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BJP National President condemns the rape-murder incident in Bengal and expresses his deep sorrow



OUR ONLY RESOLUTION IS 'NATION FIRST'



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda along with Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah and BJP National General Secretary Shri Vinod Tawde lighting the lamp at BJP National Membership Campaign-2024 workshop, BJP HQ in New Delhi on 17 August, 2024



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda hoisting the National Flag on the occasion of 78th Independence Day at BJP HQ in New Delhi on 15 August, 2024



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda paying floral tributes to former Prime Minister & Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee ji on his Punyatithi at Sadaiv Atal in New Delhi on 16 August, 2024



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda along with senior Delhi BJP leaders listen to the 'Mann Ki Baat' programme of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi at Geeta Colony, Krishna Nagar, Delhi on 25 August, 2024



Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah participating in the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign by hoisting the tricolour at his official residence in New Delhi on 14 August, 2024



Union Minister Shri Rajnath Singh Hoisting the National Flag at his official residence, on the occasion of 78th Independence Day on 15 August, 2024

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@Narendramodi

Increased air connectivity is great news for tourism and commercial growth. The Cabinet today has approved new civilian enclaves at Bagdogra in West Bengal and Bihta in Bihar. This will ensure seamless travel to and from these places.

(16 August, 2024)



@JPNadda

Kudos to @ISRO scientists for the successful launch of the third developmental flight of SSLV. The SSLV-D3 precisely placed the EOS-08 satellite into orbit, marking the successful completion of ISRO/DOS's SSLV Development Project. This remarkable achievement propels Indian space research to new heights. Under the visionary leadership of PM Shri @narendramodi ji, India is scripting a new chapter in space exploration and has taken a giant leap towards becoming a global leader in space technology.

(16 August, 2024)



@AmitShah

Heartfelt gratitude to the people of Tripura for blessing the BJP with a historic victory in the local bodies' elections. This victory belongs to them. I congratulate CM Shri @DrManikSaha2 and state BJP President Shri Rajiv Bhattacharjee and our Karyakartas for their untiring efforts to carry PM Modi ji led BJP government's pro-development & pro-people initiatives to the people.

14 August, 2024)



@Rajnathsingh

Delighted to co-host the 3rd edition of India Japan 2+2 dialogue, in India. This year is significant for both India and Japan, as we are celebrating 10 years of the establishment of our Special Global Strategic Partnership. I thank Mr Kihara Minoru, Minister of Defense and Ms Yoko Kamikawa, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Japan, for the extremely productive discussions today and for voicing their commitment towards furthering the India-Japan Special Strategic and Global Partnership.

(20 August, 2024)



@Shivraj Singh Chouhan

The role of our sisters is very important in building a developed India under the leadership of Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji. Sisters have to work better on issues like food, nutrition, health and hygiene. Our effort is to connect all the Didis of Livelihood Mission with the available services and motivate them to adopt effective behaviour. (22 August, 2024)



@B L Santhosh

Those days ...!! We should never forget nor allow future generations to forget because history & past always have lessons for present & future. #PartitionHorrorsRemembranceDay

(14 August, 2024)



BHARAT'S INFRASTRUCTURE
is rapidly transforming under the
BJP GOVERNMENT

As we march towards
VIKSIT BHARAT @ 2047

WE SEEK YOUR
PARTICIPATION

2nd September
onwards, give a
missed call on
88 00 00 2024
and join the **BJP**

KAMAL SANDESH PARIVAR
wishes a very happy
GANESH CHATURTHI (07 SEPTEMBER)
to all of its readers



Nation moving towards realising the dream of Viksit Bharat

As Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the nation on 78th Independence Day, the resolve of Viksit Bharat has further strengthened in the billions of hearts across the nation. While speaking from the ramparts of the Red Fort, the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi highlighted the vision of Viksit Bharat, calling the present age a golden era full of opportunities that may fulfil the aspirations of the nation for a 'Swarnim Bharat'. The historic mandate given by the people to the vision and commitment of Shri Narendra Modi by reposing faith in him for the third consecutive term as the Prime Minister of the country is a reflection of the national aspiration of becoming a developed nation. As the faith of the people in democracy remains unshaken, the commitment to the ideals of 'Nation First' is paving the path for reforms and growth leading to the emergence of India on the global stage. Today, when the entire world is facing challenges in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, India has emerged as the fifth largest and the world's fastest-growing major economy. The collective resolve and commitment of the people to see India as a developed nation has prepared the country to make significant strides in various sectors.

In the last ten years, the nation has registered huge achievements in every sector, making every Indian proud. As the per capita income has doubled, new records in employment and self-employment have been made with remarkable achievements in every sector. While many reforms were implemented at multiple levels to strengthen banking and

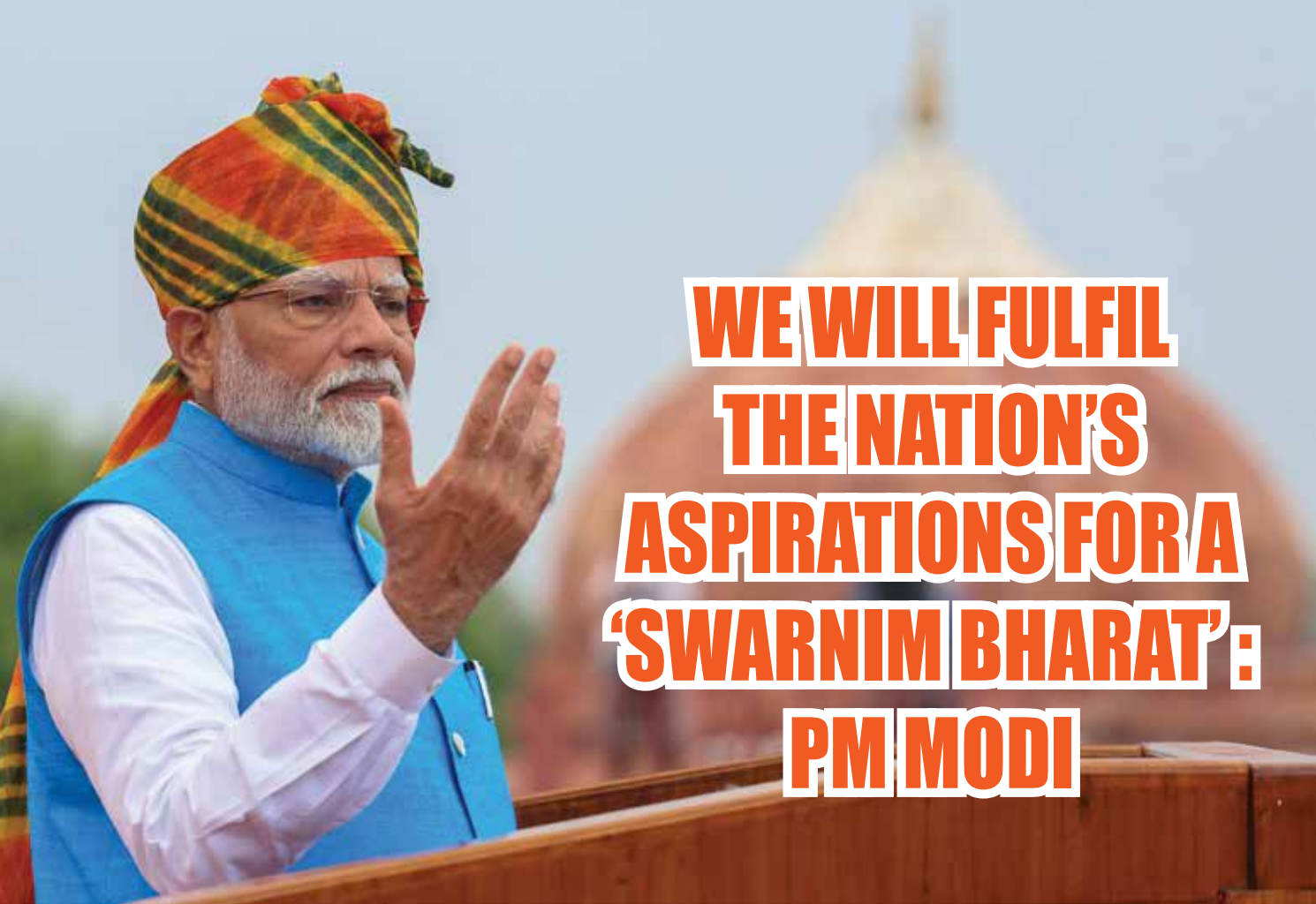
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financial sectors, the banks have for the first time become connected to the common people, poor and middle-class families. As the nation is today proud of its successes in the 'Fintech' sector, roads have been constructed to connect the remotest regions and in the border areas, bringing these regions into the national mainstream of growth and development. The robust infrastructure built in the last ten years is now breaking the old shackles and enabling and empowering the poor, Dalits, tribal, oppressed, exploited, OBCs, women, and youth in the country. As four crore pucca houses have been constructed, three crores are now sanctioned to be built, as life of dignity has been ensured for the poor along with toilets, electricity connections, gas connections, social security, Ayushman cards, and many more facilities that are transforming the lives of the oppressed and deprived communities of the country. In the last decade, ten crore women have become part of the

self-help groups, with one crore mothers and sisters becoming 'lakhpati didis'. As the funds allocated to these self-help groups have been doubled from 10 lakhs to 20 lakhs, women have become guarantors and custodians of social transformation in the country.

While India is moving towards realising its dream of becoming a Viksit Bharat, the mantra of self-reliance is making it take huge strides in the defence and space sectors. The farmers have made the nation proud at the global level by creating records in food production and making Indian agricultural practices reach various corners of the world. The aim of making India the skill capital of the world has enthused the youth with new dynamism, opening the doors to multiple opportunities internationally. As the Prime Minister has reiterated his commitment to continue waging war against corruption, he pledged to create an environment of fear for the corrupt so that tradition of looting the people's money comes to an end. He has rightly cautioned the society against the attempts to glorify corruption and make efforts to increase the acceptance of the corrupt practices; as such tendencies pose serious challenges to the growth of a healthy society. While he said that no stone will be left unturned in fulfilling commitments to change the destiny of 140 crore, he also called upon the people to fulfil their own responsibilities collectively, strengthen patriotic zeal and faith in democracy, and inspire the world with the achievements as India moves towards realising the dreams of Viksit Bharat. ■

Bharat Celebrates 78th Independence Day



**WE WILL FULFIL
THE NATION'S
ASPIRATIONS FOR A
'SWARNIM BHARAT':
PM MODI**

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the nation on the occasion of India's 78th Independence Day from the rampart of the Red Fort in Delhi on 15 August 2024. During the address, PM Shri Modi said 'Viksit Bharat 2047' is not just a phrase for speeches. There is hard work going behind it. Every citizen's dream is reflected in this. Every citizen's resolution is evident in this. Be it the youth, the elderly, villagers, farmers, dalits, tribals, people living in the mountains, forests or cities, everyone has given valuable suggestions to build a Viksit Bharat by 2047 when the country celebrates 100 years of its Independence. Elaborating on the robust reforms, PM Shri Modi said the NDA government is deeply committed to major reforms, and through these efforts, we aim to set the country on a path of progress. He said if we seize this moment and move forward with our dreams and resolutions, we will fulfill the nation's aspirations for a 'Swarnim Bharat' and achieve our goal of a developed Bharat by 2047. Following is the excerpts of the speech:



Today is that auspicious moment when we pay our respects to the innumerable revered brave freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives for the country and committed themselves for the freedom of the country; who struggled throughout their lives, embraced the gallows bravely with slogans of Bharat Mata ki Jai. It is a festival to remember their grit, resolve and patriotic virtues. It is due to these bravehearts that we have the good fortune of breathing freely on this festival of independence. The country is deeply indebted to them. We express our reverence towards every such great personality.

