Economy: Getting Back into the Fast Lane

1. India's real GDP growth is estimated at 6.4 per cent in FY25 (as per first advance estimates of national income), which equates nearly to its decadal average.
2. Real gross value added (GVA) is also estimated to grow by 6.4 per cent FY25.
3. The global economy on an average grew by 3.3 per cent in 2023 against the IMF projection of 3.2 per cent growth in the next five years.
4. The real GDP growth in FY26 is expected to grow between 6.3 and 6.8 per cent, keeping in mind the upsides and downsides to growth.
5. Thrust on grassroots-level structural reforms and deregulation to reinforce the medium-term growth potential and boost global competitiveness of Indian economy.
6. Geopolitical tensions, ongoing conflicts and global trade policy risks continue to pose significant challenges to the global economic outlook.
7. Retail headline inflation has softened from 5.4 per cent in FY24 to 4.9 per cent in April –December 2024.
8. Capital expenditure (CAPEX) improved continuously from FY21 to FY24. Post general elections, CAPEX grew YOY by 8.2 per cent during July

–November 2024.

9. India accounts for seventh-largest share in global services exports, underscoring India's global competitiveness in the sector.
10. During April to December 2024, non-Petroleum and non-Gems & Jewellery exports went up by 9.1 per cent reflecting resilience of India's merchandise exports amid volatile global conditions.

## Monetary and Financial Sector Developments: The Card and the Horse

1. Bank credit has grown at a steady rate with credit



growth converging towards deposit growth.

2. Profitability of Scheduled Commercial Banks improved, reflected in a fall in gross non-performing assets (GNPAs) and rise in capital to risk weighted asset ratio (CRAR).

### **External Sector: Getting FDI Right**

1. India's external sector continues to display resilience amidst global uncertainties and headwinds.
2. Overall exports (merchandise + services) grew by 6 per cent (YOY) in the first nine months of FY25. Services sector by 11.6 per cent during the same time.
3. India commands 10.2 per cent of the global export market in 'Telecommunications, Computer, & Information Services', ranking 2nd largest exporter in the world, as per UNCTAD.
4. India's current account deficit (CAD) stood at 1.2 per cent of GDP in Q2 of FY25, supported by rising net services receipts and an increase in private transfer receipts.
5. Gross Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflows recorded a revival in FY25, increasing from USD 47.2 billion in the first eight months of FY24 to USD 55.6 billion in the same period of FY25, a YoY growth of 17.9 per cent.
6. India's FOREX reserves stood at USD 640.3 billion as of the end of December 2024, sufficient to cover 10.9 months of imports and approximately 90 per cent of the country's external debt.

### **Prices and Inflation: Understanding the Dynamics**

1. As per the IMF, the global inflation rate moderated to 5.7 per cent by 2024 from its peak of 8.7 per cent in 2022.
2. Retail inflation in India saw a reduction from 5.4 per cent in FY24 to 4.9 per cent in FY25 (April-December 2024).
3. RBI and the IMF project India's consumer price inflation will gradually align with the target of around 4 per cent in FY26.
4. Development of climate-resilient crop varieties and enhanced farming practices are essential to mitigate the effects of extreme weather events and achieve long-term price stability.

### **Investment and Infrastructure: Keeping it Going**

1. The central focus of the Government in the last five years was on increasing public spending on infrastructure, and speeding up approvals and resource mobilization.
2. The Union Government's capital expenditure on key infrastructure sectors has grown at a rate of 38.8 per cent from FY20 to FY24.
3. Under railway connectivity, 2031 km of railway network was commissioned between April and November, 2024, and 17 new pairs of Vande Bharat trains were introduced between April and October 2024.

### **Industry: All about Business Reforms**

1. The industrial sector expected to grow by 6.2 per cent in FY25 (first advance estimates), driven by robust growth in electricity and construction.
2. The government has been actively promoting Smart Manufacturing and Industry 4.0, supporting the establishment of SAMARTH Udyog centres.
3. In FY24, the Indian automobile domestic sales grew by 12.5 per cent.

