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A SPLENDID START

Big Promises Delivered, Bigger Expectations Triggered

#6MonthsOfIndiaFirst



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Stupendous Six Months

Prime Minister Narendra Modi was voted back with a bigger mandate in the general elections of 2019. The government was sworn in on 30th May, 2019. Six months from that landmark day, India has been transformed like never before.

Reflecting the massive mandate and higher hopes that the people of India reposed in the Modi Government, several historic and fundamental decisions have been taken by the government. Several promises have already been fulfilled within just the first six months of it being re-elected.

Foremost among them being the abrogation of Article 370 and 35A, thus fulfilling the decades-old demand of the nation. The fortitude with which PM Modi handled the internal as well as international reactions to this historic decision has also been lauded by the citizens of India.

Several other promises like extending PM-KISAN to all farmers, pensions to small traders and farmers, forming a unified Jal Shakti Ministry and more, have already been fulfilled.

Prime Minister Modi began his second term promising to make India a \$5 trillion economy by 2025 and \$10 trillion by 2030.

Several important reforms have already been enacted to realize this goal. A massive cut in corporate taxes making India one of the most competitive economies in the world, big disinvestment announcements, labour code reforms, Public Sector Banks consolidation and continued success of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code are just some of the path-breaking reforms undertaken by the government since May 2019.

As the Modi Government continues with its inclusive governance agenda, here is an exhaustive summary of decisions that have made the first six months of Modi 2.0, among the most decisive periods in independent India's history.

To chart the transformation of New India, this book – New India in News – looks at the important news India made in the first six months of PM Modi's second term. Such documentation and presentation are unique as the exercise is not merely about dry policy developments but also about interesting happenings at the intersection of policy and society. ●

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PM Modi addresses the
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‘One Nation One Constitution’ Becomes a Reality, After 70 Years!

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People of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh were deprived of their rights. With the abrogation of Article 370, the dreams of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, B.R. Ambedkar and Syama Prasad Mookerjee have been fulfilled. A new era in Jammu and Kashmir has now started.

- PM Narendra Modi

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I salute my sisters and brothers of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh for their courage and resilience. For years, vested interest groups who believed in emotional blackmail never cared for people’s empowerment. J&K is now free from their shackles. A new dawn, better tomorrow awaits!

- PM Narendra Modi

The sovereignty and integrity of India is unquestionable. But there was one question mark that was hovering around it for seventy years. Today, that question mark no longer exists in the mind of anyone. With the abrogation of Article 370 and 35A, the nation finally came into its own, ensuring that all parts of the Constitution are applicable in the region. This restored the rights of the people and ensured that the doors of development are opened.

History! Article 370 Goes...

- » **The 'temporary' provision was revoked on 5th August 2019, ending a discriminatory regime which was alienating people**
- » **Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh have been fully integrated into India**
- » **Every right given to the people of the rest of India by the Constitution is finally given to the people of this region as well**

Ladakh's Demand Fulfilled

- » **The erstwhile state of J&K has been reorganized into two UTs of J&K (with assembly) and Ladakh**
- » **The long-standing demand of the people of Ladakh has been fulfilled**

Social Justice, Social Empowerment and Socio-Economic Mobility Ensured

- » **Fundamental rights enshrined in the Indian Constitution include the highest ideals of human rights**
- » **Those will now be equally applicable to the people of J&K, some of which might have been denied to them earlier**
- » **Right to Education to children, Right to Information and such other rights are now available to all citizens**
- » **Free healthcare under Ayushman Bharat will be available now**
- » **Even the basic right to choose their profession was denied to certain marginalised communities earlier. This is undone now**
- » **Discriminatory property inheritance provisions that were against women were scrapped with the end of Article 35A**

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Centre set to buy Kashmir apples to protect farmers, traders

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Cabinet okays extension of benefits to 5,300 PoK families who initially settled outside J&K

Business Standard

J&K Governor announces 50,000 govt jobs for Kashmiris in next 3 months



Narendra Modi 
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For decades, Articles 370 and 35-A encouraged separatism, terrorism, corruption and nepotism. There was no benefit to the common citizens.

But, with the blessings of the people, a positive change has taken place.

**INDIA
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Can now dare to dream: J&K's Valmiki community rejoices end of Article 370

Business Standard

Sarpanches, panches term BDC polls 'new dawn of grassroots democracy' in JK

Democracy – Of, By, and For the People – Strengthened

- » Steps taken by the government of India strengthen grassroots level democracy
- » Abrogating Article 370 helps in empowering local self-government in rural and urban areas
- » Political reservation is now ensured for the oppressed and marginalized sections of the society as per the provisions of the Constitution
- » After the abrogation of Article 370 and despite the constraints, the government successfully conducted the Block Development Council polls
- » These polls were not conducted since 1947
- » The voting percentage touched 98.3% showing the functioning nature of democracy on the ground

INDIA
TODAY

News that would make India proud: PM Modi hails historic 98% turnout in J&K BDC polls

Extending Benefits to the People of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh

- » 7th Pay Commission is now applicable to the 4.5 lakh government employees in the newly formed two union territories
- » Rs 5.5 lakh one-time assistance has been granted to 5,300 refugee families who initially settled outside Kashmir but returned
- » Central government decided to procure apples directly from farmers through NAFED, to spruce up the incomes of apple farmers
- » The government is also filling up 50,000 vacancies in the two union territories to ensure job opportunities for the youth

Business Today

7th Pay Commission: Modi govt makes big announcement for J&K, Ladakh; 4.5 lakh employees to benefit

Economic Development and Self-Reliance Set to Boost in The Region

- » **Because of Article 370, poverty took root and no proper socio-economic infrastructure could come up**
- » **Article 370 impeded industry from investing in the state and from doing business**
- » **Lack of investments, absence of economic competition harmed the entrepreneurial capabilities of the people**
- » **Economic paralysis bred unemployment and frustration among youth, leading some of them down the wrong paths at times**
- » **The region will now realise its full economic potential, get more investments and jobs, especially in tourism and industry ●**

IN A HISTORIC VERDICT ON RAM JANMABHOOMI-BABRI MASJID TITLE SUIT, THE SUPREME COURT ENSURES JUSTICE FOR ALL

SUPREME BALANCE

While Ram Lalla gets entire **WHAT THE COURT SAID**

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THE AYODHYA VERDICT
SC backs Ram temple in Ayodhya Gives Muslims 5 acres for mosque



- The Supreme Court orders the Centre to formulate a scheme in 3 months to set up a board of trustees for construction of a temple on the disputed structure
- The apex court grants the centre 2.75-acre disputed land for the temple construction
- The court also orders that suitable alternative land, measuring five acres, will be allotted for setting up a mosque. The land will be given to the Muslim community
- The SC says that archaeological evidence cannot be brushed aside as conjecture and hypothesis
- The court also says that the destruction of the mosque in 1992 happened in breach of SC orders

at the behest of Muslim emperor Bahadur Shah I, continues with Hindu construction of an existing Hindu temple to erect the mosque. However, it ruled that a land dispute in Delhi where a plaintiff went to court seeking permission to build a mosque on the site. The court ruled that the plaintiff's claim was not tenable. The case was dismissed in December 1992. Unidentified respondents sought an order of Delhi High Court to demolish the mosque. **Continued on P11**

AIMPLB likely to seek review of verdict

New Delhi: Expressing dissatisfaction with the Supreme Court verdict that cleared the way for the construction of a Hindu temple on the disputed site in Ayodhya, the All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) on Saturday said it was contemplating seeking a review of the judgement, even as it requested the government to immediately provide and verify the location to the Muslim community. The apex court directed the Centre to allot a 5-acre plot of an alternative place to the Muslim community, one of the parties in the decades-long contentious dispute for building a mosque. Addressing a press conference, AIMPLB secretary Zafarullah Ahmed said, "We are satisfied with certain findings of the Supreme Court." **Continued on Page 11**



'Victory of faith over facts'
Hindustan Times

New Delhi: Settling a fraction issue that goes back more than a century, the Supreme Court in a historic verdict on Saturday backed the construction of a Hindu temple for a land of the disputed site.

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Historic verdict: Temple on Ayodhya land

Top court gives disputed land for temple and rules alternative 5-acre land for a mosque in Ayodhya; all leaders, groups appeal for peace & harmony

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Delivering its judgment in the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid dispute case - a major community divide and politically

Ayodhya Timeline

- 1992: Babri Masjid is demolished by a mob of Hindu fanatics. Construction site kept shut for many parts of the country.
- 2002: Ministry disputes findings of a court ordered excavation by archaeologists of the site of the site a structure existed underneath the



"On the balance of probabilities, there is clear evidence to indicate that the worship by the Hindus in the disputed site is under 'country' and has continued uninterrupted since before 1857 when the British annexed Oudh region, the British said.

