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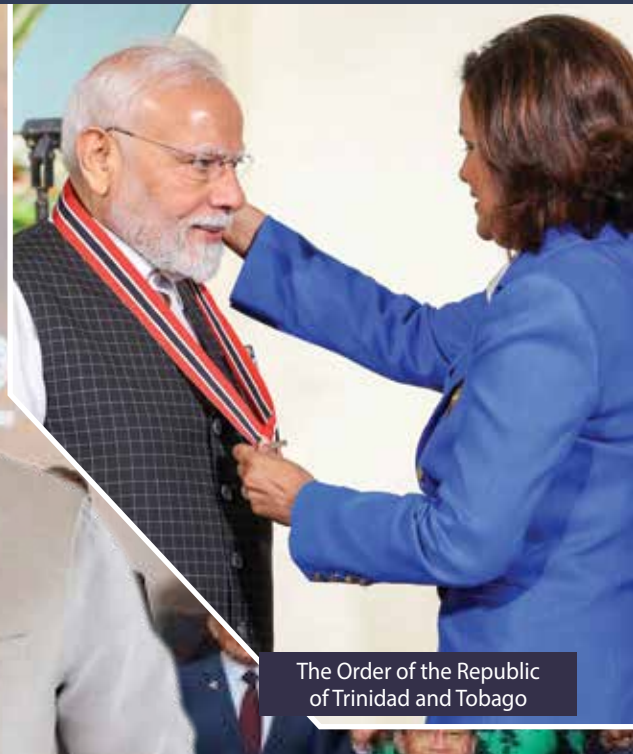
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BJP National President and Union Minister Shri JP Nadda inaugurating 3 district offices of Delhi & Haryana each from BJP HQ Ext. New Delhi on 06 July 2025



BJP National President and Union Minister Shri JP Nadda at the "Prashikshan Varg" of Chhattisgarh BJP MPs-MLAs in Kamleshwarpur, Surguja on 07 July 2025



BJP National President and Union Minister Shri JP Nadda visits natural disaster affected areas in Himachal Pradesh on 09 July 2025



Kerala BJP welcomes Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah to "Viksit Keralam" in Thiruvananthapuram on 12 July 2025



Telangana BJP welcomes Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah at 'Kisan Mahasammelan' in Nizamabad on 29 June 2025



Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh lighting the lamp at the 128th Jayanti celebrations of Shri Alluri Sitaram Raju at Hyderabad on 04 July 2025

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@Narendramodi

The BRICS Summit was a splendid opportunity to elaborate on issues impacting the planet and the importance of the Global South in the global high table. I also spoke about different aspects relating to health, technology and climate change.

(09 July, 2025)

@JPNadda

Another jewel in the crown! My heartfelt congratulations to Hon'ble PM Shri @narendramodiji on being conferred with Brazil's highest civilian award, 'Grand Collar of the National Order of the Southern Cross'. This is a proud moment for 140 crore Indians and a tribute to the long-standing friendship between our two nations. This prestigious recognition acknowledges PM Modi ji's exemplary efforts in strengthening bilateral ties and advancing India-Brazil cooperation on key global platforms.

(08 July, 2025)

@AmitShah

Exactly four years ago, Prime Minister Shri @narendramodiji established the 'Ministry of Cooperation' with the core mantra of 'Prosperity through Cooperation,' opening all doors for the advancement and prosperity of the cooperative system. On the completion of four years of the Ministry of Cooperation, a dialogue was held in Anand, Gujarat, on the achievements of the ministry over the past four years. Whether it is the computerization of PACS, making cooperative societies multidimensional, the world's largest grain storage scheme, or the White Revolution - 2.0, the Ministry of Cooperation has breathed new life into the cooperative sector through 60 new initiatives.

(08 July, 2025)

@Rajnathsingh

Today, the eyes of the entire world are on our Defence sector. The valor we displayed during Operation Sindoor and the capability of our indigenous equipment have further increased the global demand for our homegrown products.

(07 July, 2025)

@B.L Santhosh

Congratulations Sri @RaviDadaChavan on being elected as the State President of @BJP4Maharashtra. A man rooted in organisation, grounded in reality, with ears to ground will steer the Party on achieving Viksit Maharashtra. @KirenRijju @Dev_Fadnavis @cbawankule

(01 July, 2025)

@Nitin Gadkari

With great pride, we celebrate Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri @narendramodiji for receiving The Order of the Most Ancient Welwitschia Mirabilis, Namibia's highest civilian honor. This recognition is a tribute to his visionary leadership and dedication to building stronger global alliances. It also reflects the deepening friendship and collaboration between India and Namibia, marking a historic moment in their shared journey.

(09 July, 2025)

**RETAIL INFLATION
HITS A 6-YEAR LOW**

2.10%

(JUNE 2025)

Lowest year-on-year inflation
since January 2019

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KAMAL SANDESH PARIVAR

wishes a very happy

HARIYALI TEEJ (27 JULY)

to all of its readers



INDIA IS COMMITTED TO THE MANTRA OF 'VASUDHAIV KUTUMBAKAM'

As India marches ahead on the path of realising the vision of 'Viksit Bharat,' Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is taking India's message of peace, development, and mutual cooperation across the world. India is reaching out to the world, creating hope, igniting aspirations and building strong partnerships with every nation. The recently concluded eight-day visit of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to five nations, viz., Ghana, Trinidad & Tobago, Argentina, Brazil, and Namibia, and participation in 17th BRICS Summit brought these nations closer to India as valued partners in the journey ahead. While the visit focused on expanding trade, defence, digital and critical mineral cooperation, promoting UPI as a global digital public good and deepening cultural and diaspora ties, it also led to enhancing mutual trust and making each other partners in development.

As Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi began his eight-day visit on 2nd July 2025, he arrived in Ghana, where he was conferred 'the Officer of the Order of the Star of Ghana' in recognition of his leadership. PM Modi's visit led to the signing of multiple MoU agreements, including those for fintech, traditional medicine, standardisation, and the establishment of Joint Commission commitments to double bilateral trade within five years. His address to the Ghanaian Parliament underscored India's commitment to South-South cooperation and inclusive development.

In the last eleven years, India has not only recorded remarkable achievements in every sector but has also been able to strengthen and deepen its ties with every country across the world

On 4th July, 2025, while visiting Trinidad & Tobago, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi announced the donation of 2,000 laptops for youth empowerment and expanded OCI eligibility for Persons of Indian Origin. It marked the first visit by any Indian prime minister in 26 years. Celebrating 180 years of Indo-Caribbean heritage, he addressed Parliament and engaged with the vibrant Indian diaspora.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's visit to Argentina created a new environment of mutual trust and goodwill. The discussions focused on critical minerals, particularly lithium, as well as energy, pharmaceuticals, defence, and space collaboration. The Argentine government honoured the prime minister with the Key to the City of Buenos Aires, acknowledging India's growing role as a strategic partner. This visit to Argentina marked the first prime minister's

visit in 57 years. In Brazil, while addressing the summit, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi championed global governance reforms, food and energy security, and responsible AI, and led a condemnation of the 22nd April Pahalgam terror attack, labelled "criminal and unjustifiable," urging zero tolerance and collective action against terrorism. He was also conferred 'the Grand Collar of the National Order of the Southern Cross,' Brazil's highest civilian honour, affirming India's rising global stature.

The visit to Namibia on 9th July, 2025, was marked by a historic achievement as Namibia became the first country to license India's UPI, a significant milestone in digital diplomacy. This visit focused on defence cooperation, maritime security, critical minerals, energy, agriculture, healthcare, and education. Namibia's Parliament was addressed for the first time by an Indian Prime Minister. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi received Namibia's highest honour, 'the Order of the Most Ancient Welwitschia Mirabilis,' reflecting exceptional diplomatic trust. The 17th BRICS Summit also echoed India's strategic concerns vis-a-vis terrorism and reforms in global governing bodies including strongest condemnation of Pahalgam terror attack.

In the last eleven years, India has not only recorded remarkable achievements in every sector but has also been able to strengthen and deepen its ties with every country across the world. It is the result of continuous and tireless efforts by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi that every country is becoming a valued partner of India and nations contributions are acknowledged across the world. As a Vishwamitra, India is committed to the mantra of 'Vasudhaiv Kutumbakam.' As India moves ahead under the charismatic and visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the nation reiterates its commitment to global peace, mutual goodwill and trust, and strong partnership for development and stability. ■

BRICS

PM MODI VISITS GHANA, TRINIDAD & TOBAGO, ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, NAMIBIA AND PARTICIPATES IN THE 17TH BRICS SUMMIT

Brasil 2025



BRICS Brasil 2025

PM'S FOREIGN VISITS REFLECTS INDIA'S COMMITMENT TO INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT, MUTUAL GROWTH AND INTERNATIONAL PEACE

Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's foreign visits in July 2025 mark a significant chapter in India's proactive global diplomacy. These engagements have reinforced bilateral ties, expanded strategic partnerships, and advanced the cause of the Global South through multilateral platforms like BRICS. His itinerary included state visits to Ghana, Trinidad and Tobago, Argentina, Brazil, Namibia, and participation in the 17th BRICS Summit. These visits not only underscored India's global leadership but also reflected its commitment to inclusive development, mutual growth, and international peace

VISIT TO GHANA

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's visit to Accra, Ghana's capital on 3 July marked the first by an Indian Prime Minister in 30 years. Received warmly by President John Dramani Mahama, the visit signified a pivotal moment in India-Africa relations, signaling a renewal of commitment to historical ties rooted in shared experiences of colonialism and a mutual desire for sustainable development.

Strengthening Bilateral Ties

The bilateral talks between PM Shri Narendra Modi and President Mahama were comprehensive, covering a broad spectrum of cooperation:



ATES IN BRICS SUMMIT



- **Agriculture:** Ghana expressed interest in Indian expertise to transform its agriculture sector. India pledged technical and entrepreneurial support to help Ghana emerge as a food-secure nation and potential food exporter in West Africa.
- **Pharmaceuticals and Vaccines:** President Mahama envisioned Ghana as a regional hub for vaccine production. PM Modi assured collaboration with Indian pharma firms to establish manufacturing units, given India's proven capabilities in affordable healthcare.
- **Defense Cooperation:** Shared concerns over regional security threats such as terrorism and piracy led to agreements on defense training, equipment procurement, and enhanced strategic coordination.
- **Critical Minerals:** India expressed interest in Ghana's

reserves of critical minerals, offering investment and technical expertise in mining and processing. This is especially significant as India diversifies sources of rare minerals essential for its energy and industrial sectors.