Today, I extend my deep respect to all those who are protecting the country with full dedication with commitment for nation building; and are also trying to take the country to new heights. Be it our farmers, the high morale of the youth, the contributions of our mothers and sisters; or the dalits, oppressed, exploited, deprived; today their patriotic zeal and faith in democracy have become an inspiration for the world. I salute all such people with deep respect.

Recall the days of pre-independence



Let us now recall the days of pre-independence. During the hundreds of years of slavery, every period has been a struggle. Be it our youth, older people, farmers, women, or tribals, they have continuously fought against slavery. History is proof that even before the much-remembered Revolt of 1857, there were many tribal areas in our country where battles for independence were fought.

Before independence, 40 crore countrymen showed immense spirit and capability. They marched forward with a dream, a resolution and fought tirelessly. There was only one voice—"Vande Mataram," and only one dream—Bharat's freedom. We are proud that their blood runs in our veins today. They were our ancestors. They were just 40 crore. Just 40 crore people uprooted a global power and broke the shackles of slavery. If our ancestors, whose blood flows in our veins, could achieve this, then today we are a country of 140 crore people. If 40 crore people could break the shackles of slavery, if 40 crore people could fulfill the dream of achieving freedom, then 140 crore citizens of my country, 140 crore of my family members, if they set out with a resolution, determine a direction and march forward step by step, shoulder

to shoulder, no matter how great the challenges, how intense the scarcity or the struggle for resources, we can overcome every challenge and build a prosperous Bharat. We can achieve the goal of a 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047. If 40 crore countrymen could give us freedom with their hard work, dedication, renunciation and sacrifice, then 140 crore countrymen can also build a prosperous Bharat with the same spirit.

Viksit Bharat 2047 is not just a phrase for speeches

Viksit Bharat 2047 is not just a phrase for speeches. There is hard work going behind it. Suggestions are being taken from many people across the country and we have sought suggestions from the citizens. I am pleased that crores of citizens have given countless

-  **The commitment to live for the country can create a Viksit Bharat.**
-  **Every citizen's dream & resolution is evident in the commitment of Viksit Bharat 2047.**
-  **In today's India, there is no place for a Mai-Baap culture.**
-  **Our patriotic zeal and faith in democracy have become an inspiration for the world.**
-  **We have moved from the stale status-quo mindset to one of growth and reforms.**
-  **Our path of reforms has become a blueprint for growth.**
-  **This is a 'Golden Era for Bharat' in terms of opportunities, despite gloomy global conditions.**


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I was immensely pleased to read these suggestions. What did they write? Some people proposed making Bharat the skill capital of the world. For a Viksit Bharat 2047, some suggested transforming the country into


a global manufacturing hub. Some suggested that our universities should achieve global status. There were also those who questioned why our media shouldn't be global after so many years of independence. Others expressed the belief that our skilled youth should become the first choice of the world. Some suggested that Bharat should become self-reliant in every aspect of life as soon as possible.


New consciousness has come within the country


I was reading these suggestions because they have been provided by my fellow citizens. These are suggestions from the common citizens of my

 **Less government interference in the lives of ordinary citizens is an important part of our vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.**

 **It is crucial for citizens to focus on the duties enshrined in the Constitution as we celebrate 75 years of our Constitution.**

 **The responsibility of abiding by the duties extends beyond just the citizens to various institutions of the country.**

 **When we all fulfil our responsibilities collectively, we naturally become guardians of each other's rights.**

 **By performing our duties, we inherently protect these rights without needing any additional effort.**

country. I believe that when the people of this nation possess such big thoughts and grand dreams when their resolve is reflected in these words, it strengthens a new resolve within us. Our self-confidence reaches new heights, and this belief of people is not just an intellectual debate; it has emerged from experiences. This belief is the result of long-term hard work. Therefore, when the common man hears from the ramparts of the Red Fort that electricity will be provided to 18,000 villages in Bharat within a specific timeframe and that promise is fulfilled, their confidence is strengthened. When it is said that even after so many years of independence, there are still 2.5 crore families living in darkness without electricity,

and when 2.5 Crore homes receive electricity, then the confidence of the common man increases. When we talk about 'Swachh Bharat' clean Bharat, from affluent sections of society to rural families, people living in poor colonies or small children, every family today is embracing a clean environment and encouraging dialogue on cleanliness. Every citizen is behaving responsibly and checking on each other to ensure a social change towards clean habits and environment. I believe this is a true reflection of a new consciousness that has come within the country.

3 crore families receive clean drinking water from their taps

When it is announced from the ramparts of Red Fort that three crore families today receive clean drinking water from their taps, it is essential that all our families receive pure and clean drinking water. Through the Jal Jeevan Mission, 12 crore families are receiving hygienic tap water supply in a short duration. Today 15 crore families are the beneficiaries of this scheme. Who among our people were deprived of these facilities? Who was left behind? The forward strata of society did not face such lack of amenities. It is the dalits, the marginalized people, the exploited segment, the tribal brothers and sisters, people who dwell in slums and shackles, it is they who are devoid of such basic necessities. We made efforts to fulfill many such basic needs and the benefits of the results have been received by all members of the society.

Vocal for Local

We have given the mantra of Vocal for Local. Today I am happy that it has become a new mantra for economic development. Every district is now taking pride in their produce. One District One Product is the new wave now. Every district has now started thinking in the direction of exporting the product under One District One Product. The districts had taken the resolve of Renewable energy. India has achieved more in this sector than G 20 Nations collectively. India is working hard to become self-reliant in the energy sector and to resolve the challenges caused by Global warming.

Our nation feels immensely proud of our success in Fintech which even the world wants to learn from us. This makes us feel even more proud of our abilities.

Fastest vaccination drive in the world

How can we forget the crisis faced during the corona pandemic? It was in our own country that the fastest vaccination drive in the world was carried out. Now when our own army conducts surgical strikes and air strikes, the hearts of the youth are filled with pride and heads are held high. It is because of these that 140 crore countrymen today feel proud and confident.

Commitment to reforms is not for a few days of applause


Let us not forget that we as a nation have been facing tough situations even after several decades of freedom. This is because of our attitude of 'chalta hai' and accepting the status quo. We do not believe or participate in actualizing the change. We do not challenge the status quo and do nothing new thinking that it will create more problems. There was an environment of status Quo, to make do with what is available, people believed that nothing is going to happen. We had to break this mentality; we had to fill ourselves with confidence, and we made efforts in that direction. Many people would say, "Why should we work for the next generation now? Let's focus on the present." But the ordinary citizens of the country did not want that; they were waiting for change, they desired change, they were eager for it. But no one gave importance to their dreams, hopes and aspirations. As a result, they continued to struggle through hardships. They waited for reforms. We were given the responsibility and we implemented significant reforms. Be it the poor, the middle class, the underprivileged, our growing urban population, the dreams and resolutions of the youth, and their aspirations, we chose the path of reforms to bring about change in their lives. And I want to assure the citizens of the country that our commitment to reforms is not limited to the editorials of pink papers. Our commitment to reforms is not for a few days of applause. Our process of reforms is not driven by compulsion but by the intention to strengthen the nation. Therefore, today, I can say that our path of reforms has become a blueprint for growth. Our reforms, this growth, the change, these are not just topics for debate clubs, intellectual society or experts.

We have not done this due to political compulsions. Whatever we do, we do not think by calculating political gains and losses. Our only resolution is—Nation First,

Nation First, the nation's interest is supreme. We take steps with the resolution that my India should become great.

Reforms in the banking sector

There is a long story when it comes to reforms and it might take hours if I go into its discussion. But I want to give a small example. The reforms in the banking sector—Think about the state of the banking sector—there was neither development, nor expansion, nor trust. Not only that, the kind of activities that were going on led our banks into crises. We implemented multiple reforms to strengthen the banking sector. And today, as a result, our banks have secured their place among the selected strong banks in the world.

-  **India is proud of its success in the 'Fintech' sector.**
-  **We have successfully doubled the per capita income of individuals.**
-  **We have made significant strides in setting new records in employment and self-employment**
-  **Multiple reforms were implemented to strengthen the banking sector. And today, as a result, our banks have secured their place among the selected strong banks in the world.**
-  **Strong banking system becomes the greatest strength to meet the needs of the common poor, especially middle-class families.**

To promote the skill development of our youngsters

Although our country gained independence, a "Maai-Baap" culture took root unfortunately, where people were forced to constantly plead with the government, seek favors, and rely on references or recommendations. Today, we have transformed that model of governance. Now, it is the government that reaches out to the beneficiaries; it is the government that delivers gas stoves to their homes, brings water supply to their households, provides electricity, and offers financial assistance to encourage them to

touch new heights of development. The government is actively taking steps to promote the skill development of our youngsters.

Our government is deeply committed to major reforms, and through these efforts, we aim to set the country on a path of progress.

World's perception of Bharat has changed

New systems are being established in the country. To advance the nation, numerous financial policies are being continuously developed, and the country's

Golden Era for Bharat. Compared to global conditions also this is indeed our golden period.

Aspirations for a 'Swarnim Bharat'






We must not let this opportunity slip away. If we seize this moment and move forward with our dreams and resolutions, we will fulfil the nation's aspirations for a 'Swarnim Bharat' (Golden India) and achieve our goal of a developed Bharat by 2047. We have broken free from the shackles of centuries.

Fund allocated to women self-help groups increased from 10 lakhs to 20 lakhs

Now you can witness the massive change that is happening. I am throwing light on the changes happening at the grassroots through the women self-help groups. In the past decade, 10 crore sisters have become a part of these women self-help groups. 10 crore new sisters. I am feeling proud that 10 crore women from ordinary rural families are now becoming economically independent and self-reliant. When women become financially independent, they start contributing in important decision making in their families. We have now decided to increase the fund allocated to women self-help groups from 10 lakhs to 20 lakhs. Until now, a total of nine lakh crore funds have been channeled via banks to these self-help groups which is enabling them to further their various works.

Space sector is opening up new future for us

My young minds kindly be mindful of the fact that the space sector is opening up new future for us. This is a very important aspect of development which we shall pay more emphasis on. We have introduced several new reforms in this sector. We have removed several restrictions that were gripping the growth of this sector. India is seeing a surge in startups in the space sector. This sector is now becoming very vibrant and is going to play a crucial role in making our country a powerful nation. We are futuristic in our vision while strengthening the sector. We feel proud that today private satellites and rockets are being launched in our own country. I can vouch for this fact that if policies are right, intentions are true with complete commitment towards national development then we are bound to achieve great outcomes.

