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FOR REFORMING THE GST REGIME'**



BJP National President and Union Minister Shri J.P. Nadda addressing the party Karyakartas in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh on 25 August 2025



BJP National President and Union Minister Shri J.P. Nadda, BJP National General Secretary Shri Vinod Tawde and other senior party leaders listening to 'Mann ki Baat' in Mumbai on 31 August 2025



BJP National President and Union Minister Shri J.P. Nadda interacts with the Prime Minister of Singapore, H.E. Mr. Lawrence Wong in New Delhi on 03 September 2025



Assam BJP, welcomes Union Home & Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah at "NDA Panchayat Pratinidhi Sammelan" in Assam on 29 August 2025



Union Home & Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah chairing a meeting to review the recent floods in Jammu on 01 September 2025 and assured to provide all financial and technological support from the Central government to Jammu & Kashmir



Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh along with Union Minister Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and others inaugurating the Adarsh Defence & Sports Academy in Jodhpur, Rajasthan on 25 August 2025

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@Narendramodi

Congratulations to our Men's Hockey Team for their splendid win in the Asia Cup 2025 held in Rajgir, Bihar. This win is even more special because they have defeated the defending champions, South Korea! This is a proud moment for Indian hockey and Indian sports. May our players continue to scale even greater heights and bring more glory to the nation! (7 September 2025)



@JPNadda

Respected Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi ji had spoken in his address from the ramparts of the Red Fort on August 15, 2025, about the government's intention to bring next-generation reforms in GST. Under his successful leadership, in just 20 days, the GST Council has made historic reforms by either eliminating the tax on many essential goods or significantly reducing it. In the new GST regime, there will now be only two tax slabs - 5 percent and 18 percent. This decision proves how committed our government is to providing convenience to the common citizens of the country and making their lives easier. (4 September, 2025)



@AmitShah

Indira Gandhi only gave respect to her family, meanwhile Modi Ji gives respect to great personalities.

(29 August, 2025)



@Rajnathsingh

Future wars will not merely be battles of weapons; they will be a combined play of technology, intelligence, economy and diplomacy. In the times ahead, the nation that master's the triangle of technology, strategy and adaptability will emerge as the true global power.

(27 August, 2025)



@B.L Santhosh

Congratulations Thiru @CPRGuv avl on being elected as the Hon'ble Vice President of India with 452 votes out of 767 polled votes. His long standing social life, the gentleness with which he performed his hitherto duties will be reflected in his new responsibility also.

(9 September 2025)



@Manohar Lal

The Gurugram Metro Expansion Project is not just an extension of transportation facilities but will prove to be a milestone in the direction of Gurugram's overall development. It will provide new momentum to the city's economic, social, and industrial progress.

(5 September, 2025)



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wishes the most popular and dynamic global leader, an inspiration for every Indian and a leader who has inculcated a strong sense of duty towards the nation among the citizens

A Very Happy
Birthday
SHRI NARENDRA MODI Ji

(17th September)





NEXT-GEN GST REFORMS

Pro-People Initiative Empowering The Nation

As the next generation of GST reforms sets in motion, the Indian economy enters a new era of transformation driven by confidence and dynamism acquired in the last eleven years of unprecedented accomplishments. It's a huge Diwali gift, which was announced by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi from the ramparts of the Red Fort on this year's Independence Day. While a series of reforms in the last eleven years have transformed the Indian economy from 'Fragile Five' to 'Top Five,' the world is now acknowledging India's growing strength, accepting it as the brightest star amid the gloomy global economic scenario. Among many path-breaking reforms, GST is considered to be a game changer, which has realised the dream of unifying the Indian economy under the mantra of 'One Nation, One Tax.' The positive impact of GST soon after the huge relief in income tax can be seen in the new taxpayer-friendly regime with reduced compliance costs and improved financial health of the nation. The GST has yielded significant economic benefits across the economy with reduced inflation, increased GDP growth rate, improved demand buoyancy, and long-term fiscal stability while reducing taxes for the people. It can be summed up as a significant pro-people initiative empowering the nation with the lowering of taxes.

As India continues to receive global acclaim for its economic performance, the implementation of next generation GST reforms marks a significant policy milestone representing the Modi government's commitment to simplifying taxation while supporting consumption and maintaining buoyancy in the economy realizing the vision of 'Viksit Bharat'

As the GST Council in its 56th meeting ratified broad-based critical amendments in the GST rate structures and processes, the number of the GST rate structures gets reduced from the existing four slabs to two, with the new rates set at 5% and 18%. This is in line with the commitment of the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to bring down the tax burden on the common man by introducing next-generation GST reforms. These reforms are aimed at 'ease of living' and strengthening the Indian economy with a focus on the common man and are expected to have a net positive impact on the GDP. All changes in the GST rate of goods and services will be implemented effective on 22nd September, 2025. The next generation GST reforms in 2025 mark a transformative and citizen-centric step in India's indirect tax system. These reforms significantly reduce the tax burden on essential daily items, healthcare, education, agriculture, automobiles, and electronics, thereby easing living costs for the people. The streamlined compliance processes, automatic registrations, and faster refunds will particularly benefit MSMEs and small traders. These reforms will not only ease the burden on households and enterprises but also reinforce India's growth trajectory. By balancing fiscal prudence with inclusive measures, they mark a significant step toward strengthening the economy and advancing the vision of a simpler, more efficient GST regime.


Today, India continues to be the fastest-growing major economy in the world. Most recently the Q1 FY26 GDP has surged to 7.8%, marking the fastest growth in five quarters and significantly beating economist forecasts of 6.5-6.7%. The global agencies such as Fitch Ratings, IMF, OECD, Asian Development Bank (ADB), World Bank, Morgan Stanley, and CRISIL have rated the Indian economy in highly positive terms and upgraded their assessments. While global growth is projected at just 3.0% for 2025, India's 6.4% plus growth rate demonstrates exceptional resilience, as it is projected to contribute 20% of global economic growth by 2028, cementing its role as a key driver of the world economy. As India continues to receive global acclaim for its economic performance, the implementation of next-generation GST reforms marks a significant policy milestone representing the Modi government's commitment to simplifying taxation while supporting consumption and maintaining buoyancy in the economy, realizing the vision of 'Viksit Bharat.' There is no doubt that the next generation GST reforms will further set the momentum for India's major leap as the third largest economy in the world. ■

NEXT-GEN GST REFORMS 2025

FOR EASE OF LIVING AND TO BUILD ATMANIRBHAR BHARAT

The 56th meeting of the GST Council, chaired by Union Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, on 03 September 2025, has approved Next-Gen GST reforms, with a focus on improving the lives of the common man and ensuring ease of doing business for all, including small traders and businessmen. It will come into effect from 22nd September 2025. In his Independence Day address, Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had announced, "The government will bring Next-Generation GST reforms, which will bring down tax burden on the common man. It will be a Diwali gift for you." The reforms, he said, would directly benefit the common man, farmers, MSMEs, women, youth, and middle-class families, while strengthening India's long-term growth.

Notably, the Goods and Services Tax (GST), introduced on 1st July 2017, is India's most significant indirect tax reform since Independence. By bringing together multiple central and state taxes into a single, unified system, GST created a common national market, reduced the cascading of taxes, simplified compliance, and improved transparency. Over eight years, GST has steadily evolved through rate rationalisation and digitalization, becoming the backbone of India's indirect tax framework.



Historic Diwali Gift for the Nation

NEXT-GEN GST REFORM

for Ease of Living & to build Aatmanirbhar Bharat

From farmers to enterprises, from households to businesses, the Next-Gen GST brings happiness for all!

Save Big on Daily Essentials

Items	From	To
Hair Oil, Shampoo, Toothpaste, Toilet Soap, Bar, Tooth Brushes, Shaving Cream	18%	5%
Butter, Ghee, Cheese & Dairy Spreads	12%	5%
Pre-packaged Namkeens, Bhujia & Mixtures	12%	5%
Utensils	12%	5%
Feeding Bottles, Nappies for Babies & Clinical Diapers	12%	5%
Sewing Machines & Parts	12%	5%

Uplifting Farmers & Agriculture

Items	From	To
Tractor Tyres & Parts	18%	5%
Tractors	12%	5%
Specified Bio-Pesticides, Micro-Nutrients	12%	5%
Drip Irrigation System & Sprinklers	12%	5%
Agricultural, Horticultural or Forestry Machines for Soil Preparation, Cultivation, Harvesting & Threshing	12%	5%

Relief in Healthcare Sector

Items	From	To
Individual Health & Life Insurance	18%	Nil
Thermometer	18%	5%
Medical Grade Oxygen	12%	5%
All Diagnostic Kits & Reagents	12%	5%
Glucometer & Test Strips	12%	5%
Corrective Spectacles	12%	5%

Automobiles made affordable

Items	From	To
Petrol & Petrol Hybrid, LPG, CNG Cars (not exceeding - 1200 cc & 4000mm)	28%	18%
Diesel & Diesel Hybrid Cars (not exceeding - 1500 cc & 4000mm)	28%	18%
3 Wheeled Vehicles	28%	18%
Motor Cycles (350 cc & below)	28%	18%
Motor Vehicles for transport of goods	28%	18%

Affordable Education

Items	From	To
Maps, Charts & Globes	12%	Nil
Pencils, Sharpeners, Crayons & Pastels	12%	Nil
Exercise Books & Notebooks	12%	Nil
Eraser	5%	Nil

Save on Electronic Appliances

Items	From	To
Air Conditioners	28%	18%
Television (above 32") (Including LED & LCD TVs)	28%	18%
Monitors & Projectors	28%	18%
Dish Washing Machines	28%	18%

Registration

Automatic registration within 3 working days for applicants:


- Identified by the system based on data analysis
- Who determines that he would not pass Input Tax Credit exceeding ₹2.5 Lakh per month and opts for the Scheme

PROCESS REFORMS

Refund

Sanction of Provisional Refunds by proper officer, through system based risk evaluation for:

- Zero Rated Supplies
- Supplies with Inverted Duty Structure



“
The next generation of GST reforms are a gift for every Indian this Diwali. Taxes for the general public will be reduced substantially. Our MSMEs & small entrepreneurs will get huge benefit. Everyday items will become cheaper and this will also give a new boost to the economy.
”

Narendra Modi
Prime Minister

Next-Gen GST - Better & Simpler !

Please visit CBIC website www.cbic.gov.in for detailed information

In line with the PM's Shri Narendra Modi's vision, the GST Council has recommended a comprehensive



PM Modi hails GST council's pro-people reforms



The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi expressed his happiness that the GST Council, comprising the Union and the States, has collectively agreed to the proposals submitted by the

Union Government on GST rate cuts

& reforms, which will benefit the common man, farmers, MSMEs, middle-class, women, and youth. "The wide-ranging reforms will improve the lives of our citizens and ensure ease of doing business for all, especially small traders and businesses", Shri Modi stated.

The Prime Minister posted on X: "During my Independence Day Speech, I had spoken about our intention to bring the Next-Generation reforms in GST.