- **Digital Public Infrastructure:** Highlighting India's success with low-cost digital solutions like UPI and digital ID systems, PM Shri Modi offered to support Ghana's digital transformation, especially in the financial and governance sectors.

Cultural and Strategic Agreements

Four Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) were signed:

1. Joint Commission on Foreign Affairs – To institutionalize diplomatic dialogue.
2. Traditional Medicine – Enhancing collaboration in AYUSH practices and training.
3. Cultural Exchange – Promoting people-to-people ties and tourism.
4. Standards and Quality Control – Ensuring harmonization of trade standards.

PM conferred the Order of the Star of Ghana

President Mahama conferred the Order of the Star of Ghana on PM Shri Modi, honoring his statesmanship and contribution to global peace. The Indian community in Ghana—over 15,000 strong—was acknowledged for its role in Ghana's economic growth.

PM Shri Modi also paid tribute to Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, Ghana's first President and a friend of India, further emphasizing the deep-rooted historical connection between the two nations.

PM VISIT TO THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi undertook a landmark State Visit to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago from 3rd to 4th July 2025, marking the first such visit by an Indian Prime Minister since 1999. His visit was not only a reflection of deep historical and cultural ties but also an affirmation of the growing political, economic, and strategic convergence between the two vibrant democracies.



From high-level bilateral engagements to emotional interactions with the Indian diaspora, the visit elevated the India–Trinidad & Tobago (T&T) partnership to new heights.

During the visit Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi was conferred with 'The Order of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago' - the country's highest civilian honour.

Warm Reception and Ceremonial Welcome

Upon arrival at the Port of Spain airport, PM Modi was received with exceptional warmth by Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar, accompanied by her Cabinet and dignitaries. A ceremonial Guard of Honour and traditional cultural performances marked the welcome, signifying the deep-rooted friendship between the two nations. At his hotel, the Indian diaspora turned out in large numbers to greet him, reflecting their enthusiasm and emotional connection to India.

Official Talks with Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar

Prime Minister Shri Modi held comprehensive bilateral discussions with PM Persad-Bissessar at the Red House, focusing on enhancing cooperation across diverse areas:

- **Agriculture, Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals:** India offered support in food security, health systems, and affordable medicines.
- **Digital Transformation & UPI:** Trinidad & Tobago showed keen interest in adopting India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and digital governance tools.
- **Culture, Sports & Capacity Building:** Initiatives for youth, training, and cultural exchanges were discussed.
- **Climate, Cybersecurity & Disaster Management:** Both leaders underlined shared concerns and the need for coordinated global action.

The leaders reaffirmed their joint commitment to combat terrorism, with PM Modi appreciating T&T's support after the Pahalgam terror attack. They also emphasized working together to strengthen the India–CARICOM partnership and the broader cause of the Global South.

Six MoUs were signed covering:

1. Pharmacopoeia cooperation
2. Quick Impact Development Projects
3. Cultural and sports exchange
4. Diplomatic training
5. ICCR academic chairs in Hindi and Indian Studies

A special announcement was the offer of OCI (Overseas Citizenship of India) cards to the 6th generation of Indian-origin citizens in T&T—a highly emotional and significant gesture.

Meeting with President Christine Carla Kangaloo

PM Modi also met President H.E. Christine Carla Kangaloo at the President's House, reaffirming the enduring bonds of friendship. The President conferred upon PM Modi the country's highest national honour, the Order of the Republic of Trinidad & Tobago—making him the first foreign leader to receive the award. PM Modi dedicated this honour to 1.4 billion Indians, symbolizing the deep mutual respect between the nations.

President Kangaloo, herself a recipient of the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman, appreciated PM Modi's visionary leadership and his commitment to strengthening India's global role. PM Modi invited her to visit India to further nurture the relationship.

Address to the Joint Session of Parliament

In a historic first, PM Modi addressed the Joint Session of the Trinidad & Tobago Parliament, at the invitation of Senate President H.E. Wade Mark and House Speaker H.E. Jagdeo Singh. He was the first Indian Prime Minister to be accorded this honour.

PM Shri Narendra Modi's address reflected shared democratic values, calling India the "Mother of Democracy" where democracy is a way of life. He applauded T&T's democratic journey and called for enhanced parliamentary exchanges, symbolized by the Speaker's Chair gifted earlier by India.

He highlighted:

- India's 33% reservation for women in legislatures
- Over 1.5 million women leaders in local governance
- Need for Global Governance Reform
- Strengthening voice of the Global South

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi introduced

India's vision for the region through the acronym MAHASAGAR, emphasizing India's commitment to cooperation, inclusivity, and a fairer world order.

Cultural Diplomacy and Diaspora Outreach

PM Modi's visit was rich in cultural symbolism. During a community reception attended by over 4000 people, he was welcomed with Indo-Trinidadian traditions and performances by the Mahatma Gandhi Institute for Cultural Cooperation. He acknowledged the resilience of the Indian diaspora and their role in preserving Indian traditions, particularly from eastern Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.

PM Modi presented to PM Persad-Bissessar a replica of the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya and holy water from the Saryu River and the Mahakumbh of Prayagraj—gifts reflecting deep spiritual bonds.

He recalled the 180-year journey of Indian-origin citizens in T&T and their contributions in shaping a pluralistic and vibrant society. As part of his vision to honour the Girmitya community, he announced continued Indian government support for legacy preservation, scholarships, and cultural outreach.

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO ARGENTINA

A Bilateral Milestone

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's visit to



Argentina on July 5 was the first bilateral visit by an Indian PM in 57 years. Hosted by President Javier Milei, the visit re-energized India-Latin America relations, building on earlier interactions during multilateral forums like the G20.

Expanding Strategic Partnership

Several key areas of cooperation were discussed and agreed upon:

- **Trade and Commerce:** Both leaders agreed to enhance economic engagement and advocated for the expansion of the India-Mercosur Preferential Trade Agreement, aiming to unlock new trade and investment opportunities.
- **Defense and Security:** Argentina showed interest in deepening defense ties, including joint training, technology transfer, and equipment procurement. The two leaders saw convergence in strategic interests, especially in maintaining regional stability.
- **Agriculture and Dairy:** Given the importance of agriculture to both economies, they discussed increased market access and technology exchange. A Joint Working Group on Agriculture was planned to facilitate collaboration.
- **Pharmaceuticals and Health:** India offered affordable, high-quality medicines and proposed moving Indian pharma firms from Annex II to Annex I of Argentina's regulatory framework, easing the entry of Indian drugs into the market. Cooperation on telemedicine, digital health, and capacity building was also discussed.
- **Energy and Critical Minerals:** With its rich reserves of lithium, copper, and shale oil, Argentina emerged as a potential partner for India's energy transition. India expressed interest in securing long-term access to these critical resources.
- **Space Cooperation:** Building on past collaborations, both sides agreed to explore satellite development, launch services, and private-sector partnerships in the space domain.

Innovation, Drones, and Digital Payments

India shared its successes in:

- **Drone Technologies:** PM Modi highlighted India's innovations in drone usage for agriculture, medicine delivery, and surveillance. Argentina

expressed keen interest in adopting similar models, especially for managing cattle and surveillance over Exclusive Economic Zones.

- **Unified Payments Interface (UPI):** President Milei was impressed with India's digital payment ecosystem. The countries agreed to explore a central bank delegation visit to study UPI's implementation.
- **Startup Collaboration:** With India boasting the world's third-largest startup ecosystem, both sides discussed partnerships in technology and innovation, focusing on problem-solving through young entrepreneurs.
- **Big Cat Conservation:** PM Modi invited Argentina to join the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA). Given Argentina's ecological richness, this presents a shared conservation opportunity.
- **Sports and Youth Exchange:** There were talks of sports diplomacy—leveraging India's cricketing strengths and Argentina's football prowess—to build youth ties.

The day ended with a state luncheon hosted by President Milei and a cordial invitation from PM Modi for President Milei to visit India.

PM participates in the 17th BRICS Summit

Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the

17th BRICS Summit held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on July 6–7, 2025. The summit was hosted by Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva under the theme "Strengthening Global South Cooperation for Inclusive and Sustainable Governance." PM Modi's presence was of immense significance, especially as India prepares to assume the BRICS chairmanship in 2026. While addressing the summit PM Shri Modi said, India has always considered it a duty to rise above self interest and work towards the interest of humanity. He added, we're fully committed to work along with the BRICS countries on all matters, and provide our constructive contributions.

The summit saw wide participation, including 11 permanent BRICS members, 9 partner countries, 8 invitee nations, and 7 heads of international organizations—making it one of the most inclusive BRICS summits to date.

Key Sessions and Interventions

1. Global Governance and Peace & Security:

PM Shri Narendra Modi emphasized the urgent need to reform multilateral institutions like the UN Security Council, IMF, World Bank, and WTO, which he noted are rooted in 20th-century frameworks and unfit for 21st-century challenges. He called for



a multipolar and inclusive world order and reiterated India's role in amplifying the voice of the Global South.

2. Terrorism:

The Prime Minister strongly condemned terrorism, referencing the recent Pahalgam terror attack as a brutal act against humanity. He urged decisive global action against those funding or harboring terrorists and commended the summit for its unified stance in condemning terrorism in all forms.

3. Multilateralism, AI, and Economic Affairs:

During discussions on economic and technological cooperation, PM Shri Modi proposed the creation of a science and research repository focusing on resilient supply chains for critical minerals and emphasized responsible development of Artificial Intelligence (AI) within the BRICS framework. These proposals aim to boost innovation and resource security among Global South nations.

4. Environment and Climate Commitments:

Prime Minister highlighted India's global sustainability efforts, including the International Solar Alliance, Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure, Global Biofuel Alliance, and Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment). These initiatives underscore India's leadership in promoting pro-planet, pro-people growth.

Significant Outcomes

Two notable paragraphs in the BRICS Summit declaration echoed India's strategic concerns:

- Paragraph 6 emphasized the need to reform global governance bodies, affirming the active role of countries like India and Brazil in shaping a fairer world order.
- Paragraph 34 recorded the strongest-ever condemnation of the Pahalgam terror attack, demonstrating broad-based support for India's stance on counter-terrorism.

India's advocacy for sustainable development, financial reforms, and equitable access to technology found strong resonance across member nations.