### **Services -New Challenges for the Old War Horse**

1. The service sector's contribution to total GVA has risen from 50.6 per cent in FY14 to 55.3 per cent in FY25 (First Advance Estimates).
2. The average growth rate of the services sector was 8 per cent in the pre-pandemic years (FY13 -FY20). It stood at 8.3 per cent in the post-pandemic period (FY23-FY25).
3. India held a 4.3 per cent share in global services exports in 2023, ranking seventh worldwide.

### **Chapter-9 Agriculture and Food Management: Sector of the Future**

1. The 'Agriculture and Allied Activities' sector contributes approximately 16 per cent of the country's GDP for FY24 (PE) at current prices.
2. High-value sectors like horticulture, livestock, and fisheries have become key drivers of overall agricultural growth.
3. Kharif foodgrain production for 2024 is expected to reach 1647.05 Lakh Metric Tonnes (LMT), an increase of 89.37 LMT from the previous year.

- For the fiscal year 2024-25, the MSP for Arhar and Bajra has been increased by 59 per cent and 77 per cent over the weighted average cost of production, respectively.

### Climate & Environment: Adaptation Matters

- India's ambition to achieve developed nation status by 2047 is fundamentally anchored in the vision of inclusive and sustainable development.
- India has installed electricity generation capacity of 2,13,701 megawatts from non-fossil fuel sources, which accounts for 46.8 per cent of the total capacity as of 30 November 2024.
- As per the Forest Survey of India 2024 an additional carbon sink of 2.29 billion tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent has been created between 2005 and 202

### Social Sector -Extending reach and driving empowerment

- The social services expenditure of the government (combined for Centre and States) increased at a compound annual growth rate of 15 per cent from FY21 to FY 25.
- Gini coefficient, a measure of inequality in consumption expenditure, is declining. For rural areas it declined to 0.237 in 2023-24 from 0.266 in 2022-23, and for urban areas, it fell to 0.284 in 2023-24 from 0.314 in 2022-23.
- Various fiscal policies of the government are aiding in reshaping the income distribution.

### Employment and Skill Development: Existential priorities

- Indian labour market indicators have improved with unemployment rate declining to 3.2 per cent in 2023-24 (July-June) from 6.0 per cent in 2017-18 (July-June).
- With around 26 per cent of the population in the age group of 10-24 years, India stands at the cusp of



a unique demographic opportunity, as one of the youngest nations globally.

- To give a fillip to women's entrepreneurship, the government has launched several initiatives in terms of easier access to credit, marketing support, skill development, and support to women start-ups, etc.

### Labour in the AI Era: Crisis or Catalyst?

- Developers of Artificial Intelligence (AI) promise to usher in a new age, where a bulk of the economically valuable work is automated.
- AI is anticipated to surpass human performance in critical decision-making across various fields, including healthcare, research, criminal justice, education, business, and financial services.
- Barriers to large-scale AI adoption persist in the present, which include concerns over reliability, resource inefficiencies, and infrastructure deficits. These challenges, along with AI's experimental nature, create a window for policymakers to act. ■





# Narendra Modi's early interest in green energy during US visit of 90s

(Narrate by: Kanchan Banerjee, NRI-USA)

PM Modi Story

When Shri Narendra Modi visited the United States for the first time in 1993, his curiosity for technology and advancements in science was evident. Shri Modi, then a young RSS Pracharak, made it a point to absorb every detail about the technological innovations shaping the US.

Kanchan Banerjee, a US-based healthcare professional accompanying Shri Modi during his visit, recalls their trip to the American space agency NASA in Houston, Texas. Banerjee introduced Shri Modi to Kamlesh Lalaji, a senior figure at NASA, and invited him to explore the world of space and aeronautics. Banerjee was struck by Shri Modi's intense curiosity. "He was asking questions as if he were a physicist," Banerjee recalls. "His understanding of science and space was remarkable, and the complexity of his questions took me by surprise."

Beyond his fascination with science, Shri Modi's simplicity and self-reliance were also clear during this visit. Banerjee shares that Shri Narendra Modi travelled with just a



small bag containing two pairs of clothes and a camera, a reflection of his passion for photography. Despite staying at others' homes, Shri Modi never imposed on his hosts. "When my wife offered to wash his clothes, he politely refused, insisting that he would do it himself," Banerjee says. "That sense of self-reliance, ingrained from his time as a Pracharak, was a core part of his character."