The Union Government had prepared a detailed proposal for broad-based GST rate rationalisation and process reforms, aimed at ease of living for the common man and strengthening the economy.

Glad to state that @GST_Council, comprising the Union and the States, has collectively agreed to the proposals submitted by the Union Government on GST rate cuts & reforms, which will benefit the common man, farmers, MSMEs, middle-class, women, and youth.

The wide-ranging reforms will improve the lives of our citizens and ensure ease of doing business for all, especially small traders and businesses." ■

will be specified goods, namely, cigarettes, chewing tobacco products like Zarda, unmanufactured tobacco, and beedi, for which the existing rates of GST and compensation cess will continue to apply, and the new rates will be implemented at a later date to be notified, based on discharging of the entire loan and interest liabilities on account of compensation cess.

7 Pillars of Next-Gen GST Reforms

Next-Gen GST reforms build on GST's success with a simplified 2-tier structure, fairer taxation, and digital filing for ease and faster refunds. They prioritize consumers by lowering rates on essentials and high-value items, empower MSMEs and manufacturers with smoother cash flows, strengthen state revenues, and boost demand driving consumption and manufacturing growth across India.

7 PILLARS OF NEXT-GEN GST REFORMS

1. Building on the success of GST.
2. One Nation, One Tax
3. Expanded the taxpayer base
4. Simpler 2-tier system (5% & 18%)
5. Rationalising rates for fairer taxation.
6. Smoother duty structures
7. Faster processing of refunds

Simplified Structure, Sectoral Relief

The latest reforms mark a major simplification of the GST structure. The shift to a two-slab system of 5% and 18%, removing the earlier 12% and 28% rates, will make taxation more transparent and easier to follow. At the same time, a 40% on luxury and sin goods such as pan masala, tobacco, aerated drinks, high-end cars, yachts, and private aircraft ensures fairness and revenue balance.

Alongside, registration and return filing have been simplified, refunds made faster, and compliance costs reduced, easing the burden on businesses, especially MSMEs and startups.

Here is a sector-wise follow-up of the reforms and their expected impact.

Food and Household Sector

Reforms bring direct savings to households by reducing taxes on everyday essentials and packaged foods. GST rate cut on AC, Dishwashers and TVs (LCD, LED) is a dual win. It increases affordability for consumers

reform package that includes rate rationalization with a simplified two-slab structure (5% and 18%), sweeping rate reductions across sectors, with focus on common-man, labour-intensive Industries, farmers and agriculture, health, and key drivers of the economy. These recommendations are based on consensus among all members of the GST Council to make GST simpler, fairer, and more growth-oriented. The revised rates and exemptions will come into effect from 22nd September 2025, ensuring timely relief for the common man, households, farmers, and businesses. Only exception

BJP National President welcomes the historic GST reforms



Welcoming the GST reform decision BJP National President and Union Minister Shri JP Nadda said Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji, in his 11th Independence Day address from the ramparts of the Red Fort on 15th August 2025, spoke about the government's intention to bring next-generation reforms in GST. Under his leadership, in just 20 days, the GST Council carried out historic reforms by either abolishing or significantly reducing taxes on all essential commodities. In the new GST regime, the 28% and 12% slabs have been completely removed. Now, there will be only two tax slabs – 5% and 18%.

He said, "I heartily congratulate Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji for these historic Next Gen GST reforms. I also extend my appreciation to Union Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, the GST Council, and the Finance Ministers of all Indian states for implementing these reforms on the ground".

"These reforms will not only improve the lives of our citizens but will also ensure ease of doing business for small traders and enterprises. The goal of our government is not just revenue collection but to improve the quality of life of every citizen of the country. This step will undoubtedly strengthen the nation's economic power and instil new hope".

GST on several essential items, including milk and flour, has been reduced to zero. Additionally, taxes on many goods of common use have been brought down from 12%, 18%, or 28% to just

5%. This will lead to a significant reduction in the prices of these essentials and ease the tax burden on the common man. GST on life insurance and health insurance has also been reduced to zero, an important step towards strengthening people's health and financial security. Taxes on expensive household appliances and vehicles have been substantially reduced.

Agricultural equipment such as tractors, machinery, and harvesting-threshing tools has also seen major tax cuts, giving a new boost to the agriculture-based economy. Tax rates on housing and construction materials have been reduced as well, lowering the financial burden on citizens and strengthening the nation's economy.

The UPA government could not implement GST because states did not trust the then Congress government. Instead, through VAT, the Congress government burdened poor citizens and traders, while leaving a huge scope for tax evasion. GST, on the other hand, has truly realized the concept of 'One Nation, One Tax.'

All decisions in GST are taken by consensus. The record GST collection every month shows that the nation is moving rapidly toward economic prosperity. The Congress party's double standards are evident; its leaders support the decisions in the GST Council, but outside, Rahul Gandhi opposes the very same decisions.

Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji's vision is different; he prefers taking major steps that provide genuine relief to citizens. By making sweeping revisions in GST rates, Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji has given the people of the country a "bumper gift" ahead of Durga Puja, Dussehra, and Diwali. ■

while strengthening India's electronics manufacturing ecosystem.

- Products like Ultra-High Temperature (UHT) milk, Pre-packaged and labelled chena or paneer, all the Indian Breads will see NIL rates
- Household goods like soaps, shampoos, toothbrushes, toothpaste, tableware, bicycles now at 5%.
- Food items such as packaged namkeens, Bhujia,

Sauces, Pasta, Chocolates, Coffee, Preserved Meat etc. reduced from 12% OR 18% to 5%

- Consumer durables: TVs (LCD/LED) (> 32'), ACs, dishwashers: 28% to 18%.

Home Building & Materials

The cut in GST on cement and construction materials will give a big boost to the housing sector. This will lower the cost of homes and infrastructure projects, making

This reform will bring ease of living: Rajnath Singh



Union Minister Shri Rajnath Singh in a social media post said, "The Government of India under the leadership of PM Shri @narendramodi, has announced the Next-Gen GST reforms to bring relief across sectors.

With tax rates reduced on many important items, this reform will bring ease of living, further strengthen ease of doing business, empower small businesses, and boost India's self-reliance under Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

I thank PM Shri Modi and the FM Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman for taking this bold decision". ■

A truly transformative decision for Bharat: Amit Shah



Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah in a social media post said, "PM Shri @narendramodi Ji stands for what he commits.

This historic decision of GST rate cuts and process reforms will bring huge relief to the poor and middle class, while also supporting farmers, MSMEs, women and youth.

By simplifying the system and reducing the burden on common citizens, these reforms will not only ensure ease of living but also give a big boost to ease of doing business, especially for small traders and entrepreneurs. A truly transformative decision for Bharat!" ■

ownership of houses more affordable.

The move is also expected to spur demand in real estate and create new jobs in construction.

- Cement: 28% to 18%.
- Marble/travertine blocks, Granite blocks, Sand-lime bricks: 12% to 5%
- Bamboo flooring / joinery, Packing cases & pallets (wood): 12% to 5%

GST has significantly reduced taxes: Nirmala Sitharaman



Union Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman in a social media post said, "GST has significantly reduced taxes as compared to the average taxes levied during the pre-GST era, thereby delivering relief across households and sectors alike." ■

Automobile Sector

Clearer classification of vehicles and auto parts will cut down disputes, improve compliance, and support growth in India's automotive manufacturing and exports.

- Small cars, two-wheelers ≤350cc: 28% to 18%.

- Buses, trucks, three-wheelers, all auto parts: 28% to 18%.

Agriculture sector

Cheaper machinery and lower rates on biopesticides will help small farmers reduce

costs and encourage sustainable farming practices. Correcting the inverted duty structure on Fertilizer inputs will boost domestic fertilizer production and reduce dependence on imports, strengthening self-reliance in agriculture.

- Tractors: 12% to 5%; tires and parts: 18% to 5%.
- Harvesters, threshers, sprinklers, drip irrigation, poultry & bee-keeping machines: 12% to 5%.
- Bio-pesticides and natural menthol: 12% to 5%.

Service sector

Lower GST on hotel stays, gyms, salons, and yoga services will reduce costs for citizens, improve access to wellness, and give a fillip to the hospitality and service industries.

- Hotel stays up to Rs. 7,500/day from 12% to 5%.
- Gyms, salons, barbers, yoga GST cut from 18% to 5%.

Toys, Sports & Handicrafts

Fixing duty structures for man-made fibres will improve the competitiveness of the textile industry, especially in

Nation Thanks PM Modi for Reforming the GST Regime

Resolution on Next Gen Reforms of GST presented by Union Minister of Commerce & Industry Shri Piyush Goyal at the BJP Parliamentary Party Workshop on 07 September 2025. The Resolution was unanimously adopted.

Taxation is central to the economy of any country. However, the real test of the abilities of any Government lies in evolving a tax regime that promotes production, encourages consumption and yet significantly adds to the coffers of the nation. New reforms in the GST introduced recently under the guidance of Hon'ble PM Narendra Modi have the potential of achieving all the key objectives and hence merit commendation.

This gathering of BJP MPs heartily congratulates Hon'ble PM for this bold and citizen-friendly thought move and expresses the gratitude of our people!

Eight years ago, under the decisive leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, India embraced the Goods and Services Tax fulfilling the vision of "One Nation, One Tax." What once was a cumbersome tax regime of VAT and multiple taxes, due to which our country struggled with a slow and fragmented economy, endless queues at inter-state toll booths, is now replaced by a unified market that has brought fairness, simplicity and strength to our economy. Before 2014, while the governments failed to bring GST, Prime Minister Narendra Modi not only brought GST but also brought it with consensus from across the country. In just eight years, the GST taxpayer base has more than doubled from 66 lakh in 2017 to over 1.5 crore today, and annual collections have surged to more than Rs 22 lakh crore in FY 2024–25, growing at a CAGR of over 18%. GST collections have now reached close to Rs 2 lakh crore a month, much higher than when this historic reform was implemented. A Deloitte survey confirms that 85% of businesses, including MSMEs, are satisfied with GST, proving that India can modernise while carrying both traders and consumers together on this historic



journey.

The next phase of reforms, guided once again by the Prime Minister's conviction, has further simplified the system and placed the citizen at its heart. Rates on essentials like food and medicines as well as prices of electronic goods have been significantly reduced, distortions such as

inverted duties are being corrected and procedures for small businesses, exporters and startups are being streamlined. These reforms reflect the goal of our government to bring ease in the lives of our citizens, empower traders and reinforce India's path to self-reliance. Steady growth in monthly collection touching Rs. 2 lakh crore is a certain indication of greater compliance. It is also indicative of buoyancy in our economy.

Therefore, this resolution calls upon manufacturers/traders, big and small, to take pride in ensuring that reductions and rebates flow directly to the consumer. By passing on every saving and every relief, we honour the Prime Minister's vision while strengthening the trust between shopkeeper and customer, trader and citizen. Lower prices will fuel higher demand, higher demand will boost prosperity for businesses and prosperity will reinforce the strength of the nation.