Bilateral Engagements

On the sidelines of the summit, PM Shri Modi held multiple bilateral meetings:

- **Malaysia:** PM Shri Modi thanked Malaysian PM Anwar Ibrahim for condemning the Pahalgam attack and discussed ASEAN-India strategic partnership, regional stability, and trade relations.
- **Cuba:** PM Modi and President Miguel Díaz-Canel discussed economic cooperation, with a special focus on India's Unified Payment Interface (UPI) and digital public infrastructure. Cuba expressed interest in adopting India's cost-effective digital solutions and recognized the potential of Ayurveda and Indian generic medicines in its healthcare system.

In addition, PM Shri Narendra Modi had informal meetings with South African President Cyril Ramaphosa and the Prime Minister of Vietnam, focusing on regional cooperation and global south solidarity.

PM Modi's participation in the 17th BRICS Summit reaffirmed India's role as a key voice of the Global South. His forward-looking proposals on governance reforms, responsible AI, sustainable development, and cross-border digital cooperation significantly shaped the summit's agenda. With India set to take over BRICS chairmanship in 2026, the Rio Summit laid a solid foundation for India's leadership in promoting a more inclusive and equitable global order.

PM BILATERAL ENGAGEMENT WITH BRAZIL

After the BRICS summit, PM Shri Narendra Modi undertook a bilateral engagement with Brazil—the first Indian PM-level state visit in 57 years. He was received by President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva with



ceremonial honors in Brasília.

Key Agreements and Outcomes

1. **Bilateral Trade and Economic Partnership:** A new trade target of \$20 billion over five years was set. Brazil agreed to support India's efforts to expand the India-MERCOSUR trade pact. Both sides committed to establishing a ministerial mechanism to monitor trade and investment.
2. **Cooperation in Agriculture and Food Security:** An MOU on agricultural research was signed. India and Brazil also pledged to exchange knowledge and best practices to improve food productivity and security.
3. **Critical Minerals and Energy:** Brazil's reserves of lithium, copper, and rare earths align with India's clean energy needs. Collaborative opportunities in exploration, processing, and trade were emphasized.
4. **Health, Pharma, and Digital Transformation:** India advocated for expedited Brazilian approval of Indian medicines already cleared by global regulators. Agreements were signed on digital transformation and renewable energy cooperation.
5. **Defense and Security Cooperation:** An agreement was inked on combating terrorism and organized crime. Both nations reaffirmed commitment to global peace and South-South solidarity.
6. **Cultural and Technological Exchange:** MOUs included cooperation in intellectual property and sharing of digital solutions. Discussions also explored sports collaboration, with a focus on cricket and football.

PM Shri Narendra Modi was conferred the Grand Collar of the National Order of the Southern Cross, Brazil's highest civilian honor for foreign dignitaries. He dedicated the award to the people of India and the India-Brazil friendship.

PM MODI'S VISIT TO NAMIBIA

PM Shri Modi's visit to Namibia on July 9 was the first by an Indian Prime Minister in 27 years. The visit assumed strategic importance as Namibia recently elected a new President, ensuring continuity in ties.



Bilateral Discussions and Achievements

1. **Natural Resources and Critical Minerals:** India expressed interest in Namibia's vast reserves of diamonds, lithium, copper, cobalt, and graphite. Cooperation in exploration and investment was a major agenda.
2. **Agriculture and Food Security:** India offered support for mechanized farming, machinery, and training to make use of Namibia's extensive arable land for local food production and security.
3. **Healthcare and Jan Aushadhi:** India proposed establishing affordable medicine distribution (Jan Aushadhi) in Namibia and facilitating direct pharma supply chains from India.
4. **Digital Public Infrastructure:** Namibia became the first country to adopt India's UPI system through a licensing agreement between NPCI and Namibia's central bank—paving the way for real-time digital payments.
5. **Defense and Capacity Building:** India and Namibia explored defense training, equipment sourcing, and increased ITEC scholarships in both defense and civil sectors.

Agreements and Announcements

1. MOU to set up an Entrepreneurship Centre in Namibia.
2. Cooperation in health and pharmaceuticals.
3. Namibia joined the Global Biofuel Alliance and the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure.

PM Shri Modi was awarded Namibia's highest honor, The Order of the Most Ancient Welwitschia Mirabilis, acknowledging his contributions to global peace and development. He also addressed the Namibian Parliament and paid tribute to Dr. Sam Nujoma, Namibia's founding father. ■

A Diplomatic Marathon Like No Other

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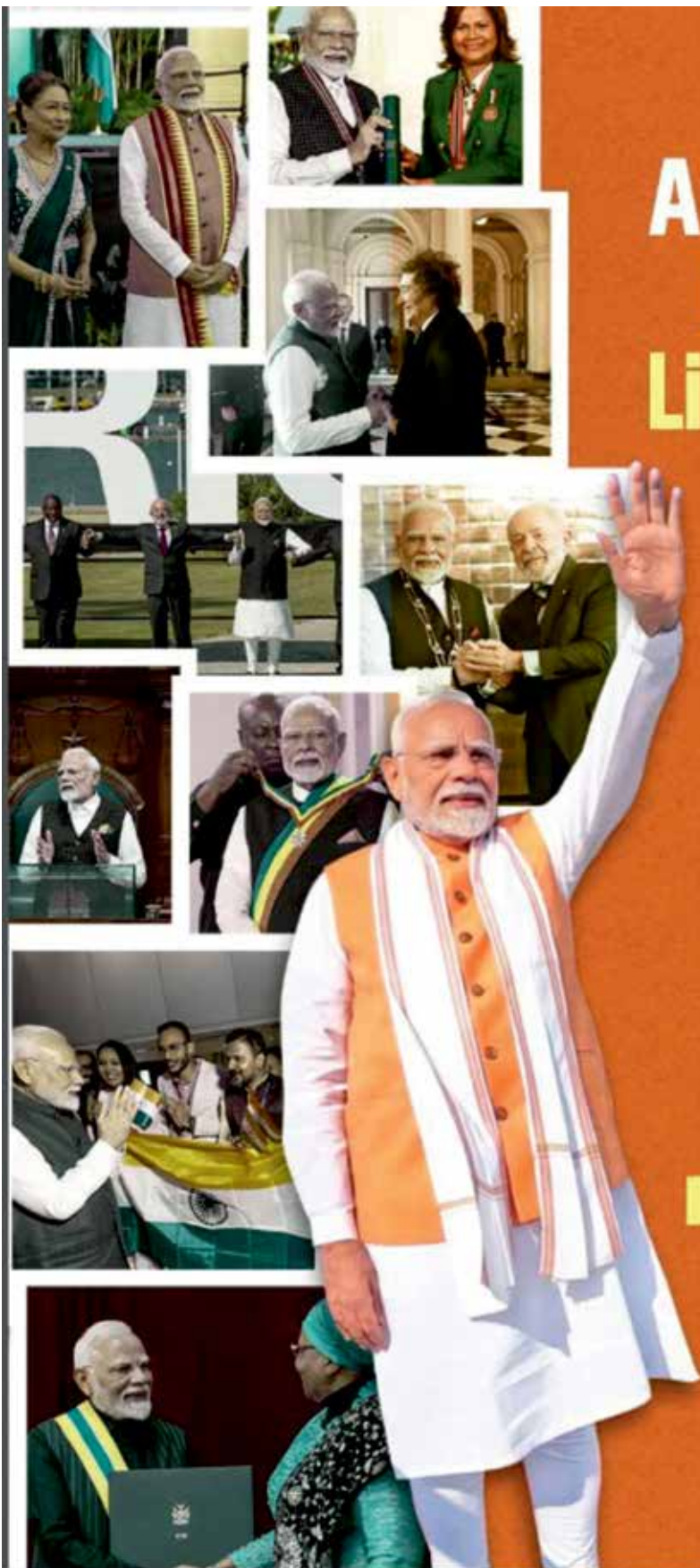
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the Sky

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BJP National President inaugurates 3 district BJP offices of Delhi & Haryana each on 6 July

**Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee- Fought for principles
all his life and ultimately sacrificed for it: JP Nadda**



BJP National President and Union Minister Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda inaugurated three newly constructed District BJP offices of Delhi and Haryana each from the BJP Central Office Extension in New Delhi on 06 July 2025 and mentioned in detail the development works done during the tenure of BJP government under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in the last 11 years. During the program, Delhi Chief Minister Smt. Rekha Gupta, Haryana Chief Minister Shri Nayab Singh Saini, Delhi State BJP President Shri Virendra Sachdeva, Haryana State BJP President Shri Mohan Lal Baroli, public representatives, and other senior party officials were present

The BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda said this program becomes more special because today is also the 124th birth anniversary of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee. He was the one who planted the seed of the banyan tree of the Bharatiya Janata Party. Therefore, today is the day to remember him, it is not only the moral responsibility of BJP workers, but it is also an emotional connection. Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee was a man of multi-faceted talent. Very few people would know that he became the Vice Chancellor of Calcutta University at the age of 33 and a member of the Legislative Assembly at the age of 36. He never tried to hold on to a position, nor did he ever compromise with his ideas. He fought for principles all his life and ultimately sacrificed for them.

Country can never repay the debt of Dr. Mookerjee

Shri Nadda said that the country can never repay the debt of Dr. Mookerjee. If Bengal and North-East India are with us today, then the credit for it goes to the strong intervention of Dr. Mookerjee in Parliament. He raised his voice against the appeasement of the Nehru government and chose the path of ideological struggle by resigning from the first Union Council of Ministers. He laid the foundation of an alternative ideology by establishing the Bharatiya Jana Sangh, which has borne fruit today in the form of the Bharatiya Janata Party. The struggle against Article 370 by Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee ji and his sacrifice under mysterious circumstances can never be forgotten. He was arrested on 11 May 1953 and breathed his last under mysterious circumstances in

Srinagar jail on 23 June. Remembering him today is not just an opportunity to pay tribute but also to seek guidance from his life character. All the workers of the Bharatiya Janata Party are requested to read the historic speeches given by Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee in the Lok Sabha and the letters written to Pandit Nehru. They clearly reflect the spirit of fiery dedication towards the country. He had shown the courage to speak the truth fearlessly even to a leader like Nehru.

'Seva' is not just a slogan

'Seva' is not just a slogan of the Bharatiya Janata Party, but the basic culture of work. When the country's big political parties either went into quarantine or went into political 'ICU' during the Corona period, in that difficult time, it was the workers of the Bharatiya Janata Party who brought the mantra of 'Seva hi Sangathan' to life and served crores of people and stood with the country. A 'new normal' has been established in the field of security under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi. When the Uri incident happened, it was answered with a surgical strike. After Pulwama, there was an air strike and after the recent terrorist incident in Pahalgam, under Operation Sindoor, their military centres were demolished at many places within Pakistan. These military actions have given the country the confidence that India is now capable of answering its enemies by entering their own home. It is the result of the good governance of the Bharatiya Janata Party that today India's economy has come from 11th position to 5th and is moving towards the fourth position. This change is the result of the clarity of the policies of the Bharatiya Janata Party and its commitment towards public service.