During his travels, Shri Narendra Modi also demonstrated an early interest in solar and green energy. In Boston, during discussions with scientists, he pointed out a key issue with solar panels being installed on cultivable land, which rendered the land useless for

farming. Shri Modi suggested placing solar panels over irrigation canals instead, which would both save land and reduce water evaporation from the canals. This idea was later implemented in India, showing his foresight in sustainable development.

Shri Modi also witnessed automated toll booths for the first time during his visit to Boston, recognizing their potential for eliminating human error and reducing corruption. He quickly saw how these innovations could be adapted to India, not by simply copying, but by tailoring them to the country's needs.

Kanchan Banerjee recalls that Shri Narendra Modi's travels through major US cities, including New York, Chicago, and Atlanta, left a lasting impact on him. "I'm sure he must have felt pained seeing India's poverty and backwardness during those times," Banerjee says. Shri Modi's experience likely fuelled his focus on development, understanding that improving basic living standards was essential to lifting people out of poverty. ■

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Shri Vishwanath Rai was associated with the Bharatiya Jana Sangh in Bihar from the very beginning. He had taken active part in the JP Movement of 1974, and was imprisoned during the

1975 Emergency. In 1980, he contested elections from Rajpur (S.) under BJP, and became an MLA from Rajpur(S.) in 1985. After serving the organisation for a long time he died on 24 July 2016. ■

Date of Birth	13/03/1937	Gender	male
State	Bihar	District	Buxar
Town/City	कोइरपुरवाँ, बक्सर	Level	State
Post in Organisation	State Executive Member	Active years	1962-1995



# BHARAT RATNA ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE

## A PIONEER OF GOOD GOVERNANCE



RAJKUMAR  
CHAHAR

Former Prime Minister, Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee was a freedom fighter, brilliant orator, poet, writer, journalist, politician and a man of many rare talents. Atalji was a charismatic, visionary, great leader, and Ajatashatru. Everybody was impressed with him because of his friendly nature. His contributions for the BJP were immeasurable. He was not only the founder of the BJP but also transformed and strengthened the party from a marginal political unit to a very formidable force in Indian politics. He was the architect of coalition politics and led the Bharatiya Janata Party to power three times. Under his visionary leadership, the country, during a critical juncture of our history, has seen good governance and all-round development in almost all sectors of the society. Atalji's vision for India was very grand and commitment to 'Maa Bharati' was unmatched and rare.

### A native of Bateshwar

The Bateshwar Dham, adjacent to Agra in Uttar Pradesh, adorned with a series of Shiva temples, is the ancestral village of our former Prime Minister Atalji. Bateshwar Dham, which is an important spiritual, cultural and religious centre, is

one of the most famous places in India. This place is also known as Bhuteshwar. The Fatehpur Sikri Lok Sabha includes Bateshwar, and I am extremely proud to have been given the chance to serve as an MP from this region for the second time in a row.

I am privileged that on 22 July 2024, I had requested in the Lok Sabha under rule 377 to build a huge statue of Atalji at his birthplace Bateshwar, which has been approved by our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and now, the Modi government is establishing a 65-foot-tall statue of Atalji in Bateshwar. Even before this, the Modi government approved a special project worth Rs. 74 crore to develop Bateshwar as a world-class tourist destination and for that, I express my special gratitude to Shri Narendra Modi.

For almost six decades, Atalji was actively involved in politics. He was elected to the Rajya Sabha twice and the Lok Sabha nine times. He was also the founding President of the BJP, which was formed in 1980. On October 13, 1999, Atal Bihari Vajpayee led the National Democratic Alliance to power and became the Prime Minister of India for the third time and completed his tenure successfully. Earlier, he had served as the Prime Minister twice, for 13 days in 1996 and for 13 months in 1998. Apart from this, as Foreign Minister, Chairman of various important Standing Committees of Parliament, and as

Leader of the Opposition, he played an active and pivotal role in shaping India's domestic and foreign policies in the post-independence era.