Let us ensure that the GST reforms under Shri Narendra Modi are remembered as a triumph of governance and a promise kept to the people of India. These far-reaching changes embody our unity, fairness and shared growth. Now it is the duty of every trader to pass on each rupee of relief to the consumer, turning reforms into ease of living, greater demand and a more prosperous economy. This is the Modi Government's call. It is a call for fairness, for growth and for every family in India to feel the benefit. It is a call for an Aatmanirbhar Bharat. ■

exports. The inverted duty structure in the sector has been corrected with reduction of GST rate on manmade fibre from 18% to 5% and manmade yarn from 12% to 5%.

Further, lower GST rates on handicrafts will support artisan livelihoods, preserve India's cultural heritage, and promote rural economic growth.

- Handicraft idols & statues: 12% to 5%.
- Paintings, sculptures: 12% to 5%.
- Wooden/metal/textile dolls & toys: 12% to 5%.

Education sector

Education has become more affordable with exercise books, erasers, pencils, crayons and sharpeners moving to 0% GST. This directly supports families and students, ensuring lower costs of learning materials.

Geometry boxes, school cartons, trays: 12% to 5%.

Medical sector

Reduced rates on medicines and medical devices will improve access to healthcare and support domestic manufacturing in the pharma and medical equipment sectors.

- 33 life-saving drugs, diagnostic kits: 12% to 0%.
- Other medicines including Ayurveda, Unani, Homoeopathy: 12% to 5%.
- Spectacles and corrective goggles: 28% to 5%.
- Medical oxygen, thermometers, surgical instruments: 12–18% to 5%.
- Medical, dental, and veterinary devices cut from 18% to 5%.

Health and life Insurance

GST exemptions on life and health insurance premiums will expand financial protection and support the vision of Mission Insurance for All by 2047.

- GST exemption on premiums for individual life insurance, health insurance, floater plans, and senior citizen policies.

In addition to the above major reforms, several other items have also seen GST rate rationalisation. These include household utilities, smaller consumer products, and industrial inputs.



Next-Gen GST: Benefits for All

The Next-Generation GST reforms are designed not just to reduce tax rates, but to create a virtuous cycle of growth.

• **Lower Prices, Higher Demand:** Cheaper goods and services increase household savings and stimulate consumption.

• **Support for MSMEs:** Reduced rates on inputs like cement, auto parts, and handicrafts lower costs and make small businesses more

competitive.

- **Ease of Living:** A two-rate structure means fewer disputes, quicker decisions, and simpler compliance.
- **Wider Tax Net:** Simpler rates encourage compliance, expanding the tax base and improving revenues.
- **Support for Manufacturing:** Correcting inverted duty structures boosts domestic value addition and exports.
- **Revenue Growth:** As seen in past reforms, lower rates with better compliance increase collections.

• **Economic Momentum:** Lower costs → higher demand → larger tax base → stronger revenues → sustainable growth.

• **Social Protection:** Exemption of GST on insurance and essential medicines strengthens household security and access to healthcare.

Together, these reforms ensure that GST is citizen-centric, business-friendly, and aligned with India's global growth ambitions.

Conclusion

The adoption of a simplified GST structure and wide-ranging rate reductions marks a new chapter in India's tax journey. By focusing on affordability for citizens, competitiveness for businesses, and transparency in compliance, these reforms make GST not just a tax system but a catalyst for inclusive prosperity and economic transformation.

Effective from 22nd September 2025, the reforms reaffirm India's commitment to building a simpler, fairer, and growth-oriented GST framework, ensuring both ease of living for people and ease of doing business for enterprises. ■



GRAND VICTORY FOR NDA VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

CP RADHAKRISHNAN TAKES OATH AS 15TH VICE PRESIDENT OF INDIA

Shri Chandrapuram Ponnusamy Radhakrishnan was sworn in as the 15th Vice-President of India on 12 September 2025. Hon'ble President Smt. Droupadi Murmu administered the oath of office at Rashtrapati Bhavan in the presence of several dignitaries.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, former Vice-Presidents, Union Ministers, Chief Ministers of various states, Opposition leaders and many other dignitaries attended the ceremony.

Earlier, after taking the oath, Shri Radhakrishnan paid floral tributes at Rajghat to Mahatma Gandhi, at Sadaiv Atal to former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, and at Kisan Ghat to former Prime Minister Charan Singh.

At Parliament House, he was welcomed by Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairperson Shri Harivansh, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Shri Kiren Rijiju, Ministers of State Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal and Shri L. Murugan, and Rajya Sabha Secretary-General. He also planted a sapling in the Parliament complex in the presence of Ministers and Rajya Sabha officials.

Later in the day, Shri Radhakrishnan held a meeting with floor leaders of parties in the Parliament.

Notable, on 09 September 2025, NDA candidate and Maharashtra Governor Shri CP Radhakrishnan defeated the I.N.D.I. alliance candidate and former Supreme Court Judge Shri B Sudarshan Reddy by a margin of 152 votes. Briefing reporters after the counting of votes for the vice-presidential election, Rajya Sabha Secretary General and returning officer Shri PC Mody said out of the total 781 electors, 767 MPs voted in the election. He informed that out of 767 votes, 752 were found valid and 15 were declared invalid. "I declare CP Radhakrishnan elected to the post of Vice President of India, and the results will be communicated to the Election Commission," Shri Modi said.

The BJP-led NDA had 427 MPs on paper, plus the support of the YSRCP's 11 MPs. Some MPs representing smaller parties also backed him. This made Shri Radhakrishnan's victory a foregone conclusion, way above the halfway mark of 377. But the final tally surpassed the expectations of all,

PM Modi congratulates CP Radhakrishnan on winning the election



Immediately after the declaration of election victory, Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi met Shri CP Radhakrishnan Ji and congratulated him on winning the Vice-Presidential election.

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi congratulated Thiru CP Radhakrishnan on winning the 2025 Vice Presidential election. In a post on X, he wrote: "Congratulations to Thiru CP Radhakrishnan Ji on winning the 2025 Vice Presidential election. His life has always been devoted to serving society and empowering the poor and marginalised. I am confident that he will be an outstanding VP, who will strengthen our Constitutional values and enhance Parliamentary discourse." ■

LIFE SKETCH OF SHRI CP RADHAKRISHNAN

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

Pray for your successful and effective tenure: JP Nadda



BJP National President and Union Minister Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda met with the newly elected Vice President of India, Shri CP Radhakrishnan Ji, and extended congratulations and best wishes.

He said, "Your dedication to the nation, long administrative and political experience, and the spirit of continuously working in the interest of the nation will further strengthen and enrich the democratic and constitutional traditions in the Upper House." ■

Congratulating on his stupendous victory: Rajnath Singh



Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh called on Vice President-elect Thiru C.P. Radhakrishnan Ji and congratulated him on his stupendous victory.

He said, "Congratulations to Shri C.P. Radhakrishnan ji on being elected as the Vice President of India. Throughout his distinguished public life, he has embodied humility, integrity, and a deep commitment to service. His vast experience, profound knowledge of constitutional and legislative affairs, and unwavering connection with the people will further enrich his new role.

I am confident that under your leadership, the Rajya Sabha will scale new heights and our parliamentary traditions will be further strengthened. My best wishes to him for a successful and impactful tenure." ■

including the BJP. Shri Radhakrishnan received 60 per cent of the total valid votes polled, while Justice Reddy (retd) secured 40 per cent of the vote.

The extent of victory margin for the NDA candidate came as a setback to the Opposition I.N.D.I. alliance, which had claimed all its 315 MPs remained united in the election and voted for Reddy.

The voting for the Vice-Presidential election was held on 9 September between 10 AM and 5 PM. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi was the first among the members to cast his vote. Besides, Lok Sabha Speaker Shri Om Birla, Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Shri Harivansh, several Union Ministers,

Your tenure will certainly set new milestones in parliamentary democracy: Amit Shah



Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah called on Shri C.P. Radhakrishnan Ji after his grand victory. He congratulated him on his victory, and extended heartfelt best wishes for his upcoming tenure which will certainly set new milestones in parliamentary democracy elevating the standards of political discourse to a new height.

In a Social media post he said, "I firmly believe that your sagacity as a leader who has risen from the grassroots of the society and profound knowledge about administration will help us in bringing out the best in our parliamentary democracy to serve the marginalised. I extend my warmest wishes to you for your journey as the custodian of the sanctity of the Upper House." ■

including Shri Rajnath Singh, Shri Amit Shah, Shri J.P. Nadda, Shri Nitin Gadkari, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, and Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, and others MPs also voted.

Union Minister of Parliamentary Affairs Shri Kiren Rijiju told reporters, "The election of the Vice President is conducted in a free and fair manner, voting takes place with secrecy, and many opposition MPs have also voted for CP Radhakrishnan, which shows that the MPs have voted by listening to the voice of their conscience."

Born in Tiruppur, Tamil Nadu Shri CP Radhakrishnan has also served as Governor of Jharkhand, Telangana, Puducherry and Maharashtra. ■



BJP NATIONAL PRESIDENT ADDRESSES KARYAKARTAS IN JABALPUR, MP

'WHILE BJP WORKS TO STRENGTHEN THE NATION, CONGRESS ALWAYS STANDS WITH THOSE WHO SEEK TO WEAKEN THE COUNTRY'

BJP National President and Union Minister Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda addressed a meeting of Karyakartas from Jabalpur, Rewa, Sagar, and Shahdol divisions in Jabalpur on 25 August 2025. He was accorded a grand welcome in Jabalpur prior to the meeting. Shri Nadda urged Karyakartas to inform the public that while Congress is like an Amavasya for the country, the BJP is like a full moon. The meeting was also addressed by Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav, BJP State President Shri Hemant Khandelwal, and State General Secretary (Org.) Shri Hitanand Ji

Shri JP Nadda said 2014 marked a turning point in Indian politics when Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi assumed office. Under the leadership of Shri Modi, a new era of responsible, responsive, and report-card-based governance began. While Congress leaders label India's economy as a "dead economy," the country is progressing to become the world's third-largest economy. Even opponents acknowledge that no party can match the BJP in nationalism and organizational strength.

Only the BJP is a party based on ideology

Shri Nadda stated that ideological political parties have disappeared in the country; only the BJP is a party based on ideology. It is a matter of pride for us to be Karyakartas of such a party. What we said in 1951–52, we are still saying today. We have never compromised for power, nor have we changed our path. Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee made his sacrifice in 1953 for the abrogation of Article 370 in Kashmir. After that, numerous marches were held, several movements took place, and many national presidents changed. Finally, on 5 August 2019, under

the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the NDA government abrogated Article 370, making Jammu and Kashmir an integral part of India.

Grand Ram Mandir in Ayodhya

In 1989, we passed a proposal in Palampur to pave the way for the construction of the grand Ram Mandir in Ayodhya. Many movements followed, and a long struggle ensued. Our opponents mocked us, but finally, in 2024, the Bhavya Shri Ram Mandir was completed. When we spoke of abolishing Triple Talaq, opponents labelled us reactionary and communal. But with your strength and Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji's determination, even the evil of Triple Talaq was eliminated. Surprisingly, in Muslim countries like Pakistan, Bangladesh, Syria, and Iran, where such provisions did not exist, appeasement politics in India had kept it alive. We also passed the Waqf Board Act. Whenever we got an opportunity, we acted on what we said.