BJP is working with a systematic organizational structure

The National President said that the offices inaugurated today at six places, Mehrauli, Najafgarh, Outer Delhi in Delhi and Kurukshetra, Sirsa, Jhajjar in Haryana, are a symbol of the fact that the Bharatiya Janata Party is working with a systematic organizational structure. These offices have been equipped with IT section, conference hall, media interaction area, research centre, and all

the necessary facilities for strategy formulation. This idea originated in 2014, when the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi presented the idea of a party office in every district. After this, after Shri Amit Shah became the National President, the BJP set a target of building 772 offices. Today I am happy to tell that 582 offices have been completed and the construction work of about 150 offices is in progress.

Shri Nadda said that BJP offices are not just offices. The office runs from 9 to 5 in the morning, but the party office runs 24 hours. These are the centres of ideology, organization and values. From here, policy is formulated, workers are trained, strategies are made, and we become the medium of public communication. Some workers join the party on their own discretion, some due to the influence of events, some due to enthusiasm, and some due to struggles, but whoever joins the Bharatiya Janata Party, they join the right party and this is a matter of pride.

Bharatiya Janata Party is an ideology-based party

The biggest strength of the Bharatiya Janata Party is that it is an ideology-based party. BJP workers do not change direction for power. In 1953, Dr. Mookerjee had said that there cannot be two flags, two constitutions, two heads in one country. In 2019, Article 370 was abolished due to the will of Shri Narendra Modi and the strategy of Amit Shah. This was not just a political battle, but a spiritual battle. The Bharatiya Janata Party fought for the Ram temple. In 1989, the BJP passed a resolution in Palampur that we will pave the way for Ram Janmabhoomi. After years of democratic struggle, the grand Ram temple was built in 2024 and the country witnessed a historic moment.

Party is your identity

Shri Nadda said the party is your identity. Without the party you are nothing. Do not think what we will get, but think what we can give to the party. This thinking will take us forward. With the belief that you will get everything, we have to move forward with this ideology and take care of each other. This ideology is going to become an example not only for India but also for the world. ■

‘MODI JI ALWAYS DELIVERS ON HIS PROMISES’

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah addressed a huge Kisan Mahasammelan in Nizamabad, Telangana on 29 June 2025. While addressing the gathering, Shri Shah said Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, who had promised the establishment of a Turmeric Board in 2023, has not only fulfilled that promise but has also met a four-decade-old demand of turmeric farmers by establishing the Board's headquarters in Indur. “Modi Ji always delivers on what he promises,” Shri Shah emphasized.

He further said with the launch of the Turmeric Board, turmeric from Nizamabad will now find its way into global markets. Though turmeric prices often fluctuate, the day is not far when prices will remain consistently strong.

Created two cooperative organizations

Shri Shah announced that the Government of India has created two cooperative organizations—Bharat Export Cooperative Limited and Bharat Organic Cooperative Limited. Both of these will open branch offices in Nizamabad. A complete system will soon be in place for packaging, marketing, and export, ensuring that organic turmeric reaches markets in the U.S., European Union, Canada, UK, Vietnam, Switzerland, and Australia.

Speaking on national security, Shri Shah said that after becoming Prime Minister in 2014, Shri Narendra Modi began fortifying the country's defence. During the previous 10 years of opposition rule, terrorists from Pakistan frequently entered India, carried out attacks, and escaped unchallenged. No one spoke up. But in the past 10 years under Modi Ji's leadership, there were three major terror attacks—Uri, Pulwama, and Pahalgam. In response, India conducted a surgical strike after the Uri attack, an airstrike after Pulwama, and after the Pahalgam attack, India entered Pakistani territory and eliminated the attackers.

Government will wipe out Naxalism

After the Pahalgam attack, Prime Minister Shri Modi had vowed to teach them a lesson. While Pakistan issued nuclear threats and opposition leaders doubted any retaliation, Indian soldiers launched a bold overnight operation, destroying the terrorist headquarters inside



Pakistan and killing hundreds. Yet, opposition leaders continue to question the mission. Shri Shah said that the Leader of the Opposition will get his answer in Pakistan's current state itself. The enemies who once said they wouldn't let India sleep peacefully had their bases demolished by none other than Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

The Telangana Congress president has spoken in favor of giving Naxalites shelter. Those who don't will be dealt with decisively. By March 31, 2026, the Modi government will wipe out Naxalism.

In Northeast, 10,000 extremists surrendered

In the Northeast, 10,000 extremists have surrendered and now participate in local elections. Over 2,000 Naxalites have surrendered as well. But for those who continue to bear arms, there will be no dialogue. He questioned those who defend Naxalites—what will they say to the families of tribal people, police, and security personnel who lost their lives in Naxalite attacks? For years, Naxals blocked development in tribal areas. Shri Shah expressed concern that opposition parties may try to shelter Naxalites fleeing from across the country in Telangana but assured the people that with Modi Ji at the Centre, Naxalism will end by March 31, 2026.

Shri Shah urged the people that if they truly care for farmers, Dalits, tribals, women, and youth, then the only government that can ensure their well-being is the double-engine government led by Shri Narendra Modi. He said that for the all-round development of Telangana, the Congress government must be uprooted. Shri Shah concluded by cautioning Revanth Reddy not to allow Telangana to become a haven for Naxalites. ■

Work towards fulfilling the vision of a 'VIKSIT KERALAM' and a 'VIKSIT BHARAT': Amit Shah

Union Home & Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah inaugurated the office of Kerala BJP State in Thiruvananthapuram and addressed the "Viksit Keralam Sammelan" in Kerala on 12 July 2025. During his address, Shri Shah highlighted the developmental achievements of the past 11 years under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and encouraged Kerala BJP's Karyakartas to work towards fulfilling the vision of a 'Viksit Keralam' and a 'Viksit Bharat'. During the event, Kerala BJP President Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Union Minister Shri George Kurian, Kerala BJP in-charge Shri Prakash Javadekar, co-in-charge Smt. Aparajita Sarangi and other senior leaders were present.

Shri Shah remarked that for other parties, an office may simply be a place to work, but for the Bharatiya Janata Party, the office is as sacred as a temple. Without an office, the party's ideology cannot reach its karyakarta, and without ideology, karyakartas cannot even be imagined, and without karyakarta, the BJP has no existence.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has presented the vision of a Viksit Bharat before 140 crore citizens, and the path to a Viksit Bharat goes through a Viksit Keralam. Without the progress of the powerful southern states, the vision of a Viksit Bharat is simply not possible. The great state of Kerala, known for blending and advancing multiple cultures, will now become the core objective of the Bharatiya Janata Party's vision for a Viksit Keralam. The foundation of this vision rests on three key principles of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi: first, governance without corruption; second, no discrimination in the implementation of government schemes; and third, a commitment to Kerala's development- rising above vote bank politics.

Union Home Minister said both the Communist Party and the Bharatiya Janata Party are cadre-based organisations, but there is a significant difference between the two. For the Communist Party, the development of its cadre is more important than the development of Kerala, whereas for the BJP, Viksit Keralam is more important than cadre growth.

The people of Kerala have given both the LDF and UDF ample opportunities over the years, but what



they delivered was violence, corruption, vote-bank appeasement, and shelter to anti-national elements. When the activities of the PFI escalated, it was Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi who imposed a ban on the organisation. Shri Shah questioned why, despite having the same powers under the relevant laws, the Kerala government never banned the PFI. As PFI expanded its operations across the country, it was the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi who took action, banning the organisation and sending anti-national elements behind bars.

Shri Shah appealed that in the upcoming local body elections, the BJP and NDA will contest 21,000 seats, with a target of securing more than 25% of the vote share. Therefore, from today until November, all BJP Karyakartas must dedicate their full efforts toward the mission of a 'Viksit Keralam' and work to strengthen the NDA.

Highlights

- Both LDF and UDF have turned Kerala into a haven for violence, corruption, vote-bank politics, appeasement, and anti-national elements.
- For the Communist Party, cadre development is more important than Kerala's development, whereas for BJP, 'Viksit Keralam' is the top priority.
- The track record of LDF and UDF is filled with corruption; the gold smuggling scam in Kerala is India's biggest 'state-sponsored' scam.
- The time has come to fulfil the dream envisioned by hundreds of BJP karyakartas who were killed by leftist goons — to bring BJP to power in Kerala. ■

Modi Government will leave no stone unturned in the rehabilitation of affected families: JP Nadda

BJP National President and Union Minister Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda visited various disaster-affected areas of Himachal Pradesh and inspected the situation caused by cloudbursts and heavy rainfall on 09-July 2025. Shri Nadda visited Saij Pangliyur Baga village in Nachan Assembly Constituency of Mandi district, where he interacted with affected families. He also took stock of the damage in Thunag and spoke to the local people, while expressing concern over the losses incurred in Karsog and Dharampur. During the visit, Leader of Opposition and former Chief Minister Shri Jai Ram Thakur and BJP State President Shri Rajeev Bindal were also present.



Shri Nadda first arrived in Sundernagar, Mandi district, where he reviewed the relief and rescue operations with the local administration. He directed officials to ensure that there is no laxity in relief efforts and that government assistance reaches every affected person promptly. He stated that the Central Government is working in full coordination with the State Government and that all necessary resources are being provided in a timely manner. Thereafter, he visited the village of Saij Pangliyur Baga in Nachan Assembly Constituency of Mandi district, where he met families affected by the disaster. During this visit, he also met Pushp Raj and Tilak Raj, who lost their parents in the tragedy.

BJP National President consoled the affected families and assured them that the Central Government would leave no stone unturned in their rehabilitation. Following this, Shri Nadda visited Thunag village in Mandi district, where heavy rainfall and cloudbursts have severely disrupted normal life. He met with local residents, listened to their concerns, and reviewed the status of relief material distribution. He stated that the administration is working on a war footing to safely evacuate stranded people, provide temporary shelter, and ensure the availability of food and medicines. He also reviewed the healthcare facilities at relief camps and issued necessary instructions to the officials.

BJP National President said that roads and connectivity routes damaged during the relief operations will be restored promptly to resume normal traffic. He emphasized that Himachal Pradesh is prone to natural disasters, and during such challenging times, it is essential for the government and society to come together in solidarity. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the Central Government is committed to ensuring that every affected person receives timely assistance. All necessary measures are being taken to restore normal life at the earliest.

