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NOW, BATTLES ARE FOUGHT WITHIN THE COUNTRY ON MANY FRONTS!

- ▶▶ July 26 is Kargil Vijay Diwas. It is on this very day 21 years ago, our Army unfurled the flag of victory in the Kargil Battle. India can never forget the circumstances under which the Kargil Battle took place.
- ▶▶ These days battles are fought not just on borders but they are fought within the country too on many fronts simultaneously. Every countryman has to decide his/her role in that. We too should determine our roles fully bearing in mind soldiers fighting on borders under the harshest conditions.
- ▶▶ It is the season of rains. Last time too, I had said that the risk of diseases arising out of filth increases during this period. Consequently, it leads to overcrowding in hospitals. I urge you to pay special attention to cleanliness around you and keep taking immunity enhancers such as Ayurvedic *Kadha*. During the time of Corona pandemic, it is imperative that we protect ourselves against other diseases. We will have to take complete care so that we do not have to frequently visit hospitals.
- ▶▶ The way country fought against Corona unitedly has proven many apprehensions wrong. Today, the recovery rate in our country is better compared to other countries; the mortality rate in our country is much less compared to most of the countries, of course, the loss of even one life is saddening. But, the hazards of Corona are far from being over.
- ▶▶ August 7, is National Handloom Day. The Handloom of India and our Handicrafts encompass a glorious history of hundreds of years
- ▶▶ Recently Shri Chandrika Parasad Santokhi has become President of Suriname. He is a friend of India and he had participated in the Person of Indian Origin (PIO) Parliamentary Conference organised in 2018. Santokhi ji started his oath with Vedic hymns. He spoke in Sanskrit.
- ▶▶ Many areas of Bihar and Assam are dealing with difficulties due to floods. In such a scenario, all Governments, NDRF teams, Disaster response teams, Self-Help Groups are working in tandem to provide relief and rescue in all possible ways.
- ▶▶ The glorious height attained by our country is only due to the *Tapasya*, the perseverance of many illustrious souls who dedicated their entire lives towards nation building. One such luminary is Lokmanya Tilak. August 1, 2020 will mark the death centenary of Lokmanya Tilakji. The life of Lokmanya Tilak ji is a source of immense inspiration for all of us; one which teaches us a lot.
- ▶▶ A few days from now, auspicious festival of Rakshabandhan will be celebrated. These days, I am noticing that many people and institutions are campaigning to celebrate Rakshabandhan in a different manner. And many people are linking the festival with 'Vocal for the Local' and this is true too.



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FROM EDITOR'S DESK

New India Samachar is the latest news offering on block as India celebrates her 74th Independence Day free from imperialist British rule. The magazine caters to diverse readership in multiple languages across the spectrum.

The magazine's inaugural issue derives inspiration from Mahatma Gandhi's battle cry, 'do or die' of the Quit India movement 78 years back. *New India Samachar* offers a glowing tribute to the Father of the Nation who had edited or written in '*Harijan*' and '*Young India*' respectively.

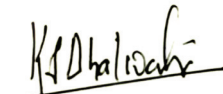
The Magazine is titled '*New India Samachar*' as it tries to chronicle the country's journey in realizing her dreams, aspirations and objectives outlined by Prime Minister Narendra Modi for a 'New India'.

Through *New India Samachar*, we would make efforts every fortnight to package information and analyses on government's flagship programmes, schemes and their outcomes in enriching lives of the people.

While *New India Samachar* is not the government's mouthpiece, it would enlighten readers with cabinet decisions, Mann Ki Baat and give insights into topical issues in its unique way.

The magazine would be available to gram panchayats, block development offices, zila parishads, public libraries and their members at no cost. Elected representatives to state legislatures and Parliament and newsmen can access the magazine every fortnight as we go online. Intellectuals, think tanks and those seeking to get into central services could also use the curated content in *New India Samachar*. The magazine would also be very useful to the teaching community apart from officials to engage themselves on key issues before the nation.

Happy reading... do not forget to chip in with your feedback on our offering. Stay on the course. ■


(K.S. DHATWALIA)

LIVE UP TO REALIZE DREAMS OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS!

Photo Credit : Employment News

Prime Minister Modi's call for '*Kareng Aur Karke Rahenge*' echoes 'do or die' battle cry given by Mahatma Gandhi during Quit India movement

Mahatma Gandhi's clarion call of 'Do or Die' at the August Kranti Maidan on August 8, 1942, enraged the British Government which arrested the entire leadership of the Quit India Movement. The call marked the beginning of the historic August Revolution.

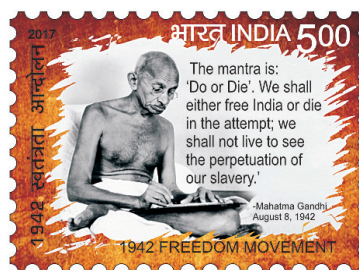
Commemorating the August Revolution, Prime Minister Narendra Modi outlined Sankalp se Siddhi" (Attainment through Resolve) from 2017 to 2022 when the country will be celebrating 75th year of independence to make the country free from corruption, empowering the poor, providing self-employment opportunities to youth, freedom from malnutrition, empowering women and eradication of illiteracy.

Gandhi ji in his Quit India speech in 1942 said, "Ours is not a drive for power, but purely a non-violent fight for India's independence." In May 1942, he wrote in *Harijan*, "Leave India in God's hand or in modern parlance to anarchy. Then, all parties will fight one another like dogs, or will come to a reasonable agreement, when faced with real responsibility."

In the present context, the new call made by Prime Minister, "*Kareng Aur Karke Rahenge*" that is "We Shall Do it & Get it Done" echoes the similar sentiment.

Prime Minister further makes it clear that this is not a resolve of any party or the Government but this is a resolve of over 130 crore people of the country.

It's time we realize the cherished dream of our freedom fighters. ■



**Postal Stamp on
Gandhiji's 'Do or
Die' call**

DEFENCE MINISTER e-OPENS SIX KEY BRIDGES IN J&K

In a major development towards connecting roads and bridges to the border areas close to International Border (IB) and Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh dedicated six major bridges to the nation through a video conferencing on July 9, 2020. Two bridges constructed on the Tarnah Nallah in Kathua District and four bridges located on Akhnoor-Pallanwala road in Akhnoor, Jammu district have spans ranging from 30 to 300 metres at a total cost of Rs 43 crore.

Defence Minister acknowledged that over the last two years, with the use of latest technologies and state-of-the-art equipments, the BRO has done cutting of over 2,200 kilometres of roads, about 4,200 kilometres of road surfacing and about 5,800 metres of construction of permanent bridges.



INVALID PENSION

Ministry of Defence has taken another major decision with regard to Armed Forces Personnel. Now, Invalid Pension will be allowed to the Armed Forces Personnel with less than 10 years of qualifying service. Benefit of this decision will be available to those Armed Forces Personnel who were in service on or after January 04, 2019. ■

ONE LAKH WATER TAPS DAILY

Jal Jeevan Mission is taking potable water to every household. Around 45 lakh tap connections have been provided so far since unlock-1. Thus, about one lakh households are getting tap connections daily under Jal Jeevan Mission which was launched in August 2019. In 7 months of 2019-20, around 84.83 lakh rural households were provided with tap connections.



There are 24.9 crore rural households in the country, out of which 3.23 crore households are already provided with tap connections. In 2020-21, a sum of Rs 23,500 crore has been allocated for the implementation of JJM. On July 23, 2020, Prime Minister laid down the foundation stone for the water supply project in Manipur. Referring to the project, which is being implemented at a cost of Rs 3000 crore, he said that apart from Greater Imphal, the project would benefit 25 small towns and 1700 villages in the state. ■

DEDICATED APP FOR LOANS TO STREET VENDORS

Now street vendors can apply loans through newly launched App PM SVANidhi. Earlier, it was possible only through the web portal of the Scheme. Through this App, one can monitor his or her application of e-KYC, loan application process. This App is based on artificial intelligence. According to the Scheme, launched on June 1, 2020, street vendors will have a facility of getting maximum loan of upto Rs 10,000. Till date, this scheme with an allocation of Rs 5000 crore has received over 2.5 lakh application from vendors. Out of these, 48,000 has got approval for loan. ■

PERMANENT WOMEN OFFICERS IN TEN ARMY SERVICES

Ministry of Defence has issued the formal Government Sanction Letter on July 23, 2020 for grant of Permanent Commission (PC) to Women Officers in the Indian Army. The order specifies grant of PC to Short Service Commissioned (SSC) Women Officers in all ten streams of the Indian Army i.e Army Air Defence (AAD), Signals, Engineers, Army Aviation, Electronics and Mechanical Engineers (EME), Army Service Corps (ASC), Army Ordnance Corps (AOC), and Intelligence Corps in addition to the existing streams of Judge and Advocate General (JAG) and Army Educational Corps (AEC).

TIGER POPULATION DOUBLE FOUR YEARS AHEAD



India has made a new world record on Tigers census. In 2006, the population of Tigers was 1,411. Nine years ago, a target was set in a programme held at St Petersburg to double the population of Tigers in the country by 2022. But, it rose to 2967 by 2018 itself. Thus, India achieved the target 4 years prior to the target fixed for 2022. As per Guinness World Records, camera traps were placed at 26,838 locations across 141 different sites and surveyed an effective area of 121,337 square kilometres. From these photographs, 2,461 individual tigers (excluding cubs) were identified.

A detailed report was released on July 28, 2020 by Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar who said, "India is proud of its tiger assets. The country today has 70% of world's tiger population. We are ready to work with all the 13 tiger range countries in their actual management of tiger reserves, etc." ■

63 PC RAILWAY BROAD GAUGE LINES ELECTRIFIED



Railways have completed Electrification of more than 40,000 route km (RKM). It has covered 63% of Broad Gauge (BG) routes till date. What is commendable in this feat is that 18,605 RKM of electrification work has been done between 2014 and 2020. Only 3,835 km electrification work was completed between 2009 and 2014. It has fixed a target of electrification of 7000 RKM for the year 2020-21. All routes on BG network have been planned to be electrified by December 2023. ■

82 PC DIP IN TRIPLE TALAQ CASES LAST ONE YEAR

The law against Triple Talaq was passed one year ago. Today, there is a decline of about 82 per cent in Triple Talaq cases since then. If any such case was reported, the law has taken its course. The Modi Government's efforts aimed at development of all sections have ensured welfare of Muslim women equally. During the last 6 years, 3 crore 87 lakh minority students have been given various scholarships which included about 60 per cent girl students. ■



J&K, LADAKH USHER IN NEW GLORY

A year after abrogation of Article 370, women, Valmikis & Gurkhas empowered, region put firmly on high growth trajectory

Changes are now visible in Jammu and Kashmir with a woman farmer like Hajiya Fatima Banoo receiving several awards including Best Farmer's Award for her innovative ways of farming. With the support of her husband and agriculture department, she started growing vegetables on large scale and selling her produce in the market. She is now a helping hand to her husband and is a role model for women folk in Ladakh. There are many such cases along the length and breadth of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh that are inspiring

people. For the terror-torn erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir, such cases were rare but ever since the Article 370 was abrogated on August 5, 2019, the region has been witnessing a new dawn.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah termed it as a historic step to correct 'a historic blunder'. Article 370 perpetuated discrimination against Sikhs, Buddhists and many other groups in the past 70 years.