-  **We have launched the National Nutrition Mission with special focus on the first generation of Viksit Bharat.**
-  **10 crore women have become a part of women self-help groups in the last decade.**
-  **Women become guarantors and custodians of social transformation when they are financially empowered.**
-  **One crore mothers and sisters joined women self-help groups and are becoming 'lakhpati didis'.**
-  **Funds allocated to women self-help groups will be increased from 10 lakhs to 20 lakhs.**

trust in these new systems is steadily growing. Those who are 20-25 years old today, and who were only 12-15 years old a decade ago, have witnessed this transformation taking place before their eyes. In just 10 years, their dreams have taken shape, sharpened, and ignited a new sense of self-confidence, which is now emerging as a formidable strength of the nation. Today, Bharat's reputation has enhanced globally, and the world's perception of Bharat has changed.

The doors of opportunities are now wide open for our youth around the world. Countless new employment opportunities, which had eluded us for so many years after independence, are now at their doorstep. Possibilities have expanded, and new opportunities are being created. The youth of my country no longer wish to move slowly. They do not believe in incremental progress. Instead, they are in the mood to take leaps, to achieve new milestones by making bold strides. I would like to say that this is a

Humongous infrastructure development

In the past decade we have witnessed humongous infrastructure development by providing state of art railways, airport, ports, robust roadways, broadband connectivity so that facilities reach the last mile such as ensuring every village and even forest zones get a school, modern hospitals and Arogya mandirs are built in faraway places to provide affordable healthcare to the marginalized through Ayushman Bharat schemes. Several medical colleges and hospitals are being built. Sixty thousand ponds 'Amrit Sarovars' have been revived and replenished. Optical fiber networks have already been installed in Two lakhs Panchayats. Many farmers are benefitting now due to the huge network of canals. Four crore pukka homes have given a new lease of life to the poor. Three crore new homes have been promised in an effort to further this national agenda.

North East India is now a hub for medical infrastructure





Our North East India is now a hub for medical infrastructure and this transformation has helped us touch the lives by delivering accessible healthcare till the last mile. We have constructed roads connecting the remotest of villages and borders to bring these regions to the mainstream. Through these robust infrastructure networks, we have been able to fulfill the needs of the Dalits, exploited, deprived, backward, tribals, indigenous and inhabitants of forests, hills and far flung border areas. It has been a pivotal agenda while designing reforms to ensure holistic schemes for our citizens engaged in fisheries, animal husbandry.

Middle-class families contribute significantly to the country

Our middle-class families naturally have expectations of a quality life. They contribute significantly to the country, so it is the country's responsibility to fulfill their expectations of quality life. We continuously strive to free them from bureaucratic hurdles. And I have envisioned that by 2047, when the dream of a Viksit Bharat will be realized, a component of this dream will be that there will be less government interference in the lives of ordinary citizens. We are committed to the kind of system where governance is not missing where it is necessary and where there is


no impact due to delays caused by the government.


We pay attention to even the smallest of needs. We focus on even the smallest necessities and work accordingly. Whether it is ensuring that the stove in our poor households keeps burning or ensuring that a poor mother does not have to go to sleep with worries in her mind, we are running a free healthcare plan, (free) electricity, water, and gas (connections) are now in saturation mode, and when we talk about saturation, it means 100%. When saturation occurs, it does not carry the colour of casteism and that of leftist ideology. When the mantra of saturation is embraced, the true essence of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas" is realized.


-  **We have constructed roads connecting the remotest of villages and borders to bring these regions to the mainstream.**
-  **Through these robust infrastructure networks, we have been able to fulfill the needs of the Dalits, victimized, exploited, deprived, backward, tribals, indigenous, aboriginals and inhabitants of forests and hills and far away border areas.**
-  **Four crore pukka homes have given a new lease of life to the poor.**
-  **Three crore new homes have been promised in an effort to further this national agenda.**


Reduce government interference in people's lives

We have taken steps to reduce government interference in people's lives. The government used to burden ordinary citizens with thousands of compliances. We have eliminated over 1,500 laws so that citizens are not trapped in a web of legal complexities. There were laws created for small mistakes that could send people to jail. We have abolished the practice of imprisonment for minor offenses and removed provisions in the law that sent people to jail. Today, as we talk about the legacy of taking pride in our freedom, we have replaced the centuries-old criminal laws with new criminal laws known as (Bharatiya) Nyaya Sanhita. At the core of this is not punishment but the idea of ensuring justice for citizens.

 **If there was any country that has swiftly improved its economy amidst the global covid pandemic, it is Bharat.**

 **Development of modern infrastructure & Ease of Living should be focused to catapult our economic growth and development.**

 **In the past decade, we have witnessed humongous infrastructure development by providing state of art railways, airport, ports, and robust roadways network to ensure government connectivity.**

 **I urge all elected representatives, regardless of party or state, to take steps on a mission mode to ensure Ease of Living.**

To create Ease of Living

We are working on a nationwide mission to create Ease of Living. I emphasize this at every level of government. I urge all elected representatives, regardless of party or state, to take steps on a mission mode for Ease of Living. I request our youth, professionals, and everyone to keep writing to the government about the trivial issues they face with their solutions. They should inform the government. There is no harm in removing unnecessary difficulties. I firmly believe that today's governments are sensitive. Whether it is local self-governance, state governments, or the central government, they will give importance to this issue.

Reforms in governance are essential for the dream of a Viksit Bharat by 2047. We must push forward with these reforms so that opportunities are created in the lives of ordinary citizens, and obstacles are eliminated.

To accelerate progress in every sector

Today, our nation is brimming with aspirations. The youth of our country are eager to soar new heights and achieve greatness. Therefore, our aim is to accelerate progress in every sector, focusing on three key areas.

- Firstly, we must create new opportunities across all sectors.
- Secondly, we should work towards strengthening the supporting infrastructure required for evolving systems.

- And thirdly, we must prioritize and enhance the basic amenities for our citizens.

These three aspects have fostered an aspirational society in Bharat, resulting in a society that is brimming with confidence. We are moving forward with immense passion by combining the aspirations of our citizens with the energy of our youth and the strength of our nation.

Country is moving in the right direction

When I think of the Corona period, if there is any country that has swiftly improved its economy amidst the global pandemic, it is Bharat. This reassures me that we are on the right path. When the Tricolour is proudly fluttered at every house, transcending caste and creed, it affirms that the country is moving in the right direction. Today, the entire nation is united under the Tricolour — every house is adorned with it, with no distinctions of caste, creed, higher-class, or lower-class; we are all Indians. This unity is a testament to the strength of our direction. When we lift 25 crore people out of poverty, it reinforces our belief that we have maintained our momentum, and our dreams will soon be fulfilled. When more than 100 aspiring districts are competing with the best districts in their respective states, we feel that both our direction and momentum of growth are certainly strong. Our tribal population is small but dispersed in really small groups across the country in remote locations and the government is concerned about their well-being and development. To ensure that the benefits of PM Jan Mann schemes reach each of them at various remote settlements in villages, hills and forests is a challenge for the government but we are not leaving any stone unturned. It gives fulfilment when you work compassionately. We should not only regard and respect women but we should make decisions with empathy for their wellness. In this earnest, we have extended paid maternity leave from 12 weeks to 26 weeks for working women. We are responsible for the child in her lap who will become a good citizen only if the mother is taken care of. This motivates us to make compassionate decisions for the females of our country.

Inclusive and accessible nation through 'Sugamya'

When my specially-abled brothers and sisters

start communicating in the Indian sign language, or benefit from the campaign of inclusive and accessible nation through 'Sugamya' (accessible) Bharat, s/he feels respected and enjoys dignity as a citizen of the country. It is amazing to see our sportspersons come out in flying colors in paralympics. They draw strength from our compassion. We are making equitable decisions with high sensitivity towards our ostracized transgender society by bringing amendments and introducing new laws for their incursion into the mainstream and ensuring dignity, respect and equality for all. Thus, we are moving in the right direction of change. We have embarked onto the 'Trividh Marg' (three-way route) and are seeing a direct benefit of the spirit of service to all.

Third consecutive time

After 60 years, we have been chosen to serve the nation for the third consecutive time. In response to the blessings that 140 crore countrymen have given to me, I have only one message: We are here to serve each of you, every family and every region. With this power of your blessings, we aspire to achieve new heights of development. To pursue the dream of a developed India, from the ramparts of the Red Fort today, I bow my head in gratitude and thank the crores of countrymen for blessing us and choosing us to serve the nation. And I assure you all that we have to move forward to new heights, with a new zeal. We are not amongst those who watch from the sides and revel in the glory of small achievements. We are from a culture of seekers of new knowledge and resilience; the go-getters who relentlessly aspire for higher achievements. We want to scale newer heights of development and we wish to inculcate this habit among our citizens.

The new education policy

Today, through the new education policy, we want to transform the current education system in line with the requirements of the 21st century. We have to prepare future ready skilled resources in India to meet the expectations of the fast-paced development. The new education policy has a huge role to play in retaining new talent in India. I do not want the youth of my country to be forced to study abroad.



-  **Space sector is opening up a new future for us.**
-  **India is seeing a surge in startups in the space sector.**
-  **Today, private satellites and rockets are being launched in our own country.**
-  **The success of Chandrayaan mission has piqued a new atmosphere of interest in science and technology in our schools and colleges.**

Importance of science and technology increasing in every aspect of life

The world is changing rapidly and the importance of science and technology is increasing in every aspect of life. We have created the National Research Foundation providing it with a legal framework to develop a permanent system that continuously strengthens research. This research foundation will carry out that work. It is a matter of great pride that we have decided to allocate one lakh crore rupees for research and innovation in the Budget so that the ideas of our country's youth can be realized.

Even today, our children are going abroad for medical education. Therefore, we have decided that 75,000 new seats will be created in the medical field in the next five years.


A Viksit Bharat of 2047 must also be a healthy Bharat


A Viksit Bharat of 2047 must also be a healthy Bharat. To ensure this, we must focus on the nutrition of children starting today as they are the first generation


of a developed Bharat. That is why we have launched a nutrition campaign paying special attention to their well-being. We have initiated the National Nutrition Mission (POSHAN Abhiyaan), prioritizing nutrition.


Transforming our agricultural


Transforming our agricultural system is crucial and the need of the hour. We must break free from the age-old traditions that have held us back for centuries, and we are actively supporting our farmers in this endeavor. We have been continuously working towards this transformation. Today, we provide farmers with easy access to loans and assist them with the latest technology. We are assisting the farmers to ensure value addition to their produce. We are also

 **Transformation in the agriculture sector is the crucial need of the hour.**

 **I am grateful to all the farmers who have chosen the path of natural farming and taken a resolve to serve our Mother Earth.**

 **Substantial schemes with significant provisions were introduced in this year's budget to promote and support organic farming.**

 **We must strengthen the nutrition of the world and also support the small farmers of India.**

 **India and her farmers have the potential to create a global food basket of organic food.**

making comprehensive arrangements for marketing their produce so that the farmers have end to end assistance, and we are committed to moving forward in this direction.

We are striving to ensure that the lives of farmers are made easier, villages have top-class internet connectivity, farmers have access to healthcare facilities and their children get access to smart schools as well as employment opportunities. Given the challenges of sustaining an entire family on small plots of land, we are making comprehensive efforts to equip the youth with the skills needed to secure new jobs and create additional sources of income.