Highlights

- Under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the Central Government is committed to ensuring that aid reaches every affected individual.
- Officials have been directed to ensure that there is no laxity in relief work and that government assistance reaches every affected person promptly.
- The Central Government is working in full coordination with the State Government.
- Met and offered condolences to Pushp Raj and Tilak Raj, who lost their parents in the disaster.
- The administration is working on a war footing to rescue stranded individuals, provide temporary shelter, and ensure the availability of food and medicines. ■

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NEW BJP STATE PRESIDENTS



Shri Manmohan Samal
re-elected as the new
State President of BJP
Odisha on July 8, 2025



Shri Mahesh Agaria
elected as the new
State President of
BJP, Dadra and Nagar
Haveli on July 6, 2025



**Shri Samik
Bhattacharya**
elected as the State
President of the BJP
West Bengal on July
03, 2025



**Shri Hemant
Khandelwal**
elected as the new State
President of BJP
Madhya Pradesh
on July 02, 2025



**Shri Tashi
Gyalson Kachu**
elected as the new
State President of
BJP Ladakh on July
02, 2025



**Shri Ravindra
Chavan**
elected as the State
President of BJP
Maharashtra
on July 01, 2025



**Shri N Ramchander
Rao**
elected as the new
State President of
BJP Telangana
on July 01, 2025



Dr Rajeev Bindal
re-elected as the
State President of
the BJP Himachal
on July 01, 2025



**Shri Mahendra
Bhatt**
re-elected as the
State President of the
BJP Uttarakhand on
July 01, 2025



Shri Anil Tiwari
elected as the new
State President of the
island state of BJP,
Andaman Nicobar, on
July 01, 2025



Shri PVN Madhav
elected as the new
State President of
BJP Andhra Pradesh
on July 01, 2025



**Shri VP
Ramalingam**
elected as the State
President of BJP,
Puducherry on
June 30, 2025



Dr K Beicchua
elected as the new
State President of
BJP Mizoram
on June 30, 2025

All the newly elected State Presidents expressed their gratitude for the trust and confidence placed on them by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, BJP National President and Union Minister Shri JP Nadda, and the entire party leadership. Kamal Sandesh Parivar also wishes hearty congratulations to all the newly elected BJP State Presidents. ■

INDIA'S ECONOMIC SURGE

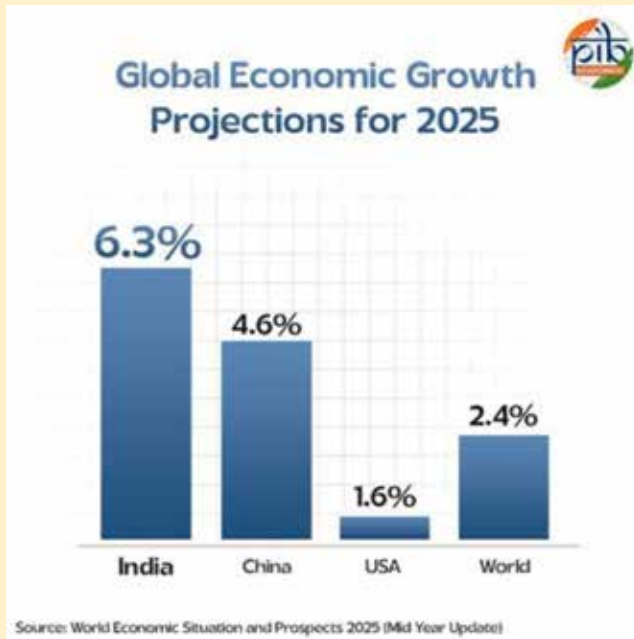
India's economy continues to grow at a steady and confident pace, standing out as the fastest growing major economy in the world. Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is a measure of size and health of the economy. It is the total value of all the goods and services produced within a country. In 2024–25, real GDP growth was estimated at 6.5 per cent. The Reserve Bank of India expects the same rate to continue in 2025–26. This performance comes at a time when the global economy faces uncertainty, making India's steady momentum all the more significant.

Supported by strong domestic demand, easing inflation, robust capital markets and rising exports, the broader economic picture is one of resilience and balance. Key indicators such as record foreign exchange reserves, a manageable current account deficit, and increasing foreign investment reflect growing global trust in India's long-term prospects. Together, these trends show an economy that is not only expanding but doing so with strength across sectors.

Robust GDP Growth

India's growth story continues to draw global attention, backed by strong fundamentals and consistent performance. Real GDP, which measures the economy's output after removing the effects of inflation, expanded by 6.5 per cent in 2024–25. The Reserve Bank of India expects this pace to continue into 2025–26. Other projections echo this optimism, with the United Nations forecasting growth of 6.3 per cent this year and 6.4 per cent next year, while the Confederation of Indian Industry places its estimate slightly higher at 6.40 to 6.70 per cent.

This sustained performance is being driven by strong domestic demand. Rural consumption has picked up, city spending is rising, and private investment is on the upswing. Businesses are expanding capacity, with many operating near their maximum output levels. At the same time, public investment remains high, especially in infrastructure, while stable borrowing conditions are helping firms



and consumers make forward-looking decisions.

Global conditions, by contrast, remain fragile. The United Nations has described the world economy as being in a "precarious moment," citing trade tensions, policy uncertainties, and declining cross-border investments. Amid this, India continues to stand out as a bright spot, with global institutions and industry bodies expressing confidence in its growth prospects.

Over the past decade, India's economic size has expanded sharply. In 2014–15, the GDP at current prices was Rs.106.57 lakh crore. This figure is expected to rise to Rs. 331.03 lakh crore in 2024–25, nearly tripling in ten years. In the past year alone, nominal GDP increased by 9.9 per cent, while real GDP rose by 6.5 per cent, underscoring the economy's continued resilience and vigour.

Inflation Under Control

Inflation in India has eased sharply, offering relief to both households and businesses. In May 2025, the year-on-year inflation rate based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) stood at 2.82 per cent. This marks the lowest level since February 2019. It also reflects

a drop of 34 basis points from the previous month.

Food prices, which often have a big impact on overall inflation, have also cooled. The Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI) recorded an inflation rate of just 0.99 per cent in May 2025. This is the lowest food inflation seen since October 2021. Rural and urban food inflation were almost identical, at 0.95 per cent and 0.96 per cent, respectively. Compared to April 2025, food inflation declined by 79 basis points, showing a clear downward trend in essential items like vegetables and grains.

According to the Reserve Bank of India's Financial Stability Report released in June 2025, the outlook for inflation remains favourable. Food prices are expected to stay stable due to robust crop production. On the global front, the risk of imported inflation appears low for now. A slowdown in global demand is likely to keep prices of crude oil and other commodities in check. However, recent tensions in the Middle East have added some uncertainty to this picture.

Overall, the Reserve Bank believes that inflation will stay aligned with its medium-term target of 4 per cent. In fact, it may even fall slightly below that level in the coming months. This easing trend gives confidence that the current price stability is not temporary, but part of a broader pattern of economic stability.

Market Confidence at Record Levels

India's capital markets are booming, and the confidence is visible. They have become a powerful engine for economic growth by turning household savings into investments. Despite global tensions and domestic uncertainties, the stock market maintained strong performance by December 2024. It outperformed many other emerging economies, showing how investors, both local and global, trust India's growth story.

Retail participation has risen sharply. The number of retail investors jumped from 4.9 crore in 2019 to 13.2 crore by the end of 2024. This increase shows a growing public interest in equity markets and a belief in the country's long-term potential. More people now see the stock market as a way to build wealth, not just for large companies but for ordinary citizens too.

The primary market, where companies raise funds

by selling shares to the public, has also been very active. Between April and December 2024, India saw 259 initial public offerings or IPOs. This was a 32.1 per cent rise compared to the same period the year before. The total money raised through these IPOs almost tripled, rising from Rs. 53,023 crore to Rs. 1,53,987 crore. India's share in global IPO listings rose from 17 per cent in 2023 to 30 per cent in 2024, the highest in the world.

Strengthening External Sector

India's external sector continues to provide a strong cushion for the economy. With rising foreign exchange reserves, a manageable current account balance, and steady inflows of foreign investment, India is well placed to deal with global uncertainties. These indicators reflect growing international confidence in the country's economic policies and long-term stability.

Foreign Direct Investment

India continues to be a top choice for global investors. The country has an investor-friendly FDI policy, allowing 100 per cent foreign ownership in most sectors through the automatic route. As a result, FDI inflows rose to a USD 81.04 billion (provisional) in FY 2024–25, marking a 14 per cent increase from USD 71.28 billion in FY 2023–24. This is more than double the USD 36.05 billion received in FY 2013–14, showing long-term progress.

The services sector led the inflow of equity investments, attracting 19 per cent of total FDI in FY 2024–25. This was followed by computer software and hardware at 16 per cent, and trading at 8 per cent. FDI into the services sector grew by 40.77 per cent, reaching USD 9.35 billion, compared to USD 6.64 billion the previous year. In the manufacturing segment, FDI grew by 18 per cent, from USD 16.12 billion in FY 2023–24 to USD 19.04 billion in FY 2024–25.

Foreign Exchange Reserves

India's foreign exchange reserves stood at USD 697.9 billion as of 20 June 2025. These reserves are enough to cover more than 11 months of goods imports, providing a safety net in times of global shocks. This means that even if exports slow down,

India has enough foreign currency to pay for essential imports. At the same time, external debt remains at a moderate level, accounting for 19.1 per cent of the GDP as of March 2025. These numbers show that India's financial position with the rest of the world is healthy and stable.

Current Account Dynamics

India's current account balance recorded a surplus of USD 13.5 billion (1.3 per cent of GDP) in Q4:2024–25, compared with USD 4.6 billion (0.5 per cent of GDP) in the same quarter of the previous year. This improvement highlights the growing strength of India's export earnings and the stability of foreign inflows.

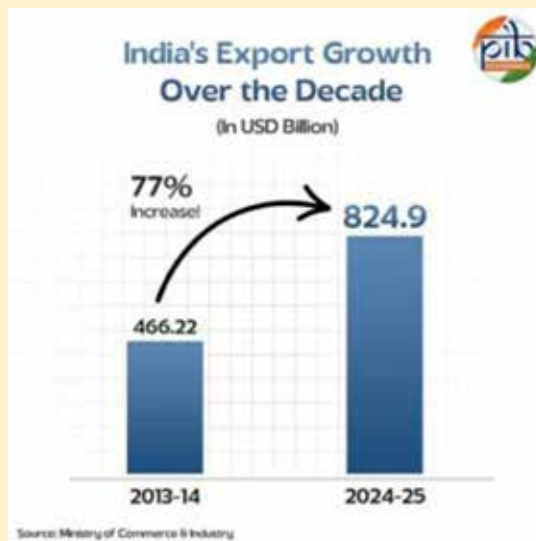
In FY 2024–25, the current account deficit was contained at just 0.6 per cent of GDP. The low deficit was mainly due to strong services exports and steady remittances from Indians living abroad.

