



Fifty Days of Modi Government

Decisive and Directional





Empowerment of all

During 2019-20 to 2021-22, 1.95 crore houses are proposed to be provided to eligible beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Gramin.

By 2022, the 75th year of India's independence, the government will look to ensure that every single rural family has electricity and a clean cooking gas connection.

Drinking water is to be provided to all rural households by 2024 under the Jal Jeevan Mission.

Pension benefits will be offered to 3 crore retail traders and small shopkeepers with annual turnover of less than Rs 1.5 crore under new scheme called Pradhan Mantri Karam Yogi Maandhan Yojana.

Electronic fundraising platform, a Social Stock Exchange, to be set up to list social enterprises and voluntary organizations working for social welfare objectives.

To provide further impetus to affordable housing, additional deduction of upto Rs 1.5 lakh on interest paid on loans borrowed upto 31 Mar, 2020 for purchase of house up to Rs 45 lakhs will be provided.

100 new clusters to be set up in 2019-20 under Scheme of Fund for Upgradation and Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI), which will enable 50,000 artisans to join the economic value chain.

One woman in every Self-Help Group (SHG) will be allowed for a loan upto Rs 1 lakh under Mudra loan. Every woman SHG member having a verified Jan Dhan account to get an overdraft facility of Rs 5,000.

Boosting Business

Corporate tax rate is now made 25% for companies with annual turnover up to Rs 400 crore. This threshold used to be Rs 250 crore earlier. This will cover 99.3% of all companies.

Credit Guarantee Enhancement Corporation (CGEC) will be set up in 2019-20, with an action plan to deepen markets for long-term bonds with specific focus on infrastructure sector.

Rs 350 crore has been allocated for FY 2019-20 for 2% interest subvention for all GST-registered MSMEs on fresh or incremental loans.

The government is to expedite streamlining multiple labour laws into a set of four labour codes.

'Stand Up India' Scheme, to promote SC/ST entrepreneurs to start their own ventures, is to continue till 2025.



Towards Doubling Farmer Incomes

Zero Budget Farming is to be promoted, going back to traditional methods of agriculture.

10,000 new Farmer Producer Organizations (FPO) will be formed. These organisations will help bring farmers together and ensure that the pace of agricultural reforms reach the farmers faster and more effectively.

These FPOs will help small and marginal farmers team up to get lower rates for inputs and sell produce at higher rates.

80 Livelihood Business Incubators (LBIs) and 20 Technology Business Incubators (TBIs) are to be set up in 2019-20 under ASPIRE scheme to develop 75,000 skilled entrepreneurs in agrorural industries.

Government to push Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana to address the importance of critical infrastructure in the fisheries sector.



Infrastructure and Investment Focus

Rs 100 lakh crores to be invested in next 5 years for infrastructure. Committee will be set up to look into long term funding.

Massive push to be given to modernization of railway stations in India.

Railway infrastructure needs an investment of Rs 50 lakh crore by 2030 and PPP approach will be used to ensure faster development and delivery of passenger freight services

Approval to doubling of new Bongaigaon to Agthori via Rangiya railway line of 143 km with a cost of 2000 Cr (approx). It will strengthen our commitment for better connectivity in north east.

Approval for 3rd railway line between Allahabad and Mughalsarai. A 150 km line with 2650 Cr of cost will be a big relief to free congestion in this area.

A new railway line for eastern Uttar Pradesh. Dohrighat - Sahjanwa, 81 km with a cost of 1320 crs.

The government will give further push to existing plans and schemes for better connectivity and infrastructure development in the country.

- 1 Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana
- 2 Industrial corridors
- 3 Dedicated freight corridors
- 4 Bharatmala
- 5 Sagarmala
- 6 Jal Marg Vikas
- 7 UDAN scheme



The government will examine options of opening up FDI in media, animation and some other sectors to improve these FDI flows further.

100% FDI will be permitted for insurance intermediaries.

Local sourcing norms for FDI is to be eased for single-brand retailing sector.

Annual Global Investors' Meet is to be organized in India, using NIIF as the anchor to get key sets of global players to come and invest in India.

Welfare of Indian Diaspora

Now, Aadhaar card for NRIs with Indian passports will be issued after their arrival in India, without waiting for the mandatory 180 days.

To provide NRIs seamless access to Indian equities, NRI-Portfolio Investment Scheme route is to be merged with Foreign Portfolio Investment (FPI) route.



Strengthening Banking & Finance Sectors

The government has proposed to allocate Rs 70,000 crore for Public Sector Banks (PSB) recapitalisation.

Regulatory authority of RBI over Non-Banking Finance Corporations (NBFCs) to be strengthened and steps are to be taken to allow NBFCs to directly participate on TReDS platform.

Interchangeability of PAN card and Aadhaar has been allowed for filing the Income Tax Returns.

Strategic disinvestment of select Central Public Sector Enterprises will continue to be a priority. The strategic disinvestment of Air India will be re-initiated.