Earlier, various laws like Prevention of Child Marriage Act, Right to Education, Land Acquisition Act, Multiple Disability Act, Senior

REFORMS UNLEASHED

- ▶ Lakhanpur toll abolished – one nation one tax implemented in J&K
- ▶ Land Registration Process moved from Courts to Executive; 77 Sub-Registrars appointed and e-stamping rules framed
- ▶ Power Department unbundled; 5 Corporations set up
- ▶ Structural reforms carried out in Industries, Tourism, Finance and Police Department
- ▶ Massive drive for clean governance, Large scale, big ticket anti-corruption action by Anti Corruption Bureau-many powerful offenders behind bars
- ▶ Back to Village (B2V) – a unique participatory initiative launched in J&K; every gazetted officer spends 2 days and a night in the allotted Panchayat block
- ▶ Three Fs - Functions, Functionaries and Funds devolved to the Municipalities. Financial Powers of Municipal Bodies to enter contracts has been enhanced upto Rs 20 cr

GROWTH MOMENTUM PICKS UP

- ▶ Prime Minister's Development Programme works picked up pace; expenditure increased from 26% in June 2018 to 54% in June, 2020
- ▶ IIT Jammu starts functioning from its own campus; Work of AIIMS Jammu started
- ▶ World's highest 467 metre high railway bridge coming up under PMDP over Chenab River; to be completed next year
- ▶ J&K Infrastructure Development Finance Corporation (JKIDFC) set up to complete languishing projects. Decade-old 2273 projects (Rs 5,979 crore) sanctioned; 506 projects completed; 963 projects (Rs 2,256 crore) to be completed by March, 2021
- Number of hydro projects speeded up. All contracts of 1000 MW PakalDul Project and 624 MW Kiru awarded
- 213 Power transmission and distribution projects worth Rs 3,500 crore were taken up for execution and 128 already completed
- Metro project coming up for Jammu and Srinagar, DPR prepared for Rs 10,599 crore

Citizens Act, Delimitation Act, Whistle Blower Protection Act, laws enacted for empowerment of tribals, National Commission for Minorities, National Council for Teacher Education, among others could not be applied to J&K due to Article 370. Since its abrogation over 40,000 Panch and Sarpanches are

participating in the democratic process.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "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!" Many development works have taken

Article 370 and 35A have given nothing but secessionism, terrorism, nepotism and widespread corruption on a large scale to Jammu-Kashmir. Both these articles were used as a weapon by Pakistan to flare up the emotions of some people. Due to this about 42,000 people lost their lives in the last three decades. The development in Jammu-Kashmir and Ladakh could not be done on levels which the region deserved. After the removal of this flaw from the system, the people of Jammu-Kashmir will not only have a better present but also a bright future ahead.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi



EMPLOYMENT & SKILLING

- ▶ Largest-ever recruitment drive with 10,000 posts advertised; Special recruitment rules enacted, 25,000 more jobs in the pipeline
- ▶ J&K's implementation of HIMAYAT scheme lauded by Prime Minister in his Mann Ki Baat, nearly 74324 candidates approved for training. Number of training centres trebled in last 2 years
- ▶ Global Investment Summit being organized; 168 MoUs for Rs 13600 crore signed; 6000 acres of government land identified for industry, land transferred for setting up 37 Industrial estates



- ▶ Panchayat Elections held after several years and 74.1% turnout recorded
- ▶ Elections to Block Development Councils held for the first time in J&K; 98.3% turnout recorded ■

place in the region, Here is a glance:

LAWS ABOLISHED

- ▶ All discriminatory and unjust state laws have been repealed/modified. More than 170 Central laws now applicable including progressive laws like right to protect SC/STs, forest dwellers, juveniles & the aged
- ▶ People now enjoy equal rights as any other Indian citizen – Right to Education, Right to fair Compensation for Land Acquired implemented in J&K; first time Grassroots democracy takes root in UT; Roshni Act repealed
- ▶ Domicile Law implemented to protect people's interest. All erstwhile Permanent Resident Certificate (PRC) holders eligible for Domicile Certificate which discriminated with West Pakistan Refugees, Gurkhas, Safai Karamcharis, women married outside state
- ▶ All undue privileges of ex-ministers done away with, pension for politicians has upper ceiling now

SCHEMES GALORE

- ▶ Unique Market Intervention Scheme for apple, remunerative prices paid through DBT and transportation by the central procuring agency helped in stabilizing the market.

- ▶ 100% achievement in flagship schemes SAUBHAGYA in which 3,57,405 beneficiaries covered
- ▶ PM Ujjwala Yojana: 12,60,685 beneficiaries; UJALA : 15,90,873 beneficiaries
- ▶ Integrated Social Security (State Scheme): 5,92,333 beneficiaries
- ▶ Mission Indradhanush (Jammu): 1353 children and 381 pregnant women vaccinated
- ▶ Mission Indradhanush Aspirational Districts under GSA (Baramulla & Kupwara): 2259 children and 320 women vaccinated
- ▶ J&K marches ahead under Swachh Bharat Mission, declared 100% ODF
- ▶ In 1 year Pension benefits extended to 7,42,781 beneficiaries including those of State ISSS Scheme, minority pre-matric scholarship given to 4,76,670 beneficiaries
- ▶ Under AYUSHMAN BHARAT scheme, 11.41 Lakh gold cards generated; 3,48,370 families benefitted
- ▶ PMAY (G): 77252 houses sanctioned (June 2020); PMAY (U): 92% of target sanctioned in June 2020 as against 41% in March 2019. 72730 houses sanctioned (June 2020)
- ▶ J&K leading in implementation of PM Kisan Yojana; 9.86 lakh beneficiaries covered in only 1 year ■



FOR THE PEOPLE!

INCHING TOWARDS SELF-RELIANCE

Biofloc method of fish farming started by five friends in Bokaro district in Jharkhand has turned out to be an inspirational story, which



has also created jobs for many. This is not only helping them to earn money but also working as a catalyst for

cooperation with each other. This method of fish farming requires a tank of 10,000 litres that costs around Rs 40,000. All other necessary things were brought from the neighbouring West Bengal. One of the members of the group Somnath Giri said that around three to four quintal fish can be harvested in one go in 3-4 months.

ROSHNI, A RURAL ICON

It was a day-to-day tussle for Roshni Bhadauria, a farmer's daughter of Ajnaul village in Bhind district of Madhya Pradesh who used to cycle for 24 kilometers every day to reach school. But, her efforts bore fruits as she secured 395 marks out of



400 (98.9 per cent) in her 10th board examinations. The achievement of Roshni is an inspiration for girls in the rural area. Giving all credit to her parents, Roshni now aspires to become an IAS officer. Her father Purushottam Bhadauria and mother Sarita Bhadauria say, "Our daughter proves that she is in no way less than urban people."

ANITA SMILES WITH UJJWALA

It has always been an arduous task for Anita Mukherjee of Pasighat in Arunachal Pradesh to look for dried wood during rains to light her earthen stove (Chulha) to cook food for the family. But free cylinders provided under Pradhanmantri Ujjwala Yojana has changed her life. "I would like to thank the Modi government for making LPG cylinder available to us," Anita says with a cheerful smile.

GURUKUL SHOWS THE WAY

Bhardwaj Gurukul Shikshan Sansthan (BGSS) in Begusarai is a true example of turning crisis into an opportunity. When students vacated hostels during covid-19 lockdown, the director of the institute, B S Bhardwaj started growing vegetables in big containers meant for water storage and rain water harvesting. Now, with this initiative, the institute can save 1.5 crore litre of water per year and also sell vegetables in local markets ■



FOOD & JOBS at DOORSTEP

From *Jaan hai* to *Jahaan Hai* to *Jaan Bhi Aur Jahaan Bhi*, last few months Covid 19 management reflects Modi regime's sensitivity by giving free ration and work opportunities to poor

C OVID-19 pandemic has not only hit lives of people but has also impacted their livelihood. The Government announced Rs 1.70 lakh crore relief package under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY) for poor on March 26, 2020. Under this Scheme, 80 crore poor people will get 5 kg of wheat or rice and 1 kg of preferred pulses for free every month, 20 crore women Jan Dhan account holders to get Rs 500 per month, increase in MGNREGS wage to Rs 202 a day from Rs 182 to benefit 13.62 crore families, 8 crore households to get free Ujjwala cylinder and an ex-gratia of Rs 1,000 to 3 crore poor senior citizen, poor widows and poor disabled. The Government paid Rs 2,000 to each farmer in first week of April under existing PM Kisan Yojana to benefit 8.7 crore farmers.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi extended PMGKY till the end of November, 2020 on June 30, 2020, which will now cover over 81 crore people. The scheme will be in force till Diwali and Chhath festivals. "Under this scheme, every member of household will get 5 kg of rice or flour every month until the end of November, in addition to 1 kg *chana* every month for each family. This will cost an additional Rs 90,000 crore to the Government,"

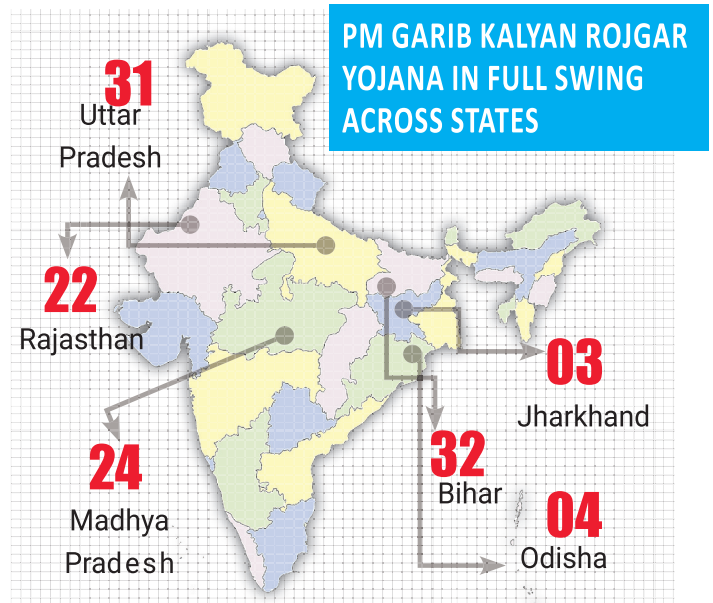
said Prime Minister.

The Government also released Rs 11,002 crore of its contribution in advance to all States to augment their State Disaster Response Fund. Besides life, livelihood has been another concern as pandemic has rendered lakhs of people jobless. In order to mitigate the problem, the government has allocated Rs 1.50 lakh crore. It sanctioned an additional Rs 40 thousand crore for MGNREGS on May 17, 2020. Rs 50 thousand crore more has been sanctioned when Prime Minister on June 20, 2020 launched a massive employment-cum-rural public works campaign named as Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan (GKRA). The Ministry of Rural Development is the nodal agency for this campaign.

