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BJP National President and Union Minister Shri J.P. Nadda along with Gujarat CM Shri Bhupendra Rajnikant Patel and others at Gujarat Cabinet Swearing-in ceremony in Gandhinagar on 17 October 2025



BJP National President and Union Minister Shri J.P. Nadda addressing huge public rallies in Goh (Aurangabad) & Patepur (Vaishali) Bihar on 23 October 2025



BJP National President and Union Minister Shri J.P. Nadda meets President of Mongolia Mr. Khurelsukh Ukhnaa in New Delhi under the 'Know BJP' initiative on 14 October 2025



BJP National President and Union Minister Shri J.P. Nadda meets with former UK Prime Minister Mr. Rishi Sunak in New Delhi under the 'Know BJP' initiative on 16 October 2025



Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah addressing huge public rallies in Siwan and Buxar in Bihar on 24 October 2025



Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh along with UP CM Yogi Adityanath flagging-off the first batch of BrahMos missiles manufactured at the BrahMos Integration and Testing Facility Centre in Lucknow, UP on 18 October 2025

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@Narendramodi

The warships which took part in today's Steampast included INS Vikrant (the review platform), INS Vikramaditya (where I had been ten years ago for the Combined Commanders' Conference), INS Surat (which was commissioned earlier this year in Mumbai), INS Mormugao, INS Chennai (which was a part of the Bastille Day celebrations 2023 in France), INS Imphal (which took part in this year's Mauritius National Day celebrations), INS Kolkata, INS Tushil, INS Tabar, INS Teg, INS Betwa, INS Deepak and INS Aditya.

(20 October, 2025)



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Had a productive meeting with H.E. Badr Abdelatty, Foreign Minister of Egypt. We discussed avenues to enhance cooperation in Fertilisers, Pharmaceuticals, Chemicals and Petrochemicals, aimed at deepening industrial and economic linkages between our two nations. Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to advancing South-South collaboration for shared growth, innovation and self-reliance, paving the way for a stronger India-Egypt partnership.

(16 October, 2025)



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The BJP is removing poverty; the Congress was removing the poor. This is the difference between the NDA and the INDIA alliance.

(18 October, 2025)



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Our government has equipped the police with state-of-the-art weapons and better facilities. Today, our police force is equipped with modern tools such as surveillance systems, drones, forensic labs, and digital policing. We believe that an empowered police force can build a strong nation.

(21 October, 2025)



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Sri @RahulGandhi applying critical scientific thinking to find solutions to problems plaguing Mahaghatbandhan .

(15 October, 2025)



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Farmers will get full support to boost agricultural income from initiatives of government of India, like soil health cards, fertilizers, financial assistance, and the increased MSP for foodgrains & pulses.

(16 October, 2025)



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KAMAL SANDESH PARIVAR
wishes a very happy
GURU NANAK JAYANTI (05 NOVEMBER)
to all of its readers



NDA IS SET TO FORM GOVERNMENT IN BIHAR AGAIN

As the campaigning for Bihar assembly elections sets in motion, an atmosphere of enthusiasm and zeal has been added to the already prevailing atmosphere of festivities during Diwali and Chhath in the entire state. The assembly elections, spread over two phases on November 6 and 11, will see people exercising their voting rights to once again elect NDA government with massive mandate. The National Democratic Alliance (NDA) comprising of Bharatiya Janata party (BJP), Jananta Dal United (JDU), Lok Jan Shakti Party (Ramvilas), Hindustani Awam Morcha (HAM) and Rashtriya Lok Morcha (RLM), is showing remarkable cohesion, understanding and clarity of the purpose and vision while seeking people's mandate once again. The people are responding overwhelmingly by attending the massive public rallies of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi along with Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar, BJP National President & Union Minister Shri JP Nadda and Union Home & Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah and other senior leaders of the alliance. The kind of fervor and support people are extending to NDA candidates and the way they are attending public rallies and participating in the campaign in huge numbers, seems clear that NDA is far ahead in the Bihar elections.

It is to be noted that the NDA's transformational development record has liberated Bihar from the dark era of 'Jungle Raj' to the path of good governance, development and unprecedented progress. When NDA was blessed by people and Shri Nitish Kumar assumed office of the Chief Minister in 2005, Bihar was synonymous with 'Jungle Raj' representing acute lawlessness, appalling underdevelopment, and complete administrative collapse. The state had the highest crime rates, deteriorating infrastructure, and was ranked at the bottom of most development indices by national and international institutions and agencies.

While Bihar is marching ahead with the dream of 'Viksit Bihar', the vision and charisma of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is creating a new aspiration, hope and trust in the mind of the people of Bihar

The first and foremost achievement in the then prevailing circumstances was the restoration of law and order, establishment of effective governance systems and development-oriented policies which transformed Bihar from a state where citizens feared venturing out after sunset to one where the 2025 elections will be conducted in just two phases—a testament to improved security conditions. While Bihar's road network has witnessed massive

expansion, the double-engine government has prioritized connectivity with new airports, railway infrastructure and its modernization with many new rail lines, introduction of Vande Bharat Express, multiple thermal power projects which are enhancing Bihar's prospects while transforming its every sector. Apart from revolutionizing education sector with many innovative schemes, medical colleges and IIMs, special focus on education, skill development, women reservations in local bodies have resulted in a unique example of 'Women led Development' in the state. A large number of welfare schemes including 'Saat Nishchay' are transforming lives in every nook and corner of the state.

While people have not yet forgotten the dark days of 'Jungle Raj' and multiple scams of Lalu-Rabri days, the opposition alliance, suffers from severe contradictions and seat-sharing disaster. The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has aptly described the RJD led alliance as 'Mahalathbandhan' comprising of 'Atak Dal', 'Latak Dal', 'Bhatak Dal', 'Jhatak Dal' and 'Patak Dal'. While Bihar is marching ahead with the dream of 'Viksit Bihar', the vision and charisma of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is creating a new aspiration, hope and trust in the mind of the people of Bihar. The last twenty years of NDA rule under the Chief Ministership of Shri Nitish Kumar and last eleven years of remarkable development and progress under PM Shri Narendra Modi has given a new confidence and trust about the bright and vibrant future of the state. As people are prepared to bless NDA government again overwhelmingly in the elections, NDA is set to form government in Bihar again. ■

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NDA will achieve record-breaking victory under Nitish Kumar's leadership in Bihar: PM Modi

Ahead of the Bihar Assembly elections, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi kick-started the NDA's campaign by addressing massive gatherings in Samastipur and Begusarai in Bihar on 24 October 2025. Addressing the people, he said, "The trumpet of the grand festival of democracy has sounded. The entire Bihar is saying, 'Phir Ek Baar NDA Sarkar!'" Remembering Bharat Ratna Jan Nayak Karpoori Thakur ji, the PM remarked, "It is only due to his blessings that people like us, who come from humble and backward families, are able to stand on this stage today."

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi said, "Inspired by the leader of the people, Karpoori Thakur ji, we are transforming good governance into prosperity. But on the other hand, you know better than me what the RJD and Congress are saying and doing. These people are out on bail in scams worth thousands of crores. Those who are out on bail are out on bail in theft cases. Now their habit of stealing is such that they are engaged in stealing the title of Karpoori Thakur ji. The people of Bihar will never tolerate this insult to the leader of the people, Karpoori Thakur ji. They will never tolerate it..."

Talking about the GST reforms, he said, "You are all benefiting from the 'GST Bachat Utsav,' and from tomorrow, the grand festival of Chhath Puja will begin. I thank you all for coming here in large numbers. 'Nayi raftaar se chalega Bihar, Jab phir aayegi NDA sarkar!'"

Slamming the RJD–Congress corrupt coalition, PM Shri Modi asserted, "The dreams of Bihar's people are my own dreams. The NDA is committed to building the prosperous Bihar that every youth aspires for. For us, the bright future of Bihar's young generation is a top priority. But the RJD and Congress only care about their families' political future, not Bihar's. They are

once again spreading lies to mislead the youth. They forget this is the land of Aryabhata, Bihar understands every calculation.

Highlighting his guarantee, PM Shri Modi reiterated, "RJD's jungle raj destroyed generations, from extortion and kidnappings to lawlessness and fear. Women, youth, Dalits, and the backward communities suffered the most. When the NDA came to power, we resolved to free Bihar from Maoist and Naxal terror. Today, we have broken its backbone. Very soon, Bihar will be completely free from Maoist violence; this is Modi's guarantee."

Furthermore, he warned the people of Bihar that the RJD–Congress alliance wants to bring back those dark days. He said their campaign already echoes the same threats and hooliganism of jungle raj. Bihar must stay alert and once again ensure that the box of jungle raj is sealed for good.

Targeting the Maha Lathbandhan, PM Shri Modi said, "Bihar was freed from the jungle raj in October 2005. Under Nitish Kumar's leadership, the NDA government was formed in the state. During that time, the Congress-RJD alliance was in power at the Centre for 10 years. The Congress-RJD government



put obstacles in Nitish Kumar's path and left no stone unturned to trouble the people of Bihar. The RJD used to take revenge on the people of Bihar for voting for Nitish Kumar. They also used to threaten the Congress, saying they would withdraw support from the government if it agreed to anything that Nitish Kumar or the NDA-BJP wanted."

While addressing the public gathered at the rally, PM Shri Modi asked them to light the torches on their mobile phones. Taking a dig at the RJD's symbol, he remarked, "When everyone has light in their hands, do we still need a lantern (RJD's symbol)?" PM Shri Narendra Modi added, "This time, under the leadership of Bihar CM Nitish Kumar, the NDA will break all its previous records of victory. Bihar will give the NDA its biggest-ever mandate."

Rally in Begusarai

Addressing the second rally of the day in Begusarai, PM Shri Narendra Modi stated, "On one side there is NDA, an alliance with mature leadership and on the other side there is 'Maha lathbandhan'..." Taking a swipe at the opposition, the PM iterated, "In this Maha lathbandhan... there is the 'Atak Dal', 'Latak Dal', 'Bhatak Dal', 'Jhatak Dal' and 'Patak Dal'... The RJD hasn't won any election in the past two decades, yet it remains stuck in its own arrogance. In this arrogance, it pushed away the JMM. The Congress has been a follower of the RJD in Bihar for 35 years, and this time... the RJD pushed it away again. They even misled the VIP. And the left parties? They were left dangling."

"When self-interest prevails, and loot is the goal, that's exactly what the RJD and Congress are doing. They first sell tickets, then commit scams. Just look at the RJD family, which is the most corrupt family in Bihar and most of the members are out on bail after being released from court, forced to live on bail. On the other hand, the Congress family is the most corrupt family in the country. Most of the members of this family are also out on bail. Bihar doesn't trust such people," he added.

Speaking to the people of Begusarai, PM Shri Narendra Modi began, "You all have brought your mobiles, right? Go ahead and switch on your lights. You know, during the Congress era, mobiles were very expensive and had to be imported. Back then, there were only two factories making mobiles in the country.

Today, thanks to the BJP-NDA government, there are over 200 factories, and data has become very cheap. This has opened up a whole new market for content creation for Bihar's youth. Today, everyone can see these mobiles, this light. So, do the people of Bihar still need a lantern?"