### Atalji understood the pain of farmers and rural India better than anybody other

Atal Bihari Vajpayee understood the pain of the farmers better than anybody other. When he became the Prime Minister of the country, he made a series of historic decisions for the upliftment of rural India and poor farmers. Atalji provided the facility of 'Kisan Credit Card' to free the farmers from the clutches of money lenders. For his initiatives, the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of wheat was increased by about 20 percent. Atalji also freed the sugar mills from the licensing system and introduced the National Agricultural Insurance Scheme. In order to provide farmers with enough water for irrigation, he developed a plan to connect rivers. He tirelessly worked for road connectivity so that farmers' produce must reach other states with ease. Not only this, when Atal Bihari Vajpayee was addressing the country from the ramparts of the Red Fort on 15 August 2003, he was the first person to talk about doubling the income of farmers.

### Historic decisions for villages and the poor

During Vajpayeeji's tenure, a campaign was started to provide free education to children between

the ages of 6 to 14, which was implemented in the year 2000-01 as the 'Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan'. Under this scheme, children who had to leave their studies due to lack of money were benefited and it was promoted under the theme 'School Chale Hum'. In this way, the 'Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan' or literacy for all got a boost.

Apart from all this, Atalji had planned to connect India through roads, under which he implemented the Golden Quadrilateral Road project to connect Chennai, Kolkata, Delhi and Mumbai and Kashmir to Kanyakumari. Also, his decision of 'Pradhan Mantri Gramin Sadak Yojana' promoted the rural connectivity and economic development of the country, which can be considered as the most important work in the post-independent India yet.

### **'Pradhan Mantri Gramin Sadak Yojana'**

Atal Bihari Vajpayee considered the lack of connectivity in rural areas as the biggest impediment for the development of our villages. During his tenure, the 'Pradhan Mantri Gramin Sadak Yojana' was commenced in December 2000. The historic initiative of concrete or paved roads of 'Pradhan Mantri Gramin Sadak Yojana' connecting the villages and village roads to major roads of the block and district has completely changed the picture of the villages. This revolutionary decision for rural areas, which have around 70 percent of the population of the country, changed the fate of rural India. Currently, more than 90 percent of the villages in the country have been connected with roads through the Gramin Sadak Yojana. Direct connectivity with cities has

changed the lives of people living in villages. The path of taking agricultural produce to markets and earning livelihoods became easier. With the construction of paved roads, basic needs like education and health are easily available to the people in villages.

### **'Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana'-Complete development of villages**

Atal Bihari Vajpayee always tried to improve the standard of life of people living in villages. For this, his government started the Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana in 2000-2001. Through this, the target was set to provide education, better roads, clean drinking water, basic health services and nutrition to the people living in the villages. Later, the target of providing electricity was also added in the scheme. The main objective of this scheme was to improve the lives of common people by eliminating poverty in rural areas.

### **'Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana'**

On September 25, 2001, Atal Bihari Vajpayee introduced the 'Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana' with the goal of empowering the impoverished people of rural India economically. The primary aim of the scheme was to provide supplementary wage and employment to rural laborers, thereby ensuring food security and improving nutritional levels in rural areas by creating durable community assets and developing rural infrastructure through manual and unskilled labor-intensive works like the construction of village roads, irrigation canals, and other essential facilities; essentially

offering employment opportunities to the rural poor in need of work. Additionally, a 10,000-crore yearly budget was allocated for this.

### **'Antyodaya Anna Yojana'-World's largest food security scheme**

The 'Antyodaya Anna Yojana' was the biggest scheme launched by the Vajpayee government for the poor of the country. This scheme was launched on 25 December 2000. Under this scheme, arrangements were made to provide wheat and rice at subsidized rates to the poorest of the poor. Under this scheme, wheat was provided to 1 crore families at the rate of Rs 2 per kg and rice at the rate of Rs 3 per kg. After this, this scheme was expanded in 2003 and 50 lakh families were added to this scheme. In 2004, the scheme was expanded once again and 50 lakh families were added again. Overall, arrangements were made to provide ration at cheap rates to 2 crore families under this scheme. To identify these families, the Vajpayee government had conducted extensive surveys across the country and had ration cards made for them. Such cheap grains were never provided before. This was the world's largest food security scheme.