Education and Youth Empowerment

National Sports Education Board (NSEB) for development of sportspersons to be set up under Khelo India.

To make India a hub of higher education, the government has proposed 'Study in India' to bring in foreign students to pursue education here

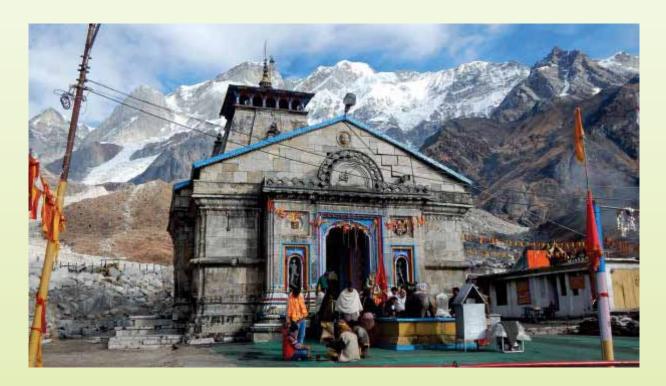
The government will be increasing its efforts to improve the skills of youth in fields of Artificial Intelligence (AI), Big Data, Robotics, and other newer skills.

National Research Foundation (NRF) to be set up to strengthen overall research ecosystem in the country, integrating funds available under all ministries.

New Space India Limited (NSIL) to spearhead commercialization of various space products.

Tourism

The government is developing 17 iconic tourism sites as world-class tourist centers to improve the flow of domestic and foreign tourists to these destinations.











Medical education reforms

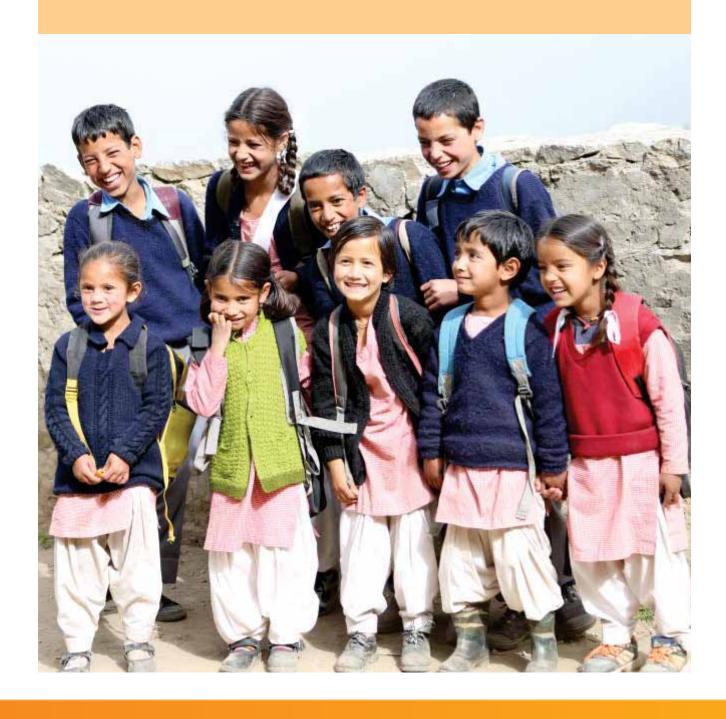
The Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Bill, 2019, reforms the field of medical education, which has been one of the major pillars of the Modi government

The move will ensure transparency, accountability and quality in the governance of medical education in the country.

On a related note, the academic year 2019-20 witnesses the biggest addition of medical seats in government colleges in a single year. 2,750 seats in 25 new government medical colleges were added.



Vikas and Vishwas in Jammu and Kashmir



Jammu and Kashmir Reservation (Amendment) Bill, 2019 will go a long way in providing relief to the people in Jammu and Kashmir living in areas adjoining international border.

They can now avail reservation in direct recruitment, promotion and admission in different professional courses.

This is an excellent initiative taking development to the last mile.

Even the Home Minister's visit to Jammu and Kashmir is being spoken of as a landmark, in the way separatist elements have been snubbed while families of martyrs have been honoured.

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Jammu and Kashmir Reservation (Amendment) Bill passed in Lok Sabha

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Upholding the rights of Muslim women against a horrific evil

The Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill, 2019, ensures gender equality and gender justice to Muslim women.

The Bill helps in protecting the rights of married Muslim women and prevent divorce by practice of 'talaq-e-biddat' by their husbands

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Cabinet approves fresh bill to ban triple talaq

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- Triple Talaq Bill to be introduced in the upcoming Parliament session
- Prakash Javadekar says Modi govt is hopeful that it will be passed this time in Rajya Sabha

Don't Link Triple *Talaq* Bill "To Any Community", PM Warns Congress

Accusing the Congress of missing ground realities because it "flies high", the PM Modi said it missed the opportunity in the '50s to establish a uniform civil code and "instead, went ahead with the Hindu Code Bills"

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Landmark move in handling troublemakers in Jammu & Kashmir

The crackdown on the misadventures of the Jammu and Kashmir Bank is a strong political message to those who held the Kashmir Valley and J&K's politics hostage to their whims and fancies for the past three decades.