Manufacturing and Exports

India's export performance continues to reflect the growing strength of its economy, particularly in services and high-value manufacturing. Over the past decade, the country has steadily expanded its footprint in global trade. This growth has been powered by stronger industrial capacity, greater competitiveness in services, and the rise of strategic sectors like defence production and electronics.

India's total exports touched a new high of USD 824.9 billion in 2024–25, growing by 6.01 per cent from USD 778.1 billion in 2023–24. This marks a sharp rise from USD 466.22 billion in 2013–14, underlining a decade of sustained export momentum.

Services exports remain a key contributor. In 2024–25, India exported USD 387.5 billion worth of services, a 13.6 per cent increase over the previous year's USD 341.1 billion. A decade ago, in 2013–14, services exports stood at USD 152 billion. This strong and consistent growth highlights India's ability to deliver high-quality services to global clients, particularly in



IT, consulting, finance, and digital technologies.

Merchandise exports, excluding petroleum products, also achieved a record. In 2024–25, these exports reached USD 374.1 billion, growing by 6.0 per cent from USD 352.9 billion in the previous year. This is the highest non-petroleum merchandise export figure ever recorded. It also reflects a significant improvement from USD 314 billion in 2013–14. Much of this growth has come from sectors such as

machinery, chemicals, electronics, and defence equipment, which are gaining traction in global markets.

Underlying this export growth is the steady rise in manufacturing. As per the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, the Gross Value Added (GVA) of manufacturing at constant prices rose from Rs. 15.6 lakh crore in 2013–14 to Rs. 27.5 lakh crore in 2023–24. The sector's share in the economy remained stable at around 17.3 per cent, but the nearly twofold increase in output shows its expanding base.

Conclusion

India's economic performance over the past year reflects not just growth, but a deeper sense of stability and direction. With real GDP rising at 6.5 per cent and inflation easing to its lowest in years, the country has shown that it can balance expansion with price stability. At the same time, strong participation in capital markets, record levels of exports, and healthy foreign exchange reserves point to growing confidence both at home and abroad.

Key sectors such as manufacturing, services, and infrastructure are pushing ahead, supported by steady investment and policy focus. External risks remain, but India's fundamentals are sound. As the global economy continues to face challenges, India's consistent performance offers reassurance that it is well placed to lead from the front and keep building a stronger, more inclusive future. ■

CABINET APPROVES EMPLOYMENT LINKED INCENTIVE (ELI) SCHEME

Scheme to Enhance Job Creation, Employability and Social Security in all Sectors

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 1st July approved the Employment Linked Incentive (ELI) Scheme to support employment generation, enhance employability and social security across all sectors, with special focus on the manufacturing sector. Under the Scheme, while the first-time employees will get one month's wage (up to Rs 15,000/-), the employers will be given incentives for a period to two years for generating additional employment, with extended benefits for another two years for the manufacturing sector. The ELI Scheme was announced in the Union Budget 2024-25 as part of PM's package of five schemes to facilitate employment, skilling and other opportunities for 4.1 Crore youth with a total budget outlay of Rs 2 Lakh Crore.

With an outlay of Rs 99,446 Crore, the ELI Scheme aims to incentivize the creation of more than 3.5 Crore jobs in the country, over a period of 2 years. Out of these, 1.92 Crore beneficiaries will be first timers, entering the workforce. The benefits of the Scheme would be applicable to jobs created between 01st August 2025 and 31st July, 2027. ■

CABINET APPROVES NATIONAL SPORTS POLICY 2025

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 1st July approved the the National Sports Policy (NSP) 2025, a landmark initiative aimed at reshaping the country's sporting landscape and empowering citizens through sports.

The new policy supersedes the existing National Sports Policy, 2001, and lays out a visionary and strategic roadmap to establish India as a global sporting powerhouse and a strong contender for excellence at international sporting events, including the 2036 Olympic Games.

The NSP 2025 is the outcome of extensive consultations involving Central Ministries, NITI Aayog, State Governments, National Sports Federations (NSFs), athletes, domain experts, and public stakeholders. The policy is anchored on five key pillars. ■

CABINET APPROVES RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION SCHEME

In a transformative step to bolster India's research and innovation ecosystem, the Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, on 1st July approved the Research Development and Innovation (RDI) Scheme with a corpus of Rs. One lakh Crore. ■

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GANESH PRASAD

Shri Ganesh Prasad was an active RSS member in Bihar. During Emergency, he was arrested and jailed for almost four months under the

the Defence of India Rules (DIR). He was an active participant in the cow protection movement in the region of Champaran, Bihar. ■



श्री गणेश प्रसाद

Date of Birth	19/04/1940	Gender	male
State	Bihar	District	Purvi Champaran
Town/City	हनुमानगढ़ी, वार्ड नंबर 12, मोतिहारी	Level	District
Post in Organisation	District Executive Member	Active years	1958-2004



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This belief laid the foundation for Digital India: a mission to democratise access, build inclusive digital infrastructure, and opportunities for all.

In 2014, internet penetration was limited, digital literacy was low, and online access to government services was scarce. Many doubted whether a country as vast and diverse as India could truly go digital.

Today, that question has been answered not just in data and dashboards, but in the lives of 140 crore Indians. From how we govern, to how we learn, transact, and build,



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Digital India is everywhere.

Bridging the Digital Divide

In 2014, India had around 25 crore internet connections. Today, that number has grown to over 97 crores. Over 42 lakh kilometres of Optical Fibre Cable equivalent to 11 times the distance between Earth and the Moon now connects even the most remote villages.

India's 5G rollout is among the fastest in the world, with 4.81 lakh base stations installed in just two years. High-speed internet now reaches urban hubs and forward military posts alike including Galwan, Siachen, and Ladakh.

India Stack, which is our digital backbone, has enabled platforms like UPI, which now handles

100+ billion transactions a year. Around half of all real time digital transactions happen in India.

Through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT), over Rs. 44 lakh crore has been transferred directly to citizens, cutting out middlemen and saving Rs. 3.48 lakh crore in leakages.

Schemes like SVAMITVA have issued 2.4 crore+ property cards and mapped 6.47 lakh villages, ending years of land-related uncertainty.

Democratising Opportunity for All

India's digital economy is empowering MSMEs and small entrepreneurs like never before.

ONDC (Open Network for Digital Commerce) is a revolutionary platform which opens a new window



Through our G20 Presidency, India launched the Global DPI Repository and a \$25 million Social Impact Fund, helping nations across Africa and South Asia adopt inclusive digital ecosystems

of opportunities by providing a seamless connection with huge market of buyers and sellers.

GeM (Government E-Marketplace) enables the common man to sell goods and services to all arms of the government. This not only empowers the common man with a huge market but also saves money for the Government.

Imagine this: You apply for a Mudra loan online. Your creditworthiness is assessed through an account aggregator framework. You get your loan and start your venture. You register on GeM, supply to schools and hospitals, and then scale up via ONDC.

ONDC recently crossed 200 million transactions, with the last 100 million in just six months. From Banarasi weavers to bamboo artisans in Nagaland, sellers are now reaching customers nationwide, without middlemen or digital monopolies.

GeM has also crossed Rs. 1 lakh

crore GMV in 50 days, with 22 lakh sellers including 1.8 lakh+ women-led MSMEs, who have fulfilled orders worth Rs. 46,000 crore.

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India's Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) from Aadhaar, CoWIN, DigiLocker, and FASTag to PM-WANI and One Nation One Subscription is now studied and adopted globally.

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India has championed humanity-first AI. The New Delhi Declaration on AI promotes innovation with responsibility. We are establishing AI Centres of Excellence across the country.

The Road Ahead

The next decade will be even more transformative. We are moving from digital governance to global digital leadership, from India-first to India-for-the-world.

Digital India has not remained a mere government program, it has become a people's movement. It is central to building an Aatmanirbhar Bharat, and to making India a trusted innovation partner to the world.

To all innovators, entrepreneurs, and dreamers: the world is looking at India for the next digital breakthrough.

Let us build what empowers.

Let us solve what truly matters.

Let us lead with technology that unites, includes, and uplifts. ■

(The writer is Prime Minister of India)



WHEN GOVERNMENT CARES, HEALTHCARE MAKES STRIDES



JP NADDA

India's healthcare system has undergone a remarkable transformation over the last 11 years, driven by political will, enhanced funding, and a commitment to providing affordable, accessible, equitable and quality healthcare for all. It reflects the Modi government's focus on building a robust healthcare system, prioritising the well-being of every citizen.

In 2014, India faced significant challenges, including gaps in infrastructure, trained human resources, availability of medicines and diagnostics, and service quality. Today, guided by a philosophy of comprehensive care focused on proactive well-being, there has been a dramatic shift. The National Health Mission (NHM) is the cornerstone of this revolution, strengthening health systems, reducing maternal and child mortality, combating diseases, and promoting universal access to quality healthcare. More than 1.77 lakh Ayushman Arogya Mandirs are bringing healthcare closer to communities, and platforms like eSanjeevani and TeleMANAS have democratised access to specialist care.

Focused interventions under

NHM have led to improvements in maternal and child health indicators. According to the UN Maternal Mortality Estimation Inter-Agency Group report, India has seen an 86 per cent decline in maternal mortality rate, nearly double the global average decline of 48 per cent. Infant mortality has declined by 73 per cent as against a global decline of 58 per cent.

As the burden of non-communicable diseases is increasing, preventive care has also been a focus. Screening for

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oral, breast and cervical cancers is being provided at Ayushman Arogya Mandirs. By May, nearly 28 crore were screened for hypertension, more than 27 crore for diabetes, and 27 crore for oral cancer.

The Universal Immunisation Programme continues to be strengthened. Six new vaccines

have been introduced since 2014, with 5.46 crore children and 1.32 crore pregnant women vaccinated under Mission Indradhanush. We have leveraged the latest technology to build the U-WIN portal to digitise vaccination services, recording 10.68 crore beneficiaries and administering 42.75 crore doses by May 2025.