Atalji was a true son of Maa Bharati, and his entire life was dedicated to the development of the poor, deprived, workers, farmers, villages and the progress of the country. The decisions taken by him for the welfare and upliftment of the nation were historic and unprecedented. Atalji's ideal life will always inspire all of us, especially crores of Karyakartas. ■

**(The writer is National President of BJP Kisan Morcha and MP)**



## 'Government giving new energy for the development of the country'

Hon'ble President of India Smt. Draupadi Murmu addressed the joint session of Parliament on the opening day of Budget session on 31 January 2025. She said 75 years had passed since the adoption of the Constitution and this occasion will elevate India's pride as the mother of democracy to new heights. She paid tribute to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and all its drafters. Following is the excerpts of the address:



### Achievements in Amrit Kaal

- President Smt. Draupadi Murmu stated that the Government is giving new energy for the development of the country and in the third term of the Government, the speed of the development has also increased by three times. Today, the country is witnessing decisions and policies being applied at unprecedented growth. In these decisions, the poor, women, children and youth are put at top priority.
- Concrete steps have been taken to achieve the goal of providing Housing for All. PMAY has been expanded and an additional 3 crore households will be provided with new houses for which Rs. 5,36,000 crore has been allocated.
- The Government is committed to granting ownership rights of residential land to the rural poor and promoting financial inclusion.
- She highlighted that under the SVAMITVA scheme, 2.25 crore property cards have been issued so far, with around 70 lakh distributed in the last six months alone.
- Under the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme, crores of farmers have received an amount totalling to Rs. 41,000 crore.
- For the upliftment of the tribal communities, Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan has been started for which Rs. 80,000 crore has been allotted
- Under the Ayushman Bharat Yojana, 6 crore people above the age of 70 years will be given free health insurance and a health cover of Rs. 5 lakh will be provided annually.
- Small entrepreneurs, the limit of MUDRA loans has been increased from Rs. 10 lakh to Rs. 20 lakh. The Government has focused on the education and

- employment opportunities for the youth of the country.
- To give financial help to the students pursuing higher education, the PM Vidyalyaxmi Scheme has been started, 1 crore youth will be provided with internship opportunities in the top 500 companies.
- Carrying forward the spirit of Sahakar Se Samridhhi, the Government will establish Tribhuvan Sahakari University.
- Under the fourth phase of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, the Government has allotted Rs. 70,000 crore to connect 25,000 habitations across villages.
- Today as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of Atal Ji, Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana is playing a crucial role in carrying forward his vision.
- The Government has also made swift progress on critical issues like the One Nation-One Election and the Waqf Act Amendment.

### Welfare of Middle Class

- Initiatives like the construction of 12 crore toilets under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, 10 crore free LPG connections under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, 80 crore people who were provided with food grains, Saubhagya Yojana and Jal Jeevan Mission have given the assurance to poor that they can live with dignity.
- Today 25 crore people have escaped from poverty and are moving forward in their lives.
- For the middle class and to ensure their continuous welfare, the Government has decided to constitute the 8th Pay Commission.
- Additionally, under the Unified Pension Scheme, a 50% assured pension will be given to lakhs of employees of the Central Government.

### Women-Led Development

- The Government is committed to fostering women-led development to realise the fullest potential of the country.
- Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam which provides reservation to women in Lok Sabha and Vidhan Sabhas is an important step in this direction.
- She stated that under the National Rural Livelihood Mission, more than 91 lakh Self Help Groups are being empowered, more than 10 crore women of the country have been connected and a total of more than Rs. 9 lakh crore is being disbursed in the form of bank linkage.
- The goal of the Government is to make 3 crore Lakhpati Didis in the country and today, more than 1.15 crore lakhpati didi are living their life with dignity and out of this 50 Lakhpati Didis have been made in the last six months and are contributing to the income of their families as entrepreneurs.

### Youth At The Centre of Development

1. She said lakhs of young people were actively participating in nation-building efforts through the MY Bharat Portal. She highlighted that initiatives like Make in India, Atmanirbhar Bharat, Startup India, Stand-Up India, and Digital India had created numerous employment opportunities for the youth. She added that in the past two years, the Government had provided a record 10 lakh permanent Government jobs.