Difference between Congress and BJP

BJP National President Shri Nadda said we must

repeatedly tell the public the difference between Congress and the Bharatiya Janata Party. During the Emergency, former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi passed a law stating that no law would apply to the Prime Minister and the Lok Sabha Speaker. However, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has proposed that if any minister, including the Prime Minister or Chief Minister, stays in jail for 30 days, they must resign from their post on the 31st day. Shri Nadda said that during the Congress rule, terrorism was at its peak, but under Modi Ji's tenure, terrorism is on the path to eradication.

The BJP is working to strengthen the country, while Congress always stands with those who want to weaken the nation and spread unrest. Shri Nadda said in Parliament, I had explained the difference between BJP and Congress, saying that Congress is like Amavasya and BJP is like Purnima.

India's economy is strong

BJP National President said that all of you must have heard Rahul Gandhi's statement, in which he described the country's economy as a dead economy. The position of Leader of Opposition carries responsibility, but Rahul Gandhi's statement was completely irresponsible. Whose language is Rahul Gandhi speaking? He said that India is the fourth-largest economy in the world and is progressing towards becoming the third-largest economy. The World Bank has also acknowledged that, despite the global slowdown, India's economy is strong. Retail inflation in the country is at an all-time low. Today, 98 percent of mobile phones in the country are made in India. We are third in toy and automobile exports. Our defence production and exports are continuously increasing. The entire world praises our BrahMos. Isn't this a growing India? ■

BJP NATIONAL PRESIDENT INTERACTS WITH YOUNG TALENTS UNDER 'RISING LEADER PROGRAMME'

YOUTH-FOCUSED INITIATIVES CREATING HUGE OPPORTUNITIES: JP NADDA

Bharatiya Janata Party National President, Union Minister Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, interacted with students and young talents from various universities at the BJP headquarters in New Delhi on 04 September 2025 under the "Rising Leader Program." Every year, the BJP National President engages in dialogue and informal discussions with the youth of the country.

Addressing the young participants, Shri Nadda said that the youth-focused initiatives of Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji are creating opportunities and empowering young people across the nation. He added that the 11 years of the Modi government have not only written new chapters of economic, strategic, and infrastructural development but have also continuously worked to empower the youth. Several steps have been taken, from better education and skill development to jobs and business support. From space technology to

start-ups, Indian youth are making their mark on the global stage. Many new colleges and universities have been established, millions have received training



through skill development programs, and start-ups have been supported in their growth. Programs like Rojgar Mela (Job Fairs), Khelo India, and the Fit India Movement are opening up new opportunities for young people. The New Education Policy is fueling the dreams of youth while bringing to life the vision of a "New India."

During the program, young talents also shared their views and expressed their commitment to contributing to the nation's development. Later, in a social media post, the Hon'ble National President said he greatly enjoyed interacting with the country's young talents in this session and looks forward to more meaningful conversations with future leaders in the days to come. ■

Under Modi Ji's leadership, Northeast has witnessed unprecedented development: Amit Shah

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah addressed the NDA Panchayat Pratinidhi Sammelan in Guwahati, Assam on 29 August 2025, inaugurated and laid the foundation of a range of development projects.

Derogatory words against PM's late Mother is utterly shameful

Shri Shah lashed out at the Congress for hurling abuses at PM Shri Narendra Modi's late mother. He said along with India, the honour and respect for our Prime Minister has also increased across the world. As many as 27 countries have conferred their highest civilian awards on Shri Modi, which is a matter of great pride for India. He is a Prime Minister who is respected across the globe, yet in Indian politics, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has initiated a politics of slander and contempt. A disgraceful display of this negative politics could be seen during his "Ghuspethiya Bachao Yatra" in Bihar. From the very stage where Rahul Gandhi was being welcomed, Congress leaders used derogatory words for Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's late mother — an act that is utterly shameful.

Strongly condemn the hatred that Rahul Gandhi initiated

From this platform today, I strongly condemn both the politics of hatred that Rahul Gandhi has initiated, and the abusive words used for the late mother of our Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji. I also want to tell the people of the nation that the kind of issue-less, negative and hateful politics that Shri Rahul Gandhi has started will not elevate our public life — it will only drag it down.

This did not begin today. Ever since Shri Modi ji became Chief Minister, Sonia ji, Rahul ji, Mani Shankar Aiyar, Digvijay Singh, Jairam Ramesh, Renuka Chowdhury — every Congress leader — has hurled abuses at him. Some called him a "merchant of death," some a "poisonous snake," some a "lowly man," some compared him to "Ravana," others to "Bhasmasura," or even a "virus."

Do Congress leaders believe that by using such language they will win the people's mandate? Today,



I want to tell the Congress leaders—the more abuses you hurl at Modi ji, the bigger and brighter the lotus will bloom, reaching up to the skies.

A new era of development ushered in Northeast

The new era of development ushered in by Prime Minister Shri Modi in the Northeast has been carried to every village and every person in Assam by Chief Minister Shri Himanta Biswa Sarma. This is why the BJP has repeatedly secured victories. Out of 397 district council seats, we won 301. Out of 2,188 seats in the tehsil panchayats, the NDA won 1,445. Nearly 15,000 representatives have been elected at the panchayat level. This election is significant because it was the first after the delimitation in Assam, and for the first time since 1980, the state saw more than 74% voter turnout.

PM Shri Narendra Modi has led the entire Northeast forward. Our Sattriya dance has been given the status of a classical dance at the national level. Great figures like Lachit Borphukan and Srimanta Shankardev have been given national recognition. In 2022, the birth anniversary of Lachit Borphukan was celebrated at Vigyan Bhavan in Delhi, carrying his message across the nation. His 125-foot statue has been installed.

He said, "Brothers and sisters, let us all take a pledge today—that in the coming days, we will once again form a BJP-AGP-NDA government in Assam." ■

IDEA OF NATION

- Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya

WHAT IS A NATION ?

WHEN a group of persons lives with a goal, an ideal, a mission, and looks upon a particular piece of land as motherland, it constitutes a nation. If either of the two an ideal or a motherland is not there, then there is no nation.

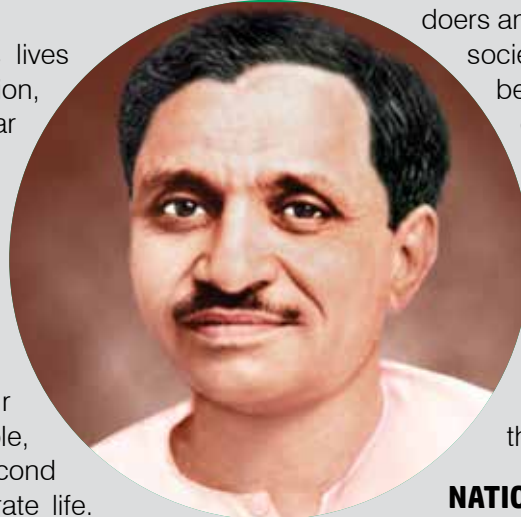
ESSENTIALS OF NATION

A 'NATION' requires four things. The first is land or people, whom we call a country. The second is a collective will for a corporate life. The third is a system which we can call a constitution but which can far more appropriately be called 'Dharma'. And the fourth is an ideal of life. The synthesis of all these four is called a Nation. As an individual is made up of body, mind intelligence and soul, a nation is made up of country, will, Dharma and ideal.

NATION IS PERMANENT

THE Nation is a permanent truth. The State is created to fulfill the needs of the nation. Two reasons have been given for the origin of the State. It is said that the State becomes necessary in two circumstances. The first is when some distortion enters the people of the nation. The State is established to control the problems that arise in such a situation. For example, one does not see the police when there is no quarrel. But if there is a fight the police are immediately called. The second need is when some complexity appears in society and it becomes necessary to bring order in corporate life.

The State is created so that the powerful, prosperous and resourceful class of society should not exploit the weak, the helpless and the poor, and everyone should remain within the bounds of justice. It is only these two reasons that give rise to the State. To regulate the distortion that may have entered into society, to establish peace by punishing; wrong-



doers and to solve the complexity within a society so that life of every individual becomes just, honourable and easy-these have been considered the functions of the State.

A third function is an important aspect of the fulfilment of these two functions. It is to establish relations with other states. Hence security from external aggression is also a function of the State.

NATION HAS PERSONALITY

THE name Bharat denotes a nation, while the names of such provinces as Uttar Pradesh and Bengal do not denote it. Hence we must be quite clear in our minds that although a definite territory is a must and the first essential of a nation, a territory by itself does not become a nation. The existence of a nation depends upon an element which though invisible is felt with the greatest intensity. A nation has a personality just as an Individual has a personality. It is this national personality that keeps a nation alive. When it grows weak, the nation becomes weak, and when it is forgotten or destroyed the entire nation heads for ruination. This is why many nations of the past have now become mere memories. Their territories are there and their people are still alive and yet ancient Persia, Greece, Egypt-all have faded. In other words they lost their basic national personality. It is in this personality that the nation resides.

THE BODY NATIONAL

THE nation does not come into being for the fulfilment of any selfish ends. The limbs of the human body have their natural functions and do not have to be tempted or encouraged to perform them. Similarly the units of a nation function as parts of one single whole and maintain its entity. Dissipation of the national feeling leads to a weakening of these limbs of the nation, and if they become completely

inactive the result can be the end of the nation. But if the national feeling is aroused in these units they again start performing their natural functions. Hence we would have to accept as the basis of the nation a practical and natural organisation that is stable, strong and self-reliant. If the organisation of the State is strong enough its limbs would be equally strong.

NATION HAS A SOUL

A NATION too has a soul. There is a technical name for it-Chiti. According to McDougal, it is the innate nature of a group. Every group of persons has an innate nature. Similarly every society has an innate nature, which is not the result of historical circumstances.

‘CHITI’ IS NATION’S TOUCHSTONE

‘CHITI’ is the touchstone, on which each action, each attitude is tested, and determined to be acceptable or otherwise. ‘Chiti’ is the soul of the nation. On the strength of this ‘Chiti’, a nation arises, strong and virile. It is this ‘Chiti’ that is demonstrated in the actions of every great man of a nation.

An individual is also an instrument in bringing forth the soul of the nation, “Chiti”. Thus apart from his own self, an individual also represents his nation. Not only that, he also mens the various institutions that are created for the fulfilment of the national goal. Therefore, he represents these too. The groups larger than nation, such as “mankind” are also represented by him. In, short, an individual has a multitude of aspects, but they are not conflicting; there is co-operation, unity and harmony in them. A system based on the recognition of this mutually complementary nature of the different ideals of mankind, their essential harmony, a system which devises laws, which removes the disharmony and enhances their mutual usefulness and co-operation alone can bring peace and happiness to mankind; can ensure steady development.

