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DEVELOPED INDIA  
WE WILL NEITHER STOP  
NOR BOW DOWN'**







**BJP National President and Union Minister Shri JP Nadda participates in a silent procession in remembrance of Vibhajan Vibhishika Smriti Diwas & inaugurates an exhibition at Connaught Place, New Delhi on 14 August 2025**



**BJP National President and Union Minister Shri JP Nadda hoisting the National Flag on the occasion of 79th Independence Day at BJP HQ, New Delhi on 15 August 2025**



**BJP National President and Union Minister Shri JP Nadda participates on the nationwide campaign of Har Ghar Tiranga by hoisting a flag at his residence in New Delhi on 13 August 2025**



**BJP National President and Union Minister Shri JP Nadda paying tribute to former Prime Minister 'Bharat Ratna' Atal Bihari Vajpayee ji on his Punyatithi by visiting 'Sadaiv Atal' on 16 August 2025**



**Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah participates on the nationwide campaign of Har Ghar Tiranga by hoisting a flag at his residence in New Delhi on 13 August 2025**



**Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh along with Union Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, MP CM Shri Mohan Yadav and others attending the Bhoomi Poojan of a Rail Manufacturing facility near Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh on 10 August 2025**

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**@Narendramodi**

West Bengal's progress has long been stalled by TMC's corruption and misrule. BJP stands as the beacon of hope for a brighter tomorrow. Addressing a massive @BJP4Bengal rally in Kolkata.

(22 August, 2025)

**@JPNadda**

Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Hon. PM Shri @narendramodi ji, has approved the development of a Greenfield Airport at Kota-Bundi in Rajasthan With an investment of ₹1507 crore, the Airports Authority of India will construct a 20,000 sqm terminal with a capacity to handle 2 million passengers annually, along with other essential facilities to provide seamless travel and operational efficiency. From the last 11 years, the Modi government has spread a vast network of airports across the nation, strengthening connectivity and fueling rapid economic growth. (19 August, 2025)



**@AmitShah**

Modi Ji explained India's march towards progress in semiconductor sector with the govt's initiatives ending the era of apathy it met with in the past. Made-in-India semiconductor chips will also be available in the market by the end of this year. #IndependenceDay2025

(15 August, 2025)



**@Rajnathsingh**

The Cabinet meeting chaired by PM Shri @narendramodi has given approval for establishing 700 MW Tato-II Hydro Project in Arunachal Pradesh. This project will generate electricity, create jobs, strengthen infrastructure and give a big boost to our economy, especially in the Northeast region. My heartfelt gratitude to PM Modi Ji for this significant decision.

(12 August, 2025)



**@B.L Santhosh**

Communists sided with British. They sided with China in 1962 . They supported Smt Indira Gandhi for imposing Emergency . They butchered hundreds in Kerala, West Bengal & Tripura. Most undemocratic party & mindset in Democratic system.

(16 August, 2025)



**@Manohar Lal**

Blending the timeless heritage of Lucknow with modern metro connectivity! The Union Cabinet, under the chairmanship of Hon'ble PM @narendramodi Ji, has approved Phase-1B of the Lucknow Metro Rail Project – spanning 11.165 km with 12 stations. This major expansion will connect the oldest & most densely populated areas of the city, improving accessibility, reducing congestion, and creating new opportunities for economic growth & tourism. With Phase-1B, Lucknow will have a 34 km active metro network, marking another milestone in the city's sustainable urban development journey. (12 August, 2025)



# SUDARSHANA CHAKRA

- » DRDO tests Integrated Air Defence Weapon System (IADWS)
- » India's own multi-layered air shield
- » QRSAM Quick Reaction Missiles
- » VSHORADS Short-Range Defence
- » Laser DEW Futuristic Power

**A GIANT LEAP FOR ATMANIRBHAR DEFENCE**



**KAMAL SANDESH PARIVAR**  
wishes a very happy  
**VAMANA DVADASHI** (04 SEPTEMBER)  
to all of its readers



# 'AATMANIRBHARTA' IS THE FOUNDATION OF 'VIKSIT BHARAT'

Addressing the nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort on 15th August, 2025, the 79th Independence Day, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi called for making 'Aatmanirbharta' the foundation of national strength of 'Viksit Bharat' and the greatest measure of national self-respect. The Prime Minister emphasised that dependency makes freedom questionable and stressed that self-reliance extends beyond economics to national capability. While saying that Operation Sindoor's success demonstrated the power of 'Made in India' defence equipment, he rejected the nuclear blackmail, reiterating that India will no longer tolerate nuclear threats that have been used for decades. The nation has also decided that blood and water will not flow together – the Indus Waters Treaty has been unjust for 70 years, allowing enemy fields to be irrigated while Indian farmers remain thirsty. Water rightfully belonging to India will now be reserved solely for Indian farmers, he declared.

In a major announcement, the Prime Minister announced the Sudarshan Chakra Mission for national defence, inspired by Lord Krishna's Sudarshan Chakra. He said India will launch a comprehensive defence system by 2035 covering all strategic and civilian areas, including hospitals, railways, and centres of faith. This mission

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will focus on indigenous research, development, and manufacturing with precise targeted action capabilities, ensuring complete security cover through new technological platforms. In another major initiative towards self-reliance, he emphasised semiconductor manufacturing, saying after 50-60 years of delays where semiconductor projects were stalled and shelved, India has now advanced semiconductor work in mission mode. It is a huge achievement that six semiconductor units are taking shape, with four new units having been approved, and by the end of this year, 'Made in India' chips manufactured by Indians will be available in the market.

India has taken a massive lead in the energy sector, also focusing on the mantra of 'Aatmanirbharta'. It is to be noted that India has achieved its 50% clean energy target in 2025, five years ahead of the 2030 schedule. The country is launching the National Deep Water Exploration Mission for oil and gas reserves under the sea. While nuclear energy capacity will increase more than tenfold by 2047, with 10 new reactors progressing rapidly and private sector participation now allowed, self-reliance in the energy sector is pursued in mission mode. In a similar manner, progress has been made in

critical minerals and the space sector with the launch of the National Critical Minerals Mission with exploration campaigns in over 1200 locations for self-reliance in critical minerals essential for the energy, industry, defence, and technology sectors. Over 300 start-ups are now working in the space sector with thousands of youth employed, demonstrating the strength of Indian youth.

Announcing major tax reforms, the Prime Minister said that next-generation GST reforms will be a Diwali gift, which will substantially reduce taxes needed by common people and provide huge benefits to MSMEs and small entrepreneurs. The Prime Minister also called upon the youth to create India's own platforms instead of depending on others, citing UPI's success, where India handles 50% of global real-time transactions. He called for indigenous development in operating systems, cyber security, deep tech, artificial intelligence, social media platforms, fertilisers, and EV batteries.

While saluting all the Swayamsevakas for their devotion, stating that the journey of RSS is a source of national pride and continuous inspiration for the country, the Prime Minister lauded the RSS, marking its 100th anniversary as an institution dedicated to nation-building through character-building and serving 'Maa Bharati'. ■



# PM'S ADDRESS ON 79TH INDEPENDENCE DAY

## THE FESTIVAL OF INDEPENDENCE IS A MOMENT OF COLLECTIVE ACHIEVEMENTS AND A MOMENT OF PRIDE: PM MODI

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the Nation on the 79th Independence Day from the ramparts of the Red Fort in Delhi on 15 August 2025. The address to the nation by Shri Modi was the longest and most decisive address from the Red Fort, lasting 103 minutes, charting a bold roadmap for a Viksit Bharat. Prime Minister's address focussed on self-reliance, innovation, and citizen empowerment, highlighting India's journey from a nation dependent on others to a globally confident, technologically advanced, and economically resilient country.

Shri Modi outlined the vision for a Viksit Bharat 2047, emphasizing that India's progress is built on self-reliance, innovation, and citizen empowerment. He stated that across sectors ranging from strategic defence to semiconductors, clean energy to agriculture, and digital sovereignty to youth empowerment, the roadmap seeks to transform India into a developed economy by 2047, making it globally competitive, socially inclusive, and strategically autonomous





Addressing the Nation on the occasion, the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, said this grand festival of Independence is a celebration of the 140 crore resolutions of our people. This festival of Independence is a moment of collective achievements, a moment of pride, and our hearts are filled with joy. The nation is continuously strengthening the spirit of unity. Today, 140 crore Indians are adorned in the colours of the Tricolour.



For 75 years, the Constitution of Bharat has been guiding us like a lighthouse

### Our country became free

In 1947, with endless possibilities and the strength of millions of arms, our country became free. The aspirations of the nation were taking flight, but the challenges were even greater. Following the principles of revered Bapu, the members of the Constituent Assembly fulfilled a most important responsibility. For 75 years, the Constitution of Bharat has been guiding us like a lighthouse. The makers of our Constitution—many learned and great leaders like Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Babasaheb Ambedkar, Pandit Nehru, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, and Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan played a vital role. Our women too made significant contributions. Scholars like Hansa Mehta and Dakshayani Velayudhan played their part in strengthening the Constitution of Bharat. Today, I bow with respect to these makers of the Constitution, who guided and gave direction to the country, from the ramparts of the Red Fort.

### 125th birth anniversary of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee

Today, we are also celebrating the 125th birth anniversary of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee. Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee was the first great personality of the nation to sacrifice his life for the Constitution of Bharat. His sacrifice for the Constitution, the removal of the wall of Article 370, and the realization of the mantra of “One Nation, One Constitution” have been our true tribute to Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee.

Today, many distinguished guests are present at the Red Fort, members of village panchayats from far-flung areas, representatives of “Drone Didis,” “Lakhpatis Didis,” sportspersons, and other eminent personalities who have contributed to the life of the nation. In a way, I am experiencing a mini-Bharat before my eyes. And the vast Bharat is also connected to the Red Fort through technology.

On this grand festival of independence, I extend my

heartfelt greetings to my fellow countrymen, to lovers of Bharat spread across the world, and to our friends everywhere. This grand festival of Independence is a celebration of the 140 crore resolutions of our people. This festival of Independence is a moment of collective achievements, a moment of pride, and our hearts are filled with joy.

### Our constitution is the best lighthouse for us

Shri Modi said when we talk about democracy, independent India, then our constitution is the best lighthouse for us, our centre of inspiration, but 50 years ago, the Constitution of India was strangled. The Constitution of India was stabbed in the back, the country was turned into a prison, an emergency was imposed, a state of emergency was imposed. It has been 50 years since the Emergency, no generation of the country should ever forget this sin of murdering the Constitution. The sinners who killed the constitution should not be forgotten and we should move forward by strengthening our dedication towards the Constitution of India, it is our inspiration.

### Panch Prana

PM Shri Modi said, “I had spoken about Panch Prana from this Red Fort. Today, I want to remind my countrymen once again from the Red Fort. To build a developed India, we will neither stop nor bow down, we will keep working hard and we will build a developed India before our eyes in 2047.”



Our second pledge is that we will not allow even a single particle of slavery to remain in our lives, in our systems, in our rules, laws and traditions. We will not rest until we are free from all forms of slavery.

We will be proud of our heritage. The biggest ornament, the biggest jewel, the biggest crown jewel of our identity is our heritage, we will be proud of our heritage.

Unity is the most powerful mantra among all these and hence it will be our collective resolve that no one should be able to break the thread of unity”.