Prime Minister said while launching GKRA, "The Government is making every effort amid the Corona pandemic to ensure that you do not have to take loans from anyone while living in the villages. We understand the self respect of the poor. You stand testimony to the adage - *Shramev Jayate*. You want work; you want employment."

ROJGAR YOJANA TAKES OFF FROM BIHAR

This is an attempt to create livelihood opportunities in the areas witnessing large number of returnee migrant workers, the campaign was flagged off from Telihar village of Beldaur Block in Khagaria district of Bihar through video conference. Prime Minister pointed out how rural India stood its ground in the fight against COVID-19 and how it is



providing an inspiration to the entire country and the world in this moment of crisis.

Calling the day of launch of the scheme as a historic one, Prime Minister said, "This campaign is dedicated for our labourer brothers and sisters, for the youth, sisters and daughters living in our villages. It is our endeavour that through this campaign, workers are getting work near home." Prime Minister announced that an amount of Rs 50,000 crore would be spent in building durable rural infrastructure under the GKRA and 25 work areas have been identified for employment.

DECKING UP RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Prime Minister said that the Abhiyan shall also provide modern facilities in rural areas like high speed and cheap internet to every rural household to help youth and children. Prime



The whole of India has been declared to be free from open defecation. Today electricity connection has reached every village of India and almost every family is connected to electricity. Today LPG gas has reached the kitchens of the poorest of the poor. Every village is being connected by good network of roads. Good homes are being provided to every poor homeless. What remained was a huge shortage of clean water; so to fulfil it the work of supplying water on mission mode is going on,"

PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI



PRADHAN MANTRI GARIB KALYAN PACKAGE

SCHEME	NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES	AMOUNT
Support to PMJDY women account holders	1st Ins - 20.65 Cr(100%) 2nd Ins -20.63 Cr 3rd Ins -20.62 (100%)	1st Ins – 10,325 Cr 2nd Ins – 10,315 Cr 3rd Ins –10,312 Cr
Support to NSAP (Aged widows, Divyang, Senior citizen)	2.81 Cr (100%)	Rs 2814 Cr
Front-loaded payments to farmers under PM-KISAN	8.94 Cr	17891 Cr
Support to Building & Other Construction workers	2.3 Cr	4313 Cr
24% contribution to EPFO	.66 Cr	996 Cr
Ujjwala	1st Ins – 7.48 2nd Ins – 4.48	8488 Cr
TOTAL	42.84 Cr	65,454 Cr

TOTAL DIRECT BENEFIT TRANSFER TILL 19/06/2020

ALL AMOUNT IN INR

Minister pointed that it is for the first time that the rural areas are using more internet than the urban areas. Hence, the laying of fibre cable and provision of internet are also made as a part of the Abhiyan. These works will be done and executed through locally available labourers.

Now, farmers can connect directly with traders who offer a better price for their produce. Prime Minister said that self-reliant farmers are equally essential for a Self-Reliant India. They are now being directly linked to the market. The Government has provided an investment of Rs 1 lakh crore for agriculture infrastructure. This campaign of 125 days will involve focused implementation of 25 categories of works and activities in 116 districts, each with a large concentration of returnee migrant workers in six states. Public works to be undertaken during this campaign will have a resource envelope of Rs 50,000 crore.

RAILWAYS PITCH IN WITH JOBS

Railways on June 24, 2020 reviewed the progress of Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan, which is in operation in 116 identified districts

of six states. Zonal railways have been instructed to expedite execution of all ongoing infrastructure works in these identified districts. Around 160 infrastructure works have been identified. These would engage thousands of workers and roughly generate 8 lakh man days of employment by the end of October 2020. Approximately Rs 1,800 crore would be spent in these districts. As per the Railways ministry, in the past five weeks, 2,20413 man days of employment have been created and Rs 737 crore have been paid.

RURAL INDIA GETS A PAT

Country has more than 6 lakh villages, in which more than two-thirds of India's population i.e. about 80-85 crore people live in the villages. Congratulating the villagers, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "You have effectively prevented Coronavirus from spreading in rural India. And the population of our villages is far greater than the total population of all the countries of Europe. This population is also greater than the population of the whole of America, Russia and Australia put together." ■

A SELF-RELIANT INDIA SURGES AHEAD

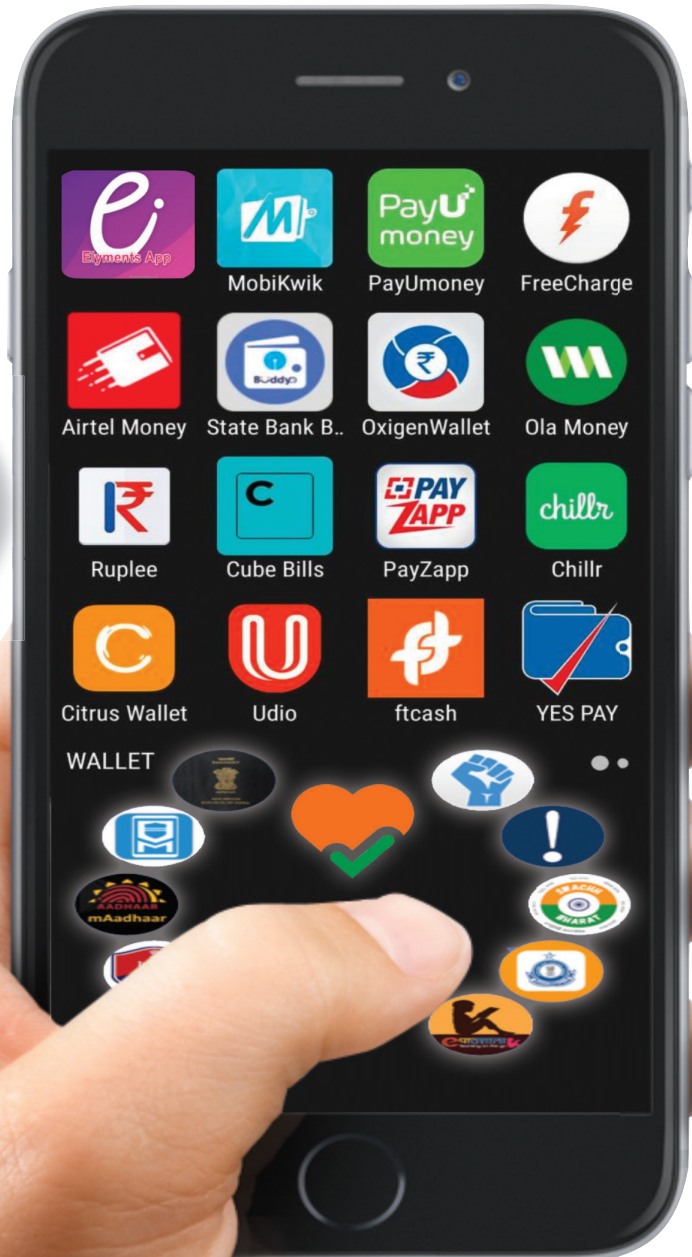
When Prime Minister Narendra Modi assumed power in 2014, his government launched the 'Digital India' initiative in an effort to give further impetus to Digital Age in India. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Prime Minister held several 'virtual meetings' with global leaders to deal with the challenges faced by the world. It was a pioneering effort of the Modi Government which has placed India among the leading nations initiating Digital Campaigns in

When the Government banned 59 Apps as they were posing a threat to sovereignty and integrity of the country, the entire world supported it. The Government's Digital Strike paved the way for digital campaign, which is a major stepping stone towards making India self-reliant

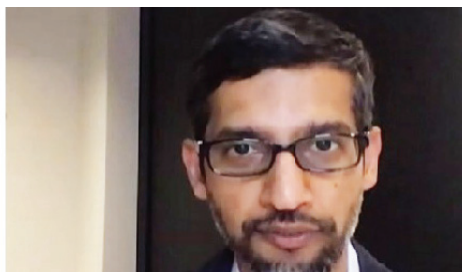
We all need to understand that the digital economy has to go hand-in-hand with the data economy. We need to understand the sovereignty of data. The data should be with the sovereign country concerned so that it can protect the privacy of its people. As far as security, defense and privacy are concerned, digital platforms should be responsive, accountable and sensitive to the concerns of sovereign countries.



- RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD, Minister of Information Technology (At digital meeting of G20 countries)



SUNDAR PICHAI COMMITS \$10 BILLION



Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted with Google CEO Sundar Pichai via video conferencing on July 13, 2020. Pichai briefed Prime Minister about efforts undertaken by Google to help spread awareness and provide reliable information about COVID-19.

Google CEO appreciated PM's leadership in the battle against COVID-19 pandemic in India. They discussed the use of technology to expand the scope of online education and

increasing access to technology in native language

Prime Minister appreciated the proactive role played by Google in battling misinformation and conveying information about necessary precautions. Prime Minister was briefed about Google's plan to launch a large investment fund of \$10 billion in India. Prime Minister remarked that India is amongst the most open economies in the world. ■

HUGE TRACTION FOR APP INNOVATION CHALLENGE

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- 1062 under e-learning
- 1155 under social networking
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- 662 under office and work from home
- 237 under news
- 320 under entertainment
- 1135 under other categories

TOTAL ENTRIES: 6940

PM LAUDS IBM ROLE IN THE LAUNCH OF AI CURRICULUM

Congratulating IBM CEO Arvind Krishna for becoming the global head of IBM earlier this year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi appreciated the role played by IBM, in association with CBSE, towards the launch of Artificial Intelligence curriculum in 200 schools in India. He said that the government is working towards introducing students to concepts such as AI, machine learning etc at an early stage, to further the technological temperament in the country. IBM CEO said that teaching about technology and data should be in the category of basic skills like algebra. IBM CEO briefed PM about IBM's huge investment plans in India. ■



their respective countries.

Now, after banning 59 Apps, which were posing a threat to the country's security and sovereignty, the Government has moved a step ahead towards becoming self-reliant in this sphere. These moves are linked to Self-Reliant India with Prime Minister launching Aatmanirbhar Bharat App Innovation

Challenge on July 4, 2020. With this objective in mind, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology along with Atal Innovation Mission has come up with the Aatmanirbhar Bharat App Innovation challenge. This platform will be on the lines of the mantra given by Prime Minister that is 'Made in India For The World.'

INDIAN APPS USERS SURGE

▶ The ban on 59 Apps by the Government has resulted in a surge in downloads for Indian Apps such as Chingari, Roposo, Bolo Indya and Mitron among others.

▶ Mitron gained popularity soon after it was launched, a couple of months ago. It reported over 11 times jump in its daily traffic which has

been downloaded by 17 million users.

▶ Roposo is another App that has become top free App on Google Play store. As per inputs from the company, it has 65 million users.

▶ Chingari is a short video platform that has achieved massive success soon after TikTok and a few other Apps were

banned. Chingari has been downloaded by 10 million users recently.

▶ ShareChat has also witnessed a surge in downloads. The App has been currently downloaded by 100 million users.

▶ Aroyga Setu becomes the most downloaded App with 148.5 million users.

