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Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi along with BJP National President and Union Minister Shri J.P. Nadda and other senior leaders inaugurating the newly constructed Delhi BJP State Office in New Delhi on 29 September 2025



BJP National President and Union Minister Shri J.P. Nadda paying floral tributes to Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya ji on his Jayanti at BJP HQ, New Delhi on 25 September 2025



Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah paying floral tributes to Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya ji on his Jayanti at BJP HQ, New Delhi on 25 September 2025



BJP National President & Union Minister Shri J.P. Nadda and Union Home & Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah planting saplings under the 'Seva Pakhwada' at BJP HQ, New Delhi on 25 September 2025



Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh performing 'Shastra Puja' on the occasion of Vijayadashami at the Bhuj Military Station in Gujarat on 02 October 2025

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India has the manpower, mindset and mobility, which makes us an attractive investment destination.

(8 October, 2025)

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There is a difference between office and Karyalay. Respected Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi ji, when he was the General Secretary, said that the Karyalay is not a place for exchange and meetings. It is a center of values where values emerge, the origin of values takes place, and the worker gets the opportunity to understand the organization.

(29 September, 2025)



@AmitShah

Some people have been spreading the misconception for years that Naxalism is a fight for development, but the entire Bastar, which has been deprived of development, has Naxalism itself as its root cause.

(8 October, 2025)

@Rajnathsingh

In the last ten years, India's defense production has risen from ₹46,425 crore to a historic level of ₹1.5 lakh crore. The contribution of ₹33,000 crore from the private sector indicates that the journey of self-reliant India in defense has now become a national movement.

(7 October, 2025)



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(1 October, 2025)



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What a phenomenal feat by our para-athletes! India shines brighter than ever at the #WorldParaAthleticsChampionships with a record 22 medals — 6 of them Gold! Each medal is a story of courage, resilience, and unstoppable spirit. You've not just made the nation proud but also inspired millions to believe in their limitless potential. Heartiest congratulations to all our champions!

(6 October, 2025)



INDIA'S PHARMA BOOM

Indian Pharma Market Surges

7.3%
in September 2025



₹20,886
CRORE

Total sales in September
(YoY growth of 7.3 %)

Source: Gol



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wishes a very happy

DEEPAWALI (20 OCTOBER)

to all of its readers



SWADESHI AND AATMNIIRBHARTA POWERING THE VISION OF 'VIKSIT BHARAT'

As Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangh (RSS) completes 100 years of its glorious journey in the service of Maa Bharati, a commemorative postage stamp and a coin were released by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, remembering its seminal contribution in the process of national reconstruction. Today, RSS has not only emerged as a unique organization distinguishing itself by its exceptional 'man making' mission with ever-evolving dimensions and multifaceted engagements but has also become the world's largest social and cultural organization, inspiring the people across the nation and even abroad. On the occasion of the release of the commemorative postage stamp and coin, the Prime Minister has rightly remarked that the ideal of the RSS is to deepen and strengthen the roots of Indian culture while instilling self-confidence and pride in the society and igniting the flame of public service in every heart. He said, "Its vision is for Indian society to become a symbol of social justice. Its mission is to amplify India's voice on the global stage. Its resolve is to ensure a secure and radiant future for the nation". The RSS embodies the spirit of selfless service, commitment to serve the poorest of the poor in the society, work

As the call of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi celebrating the principles of swadeshi—'Har ghar Swadeshi, Ghar Ghar Swadeshi'—resonates across the nation, a new mantra of self-reliance is generating self-confidence, self-pride, and self-awareness in the country

for achieving excellence in every field and instil a sense of oneness and unity in the society. It has inspired millions of people to selflessly commit themselves in the service of the nation and strengthen the civilizational foundation of India.

As the call of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi celebrating the principles of swadeshi—'Har ghar Swadeshi, Ghar Ghar Swadeshi'—resonates across the nation, a new mantra of self-reliance is generating self-confidence, self-pride, and self-awareness in the country. The swadeshi ethos, rooted in India's tradition and culture, has evolved into a comprehensive strategy for economic resilience and global competitiveness in the last eleven years. The 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' initiatives inspired by the high ideals of swadeshi today unite its principles with concrete policy measures, spanning manufacturing, agriculture, defence, energy, and digital infrastructure, to reduce import dependence and foster indigenous innovation. The appeal of the Prime Minister to become "Vocal for Local," urging people to buy and use products made in India and carrying the fragrance of the soil, is ingrained in the spirit of building an 'Atmanirbhar

Bharat' powering the vision of 'Viksit Bharat'.

The Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan, launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on May 12, 2020, represents the modern incarnation of swadeshi principles aims to transform India into a global manufacturing hub while maintaining strategic autonomy. A large number of initiatives launched under the Abhiyan are now showing results and even changing the notion of swadeshi and Aatmanirbharta, which were etched in the minds of the people as something obsolete. The power of swadeshi was seen during Covid-19 pandemic when India not only manufactured vaccines and PPE kits but also supplied them to other nations who needed them in the time of global crisis. While earlier swadeshi was associated with commodities like khadi and diya, today India is exporting indigenous aircraft like the Tejas LCA and the Brahmos missile while manufacturing tanks, artillery, and drones. The mantra of swadeshi and 'Aatmanirbharata' has given new confidence to the nation, opening new vistas of opportunities and meeting challenges successfully.

As Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi enters his 25th year serving the people as the head of a government, the boundless affection, love, and support he receives from them continues to increasingly bless his leadership with strength and dynamism. While his tireless efforts has seen multidimensional improvements in the lives of the people, his vision of 'Viksit Bharat' through the path of 'Aatmanirbharta' is powering the nation in its journey ahead. India has emerged as a strong and dynamic nation under his visionary and charismatic leadership. ■



Sangh's ideal is to deepen and strengthen the roots of Indian culture: PM Modi

PM releases commemorative postage stamp and coin highlighting the contributions of RSS to the nation

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the centenary celebrations of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi on 1st October 2025. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Modi remarked that tomorrow is the grand festival of Vijayadashami, which signifies the timeless proclamation of Indian culture—victory of justice over injustice, truth over falsehood, and light over darkness. The Prime Minister highlighted that on such a sacred occasion, the RSS was founded a hundred years ago, emphasizing that this was no coincidence. He stated that it was a restoration of an ancient tradition spanning thousands of years, wherein national consciousness manifests in new forms to meet the challenges of each era. In this age, he affirmed, the Sangh is a virtuous incarnation of that eternal national consciousness

Highlighting that it is a privilege for the current generation of Swayamsevaks to witness the centenary year of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi extended his best wishes to the countless swayamsevaks dedicated to the resolve of national service. The Prime Minister paid tribute at the feet of the Sangh's founder and revered ideal, Dr. Hedgewar.

Special postage stamp & commemorative coin

He announced that, to commemorate the Sangh's glorious 100-year journey, the Government of India has released a special postage stamp and commemorative coin. The Rs. 100 coin features the national emblem on one side and a majestic image of Bharat Mata in Varad Mudra with a lion, being saluted by swayamsevaks, on the other. Shri Modi highlighted that this is possibly the first time in independent India's history that Bharat Mata's image has appeared on Indian currency. He added

that the coin also bears the Sangh's guiding motto: "Rashtraya Swaha, Idam Rashtraya, Idam Na Mama."

Postage stamp reflects the unwavering dedication of RSS Swayamsevaks

Underscoring the significance of the commemorative postage stamp released Shri Modi said, "The commemorative postage stamp reflects the unwavering dedication of RSS swayamsevaks who continue to serve the nation and empower society", underlined Shri Modi extending heartfelt congratulations to the citizens of India on the release of these commemorative coins and postage stamp.

The Prime Minister remarked that just as great rivers nurture human civilizations along their banks, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh has similarly nourished and enriched countless lives. Drawing a parallel between a river that blesses the land, villages, and regions it flows through, and the Sangh, which has touched



every domain of Indian society and every region of the nation, Shri Modi emphasized that this is the result of uninterrupted dedication and a powerful national current.

Nation First

Drawing a parallel between the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh and a river that branches into multiple streams, each nourishing different regions, the Prime Minister remarked that the Sangh's journey mirrors this, with its various affiliated organizations engaging in national service across all facets of life—education, agriculture, social welfare, tribal upliftment, women empowerment, arts and sciences, and the labour sector. Shri Modi highlighted that despite the Sangh's expansion into multiple streams, there has never been division among them. "Each stream, each organization working in diverse fields, shares a singular purpose and sentiment: Nation First", stressed the Prime Minister.

Dr. Hedgewar's guiding principle

"Revered Dr. Hedgewar understood that the nation would be truly strong only when every citizen awakened to their responsibility towards it; India would rise only when every citizen learns to live for the nation", remarked the Prime Minister. He said that is why Dr. Hedgewar remained committed to individual development, adopting a unique approach. Shri Modi quoted Dr. Hedgewar's guiding principle: "Take people as they are, shape them into what they should be." He likened Dr. Hedgewar's method of public engagement to that of a potter—starting with ordinary clay, working on it diligently, shaping and firing it, and ultimately using the bricks to build a grand structure. In the same way, Dr. Hedgewar selected ordinary individuals, trained them, gave them vision, and shaped them into dedicated swayamsevaks for the nation. The Prime Minister remarked that this is why it is said about the Sangh that ordinary people come together to accomplish extraordinary and unprecedented tasks.

Highlighting that the noble process of individual development continues to thrive in the shakhas of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, Shri Modi described the shakha ground as a sacred space of inspiration, where a swayamsevak begins his journey from "me" to "we" representing the collective spirit.

Emphasising that the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh's hundred-year journey has been anchored in three foundational pillars—a grand vision of nation

building, a clear path of individual development, and a simple yet dynamic working method in the form of shakhas, Shri Modi stated that standing on these pillars, the Sangh has shaped lakhs of swayamsevaks who are advancing the nation across diverse fields through dedication, service, and a committed pursuit of national excellence.

Affirming that since its inception, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh has aligned its priorities with those of the nation, Shri Modi stated that in every era, the Sangh has confronted the major challenges facing the country. Recalling the freedom struggle, he noted that revered Dr. Hedgewar and many other karyakartas actively participated in the independence movement, with Dr. Hedgewar even facing imprisonment multiple times. The Prime Minister highlighted that the Sangh supported numerous freedom fighters, working shoulder to shoulder with them. He cited the 1942 movement in Chimur, where many swayamsevaks endured severe British atrocities. Post-independence, he remarked, the Sangh continued its sacrifices—from resisting the Nizam's oppression in Hyderabad to contributing to the liberation of Goa and Dadra & Nagar Haveli. Throughout, the guiding sentiment remained "Nation First," and the unwavering goal was "Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat."

Most significant contributions of the RSS

Emphasising that one of the most significant contributions of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh over its 100-year journey has been awakening self-awareness and pride among diverse sections of society, the Prime Minister noted that the Sangh has consistently worked in the most remote and inaccessible regions of the country, especially among India's nearly ten crore tribal brothers and sisters. Organizations like Seva Bharati, Vidya Bharati, and Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram have emerged as pillars of tribal empowerment.