J&K Bank was the driver of many dodgy elements, from the separatists to the dynasty-based political parties that liked to keep Kashmir on the boil.

> Many had observed that the fishy functioning of this bank had made it a den of funding and transactions for all sorts of unsavoury elements.

Action against the bank, enforcing transparency and accountability, is a move that will empower the forces of peace in the state.

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Clean-up signals a shift, hurts old consensus in Jammu Kashmir

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The crackdown on Jammu & Kashmir Bank is more than just punching holes in the records of a recalcitrant financial institution. It's a strong political message to Srinagar that Delhi will leave no stone unturned to wreck the consensus which has run the city, the Valley and its politics for the past three decades.

Ending the culture of misusing public money

The Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Amendment Bill, 2019, cracks down on the unauthorised occupants of residential accommodations in public premises

This will facilitate smooth and speedy eviction of unauthorised occupants from Government residences.

Gaganyaan, Chandrayaan-2 and Missions to Sun & Venus

Gaganyaan - First human space flight by India by the 75th anniversary of Independence in 2022

Chandrayaan-2 to help trace back the origin and evolution of the moon & studies to address the origin of water on moon. Launched on 22 July 2019.

Solar mission Aditya L1, scheduled for launch in 2020 to study Sun's Corona and its impact on climatic changes.

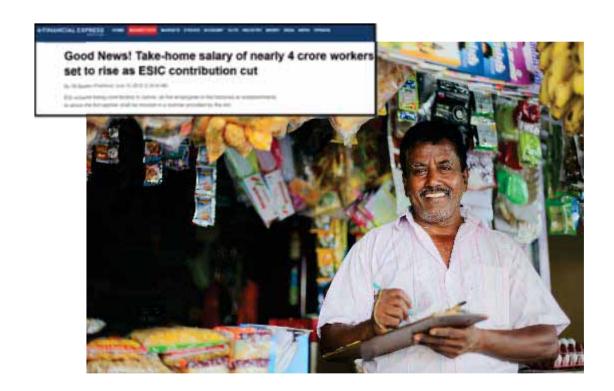
Mission to Venus - tentative launch in 2023, with the objective to study the atmosphere and surface topography of Venus.





Ease of Doing Business and Ease of Compliance with ESI Reforms

- Modi government reduced the rate of ESI contribution from both employers and employees
- Employers' contribution reduced from 4.75% to 3.25%
- Employees' contribution reduced from 1.75% to 0.75%
- · This benefits 3.6 crore employees and 12.85 lakh employers
- It provides substantial monetary relief to workers, boosts formalisation and facilitates greater enrolment of workers in the ESI scheme



Enhanced revenues and better airports via leasing out of airports

The Modi government decided to lease out of three airports - Ahmedabad, Lucknow and Mangaluru of Airports Authority of India through PPP model.

These projects will bring efficiency in delivery, expertise, enterprise and professionalism apart from the needed investments.

This will also result in enhanced revenues to the AAI, which helps further investment by AAI at Tier II and Tier III cities. Such developments spur economic development in these areas in terms of job creation and related infrastructure



Greater benefits for brave CAPF personnel



The government approved the proposal to grant organised cadre status to Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) officers. This makes them eligible for several benefits, including Non-Functional Financial Upgradation (NFFU).

The move benefits thousands of serving officers and many others who have retired since 2006 from the five primary CAPFs or paramilitary forces — CRPF, BSF, CISF, ITBP and SSB.

The officers will now get better deputation chances as they will be eligible to get empanelled under the central staffing scheme, get enhanced facilities of transportation, house rent allowance, travelling and dearness allowance.





Organized Group 'A' Status to Railway Protection Force

The grant of Organised Group 'A' status to Indian Railway Protection Force (RPF) was approved.

The grant of status of Organized Group 'A' service to RPF will improve career progression of the eliqible officers.

Improving career progression of the officers keeps up their motivational level.

This also ensures consequential benefits of Non-Functional Financial Upgradation (NFFU) as well.



Protecting the poor from financial frauds

The Modi government approved the Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Bill, 2019

It seeks to provide for a comprehensive mechanism to ban the unregulated deposit schemes, other than deposits taken in the ordinary course of business, and to protect the interest of depositors

The Bill will help tackle the menace of illicit deposit taking activities in the country, which at present are exploiting regulatory gaps and lack of strict administrative measures to dupe poor and gullible people of their hard-earned savings.



Resolving Inter-State Water Disputes efficiently

The Modi government approved the Inter-State River Water disputes (Amendment) Bill, 2019 for adjudication of disputes relating to inter-State rivers.