**Bharat has now decided that we will no longer tolerate the nuclear threats which has been endured so long**

### **Fulfilling our duty towards Maa Bharati**

He said fulfilling our duty towards Maa Bharati is no less than worship, no less than penance, no less than adoration, and with the same feeling, for the welfare of the motherland, while putting in our utmost hard work, we will devote ourselves to achieving the target of developed India by 2047, we will not leave any opportunity with whatever capability we have, not only that, we will create new opportunities and after creating them, we will keep moving ahead with the strength of 140 crore countrymen, keep moving ahead, keep moving ahead.

### **This is the right time**

We have to remember, 140 crore countrymen have to remember, the one who has toiled hard, the one who has toiled hard, is the one who has created history. The one who has worked hard, is the one who has created history.

The one who has broken the steel rocks, the one who has broken the steel rocks, is the one who has bent the time. The one who has broken the steel rocks, is the one who has bent the time. And this is the time to bend the time, this is the right time.

**The following are the highlights from the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi's address on the 79th Independence Day**

- This grand festival of Independence is a celebration of the 140 crore resolutions of our people.
- India is continuously strengthening the spirit of unity.
- For 75 years, the Constitution of Bharat has been guiding us like a lighthouse.
- Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee was the first great personality of the nation to sacrifice his life for the Constitution of Bharat.
- Today serves as a great opportunity to salute the brave warriors of Operation Sindoor from the ramparts of

the Red Fort.

- Bharat has now decided that we will no longer tolerate the nuclear threats which has been endured so long.
- If our enemies continue the acts of terrorism in the future, our army will decide on its own terms, at the time of its choosing, in the manner it deems fit, and target the objectives it selects and we will act accordingly. We will give a fitting and crushing response.
- India has now decided, blood and water will not flow together. The people have realized that the Indus Waters Treaty was unjust. Water from the Indus River system irrigated enemy lands while our farmers suffered.
- The Indus water treaty is unacceptable to us in the interest of our farmers, and in the interest of the nation.

### **Bedrock of a Viksit Bharat is a Self-Reliant Bharat**

- The bedrock of a Viksit Bharat is also a self-reliant Bharat.
- It is a great Misfortune when dependency becomes a habit and when we do not even realise and abandon self-reliance and become dependent on others.
- Self-reliance is linked to our capability, and when self-reliance begins to diminish, our capability too



continually declines. Therefore, to preserve, maintain, and enhance our capability, it is imperative to be self-reliant.

- India is today creating a modern ecosystem in every sector and the modern ecosystem will make our country self-reliant in every field.
- “I call upon the youth of the nation to bring forward their innovative ideas. Today’s idea could shape the future of generations to come. I will stand shoulder to shoulder with you in this journey”, said Shri Modi.
- Drawing inspiration from India’s COVID-19 response, where indigenous vaccines and platforms like CoWin saved millions of lives globally, we must expand this spirit of innovation.
- Our scientists and youth should build our own jet engines taking it up as a direct challenge.



Dependence on others raises questions about a nation’s independence. It is unfortunate when dependence becomes a habit, a dangerous one

### National Manufacturing Mission

- The National Manufacturing Mission is progressing at great speed.
- A large share of India’s budget still goes toward importing petrol, diesel, and gas. The National Deepwater Exploration Mission will be launched to harness India’s offshore energy resources, boosting energy self-reliance and reducing dependence on foreign fuel imports, marking another step toward a fully independent and powerful India.
- Citizens and shopkeepers should champion India-made goods under the “Vocal for Local” initiative.
- Swadeshi should stem from pride and strength, not compulsion.
- India’s strength lies in its people, innovation, and commitment to self-reliance.
- Over the past decade, India has been reforming, performing, and transforming, but now the time has come to move forward with even greater strength.

### Next-Generation Reforms

- A Task Force for Next-Generation Reforms will be formed, which will evaluate all current laws, rules, and procedures related to economic activities. The Task Force will work within a set timeline to:

- ☒ **Reduce compliance costs for startups, MSMEs, and entrepreneurs**

- ☒ **Provide freedom from fear of arbitrary legal actions**

- ☒ **Ensure laws are streamlined for ease of doing business**

- These reforms are aimed at creating a supportive ecosystem for innovation,

entrepreneurship, and economic growth.

- We are working with a saturation approach to ensure social justice.
- Today, the government comes to your doorstep with a saturation approach. Crores of beneficiaries are receiving the benefits of government schemes, and Direct Benefit Transfer has been a truly revolutionary step.
- Today, over 25 crore poor people in the last 10 years — have overcome poverty and stepped out of it, creating a new “neo-middle class.”
- We are not concerned only with socially backward groups, we also want to give priority to backward regions though aspirational districts and blocks programmes.
- India will no longer compromise on its national interests, and the operation underscored the country’s ability to act swiftly and decisively, relying entirely on indigenous technology and defence platforms.
- Dependence on others raises questions about a nation’s independence. It is unfortunate when dependence becomes a habit, a dangerous one. That’s why we must remain aware and committed to becoming self-reliant.
- Self-reliance is not just about exports, imports, the rupee, or the dollar. It is about our capabilities, our

strength to stand on our own.

- Reform is not just about economics, it is about transforming the everyday lives of citizens.
- The reforms undertaken by our Government signal a modern, citizen-centric government where ordinary people can experience ease, fairness, and empowerment.
- India is committed to structural, regulatory, policy, process, and procedural reforms, building a nation where governance works for the people, not the other way around.
- Instead of focusing on others' limitations, India must extend its own line of progress.
- Every Indian must contribute to nation-building, whether by buying India-made products or participating in scientific, technological, and entrepreneurial ventures to ensure a prosperous, powerful, and Viksit Bharat by the nation's centenary of independence.
- To build a developed India, we will neither stop nor bow down, we will keep working hard and we will build a developed India before our eyes in 2047.
- We will not allow even a single particle of slavery to remain in our lives, in our systems, in our rules, laws and traditions. We will not rest until we are free from all forms of slavery.
- We will be proud of our heritage. The biggest ornament, the biggest jewel, the biggest crown jewel of our identity is our heritage, we will be proud of our heritage.
- Unity is the most powerful mantra among all these and hence it will be our collective resolve that no one should be able to break the thread of unity.



**Operation Sindoor is a demonstration of India's defence self-reliance and our strategic autonomy**

years towards self-reliance in the field of defence was shown in Op Sindoor.

- Using Made-in-India weapons, the operation dismantled terror networks and Pakistan-based infrastructure, signaling a new era where India will no longer accept nuclear blackmail or threats on foreign terms.
- The indigenous capabilities, including Made-in-India weapons, enable India to act decisively and independently, proving that national security cannot rely on foreign dependence.
- Indian innovators and youth should develop jet engines within India, ensuring that future defence technology is entirely home-grown and self-reliant.
- India draws inspiration from its rich cultural and mythological heritage to guide modern defence innovations.
- To strengthen India's offensive and deterrent capabilities, we are launching "Mission Sudarshan Chakra", aimed at neutralising enemy defence infiltrations and enhancing India's offensive capabilities.
- Akin to the legendary Shri Krishna's Sudarshan Chakra, this mission underscores India's commitment to strategic autonomy, ensuring rapid, precise, and powerful responses to any threat.
- The initiative is designed to enhance rapid, precise, and powerful defence responses, reinforcing India's strategic autonomy.
- All public places will be covered by an expanded nationwide security shield by 2035, ensuring comprehensive protection for the nation while showcasing India's commitment to self-reliant defence.

## **Atmanirbharta in Defence**

- Operation Sindoor is a demonstration of India's defence self-reliance and our strategic autonomy.
- The results of Our consistent mission over the past ten

## **Next-Generation GST reforms by Diwali**

- Next-Generation GST reforms by Diwali will reduce taxes on daily essentials, benefiting MSMEs, local vendors, and consumers, while simultaneously



stimulating economic growth and creating a more efficient, citizen-friendly economy.

- Income Tax Reform and Faceless Assessment were introduced making the tax system transparent and efficient.
- Exempting income up to Rs 12 lakh from income tax has brought great joy to my middle-class families, who are eager to contribute to nation-building.
- For the world to recognize our strength in manufacturing, we must constantly scale new heights in quality by adhering to Zero Defect, Zero Effect products.
- Every product of ours should have higher value, but cost less. It is with this spirit that we must move forward.
- Amidst global instability, India's fiscal discipline, the energy of India's finance, remains a ray of hope, with the entire world expressing confidence in the Indian economy.

### India's unity, integrity, and security

- It is of prime importance to safeguard India's demographic integrity.
- The imminent dangers of demographic imbalance due to infiltration and illegal migration in border areas is high, thereby affecting citizens' livelihoods.
- A High-Powered Demography Mission will be launched aimed at ensuring India's unity, integrity, and security, tackling both strategic and social challenges.
- Our tribal areas and youth were caught in the clutches of Maoism. Today, we have reduced that number from over 125 districts to merely 20.
- Regions once known as the "Red Corridor" are now becoming corridors of green development. This is a matter of pride for us.



"I have stood as a wall for the farmers and livestock keepers against any detrimental policy, protecting their rights and livelihoods", stated the PM

### Farmers are backbone of the nation

- India's farmers are the backbone of the nation's journey from dependency to self-reliance.
- The colonial rule had left the country impoverished, but it was the tireless efforts of farmers that filled Bharat's granaries and secured the nation's food sovereignty.
- India will not compromise on its farmers' interests.
- "I have stood as a wall for the farmers and livestock keepers against any detrimental policy, protecting their rights and livelihoods", stated the PM.
- Last year, Indian Farmers broke all previous records in the production of grains.
- Agriculture remains a cornerstone of India's development, with India No. 1 in milk, pulses, and jute, and No. 2 in rice, wheat, cotton, fruits, and vegetables.
- Agricultural exports have crossed Rs 4 lakh crore, reflecting the nation's global competitiveness.
- To further empower farmers, the PM Dhan- Dhanya Krishi Yojana was launched for 100 backward farming districts, complementing ongoing support through PM-Kisan, irrigation schemes, and livestock protection programs, ensuring that India's backbone of prosperity remains strong and resilient.
- Government schemes such as PM Kisan Samman Nidhi, rainwater harvesting, irrigation projects, quality seed distribution, and timely fertilizer supply have together boosted farmers' confidence across the country.
- In North India alone, around 125 crore free doses of vaccinations have been administered to cattle to prevent Foot and Mouth disease.

### Semiconductor manufacturing

- Attempts to set up semiconductor factories 50–60 years ago were "killed at birth" while

other nations prospered, India is now on mission mode in semiconductor manufacturing.

- India will launch Made in India semiconductor chips by the end of 2025, reflecting the nation's growing strength in critical technology sectors
- Innovation in AI, cyber security, deep-tech, and operating systems is necessary for global competitiveness.

### Aatmanirbhar Bharat Gaganyaan

- The whole of India rejoices in the remarkable achievements of Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla.
- India is preparing for Aatmanirbhar Bharat Gaganyaan, with ambitious plans for India's very own space station, signalling a new era of indigenous space capabilities.
- Over 300 startups are actively innovating in satellites, exploration, and cutting-edge space technologies, ensuring that India is not just participating but leading globally in space science and exploration.