NATION’S IDEAL IS ‘CHITI’

THE state is brought into existence to protect the nation; produce and maintain conditions in which the ideals of the nation can be translated into reality. The ideals of the nation constitute “Chiti” which is analogous to the soul of an individual. It requires

some effort to comprehend Chiti. The laws that help manifest and maintain Chiti of a nation are termed Dharma of that nation. Hence it is this “Dharma” that is supreme. Dharma is the repository of the nation’s soul. If Dharma is destroyed, the nation perishes. Anyone who abandons Dharma, betrays the nation.

‘CHITI’ IS CENTRAL TO NATION

CHITI is fundamental and is central to the nation from its very beginning. Chiti determines the direction in which the nation is to advance culturally. Whatever is in accordance with Chiti is included in culture.

AWAKENING NATION’S ‘VIRAT’

WE have to undertake the task of away, awakening our nation’s ‘Virat’. Let us go forward in this task with a sense of pride of our heritage, with a realistic assessment of the present and a great ambition for the future. We wish to make this country neither a shadow of some distant past nor an imitation of Russia or America.

OUR NATIONAL IDENTITY

IT is essential that we think about our national identity. Without this identity there is no meaning of independence, nor can independence become the instrument of progress and happiness. As long as we are unaware of our national Identity, we cannot recognise or develop all our potentialities. Under alien rule this identity is suppressed. That is why nations wish to remain independent so that they can progress according to their natural bent and can experience happiness in their endeavour. Nature is powerful. An attempt to go against nature or to disregard her leads to troubles. The natural instincts cannot be disregarded but it is possible to elevate this nature to the level of culture. Psychology tells us how by suppression of various natural instincts different mental disorders ensue. Such a person remains restless and dejected. His abilities slowly deteriorate, and become perverted. The Nation too, like the individual, falls a prey to numerous ills when its natural instincts are disregarded. The basic cause of the problems facing Bharat is the neglect of its national identity. ■

To be Continued...

(Excerpts from the book – “Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya A Profile” edited by Sudhakar Raje.)



Mohan Bhagwat Ji has always been a strong votary of **'EK BHARAT SHRESHTHA BHARAT'**



**NARENDRA
MODI**

Today is September 11th. This day evokes two contrasting remembrances. The first dates back to 1893, when Swami Vivekananda delivered his iconic Chicago address. With the few words, "Sisters and Brothers of America," he won the hearts of thousands present in the hall. He introduced the timeless spiritual heritage of India and the emphasis on universal brotherhood to the world stage. The second is the gruesome 9/11 attacks, when this very principle came under attack thanks to the menace of terrorism and radicalism.

There is something else about this day which is noteworthy. Today is the birthday of a personality who, inspired by the principle of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, has dedicated his entire life to societal transformation and strengthening the spirit of harmony and fraternity. For lakhs of people associated with the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, he is respectfully referred to as Param Pujya Sarsanghchalak. Yes, I am referring to Shri Mohan Bhagwat Ji, whose 75th birthday is, incidentally, falling in the same year when the RSS marks its centenary. I would like to convey my best wishes to him and pray for his long and healthy life.

My association with Mohan Ji's family has been very deep. I have had the good fortune of working closely with Mohan Ji's father, the late Madhukarrao Bhagwat Ji. I have written extensively about him in my book, Jyotipunj. Along with his association with the legal world, he devoted himself to nation-building. He played a pivotal role in strengthening the RSS across Gujarat. Such was Madhukarrao Ji's passion towards nation-building that it groomed his son, Mohanrao, to work towards India's regeneration. It is as if Parasmani Madhukarrao prepared another Parasmani in Mohanrao.

Mohan Ji became a Pracharak in the mid-1970s. Upon hearing the word 'Pracharak', one may mistakenly think it refers to someone who is simply doing Prachar or campaigning, propagating ideas. But, those familiar with the working of the RSS understand that the Pracharak tradition is at the core of the organisation's work. Over the last hundred years, thousands of young people, inspired by a patriotic zeal, have left their homes and families to dedicate their lives to realising the mission of India First.

His early years in the RSS coincided with a very dark period of Indian history. This was the time the draconian Emergency was imposed by the then Congress government. For every person who cherished democratic principles and wanted India to prosper, it

was natural to strengthen the anti-Emergency movement. This is exactly what Mohan Ji and countless RSS Swayamsevaks did. He worked extensively in rural and backward areas of Maharashtra, especially Vidarbha. This shaped his understanding of the challenges faced by the poor and downtrodden.

Over the years, Bhagwat Ji held various positions in the RSS. He performed each and every one of those duties with great dexterity. Mohan Ji's years as the head of the Akhil Bharatiya Sharirik Pramukh during the 1990s are still fondly remembered by many Swayamsevaks. During this period, he spent considerable time working in the villages of Bihar. These experiences further deepened his connect with grassroots issues. In 2000, he became the Sarkaryawah and here too, he brought his unique way of working, handling the most complex of situations with ease and precision. In 2009, he became the Sarsanghchalak and continues to work with great vibrancy.

Being Sarsanghchalak is more than an organisational responsibility. Extraordinary individuals have defined this role through personal sacrifice, clarity of purpose and unshakable commitment to Maa Bharti. Mohan Ji, in addition to doing full justice to the enormity of the responsibility, has also brought to it his own strength, intellectual depth and empathetic leadership, all of which



is inspired by the principle of Nation First.

If I can think of two attributes Mohan Ji has held close to his heart and imbibed in his work style, they are continuity and adaptation. He has always steered the Organisation through very complex currents, never compromising on the core ideology we are all proud of and at the same time addressing the evolving needs of society. He has a natural connect with the youth and thus, has always focussed on integrating more youngsters with the Sangh Parivar. He is often seen engaging in public discourse and interacting with people, which has been very beneficial in today's dynamic and digital world.

Broadly speaking, Bhagwat Ji's tenure will be considered the most transformative period in the 100-year journey of the RSS. From the change in uniform to the modifications in the Shiksha Vargs (training camps), several significant changes occurred under his leadership.

I particularly remember Mohan Ji's efforts during the COVID period, when humanity battled a once in a lifetime pandemic. In those times, continuing the traditional RSS activities became challenging. Mohan Ji suggested increased usage of technology. In the context of the global challenges, he remained connected with global perspectives while developing institutional frameworks.

At that time, all Swayamsevaks made every possible effort to reach out to those in need, while ensuring the safety of themselves and others. Medical camps were organised in several places. We also lost many of our hardworking Swayamsevaks, but such was the inspiration of Mohan Ji that their determination never wavered.

Earlier this year, during the inauguration of the Madhav Netra Chikitsalaya in Nagpur, I had remarked that the RSS is like an Akshayavat, an eternal banyan

tree that energises the national culture and collective consciousness of our nation. The roots of this Akshayavat are deep and strong because they are anchored in values. The dedication with which Mohan Bhagwat Ji has committed himself to nurturing and advancing these values is truly inspirational.

Another admirable quality of Mohan Ji's personality is his soft-spoken nature. He is blessed with an exceptional ability to listen. This trait ensures a deeper perspective and also brings a sense of sensitivity and dignity to his persona and leadership.

Here, I also want to write about the keen interest he has always shown towards various mass movements. From Swachh Bharat Mission to Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, he always urges the entire RSS family to add vigour through these movements. In order to further social well-being, Mohan Ji has given the 'Panch Parivartan', which includes social harmony, family values, environmental awareness, national selfhood and civic duties. These can inspire Indians from all walks of life. Every Swayamsevak dreams of seeing a strong and prosperous nation. To realise this dream, what is required is both clear vision and decisive action. Mohan Ji embodies both these qualities in abundance.

Bhagwat Ji has always been a strong votary of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat', a firm believer in India's diversity and the celebration of so many different cultures and traditions that are a part of our land.

Beyond his busy schedule, Mohan Ji has always found time to pursue passions like music and singing. Few people know that he is very versatile in various Indian musical instruments. His passion for reading can be seen in several of his speeches and interactions.

This year, in a few days from now, the RSS turns 100. It is also a pleasant coincidence that this year, Vijaya Dashami, Gandhi Jayanti, Lal Bahadur Shastri Jayanti and the RSS centenary celebrations are on the same day. It will be a historic milestone for lakhs of people associated with the RSS in India and the world. And, we have a very wise and hardworking Sarsanghchalak in Mohan Ji, steering the organisation in these times. I will conclude by saying that Mohan Ji is a living example of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, showing that when we rise above boundaries and consider everyone as our own, it strengthens trust, brotherhood and equality in society. I once again wish Mohan Ji a long and healthy life in service of Maa Bharti. ■

(The writer is Prime Minister of India)



PM PARTICIPATES IN THE 25TH SCO SUMMIT IN TIANJIN, CHINA

Take firm and decisive action to fight terrorism in all its manifestations: PM

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 1st September 2025 participated in the 25th Meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), held in Tianjin, China, from 31 August to 1 September 2025. The Summit witnessed productive discussions on SCO Development Strategy, Reform of Global Governance, Counter-Terrorism, Peace and Security, Economic and Financial Cooperation, and Sustainable Development.

Need for coordinated action against terror financing and radicalization

Addressing the Summit, Prime Minister highlighted India's approach to strengthening cooperation under the SCO framework. In this regard, he noted that India seeks greater action under three pillars – Security, Connectivity and Opportunity. Emphasising that peace, security and stability remain key to progress and prosperity, he called upon member countries to take firm and decisive action to fight terrorism in all its manifestations. Prime Minister underlined the need for coordinated action against terror financing and radicalization.

Thanking member countries for their strong solidarity in the wake of the Pahalgam terror attack, he emphasized that there should be no double standards in dealing with terrorism and urged the

group to hold countries who perpetrate and support cross-border terrorism accountable.

People-to-people ties and cultural understanding

Highlighting the role of connectivity in fostering development and building trust, Prime Minister stated that India strongly supported projects such as Chabahar port and International North-South Transport Corridor. He also spoke about opportunities in the fields of start-ups, innovation, youth empowerment and shared heritage, which must be pursued under the SCO umbrella. Prime Minister proposed commencing a Civilizational Dialogue Forum within the group to foster greater people-to-people ties and cultural understanding.

Prime Minister expressed support for the reform-oriented agenda of the group. In this regard, he welcomed the setting up of centres to deal with organized crime, drug trafficking and cyber security. He called for a similar approach by the group to reforming multilateral institutions, including the United Nations.

PM Modi thanked President Xi Jinping for successful organization of the SCO Summit

Prime Minister Shri Modi thanked President Mr. Xi Jinping for his warm hospitality and congratulated



him for the successful organization of the Summit. He also congratulated Kyrgyzstan on taking over the next Presidency of SCO. At the conclusion of the Summit, the SCO Member countries adopted the Tianjin Declaration.

ENGAGEMENT ON THE SIDELINES OF THE SUMMIT

PRIME MINISTER MODI MEETS PRESIDENT OF RUSSIAN FEDERATION MR. VLADIMIR PUTIN

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi met with the President of the Russian Federation, H.E Mr. Vladimir Putin on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Summit in Tianjin, China.