To strengthen the roots of Indian culture

Shri Modi said, "The Sangh's ideal is to deepen and strengthen the roots of Indian culture. Its effort is to instill self-confidence and pride in society. Its goal is to ignite the flame of public service in every heart. Its vision is for Indian society to become a symbol of social justice. Its mission is to amplify India's voice on the global stage. Its resolve is to ensure a secure and radiant future for the nation", remarked Shri Modi and concluded by extending his congratulations to all on this historic occasion. ■



100 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE NATION



**NARENDRA
MODI**

A hundred years ago, on the sacred occasion of Vijayadashami, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh was founded. This was not the creation of something entirely new. It was a newer manifestation of an ancient tradition, where India's eternal national consciousness expresses itself periodically, in different forms, to face the challenges of the times. In our times, the Sangh is the embodiment of that timeless national consciousness. It is the good fortune of our generation of swayamsevaks that we are witnessing the Sangh's centenary.

On this historic occasion, I extend my greetings to the countless swayamsevaks who remain dedicated to the pledge of serving the nation and its people. I also bow in reverence to the founder of the Sangh, our guiding ideal, Param Pujya Dr. Hedgewar Ji. To mark this glorious journey of a hundred years, the Government of India has released a special postage stamp and commemorative coin.

Human civilizations thrived on the banks of great rivers. Similarly, countless lives have flourished due to the impact of the Sangh. A river enriches each part of the land that it touches with

its waters. Likewise, the Sangh has nourished every part of our nation, every sphere of our society. A river often multiplies into many streams and expands its impact. Something similar has happened in the Sangh's journey. Through its various affiliated organisations, the Sangh works in every domain of life, such as education, agriculture, social welfare, tribal welfare, women's empowerment and more. Though diverse in their fields of work, they all embody one spirit and one resolve: 'Nation First'.

From its very inception, the Sangh has devoted itself to nation-building. To achieve this, it chose the path of character-building. Vyakti nirmaan se rashtra nirmaan, nation-building through character-building – this has been the Sangh's path. For this, it created the unique, simple and enduring mechanism of the daily shakha. The shakha is an inspiring place where every swayamsevak begins his journey from 'Me to We' and goes through a



process of personal transformation.

The foundation of the Sangh's hundred-year journey has been laid by a great national mission, a path of personal transformation and the practical method of the shakha. Through these, the Sangh has shaped lakhs of swayamsevaks who continue to propel India forward in every sphere of life.

Right from the moment of its founding, the Sangh has considered the nation's priority as its own priority. Param Pujya Dr. Hedgewar Ji and many swayamsevaks participated actively in the freedom struggle. Dr. Hedgewar Ji himself was imprisoned several times. The Sangh also provided support and protection to many freedom fighters. After Independence, the Sangh continued working for the nation.

Along this journey, there were conspiracies and attempts to crush the Sangh. Its second Sarsanghchalak, Param Pujya Guruji, was falsely implicated in a case and even imprisoned. But the Sangh never allowed bitterness to take root, because swayamsevaks believe, "We



are not separate from society. Society is formed of us.” This

Bharati, Vidya Bharati, Ekal Vidyalayas and the Vanvasi Kalyan

countries, conspiracies to divide our unity, demographic changes through infiltration and more. Our government is actively countering these. I am glad that the RSS too has prepared a concrete roadmap to face them.

The ‘Panch Parivartan’ of the Sangh gives every swayamsevak the path to overcome today’s challenges.

- **Sva-Bodh:** Self-awareness helps us free ourselves from the colonial mindset, taking pride in our heritage and advancing the principle of Swadeshi.

- **Samajik Samrasta:** Social harmony is brought about by ensuring social justice by prioritising the marginalised. Today, our social harmony faces a grave challenge from demographic imbalances caused by infiltration. To address this, the nation has announced a High-Powered Demography Mission.

- **Kutumb Prabodhan:** Family values strengthen the institution of family which is the foundation of our culture.

- **Nagrik Shishtachar:** Civic sense and a sense of responsibility need to be awakened in every citizen.

- **Paryavaran:** Safeguarding the environment is of paramount importance to secure the future of coming generations.

Guided by these resolutions, the Sangh now begins its journey into its next century. In the mission of building a developed India by 2047, the contribution of the Sangh will be crucial. Once again, my best wishes to every swayamsevak. ■

(The writer is the Prime Minister of India)



feeling of oneness with society and unshakable faith in the Constitution and constitutional institutions gave the swayamsevaks steadiness of mind and kept them sensitive towards society, even in the gravest crises.

The Sangh has always been synonymous with patriotism and service. When Partition left lakhs of families homeless, swayamsevaks came forward to serve refugees. In every disaster, despite limited resources, swayamsevaks are among the first responders and work at the frontlines. For them, this is not just relief work, but the work of strengthening the nation’s very soul. Bearing hardships personally while easing the pain of others is the motto of every swayamsevak.

In its journey of a century, the Sangh has awakened self-awareness and self-confidence among various sections of society. It has worked even in the most remote, inaccessible parts of the country. For decades, it has dedicated itself to preserving and nurturing the traditions, customs, and values of tribal communities. Today, institutions such as Sewa

Ashram have become strong pillars of empowerment for tribal communities.

For centuries, social ills such as caste discrimination and untouchability have been challenges for Hindu society. From the time of Dr. Hedgewar Ji until today, every member of the Sangh, every Sarsanghchalak, has fought against such discrimination. Param Pujya Guruji constantly carried forward the spirit of ‘Na Hindu Patito Bhavet’, meaning ‘no Hindu can ever be fallen’. Pujya Balasaheb Deoras Ji declared: “If untouchability is not wrong, nothing else is wrong in the world.” Later, Pujya Rajju Bhaiya Ji and Pujya Sudarshan Ji, too, carried this message forward. In the current times, the present Sarsanghchalak, respected Mohan Bhagwat Ji, has given a clear call for unity, calling for one well, one temple, one cremation ground for everyone.

When the Sangh was formed a century ago, the needs and struggles of the time were different from those of today. Today, as India advances towards becoming a developed nation, there are newer challenges. Dependence on foreign

PM INAUGURATES NAVI MUMBAI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, LAUNCHES VARIOUS DEVELOPMENTAL PROJECTS IN MUMBAI



Entire nation is committed to fulfilling the resolve of a 'Viksit Bharat': PM Modi

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the Navi Mumbai International Airport and launched various developmental projects in Mumbai, Maharashtra on 8 October 2025.

Underscoring that Mumbai's long wait has ended with the city now receiving its second international airport, the Prime Minister highlighted that this airport will play a major role in establishing the region as one of Asia's largest connectivity hubs. He also remarked that Mumbai has now received a fully underground metro, which will make travel easier and save time for commuters

Addressing on the occasion and underlining that India offers countless opportunities for its youth, the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi highlighted the recent launch of the Rs. 60,000 crore PM Setu scheme aimed at linking numerous ITIs across the country with industry. He noted that starting today, the Maharashtra government has introduced new programmes in hundreds of ITIs and technical schools. Through these initiatives, Shri Modi said, students will receive training in emerging technologies such as drones, robotics, electric vehicles, solar energy, and green hydrogen.

Public welfare is paramount

Shri Modi said, "Today, the entire nation is committed to fulfilling the resolve of a Viksit Bharat—an India defined by both speed and progress, where public welfare is paramount and government schemes simplify citizens' lives",

emphasised Shri Modi remarking that over the past eleven years, this spirit has guided development efforts across every corner of the country. The Prime Minister highlighted that when Vande Bharat semi high-speed trains run on the tracks, when bullet train projects gain momentum, when wide highways and expressways connect new cities, when long tunnels are carved through mountains, and when tall sea bridges link distant shores, India's speed and progress become visible. He affirmed that such advancements give new wings to the aspirations of India's youth.

Shri Modi said today's event continues the momentum of India's development journey. He highlighted the Navi Mumbai International Airport is a project that reflects the vision of a developed India. Built on the land of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, the airport is shaped like a lotus flower, symbolizing culture and prosperity. The Prime



PM Shri Narendra Modi visits an exhibition and interacts with special children during the inauguration of International Airport at Mumbai in Maharashtra on October 08, 2025

Minister remarked that this new airport will connect Maharashtra's farmers to supermarkets in Europe and the Middle East, enabling fresh produce, fruits, vegetables, and fishery products to reach global markets swiftly. He noted that the airport will reduce export costs for nearby small and medium industries, boost investment, and lead to the establishment of new enterprises.

India is the youngest country in the world

"India is the youngest country in the world, and its strength lies in its youth", said the Prime Minister, emphasising that every government policy is focused on creating maximum employment opportunities for young people. He remarked that increased investment in infrastructure leads to job creation, citing the Rs. 76,000 crore Vadhavan Port project as an example. He added that when trade expands and the logistics sector gains momentum, employment is generated.

Ease of living for citizens

"For the past eleven years, the government has placed strong emphasis on improving ease of living for citizens", said the Prime Minister, underscoring that unprecedented investment is being made in facilities such as railways, roads, airports, metros, and electric buses. He cited projects like Atal Setu and the Coastal Road as examples of this development. He affirmed that India is progressing towards the vision of One Nation, One Mobility. He noted that the Mumbai One App is another step in this direction, enabling citizens to avoid long

queues for tickets. With this app, a single ticket can be used across local trains, buses, metros, and taxis.

Empowering the poor, neo-middle class, and middle class is a national priority

Shri Modi emphasized that empowering the poor, neo-middle class, and middle class is a national priority. He remarked that when these families receive access to facilities and respect, their capabilities grow, and the collective strength of citizens makes the nation stronger.

Next-generation reforms in GST

He highlighted that recent next-generation reforms in GST have made several goods more affordable, further enhancing the purchasing power of the people. Citing market data, he noted that this Navratri season broke multi-year sales records, with record numbers of people purchasing scooters, bikes, televisions, refrigerators, and washing machines.

Adopt Swadeshi

Affirming that the government will continue to take steps that improve citizens' lives and strengthen the nation, Shri Modi urged everyone to embrace swadeshi and proudly say, "This is swadeshi"—a mantra that should resonate in every home and marketplace. He emphasized that when every citizen buys swadeshi clothes and shoes, brings home swadeshi products, and gives swadeshi gifts, the nation's wealth remains within the country. This, he said, will generate employment for Indian workers and create jobs for the youth. The Prime Minister encouraged people to imagine the immense strength India will gain when the entire nation adopts Swadeshi.

The Prime Minister concluded by stating that Maharashtra has always been at the forefront of accelerating India's development.

Governor of Maharashtra, Shri Acharya Devvrat, Chief Minister Shri Devendra Fadnavis, Union Ministers, Shri Ramdas Athawale, Shri Rammohan Naidu Kinjarapu, Shri Murlidhar Mohol, Japan's Ambassador to India, Mr. Keiichi Ono were present among other dignitaries at the event. ■



BJP will emerge victorious in the upcoming elections to advance the vision of 'Viksit Keralam: JP Nadda

BJP National President and Union Minister Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda addressed BJP State office Bearers in Kollam, Kerala on 27 September 2025. During his address, Shri Nadda highlighted the BJP's development initiatives in Kerala and across India, emphasizing the transformative governance under Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, including reforms like next-generation GST, social welfare schemes, and infrastructure projects. He criticized the state government for corruption and non-performance while praising BJP's ideological consistency and mass-based approach. During the event, Kerala BJP State President Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Kerala BJP In-charge Shri Prakash Javadekar, other leaders and the executive committee were present.