### India opening the nuclear sector to private players

- 10 new nuclear reactors are currently operational and by India's 100th year of independence, the nation aims to increase its nuclear energy capacity tenfold, strengthening energy self-reliance and supporting sustainable growth.
- India is opening the nuclear sector to private players, creating unprecedented opportunities in energy and technology.
- If India were not dependent on energy imports, the money saved could be used for the welfare of farmers, further strengthening the backbone of the nation's prosperity.

### PM Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana

- A major employment scheme - PM Viksit Bharat



India is preparing for Aatmanirbhar Bharat Gaganyaan, with ambitious plans for India's very own space station, signalling a new era of indigenous space capabilities

Rozgar Yojana, worth Rs 1 lakh crore will be launched. Under the scheme, newly employed youth will receive Rs 15,000. The scheme aims to benefit 3 crore young Indians, strengthening the bridge from Swatantra Bharat to Samriddha Bharat.

- This initiative will transform India's demographic potential into real economic and social prosperity, strengthening the bridge from Swatantra Bharat to Samriddha Bharat and empowering the youth to actively contribute to the nation's progress and development.

### Economic self-reliance

- Next-generation GST reforms will be unveiled on Diwali, reducing taxes on essential goods and providing relief to MSMEs, local vendors, and consumers.
- The government's reforms aim to reduce compliance costs for startups, MSMEs, and entrepreneurs, while ensuring freedom from the fear of outdated legal provisions. This creates a more conducive environment for business growth, encouraging innovation and economic self-reliance.

### Pharmacy of the world

- India should strengthen itself as the "pharmacy of the world".
- There is an urgent need to invest more in research and development.
- "Shouldn't we be the ones providing the best and most affordable medicines for the welfare of humanity?"
- India's growing strength in domestic pharmaceutical innovation, emphasizing the need to develop new medicines, vaccines, and life-saving treatments entirely within India.



- Food security cannot be left vulnerable to imports.
- There is an urgent need for domestic production of fertilisers and key inputs, ensuring that Indian farmers are empowered and that Bharat's agriculture thrives independently.
- We must find new ways to manufacture our own fertilizers as per the requirement of India, without depending on other countries.
- This is critical not only for farmers' welfare but also for strengthening the nation's economic sovereignty.



India's daughters are dominating from startups to the space sector, from sports to the armed forces

### Three crore 'Lakhpati Didis'

- The women's self-help groups have done wonders, with their products reaching global markets across the world.
- India's daughters are dominating from startups to the space sector, from sports to the armed forces. They are proudly participating in the country's development journey by standing shoulder to shoulder.
- Namo Drone Didi has become a new identity for women.
- We pledge to make three crore women 'Lakhpati Didis'.

### Abolishing outdated laws

- Over the past years, the government has undertaken a historic wave of reforms, abolishing over 40,000 unnecessary compliances and repealing more than 1,500 outdated laws.
- Dozens of other laws were simplified in Parliament,

always keeping citizens' interests at the forefront.

- In the recent session alone, over 280 provisions were removed, making governance simpler and more accessible for every Indian.
- We have abolished the penal code and brought in Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita, embodying trust in the citizens of Bharat, a sense of belonging, and filled with sensitivity.

### 10% less cooking oil

- Obesity is becoming a very grave crisis for our nation.
- Every family should resolve to use 10% less cooking oil to fight obesity.

### 150th birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda

- Today, after being freed from Maoism and Naxalism, Bastar's youth participate in the Olympics.
- This year marks the 150th

birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda. By freeing these tribal areas from Naxalism and saving the lives of the youth of my tribal families, we have paid him a true tribute.

### 350th martyrdom anniversary of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji

- This year marks the 350th martyrdom anniversary of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji, who sacrificed everything for the protection of our culture and values.
- The strength of our culture lies in our diversity.
- The success of the 'Maha Kumbh' is a resounding testament to Bharat's unity and strength.
- We have accorded classical language status to Marathi, Assamese, Bangla, Pali, and Prakrit.
- The more our languages develop, the more enriched they become, the stronger our entire knowledge system will grow.
- Under the Gyan Bharatam Mission, we are now working across the nation to locate handwritten

texts, manuscripts, and centuries-old documents, and to use today's technology to preserve their wealth of knowledge for future generations.

### **Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh was founded with the resolve of nation-building**

- Our clear belief is that this country is not built by governments alone; it is not built only by those who hold the reins of state power; it is not built solely by those who administer governance. This nation is built by the toil of crores of people—by sages, saints, scientists, teachers, farmers, soldiers, workers, labourers—everyone's efforts contribute to nation-building. Contributions come from individuals and from institutions alike.
- Today, with great pride, I wish to mention one such institution. One hundred years ago, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh was founded. These 100 years of service to the nation constitute a proud and golden chapter. With the resolve of nation-building through character-building, with the aim of serving Maa Bharati, the Swayamsevaks have, for a century, dedicated their lives to the welfare of the motherland.
- Service, dedication, organisation, and unmatched discipline—these have been its hallmarks. In a sense, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh is the world's largest NGO, with a century-long history of devotion.
- Today, from the ramparts of the Red Fort, I salute all the swayamsevaks who have contributed to this century-long journey of national service, and the nation takes pride in this grand and dedicated journey of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, which will continue to inspire us.



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the bright future of youth and for welfare of farmers and this will be done.

- With our resolve of Self-reliance in energy in the last 11 years, solar energy in India has seen a thirtyfold increase.
- With Mission Green Hydrogen, Bharat is today investing thousands of crores of rupees
- While the world debates global warming, India had resolved to achieve 50% clean energy by 2030 yet, thanks to the commitment of its people, that goal was met by 2025.
- Solar, nuclear, hydro, and hydrogen energy have

been advanced, marking a decisive step towards energy independence.

- Be it solar panels or components required for electric vehicles, we should manufacture our own components.

### **National Critical Minerals Mission**

- To secure resources essential for energy, industry, and defence, India has launched the National Critical Minerals Mission, exploring 1,200 sites to ensure access to minerals essential for energy, industry, and defence.
- Controlling these minerals strengthens strategic autonomy, ensuring India's industrial and defence sectors remain self-reliant.

### **National Sports Policy**

- The youth must develop India's own social media platforms and digital infrastructure, ensuring communication, data, and technological ecosystems remain secure and independent, reinforcing India's digital autonomy.
- To promote sports, we have brought forth the National Sports Policy.
- We have introduced the 'Khelo India policy' in the country. ■

### **Energy independence is prime importance**

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# **MAKE INDIA A PROSPEROUS AND DEVELOPED NATION WITH FIRM DETERMINATION: JP NADDA**

**Bharatiya Janata Party National President and Union Minister Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda hoisted the national flag at the BJP Central Office in New Delhi on the occasion of India's 79th Independence Day and addressed the gathering on 15 August 2025. After the flag hoisting, Shri Nadda, on behalf of the party and its millions of Karyakartas, extended greetings to the entire nation on the 79th Independence Day. The program was attended by senior BJP leaders as well as hundreds of party workers**



**B**JP National President and Union Minister Shri JP Nadda said this freedom was achieved through the sacrifices and devotion of millions of patriots and brave freedom fighters. They dedicated everything they had and, through penance and struggle, secured this independence for the nation. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the entire country to remember them on this day. The nation is grateful to them and remembers them with utmost humility and respect.

## **Guide, and provide direction to 1.4 billion Indians**

Shri Nadda said today Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort. His message will inspire, guide, and provide direction to 1.4 billion Indians, along with reinforcing the commitment to move forward. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi

clearly stated that India will not only remain independent but will also become a prosperous and developed nation. Over the past 11 years, under the leadership of the Prime Minister, the country has moved towards becoming a strong and progressive economy. At a time when the world is going through economic crises and turmoil, India is advancing with a stable and robust economy.

## **Key points to realize the vision of a developed India**

The BJP National President, conveying the call of the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to party Karyakartas, said that on the occasion of the 79th Independence Day, the Prime Minister emphasized three key points to realize the vision of a developed India by 2047.

- First, becoming an Atmanirbhar Bharat (self-reliant India), the country's dependence must end, and self-reliance should

be reflected in its ideas, thinking, actions, and direction.

- Second, the promotion of swadeshi: if the nation is to progress, there must be a commitment towards indigenous goods, ideology, and systems. Every citizen should adopt and promote them to contribute to the nation's development.
- Third, doing away with outdated and burdensome laws that have become inconvenient for the common citizen: to accelerate the pace towards a developed India, it is essential to simplify laws.

Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda urged party Karyakartas to take these resolutions forward and expressed confidence that all Karyakartas would work sincerely in this direction, advance the cause, and fulfil their pledge to make India a prosperous and developed nation with firm determination. ■

# CP RADHAKRISHNAN NAMED NDA'S VICE-PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

## FILES NOMINATION

**T**he National Democratic Alliance (NDA) on 17 August 2025 announced Maharashtra Governor Shri CP Radhakrishnan as its candidate for the upcoming Vice-Presidential election, scheduled to be held on 09 September 2025.

The announcement was made by Bharatiya Janata Party National President and Union Minister Shri JP Nadda during a press conference following the party's

Parliamentary Board meeting held in New Delhi. "At the parliamentary board meeting, we unanimously decided on the VP candidate, Shri CP Radhakrishna. We discussed the VP candidate with all our alliance party (NDA) earlier as well. We will discuss our opposition party as well to smooth the VP election..." Shri Nadda said.

Shri Chandrapuram Ponnusamy Radhakrishnan is currently serving as the 24th Governor of Maharashtra, a post he assumed on July 31, 2024. He previously served as the Governor of Jharkhand from February 2023 to July 2024. He also held additional charge as the Governor of Telangana and Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry between March and July 2024. A veteran BJP leader, Shri Radhakrishnan, was elected to the Lok Sabha from Coimbatore twice and previously served as the Tamil Nadu BJP State President.

Election Commission had earlier announced that polling for the Vice-Presidential election will take place on September 9, with counting of votes scheduled for the same day. The last date for filing nominations is August 21, while candidates can withdraw their nominations until August 25.



### CP Radhakrishnan will be an inspiring Vice President: PM Modi

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said, "In his long years in public life, Thiru CP Radhakrishnan Ji has distinguished himself with his dedication, humility and intellect. During the various positions he has held, he has always focused on community service and empowering the marginalised. He has done extensive work at the grassroots in Tamil Nadu. I am glad that the NDA family has decided to nominate him as the Vice-Presidential candidate of our alliance.

Thiru CP Radhakrishnan Ji has rich experience as MP and Governor of various states. His Parliamentary interventions were always incisive. During his gubernatorial tenures, he focused on addressing challenges faced by common citizens. These experiences ensured that he has vast knowledge of legislative and Constitutional matters. I am confident he will be an inspiring Vice President".

### Heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to him: JP Nadda

BJP National President and Union Minister Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda said, "Today, in the meeting of the Parliamentary Board, under the guidance of the respected Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi ji, I am delighted to know that senior leader and the current Governor of Maharashtra, Shri C.P. Radhakrishnan ji, has been chosen as the NDA's candidate for the post of Vice President. I extend my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to him".





## Radhakrishnan devoted his life to serving the people: Rajnath Singh

Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh said, "Congratulations to Thiru CP Radhakrishnan ji on being announced as the Vice President candidate of NDA. He has devoted his life to serving the people. He has risen from the ground through hard work and known for his vast administrative experience, wisdom and dynamism. He has also served the country in several capacities. I am confident he will be a great Vice President of our nation".