The leaders discussed bilateral cooperation, including in the economic, financial, and energy sectors and expressed satisfaction with the sustained growth in bilateral ties in these areas.

The two leaders also discussed regional and global issues, including the latest developments concerning Ukraine. Prime Minister reiterated his support for the recent initiatives that have been taken to address the conflict in Ukraine, and emphasized the need to expedite a cessation of the conflict, and find a durable peace settlement.

The two leaders reaffirmed their support for further strengthening of the Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership between the two countries. Prime Minister conveyed to President Putin that he was looking forward to receiving him in India for the 23rd Annual Summit later this year.



PRIME MINISTER MODI'S BILATERAL MEETING WITH CHINESE PRESIDENT MR. XI JINPING

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi met Chinese President Mr. Xi Jinping on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit in Tianjin. The two leaders welcomed the positive momentum in relations since their last meeting in Kazan in 2024 and reaffirmed that India and China are development partners, not rivals.

Prime Minister Shri Modi stressed that peace and tranquility along the border remain essential for the growth of bilateral relations. Both leaders expressed satisfaction with the disengagement achieved last year and the maintenance of peace since then. They agreed to pursue a fair and mutually acceptable resolution of the boundary issue, guided by the overall interests of their peoples.

Discussions also focused on strengthening people-to-people contacts through direct flights, visa facilitation, and cultural exchanges, including the resumption of the Kailash Manasarovar Yatra. On trade, the leaders recognized the role of their economies in stabilizing global commerce and agreed to expand bilateral investment while addressing trade imbalances.

Prime Minister Shri Modi expressed support for China's SCO Presidency and invited President Xi to the BRICS Summit in India in 2026. President Xi assured support for India's BRICS Presidency. ■

Summit reaffirms deep civilizational and strategic ties with Japan

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi embarked on a two-day visit to Japan from August 29 to 30, 2025, marked by the 15th India-Japan Annual Summit—his first standalone bilateral summit with Japanese Prime Minister Mr. Shigeru Ishiba. The summit reaffirmed the nations' Special Strategic and Global Partnership, rooted in deep civilizational and strategic ties.

Upon arrival in Tokyo, the Prime Minister received a ceremonial welcome from the Government and people of Japan, alongside the enthusiastic Indian diaspora. His first engagement was the India-Japan Economic Forum, jointly attended with Prime Minister Ishiba, where both leaders addressed business leaders from both nations.

He also met former Japanese Prime Ministers Yoshihide Suga and Fumio Kishida, discussing bilateral, regional, and global issues. Later in the evening, Prime Minister Ishiba hosted PM Shri Modi at Kantei, where both leaders held extensive talks, witnessed the exchange of agreements, addressed the press, and shared a formal dinner.

Prime Minister Ishiba hosted a lunch in honour of Prime Minister Shri Modi in Sendai. The Governor of Miyagi Prefecture along with other dignitaries were present on the occasion.



List of Outcomes from Prime Minister's Visit to Japan

- India - Japan Joint Vision for the Next Decade
- Joint Declaration on Security Cooperation
- Action Plan for India - Japan Human Resource Exchange
- Memorandum of Cooperation on Joint Crediting Mechanism
- MoU on India - Japan Digital Partnership 2.0
- Memorandum of Cooperation in the Field of Mineral Resources
- Implementing Arrangement between the Indian Space Research Organization and Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency concerning Joint Lunar Polar Exploration Mission
- Joint Declaration of Intent on Clean Hydrogen and Ammonia
- Memorandum of Cooperation on Cultural Exchange
- MoU on Decentralized Domestic Waste Water Management
- Memorandum of Cooperation in the field of Environment Cooperation
- MoU between Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan
- Joint Statement of Intent between the Ministry of Science and Technology and Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), Japan ■

CABINET APPROVES 1,500 CRORE INCENTIVE TO PROMOTE CRITICAL MINERAL RECYCLING IN THE COUNTRY

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 3 September 2025 approved a Rs.1,500 crore Incentive Scheme to develop recycling capacity

in the country for the separation and production of critical minerals from secondary sources.

This scheme is part of the National Critical Mineral Mission (NCMM), which is aimed at building the domestic capacity of and supply chain resilience in critical minerals. The critical mineral value chain comprising exploration, auction and mine operationalization, and acquisition of foreign assets, has a gestation period before they could supply critical minerals to Indian industry. A prudent way to ensure supply chain sustainability in the near term is through the recycling of secondary sources. ■

INDIA DEVELOPS RARE REFERENCE MATERIAL FOR ENHANCED ANTI-DOPING TESTING

In a significant step towards strengthening anti-doping efforts in sports, the National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER) Guwahati, under the Department of Pharmaceuticals, in collaboration with the National Dope Testing Laboratory, New Delhi, has successfully developed a rare and high-purity Reference Material (RM) – Methandienone Long-Term Metabolite (LTM).

The Reference Material was formally launched on 4 September by Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports and Minister of Labour & Employment, during the 22nd Governing Body Meeting of NDTL, in New Delhi. The event was graced by senior officials from the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Department of Pharmaceuticals, and representatives from NIPER Guwahati and NDTL. ■

INDIA RECORDS LOWEST G20 UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 2%

Union Labour & Employment Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya on September 8 stated that that India's unemployment rate is just 2%, the lowest among G20 nations, citing the World Economic Forum's Future of Jobs Report 2025. Speaking at the signing of MoUs with Mentor Together and Quikr, he highlighted the National Career Service (NCS) portal's role in mobilizing 7.22 crore vacancies. The collaborations will offer career mentoring to two lakh youth and integrate over 1,200 daily job listings. Minister Sushri Shobha Karandlaje said the NCS has become India's premier digital employment platform. ■

UIDAI RECORDS 221 CR AADHAAR AUTHENTICATION TRANSACTIONS IN AUGUST 2025

Aadhaar number holders executed over 221 crore Authentication transactions in August 2025, more than the previous month this year as well as the corresponding month in the previous fiscal. The August 2025 authentication transactions are over 10.3% more than such transactions recorded in August 2024. This is indicative of the growing usage and utility of Aadhaar, as well as the growth of digital economy in the country.

The Aadhaar Face Authentication solutions are also witnessing consistent growth. In August 2025, at least 18.6 crore face authentication transactions were executed, as against 6.04 Cr such transactions during the same period last year. So far, around 213 crore face authentication transactions have been executed.

On Sept 1, UIDAI observed the highest ever face authentication transactions in a single day – over 1.5 crore; the previous high was recorded on 1 August 2025, when over 1.28 crore such transactions were executed.

Similarly, in August 38.53 Cr e-KYC transactions were carried out. Aadhaar e-KYC service continues to play a crucial role in improving customer experience and aiding ease of doing business in sectors including banking and non-banking financial services. ■



PRADHAN MANTRI VIKSIT BHARAT ROZGAR YOJANA, GIVING WINGS TO YUVA SHAKTI



**DR. MANSUKH
MANDAVIYA**

India's growth story has always been written by its Shram Shakti—the millions of workers whose dedication and productivity have powered the nation's economy. The trajectory of India's economic progress has seen a remarkable arc over the past 11 years, under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. From being the world's 10th largest economy in 2014, India today stands as the fourth largest economy globally. Bharat has carved out an enviable niche for itself in the global arena, and the strength of its human resource has had no small role to play in this journey.

Fueling this success story is the fact India's economic growth has been accompanied by an unprecedented expansion of employment. According to RBI-KLEMS, while only 2.9 crore jobs were created between 2004–2014, over 17 crore jobs were created in the decade that followed. Formalization has also accelerated, with EPFO data attesting to nearly eight crore jobs added in just the last seven years.

The real transformation, however, has been in social security coverage. In 2015, only

19% of Indians were covered under at least one social protection scheme. By 2025, that number has surged to 64.3%, reaching 94 crore beneficiaries, making India the second-largest social security system in the world. The International Labour Organization has acknowledged this achievement as one of the fastest expansions of coverage globally.

As we look ahead, it is clear that the future of the nation will be decided not only by the pace of

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GDP growth but also by the quality of jobs we create, the security we extend to workers, and the opportunities we provide to our youth. Against a global backdrop of rising automation, uncertainties induced by Artificial Intelligence, supply-chain shifts and a host of other vulnerabilities shaping jobs worldwide, India stands at a demographic inflection point.

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India's demographic dividend—its Yuva Shakti—has been cited as its greatest strength. Yet, under earlier regimes, this potential remained underutilised. In Amrit Kaal, as we strive towards the vision of a Viksit Bharat by 2047, the task before us is clear: we must shift from “possibility” to “prosperity.”

Employment, in this backdrop, is no longer just an economic indicator; it is the foundation of dignity, equality and national strength. It demands that we make our youth employable, integrate them into the formal economy, equip them with financial literacy, and ensure that they are protected by a robust social security net. Only then can our demographic advantage truly translate into a lasting national dividend.

It is to address this very challenge, and to bridge any gap between aspiration and opportunity, that the government has launched the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana. Initially put forth in the Union Budget 2024–25 and announced by the Prime Minister in his 12th Independence Day address, it represents a significant break from the past in both scale and design. With an outlay of Rs. 1 lakh crore, this is the most ambitious programme in India's history, expected to create over 3.5 crore jobs, including two crore for first-

time entrants.

Two Pillars of Scheme: Incentive to First-Time Employees and Support to Employers

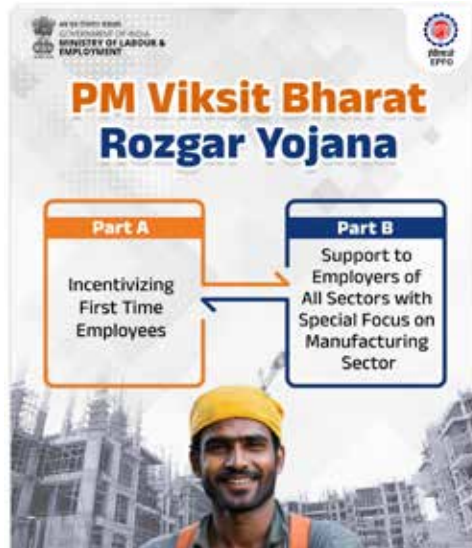
What sets Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana apart is its architecture. Unlike earlier programmes supporting employment generation, this scheme addresses the dual challenge of youth employability and enterprise competitiveness simultaneously. By offering direct financial incentives to both first-time employees under Part A (up to Rs. 15,000 in two instalments) and employers under Part B (up to Rs. 3,000 per new hire per month), it lowers entry barriers for workers while reducing hiring risks for businesses.

Equally important is the scheme's explicit push towards formalisation and social security integration. Benefits will be channelled through Direct Benefit Transfer, ensuring transparency and linking new workers to social security systems from day one. Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana is thus a structural nudge towards a formal, secure and productive labour market. Further, the added focus on incentives to employers in the manufacturing sector is a further propellant towards making Bharat Aatmanirbhar.

Driving Inclusive and Sustainable Growth

Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana signals a shift from scheme-based interventions towards a comprehensive employment ecosystem. It builds on the learnings of earlier initiatives, complements schemes like Production Linked Incentive (PLI), National Manufacturing Mission and Make in India currently in place, and recognises the changing nature of work in a competitive global set-up.