Women-led development model

In recent years, we have focused on a women-led development model. Be it innovation, employment or entrepreneurship, women are making significant strides in every sector. It's not just about increasing participation, women are also taking on leadership roles. Today, in many areas—be it our defence sector, the Air Force, the Army, the Navy, or our space sector—we are witnessing the strength and capabilities of our women.

Such is the prowess of India

We have a habit of downsizing our own efforts and achievements as a nation. We unfortunately have stopped taking pride in our nationality for whatever reason. It was humiliating many times to hear 'being late' as a typical Indian mindset. We have worked hard to improve the perception of Indians at the global level. In the past even toys were imported in India. We have witnessed such days too. But today we are proud that our toy industry has also become a name to reckon with in the global market. We have started exporting toys. There was a time when mobile phones were being imported, but today India has a large hub of manufacturing ecosystem of mobile phones and we have started exporting them all over the world. Such is the prowess of India.

Semiconductors, modern technology and AI

Future of the world is connected with semiconductors, modern technology and AI. We have embarked on the semiconductor mission and aspire to have Made In India products which are available at competitive rates for the world. We have great talent pools and our youth should dream big in this sector. India has been into research and now we should move towards manufacturing as well. We have the capability and prowess to provide end to end solutions to the world in this sector.

We have also seen the days when we had to struggle even for 2G. Today we can see the meteoric scaling up and Roll Out of 5G across the latitude and longitude of the country. Friends, we are not going to stop anywhere soon. We shall not agree to stop at 5G only. We are already working in the mission mode for 6G and we shall surprise the world with our progress. I can say this with full confidence.

Deeply grateful to our Defence Forces

Talking about the Defence Sector, we were in the habit of questioning any increase in the Defence Budget. No one ever tried to know where the funds were utilized. The Defence Budget was spent on imports from other countries. I am deeply grateful to our Defence Forces as we see their promise in becoming self-reliant in this sector as well. They have shared a list of things that they have resolved not to import any more. We should learn true patriotism from our army. With this spirit we are becoming self-reliant in the defence sector. In the field of Defence Manufacturing India has also marked its presence. I am elated to say that our defence sector which was dependent on importing even small items, has gradually emerged and is establishing itself as exporter and manufacturer of various Defence Equipment.





To promote the manufacturing sector

We want to promote the manufacturing sector because it is crucial for addressing unemployment. Today, the Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme has been a great success. Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) reforms have also given us significant strength. MSMEs (Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises) have gained considerable momentum. A new system has been developed, and as a result, our manufacturing sector is on the path to becoming a global manufacturing hub. With a country that has such a large youth population and the capability to harness it, we aim to advance in the world of manufacturing with great strength, especially in Industry 4.0. We have also focused on the necessary skill development for this. We have introduced new models in skill development. We have encouraged public participation so that we can quickly develop skills according to immediate requirements. As I speak from the ramparts of the Red Fort, I am confident that the day is not far when Bharat will become an industrial manufacturing hub and the world will look up to it.

Important for Bharat to be recognized for its best quality

It is important for Bharat to be recognized for its best quality. For the world, we now need to focus on the field of design and emphasize "Design in India." We must strive to make Indian Standards


synonymous with International Standards. When Indian Standards become International Standards, it will make it easier for our products to receive global acceptance. This will depend on the quality of our production, the quality of our services, and the quality of our approach. Therefore, we must focus on quality as we move forward. We have the talent. We can offer many new things to the world in the field of design. We must embrace the call of "Design in India" and move forward with the dream of "Design in India and Design for the World."


-  **We are becoming self-reliant in the defence sector.**
-  **India has gradually emerged and is establishing itself as an exporter and manufacturer of various Defence Equipment.**
-  **When our armed forces conduct Surgical Strikes, our heart fills with pride and our heads are held high.**
-  **140 crore Indians today feel proud and confident of episodes of valour of our armed forces.**


Global warming and climate change


Today, global warming and climate change are pressing issues and are being discussed across various sectors worldwide. Bharat has undertaken numerous initiatives in this regard. We have demonstrated our commitment through tangible actions, not mere words, and have achieved results that have astonished the world. We were pioneers in banning single-use plastics and have significantly advanced our renewable energy efforts, infusing new strength in this field. We are moving towards a net-zero future in the coming years and I remember the targets set in the Paris Accord. From the ramparts of the Red Fort, I wish to highlight the achievements of my countrymen. What the G-20 nations could not accomplish, our citizens have achieved. If any G-20 country has met its Paris Accord targets ahead of time, it is only my country, my Bharat. I take immense pride in this accomplishment. We have met our renewable energy targets and are ambitiously working towards


reaching the target of 500 GW of renewable energy by 2030. It's indeed a massive goal! The world may be astonished by this goal, but I confidently assure my fellow countrymen that we will achieve it. This will benefit humanity, secure our future, and ensure a bright future for our children. We are also committed to making our railways net-zero carbon emitter by 2030.


 **The aim is to train India's youth and become the skill capital of the world.**

 **1 lakh youth should be inducted into the political system, specifically those with no history of politics in their families.**

 **We are making comprehensive efforts to equip the youth with the skills needed to secure new jobs and create additional sources of income.**

 **On behalf of 140 crore fellow countrymen, I extend my congratulations to all the athletes and players of our nation who represented India in the Paris Olympics.**

 **I also convey my heartfelt best wishes to all our Paralympic athletes.**

 **Our goal is clear: to host the 2036 Olympics on Indian soil. We are preparing for this and making significant progress towards it.**

PM Surya Ghar Free Electricity Scheme

The PM Surya Ghar Free Electricity Scheme is set to provide new strength, and its benefits will be felt by the average families in our country, particularly the middle class, when their electricity bills become free. The demand for electric vehicles is on the rise. Those who generate electricity from solar energy under the PM Surya Ghar Yojana, can also reduce their fuel costs.

We aim to become a global hub through the Green Hydrogen Mission. Policies have been rapidly formulated, and their implementation is progressing swiftly. Bharat is committed to advancing green hydrogen as a new energy source.

Congratulations to all the athletes and players of our nation

Today, under this tricolor flag, we are joined by the



young athletes who have proudly represented Bharat on the global Olympic stage. On behalf of 140 crore fellow countrymen, I extend my congratulations to all the athletes and players of our nation. I also offer my best wishes with the hope that we will continue to strive towards new goals with renewed dreams, resolutions, and unwavering effort. In a few days, a large Indian delegation will depart for Paris for the Paralympics. I also convey my heartfelt best wishes to all our Paralympic athletes.

India hosted the G-20, and it was organized across various cities in our country. More than 200 events were conducted! G-20 was never held in such a grand manner before, this was a first. This proves that Bharat has the capability to organize major international events and possesses unparalleled hospitality. With this established, our goal is clear: to host the 2036 Olympics on Indian soil. We are preparing for this and making significant progress towards it.

Our collective progress

It is our social responsibility to support the most disadvantaged members of society. If we leave anyone behind, it hampers our collective progress. Therefore, we can only truly advance if we uplift those who are lagging behind. It is our duty to make every effort to include the neglected regions, the marginalized communities, our small farmers, tribal brothers and sisters in the forests, our mothers and sisters, our laborers, and our workers, ensuring they are brought up to our level.

What could be a more significant occasion for fostering sensitivity than this? Even before the 1857 freedom struggle, a tribal youth in our country stood firm against the British. At the age of 20-22, he

challenged them fiercely, and today, he is revered as Bhagwan Birsa Munda. As we approach the 150th birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, let us draw inspiration from his legacy. Who could serve as a greater inspiration than Bhagwan Birsa Munda, exemplifying how even an individual of modest means can exhibit profound patriotism? As we celebrate Bhagwan Birsa Munda's birth anniversary, let our sensitivity and compassion for society deepen. Let us commit to including every member of our community—the poor, the Dalits, the backward, the tribals—and advance together with this resolution.

I want to assure my fellow citizens that with our good intentions, integrity, and dedication to the nation, we will win over even those who oppose us. We will not waver from our commitment to advance our country, and I pledge to uphold this resolve.





Development of Bharat does not mean a threat to anyone

Challenges are abundant, both internal and external. As we grow stronger and gain more attention, these challenges are bound to increase. External challenges, in particular, are likely to escalate, and I am well aware of this. However, I want to convey to such forces that the development of Bharat does not mean a threat to anyone. Even in the past, when we were prosperous, we never dragged the world into wars. We are the land of Buddha, and war is not our path. Therefore, the world need not worry. As Bharat progresses, I urge the global community to understand Bharat's values and its thousands of years of history. Do not perceive us as a threat. Do not resort to strategies that might make it harder for a land capable of contributing to the welfare of all humanity. But I also want to tell my fellow citizens that no matter how many challenges we face, confronting challenges is in Bharat's nature. We will not waver, tire, stop, or bow down. We will leave no stone unturned in fulfilling our commitments, changing the destiny of 140 crore citizens, securing their future, and realizing the nation's dreams. I assure you that we will triumph over every ill-intent with our good intentions.

Fight against corruption will continue with complete sincerity

Changes in the social fabric can sometimes lead to

significant challenges. Every citizen has been troubled by the termite of corruption. Corruption at all levels has shattered the common man's faith in the system. The anger caused by the injustice to one's abilities and potential harms the nation's progress. That is why I have launched a widespread war against corruption. I know this battle comes at a price; it costs me my reputation. But no reputation can be more important than the nation, and no dream of mine can be bigger than the nation's dreams. Hence, my fight against corruption will continue with complete sincerity and at a fast pace, and action will be taken against the corrupt. I want to create an environment of fear for the corrupt, so the tradition of looting the common citizen comes to an end.

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-  **The attempt to sow such seeds in society, the glorification of corruption, and the continuous efforts to increase the acceptance of the corrupt have become a significant challenge for a healthy society and a matter of great concern.**

Recent events in Bangladesh

I understand the concerns regarding recent events in Bangladesh, especially given our proximity as a neighboring country. I hope that the situation there soon returns to normalcy. The primary concern of our 140 crore citizens is to ensure the safety of Hindus, the minorities in Bangladesh. Bharat has always desired that our neighboring countries pursue a path of contentment and peace. Our commitment to peace is deeply rooted in our culture. In the days to come, our positive thoughts will continue to accompany Bangladesh on its development journey because we are the people dedicated to the welfare of humanity.

Uniting and strengthening our nation

As we mark the 75th anniversary of our Constitution, it is important to reflect on its pivotal role in uniting and strengthening our nation. Over these 75 years, the Constitution has been instrumental in fortifying Bharat's democracy and safeguarding the rights of our dalits, the oppressed, the exploited and the deprived sections of the society. As we celebrate 75 years of the Indian Constitution, it is crucial for citizens to focus on the duties enshrined in the Constitution, and when I talk about duty, I do not just want to put a burden on the citizens.

Secular Civil Code

In our country, the Supreme Court has repeatedly addressed the issue of the Uniform Civil Code. Numerous orders have been issued, reflecting the belief of a significant portion of our population—and rightly so—that the current Civil Code resembles a Communal Civil Code, one that is discriminatory. As we celebrate 75 years of the Constitution, we must hold extensive discussions on this subject as the Supreme Court advocates for this change. And it is our collective responsibility to realize the vision of the framers of our Constitution. We should welcome diverse opinions and perspectives. Laws that divide our nation based on religion and foster discrimination have no place in modern society. Therefore, I assert that it is time for the country to demand a Secular Civil Code. After 75 years of a Communal Civil Code, it is crucial to move towards a Secular Civil Code. Once this shift takes place, it will eliminate religious discrimination and will bridge the gap felt by ordinary citizens.