Parties have lost their balance

The BJP National President said that under Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's leadership, the Government of India has become a responsive, responsible, and accountable government; a government of "report cards." This new political culture of accountability and performance emerged only after 2014, replacing the earlier politics dominated by appeasement, caste, division, and vote-bank strategies. Parties have lost their balance. There is a trend today that all political parties are shrinking into regional ones, while regional parties are increasingly turning into family-parties.

Shri Nadda spoke about the Modi government's reform-oriented vision, noting that several new

initiatives have been launched recently. He cited the implementation of the next-generation GST on September 22, the first day of Navratri as a significant step toward simplifying India's tax system, contrasting it with the complex and fragmented taxation framework that existed before 2017. He said India has made significant progress over the past 11 years.

Development initiatives in Kerala

Shri Nadda stated that in addition to the development initiatives in Kerala, significant work has been undertaken in the social sector, including the establishment of super-specialty blocks and medical colleges. Questions from the media regarding the All India Institutes of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) were noted, with assurance that these institutions will be established at the right time and in the right locations. The role of the LDF and UDF governments in Kerala was criticized, and the previous 10 years of Congress-led governance at the national level were described as a period characterized by policy paralysis, non-performance, appeasement, lack of development, corruption, and administrative inefficiency. The LDF government has similarly mismanaged Kerala's resources over the past decade, resulting in no development and widespread corruption, with senior leaders involved in wrongdoing. Legal action will be taken, and it was assured that none will go unpunished. Unemployment among youth under 30 years of age stands at 29%, representing the highest rate in the state. Economic distress was attributed to poor

Organisational Appointment

JAGDISH VISHWAKARMA ELECTED AS NEW GUJARAT BJP PRESIDENT

Minister of State for Cooperation in Gujarat Shri Jagdish Vishwakarma, was elected as the new State President of the Bharatiya Janata Party at the State Party Headquarters in Gandhinagar on 02 October 2025. Shri Vishwakarma succeeded Union Minister and former BJP State President Shri C.R. Paatil.



ADITYA SAHU APPOINTED AS JHARKHAND BJP WORKING PRESIDENT

BJP National President and Union Minister Shri JP Nadda appointed senior state party leader and Rajya Sabha MP Shri Aditya Sahu as Working President of the Jharkhand BJP unit. Shri Sahu replaced former Working President Shri Ravindra Kumar Ray.



BJP ANNOUNCES POLL IN-CHARGE & CO-INCHARGE FOR BIHAR, TAMIL NADU & WEST BENGAL

The BJP National President and Union Minister Shri JP Nadda appointed Union Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan as the party's election in-charge for the upcoming Bihar assembly polls



on 25 September 2025. The party also appointed Union Minister Shri CR Patil and Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Shri Keshav Prasad Maurya as co-incharge for the election.

For the Tamil Nadu elections, the BJP National President Shri JP Nadda appointed BJP National Vice-President Shri Baijayant Panda as the election in-charge. Shri Murlidhar Mohol appointed as co-incharge.

Likewise, Union Minister Shri Bhupendra Yadav has been appointed as the party's election in-charge for West Bengal, and MP Lok Sabha Shri Biplab Kumar Deb, appointed as co-incharge.

administration, and the government was criticized for compromising on matters of national security. The present government failed to appropriately acknowledge the successful action carried out during Operation Sindoor by the Indian Forces. The current government in Kerala is characterized by corruption and non-performance, which has hindered the state's overall growth and governance.

Kerala government creating hurdles in state's development

Shri Nadda said the current government in Kerala has been attempting to create hurdles in the state's development. It was emphasized that whatever progress has been achieved has been due to the initiatives taken by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the Government of India.

He expressed his happiness that, under the

leadership of Shri Rajiv Chandrasekhar, the BJP in Kerala has resolved to work towards a Viksit Keralam. He stressed that development is the only way forward, and reiterated the party's commitment to Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas, emphasizing that these principles are implemented in both letter and spirit.

Shri Nadda urged party workers to prepare diligently for the upcoming municipal elections, which he described as a precursor to the Vidhan Sabha elections. Recalling his role as in-charge of Kerala in 2016, he expressed confidence that the state will deliver strong results this time, ensuring the party comes in power. Shri Nadda extended his best wishes for the success of the Bharatiya Janata Party in Kerala, noting that this success would translate into the development of the state and the betterment of the common people of Kerala. ■

BJP's connection with Delhi goes back to the Jana Sangh days: PM Modi

Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the newly constructed Delhi State BJP office on 29 September 2025, and addressed the Karyakartas on this occasion. The programme was also addressed by BJP National President Shri JP Nadda, Delhi Chief Minister Smt. Rekha Gupta, and Delhi BJP President Shri Virendra Sachdeva. Until now, the Delhi BJP State office was located at 14, Pandit Pant Marg; it has now been shifted to 5, Deendayal Upadhyay Marg

Addressing the Karyakartas, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said the Delhi BJP has received its new office. This is a moment filled with new dreams and new resolutions. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to all the Delhi BJP Karyakartas.

Hard work of millions of Karyakartas

It has been 45 years since the founding of the Bharatiya Janata Party. The party progressed with the blessings and hard work of many such personalities, including Atal ji, Advani ji, Nanaji Deshmukh, Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia ji, Murli Manohar Joshi ji. But friends, the seed from which the BJP has grown into such a huge banyan tree today was planted in October 1951. At that time, the Jana Sangh was founded under the leadership of Shyama Prasad Mukherjee. And during that same period, the Delhi Jana Sangh also got its first president in the form of Vaidya Gurudutt. Advani ji, Dr. Bhai Mahavir ji, and Hardayal Devgun ji continued to lead the Delhi Jana Sangh from time to time.

When the BJP was founded in 1980, V.K. Malhotra became the first president of the Delhi BJP. The strength that the Delhi BJP enjoys today is the result of the sacrifice and hard work of millions of our Karyakartas over the past decades. Kedar Nath Sahni ji, Sahib Singh Verma ji, Madan Lal Khurana ji, and many other such stalwart leaders showed us an indelible path of service. Many personalities like Arun Jaitley ji and Sushma Swaraj ji dedicated their lives to the party.

Relationship between Delhi and BJP

The relationship between Delhi and the BJP is not just that of a city and a party. It is one of service, culture, and companionship in joys and sorrows. First as the Jana Sangh and then as the BJP, our party has been connected to the heart of Delhi and its interests. Since the founding of the Jan Sangh, we have served



the people of Delhi in every way. Jana Sangh workers created rehabilitation facilities for the victims who came to Delhi after Partition. When the Metropolitan Council was formed, leaders like Advani ji and V.K. Malhotra ji became the voice of the people of Delhi. During the Emergency, Jan Sangh leaders, along with the people of Delhi, fought against the oppression of the government. Even during the 1984 Sikh riots, which dealt a terrible blow to the soul of Delhi and humanity, Delhi BJP workers protected our Sikh brothers and sisters in every possible way. The alliance between Delhi and the BJP is one of emotion and trust.

Our government is working hard

The tireless efforts and hard work of Delhi workers in spreading this idea across the country have helped the BJP reach its present position. For us, any BJP office is no less than a shrine or a temple. BJP offices are not just buildings; they are strong links that connect the party to the ground and to the people's expectations. After a gap of many years, the BJP is in power in Delhi today. The people of Delhi have placed their dreams and hopes for a better future. Our government is working hard to fulfill the expectations of the people of Delhi. ■

BJP Karyakartas are working with full dedication for a Viksit Bharat: JP Nadda

The BJP National President Shri JP Nadda, on this occasion, highly praised the guidance, support, and vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, stating that the Prime Minister has always given top priority to the organizational development of the party and the welfare of its Karyakartas.

He said through this office, a modern and vibrant contact center of the BJP has been established, which will serve as a centre for organizational training, research, and values for the Karyakartas.

The BJP National President said it is a moment of great happiness for everyone that, after a long wait, the Delhi unit of the Bharatiya Janata Party now has its own fully developed and well-equipped office.

Shri Narendra Modi, apart from being the Prime Minister, is also the Pradhan Sevak of the nation. Despite being deeply engaged day and night in the intricacies of the country's administration, whenever the party has made any request to him, he has always accepted it eagerly and graciously, considering it his duty, Shri Nadda said. Every moment of his life is dedicated to the nation and the party, and he not only

remains committed to improving the living standards of 140 crore Indians and bringing happiness into their lives but also a skilled architect of organization.

Shri Nadda said this new office is equipped with a research facility, including separate arrangements for the media, a library, a conference hall, and meeting facilities, making it fully equipped in every sense.

When the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi was the National General Secretary of the BJP, he had clarified that there is a difference between an office and a party office. An office opens only at 10 a.m. and closes at 5 p.m., whereas the office of the Bharatiya Janata Party is a center of life engagement, functioning 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. This office is not merely a place to meet, but a center of values, where values are nurtured and Karyakartas get the opportunity to understand the organisation.

Shri Nadda said we are now striving to implement the organizational vision of the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. Under the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi, all of us BJP Karyakartas are working with dedication to achieve the goal of building a Viksit Bharat. ■

BIHAR ASSEMBLY ELECTION 2025 WILL BE HELD IN 2 PHASES

The Election Commission of India (ECI) has officially announced the schedule for the Bihar Assembly Election 2025. This election marks a crucial democratic exercise as the tenure of the current Bihar Legislative Assembly comes to an end on November 22, 2025. The state, which comprises 243 Assembly constituencies, will witness polling conducted in two phases to ensure smooth administration and security arrangements across all regions. The Bihar Assembly Election 2025 will be conducted in two distinct phases.

Phase 1

The first phase of polling will cover 121 Assembly constituencies.

- Notification Date: October 10, 2025
- Last Date for Filing Nominations: October 17, 2025
- Scrutiny of Nominations: October 18, 2025

- Last Date for Withdrawal of Candidature: October 20, 2025
- Polling Date: November 6, 2025
- Counting of Votes: November 14, 2025

Phase 2

The second phase will include 122 Assembly constituencies.

- Notification Date: October 13, 2025
- Last Date for Filing Nominations: October 20, 2025
- Scrutiny of Nominations: October 21, 2025
- Last Date for Withdrawal of Candidature: October 23, 2025
- Polling Date: November 11, 2025
- Counting of Votes: November 14, 2025

The counting of votes for both phases will take place on November 14, 2025. ■

BJP National President offers floral tributes to Deendayal ji on his Jayanti and plants saplings

Antyodaya is extremely important for building a “Viksit and Atmanirbhar Bharat”: JP Nadda

BJP National President and Union Minister Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda and Union Home & Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah paid floral tributes to Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya ji on his Jayanti at the BJP Central Office in New Delhi on 25 September 2025. BJP National President and Union Home Minister, under the nationwide campaign ‘Seva Pakhwada’ being run by the Party on the occasion of the birthday of the Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, planted ‘Sindoor’ saplings at the Deendayal Upadhyay Park and expressed their unwavering commitment towards the conservation of nature.