## Vast experience and wisdom will enhance the prestige of Upper House: Amit Shah

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah said, "Congratulations to the Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan Ji on being nominated as the NDA's candidate for the vice-presidential election. Your roles as a parliamentarian and as governor of different states have played a significant role in effectively fulfilling the constitutional duties. I am sure your vast experience and wisdom will enhance the prestige of the Upper House and achieve new milestones. Gratitude to PM Shri @narendramodi Ji and all members of BJP Parliamentary board for this decision".



## NDA's VP Candidate CP Radhakrishnan Files Nomination

NDA's Vice-Presidential candidate Shri CP Radhakrishnan filed his nomination at Parliament House on 20 August 2025. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Union Ministers Shri Rajnath Singh, Shri Amit Shah, BJP National President & Union Minister Shri JP Nadda, Shri Kiren Rijiju and leaders of NDA allies, including Shri Chirag Paswan of LJP (R), Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh of JD (U), Shri Praful Patel of NCP, among others, were present on the occasion.

Ahead of filing nomination for vice-presidential elections, Shri CP Radhakrishnan paid floral tributes at Purna Sthal in Parliament House complex, which houses statues of India's eminent leaders and freedom fighters. He first bowed before the statue of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, and then paid tributes to other noted personalities.

## LIFE SKETCH OF SHRI CP RADHAKRISHNAN

<b>Full Name</b>	Chandrapuram Ponnusamy Radhakrishnan
<b>Date of Birth</b>	Radhakrishnan was born on 20 October 1957 to father Shri C. K. Ponnusamy and mother Smt. K. Janaki in Tiruppur, Tamil Nadu
<b>Education</b>	Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) degree from V. O. Chidambaram College in Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu
<b>Association</b>	Since the age of 16, Radhakrishnan has been associated with organisations like the RSS and the Bharatiya Jana Sangh
<b>Key Political Positions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BJP Tamil Nadu Secretary (1996).</li> <li>• (1998 &amp; 1999) Radhakrishnan was elected to the Lok Sabha, representing Coimbatore Lok Sabha constituency.</li> <li>• He was the state President for Bharatiya Janata Party, Tamil Nadu from 2004 to 2006.</li> <li>• He was also a member of the BJP's National Executive.</li> <li>• BJP Kerala In-Charge (2020–22).</li> </ul>
<b>Administrative Positions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He was the chairman of the Coir Board of India from 2016 to 2020.</li> </ul>
<b>Governor Tenure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Governor of Jharkhand (2023–24).</li> <li>• On 19 March 2024, he was given the additional responsibility as Governor of Telangana and as Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry.</li> <li>• Governor of Maharashtra (2024–present).</li> </ul>
<b>NDA Nomination</b>	Candidate for Vice-President of India (2025) ■



# “AS LONG AS YOU LISTEN, I TOO WILL KEEP SPEAKING”



SANJAY SETH

Atal Ji... this name, whenever heard or spoken, leaves a deep impression on every heart. His personality was such that by his deeds he rose higher than the positions he held. As a poet, he wrote fearlessly; as a journalist, he always wrote for national interest; as an RSS Pracharak, he remained dedicated to society; as a statesman, he devoted himself entirely to the nation. And when the moment came to relinquish power, refusing to indulge in manipulative politics, he renounced it without a second thought. Atal Ji was indeed Atal Ji—steadfast, unwavering, eternal.

I consider it my privilege that I had the opportunity to be part of many programmes with Atal Ji. Whenever, I recall those memories, his words still echo in my ears:

“Sanjay, always remain a worker in the organization. It is on the strength of workers that the organization stands. Always remember, public service is our foremost duty.”

These lines of Atal Ji are not only for me, but for every section of society, for every worker—timeless and steadfast like his

own life. What he preached, he himself lived.

Many of my memories are linked with Atal Ji, and it often felt as though he was no ordinary man but a divine soul, fulfilling numerous responsibilities, always standing with the workers and uplifting their morale.

I recall the year 1980, when Atal Ji came on a tour of South Chhotanagpur. He first bowed

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his head at the Gurudwara at Piska Mor, Ranchi, and then began his journey. I accompanied him on that trip. On the way to Gumla, he stopped the car near a thatched hut, walked straight inside, addressed the woman of the house as ‘Maa’, introduced himself, and requested some food. The women there served him roti, bhujia, onion, and green chilli. This incident is etched in memory as a reflection of how deeply he connected with ordinary people.

In 1981, during the national convention of BJP Yuva Morcha at Prayagraj, we had all gone there.

After returning to Ranchi, I read in Ranchi Express that Atal Ji was in the city with a Parliamentary Committee. I rushed to meet him at the Circuit House near Jail Mor (now Shri Arjun Munda ji’s residence). He was with Shri Balbir Dutt, then editor of Ranchi Express, and former MLA Shri Nani Gopal Mitra. I requested him to hold a public meeting in Ranchi. Atal Ji smiled and said, “How can we hold a meeting at such short notice? Tomorrow I have to leave for Howrah.” I insisted once more, telling him that Ranchi’s people wanted to hear him. With his characteristic smile, he agreed.

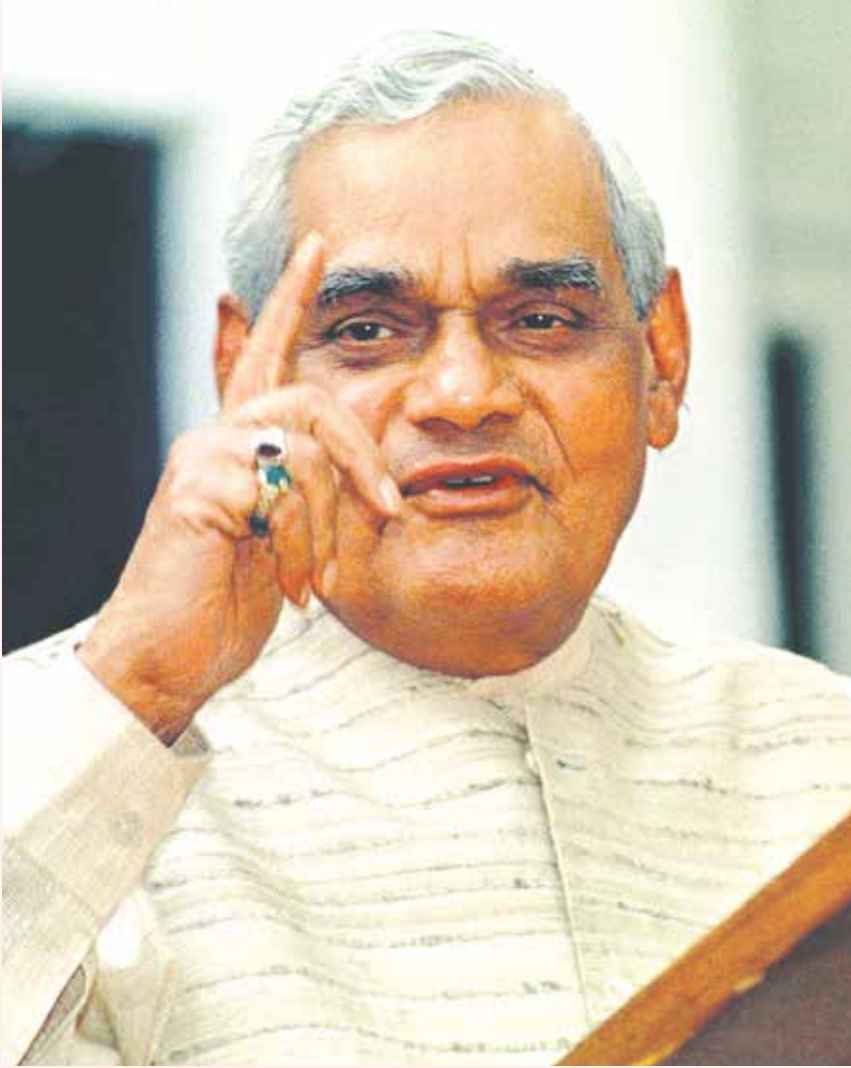
Next day at 3:00 p.m., a meeting was held at Bari Park Ground (now the Municipal Corporation office), even though his train was scheduled at 8:00 p.m. for Howrah. I personally booked an auto and went around for publicity. At exactly 3:00 p.m., the meeting began. Despite such little preparation, a massive crowd had gathered. Atal Ji had just delivered half his speech when a heavy downpour began. I held an umbrella over him, but he pushed it away and said in his own style:

**“As long as you drench, I too will drench.**

**As long as you listen, I too will keep speaking.”**

Those words multiplied the enthusiasm of the drenched crowd. People clapped, and Atal Ji continued his speech in the





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pouring rain. After the meeting, he changed his clothes at the nearby Deputy Commissioner's office and left for Howrah.

In 1983, once again, I had the good fortune of being with him. The party had set a target of Rs. 1,21,000 for Ranchi as part of the cooperation fund. Shri Arif Karim was the BJP President of Ranchi, and Shri Rajendra Agrawal the Treasurer. The deadline approached, but the amount could not be collected. Rajendra Agrawal Ji sold his new Ambassador car to meet

the target. On that very day, we organized another meeting with Atal Ji. After speaking for nearly an hour, he suddenly stopped and, with his characteristic wit, said: "I have spoken only as much as the ration you gave me. Now that you give more, I will speak again." He then resumed his speech, and we handed over the collected amount to him.

On another occasion, while traveling from Ranchi towards Lohardaga, Gumla, and Simdega, Atal Ji halted midway and began walking on

foot. Shri Kariya Munda tried to dissuade him, saying that funds were being carried in the car, and walking wasn't safe. Atal Ji replied, "No problem, we shall walk." For nearly half an hour, he walked along the road, and by night they reached Basiya. Shri Lalit Oraon suggested a meeting, and though the area was remote with no facilities, word spread quickly. By 9:00 p.m., nearly 500–600 villagers had gathered, and a meeting was held. Such was Atal Ji's charisma—wherever he went, people would connect with him instantly.

In 1996, Atal Ji inaugurated the first floor of Seva Sadan Hospital. After the ceremony, he addressed the gathering, saying: "I cannot give you the blessing that this hospital flourishes with patients, but I do expect you to serve with compassion, so that everyone remains healthy. This is my expectation from you."

To sum up, Atal Ji's colossal personality was not just of an individual—it was a living book. His life offers us lessons and inspiration in every field, showing us the way forward.

My humble appeal to all citizens and party workers is this: whenever despair clouds your life, read Atal Ji's poems, listen to his speeches. His immortal poems and speeches have become guiding documents. They will continue to inspire us in service of society and nation.

With folded hands, I bow a hundred times to the Yug Purush—Atal Ji. ■

**(The writer is Minister of State for Defence, Government of India)**

# S&P UPGRADES INDIA'S SOVEREIGN RATING AFTER 18 YEARS

**Upgrade Highlights Strong Growth, Fiscal Stability, and Controlled Inflation. Improved Rating to Lower Borrowing Costs, Boost Investor Confidence, and Drive Broad-Based Growth**

**S**&P Global has raised India's long-term sovereign credit rating to 'BBB' from 'BBB-', with the short-term rating upgraded to 'A-2' from 'A-3'.