Judgment has brought a new dawn: Prime Minister Modi

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Ensuring Peace and Harmony Post Ayodhya Verdict



Today is the 9th of November. It was on this date that the Berlin Wall collapsed. Two different streams of thought came together and took a new pledge. Today, on the 9th of November the judgment of the SC is giving us a message of staying united and getting together and living together. There should not be any ill feeling in anybody. If there is even a trace of bitterness in anyone's mind, it is time to bid farewell to such a spirit. In New India, there is no place for fear, bitterness and negativity.

- PM Narendra Modi

PM Modi's Sagacious Leadership

- » PM Modi said that the SC judgement on Ayodhya issue is no one's win or loss
- » He lauded the spirit of unity and togetherness shown by the nation
- » PM Modi also said that amicably solving a dispute with the due process of law is the sign of a mature democracy
- » Be it Ram Bhakti or Rahim Bhakti, it is imperative that we strengthen the spirit of Rashtra Bhakti, said PM

Peace and Harmony Prevailed

- » Although precautionary measures were taken, no violence was reported after the judgement
- » The maturity of the people of India and its democracy was reflected in the response
- » This showed the mirror to all those who were doubting India's ability to resolve longstanding disputes amicably ●



Shia Cleric Maulana Kalbe Jawad at a meet at NSA Ajit Doval's residence in Delhi, earlier today: I'm really proud of my nation that such a big issue that was pending since years has been resolved so smoothly. Both Hindus&Muslims have acted very patiently, it is highly commendable



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Narendra Modi
@narendramodi

The Honourable Supreme Court has given its verdict on the Ayodhya issue. This verdict shouldn't be seen as a win or loss for anybody.

Be it Ram Bhakti or Rahim Bhakti, it is imperative that we strengthen the spirit of Rashtra Bhakti.

May peace and harmony prevail!



Mahant Satyendra Das, Chief Priest of the makeshift Ram temple in #Ayodhya: I appeal to all to respect the Supreme Court verdict and maintain peace. Prime Minister has rightly said that the Ayodhya verdict will not be anyone's loss or victory.



Big bang reform: Tax on companies cut by 10%

Rate on par with other Asian countries; Super rich cut dropped

RITVIK MAHARJEE | FC
ROKATA, SEPT. 21

Under presidential pronouncement of an immediate demand for a 10% increase in the economic growth and 40-year high unemployment rate, the Centre on Friday slashed corporate tax rates for companies by almost 10 per cent to 25.17 per cent. The fresh fiscal measures announced by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman come two weeks after she unveiled the 10% increase in the corporate tax rate to 25.17 per cent. The Centre has also announced a 10% increase in the corporate tax rate to 25.17 per cent. The Centre has also announced a 10% increase in the corporate tax rate to 25.17 per cent.

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This is a great move which will surely revive growth. May I ask if the PM for this bold but most needed move.

Woke up in the US for this news. The best way to start the day, sir! It's a shot that will be heard around the world. India has sent an invitation letter to global investors.

1921pt SENSEX UP
The Sensex index rose 1921 points to 100,491.34. The Nifty index rose 1,039.41 points to 13,677.88.

WHAT PUSHED SENSEX UP
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THIS WILL boost net income companies and is a credit positive.
MOODY'S RATINGS
THIS WILL increase fiscal deficit and is a credit negative.
— S&P GLOBAL

FOR NEW INVESTMENTS
New manufacturing companies incorporated on or after Oct 1 can pay 15% as against 20%.

Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman slashes corporate tax rates to bring them on a par with India's rivals, sending a strong signal that Modi govt is ready to take bold steps to revive the economy. India Inc captains cheer more, as does Wall Street with Sensex clocking biggest single day gain in a decade.

HOWDY, INVESTOR!

HISTORIC MOVE, SAYS PM MODI

The PM said the move is a historic one, and will give a boost to the economy. He said the move is a historic one, and will give a boost to the economy.



TAX TAMED, ECONOMY ON BULL RUN

KEY FIGURES

1. Corporate tax rate for MNCs	22%
2. Corporate tax rate for domestic companies	25.17%
3. Dividend tax rate	10%
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FRIDAY BULLBUSTER Cheers D Street Bulls Up, Up and Away



Experts point to concerns over fiscal health. The Sensex index rose 1921 points to 100,491.34. The Nifty index rose 1,039.41 points to 13,677.88.

In a big boost, govt. cuts corporate tax

Centre issues ordinance to amend the Income Tax Act of 1961 and the Finance Act of 2019

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

In its boldest gambit yet to stir up the economy, the government on Friday issued an ordinance to reduce the corporate tax rate for domestic firms and new manufacturing units by 10 to 12 percentage points, effectively bringing India's tax rates on a par with its competing Asian peers.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the effective tax rate for domestic corporates, inclusive of surcharge, would fall from 34.94% to 25.17% if they stopped availing themselves of any other tax steps.

Fillip to manufacturing
For new manufacturing firms set up after October 1, 2019, and commencing operations by March 31, 2022, the effective tax rate will fall from 28.1% to 15%.

Spurring the economy

Some of the announcements made by the Finance Minister on Friday:

- Tax rate to be 22% without exemptions.
- Corporate tax rate after surcharge to be 25.17%.
- Local companies incorporated after October and whose projects are commissioned before March 31, 2022 will pay tax at the rate of 15%.
- Tax rate for new companies will effectively be 19.01%, including surcharge and surcharge.
- Companies enjoying tax holidays and other incentives will continue to enjoy them.

Sensex zooms 1921 points

As the Centre announced steps to boost the economy on Friday, the Sensex gained 2,284 points during intra-day trades, before closing at 100,491.34, up 1,921.34 points.

The Nifty registered its second highest gain while closing at 13,677.88, up 1,039.41 points, as it is.



Investment may not go up

While corporate India has welcomed the cut in tax rates, economists say a mere reduction in taxes will not drive up private sector investments, and the decision will result in fiscal deficit slipping.

rollback of the enhanced surcharge levied on foreign portfolio investors in the Union Budget and a reduction in the Minimum Alternate Tax (MAT) rate from 18.5% to 15% for all businesses, is estimated to cost the exchequer ₹1,45,000 crore a year in foregone revenue.

Ms. Sitharaman said she was convinced of the impact of the package on the government's fiscal arithmetic and the 3.2% fiscal deficit target for the year, but the government was betting on "more investments leading to more jobs and economic activity that would shore up revenues".

"We have issued an ordinance to amend the Income Tax Act of 1961 and the Finance Act of 2019," she said.

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A DEPT CUT EDITORIAL

'3rd Budget' In 8 Months—And The Biggest

FM Goes For Growth With One Of Largest Tax Giveaways Ever

ADDING UP TO A 'LASS LASH CE BOOST'...
MADE TO INDIA...
OFF THE MAT...
KEEP THEM CALM...
EFFORT TO CHANGE POLITICAL NARRATIVE...
PM USES SGI POWER TO BRING ENLIGHTENMENT...
WHICH FIRMS WILL MAKE THE SWITCH...
NOW, TALK OF AN INCOME TAX CUT...