Dynastic politics and casteism

When I always talk about the concern of dynastic politics and casteism in the country, I believe they are causing significant harm to the democracy of Bharat. We need to free the country and politics from dynastic politics and casteism.

A committee has prepared a very good report. The country needs to come forward to embrace the concept of "One Nation One Election". From the ramparts of the Red Fort with the Tricolor as witness, I urge the political parties and those who understand the Constitution of the country, to come forward to make the dream of "One Nation One Election" a reality

for the progress of Bharat and the maximum utilization of its resources for the common people.

Country is committed to moving forward with a firm resolution

This is the golden period of Bharat. Viksit Bharat 2047 awaits us. This country is committed to moving forward with a firm resolution by overcoming obstacles, hurdles and challenges. And friends, I see clearly, there is no hesitation in my thoughts. There is no veil in front of my dreams. I can see clearly that the blood of our ancestors is in the veins of the 140 crore people. If those 40 crore people could fulfill the dreams of independence, then 140 crore citizens can realize the dream of a prosperous Bharat. 140 crore citizens can realize the dream of a Viksit Bharat. As I have said before, the country is bound to become the third-largest economy during my third term, and that I will work three times harder, at three times the speed and with three times the scale so that the dreams we have for the nation are realized sooner. Every moment of mine is for the nation; every second is dedicated to the country; every bit of my being is solely for Maa Bharati. Therefore, with the commitment of working 24x7 and with the vision of a Viksit Bharat by 2047, I call upon my fellow citizens: Let us make the dreams of our forefathers a resolution, connect our dreams to them and add our efforts to them. Let us align our aspirations and our efforts to ensure that the 21st century, which is destined to be the century of Bharat, becomes a 'Swarnim Bharat' (Golden India), and make 'Viksit Bharat' in this century and advance towards fulfilling those dreams. As an independent Bharat is reaching new milestones after 75 years of its journey, let us not leave any stone unturned. And I assure you that I will leave no stone unturned in the wake of the responsibility you have entrusted in me. I will never shy away from hard work. I never back down in courage; I never fear facing challenges. Why? Because I live for you, I live for your future, I live for the bright future of Mother India. Let us move forward with firm resolve under the shadow of the national flag, under the shadow of the Tricolour, to realize those dreams. Speak with me:

Bharat Mata Ki Jai! Bharat Mata Ki Jai! Bharat Mata Ki Jai!
Vande Mataram! Vande Mataram! Vande Mataram!
Vande Mataram!
Jai Hind! Jai Hind! Jai Hind! ■

BJP National President hoists national flag on 78th Independence Day

WE HAVE TO TAKE INDIA FORWARD AS A DEVELOPED NATION: JP NADDA

BJP National President and Union Minister Shri JP Nadda hoisted the national flag at the Bharatiya Janata Party headquarters in New Delhi on 15 August, 2024.

After hoisting the flag, Shri Nadda addressed the leaders and Karyakartas present and said today the country is celebrating 78th Independence Day. There is an atmosphere of joy in the entire country. On the call of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and under his dynamic leadership during the 'Amrit Kaal', the people of the country including youth, farmers, women, tribals, dalits are determined to make India a 'developed nation'.

Shri Nadda also congratulated all the countrymen, BJP Karyakartas and all those connected through digital media on the 78th Independence Day.

He said India is the largest democracy and democratic country in the world. When India,



the mother of democracy, is celebrating its 78th Independence Day and is also remembering its martyrs, brave soldiers and freedom fighters, who sacrificed their lives to liberate India and through them we got independence. We have to cherish and preserve that heardearned

freedom and take the country towards a "developed nation".

The BJP National President said Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, while addressing the nation today, has set goals for the country in the coming times. Be it the field of knowledge, the field of science, the field of health, the field of economics or the parameters related to humanity. We have to take India forward as a developed nation in all fields.

That is why with the wishes of Independence Day, it is the duty of all the Karyakartas to leave no stone unturned in making India a developed nation and contribute fully to this grand journey by taking all the people of the country along with us.

He said, "I have full confidence that every Karyakarta of the Bharatiya Janata Party, along with the people, will work together to fulfill the aspirations of a developed nation." ■

RAM MADHAV, G KISHAN REDDY APPOINTED AS BJP IN-CHARGE FOR J&K ELECTION

The BJP National President Shri JP Nadda on 20 August 2024 has appointed former BJP National General Secretary Shri Ram Madhav and Union Minister Shri G Kishan Reddy as in-charge for the upcoming assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

A statement to this effect was issued by party National General Secretary Shri Arun Singh in New Delhi. The statement said this appointment comes into effect immediately. ■



'INDIA TO RECLAIM ITS RIGHTFUL POSITION ON THE GLOBAL STAGE'

I extend to you all my heartiest Independence Day greetings. I am delighted to see the nation prepare to celebrate the 78th Independence Day. Witnessing the tri-colour unfurl on this occasion, be it at the Red Fort, at state capitals or in local neighbourhoods, always thrills our hearts. It is an expression of the joy of being part of our great nation along with more than 1.4 billion fellow Indians.



come out of poverty are not forced back into it.

Fifth largest economy in the world

- It is a matter of pride for all that India has become the fifth-largest economy in the world, and we are also poised to become one of the top three economies soon. This has been made possible only by

tireless hard work of farmers and workers, by the farsightedness of planners and wealth-creators, and by visionary leadership.

Vibhajan Vibhishika Smriti Diwas

- Today, on 14th August, the nation is observing Vibhajan Vibhishika Smriti Diwas, a day to recall partition horrors. As the great nation was divided, millions had to suffer forced migration, lakhs of people lost their lives. A day before we celebrate Independence Day, we recall that unparalleled human tragedy and stand with the families that were torn as under.
- We are celebrating the 75th year of the Constitution. The journey of the newly independent nation was not without obstacles. Remaining firm on the Constitutional ideals of justice, equality, liberty and fraternity, we are on the mission to enable India to reclaim its rightful position on the global stage.

Fastest-growing major economies

- From 2021 to 2024, India has been among the fastest-growing major economies, with an average growth rate of 8 percent annually. This has not only put more money in the hands of people, it has also drastically reduced the number of people living below the poverty line.
- As for those who continue to suffer from poverty, all efforts are being made not only to provide a helping hand to them, but also to bring them out of it.
- For example, the PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, launched in the initial phase of Covid-19, continues to provide free ration to about 80 crore people, which also ensures that those who have recently

Next generation of economic reforms

- Farmers, our Annadata have contributed immensely to making India self-reliant in agriculture and feeding our people.
- Infrastructure has received a boost in recent years. Strategic planning and effective institutions have helped expand the network of roads and highways, railways as well as ports.
- Considering the great potential of futuristic technology, the Government has vigorously promoted a range of sectors, such as semiconductors and Artificial Intelligence, while also creating an ideal ecosystem for startups which will propel their growth. It has made India an even more attractive investment destination.
- With greater transparency, the banking and financial sector has become much more efficient.

Social justice is a top priority

- Social justice is a top priority of the Government, and it has taken a number of unprecedented initiatives for the welfare of the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other marginalised sections of society.
- Pradhan Mantri Samajik Utthan evam Rozgar Adharit Jankalyan, that is, PM-SURAJ, for example, aims to provide direct financial assistance to the people from the marginalised communities.
- The Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha

Abhiyan or PM-JANMAN has taken the form of a mass campaign for critical interventions to improve the socio-economic conditions of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups, that is, PVTGs.

Women's welfare and empowerment

- I am glad to note that the Government has given equal importance to women's welfare and women's empowerment.
- The budget allocation for this purpose has more than tripled in the last decade.
- Their participation in the labour force has increased.
- The most heartening development on this front has been the significant improvement in the sex ratio at birth.
- A variety of special government schemes have also been designed keeping the women at the centre.
- Nari Shakti Vandan Adhinyam is aimed at ensuring real empowerment of women.

Climate change has become a reality

- Climate change has become a reality. It is all the more challenging for developing nations to change their economic paradigm. Yet, we have already made more progress in that direction than expected.
- India is proud to be at the forefront of humankind's battle to save the planet from the worst effects of global warming.

Adopting the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita

- Speaking of justice, let me also mention here that in adopting the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita from July this year, we have removed one more relic of the colonial era.
- The new code is oriented towards ensuring justice for the victims of crime instead of focusing on punishment alone. I see this change as a tribute to the freedom fighters.

National Education Policy

- Cultivating the young minds and creating a new mindset that takes the best of the traditions and contemporary knowledge is our priority.
- To this end, the National Education Policy, launched in 2020, has already started showing results.

Rashtrapati Ji's speech motivates us to keep working to build a prosperous and developed India: PM

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi said that President's speech on the eve of Independence Day motivates us to keep working to build a prosperous and developed India. Shri Modi also shared full text of the address of President Smt. Droupadi Murmu on the eve of 78th Independence Day. Sharing the X post of President of India, the Prime Minister said; "An inspiring address by Rashtrapati Ji on the eve of our Independence Day. It motivates us to keep working to build a prosperous and developed India."

- To harness their talent, the Government has come up with initiatives to facilitate skilling, employment and other opportunities for them.
- The Prime Minister's package of five schemes for employment and skilling will benefit 4.1 crore youth over five years.
- Under a new initiative of the Government, one crore youth will be doing internship in leading companies over five years.

Achievements in field of digital applications

- Our achievements in the field of digital applications are being used as templates in other countries.
- In recent years, India has made unprecedented advances in space exploration.
- Along with you all, I also eagerly look forward to the launch of the Gaganyaan Mission next year, which will take a team of Indian astronauts into space aboard India's first human spaceflight.

Development of sports infrastructure

- The Government has rightly prioritised the development of sports infrastructure, and it is showing results.
- The Indian contingent put up its best efforts in the recently concluded Paris Olympic Games.
- In cricket, India won the T-20 World Cup, to the great joy of a large number of fans.
- In chess, our prodigies have made the country proud. This is said to be the beginning of an Indian era in chess.
- In badminton, tennis and other sports, our youngsters are making a mark on the world stage. ■

BJP National President condemns the rape-murder incident in Bengal and expresses his deep sorrow

Over the ongoing brutal atrocities against women in West Bengal, BJP National President and Union Minister Shri JP Nadda in a press statement on 13 August 2024 said, "The incident in Bengal is truly heart-wrenching and shook the whole nation. I condemn it and express my deep sorrow. I want to express that my words fell short over the incident and the way CM Mamata Banerjee's government did to hide it is highly condemnable".

He said West Bengal has become a state where there is no law at all in TMC government. Lawlessness is at its peak, and the sad part is that atrocities against women are increasing day by day in West Bengal. All this is happening despite having a woman Chief minister, which is even more worrying.