### Education Reforms And Innovation

- The President stated that through the National Education Policy, the Government was establishing a modern education system for students.
- To ensure no one was deprived of education, opportunities for learning in mother tongues were being provided.
- She added that various recruitment exams were being conducted in 13 Indian languages, eliminating language barriers. She further said that to foster innovation among children, over 10,000 Atal Tinkering Labs have been established in schools.

### India's Economic Resilience and Self-Reliance

- The President said despite global concerns such as the COVID-19 pandemic, its aftermath, and

war-related uncertainties, the Indian economy has demonstrated remarkable stability and resilience, proving its strength.

- She said that the Government had implemented several significant measures to promote Ease of Doing Business.
- With the spirit of 'One Nation, One Tax', the GST system had been introduced, which had been benefiting all states across the country.
- Due to policies like Make in India, many major global brands now proudly display the label 'Made in India' on their products.

### Supporting Small Businesses

- She stated that during this third term, the loan limit under the MUDRA scheme has been increased from Rs. 10 lakh to Rs. 20 lakh, benefiting crores of small entrepreneurs. She said that the Government has made credit access easier, thereby democratizing financial services.
- She stated that street vendors who were deprived of banking facilities for years are now connected to banks through PM SVANidhi Yojana.

### Advancement of Infrastructure and Connectivity

- The Government is working in mission mode to connect every part of the country with highways and expressways.
- The PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan has accelerated the pace of project completion. She noted that ten years ago, the budget for capital expenditure was around Rs. 2 lakh crore, which has now increased to over Rs. 11 lakh crore in the last budget.

### Self-Reliant Agricultural System

- The Government ensured fair crop prices and increased farmers' income. It was stated that India achieved a record 332 million tons of grain production and remained the largest producer of milk, pulses, and spices.
- She mentioned that MSP had been consistently raised, and spending on crop procurement had tripled.

She concluded by expressing confidence that future generations would witness a developed, empowered, and prosperous India by 2047. ■

# We have given true development to the poor: PM Modi

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 4 February 2025 replied to the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address in Lok Sabha. While replying to the motion, lambasting the opposition, the PM said that his government has not given false slogans to the poor but has given them true development. He also added that in the last 10 years; by reducing the income tax, his government has also worked to increase the savings of the middle class. Highlights of the reply are as follows:



All the studies have repeatedly said that in the last 10 years, the people of the country have given us a chance to serve them. 25 crore countrymen have come out of poverty by defeating the poverty.

- We have not given false slogans to the poor, we have given them true development. The pain of the poor, the suffering of the common man, the dreams of the middle class are not understood just like that. This requires passion and I have to say with sadness that some people do not have it.

### 12 crore toilets

- When a woman is forced to defecate in the open, she can either go out before sunrise or after sunset after facing a lot of difficulties to do this small daily ritual, such people cannot understand what trouble she has to go through. We have solved the problems of our sisters and daughters by building more than 12 crore toilets.
- The various steps we have taken have saved lakhs of crores of rupees, but we have not used that money to build a palace for mirrors. We have used it to build the country. The infrastructure budget was Rs 180000 crore 10 years ago, before we came. Today the infrastructure budget is Rs 11 lakh crore and that is why the President has described how the foundation of India is getting stronger. Be it roads, highways, railways or village roads, a strong foundation of development has been laid for all these works.

### Ayushman Bharat Yojana

- The schemes should be such that the public also saves and you must have seen the expenses incurred by the common man due to illness under

the Ayushman Bharat Yojana. On the basis of the people who have taken its benefit till now, I would say that due to taking benefit of Ayushman Yojana, the expenses that the countrymen would have to bear from their own pockets, like this, Rs 120000 crore has been saved for the public. It is necessary that now like Jan Aushadhi Kendra, today in the middle class families, all the gentlemen are of 60-70 years of age, so it is natural that some disease or the other comes, there is also the cost of medicines, medicines are also expensive, since we have opened Jan Aushadhi Kendras, there is 80% discount and because of that, the families who have taken medicines from these Jan Aushadhi Kendras have saved nearly Rs 30000 crore on the cost of medicines.