Highlighting Bihar's progress under the NDA, PM Shri Modi stated, "Under Nitish Ji's leadership, nearly 5 million jobs have been created in Bihar. Record recruitments in education, police, and health have been done, and even more jobs will come in the next five years. Medical colleges are being set up in every district, including Begusarai, and Ayushman Arogya centres in villages will generate numerous opportunities for doctors, nurses and paramedical staff."

PM Shri Modi explained how the GST Bachat Utsav is helping families save more. He affirmed, "Today, our government's priority is to reduce your expenses and increase your savings. That is the very idea behind the GST Bachat Utsav. With lower GST, every family in Bihar is saving more."

The PM added, "A report shows that nearly 90% of purchases in the country are of Swadeshi products. This means our shopkeepers are selling local goods and people are buying local. When 'swadeshi' products sell, it benefits our farmers, artisans and small businesses."

Concluding his speech, PM Shri Modi remarked, "The NDA has freed Bihar from Naxalism and Maoist terror. Today, you can work without fear and vote freely. Every vote of the people of Bihar will help build a peaceful, prosperous Bihar and keep the forces of jungle raj away."

Highlights

- 'Har ek ke haath mein light hain toh lantern (RJD symbol) chahiye kya?'
- NDA will achieve record-breaking victory under Nitish Kumar's leadership in Bihar.
- Murder, kidnapping prospered as 'industry' during RJD rule, victimised women, poor people.
- Bihar was once an industrial hub, but Jungle Raj locked its industries and drove away investors.
- On one side, there is NDA, an alliance with mature leadership, and on the other side there is 'Maha lathbandhan'. ■

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**WHEN EVERY BOOTH BECOMES STRONG,
BHARAT BECOMES UNSTOPPABLE: PM MODI**

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi interacted with spirited Yuva Karyakartas from Bihar under the “Mera Booth, Sabse Mazboot – Yuva Samvaad” initiative, on 23 October 2025 blending inspiration with realism as he urged the youth to be the torchbearers of a Viksit Bharat.

Opening the session, Shri Modi spoke of how GST reforms, such as reduced tax on bikes and scooters, have directly benefited young citizens. Emphasising the power of democracy, he reminded that “when the youth lead, the nation moves forward.”

The dialogue featured inspiring exchanges with young voices from across the state. Fellow young Karyakartas highlighted how corruption-free access to seeds and fertilisers and the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi have transformed rural life. Recalling Bihar’s dark “Jungle Raj” days, PM Shri Modi urged youth to hear firsthand from elders how lawlessness once ruled, so they value today’s peace and progress.

Discussing Bihar’s journey of transformation, Shri Modi lauded the double-engine government for revolutionising roads, bridges and digital connectivity, turning 1.5-day journeys into a few hours’ drive. He encouraged organising a “Run for Unity” on Sardar Patel Jayanti, symbolising strength in togetherness.

In an uplifting interaction, one Karyakarta also recited poem “Modi ji hai to mumkin hai.” Her stories

of empowered women benefitting from Ayushman Bharat and Mahila Rozgar Yojana drew praise from the PM, who called women “the true architects of New Bihar.” His message to all was simple yet powerful - “Pehle Matdaan, Phir Jalpaan.”

A young Karyakarta from Bhagalpur spoke about the transformation from corruption and fake job scams to transparent governance and digital growth. Shri Modi humorously described the previous regime as a “lathbandhan,” not a gathbandhan, highlighting the chaos that once defined Bihar’s politics.

The PM commended young leaders, who shared how every home now has electricity, digital access, and direct benefit transfers. The PM added, “Lanterns belong to the past, today, light exposes the thieves!”

In his closing remarks, Shri Narendra Modi urged youth to strengthen every booth, reach every voter, and showcase the impact of government schemes through personal connection. “Every booth is the heartbeat of democracy,” he said, calling upon Bihar’s youth to lead with discipline, service and digital savvy.

Concluding the Yuva Samvaad, Shri Modi reaffirmed that Bihar’s youth are not just the beneficiaries of change, they are its creators. “When every booth becomes strong,” he said, “Bharat becomes unstoppable.” ■



NDA will once again achieve a landslide victory in Bihar on 14th November: JP Nadda

Addressing two public rallies in Goh (Aurangabad) and Patepur (Vaishali) on 23 October 2025 BJP National President and Union Minister Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda highlighted the unprecedented development works carried out in Bihar under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Bihar Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar, while reminding people of the Jungle Raj during Lalu Yadav's previous regime and strongly criticizing the Mahagathbandhan. Shri Nadda appealed to the public to make BJP candidate Shri Ranvijay Singh (Goh) and BJP candidate Shri Lakhendra Kumar Roshan (Patepur) victorious with a huge margin and form NDA government in Bihar once again with a huge majority

BJP National President Shri JP Nadda said in the last 20 years, under the leadership of Shri Nitish Kumar, and over the past 11 years with the blessings of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Bihar has moved swiftly on the path of progress. From roads to railways, Bihar has been firmly placed on the track of development over the past two decades. The railway budget for Bihar has increased tenfold in the last ten years. Out of 44 Vande Bharat trains operating in the country, 26 originate from Bihar. Similarly, under the Amrit Bharat Express Service, around 26 trains start from Bihar, and 98 new railway stations are being developed under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, something unimaginable during Lalu Yadav's regime. That is the light of progress, while Lalu's era was the darkness of regression. This election is a battle between development and destruction.

Makhana & Litchi

Shri Nadda stated that the people of North Bihar have been cultivating Makhana for years, yet no government has ever cared about their concerns.

Under the NDA government, the GST on Makhana was reduced from 12% to 5%, and a Makhana Board was established to promote its development. Similarly, the GST on Muzaffarpur's famous Litchi was also brought down from 12% to 5%, making it more affordable for consumers.

Women Employment

BJP National President stated that under the Women Employment Scheme, arrangements have been made to connect 2.1 lakh women with self-employment opportunities. Shri Nitish Kumar has already undertaken several initiatives for girls' education and empowerment, ranging from bicycle distribution to scholarships and other supportive measures. A new and progressive image of Bihar is being shaped at every level, and continuous efforts are being made to realize this vision. A grand development project worth Rs. 890 crore is underway to rejuvenate Maa Janaki's Dham. 8.7 crore people in Bihar are receiving free ration under the PM Garib Kalyan

RALLIES IN GOH (AURANGABAD) & PATEPUR (VAISHALI), BIHAR

Anna Yojana, and 25 crore people nationwide have now risen above the poverty line. People are directly benefiting from flagship schemes such as Ujjwala Yojana, Ujala Yojana, and Ayushman Bharat. In Bihar alone, 5.45 lakh beneficiaries have received free treatment up to Rs. 5 lakh under the Ayushman Bharat scheme. Through the Jal Jeevan Mission, 1.6 crore people are getting clean drinking water through household taps, while 47 lakh beneficiaries have been connected to the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. Under the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi, 86 lakh farmers in Bihar are receiving Rs. 2,000 every three months, and Direct Benefit Transfers through Jan Dhan accounts are reaching the people efficiently. Roads have reached villages through the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, and highways and expressways are now linking Bihar's remote areas, accelerating connectivity and development. Nearly five airports are operational in Bihar, and twelve new airports are being constructed.

Neither Lalu nor Tejashwi uttered a single word about their past misrule

Shri Nadda strongly criticized the Mahagathbandhan, saying neither Lalu Yadav nor Tejashwi Yadav has uttered a single word about their past misrule. They have not even apologized to the people of Bihar. Their intentions remain unchanged. By giving a ticket to Shahabuddin's son in this election, Lalu Yadav has once again shown his eagerness to bring back the era of Gunda Raj. The Mahagathbandhan does not want Bihar's development; they want to drag the state back into the gutter of corruption. The people of Bihar have not forgotten the days when the wife of an IAS officer was molested, when an IAS officer and District Magistrate were killed in broad daylight on the road, and when MP Shahabuddin used to chase and thrash police officers, even SPs, in public. Bihar has not forgotten those days when criminals violated the dignity of women, when kidnapping had become an industry, and when doctors, engineers, lawyers, and traders were all forced to flee the state. Today, when Tejashwi Yadav talks about migration, he should be ashamed. He should look back and understand the character and conduct of his father and mother, under whose regime Bihar witnessed the darkest era of governance.

Tejashwi Yadav trying to mislead the people

BJP National President stated that these are the same people who, while seeking votes, are promising a job for every family. However, the question arises: how will these jobs be provided? Will land be exchanged for jobs? Or jobs exchanged for land? They talk about giving jobs in exchange for land. Now they claim to provide a job to every family. It is well-known how educated Tejashwi Yadav is. Providing one job each to 2.18 crore families would require Rs. 12 lakh crore, whereas Bihar's total budget is only Rs. 3.17 lakh crore, which makes it impossible. Tejashwi Yadav is merely trying to mislead the people.

In RJD, 'R' stands for Rangdari

Launching scathing attacks on RJD-Congress, Shri Nadda said that in RJD, 'R' stands for Rangdari, 'J' stands for Jungle Raj, and 'D' stands for Dadagiri. Their show of strength is different from their ability to deliver. Those who grab land in the name of jobs can they truly provide employment? Those who cannot respect mothers and sisters ensure safety? Therefore, in this election, the people of Goh must elect the BJP candidate, Shri Ranvijay Kumar, and the people of Patepur must elect the BJP candidate, Shri Lakhendra Kumar Raushan, to once again form an NDA government in Bihar.

Highlights

- The Bihar Assembly elections are a contest between NDA's development and the Mahagathbandhan's destruction.
- In RJD (Rashtriya Janata Dal), 'R' stands for 'Rangdari', 'J' stands for 'Jungle Raj', and 'D' stands for 'Dadagiri'.
- Lalu Yadav, Tejashwi Yadav, and RJD have never apologized for their Jungle Raj. They want to bring Jungle Raj again in Bihar, the land of 'Tel Pilavan, Lathiya Bhajavan' rallies.
- Tejashwi Yadav is saying to get votes that they will give every family a job, but how? Can those who seize land for jobs really provide employment?
- RJD, which promises a government job for every family, should tell where the money will come from to pay the salaries?
- RJD giving a ticket to Shahabuddin's son indicates that even today, Lalu Yadav is eager to bring back Gunda Raj. ■

Opposition parties want to form govt in Bihar with the help of infiltrators: JP Nadda

In an address at an intellectual meet in Hajipur, Vaishali district, Bihar, on 24 October 2025, BJP National President and Union Minister Shri JP Nadda highlighted Bihar's progress under the NDA government and criticized the RJD for its past "jungle raj". Shri Nadda recalled his personal

connection to the state, sharing that he was born in Patna in 1960 and spent his childhood there.

He said the opposition INDIA bloc wants to form the next government in Bihar "with the help of votes of infiltrators". He stated that the process of "detecting, deleting, and deporting" infiltrators, which has started in Bihar, would be implemented across the country.

Speaking to the intellectuals, Shri Nadda said now the opposition parties were not talking about 'vote chori' allegations, after the Election Commission sought affidavits to support the charges. "The opposition had objected to the special intensive revision of electoral rolls in Bihar... because they want to form a government based on votes of infiltrators. The NDA-led government will never allow that to happen... The opposition stands totally exposed now, as they have no evidence to back their claims," he asserted.