On RG Kar Medical College and Hospital rape-murder incident, Union Health Minister and BJP National President Shri JP Nadda in a post at X said, "The incident that took place with the young woman PG student in West Bengal is really heart-wrenching and has shaken the world and the country. I condemn



it and express great sorrow that such an inhumane incident has happened. The way the incident took place and the way the government has tried to hide it, no amount of condemnation will be enough. Bengal has become a state where there is no such thing as law and order, lawlessness is at its peak and the sad thing is that atrocities on women are increasing

day by day in West Bengal and all this is happening despite having a woman Chief Minister, this is even more worrying. I would also like to say that the way the West Bengal government has tried to hush up and suppress this case, I condemn it in the strongest terms. I welcome the decision of the High Court for the CBI inquiry; I am confident that the CBI inquiry will bring out the truth. Many delegations of Doctors' Association have met us in the last 2 days, I have assured everyone that the Central Government will take action against anyone connected with this incident. I will definitely find a remedy for this and I am sure that whatever steps are necessary for this, the Government and the Ministry will take them." ■

Candle march taken out by Mahila Morcha to condemn the rape and murder of a female doctor in West Bengal

Against the heinous incident, of rape and murder of a female doctor in West Bengal the BJP National Mahila Morcha under the leadership of National President Smt. Vanathi Srinivasan has taken out a silent candle march outside the Medical College in Kolkatta.

Later addressing the media, Smt. Srinivasan said, "It is the misfortune of West Bengal that despite having a woman Chief Minister, the sisters and daughters of the state are not safe. It is with profound sadness and outrage that I am here to bring the attention of a female Chief Minister to address the recent horrific incident involving the brutal rape and murder of a



women doctor at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital here Kolkatta. This heinous act underscores the dire state of women's safety in West Bengal and what is more shameful is that the government and administration here are completely united and trying to deny this incident from the beginning and tried to erase the evidence. The TMC government

has become an anti-women government for whom power is paramount. We are all speechless. And we demand that the family of the female doctor should get justice and the sisters and daughters of West Beng should be safe." ■

“BANGLA BANDH” SUCCESSFUL

There is no rule of law in West Bengal: Sukanta Majumdar

Against the heinous crime of the Rape-Murder of a female doctor at R.G. Kar Medical College in Kolkata, the opposition Bharatiya Janata Party called a 12-hour “Bangla Bandh” on 28 August 2024. With the spontaneous support of the people from all sections of society; particularly the women, the Bandh was hugely successful in the state. Police detained thousands of people across the state, including several BJP leaders and workers. A large member of BJP workers came out on the road for the bandh. They took huge rallies and shouted slogans against West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and her TMC government; under whose rule the law and order of the state had completely collapsed and women's safety was under severe question mark.

The State BJP leadership said the bandh was a huge success and wrote a letter to Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah on the deteriorating law and order situation.

Later, addressing the press, the BJP severely criticized West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee for allegedly issuing threats to protesting doctors, North-Eastern, and other neighboring states during a public address at the Trinamool Congress Chhatra Parishad (TMCP) foundation day event on 28 August 2024.

Mamata Banerjee making Inciting speeches: Sukanta Majumdar

Bengal BJP President Shri Sukanta Majumdar penned a letter to Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah, condemning Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee for delivering inciting speeches at the Trinamool Chhatra Parishad's rally on Mayo Road. Shri Majumdar called for prompt and decisive action to protect the interests of Bengal's citizens.

Shri Majumdar accused the Chief Minister of trying to incite the crowd by urging them to take action, suggesting that revenge politics was being driven by the state's top office. He said that her remarks about

North-East, Assam, Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha and Delhi were detrimental to the federal structure and national interest.



He said there is no rule of law in West Bengal, only complete anarchy. It's shocking that the state's Chief Minister is a woman, yet when protests are held against crimes targeting women, she responds with lathi charges, water cannons, and tear gas.

Shri Majumdar emphasized that there is no rule of law in West Bengal and it is the duty of public servants, especially those in high authority, to foster peace and discourage violence.

Don't try to incite India with your politics of failure: Himanta Biswa Sarma

The Assam Chief Minister, Shri Himanta Biswa Sarma also criticised his West Bengal counterpart Mamata Banerjee for threatening Assam with potential unrest. Shri Sarma said CM Mamata Banerjee is provoking the public in North East states to obscure her own shortcomings. "Didi, how dare you threaten Assam? Don't show your anger to us," Shri Sarma wrote on X, accompanying his post with a 46-second video clip of her provoking speech.

He said, "Don't even try to incite India with your politics of failure. It does not suit you to speak divisive language."

Publicly apologize to the Northeast: N Biren Singh

Manipur Chief Minister Shri N Biren Singh also criticized the Bengal CM. In a tweet, the CM said, "How dare Didi threaten the Northeast? I condemn such irresponsible remarks in the strongest terms. She must publicly apologize to the Northeast and the rest of the nation." "@MamataOfficial Ji must immediately stop inciting violence and hatred with divisive politics. It is highly unbecoming of a political leader to issue threats of violence on a public platform," he added further. ■

Alarming State of Women's Safety in Opposition-Ruled States: A Report

In a deeply disturbing incident, the brutal assault on a PG trainee at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital has starkly exposed the grim realities faced by women in opposition-ruled states. The incident not only underscores the lack of safety for working women but also brings to light the concerning political dynamics within Kolkata's RG Kar Hospital. It raises serious questions about the commitment of opposition parties to women's safety, as they often seem more focused on shielding wrongdoers than ensuring justice.

The TMC government in West Bengal has exhibited a concerning pattern of protecting offenders and indulging in political maneuvering. In the Sandeshkhali case, the government shielded the perpetrator while targeting Rekha Patra, an anti-Sandeshkhali survivor. The BJP, in contrast, stood by Patra, even fielding her as a candidate from Basirhat, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi recognizing her as a "Shakti Swaroopa."

A troubling pattern of rising crimes and atrocities against women is emerging in opposition-ruled states. What is most alarming is the apparent indifference to women's suffering, the lack of accountability, and the politicization of such grave issues by these governments.

The growing list of distressing incidents highlights the pervasive disregard for women's safety in these states, painting a grim picture of the challenges faced by women where political priorities overshadow the imperative of justice.

WEST BENGAL: Safety of Women is in Deep Crisis

West Bengal has been gripped by a series of harrowing incidents that reflect a deepening crisis in the safety of women. The most recent case, the RG Kar Medical College Rape and Murder Case (2024), saw a postgraduate trainee doctor brutally raped and murdered at the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata. This shocking incident is

the latest in a troubling pattern of violence against women in the state.

In North Dinajpur (2024), a woman and a youth were publicly beaten with sticks by a Trinamool Congress leader, showcasing the alarming impunity with which such crimes are being committed. Similarly, the Diamond Harbour Gang Rape Case (2023), where a woman was gang-raped by a group of men, highlights the continuing threat faced by women across the region.

The Sandeshkhali Rape Case (2023) added another layer to this grim reality, with over 900 allegations of land grabbing and sexual assault emerging from the area. Meanwhile, the Hanskhali Rape and Murder Case (2022), involving the gang rape of a 14-year-old girl, underscores the vulnerability of minors in West Bengal. These cases are not isolated; they are part of a broader pattern that includes the Bamanghata Rape Case (2017), Ganganapur Rape and Murder Case (2015), Jadavpur University Molestation Case (2014), Madhyamgram Rape Case (2013), Kamduni Gang Rape and Murder (2013), and the infamous Park Street Rape Case (2012).

These incidents raise serious questions about the efficacy of the state's safety measures and the political rhetoric of leaders like Mamata Banerjee. Despite promises and assurances, the reality on the ground suggests that women in West Bengal continue to live in fear, exposed to violence and

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exploitation, while criminals walk free, fostering a culture of impunity.

KERALA: A State Struggling with Its Own Scandals

Kerala has not been immune to scandals involving sexual violence and abuse. The **Suryanelli Rape Case**, involving P.J. Kurien, a former Union Minister, and the **Solar Scam Case**, with sexual abuse allegations against former Chief Minister Oomen Chandy, have cast long shadows over the state's leadership. The Justice Hema Committee Report further revealed shocking details of sexual abuse within the Malayalam film industry.

Allegations of sexual misconduct have also been leveled against prominent figures, including a PTA president, a Kerala Cricket Association coach, and a senior advocate. Incidents like the sexual harassment of a lawyer by E. Shanavas Khan and the molestation accusation against Assistant Professor Eftthikar Ahmad at the Central University of Kerala, reflect the pervasive nature of this issue. From sharing morphed photos of female students to the assault on a Dalit woman by CPI(M) workers, the state's challenges are numerous and complex.

TAMIL NADU: An Alarming Increase in Crimes Against Women

In Tamil Nadu, the Dravida Model rule under the DMK has seen a significant increase in crimes against women. Disturbing cases include the sexual assault at a fake NCC camp, the gang rape of a 17-year-old girl, and the brutal murder of a Dalit woman burned to death by her own family for marrying within her caste.

Sexual harassment remains a critical issue, as evidenced by the death of a 20-year-old woman who ran into traffic while fleeing her assailants, the gang rape by a DMK functionary, and the abuse of a Dalit domestic worker by the son of a DMK MLA. The state also witnessed the sexual assault of a 10-year-old girl by a 17-year-old boy and the molestation of a 14-year-old girl by a pastor, while a sex trafficking ring

sending Tamil girls to Dubai was busted, revealing the dark underbelly of organized crime.

TELANGANA: Rising Threats to Women's Safety

Telangana has reported a **6% increase in crimes against women**, reflecting a troubling trend. The rape of a woman head constable by a Sub Inspector of police, and the arrest of three women in connection with an inter-state child-selling racket, highlight the vulnerabilities women face in the state. Incidents of sexual assault by a Congress Councillor and the harassment of women medical officers by a health official further underscore the systemic issues in the region.

The gang rape of a woman by an auto driver and his accomplices adds to the grim statistics, painting a disturbing picture of the state's safety environment for women.

KARNATAKA: A Growing Epidemic of Sexual Violence

Karnataka has witnessed an alarming rise in crimes against women, including rape, molestation, kidnapping, abduction, and dowry deaths. The **sexual assault of a 21-year-old college student** after hitching a ride with a biker and the illegal detention and assault of a woman by a group of men reveal the deteriorating safety situation in the state.

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HIMACHAL PRADESH: A Disturbing Trend of Sexual Assault

Even in the relatively peaceful state of Himachal Pradesh, sexual violence has surfaced as a serious concern. A government school teacher was booked for **molesting a 16-year-old Dalit student**, while a woman was brutally raped while her husband was tied to a tree. The rape of a Polish woman in McLeodganj further highlights the vulnerability of women, even in tourist-friendly regions.

JHARKHAND: A State Plagued by Sexual Violence

Jharkhand has been marred by incidents such

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as the **gang rape of a Spanish woman** touring the country with her husband in Dumka, and the **sexual abuse of a 3-year-old nursery student** by a school van driver. The state's challenges are further complicated by accusations of sexual harassment against a Congress MLA, an IAS officer, and the principal and guard of a government residential school for girls. The gang rape of an Army jawan's wife in Ranchi adds to the state's already grim record.

The alarming incidents across various states have highlighted a deeply concerning issue: the urgent need for the opposition to be held accountable for their failure to ensure the safety and security of women in the nation. As a fundamental duty of any government, protecting its citizens—especially women—should be a top priority. However, the opposition has repeatedly neglected this responsibility in their relentless pursuit of political gains.