Shri JP Nadda also participated in Shramdaan under the ‘Swachhata Hi Seva 2025’ campaign. It is to be noted that from 17th September to 2nd October, Bharatiya Janata Party celebrated ‘Seva Pakhwada’ with great enthusiasm across the country, under

dignity in public life, presented the great philosophy of ‘Integral Humanism’ for the creation of a strong, prosperous, and capable India on the foundation of Indian culture. His concept of Antyodaya is extremely important in the fulfillment of the resolve of building a “Viksit and Atmanirbhar Bharat.” His great thoughts and works of national service and public service will always remain a source of inspiration for crores of Karyakartas.”

PRINCIPLES OF ‘CULTURAL NATIONALISM’ AND ‘ANTYODAYA’ ARE INSPIRATIONAL FOR EVERY PATRIOT: AMIT SHAH

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah stated that the strong and self-respecting nation envisioned by Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Ji through the ideas of Antyodaya and cultural nationalism is today



which various activities related to service, culture, and environment are being carried out.

On the occasion, Shri Nadda said that the entire life of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Ji was dedicated to national service, organization, and the upliftment of Indian culture. His thought of ‘Antyodaya’ will always inspire us to serve the person standing at the last rung of society. Posting on social media platform X, he said, “I bow countless times on his birth anniversary to the blessed son of Maa Bharati, great nationalist thinker, and founding father of Bharatiya Janata Party, Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Ji. Revered Deendayal Ji, who remained the highest ideal of personal purity and

being realized under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. Posting on social media X, he wrote, “I bow to Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Ji, the founder of Bharatiya Jana Sangh and the pioneer of ‘Integral Humanism,’ on his birth anniversary. Through the philosophy of Integral Humanism, Pandit Deendayal Ji considered the individual, society, and nation as an integrated unit and emphasized not only economic progress but also moral and cultural upliftment. Through the Jana Sangh, he provided a political alternative that kept national interest paramount. The principles of ‘Cultural Nationalism’ and ‘Antyodaya’ of Deendayal Ji are inspirational for every patriot.” ■

The people will ensure the victory of NDA in Bihar: Amit Shah

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah addressed a meeting of BJP Karyakartas at the Mandal level from the Koshi, Purnia, and Bhagalpur regions in Araria (Bihar) on 27 September 2025. He called on party workers to once again form a development-oriented NDA government in Bihar. He said that the people of Bihar will ensure the NDA's victory in over 160 seats and form the government.

Shri Shah said that while all political parties hold public rallies when election campaigns begin, the Bharatiya Janata Party is the first party to organize Karyakartas' convention. More than 4,000 selected Karyakartas from the Bhagalpur, Koshi, and Purnia regions were present today. In the 2020 assembly elections, the NDA alliance secured the top spot in every district except Kishanganj. The NDA alliance also secured the top spot in Navgachhia, Bhagalpur, Banka, Araria, Purnia, Katihar, Supaul, Saharsa, and Madhepura. This time, BJP workers will accomplish the remaining work in Kishanganj.

Rs. 10,000 reached to Jeevika Didis in Bihar

Shri Shah said just as the Rs. 10,000 reached the Jeevika Didis accounts recently in Bihar, similarly, the respected Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, is annually transferring Rs. 6,000 to the accounts of farmers, and this time they are expected to have a bumper harvest, which will increase their income. This Diwali, we must all pledge to prioritize indigenous products in all our purchases.

Lalu Prasad and his company looted the state

In Bihar, Lalu Prasad Yadav and his company looted the state and committed numerous scams, while the Congress party plundered the country's resources through scams worth Rs. 12 lakh crore. Over the past 11 years, the Modi government has operated with such transparency that no one has been able to level a single corruption charge against him.

The Union Home Minister said Rahul Gandhi recently visited Bihar and organized a yatra. He undertook this yatra to protest the Election Commission's removal of



infiltrators from Bihar's voter lists. Lalu Yadav and Rahul Gandhi want infiltrators to have the right to vote in Bihar. Rahul Gandhi should listen carefully: not only in Bihar, he can organize yatras anywhere, but BJP is determined to expel every infiltrator, one by one. Lalu Yadav and Rahul Gandhi's parties want to protect infiltrators, but the Bharatiya Janata Party wants to expel them.

The Makhana Board

He said Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has done a lot of work for the development of Bihar. It was from the land of Purnia that the Prime Minister, announced the Makhana Board. A 2400 MW coal power plant was established in Bhagalpur. Shri Narendra Modi had promised an airport for Purnia, and that promise has been fulfilled. Today, all four airports—Patna, Gaya, Darbhanga, and Purnia—are operational, and Bihta Airport will also be operational soon. Shri Narendra Modi has given Bihar a total of six airports.

Previously, when Nepal's rivers flowed into India, the Kosi River would flood, but now there's no need to worry about that. Shri Narendra Modi announced the Kosi-Mechi Link Project in the 2025 budget, which will provide water for irrigation in fields instead of flooding.

The NDA government of Bihar has increased the old age pension, widow pension and disability pension from Rs.400 to Rs.1100.

Shri Shah said with the joint efforts of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar, a grand temple of Sita Mata has also been built at Punaura Dham in Sitamarhi at a cost of Rs. 900 crore. ■

CABINET APPROVES MSP FOR RABI CROPS

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 1st October approved the increase in the Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for all mandated Rabi Crops for Marketing Season 2026-27.

Government has increased the MSP of Rabi Crops for Marketing Season 2026-27, to ensure remunerative prices to the growers for their produce. The absolute highest increase in MSP has been announced for Safflower at Rs.600 per quintal followed by Lentil (Masur) at Rs.300 per quintal. For Rapeseed & Mustard, gram, barley, and wheat, there is an increase of Rs.250 per quintal, Rs.225 per quintal, Rs.170 per quintal and Rs.160 per quintal respectively. ■

CABINET APPROVES OPENING OF 57 NEW KENDRIYA VIDYALAYAS

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 1st October approved opening of 57 new Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) under Civil sector across the country to facilitate the educational needs of the wards of increased number of Central Government employees. The total estimated requirement of funds for establishment of the 57 new KVs is Rs. 5862.55 crore (approx.) spread over a period of nine years from 2026-27. This includes capital expenditure component of Rs. 2585.52 crore (approx.) and operational expenditure of Rs. 3277.03 crore (approx.). It is worthwhile to note that as exemplar schools for NEP 2020, for the first time, these 57 KVs have been sanctioned with Balvatikas, i.e. 3 years of foundational stage (pre-primary). ■

INDIA RE-ELECTED TO ICAO COUNCIL WITH STRONGER MANDATE

India has been re-elected to the Part-II of the Council of International Civil Aviation Organization, a specialized UN agency. Part II comprises of States making the largest contribution to the provision of facilities for international civil air navigation. The election took place on 27 September 2025, during the 42nd ICAO Assembly Session, being held in Montreal.

India secured more votes as compared to the 2022 elections, reflecting the growing confidence among Member States in its leadership and commitment to international civil aviation. ■

INDIA'S INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION RECORDS GROWTH OF 4.0%

The Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation announced that India's Index of Industrial Production (IIP) recorded 4.0 % year-on-year growth in August 2025 (base year 2011-12 = 100). This marks an improvement over the Quick Estimate for July 2025, which was 3.5 %. Sectorally, mining led with 6.0 % growth, manufacturing grew by 3.8 %, and electricity saw a rise of 4.1 %. The overall index for August 2025 stood at 151.7, up from 145.8 in August 2024. Among manufacturing sub-industries, basic metals (12.2 %) and motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers (9.8 %) were among the strongest contributors.

By use-based classification, the indices for infrastructure/construction goods rose by 10.6 %, while consumer non-durables declined by 6.3 %. Other segments like primary goods, intermediate goods, and capital goods also showed positive growth. The release notes that the Quick Estimate for August 2025 and the final revision for July 2025 were compiled with response rates of 90.96 % and 92.99 % respectively. ■

UNION CABINET APPROVES MISSION FOR AATMANIRBHARTA IN PULSES

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 1st October has approved the Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses- a landmark initiative aimed at boosting domestic production and achieving self-sufficiency (Aatmanirbharta) in pulses. The Mission will be implemented over a six-year period, from 2025-26 to 2030-31, with a financial outlay of Rs 11,440 crore.

This will be complemented by convergence with the soil health programme, Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization, balanced fertilizer use, plant protection, and extensive demonstrations by ICAR, KVKs, and State Departments to promote best practices. ■



Senior BJP leader V. K. Malhotra Passes Away

In a solemn moment for Indian politics and the Bharatiya Janata Party, senior leader Prof. Vijay Kumar Malhotra passed away on 30 September at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi. He was 93 years old. Prof. Malhotra had been under treatment at AIIMS for several days for age-related ailments.

Prof. Malhotra's life in public service spanned more than six decades. He was a stalwart of the BJP and its predecessor, the Bharatiya Jana Sangh.

He served as a five-time Member of Parliament (MP) from Delhi and two-time Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA). He held key party posts, including first president of the BJP's Delhi unit. In the 2008 Delhi Assembly election, he was the BJP's projected Chief Minister candidate.

In the 1999 general elections, he achieved one of his noted victories by defeating former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh in South Delhi. He also contributed beyond electoral politics — in academics and sports administration. He was associated with the Archery Association of India and the All India Council of Sports, among other bodies.

Throughout his life, he was known for organisational skill, discipline, simplicity, commitment to party ideology, and commitment to public service.

The passing of Prof. Malhotra evoked deep sadness and an outpouring of tributes across party lines. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi expressed grief on social media, calling him an "outstanding leader" with deep understanding of people's concerns, and praised his role in strengthening the



BJP in Delhi. In a posts on X, Shri Modi wrote:

"Penned my thoughts on Shri VK Malhotra Ji's life, work and how he personified the best of our Party's ethos. From politics and parliament to service and sports, he left behind an indelible impact.

BJP National President Shri J. P. Nadda termed his demise an irreparable loss to the party, recalling his simplicity, integrity, and steadfast guidance. Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah and

Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh paid tributes, acknowledging his pivotal role in shaping the organisation from the era of Jana Sangh onward. Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta called his death a deeply painful and irreparable loss, highlighting his life as a living example of patriotism, discipline, and organisational acumen.

Leaders and workers from the Delhi BJP, as well as political figures across states, joined in paying homage to him for his decades of service.

Prof. Malhotra's last rites were conducted on October 1, 2025, at Lodhi Road Crematorium, New Delhi, with full state honours.

His body was kept at the Delhi BJP headquarters for public darshan, where thousands of BJP workers, officials, and citizens paid floral tributes.

The cremation ceremony included a ceremonial salute by Delhi Police and gunfire tribute, reflecting the esteem in which he was held.

His blend of scholarship, principled politics, organisational rigor, and ethical conduct remains a guiding example for many. ■



TRIBUTE TO VK MALHOTRA JI



**NARENDRA
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A few days ago, we lost one of our senior-most leaders, Shri Vijay Kumar Malhotra Ji. He lived a long and accomplished life, but more importantly, he led a life of relentless hard work, determination and service. A glimpse of his life will make everyone understand the core ethos of the RSS, the Jana Sangh, and the BJP...courage in the face of adversity, service above self and a deep-rooted commitment to national and cultural values.