By supporting both workers and employers, Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana recognises that job creation is a shared responsibility. As India seeks to become a global manufacturing hub while embracing digital innovation, the scheme ensures that no one is left behind—that even the



smallest enterprise and the newest entrant to the workforce are integrated into the journey of national development.

Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana: Laying Foundations for New India

Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana is more than a policy announcement. It is a concrete step towards converting demographic

dividend into public prosperity. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, this initiative is part of the foundation towards realization of the vision of Viksit Bharat, where every youth has access to meaningful work, every work has dignity, and every youth gets the opportunity to realise his or her dreams.

Employment is, in its truest sense, nation-building. With this initiative, Modi Government reaffirms its commitment that no aspiration will remain unsupported, and no youth will remain without opportunity. Together, we are giving wings to India's Yuva Shakti, and through them, wings to the dream of a Viksit Bharat. ■

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GST CUTS 2025: PEOPLE-CENTRIC REFORM FOR STRONGER GROWTH



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The GST rationalisation carried out by the Modi government is a major fiscal and distributional reform. The landmark GST reforms announced by the GST Council and Ministry of Finance, effective from 22 September 2025, introduced significant structural changes in the tax framework. By collapsing several tax slabs into a simpler structure focused on 5 percent and 18 percent rates (with targeted nil and higher de-merit rates), the reform reduces the tax burden on hundreds of everyday goods and key production inputs, while directing higher rates to luxury and sin goods. The measures are explicitly aimed at easing the cost burden on households, stimulating consumption, correcting inverted duty structures that harm domestic manufacturing and exports and simplifying compliance.

One of the major steps was the consolidation of slabs, with most common goods and many services shifting from the 12 percent or 18 percent bracket to 5 percent. Essential food items and daily-use FMCG products were placed under much lower rates and some items even became nil-rated, such as basic breads and certain packaged dairy products.

Another important move was the reduction in tax rates for several consumer durables and mobility categories. Goods that earlier attracted 28 percent GST, including select air conditioners, televisions up to 32 inches, dishwashers, small cars and motorcycles up to 350 cc, were brought down to 18 percent. Tractors and agricultural machinery were also given lower rates to promote farm mechanisation and rural productivity.

The reform further addressed the long-pending issue of inverted duty structures. Inputs

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like manmade fibre and yarn were moved to lower rates, improving competitiveness and boosting export prospects in the textile sector. Handicrafts and cultural goods also received relief through reduced rates, extending protection and support to artisans and traditional industries.

Together, these measures reduce consumer prices at the source when benefits are passed on and remove distortions that had previously discouraged domestic value addition and manufacturing.

A Policy Milestone

The GST reform represents a major distributional tilt in favour of households and small consumers. By lowering rates on essential items, the government has taken an explicit welfare-driven step that eases the consumption tax burden on lower- and middle-income households. This design directly translates into lower retail prices for frequently purchased items, giving citizens tangible relief in their day-to-day lives.

Equally important is the administrative simplification that comes with a streamlined slab structure. By reducing classification disputes and compliance complexities, the reform lowers costs for businesses while improving invoice-level accuracy and e-filing efficiency. Industry chambers have already signalled that this simplification will reduce compliance friction and support long-term revenue stability.

The reform also carries a strong strategic industrial policy dimension. Correcting inverted duty structures in textiles, handicrafts, fertilizers and agricultural machinery ensures that tax policy is better aligned with national objectives such as export competitiveness, rural livelihoods and farm productivity. These targeted corrections strengthen key sectors of the economy and protect vulnerable segments like artisans.

The reform has a visible political

economy impact. Its redistributive nature is easily observable at the point of sale, making it a flagship policy achievement that resonates with the public. By lowering everyday costs and boosting demand across sectors, the reform not only enhances citizens' welfare but also reinforces the government's credibility in driving macroeconomic growth.

Short to Medium Term Economic Effects, Evidence and Estimates

The GST rate cuts are widely expected to provide a consumption boost and lift GDP growth in the coming quarters. Several analysts and industry economists have projected that the reform will stimulate demand, with early estimates by bank economists suggesting positive effects in the second half of the fiscal year and into FY27. Lower GST rates would improve operational efficiency and expand the formal market, thereby adding to growth momentum.

The extent of the real consumption boost, however, depends on the pass-through of tax reductions to consumers. Many automakers and consumer goods companies have already announced that they will pass on the benefits. Media reports confirm that some firms have revised sticker prices for vehicles and two-wheelers, signalling that the reform is translating into tangible price relief for consumers.

Sectoral demand signals are also emerging. Tyre manufacturers and tractor component suppliers, for instance, anticipate higher volumes. CEAT, a leading tyre firm, has projected demand growth in tractor and entry-level motorcycle

tyres, which is an early indication of rising rural and mass-market demand following the tax cuts.

At the same time, fiscal trade-offs must be acknowledged. Independent research and tax advisory analyses estimate a potential revenue loss ranging between Rs 70,000 crore and Rs 1.8 lakh crore annually. The ultimate impact will depend on factors such as consumption elasticity, expansion of the formal base through compliance gains and the effectiveness of state compensation mechanisms. This revenue dimension is crucial for maintaining centre-state fiscal balance and framing medium-term budgets.

Sectoral Welfare and Benefit Analysis

The GST rationalisation carries important welfare implications for fast-moving consumer goods, household items and food. Lower taxes on soaps, shampoos, toothpaste, packaged snacks, staples and selected dairy products reduce the everyday expenditure basket for consumers. This has a progressive effect since lower-income households spend a larger share of their income on these goods, meaning their real purchasing power rises. In the short term, the policy is expected to boost sales volumes and ease margins for informal retailers, while in the medium term it may contribute to improved nutrition and hygiene outcomes if price reductions are sustained.

In the automobile and two-wheeler sector, the reduction of some items from 28 percent to 18 percent, along with cuts for motorcycles up to 350 cc, lowers both entry and replacement costs for mobility. This

improves affordability for first-time buyers, rural commuters and small-scale transport operators, thereby enhancing labour market mobility. Industry reactions already suggest near-term price corrections and volume gains, although risks remain that supply chain constraints could dampen the full benefit if demand spikes too quickly.

For agriculture, tractors and farm machinery, lower GST directly reduces input costs for farmers and encourages mechanisation. The welfare impact is evident in higher farm productivity, lower physical drudgery and better rural incomes through wider adoption of equipment. This, in turn, generates multiplier effects for the rural economy. Manufacturers and suppliers, including CEAT, have already anticipated demand growth for tractor tyres, signalling stronger rural demand.

The textile sector, along with manmade fibres and handicrafts, benefits from the correction of inverted duty structures that had previously raised input costs. By reducing taxes on inputs and lowering rates for handicrafts, the reform strengthens domestic value chains, improves export competitiveness and supports the livelihoods of artisans. This can lead to better margins for MSMEs and potential employment growth in labour-intensive segments.

Health and essential services also see positive effects, with lower rates on certain medical goods, health-related items and packaged staples. These changes improve affordability and provide small but meaningful real income gains for poorer households, aligning with broader welfare and inclusion objectives.

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



TARUN CHUGH

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While Punjab became the flashpoint in the west, Bengal bled in the east. The Radcliffe Line's eastern cut severed Bengal into two – West Bengal in India and East Bengal, soon to be East Pakistan. Like Punjab, Bengal's division was abrupt, ill-prepared, and brutally enforced. The bustling city of Calcutta turned into a reception centre for hundreds of thousands of Hindu refugees fleeing communal riots and targeted killings in East Bengal's towns and villages. In Noakhali and Tippera, entire Hindu settlements were attacked in the months preceding Independence, forcing a mass flight to safety. The rivers of Bengal, which had for centuries been lifelines of trade and culture, now became routes of desperate escape. Families crowded onto ferries and bullock carts, carrying whatever they could salvage, many losing relatives to mob violence or the treacherous crossings.

The tragedy in Bengal carried its own unique anguish. In the east, the violence often came in sudden bursts, intertwined with long

months of fear and deprivation. The communal riots of 1946 in Calcutta and Noakhali had already torn at the social fabric, leaving deep mistrust. By 1947, that mistrust exploded into a massive exodus. More than 3 million Hindus crossed from East Bengal into India over the next few years, their arrival straining West Bengal's cities and villages to breaking point. Refugee camps sprouted on the outskirts of Calcutta, Howrah, and Siliguri, often with appalling sanitary conditions and little food. Like their Punjabi

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counterparts, Bengali survivors carried more than just physical scars – they brought memories of lost homes, desecrated temples, and ancestral lands now beyond reach. The suffering of Bengal stands as a reminder that Partition was not one tragedy but two, playing out at opposite ends of the subcontinent, united in their human cost.

It is in acknowledgment of this enduring pain that Prime Minister Narendra Modi in

2021 declared August 14 to be observed every year as Partition Horrors Remembrance Day. This decision – coming after seven decades of independent India – is more than a symbolic gesture. It is an act of historic truth-telling and homage. For too long, the stories of 1947's survivors lived only in personal memories and faded letters. Now, by officially dedicating a day to remember Partition's victims, we have made those stories part of our national narrative. Prime Minister Narendra Modi struck the right chord when he said "Partition's pains can never be forgotten. Millions of our sisters and brothers were displaced and many lost their lives due to mindless hate and violence." He urged that this day "keep reminding us of the need to remove the poison of social divisions, disharmony and further strengthen the spirit of oneness". In doing so,

he gave voice to what every right-thinking Indian knows in his or her heart: that our unity is hard-won and sacred, purchased with the blood of those who perished in 1947. Observing Partition Horrors Remembrance Day nationally is India's promise to its past – that we will remember the suffering of our people with dignity, and honor the sacrifice of those who did not live to see the tricolor fly. It is also India's promise to its future – that we will teach each new generation

about the devastation that communal hatred can unleash, so that such poison never spreads in our country again.

For the Bharatiya Janata Party, and for me personally, this commitment is profoundly important. The BJP has always stood for the idea of “Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat” – One India, Great India—where our nation’s unity in diversity is celebrated and protected. Partition Horrors Remembrance Day is a part of that commitment: it ensures we do not whitewash the past or ignore its lessons. As a son of Punjab and as a proud Indian, I have heard the Partition stories at my own dinner table since childhood – tales told in choked voices by elders who lived that nightmare. I feel a deep sense of duty to those martyrs and survivors. We in the BJP will make sure that their sacrifices are never forgotten or in vain. By remembering the horrors of Partition, we also strengthen our resolve to thwart the divisive forces that ever seek to weaken India from within. Whether it is communalism, casteism, or any ideology of hate – we must reject it with all our might, for we know the catastrophe it can breed. Today, under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi, India is acknowledging its history – the glory and the pain – with open eyes. This honest reckoning makes us stronger. It cements our unity, because a nation that remembers its worst sorrow will guard its present unity even more fiercely.