This neglect is not just a failure of governance but a direct consequence of the opposition's inability to maintain law and order in the states under their control. The rising number of crimes against women in these regions paints a grim picture of the opposition's ineffective governance. As these states become increasingly unsafe, the opposition's mishandling of critical issues has also begun to tarnish the country's global reputation, raising serious concerns about their capability to lead and protect the citizens they claim to represent.

What makes this situation even more troubling is the opposition's apparent disregard for these critical issues. Rather than addressing the growing concerns surrounding women's safety, the opposition has dismissed them as mere "distractions."

By sidelining issues that directly impact the lives of millions of women, the opposition is not only ignoring a critical aspect of governance but is also displaying a dangerous indifference to the rights and security of women. This indifference undermines the very foundation of any democratic society, where the safety of its citizens should be paramount.

The opposition's failure to address the urgent issue of women's safety, coupled with their preoccupation with divisive politics, raises serious questions about their commitment to the well-being of the nation's citizens. Women's safety is not a political tool to be used or ignored at convenience; it is a fundamental responsibility that must be upheld by those in power. The opposition owes the women of this nation an explanation and, more importantly, a commitment to ensure their safety and security in the future.

The Political Landscape and the Marginalization of Women's Issues:

As we delve deeper into the political dynamics at play, it becomes clear that the marginalization of women's issues by the opposition is part of a broader trend of neglect. In an environment where political gains are prioritized above all else, the basic rights and security of women are often relegated to the background. This is not just a failure in policy but a moral failure that reflects a deeper, systemic issue within the opposition's approach to governance.

The opposition's focus on divisive politics, while important in addressing historical injustices, should not come at the cost of ignoring the immediate and pressing concerns of women's safety. The attempt to shift the narrative away from these critical issues suggests a calculated move to divert attention from their shortcomings. However, this strategy is not only short-sighted but also deeply damaging to the fabric of society.

Women's safety is a multifaceted issue that requires a comprehensive approach, encompassing legal reforms, societal change, and effective law enforcement. Unfortunately, the opposition has shown little initiative in any of these areas. Their failure to propose or support meaningful legislation aimed at protecting women, coupled with their lack of action in states under their governance, highlights a troubling disconnect between their rhetoric and their actions. ■

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Union Home Minister distributes citizenship certificates to 188 refugees

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah distributed citizenship certificates to 188 refugee sisters-brothers under the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) in Ahmedabad, Gujarat on 18 August, 2024. Many dignitaries were present on the occasion including the Chief Minister of Gujarat, Shri Bhupendra Patel.



people.

Union Home Minister said that at the time of independence, India was divided on the basis of religion and at that time there were severe riots. He said crores of Hindus, Buddhists, Sikhs, Jains and Christians living in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh cannot forget their sufferings.

In his address, Shri Amit Shah said that the CAA is not just to give citizenship to millions of people settled in the country, but to give justice and rights to millions of refugees. He said that due to the appeasement policy of the previous governments, the people who took refuge in the country from 1947 to 2014 did not get their rights and justice. He said these people had to endure abuse not only in neighbouring countries but also here. Shri Shah said that these millions of people yearned for justice for three generations but due to the appeasement policy of the opposition, they did not get justice. He said that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has provided justice to these lakhs and crores of

He said many families were left desolated, while, those now in Opposition had then promised that people from Hindu, Buddhist, Sikh, Jain and Christian communities coming from neighbouring countries would be given citizenship of India. Shri Shah said that by the time the elections came, the leaders of the then government had reneged on their promises and the assurances made in 1947, 1948 and 1950 were forgotten. He said the then government did not give citizenship to these people as it would have angered their vote bank. He said that due to their policy of appeasement, millions of these people were deprived of citizenship and there can be no greater sin than that. ■

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GOPAL RAO TAGORE

Sri Gopal Rao Tagore came to Vijayawada from Maharashtra in 1940 as an RSS Pracharak to spread the Sangh across the country. Gopal Rao ji worked hard to expand RSS in the state and faced obstacles while doing the same. He joined the Jana Sangh party and worked for its expansion. During 1952-54, he travelled extensively in Rayalaseema and Circar, meeting with people from all walks of life, identifying potential leaders, and establishing BJS units in several districts throughout Andhra Pradesh. He was a bachelor throughout his life and dedicated himself for strengthening the organisation from the grassroots level. He was also instrumental in bringing new people into the party and laid strong foundation for Jana Sangh through his hard work, simplicity & generous nature. ■



**Sri Gopal Rao
Tagore**

Date of Birth	15/04/1912	Gender	male
State	Andhra Pradesh	District	Krishna
Town/City	Vijayawada	Level	State
Post in Organisation (Org.)	State Jt. General Secretary	Active years	1952-1979

7.3 crore internet subscribers and 7.7 crore broadband subscribers added in last one year

- Indian Telecom Sector Records Remarkable Growth in 2023-2024
- Number of telephone subscribers reaches 119.9 crore
- Broadband services maintain upward trajectory with growth rate of 9.15 per cent

Indian telecom sector has witnessed remarkable growth during the financial year 2023-2024, as highlighted in the annual report released by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI).

The report highlights significant growth trends and key parameters across various services. The Report has been prepared based on the information furnished by the Service Providers. The report shows that the overall tele-density in India increased from 84.51% at the end of March 2023 to 85.69% at the end of March 2024 at yearly rate of growth of 1.39%.

Key findings in the report:

- Surge in Total Internet Subscribers: Total number of internet subscribers increased from 88.1 crore at the end of March 2023 to 95.4 crore at the end of March 2024 with yearly rate of growth of 8.30%, leading to addition of 7.3 crore internet subscribers in the last one year.
- Dominance of Broadband Subscribers: Broadband services maintained their upward trajectory, with the number of broadband subscribers increasing from 84.6 crore in March 2023 to 92.4 crore in March 2024. This robust growth rate of 9.15% with a massive addition of 7.8 Crore Broadband subscribers underscores the importance of high-speed connectivity.
- Exponential Data Consumption: Number of wireless

data subscribers has increased from 84.6 crore at the end of March 2023 to 91.3 crore at the end of March 2024 with yearly rate of growth of 7.93%. Further, total volume of wireless data usage increased from 1,60,054 PB during the year 2022-23 to 1,94,774 PB during the year 2023-24 with yearly growth of 21.69%.

- Rise in Tele density: The number of telephone subscribers in India increased from 117.2 crore at the end of March 2023 to 119.9 crore at the end of March 2024, registering a yearly rate of growth 2.30%. The overall Tele-density in India increased from 84.51% at the end of March 2023 to 85.69% at the end of March 2024 at yearly rate of growth of 1.39%.
- Average Minutes of Usage (MOUs) per subscriber per month increased from 919 during the year 2022-23 to 963 in 2023-24 with yearly rate of growth of 4.73%.

Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR) also increased from Rs 2,49,908 crore in the year 2022-23 to Rs 2,70,504 crore in the year 2023-24 with yearly rate of growth of 8.24%.

This Report while presenting the Key Parameters and growth trends for the Telecom Services in India for the financial year 2023-24, also provides a broad perspective on the Telecom Services and to serve as a reference document for various stakeholders, research agencies and analysts. ■

Kharif crop sowing is more than 1031 lakh hectares

Latest acreage data, released by the agriculture ministry on 20 August, shows that the sown area this year reached 1031 lakh hectares as on last Friday which was 21 lakh hectares more (2% rise) than the acreage during the corresponding period last year. It includes 369 lakh hectares of paddy, 186 lakh hectares of oilseeds, 181 lakh hectares of coarse cereals and 120 lakh h120 lakh hectares for pulses.

Overall, the sown area of all Kharif crops put

together is merely 64 lakh hectares less than the 'normal' acreage and this gap is expected to be bridged by the end of the current sowing season. Higher acreage is a sign of higher output during 2024-25 crop year, provided the standing

crops do not get destroyed due to floods or extreme weather events before the harvest. Since there is a forecast of more rains in the remaining monsoon season, it increases the possibility of floods. ■

ISRO launches Earth Observation Satellite 'EOS-08'

ISRO's latest Earth Observation Satellite 'EOS-08' launched by the Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV)-D3 on 16 August at 9:17 hrs from Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Shriharikota.

The primary objectives of the EOS-08 mission include designing and developing a microsatellite, creating payload instruments compatible with the microsatellite bus, and incorporating new technologies required for future operational satellites.

Built on the Microsat/IMS-1 bus, EOS-08 carries three payloads: Electro Optical Infrared Payload (EOIR), Global Navigation Satellite System-Reflectometry payload (GNSS-R), and SiC UV Dosimeter. The EOIR payload is designed to capture images in the Mid-Wave IR (MIR) and Long-Wave IR (LWIR) bands, both during the day and night, for applications such as satellite-based surveillance, disaster monitoring, environmental monitoring, fire detection, volcanic activity observation, and industrial and power plant disaster monitoring.

The GNSS-R payload demonstrates the capability of using GNSS-R-based remote sensing for

applications such as ocean surface wind analysis, soil moisture assessment, cryosphere studies over the Himalayan region, flood detection, and inland waterbody detection. Meanwhile, the SiC UV Dosimeter monitors UV irradiance at the viewport of the Crew Module in the Gaganyaan Mission and serves as a high-dose alarm sensor for gamma radiation.

PM congratulates ISRO for successful launch of SSLV-D3

Shri Narendra Modi said the cost-effective SSLV will play an important role in space missions and encourage private industry.

The Prime Minister posted on X: "A remarkable milestone! Congratulations to our scientists and industry for this feat. It is a matter of immense joy that India now has a new launch vehicle. The cost-effective SSLV will play an important role in space missions and will also encourage private industry. My best wishes to @isro, @INSPACeIND, @NSIL_India and the entire space industry." ■

FSSAI Launches Project to Address Microplastic Contamination in Indian Food

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on 18 August launched an innovative project to tackle the growing concern of microplastic contamination in food on August 18, 2024, in New Delhi. Recognising microplastic pollution as an emerging threat that requires immediate attention, the project - "Micro-and Nano-Plastics as Emerging Food Contaminants: Establishing Validated Methodologies and Understanding the Prevalence in Different Food Matrices" – was started in March this year to develop and validate analytical methods for detecting micro and nano-plastics in various food products, as well as assess their prevalence and exposure levels in India.

The primary objectives of the project include developing standard protocols for micro/nano-plastic analysis, conducting intra- and inter-

laboratory comparisons, and generating critical data on microplastic exposure levels among consumers. This study is being implemented in collaboration with leading research institutions across the country, including the CSIR-Indian Institute of Toxicology Research (Lucknow), ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (Kochi), and the Birla Institute of Technology and Science (Pilani).

In a recent report, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) highlighted the presence of microplastics in common food items such as sugar and salt. While the report underscores the global prevalence of microplastics, it also emphasizes the need for more robust data to fully understand the implications for human health and safety, particularly in the Indian context. ■



A DECADE OF FINANCIAL INCLUSION

THE PM JAN DHAN YOJANA

“Jan Dhan Yojana is about dignity, empowerment and opportunity. Today, when we mark #10YearsOfJanDhan, sharing a post I wrote on @LinkedIn highlighting the transformative outcomes of this initiative.”