- UNICEF also estimates that they have done a big survey of the families whose homes have sanitation and toilets, that family has saved about Rs. 70,000 in a year. Be it the Swachhata Abhiyan, the work of building toilets, the work of providing pure water, our common families are getting huge benefits.

### 12 lakh rupees completely exempted from income tax

- In the last 10 years, by reducing the income tax, we have also worked to increase the savings of the middle class.
- Before 2014, such bombs were hurled, such bullets were fired that the lives of the countrymen were shattered. We gradually moved ahead by filling up those wounds. 200000 rupees, in 2013-14, was income tax exemption on that and today 12 lakh rupees are completely exempted from income tax and in the intervening period also in 2014, in 2017, in



2019, in 2023, we have been doing this continuously, healing the wounds and today the bandage that was left has also been done. If we add 75000 standard deduction to it, then after 1st April, the salaried class of the country will not have to pay any income tax up to 12.75 lakh rupees.

### **Maximum opportunities to SC, ST and OBC**

- Our Constitution does not give us the right to discriminate. Those who live with the Constitution in their pockets do not know what kind of problems you forced Muslim women to live in. We have worked to give rights to Muslim daughters in accordance with the spirit of the Constitution by abolishing triple talaq, and have given them the right to equality. Whenever there has been an NDA government in the country, we have worked with a long vision. I don't know what kind of language is being used to divide the country, I don't know how far frustration and disappointment will take them, but what is our thinking, in which direction do the NDA partners think, for us, we pay more attention to what is behind, what is last and what Mahatma Gandhi had said and the result of that is that even if we create ministries, then which ministry do we create, we create a separate ministry for the North-East. We have been in the country for so many years, till Atal ji came, no one understood, he kept giving speeches, NDA created a separate ministry for the tribals.
- We have worked very strongly in the direction of providing maximum opportunities to SC, ST and OBC in every sector.
- Before 2014, there were 3800 MBBS seats for ST students. Today this number has increased to around 9000. Before 2014, there were less than 14000 MBBS seats for OBC students. Today their number has increased to around 32000. 32000 MBBS doctors will be made from OBC community.

### **Ayushman card**

- Today, a lot of discussions are going on about health in the country and the world. But there are some people who are creating obstacles in providing health services to the poor and the elderly and that too due to their political interests. Today, 30,000 hospitals in the country and good

specialized private hospitals are associated with Ayushman. Where Ayushman card holders get free treatment. But some political parties, due to their narrow mindset, due to bad policies, have kept the doors of these hospitals closed for the poor and cancer patients have suffered the loss. Recently, a study by the public health journal Lancet has come out, which says that cancer treatment is starting on time with the Ayushman scheme. The government is very serious about cancer detection. Because the sooner the detection is done, the sooner the treatment starts, we can save the cancer patient and Lancet has given credit to the Ayushman scheme and said that a lot of work has been done in this direction in India. This change is laying the foundation of a strong India of the 21st century.

### **The goal of developed India**

- The goal of developed India is the rural economy, without strengthening it we cannot build a developed India and therefore we have tried to touch every sector of the rural economy and we know that agriculture is very important in the rural economy. Our farmers are a strong pillar among the four pillars of developed India. In the last decade, the budget for agriculture has been increased 10 times. Let me tell you about the period after 2014 and this is a very big jump.
- The Government of India has taken many initiatives to reduce pollution. We have started running 12 thousand electric buses in the country and have also done a great service to Delhi. We have given this to Delhi as well.
- The dream of a developed India is not a government dream. It is the dream of 140 crore countrymen and now everyone has to give as much energy as they can to this dream and there are examples in the world, in a period of 20-25 years many countries of the world have shown that they have become developed, so India has immense potential. We have demography, democracy, demand, why can't we do it? We have to move ahead with this confidence and we are also moving ahead with the dream that by 2047, when the country will become independent, it will be 100 years of independence and by then we will become a developed India. ■

# Middle class is confident and determined to drive India's journey towards development: PM

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi replied to the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address to Parliament in the Rajya Sabha on 6 February. Addressing the House, the Prime Minister remarked that the President's address covered India's achievements, global expectations from India, and the confidence of the common man in building a developed India. He remarked that the President's speech was inspiring, impactful, and provided guidance for future work. He expressed his gratitude to the President for the address.