Shri Nadda slammed the RJD and said the Lalu Prasad-led party stands for 'Rangdari' (extortion), 'Jungle Raj' (anarchy) and 'Dadagiri' (intimidation). The BJP National President stated that Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar made Bihar free from 'jungle raj' in the last 20 years.



NDA government has done a lot for the state

"Today, under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Shri Nitish Kumar, people of Bihar are witnessing growth. Bihar is continuously developing," he said.

"The NDA government has done a lot for the

state in recent years. The rail budget for Bihar has also been substantially increased," he said.

The BJP National President credited the NDA government with bringing significant development to Bihar and working for the progress of all sections of society. He cited major infrastructure projects such as flyovers and bridges, including the Mahatma Gandhi Setu.

Economic progress

He mentioned the establishment of a Makhana Board to increase farmers' incomes and GST exemptions to help Bihar's products, like Madhubani paintings, reach international markets.

He noted that the NDA government operates on the mantra of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas". He appealed to the intellectual community to support the BJP and its NDA allies to ensure the return of the NDA government in Bihar.

Earlier, he held two important organizational meetings in Patna and reviewed the BJP's preparations for the Bihar Assembly elections. Many senior BJP leaders, Members of Parliament, and other leaders were present at the event. ■

In Bihar, NDA is going to form the government with biggest majority in last 20 years: Amit Shah

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah addressed a huge public meeting in Taraiya, Bihar, on 17 October 2025. In his address, Shri Shah recalled the era of Jungle Raj and corruption in Bihar and sharply criticized Lalu Yadav and the RJD-Congress alliance. He stated that the NDA, along with Shri Nitish Kumar, has always fought against Jungle Raj and continues to do so. Given the current atmosphere in Bihar, the NDA is poised to form the government with the largest majority in the past twenty years.

10,000 into the accounts of every Jeevika Didi

The Union Home Minister remarked that the kind of atmosphere prevailing in Bihar today indicates that the NDA is going to form the government with the biggest majority in the last twenty years. In Bihar, the NDA is contesting the elections under the leadership of Shri Nitish Kumar, and across the country under the leadership of the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. This time, the people of Bihar will have the opportunity to celebrate four Diwalis, the first because Prabhu Shri Ram returned after completing his exile, the second just concluded when Shri Nitish Kumar and the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi transferred Rs. 10,000 into the accounts of every Jeevika Didi in Bihar. The NDA government ensured that the accounts of Bihar's sisters do not remain empty during Chhath Maiya Puja and Diwali. The third Diwali was when the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi implemented GST on 395 items, making it beneficial for everyone by reducing the GST rate to 5% and 0%. The fourth Diwali will be celebrated when the NDA achieves victory on 14th November with the biggest record, and Lalu, Rahul, and their company will be completely defeated.

Construction of the Bhavya Ram Mandir

Shri Shah pointed out that, during Shri Nitish Kumar's 20 years of governance, Bihar was freed from 'Jungle Raj', and in the past 11 years, the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has worked to channel the Ganga of development in Bihar. The 11 years of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi have been a blessing for the poor across the country. Eighty-one crore poor are receiving



5 Kgs of free grain, 42 crore poor are getting treatment up to Rs 5 lakh under the Ayushman Bharat card, clean water is reaching 15 crore households through taps, 13 crore farmers have received the Kisan Samman Nidhi, 12 crore households have been provided toilets, and 10 crore mothers and sisters have received cylinders under the Ujjwala Yojana. The BJP government has undertaken several initiatives beyond imagination. For 550 years, Ram Lala had been seated in a humble hut, but the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi performed the Bhoomi Poojan in 2019 and, through Prana Pratishtha, oversaw the construction of the Bhavya Ram Mandir. In Bihar, a magnificent temple of Maa Sita is also being built at Punaura Dham. PM Shri Modi abrogated Article 370 in Kashmir, making it an integral part of India permanently.

Shri Modi connected the poor with facilities

The Union Home Minister stated that under the rule of Lalu Yadav and Congress, terrorists were indulging in bloodshed. Recently, when passengers were attacked in Pahalgam, under the leadership of the Prime Minister, Operation Sindoor was conducted, entering Pakistan to eliminate the terrorists. Shri Modi connected the poor with facilities, secured the country, and carried out several works for Bihar as well.

Shri Shah said that the people of Bihar want development, not Jungle Raj. They should vote freely for all NDA parties and ensure their victory with a massive majority. ■

WHAT LALU YADAV DID FOR BIHAR'S GROWTH: AMIT SHAH

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah began his election campaign on 24 October 2025 from Siwan. He addressed the public and criticised the RJD leadership, highlighting past lawlessness in Bihar. Shri Shah also praised the NDA government and promised strict action against infiltrators.

Shri Amit Shah said, "I repeatedly bow to the land of Rajendra Prasad. My first election tour after nomination is in Siwan." He said, "The land of Siwan tolerated Lalu-Rabri's 'Jungle Raj' for 20 years. Shahabuddin spread fear, but the people refused to bow down." He said Shahabuddin had attacked businessmen, and criticised Lalu Yadav for giving a ticket to Shahabuddin's son. He added that even if 100 Shahabuddins come, no one can be harmed now. PM Shri Modi and CM Shri Nitish Kumar are in charge, and our government is working continuously for the development.

Shri Amit Shah questioned, besides the Fodder Scam and the Land-for-Job Scam, what Lalu Yadav did for Bihar's growth. He said Nitish Kumar ended the 'Jungle Raj' in Bihar. He said the "real Diwali" will be on November 14, when Lalu's son will be defeated. Shri Shah asked voters to support the NDA for good governance and development.

Shri Shah criticised Rahul Gandhi for his nasty politics and said his yatra aimed to protect the infiltrators. He said the Election Commission has expelled infiltrators and promised that, under NDA government, every infiltrator would be removed.

Rally in Buxar

After Siwan, Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah addressed a massive rally in Buxar. He paid tribute to Maharishi Vishwamitra, the birthplace of Bismillah Khan, and Veer Kunwar Singh. During his speech, he prayed to Chhath Maiya to bless Bihar and prevent the return of 'Jungle Raj'.

Union Home Minister said Shahabuddin was responsible for 75 murders in Siwan. He said the



RJD and Mahagathbandhan aim to bring back lawlessness, whereas the NDA promotes good governance and has fielded Anand Mishra as its candidate. Shri Shah emphasised that the people of Bihar must choose governance over chaos and lawlessness in the upcoming elections.

He said Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has made Buxar a part of the Ramayana Circuit, and the foundation stone for the grand temple of Mata Sita has been laid in Sitamarhi. After nearly five and a half centuries in Ayodhya, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi completed the entire process, from the foundation stone laying to the consecration of the grand temple at the birthplace of Shri Ram. The Congress and RJD are opposing the construction of the Ram Temple and the Mata Sita Temple in Sitamarhi. Lalu Prasad Yadav opposed the Ram Temple due to vote bank politics, but the people of Bihar will now give a clear answer through their votes in this election.

- When Lalu and Sonia Gandhi were in power, terrorists were fed biryani. Now, under the Modi government, Pakistan is given a befitting reply by entering its own homes.
- Even if 100 Shahabuddins come, they cannot harm anyone.
- Siwan has suffered the terror and atrocities of Shahabuddin. The NDA government will not allow the ideology of Shahabuddin to prevail.
- Lalu Yadav works for his sons and daughters, while PM Modi and CM Nitish work for the development of Bihar. ■

Under Lalu Prasad Yadav's "Jungle Raj", Bihar lost its glory, prosperity and knowledge: Amit Shah

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah addressed the Intellectuals' Meet in Patna, Bihar, on 17 October 2025. During the meeting, Shri Shah reminded the audience of the "Jungle Raj" during Lalu Yadav's rule in Bihar, saying that a state with a rich heritage was pushed centuries back by Lalu's misrule. Shri Shah highlighted the development works carried out in Bihar under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar.

Bihar was reduced to a "sick state"

Shri Amit Shah said one need not look too far; the 15 years of Lalu Prasad Yadav's "jungle raj" snatched away Bihar's pride, prosperity, and learning. This Bihar, which has a historical legacy dating back to the Mahabharata era, lost all its dignity, grandeur, and excellence during just those 15 years of jungle raj.

Bihar is now ready to move forward

Union Home Minister stated that Bihar is now ready to move forward. Today, Bihar is prepared to reclaim its historic position in the nation's politics, economy, education, and agriculture. BJP firmly believes that Bihar can achieve this because every Indian product reflects the hard work and sweat of Bihari labourers.

Bihar's progress and growth

Shri Shah emphasized that his visit was not merely to seek votes but to urge Bihar's intellectual class to guide public opinion, show the right path to the youth, mothers, sisters, and common citizens, and contribute to strengthening democratic values. In Bihar 1.0, Shri Nitish Kumar had laid the foundation of good governance, earning the title "Sushasan Babu." This phase marked three major achievements: liberation from jungle raj, restoration of law and order, elimination of corruption, and the introduction of 50 percent reservation for

women. This foundation was regarded as the greatest accomplishment of Bihar 1.0. Bihar 2.0 began with the establishment of the double-engine government under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar. During this phase, extensive infrastructure development took place across the state. Several new bridges were constructed over the Ganga River, an achievement once considered unimaginable. Power cuts, once common, have now become a thing of the past. Union Home Minister recalled how, in his youth, people in Bihar's villages had to visit small generator or inverter shops to charge their mobile phones due to a lack of electricity. In Bihar 2.0, major projects such as the expansion of the Barauni Refinery, establishment of a dry port in Bihta, IIM in Bodh Gaya, IIT in Bhagalpur, AIIMS in Darbhanga, and construction of four new airports have been completed. Thousands of kilometres of roads have also been built, significantly improving Patna's connectivity within hours. Collectively, these developments have given a new direction to Bihar's progress and growth.

Shri Amit Shah stated that Bihar is now poised for Bihar 3.0. If the people prevent the return of jungle raj, the state, under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, will be transformed into an industrialized, employment-focused, and technologically advanced region. Addressing employment as Bihar's biggest challenge, the NDA government plans to attract major investments, startups, data centres, and software companies.

Highlights

- The NDA government is committed to building a "migration-free and flood-free Bihar."
- India is not a Dharmshala; not a single infiltrator will be allowed to stay here.
- Under the NDA government, Bihar is now ready to move forward and reclaim its historic place.
- NDA government is restoring Bihar's lost glory ■



RAKSHA MANTRI FLAGS-OFF FIRST BATCH OF BRAHMOS MISSILES MANUFACTURED IN LUCKNOW

Every inch of Pakistan's territory is now within the reach of **BrahMos** : Rajnath Singh

Reinforcing the vision of self-reliance in defence manufacturing, Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, on October 18, 2025, jointly flagged-off the first batch of BrahMos missiles manufactured at the BrahMos Integration and Testing Facility Centre in Lucknow. The state-of-the-art facility, a key component of UP Defence Industrial Corridor, was virtually inaugurated by Raksha Mantri on May 11, 2025, and within five months, the first batch of missiles was ready for deployment.