NARENDRA MODI

Today marks a decade since the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana was launched. For me, this initiative was more than just a policy - it was an endeavour to build an India where each and every citizen, irrespective of one's economic background, has access to the formal banking apparatus.

Many of you, especially the youth, would be thinking- why does this matter so much? After all, in this age, having a bank account would be very basic and even taken for granted. However, when we assumed office in 2014, the situation was very different. It was almost 65 years since Independence, but access to banking was a distant dream for almost half of our households. There was a world where savings were kept at home, vulnerable to loss and theft. Access to credit was often at the mercy of predatory lenders. The absence of financial security held back so many dreams.

This problem becomes even more ironical considering the fact that four and a half decades ago, banks were nationalised by the then (Congress) Government and that too in the name of the poor! Yet, the poor never got access to banking.

When the Jan Dhan Yojana was rolled out, I remember the scepticism that surrounded it too. Some people asked- could it really be possible to bring such a large number of people into the banking

Today, over 53 crore people who never imagined they would enter a bank have bank accounts. These accounts have a deposit balance of over Rs. 2.3 lakh crore. Over 65% of the accounts are either in rural or semi-urban areas, thus taking the movement of financial inclusion outside the metros

system? Will this effort lead to any concrete changes? Yes. The scale of the challenge was enormous, but so was the determination of the people of India to ensure it becomes a reality.

The success of the Jan Dhan Yojana has two parts to it. One is in the numbers:

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Direct transfers worth almost Rs. 39 lakh crore have taken place.

But, the second part goes beyond the impressive numbers.

Jan Dhan Yojana has proven to be game-changing as far as women's empowerment is concerned. Almost 30 crore women have been brought into the banking system.

Likewise, the benefits of the scheme and the other benefits that come thanks to a bank account have positively impacted crores of SC, ST and OBC families. They have also benefitted those families who belong to the middle and Neo-middle classes. Had it not been for the Jan Dhan Yojana, the MUDRA Yojana, or the social security schemes of the Government, namely the Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana and the Atal Pension Yojana would never have been as

impactful.

Jan Dhan also became a vital pillar of the JAM Trinity- Jan Dhan, Aadhaar and Mobile. The landmark contribution of this trinity was to eliminate the scourge of middlemen and touts who, for decades, thrived in public loot. It is this trinity that ensured a stunning digital payments revolution in India, especially in the middle and later years of the last decade. The very same elements who doubted the relevance of a scheme like Jan Dhan were yet again mocking the need for digital payments in a nation like ours. But, once again, they underestimated the collective resolve of our people. India's digital payments success story is noted world over. Over 40% of real time digital payments in the world happen in India!

A bank account has ensured hassle-free and direct transfer in almost all the government's flagship schemes, be it Ayushman Bharat, PM-Kisan for farmers, PM SVANidhi for street vendors and more. I am also reminded of the years of 2020 and 2021, when the once in a lifetime COVID-19 pandemic was at its peak. Had it not been for banking inclusion, the subsidies would not have been able to reach the intended beneficiaries.

The life journeys of those who benefitted due to this scheme are very touching and inspiring. PM Jan Dhan Yojana personifies dignity, empowerment and the opportunity to participate in the economic life of the nation. The foundations laid by this scheme are strong, but we have even more work to do! We will continue

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PRADHAN MANTRI JAN DHAN YOJANA

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JAN DHAN ACCOUNTS HAVE ALSO:

- Increased savings
- Increased access to credit
- Bridged the gender gap in access to financial services
- Ensured positive social impact with drop in crime rate, reduced alcohol and tobacco consumption

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to build on this success to build a Viksit Bharat.

Today is also the occasion to congratulate each and every beneficiary of this scheme and laud the efforts of the countless

banking staff who made financial inclusion their mission and ensured a better life for their fellow Indians! ■

(Source: LinkedIn)

(The writer is Prime Minister of India)

I WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE A COMPREHENSIVE GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT COMPACT: PM

In his opening Remarks at the Inaugural Leaders' Session of the 3rd Voice of Global South Summit on August 17, 2024 Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi emphasized the role of Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) in inclusive development as a revolution, and reaffirmed the importance of the Social Impact Fund in hastening the spread of DPI in the Global South.

"The contribution of Digital Public Infrastructure in inclusive development is no less than a revolution," Prime Minister Modi stated, adding that the Global DPI Repository, created under India's G-20 Presidency, was the first ever multilateral consensus on DPI. He noted that agreements to share the "India Stack" had been reached with 12 partners from the Global South.

"To accelerate DPI in the Global South, we have created the Social Impact Fund. India will make an initial contribution of \$25 million," Prime Minister Modi announced.

The meeting comes at a time when there is an atmosphere of uncertainty all around, Prime Minister Modi remarked, as he stated, "The world has not yet completely come out of the impact of Covid. On the other hand, the war situation has posed challenges to our development journey," he pointed out.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi highlighted the challenges of climate change and concerns about health security, food security, and energy security. He also spoke on Terrorism, extremism and separatism.

"The global governance and financial institutions built in the last century have been unable to fight the challenges of this century," he stated.

Reiterating India's commitment to sharing its experiences and capabilities with all the countries of the Global South, Prime Minister Modi referred to the promotion of mutual trade, inclusive growth, advancement of the Sustainable Development Goals,

and women-led development. "Over the past few years, our mutual cooperation has been boosted by infrastructure, digital and energy connectivity," he remarked.

"In 2022, when India took over the G-20 Presidency, we resolved that we will give a new shape to the G-20. The Voice of Global South Summit became a platform where we openly discussed problems and priorities related to development. And India designed the G-20 agenda based on the hopes, aspirations and priorities of the Global South," Prime Minister Modi recalled.

While the inaugural session hosted by Prime Minister Modi was attended by Heads of State and Government, the summit also features 10 Ministerial Sessions, each dedicated to a specific theme relevant to the Global South.

Through this summit, India seeks to institutionalize a platform where the Global South can collectively address their challenges and work towards a more inclusive and sustainable global order.

In closing remarks Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi expressed his sincere gratitude for their valuable thoughts and suggestions. He said, "On behalf of India, I would like to propose a comprehensive "Global Development Compact". The foundation of this Compact will be based

on India's development journey and experiences of development partnership. This Compact will be inspired by the development priorities set by the countries of the Global South themselves."

"It will be human-centric, multi-dimensional and promote a multi-sectoral approach to development. It will not put the needy countries under the burden of debt in the name of development finance. It will contribute in balanced and sustainable development of the partner countries." ■



India and Poland agrees to strengthen the economic relations

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi visited Poland on 21-22 August 2024 at the invitation of Prime Minister Donald Tusk. It was the first visit by an Indian Prime Minister to Poland in the past 45 years. The visit has been historic and very successful; historic, since this was after 45 years that an Indian Prime Minister was visiting Poland and also this year marks the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations.

During the visit, extensive discussions were held between the leadership.

Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi also called on His Excellency President Duda earlier on that day. One of the main aspects of the visit has been that both the countries have decided to take their relationship to



the level of strategic partnership. And in this context, a Joint Statement has been released and an Action Plan has been finalized. So, there have been multiple aspects or areas where the two countries have decided to cooperate even further. Some of the areas that are of focus in this relationship are, for example, economic sector. India is the fifth largest economy now and Poland is the sixth largest economy within the European Union. Poland is a very, very important partner for India in this region. Poland will also be holding the Presidency of the European Union Council next year; and the discussions provide a useful impetus for this partnership going forward.

Prime Minister had visited two Memorials on 22nd August. One was for the Memorial for the very, very special episode in our shared people-to-people contacts when he visited the Memorial for Jam Sahib of Navanagar. He also visited the Kolhapur Memorial.

There was a community event, where the Prime Minister met members of the Indian diaspora who welcomed him very enthusiastically and with great warmth.

Both sides agreed for the need for regular high-level contacts; strengthening the economic relations in a range of sectors ranging from agriculture, food processing, clean technology, connectivity, mining, renewable energy and AI and digital areas. ■

PM Modi and President Zelenskyy reiterated upholding principles of international law

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi arrived in Kyiv on 23rd August. This is a landmark visit. It's the first time that an Indian Prime Minister visited Ukraine since the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1992. The Prime Minister arrived by a special train from Poland, it took 20 hours to reach Ukrain. He met the Indian community. He then started his engagements with a visit to the multimedia exposition on children who have lost their lives in this conflict. He was accompanied to the Museum by President Zelenskyy. The Prime Minister placed a toy in the Museum in memory of the children. He thereafter went to the AV Fomin Botanical Gardens to pay homage to Mahatma Gandhi.



He held official meeting with President Zelenskyy. This happens to be their fourth meeting. They had met initially in Glasgow in November of 2021, then in Hiroshima in May of 2023, and then most recently in Apulia in Italy in June of 2024. They've also had seven tele conversations.

In the discussion, a significant part of it was devoted to our bilateral relations. There was a discussion about trade, economic issues, defence, pharmaceuticals, agriculture, education. There were a whole lot of issues.

In the Joint Statement the Prime Minister reiterated the need for sincere and practical engagement between all stakeholders to develop innovative solutions that will have broad acceptability and contribute towards early restoration of peace. He reiterated India's willingness to contribute in all possible ways to facilitate an early return of peace.

The Prime Minister spoke about India's position that it is not an era of war, that dialogue and diplomacy are key, the solution will not come out of the battlefield.

The Prime Minister and the President reiterated their readiness to further cooperation in upholding principles of international law, including the UN Charter, such as respect for territorial integrity and sovereignty of States. ■

EVERY PLAYER WHO WENT TO PARIS OLYMPICS IS A CHAMPION: PM

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 15 August, 2024 interacted with the Indian contingent that represented our nation in the Paris Olympics. While meeting them in New Delhi, Shri Modi heard their experiences from the games and lauded their feats on the sporting field.

Shri Modi said that every player who went to Paris is a champion. The Government of India will continue to support sports and ensure that a top-quality sporting infrastructure is built.

In a series of X posts, the Prime Minister said;

“It was a delight to interact with the Indian contingent that represented our nation in the Paris Olympics. Heard their experiences from the games and lauded their feats on the sports field.”

“Every player who went to Paris is a champion. The Government of India will continue to support sports and ensure that a top-quality sporting infrastructure is built.” ■



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PM Shri Narendra Modi meeting the common public after addressing the Nation on the occasion of 78th Independence Day at Red Fort in Delhi on August 15, 2024



PM Shri Narendra Modi meets the Indian Contingent of the Paris Olympics 2024, in New Delhi on August 15, 2024



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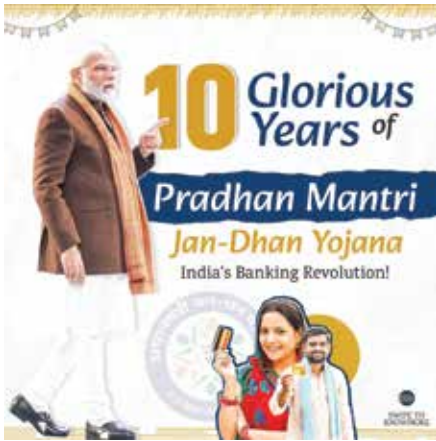
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