Tax break-age: In its 2nd biggest rise ever, Sensex rockets 1,921 pts...
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Sweeping Reforms for 5 Trillion Dollar Economy

Historic Corporate Tax Cut

- » Extremely low tax of 15% for any new domestic manufacturing company incorporated on or after 1st October 2019
- » Companies pay tax of 22% from FY 2019-20 if they do not avail any exemption

Big Bang Reform - Massive Strategic Disinvestment

- » Strategic disinvestment along with transfer of management control announced
- » BPCL, CONCOR, Shipping Corporation of India and others to be disinvested
- » The massive financial resources unlocked can be used for financing socio-economic programs
- » This further shows Government's reformist agenda

The Era of Historic Labour Reforms

- » **Industrial Relations Code 2019 was cleared**
- » **Decades of License Raj and bureaucratic redtape is being undone**
- » **It aims to undo the several restrictive regulations in the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 and other acts and boost ease of compliance**

Bringing the Banks Back on Track

- » **Historic decision of bank mergers with 27 public sector banks being merged into 12**
- » **To strengthen the banks financially, Rs 70,000 crore bank recapitalization done in FY20**
- » **Total capital infused in banks since FY15 stands at Rs 2.5 lakh crore**
- » **Decision to link loans to repo rate ensures cheaper loans with lower EMIs for people**

Reforms that Respect Taxpayers

- » The launch of faceless e-Assessment of tax returns happened on 8th October 2019
- » Reduces human interface between the tax payer and authorities
- » All the documents will now have a unique Document Identification Number (DIN)
- » This would ensure all communication with taxpayers leaves a paper trail resulting in reduced harassment
- » Angel Tax has been scrapped, startups have been encouraged

Business Standard

'Paradigm shift in taxation': I-T launches faceless e-assessment scheme



Relief for startups: Angel tax provisions removed

Startups registered with DPIIT will not have to adhere to Section 56 2(b) of the IT Act

Business Today

CBDT introduces document identification number for all correspondence with taxman

Creating Millions of Jobs, Mudra Style

- » A survey says that 1.1 crore new jobs were created in firms availing Mudra Loans
- » 51 lakh new entrepreneurs were also created due to Mudra Loans
- » There was a 28% rise in jobs generated in firms availing such loans

Bringing Small Business Back in a Big Way

- » MSMEs form the backbone of India's manufacturing sector and job generation
- » As a step towards relief for MSMEs, no stressed loans to the MSMEs shall be classified as NPA till March 2020
- » MSMEs will now get GST refunds within 30 days. This ensures suitable working capital for efficient functioning
- » One Time Settlement policy has been announced so that MSMEs clear their dues to the banks in a quick manner

Shoulder of Support for the NBFC Sector

- » To help NBFC sector, government is ensuring liquidity & lending to critical sectors like housing
- » Partial Credit Guarantee was rolled out where banks can purchase assets of NBFC up to Rs 1 lakh crore
- » National Housing Bank allowed to extend Rs 30,000 crore credit lines to NBFC, up from the earlier Rs 10,000 crore

Boosting Housing Sector, Empowering Homebuyers

- » Special Window fund to provide priority debt financing for the completion of stalled Affordable and Middle-Income housing
- » Over 1,500 stalled projects with nearly 4.6 lakh housing units to be completed
- » Alternative investment fund worth Rs 25,000 crore provides relief to unfinished projects
- » Growth in real estate sector will spur growth in other major sectors of the Indian economy too

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Helping hand: Modi govt announces multiple steps to solve home buyers problem, here's how it will help them

 *The Indian* **EXPRESS**

Govt's major real-estate push: Rs 25,000 cr alternate fund for 1600 stalled projects

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Realty stocks jump as govt clears ₹25,000 crore relief fund

Business Today

UPI achieves double milestone of 1 billion transactions, over 100 million users in Oct; aims to go global soon

THE ECONOMIC TIMES

No charges on digital payments made to large biz establishments from Nov 1

THE TIMES OF INDIA

UPI hits 1 billion transactions in October, plans to go global

Digital Payments: Incentives for Cleaner Economy

- » Digital India promotes digital and electronic payments for a cleaner economy and ease of living
- » Banks not to impose Merchant Discount Rate on customers as well as merchants on digital payments of certain types
- » Charges for NEFT and RTGS removed
- » Annual withdrawal of cash in excess of Rs 1 crore for business to attract a 2% surcharge



UPI Hits New High

- » The Unified Payments Interface enables digital and cashless transactions
- » It has crossed one billion transactions since its launch three years ago
- » The number of UPI users has crossed the 100 million mark recently
- » UPI also has global footprint in nations like UAE and Singapore

Easing FDI Norms, Making India an Investment Hub

- » 100% FDI allowed in coal mining via automatic route, creating a competitive energy market
- » Contract manufacturing can now have 100% FDI, giving a fillip to electronics and pharma sectors
- » Local sourcing norms for single brand retail eased, bringing more foreign investment to India

Big Fillip to Electric Vehicles for a Cleaner Planet

- » GST on all forms of Electric Vehicles reduced from 12% to 5% to make them more affordable
- » GST on EV chargers slashed from 18% to 5% making infrastructure affordable
- » Hiring of electric buses by local authorities exempted from GST to promote use of EVs for public transportation
- » Additional income tax deduction of Rs 1.5 lakh on the interest paid on loans taken to buy EVs ●

NEW BUDGET FOR NEW INDIA

Rights, duties & 5 trillion hopes

THOUGHT FISC: Sibalman charts fiscal consolidation path in maiden budget, 3.3% deficit targeted in FY20

HIGHER DUTY: Govt looks to shore up revenues via higher levies on petrol, diesel, gold, precious metals

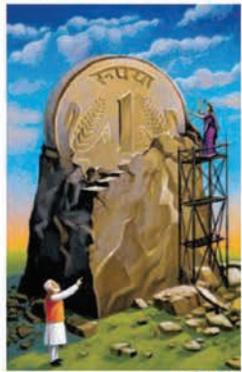
STIMULUS: ₹100 lakh earmarked for infra over 5 years; more funds to be raised through external debt

This is a budget that will make the country progress and every person capable. It will provide power to the poor and better tomorrow to the youth. Through it, the middle class will prosper and the pace of development will pick up substantially.

The budget is a promise to the nation. It is a blueprint for the future. It is a vision of a better India. It is a vision of a more prosperous India. It is a vision of a more inclusive India. It is a vision of a more united India. It is a vision of a more powerful India. It is a vision of a more confident India. It is a vision of a more successful India. It is a vision of a more glorious India. It is a vision of a more magnificent India. It is a vision of a more glorious India. It is a vision of a more magnificent India. It is a vision of a more glorious India. It is a vision of a more magnificent India.

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Country's highest effective income tax rate touches 42.7%

The effective income tax rate in India has reached a historic high of 42.7% for the first time. This is due to the increase in the corporate tax rate from 25% to 30% and the introduction of a new dividend distribution tax of 10% for companies. The government has also increased the tax on capital gains and interest income. These measures are aimed at increasing the revenue of the government and reducing the fiscal deficit.



Middle class The government has announced a new scheme for the middle class. It will provide a 10% discount on the purchase of a new car or a new house. This is aimed at stimulating the economy and increasing the demand for goods and services.

Rural India The government has announced a new scheme for rural India. It will provide a 10% discount on the purchase of a new tractor or a new pump set. This is aimed at increasing the productivity of the rural sector and improving the livelihoods of the farmers.

MSMEs The government has announced a new scheme for MSMEs. It will provide a 10% discount on the purchase of a new machine or a new tool. This is aimed at supporting the growth of the MSME sector and creating more jobs.

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विद्युत की राह 2020 तक 100% ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में बिजली पहुंचाने का लक्ष्य

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उद्योग अर्थव्यवस्था 2020 तक 100% ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में उद्योग अर्थव्यवस्था



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Global Recognition



محمد بن زايد

@MohamedBinZayed

We have historical and comprehensive strategic ties with India, reinforced by the pivotal role of my dear friend, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who gave these relations a big boost. In appreciation of his efforts, the UAE President grants him the Zayed Medal.



President of Russia

@KremlinRussia_E

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi received the Order of St Andrew for outstanding achievements in promoting partnership with Russia

Jump in Ease of Doing Business Rank

India drops to dismal 142nd in 'ease of doing business' rankings

Chidanand Rajghatta | TNN | Updated: Oct 30, 2014, 06:34 IST

Then

India jumps to 63rd position in World Bank's Ease of Doing Business 2020 report

The country was 77th among 190 countries in the previous ranking, an improvement by 23 places compared to its position a year before.

ET Bureau | Updated: Oct 24, 2019, 12:53 PM IST

Now

India jumps 5 places to 52nd rank in global innovation index 2019

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal released the Global Innovation Index (GII) rankings here.