Speaking on the occasion, Raksha Mantri described BrahMos as not just a missile, but a symbol of the growing indigenous capabilities of the nation. "The missile features a traditional warhead and an advanced guided system and possesses the capability to strike long distances at supersonic speeds. This combination of speed, accuracy, and power makes BrahMos one of the best systems in the world. It has become the backbone of our Armed Forces," he added.

Highlighting the role of BrahMos in Operation Sindoor, Shri Singh said the missile demonstrated that it has moved far beyond a trial and has become the greatest practical proof of national security. He stated that every inch of Pakistan's territory is now within the reach of BrahMos. "Operation Sindoor is proof that victory has become a habit for us, and now we must further enhance our capabilities. The operation was just a trailer. It has made Pakistan realise what might follow," he added.

Shri Singh informed that the BrahMos team has signed contracts worth approximately Rs 4,000 crore with two countries in the last one month. He said in the coming years, experts from many countries will visit Lucknow, making the city a centre of knowledge and a leader in defence technology. "The turnover of BrahMos' Lucknow unit will be around Rs 3,000 crore from the next financial year and the GST collection will be around Rs 500 crore," he added.

Brahmos- A missile of Aatmanirbharta: Yogi

In his address, UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath described Brahmos as a missile of Aatmanirbharta,

which is fulfilling the defence needs of the country. He expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Shri Rajnath Singh for giving Lucknow an opportunity to become a part of the movement towards self-reliance in defence, by becoming a centre for production of Brahmos missiles. He applauded the progress made in all the six nodes of the UP Defence Industrial Corridor, informing that more than 15,000 youth have received jobs in the state.

The BrahMos facility stands as one of the most significant projects under the Uttar Pradesh Defence



Industrial Corridor. It carries out the complete process of assembly, integration, and testing to the highest technical standards. With the dispatch of its first missile consignment, Uttar Pradesh has emerged as a key partner in the national 'Make in India, Make for the World' initiative. The Lucknow unit is the first in the corridor to manage the entire manufacturing and testing process indigenously, reinforcing both strategic autonomy and industrial growth.

Shri Rajnath Singh and Yogi Adityanath also inaugurated the Booster Building and witnessed a live demonstration of the booster docking process. They also reviewed presentations at the Airframe and Avionics, Pre-Dispatch Inspection, and Warhead Buildings, along with the BrahMos simulator equipment. A display of a mobile autonomous launcher was also organised. ■

NEW FLEXIBILITY UNDER THE PER DROP MORE CROP SCHEME

To promote efficient water use and boost farmer income, the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has introduced new flexibility under the Per Drop More Crop (PDMC) scheme. The initiative empowers States and Union Territories to take up micro-level water storage and conservation projects as part of “Other Interventions” (OI).



Under the revised guidelines, States and UTs can now plan micro-level water management activities-such as diggi construction and water harvesting systems-based on local needs. These systems can be developed for individual farmers as well as community use, ensuring sustainable water availability for micro-irrigation.

Earlier, funds for such activities were limited to 20% of the total allocation for each State/UT and 40% for North Eastern States, Himalayan States, and UTs of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. Now, States/UTs have been given greater flexibility to exceed these limits as per their specific requirements.

These initiatives aim to help farmers adopt micro-irrigation, improve water-use efficiency, and ultimately increase productivity and income. ■

RAKSHA MANTRI INAUGURATES 3RD PRODUCTION LINE OF LCA MK1A & 2ND PRODUCTION LINE OF HTT-40 AT HAL-NASHIK

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh on 17 October inaugurated the third Production Line of Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas Mk1A and the second Production Line of Hindustan Turbo Trainer-40 (HTT-40) at the Nashik facility of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) on October 17, 2025. He also flagged-off the first LCA Mk1A produced at the facility.

In his address, Raksha Mantri described the flight of the state-of-the-art aircraft as a shining symbol of India's growing Aatmanirbharta in defence. Highlighting the transformation of the defence sector in the last decade under the leadership of

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, he asserted that the country, which once imported 65-70% of critical military hardware, is now manufacturing 65% of the equipment on its own soil. He voiced the Government's resolve of increasing domestic manufacturing to 100% in the times to come. ■

INDIA DEVELOPED ITS FIRST INDIGENOUSLY DISCOVERED ANTIBIOTIC “NAFITHROMYCIN”

Union Minister of State Dr. Jitendra Singh on 18 October informed that India has developed its first indigenously discovered antibiotic “Nafithromycin”, which is effective against resistant respiratory infections, particularly useful for cancer patients and poorly controlled diabetics. He said this antibiotic is the first molecule entirely conceptualized, developed and clinically validated in India, representing a significant leap toward self-reliance in the pharmaceutical sector.

The antibiotic Naphithromycin has been developed by the Govt of India's Department of Biotechnology in collaboration with well-known private pharma house Wockhardt.

Citing this as an example of successful industry-academia partnership driving India's biopharmaceutical growth, the Union Minister emphasized the need to build a self-sustainable innovation ecosystem, so that India could reduce its dependence on government funding and create a culture of private sector participation and philanthropic support to achieve global recognition in research and innovation. ■

UNION HOME MINISTER APPROVES ADVANCE RELEASE OF 1950.80 CRORE TO KARNATAKA AND MAHARASHTRA

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah on 19 October approved advance release of Rs.1,950.80 crores, as 2nd installment of Central share of SDRF, to State Governments of Karnataka and Maharashtra, for the year 2025-26. Out of the total amount of Rs.1,950.80 crore, Rs. 384.40 crore approved for Karnataka and Rs.1,566.40 crore for Maharashtra to help these states provide immediate relief assistance to people affected by extremely heavy rainfall and floods during the south-west monsoon of this year. ■

Former Goa CM Ravi Naik Passes Away

Veteran Goan politician and two-time former Chief Minister Shri Ravi Sitaram Naik passed away early on 15 October, 2025, at the age of 79. The Goa government announced three days of state mourning in honour of Shri Naik's long and distinguished public service. His body was brought to his residence in Khadpabandh, Ponda, where a large number of supporters, political colleagues, and well-wishers gathered to pay their final respects. He is survived by his wife, two sons—Roy and Ritesh—and three grandchildren.



Shri Narendra Modi, in a post on X, said, "Saddened by the passing away of Shri Ravi Naik Ji. He will be remembered as an experienced administrator and dedicated public servant who enriched Goa's development trajectory. He was particularly passionate about empowering the downtrodden and marginalised."

BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda stated via X "Deeply saddened by the demise of Goa Minister Shri

Ravi Naik Ji, a respected and seasoned leader who devoted his life to Goa's development. His remarkable contributions to governance and public welfare will forever be remembered. He touched countless lives through his humility, dedication and unwavering service to the people. My heartfelt condolences to his family, friends and supporters. Om Shanti!"

Born in 1946, Shri Ravi Naik served in multiple capacities, including as Chief Minister, Cabinet Minister, and Member of Parliament. Throughout his political career, Shri Naik was recognized for his administrative firmness, particularly during his tenure as Chief Minister in the early 1990s, when Goa faced several law-and-order challenges. His political acumen and ability to adapt to changing times helped him remain a relevant figure across party lines and generations.

Leaders from across the political spectrum expressed grief over his passing. Prime Minister

Goa Chief Minister Shri Pramod Sawant described Shri Naik as "a stalwart of Goan politics" who left an "indelible mark on the state's governance." Leaders of the Congress, MGP, and other regional parties also paid tributes, remembering his contributions to public life and his deep connection with the people of Ponda. ■

Andhra Pradesh is moving rapidly towards prosperity: PM Modi

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone, inaugurated and dedicated to the nation multiple development projects worth around Rs 13,430 crore in Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh on 16 October 2025.

Addressing a large public gathering, the Prime Minister highlighted the cultural richness and talent of Andhra Pradesh, the Prime Minister described it as a land of pride, science, and innovation. He said that with visionary leaders like Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Pawan Kalyan, and full support from the Central Government, Andhra Pradesh is moving rapidly towards prosperity. "Delhi and Amaravati are working hand in hand for the development of Andhra Pradesh," he remarked, reiterating the vision of making India a developed

nation by 2047.

The Prime Minister launched a series of infrastructure and energy projects that will strengthen connectivity, boost industrialization, and improve ease of living. He inaugurated a transmission project worth around 3,000 crore to enhance power capacity and announced that India's per capita electricity consumption has risen to 1,400 units from less than 1,000 units a decade ago. He also dedicated to the nation GAIL's Srikakulam–Angul Natural Gas Pipeline, which will supply gas to about 15 lakh households, and Indian Oil's LPG Bottling Plant in Chittoor with a capacity of 20,000 cylinders per day. These projects, he said, will generate local employment and ensure energy security. ■



GOVERNANCE ROOTED IN VALUES: THE LEGACY OF ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE

Dr. VIVEK KUMAR MISHRA

Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee, was undoubtedly one of the most prominent and widely accepted leaders of our country who breathed his last on August 16th, 2018. An outstanding orator, born on 25th December 1924 in Gwalior, he saw India grow to new heights in his own life time. He earned the reverence of one and all because of his outstanding skills in the field of politics, prose and poetry.

The world has produced many tall leaders who got respect from the society, but very few received respect even from their critics, and Atal Bihari Vajpayee was one of them. Vajpayee ji served as Prime Minister of India three times, once only for 13 days in 1996, and again for 11 months in 1998, thereafter he served one full term, during 1999-2004. Atal Ji served as a Member of Parliament in Lok Sabha for ten times and elected to Rajya Sabha twice in his political career. He created history by becoming the first non-Congress Prime Minister of India to serve a full-term. He was conferred India's highest civilian honour Bharat Ratna in 2015.

Atal Ji was a devoted 'swayamsevak' of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), a unique social organization dedicated to India's resurgence. Regarding his association with RSS, Atal ji once prominently said in the United States that "he may not be the Prime Minister tomorrow, but nobody could take away his right of

being a swayamsevak." He wrote about the RSS, "the RSS does not change only individuals, rather it changes the collective mind. This is the beauty of the RSS ethos. In our spiritual tradition an individual can attain great heights." He was a firm believer of Hindutva ideology. He was founding father of Bhartiya Janata Party. He imbibed his values and strong traditions of national service from Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee and Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay. As a member of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, Atal Bihari Vajpayee was already politically active by the age of 16. In 1951, he

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started working for Bharatiya Jana Sangh, a political wing of RSS.

Good Governance Day

Atal Bihari Vajpayee was a leader who laid the foundation of good governance by linking politics to values and Indian traditions. Atal ji's, 90th birthday was declared as 'Good Governance Day' by present Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the year 2014. Prime Minister Modi decided to follow the path of Vajpayee ji through commitment towards providing transparent, effective and accountable governance to the

people of India. I feel it is a great honour for the people of India to celebrate good governance day annually on the birth anniversary of Atal Bihari Vajpayee ji.

Good Governance means a government based on development orientation, transparency and early and easy deliverance of services. Prime Minister Modi stated that "Good governance day on the birthday of our beloved leader, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, we reiterate our commitment towards providing transparent, effective and accountable governance to the people of this country." He also stated that "during his tenure, Atal ji's efficiency in dealing with various issues has proven very beneficial for nation." That is why Prime Minister Modi has taken the decision to have his birthday celebrated as 'Good Governance Day'.