The Bill streamlines the adjudication of interstate river water disputes and make the present institutional architecture more robust

Constitution of a single tribunal with different benches along with fixation of strict timelines for adjudication will result in speedy resolution of disputes

Higher minimum support prices for Kharif crops

The increase in minimum support prices (MSP) for kharif crops, approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, is in line with giving farmers 1.5 times the cost of production.

The highest percentage return to farmers over their cost of production is for bajra (85%) followed by urad (64%) and tur (60%).

Cabinet approves higher minimum support prices for Kharif crops

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Labour code benefits 40 crore informal sector workers

The Code of Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Bill, 2019, was approved by the Modi Government

Any business entity with 10 or more workers will mandatorily be required to issue appointment letter and also get the medical check-up done annually for all its workers.

Also, women can voluntarily opt for working in night shift.

It enhances the coverage of the safety, health and working conditions provisions.

The new Bill has envisaged uniform threshold for welfare provisions such as crèche, canteen, first aid and welfare officer.

The Bill has provisions not only for the benefit of workers but also aims to ensure ease of doing businesses for firms.

It prescribes one registration for an establishment. At present six labour Acts out of 13 provides for separate registration.

The code paves way for one license one return in place of multiple licenses and returns.

One licence and one return would save time, resources and efforts of establishments.



Labour reforms that benefit crores of workers



Stringent Punishment for Sexual Crimes against Children

- · The government has shown its decisiveness in safeguarding children.
- Amendments to the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO)
 Act 2012, strengthen it. It introduces death penalty provisions for sexual offences against children.
- The amendments also provide for levy of fines and imprisonment to curb child pornography.
- The amendment is expected to discourage the trend of child sexual abuse by acting as a deterrent due to strong penal provisions incorporated in the Act.



Big infra boost Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-III

- After the massive success of PMGSY-II which doubled the pace of rural road construction and hugely increased the rural road connectivity in India, PMGSY-III has been announced.
- PMGSY-III will involve consolidation of routes and major rural links connecting habitations through Gramin Agricultural Markets (GrAMs), higher secondary schools as well as hospitals.
- Under the PMGSY-III, it has been proposed to consolidate 1,25,000 km road length and give a major developmental boost to unconnected villages and its habitation routes.



Repealing 58 redundant laws

After the Modi government came in 2014, over 1,000 redundant laws were repealed. Now, in 2019, it cleared a bill for repeal of 58 redundant laws.

Some of them ease the lives of people and ease business since they were outdated but could still be used to harass people.

Good news for poor and middle class LPG price reduction

The price of non-subsidised LPG was cut by over Rs 100 per cylinder on the back of softening international rates,

The cooking gas in Delhi will be priced at Rs 637 per cylinder as against the earlier Rs 737.50.

Long hands of the law reaching fugitives

The Enforcement Directorate attached properties worth Rs 9,778 crore of Sterling Biotech. ED had registered a money laundering case against the SBL group, Sandesara brothers and others after a case of bank fraud of Rs 5,700 crore was filed against them by the CBI.

Meanwhile, here is what the Antiguan PM said about fugitive fraudster Mehul Choksi: "His (Choksi) citizenship was processed; he got through but the reality is his citizenship will be revoked and he will be repatriated to India"



Antigua PM says Choksi to be extradited after court nod

According to sources, the diplomatic pressure mounted by India on the issue has played a crucial role in the Caribbean nation accepting the fact that Mehul Choksi has to be deported. The Prime Minister of Antigua has said it is not a case that "we are trying to provide any safe harbour to criminals and those who are involved in financial crimes".



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Taking development to all sections of society

A special campaign was taken up for promotion of 5 kg refills among Ujjwala Yojana beneficiaries who cannot afford bigger refills. Special camps are conducted in villages, ensuring availability of sufficient 5 kg. refills.

A big initiative for Arunachal Pradesh - a multipurpose hydroelectric project with flood moderation as key objective. It has 2,880 MW capacity.

Fee has been waived off for SC/ST candidates joining skills and vocational training under Jan Shiksha Sansthans, to strengthen the skill ecosystem benefiting those in the underprivileged sections of society.

The government has approved the proposal to introduce a Bill which provides mechanism for the social, economic and educational empowerment of transgenders

Strong government strong Parliament

In comparison to the past few years, for the first time the Parliament during the Monsoon Session of 2019 has functioned uninterruptedly.

17 bills were passed during the session. 104 New Bills were introduced during the session.

This is the impact of a strong government backed by the people's mandate.



Protection of consumer rights

New Consumer Protection Bill, 2019, was introduced in the Parliament, which focusses on consumer rights along with timely administration of consumer disputes.

It widens the ambit of the existing
Act to cover and regulate goods
and services, including telecom and
housing construction, and all modes
of transactions (online,
teleshopping, etc.) for
consideration.