PTI | Jul 24, 2019, 04.14 PM IST

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India Marching Globally

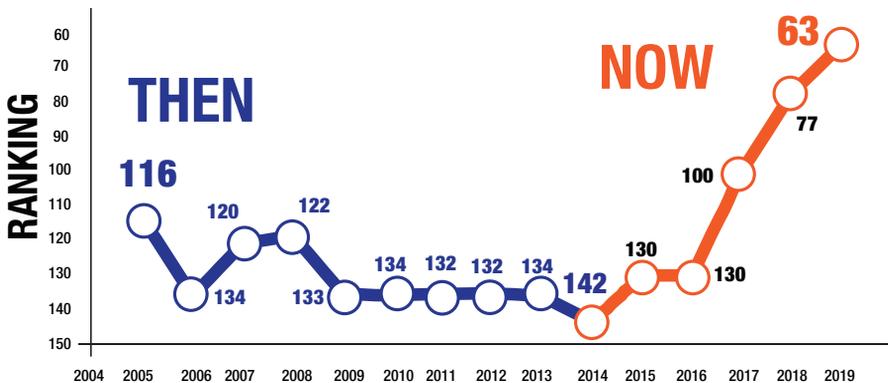
PM Modi Recognised Globally for His Leadership

These awards were conferred upon him in just 2019

- » 'Order of Zayed' - highest civilian honour of United Arab Emirates
- » 'Order of St Andrew the Apostle' - Russia's highest state decoration given to prominent statesmen and public figures
- » 'Order of the Distinguished Rule of Nishan Izzuddeen' - Maldives' highest honour accorded to foreign dignitaries
- » 'King Hamad Order of the Renaissance' - a top honour by Bahrain
- » 'Global Goalkeeper Award' - by Gates Foundation for the Swachh Bharat Mission

Jump of 79 Spots in Just 5 Years in Ease of Doing Business

- » India saw a massive jump in the Ease of Doing Business rankings
- » Ranked 142 in 2014, it jumped 79 spots to 63rd rank in just five years
- » India remained in the list of top 10 improvers for the third year in a row
- » Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code has received special praise in 2019



Top Startup Hub Where Job Creators Thrive

- » India is now a place where job creators thrive
- » As per NASSCOM, India has the third highest startups in the world
- » India is now home to about 8,900-9,300 Tech startups, with 1,300 being added in last one year
- » They created 60,000 direct jobs and 1.3-1.8 lakh indirect jobs
- » India now has 24 Unicorns (startups having valuation more than \$1 billion), again the third highest in the world



Over 1,300 startups added in 2019, over 8,900 tech-startups in India now: Nasscom

PM Modi's Man vs Wild with Bear Grylls Made Waves World Over for Indian Ecotourism!

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Uttarakhand: Trek undertaken by PM and Bear Grylls to be developed as Modi Trail



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Because you're incredible, India: Why I hoped my show with PM Modi would become the most watched in TV history... by Bear Grylls. 'The true opportunity that young people in India have to change the world.'

@worldscouting



Because you're incredible, India: Why I hope my show with PM Modi become... Writing exclusively for DailyO, Bear Grylls discusses shooting with PM Modi and why he thinks scouting could empower young Indians to be leaders and help preserve...

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'Man Vs Wild with Bear Grylls & Prime Minister Modi' made record impressions, says Discovery Channel

The special episode, featuring the famed survivalist and adventurer with PM Modi, was shot in the Jim Corbett National Park. It aired at 9pm on Discovery Channel on August 12

PTI Last Updated: August 22, 2019 | 21:35 IST



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'Man Vs Wild' with PM Modi a global hit; Bear Grylls tweets to thank fans for 3.6 bn impressions

The episode was shot in the jungles of Jim Corbett, Uttarakhand.





Donald J. Trump ✓
@realDonaldTrump

Just spoke to Prime Minister @NarendraModi where I congratulated him on his big political victory. He is a great man and leader for the people of India - they are lucky to have him!

Global opinion makers heap praise on PM Modi



Ray Dalio ✓
@RayDalio

In my opinion, Indian's Prime Minister Modi is one of the best, if not the best, leaders in the world. I had an opportunity to explore with him how he thinks as well as what he thinks. If you're interested in listening to it, here it is:



Ray Dalio & India's PM Narendra Modi Discuss Meditation, t...
In my opinion, India's Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, is one of the best, if not the best, leaders in the world. I recently had ...
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Bill Gates ✓
@BillGates

Replying to @narendramodi

.@narendramodi's leadership has been a catalyst to India's progress on improving health, nutrition and ensuring safe sanitation practices for many.
@PMOIndia



Mike Bloomberg ✓
@MikeBloomberg

PM @NarendraModi has charted an ambitious agenda to unlock India's growth potential.

Today at #BloombergGBF, we're launching two new partnerships to ease access to India's capital markets and help their economy reach new heights.

Jump of 5 Places in Global Innovation Index 2019

- » It underlines the focus on R&D and the reforms done in the field of innovation and IPR policy

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BusinessLine

Global innovation index 2019: India jumps 5 ranks to 52nd position

Our Bureau | New Delhi | Updated on July 24, 2019 | Published on July 24, 2019

Rises to 44th Rank in World Digital Competitiveness Ranking 2019

- » It underlines India's march in Digital India and focus on improving digital literacy and spread of Internet

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India rises 4 places to 44th rank in world digital competitiveness rankings

India, the New Tourist Magnet

- » Tourism is the new sunrise sector which has a potential to attract the world towards India
- » India was ranked at 34th position out of 140 nations in 2019 in the WEF's Travel and Tourism Competitiveness Report 2019, a jump of 18 spots since 2015
- » India ranked high on business environment and environmental sustainability
- » India scored highest in natural resources and cultural reasons for travel





PM Modi at the launch of RuPay card in UAE

India's RuPay Goes Places

- » UAE became the first country in West Asia to have RuPay
- » India has signed a MoU to launch RuPay card in Saudi Arabia
- » It will benefit 2.6 million Indian expatriates as well as Haj pilgrims
- » RuPay is also in Bahrain, Singapore and Bhutan
- » RuPay is becoming an international card at par with Mastercard, Visa and others

India becoming more and more Swachh says the world

- » Swachh Bharat has led to a reduction in the contamination of groundwater, UNICEF observed
- » Villages that were open defecation-free saw lesser fecal contamination, lesser groundwater contamination, lesser soil pollution, lesser food contamination and lesser drinking water contamination
- » Reducing open defecation is one area where India has made strides, UN notes in its new report
- » Between 2000 and 2014, open defecation decreased by almost 3 percentage points per year, while from 2015-2019 it came down by over 12 percentage points per year ●

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Swachh Bharat Abhiyan Gets UNICEF Approval, Body Says Mission Reduced Groundwater Contamination

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How India powered global reduction in open defecation

TNN | Updated: Jun 20, 2019, 9:11 IST

India rejoices, medieval practice confined to dustbin of history: PM Modi on Triple Talaq Bill passage

Good news! India marks 26.9 percent decline in Maternal Mortality Ratio since 2013

Celebrating #BharatKiLaxmi



Deepika Padukone ✓

@deepikapadukone

This Diwali, let us throw light on & celebrate the contribution & accomplishments of the women of our country! #BharatKiLaxmi



Pvsindhu

@Pvsindhu1

Societies grow when women are empowered and their accomplishments are given a place of pride!

I support PM @narendramodi ji #BharatKiLaxmi movement. It celebrates extraordinary achievements of extraordinary women of India.

This Diwali, let's celebrate womanhood.



Gates Foundation India

@BMGFIndia

Mothers are hugely precious. By reducing the maternal mortality rate, India is saving more of these precious lives. Kudos India! #SDG @UNinIndia



Hindustan Times ✓ @htTweets

From 167 to 130, India's maternal mortality rate down by 22%

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@RamblingBrook reports

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Empowering India's Nari Shakti

Justice for Muslim Women After Decades of Delay

- » In a step to protect the rights of Muslim women, Modi Government has abolished the regressive practice of Triple Talaq
- » Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Act, 2019 abolishes Triple Talaq
- » It makes Triple Talaq a punishable offence with imprisonment up to three years and fine

THE ECONOMIC TIMES

ET View: Passage of Triple Talaq Bill a moment of great import for India's legislative history

Cheer for Women of J&K

- » With Article 35A getting scrapped, women in J&K can now buy real estate and transfer property to children, even if they get married to a non-resident

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Kashmir Article 370: Women cheer equal property rights

#BharatKiLaxmi Becomes Nation's #MannKiBaat

- » PM Modi, via Mann Ki Baat, called upon people to honour women achievers with #BharatKiLaxmi
- » Many people shared inspiring stories and created an atmosphere for women to dream even higher

THE ECONOMIC TIMES

Mann Ki Baat: PM Modi shares inspiring stories of women, their achievements; felicitates 'Bharat ki Lakshmi'

Modi Government Saves Mothers

- » There's a 26.9% decline in Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) since 2013
- » From 167 in 2011-13, MMR is down to 122 in 2015-2017, which is a massive improvement in safety of mothers
- » In a related news, Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana saw an increase of 108% in budgetary allocation from last year to Rs 2,500 crore

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India registers 26.9 per cent decline in Maternal Mortality Rate since 2013: SRS Bulletin

Mass Movement, Mass Impact

- » Beti Bachao Beti Padhao movement helped sex ratio at birth rise from 918 in 2014 to 931 in 2019 ●