The purpose for observing Atalji's birthday as Good Governance Day is as under:

- **Building transparent and responsible administration.**
- **Ensuring the welfare of common man**
- **Devising good and effective policies for good governance**
- **To give a corruption free administration to the people**
- **To make people aware about the government commitment for providing a transparent and accountable administration in the country**
- **To enhance the growth and**



development in the country.

- **To bring citizens closer to the government to make them active participants in the governance process.**

Atal Bihari Vajpayee strived for all above mentioned purposes through-out his tenure as Prime Minister. Observing a Good Governance Day at his birthday will be testimony of his lifelong service. Moreover, observing Good Governance Day will continuously remind of the Indian government that the ruling party should be impartial, development oriented and development should cover all the sectors of the society for whom Vajpayee devoted his life.

Vajpayee on Economic Governance

During his tenure, Vajpayee ji gave prominence to programmes aimed at the country's development, rather than serving petty political interests. The basic idea of good governance was put forwarded

by Vajpayee in his address at Asia Society in New York on September 7, 2000. He stated that "empowering the individual means empowering the nation, and empowerment is best served through rapid economic growth with rapid social change." Indeed, these words reflected in his contribution towards the country. He not only improved the economy of India but also introduced several social reforms to uplift the unprivileged section of the society. During Vajpayee Government, India experienced one of its fastest periods of economic growth. India became an emerging power in Information Technology due to the reform programmes executed under his able and visionary guidance. Vajpayee ji's firmly believed that every region, every community and every citizen of our country should enjoy the fruits of India's prosperity and progress. He launched the Antyodaya Anna scheme to provide cheaper subsidized food grains to the poor, and expressed his

commitment to the common man.

Atalji's most memorable achievement was the ambitious roads projects he launched - the 'Golden Quadrilateral' and the 'Pradhanmantri Gramin Sadak Yojana.' The Golden Quadrilateral connected Chennai, Kolkata, Delhi and Mumbai through a network of highways while the Pradhanmantri Gramin Sadak Yojana was planned as a network of all-weather roads for unconnected village. Golden Quadrilateral was completed within a period of 5 years. The road construction reached 11 km of highways per day. The "Delhi Metro" project was launched by Vajpayee ji in 2002.

Vajpayee ji took India to the new heights by introducing economic reforms. Under his tenure from 1998 to 2004, India maintained a GDP rate of eight per cent, the inflation level within four per cent and foreign exchange reserves were flourishing. Atal ji's commitment to reducing the government role in running businesses and industry was reflected in his commitment to reducing the government role in running businesses and industry was reflected in the formation of a separate disinvestment ministry. The most important disinvestments were Bharat Aluminium Company (BALCO) and Hindustan Zinc, Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Limited and VSNL. The Vajpayee government made another radical reform by introducing the Fiscal Responsibility Act that aimed to bring down fiscal deficit. ■

(To be continued...)

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OUR GOAL IS TO MAKE INDIA ONE OF THE WORLD'S TOP DEFENCE EXPORTERS: PM

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the armed forces personnel during Diwali celebration on board the INS Vikrant today. Mentioning that today is a remarkable day, a remarkable moment, and a remarkable sight, Shri Modi highlighted that on one side lies the vast ocean, and on the other, the immense strength of Mother India's brave soldiers. He noted that while one side presents the infinite horizon and boundless sky, the other side showcases the colossal might of INS Vikrant, embodying infinite power. The Prime Minister observed that the sparkle of sunlight on the sea resembles the lamps lit by valiant soldiers during Deepavali, forming a divine garland of lights. He expressed his privilege in celebrating this Diwali among the brave personnel of the Indian Navy.

Recalling his night spent aboard INS Vikrant, the Prime Minister stated that the experience is difficult to put into words. He described the deep night at sea and the sunrise as making this Diwali especially memorable in many ways. From INS Vikrant, the Prime Minister extended heartfelt Diwali greetings to all 140 crore citizens of the country.

Recalling the moment when INS Vikrant was handed over to the nation, Shri Modi stated that at the time, he had remarked—Vikrant is grand, immense, panoramic, unique and exceptional. "Vikrant is not merely a warship; it is a testament to 21st-century India's hard work, talent, impact, and commitment", emphasised the Prime Minister. He reminded that

on the very day the nation received the indigenously built INS Vikrant, the Indian Navy renounced a major symbol of colonial legacy. He highlighted that inspired by Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, the Navy adopted a new flag.

"INS Vikrant today stands as a powerful symbol of Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Made in India", exclaimed the Prime Minister, emphasising that the indigenously built INS Vikrant, slicing through the ocean, reflects India's military prowess.

Shri Modi expressed his special salute to the Indian Armed Forces on this occasion. He highlighted that the fear instilled by the Indian Navy, the extraordinary skill demonstrated by the Indian Air Force, and the bravery of the Indian Army, along with the exceptional coordination among all three services, compelled Pakistan to surrender swiftly during Operation Sindoor. He affirmed that all personnel involved are truly deserving of congratulations.

The Prime Minister expressed pride that over the past decade, India's forces have steadily advanced towards self-reliance. He noted that the armed forces have identified thousands of items that will no longer be imported, resulting in most essential military equipment now being manufactured domestically. He highlighted that in the last 11 years, India's defence production has more than tripled, crossing Rs. 1.5 lakh crore last year. Citing another example, Shri Modi informed the nation that since 2014, Indian shipyards

PM MODI CELEBRATES DIWALI ON BOARD THE INS VIKRANT

have delivered over 40 indigenous warships and submarines to the Navy. He added that currently, on average, a new indigenous warship or submarine is being inducted into the Navy every 40 days.

“Missiles like BrahMos and Akash have proven their capabilities during Operation Sindoor. Several countries around the world are now interested in purchasing these missiles”, said the Prime Minister, emphasising that India is building the capacity to export weapons and equipment for all three armed forces. “India’s goal is to be counted among the world’s top defence exporters”, affirmed Shri Modi, stating that over the past decade, India’s defence exports have increased more than 30-fold. He credited this success significantly to the contributions of defence start-ups and indigenous defence units.

“India’s armed forces have served the nation across all domains—land, sea, and air—and under every circumstance”, exclaimed Shri Modi highlighting that the Navy is deployed in the seas to safeguard India’s maritime boundaries and trade interests, while the Air Force remains committed to securing the skies. On land, from scorching deserts to icy glaciers, the Army, along with BSF and ITBP personnel, stand firm like a rock. He further acknowledged that across various fronts, personnel from SSB, Assam Rifles, CRPF, CISF, and intelligence agencies are steadfastly serving Mother India.

Prime Minister Shri Modi stated that due to the valour and courage of India’s security forces, the nation has achieved a major milestone—the eradication of Maoist terrorism. India is progressing rapidly and fulfilling the dreams of 140 crore citizens. From the ground to space, achievements once considered beyond imagination are now becoming reality”, emphasised the Prime Minister, highlighting the momentum, the progress, the transformation, and the growing development and confidence of the nation. He affirmed that the armed forces play a vital role in this grand task of nation-building. Shri Modi declared that the mountain peaks where our soldiers stand firm will remain as victory pillars of India, and the mighty waves of the ocean beneath them will echo India’s triumph. Amidst this roar, one unified voice will rise—‘Bharat Mata Ki Jai!’ With this enthusiasm and conviction, the Prime Minister concluded by once again extending heartfelt Diwali greetings to all. ■





NEW GST RATES IN THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR

A BLESSING FOR FARMERS

Welfare of farmers remains the top priority of the central government, as relentless efforts are being made to make farming easier, reduce production costs, and increase farmers' profits. Transforming the lives of farmers and making agriculture a pillar of national prosperity is not just Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's goal - it is his unwavering resolve. Every decision, every reform under his leadership, places the farmer at the heart of India's growth story. The recent revisions in GST rates are a shining reflection of this vision. The 'Next Generation Reform in GST', announced by the Prime Minister from the Red Fort on Independence Day, is now taking shape as the foundation of a new, self-reliant and prosperous India.

Keeping the interests of farmers and the common people foremost, the government has made sweeping reductions in GST rates - reforms that will energise India's agricultural system and power the progress of farmers. These are not abstract changes in policy; they touch the very soil farmers till every day. Over 10 crore small and marginal farmers will benefit directly. Earlier, agricultural equipment attracted GST rates as high as 18%; now it has been slashed to just 5%, ensuring direct savings



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of thousands of rupees for every farmer.

Take the case of a farmer buying a 35-horsepower (HP) tractor. What once cost around Rs. 6.5 lakh will now be available for approximately Rs. 6.09 lakh - a saving of Rs. 41,000. For a 45 HP

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tractor, the saving is Rs. 45,000; for a 50 HP tractor, Rs. 53,000; and for a 75 HP tractor, Rs. 63,000. Even smaller machines are now within easier reach - a power tiller will cost around Rs. 12,000 less, a paddy transplanter Rs. 15,000 less, and a thresher Rs. 14,000 less. Equipment like power weeders and seed drills are cheaper by Rs. 5,000-Rs. 10,000. Larger machinery for harvesting and sowing - such as a 14-foot cutter bar, a square baler,

or a straw reaper - will now save farmers Rs. 1.87 lakh, Rs. 94,000, and Rs. 22,000, respectively. Tools like mulchers, super seeders, happy seeders, and sprayers are also more affordable, bringing modernisation to every acre.

Mechanisation is no longer a luxury, it is a necessity for profitable farming. The tax cuts on sprinklers, drip irrigation systems, harvesters, hydraulic pumps, and spare parts will empower even small and marginal farmers to adopt modern tools. Labor costs will fall, time will be saved, and productivity will rise. While prices may vary slightly across states and companies, the overall result remains clear: farmers will spend less and earn more.

Every step we take is guided by the singular aim of farmer prosperity. I have personally met representatives of agricultural machinery manufacturers to ensure that these tax reductions translate into immediate benefits for farmers. But this reform extends beyond agriculture; it is a powerful push for the entire economy. Lower input costs will enable farmers to generate higher returns from their produce, in turn strengthening small and cottage industries. Cheaper raw materials will bring down production costs, boosting MSMEs and creating new employment opportunities.

Agriculture and animal



husbandry are twin engines of the rural economy. The GST exemptions granted to beekeeping, dairy, animal husbandry, and cooperative societies will inject new energy into the countryside. When farmers' expenses go down and their incomes rise, they will naturally invest more in education, healthcare, and better living standards. That is how rural India's holistic development begins - not through handouts, but empowerment.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has always emphasised organic and natural farming as the future of Indian agriculture. At a time when the world is moving toward sustainable cultivation and ecological balance, the government's decision to reduce GST on bio-pesticides and micronutrients from 12% to 5% is both timely and visionary. It will encourage farmers to transition away from chemical fertilisers toward organic inputs. The results will be transformative - richer soil fertility, a healthier planet, and reduced costs of cultivation.

Given that most Indian farms are small holdings, the government continues to promote integrated farming and allied activities to ensure sustained income growth.