The stable outlook reflects confidence in India's strong economic fundamentals and prudent policy management. The transfer and convertibility assessment has also been improved to 'A-' from 'BBB+', recognising India's growing financial resilience. S&P last upgraded India in January 2007 to 'BBB-', hence, this rating upgrade comes after an 18-year gap.

This upgrade highlights India's robust and sustained economic growth, driven by high infrastructure investment, sound fiscal management, and a strengthened monetary policy framework that keeps inflation under control. It is a testament to the nation's rising global stature and the government's steadfast commitment to long-term prosperity.

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with a focus on infrastructure investment. Union government capital expenditure is expected to reach INR 11.2 trillion (3.1% of GDP) by fiscal 2026.

- Total public investment in infrastructure, including state governments, is estimated at around 5.5 per cent of GDP, matching or exceeding many peer countries.

- Infrastructure and connectivity investments are expected to remove bottlenecks that previously limited long-term economic growth.

- Monetary policy reforms, particularly the shift to inflation targeting, have stabilised price expectations.

- Strengthening Fiscal

Discipline Fuels Growth

- S&P Global observes that the Indian government is following a clear and gradual path towards fiscal consolidation, strengthening the country's economic stability and credibility.

## Robust Economic Growth Powers India's Rise

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### Key highlights from the report:

- Real GDP growth averaged 8.8 per cent between fiscal 2022 and fiscal 2024, the highest in the Asia-Pacific region.
- S&P projects annual GDP growth of 6.8 per cent over the next three years, supporting a moderation in the government debt-to-GDP ratio.
- Government spending quality has improved,

## Key highlights from the report:

The general government deficit, which measures the gap between total government spending and revenue, is projected to decline from 7.3 per cent of GDP in fiscal 2026 to 6.6 per cent by fiscal 2029.

- The government has successfully funded large infrastructure investments without significantly widening the current account deficit, reinforcing fiscal credibility.
- The provisional fiscal deficit of the central government for fiscal 2025 stood at 4.8 per cent of GDP, while the Union Budget has further reduced the target to 4.4 per cent of GDP for fiscal 2026.
- State government deficits are expected to average



# S&P UPGRADES INDIA'S SOVEREIGN RATING TO BBB – AFTER 18 YEARS!



- ✓ **BOOST TO INVESTOR SENTIMENT**
- ✓ **LOWER BORROWING COSTS**
- ✓ **RECOGNITION OF GROWTH**

2.7 per cent of GDP over the next three to four years.

- Combining central and state deficits, the general government fiscal deficit is projected to gradually fall to 6.6 per cent of GDP by fiscal 2029.
- On a general government basis, S&P estimates the change in net debt at 7.8% of GDP, a marked improvement from increases of 9%-13% of GDP recorded during the pandemic years.

## Creditworthiness and Inflation

S&P Global highlights that India's strong economic growth and sound policy framework have strengthened the country's credit profile while keeping inflation under control. As a result, S&P raised India's sovereign credit rating from 'BBB-' to 'BBB'.

## Key highlights from the report:

- Robust economic expansion is improving India's credit metrics, providing a solid foundation for sustained growth over the next two to three years.
- Monetary policy settings have become increasingly effective in managing inflation

expectations.

- India's external position remains strong, with a modest net external asset balance.
- Current account deficits are expected to remain small, supported by stable domestic demand and a moderately weaker rupee, which enhances export competitiveness.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has maintained inflation within its medium-term target band since 2015, strengthening confidence in its monetary management.
- Consumer price index (CPI) growth has averaged 5.5 per cent over the past three years, despite global energy price volatility.
- Recent inflation has stayed at the lower end of the Reserve Bank of India's 2-6 per cent target range.
- Recent data shows headline CPI inflation falling to 1.6 per cent in July 2025, down from 2.1 per cent in June.

- With inflationary pressures contained, the RBI began monetary easing in February 2025, cutting the policy repo rate by a cumulative 100 basis points to 5.5 per cent.

## Conclusion

The upgrade of India's sovereign credit rating by S&P Global underscores the nation's strong economic fundamentals, disciplined fiscal management, and effective monetary policies. It reflects confidence in India's ability to sustain growth, manage inflation, and invest in infrastructure while maintaining financial stability. This milestone highlights the government's commitment to long-term prosperity and positions India as a resilient and attractive destination for global investment.

The improved rating is expected to reduce sovereign borrowing costs and strengthen investor confidence, leading to higher inflows of foreign capital. This, in turn, will create a more stable environment for financing public and private sector investments, thereby supporting infrastructure development, employment generation, and broad-based economic growth in the years ahead. ■

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## **19.37 LAKH NEW WORKERS ENROLLED UNDER ESI SCHEME IN THE MONTH OF JUNE, 2025**

The provisional payroll data of ESIC reveals that 19.37 lakh new employees have been added in the month of June, 2025. 34,762 new establishments have been brought under the social security ambit of the ESI Scheme in the month of June, 2025 thus ensuring social security to more workers. ■

## **12,000+ SPECIAL TRAINS FOR DIWALI & CHHATH; 20% DISCOUNT ON RETURN TICKETS**

Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on 21st August while addressing the press at Rail Bhawan, said that after discussions with Bihar's Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Chaudhary, MP Dr. Sanjay Jaiswal, Union Minister Lalan Singh, and MP Sanjay Kumar Jha, it was decided that over 12,000 special trains will run for Diwali and Chhath.

He further announced that passengers undertaking onward journeys between October 13 to 26 and return journeys between November 17 to December 1 will be offered a 20% discount on return tickets. This initiative will be implemented during this festive season and will benefit a large number of people.

In addition, four new Amrit Bharat Express trains will be introduced from Gaya to Delhi, Saharsa to Amritsar, Chhapra to Delhi, and Muzaffarpur to Hyderabad. A new circuit train, covering important sites related to Lord Buddha and catering especially to middle-class families, will also be launched, covering Vaishali, Hajipur, Sonapur, Patna, Rajgir, Gaya and Koderma, the minister announced.

The Buxar-Lakhisarai rail section will be expanded into a four-line corridor, enabling more train operations. A ring railway system will be developed around Patna. Sultanganj and Deoghar will be connected by rail. A new train service will also run between Patna and Ayodhya. A washing pit facility will be set up at Laukaha Bazar, and work will be carried out on several newly approved road overbridges in Bihar, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw added. ■

## **CABINET APPROVAL FOR SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING UNITS**

The Union Cabinet, on 12th August, approved the establishment of semiconductor manufacturing units in the states of Odisha, Punjab, and Andhra

Pradesh, with a total expenditure of ₹4,600 crore. This decision marks a significant step in India's vision of becoming self-reliant in the field of semiconductor production and advancing its technological ecosystem.

Semiconductors are the backbone of modern electronics, powering devices ranging from mobile phones and automobiles to defense systems and artificial intelligence. Currently, India is heavily dependent on imports to meet its semiconductor demand, making domestic production a critical necessity. ■

## **CABINET APPROVES CONTINUATION OF TARGETED SUBSIDY FOR PRADHAN MANTRI UJJWALA YOJANA CONSUMERS FOR 2025-26**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 8 August approved the targeted subsidy of Rs.300 per 14.2 kg cylinder for up to 9 refills per year (and proportionately pro-rated for 5 kg cylinder) to the beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) during FY 2025-26 at an expenditure of Rs 12,000 crore. ■

## **TAP WATER SUPPLY IN 15.69 CRORE (81.02 PERCENT) HOUSEHOLDS**

As per the latest data revealed by Minister of State for Jal Shakti in reply to a question, Shri V. Somanna on 21st August, tap water supply has been successfully provided to 15.69 crore households across India, covering 81.02 percent of total households. This achievement marks a significant milestone under the Government's flagship Jal Jeevan Mission, aimed at ensuring safe and adequate drinking water through household tap connections.

The progress highlights the government's commitment to improving public health, reducing drudgery for women, and ensuring better quality of life in rural as well as urban areas. By reaching over 80 percent of households, the initiative has created a strong foundation for achieving the target of 100 percent coverage in the near future.

In conclusion, the provision of tap water to 15.69 crore households is a landmark step towards ensuring universal access to clean drinking water, thereby contributing significantly to public health, hygiene, and national development. ■



# GOVERNOR OF NAGALAND LA. GANESAN PASSES AWAY

## PRIME MINISTER MOURNS THE DEMISE

**G**overnor of Nagaland Shri L. Ganesan passed away on 15 August at the age of 80, leaving behind a legacy of public service, leadership, and dedication to the nation. The Prime Minister conveyed heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, and the people of Nagaland, describing the loss as a significant one for the country.

Shri L. Ganesan had a distinguished career in public life, having served in various capacities that contributed to India's administrative and political landscape. He had earlier served as the Governor of Manipur and held the additional charge as the Governor of West Bengal. Known for his integrity, commitment, and inclusive approach, he played a vital role in fostering governance, social harmony, and regional development. During his tenure as Governor of Nagaland, he was widely respected for his efforts to strengthen democratic institutions, support local development initiatives, and promote peace and stability in the state.

A native of Thanjavur district, Ganesan was a passionate admirer of Carnatic music and made it a point of attending the annual Thyagaraja Aradhana in Thiruvaiyaru. His association with the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) began in his school days, with his family being closely connected to the organisation. In 1991, he was deputed to help build the BJP in Tamil Nadu and to focus on the party work. He went on to serve as the general secretary and president of the BJP's Tamil Nadu unit. At the national level, he held the position of BJP vice-president. He contested twice, from the South Chennai Lok Sabha constituency. In 2017, Shri Ganesan was elected to the Rajya Sabha from Madhya Pradesh, following the appointment of the then MP, Najma Heptulla, as the Governor of Manipur.

Shri Ganesan also served as the editor of the



BJP's il organ Ore Naadu (One Nation) and was the founding president of Pottramarai ('Golden Lotus'), an organisation dedicated to promoting and supporting Tamil scholars across the globe.

**The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi expressed deep sorrow over the demise of Thiru La. Ganesan.**

In a post on X PM said, "Pained by the passing of Nagaland Governor Thiru La. Ganesan Ji. He will be remembered as a devout nationalist, who dedicated his life to service and nation-building. He

worked hard to expand the BJP across Tamil Nadu. He was deeply passionate about Tamil culture too. My thoughts are with his family and admirers. Om Shanti."

**The BJP National President Shri JP Nadda** also expressed condolence on the leader's demise. He said, "Deeply saddened to learn about by the passing of Nagaland Governor, Shri La. Ganesan Ji. From his courageous role during the Emergency to his efforts in expanding the BJP's reach in Tamil Nadu, he remained devoted to the service of the nation. His tenure as Governor reflected his deep sense of duty towards the people. My heartfelt condolences to his family, friends and admirers in this moment of grief. Om Shanti !"

**Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah** wrote on X "Deeply pained by the demise of the Governor of Nagaland, La. Ganesan Ji. A BJP leader from Tamil Nadu, Ganesan Ji, made valuable contributions to the nation during the emergency period. He will be remembered for his role in expanding the party's footprint, disseminating the ideology and dedication to serving the people as a governor. I express my deepest condolences to his followers and admirers on his demise."