AS PER INPUTS FROM MEDIA REPORTS

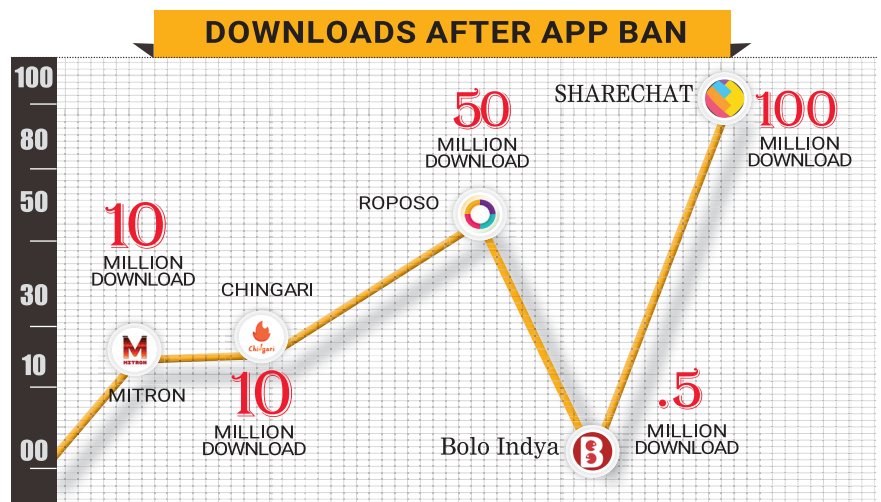
According to Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Prakash Javadekar, this platform will encourage new startups to make better Apps than those Apps which were banned.

The effort is yielding results. Indians have started using Indigenous Apps more after the ban on Apps like TikTok, SHAREit, UC Browser. It is evident from the fact that there has been a surge in the number of downloading of Indian Apps like Roposo, Sharechat and Chingari.

According to Union Minister of Electronics and Information Technology, Ravi Shankar Prasad, Indians have made 200 Apps post the banning of 59 Apps. Prasad added that the need was realized to make the country self-reliant in this sector as there were imminent threat to data privacy. There have been raging concerns on aspects relating to data security and safeguarding the privacy of 130 crore Indians. It has been

noted recently that such concerns also pose a threat to sovereignty and security of the country, he said.

Over the last few years, India has emerged



as a leading innovator in technological advancements and as a primary market in the digital space. This move will safeguard the interest of crores of mobile and internet users in the country. This decision is to ensure the safety and security of India's cyberspace. ■

ERA OF EXPANSIONISM OVER, ‘Era of development begins!’



Prime Minister visited Nimu in Ladakh and met senior Army officials to take stock of the situation at the border. He also met soldiers in the hospital who got injured in the recent clash

P rime Minister Narendra Modi travelled to Nimu in Ladakh to interact with Indian troops on July 3, 2020. Nimu is surrounded by the Zaskar range and is on the banks of Indus River. Prime Minister met the top leadership of the Indian Army and later interacted with personnel of the Army, Air Force and Indo-Tibet Border Police (ITBP). He also met soldiers in the hospital who got injured in the recent clash. Prime Minister also paid homage to

BORDER ROAD: 3600 kms built between 2008 and 2014 while 4800 kms during six years of the Modi government

BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION: Earlier 7200 metres but during the Modi government 14000 metres more bridge construction

TUNNEL: Just one earlier while six completed in six years of the Modi government and construction of 19 others going on

CONVERTING UNMETALLED ROAD TO METALLED: 140 kms per year earlier but 380 kms per year during the past six years

CONNECTIVITY: BRO completed 30 % work this year in the Border Area

As told by Union Minister Prakash Javadekar in an interview

MY SALUTE FIRSTLY TO MOTHER INDIA AND SECONDLY TO THOSE BRAVE MOTHERS

INDIAN SOLDIERS, NATION'S PRIDE: RAJNATH SINGH

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh visited forward post in Kupwara district of Jammu and Kashmir and interacted with soldiers deployed there. He addressed Armed forces at Lukung in Ladakh on July 17, 2020. Excerpts of his speech:



▶ Our Army soldiers are not only brave but they are reputation, wealth and pride of the country. Charismatic work has been done by our

Army personnel, the entire country is proud of it

▶ I am saddened with the loss of soldiers' lives but happy to meet you. I want to

commemorate them, pay my respect and homage from the core of my heart. The country will never forget their sacrifice

▶ You sacrifice everything for protecting nation's pride. I can assure you that no one can take away even an inch of our land. ■



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Mother India and to the mothers of all those brave soldiers of India who serve the nation with unparalleled diligence. Prime Minister addressed the Army personnel. Excerpts of his speech:

- ▶ Your courage, valour, and dedication to protect Mother India's honour are incomparable. Your spirit is unparalleled in the world. The difficult conditions and the height in which you work as a shield to protect and serve the motherland, no one can beat that
- ▶ I once again pay my tributes to brave soldiers who were martyred in Galwan Valley. Heroes from every corner of the country have shown their valour
- ▶ Today, every Indian is bowing down before you and saluting the brave soldiers of the country. Every Indian is proud of your bravery and valour
- ▶ From Leh-Ladakh to Kargil and Siachen, from the snowy peaks of Rezang La to the cold water stream of Galwan Valley, every peak, every mountain, every corner and every pebble is a testimony to the might of the Indian soldiers

- ▶ In the previous centuries, expansionism has done the greatest harm to the humanity and has tried to destroy humanity. The obsession with expansion has always posed a threat to the world peace. Era of expansionism is over. This is the era of development.
- ▶ We are the people who worship Lord Krishna who plays flute. We are also the same people who follow Sudarshan Chakradhari Krishna as an ideal
- ▶ Ladakh has produced patriots like Kushok Bakula Rinpoche. Every conspiracy to create secession here has been foiled by the patriotic people of Ladakh led by Rinpoche. As a result of his inspiring efforts, the country and the Indian Army were inspired to create an infantry regiment called Ladakh Scout ■



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WHO HAVE GIVEN BIRTH TO MIGHTY WARRIORS LIKE YOU : PRIME MINISTER

NEP FOR A VIBRANT



National Education Policy (NEP) unveiled by the government is based on scientific temperament that will help students to overcome trepidation of Board exams. Undergraduate and Postgraduate education will be made multi-disciplinary. The policy aims at equitable dissemination of knowledge, learning and technology to students making India self-reliant

The long-awaited National Education Policy (NEP) is going to be a watershed moment for the education sector of the country. Deliberations were going on for long with every stakeholder but finally it was announced when Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved it on July 29, 2020. The NEP will make way for large-scale transformational reforms in both school and higher education sectors to make India a self-reliant Nation.

The new policy replaces thirty-four-year-old National Policy on Education, 1986. Built on the foundational pillars of Access, Equity, Quality, Affordability and Accountability, the policy is aligned to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and aims to transform India

KNOWLEDGE SOCIETY

EDUCATION POLICY GETS LEG UP

1948-49

University Education Commission

1952-53

Secondary Education Commission

1964-66

Education Commission under Dr. D.S. Kothari

1968

National Policy on Education

1976

42nd Constitutional Amendment, Education in Concurrent List

1986

National Policy on Education (NPE),

1992

NPE 1986 Modified in (Program of Action, 1992)

2016

T.S.R. Subramaniam Committee Report

2019

Dr. K. Kasturirangan Committee Report

2020

National Education Policy announced

NEP RESULT OF PM'S RELENTLESS EFFORTS

When the country was facing with COVID-19 pandemic, Prime Minister Narendra Modi was also on the job for making New India a reality by holding a meeting on May 1, 2020 to deliberate upon the issue of education policy and reforms required in education sector including National Education Policy (NEP).

Special emphasis was on the use of technology in the education sector and enhancing learning and adapting by the use of technology such as on-line classes. This is reflecting in the NEP. Reforming the higher education scenario by making Indian Education System at par with the highest global standards.

into a vibrant knowledge society and global knowledge superpower by making both school and college education more holistic, flexible, multidisciplinary, suited to 21st century needs and aimed at bringing out the unique capabilities of every student. Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted: "Respecting the spirit 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat', the NEP 2020 includes systems to promote Indian language, including Sanskrit. Many foreign languages will also be offered at the secondary level."

The school curricula and pedagogy will aim for holistic development of students by equipping them with the key 21st century skills. It focuses on reduction in curricular content to enhance essential learning and critical thinking with greater

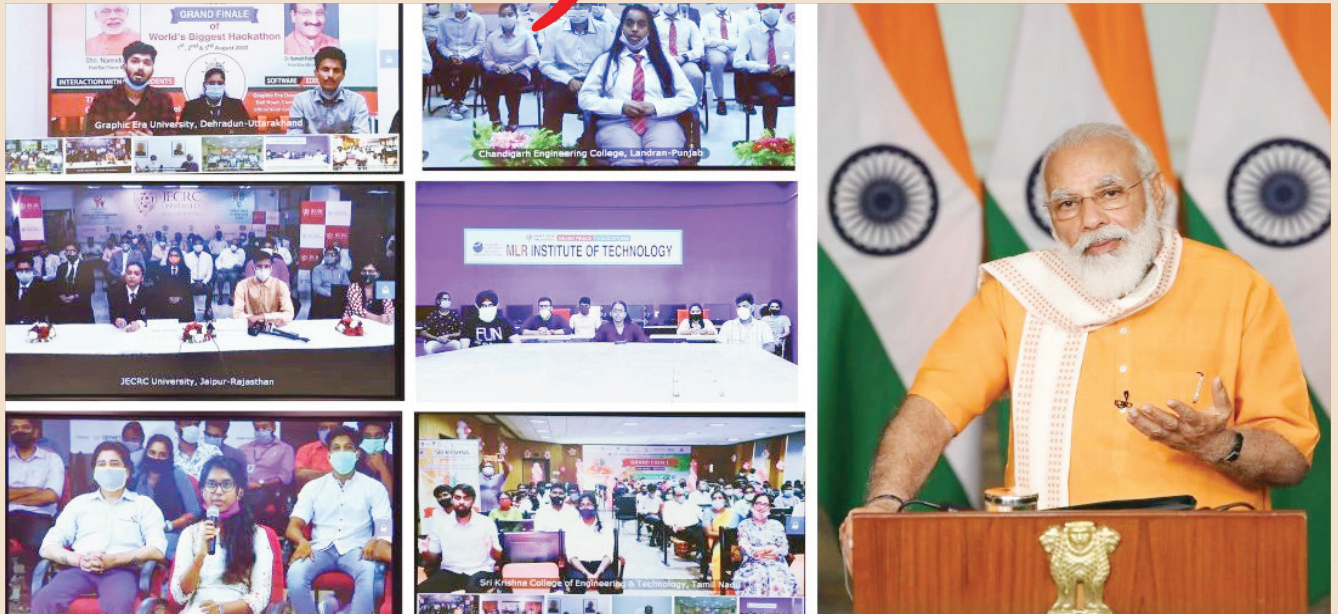
focus on experiential learning. Students will have increased flexibility and choice of subjects. Multi-disciplinary curriculum will have no rigid separations between arts and sciences, between curricular and extra-curricular activities, between vocational and academic streams. One of the members of K Kasturirangan committee R S Kureel told *New India Samachar*, "This is a very good policy which will help the country to develop target-oriented approach, scientific temper besides skill, entrepreneurship and IT."