The family of VK Malhotra Ji suffered the horrors of partition. The trauma and displacement did not make him bitter or inward-looking. Instead, he immersed himself in serving others. He found his calling in the ideology of the RSS and the Jana Sangh. Those were indeed very challenging times. Malhotra Ji dedicated himself to social work, helping thousands of displaced families, who had lost everything, rebuild their lives. This was also the guiding spirit of the Jana Sangh. His fellow Karyakartas in those days included Madanlal Khurana Ji and Kidar Nath Sahni Ji. People like them and countless others were at the forefront of selfless service, which resonated with the people of Delhi.

It is well known that the Lok Sabha and various state assembly



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elections of 1967 were a shocker for the all-powerful Congress. A lesser-known election which took place was the first-ever Delhi Metropolitan Council election. In the national capital, the Jana Sangh secured a resounding victory. Shri LK Advani Ji became the Chairman of the Council and Malhotra Ji was given the responsibility of being the Chief Executive Councillor, which is roughly equivalent to being Chief Minister. He was only 36 then. He used his tenure to address the needs of Delhi, especially on infrastructure and civic issues.

This responsibility also

deepened Malhotra Ji's bond with Delhi. Whenever there was an issue of public importance, Malhotra Ji was not a bystander but an active participant speaking the voice of the public. He took part in the cow protection movement in the late 1960s, where he also became a victim of police excesses. He was at the forefront of the anti-Emergency movement. When Sikhs were being brutally butchered on the streets of Delhi, he was a voice of calm and peace and stood strongly with the Sikh community. He believed that politics, in addition to electoral success, was about principles



and protecting people as well as values when it mattered most.

From the late 1960s onwards, VK Malhotra Ji remained a permanent figure in public life. Few leaders can claim to have such a long, unbroken span of public engagement. He was a tireless Karyakarta, an excellent organiser and an institution builder. He had the wonderful ability to traverse the worlds of electoral politics and organisational politics with equal ease, providing stable leadership to the Jana Sangh and the BJP's Delhi unit.

Be it civic administration, state legislature or the Parliament, Malhotra Ji had seen it all. His 1999 Lok Sabha electoral victory against Dr. Manmohan Singh is still remembered by supporters and opponents. It was a high-profile election, where he was pitted against an important Congress leader. The full might of the Congress ecosystem descended upon his South Delhi constituency, but Malhotra Ji never reduced the level of discourse. He ran a positive campaign, ignoring vile attacks and won with over 50% of the vote! This victory was achieved due to Malhotra Ji's strong connect on

the ground. He was skilled at nurturing close relationships with Karyakartas and understanding the aspirations of the voters.

When Malhotra Ji spoke in Parliament, it was always well-researched and well-presented. His tenure as Deputy Leader of the Opposition during UPA-1 offers valuable lessons to students of politics and Parliamentary democracy. He effectively opposed the ineffective UPA Government, especially on its dismal track record of corruption and terrorism. During those days, I was serving as the Chief Minister of Gujarat and would often interact with Malhotra Ji, who was always curious to know about Gujarat's development strides.

Politics was one facet of VK Malhotra Ji's persona. He was an excellent academician. I learnt from his family about how he secured double promotions during his school years. He completed matriculation and graduation ahead of schedule. His Hindi proficiency meant that the task of translating Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee's speeches to Hindi often came to him.

One of Malhotra Ji's greatest traits was his role as an institution builder. He was among the top leaders who founded and nurtured several institutions related to the RSS. Through his efforts, many cultural, educational and social organisations found growth and

mentorship. These institutions became nurseries of talent and service, carrying forward the vision of a self-reliant, value-driven society.

Beyond politics and academia, Malhotra Ji made an indelible mark in the world of sports. Archery was his great passion and he served as the President of the Archery Association of India for several decades. Under his leadership, Indian archery gained global recognition and he tirelessly worked to provide athletes with platforms and opportunities. His role in sports administration reflected the same traits he displayed in public life: dedication, organisational ability and the pursuit of excellence.

Shri VK Malhotra Ji's impact is not just in the positions he held, but in the ethos, he carried forward... of putting service before self, of staying rooted in values and of embracing challenges with courage and perseverance. He was the ideal Party man, never speaking anything that could embarrass our Karyakartas or ideology.

A few days ago, I was at the programme to inaugurate the new Headquarters of the Delhi BJP, where I fondly recalled Shri VK Malhotra Ji. He was thrilled when the BJP formed the Government in Delhi earlier this year after over three decades and had immense expectations, which we are committed to fulfilling for our beloved national capital. May his life and accomplishments continue to remain a role model for generations of public servants in the times to come. ■

(The writer is the Prime Minister of India)



INDIA RISING THROUGH SWADESHI AND SELF-RELIANCE



SHIVPRAKASH

The “Swasth Nari – Sashakt Parivar” campaign was launched in Dhar, Madhya Pradesh, on September 17. During a large public gathering held on this occasion, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi urged the citizens to embrace Swadeshi. He appealed to the people to “buy whatever you buy from within the country—let it be made by Indian hands, carry the sweat of Indian workers, and bear the fragrance of Indian soil.” This call for Swadeshi is not limited to Dhar; for several months, the Prime Minister has been emphasizing in his public addresses that Swadeshi and Aatmanirbharta (self-reliance) are the true guarantees of a developed India.

To connect every citizen with the call of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the Bharatiya Janata Party has launched the “Viksit Bharat” campaign. This campaign will commence on the birth anniversary of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay (September 25) and continue through the purchase of Khadi on the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi (October 2) — the great leader who inspired the spirit of Swadeshi — until December 25, the birth

anniversary of the late Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, a symbol of India's pride.

Defining Swadeshi, Mahatma Gandhi said, “It is the feeling that inspires us to use the goods and services available nearby. The essence of Swadeshi is serving those nearby with a sense of family.” Similarly, Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay emphasized that “policy should prioritize village-based entrepreneurship and local production.” The late Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari

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Vajpayee, who took pride in the Hindi language, also elevated India's national pride through the successful nuclear tests.

The campaign being conducted during this period is a meaningful initiative to connect society with the ideals of Swadeshi.

The dangers posed by capitalist, communist, and socialist systems—which center either on the individual or the state in the name of ensuring human happiness—are evident across the world today. All these systems

favor centralization and foster class conflict. Their foundations rest solely on consumption, leading to the exploitation of nature through the assumption of ownership over natural resources, which in turn has triggered environmental crises. Irregular, excessive, and unseasonal rainfall are among the consequences of this interference with nature. Driven by monopolistic mindsets, such systems resort to tariffs or wars to dominate their opponents. Viewing the world merely as a market, they have cultivated rivalry rather than fraternity among humankind.

Since independence, India too, influenced by this foreign allure, has begun to imitate Western and communist models. If this cycle continues unchecked, both humanity and global peace will face a grave threat.

The Swadeshi movement advocates the development of village-centered small industries that generate employment, protect the environment, require less energy and capital, and strengthen social bonds. Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya stated, “The spirit of Antyodaya (the welfare of the poorest) is that the fruits of development should reach the lowest level. Therefore, the empowerment of local products is both a moral and an economic necessity.”

During British rule, the Swadeshi movement became a powerful means of resisting colonial authority and uniting society. At that time, celebrations such as Ganeshotsav, the Holi of foreign clothes, and the spinning wheel became enduring symbols of Swadeshi.

Today, as we revisit the idea of Swadeshi, our focus must be on making Indian products world-class. We must harness advanced technology to demonstrate our innovation across all areas of social and economic life. Indian products should emerge as leaders in the global marketplace.

Based on the mantra of self-reliance, the Government of India, under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has undertaken meaningful initiatives across multiple sectors since 2014. The results of these efforts are visible not only within the country but also across the world.

Owing to the government's "Make in India" and "Make for India" policies, the vision of indigenous production and self-reliance in the defense sector has become a reality. Today, India manufactures the BrahMos missile, whose effectiveness was demonstrated during Operation Sindoor. Our defense exports have risen to approximately Rs. 24,000 crore, with Indian defense products now being sold to nearly 100 countries.

India has achieved remarkable progress in semiconductor development, while our space missions — Chandrayaan and Mangalyaan — have showcased



India's technological prowess to the world. The MSME sector now contributes nearly 30% to India's GDP, and our startup ecosystem has set new records.

Through the Vocal for Local

Based on the mantra of self-reliance, the Government of India, under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has undertaken meaningful initiatives across multiple sectors since 2014

initiative and the One District, One Product (ODOP) program, local products have gained recognition in global markets. We once imported bulletproof jackets for our military and paramilitary forces — today, we export them to over 100 countries. In mobile phone manufacturing, exports have surged from Rs. 1,566 crore in 2014–15 to Rs. 1,20,000 crore in 2023–24. Exports of generic medicines and vaccines have grown from \$11 billion in 2014 to \$24 billion today.

India has also ended its dependence on China in the toy sector and now exports toys

globally. We are manufacturing high-efficiency railway coaches that meet international standards and supplying them to 10 countries. Additionally, India exports organic products to more than 100 nations.

These examples reflect not only the talent and determination of our people but also reinforce our confidence that India possesses the capability to achieve self-reliance in every sphere.

Speaking from the ramparts of the Red Fort, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi called for freedom from all forms of slavery. Swadeshi, he emphasized, is not confined to economics—it is a way of life that encompasses pride in our language, clothing, traditions, and culture.

In his Mann Ki Baat address, the Prime Minister urged people to choose "gifts made in India, clothing woven in India, decorations for festivals crafted with Indian-made materials, and lighting adorned with Indian-made garlands." Responding to this call, the collective actions of citizens will create employment opportunities, reduce foreign dependence, and ensure that the nation's wealth remains within India—fueling its development and supporting the welfare of the poor.

Such behavior reflects the true spirit of Swadeshi—a pledge toward India's prosperity and transformation into a developed nation. Through this, prosperity will flourish, and our culture will continue to be nurtured. ■

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PM Modi expresses gratitude to people as he enters 25th year of serving as Head of a Government

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has expressed gratitude to the people of India as he enters the 25th year of serving as the head of a government on 7 October, 2025. Recalling his journey since taking oath as the Chief Minister of Gujarat on this day in 2001, the Prime Minister said that it has been his constant endeavour to improve the lives of people and contribute to the progress of the nation.