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Value addition is equally crucial. The GST reforms have provided a strong boost to the food processing industry. With more investment in cold storage and processing units, farmers will be able to preserve their produce longer and sell it at better prices. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has repeatedly assured that no policy or agreement will ever compromise the interests of farmers, fishermen, or livestock owners. These reforms stand as living proof of that commitment. They will also reduce India's dependence on imports and give

momentum to 'Make in India' and 'Atmanirbhar Bharat'.

At the heart of rural prosperity are the women of self-help groups. GST reforms have reduced their operating costs, helping small-scale rural industries flourish. As new processing units, storage facilities, and transport networks emerge in villages, fresh avenues for entrepreneurship and employment will open up. Lower taxes will mean higher sales, new jobs, and a generation of youth empowered to become self-reliant in their own villages.

I am confident these reforms will realise our collective resolve of 'Swadeshi se Samridhhi' (prosperity through self-reliance), turning India's economy into a truly "long-living economy".

These changes are not just about lowering tax rates; they represent a moral and economic commitment to reinvigorate the lives of farmers, small traders, animal rearers, fishermen, and women driving the rural enterprise. Guided by the spirit of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas' and 'Antyodaya', our government continues to prove that the prosperity of farms and farmers is the true measure of the nation's progress.

This Diwali, India will celebrate the festival with the theme of 'Swadeshi se Samridhhi' - lighting lamps of self-reliance in every home, echoing the chants of 'Jai Swadeshi', and moving confidently towards the vision of a 'Viksit Bharat' under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. ■

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MODI'S HANUMAN MOMENT: INDIA'S LONGER LEAP IN A WORLD OF WALLS

As lamps are lit across India, a timeless scene from the Ramayana speaks to our present. Hanuman stands at the edge of the ocean, uncertain of his strength, until Jambavan reminds him of what he already possesses. The leap that follows is not a miracle; it is self-belief in motion. That is what Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been preparing the Indian economy for: one that draws from its inner strength to overcome global turbulence. As the world turns inwards with new visa barriers and tariffs, India under Modi is turning its own confidence outward, transforming adversity into acceleration.

In recent months, the United States has imposed a USD 1,00,000 fee for new H-1B visa petitions and a 100% tariff on branded and patented pharmaceutical imports. These moves were framed as job-protection, but they underscore a deeper churn: the return of protectionism and demographic anxiety in the developed world. India's answer under Prime Minister Modi has been to strengthen the three pillars that no tariff can touch: scale, skill and self-reliance.

The contrast with the world is striking. China's population is ageing rapidly, its median age now past forty, while India's remains under twenty-nine. Two-thirds of our people are below thirty-five. That youthful energy, harnessed through skilling, education and



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enterprise, is what makes India the growth engine of the world economy. It is not a slogan when global institutions report India contributing more than sixteen per cent of global growth last year. It is the result of a decade of reform, investment and infrastructure under the Prime Minister's leadership.

Recent data underlines this momentum. The Reserve Bank has revised India's GDP forecast for FY26 to 6.8 per cent, citing resilient domestic demand, steady investment flows and a healthy monsoon outlook. GST collections in September crossed Rs. 1.89 lakh crore, the ninth consecutive month above Rs. 1.8 lakh crore, showing both buoyant consumption and a widening tax base. Foreign-exchange reserves have touched 700 billion dollars, enough to cover almost eleven months of imports, while remittances in the June quarter stood at 33.2 billion dollars, well above last year's levels. The manufacturing PMI held strong at 57.7 and services at 60.9, reaffirming India's status as the world's fastest-growing large economy.

This buoyancy is also mirrored in the markets and in the streets.

Retail and e-commerce sales during this Dussehra have touched their highest levels ever, crossing Rs. 3.7 lakh crore according to industry bodies such as CAIT and Retailers Association of India - nearly 15 per cent higher than last year. Online platforms alone clocked over Rs. 90,000 crore in gross merchandise value during the first fortnight of the festive season, driven by demand for automobiles, electronics, gold and apparel. Diwali is now expected to break all previous records, signalling not only consumer confidence but also the success of the government's consistent push to expand formal credit, digital payments and rural purchasing power.

The economic foundations are solid. Over the past decade, India's GDP has nearly doubled to become the world's fourth largest and imminently expected to overtake Germany. Foreign-exchange reserves exceed USD 600 billion. Inflation is moderate, and fiscal prudence is matched by record public capital expenditure. In 2024-25, India's overall exports of goods and services reached an all-time high of about USD 825 billion, while merchandise exports alone were about USD 437 billion. Renewable capacity has surpassed 220 GW. These numbers tell one story, of a nation that has moved from fragile to formidable under a leader who marries vision with execution.

It is a sad reality that Prime

Minister Modi's approach to Atmanirbhar Bharat is being misconstrued for political gains by a few naysayers who are still viewing it through twentieth-century lenses. Self-reliance is not isolation. Atmanirbhar Bharat is best understood as strength turned outward. It is a strength that allows engagement on equal terms. It is the capacity to make in India for the world, to decentralise opportunity so that value flows to those who create it, and to engage global markets on equal terms. From mobile phones and defence equipment to medical devices and solar modules, production-linked incentives have catalysed investment, jobs and exports.

The Anusandhan National Research Foundation, with Rs. 50,000 crore of planned outlay, will revitalise our R&D ecosystem. A second Fund-of-Funds for Start-ups and the expansion of PLI schemes will deepen our technology base. This is Atmanirbhar Bharat as strategic autonomy, which is rooted in self-belief, realised through policy, and amplified by global partnerships.

Under Modi's guidance, India built the world's most inclusive digital public infrastructure. The Unified Payments Interface now handles more daily transactions than Visa, over 650 million a day. Aadhaar, DigiLocker and ONDC together form an ecosystem that connects citizens, small businesses and innovators at a population scale. UPI's global partnerships with Singapore, the UAE and others show that Indian innovation can set global benchmarks. This

is technology as governance, empowerment and export.

People remain the centrepiece of this story. Our diaspora, over 32 million strong, is among the world's most successful and respected. Eleven Fortune 500 companies today are led by Indian-origin CEOs commanding a combined market capitalisation above six trillion dollars. Their journeys mirror the aspirations of a new India: skilled, confident, solution-oriented. Remittances of \$135 billion in 2024 are not just inflows of wealth; they are affirmations of trust. As Prime Minister Modi has often said, the Indian abroad is not just an

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expatriate but an ambassador of India's values and enterprise.

The Prime Minister's leadership has given this scattered global energy a domestic anchor. Make in India, Startup India, and Skill India are not parallel tracks but a connected value chain: identify opportunity, enable entrepreneurship, equip talent. The next step is a comprehensive global skilling mission that unites these initiatives under a single framework. Standardised curricula aligned with international certifications, pre-departure training for workers, language and cultural orientation,

and portable social-security agreements, these will make the Indian worker the preferred professional across continents. It is an agenda already in motion through multiple G2G partnerships forged under Modi's diplomacy.

The symbolism of Hanuman's leap is therefore apt. It was not an act of defiance, but of duty fulfilled through self-realisation. Prime Minister Modi's governance philosophy is rooted in the same belief that India's destiny lies in awakening the potential of its people. Infrastructure, digital transformation, green energy and global partnerships are the instruments of that awakening. When others build walls, India builds capacity. When others narrow trade, India expands opportunity. When others fear the future, India prepares for it.

Hanuman's leap was the recovery of memory. Prime Minister Modi's project has been to restore that national memory of capacity. When others build walls, India builds capability. When others ration opportunity, India scales it. That is how a civilisational confidence becomes a modern competitive edge. As we approach Diwali, it is worth recalling that Hanuman's leap did not shorten the ocean; it enlarged his confidence. The world may raise new barriers, but India today has the leadership, resilience and purpose to rise higher. Guided by Prime Minister Modi's vision, this is a nation that will not pause at the shore. It remembers its strength and leaps ahead. ■

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ADVANCING THE WELFARE OF THE MARGINALIZED

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has been urging citizens to embrace Swadeshi and self-reliance over the past few months. Since his government assumed office in 2014, he has consistently advocated for reducing India's dependence on foreign goods and promoting self-reliance through initiatives such as Make in India and Make for the World. Continuing this vision, he launched the Vocal for Local campaign during the COVID-19 pandemic. With the foresight that global economic instability could impact India, he reaffirmed his commitment to the ideals of Swadeshi and self-reliance. In his Mann Ki Baat address on August 15 and through various public programs across the country, Prime Minister Modi has repeatedly emphasized the importance of Swadeshi in multiple contexts.

The past two to three months mark a period of celebration across the country. Festivals such as Ganesh Utsav, Vijayadashami, Diwali, Chhath Puja, and various other religious festivities — along with the New Year celebrations in some states and Eid observed by the Muslim community — fill society with enthusiasm and joy. Lighting homes, exchanging greetings, distributing sweets, wearing new clothes, and giving gifts are natural expressions of



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social harmony and festivity.

During this period, October 2 — the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi — is also observed as Khadi Day. To ensure that this festive spirit becomes a foundation for Swadeshi and self-reliance, Prime Minister Shri

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Narendra Modi urged citizens to “buy only Swadeshi goods, decorate homes with Swadeshi products, and enrich their lives with Swadeshi creations.”

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's call is not merely emotional; it is driven by the vision of economically empowering the socially and economically weaker sections of society. In ancient India, society functioned as a self-reliant unit, where each class had its traditionally defined role. Mahatma Gandhi also referred to this concept in his book Hind

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A closer look at the essential items used during festivals reminds us that most of these are produced by the largest sections of society — the economically backward and Dalit communities. This segment constitutes more than half of the backward classes. Items such as lamps, khadi and handloom products, candles, firecrackers, flower garlands, toys, puja materials, footwear, ornaments, jewelry, and sweets are traditionally made by potters (Prajapati), leather workers, women engaged in cottage and small-scale industries, artisans, and tribal communities who use forest produce to create local goods.

While jewelry is often sold in large establishments, the local artisans and Bengal's craftsmen known for their intricate workmanship are spread across the country. Street vendors and small traders who sell such products on carts also depend on this income to celebrate their own festivals. However, as these goods gradually began to be imported, the livelihoods of the poor suffered. Foreign products replaced local toys, decorations, firecrackers, and festive items — turning the Diwali of the poor into a symbol of economic deprivation.

According to a survey conducted by the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) during



Diwali 2025, business activity generated an estimated Rs.5.40 lakh crore, up from Rs. 4.25 lakh crore in 2024 — marking a 25% increase over the previous year. Excluding the cooperative and agricultural sectors, this growth represents the contribution of nearly 9 crore small business units. The service sector alone generated business worth Rs. 65,000 crore.

The survey further revealed that 72% of traders attributed this surge in trade to the recent reduction in GST rates, while 87% of buyers expressed their appreciation for Prime Minister Modi by consciously purchasing indigenous goods. Additionally, an estimated 50 lakh people secured short-term employment during the festive season. Small towns and rural areas together accounted for 28% of total sales.

Various initiatives such as the Potter Empowerment Programme, and incentives to

the textile, metalwork, woodwork, and bamboo industries under the MSME framework, have also played a crucial role in this

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economic uplift. According to the latest market analytics report, consumer spending during India's festive season is projected to reach between Rs.12 lakh crore and Rs.14 lakh crore.