SCHOOL EDUCATION

- ▶ NEP 2020 emphasizes on ensuring universal access to school education at all levels.
- ▶ About 2 crore dropouts to be brought back into the main stream.

WORK ON SOLUTIONS FOR SOCIETY'S PROBLEMS

At the Smart India Hackathon, Prime Minister talked about NEP with the objective of developing an ecosystem for Innovation, Research, Design, Development and Entrepreneurship. Excerpts:



- ▶ We are proud that we produced many scientists, better technicians, technology entrepreneurs in the past centuries
- ▶ But this is 21st century and India will have to evolve in the changing world to play the same effective role. With this thing in mind, necessary ecosystem is being created for Innovation, Research, Design, Development and Entrepreneurship
- ▶ New Education Policy has been formulated looking at thought process of youth, their needs, hopes, aspirations and expectations. This is not just a policy document but reflection of aspirations of 130 crore Indians
- ▶ New Education Policy is an attempt to make systematic reform in the intent and content of Indian education system and transforming both
- ▶ The 21st century is the era of knowledge. This is the time for increased focus on:
 - Learning, Research, Innovation And, this is exactly what India's National Education Policy, 2020 does
- ▶ This Policy wants to make your school, college and university experience: Fruitful, Broad-based, one that guides you to your natural passions
- ▶ India's National Education Policy reflects this spirit. We are shifting from: The burden of the school bag, which does not last beyond school, to the boon of learning which helps a lifetime. From simple memorising to critical thinking
- ▶ Among the most exciting things of the Policy is the emphasis on inter-disciplinary study. This concept has been gaining popularity. And rightly so. One size does not fit all. One subject does not define who you are
- ▶ This will ensure that the focus is on what the student wants to learn. Rather than

what the student is expected to do by society. Inter-disciplinary studies gives you control in the process, it also makes you flexible

- ▶ National Education Policy is big on access to education. Starting from primary education to Higher Education, the aim is to increase Gross Enrolment Ratio to 50 per cent by 2035
- ▶ The main Architect of our Constitution and great educationist Baba Saheb Bhimrao Ambedkar used to say: "Education should be such that it is easily available to all." This National Education Policy is dedicated to his thoughts
- ▶ This Education Policy emphasises more on Job Creators than Job Seekers that means it is an attempt to reform our mindset
- ▶ Now changes are made in the National Education Policy that will help Indian languages to grow and flourish. They will also help spreading Indian knowledge tradition which will also help in strengthening unity of the country
- ▶ The entire world will be introduced to the rich Indian languages. The biggest benefit of this is that students in their initial learning years will get education in their own language
- ▶ If we look at top 20 countries on the basis of GDP, then we would find that education in those countries is imparted in their mother tongues or local languages. These countries develop understanding and thoughts of their youth in their own language but emphasise using other languages to communicate with the world
- ▶ On one hand it is being emphasised to give local folk arts, classical artistry and knowledge their natural space, on the other hand top global institutions have been given invitation to open their campuses here

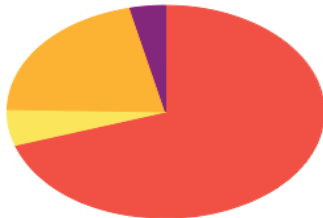


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- ▶ The 10+2 structure of school curricula to be replaced by a 5+3+3+4 curricular structure corresponding to ages 3-8, 8-11, 11-14, and 14-18 years, respectively.
- ▶ Uncovered age group of 3-6 years to be brought in under school curriculum, which has been recognized globally as the crucial stage for development of mental faculties of a child.
- ▶ NCERT will develop a National Curricular and Pedagogical Framework for Early Childhood Care and Education.
- ▶ National Mission on Foundational Literacy and Numeracy to be set up by MHRD, now Shiksha Mantralaya.
- ▶ States will prepare an implementation plan for attaining universal foundational literacy and numeracy in all primary schools for all learners by grade 3 by 2025.
- ▶ Vocational education will start in schools from grade 6 and will include internships. A comprehensive National Curricular Framework for School Education, NCFSE 2020-21, will be developed by the NCERT.
- ▶ Mother tongue/local language/regional language as the medium of instruction at least till Grade 5 but preferably till Grade 8 and beyond.
- ▶ Sanskrit to be offered from school to higher education as an option for students, including in the three-language formula. Other classical languages and literatures of India to be offered as options and no language will be imposed on any student.
- ▶ A new National Assessment Centre, Performance Assessment, Review, and Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic Development (PARAKH) to be set up as a standard-setting body.
- ▶ Special emphasis will be given on Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Groups which include gender, socio-cultural and geographical identities and disabilities. This includes setting up of Gender Inclusion

SCHOOLS

Number of Schools

1550006

● Govt ● Aided
● Private ● Others

TEACHERS

Number of Teachers

9416895

● Govt ● Aided
● Private ● Others

STUDENTS

Number of Students

247853688

Universities

69.46 Lakhs

Colleges

2.60 Crores

Standalone

20.23 Lakhs



● Govt ● Aided
● Private ● Others

HIGHER EDUCATION

- ▶ Gross Enrolment Ratio to be increased in higher education including vocational education from 26.3% (2018) to 50% by 2035
- ▶ 3.5 crore new seats will be added to higher education institutions
- ▶ UG education can be of 3 or 4 years with multiple exit options and appropriate certification within this period. For example, Certificate after 1 year, Advanced Diploma after 2 years, Bachelor's Degree after 3 years and Bachelor's with Research after 4 years
- ▶ Multidisciplinary Education and Research Universities (MERUs), at par with IITs, IIMs, to be set up as models of best multidisciplinary education of global



- standards in the country
- ▶ An Academic Bank of Credit is to be established for digitally storing academic credits earned from different HEIs so that these can be transferred and counted towards final degree earned
- ▶ National Research

- Foundation will be created as an apex body for fostering a strong research culture and building research capacity across higher education
- ▶ Higher Education

- Commission of India will be set up as a single overarching umbrella body for higher education, excluding medical and legal education
- ▶ Definition of university will allow a spectrum of institutions that range from Research-intensive Universities to Teaching and autonomous degree-granting colleges
- ▶ By 2030, the minimum degree qualification for teaching will be a 4-year integrated B.Ed. Degree
- ▶ A National Mission for Mentoring will be established, with a large pool of outstanding senior/retired faculty – including those with the ability to teach in Indian languages.

A WORD ABOUT NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY

The NEP was formulated after unprecedented consultation involving over 2 lakh suggestions from 2.5 lakhs Gram Panchayat, 6600 Blocks, 6000 ULBs, 676 Districts. MHRD initiated participatory consultation process from January 2015. In May 2016, 'Committee for Evolution of the New Education Policy' under the Chairmanship of Late TSR Subramanian, Former Cabinet Secretary, submitted its report. Based on this, the Ministry prepared 'Some Inputs for the Draft National Education Policy, 2016'. In June 2017 a 'Committee for the Draft National Education Policy' was constituted under the Chairmanship of eminent scientist Dr K Kasturirangan, which submitted the Draft National Education Policy, 2019 to HRD Minister on May 31, 2019. The Draft National Education Policy 2019 was uploaded on MHRD's website and at 'MyGov Innovate' portal eliciting views/suggestions/comments of stakeholders, including public.



BREAKFAST WITH MID-DAY MEAL IN SCHOOLS

National Education Policy has proposed providing breakfast to supplement the Mid-Day meals provided to students in government-aided schools. "Nutritious breakfast is very productive for study," said R S Kureel adding that students will be provided with Eggs, Dry fruits, Banana or anything nutritious that will help in enhancing nutrition and health (including mental health) of the children.

Fund and also Special Education Zones for disadvantaged regions and groups.

ONLINE EDUCATION

- ▶ Measures such as online courses and digital repositories, funding for research, improved student services, credit-based recognition of MOOCs, etc., will be taken to ensure distance learning is at par with the highest quality in-class programmes.

TECHNOLOGY IN EDUCATION

- ▶ National Educational Technology Forum will

be created to provide a platform for the free exchange of ideas on the use of technology to enhance learning, assessment, planning, administration.

Prime Minister tweeted: Aspects such as widening the availability of scholarship, strengthening infrastructure for Open and Distance Learning, Online Education and increasing the usage of technology have received great attention in NEP. These are vital reforms for the education sector.

PROMOTION OF INDIAN LANGUAGES

- ▶ Setting up Indian Institute of Translation and Interpretation (IITI), National Institute (or Institutes) for Pali, Persian and Prakrit, strengthening of Sanskrit and all language departments in HEIs, and use mother tongue/local language as a medium of instruction in more HEI programmes.

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- ▶ All professional education will be an integral part of the higher education system. Stand-alone technical universities, health science universities, legal and agricultural universities etc will aim to become multi-disciplinary institutions.

FINANCING EDUCATION

- ▶ The Centre and States will work together to increase the public investment in Education sector to reach 6% of GDP at the earliest. ■

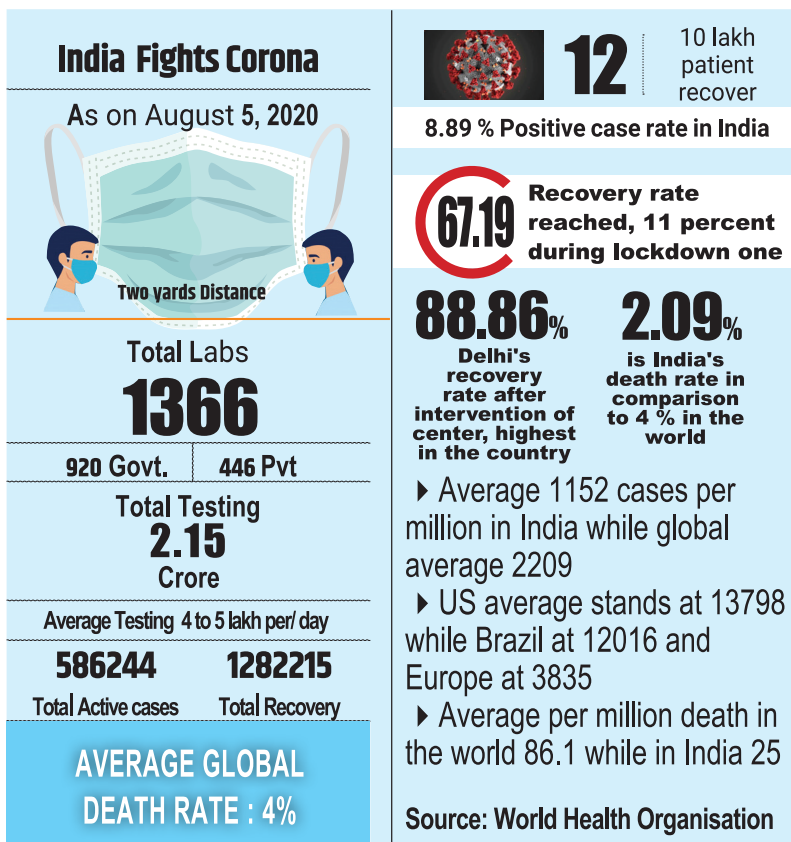
TOGETHER WE WILL WIN!