The Prime Minister said the NDA government granted constitutional status to the OBC Commission.

For the first time, the government presented a model inspired by the mantra of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, providing nearly 10% reservation for the economically weaker sections without any tension or deprivation.

## Nari Shakti

- India's progress is powered by Nari Shakti.
- He highlighted that if women are given opportunities and become part of policy-making, it can accelerate the country's progress.
- He remarked that this is why the Government's first decision in the new Parliament was dedicated to the honor of Nari Shakti.
- He highlighted that the Parliament has commenced its work with the blessings of Nari Shakti.

## Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar

- The people of the country have always respected Dr. Ambedkar's spirit and ideals.
- He emphasized that due to this respect from all sections of society, everyone from all parties are now compelled to say "Jai Bhim," albeit reluctantly.
- Shri Modi said that Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar deeply understood the fundamental challenges faced by the SC and ST communities, having personally experienced the pain and suffering.
- He highlighted that Dr. Ambedkar presented a clear roadmap for the economic upliftment of

these communities.

- Dr. Ambedkar advocated for industrialization as a solution to this injustice faced by Dalits, tribals, and marginalized groups.

## Uniform Civil Code

Addressing the topic of the Uniform Civil Code (UCC), Shri Modi remarked that those who read the debates of the Constituent Assembly would understand the efforts to bring forth those sentiments and the Government is committed to fulfilling this vision with courage and dedication.

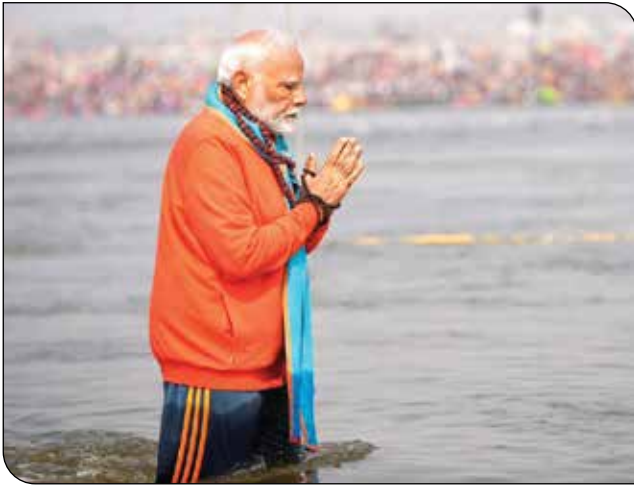
## Empowering the poor

- The Government has designed schemes aimed at empowering the poor and enabling them to overcome poverty.
- Through empowerment, 25 crore people have successfully risen out of poverty, which is a matter of pride for the Government.

## Neo-middle class

- A significant portion of the middle class has been exempted from taxes in the current budget.
- In 2013, the income tax exemption limit was up to 2 lakh, but it has now been increased to 12 lakh.
- Individuals over 70 years of age, from any class or community, are benefiting from the Ayushman Bharat scheme, with significant advantages for the elderly in the middle class.

Shri Modi remarked that the mission of the country and society is paramount for public representatives, and it is their duty to work with a spirit of service. ■



PM Shri Narendra Modi taking holy dip at Triveni Sangam during Maha Kumbh 2025 in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh on February 05, 2025



PM Shri Narendra Modi offers prayers after taking holy dip at Triveni Sangam during Maha Kumbh 2025 in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh on February 05, 2025



PM Shri Narendra Modi at the inauguration of the Utkarsh Odisha - Make in Odisha Conclave 2025 in Bhubaneswar, Odisha on January 28, 2025



PM Shri Narendra Modi attends the opening ceremony of 38th National Games at Dehradun in Uttarakhand on January 28, 2025



PM Shri Narendra Modi paying floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi in his Punyatithi at Rajghat in Delhi on January 30, 2025



PM Shri Narendra Modi interacts with media persons on beginning of the Budget Session at Parliament in New Delhi January 31, 2025





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