Business Standard

Sex ratio at birth improved from 918 to 931 in five years: Smriti Irani

Fulfilling Promises to Farmers

On Day 1, Govt Extends PM KISAN To All Farmers, Announces Scheme For Traders

The decisions were taken at the first Cabinet meeting of the new Narendra Modi-led government

Modi govt fulfils its promise to farmers

Bonanza to farmers in first Cabinet; govt extends PM-KISAN, announces new farm pension scheme

Modi govt's big bonanza for farmers; hikes MSP on Rabi crops from 50% to 109%

PM Modi launches programme to vaccinate 500 million livestock



Decisive Six Months for Farmer Income and Security

PM-KISAN for All, Pension Promise Fulfilled Too

- » PM Modi fulfilled his promise to farmers
- » PM-KISAN extended to all farmers, taking total beneficiaries to 14.5 crore
- » PM Kisan Maan Dhan Yojana launched, as promised, to secure farmers with pension
- » At minimal premium, it promises upto Rs 3,000 per month pension
- » Beneficiaries can also route their income support amount from PM-KISAN to this pension scheme

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**Bonanza to farmers in first Cabinet meet:
Govt extends PM-KISAN, announces new
farm pension scheme**

Hike in MSP for Rabi Crops Brings Cheer to Farmers

- » A Diwali gift was given to the farmers with a hike in MSP for Rabi crops in 2019-20
- » Hike ranges from 50% to 109% over cost of production of various crops
- » MSP for wheat and barley increased by Rs 85, gram by Rs 255, lentil by Rs 325, mustard by Rs 225 (per quintal)

Allied Activities Augment Farmer Income

- » PM Modi launched National Animal Disease Control Programme for eradicating the Foot and Mouth Disease and Brucellosis
- » It aims to control the disease by 2025 and totally eradicate it by 2030 by vaccinating 500 million livestock
- » This will go a long way in strengthening animal husbandry, an important source of income for farmers

Safeguarding Interests of Sugarcane Farmers

- » Modi government is creating a buffer stock of 40 lakh metric tonnes of sugar from August 2019 to July 2020
- » Money will be directly credited into the farmers' accounts, facilitating timely clearance

Budget 2019: Farmer-Centric, Forward-looking

- » Zero Budget Farming to be promoted
- » 10,000 Farmer Producer Organizations being formed to help small and marginal farmers get lower rates for inputs and higher rates for produce
- » 80 Livelihood Business Incubators and 20 Technology Business Incubators are to be set up under ASPIRE scheme, developing 75,000 skilled entrepreneurs in agro-rural industries
- » PM Matsya Sampada Yojana will address critical infrastructure needs in the fisheries sector ●

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BusinessLine

Finance Ministry orders compulsory retirement of 12 senior tax officials over graft charges

Our Bureau | New Delhi | Updated on June 11, 2019 | Published on June 11, 2019

Govt compulsorily retires 22 tax officials on graft charges

Shishir Sinha | New Delhi | Updated on August 26, 2019 | Published on August 26, 2019

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Waging war on corruption: Modi government fires 15 more senior income tax officers

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Modi govt sacks another 22 senior officials in latest crackdown on corruption

The central govt has sacked another batch of 22 senior govt officials over charges of corruption.

Modi govt sacks 22 more tainted tax officers

Fostering Good Governance

Cracking the Whip on Corruption Decisively

- » PM Modi in his speech from the Red Fort had said there are black sheep in tax administration who are corrupt and harassing taxpayers
- » 12 top revenue officials were retired compulsorily on allegations of misappropriation of funds and graft
- » 15 Commissioner level officers from the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) were retired
- » Continuing the action against corruption, another 22 CBIC officials were retired on charges of graft and bribery
- » 15 errant officials from the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) were also retired on charges of corruption

No Place for Corruption in New India

- » Saving the poor from financial fraud via a bill brought in for banning unregulated deposit schemes
- » Law brought against unauthorised occupants of government-given residential accommodations

Big Boost for Resolutions Under Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code

- » Stressed banks are now on the way to recover their pending dues
- » IBC is witnessing big wins one after the other and revitalising the banking sector
- » This will also speed up other pending cases in NCLT and NCLAT

 **FINANCIAL EXPRESS**
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Banks win Rs 40,000 crore back in one stroke; SBI set to recover this much from Essar Steel IBC punch

More Trust, More Taxpayers

- » There has been 13.8% increase in the number of tax payers since last year and share of direct tax collected in the total taxes went up from 52.2% last year to 55% in AY 2018-19

Transparency on Indian Money in Swiss Banks

- » India received its first tranche of information on financial accounts held by Indians in Swiss banks
- » Next tranche to come in September 2020, enabling government to act against black money

Repealing Redundant Laws, Easing Lives

- » Modi government, in its first term, repealed 1,428 redundant laws
- » In 2019, it cleared a bill for repeal of 58 such laws
- » It eases lives and businesses since such outdated laws could still be used to harass people

Most Productive Parliament Session Since 1952

- » First session of Parliament of this government was the most productive since 1952
- » Lok Sabha worked for 281 hours at 135% productivity while Rajya Sabha worked at 100% productivity
- » Not only does this Parliament has the highest number of women MPs but its first session also saw 96% participation from them
- » The number of bills passed by both Houses is the highest for any session in the last 10 years

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281 Hours, 36 Bills: Modi 2.0 Produces Most Productive Parliamentary Session in 6 Decades



Mike Bloomberg ✓
@MikeBloomberg

Thanks to leaders like @narendramodi and @nitin_gadkari, the Motor Vehicles Amendment Bill will save countless lives in India — congratulations on this historic achievement for the country and road safety.

PM Walks the Talk on Tourism

- » In his Independence Day speech, PM Modi urged Indians to travel 15 domestic destinations by 2022, to boost tourism
- » PM Modi himself has been at the forefront of promoting tourism. *Wherever he visited, the tourist footfall increased*
- » PM Modi's visit to Kedarnath-Badrinath ensured record pilgrim visits
- » His meeting with President Xi at Mamallapuram made tourists flock to the historic place ●

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Independence Day: PM Modi urges people to visit 15 domestic tourist destinations by 2022



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**PM Modi's frequent visits to
Badrinath-Kedarnath attracts record
attendance by pilgrims**

INDIA TV

Tourists flock to Mahabalipuram monuments post Modi-Xi summit



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True Tribute to Mahatma #Gandhi150

It was a special year for India as it celebrated the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The yearlong celebrations began in 2018 and continued through 2019.

In 2014, PM Modi had set this target for himself and for the nation that a clean India would be the best tribute to Mahatma Gandhi and the nation did it through a mass movement.

In a huge tribute to Mahatma Gandhi, India became Open Defecation Free as rural sanitation coverage touched 100%, thanks to Swachh Bharat.





Nations from Across Regions Remember the Mahatma

As many as 69 nations released stamps on Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary

United Nations released a postage stamp to commemorate Mahatma Gandhi

At UN, PM Modi inaugurated the Gandhi Solar Park with 193 solar panels representing each nation in the UN

India itself released Rs 150 commemorative coins on Mahatma Gandhi

France's postal company La Poste issued a stamp on Mahatma Gandhi

UAE not only issued a stamp but also planned a slew of cultural activities to commemorate 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi

Australia planned activities like poster competitions, exhibition and interactive talks. Four statues of Mahatma inaugurated

Given Mahatma Gandhi's stay in London during his student days, celebrations were also held in London

Other nations like Sri Lanka, Tunisia, Dominican Republic, Uzbekistan, Monaco, etc also released postage stamps

Mahatma Gandhi's Message Resonates Worldwide

- » PM Modi hosted a commemorative event “Leadership Matters: Relevance of Mahatma Gandhi in the Contemporary World”, at the ECOSOC Chamber, UN Headquarters
- » The President of Korea, PMs of New Zealand, Jamaica, Bangladesh and Singapore attended the event
- » The leaders resolved to uphold Gandhian values and fight global challenges in a united manner



Mahatma's Message via Films

- » Meeting the members of the film fraternity, PM Modi urged them to take ahead the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi through films
- » He appealed to the industry to use their spirit of creativity for the nation

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PM Modi meets B-town stars, discusses ways to celebrate Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary

Government Events Held to Celebrate #Gandhi150

- » Paryatan Parv 2019 was inaugurated with a theme of "Tourism for All", dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi
- » Gandhi Film Festival was organized to showcase movies directed by eminent filmmakers
- » As a special gesture, 611 prisoners were released to mark the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi
- » 22 Digital Interactive Exhibitions on philosophy of Bapu held across the country ●

A photograph of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on a sandy beach. He is wearing a dark grey polo shirt and dark trousers, and is carrying a large, full, clear plastic bag of waste over his right shoulder. He is holding a small black tool in his left hand. In the background, there are palm trees and a row of buildings with red roofs under a clear blue sky.