India has fared well vis-a-vis global peers, but lowering the guard might negate gains made so far

Coronavirus has hit the world very hard but decisions taken by the Government at the right time have immensely helped controlling the spread of pandemic in India. The World Health Organization (WHO) report on July 6, 2020 shows that India has one

of the lowest cases per million despite high population density.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said while launching three COVID-19 testing facilities on July 27, 2020, "Today, the number of deaths from corona in our country is much



PRIME MINISTER'S FOUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR VACCINATION

- FIRST:** Vaccination of vulnerable groups like doctors, nurses, healthcare workers, non-medical frontline corona warriors and other vulnerable people
- SECOND:** Vaccination of "anyone, anywhere"
- THIRD:** Affordable and Universal Vaccination
- FOURTH:** Production of vaccine should be monitored and supported with use of technology

less than in big countries. At the same time, the recovery rate here is much higher than other countries and is improving day by day." ■

LIFE IN THE TIME OF CORONA!

Musings of Vice President of India M Venkaiah Naidu touches upon various facets of life when he says life is a journey from B (birth) to D (death) with a C in-between denoting choices to make life meaningful



When the entire world was clueless how to deal with COVID-19, the decision taken by the government has immensely helped to contain COVID-19 pandemic. Vice President of India M Venkaiah Naidu has his musings of life in the times of Corona when he says, life is all about a series of steps guided by the experiences towards defining its purpose and living it accordingly with necessary modifications. Life is said to be a journey from B (birth) to D (death) with a C in-between denoting choices to make life meaningful. Let's take a test on the following matrix:

DID YOU REALIZE THE ROOT CAUSES OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC?

The planet does not need us, rather we need the planet. Claiming sole propriety over the planet as if it is meant only for humans has upset the natural balance triggering adversities of different kinds. Do you agree?

ARE YOU READY TO MAKE AMENDMENTS

TO THE WAY LIFE WAS LIVED 'BEFORE CORONA'?

COVID has taught us that 'wealth is not the all end' of our life. Health as wealth came to the fore. For instance, food we take is to be looked at as a medicine that sustains health and not as a source of pleasure.

HAVE YOU REDEFINED THE PURPOSE AND MEANING OF LIFE?

Good education, a decent job, a working life partner, convent going children and the comforts of life do not necessarily make a meaningful life. As social beings, our future lies in collective advancement of all we live with. Did you realize this in corona times?

DID YOU IDENTIFY GAPS IN PLAYING OUT YOUR ROLES?

How often did you reach out to your parents and grandparents living away from you during the confinement? Did you think of your village mates and school fellows and those who

stood by you in the hour of need? How much do you know of the minds of your children and anxieties they face as they grow and what counselling did you do as they stayed more with you during confinement? Are you satisfied on this count?

HAVE YOU EQUIPPED YOURSELF OUT OF CORONA EXPERIENCE TO FACE ANOTHER ADVERSITY?

Virtues of meditation, yoga, physical exercises, food habits and staying connected despite social distancing have come to the fore. Preparedness for rainy days has also been highlighted as against living for today. Have you organized yourself adequately and gained sufficient confidence?

MAHATMA GANDHI

SAID: "The main purpose of life is to live rightly, think rightly and act rightly. Live as if you were to die tomorrow and learn as if you were to live forever."



HAVE YOU GOT HOLD OF THE 'DHARMA' OF LIFE?

The basic principle of measured living is the knowledge and practice of dharma of 'right and wrong'. Mahatma Gandhi said: "The main purpose of life is to live rightly, think rightly and act rightly. Live as if you were to die tomorrow and learn as if you were to live forever." Did you revisit them with required fortification? Did you reach out to any teacher for guidance?

HAVE YOU LEARNED TO EQUIP YOURSELF WITH THE SPIRITUAL DIMENSION OF LIFE?

Swami Vivekananda said; "We are what our thoughts made us. So, take care about what you think". If one knows the root cause

of the present pandemic, it dawns that life is much more than material pursuit. That is the spiritual dimension of life. Did you realize the need for the same and feel it from within?

HAVE YOU IDENTIFIED WHAT YOU HAVE MISSED OUT DURING LIFE IN CONFINEMENT?

One needs to identify as to what extent one is responsible for the adversity and what has been missed out during the troubled times. Identifying such misses along with the reasons could help for the future. Did you undertake this exercise while living in corona times?

DO YOU REALIZE THAT WE ARE BOTH EQUAL AND UNEQUAL?

We are born equal and end up being unequal. It has exposed the heightened vulnerabilities of some sections of the society for obvious reasons. Did you realize these differentials impact along with the causes and empathise with them by doing your bit?

IS THIS PANDEMIC A DISASTER OR A CORRECTOR?

It got to be looked at as a corrector as well that prepares us for the next challenge and even to prevent the next such pandemic by requiring us to repurpose our lives. What is your perception in this regard?

The issues and posers referred to under each component of the above 10-point matrix are only illustrative while there could be more for self-assessment. Let us exchange thoughts through musings of life in corona times. This will be very useful. My purpose of writing this "Musing" is to make all of us look back and move forward. ■

Lets Reset our minds, Reset India...

Read the complete text : <https://www.facebook.com/167328870501701/posts/729270730974176/>



PM PUSHES FOR

‘REFORMED UN’

The global order is fast changing in the COVID-19 scenario. It offers a new vista of development in which reformed multilateralism is the only answer



File Photo: PM addressing at United Nations in 2019

Diplomatic outreach of India in the past six years has been phenomenal with Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the helm. COVID-19 pandemic has changed the world order and has opened the door for reforms across the globe. While speaking at ECOSOC via video conferencing, Prime Minister said that India firmly believes that the path to achieve sustainable peace and prosperity is through multilateralism. He said, "We must join hands to address our common challenges and achieve our common goals. However, multilateralism needs to represent the reality of the contemporary world. Only reformed multilateralism with a reformed United Nations at its centre can fulfil the aspirations of humanity."

"While celebrating 75 years of the UN, let us pledge to reform the global multilateral system. To enhance its relevance, to improve its effectiveness, and to make it the basis of a new type of human-centric globalisation," Prime Minister adds. "The United Nations was originally born from the furies of the Second World War. Today, the fury of the pandemic provides the context for its rebirth and reform", he said.

Reiterating India's concern, he said, "India has been elected to the United Nations Security Council at this very crucial juncture. With our commitment to maintain global harmony, to improve socio-economic equity and to preserve nature's balance, India will play its

INDIA SHOULD PLAY A CRUCIAL ROLE IN GLOBAL AFFAIRS

EXCERPTS FROM PM'S ADDRESS AT ECOSOC:

- ▶ On the 150th birth anniversary of Father of Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, full sanitation coverage in six hundred thousand villages achieved
- ▶ In five years, over 110 million toilets were built, improved our rural sanitation cover from 38 % to 100 %
- ▶ Gender parity achieved at elementary and secondary level education. Nearly 70 million women in rural India

account, and a mobile connection for everyone. It has helped in making DBT of \$150 billion to over 700 million persons

- ▶ Food security programmes reach 813 million citizens.
- ▶ Under 'Housing for All' program, 40 million new homes by 2022
- ▶ 'Ayushman Bharat' scheme is covering 500 million individuals. In the fight against COVID-19, our grassroot health system is helping India to ensure one

land by 2030

- ▶ Launched campaign to discourage usage of single-use plastic. Internationally, our initiative to set up the International Solar Alliance was a practical manifestation towards climate action
- ▶ India has always been among the first nation to respond to any calamity in the region, - always a friend in need. Be it earthquakes, cyclones or any other natural or man-made crisis, India



are part of Self-Help Groups under Livelihood Mission. Over a million women are elected representatives of the local governments

- ▶ In the last six years, 400 million bank accounts were opened, out of which 220 million owned by women
- ▶ Leveraged power of technology for financial inclusion. This is based on the trinity of a unique identity number, a bank

of the best recovery rates in the world. Country is also on track to remove TB by 2025

- ▶ Over the past few years, 38 million tonnes of carbon emissions has been reduced annually. This was achieved by electrification of villages, providing clean cooking fuel to 80 million poor households
- ▶ Set a target to install 450 Gigawatt of renewable energy and restore 26 million hectares of degraded

has responded with zeal and solidarity

- ▶ In joint fight against COVID-19, India extended medical and other assistance to over 150 countries. It created a SAARC COVID emergency fund ■

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RIGHT TIME TO INVEST IN INDIA: PRIME MINISTER

Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his keynote address at the India Ideas Summit said that this is the right time to invest in India. The Summit was hosted by the US-India Business Council (USIBC) with this year's Summit being 'Building a Better Future'.

Prime Minister talked about India's rise in Ease of Doing Business rankings of the World Bank. He underlined that each year, India is reaching record highs in FDI, adding that FDI inflows in India in 2019-20

were \$74 billion, which is an increase of 20% over the previous year. He highlighted that even during the pandemic, India has attracted foreign investment of more than \$20 billion between April and July this year.

- ▶ The rise of India means a rise in trade opportunities with a nation that you can trust
- ▶ India invites US companies in the Pharma, energy and agriculture sector.
- ▶ Our growth agenda must place the poor and vulnerable

at the core. 'Ease of Living' is as important as 'Ease of Business'.

- ▶ Global economic resilience can be achieved by stronger domestic economic capacities.
- ▶ There are about half a billion active internet users in India now. Half a billion connected people. ■

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INDIA, EU SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION RENEWED

India and European Union (EU) have agreed to renew the agreement on scientific cooperation for the next five years, 2020-2025, at the 15th India-EU Summit. India-EU summit meeting was led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi from India's side while the European Union delegation was headed by European Council President Charles Michel and President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen. India and the EU agreed to further collaborate in research and innovation based on the principles of mutual benefit and reciprocity, as established in the India-EU Agreement on Science and



Technology concluded in 2001, which expired on May 17.

The joint statement said, "Both parties are committed to launch the renewal procedure in time and acknowledge 20 years of robust cooperation on research and innovation." ■

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role to support the UN agenda."

Going further, he said, "India is home to one-sixth of humanity. We are aware of our responsibility. We know that if India succeeds in achieving its developmental objectives, it will be a major step towards achieving global goals. Thus, we have taken an all inclusive approach - by engaging our States, our local governments, our civil society, communities and our people. Our motto is 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikaas, Sabka Vishwas' - meaning 'Together, for everyone's growth, with everyone's trust'. This resonates with the core SDG principle of leaving no one behind. Be it access to nutrition, health education, electricity or housing - we are making great progress through our inclusive programmes". ■

Turning crisis into opportunity has been the brand equity of Prime Minister Narendra Modi who urged people in no less unequivocal terms to turn COVID-19 pandemic into an opportunity. On May 12, 2020, he announced special economic package of Rs 20 lakh crore equivalent to 10 per cent of India's GDP to deal with COVID-19 situation in India. A clarion call was made for Self-Reliant India Movement by outlining five pillars – **Economy, Infrastructure, System, Vibrant Demography and Demand.**

Following the call of Prime Minister, Union Minister for Finance Nirmala Sitharaman laid down details of the five-tranche Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Package from May 13 to May 17, 2020. Prime Minister noted on June 16, 2020 that with the efforts of the past few week green shoots are visible in the economy with increased power consumption, fertilizer sale, Kharif sowing, production of two wheelers, digital payment in retail, toll collection, GST collection and bouncing back of exports. These signals are encouraging us to forge ahead.