PM recalls taking oath as Gujarat Chief Minister in 2001

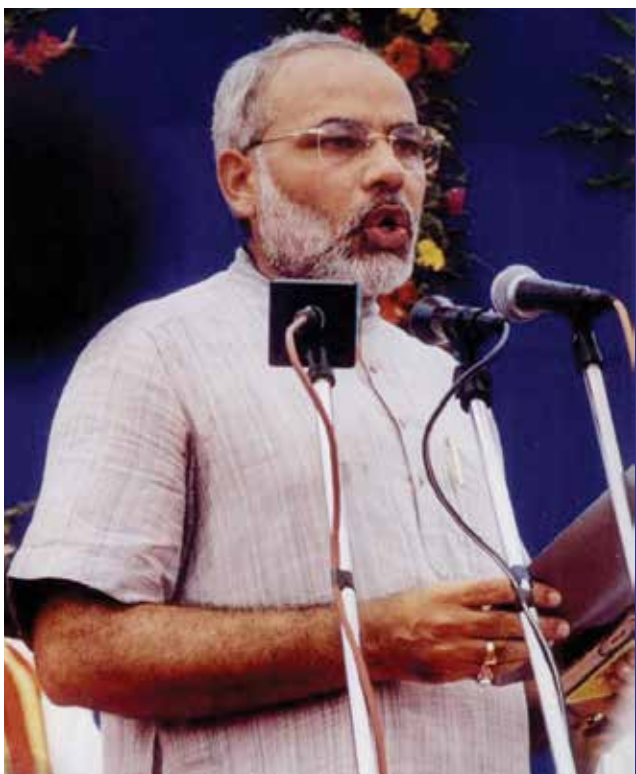
The Prime Minister said that he was entrusted with the responsibility of being Gujarat's Chief Minister in very testing circumstances. The state was suffering due to a massive earthquake that year and had also faced a super cyclone, successive droughts and political instability in the preceding years. He said these challenges strengthened the resolve to serve

people and rebuild Gujarat with renewed vigour and hope.

PM shares mother's advice to always work for the poor and never take a bribe

Shri Modi remembered his mother's words when he took oath as Chief Minister, that he should always work for the poor and never take a bribe. He said he had assured people that whatever he does will be with the best intent and inspired by the vision to serve the very last person in the queue.





Drought-prone state to a powerhouse of good governance

Reflecting on his tenure in Gujarat, the Prime Minister said that at the time, people believed the state could never rise again. Farmers complained of lack of power and water, agriculture was in the doldrums and industrial growth was stagnant. He said that through collective effort, Gujarat transformed into a powerhouse of good governance. The state,

once drought-prone, became a top performer in agriculture, trading expanded into manufacturing and industrial capacities, and social as well as physical infrastructure received a boost.

The Prime Minister said that in 2013, he was given the responsibility of being the Prime Ministerial candidate for the 2014 Lok Sabha elections, when the nation was witnessing a crisis of trust and governance. He said the people of India gave a thumping majority to his alliance and an absolute majority to his Party, ushering in an era of renewed confidence and purpose.

PM reaffirms commitment to work harder to realise the dream of a Viksit Bharat

The Prime Minister noted that over the last 11 years, India has achieved many transformations. Over 25 crore people have been lifted out of poverty, and the country has emerged as a bright spot among major global economies. He said that people across India, especially Nari Shakti, Yuva Shakti and hardworking Annadatas, have been empowered through path-breaking efforts and reforms.

He added that the popular sentiment today is to make India Aatmanirbhar across all sectors, reflected in the call of 'Garv Se Kaho, Yeh Swadeshi Hai.'

Reiterating his gratitude to the people of India for their continuous trust and affection, the Prime Minister said that to serve the nation is the highest honour. Guided by the values of the Constitution, he reaffirmed his commitment to work even harder to realise the collective dream of a Viksit Bharat. ■





DELIVERING THE AYUSHMAN BHARAT PROMISE TO CITIZENS



JP NADDA

When Ayushman Bharat (AB) PM-JAY was launched from Ranchi in 2018, it marked the beginning of a new era in healthcare access. By extending the Rs. 5-lakh annual health cover to vulnerable families and enabling cashless transactions, it enabled paperless treatment across the country. I recall Prime Minister Narendra Modi's words from that day. "No one in the country should be deprived of quality healthcare only because they cannot afford it," he said.

We have made tremendous progress in translating the Prime Minister's ambitious vision into reality. In this short period, the scheme has become the lifeline of our most vulnerable brothers and sisters across the country. The scheme is being implemented nationwide, with the unfortunate exception of West Bengal. As of August 2025, over 10.30 crore plus hospital admissions have been authorised, translating into more than ₹1.48 lakh crore in cashless care and recorded out-of-pocket savings.

The impact of AB PM-JAY is profound. A decade ago,

families paid for medical care almost entirely out of pocket. Today, that burden has fallen sharply, with nearly 61 crore people protected by AB PM-JAY. The beneficiary base expanded to 12 crore families in 2022 to account for decadal population growth. The Ashas, anganwadi workers and their families were added in March 2024, and all senior citizens aged above 70 were covered regardless of their income from October 2024 through the Ayushman

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Vay Vandana Card. Additionally, nearly one crore gig and platform workers are being included under the scheme, further widening the reach of this transformative healthcare initiative.

The scheme has not only provided financial relief but also dignity and confidence, especially for the elderly and the grassroots health workforce, whose service has been formally recognised.

Additionally, convergence of various central and state health insurance schemes with Ayushman Bharat has improved efficiency, reduced

duplication, and ensured that benefits reach people in a simpler and transparent way.

Beyond financial protection and improved scheme efficiency, AB PM-JAY's impact is now evident in measurable health outcomes. A Lancet regional health study reported a 90% rise in timely initiation of cancer treatment within 30 days of diagnosis for AB PM-JAY beneficiaries, underscoring earlier access after financial barriers were removed. Today, access is timely, affordable, and life-saving. Economic Survey 2021–22 found greater declines in infant mortality rates (IMR) and under-5 mortality rates (U5MR) among states that adopted the scheme vis-a-vis the non-adopting states.

Ayushman Bharat has opened the doors not only of public hospitals but also of some of the best private hospitals for needy citizens. The scheme has 32,913 hospitals empanelled, including 15,103 private facilities, reflecting a balanced public-private participation. The expanding network indicates deepening access in underserved regions through both public and private participation.

Much of the specialised care is provided by private hospitals, bringing the best of medical expertise within reach of the poorest families. This has



stimulated private investment in healthcare, as we now see many new hospitals coming up in smaller towns, reducing the geographical inequalities that long plagued our health system. The scheme has also promoted digital health, as it is powered by a state-of-the-art IT system that ensures seamless beneficiary identification, e-claims, fraud analytics, and portability, enabling treatment across states. Robust safeguards keep fraud to a minimum, at only 0.33% of authorised admissions, supported by de-empanelment and fines for errant hospitals. Complementing these measures is a three-tier grievance redressal system at the district, state, and national levels reinforces accountability.

The genesis of this transformation lies in the Prime Minister's vision. In 2016, as the Union health minister, I had the privilege of chairing the executive board of the World Health Organization in Geneva. Universal health coverage was the dominant theme of

discussions, and I often reflected on how India, with its scale and complexity, could achieve this

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goal. Guided by the vision of the Prime Minister, we were able to formulate PM-JAY. The Prime Minister personally discussed every detail. We spent many late evenings refining the plan before it was approved by the Cabinet and launched in 2018. Even after the launch, he remained deeply engaged. During his travels across the country, he often met Ayushman Bharat beneficiaries and drew on their feedback to suggest further improvements.

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is far from complete. I hope West Bengal will soon join, so that people of the state too can benefit from the scheme. We must also bring more private hospitals on board, especially in underserved regions, to improve access, stimulate competition, and raise standards. At the same time, continuous upgradation of public hospitals is essential.

Another priority is to integrate Ayushman Bharat more closely with primary healthcare, strengthen referrals, longitudinal digital records, and follow-up enabled by the platform. Patients should be able to move seamlessly from health and wellness centres to district hospitals and onward to advanced tertiary care. Strong referral systems, robust digital health records, and follow-up mechanisms must support this chain. We must also ensure that claims are monitored carefully and payments to hospitals are made on time. That will maintain the trust of providers and strengthen the system.

As we mark seven years of Ayushman Bharat, our aim is a future where every Indian, regardless of income or geography, has equal access to high-quality healthcare. The task is immense, but our resolve is firm. In the years ahead, Ayushman Bharat will remain a symbol of the Prime Minister's vision, the government's commitment, and the nation's determination to protect the health of its people. ■

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100 YEARS OF THE RSS: THE SPIRIT REMAINS UNCHANGED



RAJNATH SINGH

When KB Hedgewar founded the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) in Nagpur on September 27, 1925, few could have imagined the remarkable journey it would embark on over the years. The RSS today stands as a living epitome of selfless service that has shaped India's social fabric, defended its sovereignty, empowered its vulnerable communities, and also nurtured timeless civilisational values. As the RSS celebrates its centenary, it is worthwhile to revisit its journey.

At a recent event in Delhi, RSS sarsanghchalak (chief) Mohan Bhagwat asserted, "Religion is by individual choice; there should be no allurements or force in this." This view echoes the Sangh's founding philosophy: To build a society rooted in harmony rather than conflict, collective strength rather than division, and character building, not just material wellbeing. Through daily shakha (local chapter) meetings and volunteer-driven initiatives, the RSS seeks to foster discipline, resilience, and pride in

India's cultural heritage, shaping individuals who view service to the nation as their highest calling.

It was, therefore, not a surprise when Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi, in his speech on this Independence Day, lauded the RSS for its century-long role in nation-building. He reminded Indians how the RSS stands out as one of the most influential socio-cultural movements in independent India.

Independence came shrouded

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in the tragedy of Partition. Amid this tragedy, RSS swayamsevaks rescued, rehabilitated, and protected countless victims of the carnage. Under the leadership of the second sarsanghchalak, MS Golwalkar, and other senior leaders, the RSS mobilised communities, set up refugee camps, provided food and medical aid, escorted vulnerable families to safety, and organised defences for besieged homes. Even Congress leaders, overwhelmed by the situation,

reportedly sought the Sangh's assistance to protect their families and communities in Punjab. No wonder The Tribune called the RSS "the sword arm of Punjab".

This spirit endured beyond Partition. During the anti-Sikh riots of 1984, the RSS provided shelter and relief to the Sikh community. Acknowledging this, noted author Khushwant Singh said that the RSS played an honourable role in maintaining Hindu-Sikh unity "before and after the assassination of Mrs. Indira Gandhi".

Considering this legacy, it is unfounded and erroneous when some people accuse the RSS of being a majoritarian organisation. During Independence, it helped protect India's minorities and their places of worship. In March 1947, when mobs instigated by the Muslim League headed toward the Golden Temple, RSS volunteers armed with swords and lathis confronted them, forcing a retreat. Three days later, when another assault threatened the sacred Sikh shrine, RSS swayamsevaks formed a human ring of defence and fought for hours, successfully repelling the attackers.

The RSS's role in the country's integration is even less known. From Kashmir to Goa to Dadra and Nagar Haveli,

it has played a decisive role in preserving India's territorial integrity. When Pakistan-backed tribal invaders attacked Jammu & Kashmir, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel sought Golwalkar's help to persuade Hari Singh, the then princely state's ruler, to join India. Golwalkar travelled to Srinagar and impressed upon him the strategic necessity of immediate accession. RSS volunteers also aided the Army during the 1947-48 war by managing supplies, logistics, and relief for refugees fleeing areas like Mirpur and Muzaffarabad.

In 1954, swayamsevaks spearheaded the liberation of Dadra and Nagar Haveli from Portuguese control. According to KR Malkani's book *The RSS Story*, "On 2 August 1954, some 200 RSS swayamsevaks, led by Nana Kajrekar and Sudhir Phadke, liberated Dadra and Nagar Haveli, putting to flight 175 Portuguese soldiers armed with rifles, Bren guns, and Sten guns." Similarly, the RSS joined underground freedom movements to fight for Goa's liberation.