In line with the Prime Minister's call of "Khadi for Nation, Khadi for Fashion," Khadi sales have risen by 447% since 2014, growing from Rs. 3,154 crore in 2014 to an estimated Rs.1.71 lakh crore in 2025. This remarkable expansion

has created over 10 lakh new jobs in the Khadi sector alone.

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This renewed economic activity will help India withstand global economic challenges. To sustain this momentum, Swadeshi and self-reliance must become enduring principles in our daily lives — not merely seasonal or occasional practices. ■

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ONE NATION, ONE ELECTION WILL LEAD TO THE CREATION OF A STRONG NATION

Under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, India has made steady progress and achieved historic milestones, strengthening its position as a global power. India's democratic framework thrives on a vibrant electoral process that empowers citizens to actively shape governance at all levels. Since independence, more than 400 elections to the Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assemblies have demonstrated the Election Commission of India's commitment to fairness and transparency.

However, the frequent and staggered nature of these elections has prompted discussions about the need for a more efficient system. This has renewed interest in the concept of "One Nation, One Election." Also known as simultaneous elections, this proposal advocates holding elections for the Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assemblies on the same day. Voters would cast their ballots for both levels of government within their constituencies, although the process could still be conducted in multiple phases across the country. The objective of synchronizing these election timelines is to improve administrative efficiency, reduce costs, and minimize disruptions caused by consecutive electoral cycles.

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Cabinet accepted the committee's recommendations on September 18, 2024, marking a significant step toward electoral reform.

This system is expected to enhance administrative efficiency, reduce election-related costs, and promote policy consistency. Given India's aspiration to streamline governance and align democratic processes, the concept of "One

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Nation, One Election" has emerged as a major reform initiative that requires extensive deliberation and consensus.

Historically, the idea of simultaneous elections is not new to India. Following the adoption of the Constitution, elections to the Lok Sabha and all State Legislative Assemblies were held simultaneously from 1951 to 1967.

The following key points emerge from the findings of the

report released by the High-Level Committee on Simultaneous Elections, chaired by Hon'ble former President Ram Nath Kovind:

- With elections taking place in various parts of the country, political parties, their leaders, legislators, and both state and central governments often divert their focus toward election preparations rather than prioritizing governance. Holding simultaneous elections would enable governments to concentrate on developmental activities and the implementation of policies aimed at promoting public welfare.
- The enforcement of the Model Code of Conduct during elections frequently disrupts regular administrative functions and development initiatives. Such disruptions hinder the progress of important welfare schemes and create uncertainty in governance. Conducting simultaneous elections would minimize the duration and frequency of the Code of Conduct being in effect, thereby preventing delays in policy decisions and ensuring continuity in governance.
- Moreover, elections require the deployment of a large number of personnel, including polling officers and government officials, which has significant implications for resource utilization. Simultaneous elections would reduce the need for repeated deployments,

allowing government officials and agencies to focus more effectively on their core responsibilities rather than on election-related duties.

- Holding simultaneous elections does not diminish the role of regional parties; rather, it strengthens their ability to focus on localized issues. This framework allows regional parties to emphasize their core concerns and aspirations without being overshadowed by national campaign narratives. Consequently, local issues retain their importance, ensuring that regional voices remain relevant within the broader democratic process.
- Simultaneous elections also promote a fairer distribution of opportunities and responsibilities within political parties. At present, it is not uncommon for a few leaders to dominate the electoral landscape, contesting multiple elections and monopolizing key positions. Under a simultaneous election framework, there is greater potential for diversity and inclusiveness among political representatives. This, in turn, facilitates the emergence of a broader range of leaders who can contribute meaningfully to the democratic process.
- The current cycle of frequent elections often diverts attention from governance, as political parties concentrate their efforts on continuous campaigning. This focus on electoral activities can detract from policy formulation and developmental initiatives. Conducting simultaneous elections would allow parties to dedicate more time to addressing citizens' needs, fostering a more

constructive and less confrontational political environment.

- Holding simultaneous elections can significantly reduce the financial burden associated with multiple election cycles. This model minimizes expenses related to the deployment of manpower, equipment, and security resources for each separate election. The resulting economic benefits include more efficient resource allocation, improved fiscal management, and the creation of an environment conducive to economic growth and investor confidence.
- In keeping with the spirit of national unity and public service, there is a growing need to promote diversity and inclusiveness among all citizens and government functionaries. Such inclusiveness will foster the emergence of a broad spectrum of leaders who can make meaningful contributions to the democratic process and the nation's development.
- The current cycle of frequent elections across the country often diverts attention from good governance. Political parties tend to focus more on election-related activities aimed at securing victory, leaving limited time for development and essential administrative work. Conducting simultaneous elections would allow parties to focus more effectively on addressing the needs of citizens, thereby reducing political conflict and encouraging more constructive engagement.



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Keeping the interests of the motherland and the nation paramount, Prime Minister Naendra Modi remains committed and determined to restore India to its rightful place as a Vishwaguru — a guiding light for the world. Through his unwavering dedication and selfless service to Maa Bharati, he continues to lead the nation toward holistic progress and global recognition.

The proposed phased approach to implementing simultaneous elections is expected to pave the way for a more efficient and stable electoral environment in India. With broad public and political support, the concept of simultaneous elections is poised to streamline the country's democratic processes and enhance the overall efficiency of governance. ■

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PM EXTENDS SUPPORT FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ASEAN-INDIA PLAN OF ACTION

The 22nd ASEAN-India Summit was held on 26 October 2025. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi participated virtually in the Summit. Prime Minister and ASEAN leaders jointly reviewed progress in ASEAN-India relations and discussed initiatives for strengthening the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. This was Prime Minister's 12th participation in the India-ASEAN Summit.

In his address, Prime Minister congratulated Timor Leste on becoming the 11th Member of ASEAN, welcomed the delegation at its first ASEAN-India Summit as a full member of ASEAN, and conveyed India's continued support for its human development.

Reiterating India's support for ASEAN Unity, ASEAN Centrality, and the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific, Prime Minister complimented ASEAN on adoption of the ASEAN Community Vision 2045.

Prime Minister emphasised that early review of the ASEAN-India FTA (AITIGA) can unleash the full economic potential of our relationship for the benefit of our peoples and further strengthen regional cooperation.

Prime Minister stated that terrorism is a serious challenge to global peace and security, and stressed the importance of unity in the fight against terrorism.

In support of the Malaysian Chair's theme of "Inclusivity and Sustainability", PM announced:

- Extended support for implementation of the ASEAN-India Plan of Action to implement the ASEAN-India Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (2026-2030)
- Adoption of the ASEAN-India Joint Leaders' Statement on Sustainable Tourism to strengthen tourism cooperation, as we celebrate the ASEAN-India Year of Tourism
- Designation of the year 2026 as the "ASEAN-

India Year of Maritime Cooperation" to forge partnerships in blue economy

- Proposing to organise the Second ASEAN-India Defence Ministers' Meeting and the Second ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise for a secure maritime environment.
- India will continue its role as a First Responder in times of crisis in the neighbourhood, and further strengthen cooperation in Disaster Preparedness and HADR
- Training of 400 professionals in renewable energy, for supporting the ASEAN Power Grid initiative
- Extending Quick Impact Projects (QIPs) to Timor Leste
- The proposed establishment of a Centre for

Southeast Asian Studies at Nalanda University, to develop regional expertise

- Supporting ongoing cooperation in education, energy, science and technology, fintech

and cultural preservation, and emphasised the need for increasing cooperation in infrastructure, semiconductor, emerging technologies, rare earths and critical minerals

- Holding the East Asia Summit Maritime Heritage Festival at Lothal, Gujarat, and a conference on Maritime Security Cooperation

Hon'ble Prime Minister thanked Prime Minister Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim for his flexibility in hosting the 22nd ASEAN-India Summit virtually, and making excellent arrangements for the meeting. The Prime Minister also thanked President Marcos Jr. for the Philippines' effective country-coordinatorship. ASEAN leaders appreciated India's long-standing support for ASEAN and its continued commitment to deepen engagement with the region through its Act East Policy. ■



BJP National President meets with the former PM of UK in New Delhi

As part of the Know BJP initiative, BJP National President and Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilisers, Shri J.P. Nadda, met with the former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Hon. Rishi Sunak, in New Delhi on 16 October 2025.

Welcoming Mr. Sunak to India, Shri Nadda said his tenure as Prime Minister infused new warmth and momentum into India-UK relations. He appreciated Mr. Sunak's leadership in advancing negotiations for the India-UK Free Trade Agreement.

Shri Nadda shared insights into the BJP's organizational strength and its people-centric approach to governance and political engagement. He highlighted the Know BJP initiative as a platform to enhance international understanding, encourage exchange of ideas, and strengthen ties with political parties and leaders around the world.

Shri Nadda highlighted how, under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, technology is enhancing healthcare delivery at the grassroots level



in India through innovations in prevention, diagnosis, and treatment. He also extended heartfelt Diwali greetings to Mr. Sunak and his family.

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

BJP National President meets with the President of Mongolia in New Delhi



As part of the 'Know BJP' initiative, BJP National President and Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilisers, Shri J.P. Nadda, met with the President of Mongolia Mr. Khurelsukh Ukhnaa in New Delhi on 11 October 2025.

Shri Nadda said, "I briefed him on our party's ideology, organisational structure, and various people-centric initiatives that have shaped India's governance model. We exchanged valuable insights to strengthen party-to-party relations".

He said, "We also had a detailed discussion on enhancing cooperation in the healthcare sector. Looking forward to deepening our partnership for the mutual benefit of both nations". ■

Festivals bring opportunities for strengthening family and social relationships: PM

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the nation on 26 October 2025 through the 127th episode of his monthly radio programme "Mann Ki Baat." In this episode, the Prime Minister highlighted the significance of India's festivals, community initiatives for environmental protection, promotion of indigenous traditions, and the celebration of national pride through people's participation. His address reflected the underlying spirit of unity, sustainability, and cultural resurgence that continues to shape the New India



The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi began by extending greetings to citizens on the auspicious occasion of Chhath Puja, one of the most revered festivals of eastern India, celebrated with devotion and discipline.

Celebration of Festivals and Cultural Unity

The Prime Minister described Chhath as a symbol of harmony between humankind and nature, as devotees worship the Sun God and express gratitude for sustaining life on earth. He observed that festivals such as Chhath represent India's timeless tradition of environmental respect and community bonding, which are vital for maintaining social cohesion in a diverse nation.

Shri Modi remarked that the festive season brings not just joy but also opportunities for strengthening family and social relationships. He appealed to people to use these celebrations as occasions to serve others, preserve cleanliness, and share happiness, thereby making festivals more inclusive and meaningful.

Citizen-Led Environmental Initiatives

One of the main themes of this episode was the citizen-driven environmental efforts across various parts of the country. The Prime Minister appreciated several examples of innovative grassroots initiatives

that embody the values of "Swachh Bharat" and "Amrit Kaal."