India was declared polio-free in 2014, eliminated maternal and neonatal tetanus in 2015, and trachoma in 2024. Malaria cases and deaths dropped by over 80 per cent between 2015-2023. We reached the Kala Azar elimination target in 2023. TB incidence has reduced by 17.7 per cent and mortality by 21 per cent, as confirmed by the WHO Global TB Report 2024, the "missing" TB cases have dropped from 15 lakh in 2015 to 1.2 lakh in 2024.

Healthcare financing has also improved. Government health expenditure as a share of GDP has increased from 1.13 per cent to 1.84 per cent (2014-2022), while Out-of-Pocket Expenditure (OOPE) dropped from 62.6 per cent to 39.4 per cent. The Free Drugs and Diagnostics Service Initiative has enhanced affordability and accessibility, with laboratory services available in 36 States/UTs, CT scans in 34 States, and tele-radiology in 12 States/UTs. The Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Programme

has benefitted more than 28 lakh patients, saving Rs. 8,725 crores in OPE. Emergency response systems like the National Ambulance Services (NAS) and Mobile Medical Units (MMUs) have extended services to remote areas.

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The last 11 years have laid a foundation for universal healthcare. The nation is poised to achieve its vision of accessible, affordable, and equitable healthcare for all. ■

(The writer is BJP National President and Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare, GoI)

BJYM MARKS 50 YEARS OF EMERGENCY WITH NATIONWIDE 100 MOCK PARLIAMENTS

Marking 50 years of the Emergency, the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) launched a nationwide campaign to educate the youth about the darkest chapter in India's democratic history. During 25th to 28th June, the BJYM, led by its National President Shri Tejasvi Surya, held 100 Mock Parliaments in major cities across the country.

These events recreated the circumstances of the Emergency era, exposing the brutal suppression of human rights, blatant misuse of constitutional provisions, mass arrests of political opponents, and the curbing of press freedom under the then Congress government led by Smt. Indira Gandhi.

Shri Tejasvi Surya inaugurated the Mock Parliament held in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. During his address, he said, "The youth of today must know about the dark legacy of the Congress party during the Emergency. They must understand the cost our democracy paid due to the authoritarian mindset that prevailed. Through these Mock Parliaments, the BJYM brings about more awareness about the Emergency & highlights to the present generation about the injustices and human rights violations committed during that era."

The mock sessions saw enthusiastic participation from students, youth leaders, and civil society



members, who portrayed the events of 1975-77 with remarkable research and dramatic flair.

Several senior BJP leaders also participated in the events held in their respective regions to motivate and guide the youth. Notable among them were Dr. S. Jaishankar (New Delhi), Dr. Jitendra Singh (Jammu & Kashmir), Shri Baijayant 'Jay' Panda (Odisha), Assam Chief Minister Shri Himanta Biswa Sarma (Guwahati), Tripura CM Shri Manik Saha (Agartala) & former Jharkhand CM Shri Babulal Marandi (Ranchi), Shri Kailash Vijayvargiya (Madhya Pradesh) & Shri Suvendu Adhikari (West Bengal).

This milestone initiative of BJYM not only paid tribute to the thousands who suffered during Emergency but also served as a wake-up call for every young Indian to value and safeguard democracy. ■



USING TECH TO EMPOWER WOMEN AND CHILDREN



ANNAPURNA
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Empowerment begins with access — access to rights, to services, to protection, and to opportunity. Over the past decade, this access has been redefined and democratised through the focused commitment of the Modi government to build a more inclusive and digitally empowered India. The Ministry of Women and Child Development has been at the forefront of this transformation. Guided by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of *Viksit Bharat@2047*, the Ministry has integrated technology into its programmes, ensuring that benefits reach the last mile swiftly, transparently, and efficiently.

What was once aspirational is now operational thanks to the government's emphasis on digital public infrastructure, realtime data systems, and responsive governance. With steadfast focus on care, protection, and empowerment, the Ministry has strengthened access to nutrition, education, legal safeguards, and essential entitlements, ensuring that women and children lead healthier, more secure lives, and also emerge as confident leaders

and change makers of *Amrit Kaal*.

Transformative initiatives

A cornerstone of this transformation is the Saksham Anganwadi initiative, designed to modernise and empower over 2 lakh Anganwadi centres across India. These centres are being upgraded with smart infrastructure, digital devices, and

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innovative learning tools, enabling more effective delivery of nutrition, healthcare, and preschool education services.

The integration of services provided by 14 lakh Anganwadi centres across the nation with the Poshan Tracker has enabled realtime data entry, performance monitoring, and evidencebased policy interventions. Over 10.14 crore beneficiaries, including pregnant women, lactating

mothers, children under six, and adolescent girls, are now registered on the platform.

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At its core, Poshan Tracker is driving the national vision of a *Swasth Bharat*, *Suposhit Bharat*. It reimagines Anganwadi centres as digitally empowered community hubs that bridge the urbanrural divide. Recognised with the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration (2025), it also supports Poshan Bhi, Padhai Bhi, providing digital training modules to Anganwadi workers for early childhood education.

Further, to reduce leakages in the Supplementary Nutrition Programme, a facial recognition system has been introduced to ensure that eligible beneficiaries alone receive nutrition support.

Beyond nutrition, the Ministry is ensuring safety and support for women through technologylated platforms. The SHeBox portal provides singlewindow access to every woman to lodge complaints under the Sexual Harassment of



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Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013. It enables online redressal and tracking. Meanwhile, the Mission Shakti dashboard and mobile app provide integrated assistance to women in distress, connecting them to the nearest onestop centre, now operational in nearly every district. These interventions exemplify how technology is being used not just for efficiency, but for justice, dignity, and empowerment.

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PMMVY is a fully digital programme — leveraging Aadhaarbased authentication, mobilebased registration, doorstep assistance from Anganwadi/ASHA workers, and realtime dashboards. A dedicated grievance redressal module and citizenfacing portal ensure transparency, trust, and accountability, strengthening the government's commitment to Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao.

Tangible outcomes

These targeted efforts are delivering tangible outcomes. The latest reports from the Health Management Information System of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) reveal that the Sex Ratio at Birth has increased from 918 (201415) to 930 (202324). The Maternal Mortality Rate has declined to 97 per 1,000 births (201820) from 130 per 1,000 births (201416).

Digital transformation has played a key role in child protection and welfare. Under the Juvenile Justice Act (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, the Ministry has strengthened the adoption ecosystem through the CARINGS portal (Child Adoption Resource Information and Guidance System). This ensures a more transparent, accessible, and efficient adoption process.

Digitisation has also improved monitoring of child care institutions, foster care placements, and statutory support structures under the Act. Platforms developed by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights are tracking violations of child rights. The Mission Vatsalya dashboard strengthens convergence and coordination among various child welfare stakeholders.

This is New India where governance meets technology, and policy meets purpose. Over the last decade, the Ministry has not only adapted to digital change, but championed it. ■

(The writer is Union Minister of Women and Child Development, GoI)



DR. SYAMA PRASAD MOOKERJEE



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Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee was born on 6 July 1901 in Calcutta to Sir Ashutosh Mookerjee and Mrs. Jogmaya Devi. He was the second of seven children. A brilliant and sharp-minded scholar, Dr. Mookerjee pursued higher education with distinction. He later became the youngest Vice Chancellor of the University of Calcutta and served two terms in this prestigious position.

As the Vice Chancellor of Calcutta University, Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee introduced several fundamental reforms in the field of education. At that time, India was still under British rule, and he sought to link education with national self-respect. He replaced the colonial symbol of Calcutta University with a new emblem featuring the word "Shri" at the center of a fully bloomed lotus—an enduring symbol of Indian culture. Until then, university convocations were conducted entirely in English. In a bold move to embrace Indian identity, he invited Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore to the 1937 convocation, where Tagore delivered his address in Bengali—thus beginning a new tradition. Dr. Mookerjee's contributions also included promoting women's

education, creating more opportunities for Indian scholars, and integrating Indian cultural values into academic curricula.

In 1929, Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee was elected to the Bengal Legislative Council from the Calcutta University constituency. He entered politics to oppose the oppression of Hindu society under the coalition government of the Muslim League and the Krishak Praja Party in Bengal. He remained

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committed to this cause throughout his life. Later, he joined the Hindu Mahasabha and went on to become its National President.

At the time, the then Chief Minister of Bengal, Dr. Huseyn Shaheed Suhrawardy, was raising the slogan of a "United Bengal" under the pretext of language unity. His real intention was to ensure that Bengal would not be divided and would instead join Pakistan in its entirety. Unfortunately, some Congress leaders, unaware of the deeper implications, also supported this idea. However, Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee saw through this conspiracy. With conviction, he declared, "Neither

will we live in Pakistan, nor in United Bengal. We are a part of India and will remain with India." He launched a powerful movement against this plan and succeeded in persuading Congress leaders and even Lord Mountbatten through letters and dialogue. He strongly argued that if the division of Punjab was possible, then Bengal could and should be divided as well.

Today, we can proudly say that had Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee not intervened, Bengal might not have remained a part of India. This historical danger becomes even more palpable when we observe current events in Bangladesh—where Hindus are unsafe, temples of Maa Kali are desecrated, and even the statue of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore, who gave the country its national anthem, is being destroyed. When a society fails to respect even its founding father, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, how can it be expected to safeguard the Hindu community?

Dr. Mookerjee, with his remarkable foresight, had anticipated this threat. He understood that if Bengal were lost, India would also risk losing access to its North-Eastern states. Today, we all recognize the strategic significance of the Siliguri Corridor—commonly known as the "Chicken Neck"—which connects the Northeast to the rest of India. Economically too, the Bay of Bengal holds immense importance, which is intrinsically linked to Kolkata.

The very danger Dr. Syama

Prasad Mookerjee foresaw and worked to prevent is once again looming before us. His efforts not only kept Bengal with India but also secured the country's unity, security, and strategic future.

Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee served as the Minister of Industry in Prime Minister Nehru's cabinet. During the time of India's partition, he was deeply pained by the forced conversions, atrocities, and neglect faced by Hindu refugees living in Pakistan. The Nehru-Liaquat Pact, which was intended to address the issue, was in his view biased and inadequate. Disheartened by the Nehru government's indifferent attitude toward the suffering of Hindus, Dr. Mookerjee resigned from the cabinet. He returned to Calcutta and devoted himself to the service of the displaced Hindu refugee community.

As the Industry Minister, Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee played a pivotal role in shaping India's industrial future. In 1948, he formulated the Indian Industrial Policy, laying the foundation for a self-reliant economy. To strengthen industrial financing, he also established the Industrial Finance Corporation of India the same year.