The RSS has always fought for strengthening India. During the 1975 Emergency, the Sangh became the resistance's backbone, mobilising people to defend the Constitution. The *Economist* wrote in January 1976, "The shock troops of the movement come largely from the Jana Sangh and its affiliate RSS, which claim a combined membership of 10 million, of whom 80,000, including 6,000 full-time workers, are in

prison." At a time when people and institutions were willing to crawl when told to merely bend, the RSS fought against authoritarianism.

The RSS has also devoted itself to uplifting tribals and marginalised communities. The Akhil Bharatiya Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram, founded in 1952, operates more than 20,000 projects across 52,000 villages in 323 districts of the country, covering education, health care, skill development, and cultural revival. The RSS's approach has been to bring tribals into the national mainstream without compromising their original identities, bolstering their tribal pride while integrating them with

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The RSS is also often unfairly criticised regarding its relationship with Mahatma Gandhi. There were some differences of opinion between Gandhi and the RSS on certain issues — just as there were within the Congress itself — but it would be misleading to portray their relationship in terms of hostility or rivalry. Their differences never stood in the way of mutual regard. This was evident in 1934, when Gandhi visited an

RSS camp in Wardha. He was struck by the organisation's "discipline, complete absence of untouchability, and rigorous simplicity". On September 16, 1947, Gandhi addressed an RSS meeting in Delhi, praising its spirit of service and sacrifice. The RSS too, soon after Gandhi's assassination, suspended all shakhas for 13 days as a mark of respect — the only time in the Sangh's history.

This spirit of engagement — where differences do not preclude respect or constructive work — is reflected in the way the RSS approaches regions and communities beyond its traditional base. The Northeast, for instance, was a region marked by alienation and insurgency due to colonial duplicity and policy shortcomings after Independence. The RSS, since establishing its first shakha in Guwahati in 1946, has played a transformative role in bringing the region to the national mainstream.

As the RSS completes a century of service, its contribution to nation-building remains steadfast and ever-growing. A recent testament to this spirit was seen during the Covid-19 outbreak, when in May 2021, nearly 300 swayamsevaks revived the long-defunct BGML hospital in Kolar within two weeks, offering much-needed relief to hundreds of patients. Such examples reflect how the RSS continues to quietly perform its role as it was envisioned a century ago. ■

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INDIA WILL BE FREE FROM NAXALISM BY MARCH 31, 2026: AMIT SHAH

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah addressed the valedictory session of 'Bharat Manthan-2025: Naxal Mukta Bharat - Ending Red Terror Under Modi's Leadership', organised by SPMRF in New Delhi on 28 September 2025. On the occasion, Shri Amit Shah said India will be free from Naxalism by March 31, 2026. He said the fight against Naxalism will not end until Indian society understands those who provide ideological, legal, and financial support to Naxalism. He emphasized that internal security and the protection of the nation's borders have always been a core part of our ideology. He further said that three key objectives have been central to our party's mission: internal and external security of the country, cultural nationalism, and the revival of all aspects of Indian culture. Union Home Minister paid his respects to all those who sacrificed their lives, lost their loved ones, and endured physical and mental hardships due to Left-wing violence since the 1960s.

Left-Wing Corridor

Shri Amit Shah said when Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi took office, three major hotspots—Jammu & Kashmir, the Northeast, and the Left-Wing Corridor—had severely disrupted the country's internal security. He said that for nearly four to five decades, thousands of people had lost their lives due to the unrest that emerged and spread in these three regions, there was significant property damage, a large portion of the country's budget was diverted from the development of the poor to managing these hotspots, and security forces also suffered immense loss of life. He stated that upon becoming Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi focused on these three hotspots and worked based on a clear, long-term strategy.

A significant transformation occurred during last 10-year

Union Home Minister said that a significant transformation has occurred during the 10-year tenure of the Modi government. He stated that Naxalism and armed rebellion began in the early 1970s. In 1971, independent India witnessed a peak of 3,620 violent



incidents. Subsequently, in the 1980s, the People's War Group expanded its reach to Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Bihar, and Kerala. He added that after the 1980s, Left-wing groups started merging with each other, and in 2004, the major CPI (Maoist) group was formed, leading to Naxal violence taking a very serious form. He said that the corridor from Pashupati to Tirupati was known as the Red Corridor.

17 percent of the country's territory was encompassed by the Red Corridor

Shri Amit Shah said 17 percent of the country's territory was encompassed by the Red Corridor, affecting a population of 120 million. At that time, 10 percent of the population was living under the scourge of Naxalism. Shri Shah said that in comparison, the other two hotspots—Kashmir, with 1 percent of the country's territory affected by terrorism, and the Northeast, with 3.3 percent of the territory grappling with unrest—were less extensive. He said that when Shri Narendra Modi became Prime

Minister in 2014, the Modi government began working on the three aspects of dialogue, security, and coordination. As a result, by March 31, 2026, armed Naxalism will be eradicated from the country.

Significant policy change

He said earlier work was done with a scattered approach, responses were incident-based and there was no permanent policy. In a way, one could say the steering of the government's response was in the hands of the Naxalites. Shri Shah said after 2014 the steering of the government's campaigns and programmes rests with the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India and this is a very significant policy change.

Shri Amit Shah said that instead of a scattered approach, the Modi government has adopted a unified and ruthless approach. For the first time, the Government of India adopted a clear policy without any confusion. He said the state police and central security forces were given freedom, and a practical bridge was built between the Government of India and the state governments for coordination in intelligence, information sharing, and operations. He added that strict control was imposed on the supply of arms and ammunition of Naxalites. After 2019, we have succeeded in blocking more than 90 per cent of their supply. He said that the NIA and the ED have tightened the noose around those who finance the Naxalites, and that we have also fought against urban Naxal support, their legal aid networks, and the crafting of media narratives. He said we took targeted action against members of the central committee, and more than 18 central committee members have been neutralized from August 19 to this date.

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Union Home Minister said that between 2014 and 2024, 12,000 kilometres of roads have been constructed in Left-Wing Extremism-affected states, budgets have been approved for 17,500 roads, and 5,000 mobile towers have been installed at a cost of Rs. 6,300 crore. He said that 1,060 bank branches have been opened, 937 ATMs installed, 37,850 banking correspondents appointed, 5,899 post offices opened, 850 schools established, and 186 well-equipped health centres set up. He further said under the NiyadNellanar scheme, the Chhattisgarh government is working on approving Ayushman Bharat cards, Aadhaar cards, voter cards, the construction of schools, ration shops, and Anganwadi centres.

Highlights

- I pay my respects to all those who sacrificed their lives, lost their loved ones, and endured physical and mental hardships due to Left-wing violence since the 1960s.
- Those with weapons in their hands are not concerned about tribals but about keeping alive a Leftist ideology rejected worldwide.
- The sole reason for the lack of development in Naxal-affected areas is Naxalism itself.
- Until the people providing ideological nourishment, legal support, and financial backing to Naxalism are exposed, the menace of Naxalism will not end.
- There was a time when the slogan of the Red Corridor stretching from Pashupatinath to Tirupati caused concern, but today, people laugh when it is mentioned.
- Naxalism thrived in West Bengal until the Left parties came to power, and as soon as they did, Naxalism disappeared from there.
- For those who lay down their arms, there is a red carpet, but it is the government's duty to protect innocent tribals from Naxalite violence.
- The rising number of surrenders indicates that the time left for Naxalites is running out.
- The Modi government promotes a policy of surrender, but a bullet will be met with a bullet.
- During Operation Black Forest, Leftist political parties wrote letters pleading to stop the campaign, exposing their true face.

Shri Shah said even in Jammu & Kashmir, Article 370 was abrogated in 2019 under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. After that, the government systematically earned the trust of the people through development, education, health, and poverty alleviation initiatives. He said in the face of Pakistan-sponsored terrorism in Kashmir, the Modi government acted under a well-planned policy. Shri Shah stated that compared to 7,300 violent incidents during 2004–2014, there were 1,800 violent incidents in 2014–2024. Deaths of security personnel decreased by 65 per cent and civilian deaths by 77 per cent. He added that every law of the country is now being implemented there. For the first time since independence, Panchayat elections were held in Jammu & Kashmir, with a voter turnout of 99.8 per cent. Shri Shah said we are gradually moving forward on the path to resolving the problem of terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir. ■

When a woman progresses, the entire society moves forward: PM

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched Mukhyamantri Mahila Rojgar Yojana via video conferencing 26 September, 2025. Addressing the gathering on the occasion, Prime Minister extended his greetings to all, noting the auspicious occasion of Navratri. He expressed his joy at joining the women of Bihar in their celebrations and remarked that the Mukhyamantri Mahila Rojgar Yojana is being launched. Shri Modi highlighted that 75 Lakh women have already joined this initiative. He announced that Rs. 10,000 has just been transferred to the bank accounts of each of these 75 lakh women simultaneously.

Shri Modi said while this process was going on he had two thoughts. First, he remarked that today marks a truly significant milestone for the women and daughters of Bihar. When a woman engages in employment or self-employment, her dreams gain new wings and her respect in society grows. Second, the Prime Minister highlighted that had the government not resolved to launch the Jan Dhan Yojana eleven years ago, had over 30 crore women not opened bank accounts under the scheme, and had these accounts not been linked to mobile phones and Aadhaar, it would not have been possible to transfer such funds directly into their bank accounts today. He emphasized that without this infrastructure, the money would have been lost in transit, resulting in grave injustice to the beneficiaries.

Prime Minister remarked that a brother finds true happiness when his sister is healthy, prosperous, and her family is economically strong. He affirmed that a brother does whatever he can to ensure this wellbeing. He stated that today two brothers, himself and Shri Nitish Kumar are working together for the service, prosperity, and dignity of the women of Bihar. The Prime Minister emphasized that today's programme is a testament to this commitment.

Sharing that he was impressed by the vision of the Mukhyamantri Mahila Rojgar Yojana when it was first presented to him, the Prime Minister emphasized that every family will have at least one woman beneficiary under this scheme. Starting with an initial financial support of Rs. 10,000, the scheme can provide up to Rs. 2 lakh based on the success of the enterprise. Shri Modi urged everyone to consider the magnitude



of this initiative. He highlighted that women in Bihar can now open shops selling groceries, utensils, cosmetics, toys, and stationery. They can also pursue livestock-related businesses such as cattle rearing and poultry farming. For all these ventures, necessary training will be provided. He noted that Bihar already has a robust network of self-help groups, with nearly 11 lakh groups actively functioning. This means a well-established system is already in place. "Earlier this month, I had the opportunity to launch the Jeevika Nidhi Credit Cooperative Society. The strength of this system will now be integrated with the Mukhyamantri Mahila Rojgar Yojana, making the scheme effective across Bihar from its very inception", stated the Prime Minister.