Plogger PM Shows How It's Done...

- » On the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, PM Modi had urged the nation to free itself from single-use plastic
- » Later, at Mamallapuram beach, he went plogging - jogging while picking plastic waste
- » After PM Modi did it, plogging became a rage among the youth!



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Lok Sabha passes inter-state river water disputes amendment bill

A key feature of the Inter-State River Water Disputes (Amendment) Bill, 2019 is the constitution of a single tribunal with different benches, and the setting up of strict timelines for adjudication.

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Jal Shakti Abhiyan to get measured up- satellite backed sensors for real time measurement of ground water level

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9 admissions in a minute: Ayushman Bharat treated 50 lakh people in a year



Quality of Life

Harnessing Jal Shakti for a Water-Secure Future

- » Fulfilling a promise, PM Modi set up a Jal Shakti Ministry soon after forming the government
- » Under Jal Shakti Abhiyan, over 3.5 lakh water conservation measures have been conducted in 256 water stressed districts and 592 blocks
- » Inter-State River Water Disputes (Amendment) Bill streamlines the adjudication of inter-state river water disputes
- » A single tribunal with different benches along with fixation of strict timelines for adjudication will result in speedy resolution of disputes

Declaring Targets, Delivering Quality of Life

- » During 2019-20 to 2021-22, 1.95 crore houses are to be provided to the poor under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Gramin
- » By 2022, the government will ensure that every rural family has an electricity connection and clean cooking gas connection
- » Drinking water will be provided to all rural households by 2024

Empowerment: From Sports to Skills to Studies

- » Draft NEP unveiled after 27 years
- » National Research Foundation to be created for integrated funding for research
- » Fresh focus on skill development in Artificial Intelligence, IoT and Robotics
- » National Sports Education Board for development of sportspersons under Khelo India

Education Reforms that Chart the Future of Generations to Come

- » National Medical Commission Act brings down the cost of medical education and ensures transparency in medical education
- » Academic year 2019-20 will see the addition of 2,750 new medical college seats

THE TIMES OF INDIA

**Biggest-ever addition to govt MBBS
seats: 2,750 seats in 25 new colleges**



**Want to become a doctor? Modi govt to set up 75 new
medical colleges for you - Here're details to know**

Ayushman Bharat: Ensuring a Healthy India

- » In little over a year, over 60 lakh patients got free treatment under Ayushman Bharat
- » Secondary and tertiary care treatment worth almost ₹ 8,000 crores has been availed
- » Nearly 20,000 hospitals have been empanelled, including thousands of private hospitals



Fit India, Healthy India

- » Fit India movement was launched to inculcate a culture of fitness and avoid the risk of lifestyle diseases
- » Only a healthy and Fit India would be capable of creating a bright future
- » Focus is also on encouraging youth to take up sports as a hobby to make the body fit
- » In order to popularize sports, National Sports Education Board will be set up under Khelo India initiative for students to take up sports under regular curriculum

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**PMJAY, first year: 90,000
cancer claims, Tamil Nadu
tops list**

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**At Fit India Movement launch, PM Modi says
govt a catalyst to promote fitness mission**

One Nation One Ration Card for Portability

- » One Nation One Ration Card aids nationwide portability in distribution of subsidised foodgrain
- » This is of immense benefit to migrant workers, labourers and daily wage workers
- » Ration card holders, via biometric authentication, can buy foodgrain from any fair price shop
- » This has already been implemented at various places in more than a dozen states and will be extended across the nation by June 2020

Ujjwala Continues to Set Records

- » Ujjwala Yojana's target of providing 8 crore new LPG connections was achieved nearly 7 months ahead of schedule
- » PM Modi handed over the 8 croreth free LPG connection in September 2019 at Aurangabad

Ujjwala Yojana Benefits Northeast India

- » Ujjwala Yojana has brought lateral benefits to Northeast India
- » It brought in an investment of ₹ 3,000 crore for improved distribution network and pipelines
- » Need for manpower also increased in bottling plants, sales offices, distribution network, delivery and transportation
- » This has resulted in addition of 3,000 new jobs while LPG coverage reached 90% in the Northeast ●





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Social Empowerment Drives New India

Swachhata: Local Action, National Mission, Global Recognition

- » Rural India declared Open Defecation Free
- » Rural sanitation coverage reached 100%
- » WHO study says success of Swachh Bharat could prevent 3 lakh deaths
- » UNICEF study says ODF villages have lesser instance of groundwater pollution
- » PM Modi awarded Global Goalkeeper Award, Swachh Bharat gets recognized globally

Safeguarding Child Rights

- » Modi government passed POCSO (Amendment) Bill, 2019 by including death penalty for sexual assault on children
- » It also made the offences against children gender neutral
- » 1,023 fast track courts are to be set up and 40,000 teachers are to be trained for awareness in schools across the country



Upholding the Rights of Transgenders

- » The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill 2019 defines rights of transgenders and prohibits discrimination against them
- » Every transgender person has a right to reside and no government or private entity can discriminate against a transgender person in employment

All-Round Empowerment of Minorities

- » Upon PM Modi's request, India's Haj quota was increased
- » Around 20 lakh minority students were given pre & post-matric, merit-cum-means scholarships
- » About 6 lakh registered Waqf properties across the country digitised
- » 100 Hunar Hubs sanctioned to train artisans, craftsmen and traditional culinary experts
- » Lakhs of artisans and craftsmen provided employment opportunities through Hunar Haat

Welfare of Tribals is a Priority

- » PM Modi approved setting up of 462 Ekalavya schools on the lines of Navodaya Vidyalayas for tribal students within next 2 years
- » 123 Van Dhan Vikas Kendras to provide value addition to tribal products sanctioned for Nagaland, Maharashtra and Jharkhand
- » 'Go Tribal' movement launched to promote the use of tribal-made products
- » 'Tribes India' goes global to step up exports of tribal-made products
- » 'e-Governance Initiatives for ST Welfare Schemes' brings in greater e-governance in welfare schemes

Business Today

Union Budget 2019: Around 15% hike in Tribal Affairs Ministry budget, focus on critical infra projects

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ESI contribution rate cut to 4% from 6.5%, first reduction in 22 years

Hike in Dearness Allowance for Employees and Pensioners

- » Dearness allowance was raised for 50 lakh government employees and 65 lakh pensioners
- » The DA now stands increased to 17% from the earlier 12% and is the largest increase in DA in the last few years

ESI Reforms that Provide Relief to Workers and Boost Formalisation

- » Modi government reduced the rate of ESI contribution
- » Employers' contribution reduced from 4.75% to 3.25%
- » Employees' contribution reduced from 1.75% to 0.75%
- » This benefits 3.6 crore employees and 12.85 lakh employers

Labour Reforms that Benefit Crores of Workers

The Code of Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Bill, 2019, was approved

Entities with 10 or more workers must issue appointment letter and get medical check-up done for workers

Women can voluntarily opt for working in night shift

Enhanced coverage of safety, health & working conditions

Uniform threshold for welfare provisions such as crèche, canteen, first aid and welfare officer

The Bill has provisions not only for the benefit of workers but also aims to ensure ease of doing business for firms

The Code on Wages 2019 is a historic law which removes discrimination against women and ensures equal wages

It ensures protection for minimum wages and timely payment of wages to approximately 50 crore workers

Many unorganised sector workers like agricultural workers, painters, persons working in restaurants and dhabas and chowkidars, who were outside the ambit of minimum wages, will get legislative protection of minimum wages

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Labour code on mandatory minimum wages notified; 50 crore workers to benefit



India at work: Labour reforms aim to boost wages and productivity

Bloomberg | Quint

Code On Wages 2019: A Leap Forward

Empowering the Poor by Ending Uncertainty

- » **Historic and revolutionary step that ends uncertainty for Delhi's poor**
- » **Regulations approved for conferring or recognizing ownership, mortgage or transfer of rights to the poor in Delhi**
- » **40 lakh residents of 1,797 unauthorized colonies to be benefitted**
- » **Most of the inhabitants belong to the disadvantaged groups ●**





Taking Indian Infrastructure to Global Level

Infra & Investment Focus

- » Rs 100 lakh crore to be invested in next 5 years for infrastructure
- » Massive push for modernization of railways via investment of Rs 50 lakh crore by 2030
- » The government will give further push to existing schemes
 - » Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana
 - » Industrial corridors
 - » Dedicated freight corridors
 - » Bharatmala
 - » Sagarmala
 - » Jal Marg Vikas
 - » UDAN