Shri La. Ganesan's passing is widely mourned across political, social, and administrative circles. ■



# MODI'S **BRAHMASTRA** OF REFORMS FOR A VIKSIT BHARAT



HARDEEP S PURI

I have been privileged to attend 15th August speeches from the time I was in school, but PM Modi's 12th Independence Day speech on Friday was unprecedented and stood out. It unleashed a Brahmastra – Arjun's legendary weapon with no counter – aimed straight at accelerating India's path to Viksit Bharat.

At a time of extraordinary turbulence in the global economy, India continues to surge ahead as the fastest-growing large economy, with a dream of Viksit Bharat. This speech is remarkable not merely for its sweep but for its scope—next-generation reforms that are bold, future-oriented, and capable of reshaping the destiny of 1.4 billion people – with a clarity toward that vision, that the nation has never witnessed before.

Take for example the Digital India stack, UPI accounting for half of the world's real-time transactions, and the imminent roll-out of the first Made-in-India chip by year-end show India's lead position in the global digital economy. At a time when semiconductors decide the destiny of nations, this is nothing less than digital Swaraj India's assertion of sovereignty over critical technologies.

Energy security had long been

the Achilles' heel of India's growth. For decades, hesitation and "no-go" classifications throttled exploration and deepened import dependence. That era is over. Under Prime Minister Modi, India has reduced "No-Go" areas in the EEZ by almost 99%, freeing 10 lakh sq. km. for E&P. Coupled with OALP, this has opened a vast canvas to Indian champions and global majors alike—our

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hydrocarbon basins will no longer lie dormant but be harnessed for national progress.

The historic National Deepwater Exploration Mission, announced from the ramparts of the Red Fort, sets an ambitious frontier agenda in the Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea. Mission aims to unlock 600–1,200 million metric tonnes of oil and gas reserves through the drilling of nearly 40 wildcat wells. For the first time, India will systematically open up its complex offshore frontiers — from the Bay of Bengal to the Arabian Sea — with a framework that

de-risks investment by allowing recovery of up to 80 percent of costs in case of dry wells, and 40 percent upon commercial discovery.

This initiative is part of a broader blueprint which could triple domestic oil and gas output to 85 million tonnes by 2032 and to double national reserves to between one and two billion tonnes. Offshore common infrastructure will be created on a plug-and-play basis to unlock an additional 100–250 billion cubic metres of gas in place, equivalent to nearly 8 million tonnes of production. Together, these measures will not only monetise previously stranded discoveries but also build an Atmanirbhar E&P ecosystem where the share of local supply chains rises from today's 25–30 percent to over 70 percent. This is India's most comprehensive upstream overhaul since Independence.

At the same time India has emerged as a global leader in the energy transition. India has reached the 50% clean-power mark in 2025—five years ahead of the 2030 target. Biofuels and green hydrogen are moving from pilots to production; ethanol blending and CBG scale-up are building a new rural-industrial backbone; LNG infrastructure continues to expand. Importantly, civilian nuclear has been opened to private participation. Currently, 10 new

nuclear reactors are operational, and India aims to increase its nuclear energy capacity tenfold by the 100th year of its independence. This ambitious goal is part of a grand design to achieve energy independence by 2047.

The Prime Minister's announcement of the National Critical Minerals Mission marks a watershed in our industrial strategy. As the world recognises the strategic value of lithium, rare earths, nickel and cobalt, India has launched exploration at 1,200+ sites and is structuring partnerships, processing and recycling so that renewable power, semiconductors, EVs and advanced defence are never hostage to external choke-points.

National security was the other pillar of the Red Fort charter. Operation Sindoor displayed India's military prowess in real time, ending the era of nuclear blackmail and sending a message that aggression will be met with swiftness and sophistication. The reversal of the Indus Waters Treaty is a bold assertion of sovereignty. Above all, the unveiling of Mission Sudarshan Chakra, inspired by Lord Krishna shielding Arjun on the battlefield, is emblematic of Modi's style — civilisational symbolism married to cutting-edge technology.

A multi-layered indigenous security shield will protect India's critical institutions from cyber, physical, and hybrid threats. The Prime Minister has issued a national challenge to design and build the engines that power our fighter aircraft, calling upon scientists, engineers, and

institutions to make the leap from assembly to authorship.

The Prime Minister also did not shy away from hard truths. He urged industry and farmers to embrace self-reliance and make balanced use of fertilisers. While India is the pharmacy of the world, producing 60% of global vaccines, this must now translate into leadership in new medicines, vaccines, and devices. This sits alongside a decisive push in biopharma under the BioE3 policy, where our ambition is to patent and produce medicines that are both affordable and world class.

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Equally bold are the announced tax and legal reforms. It is telling that the Income Tax Act of 1961, itself a relic of that era, is now being replaced. The new Income Tax Bill is reducing complexity, abolished 280 redundant sections, and offered relief up to Rs. 12 lakh. The introduction of faceless assessment has made the system transparent, efficient, and incorruptible.

The next-gen GST 2.0, to be launched by Diwali, will further rationalise rates and boost compliance. Alongside the abolishing over 40,000 unnecessary compliances, repealing more than 1,500

outdated laws, and the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, this represents nothing less than the dismantling of Nehru's economic cage. These reforms do not just improve balance sheets, but also lives. Direct Benefit Transfers — touching over 25 crore beneficiaries — have embedded accountability into welfare and more than 250 million Indians have been lifted out of poverty.

The focus employment, too, has been brought to the centre stage. The PM Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana launches with an outlay of Rs. 1 lakh crore; newly employed youth will receive Rs. 15,000 per month, companies that generate fresh jobs will be incentivised, and the programme aims to reach about 3.5 crore young Indians.

To translate ambition into reality, the Prime Minister has unveiled a Task Force for Next-Generation Reforms — a body designed to re-engineer the entire ecosystem of economic activity. Its mandate is as bold as it is overdue: to slash compliance costs that weigh down our startups and MSMEs, to liberate enterprise from the constant shadow of arbitrary action, and to streamline a thicket of laws into a framework that is simple, predictable and just a systemic.

The reforms announced on 15 August are not about tomorrow's headlines but about the India of 2047. As the Prime Minister reminded us, the world is watching an ancient civilisation transform into a modern power — not by abandoning its roots but by drawing strength from them. ■

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# PARTITION HORRORS REMEMBRANCE DAY: INDIA'S PAIN, INDIA'S RESOLVE



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In the torrid August of 1947, India found itself ablaze—literally and figuratively. On what should have been a dawn of freedom, villages on both sides of the new border burned in the twilight. Caravans of broken families trailed off into the horizon; weary men, women and children trudged along dusty roads under a blood-red sky, leaving behind everything except the memories carried in their hearts. Train after train crammed with refugees chugged out of stations like Lahore and Amritsar—some never reaching their destinations. In the eerie silence after each train's departure, only the ghosts of cries and the crackling of distant fires remained. This was Partition in India: a tableau of chaos, violence, and human upheaval on a scale the world had never witnessed before. It was a moment of independence intertwined with unspeakable trauma, a moment our nation must remember not to reopen old wounds, but to heal and learn from them.

Punjab and Bengal bore the brunt of Partition's horrors. Geography made it so: the Radcliffe Line carved right through the heart of Punjab and Bengal, slicing through farms and rivers, bisecting railway lines and Grand

Trunk roads, and cleaving an ancient community into two. The province's rich tapestry of faiths—Sikhs, Hindus, Muslims woven together over centuries—was torn abruptly. This land became the epicentre of the great exodus. Millions of Hindus and Sikhs fled west Punjab and East Bengal for India. Every arterial road and rail route in Punjab and Bengal swelled with human convoys heading in opposite directions, desperate and afraid. The administrative systems collapsed under this tidal wave of humanity. Law and order, already brittle as the British rushed to exit, broke down entirely. A British study later admitted the colonial authorities were "surprisingly unprepared" for the cataclysm that unfolded; the nascent governments of India and Pakistan were overwhelmed as well. Where the Partition line cut through densely populated districts, the result was anarchy: neighbors who had lived peacefully for generations now found themselves on opposite sides of a deadly divide, with virtually no security forces able to contain the spiraling violence.

The carnage in Punjab was unprecedented. Towns like Rawalpindi, Lahore, Amritsar and Sheikhupura saw massacres, arson and brutal retaliatory killings in an infernal cycle. Trains that should have been symbols of modernity became instruments of horror: many

arrived at their destinations laden only with bloodied corpses, earning the name "blood trains" or "ghost trains". One survivor remembered seeing a train pull into Delhi "heaped with...dead bodies," blood dripping from the carriage—a sight that extinguished any last hope of returning home. Mobs set upon caravans of refugees on foot; entire villages were razed overnight. The violence spared no one. An estimated 75,000 women were raped or abducted amid the communal hatred, a grotesque crime often compounded by mutilation and enslavement. Children were murdered before their parents' eyes; infants were wrenched from mothers. Such was the madness that some witnesses, hardened by the recent World War, likened Partition's brutality to a genocide, a hellscape on par with Europe's darkest hours. By the time the slaughter subsided in 1948, more than 15 million people had been uprooted, and estimates of the dead range from 200,000 to 2 million souls. Most scholars settle on roughly one million killed, though new research from Harvard suggests the toll could exceed 2 million. The 1947 Partition stands as the largest mass refugee crisis of the 20th century, with around 14–18 million people displaced in a matter of months – fully 1% of humanity at that time uprooted from their ancestral homes. These numbers are not mere



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statistics; they are the testament of an unparalleled human tragedy centered on India's soil. Sacrifice was unique in its scale and completeness: an entire way of life was destroyed almost overnight.

Yet amid this devastation, ordinary Indians carried extraordinary memories. What does one take when forced to flee home forever? Some snatched family ledgers or photographs; others grabbed soil from their courtyards, a fistful of memory. Many took keys – the physical keys to homes they left behind – tucking them tightly into waistbands or knotting them into the edges of their dupattas. In countless tales passed down, grandmothers recall how, in the frenzy of August 1947, they locked their doors and cupboards and carried the keys across the border, firmly believing they'd return someday. In another recollection, a woman from Lahore remembers departing families entrusting her

family with bundles of house keys, as some neighbors still hoped the turmoil would blow over. Each key was a mute witness to a life interrupted. Each represented a house now occupied by strangers or reduced to rubble, yet still alive in someone's mind. Even today, in cities like Amritsar, Jalandhar or Delhi, if you meet elderly Punjabi refugees – our nanis and dadis – they might show you an old, rusted key tied in a simple cloth. Eyes brimming with tears and pride, they pass these keys on to their children and grandchildren as sacred relics of a lost world. These keys unlock no doors today, but they unlock histories and emotions. They symbolize loss and longing, but also resilience and hope – the hope that kept an exiled people alive, and the resilience that fueled them to rebuild in a new land.