Amendments to IBC for speedy resolution of NPAs

- Several amendments to the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) have been approved.
- This enhances the framework for ensuring speedy resolutions of Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) as envisioned in the act.
- The resolution time for NPAs brought to the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has been fixed to 330 days including time spent in legal challenges.
- The amendments ensure that the resolution plan decided upon by large creditors and the Committee of Creditors (CoC) is not disrupted.
- Now allow for corporate restructuring of NPAs like acquisitions, mergers and demergers where the CoC may decide upon taking haircuts to allow for a possible resolution.
- The government has also moved to address issues faced by homebuyers who form a large proportion of creditors in reality sector. Rights for representation have been reworked for such class of creditors who may not all be present during a vote. A vote by over half of those present and voting will be considered as a 100 per cent vote by the class for or against a resolution plan put forward.



First government decision dedicated to those who protect India

The first decision of the government showed that its priorities are with those who sacrifice their lives to protect us

Major changes were approved in the 'Prime Minister's Scholarship Scheme' under the National Defence Fund.

The rates of scholarship were increased substantially.

Moreover, the ambit of the scholarship scheme was extended to the children of state police officials who were martyred during terror attacks or naxal attacks.



In His First Decision, PM Modi Hikes Scholarships For Wards Of Armed Forces, Extends It To Police

The rates of scholarship have been increased from Rs. 2000 per month to Rs. 2500 per month for boys and from Rs. 2250 per month to Rs. 3000 per month for girls, the Prime Minister's Office said in a statement.

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On Day 1, Modi approves changes in Prime Minister's Scholarship Scheme under NDF

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- Major changes approved in PM's Scholarship Scheme under the National Defence Fund
- Changes include enhanced scholarships for wards of police personnel martyred in terror or Maoist attacks

Pension scheme to secure lives of anna-daatas

- Securing the future of 5 crore small and marginal farmers, through a voluntary and contributory pension scheme.
- The Central Government would spend about Rs. 10,774.50 crore for 3 years towards its contribution for providing social security cover for farmers.
- An interesting feature of the scheme is that the farmers can opt to allow their monthly contribution to the scheme to be made from the benefits drawn from the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme directly.

Bonanza to farmers in first Cabinet; govt extends PM-KISAN, announces new farm pension scheme

Govt also okayed Pradhan Mantri Kisan Pension Yojana under which farmers will get pension of Rs 3,000/month.

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Day 1 of PM Modi's new government: Big boost for farmers, traders, students

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- Now, 14.5 crore farmers to be covered under PM Kisan scheme; to cost exchequer ₹87,000 crore annually
- Pension scheme for traders under which 3 crore retail traders and shopkeepers will stand to benefit



Sabka Sath Sabka Vikas Sabka Vishwas

Extending the PM-KISAN safety umbrella for all farmers

- PM-KISAN scheme has been extended to all eligible farmer families irrespective of size of land holdings
- Due to this revision, an additional 2 crore farmers have come under its ambit
- This increases the coverage of PM-KISAN scheme to 14.5 crore beneficiaries
- · First instalment of Rs 2.000 was transferred to 3.11 crore farmers
- Second instalment of Rs 2,000 was transferred to 2.66 crore farmers



Pension scheme for traders

- The Modi government approved a new scheme that offers pension coverage to the trading community.
- The scheme will benefit more than 3 crore small shopkeepers and traders. The government will make matching contributions in the subscribers' account.
- All shopkeepers, retail traders and self-employed persons are assured a minimum monthly pension of Rs. 3,000 per month after attaining the age of 60 years.

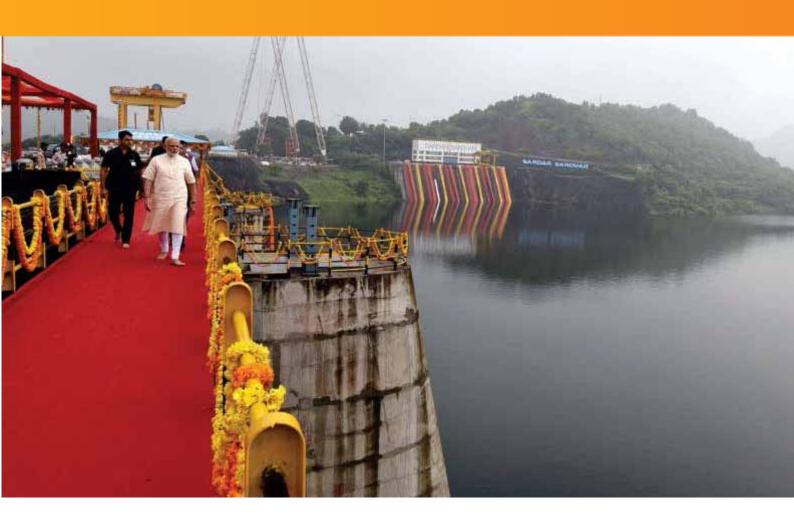


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Cabinet approves pension scheme for small shopkeepers, retail traders

Formation of Jal Shakti Ministry

- Fulfilling a promise made in their manifesto and in the election campaign, to urgently but comprehensively address water-related issues, a Jal Shakti Ministry was formed as promised.
- Water management and access to safe drinking water has become part of the public discourse, thanks to PM Modi's sustained focus on it.