With a mantra of *Jaan Bhi Aur Jahan Bhi* (Life and Livelihood), Prime Minister said on June 18, 2020 that an Aatma Nirbhar Bharat means reducing dependency on imports, and saving foreign currency on imports. In the latest review taken by Minister for Finance following progress have been reported so far:

GLOBAL TENDERS DISALLOWED UP TO RS 200 CRORE: Giving a major relief to the local MSMEs, Department of Expenditure has amended present Rule. Now, no Global Tender Enquiry (GTE) shall be invited for tenders up to Rs 200 crore unless prior approval is obtained

CHERISHING THE DREAM

Finance Minister reviews various sectors that are showing positive results after Prime Minister announced infusing Rs 20 lakh crore special economic package in an initiative to make India self-reliant



India is a power-house of talent, that is eager to contribute, ever ready to learn. There is two-way synergy that is greatly beneficial. Indians are natural reformers! History has shown that India has overcome every challenge, be it social or economical. India has done so with a spirit of reform and rejuvenation. The same spirit continues now.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaking at India Global Week 2020

Overall Stimulus provided by AatmaNirbharBharat Package



Serial no	Measures	Rs (in crores)
1.	Part – 1	5,94,550
2.	Part – 2	3,10,000
3.	Part – 3	1,50,000
4.	Part – 4 & 5	48,100
	Sub-Total	11,02,650
5.	Earlier Measures including PMGKP	1,92,800
6.	RBI Measures (Actual)	8,01,603
	Sub-Total	9,94,403
	GRAND TOTAL	20,97,053



20 LAKH CRORE FOR 2020

Dated: 17 MAY, 2020

from Cabinet Secretariat.

RELIEF TO CONTRACTORS: Department of Expenditure has issued instructions that due to COVID-19 pandemic and invocation of Force Majeure Clause (FMC), contract period may be extended for a period not less than three months and not more than six months without imposition of any cost or penalty.

SUPPORTING STATE GOVERNMENTS: The Centre has decided to accede to the request and increase borrowing limits of States from 3% to 5%, for 2020-21. This will give States extra resources of Rs 4.28 lakh crore.

COLLATERAL-FREE LOANS FOR MSMEs: An additional working capital finance of 20% of the outstanding credit as on February 29, 2020, in the form of a Term Loan at a concessional rate of interest will be provided. This will be available to units with up to Rs 25 crore outstanding and turnover of up to Rs 100 crore. The amount will be 100% guaranteed by the Government providing liquidity of Rs 3 lakh crore to over 45 lakh MSMEs.

PARTIAL CREDIT GUARANTEE SCHEME

2.0 FOR NBFCs: Existing PCGS will be extended to cover borrowings of lower rated NBFCs, HFCs and other Micro Finance Institutions. The Government will provide 20% first loss sovereign guarantee to Public Sector Banks. PSBs have approved purchase of portfolio of Rs 14,000 crore and are currently in the process of approval/negotiations for Rs 6,000 crore as on July 3, 2020.

EMERGENCY WORKING CAPITAL FOR FARMERS: New front loaded special refinance facility of Rs 30,000 crore sanctioned by NABARD during COVID-19 to RRBs & Cooperative Banks to benefit 3 crore farmers in meeting their credit needs for post-harvest and Kharif sowing requirements. Rs 24,876.87 crore out of Rs 30,000 crore has been disbursed as on July 06, 2020.

LIQUIDITY THROUGH TDS/TCS RATE REDUCTION: The Department of Revenue announced reduction in TDS rates for specified payments to residents and specified TCS rates by 25% for transactions made from May 14, 2020 to March 31, 2021.

DIRECT TAX MEASURES: Between April 8 and June 30, 2020, the CBDT has issued refunds in more than 20.44 lakh cases amounting to more than Rs 62,361 crore. 'Vivad se Vishwas' Scheme will be extended to December 31, 2020.

ENHANCEMENT OF EASE OF DOING BUSINESS: The Ministry of Corporate Affairs has raised the threshold of default under Section 4 of the IBC, 2016 to Rs 1 crore from the existing threshold of Rs 1 lakh.

SPECIAL LIQUIDITY SCHEME FOR NBFCs/HFCs/MFIs: After the Cabinet approval of the Special Liquidity Scheme for NBFCs/HFCs, the Scheme has been launched. SBICAP has received 24 applications requesting about Rs 9,875 crore of financing as on July 7, 2020 which are being processed. ■



DIGITAL INCLUSION FOR POOR AND NEEDY!

RailTel RailWire Wi-Fi service at 5682 stations has changed lives of many with 2.2 crore user login in a month and around 9000 TB data consumption

RailTel RailWire Wi-Fi service by Indian Railways has changed lives of many for the good. If a porter Sreenath K at the Ernakulam station in Kerala clears Kerala Public Service Commission examination using Railwire Wi-Fi service then Helen, a woman auto driver has her own heartening tale to tell.

Indian Railways started providing free Wi-Fi service at stations to transform them into digital hubs thereby contributing towards fulfilment of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Digital India dream of turning stations into platforms for digital inclusion. The goal is to provide Wi-Fi at all railway stations excluding halt stations.

At present, 5682 stations are live with RailTel's RailWire Wi-Fi and remarkably Wi-Fi was implemented at 4000 stations in the year

2019-20 alone.

The project of providing Wi-Fi at railway stations was a very challenging task, looking at the large size of stations. Various hindrances for the Wi-Fi signal such as thick stone walls blocking coverage and every station design being unique the fitments were customized accordingly for huge footfalls, power outages. Redevelopments of stations and ongoing construction activities at stations were other challenges that were faced while executing the project.

The response has been phenomenal with around 2.2 crore user login in recent months and around 9000 TB of aggregated data consumption. Passengers use this facility for streaming High Definition (HD) Videos,

GAMECHANGER

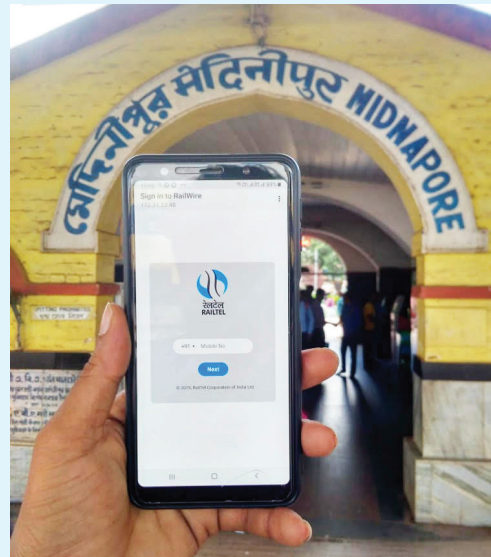
The RailWire Wi-Fi has seen many success stories where people used this facility to ensure a better life for themselves. Sreenath K, a porter, at the Ernakulam station in Kerala used Railwire Wi-Fi for studying and clearing Kerala Public Service Commission examination. He utilized his free time between

the rural areas as well. In Khanapura, a rural railway station in Karnataka, Shrikanth, who has completed his BE in Civil Engineering used Railwire Wi-Fi to AutoCAD using YouTube videos while waiting at station.

Rizwan, a student, uses free Wi-Fi at Obulapuram station in Hubli Division to



Scan these QR Codes to know about Railway WiFi experience



tugging luggage at station to download study material to prepare for competitive exam.

Helen, an auto driver, used Railwire WiFi at station to update her knowledge to teach her school going son.

The free Wi-Fi at stations has been a boon for

download study materials.

Mohammad Asgar, a daily passenger, from Barejadi Nandej station of Gujarat revealed how free and high speed station Wi-Fi is helping him in doing net banking, downloading apps without visiting cyber café or spending extra money for data. ■

downloading movies, songs, games, and to do their office work online.

Out of total of 5682 stations commissioned so far, 70% are in the rural areas, providing free high-speed Wi-Fi services to the rural population.

This Wi-Fi service has been helpful in bridging urban-rural divide by providing the rural masses an access to high speed free Wi-Fi. Wi-Fi service has proved to be a boon for people commuting through these stations

as well as people working there. Students use their waiting time to download study material and vendors for digital transactions daily passengers for learning new skill sets.

The Wi-Fi service at another 225 stations will be provided by December, 2020 and for rest of the stations which do not have OFC connectivity, connectivity over 4G/3G will be provided on trial basis at 50 stations and public response will be measured to see its efficacy for further rollout. ■



Foundation stone
laying ceremony of
the Ram Temple by
Prime Minister at
Ayodhya resonates
celebrations across
the globe

A DREAM of BILLIONS

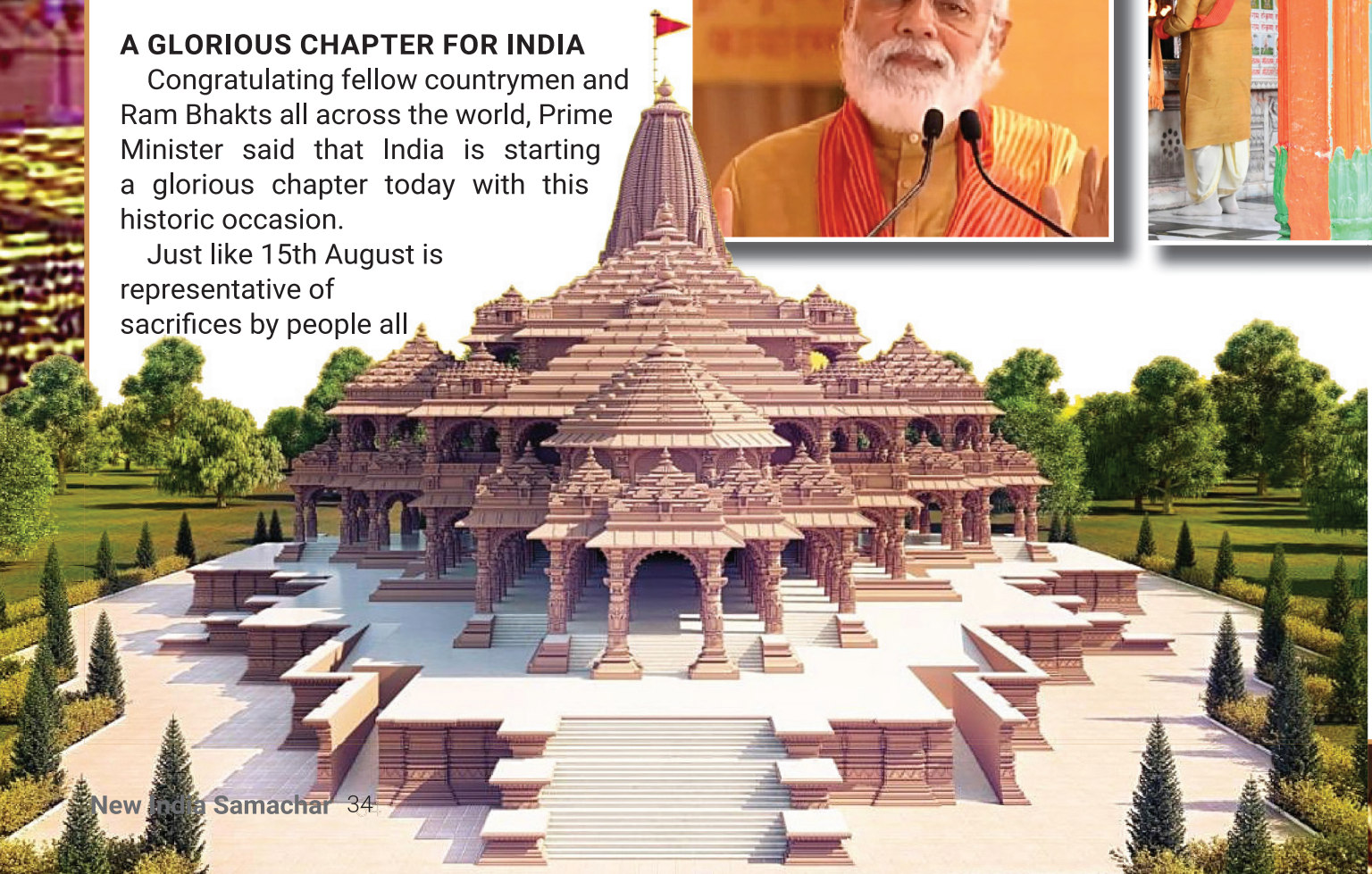
...राम काज कीन्हे बिनु मोहि कहाँ बिश्राम