The Road to Better Infra

- » Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-III approved at a cost of Rs 80,250 crore
- » 49,000 kms of rural roads out of targeted 57,000 kms already completed
- » Delhi-Meerut Expressway phase-3, built at a cost of Rs 1,058 crore was inaugurated
 - » This decongests NCR and brings significant reduction in pollution

Modi Government's Rural Road Push Wins Global Praise

- » According to World Bank report, improved rural road connectivity triggered a shift from farm to non-farm employment and women stepped out of the house to take care of their farms
- » The report hailed PM Gram Sadak Yojana for improving mobility, increasing access to economic opportunities and boosting attendance of children in schools
- » It also said the number of babies delivered at home came down substantially due to rural roads

Powering India's Inland Waterways

- » For the first time ever, an Indian waterway was used for transportation of cargo between Bhutan and Bangladesh using Indian transit
- » PM Modi also signed an MoU for establishment of passenger and cargo services by sea between Maldives and Kerala

Making Air Travel Affordable for Every Indian

- » The Modi government leased out three airports - Ahmedabad, Lucknow and Mangalore - through PPP model
- » This will result in enhanced revenues to the AAI and better amenities to the passengers
- » 12 more routes became operational under UDAN Regional Connectivity Scheme since June 2019
- » 705 routes have been awarded till now and aim is to have 1,000 routes operationalized

India: A Railway Infra Hub

- » Important new trains flagged off
 - » India's first corporate train Tejas runs between New Delhi and Lucknow. The train reported Rs 70 lakh profit in the first month itself
 - » **Delhi-Katra Vande Bharat Express** indigenously built, a gift for Jammu and Kashmir's development
- » Mumbai Metro gets first Make In India coach, while India exports metro coaches to the world

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Railways' 1st 'private' train Tejas posts Rs 70 lakh profit in first month of ops: Sources

Safe & Sophisticated Railways

- » Railways recorded its best safety record ever with zero passenger fatalities between April-Oct 2019
- » 10 Sewa trains launched to connect smaller towns to the nearest big city
- » Railways achieved another feat by installing free Railwire WiFi on 5,000 stations

Easing FDI Norms to Boost Investment and Growth

- » 100 percent FDI under automatic route for coal mining allowed
- » Attracts international players and makes the coal market more competitive
- » FDI under automatic route permitted in contract manufacturing

Lighting Up India the Green Way

- » In a move that will shrink the carbon footprint by almost 5 million tonnes of carbon dioxide, India powered its 1 croreth LED street light
- » India will be saving 6 billion units of power
- » These streetlights covering more than 2 lakh km not only enable savings of over ₹ 5,000 crores but also ensure safer mobility
- » This is part of the Modi Government's National Street Lighting Programme ●

PM Modi takes first decision after re-election, extends scholarship to wards of martyred state police officials

Masood Azhar, Hafiz Saeed, Lakhvi, Dawood Ibrahim declared terrorists under new anti-terror law

In Major Military Reform, PM Modi Announces that India Will Have a Chief of Defence Staff

Govt grants NFFU, special selection grade to CAPF officers, ends years of litigation

Parliament passes bill to give NIA more teeth



Surakshit Bharat Saksham Bharat

First Priority to Protectors

- » The first decision of the government served those who sacrifice their lives to protect us
- » Changes were made in Prime Minister's Scholarship Scheme under National Defence Fund
- » The rates of scholarship were increased substantially and the ambit of the scheme was extended to the children of police officials martyred during terror attacks or naxal attacks

Benefiting Brave CAPF Officers

- » The government granted organised cadre status to Central Armed Police Forces officers. This gives them benefits like Non-Functional Financial Upgradation (NFFU)
- » It benefits thousands of serving and retired officers from the five primary CAPFs — CRPF, BSF, CISF, ITBP and SSB

India inducts Rafale

- » On Dussehra, India inducted IAF's first Rafale
- » The first full Rafale Squadron will be operationalized by February 2021
- » Supreme Court dismissed the review petitions on the matter and upheld its own earlier view stating that "we are satisfied that there is no occasion to really doubt the process"

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With the Induction of Dassault Rafale, IAF's Firepower Increased Exponentially: Here's How

Apache Attack Choppers In

- » IAF inducted 8 Apache Attack Helicopters to its inventory at Pathankot Airforce Base
- » This boosts the capability of IAF for conducting hits on terrorist launch pads
- » 14 more Apaches will be delivered over the coming years

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In boost to its firepower, IAF inducts eight Apache attack helicopters

Teeth to Anti-Terror Laws

- » Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Amendment Bill, 2019 brought in
- » Allows for designation of an individual suspected to have terror links as a terrorist
- » Investigating officer need not obtain the prior approval of Director General of Police to seize properties connected with terror
- » Empowers the officers of the NIA of the rank of Inspector or above to investigate cases

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How amendments to UAPA will give more teeth to anti-terror law

Safety Even in Cyberspace

- » National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal launched as a citizen centric initiative
- » It facilitates public for reporting all types of cybercrimes even without visiting police station
- » Complaints registered on the portal are accessible online to all law enforcement agencies for taking appropriate action

Strengthening Coordination between Defence Forces

- » PM Modi during his Independence Day address announced the biggest ever military reform to the country, that India would have its First Chief of Defence Staff
- » This would improve coordination between Armed Forces and make them more effective

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India to Get Chief of Defence Staff: What Modi's Mega Military Reform Means

Induction of Navy's First New Stealth Frigate

- » Indigenously-built submarine INS Khanderi was commissioned
- » Navy's first ship of 17 A Frigates 'Nilgiri' launched
- » The largest dry dock of Indian Navy - the Aircraft Carrier Dock at Naval Dockyard Mumbai commissioned

India begins exporting World-class Bulletproof Jackets to Over 100 Countries

- » Bulletproof jackets which conform to international norms are now being exported to over 100 countries
- » India is only the 4th country in the world after US, UK and Germany to have its own national standard on bulletproof jackets
- » Domestic manufacturers have already supplied 1.86 lakh units of these jackets to our armed forces and tenders for further orders are underway ●

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India exporting bulletproof jackets of international standard to over 100 nations: BIS

India gave the world Buddha, not Yuddh: PM Modi at UNGA

Highlighting India's contribution towards global peace and harmony, the prime minister said that India's gift to the world is Lord Buddha's wisdom and message of peace instead of war.

PM Modi's G20 Summit concludes with six bilaterals on last day

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Modi launches Act Far East Policy for Russia; announces \$1 bn support

FATF Asia-Pacific Group puts Pakistan in 'enhanced blacklist'

India to invest \$100 bn by 2024 to create energy infra: PM Modi tells Saudi companies



Foreign Policy – India's Global Leadership

PM Modi's Personal Connect Seen in Multiple Bilaterals

- » **Maldives:** On his first foreign visit after re-election, PM addressed their Parliament and received the highest civilian award - the Order of Nishan Izzuddeen
- » **Sri Lanka:** Showed solidarity with them by visiting the Shrine of St. Anthony which was attacked in the Easter bombings, the first global leader to do so
- » **Bhutan:** PM inaugurated the Mangdechhu hydroelectric power plant and held talks with PM Lotay Tshering
- » **Saudi Arabia:** PM delivered a keynote address at the high-profile Future Investment Initiative and also held wide ranging bilateral discussions

- » **UAE:** PM strengthened bilateral relations and received UAE's highest civilian award Order of Zayed
- » **Bahrain:** Became the first Indian PM to visit Bahrain and signed 3 MoUs in space, culture, International Solar Alliance and RuPay card
- » Held separate bilateral summits with President Macron and Chancellor Merkel
- » Inaugurated the Kartarpur Corridor and enabled Sikh community to access one of the holiest sites