 On 1 July 2019, the Jal Shakti Abhiyan - a campaign for water conservation and water security was launched. The campaign will run through citizen participation during the monsoon season, focusing on water stressed districts and blocks.



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Modi 2.0 breaks new ground, ushers in Jal Shakti ministry

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Gyan Varma

- Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Member of Parliament from Jodhpur, has been allocated the portfolio
- During his election campaign, PM Narendra Modi had promised to the people that access to safe drinking water would be a prime initiative of the NDA government in its second term







After Swachh Bharat, in the pipeline: Jal Shakti, Nal Se Jal for all

Narendra Modi govt's new focus: The scheme 'Nal se Jal' to provide piped drinking water to every household will be a component of the government's Jal Jivan Mission. This was among the primary promises made in the BJP's vision document released in the run-up to the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

Towards Mission Five Trillion



- A manifesto commitment of the BJP and PM Modi is making India a five trillion dollar economy.
- With Modi, a promise is always to be acted upon and fulfilled.
- To spur investment and create new employment opportunities, PM Modi set up two Cabinet committees to deal with the two crucial issues.
- Both the panels, the Investment and Growth panel and the Employment and Skill Development panel are headed by the Prime Minister himself.
- PM Modi also announced setting up of a high-powered committee on structural reforms in the agriculture sector. The panel also includes some chief ministers and examines legislative changes required for reforms.

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PM Modi sets up two ministerial panels to spur growth, iobs

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PM Modi to head two new Cabinet committees on economy, employment

part from Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Commer nd Railways Minister Plaush Goyal are members of both the committees.

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Modi sets up high-level committee for agricultural reforms at NITI Aayog meet

In his inaugural address at the fifth meeting of the Governing Council of NITI Aayog, Modi reiterated the Union Government's commitment to double incomes of farmers by 2022.

Massive Action Against Corruption in Bureaucracy

- 12 top tax officials were made to quit
- 15 customs and central excise officials were sacked
- These officials had allegations of corruption, illegal and disproportionate assets and sexual harassment against them





Modi govt's surgical strike on corruption: 12 top tax officers asked to quit



India becoming more and more Swachh says the world!

- The Swachh Bharat initiative of the Modi government has led to a reduction in the contamination of groundwater, a UNICEF study observed.
- Villages that were open defecation-free saw lesser fecal contamination, lesser groundwater contamination, lesser soil pollution, lesser food contamination and lesser drinking water contamination.
- India's role is crucial in achieving the massive improvements needed to meet UN's Sustainable Development Goals.
- Reducing open defecation is one area where the country has made strides with Swachh Bharat providing added impetus in recent years, as UN notes in a new report.
- The report notes the impact of Swachh Bharat thus: between 2000 and 2014, open defecation decreased by almost three percentage points per year, while from 2015-2019 it came down by of over 12 percentage points per year!



Swachh Bharat Abhiyan Gets UNICEF Approval, Body Says Mission Reduced Groundwater Contamination

The study launched by UNICEF found that in terms of faecal contamination, non-ODF villages were on average 11.25 times more likely to have their groundwater sources contaminated.

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How India powered global reduction in open defecation

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Beti Bachao Beti Padhao – Mass Movement with Massive Impact



- The all-India sex ratio at birth went up by points, from 923 in 2015-16 to 931 girls per 1,000 boys till March 2019
- Haryana showed an improvement from 887 girls per 1,000 boys in 2015-16 to 914 in 2018-19

Modi government's rural road push wins global praise

- Coming to the impact of Modi government's infrastructure focus, according to a World Bank report, improved road connectivity in India triggered a shift from farm to non-farm employment and women stepped out of the house to take care of their farms.
- The World Bank report has hailed PM Gram Sadak Yojana, saying it has improved mobility, increased access to economic opportunities and boosted attendance of children in schools.
- It also says the number of babies delivered at home has come down substantially in areas connected through rural roads, a major improvement in the health sector. 2018-19







Fifty days of Modi-2 & Foreign Policy

- The first 50 days of his second term was a busy period for the Prime Minister.
- PM Modi invited BIMSTEC leaders and Chair of the SCO to the oath-taking ceremony.
- Historic visit to Maldives: PM Modi addressed the Majlis, received the highest civilian award for foreigners, the Order of Nishan Izzuddeen.

Visit to Sri Lanka:

- PM Modi showed solidarity with an important maritime neighbor. His visit to the Shrine of St. Anthony attacked in the Easter bombings was the first by any world leader.
- PM Modi engaged with full spectrum of Sri Lanka's leadership - President Sirisena, PM Wickremesinghe, former President Rajapaksa and Tamil parties



SCO Summit in Kyrgyzstan:

- PM Modi engaged with SCO nations and pursued a strong line against terror.
- There was also a bilateral component in Kyrgyzstan where PM Modi had talks with President Jeenbekov.
- At home, PM Modi welcomed US Secretary of State, Mike Pompeo, and articulated India's stand on trade, terror and other issues.
- G-20 Summit in Japan saw wide scale engagement of PM Modi with all top world leaders.
- Yoga Day was observed with great gusto all over the world on 21st June.
- The International Court of Justice delivered an extremely favourable verdict in the Kulbhushan Jadhay case.