The memory of Partition lives on powerfully in India's collective conscience. Families who lost

everything did not simply “move on” – they rebuilt, yes, but they also remembered. They kept alive the name of the village or city left behind – in folk songs, in bedtime stories, in the dishes they cooked and the prayers they uttered. How could they forget? A mother who saw her child killed before her eyes could never forget. A grandfather who arrived in Amritsar in 1947 on one of the “ghost trains,” the only one of his family left alive, could never forget. Those who survived bore witness to both human depravity and human fortitude: they saw strangers from the other community commit atrocities, and also saw strangers who heroically saved lives. Indeed, amid the savagery were countless acts of courage and compassion – Muslim neighbours sheltering Hindu friends, Sikh farmers saving Muslim villagers from rioters, ordinary Hindus sharing their last roti with a starving refugee. The worst of humanity was met by the best of humanity. It is this complex legacy – of agonizing horror and abiding fraternity – that we as a nation must internalize. Partition teaches us that peace between communities is precious and fragile, and that once the fabric of trust is torn, the resulting bloodshed spares no one. The pain of Partition, Land of Gurus and Gods being splintered by man-made lines, left a deep scar on the soul of India. That scar is a warning: we must never allow such hatred to infect our people again... ■

**To be Continued...**

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# NEW RESOLUTION ON FREEDOM



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On 15th August, the nation celebrates Independence Day with great enthusiasm. This year marks 78 years of independence. In his first address on 15th August 1947, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru had said that India is rediscovering itself. He expressed that our ultimate goal should be to wipe away tears from every eye. He called upon the nation to look towards the future and asked where we should go and what we should do so that we can bring freedom and opportunity to the common man, farmers, and workers, eradicate poverty, and build a prosperous, democratic, and progressive nation. He reminded us that no country can become great if the thinking and actions of its people remain narrow. This historic address came to be remembered as “Tryst with Destiny.”

In the 78-year journey of independence, India has achieved a lot that every citizen can take pride in. Yet, there remain many aspirations that are still unfulfilled. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has set forth an ambitious vision for the nation—to be realized by the centenary of independence—which he has described as ‘Viksit Bharat’. In this era of Amrit Kaal, every Indian must embrace and work towards a single goal: ‘Viksit Bharat’.

The Sanskrit Subhashitakar has said: “Udyamen hi siddhyanti karyani na manorathaih. Na hi suptasya sinhasya pravishanti mukhe mrigah”

— goals cannot be achieved merely through aspirations and imagination; they require hard work, continuous practice, and the endurance of hardships. It was only when millions of Indians resolved to attain independence and bore immense suffering and sacrifices that, after a long struggle, we finally achieved freedom. Even today, the collective resolution of 140 crore countrymen must be ‘Viksit Bharat’. Our conduct, efforts, and aspirations should be directed towards realizing this goal. We must overcome our shortcomings and nurture our strengths. By fostering the elements that unite society, and spreading positivity through creative endeavors, we can build greater trust within the nation.

Through multi-dimensional efforts, each one of us must contribute creatively in shaping the future of India. Incorporating noble qualities into our lives and behavior will not only make us better individuals but will also be timely and essential for the progress of the nation.

**Cultural Self-Respect:** India is an ancient land, whose culture is all-beneficial and all-inclusive. The world witnessed this even during the Corona period, when Indian values and traditions offered hope and resilience. However, foreign historians deliberately instilled a sense of inferiority in our minds regarding our culture, history, language, and traditions. As a result, we began to undermine ourselves, often developing a misplaced sense of guilt towards our great men. India, a nation with such a rich legacy, is perhaps the only country in the world that has struggled to define its direction because of this internalized outlook. This tendency to find faults in our own heroes and to attribute greatness to invaders has led to unnecessary controversies on subjects like Shivaji versus Aurangzeb, Maharana Pratap versus Akbar, Tipu Sultan, and even the glorification of terrorists. To move forward, we must shed this burden of guilt. We must firmly establish that those who safeguarded our culture, traditions, and independence are our true ideals. It is only through cultural self-respect that we can draw inspiration to progress and build a stronger future.

**Work Culture:** Nations that attained independence around the same time as India, despite being poor, have advanced much further in the economic field—primarily because of their dedication and commitment. For example, Japan, through its discipline and work ethic, emerged as the world’s second-largest economy by the 1960s, making “Made in Japan” a global symbol of quality. This should give us reason to reflect. Despite our vast population, abundant natural resources, and a glorious heritage, we have not progressed to the extent we could have. Even today, poverty continues to bring tears to the eyes of many of our citizens.

We must ask ourselves honestly—how many hours do we truly work with sincerity during the stipulated working hours? Our conduct should be corruption-free, and our lives grounded in honesty and integrity. When punctuality and discipline become ingrained habits of the entire nation, a remarkable transformation will occur—enhancing both productivity and outcomes.

**Health Awareness:** The Hon’ble Prime Minister has, on many occasions, expressed concern over the rising problem of obesity while urging people



to remain alert about their health. To address this, he has also advised citizens to reduce the intake of oily substances in food by at least 10%. Today, various surveys reveal alarming trends regarding health issues—even among children. According to a survey conducted by The Lancet on 60,000 people, nearly 20% of individuals aged 45 years and above were found to be suffering from diabetes, and of these, 40% were unaware of their condition. It must be remembered that “only a healthy person can ensure a healthy nation.” The solution lies in adopting simple yet disciplined practices: regular exercise, wholesome and digestible food, and a systematic daily routine. By making health a collective priority, we can strengthen not only ourselves but also the future of our nation.

**Self-Reliance:** Today, many countries across the world are facing concerns over their declining economies. The arbitrary tariffs imposed by America on India stand as an example of such challenges. To safeguard our economic interests, we must reduce our dependence on economic imperialist powers by embracing the mantra of Swadeshi and self-reliance. Our focus should be on achieving excellence in production, promoting employment-oriented startups, and encouraging the use of Swadeshi products in daily life. The very mantra of Swadeshi that once became the foundation of our struggle for independence can once again serve as the guiding force to make India self-reliant and resilient.

**Language:** Language is not merely a tool of communication—it is a medium of expression and carries within it an entire world of emotions. Every language of India is deeply interconnected; the idioms, proverbs, and sayings used across them may differ in pronunciation, yet their essence and sentiment remain the same. Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore once said, “Language is not only a medium of speaking; it is the carrier of the consciousness and culture of the nation.” Unfortunately, even today, disputes arise in some parts of our country in the name of language. At times, language is misused as a political tool to secure votes. Our excessive inclination towards foreign languages has also created a sense of distance from our own mother tongues, placing many of our regional languages at risk. To overcome this, we should make a sincere effort to learn and respect each other’s languages, and wherever possible, use them in daily life. Let us strive to make language a bridge that connects hearts, not a wall that divides them. By nurturing respect for our own languages, we strengthen both our cultural identity and national unity.

**Environment:** Our consumerist lifestyle has today created a grave crisis for the environment. The very

essentials of life—food, water, and air—have become increasingly polluted and harmful. It is for this reason that Mahatma Gandhi had reminded us: “Nature can fulfill our needs, but not our greed.” To safeguard the future, we must adopt a simple and sustainable lifestyle. We should take a solemn pledge to protect trees, plants, animals, and other gifts of nature, many of which are on the verge of extinction. Organic farming, water conservation, environmental protection, and cleanliness should not remain occasional campaigns, but must become an integral part of our daily lives. Our ancestors practiced these values naturally in their everyday conduct, living in harmony with nature. It is now our duty to revive and follow these practices, ensuring that we pass on a cleaner, greener, and healthier planet to future generations.

**Harmony and Unity:** The vastness of our country is reflected in its rich diversity—in colour, food, language, gender, caste, methods of worship, social customs, and traditions. Unfortunately, due to ignorance, some perceive this diversity as a cause for discrimination and division. But in truth, we are all children of Mother India. Our joys and sorrows, our friends and foes, are shared. By realizing this eternal truth, we can remain united and strong. We must learn to discover the formula of unity in diversity and work consciously to strengthen it. Only through such harmonious conduct and mutual respect can our nation remain everlasting and immortal in spirit.

**Civic Duties:** The development of any nation is not achieved by governments alone, but by the collective efforts of cultured, dutiful, and awakened citizens standing alongside them. To build such a society, each of us must embrace a strong sense of responsibility. It is our foremost duty to participate fully in the democratic process by ensuring 100% voting for the nation’s progress. We must rise above the sense of entitlement that “I am special (VIP)” and instead fulfill our responsibilities with a spirit of service and humility. This includes the conservation of national resources, making limited and mindful use of energy, water, and other essentials, and contributing to a safe and secure environment. Equally, it is our duty to remain vigilant by identifying and helping to defeat anti-national activities, to educate the illiterate, and to spread awareness about the importance of technology and modern education while ourselves acquiring technical knowledge. In our personal lives too, service to the elderly, strengthening of the family system, and authenticity in conduct should become part of our daily behavior. Only when citizens live by these duties will the dream of a strong and prosperous India truly be realized. ■

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# “TMC JABE, BJP ASHBE”

## PM MODI'S REASSURANCE IN BENGAL



PM MODI'S RALLY IN KOLKATA

PM Shri Narendra Modi addressed an overflowing crowd gathered at a public meeting in Kolkata on 22 August 2025, where he declared that Bengal's rise is essential for India's rise. He firmly reassured, "The BJP government at the Centre has continuously supported Bengal's growth. From highways to railways, Bengal has received three times more funds than under UPA. But the biggest challenge is that funds sent from Delhi are looted by the state government and not spent on people's welfare. Instead, they are siphoned off to TMC cadres," he said.

The PM pointed out how the same situation existed in Assam and Tripura before BJP came to power there. For the benefits of central schemes to reach Bengal too, a BJP government in the state is essential," he said, with the resounding call: "TMC jabe, BJP ashbe!"

### Those who came with fake papers must leave India

He also raised the issue of infiltration, calling it a demographic crisis. "Infiltrators snatch jobs from the youth, put pressure on infrastructure and commit atrocities against women. Farmers are cheated out of their lands. This is unacceptable. That is why from the Red Fort I announced a Demography Mission. Those who came with fake papers to snatch livelihoods must leave India.

### Historic anti-corruption bill

PM Shri Modi reminded the people that the country is fighting a decisive battle against corruption and BJP has brought a historic anti-corruption bill. "Even a small employee is suspended if jailed, but ministers and CMs continue in office, even from jail. Bengal has seen this in the teacher recruitment

scam and ration scam. Crores recovered, yet ministers refused to resign. This is an insult to democracy. The new law is equal for all, even the Prime Minister."

Shri Modi reiterated, Bengal will once again become the powerhouse of India's growth. "Remember and share — Bachte Chai, BJP Tai!" said PM Shri Modi.

### "TMC hatao, Bangla bachao"

The rally ended with thunderous slogans of "TMC hatao, Bangla bachao! Beekoshito Bangla, Modir Guarantee!" ■

## PM INAUGURATES PROJECTS WORTH 5,200 CR AT KOLKATA

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 22 August laid the foundation stone and inaugurated multiple development projects worth over Rs 5,200 crore in Kolkata at West Bengal. Addressing the gathering, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi stated that he once again had the opportunity to accelerate the development of West Bengal.

He noted that two of the country's busiest railway stations—Howrah and Sealdah—are now connected via metro. He pointed out that travel time between these stations, which earlier took around one and a half hours, will now take only a few minutes by metro.

The Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone for the six-lane elevated Kona Expressway. He extended heartfelt congratulations to the people of Kolkata and all citizens of West Bengal for these multi-thousand crore rupee projects. ■

# **RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF BIHAR IS A MAJOR PRIORITY FOR NDA GOVERNMENT AT THE CENTRE: PM MODI**



**PM MODI'S RALLY IN GAYA JI**

**A**ddressing a massive crowd in Gaya Ji, Bihar, PM Shri Narendra Modi said this land is a land of spirituality and peace. It is the sacred land where Lord Buddha attained enlightenment. The spiritual and cultural heritage of Gaya Ji is very ancient and immensely rich. The people here had wished that this city should not just be called Gaya, but Gaya Ji. I congratulate the Government of Bihar for this decision. I am glad that the double-engine government of Bihar is continuously working for the rapid development of Gaya Ji.