Highlighting that the Mukhyamantri Mahila Rojgar Yojana has further strengthened the Central Government's Lakhpati Didi campaign, Shri Modi underlined that the Central Government has set a target of creating 3 crore Lakhpati Didis across the country, and over 2 crore women have already achieved this milestone. Their hard work has transformed villages and reshaped society. The Prime Minister noted that in Bihar too, lakhs of women have become Lakhpati Didis. He remarked that with the way governments at Union and State are advancing this initiative, the day is not far when Bihar will have the highest number of Lakhpati Didis in the country.

Shri Modi highlighted that the Central Government's initiatives such as the Mudra Yojana, Drone Didi campaign, Bima Sakhi campaign, and Bank Didi campaign are all expanding avenues for employment and self-employment for women. ■

THE RSS HAS BEEN RELENTLESSLY AND TIRELESSLY ENGAGED IN NATIONAL SERVICE FOR OVER A HUNDRED YEARS

On 28 September 2025, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the nation in the 126th episode of “Mann Ki Baat”, marking a milestone for the long-running programme. In his address, he paid tribute to two iconic personalities, applauded the courage of two naval officers, underscored India’s cultural heritage, and urged citizens toward self-reliance, clean living, and national unity



The Prime Minister in his address said, “The immortal martyr Bhagat Singh is an inspiration for every Indian, especially the youth of the country. Fearlessness was deeply ingrained in his nature. Before getting hanged for the sake of the country, Bhagat Singh ji had written a letter to the British. He had said, “I want you to treat me and my comrades as prisoners of war. Therefore, our lives should not be taken away by hanging, but directly with a bullet.” This is a testament to his indomitable courage. Bhagat Singh ji was also very sensitive to the sufferings of the people and was always at the forefront in helping them. I respectfully pay my tribute to Shaheed Bhagat Singh ji.”

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On Lata Mangeshkar, he observed that her voice touched the depths of human emotion and strengthened India’s cultural expression. He also recalled her respect for Indian heritage, including her longstanding connection with prominent patriotic songs and figures like Veer Savarkar. Shri Modi added a personal note: she would send him a Rakhi every year, reflecting a bond beyond mere celebrity.

One of the key segments of the address featured two women officers of the Indian Navy—Lieutenant Commander Dilna and Lieutenant Commander Roopa—who had just completed a formidable naval

circumnavigation known as Navika Sagar Parikrama. The Prime Minister invited them to narrate their experiences live. They set off from Goa on 2 October 2024 and returned on 29 May 2025. Over 238 days, they traversed roughly 47,500 km on a sailboat, with only the two of them aboard.

The expedition followed three years of rigorous preparation—covering navigation, medical protocols, diving, emergency handling, and boat maintenance. The Indian Navy’s training and logistical support were instrumental. They encountered extreme weather, including three storms. In the Southern Ocean, they battled winds up to 90 km/h, subzero conditions, and towering waves in a 17 m long boat with a narrow beam. On calm days, they had to drift without wind, testing patience and endurance.

At Point Nemo (the most remote point in the ocean), they hoisted the Indian flag, becoming the first Indians—and first Asians—to do so via sailboat.

During their voyage, they made stops in Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, and the remote Port Stanley (South Atlantic). In Port Stanley, despite a small population of about 3,500, they saw a vibrant Indian diaspora presence.

Message to youth and women: Lt. Commander

Roopa urged young women across India to dream big, break barriers, and aspire to fields of defense, adventure, sports, and discovery. Their journey, she said, showed that with resolve, origin or background becomes secondary.

Shri Modi lauded their courage, teamwork, and stamina, calling their feat a powerful inspiration to the nation—especially for women stepping into traditionally challenging domains. He extended his best wishes and blessings to them for the future.

Moving from maritime feats to cultural heritage, the Prime Minister reflected on India's festival traditions and their global resonance. He highlighted Chhath Puja, a festival dedicated to the Sun God, noting how its observance extends beyond India's borders. Shri Modi shared that the Government of India is actively working to have Chhath Mahaparva** recognized on UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage list—a recognition that could bring global visibility to the festival's spiritual and cultural value.

He reminded listeners of Durga Puja's inclusion in UNESCO lists in recent years, positioning such recognition as part of India's concerted effort to project its cultural expressions worldwide.

With Gandhi Jayanti approaching (2 October), Shri Modi urged citizens to revisit the principles of swadeshi (self-reliance) and khadi. He noted that in the past decade, interest in Khadi has revived significantly, aided by policy support and consumer preference. He appealed to every citizen to purchase at least one khadi product on Gandhi Jayanti and promote its use via social media under #VocalForLocal**.

Several entrepreneurial success stories:

Yaazh Naturals (Tamil Nadu): Founders left corporate careers to produce eco-friendly yoga mats from grass and banana fibers, using herbal dyes, and now support over 200 families through livelihoods.

Johargram (Jharkhand): Ashish Satyavrat Sahu is bringing tribal weaving and craft garments to global markets, helping tribal entrepreneurs gain recognition and income.

Sankalp Creations (Mithila region, Bihar): Sweety Kumari turned Mithila painting into a livelihood

for rural women, now involving over 500 women.

By fusing tradition and innovation, these initiatives exemplify Modi's vision of inclusive growth rooted in India's cultural identity.

100 years of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh

Near the conclusion of his talk, Shri Modi noted that the upcoming Vijayadashami in 2025 carries extra significance: it marks 100 years since the founding of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS). He narrated how Dr. K. B. Hedgewar, in 1925, sought not only political freedom but also intellectual freedom for India.

Shi Modi said, "This centuries-long slavery had deeply hurt our self-respect and self-confidence. The world's oldest civilization was being made to face an identity crisis. Our countrymen were becoming victims of inferiority complex. Therefore, along with the country's independence, it was also important that the country be freed from intellectual slavery. In this context, the most revered Dr. Hedgewar began to ponder over this issue; and for this herculean task, he founded the Rashtriya Swayamsevak

Sangh on the auspicious occasion of Vijayadashami in 1925. After Dr. Saheb's passing, Param Poojya Guruji carried forward this great yagya of service to the nation. Param Poojya Guruji used to say, "Rashtraya Swaha, Idam Rashtraya Idam Na Mam," meaning, "This is not mine, this belongs to the nation." It inspires us to rise above self-interest and embrace dedication to the nation. This statement by Guruji Golwalkar has shown millions of volunteers the path of sacrifice and service. This spirit of sacrifice, service, and the discipline it teaches is the true strength of the Sangh. Today, the RSS has been relentlessly and tirelessly engaged in national service for over a hundred years.

That is why, we see, whenever a natural disaster strikes anywhere in the country, RSS volunteers are the first to reach there. This spirit of "nation first" always remains paramount in every action and every endeavor of millions of volunteers. I extend my best wishes to every volunteer who is dedicating oneself to this great yagya of service to the nation." ■

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PM Shri Narendra Modi at the inauguration of the Navi Mumbai International Airport and Mumbai Metro Line-3 at Mumbai, in Maharashtra on October 08, 2025



PM Shri Narendra Modi attends the inauguration ceremony of India Mobile Congress 2025 at Yashobhoomi, in Delhi on October 08, 2025



PM Shri Narendra Modi launches development works over Rs. 50,000 crore in Jharsuguda, Odisha on 27 September 2025



PM Shri Narendra Modi launches Bihar's Mukhyamantri Mahila Rojgar Yojana and interacts with beneficiaries on September 26, 2025



PM Shri Narendra Modi paying floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti at Rajghat, in Delhi on October 02, 2025



PM Shri Narendra Modi paying floral tributes to the former Prime Minister, Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri on his Jayanti at Vijay Ghat, in Delhi on October 02, 2025



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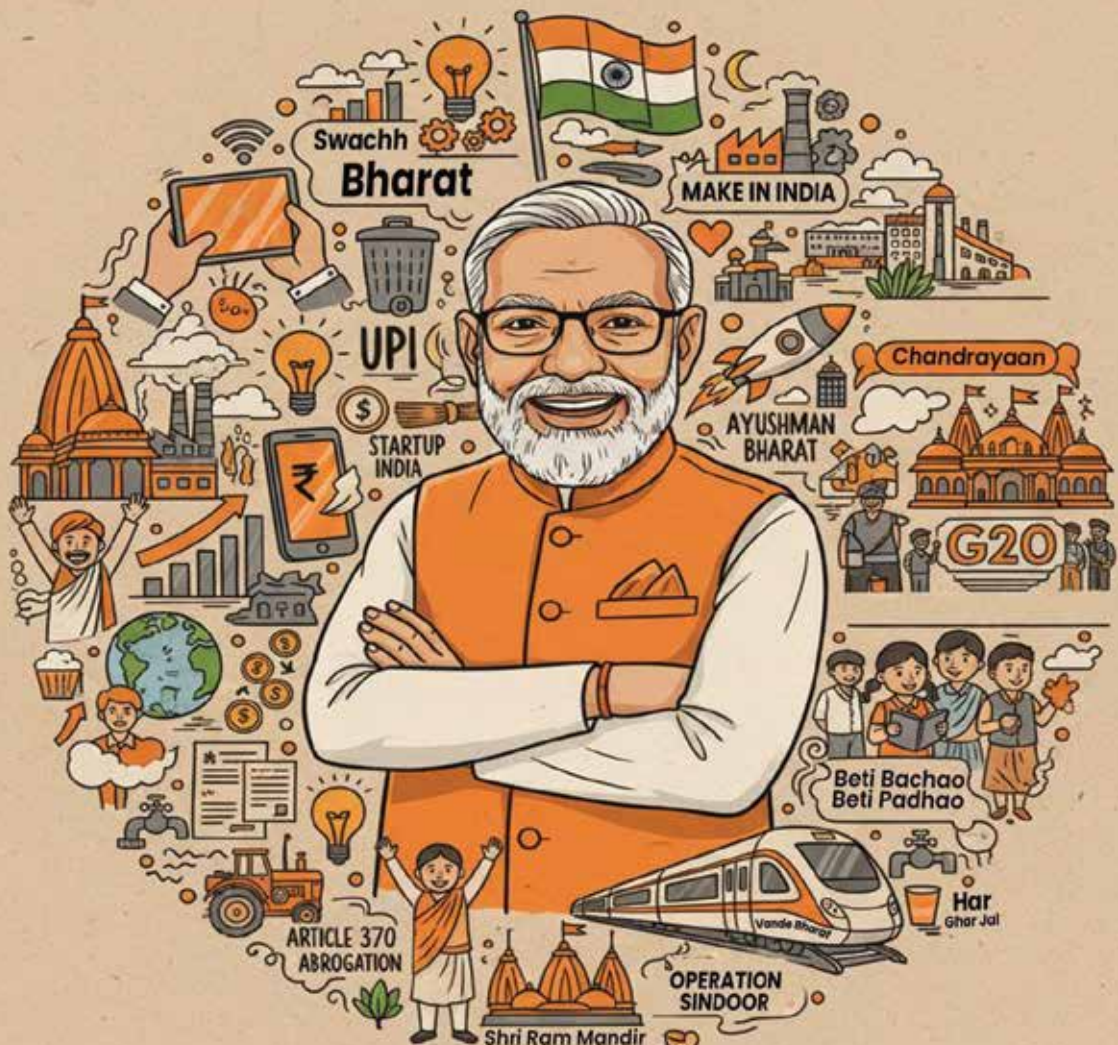
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