Yoga Day — India's international soft power display

- As seen in the past few years, the International Yoga Day was celebrated with great fervor across the world by over 170 countries. India benefited in soft power terms with its culture going global.
- This time, PM Modi also announced the Prime Minister's Awards for Outstanding Contribution for Promotion and Development of Yoga -2019.
- Of the four recipients, one was an Italian lady and another was a Japanese cultural organisation.

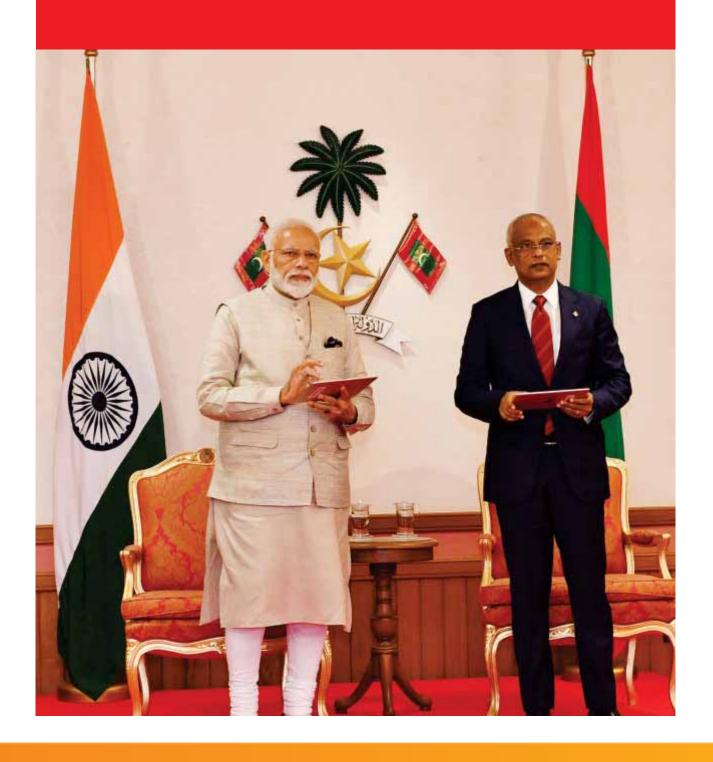








Paradigm shift with Maldives and India's friendship



- PM Modi, even within just a month of government formation, has notched up a major foreign policy triumph in the neighbourhood.
- His visit to Maldives, the grand reception he got, and the subsequent developments show that PM Modi is undoing the policy blunders that UPA's apathy had caused.
- Maldives honoured PM Modi with their highest award.
 And according to media reports, Maldives is also on the verge of scrapping a maritime deal with China, tilting the balance of the region in favour of India a major shift.

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Maldives confers highest civilian honour on Narendra Modi



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With neighbours, in their pain as well

- Showing his commitment to the Neighbourhood First approach to foreign policy, PM Modi became the first world leader to travel to Sri Lanka after the horrific Easter terror attacks
- Meanwhile, India's Emergency Ambulance Service in Sri Lanka is now available throughout the nine provinces of the country. This is winning the hearts of the Sri Lankan people.
- It played a crucial role in the aftermath of the Easter terror attacks as well.

PM Modi becomes first world leader to visit Colombo church, pays homage to victims of Easter terror attacks in Sri Lanka

Prime Minister Narendra Modi made an unscheduled visit to the St Anthony's church to pay tributes to the victims of the horrific Easter Sunday terrorist attack that killed 258 people, including 11 Indians.



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India-backed ambulance service in Sri Lanka expanded, now available across all provinces

The last phase of the project was launched in Ampara in the Eastern Province of Sri Lanka.



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'Together with you- come rain or shine': Sri Lankan President offers to hold umbrella for PM Modi



Setting the narrative at the SCO Summit

- PM Modi left an impact on the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit when he spoke out against terrorism and sought to build a global consensus around it.
- He raised the issue of state-sponsored terrorism at the SCO Summit in Bishkek and said that countries sponsoring, aiding and funding terrorism must be held accountable as he called for a global conference to combat the menace.
- Everyone knew this was about Pakistan and being present there, it was a matter of shame for Imran Khan.



PM Modi shames Pakistan at SCO Summit in presence of Imran Khan

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday, without naming Pakistan, raised the issue of statesponsored terrorism at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Summit in Bishkek and said that countries sponsoring, aiding and funding terrorism must be held accountable as he called for a global conference to combat the menace.