## **Bringing ease to the lives of the poor**

The PM said bringing ease to the lives of poor, and making the lives of women simpler—this is where I find the greatest satisfaction as a servant of the people. Just like giving a permanent home to the poor... He said, “I have a major resolve. Until every needy person has a permanent house of their own, Shri Modi will not sit in peace. With this vision, more than 4 crore houses have been built and handed over to the poor over the last 11 years. In Bihar alone, over 38 lakh homes have been constructed. In Gaya district, too 2 lakh families have received their homes. And we haven't just given houses—that is, four walls—we have given the poor their dignity along with them. These homes come with facilities like electricity, water, toilets, and gas connections. In other words, poor families now have the guarantee of living with convenience, safety, and respect”.

## **Development of Bihar is a very big priority**

The rapid development of Bihar is a very big priority for the NDA government at the Centre. That is why today Bihar is moving ahead on the path of all-round development. In the past years, old problems have been addressed, and new avenues of progress have been created. Remember how things used to be during the “lantern rule.” At that time this region was gripped by red terror. Because of Maoists, it was difficult to move around

anywhere after sunset. Cities like Gaya Ji were plunged into darkness during the lantern rule. Thousands of villages didn't even have electricity. The lantern regime pushed Bihar's future into darkness. There was no education, no employment, and generations of people were forced to migrate from Bihar because of them.

## **RJD see people of Bihar only as their vote bank**

The RJD and its allies see the people of Bihar only as their vote bank. They have no concern for the joys, sorrows, dignity, or respect of the poor. You may recall that a Congress Chief Minister once openly declared from a stage that people from Bihar would not be allowed into his state. Such deep hatred of Congress towards the people of Bihar, such contempt—this can never be forgotten. Even after such mistreatment of the people of Bihar by the Congress, the RJD leaders remained in deep slumber. ■

## **PM INAUGURATES PROJECTS WORTH 12,000 CR IN GAYA JI**

**T**he Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone and inaugurated multiple development projects worth 12,000 crore rupees. These include many major projects related to energy, healthcare, and urban development. These will strengthen Bihar's industries and create new employment opportunities for the youth.

Shri Modi inaugurated the Buxar Thermal Power Plant and announced upcoming projects such as the Pirpainti Thermal Plant in Bhagalpur and the Nabinagar Super Thermal Power Project in Aurangabad.

A new Hospital and Research Centre has also been inaugurated here today for better healthcare facilities in Bihar. Now, the people of Bihar will have another facility for cancer treatment. ■



## **A SPECIAL DISCUSSION ON 'OPERATION SINDOOR' HELD AND BOTH HOUSES PASSED 15 BILLS**

The Monsoon Session 2025 of Parliament commenced on July 21st and concluded on August 21st, spanning 21 sittings over 32 days. During the session, Parliament demonstrated significant legislative activity with 14 bills introduced in Lok Sabha. The houses passed 12 bills in Lok Sabha and 15 bills in Rajya Sabha, resulting in a total of 15 bills passed by both houses. Additionally, one bill was withdrawn from Lok Sabha. A special discussion on India's 'Operation Sindoor' following the terrorist attack in Pahalgam was conducted across both houses. In Lok Sabha, the discussion lasted 18 hours and 41 minutes with participation from 73 members, receiving response from the Hon'ble Prime Minister. The Rajya Sabha discussion continued for 16 hours and 25 minutes with 65 members participating, with the Hon'ble Home Minister providing the reply.

Parliament addressed Manipur's administrative requirements by adopting a Statutory Resolution for extending President's Rule by six months from August 13th, 2025. The Budget discussion for Manipur 2025-26 and related Demands for Grants were taken up, with the Appropriation Bill being passed by Lok Sabha and returned by Rajya Sabha.

The Income Tax legislation underwent comprehensive review, with the original Income-tax Bill 2025 being withdrawn after Select Committee examination. The Government introduced and passed the Income-tax (No.2) Bill 2025, incorporating committee recommendations and stakeholder suggestions.

Key bills passed include the National Sports Governance Bill, 2025 seeks to create the National Sports Board, responsible for recognizing national

and regional federations and establishing a National Sports Tribunal for sports-related disputes. The Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2025 updates the 1957 Act to allow more minerals in mining leases and enhances the National Mineral Exploration Trust's ambit. The Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Bill, 2025 aims to ban money-based online games and related

advertisements, promote e-sports and social gaming, and institute a central regulatory authority. The Readjustment of Representation of Scheduled Tribes in Assembly Constituencies of the State of Goa Bill, 2024 reserves seats for Scheduled Tribes in the Goa Legislative



Assembly.

Five maritime sector bills from the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways were successfully passed by both houses, covering Bills of Lading, Carriage of Goods by Sea, Coastal Shipping, Merchant Shipping, and Indian Ports.

### **Committee Referrals**

Two bills facilitating ease of doing business - the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill 2025 and Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill 2025 - were referred to the Select Committee of Lok Sabha.

The Union Cabinet Minister of Home Affairs & Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah introduced three Constitutional Amendment Bills in Lok Sabha, namely: the Constitution (One Hundred and Thirtieth Amendment) Bill, 2025; the Government of Union Territories (Amendment) Bill, 2025; and the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, 2025. All three have been sent for detailed examination



to joint parliamentary committees. These bills are historic steps in strengthening integrity in public office and elevating political morality nationally. The bill provides for the removal of the Prime Minister, Chief Ministers, or other Ministers of the Centre or States/UTs, if they are arrested on charges carrying imprisonment of five years or more and are detained for 30 consecutive days. The removal process involves action by the President or Governor, based on advice from the Prime Minister or Chief Minister by the 31st day of such detention, ensuring swift accountability and preventing governance by those involved in serious criminal cases. By introducing these bills, the Government has taken a progressive stand in eradicating political corruption and setting new benchmarks for ethical conduct, placing even the highest offices within the law's ambit and thereby restoring public confidence in democracy and constitutional morality.

### Session Productivity

Despite continuous disruptions throughout the session, Lok Sabha achieved approximately 31% productivity while Rajya Sabha reached 39% productivity. In Lok Sabha, discussions occurred for only 37 hours out of 120 available hours, while Rajya Sabha conducted discussions for 41 hours and 15 minutes.

A special discussion on India's first astronaut aboard the International Space Station was initiated but remained incomplete due to house disruptions

### During the session 15 Government Bills were passed. Some of the important bills which were passed are as follows:

- 1. The National Sports Governance Bill, 2025:** The framework establishes a National Sports Board responsible for accrediting national and regional sports federations and overseeing their operations. It also calls for the setup of a National Sports Tribunal, which will resolve disputes related to sports governance and administration.
- 2. The National Anti-Doping (Amendment) Bill, 2025:** Amends the National Anti-Doping Act, 2022. Empowers the central government to constitute the appeal panel. Also allows direct appeal to the Court of Arbitration in Switzerland in cases involving international athletes.
- 3. The Income-Tax (No.2) Bill, 2025:** It simplifies and replaces the Income-Tax Act, 19G1, incorporating recommendations from the Select Committee. It retains existing tax rates and regimes, removes redundant provisions, and aims to improve efficiency and clarity.
- 4. The Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2025:** It updates the 1957 Act to allow mining leaseholders to include additional minerals in their leases, especially critical minerals, without extra payment. It also broadens the National Mineral Exploration Trust's role, renaming it and increasing its royalty contribution rate to fund exploration and development.
- 5. The Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Bill, 2025:** The bill bans offering, advertising, and facilitating online money games, while promoting other types of online gaming like e-sports and social games. It also establishes a central authority to regulate the gaming sector.
- 6. The Indian Ports Bill, 2025:** Repeals the Indian Ports Act, 1908. Provides for regulation of the ports sector with creation of Maritime State Development Council and State Maritime Boards.
- 7. The Readjustment of Representation of Scheduled Tribes in Assembly Constituencies of the State of Goa Bill, 2024:** Reserves seats in the Goa Legislative Assembly for Scheduled Tribes.
- 8. The Bills of Lading Bill, 2024:** Replaces the Indian Bills of Lading Act, 185G, which provides for a legal framework for issuing bills of lading (provides evidence of goods on board). Retains most provisions of the Act.
- 9. The Taxation Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2025:** Amends the Income Tax Act, 19G1 and the Finance Act, 2025. Provides tax exemption for payouts through the Unified Pension Scheme and income from investment for certain funds.
- 10. The Manipur Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2025:** Makes provisions of the Act consistent with latest amendments to the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017. ■

# TRAGEDY OF PARTITION is A PROFOUND PAIN AND A LESSON IN THE HISTORY OF OUR NATION: JP NADDA



**B**JP National President and Union Minister Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, on 14 August 2025, participated in the 'Silent March' organized at Central Park, Connaught Place, New Delhi, on the occasion of Partition Horrors Remembrance Day, and inaugurated the exhibition based on the Partition tragedy. The exhibition depicts the tragedy of Partition, the sacrifices of the martyrs, and the suffering of millions of displaced people through vivid photographs, documents, and historical facts.

The event was attended by Delhi Lieutenant Governor Shri V. K. Saxena, Delhi Chief Minister Smt. Rekha Gupta, Union Minister Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, BJP National General Secretary Shri Tarun Chugh, Delhi Assembly Speaker Shri Vijender Gupta, and other senior leaders. Thousands of party workers also participated in the program alongside the senior leadership.

The program began with a two-minute silence in memory of the martyrs and the millions who endured the pain of Partition. The Silent March started from

Central Park and concluded at Connaught Place, passing through main roads.

While viewing the exhibition, BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda said that the tragedy of Partition is a profound pain and a lesson in the history of our nation. It is not only to be remembered, but future generations must also be made aware of its causes, consequences, and the importance of national unity.

He said during Partition, millions of families lost their loved ones and left their homes, yet they rebuilt their lives with courage, patience, and patriotism. Today, we must all carry forward that very spirit.

The Union Minister Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat said in response to the

call of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the purpose of observing 14th August as Partition Horrors Remembrance Day is to ensure that, while remembering this pain, we prevent such a divisive atmosphere from ever arising again and strengthen the resolve of 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat' (One India, Great India). ■







**PM Shri Narendra Modi inspecting the Guard of Honour on the occasion of 79th Independence Day celebrations at Red Fort in Delhi on August 15, 2025**



**PM Shri Narendra Modi receiving the greetings on the occasion of 79th Independence Day celebrations at Red Fort in Delhi on August 15, 2025**



**PM Shri Narendra Modi flags-off Yellow line under the Bangalore Metro Phase-2 project at Bengaluru in Karnataka on August 10, 2025**



**After inaugurating the new phase of Metro Rail, PM Shri Narendra Modi undertakes a metro ride at Kolkata in West Bengal on August 22, 2025**



**PM Shri Narendra Modi paying tributes to former Prime Minister of India Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee on his Punyatithi at Sadaiv Atal in New Delhi on August 16, 2025**



**PM Shri Narendra Modi paying homage to Mahatma Gandhi at Rajghat on the occasion of 79th Independence Day, in Delhi on August 15, 2025**





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