He lauded the unique initiative of the "Garbage Café" in Ambikapur, Chhattisgarh, where people can exchange plastic waste for meals. This creative model not only helps in managing plastic pollution but also ensures food security for the needy, turning waste into a resource and symbolizing human compassion blended with environmental consciousness.

The Prime Minister also praised citizens in Bengaluru for rejuvenating more than 40 wells and six lakes, showcasing the power of public participation in water conservation. He emphasized that such efforts at local levels play a crucial role in addressing national challenges like water scarcity and ecological imbalance.

Another example he mentioned was the mangrove restoration project in Dholera, Gujarat, where over 3,500 hectares of land have been covered with mangrove plantations. The initiative has led to the return of various bird and fish species, benefitting both the environment and the livelihoods of local fishermen. Shri Modi underscored that these community-led projects demonstrate how collective action can transform the environment and inspire a larger green movement.

Promotion of Indigenous Dog Breeds and Cultural Pride

Shri Modi drew attention to the increasing popularity of Indian dog breeds such as the Mudhol Hound and Rampur Hound, which are now being adopted by the country's security agencies. He praised the performance of these indigenous breeds, stating that their growing recognition is a matter of national pride. He encouraged citizens to support "Vocal for Local" not only in products but also in promoting native animal breeds, traditional crafts, and cultural heritage.

Vande Mataram 150 – A Call for National Participation

The Prime Minister announced that India will celebrate 150 years of the national song "Vande Mataram" in 2027, and preparations for the commemoration have already begun. He called upon citizens to actively participate in the campaign #VandeMataram150 by sharing creative expressions such as songs, videos, and art on social media. Shri

Modi emphasized that "Vande Mataram" evokes patriotism and unity, and its anniversary should become a collective celebration of India's cultural and emotional identity.

Revival of Sanskrit and Honouring Tribal Freedom Fighters

Highlighting the cultural renaissance among India's youth, the Prime Minister noted the increasing interest in Sanskrit language learning through digital platforms and social media. He appreciated young content creators who are popularizing Sanskrit in modern and entertaining ways, turning it into a living language once again.

Paying tribute to India's tribal heroes, Shri Modi remembered figures such as Komaram Bheem and Birsa Munda, whose courage and sacrifices continue to inspire generations. He urged citizens to learn about these lesser-known freedom fighters and celebrate their contributions, especially as the nation approaches Tribal Pride Day in November. ■

BJP NATIONAL PRESIDENT LISTENS TO 'MANN KI BAAT' WITH BOOTH KARYAKARTAS IN NEW DELHI

BJP National President and Union Minister Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda along with Union Minister Shri Pralhad Joshi, Delhi BJP President Shri Virendra Sachdeva, MP Bansuri Swaraj and other ministers listened to Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's 127th edition of 'Mann Ki Baat' with BJP Karyakartas and local citizens at Kailash Colony, Greater Kailash-1 in New Delhi on 26 October 2025.

After 'Mann Ki Baat' Shri Nadda in a social media post said, "Prime Minister Shri Modi mentioned the worldwide popularity of the sacred symbol of Indian culture and the grand festival of Chhath Parv. He shared exemplary information with the countrymen on various topics, including the enthusiasm among people due to the GST Savings Festival and the growing popularity of indigenous products, the efforts of the youth in promoting and preserving the divine language Sanskrit, the completion of 150 years since the composition of the national song Vande Mataram, the organization of 'Run for Unity'



on the 150th birth anniversary of the Iron Man Sardar Patel, and the unparalleled contributions of tribal heroes who played a significant role in the country's independence, along with other nation-friendly subjects".

He said, "I wholeheartedly express my gratitude to Shri Modi ji for this significant and inspiring dialogue that unites people and guides them toward building a 'Developed and Self-Reliant India.' ■

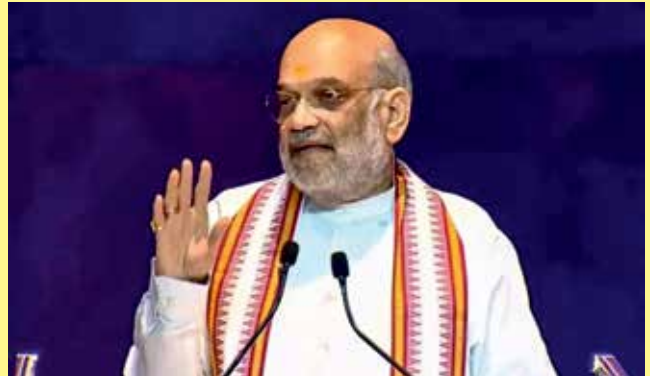
After BJP government was formed, 2100 Naxalites surrendered in Chhattisgarh: Amit Shah

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah on 16 October 2025 said that 258 Naxalites have surrendered in Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra in the last two days, which is a landmark day in our battle against Naxalism. The Home Minister applauded their decision to renounce violence, reposing their trust in the Constitution of India.

In a post on X, Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah said, "A landmark day in our battle against Naxalism. Today, 170 Naxalites have surrendered in Chhattisgarh. Yesterday 27 had laid down their arms in the state. In Maharashtra, 61 returned to the mainstream, yesterday. In total, 258 battle-hardened left-wing extremists have abjured violence in the last two days. I applaud their decision to renounce violence, reposing their trust in the Constitution of India. It attests to the fact that Naxalism is breathing its last due to the relentless efforts of the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi led government to end the menace. The policy of the Modi government is clear: those who want to surrender are welcome, and those who continue to wield the gun will meet the wrath of our forces. I appeal again to those who are still on the path of Naxalism to lay down their weapons and join the mainstream. We are committed to uprooting Naxalism before 31st March 2026."

In another post on X, Shri Amit Shah said, "It is a matter of immense pleasure that Abujhmarh and North Bastar in Chhattisgarh that were once terror bases, have today been declared as free from Naxal terror. Since January 2024, after our government was formed in Chhattisgarh, 2100 Naxalites have surrendered, 1785 have been arrested, and 477 have been eliminated. These numbers mirror the fierce resolve of our government to decimate Naxalism before the 31st of March 2026."

The list of surrendered Naxalites have 10 senior operatives including Satish alias T Vasudeo Rao (CCM), Ranita (SZCM, Secretary of Maad DVC), Bhaskar (DVCM, PL 32), Nila alias Nande (DVCM, IC and Secretary of Nelnar AC), Deepak Palo (DVCM, IC and Secretary of Indravati AC). T Vasudeo Rao (CCM) carried a reward of Rs. 1 crore on his head. Operatives of SZCM rank had rewards of Rs.25 lakhs, DVCMs Rs.10 to Rs.15 lakhs and ACMs had rewards worth Rs. 5 Lakh. Huge numbers of automatic weapons,



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PM Shri Narendra Modi celebrates Diwali with the armed forces personnel on board the INS Vikrant on October 20, 2025



PM Shri Narendra Modi and Bihar CM Shri Nitish Kumar at the massive rallies in Samastipur and Begusarai, Bihar on October 24, 2025



PM Shri Narendra Modi interacting with farmers engaged in pulses cultivation on the sidelines of the special Krishi programme in New Delhi on October 11, 2025



PM Shri Narendra Modi receives the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom Mr. Keir Starmer in Mumbai, Maharashtra on October 09, 2025



PM Shri Narendra Modi meets the President of Mongolia, Mr. Khurelsukh Ukhnaa at Hyderabad House in New Delhi on October 14, 2025



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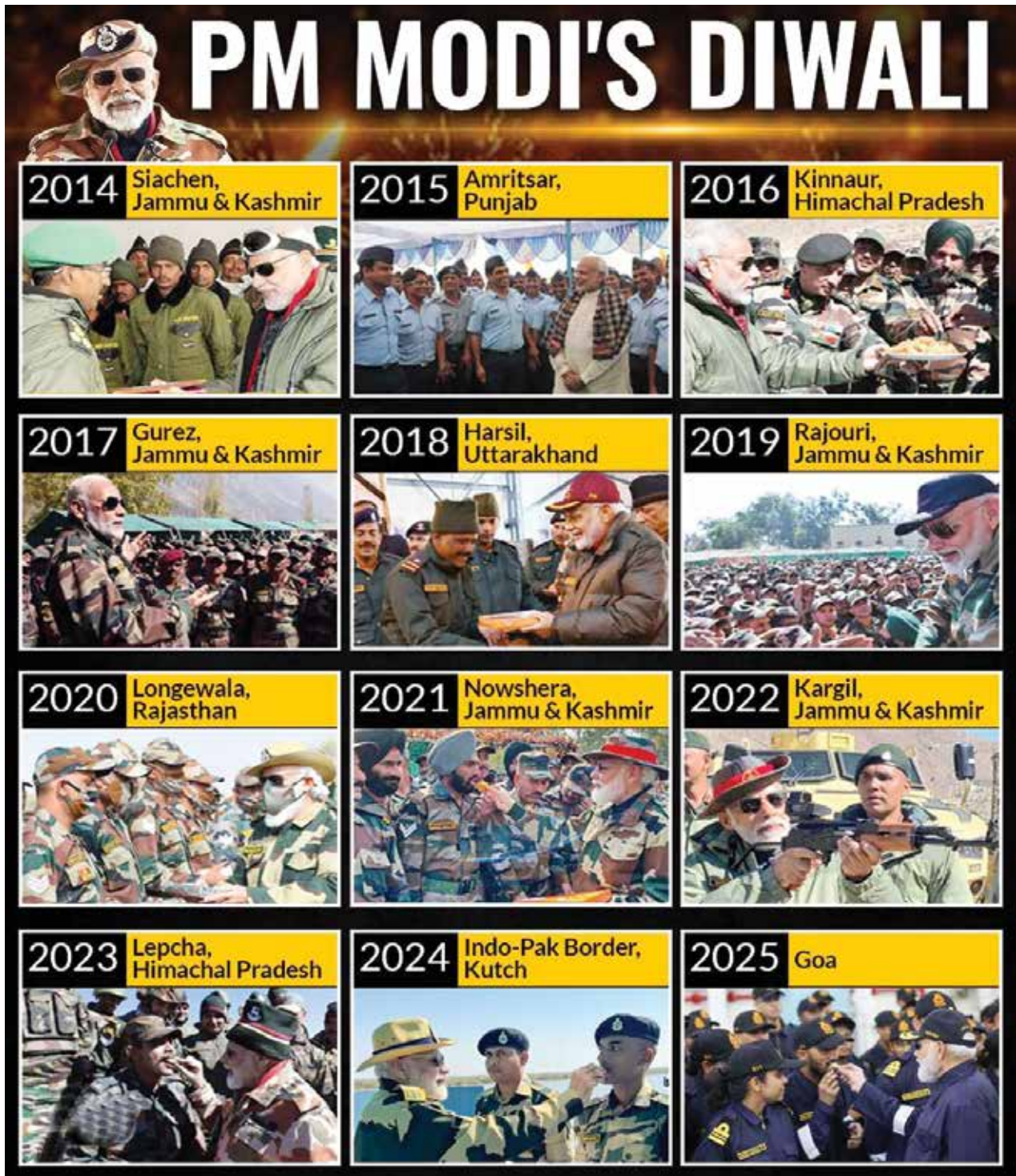
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