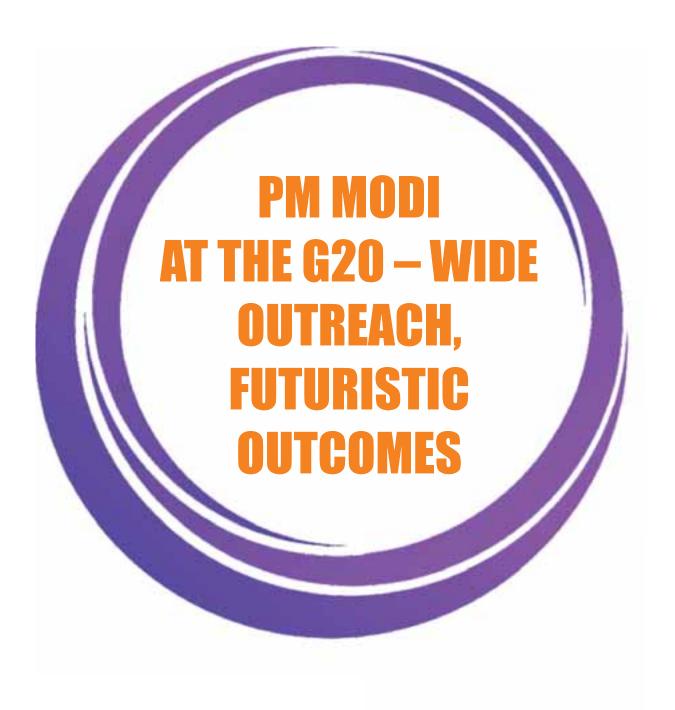
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PM Modi deeply touched after Kyrgyzstan, Sri Lankan presidents personally hold umbrella for him

Recently, we saw the presidents of two nations personally holding an umbrella for PM Modi instead of security staff who usually are seen carrying them for world leaders. Well, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been left humbled by the kind acts of the two presidents.

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The scale of engagement

- PM Modi attended 4 G20 sessions, had 9 bilateral meetings, 8 pullaside meetings, 2 trilateral meetings (Japan-India-America and Russia-India-China) and 1 meeting of BRICS leaders.
- PM Modi had one of the highest number of bilateral and pull-aside meetings among world leaders at the G20. This is indicative of India's rise at the world stage.
- He also attended a massive community programme in Kobe. Overall, PM Modi participated in 25 programmes in 2 days!
- PM Modi met leaders from all continents

Americas (USA and Chile)

Africa (South Africa)

Europe (France and Germany)

Australia

East and Southeast Asia (China, South Korea,

Indonesia, Singapore and Vietnam)

West Asia (Saudi Arabia)



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PM Narendra Modi holds bilateral meetings with G20 leaders, stresses on jointly combating terrorism

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PM Modi highlights 'importance of India' in trilateral meet with Trump, Abe

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- The discussion focused on how India, US and Japan can work together towards an open, stable Indo-Pacific region
- Today's meeting of the Japan-America-India Trilateral was a productive one, Modi tweeted

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Issues PM Modi raised resonate with the world

- PM Modi spoke at a G20 session on healthcare, highlighted India's traditional healing forms and Ayushman Bharat, world's largest health programme.
- He also called for an international combined effort on disaster management.
- PM Modi highlighted the need of gender equality, spoke about technology and the need to ensure societies embrace technology for human progress.
- During the 2014 G20 Summit in Brisbane, PM Modi had raised the issue of black money, and how there is a need for the global community to eliminate it. The issue found resonance, even making its way in the G-20 communique. Since then, it has been a part of the global agenda.
- In the G20 of 2019, PM Modi made a strong pitch for a combined strategy on coming down on fugitive economic offenders.
- From 2014 to 2019, it is clear that PM Modi is championing the cause of a corruption-free world where the honest tax payer and the honest businessmen is protected instead of a select few who regularly default and indulge in unethical business practices.
- PM Modi, however, did not join deliberations on the Osaka Track, keeping in mind India's interests. The Osaka Track on data free flow and e-commerce was one of PM Abe's pet agendas for the Osaka G-20.

PM makes strong pitch for crushing terrorism

- Be it the G20, BRICS or SCO, PM Modi has been leading the global narrative against terror. The Osaka G20 was no different.
- PM Modi also told UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres to take the lead in holding a conference on the issue of terrorism and assured full support.

India and USA – a productive engagement

- There was immense media scrutiny on PM Modi's meeting with President Donald Trump.
- The Modi-Trump bilateral was a smooth and productive one. Both leaders had frank discussions on multiple aspects, like 5G, trade, Iran and security ties.
- In addition to the scheduled bilateral meeting, PM Modi and President Trump had multiple informal but warm chats in the Leader's Lounge, on the sidelines of the various sessions and during the dinner for G-20 leaders.
- Those attending the G-20 leaders' dinner saw that PM Modi had a busy evening, with Australian PM Scott Morrison on one side and President Trump on the other.







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