It’s been nearly seventy-eight years since Partition. The world has changed, India has risen to new heights, and many of those who witnessed that terrible time are no longer with us. Yet, we still owe them a debt — to tell their story, to learn from their pain. We do not recount this chapter to rekindle bitterness — far from it.



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We tell it so we can salute their resilience and determination, and remind ourselves never to let such division take root in our nation again.

On this Partition Horrors Remembrance Day, as people across the country light candles and sound sirens in tribute, one image comes to my mind: an elderly woman in Amritsar quietly opening her chest of memories. Between old clothes and brass utensils lies the iron key to the house she left behind in 1947.

Her hands tremble as she picks it up. The key is rusted, cold to the touch, yet for her, it is more precious than gold. It holds a story of both pain and pride: pain for the world she lost, pride that amid such adversity she never abandoned her dignity, her family, or her hope.

That woman survived the tragedy of 1947 and vowed her children would never face the same suffering. Today, that key is both a warning and a torch. A warning that when the demon of hatred takes over, it takes no time for homes to burn and nations to splinter. And a torch in the sense that the light of memory and unity will guide us through the dark roads of the future — the conviction that together we can ensure that the storm of enmity which once forced millions to lock their doors and leave forever will never rise again.

The keys of our past warn us that India’s future must never bear such wounds again. They stand as symbols of the country we must build, one where no one is forced to bid a final farewell to their home and soil. And that is the true lesson of these keys: that “Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat” is not just a slogan but the victory mantra of unity, the national creed, our very foundation. The darkness of hatred can only be fought with the light of love and unbreakable unity, and we must hold on to that light, always.■

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EMBRACE THE MANTRA OF ‘VOCAL FOR LOCAL’, ‘ATMANIRBHAR BHARAT’ AND ‘DEVELOPED INDIA’: PM

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 31st August 2025 addressed the nation through the 125th episode of his monthly radio programme Mann Ki Baat, reflecting on recent challenges, achievements, and inspiring stories of ordinary Indians shaping the nation's future. His address was a blend of compassion for those affected by natural calamities, encouragement to young athletes, appreciation of grassroots initiatives, and a renewed call for Vocal for Local and Atmanirbhar Bharat



Opening his remarks, the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi expressed grief over the devastation caused by floods and landslides in several parts of the country during the monsoon season. He described the destruction of homes, submergence of fields, collapse of bridges, and the risk to lives as deeply saddening for every Indian.

Celebrating Sporting Spirit in Jammu & Kashmir

Turning to positive developments, PM Shri Modi highlighted two remarkable achievements from Jammu and Kashmir that brought joy amid adversity. Pulwama hosted its first-ever day-night cricket match under the Royal Premier League, which witnessed overwhelming participation from local youth. He said the sight of thousands of cricket enthusiasts enjoying a match under floodlights in Pulwama symbolised the transformative changes underway in the region.

The Prime Minister also celebrated the success of the inaugural Khelo India Water Sports Festival held at the iconic Dal Lake in Srinagar. More than 800 athletes from across India participated, with women competing in equal numbers with men. Congratulating Madhya Pradesh for topping the medal tally, followed by Haryana and Odisha, he lauded the warmth and hospitality of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

To bring the experience closer to listeners, PM Shri Modi interacted with two young participants—Rashmita Sahu of Odisha, a canoeing champion with over 40

medals, and Mohsin Ali of Srinagar, who won a gold medal at the festival. Rashmita spoke of her journey from swimming in her village river to winning gold at Dal Lake, while Mohsin shared his Olympic dream and pride at representing Kashmir. Shri Modi encouraged both, praising Rashmita's father for his support and Mohsin's perseverance as the son of a labourer.

Empowering Aspirants Through ‘Pratibha Setu’

The Prime Minister then announced a new digital initiative—‘Pratibha Setu’—designed to support thousands of deserving UPSC aspirants who, despite clearing various stages, fall short of the final merit list. The databank now holds profiles of over 10,000 such candidates, including those who attempted civil, engineering, and medical services exams. Private companies can connect with these talented youth for employment opportunities. PM Shri Modi said the initiative has already resulted in hundreds of candidates securing jobs, giving them renewed confidence and purpose.

From Shahdol to Germany

In an anecdote reflecting India's growing global appeal, PM Shri Modi narrated how his reference to Shahdol's football players during a podcast with Lex Fridman inspired German football coach Dietmar Beiersdorfer. Moved by the dedication of grassroots

Under the leadership of Modi ji, India will set new records of Self-Reliance and Development: JP Nadda

BJP National President and Union Health Minister Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda listened to the 125th episode of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's popular radio program “Mann Ki Baat” in Mumbai on 31 August 2025 with activists and common citizens. On this occasion, the BJP National General Secretary Shri Vinod Tawde, along with many office bearers and workers, were also present.

On the auspicious occasion of Ganeshotsav, Shri Nadda visited Vighnaharta Ganapati Bappa at Chandralok Ganpati Mandal in Mumbai. After this, he listened to the broadcast of “Mann Ki Baat” with the people present in the mandap. He said this moment is special for him as he got the opportunity to listen to the motivational messages of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in Maharashtra.

The BJP National President said “Mann Ki Baat” is not

just a radio program but it is a bridge of communication between people. Through this, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has inspired the citizens to actively participate in building a ‘Developed India’ and ‘Aatmanirbhar Bharat’. The Prime Minister has expressed his valuable views regarding our sporting talents, scientific innovations and more use of indigenous products in our daily life. So far this program has inspired lakhs and crores of people to work towards patriotism, innovation and social upliftment.

Shri Nadda expressed his gratitude to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and said he inspired the people by bringing together the various innovations happening across the country. His visionary thinking and constant dialogue have united people across the country. Shri Nadda expressed confidence that under the leadership of Modi ji, India will set new records of self-reliance and development. ■



players in Madhya Pradesh, Beiersdorfer has offered to train some of them at his academy in Germany. Modi praised this development as a testimony to India's rising football culture and urged sports enthusiasts to visit Shahdol to witness the revolution in progress.

Stories of Patriotism and Self-Reliance

The Prime Minister appreciated Jitendra Singh Rathore, a security guard from Surat, who has been documenting the sacrifices of thousands of martyrs since World War I. By preserving photographs and collecting soil from beneath the feet of martyrs' parents, Rathore has created a living repository of patriotism. PM called him an inspiration for every citizen.

He also highlighted the story of Solar Didi—Devki from Muzaffarpur, Bihar—whose solar pump has transformed farming across 40 acres in her village. Once confined to household chores, Devki now commands respect as an entrepreneur, receiving payments through UPI and empowering others to adopt solar energy. PM said her journey illustrates how solar power is not only a source of electricity but also a

tool of economic and social transformation.

Vocal for local

On India's cultural influence abroad, he mentioned the unveiling of a statue of Maharishi Valmiki in Italy, a 51-foot statue of Lord Ram in Canada, and a Ramayana-themed art exhibition in Vladivostok, Russia. He stated “This love for Ramayana and Indian culture is now reaching every corner of the world. There is a famous place in Russia – Vladivostok. Many people know it as a place where the temperature falls to -20 to -30 degrees Celsius in winters. This month, a unique exhibition was held in Vladivostok. Paintings made by Russian children on different themes of Ramayana were showcased there. A competition was also organised there. It is indeed heartening to see the growing awareness of Indian culture in different parts of the world.”

Concluding, he urged citizens to celebrate festivals with Swadeshi products, uphold cleanliness, and embrace the mantra of “Vocal for Local, Atmanirbhar Bharat, and Developed India.” ■

BJP NATIONAL PRESIDENT MEETS WITH THE PM OF SINGAPORE IN NEW DELHI

As part of the 'Know BJP' initiative, BJP National President and Union Minister Shri J.P. Nadda met with the Prime Minister of Singapore, H.E. Mr. Lawrence Wong, in New Delhi on 03 September 2025. Welcoming Prime Minister Wong, Shri Nadda noted the special



significance of the visit as it coincides with the 60th anniversary of India-Singapore diplomatic relations.

Shri Nadda highlighted the Bharatiya Janata Party's wide organizational outreach under the Know BJP initiative and proposed enhanced engagement with Singapore's People's Action Party.

Mr. Wong referred to the visit of a delegation of his party to India on the invitation of the BJP and how this visit gave valuable insights into the functioning of the BJP. Both leaders agreed to continue the exchange of party delegations in the future, too.

Shri Nadda also underlined the importance of the 2024 MoU on healthcare collaboration and welcomed Temasek's investments in India's healthcare sector, which reflect global confidence in India's healthcare ecosystem. Both leaders emphasized the importance of preventive

health care and the role of technology in it. Both leaders reaffirmed their commitment to deepen cooperation in healthcare and pharmaceuticals, reinforcing the strength of the India-Singapore Strategic Partnership.

Shri Nadda was accompanied by Dr. Vijay Chauthaiwale, In-charge of the BJP's Foreign Affairs Department.

Prime Minister H.E. Mr. Wong is on a State Visit to India at the invitation of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. This is his first official visit to India since assuming office as Prime Minister of Singapore. ■

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Long-term structural benefits

Simplified rates reduce classification arbitrage and may raise compliance, expanding the taxable base over time. Greater formalisation could offset part of the immediate revenue loss. Removing inverted duties and lowering input taxes supports manufacturing competitiveness, particularly textiles and processed foods, improving export prospects over the medium term. Persistent lower prices for staples and household goods act as a recurring transfer to poor households, improving real incomes and consumption smoothing, which in turn supports human development indicators. Rising consumption in durable and semi-durable goods may induce firms to invest in capacity, creating employment and productivity gains that compound over multiple years. Analyst commentary highlights the potential for a growth uptick in FY27.

The 2025 GST rationalisation is a landmark policy that combines visible welfare gains for households with longer-term industrial and competitiveness

benefits. The tradeoff between immediate revenue impact and sustained growth will be resolved by the quality of implementation and by the extent to which the formalisation dividend materialises. Early industry responses and official documentation indicate both positive outcomes and legitimate fiscal questions that policymakers must manage prudently.

This bold step reflects the Modi government's determination to balance welfare with growth, simplicity with efficiency and consumption with competitiveness. By cutting taxes on essentials while correcting structural distortions in industry, the reform delivers relief to millions of families and gives Indian enterprises a sharper edge in global markets. It is a decisive signal that fiscal policy under Prime Minister Modi is not just about revenue collection but about empowering citizens, encouraging industry and strengthening India's long-term development trajectory. ■

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PM Shri Narendra Modi in a group photograph at SCO Summit in Tianjin, China on 01 September 2025



PM Shri Narendra Modi meets with the President of China, Mr. Xi Jinping in Tianjin, China on 31 August 2025



PM Shri Narendra Modi meets with the President of Russia, Mr. Vladimir Putin in Tianjin, China on 01 September 2025



The Prime Minister of Japan, Mr. Shigeru Ishiba welcomes PM Shri Narendra Modi to Tokyo, Japan on 29 August 2025



PM Shri Narendra Modi meets the PM of Singapore, Mr. Lawrence Wong at Hyderabad House in New Delhi on 04 September 2025



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