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi performed *Bhoomi Pujan* at Shree Ram Janmabhoomi Mandir' at Ayodhya on August 5, 2020.

A GLORIOUS CHAPTER FOR INDIA

Congratulating fellow countrymen and Ram Bhakts all across the world, Prime Minister said that India is starting a glorious chapter today with this historic occasion.

Just like 15th August is representative of sacrifices by people all



EXCERPTS FROM PM'S SPEECH

- ▶ Ram Janmabhoomi has become liberated from the cycle of breaking down and building up again, and a grand temple for Ramlalla will be constructed in place of tents now
- ▶ Shree Ram continues to be the foundation of our culture. Ram Mandir will be a modern symbol of our culture, eternal faith, national spirit and collective will power which will inspire generations to come
- ▶ The construction of the temple will also open up several opportunities across sectors and will change the economy of the region
- ▶ Shree Ram has acted as a guiding light for people, through Valmiki Ramayan in ancient times, through Tulsidas, Kabir and Guru Nanak in medieval times

and was also present in the bhajans of Mahatma Gandhi as the power source of ahimsa and satyagrah

- ▶ The temple will serve as an inspiration for the entire humanity for eras to come.
- ▶ It is important that the message of Shree Ram, Ram Mandir and of our age old tradition reaches out to the entire world. Keeping this in mind, Ram Circuit is being made in the country.

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FOR PM'S VISIT
TO HANUMAN
GARHI TEMPLE



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FOR PM'S
SPEECH AFTER
BHUMI PUJAN



SC VERDICT ON AYODHYA

- ▶ The five-judge Supreme Court bench led by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi ruled in favour of the Ram Janmabhoomi. The Supreme Court has granted the entire 2.77 acre of disputed land in Ayodhya to Ram Lalla.
- ▶ The Court directed the Centre and Uttar Pradesh government to allot an alternative 5 acre land to the Muslims at a prominent place to build a mosque.
- ▶ The Supreme Court heard the long-pending Ayodhya land dispute for a period of 40 days at a stretch and pronounced the verdict on November 9, 2019.

across the country towards the freedom struggle, this day marks the immense dedication and continuous struggle across generations for the Ram Mandir, he said.

Prime Minister noted that this day stands testimony to the truth of the faith and resolution of crores of Ram Bhakts. He praised the dignity and restraint with which fellow countrymen responded, keeping the feelings of everyone in mind, when the judgement was passed by Hon'ble Supreme Court last year, and similar dignity and restraint is visible today also.

FOUNDATION OF MUTUAL LOVE AND BROTHERHOOD

Prime Minister emphasized that the temple should be constructed on the foundation of mutual love and brotherhood. He said that through *Sabka Saath* and with *Sabka Vishwas*, we need to achieve *Sabka Vikaas* and make a self-confident and *Aatmanirbhar* Bharat. He underlined that the message of Shree Ram, that there should not be any delay and we should move forward, is the message which the country needs to follow. ■





REVIVING KEDARNATH DHAM TO ITS GRANDEUR & DIVINITY

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has reviewed reconstruction work of Kedarnath Dham by assessing not only important landmarks in the Kedarnath Dham area but also facilities to be provided to pilgrims. In the auspicious Hindi month of Shrawan, Prime Minister took the review meeting of the reconstruction of Kedarnath Dham on July 15, 2020. Another meeting was held on June 10, 2020.

The discussions centred around furthering the divinity of Kedarnath temple and Jagadguru Adi Shankaracharya's Samadhi Sthal, maintaining swachhata and ensuring extensive development. The review meeting also focussed on ensuring

that Pilgrims get all facilities on the Gaurikund-Kedarnath way and arrangements are made to showcase the historical and cultural significance of the pilgrimage through the technology.

The 8th century temple dedicated to Lord Shiva situated close to Mandakini River in Rudraprayag district in Uttarakhand, is one of the twelve Jyotirlinga.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted: "Crores of faithful get immense energy just by having a darshan of Baba Kedarnath. A detailed review has been made that pilgrims must get every facility on Gaurikund-Kedarnath way, historical and cultural importance of the pilgrimage must be shown and every such arrangement must be made."

He also tweeted: "The review meeting also discussed that by keeping cleanliness in mind, comprehensive development must take place to add to the divinity of Kedarnath Temple and samadhi of Adi Shankaracharya. I have full faith that with the blessings of Baba, supernatural form of Kedarnath Dham will be further augmented." ■

PROGRESS REPORT

- ▶ Samadhi of Adi Shankaracharya to be completed by December 31, 2020.
- ▶ Bridge on Mandakini River expected to be ready by March 31, 2021
- ▶ Three caves around the shrine to be ready by September 2020
- ▶ Bridge on the path towards Bhairav temple completed

(Media Reports)



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Prime Minister of India

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राष्ट्रक्षामं व्रतम्,

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दृष्टो नैव च नैव च।।

नभः स्पृशं दीप्तम्...

स्वागतम्! #RafaleIndia



Rajnath Singh ✓ @rajnathsingh · 2d
I congratulate the IAF on a professionally executed ferry. I am sure that 17 Squadron, the Golden Arrows, will continue to live upto their motto of "Udayam Ajasram". I am extremely happy that IAF's combat capability has got a timely boost.



Amit Shah ✓ @AmitShah · 1d
Objective of National Education Policy 2020 is to bring in a huge transformational change in the Indian Education system through holistic and multidisciplinary approaches. Focus on different aspects will lead to the overall development of the children across the country. #NEP2020



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1742 करोड़ रुपए की कुल लागत और 5575 मीटर लंबाई का स्टील ट्रस सुपर स्ट्रक्चर से बना देश का पहला स्टेट ऑफ आर्ट पुल 'महात्मा गांधी सेतु', बिहार की आर्थिक और सामाजिक विकास को गति देगा।



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As of 23 July 2020, the total amount sanctioned under the 100% Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme by #PSBs and private banks stands at Rs 1,30,491.79 crore, of which Rs 82,065.01 crore has already been disbursed. Here is the break-up: #AatmanirbharBharat #MSMEs

Rafales are here. Modi says no virtue like protecting country

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
New Delhi, 23 July

As the country received the first batch of five Rafale fighter jets on Wednesday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi asserted that there is no virtue like protecting the nation as the BJP leaders lauded the arrival of aircraft, while the Congress raised questions over their price and "delay" in acquisition.

The arrival of five Rafale jets will make the Indian Air Force much stronger to deter any threat facing India and those wanting to threaten the country's territorial integrity should be worried about its new capability, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said.

The remarks are largely seen as a veiled message to China with whom India has a border dispute.



"THERE IS NO GREATER BLESSING THAN PROTECTING THE NATION. PROTECTING THE NATION IS A VIRTUOUS DEED AND PROTECTING THE NATION IS THE BEST YAGNA. THERE IS NOTHING BEYOND THIS SPACE, GLOBAL HEALTH EXPERTS HAVE PLAYED UP INDIA'S ROLE IN ENSURING ITS AVAILABILITY ACROSS THE WORLD."



India will be key to ensure vaccine for world: Experts

With the race to develop a SARS-CoV-2 vaccine gathering pace, global health experts have played up India's role in ensuring its availability across the world.

V K Paul, member of NITI Aayog, said the country's technological capabilities will not just be an asset for India but the whole world.



She added that the WHO was already working on the allocation framework for Covid-19 vaccines, to ensure equitable distribution. "The initial tranche of doses will be made available to all countries, to ensure health workers are immunised, followed by high-risk adults. Subsequent allocations will be made based on the country and vulnerability of the population," she said.

PM Modi meets regulators

Asit Ranjan Mishra and Shreya Nandi

PM Modi's approval ratings on handling COVID-19 going strong at 77.3%
New Bharat Times July 24, 2020



NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday met central sector regulators and discussed their preparedness with the post-Covid-19 world. Further measures that the government can take to boost economic recovery while maintaining financial stability in the system, and other aspects were discussed.

PM Modi enjoys high approval ratings for its handling of the COVID-19 situation in India with more than three-fourths of respondents endorsing how the Government is dealing with the virus, according to a survey by the IANS-Clover Covid-19 survey. The survey also shows that respondents believe that the government's handling of the virus is better than other countries.

Modi now has 6 crore followers on Twitter

The followers of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on microblogging site Twitter have risen to six crore. Mr. Modi uses Twitter extensively to share important information with people. Most of his speeches are beamed live on his personal channel. In September 2019, Mr. Modi had five crore followers. The Twitter handle of the Prime Minister's Office has 3.7 crore followers.

Times Square to mark Ayodhya temple event

NEW YORK: Images of Lord Ram's portraits of the grand Ram temple in Ayodhya will be displayed across the giant billboards in the iconic Times Square on August 5 to celebrate the temple's groundbreaking ceremony and historic event. The temple's inauguration will be a prominent community event. The temple's inauguration will be a prominent community event. The temple's inauguration will be a prominent community event.

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WELCOME RAFALE

**With arrival of Rafale multi-role combat jets at Ambala
on July 29, 2020, India's Air Power has got a strategic edge now**

The Nation has felt the need for Rafale today.
The Nation in a single voice is asking what could
have happened if we had Rafale today?

PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI on March 2, 2019

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