His policy emphasized self-reliance and focused on four key sectors: defense, atomic energy, railways, and air services. Under his leadership, several landmark industrial projects were initiated, including Chittaranjan Locomotive Works, Hindustan Aircraft Factory (now HAL), Sindri Fertilizer Plant in Dhanbad, Damodar Valley Project, Hirakud Dam, and Bhilai Steel Plant. These institutions remain vital to India's industrial and economic

development even today.

Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee was not just a politician—he was a deeply sensitive and service-oriented leader committed to the welfare of society. In 1943, when Bengal was devastated by one of the worst famines in its history, an estimated 30 lakh people lost their lives. This tragedy was not merely a natural disaster; it was the result of gross administrative failures under British rule. Instead of providing food and relief, the colonial administration responded with apathy and bias, abandoning the common people to suffer in silence.

At this critical moment, Dr. Mookerjee strongly opposed the disastrous policies of the British government and the then Chief Minister. He did not stop at criticism alone—he personally mobilized society, collected relief materials, and led extensive relief efforts on the ground. His dedication to service was so profound that he even missed the 'Sampradana' ritual during his own daughter's wedding, choosing instead to stand beside the famine-stricken.

After independence, Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee founded the Bharatiya Jana Sangh to uphold the nationalist spirit and safeguard democracy in the country. At the time of its establishment, he declared, "We need a nationalist alternative to the Congress." In the first Parliament, he organized a joint coalition to challenge the authoritarian tendencies of Prime Minister Nehru, forming the National Democratic Party (N.D.P.), which consisted of 34 MPs in the Lok Sabha and 20 MPs in the Rajya

Sabha.

When Nehru remarked, "I will crush the Jan Sangh," Dr. Mookerjee boldly responded, "I will crush this crushing mentality." This powerful exchange reflects Dr. Mookerjee's unwavering faith in democracy and his fearless spirit in the face of political adversity.

Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee served as the President of the Mahabodhi Society from 1942 to 1953. He played a key role in preserving and promoting India's Buddhist heritage. One of his notable contributions was during the International Buddhist Conference of 1952, where he was instrumental in the enshrinement of the sacred relics of Sariputra and Mahamoggallana at Sanchi. His commitment to Buddhism also took him to countries like Myanmar (Burma), Vietnam, and Thailand, strengthening spiritual and cultural ties.

A staunch believer in national unity, Dr. Mookerjee took an uncompromising stand against the special status granted to Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370. Declaring that "two flags, two heads, and two constitutions" cannot exist within one nation, he launched a nationwide movement to demand its abolition. In pursuit of this goal, he made the ultimate sacrifice—he passed away on 23 June 1953 while in custody in Kashmir, leaving behind a powerful legacy.

Today, as the nation moves toward realizing his vision, we pay our heartfelt tribute to this great patriot on his birth anniversary, honoring his unwavering dedication to India's unity and integrity. ■

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'OVER 64% OF INDIANS NOW BENEFIT FROM AT LEAST ONE SOCIAL SECURITY SCHEME'

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi in his 123rd episode, aired on June 29, opened with heartfelt greetings, celebrating individuals across the globe who participated in the International Day of Yoga on June 21, 2025

Shri Narendra Modi said, "Now, over these 10 years, this event is turning grand with every passing year. This is also an indication that more and more people are adopting yoga in their daily lives. We have seen so many attractive pictures of 'Yoga Day' this time. Three lakh people performed yoga together

on the beach of Visakhapatnam. Another amazing visual emerged from Visakhapatnam itself... more than two thousand adivasi students performed 108 Surya Namaskars for 108 minutes. Imagine how much discipline, how much dedication there must have been! A grand glimpse of yoga was also witnessed on our naval ships. In Telangana, three thousand divyang friends participated in a yoga camp together."

This time the theme was also very special, 'Yoga for One Earth, One Health'. This is not just a slogan; it is a direction which makes us realize the essence of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'. I am sure, the grandeur of this year's Yoga Day will certainly inspire more and more people to adopt yoga.

India's Triumph Over Trachoma

PM proudly announced that India has been declared trachoma-free by the World Health Organization—a major public health victory. Trachoma, an infectious disease that previously threatened blindness, has been eradicated due to sustained health efforts, cleanliness drives (Swachh Bharat), and universal access to clean drinking water (Jal Jeevan Mission).

Social Security Coverage Expands

In a significant progress report, the PM highlighted that over 64% of Indians (approximately 95 crore people) now benefit from at least one social security scheme, according to the International Labour Organization. This marks a noteworthy increase from just 25 crore in 2015. These benefits strengthen



families, improve livelihoods, and reflect India's commitment to inclusive welfare.

Environment and Community-Driven Sustainability

The Prime Minister praised a wave of local environmental initiatives:

- Ramesh Karmale of Pune, who alongside his family, established 70 rainwater harvesting trenches around Junnar Hills in just two months,
 - Ahmedabad's "Mission Million Trees", which planted one million trees, including a special Sindoor forest in memory of fallen soldiers—each sapling dedicated as 'Mother Trees',
- These initiatives underscore the immense change that disciplined communities can achieve.

Reviving Craft Heritage: Eri Silk of Meghalaya

The PM lauded Meghalaya for securing a Geographical Indication (GI) tag for Ari Silk, a traditional craft woven by indigenous Khasi artisans. He emphasized that such recognition empowers local women-led self-help groups to enhance livelihoods and promote local craft culture. He urged citizens to support "Swadeshi" by choosing products like Eri silk and thereby fuel a self-sufficient India.

Spotlight on Women-led Success Stories

A celebratory segment focused on entrepreneurial women transforming their communities:

- In Telangana's Patrasala, women shifted from agricultural labor to lead community-driven success,
- In Kalaburagi, Karnataka, a women's cooperative built a brand around jowar rotis, producing 3,000 daily, now available online and in Bengaluru.

These narratives reaffirm the PM's mantra: "Women-led Progress" is essential to India's future. ■

PM's communication unites the nation and guides it on building a 'Viksit Bharat': JP Nadda

BJP National President and Union Minister Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda on 29 June 2025 listened to the 123rd episode of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's popular programme "Mann Ki Baat" along with BJP Karyakartas in Sohna (Gurugram), Haryana. On this occasion, he was joined by Haryana Chief Minister Shri Nayab Singh Saini, Haryana BJP State President Shri Mohan Lal Badoli, along with several BJP MPs, MLAs, office bearers, and party Karyakartas. After listening to the programme, Shri Nadda also distributed Ayushman Cards to senior citizens above 70 years of age to ensure better health coverage

BJP National President and Union Minister Shri JP Nadda, in a post on social media platform X, said that Hon'ble Prime Minister spoke about the enthusiastic participation of people across the world on International Yoga Day, highlighted the mythological significance of various historic and religious pilgrimages being carried out in the country, and remembered the democracy warriors while marking 50 years of Emergency as 'Constitution Killing Day'. He also shared inspiring thoughts on the innovations being undertaken by the people in Meghalaya and Bodoland.

The BJP National President expressed his gratitude to the Prime Minister for this heartfelt communication that unites the nation and guides it on the path of building a 'Viksit Bharat'.

"India has been declared Trachoma-free"

Shri Nadda said Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in today's 'Mann Ki Baat', highlighted that "India has been declared Trachoma-free". He described this as a testament to the power of India's public health system and collective effort. The declaration by the World Health Organization marks the elimination of a disease that was once a major cause of blindness. This is a proud milestone for India. Thanks to the policies, schemes, and effective implementation under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the nation is steadily moving toward a healthier, disease-free future.

In his post on X, Shri Nadda also stated that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi once again emphasized that building a healthy India begins with small, mindful choices at home. The Prime Minister appealed to all



citizens to participate in the "10% Less Oil Challenge" — calling for a 10% reduction in the use of cooking oil. This initiative aims to protect people from lifestyle diseases like obesity, diabetes, and heart ailments. Shri Nadda urged BJP Karyakartas and all citizens to come together to promote this effort and turn it into a true mass movement for better health.

Buy and promote local products

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's popular 'Mann Ki Baat' program is heard across every corner of the country — even in its remotest villages. This radio program is broadcast in 22 Indian languages and 29 dialects, along with 11 foreign languages including French, Chinese, Indonesian, Tibetan, Burmese, Balochi, Arabic, Pashto, Persian, Dari, and Swahili. The Mann Ki Baat program is aired from more than 500 broadcasting centers of All India Radio. In this edition, Shri Narendra Modi also spoke about his interaction with Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla, who recently reached the International Space Station. Shri Modi also urged people to buy and promote local products and spoke about the magnificent images of people performing yoga across the country on International Yoga Day. ■



The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi extended a welcome to Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla on his return to Earth from his landmark mission aboard the International Space Station on 15 July 2025. He remarked that as India's first astronaut to have journeyed to the ISS, Group Captain Shukla's achievement marks a defining moment in the nation's space exploration journey.

In a post on X, he wrote, "I join the nation in welcoming Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla as he returns to Earth from his historic mission to Space. As India's first astronaut to have visited International Space Station, he has inspired a billion dreams through his dedication, courage and pioneering spirit. It marks another milestone towards our own Human Space Flight Mission - Gaganyaan." ■



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PM Shri Narendra Modi in a group photograph with Members, Partners and Outreach invitees on the sidelines of 17th BRICS Summit at Rio de Janeiro, in Brazil on July 07, 2025



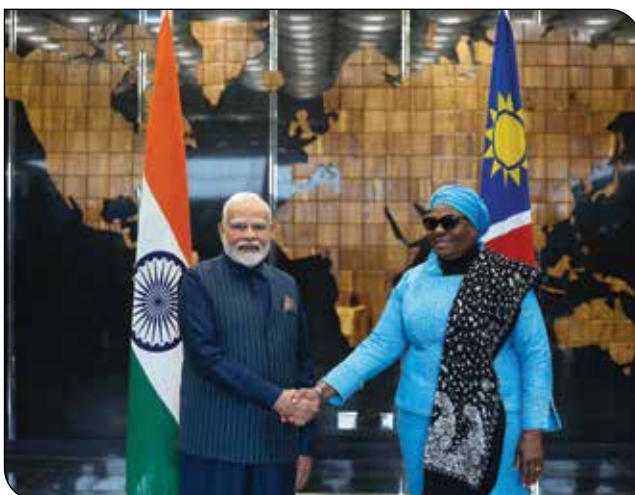
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PM Shri Narendra Modi meets the President of the Republic of Ghana, Mr. John Dramani Mahama on his arrival at Accra, in Ghana on July 02, 2025



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