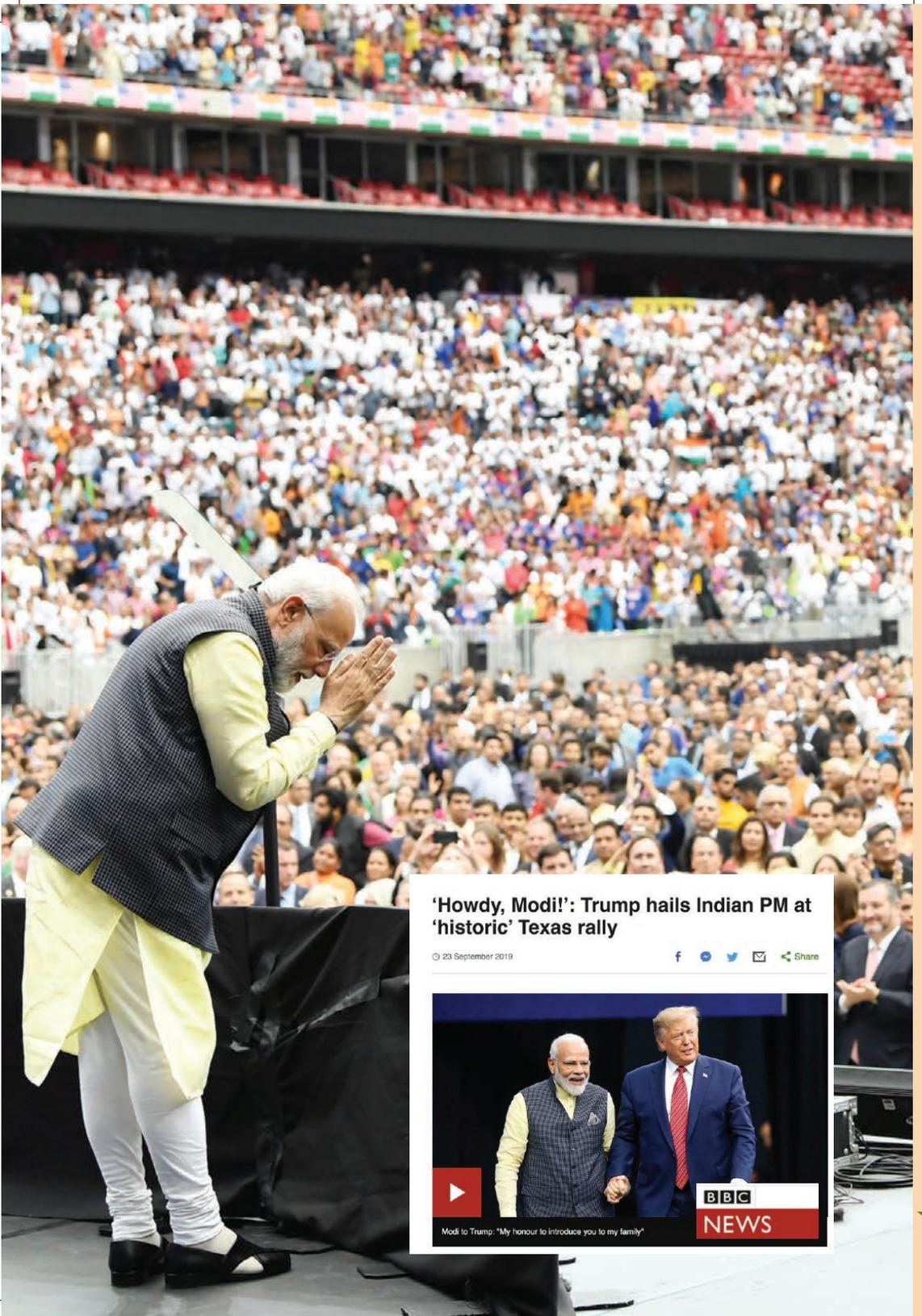
India Shines at Multilateral Summits

- » At the SCO Summit in Kyrgyzstan, PM Modi left an impact when he spoke out against terrorism and sought to build a global consensus around it
- » At the G20 Summit in Japan, PM highlighted the benefits of Ayushman Bharat and secured India's data interests by keeping out of Osaka Track
- » At the 11th BRICS Summit in Brazil, PM Modi invited President Bolsonaro as the chief guest for 2020 Republic Day and also held bilateral meetings with other leaders

- » **At the Plenary Session of Eastern Economic Forum in Russia, PM Modi pledged one billion dollars for the development of its Far-East region making a strategic investment in the energy rich region. He also accepted President Putin's invitation to attend the 75th anniversary of Victory Day celebrations in Russia next year**

Isolating Pakistan Globally, Showing Terror its Place

- » **Pakistan was taken one step closer to being blacklisted by FATF with its Asia-Pacific sub-group putting Pakistan on enhanced black list**
- » **The International Court of Justice delivered an extremely favorable verdict for India in the Kulbhushan Jadhav case and forced Pakistan to give consular access**
- » **Pakistan's attempts to raise Kashmir issue failed after it could not even garner minimum support from nations at UN Human Rights Commission**
- » **India's diplomatic heft was on full display during closed door session of UNGA with majority of the Security Council members siding with India**



'Howdy, Modi!': Trump hails Indian PM at 'historic' Texas rally

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Modi to Trump: "My honour to introduce you to my family"

Howdy Modi – When the Modi Wave Swept Houston Away

- » In perhaps a first of its kind event, the President of the US shared a stage with a foreign leader in the US
- » Over 50,000 people turned up to say ‘Howdy, Modi!’ and left the world spellbound with their massive support
- » President Trump and prominent lawmakers and Governors from across parties attended
- » PM Modi spoke in multiple Indian languages showcasing India’s diversity
- » The audience roared when PM Modi mentioned Article 370 sent a message to the world
- » Both the US President and Indian PM made strong commitments to act together against terrorism



PM Modi's US & UN Trip

- » PM Modi spoke at UNGA, UN Climate Action Summit, Leaders Dialogue on Strategic Responses to Terrorist and Violent Extremist Narratives
- » He held bilateral meetings with heads of nations like USA, Iran, Bangladesh and groups like CARICOM and Pacific Islands group
- » PM met CEOs of 42 top companies, energy CEOs and spoke at Bloomberg Global Business Forum
- » PM Modi launched an International Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure and invited other member states to join

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Coca Cola, Shell, IBM, LockHeed Martin CEOs hail PM Modi's 'Come to India' speech

From Wuhan Spirit to Mamallapuram Connect

- » The Wuhan Spirit was taken ahead with informal talks between PM Modi and President Xi amidst the splendid monuments at Mamallapuram
- » The “heart-to-heart” talks ranged from trade, defence cooperation, strategic issues and setting up of a new high-level mechanism to boost trade and investment
- » PM Modi also showcased Tamil culture by sporting a Veshti for the entire day



Renewing India's Act East Policy: PM Modi's Visit to 14th East Asia Summit

- » PM Modi proposed a new 'Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative' which was welcomed by Australia and Thailand
- » PM Modi also addressed a diaspora event called "Sawasdee PM Modi", in Thailand where he said that Northeast India is being developed as a gateway to Southeast Asia
- » Stressing on the historical connections between India and Thailand, the PM said that Lord Rama's dignity and Lord Buddha's compassion are our common heritage
- » He also held bilateral meetings with top leadership of Indonesia, Thailand and Myanmar which are the three strategically-located maritime neighbors of India



Lord Rama's 'maryada' and Lord Buddha's 'karuna' are both parts of our shared heritage: PM Modi

Tough Negotiator Leading from the Front on RCEP

- » With PM Modi at the helm, India plays on the front foot without caving in to global pressure
- » PM Modi asserted that we work in the spirit of give and take, but can't sacrifice our interests
- » The earlier government opened our markets to countries but failed to get their markets opened
- » This damaged our economy as trade deficit with RCEP nations shot up from \$7 Billion in 2004 to \$78 Billion in 2014
- » By turning down RCEP, PM Modi is undoing this damage, safeguarding interests of the poor, farmers, dairy and MSME sectors

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View: By saying no to RCEP, PM Narendra Modi has kept India first

New India Gaining Respect and Support of the World in its Endeavours

- » **India's strong anti-terror action has received support from major countries**
- » **Scrapping of Article 370 saw most major countries agree that it is India's internal matter**
- » **Yoga and Indian culture popular across the world, exuding India's soft power**
- » **Multiple nations and their leaders lauded India's brave Chandrayaan attempt**
- » **A new sense of pride seen in Indian diaspora across the world ●**



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Inspired by the motto of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas' and with the blessings of 130 crore Indians, the NDA Government has continued working towards developing India and empowering the lives of 130 crore Indians with renewed vigour.

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During the last six months, we have taken numerous decisions that have furthered development, accelerated social empowerment and enhanced India's unity. We aspire to do even more in the times to come, so that we create a prosperous and progressive New India. [#6MonthsOfIndiaFirst](#)

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PM Modi at Launch of Fit India Movement Program



PM Modi with Ayushman Beneficiaries



PM Modi Inaugurates Mumbai Metro



PM Modi with Indian Air Force Officer



PM Modi with Ujjwala Beneficiary



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